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The Financial Situation.

The event of chief note this week has been the offering by the U. S. Treasury of a new issue of Treasury certificates of indebtedness and the high rate of interest the Secretary of the Treasury deemed it incumbent to fix in order to insure the success of the offering. The rate proved even higher than that named by the Treasury in its September program of financing. In September the Secretary of the Treasury fixed the rate at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ on a nine-months' issue of certificates, this being the highest rate contained in any offering of Treasury certificates since March, 1923. The Secretary offered \$525,000,000 "or thereabouts" and, after receiving subscriptions aggregating \$1,020,034,400, he made allotments to a total of \$549,615,900.

In this week's offering Mr. Mellon raised the rate to $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ on an offering of certificates running for eleven months to a total of \$300,000,000 "or thereabouts." No certificates bearing so high a rate as $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ have been put out by the Government since 1921. The rate contrasts sharply with the much more favorable rates at which the Government was able to do its borrowing in the recent past. In June two short term offerings of Treasury certificates of indebtedness were made, one of the series running for six months bearing interest at 4% per annum and the other with a maturity of nine months carrying $3\frac{7}{8}\%$. In March the rate of interest was only $3\frac{1}{4}\%$ on a nine months' issue of certificates for \$200,000,000 and $3\frac{3}{8}\%$ on an issue running for a year for \$360,000,000. In December, 1927, the Treasury offered \$250,000,000 of certificates running for a year at $3\frac{1}{4}\%$ interest and in November, 1927, it offered \$400,000,000 of seven months' certificates at $3\frac{1}{8}\%$.

Thus in the short space of less than a year a striking transformation has occurred. The change reflects simply the change in money market conditions, these conditions being now unfavorable for all classes of borrowing, whereas previously they were entirely favorable, and Mr. Mellon is to be praised for having met the situation in a courageous manner. Of course the new issue of certificates were heavily over-subscribed and it was manifestly the Secretary's duty to make sure in advance of a favorable outcome. A rate too low, with the loan only partially subscribed, might have been attended with serious consequences in the present delicate situation as regards bank credit and money market conditions. The Secretary had previously made it plain that the Treasury was asking for no favors and would be governed entirely by the state of the money market. It will be recalled that during August a proposal came to the Federal Reserve Board from one of the Clearing House Associations "recommending preferential discount rates by Federal Reserve Banks on collateral notes secured by Government obligations, the discount rate in each case to be the same as that borne by the security." One of the reasons urged by the Clearing House referred to, in support of the proposal of a preferential rate, was the "forthcoming financing by the Treasury Department." This allusion, however, to Treasury financing did not make the slightest appeal to the Secretary who had been delegated to speak on behalf of the Federal Reserve Board. Mr. Mellon replied with some spirit, saying: "Under normal peace-time conditions the Treasury should and does pay the ordinary market rates for money, the same as any other borrowers. Moreover, the credit of the United States Government is so good that there is no occasion whatsoever for attempting by artificial means to place United States Government securities in a favored position as compared with commerce, industry and agriculture."

While the fact that the Government is now obliged to pay $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ and $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ on its borrowings, as against only $3\frac{1}{8}\%$ a short time ago, is clearly ascribable to the tightness of the money market, the matter of this stringency itself in its relation to Government financing is deserving of the closest consideration. The new certificates are being put out to provide the means for taking up the unpaid remainder of the Third Liberty Loan $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ which matured Sept. 15, but a considerable amount of which has not yet been presented for payment. It is a serious thing when the Government takes up a loan bearing only $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ interest and is obliged to issue obligations in place of it bearing a much higher rate, where previously for many years refunding has been possible at a considerably lower rate. The tension in the money market, it is admitted by all, has grown directly out of the diversion of bank credit into speculative chan-

nels. Brokers' loans running in excess of $5\frac{1}{2}$ billion dollars are the evidence of this. This gigantic speculation in turn is the result of the unwise policy pursued by the Federal Reserve Banks during the summer and autumn of last year in reducing their rediscount rates to $3\frac{1}{2}\%$, thereby expelling gold from the country in huge volume, and the further action of the Banks in making huge purchases of U. S. Government obligations. When it was found that even this extremely low rate would not tempt the member banks to borrow, since they had no use for the funds, the Reserve Banks engaged in purchasing U. S. Government securities to the aggregate of several hundred million dollars, with the effect of forcing a corresponding amount of Reserve credit into use.

This unneeded supply of Reserve credit found its way into speculative channels and has been the basis of the gigantic speculation on the Stock Exchange which has been steadily growing and has now got entirely beyond control. With the beginning of the new year, the Reserve Banks sought to withdraw the extra supply of Reserve credit which they had forced into use, by selling the vast mass of Government securities which they had acquired in pursuit of their mistaken policy, but they merely succeeded in demoralizing the Government bond market. The sales proved of no avail as a means for checking the speculation, or for curtailing the supplies of Reserve credit, since the member banks who purchased the Government securities disposed of by the Reserve Banks, simply took these same Government securities back to the Reserve Banks and borrowed upon them. Besides this, the member banks now engaged in independent borrowing. The process went on in this fashion week after week, with the result that more and more funds and more and more Reserve credit, and likewise more and more bank credit, kept feeding the channels of speculation. The marking up of the Federal Reserve re-discount rates, first from $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ to 4% and then to $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ and finally to 5% likewise proved of no avail.

The time has arrived for reckoning the costs. We have lost a huge amount of gold; the Government bond market has been demoralized, and so has the market for bonds generally; mercantile borrowers as well as financial borrowers are obliged to pay greatly increased rates for the accommodation they need, and now the U. S. Government instead of being able to refund its obligations at lower rates, is obliged to refund them at higher rates. In the summer of last year when Federal Reserve rediscount rates were cut to $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ we were told how beneficial this would be as an aid to Treasury financing, the Government then being engaged in retiring the Second Liberty Loan, and this was mentioned as one of the things for which the Reserve authorities deserved credit. But now that the Government is obliged to pay steadily rising rates of interest as a consequence of last year's action of the Reserve banks, the latter disclaim responsibility and seek to wash their hands of all connection with what has happened.

Governor Young of the Federal Reserve Board contents himself by saying: "If unsound credit practices have developed, these practices will in time correct themselves, and if some of the over indulgent get 'burnt' during the period of correction, they will have to shoulder the blame themselves and not attempt to shift it to someone else"—meaning that the

blame must not be shifted to the Federal Reserve where, as we have shown, it actually belongs. Apparently to clinch the argument Mr. Young added in his address last week before the American Bankers' Association that "it is impossible for a Reserve Bank to earmark the credit it releases." These statements might pass unnoticed except that it happens that the American Bankers' Association itself in its convention gave the weight of its great authority to them by passing a series of resolutions in which the assembled bankers said much the same thing and used much the same language. Note for instance the following declaration which certainly bears the flavor of Mr. Young's remarks: "We therefore look upon the present situation as one which will undoubtedly correct itself as time goes on, until the banking system of the country again has a proper control over the surplus funds of the country." This is an easy way of disposing of the matter, but is it not about time that the subject be probed deeper and be given consideration commensurate with its importance?

The foregoing remarks seem especially pertinent in view of the fact that the growth in brokers' loans has not been checked, but on the contrary, according to the weekly return of the Federal Reserve Board issued after the close of business on Thursday, still continues. The return referred to indicates a further expansion in these loans during the week ending Wednesday Oct. 10 of \$19,905,000. While the new increase is more moderate than the increases immediately preceding, it is the seventh week of such increases, making it strikingly apparent that borrowing of that kind still keeps spreading and extending. It is scarcely needful to say that with the new addition of this week, a new high record in all time in the grand aggregate of such borrowing is established. For Oct. 10 the total of these loans to brokers and dealers (secured by stocks and bonds) by the 45 reporting member banks in New York City, is up to \$4,589,883,000, which compares with \$3,394,290,000 on Oct. 12 last year, showing an increase for the 12 months of \$1,195,593,000. During the past week the loans made by these reporting banks for their own account diminished, after last week's increase, falling from \$929,901,000 Oct. 3 to \$866,919,000 Oct. 10. On the other hand, the loans for account of out-of-town banks and the loans "for account of others" have resumed their upward course, the loans for the out-of-town banks rising from \$1,682,057,000 to \$1,715,086,000, and the loans for account of others—the bootlegger's loans—from \$1,958,020,000 to \$2,007,878,000. It will be noticed that the latter have again gone above the two billion dollar mark, and at \$2,007,878,000 are at a new high peak. At the corresponding date a year ago the amount of such loans was only \$967,541,000. The portion of the grand total of the entire body of these brokers' loans which is made up of time loans, as distinguished from the call or demand loans, has further diminished during the week, evidencing the disinclination of the banks to make loans for long dates. The amount is now down to \$636,957,000. As recently as July 18 the time loan portion of these brokers' loans still exceeded one billion dollars.

Notwithstanding the further growth in brokers' loans, borrowing by the member banks at the Federal Reserve institutions is slightly lower this week, the discount holdings Oct. 10 being reported at

\$993,402,000 against \$1,025,918,000 Oct. 3. On Oct. 12 a year ago however, these discount holdings were only \$430,249,000. Of the week's decrease in the discount holdings, roughly \$16,000,000 occurred at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. To offset the decrease in the direct borrowing by the member banks, the Federal Reserve Banks have further enlarged their holdings of acceptances purchased in the open market. During the week, these acceptance holdings of the twelve Reserve institutions rose from \$309,976,000 to \$331,768,000. On Aug. 22 these acceptance holdings were only \$183,600,000, showing an increase for the seven weeks of \$148,168,000. The holdings of U. S. Government securities are somewhat lower the present week, having declined from \$230,604,000 Oct. 3 to \$226,712,000 Oct. 10, but at the latter figure compare with only \$206,413,000 Aug. 15. Altogether, the change in total bill and security holdings during the week has been comparatively small, the amount having fallen from \$1,571,078,000 Oct. 3 to \$1,556,464,000 Oct. 10; twelve months ago, on Oct. 12, 1927, the amount was only \$1,215,559,000. The amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation increased during the week from \$1,703,630,000 to \$1,725,212,000. Gold reserves also increased, rising from \$2,616,635,000 Oct. 3 to \$2,624,725,000.

The stock market was quite demoralized the early part of the week, notwithstanding the tension in the money market relaxed somewhat—the call loan rate on the Stock Exchange ruling throughout at $6\frac{1}{2}\%$, and on Thursday dropped to 6% —but developed renewed strength and even buoyancy the latter part of the week. On Saturday and Monday and also a good part of Tuesday liquidation proceeded on an enormous scale and the market had a decidedly weak appearance, prices moving rapidly towards lower levels, the declines being often quite large, though with the customary exceptions to the rule in the case of speculative favorites subject to clique manipulation which continued to be whirled up. But in the last hour on Tuesday, when it appeared as if the market would go completely to pieces, a pronounced rally occurred with the result that most of the early losses were recovered. On Wednesday the rally assumed the dimensions of a boom and prices moved upward by leaps and bounds as it were. The market in its upward course swept everything before it and displayed a degree of buoyancy which revived confidence all around. On Thursday the upward movement was carried still further. Friday, being Columbus Day and a holiday, the market was not open to reflect the impression which the further expansion shown in brokers' loans in the statement of the Federal Reserve Board issued after the close of business on Thursday, had made.

The volume of trading continued large, though being somewhat lower than in other recent weeks. On the Stock Exchange the sales aggregated 2,430,760 shares at the half-day session on Saturday; 3,915,770 shares on Monday; 3,727,735 shares on Tuesday; 4,279,470 shares on Wednesday, and 3,968,900 shares on Thursday. On the Curb Market the sales were 616,100 shares on Saturday; 1,082,900 shares on Monday; 840,900 shares on Tuesday; 1,123,000 shares on Wednesday, and 989,200 shares on Thursday. Under the renewed advance the latter part of the week, many new high records for the year were established all through the list. The stocks thus distinguished (aside from the motor stocks separately

mentioned further below) include, among others, Air Reduction, Allied Chemical & Dye, Am. Smelting & Refining, Am. Zinc, Lead & Smelting, Barnsdall Corp., Briggs Mfg., By-Products Coke, Cushman's Sons, Fed. Min. & Smelting, Gillette Safety Razor, Goodyear Tire & Rubber, Internat. Harvester, Internat. Nickel, Keith-Albee-Orpheum, Kelsey Hayes Wheel, Lee Rubber & Tire, Mallinson (H. R.) & Co., Marlin-Rockwell, McKeesport Tin Plate, Montgomery Ward & Co., Nat. Cash Register, Nat. Dept. Stores, Orpheum Circuit, Otis Steel, Paramount Famous Lasky, Purity Bakeries, Real Silk Hosiery, Royal Dutch Co. (N. Y. shares), Shell Transport & Trading, Tide Water Oil, Universal Pipe & Radiator, U. S. Steel and Victor Talking Machine.

More than in other recent weeks the high-priced specialties have been the feature of the market. Montgomery Ward & Co. closed on Thursday at 282 against 257 on Friday of last week; Radio Corp. of America closed at $214\frac{1}{4}$ against 204; Warner Bros. Pictures at $109\frac{7}{8}$ against $107\frac{3}{8}$; Paramount Famous Lasky at $149\frac{7}{8}$ against $147\frac{1}{2}$; Stewart Warner at $106\frac{1}{8}$ against $103\frac{1}{8}$; Allied Chemical & Dye at 227 against 203; Sears-Roebuck at $154\frac{3}{4}$ against $147\frac{1}{8}$; Union Carbide & Carbon at $184\frac{3}{4}$ against 183; American Tel. & Tel. at $178\frac{3}{8}$ against $177\frac{7}{8}$; General Electric at 165 against $161\frac{3}{4}$; American Can at 108 against 108; International Harvester at $311\frac{3}{4}$ against $289\frac{1}{2}$; International Nickel at 146 against $139\frac{1}{4}$, and Consolidated Gas at 77 against $76\frac{5}{8}$.

The motor stocks were among the weakest features early in the week, but developed renewed strength in the general upward movement the latter part of the week. General Motors reached a new high peak for the year at $219\frac{5}{8}$ on Oct. 10 and closed on Thursday at $216\frac{1}{2}$ against $214\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week. The following also made new high records for the year: Chandler-Cleveland Motors, Chrysler Corp., Dodge Bros. Class "A," Hupp Motor Car and Studebaker Corp. Chrysler closed on Thursday at 132 against 139; Studebaker closed at $82\frac{1}{2}$ against $83\frac{1}{4}$; Packard at $94\frac{3}{8}$ against 96; Nash at $92\frac{3}{8}$ against $94\frac{3}{4}$; Hudson at $91\frac{1}{4}$ against $90\frac{1}{4}$, and Hupp at $78\frac{1}{2}$ against $77\frac{1}{8}$. The rubber stocks again showed strength. U. S. Rubber closed at $42\frac{3}{4}$ against $41\frac{1}{2}$ and the preferred at $72\frac{1}{4}$ against $70\frac{1}{4}$; Goodyear Tire & Rubber at $92\frac{1}{4}$ against 71, and B. F. Goodrich at $87\frac{5}{8}$ against 84. Among the oil stocks Atlantic Refining established a new high for the year, as already noted, and closed on Thursday at $184\frac{7}{8}$ against 180 the close the previous Friday; Marland Oil closed at $39\frac{3}{8}$ against $37\frac{5}{8}$, and Standard Oil of N. J. at $45\frac{1}{2}$ against $45\frac{1}{2}$.

In the steel group U. S. Steel led in point of activity, and, while under pressure the early part of the week, participated in the rise the latter part and established a new high record for the year. It closed on Thursday at 163 against $159\frac{5}{8}$ the previous Friday; Bethlehem Steel closed at $69\frac{1}{2}$ against $69\frac{3}{8}$; Republic Iron & Steel at 84 against $81\frac{3}{8}$; Inland Steel at $69\frac{3}{8}$ against 70, and Ludlum Steel at $75\frac{1}{2}$ against 79. The copper stocks were again strong and Anaconda closed on Thursday at $82\frac{1}{4}$ against $81\frac{3}{4}$ the previous Friday; Kennecott Copper at 103 against $99\frac{7}{8}$; Cerro de Pasco at 96 against $96\frac{3}{4}$; Greene-Cananea at $125\frac{5}{8}$ against 124; Calumet & Hecla at $32\frac{1}{2}$ against $31\frac{3}{4}$; Chile Copper at $51\frac{1}{8}$ against $50\frac{3}{8}$, and Granby Copper at 65 against $65\frac{3}{4}$.

The railroad list was inert. New York Central closed on Thursday at 171½ against 170¼ the previous Friday; Baltimore & Ohio at 111¼ against 110½; Canadian Pacific at 214¼ against 215; Atchison at 190¼ against 192⅝; Great Northern at 99¾ against 99¼; Northern Pacific at 99⅝ against 99⅞; Wabash at 78 against 78; Union Pacific at 199 against 198; Southern Pacific at 120⅞ against 120⅞; New York, Chicago & St. Louis at 122¼ against 122⅞; Missouri-Pacific at 70 against 70; St. Louis-San Francisco at 114 against 114; St. Louis Southwestern at 113 against 116; Milwaukee-St. Paul pref. at 50½ against 50⅝; Rock Island at 125 against 127⅞, and Missouri-Kansas-Texas at 40½ against 39.

The October report of the Department of Agriculture on the grain and other crops, issued at Washington on Tuesday of this week, confirms previous indications of bounteous harvests all around the present year, though a further slight reduction in the estimate of the corn crop is shown. The condition of corn, as of Oct. 1, is placed at 77.7 per cent. of normal, a decline for the month of a fraction of one point, and the indicated yield is reduced 27,000,000 bushels from the earlier estimate, now being placed at 2,903,272,000 bushels. This compares, however, with 2,773,708,000 bushels, harvested last year and a smaller total for the preceding year. At the production indicated by the above estimate for this year, the corn crop of 1928 will exceed the crop raised in each year back to 1923. Spring wheat made a further small gain in September and the outlook for this year's crop based on the Oct. 1 condition is for a total yield of 325,266,000 bushels. These figures compare with the estimate of 322,473,000 bushels made a month earlier. All wheat, including Winter wheat, now promises a production of 903,865,000 bushels, which compares with the final estimate of yield for the crop harvested in 1927 of 872,595,000 bushels; in fact, the indicated output of wheat for this year exceeds the crop of each year back to 1919.

It is further satisfactory to note that the wheat this year is slightly higher in quality than it was a year ago, and above the ten-year average condition. That is true also of some other cereal crops, including oats. In the latter, a slight reduction appears in the October estimate of yield for this year as compared with that issued a month ago, this year's crop now being placed at 1,452,966,000 bushels. The final estimate for 1927 was only 1,184,146,000 bushels, which was much lower than for any year back to 1921. The outlook for barley is now for a crop of 350,593,000 bushels, which is much the largest ever raised. It compares with only 264,392,000 bushels harvested last year and a five-year average production of 192,020,000 bushels. For rye the yield this year is indicated at 43,300,000 bushels, a heavy loss from the crop of 58,800,000 bushels harvested last year, and 663,800,000 bushels, the latter the average crop for the preceding five years.

One of the important features of the crop estimate for 1928 is the record production indicated for white potatoes. An aggregate of 463,722,000 bushels is now expected from that crop, which is considerably higher than has previously been harvested for this essential product. The production of white potatoes last year was 406,964,000 bushels, while the average yield covering the past five years has been

393,776,000 bushels. The previous record crop for white potatoes was 453,396,000 bushels harvested in 1922. A crop that is industrially important is tobacco and for this product a yield of 1,353,258,000 pounds is now expected for 1928. In 1927 production was placed at 1,211,301,000 pounds, while the average yield for the past five years has been 1,337,561,000 pounds.

In the aggregate the total acreage for all crops in the United States for 1928, is placed by the Department of Agriculture at 2 per cent. in excess of 1927, while the total yield this year is placed at about five per cent. larger than in the preceding year.

A cotton crop this year of 13,993,000 bales is the latest estimate of the Department of Agriculture, according to its October report issued on Monday of this week, a reduction from the estimate made in the September report issued a month ago of 446,000 bales. The greater part of the decline was, as expected, in the Atlantic Coast States, where the heavy and continuous rains were known to have caused large losses from boll weevil and boll rot. Temperatures below the average in the northern portions of the belt also interfered with the average development of the bolls, while in parts of Oklahoma continued drought reduced the size of bolls and outturn of lint. On the other hand favorable weather in Mississippi and Louisiana resulted in a slight improvement in the crop in those States.

The condition of the cotton crop as a whole was placed by Agricultural Department at 54.4 per cent. of normal, which compares with 60.3 per cent. on Sept. 1 this year, a decline for the month of 5.9 points. On October 1, 1927, the average condition of the crop harvested in that year was 54.2 per cent. of normal, which was practically the same as this year. The loss during September 1927, however, was only 1.9 points, quite a small reduction for that critical period of the cotton crop's progress. During September 1926 and 1925, the two years of bumper yields, there was actually a small improvement in condition. In both of those years, however, there was quite a rush on the part of the Department of Agriculture, not only in September, but later on up to the time of issuing the final estimate in December, the purpose of which was to make up for the deficiency in the reports issued earlier in the growing season. In those years Congress had imposed on the Department the duty of making semi-monthly estimates, but that folly was soon abandoned.

The October estimate for this year of 13,993,000 bales, compares with the October 1927 estimate of 12,678,000 bales, and the actual harvest for that year's crop of 12,977,500. Going back to 1926 the October estimate for that year was 16,627,000 bales, while the actual harvest for that year was 17,977,400 bales. In the preceding year, 1925, the jump from the October report to the final estimate for that year was very heavy, being 1,350,000 bales, which was practically the same as it was in 1926. With the exception of the two years last mentioned, the latest indicated yield of cotton for 1928 is in excess of any year back to 1914. The Department now bases its estimate of production for this year on an average of 149.1 pounds of lint cotton per acre. A month ago the production per acre was placed by the Department at 153.9 pounds. The final estimate for the crop of 1927 provided for a harvest of 154.5 pounds

of lint per acre, and in 1926, 182.6 pounds, the latter the highest since 1914.

All of the cotton States show some reduction in condition for the month. In Texas it was slight, however, from 61 on Sept. 1 to 58 on Oct. 1, 1928, for that State. For Oklahoma and Arkansas, the falling off in condition during September was somewhat greater; also, for Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, the Carolinas, Missouri and Tennessee. For Mississippi and Louisiana the latest estimate of yield for this year is somewhat higher than it was a month earlier, but all the other leading cotton States show a decline from the Sept. 1 estimate. For Texas the latest estimate of yield at 5,050,000 bales, is 50,000 bales less than a month earlier; in 1927 the yield for Texas was 4,352,000 bales, Oklahoma shows an estimated drop for the month of 96,000 bales to 1,210,000 bales, the latter the Oct. 1 report; last year the yield for Oklahoma was 1,036,600 bales. The decreases in the estimates during September for Alabama and Georgia were 40,000 bales each; South Carolina 70,000 bales and North Carolina 45,000 bales, yet for each of these States, except Alabama, the estimated production this year compares favorably with last year and for the Carolinas it exceeds that of 1927. Ginnings to October 1 this year continue considerably below those of the past three years. Total ginnings to Oct. 1 this year were 4,961,032 bales, against 5,944,739 bales during the corresponding period last year. Texas alone reports a considerable amount ginned to date, practically 50 per cent. of the total ginnings from the entire cotton belt up to date. In the other States the movement is very backward.

The record of insolvencies in the United States for the month of September printed in the Chronicle last week, noted the further moderate increase in the number of defaults in that month as compared with September 1927, as had previously been the case in most of the earlier months of this year, and also slightly larger liabilities last month than a year ago. With the completion of the statement for September, the report by States for the third quarter of this year, compiled from the records of R. G. Dun & Co., is made available. There were in all 5,210 strictly commercial failures in the United States during the past three months, with liabilities of \$121,745,149. These figures compare with 5,037 similar defaults during the third quarter of 1927, owing a total of \$115,132,052. The increase both in number and indebtedness this year was not large.

Of this year's insolvencies 1,397 were manufacturing concerns with liabilities of \$44,536,741; 3,481 trading defaults for \$45,562,547, and 322 failures in the class embracing agents and brokers, for which the indebtedness was \$31,645,861. For the third quarter of 1927 manufacturing defaults numbered 1,275 for \$47,012,499 of liabilities; trading failures 3,444, owing \$43,586,192, and agents and brokers 318 involving \$24,533,361. There is a small increase this year in the number of defaults for each of these three classes, but as to the amounts involved the division including agents and brokers is the only one showing a material change, the total of liabilities for that class for the third quarter of this year being considerably higher than a year ago. Some large failures in this division during the past three months, among them brokerage and investment concerns in Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, and also in New

York City accounts for a considerable part of the heavy total this year,—in fact these five States contributed over 80 per cent in this division to the total for the country at large.

Analysis of the quarterly report by geographical sections shows that defaults were somewhat more numerous this year in the three middle Atlantic States, especially in New Jersey and Pennsylvania; in the five Central Eastern States; the Central Southern Section and on the Pacific Coast. Small reductions appear in the number of failures for the New England division; the South Atlantic States and the West. The liabilities in the East and in the West for the past three months slightly exceeded the amount reported a year ago, but they are very much larger this year in some of the Central Eastern States than a year ago, chiefly due to the heavy brokerage failures this year, to which reference has been made.

On the other hand a decrease is noted for the South, especially the South Atlantic States, in which section some heavy defaults occurred last year, especially in Florida and in West Virginia; also, on the Pacific Coast, liabilities for failures in California being very large a year ago. Massachusetts makes a good showing this year as to the number of insolvencies, although some large manufacturing failures added to the indebtedness reported for that State. Slight increases appear in the number of defaults for four of the other five New England States—an exception being Vermont, which shows a reduction. In the South, improvement is noted this year, in Virginia and West Virginia, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Louisiana. Insolvencies were somewhat more numerous this year in the other Southern States, but in most of them changes were not especially important. Reference has already been made to the Central and to the Western States. On the Pacific Coast, Washington alone reports a decrease in the number of defaults this year.

Bank defaults during the third quarter of this year were practically the same as to number and liabilities, as in the corresponding period of 1927. The report this year shows 55 banking failures for the past three months owing \$20,809,985, and a year ago, the number was the same for \$20,857,350 of indebtedness. As in recent years nine-tenths of the banking defaults were in the South and West; there was one in Rhode Island and two small private banks suspended in New York City. In the South, Florida and Texas supply more than one-half the number and the amount of liabilities; there were also one or two each in Kentucky, Mississippi, Georgia and the Carolinas, Illinois, Indiana, Nebraska and Minnesota reported two-thirds of the number of banking defaults in the West but practically all of them were small country banks. For the nine months of this year 247 banking suspensions have occurred in the United States, with liabilities of \$86,564,545; these figures compare with 313 similar defaults involving \$112,907,296 of indebtedness, for the corresponding period of 1927.

Stock exchanges in European centers were again highly irregular this week, with fairly wide upward and downward movements alternating in the successive sessions. Cables from New York were closely watched for indications of a change in the similarly irregular trend here, and for possible changes in the money and credit position. The London Stock

Exchange opened the new week under very active conditions with advances in prices in numerous instances, but in the later trading Monday things quieted down and much irregularity developed. The movements in gilt-edged securities were of limited extent. Oil shares were subdued in the opening session, while the rubber issues were firmer than for some days previously, notwithstanding the approaching official end of the Stevenson Rubber restriction plan. The greatest liveliness was shown in the industrial shares and a big volume of business developed, which was continued in later dealings. Home rails were more prominent in Tuesday's session, both senior and junior stocks recovering further from the recent low levels. The most spectacular performers, however, were some of the international shares, with gramophones the undoubted leaders. With the added stimulus of the upsweep at New York Wednesday aiding them, international favorites were again the center of excited trading Wednesday and Thursday at London.

The Paris Bourse opened the week with a tendency toward weakness, but a later recovery of rentes and a strengthening of the market in cash exchanges led to some improvement, giving Monday's close a somewhat better appearance than was expected. The end of the session was influenced by favorable reports from London and New York. Trading became dull and spiritless in Tuesday's session, most stocks remaining heavy throughout the session and closing with fractional losses. Dealings dropped off still further thereafter, with trades limited almost entirely to cash transactions. There was not enough business done to cause wide fluctuations, but the Bourse continued to give evidences of fundamental resistance whenever prices started to drop. The Berlin Boerse continued the erratic tendency of the previous week, with the whole market dropping Monday under the influence of a quick fall in the loan for the amortization of post-war bonds. Sales by Dutch banks and by speculators were held accountable for the drop. The downward movement continued throughout the opening session, only to be reversed sharply after a weak opening Tuesday. As trading progressed on the second day of the week, buying strength gained headway and speculators were compelled to seek covering, with the result that the original losses were largely recovered. This movement was again succeeded by a period of weakness Wednesday, which carried almost the entire list to lower levels. Slight improvement occurred toward the close.

The problem of naval disarmament continued to occupy the chancelleries of the important naval powers in Europe the past week, while officials of the League of Nations also evinced continued anxiety regarding this delicate matter. The Italian Government replied, Monday, to Great Britain and France, which jointly submitted the now famous "compromise agreement" on naval disarmament to the Rome Government as well as to Washington and Tokio in the first days of August. The United States, in an identic note of Sept. 28 to France and Great Britain, flatly rejected the accord as a basis for the disarmament discussions at the sessions of the Preparatory Disarmament Commission of the League of Nations. The Italian reply, of which only a summary has been made public, was viewed in Rome as supporting, at least in part, the position of the

United States. It proposed however, a more sweeping discussion of all disarmament. The Italian reply, a Rome dispatch to the Associated Press said, declares for a global limitation of tonnage instead of limitation by categories. Part of the American objection to the Franco-British agreement had been that certain classes were practically unlimited. The United States at the same time expressed willingness to meet certain national defense needs and suggested transference of tonnage from one class to another. By global limitation Italy believes that each State would have the right to use its established tonnage in the construction of naval types which she feels best answer its necessities. The tendency to increase the number of naval categories, says the note, jeopardizes attempts to reach an accord and adds to the disadvantages of limitation.

"Only by global tonnage limitation," it continues, "is a less powerfully armed country permitted to adopt certain compensation for the superiority of others. This consideration gains value for Italy in view of her special necessities for national defense because of natural conditions. These conditions are that Suez, Gibraltar and the Dardanelles are Italy's only communication with the rest of the world, and the enormous development of her coast, near which are situated her centres of greatest importance." The note also examines technical points raised by the Washington Treaty and later discussions of the problem.

The Italian reply was considered in Paris to be even more seriously antagonistic to the Anglo-French compromise agreement than the United States rejoinder. "In the summary of the note which was issued by Rome this afternoon, the Fascist Government advances the claim to have a total tonnage equal to that of any other Government," a Paris dispatch of Monday to the New York "Times" reported. "Such a claim will never be accepted here," it was added. "At Washington, France did accept the same ratio as Italy for capital ships, but has always insisted that the ratio must not apply to other units. Her reasons are apparent. She has the second largest colonial empire in the world and her shores are washed by both the Atlantic and Mediterranean. Italy has all her possessions in the Mediterranean. Equality of fleets would mean that while in case of war the French fleet would have to be divided between the Atlantic and Mediterranean, the Italian fleet would be at full strength in the latter sea. Italy, too, has no far-away colonies and possessions and no long trade routes to defend. This argument will have the support of any Government and any naval administration which France may ever have, and the Italian pretension to equality is certainly of a kind which is far from helping on the cause of armaments limitation."

After some further uncertainty regarding the advisability of publishing the accord in the near future, the British Government reached the conclusion Wednesday that no use would be served by maintaining further secrecy. A communication was issued by the Foreign Office Wednesday evening as follows: "The reply of the Italian Government to the Anglo-French proposals for limitation of naval armaments having reached London, the observations of all the powers to which the proposals were communicated have now been received. There is, therefore, no longer any reason why the relevant documents should not be made public. They are accordingly be-

ing collected for that purpose and will be published as soon as they can be printed and the consent, where required, of other Governments has been obtained." The communication was the outcome of a Cabinet meeting. It is understood, a London dispatch to the New York "Times" said, that the documents to be included in a White Paper "will not only set forth the course of the negotiations between Britain and France during the summer, but explain by reference to antecedent events the reasons that led to the negotiations and the determination of the British attitude on particular points." The series will conclude with a general review of the questions at issue, it was added.

Meanwhile Senator Raoul Dandurand of Canada, one of the most prominent of the peace advocates of the League of Nations, stated in Paris, Monday, that useful results from the activities of the League of Nations' Preparatory Disarmament Commission cannot be hoped for unless Great Britain and the United States agree on a formula for making an appreciable reduction in naval armaments. "Both have signed the Kellogg treaty by which they forever renounce war between themselves," Senator Dandurand said. "We cannot understand why an agreement should not be reached between the two great English-speaking peoples, allowing that their fleets, instead of being opposed in naval competition should be conjoined in the sole desire of assuring the peace of the world." Statesmen at Geneva were "looking with anxious eyes to London and Washington," said Senator Dandurand, who with the approval of Premier Mackenzie King explained the disarmament situation at Geneva. Stating that the Kellogg anti-war pact did not provide a method of finally solving grievances and differences between nations, he said the Preparatory Disarmament Commission had drafted a convention to bind nations to settle their disputes by conciliation and arbitration. This convention will be presented to signatories of the Kellogg treaty as well as other nations, in the hope that if generally signed it will bring about a sense of security, which League statesmen realize is indissolubly bound to the question of disarmament.

The danger of internal strife in Austria was well illustrated last Sunday, when two opposing factions, one representing the Socialists and the other the "Heimwehr," or anti-Socialists, staged huge parades in Wiener Neustadt, a suburb of the capital. More than 35,000 Socialists were represented in the demonstration, while about 18,000 of their opponents marched in the counter demonstration. The two parades were obviously directed at each other and the authorities took earnest measures to prevent any contact between them. Approximately 10,000 soldiers were concentrated in the Viennese suburb by the Government, and although the marchers were only 200 yards apart at one point, difficulties were avoided.

Premier Benito Mussolini made a reply, Wednesday, to the many criticisms of the Italian press recently launched by expatriate Italians in France and by others. These criticisms have generally been to the effect that there is no longer such a thing as freedom of the press in Italy, since all newspapers and journals were constrained to join in the chorus of praise for Fascism under penalty of instant sup-

pression if any adverse remarks were attempted. Nowhere is the press so free as in Italy, the Premier told a gathering of Fascist newspaper editors in the Palazzo Chigi, the seat of the Foreign Ministry. "The old accusations that Fascist tyranny suffocates the freedom of the press no longer receive any credit," he remarked. "The Italian press is the freest in the whole world. Elsewhere the press is at the orders of plutocratic groups, parties or individuals; elsewhere the press is reduced to buying and selling sensational news whose reiterated reading causes in the public a kind of stupefied saturation with symptoms of debility, inanition and imbecility; elsewhere newspapers are grouped in the hands of a very few individuals who consider journalism as an industry, like iron or leather. Italian journalism is free because it serves only one cause and one regime. It is free because within the limits allowed by law it can exercise and does exercise the functions of control and criticism and propulsion." It is true, continued the Premier, that the key to all Fascist writings is identical, but this key comes not from the Government but from the Fascist journalists themselves. "They know how to serve the Fascist regime," he said. "They do not await orders day by day. They have these orders in their consciences."

Further progress toward the settlement of the dispute between Chile and Peru over the Tacna-Arica territory has been made since these two Governments resumed diplomatic relations recently at the urging of Secretary of State of the United States, Frank B. Kellogg. It was announced in Washington, Wednesday, that the Boundary Commission which has been considering this matter for more than three years would suspend activities for the next four months. "In view of the resumption of diplomatic relations between Chile and Peru," a State Department announcement said, "and the hopeful prospect that these two countries may now be able to settle this long-standing dispute, which, if settled, will make unnecessary further work of the Boundary Commission, the two Governments have agreed to the suggestion of the Secretary of State to suspend the work of the Boundary Commission for a period of four months, in order to give time to permit negotiations between the Governments for a settlement. Both Governments have accepted such proposal. In this action the two Governments have taken a broad-minded and liberal view of the matter and have shown their earnest desire to come to a settlement."

In Washington, the situation was viewed as sufficiently promising to make it appear that further efforts of the Boundary Commission probably will be unnecessary, a dispatch to the New York "Times" said. "In this light," the report added, "the suspension order of to-day was regarded as removing the last vestige of the arbitral award handed down by President Coolidge on March 4 1925, a project which virtually collapsed when the Plebiscitary Commission, provided for in the award, withdraw from Arica without being able to carry out its work. Suspension of the Boundary Commission's activities is regarded by the Chilean and Peruvian Embassies here as a pledge that the controversy will be settled in that time, since both Governments are reported to be opposed to any resumption of the commission's activities."

General Chiang Kai-shek, commander-in-chief of the Nanking military forces in the Nationalist revolution, was named President of the Chinese Nationalist Government at Nanking, Tuesday, and inaugurated on the following day. The selection was made by the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, whose forty-four members have been the chief governing force of the Nationalist Administration. The new President of the new Government first gained prominence in February 1923 when he was appointed chief of staff to Sun Yat-sen, the venerable leader of the Nationalist movement. In July 1926 he was made commander-in-chief of the Northern expedition of the Kuomintang, which then had its headquarters in the Southern city of Canton. "From all recent accounts of what has been going on at Nanking," a New York "Times" report said, "Chiang's selection has been due to two causes: His eloquence in impressing his fellow members with patriotism, moderation, and the spirit of conciliation, and the reputation he achieved in battle. He is also well regarded abroad for these and other reasons."

Reports from the interior Chinese Province of Kansu, meantime, indicate dubious happenings among the population of Mohammedans and Confucianists there. Religious warfare has broken out between these factions, it is asserted, chiefly because of an uprising of the Mohammedans, and in consequence more than 200,000 persons are said to have been slain. The reports are meagre and are contained mainly in letters from missionaries in the province.

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 are now 4½% @ 4 3-16% for short bills, against 4½% @ 4 3-16% on Friday of last week, and 4 5-16% for three months bills, against 4¼ @ 4 3-16%. Money on call in London on Thursday was 4½%. At Paris open market discounts remain at 3¼% and in Switzerland at 3⅜%.

For the fourth week in succession, the Bank of England, in its latest statement, reports a loss in gold, the total loss for the last four weeks amounting to no less than £9,000,000. This week the loss amounted to £725,495, but as notes in circulation contracted £813,000, there was an addition to the reserve of gold and notes in the banking department of £87,000. The ratio of reserve to liabilities shows a slight change, increasing from 47.10% to 47.50%. At this time last year the ratio was 27.90% and two years ago, in 1926, 27.98%. Public deposits rose £3,929,000 but "other" deposits fell off £4,695,000. Loans on Government securities decreased £6,000,000 and loans on other securities gained £4,516,000. Gold holdings total £167,501,083 in comparison with £151,006,980 last year and £154,173,926 two years ago (1926). Note circulation aggregates £134,194,000 in comparison with £136,272,175 last year. The Bank's minimum rate of discount remains unchanged at 4½%. Below we furnish comparisons of the various items of the Bank of England return for five years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1928. Oct. 10.	1927. Oct. 12.	1926. Oct. 13.	1925. Oct. 14.	1924. Oct. 15.
Circulation.....	£134,194,000	£136,272,175	£139,344,180	£143,133,835	£123,450,130
Public deposits.....	13,934,000	21,829,856	19,607,296	8,455,108	12,056,065
Other deposits.....	97,752,000	101,505,437	103,963,569	103,412,929	115,878,163
Government securities	43,110,000	52,929,619	35,810,307	28,821,587	42,233,443
Other securities.....	45,183,000	53,560,179	70,858,938	68,228,519	78,571,411
Reserve notes & coin	53,056,000	34,484,805	34,579,746	32,459,426	24,784,013
Coin and bullion.....	£167,501,083	£151,006,980	£154,173,926	£155,843,261	£128,484,143
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	47.52%	27.96%	27.98%	29%	19½%
Bank rate.....	4½%	4½%	5%	4%	4%

a Includes, beginning with April 29 1925, £27,000,000 gold coin and bullion previously held as security for currency notes issued and which was transferred to the Bank of England on the British Government's decision to return to gold standard.

b Beginning with the statement for April 29 1925, includes £27,000,000 of Bank of England notes issued in return for the same amount of gold coin and bullion held up to that time in redemption account of currency note issue.

In its regular weekly statement of October 6, the Bank of France reports a decrease in note circulation of 47,000,000 francs, reducing the total to 62,607,259,145 francs. Note circulation last week amounted to 62,654,259,145 francs, which was the highest ever recorded by the bank, and the week before 61,013,259,145 francs. On the other hand creditor current accounts rose 104,000,000 francs while current accounts and deposits dropped 145,000,000 francs. Due to a gain of 46,404,673 francs during the week, gold holdings now amount to 30,668,942,716 francs. Credit balances abroad rose 597,079,060 francs, bills bought abroad 18,000,000 francs and advances against securities 148,000,000 francs while French commercial bills discounted decreased 666,000,000 francs. A comparison of the various amounts of the bank's return for the past three weeks is shown below.

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week. Francs.	Oct. 6 1928. Francs.	Status as of Sept. 29 1928. Francs.	Sept. 22 1928. Francs.
Gold holdings.....Inc.	46,404,673	30,668,942,716	30,662,538,043	30,568,249,942
Credit bals. abrd'd. Inc.	597,079,060	13,288,990,367	12,691,911,307	12,984,954,644
French comm'l bills discounted.....Dec.	666,000,000	3,633,820,533	4,299,820,533	2,442,820,533
Bills bought abrd'd. Inc.	18,000,000	18,468,910,440	18,450,910,440	18,451,910,440
Adv. agst. secur's. Inc.	148,000,000	2,165,376,082	2,017,376,082	2,021,376,082
Note circulation.....Dec.	47,000,000	62,607,259,145	62,654,259,145	61,013,259,145
Cred. curr. acct's. Inc.	104,000,000	16,232,397,231	16,128,397,231	16,218,397,231
Curr. acct's. & dep. Dec.	145,000,000	4,654,111,713	4,799,111,713	5,396,111,713

In its statement for the first week of October, the Bank of Germany reports a decrease in note circulation of 228,062,000 marks, reducing the total to 4,592,090,000 marks. Note circulation for the corresponding week last year stood at 4,004,053,000 marks and for the year before, 3,139,329,000 marks. On the other hand other daily maturing obligation increased 8,234,000 marks and other liabilities 17,015,000 marks. On the other side of the account gold and bullion rose 60,169,000 marks, while reserve in foreign currency fell 27,461,000 marks, bills of exchange and checks decreased 230,258,000 marks, silver and other coin, 3,641,000 marks, notes on other German banks, 7,037,000 marks; advances, 42,358,000 marks and other assets, 6,034,000 marks. Deposits abroad and investments remained unchanged. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items of the Bank's return for the past three years:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week. Reichsmarks.	Oct. 6 1928. Reichsmarks.	Oct. 7 1927. Reichsmarks.	Oct. 7 1926. Reichsmarks.
Assets—				
Gold and bullion.....Inc.	60,169,000	2,457,140,000	1,851,869,000	1,616,308,000
Of which depos. abrd'd.	Unchanged	85,626,000	66,543,000	182,904,000
Res' vein for n'curr'y Dec.	27,461,000	151,894,000	155,885,000	510,972,000
Bills of exch. & checks Dec.	230,258,000	2,359,257,000	2,603,225,000	1,377,800,000
Silver & other coin.....Dec.	3,641,000	75,776,000	60,441,000	110,933,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bks. Dec.	7,037,000	437,000	14,994,000	13,156,000
Advances.....Dec.	42,358,000	59,196,000	64,124,000	11,125,000
Investments.....Dec.	Unchanged	93,819,000	92,186,000	91,331,000
Other assets.....Dec.	6,034,000	548,711,000	536,954,000	611,698,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation.....Dec.	238,062,000	4,592,090,000	4,004,053,000	3,139,329,000
Oth. daily matur. oblig. Inc.	8,234,000	511,260,000	610,815,000	635,702,000
Other liabilities.....Inc.	17,015,000	269,693,000	398,629,000	208,419,000

Rates for money developed a downward tendency on the New York market, at least in the case of call loans. A marked increase was noted in the supply and this development was accepted by optimistic observers as a sign of a definite easing in the credit situation. It was also considered possible that the period of greatest autumn demand is passing and that a definite relaxation may be expected. An undeviating rate of 6½% for call loans was noted on the Stock Exchange from Monday to Thursday morning. Large offerings and light demand then brought about a decline to 6%, the carry-over until Monday being arranged at this figure. In the outside market the 6% figure was quoted in the three earlier days as well. That there is little expectation of a material decline from the present money rates was indicated by the Treasury offering of 11-month certificates of indebtedness announced Sunday. The interest rate on these certificates as already noted was fixed at 4¾%, the highest figure paid by the government since the period of deflation in 1921. Brokers' loans against stock and bond collateral as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank for the 45 New York reporting member banks showed a further increase of \$19,905,000 for the week ended Wednesday night. The total is thus carried to a new high record. A gold engagement of \$3,000,000 for shipment from London to New York was announced Tuesday, carrying the total of this movement to \$13,000,000.

Dealing in detail with the rates from day to day on the call loan rate was uniformly 6½% on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, this including the charge for renewals. On Thursday with the renewal rate still 6½%, the rate on new loans dropped in the afternoon to 6%. Time loan rates are still firm and the quotation for the 30, 60 and 90-day periods remains at 7¼%, while the figure for four, five and six-month maturities continues at 7%. Commercial paper rates have been quite firm the present week. Names of choice character maturing in four to six months are still quoted at 5½@5¾, but with no more transactions being recorded at 5¼%. For names less well known the quotation is 5¾@6%. The rate for New England mill paper is 5¾%.

The posted rates of the American Acceptance Council for prime bankers' acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks have not been changed during the week and remain at 4⅝% bid and 4½% asked for bills running 30 days and also for bills running 60 and 90 days, 4¾% bid and 4⅝% asked for 120 days, and 5% bid and 4⅞% asked for 150 and 180 days. The posted rate of the Acceptance Council for call loans against acceptances again remained at 5½% throughout the whole week. Open market rates for acceptances have also continued unchanged as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.						
—180 Days—		—150 Days—		—120 Days—		
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	
Prime eligible bills.....	5	4⅞	5	4⅞	4⅞	4⅞
—90 Days—		—60 Days—		—30 Days—		
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	
Prime eligible bills.....	4⅞	4⅞	4⅞	4⅞	4⅞	4⅞
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.						
Eligible member banks.....						4¼ bid
Eligible non-member banks.....						4¼ 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 Oct. 11.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston.....	5	July 19 1928	4¼
New York.....	5	July 13 1928	4½
Philadelphia.....	5	July 26 1928	4½
Cleveland.....	5	Aug. 1 1928	4½
Richmond.....	5	July 13 1928	4½
Atlanta.....	5	July 14 1928	4½
Chicago.....	5	July 11 1928	4½
St. Louis.....	5	July 19 1928	4½
Minneapolis.....	4½	Apr. 25 1928	4
Kansas City.....	4½	June 7 1928	4
Dallas.....	4½	May 7 1928	4
San Francisco.....	4½	June 2 1928	4

The course of sterling exchange has been opposite in trend to that displayed during the past several weeks, and has been active and firmer, moving up to levels which quite preclude the possibility of any large gold movement from London to New York. The range this week has been from 4.84½ to 4.84 15-16 for bankers' sight, compared with 4.84 13-32 to 4.84⅝ last week. The range for cable transfers has been from 4.84⅞ to 4.85¼, compared with 4.84 25-32 to 4.85 a week ago. The underlying causes of the present firmness are an increase in money rates in London and a decline in money rates at New York. Each day this week witnessed an advance in the sterling rate. Almost invariably the advances were recorded abroad before markets opened here. As the result of over-night cables there was a splurge of buying each morning by banks and dealers and some repurchases by earlier sellers to sustain the early rises, thus adding fractional firmness toward the close of each day's market. Sterling has been in a position during the past few weeks where any moderate increase in demand could cause a sharp upward movement in the rate, as New York and other markets have been bearish for several months and foreign institutions have kept their London balances as low as possible. The firmer money rates in London, in conjunction with the easier trend of rates here, is expected to cause an increase in American balances in London and will, of course, retard to a great extent the flow of European funds to this side which has been a feature in sterling exchange for several weeks past. The London three-month bill rate is now 5 5-16%. Until recently it has been pegged at 4¼% and would have been lower had not the Bank of England used its influence with the London discount houses to maintain the rate. While the rise in 90-day bills is not extensive, nevertheless sterling is extremely sensitive to narrow movements in the British money market. One exchange authority, for instance, has stated that should the London bill rate move up another 1-16 to 4⅜%, the prospects of a gold movement would be definitely ended unless rates moved higher in New York. Current quotations compare with the high reached this year of 4.88 7-16 for cable transfers, and with the low touched a few days ago of 4.84 25-32. Even should the rate for any reason move fractionally higher yet, the quotations must still continue to indicate seasonal pressure, which under all normal conditions should last until toward February. The present rally is regarded in some quarters as temporary. An opposite view, however, is just as firmly held by others both here and in London. The nearer approach of the 90-day bill rate in London to the Bank of England's rediscount rate is taken in London to indicate that there will be no necessity for increasing the Bank of England rate. The lower sterling rates which have been prevailing for a few weeks past until now have resulted in gold withdrawals from

London for New York of approximately \$13,000,000, including amounts now on the water, while owing to the relatively higher rates for German marks with respect to sterling German interests have been able to withdraw approximately \$30,000,000 in gold from London, the greater part of which was taken during September.

This week the Bank of England shows total gold holdings of £167,501,083, compared with £168,226,578 a week earlier, a loss of £725,495 for the week. On Saturday last the Bank of England released £500,000 in sovereigns for account of South Africa. On Monday the Bank sold £9,000 in gold bars and exported £5,000 in sovereigns to Holland. On Wednesday the Bank sold £34,000 in gold bars. On Wednesday also the \$2,500,000 gold recently purchased in London by Goldman, Sachs & Co. arrived in New York on the White Star liner Olympic. On Wednesday it was also announced that of the £770,000 available gold in the London open market £600,000 was taken for New York. This was, of course, the \$3,000,000 purchased by the Rothschilds for Kuhn, Loeb & Co. An unknown buyer took £100,000, and the balance of £70,000 went for the India trade. It was stated that a drop in the open market price of gold in London was responsible for the Kuhn, Loeb & Co. purchase. On Thursday the Bank of England sold £19,000 in gold bars. At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week Oct. 4-Oct. 11 inclusive, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$78,000 from Latin America and exports of \$131,000, \$79,000 going to Mexico and \$52,000 to Germany. Canadian exchange has been firmer and more steady, ruling at par throughout the week. Montreal funds should as a seasonal matter be at a premium and the present return to par is attributed largely to the lower money rates against collateral loans in New York.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling on Saturday last was firmer than usual for a half-day session. Bankers' sight was 4.84½@4.84 9-16; cable transfers, 4.84⅞. On Monday the market was active. The range was 4.84 9-16@4.84⅝ for bankers' sight and 4.84 15-16@4.85 for cable transfers. On Tuesday there was renewed firmness in an active market. The range was 4.84⅝@4.84¾ for bankers' sight and 4.85 1-16@4.85⅞ for cable transfers. On Wednesday sterling continued active, moving higher. Bankers' sight was 4.84¾@4.84⅞; cable transfers, 4.85⅞@4.85¼. On Thursday firmness continued. The range was 4.84¾@4.85 15-16 for bankers' sight and 4.85⅞@4.85¼ for cable transfers. On Friday there was no market in New York, owing to the Columbus Day holiday. Closing quotations on Thursday were 4.84¾ for demand and 4.85⅞ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4.84⅝; 60-day bills at 4.80¾; 90-day bills at 4.79; documents for payment (60 days) at 4.80¾, and seven-day grain bills at 4.84. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4.84⅝.

The Continental exchanges have been dull for the most part. The special feature this week is the decline in German marks. The lower mark quotation does not result from any lack of demand for mark exchange either here or in London, but has been brought about chiefly through Reichsbank manipulation. This feature of mark exchange was discussed here last week. The Reichsbank brought about a

reduction in the sterling-mark rate to comply with the known wishes of the Bank of England to the effect that the gold export movement from London to Berlin should be brought to a halt. Even German purchases of gold in the open market were viewed askance. The German purchases have caused a great deal of criticism in the London market. In an interview with the press on Wednesday, Charles E. Mitchell, President of the National City Bank, said: "Germany will continue to borrow abroad in one form or another, though probably to a less extent than in the past. Some loans are in prospect now, though there are no startling transactions pending. The French attitude toward Germany is constantly improving. France is finding it to her advantage to make closer trade, industrial and financial relations with Germany. The French money market was artificially dammed until the return to the gold standard, but already French money is going to Germany. This week the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reports another shipment of \$52,000 gold to Germany, making the ninth successive shipment of practically the same amount in as many weeks.

French francs continue under pressure and are prevented from declining much owing to the Bank of France operations aimed especially at preventing a flow of gold from France to Germany. French interests continue to lend heavily in Germany. Large amounts of French capital have also been coming to New York in recent weeks. Italian lire, as during the past few weeks, have been ruling firmer than most of the Continental exchanges and have been in demand. Money continues fairly easy in the Italian centres. There is a steady demand for lire, due to immigrant remittances and American funds are finding employment in Italian securities.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 124.24 on Thursday of this week, against 124.07 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 3.90⅞, against 3.90⅝ a week ago; cable transfers at 3.90⅞, against 3.90⅞, and commercial sight bills at 3.90⅞, against 3.90⅞. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.89¼ for checks and at 13.90 for cable transfers, as against 13.89 and 13.89¾ on Friday of last week. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.79 for checks and 23.80 for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.80½ and 23.81½ a week earlier. Italian lire closed at 5.23½ for bankers' sight bills and at 5.23¾ 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 2.9615; on Bucharest at 0.60½, against 0.60¾, on Poland at 11.17, against 11.25, and on Finland at 2.52, against 2.52. Greek exchange closed at 1.29 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 dull. Holland guilders have not so far reflected the firmer sterling quotations. Besides the seasonal pressure on the guilder, funds have been moving out of Amsterdam, chiefly to London and Berlin, to take advantage of higher returns. The Scandinavian exchanges have been firm though extremely dull in the New York market. Spanish pesetas continue to fluctuate, and at 16.17 for cable transfers, the rate prevailing at one time yesterday, have been at the lowest price since January 1927. The Spanish unit made a sharp spurt immediately

following the formation of an official consortium to control the exchange and to prevent speculative moves, but since its organization a few weeks ago pesetas have declined persistently. Reports of political disturbances have caused selling on a few occasions, but not enough to account for the full extent of the decline. The business world is without sufficient official information on economic and business trends to give any guide as to what the peseta might do. Foreign capital and business enterprises are discouraged in numerous ways in Spain. This attitude is not helpful to the exchange.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Thursday at 40.07, against 40.07½ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.09, against 40.09½, and commercial sight bills at 40.04, against 40.05. Swiss francs closed at 19.23¾ for bankers' sight bills and at 19.24½ for cable transfers, in comparison with 19.24 and 19.24¾ a week earlier. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.66½ and cable transfers at 26.68, against 26.65 and 26.66. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.73½ and cable transfers at 26.75, against 26.74 and 26.75, while checks on Norway finished at 26.65½ and cable transfers at 26.67, against 26.64¾ and 26.65¾. Spanish pesetas closed at 16.19½ for checks and at 16.20½ for cable transfers, which compares with 16.26½ and 16.27½ a week earlier.

The South American exchanges have been dull. Argentine paper pesos have been inclined to weakness, while the other Latin American units have been steady. It will be recalled that during the week ended Sept. 29 an announcement from Buenos Aires stated that \$12,500,000 in gold was coming from Argentina to New York to repay a short-term loan of like amount made to the Argentine Government by J. Pierpont Morgan & Co., which expired on Sept. 26. Dispatches this week state that this gold is not to be shipped. No information has been forthcoming as to why this action has been taken. Peruvian exchange is at all times comparatively inactive in New York but interest attaches to it this week, especially as information given out by a reliable source states that it is likely that within the next few weeks a New York banking group will place the second series of the Peruvian National Loan, which was authorized in 1927 for the purpose of refunding the entire external secured debt of Peru, for financing important public works and for currency stabilization. Argentine paper pesos closed on Thursday at 42.08 for checks, as compared with 42 1-16 on Friday of last week, and at 42.13 for cable transfers, against 42½. Brazilian milreis finished at 11.96 for checks and at 11.99 for cable transfers, against 11.94 and 11.97. Chilean exchange closed at 12.10 for checks and at 12.15 for cable transfers, against 12.10 and 12.15, and Peru at 3.99 for checks and at 4.00 for cable transfers, against 3.99 and 4.00.

The Far Eastern exchanges have been more active, the silver units exceptionally so. Silver has been ruling fractionally higher and this fact of course affects the Chinese quotations. Continued improvement in the political situation in China, especially in the ports, is an important factor inducing a steady absorption of silver. Japanese yen have been on the whole comparatively steady. On Tuesday cables stated that the Tokio Clearing House and business organizations in Osaka passed resolutions favoring

the immediate removal of the gold embargo. Yen exchange in New York made no response to these resolutions, and the opinion here is that no attention will be paid to the recommendations of the business committees. It is stated in some quarters that the removal of the gold export embargo would mean an immediate drain of gold until the exchange should rise to parity, unless the recommendations of the business committees involve a revaluation of yen to around the present exchange levels. The latter suggestion has never received any important consideration in Japan. It is said in some quarters that a return to parity would entail an economic deflation which would do much harm to the already difficult trade position of the country. The trend of yen exchange has been on the whole downward during much the greater part of this year. Closing quotations for yen checks Thursday were 45.83@46, against 45.61@45⅞ on Friday of last week; Hong Kong closed at 50.20@50 7-16, against 50.05@50¼; Shanghai at 64⅜@64⅝, against 64⅞@64¼; Manila at 49¾, against 49¾; Singapore at 56¾@57, against 56 11-16 @57; Bombay at 36⅝, against 36⅝, and Calcutta at 36⅝, against 36⅝.

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, OCT. 6 TO OCT. 12 1928, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers to New York, Value in United States Money.					
	Oct. 6.	Oct. 8.	Oct. 9.	Oct. 10.	Oct. 11.	Oct. 12.
EUROPE—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Austria, schilling.....	.140715	.140722	.140712	.140710	.140697	
Belgium, belga.....	.138908	.138928	.138948	.138941	.138955	
Bulgaria, lev.....	.007190	.007209	.007218	.007204	.007172	
Czechoslovakia, krone.....	.029626	.029627	.029628	.029629	.029624	
Denmark, krone.....	.266533	.266557	.266585	.256614	.266696	
England, pound sterling.....	4.848355	4.849279	4.850448	4.851711	4.851711	
Finland, markka.....	.025163	.025162	.025167	.025167	.025161	
France, franc.....	.039072	.039061	.039063	.039057	.039054	
Germany, reichsmark.....	.238057	.237985	.237853	.237973	.237976	
Greece, drachma.....	.012930	.012929	.012938	.012936	.012926	
Holland, guilder.....	.400892	.400942	.400954	.400928	.400902	
Hungary, pengo.....	.174297	.174255	.174267	.174291	.174284	
Italy, lira.....	.052397	.052399	.052360	.052369	.052368	
Norway, krone.....	.266519	.266527	.266547	.266583	.266633	
Poland, zloty.....	.112065	.112015	.112072	.112020	.112015	
Portugal, escudo.....	.044870	.044950	.045041	.045050	.045015	
Rumania, leu.....	.006090	.006090	.006085	.006081	.006078	
Spain, peseta.....	.162702	.162340	.161850	.162040	.161829	
Sweden, krona.....	.267454	.267440	.267471	.267485	.267480	
Switzerland, franc.....	.192443	.192461	.192464	.192435	.192441	
Yugoslavia, dinar.....	.017596	.017590	.017596	.017589	.017595	
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo tael.....	.658750	.656666	.659375	.659375	.658750	
Hankow tael.....	.647083	.656250	.658125	.658125	.657083	
Shanghai tael.....	.641607	.642678	.645173	.644464	.643392	
Tientsin tael.....	.674583	.672500	.675208	.674583	.674583	
Hong Kong dollar.....	.499464	.499464	.501339	.500821	.500371	
Mexican dollar.....	.465000	.466750	.468000	.467250	.467750	
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar.....	.465000	.467083	.467500	.468333	.467916	
Yuan dollar.....	.461666	.463750	.464166	.465000	.464583	
India, rupee.....	.364221	.364240	.364196	.364259	.364412	
Japan, yen.....	.457188	.457630	.456897	.457208	.458327	
Singapore (S.S.) dollar.....	.562916	.563333	.563333	.563333	.563750	
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar.....	.999947	.999965	.999926	.999956	.999956	
Cuba, peso.....	.999250	.999281	.999281	.999312	.999281	
Mexico, peso.....	.475000	.471666	.475333	.475166	.474583	
Newfoundland, dollar.....	.997500	.997593	.997406	.997562	.997562	
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold).....	.955665	.955715	.955544	.955369	.956596	
Brazil, milreis.....	.119386	.119440	.119410	.119450	.119463	
Chile, peso.....	.121075	.120791	.120892	.120869	.120902	
Uruguay, peso.....	1.017802	1.077727	1.017852	1.018976	1.017992	
Colombia, peso.....	.975600	.975600	.975600	.975600	.975600	

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, Oct. 6.	Monday, Oct. 8.	Tuesday, Oct. 9.	Wednesday, Oct. 10.	Thursday, Oct. 11.	Friday, Oct. 12.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 114,000,000	\$ 95,000,000	\$ 93,000,000	\$ 103,000,000	\$ 107,000,000	Holiday	\$ Cr.517,000,000

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	Oct. 11 1928.			Oct. 13 1927.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 167,501,083	£ —	£ 167,501,083	£ 151,006,980	£ —	£ 151,006,980
France a	245,351,542	d —	245,351,542	147,260,559	13,680,000	160,940,559
Germany b	118,575,700	d —	118,575,700	89,261,300	994,600	90,255,900
Spain	104,355,000	27,999,000	132,354,000	103,956,000	27,149,000	131,105,000
Italy	54,093,000	—	54,093,000	46,878,000	3,864,000	50,742,000
Netherl'ds	36,243,000	1,886,000	38,129,000	32,179,000	2,273,000	34,452,000
Nat. Belg.	23,065,000	1,250,000	24,315,000	19,270,000	1,181,000	20,451,000
Switzerl'd	18,719,000	2,013,000	20,732,000	18,856,000	2,586,000	21,442,000
Sweden	13,223,000	—	13,223,000	12,843,000	—	12,843,000
Denmark	9,660,000	590,000	10,250,000	10,116,000	691,000	10,807,000
Norway	8,163,000	—	8,163,000	8,180,000	—	8,180,000
Total week	797,949,325	34,732,600	833,681,925	639,806,839	52,418,600	692,225,439
Prev. week	796,220,882	34,763,600	830,984,482	639,169,821	52,462,600	691,632,421

a These are the gold holdings of the Bank of France as reported in the new form of statement. b Gold holdings of the Bank of Germany are exclusive of gold held abroad, the amount of which the present year is £4,281,300. c As of Oct. 7 1924. d Silver is now reported at only a trifling sum.

Problems of Empire—The Coming General Election in Great Britain.

Unless something unexpected happens, the general election in Great Britain will not be held until next spring, but the political campaign has already been launched, and from now on the various parties will be busy commending their several programs to the voters and preparing for the test at the polls. A special interest attaches to the coming election because of the addition to the electorate of a large contingent of women voters recently enfranchised, and competition for the "flapper" vote, as it has been popularly called, promises to be particularly keen. If history repeats itself, as it seems likely to do, the approaching session of Parliament, which opens on November 6, will be distinguished quite as much by the efforts of the Liberal and Labor Opposition to weaken the position of the Baldwin Government, already sharply under fire for its domestic as well as for its foreign policy, as it will by anything commonly spoken of as constructive legislation.

As far as the Conservatives are concerned, the outstanding party issues at the moment are protection and unemployment. Continued depression in a number of basic industries, especially iron and steel, due, it is alleged, primarily to foreign competition, has had the effect of strengthening the protectionist wing of the Conservative party, and at the party conference at Great Yarmouth, on Sept. 27, a determined effort was made to commit the party to a protectionist policy. Premier Baldwin, in his speech at the opening session of the conference, thought it expedient, apparently, to cast an anchor to windward while seeming to stand stoutly for the historic party policy of free trade. Referring to the Safeguarding of Industries Act, under which tariff duties may be imposed for the benefit of particular industries injuriously affected by foreign competition, Premier Baldwin declared his desire to "make it clear that the Government does not intend to use the safe-

guarding principle in a way to obtain a general tariff before submitting the desirability of a tariff to the people for their vote. There will be no taxes on food . . . The Government is ready to facilitate the procedure if individual industries prove the necessity of their being protected." In other words, there would be no general protective tariff, but protection would be accorded to such industries as should prove, to the satisfaction of the tribunal provided by the act, that protection is needed.

In view of Mr. Baldwin's recent rejection of a petition, supported by a large number of members of Parliament, for the extension of the Safeguarding Act to the iron and steel industries, it was not to be expected that a statement which appeared to straddle the question would be satisfactory to the conference. The strength of the protectionist sentiment was shown in the adoption of a resolution regretting "the slow progress made" in applying the act, and declaring that the "earliest possible steps should be taken to safeguard additional industries, especially iron and steel." The statement of the Premier was promptly interpreted by the Chairman of the Conservative Party organization, J. C. C. Davidson, as "a definite pledge" that the iron and steel industry would be favored, while Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, President of the Board of Trade, declared in a speech at Norwich on Sept. 28 that "safeguarding to-day is welcomed by the people of this country as a consistent part of our general plan because it is justified by results. The thing is proved. Its employment has benefited every single industry where it was tried . . . In no single case have prices gone up; in many they have been reduced . . . Common sense and common agreement alike dictate that we should continue this policy."

For the relief of unemployment Mr. Baldwin was able to offer, in addition to the extension of the safeguarding policy, only a hope that progress would soon be made with the scheme of Empire settlement and the transfer of miners to other industries. It had already been realized, before the conference met, that the ambitious project, announced shortly before the adjournment of Parliament on August 3, for sending some thousands of British miners to Canada to work during the harvest season, had afforded no special relief. Ships were not available, it was discovered, for the transportation of more than a small part of the number whom the Government planned to aid, the miners as a class were ill adapted to farm work, and the return of several hundred who were dissatisfied was accompanied by the spread of reports of unfair and even harsh treatment by Canadian farmers and officials. Unemployment in Great Britain is clearly, as Premier Baldwin admitted, "the national problem," and the approach of winter is recognized as making the situation of the million and a quarter of jobless still more acute.

The Labor Party Conference which met at Birmingham on Oct. 1, in addition to approving a fifty-page platform, comprising some sixty-five planks, made public several weeks before, listened to a remarkable speech by Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer in the former Labor Government, on the financial policy of the party, and a drastic attack upon the foreign policy of the Baldwin Government by J. Ramsay MacDonald. Mr. Snowden, who has been described as "a radical economist whose feet

are firmly grounded on fact," expressed the hope that the party would not adopt the proposal which an extremist member had submitted to it "of establishing socialism in our time by the simple expedient of collecting all the wealth of the country and distributing it equitably among the whole population. No Chancellor of the Exchequer would be fit to hold his job who did not frame all his financial policy with the idea of conserving, increasing and utilizing the national resources." The "main principles of Labor taxation," he is reported to have said in substance, would be "relief for productive industry, relief from the burdens on the shoulders of the poorer part of the population, and the raising of national revenue mainly from the realized profit of large incomes from accumulated wealth and sources which were socially created." "It is only the rich idler, not the honest trader," he declared, "who need look forward with dread to the election of a Labor Government in Britain." Far-reaching changes in the banking system were also forecast, however, including the formation of a public corporation to control the Bank of England, although political control of the latter institution was expressly disavowed.

On the issue of protection the Labor Party conference appeared to be divided, Mr. MacDonald and some of the other leaders being staunch free traders while others showed a sympathetic leaning toward the safeguarding policy. The rejection of any affiliation with the Communists will probably strengthen the party, notwithstanding the numerical loss which it entails of an active Labor element with strong Communist proclivities. The outspoken and almost violent attack which Mr. MacDonald launched against the foreign policy of the Baldwin Government, however, suggests that foreign rather than domestic issues may hold the place of prominence in the Parliamentary campaign. Mr. MacDonald attacked the recent secret treaty with France on the ground of its secrecy, its studied indefiniteness with resultant powers for mischief, its effect in retarding progress toward disarmament, and its restoration of the Anglo-French entente. The manifesto of the party on foreign affairs, as summarized in a dispatch to the New York "Times," calls for "immediate unconditional withdrawal of all foreign troops from the Rhineland; a drastic reduction of British military expenditure; leadership by Great Britain in pushing the work of the Preparatory Conference on Disarmament; abandonment of any Anglo-French agreement; signature by Great Britain of the general act of arbitration, conciliation and judicial settlement which was adopted by the last Assembly of the League of Nations, and abandonment of any reservations to the signature of the Kellogg treaty."

It has been evident from the first that the secret treaty with France was highly unpopular in England, and even the newspapers which ordinarily support the Government have been either silent or lukewarm in its defense. The virtual reconstitution of the entente which the treaty is generally believed to have accomplished has also brought to mind the political situation in the years immediately preceding the World War, when secret diplomacy was busy preparing for a war which the Serbian incident brought to an outbreak in 1914. The reply of Italy, made public on Monday, to the Franco-British note regarding naval disarmament, shows how far the secret treaty is from accomplishing a settlement of the disarmament controversy. "Italy," the reply

declares, "is willing *a priori* to accept as the limit of her armament any figure, even the lowest, provided this is not exceeded by any Continental European country." When it comes to the method of limitation, however, Italy desires a limitation of total tonnage rather than a limitation by classes of vessels, each country disposing of its total tonnage in such manner as it sees fit. "Only by global tonnage limitation is a less powerfully armed country permitted to adopt certain compensation for the superiority of others." The immediate practical significance of this contention is that Italy, if armament limitation is adopted, will insist upon having as large a global tonnage as France, a demand which France, if the French press is an accurate reflection of French official opinion, will never concede.

It would be idle, of course, at this early date, to forecast even a possible outcome of the British election. The Baldwin Government has a long list of legislative achievements to its credit, and the solidarity of the Conservative party has more than once enabled it to emerge successfully from a hard electoral battle. It is doubtful if the Labor party, even with the advantage of such moderately radical financial leadership as Mr. Snowden may be expected to give it, can wrest control of the House of Commons from the Conservatives without the aid of the Liberals, and a Labor-Liberal coalition does not appear to be greatly favored as yet by either of those parties. The Council of the National Liberal Federation, which met at Great Yarmouth yesterday, has before it a resolution declaring that the party "refuses to link its fortune by any pact or agreement with any other party." The financial resources of the Labor party, too, are reported to have been much diminished. The demand for protection, even the irregular and qualified protection of the Safeguarding of Industries Act, if it should become predominant in the Conservative program, would be likely to draw a following from the Labor party ranks, especially if Ramsay MacDonald, who is still the outstanding figure in the party, maintains unshaken his advocacy of free trade. The weakness of the Baldwin Government is in its foreign policy, which has shown neither strength nor far-sightedness in dealing with European complications, and on the question of disarmament has proved a bar to progress. The Opposition will be able to make out a strong case if it presses the campaign mainly on this ground.

Experts in Government.

At the Community Church, Thirty-fourth Street and Park Avenue, Harry Elmer Barnes, historian and professor at Smith College, delivered an address on government in general and the coming election in particular, which to say the least of it is rather startling in some of its pronouncements. Professor Barnes believes that "political democracy has been proved entirely inadequate for the dynamic, highly industrialized society of the present time. A better plan must be worked out." He does not think Fascism or Bolshevism are likely to prove the solution. He makes the following suggestion: "Probably the most desirable immediate reforms are a weighted suffrage based upon the results of intelligence tests given to the whole population, the requirement of scientific and professional training for all candidates for office, and the introduction of a

combination of proportional and vocational representation." He has, seemingly, little faith in any sort of equality in our democracy. He says: "If there is any established fact in psychology and biology to-day, it is the inequality of men. Differential psychology has proved there is no such thing as even approximate equality among men, and the majority range from stupidity to imbecility. . . . Thomas Jefferson was not a true democrat, for his beliefs were those of an aristocrat. He had no idea that all men were equal, that they were all as capable as Thomas Jefferson."

The New York "Times" report of his address continues: "Pointing out that the technical and complex questions of to-day demand experts, Professor Barnes declared that the problems of contemporary Government are too intricate to be approached by the politician or the statesman and that they are even beyond the control of the individual scientist or expert." Then continues the following quotation from the address: "Yet in this period when we need experts in government as never before, what is the situation? Every realistic, rational student of American history knows that the best men in public office to-day cannot be compared in capacity and ability with the leaders of 100 years ago, or the great figures of an earlier period—John Adams, Monroe, Hamilton. . . . In place of the questions of hanging horse thieves and putting in post office boxes, to-day we have the problems of State ownership and control of railroads, world peace, international finance, and public utility ownership. . . . The increasing complexity of these problems has compelled the old *laissez-faire* theory of government to give way before the vast increase of social issues. Government interference is becoming increasingly necessary, and it is no longer true that the government which governs least governs best."

Passing the evident contradictions disclosed by these brief extracts, as reported, may we ask where the experts in the projected new forms of government are to come from? Theorists are not *experienced* in government—in this marvellous expert government that is to be. They only think so; they do not know. Revolutions are like hurricanes; they often change their course. Evolution, a scientific mode, if it is anything, proceeds from the lower to the higher—but when the higher life becomes fixed in the form of government, what is going to save the alleged majority of men "that range from stupidity to imbecility" from becoming abject slaves? As to Thomas Jefferson and "equality," it is hardly worth while to say that the original meaning of this term was equality before the law and equality of right to participate in a government formed upon the consent of the governed. It is mere sophistry to contend anything else—and educational qualifications arrived at by psychological tests is wholly a modern proposal, and if it ever comes the scientific experts out of the schools of biology will not only banish the term "common people" from our thought, will not only rivet chains upon the (according to their estimate) inexpert and the unworthy, but will establish an intellectual autocracy more fatal to freedom than the dungeons of the Inquisition. And again, if these things are beyond the ability of even the "expert," what are we to do unless we establish a College of Experts to administer the new and better government that ought to be? And when may we hope that the experts will agree?

What, pray, is the harmony in this talk about horse thieves and mail boxes and that halcyon time when Statesmen were so much wiser than those of to-day? The "Founders," as popularly termed, were not technicians and experts in details—they were concerned with *principles*, and laid the foundation in these, conscious and confident that such principles, if followed, would prove sufficient to stand against all complexities of the future, and all problems of modern politics. *They did not envision a Government that would take charge of the business of individuals, for they did not intend that our government should ever do so.* It is because we want to govern *most* that we do so. It is because we refuse to let business work out its own laws that we call upon government to come to the relief of class, section and industry. It is because we refuse to follow in the steps of these early constructive thinkers that we are proposing all kinds of reforms, tests, expertness, in the place of simplicity and sobriety and independence on the part of government to-day. Who wants State ownership and control of railroads but the theorist in government? What business has government with international finance, which left free will take care of itself through the natural course of international banking? Who wants "Differential Psychology" to control the voting power of the United States save some schoolman fresh from the laboratory of the mind and farthest from the common sense that is going to make a selection in this very election? Who is crying over "public utilities" save the very politicians who know least about them? And "world peace"? Does it take a psychologically tested expert to show us the way when deep in the heart and mind of every people there is the longing and hope for peace—peace that will not prepare for war?

Well, we are not always engaged in elections. In the fanfare of trumpets we may sometimes become confused and take the government for our all in all. But we are doing very well on the whole. If there is any latent Fascism or Bolshevism in the United States we have not heard it or encountered it even among the majority of the stupid ones. And what are these errant theories but projections out of the minds of would-be experts? What will the new form that is to replace our decadent democracy, as some see it, be but the dream of a self-constituted band of experts. Why not let some of these awful "complexities" resolve themselves without the magic touch of the new democracy? They have come and gone in the past like the mists of the morning. They are ever changing with the rapidity of the kaleidoscopic pictures our enterprise is writing on the walls of time. "*Laissez-faire.*" Let them alone—and competition will wipe them out as it does the feared monopolies. The whole scheme of government control is denunciation of these wise men of the past. Why cringe and cry out to the "consent of the governed" to block its own consent, to destroy its own liberty, to chain the very individual freedom intended to be protected. The anomaly of democracy is public ownership. Take it away from the hands of government and return the government to its original purpose. For once government, the creature of the people, the servant of the sovereign individual voter who alone consents, becomes the master, the people no longer rule themselves but submit to an oligarchy of power they have foolishly given away and cannot get back. Better a common sense people

supreme in themselves than a tyrannical government wise in itself!

Advantages and Disadvantages of National Elections.

With the campaign running its somewhat farcical course we may dwell a time on the advantages and disadvantages of our quadrennial elections. It is in keeping with our representative-democratic form of government that at regular intervals the people give "consent" to policies and principles placed in vogue by current administrations. Too long a rule by one party without a review by the constituted electors would establish a practical autocracy. There is nothing sacred about a four-year term for the President. And a six-year term has often been advocated. But the terms established for President, Senators, and Representatives, with alternate elections for Senators in the States, and two-year terms for members of the House, as the body nearest the people, are on the whole wisely conceived and preservative of popular government. Otherwise, in the devotion to personal pursuits, citizens might forget (as so many do even now) that we have a government to maintain. A national election brings this manifest duty of the qualified voter strongly to mind. And it is for this reason that the parties should bring to the fore great principles affecting the structure, policy and purpose of the government at every general election. To decide these elections on the qualities of men alone, or on issues of social or economic phases of the times, or upon trifling matters trumped up by politicians, is to degrade a democracy.

With only half the voters voting, and a large proportion of this half indifferent to the profound duties of an elector to place the government and the people above partisan, sectional and class considerations, we have much to reform in our general elections. And yet to repeat our previous remark these elections, however they may turn on party pronouncements, or the character of candidates, or upon minor and unimportant issues, are not only fundamental but salutary, educative and indispensable. For three or four months, penetratively or idly, cursorily or carefully, we are all forced to become students of political economy, students of our own method of rule, and of the relation of the people to their scheme of government and to each other as those who create and sustain it. In fact, so indurated are we in the "consent of the governed" that we cannot conceive of very greatly lengthening the intervals between elections. If we do not learn of principles it is the fault of the parties. If we do not learn of policies it is our own fault. And if we do not subordinate partisan zeal to the general good; if we do not look upon candidates as symbols as well as characters; if we do not consider our duties as citizens, before what may seem to aid us in business and give to us a so-called prosperity; we do not rise to the high dignity of a serious, devoted and intelligent voter.

It is for these reasons we should welcome our elections. They are great opportunities. They take us out of the rut of individual striving into the realm of patriotic endeavor for the public good. They demonstrate our essential equality as participants in our own rule. They keep alive the spirit of our original Constitutional compact. They teach us anew the meaning of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happi-

ness" as the groundwork of the protection of our individualism in the fabric of rule we ourselves protect. In the growth and advancement of a free people there will never come a time when vital issues are not at stake. And the main issue will always be one of fundamental purposes. At this time, in this election of 1928, we are called by the encroachments of governmental rule upon business liberty to renew our faith in a government that knows no industry, no class, and no party. No party has a lien on a democracy. No class has an undivided interest in its principles. No section has a mortgage on its so-called power to benefit. No industry, no "labor" no "capital" has a special claim on its protection. Our government stands four-square to *all* the people. And our elections emphasize these truths and afford the means of their affirmation. What we call minor and incidental policies will always be under review, but they should be seen for what they are.

If these things be true, the present campaign may teach us the folly of long involved platforms, evasive, non-essential, "full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." Politicians often say that they do not make the issues, the people make them. This is only part true. The people, too much, turn the antecedent conventions over to the officeholders and the politicians. In their primaries they vote for men—only partially acquainted with their views. And the great national party conventions write in the planks for the subsequently chosen candidates to stand upon. Once in a while a candidate "bolts" his own platform, in part, but not often. And out of the issues thus preferred the voter is compelled to choose. It is not an altogether admirable system. But as so often the case in other matters belonging to the people, the blame lies in those who do not advocate important and leading principles *before* these conventions meet. We look to-day upon two so-called leading issues which resolve into "wet or dry" and "farm relief." The first is emotional, cuts across party lines, and as presented promises "enforcement," and is not understood by the voters to embody a constitutional *principle*. The latter is a mere *delusion*, preying upon an unfortunate condition of agriculture, and means nothing—save that it draws government into business.

But there is a reverse side to the picture. General elections directed and controlled by politicians and parties take away from the people, to a large extent, their direct interest in the government as a whole. They induce a high degree of partisanship and class appeal. In these matters they divide the people rather than unite them. The object of the parties is too often to "win," when the sole object should be to enunciate great principles that the people may choose. The spectacle we have to-day of campaigning in one section upon one "issue" and in another upon a wholly different and unrelated one, "farm relief" in the Middle West, "prohibition" in the South, and "labor and the tariff" in the East, does not unify the people, nor emphasize the spread of liberty under law in our wide domain. Incidentally, they do make a tool of our national rule, and lead the people to supplicate for the exercise of a power that does not exist. Government by consent can have no favors to bestow. Sovereigns in their own right should not ask privileges of servants. State or nation, thus, by these political contests, is distorted by the parties. Laws are asked for or denounced that have no place under the Constitution. And so-called

"issues" grovel at the foot of a throne that is the opposite type to a democracy. In these things our elections do not properly elevate us.

Interest centered in *supposed* powers of government distract the voters and tend to alter or tear down, insidiously, the very nature and purpose of our national government. Elections in this way by false prophets and partisan excitements move us in the wrong direction. For instance, asking for "farm relief" for a section, the Middle West in this instance, is tantamount to saying that it is in the power of government to grant such relief when the mere physical facts surrounding the production of corn and wheat deny it. Telling the laboring man that machinery and mass-production have brought about higher wages and lower costs of living for three years, and in the fourth year, an election year, telling him that "the high protective tariff" alone is the cause of his "full dinner pail" is bewildering if not inconsistent. Our elections should clarify, not confuse. They should expound, not expunge. They should explain, not enlarge. And they are far more than contests over men or battles over the "control of the government for four years." Let the best man win is all right as far as it goes—but the party that stakes all on a man, is not a safe trustee for the welfare of the people.

Further, our elections themselves, by the fanfare of the political trumpets, defeat the earnest study of principles. They stir the people, by their forced methods, to emotionalism. "Well, which do you think will win, Al Smith or Hoover?" The question is asked a million times. What difference does it make, when the chief duty is to "execute the laws"? On the other hand, interest is diminished in the election of Senators and Representatives who will *make* the laws. Candidates for President, it is true, come to be symbols of proposed party management and as such must be voted for, but winning for the mere sake of winning is nothing. There are incidental distractions connected with our campaigns which might be cited, but it is sufficient to say that "the great game of politics" should never draw the voter from thought of his own duty as citizen to himself and his business. If all spent as much time in elections as the party workers do, it would amount to a considerable economic loss. We may calm ourselves with the thought that having studied for guidance and cast our ballot according to our convictions, "win or lose," there will be another election four years from now!

The Hungarian-Roumanian Controversy and World Peace.

Mr. Hughes' entrance upon his new position in the Permanent Court of International Justice has immediate significance; a question of grave importance is likely to come at once before the Court, and Mr. Hughes' appointment in succession to Dr. John Bassett Moore is in recognition of the fact that the Court itself owes its existence in large part to an American, namely Elihu Root. The ground of the appointment of Mr. Hughes and his assured influence are to be seen in his profound knowledge of international law and his practical experience in international affairs.

The controversy between Hungary and Roumania over the rights of Hungarian optants in ceded territory, in itself a relatively small matter significant at first only because the Balkans have always been

a peculiarly inflammable ground, has now become an international concern. With increasing acrimony it has continued through seven or eight years. It has disrupted every attempt at arbitral adjustment, has come to involve fundamental settlements made in earlier reconstructive treaties, and is now for the third time before the Council of the League of Nations which has proved unable to settle it.

Three important volumes of different origin have come to us presenting the case as it stands to-day. "La Reforme Agraire Roumaine," published by "Les Editions Internationales," in Paris, containing the case and the discussion over it in French, German and English as presented before the Council of the League: "The Hungarian Roumanian Land Dispute," by Francis Deak, from the Columbia University "Press," giving the Hungarian side of the controversy in full documentary detail, and "Roumania, Ten Years After," published by the "Beacon Press" of Boston, presenting the situation as set forth in the report of the American Committee on the Rights of Religious Minorities as made by their Commission sent out in 1927. To-day, when, due to the distribution of territory made by the Allies, Roumania has an area equal to Austria, Hungary, and Greece combined, and is fourth among the nations of the world in per capita wealth, exceeded only by Switzerland, New Zealand and the United States; and is richly prospering in every direction, Americans may be expected to sympathize with Hungary, bereft on every side, now claiming her rights. It seems but the other day, though it was 75 years ago, that Kossuth with a price upon his head came to us with the story of the crushing of his people in their struggle for independence under the merciless cruelty of Austria and Russia. Hungary has ever since had a special place in America's heart. Her case is now involved in the greater issue of which we can only give the briefest outline. The complete statement will be found in the books we have mentioned.

At Versailles it seemed wise to the Allies to transfer various large strips of territory from one nation to another to secure new boundaries. In this Hungary suffered greatly, not only in loss of territory, but also in the person and property of her people in the transferred regions. Controversy almost immediately arose with Roumania which became acute when the Soviet government came into power in Budapest and the Roumanians took advantage of the situation to occupy Hungarian territory east of the Danube. The Council of the Allies ordered the Roumanians to withdraw, but they failed to obey and the Hungarians protested to the Peace Conference.

The treaties of Trianon and St. Germain followed among the Powers, and the right of the Hungarians and other peoples among the transferred nationals was given to opt as to the future citizenship, and in case of transfer to retain their immovable property in the State where they had residence before exercising the right of choice. Meanwhile Roumania, disregarding the declaration of the Preamble of the Treaty of Trianon that it was as a consideration for the territorial acquisition accorded her that these obligations were laid upon her, persistently repudiated them. She had also pushed forward her first line of occupation until it embraced all of Transylvania, and had published a decree expropriating all immovable property of aliens regardless of their origin or the exercise of any right of

option. The treaty of Trianon came into force July 26, 1921 and almost immediately Roumania enacted her Agrarian Law restricting the right and terms of transfer of property owned by absentees and expropriating it under certain conditions.

In August 1922 Hungary appealed to the Conference of Ambassadors, which declined to intervene, while Roumania also refused to modify her law. Thereupon Hungary appealed to the League of Nations, and the case was brought before the Council. There Roumania concluded that her Agrarian reform had begun as early as 1913 and that Hungary was asking special and unreasonable exemption. The Council after consideration proposed reference to the Permanent Court of International Justice, which Hungary accepted and Roumania rejected on the ground that it was a Constitutional question with her and could not be submitted to a third party for arbitration. The request of the Council that Roumania suspend action under the obnoxious law until the Council have further time for consideration being declined by Roumania the Council asked a further conference between the parties at a meeting in Brussels. There also no agreement could be reached and the Council again took up the situation. The debate before the Council was long, ending with the adoption of a resolution expressing the hope that both Governments would give proof of good will, and closing the first stage of the controversy. The case had not been submitted to the Court because the necessary agreement of both parties to that step was not reached. While an advisory opinion might have been sought, the Council was not agreed to seek that. The only result was a prolonged and inconclusive technical legal discussion.

The next step was the resort by individual Hungarian land owners to a mixed arbitral tribunal. The Roumanian Government challenged the authority of this Tribunal, and when this body on the basis of the earlier decision of the Permanent Court asserted its right, saying that according to the treaty of Trianon its decisions were conclusive and final, Roumania withdrew her judge from the arbitration; an action which may have serious results in the future development of international arbitration. The dispute consequently was brought before the League the second time, and entered upon a new phase by Roumania's appeal to the Council against the right of the Mixed Tribunal to pass upon her Agrarian law. A committee headed by Sir Austen Chamberlain was appointed on this question, and its report justifying the appeal to the Arbitral Tribunal was adopted, though the power of the Council itself to deal with the jurisdiction of international courts was thus opened to serious and pro-

longed debate, which extended to the British Parliament.

When further overtures between Hungary and Roumania failed of result the Council presented a modification of the Mixed Tribunal which though at once accepted by Hungary was rejected last March by the Roumanian representative, but on the request of the Council was referred to both Governments in hopes of friendly agreement.

When the question came before the Council again in June the President of the Council declared that the incident was closed so far as the Council was concerned and that the League washed its hands of the whole matter. While this was a personal opinion it defines the position of the Council and is widely recognized as a shock to the whole question of arbitration. Indeed, a case has already arisen in which the Turkish Government in discussion with the Roumanian Government over some local question has followed the Roumanian example and withdrawn its representative.

The whole matter is still before the Council which is confronted with two vital questions bearing upon the administration of international justice. These are: Can the Council interfere with such judicial administration; and, if so, what will be the effect upon the development of international arbitration?

It remains to be seen how the League will deal with the question. Meanwhile, as will be found in the volumes before us, it is under strong discussion among the chief authorities, English, German, Italian, Austrian, and American, as well as Roumanian and Hungarian, and also that it has been discussed in the sessions of the International Law Association at Vienna and at Lausanne. The discussion in the recent sitting of the House of Lords was especially serious. Not only the standing of the League of Nations but the confidence and peace especially of the smaller nations is felt to be largely involved. With all, in fact, whether great or small, shifting of boundaries as a result of the war has created change of nationality to the transferred inhabitants which involves such divergence of interests that the hoped for unity of the nations is sure to be disturbed, if not defeated by acrimonious controversy, with wide reaching consequences. Help from outside and a general understanding of the situation bear directly upon its solution if harmony and peace for all are to be secured. To attain this result Europe at large is to be regarded as striving to set its house effectively in order and that in a spirit of marked friendliness, and America cannot fail to be concerned. Roumania's persistent obstruction to every effort to settle the original controversy has come seriously to threaten the peace of Europe.

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

Comparisons of railroad earnings are now improving, and our compilation to-day for the month of August shows an increase, compared with the year preceding, in both gross and net revenues, the same as was the case in the comparisons for the month of July, though the increase in the gross this time is hardly more than nominal. The improvement follows in part because comparison is with poor or indifferent results a year ago, that is with diminished totals at that time, but also in part because of im-

provement in underlying conditions. The remark as to improvement must in any event be taken as a general one and as applying to the roads collectively. Certain groups of roads and certain sections of the country have not shared in the improvement at all and have continued to suffer decreases in earnings, though as a rule in more moderate degree than in previous months, reflecting in their case also improved results, if not actual improvement, in that the comparisons are less unfavorable than previously.

Altogether the August exhibit must be deemed an encouraging one in showing for the roads as a whole somewhat better results as to both gross and net earnings, especially in view of the continued losses recorded by the groups of roads referred to as forming exceptions to the rule. For September, when the figures become available, the exhibit will doubtless be still better, with more pronounced gains in gross and net alike, speaking of the railroad system of the country in its entirety, than was the case in either August or July, the only two recent months that have been distinguished for increases in both gross and net earnings. Summing up the results for August in a nutshell, gross earnings for the month the present year stand at \$556,908,120 in comparison with \$556,743,013 in August 1927, showing that the increase has been really inconsequential, while the net earnings (before the deduction of taxes) stand at \$173,922,684 against \$164,087,125, the gain in the net following from reduced expenses, the ratio of expenses to gross revenues having fallen from 70.53% in August last year to 68.77% in August the present year, as will be seen from the following tabular exhibit:

Month of August—	1928.	1927.	Inc.(+) or Dec.(—).	
Miles of road (184 roads).....	240,724	239,205	+1,519	0.63%
Gross earnings.....	\$556,908,120	\$556,743,013	+\$165,107	0.03%
Operating expenses.....	382,985,436	392,655,888	—9,670,452	2.46%
Ratio of expenses to earnings..	68.77%	70.53%	—1.76%	
Net earnings.....	\$173,922,684	\$164,087,125	+\$9,835,559	5.99%

A year ago in August the railroads made a poor showing and in explaining the reason for this at the time we referred to the slowing down of trade as the principal factor in the diminution in earnings. The present year the slowing down, or seasonal recession, was much less of a feature than in 1927 and in certain important branches of activity, more particularly in the steel trade and the automobile industry, there was virtually no recession at all, the 1928 output in both cases running far in excess of that for the same month of 1927, though some other industries were not at all favored in the same way, this statement applying especially to the cotton goods division of the textile trades. As to the other unfavorable factors affecting traffic and revenues adversely, business depression still continued in the South the present year and the situation in the coal trade, which in 1927 was marked by a strike at the unionized bituminous mines throughout the country and by depression in the anthracite trade, was little changed for the better in August the present year, notwithstanding that the coal strike was no longer a feature in 1928.

Southern roads in particular have continued to fare badly and their record is one of losses in 1928 piled on top of losses in 1927, though in some cases reductions in expenses have served to convert the further losses in gross into gains in net earnings. The Atlantic Coast Line reports \$581,344 loss in gross and \$36,643 loss in net, following \$1,124,985 loss in gross and \$391,249 loss in net in August last year. The Florida East Coast has \$279,085 decrease in gross, with \$29,824 increase in net, on top of \$734,201 decrease in gross and \$532,655 decrease in net in the month last year. The Seaboard Air Line has added \$333,634 decrease in gross and \$140,083 decrease in net to its loss of \$635,600 in gross and \$309,246 in net in August last year. The Central of Georgia, which fell behind a year ago \$352,296 in gross and \$57,767 in net, has suffered a further decrease of \$284,407 in gross and \$209,674 in net the

present year. The Louisville & Nashville benefitted in 1927 from the large movement of coal from the non-union mines and then was able to show \$393,295 gain in gross and \$140,109 gain in net, forming a conspicuous exception to the general falling off in earnings on Southern roads at that time, but the present year has suffered a very conspicuous contraction in its revenues, being obliged to report a decrease of \$1,479,010 in gross and \$872,405 decrease in net. The Southern Railway has done a great deal better than the other large railroad systems in that part of the country, and shows \$91,989 increase in gross, but \$394,911 decrease in net, after \$779,235 loss in gross and \$60,471 loss in net in August 1927. This is the result for the Southern Railway proper. Including the various controlled roads, which make up the Southern Railway System, the showing is \$144,846 increase in gross, with \$335,516 decrease in net, the present year, after \$1,242,601 shrinkage in gross and \$294,331 shrinkage in net in August last year.

The coal roads had to contend with an entire lack of recovery in the coal trade after the shrinkage in bituminous coal output a year ago at the time of the strike in the soft coal regions. What the effect of this has been will appear when we say that bituminous coal production in August 1928 reached only 41,108,000 tons against 41,705,000 tons in August 1927 and 45,957,000 tons in August 1926. The distribution, however, of this soft coal production among the different sections of the country was widely different from that of a year ago. The roads and the States which then had their output heavily reduced by reason of the strike, have the present year regained a portion of their last year's loss, while on the other hand the non-union coal-producing States, which then profited by the strike in the unionized coal-mining regions, the present year lost the advantages which they then enjoyed. Accordingly the results on the soft coal roads are somewhat irregular, at least in the more important producing States. As illustrations, the coal mined in Illinois in August the present year was 3,710,000 tons, against only 720,000 tons in August 1927, and in Ohio it was 1,398,000 tons, against 613,000 tons. In Indiana and Pennsylvania there was little change between this year and last year, the Pennsylvania soft coal product having been 10,220,000 tons in 1928 against 10,377,000 tons in 1927 and the Indiana product 1,152,000 tons, against 1,315,000 tons. On the other hand in West Virginia and Kentucky, where mining is done with non-union labor, a very pronounced falling off occurred the present year. In Kentucky the product was only 5,656,000 tons, against 7,258,000 tons in 1927, and in West Virginia 12,375,000 tons, against 14,431,000 tons. The shrinkage in West Virginia explains the big losses on the roads serving the Pocahontas region, the Chesapeake & Ohio reporting \$1,350,712 decrease in gross and \$706,018 decrease in net; the Norfolk & Western \$817,199 decrease in gross and \$503,653 in net, and the Virginian \$374,779 decrease in gross and \$226,444 in net.

The anthracite carriers also continued to fare badly, and for the same reason, namely a big reduction in the quantity of anthracite mined. Only 6,883,000 tons of Pennsylvania anthracite were produced in August 1928, against 7,694,000 tons in 1927 and 8,171,000 tons in 1926. It is not surprising in these circumstances that virtually all the

roads which move a considerable quantity of anthracite are obliged to report larger or smaller decreases. The Lackawanna has suffered 590,414 decrease in gross and \$365,918 decrease in net; the Delaware & Hudson has \$311,777 decrease in gross, with \$7,258 increase in net; the Reading reports \$593,705 decrease in gross and \$396,043 in net; the Lehigh Valley \$488,070 decrease in gross with \$125,929 increase in net, and the Erie (which carries a considerable quantity of anthracite, but also has a large bituminous tonnage) \$305,985 decrease in gross with \$104,604 increase in net.

As far as the big east-and-west trunk lines are concerned, these also have had to contend with the lack of recovery in the coal trade after last year's strike, although on the other hand in Illinois and Ohio, as we have already seen, the coal output the present year ran considerably in excess of the small production a year ago at the time of the strike. The roads or systems affected derived some advantages from the change. Nevertheless systems, like the Pennsylvania and the New York Central, report losses the present year in gross at least, following decreases in August last year. The Pennsylvania, however, has managed to convert its loss in gross into a gain in net through reduced expenses, the same as in previous months. For all the lines directly operated East and West of Pittsburgh, the Pennsylvania R. R. reports \$868,650 decrease in gross with \$827,408 increase in net. The Baltimore & Ohio shows \$395,001 decrease in gross, with \$727,752 increase in net. The New York Central falls \$397,069 behind in gross and \$663,997 behind in net. This is for the Central proper. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, the result for the New York Central Lines is \$920,276 loss in gross and \$570,424 loss in net.

The roads with distinctly favorable results and with gains large enough to overcome the losses in earnings on the different groups of roads enumerated in the foregoing are those serving the Western half of the country. Among these latter, the roads and systems traversing the Spring wheat districts of the Northwest stand foremost, as in previous months, two successive bounteous Spring wheat harvests in that part of the country having wrought a complete change in economic conditions in that territory. The Milwaukee & St. Paul reports a gain over a year ago of no less than \$1,207,320 in gross and of \$1,650,259 in net. The Great Northern has added \$720,105 to gross and \$100,443 to net; the Northern Pacific \$769,709 to gross and \$592,088 to net; the Chicago North Western \$452,607 to gross and \$465,999 to net. As we proceed further south in the Western half of the country, the returns still continue favorable and the improvement in not a few instances extends down into the Southwest, a larger Winter wheat production and a larger cotton production, along with the oil development in the Southwest, being the stimulating influences. The Burlington & Quincy reports \$1,171,785 increase in gross and \$518,724 increase in net; the Union Pacific \$1,159,137 increase in gross and \$627,849 in net; the Rock Island \$858,694 in gross and \$677,749 in net; the Atchison \$1,543,279 in gross and \$1,667,594 in net; the Missouri Pacific \$1,027,186 in gross and \$433,874 in net; the Missouri-Kansas-Texas \$440,599 in gross and \$86,175 in net; and the Texas & Pacific \$1,136,059 in gross and \$371,812 in net. In the case of the St. Louis-San Francisco the changes are com-

paratively light, namely \$67,753 decrease in gross with \$92,452 increase in net. In the following we show all changes for the separate roads for amounts in excess of \$100,000, whether increases or decreases, and in both gross and net:

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

Increase.		Decrease.	
Atch Top & S Fe (3).....	\$1,543,279	Reading.....	\$593,705
Chic Milw St P & Pac.....	1,207,320	Del Lack & Western.....	590,414
Chicago Burl & Quincy.....	1,171,785	Atlantic Coast Line.....	581,344
Union Pacific (4).....	1,159,137	Lehigh Valley.....	488,070
Texas & Pacific.....	1,136,059	N Y N H & Hartford.....	431,146
Missouri Pacific.....	1,027,186	New York Central.....	397,069
Chic Rock Isl & Pac (2).....	858,694	Baltimore & Ohio.....	395,001
Northern Pacific.....	769,709	Virginian.....	374,779
Great Northern.....	720,105	Seaboard Air Line.....	333,634
Wabash.....	619,523	Delaware & Hudson.....	311,777
Bessemer & Lake Erie.....	455,002	Central of Georgia.....	284,407
Chicago & North Western.....	452,607	Florida East Coast.....	279,085
Mo-Kan-Texas Lines.....	440,599	K O Mex & Or of Texas.....	276,821
Wheeling & Lake Erie.....	378,994	Western Maryland.....	258,710
Duluth Missabe & Nor.....	369,172	Clev Cin Chic & St L.....	248,008
Detroit Toledo & Ironton.....	315,390	Michigan Central.....	208,295
Chicago & Alton.....	299,952	Chic Ind & Louisville.....	196,821
Chic St P Minn & Om.....	209,952	Evans Ind & Terre H.....	187,050
Nashv Chatt & St Louis.....	200,966	Lou Hend & St Louis.....	140,296
Pere Marquette.....	174,397	Denver & Rio Gr West.....	134,807
Chicago & Ill Midland.....	155,082	New York Chicago & St L.....	134,472
Det Grand Hav & Milw.....	150,088	Chicago & Eastern Ill.....	133,536
Indiana Harbor Belt.....	137,013	New OrL Tex & Mex (3).....	128,100
Pittsburgh & West Va.....	121,893	Western Pacific.....	120,384
Grand Trunk Western.....	108,518	Pittsburgh & Lake Erie.....	119,507
		West Jersey & Seashore.....	115,457
Total (34 roads).....	\$14,095,154	Long Island.....	114,831
		Minn St P & S S M.....	108,696
		Mobile & Ohio.....	107,686
		Maine Central.....	107,649
		Central of New Jersey.....	103,699
		Cinchfield.....	103,347
		Total (39 roads).....	\$13,797,769

a These figures merely cover the operations of the New York Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the result is a decrease of \$920,276.

Note.—The Southern Railway proper shows an increase of \$91,989. Including the Alabama Great Southern, the Cincinnati New Orleans & Texas Pacific, the Georgia Southern & Florida, the New Orleans & Northeastern and the Northern Alabama, the whole going to form the Southern Railway System, the result is an increase of \$144,846.

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

Increase.		Decrease.	
Atch Top & S Fe (3).....	\$1,667,594	Buffalo Roch & Pitts....	\$132,059
Chic Milw St P & Pac.....	1,650,259	Lehigh Valley.....	125,929
K O Mex & Or of Texas.....	1,474,405	Pitts & West Virginia.....	100,982
K O Mexico & Orient.....	898,916	Chicago & Eastern Ill.....	100,801
Pennsylvania.....	827,408	Great Northern.....	100,443
Baltimore & Ohio.....	727,752		
Chic R I & Pac (2).....	677,749	Total (45 roads).....	\$16,031,860
Union Pacific (4).....	627,849		
Northern Pacific.....	592,088		
Chicago Burl & Quincy.....	465,999	Louisville & Nashville.....	\$872,405
Chicago & North Western.....	436,830	Chesapeake & Ohio.....	706,018
Bessemer & Lake Erie.....	433,874	New York Central.....	663,997
Missouri Pacific.....	431,290	Illinois Central.....	609,054
Duluth Missabe & Nor.....	373,756	Norfolk & Western.....	503,653
Erie (3).....	371,812	Southern Railway.....	394,911
Texas & Pacific.....	340,049	Reading.....	386,043
Wheeling & Lake Erie.....	321,975	Del Lack & Western.....	365,918
Wabash.....	317,949	Southern Pacific (2).....	270,556
Yazoo & Miss Valley.....	285,332	Virginian.....	226,444
Detroit Toledo & Ironton.....	260,231	Minn St P & S S M.....	213,530
Colorado & Southern (2).....	230,427	Long Island.....	211,777
Nashv Chat & St Louis.....	216,310	Central of Georgia.....	209,674
Chicago & Alton.....	200,030	Chicago Ind & Louisv.....	152,439
Indiana Harbor Belt.....	195,692	Central Vermont.....	144,137
N Y N H & Hartford.....	173,100	Seaboard Air Line.....	140,083
Pere Marquette.....	172,872	St Louis Southwest (2).....	139,517
West Jersey & Seashore.....	154,752	Evans Ind & Terre H.....	134,698
Chic St P Minn & Om.....	145,168	Western Pacific.....	129,019
Hocking Valley.....	140,958	Denver & Rio Grande.....	110,789
Chicago & Ill Midland.....	140,380		
Det Gr Hav & Milw.....		Total (22 roads).....	\$6,584,662

a These figures merely cover the operations of the New York Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the result is a decrease of \$570,424.

b This is the result for the Southern Railway proper. Including the Alabama Great Southern, the Cincinnati New Orleans & Texas Pacific, the Georgia Southern & Florida, the New Orleans & Northeastern and the Northern Alabama, the whole going to form the Southern Railway System, the result is a decrease of \$335,516.

It has already been indicated further above that this year's improvement in earnings, speaking again of the roads collectively, follows a falling off in the same month last year in both gross and net. In the gross the decrease then was \$22,686,735, or 3.92%, and in the net \$15,697,472, or 8.73%. On the other hand, it should not be forgotten that last year's shrinkage in earnings succeeded considerably improved results in the same month of 1926 and, for that matter, improved results also in the year preceding and indeed in all other recent years excepting only 1924. In August 1926 our tabulations showed \$23,857,842 gain in gross and \$12,989,753 gain in net. And these gains in 1926 followed still larger gains in August of the year preceding. In August 1925 our compilations recorded \$47,021,764 gain in gross, or 9.26%, and no less than \$31,821,455 gain in net, or 23.62%. On the other hand, the improvement in 1926 and 1925 followed a heavy decrease in August 1924, at least in the gross, and to that extent the gains in these two years constituted a recovery

merely of what had been previously lost. However, in both the gross and the net the combined gain of 1925 and 1926 far exceeded the falling off suffered in 1924. In truth, in the case of the net the shrinkage in 1924 was very small, economies in operations and savings in expenses having acted as an offset to the heavy reduction in gross revenues, and this small loss in net then was made good many times over by the big increase in 1925, entirely apart from the further increase in the net earnings in 1926. In brief, gross earnings in 1924 fell off \$55,952,018 and net earnings only \$2,148,281, and this was followed by \$47,021,764 gain in gross and \$31,821,455 gain in net in 1925, and \$23,857,842 gain in gross and \$12,989,753 gain in net in August 1926. In both gross and net, therefore, the 1926 results were the best on record for the month of August.

The setback in 1924 was due to the great slump in business experienced in the summer of that year pending the outcome of the Presidential election, a slump which, of course, was reflected in diminished traffic and railroad earnings. The shrinkage in traffic and in revenues was naturally of striking proportions in contrast with the year preceding (1923), which had been marked by an extraordinarily heavy traffic and exceptionally good results. The year 1923 was a period of very great trade activity and many of the trunk lines in the manufacturing districts of the country then recorded the largest traffic and gross revenues in their entire history. As a result, the August 1923 compilations were noted for the magnitude of the gains disclosed in gross and net alike—the addition to the gross earnings then having been no less than \$90,181,967, or 19.06%, and the addition to the net \$49,897,384, or 57.59%. The magnitude of the improvement then followed in part because comparison was with extremely bad results in the year preceding—1922. In its general results August 1922 was one of the worst months of that year. Business revival had then already made considerable headway, but adverse influences of large size were retarding recovery and in some respects operated to cause a setback. Both the coal miners' strike and that of the railroad shopmen reached a climax in that month. The coal strike had been in progress since the previous April 1 and in that long interval no anthracite whatever had been mined, while the soft coal output had been confined entirely to the non-union mines; this latter, though by no means inconsiderable, amounting, indeed, to 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 tons a week, fell far short of current needs. The result was a scarcity of fuel supplies to the extent of interfering seriously with mercantile and manufacturing operations in many different parts of the country.

The shopmen's strike on the railroads came in at that time to accentuate the trouble, the consequence being that even the non-union coal could not all be sent to market. It was then that President Harding made his memorable address to Congress. Fortunately, when things were at their worst a turn came for the better. A truce was patched up between the miners and the operators under which work was resumed on the basis of the old wage scale. The settlement in the case of the anthracite miners did not come until after the close of August, but the settlement with the soft coal miners was reached about the middle of the month, though even here full resumption did not occur until about the last week of the month. All this naturally proved costly to the

roads. In addition, the roads, in the matter of gross revenues, also suffered by reason of the horizontal reduction of 10% in freight rates made by the Interstate Commerce Commission effective July 1 1922. Altogether, therefore, conditions in August 1922 for the rail carriers were highly unfavorable throughout the month. On the other hand, the fact should not be overlooked that in August 1921 (with which comparison was then being made) there had been a reduction in expenses of prodigious magnitude—so much so that though gross earnings then suffered a shrinkage of \$50,119,218, due to business depression, net recorded an improvement of no less than \$248,237,870, expenditures having been reduced in this single month \$298,357,088. This improvement in the net then did not, it should be understood, mean an absolute addition of that amount to the net, but represented to a very great extent the wiping out of very heavy deficits suffered by these rail carriers in 1920.

In August 1920 the roads had fallen \$125,167,103 short of meeting their bare operating expenses, not including taxes, while in August 1921 there were net earnings *above* the expenses of \$123,070,767. In no small measure the prodigious reduction in expenses in 1921 followed from the huge augmentation in expenses the year before. In August 1920 expenditures had run up in amount of \$319,579,099—this on a gain of \$83,071,497 in the gross, leaving net diminished, therefore, in amount of \$236,507,602. The truth is, the statement for August 1920 was one of the worst on record, due to the peculiar circumstances existing at the time. The roads had been returned to private control on the previous March 1, but for a period of six months thereafter (or until the end of August) Congress had provided that the carriers should receive the same amount of net income as they had been receiving as rental during the period of Government control—except in cases where a carrier preferred to take, instead, its own net earnings, which very few elected to do. Expenses were running very heavy at the time and were further increased by the wage award announced by the Railroad Labor Board the previous month, and which was made retroactive back to May 1. This wage increase was estimated to add at least \$50,000,000 a month to the payroll of the railroads, apart from the retroactive feature. While the retroactive feature had been in great part taken care of in the June and July returns, nevertheless some of it also was carried forward into the August returns. In 1921, on the other hand, the railroads got the benefit of the wage reduction which went into effect July 1 of that year, and which on a normal volume of traffic—the traffic in 1921, of course, was away below the normal—was estimated to work a reduction in expenses of about \$33,333,000 a month.

Even prior to 1920 net results had been steadily growing smaller. For instance, in August 1919, our compilations showed a loss in both gross and net—\$32,636,656 in the former and \$31,315,528 in the latter. In 1918, while the showing was not unsatisfactory under the increase in rates then made by the Director-General of Railroads as a war measure, the situation nevertheless was that an addition of \$135,759,795 in the gross brought with it an addition of no more than \$24,312,758 to the net. Going back yet a year further we find that in 1917 a gain of \$39,771,575 in the gross was accompanied by a decrease of \$4,668,838 in the net. In the following we show the comparisons back to 1906:

as compared with August 1927, the crop being late. Gross shipments overland were 18,470 bales in August 1928, against 34,365 bales in August 1927; 390,182 bales in 1926; 439,618 bales in 1925, and 226,959 bales in August 1924. In the following table we give the details of the cotton receipts at the Southern outports for the last three years:

RECEIPTS OF COTTON AT SOUTHERN PORTS IN AUGUST AND FROM JAN. 1 TO AUG. 31 1928, 1927 AND 1926.

Ports.	August.			Since Jan. 1.		
	1928.	1927.	1926.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Galveston	62,807	72,299	127,310	478,149	1,016,686	1,115,705
Texas City, &c.	118,856	213,859	157,291	574,758	1,234,001	1,077,474
New Orleans	23,358	39,057	51,474	600,407	1,013,212	723,309
Corpus Christi	25,887	32,385	-----	45,053	32,385	-----
Mobile	547	9,868	3,225	82,534	124,423	53,872
Pensacola, &c.	-----	-----	423	1,658	2,882	4,697
Savannah	2,851	60,412	34,146	183,014	501,230	256,004
Brunswick	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	413
Charleston	2,445	11,671	10,411	89,864	248,516	154,880
Wilmington	166	903	608	54,577	88,155	52,097
Norfolk	878	2,937	5,294	60,850	144,794	166,676
Lake Charles	550	-----	-----	2,313	-----	-----
Total	239,345	443,391	390,182	2,173,177	4,406,284	3,605,127

Public Utility Earnings in August.

Gross earnings of public utility enterprises in August, exclusive of telephone and telegraph companies, as reported to the Department of Commerce by 95 companies or systems operating gas, electric light, heat, power, traction and water services and comprising practically all of the important organizations in the United States, were \$174,000,000 as compared with \$173,000,000 in July and \$162,647,420 in August 1927. Gross earnings consist, in general, of gross operating revenues, while net earnings in general represent the gross, less operating expenses and taxes, or the nearest comparable figures. In some cases the figures for earlier

years do not cover exactly the same subsidiaries, owing to acquisitions, consolidations, &c., but these differences are not believed to be great in the aggregate. This summary presents gross and net public utility earnings by months from January 1925, the figures for the latest months being subject to revision.

PUBLIC UTILITY EARNINGS.

	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.
Gross Earnings—	\$	\$	\$	\$
January	163,500,133	177,473,781	191,702,022	196,573,107
February	151,639,283	165,658,704	177,612,648	187,383,131
March	151,583,666	167,642,439	179,564,670	187,726,994
April	147,841,101	166,927,022	176,467,300	181,143,683
May	145,571,954	159,135,618	171,255,699	*180,255,407
June	142,448,670	157,744,715	167,975,072	*178,834,969
July	141,063,557	153,245,315	161,638,462	173,000,000
August	142,422,405	153,188,101	162,647,420	174,000,000
Total (8 months)	1,186,070,769	1,301,015,695	1,388,863,293	1,458,917,889
September	146,666,696	159,519,246	169,413,885	-----
October	158,770,250	1,073,069	177,734,493	-----
November	163,128,279	176,000,649	182,077,497	-----
December	172,488,624	188,146,705	194,985,134	-----
Total (year)	1,827,124,618	1,995,415,364	2,113,074,302	-----
Net Earnings—				
January	58,671,777	66,974,941	73,746,891	79,013,279
February	54,102,576	61,555,164	66,907,757	74,296,576
March	52,475,643	60,696,920	65,412,739	72,811,146
April	51,016,359	59,471,359	64,907,729	68,971,324
May	48,972,398	54,993,907	61,194,779	*67,732,911
June	47,777,644	55,699,751	59,167,096	*67,632,705
July	44,309,630	49,238,806	53,980,280	61,000,000
August	44,770,778	49,844,522	53,551,164	60,000,000
Total (8 months)	402,096,805	458,475,370	498,868,436	551,457,941
September	49,139,669	56,930,481	61,897,207	-----
October	55,057,277	60,878,181	65,259,727	-----
November	60,511,807	65,844,729	70,214,468	-----
December	65,414,632	73,023,848	78,937,417	-----
Total (year)	632,220,190	715,152,609	775,177,254	-----

*Revised.

The New Capital Flotations During the Month of September and from Jan. 1 to Sept. 30

The record of new financing for the month of September will be a surprise to most persons in that it shows a much larger aggregate of new issues brought out than had been generally supposed. The month of August, it will be recalled, showed the smallest monthly total of new issues coming upon the market for about five years—that is, since July 1923. The diminutive character of that month's financing was due entirely to the strained condition of the money market, which made the time highly unpropitious for the floating of new capital issues of any kind. In September the tension in the money market was not relieved in the slightest degree, but rather became still more pronounced, and yet the volume of new securities offered was just about double the very small total for August.

Our tabulation, as always, includes the stock, bond and note issues by corporations and by States and municipalities, foreign and domestic, and also farm loan emissions. The grand total of the offering of securities under these various heads during September reached an aggregate in excess of half a billion dollars, being \$538,254,361. This is obviously no inconsiderable total, though as compared with the full billion dollar totals which distinguished the early months of the year it looks rather moderate. It compares, however, with only \$266,787,920, the total of the new flotations in August, which, as already stated, was the smallest amount of new financing done in any month of any year since July 1923, and with \$442,682,282, the aggregate for July. As against these diminutive amounts for August and July, the grand total of the offering of new securities during June ran above a billion dollars, the exact amount being \$1,035,270,033. In May the total of new financing also exceeded a billion dollars, the precise amount being \$1,019,639,995. In April the new offerings aggregated \$1,051,935,042, this having been the largest amount ever recorded for any month of any year. In March the new issues totaled \$958,

986,883; in February they were \$865,905,021; in January \$758,830,479. In December, also, the amount exceeded a full billion dollars, the exact figure being \$1,040,351,927. In November the new issues footed up \$771,882,778, but in October, as in December, the new financing exceeded a billion dollars, the precise amount having been \$1,033,974,377, and this having been the first time in any month up to that date in which the billion-dollar mark had been reached.

September is usually a month of rather moderate offerings and at \$538,254,361 for September, 1928, the new financing measures up to the average for that month in recent years. It falls substantially below the new offerings in September last year, which reached \$628,101,764, but is well up to or above the totals for the same months in the years immediately preceding. Thus in September 1926 the total was \$542,151,091; in September 1925 it was \$495,978,068; in September 1924 \$579,460,245; in September 1923 no more than \$255,297,235; in September 1922 \$569,822,056, and in September 1921 \$397,093,857. As compared with September, 1927, when, as we have seen, the total of the new offerings was larger by \$90,000,000 than for the month of the present year, the falling off is mainly in the awards of State and municipal securities; these reached only \$64,570,326 the present year, against \$117,571,822 in September last year. Besides this, no Canadian municipal securities were sold in the United States in the month the present year, as against \$24,087,000 in the month last year. The money stringency interfered seriously with the placing of municipal securities on the market. Not a few municipalities failed to dispose of their offerings, either because no bids at all were received, or because those which were submitted were considered unsatisfactory. Many municipalities also withdraw contemplated offerings altogether for the time being in view of the adverse state of the money and investment markets. Corporate offerings, domestic and foreign, constituted the bulk of the whole financing

for the month, as they always do, and in September the present year were \$428,184,035, as against \$451,363,942 in September last year.

During the month of September, new issues in behalf of industrials at \$225,945,115 show a substantial increase over the total of only \$87,923,353 reported for August. Public utility financing likewise increased during September the months showing a total of \$202,238,920 as against \$97,776,325 in August. There were no railroad offerings during September whereas in August two issues, aggregating \$13,726,000 were marketed.

Total corporate offerings in September were, as already stated, \$428,184,035, and of this amount long-term issues comprised \$249,345,950, only \$6,791,400 were short-term, while \$172,046,685 consisted of stock issues. The portion devoted to refunding was \$37,026,050 or about 8½%. In August the refunding portion was \$18,709,418, or slightly over 9%; in July the amount was \$38,945,202, or about 12%; in June \$217,025,800, or over 26%; in May \$174,477,240, or a little less than 23%; in April no less than \$349,116,372, or somewhat over 41%. In March the amount was \$361,242,750, or almost 49% of the total. This amount established March as the largest on record in this respect. In February the refunding portion was \$201,348,948, or over 32% of the total, while in January the amount was \$165,028,100, or not quite 29% of the total. In September 1927 the refunding portion was \$78,778,550, or over 17% of the total. The only large refunding operation during September of this year comprised two bond issues by the Graybar Bldg.-Eastern Offices, Inc. (N. Y.), aggregating \$12,000,000, the proceeds from which were used to pay \$10,000,000 bonds bearing a higher interest rate.

The total of \$37,026,050 raised for refunding in September comprised \$22,745,500 new long-term to refund existing long-term, \$600,000 new long-term to refund existing short-term, \$312,000 new long-term to replace existing stock, \$12,760,550 new stock to retire existing long-term obligations and \$608,000 new stock to replace existing stock.

Foreign corporate issues sold here in the month of September aggregated \$62,632,500 as against only \$500,000 in August. The offerings during September were as follows: Canadian, \$7,500,000 Gatineau Pr. Co. deb. 6s B 1941, offered at 101, to yield 5.88%. Other foreign issues: \$20,000,000 Rhine-Westphalia Electric Pr. Corp. cons. mtge. 6s 1953, issued at 94, yielding 6.49%; 500,000 Kreuger & Toll Co. (Sweden) American certificates representing participating debentures priced at \$28.14 per certificate, involving \$14,070,000; \$10,000,000 Finland Residential Mortgage Bank 1st mtge. coll. 6s 1961, sold at 94½, to yield 6.40%; 125,000 shares Banca Commerciale Italiana American shares offered at \$72½ per share and \$2,000,000 Foreign Light & Power Co. \$6 cum. 1st pref. shares, offered at \$100 per share, with 1 share of common stock accompanying each share of preferred.

Among the domestic corporate issues during September the largest was \$22,500,000 Rochester Central Pr. Corp. deb. 5s A 1953, priced at 90, to yield 5.77%. There was also an offering, in behalf of this same company, of \$8,000,000 6% cum. pref. stock at 97, to yield 6.18%. Other important flotations by public utilities comprised: \$20,000,000 North American Edison Co. deb. 5½s B 1963, issued at par; \$15,000,000 Alabama Pr. Co. 1st & ref. mtge. 5s 1968, sold at 99½, to yield 5.03%; \$15,000,000 Georgia Pr. Co. 1st & ref. mtge. 5s 1967, offered at 98, to yield about 5.12%; 149,551 shares of Commonwealth Pr. Corp. common stock offered at \$70 per share, involving \$10,468,570; \$10,000,000 Illinois Pr. & Light Corp. 1st & ref. mtge. 5s C 1956, placed at 96, to yield 5¼%; \$10,000,000 Central States Electric Corp. \$6 conv. pref. stock optional dividend series, offered at \$98 per share; \$7,200,000 Green Mountain Pr. Corp. 1st mtge. 5s 1948, sold at 96½, yielding 5.27% and \$6,300,000 Memphis Natural Gas Co. 1st mtge. 6s 1943, brought out at 99½, yielding 6.05%.

Domestic industrial issues of relatively large size comprised: 193,855 shares of Gold Dust Corp. common stock offered at \$80 per share, involving \$15,508,400; 153,444 shares of Fox Film Corp. class A common stock offered at \$85 per share; \$11,000,000 Wardman Real Estate Properties, Inc., 1st & ref. mtge. 6½s 1931-38-48, issued at par; \$10,500,000 The Graybar Bldg.-Eastern Offices, Inc., 1st mtge. leasehold 5s A 1946, priced at 92½, yielding 5.67% and \$9,695,350 McKesson & Robbins, Inc., preference stock series A 7% convertible (par \$50) offered at \$51 per share, to yield about 6.86%.

There were no railroad issues during September, as already stated.

Three foreign Government loans aggregating \$43,500,000 were floated in this country during September while in the month previous there were no offerings of this nature. The September issues were as follows: \$23,000,000 Republic of Bolivia ext. secured 7s 1969, priced at 97½, to yield about 7.19%; \$16,000,000 Republic of Chile ext. loan 6s 1961, priced at 94, yielding 6.44% and \$4,500,000 Dept. of Cauca Valley (Colombia) ext. secured 7s 1948, sold at 96, to yield 7.38%.

Farm loan financing during September was confined to an offering of \$2,000,000 Land Bank of the State of New York 4½s due annually to 1938, priced at par.

Offerings of various securities during the month, which did not represent new financing by the companies themselves, and which, therefore, are not included in our totals, embraced the following: 40,000 shares Federal Mogul Corp. (Det.) common stock, offered at \$20 per share; 24,000 shares Federal Screw Works (Det.) capital stock, offered at \$25 per share; \$2,500,000 Wm. Filene's Sons Co. (Mass.) 6½% cum. pref. stock, offered at \$104½ per share and 100,000 shares of common stock of the same company, priced at \$38 per share; 30,000 shares W. T. Grant Co. (Del.) capital stock offered at \$112 per share; \$3,000,000 International Rys. of Central America 5% cum. participating pref. stock, offered at \$80 per share, and 74,880 shares of Reliance Manufacturing Co. common stock, offered at \$38 per share.

The following is a complete summary of the new financing—corporate, State and city, foreign government, as well as farm loan issues—for September and for the nine months ending with September. It should be noted that in the case of the corporate offerings we subdivide the figures so as to show the long-term and the short-term issues separately, and we also separate common stock from preferred stock, and likewise show by themselves the Canadian corporate issues, as well as the other foreign corporate flotations.

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE, FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, FARM LOAN AND MUNICIPAL FINANCING.

	1928.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.
		\$	\$	\$
MONTH OF SEPTEMBER—				
Corporate—				
Domestic—				
Long-term bonds and notes.....	174,118,450		23,657,500	197,775,950
Short-term.....	6,791,400			6,791,400
Preferred stocks.....	56,462,879		188,000	56,650,879
Common stocks.....	91,152,756		13,180,550	104,333,306
Canadian—				
Long-term bonds and notes.....	7,500,000			7,500,000
Short-term.....				
Preferred stocks.....				
Common stocks.....				
Other foreign—				
Long-term bonds and notes.....	44,070,000			44,070,000
Short-term.....				
Preferred stocks.....	2,000,000			2,000,000
Common stocks.....	9,062,500			9,062,500
Total corporate.....	391,157,985		37,026,050	428,184,035
Foreign Government.....	43,500,000			43,500,000
Farm Loan issues.....	2,000,000			2,000,000
War Finance Corporation.....				
Municipal.....	62,603,226		1,967,100	64,570,326
Canadian.....				
United States Possessions.....				
Grand total.....	499,261,211		38,993,150	538,254,361
9 MONTHS ENDED SEPT. 30—				
Corporate—				
Domestic—				
Long-term bonds and notes.....	1,531,753,950		960,276,900	2,492,030,850
Short-term.....	158,124,800		38,373,800	196,498,600
Preferred stocks.....	661,130,146		236,990,300	898,120,446
Common stocks.....	849,735,558		186,363,380	1,036,098,938
Canadian—				
Long-term bonds and notes.....	88,980,000		68,792,000	157,772,000
Short-term.....				
Preferred stocks.....	19,000,000		26,000,000	45,000,000
Common stocks.....	8,613,400			8,613,400
Other foreign—				
Long-term bonds and notes.....	394,851,500		46,118,500	440,970,000
Short-term.....	10,000,000			10,000,000
Preferred stocks.....	14,030,000			14,030,000
Common stocks.....	39,344,250			39,344,250
Total corporate.....	3,775,563,604		1,562,914,880	5,338,478,484
Foreign Government.....	482,831,587		100,538,413	583,370,000
Farm Loan issues.....	40,100,000			40,100,000
War Finance Corporation.....				
Municipal.....	965,014,624		26,146,126	991,160,750
Canadian.....	30,640,000			30,640,000
United States Possessions.....	6,161,500			6,161,500
Grand total.....	5,300,311,315		1,689,599,419	6,989,910,734

In the elaborate and comprehensive tables on the succeeding pages we compare the foregoing figures for 1928 with the corresponding figures for the four years preceding, thus affording a five-year comparison. We also furnish a detailed analysis for the five years of the corporate offering, showing separately the amounts for all the different classes of corporations.

Following the full-page tables we give complete details of the new capital flotations during September, including every issue of any kind brought out during that month.

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 10,000,000	Miscellaneous— Provide funds for loan purposes...	94½	6.40	Finland Residential Mortgage Bank 1st M. Coll. 6s, 1961. Offered by the National City Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., Guaranty Co. of N. Y., Brown Bros. & Co., New York Trust Co. and Continental National Co.
4,000,000	Acquire theatre prop.; wkg. capital	100	6.50	Fox New England Theatres, Inc., Conv. Deb. 6½s, 1943. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and A. B. Leach & Co., Inc.
135,000	General corporate purposes.....	100-99½	---	Glendale Lumber Co. (Oregon) 1st M. 6s, 1936. Offered by Baker, Fentress & Co.
300,000	New construction.....	100	6.00	Horder's, Inc. (Chicago), 6s, 1929-38. Offered by Chicago Trust Co.
900,000	Refunding; other corp. purposes....	100	6.00	(J. D.) Lacey & Co. Coll. Tr. 6s, 1936. Offered by Old National Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.
300,000	Acquisitions; betterments, &c.....	100	6.50	Mississippi Valley Utilities Corp. 1st (closed) M. 6½s C, 1930-38. Offered by Geo. H. Burr & Co., Inc., and Oliver J. Anderson & Co.
4,100,000	Construction; electrification, &c....	---	5.70	Salt River Valley Water Users' Assn. Stewart Mountain Power Project 5½s, 1931-58. Offered by First Securities Co., Los Angeles; Anglo-London-Paris Co., Harris Tr. & Savings Bank, Rutter & Co. and the Valley Bank, Phoenix, Ariz.
19,735,000				

SHORT-TERM BONDS AND NOTES (ISSUES MATURING UP TO AND INCLUDING FIVE YEARS).

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 350,000	Public Utilities— Retire underlying secur.; acquis'ns	99¾	5.50	American States Public Service Co. 1-Yr. 5s, Apr. 20 1929. Offered by Davis, Longstaff & Co., Chicago.
1,100,000	Acquisitions, extensions, &c.....	98½	6.60	Commonwealth Telephone Co. (Del.) Coll. 5% Notes, Sept. 1 1929. Offered by Hayden, Van Atter & Schimberg, Chicago.
800,000	Acquisitions; working capital, &c....	98½	6.56	Southwestern States Telephone Co. Conv. 6s, Sept. 1 1931. Offered by Federal Securities Corp. and Pearsons-Taft Co., Chicago.
2,250,000	Motors and Accessories— Working capital.....	100	6.00	Graham-Paige Motors Corp. Deb. 6s, A, Aug. 1 1933. Offered by First National Co. of Detroit, Detroit & Security Tr. Co. and Guardian Detroit Co., Inc.
3,000,000	Other Industrial & Mfg.— Additional capital.....	---	6-6½	Electrical Products Corp. (Seattle, Wash.) Secured 6s, 1929-32. Offered by Ballargeon, Winslow & Co., Ferris & Hardgrove and Peoples Bank & Trust Co., Seattle.
200,000	Capital expend.; oth. corp. purps..	100b	6.00	Keystone Wood Chemical & Lumber Corp. 3-Yr. 6% Notes, May 1 1931. Offered by O'Brian, Potter & Stafford, Buffalo.
500,000	Land, Buildings, &c.— Provide funds for loan purposes....	100	6.00	Mortgage Corp. of Virginia 1st M. Coll. Tr. 6s, Series 5, due 1929-33. Offered by Scott & Stringfellow, Richmond, Va.
700,000	Miscellaneous— Acquisitions; other corp. purposes..	100	5.50	Lauerman Bros. Co. Deb. 5½s, 1930-33. Offered by First Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee.
191,400	Acquire additional lines.....	100	6.00	Motor Transit Corp. 3-Yr. Conv. 6s, May 1 1931. Offered by Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc.
400,000				
250,000				
650,000				

STOCKS.

Par Value or No. of Shs.	Purpose of Issue.	a Amount Involved.	Price per Share.	To Yield About.	Company and Issues, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 10,000 shs	Public Utilities— General corporate purposes.....	\$ 950,000	95	6.30	American States Public Service Co. \$6 Cum. Pref. Offered by Gillet & Co., Balto.
*60,000 shs	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes..	5,970,000	99½	6.03	(The) American Superpower Corp. (of Del.) 1st Pref. \$6 Series. Offered by Bonbright & Co., Inc.
10,000,000	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes..	10,000,000	98	6.12	Central States Electric Corp. \$6 Conv. Pref., Optional Dividend Series. Offered by Dillon, Read & Co., Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Dominick & Dominick and Shields & Co., Inc.
*149,551 shs	Additions and extensions.....	10,468,570	70	---	Commonwealth Power Corp. Common. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
2,000,000	Acq. & finance el. lt. & power cos..	2,000,000	100c	6.00	Foreign Light & Power Co. \$6 Cum. 1st Pref. shares. Offered by J. G. White & Co., Inc., and J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp.
*7,500 shs	General corporate purposes.....	720,000	96	6.25	Gulf Power Co. (Me.) \$6 Cum. Pref. Offered by Bonbright & Co., Inc.
*113,648 shs	Expansion; other corp. purposes....	5,682,300	50	---	Pacific Lighting Corp. common. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
*71,730 shs	Retirement of bonds.....	2,510,550	35	---	Penn.-Ohio Edison Co. Common. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
*10,000 shs	Acquisitions.....	940,000	94	6.38	Peoples Light & Power Corp. \$6 Cum. Pref. Offered by G. L. Olmstrom & Co., Inc.
8,000,000	Acq. all com. stks. of oper. cos....	8,000,000	97	6.18	Rochester Central Power Corp. 6% Cum. Pref. Offered by Manufacturers Tr. Co., N. Y.; W. C. Langley & Co. and Bonbright & Co., Inc.
*15,000 shs	Acq. securities of subsidiaries, &c....	1,372,500	91½	6.55	United Public Utilities Co. (N. J.) \$6 Dividend Series Pref. Offered by Thompson, Ross & Co. and Hale, Waters & Co.
200,000	Acquisitions, additions, &c.....	200,000	100	7.00	Western Power, Light & Telephone Co. 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by A. B. Leach Co., Inc., and Porter, Fox & Co., Inc.
250,000	Motors and Accessories— Retire bonds; other corp. purposes..	250,000	10(par)	---	John W. Brown Mfg. Co. Capital Stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
*74,000 shs	Working capital; other corp. purp.	592,000	8	---	Jordan Motor Car Co. Common. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
*35,000 shs	Retire pref. stk.; extensions, &c....	840,000	24	---	Wisconsin Parts Co. Common. Offered by Lane, Roloson & Co., Inc., and Brokaw & Co.
400,000	Other Industrial & Mfg.— Acquire constituent cos.....	400,000	11	6.81	Acme Glass Co. 7½% Cum. Partic. Class A Stock. Offered by Walker & Willis, N. Y.
*30,000 shs	Acquire all outstanding stock of Monitor Securities Corp.....	3,060,000	102	6.37	Anchor Cap Corp. (Del.) \$6½ Div. Conv. Pref. Offered by Stone & Webster & Blodget, Inc., and Lehman Bros.
*99,750 shs		4,239,375	42½	---	Anchor Cap Corp. (Del.) Common Stock. Offered by Stone & Webster & Blodget, Inc., and Lehman Bros.
*40,000 shs	Acq. Automatic El. Washer Co., Inc.	1,280,000	32	---	Automatic Washer Co. (Del.) Conv. Preference Stock. Offered by Folds, Buck & Co., Bristol-Myers Co. Common. Offered privately by J. W. Sellman & Co.
*20,000 shs	Acq. stk. of F. F. Ingram Co.....	1,540,000	77	---	Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Co., Inc., Common. Offered by company to stockholders.
*58,149 shs	Expansion of mfg. facil.; wkg. cap.	5,814,933	100	---	National Aviation Corp. Capital Stock. Offered by Jas. C. Willson & Co. and National Aviation Corp.
*675,000 shs	Expansion of facilities, &c.....	9,450,000	14(approx.)	---	Federal Screw Works (Detroit) Capital Stock. Offered by Samuel Ungerleider & Co., Detroit.
*6,000 shs	Expansion of business.....	150,000	25	---	Glidden Co. (Cleveland) Common. Offered by company to stockholders.
*100,000 shs	Retirement of bonds.....	2,300,000	23	---	Gold Dust Corp. Common. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
*193,855 shs	Acq. control of Amer. Linseed Co.	15,508,400	80	---	International Combustion Engineering Corp. Common. Sold to F. J. Lewis.
*65,000 shs	Acq. cap. stk. of F. J. Lewis Mfg. Co.	3,575,000	55	---	
*40,000 shs	Refunding; acquire Bauer & Black; working capital.....	3,880,000	97	6.18	Kendall Company \$6 Cum. & Partic. Pref. "A." Offered by The National City Co.
9,695,350	Acquire constituent companies....	9,889,257	51	6.86	McKesson & Robbins, Inc., Preference Series A 7% Conv. Offered by Goldman, Sachs & Co., Bond & Goodwin, Inc., The Bridgeport Trust Co. and The R. F. Griggs Co.
*10,000 shs	Expansion; working capital.....	210,000	21	---	Polymer Mfg. Corp. Common. Offered by C. L. Schmidt & Co., Inc., Chicago.
*20,000 shs	New construction; working capital.	2,050,000	102½	6.83	Taggart Corp. \$7 Cum. Pref. Offered by F. L. Carlisle & Co., Inc.
*50,000 shs	New construction; working capital.	1,625,000	32½	---	Taggart Corp. Common. Offered by F. L. Carlisle & Co., Inc.
*40,000 shs	Expansion of mfg. facilities.....	1,000,000	25	---	Triplex Safety Glass Co. of North America, Inc., Common. Offered by company to stockholders.
*20,000 shs	Liquidated notes payable.....	560,000	{ 1 sh. pref. For	---	Ward & Dickinson, Inc., \$2 Cum. Pref. Offered by O'Brian, Potter & Stafford, Inc.; and Liberty Bond & Share Corp., Buffalo.
*10,000 shs	Liquidate notes payable.....	{ ½ sh. com. }	\$125	---	Ward & Dickinson, Inc., Common. Offered by O'Brian, Potter & Stafford, Inc.; and Liberty Bond & Share Corp., Buffalo.
300,000	Land, Buildings, &c.— Finance construc. of theatre.....	300,000	100	6.00	Anderson (Ind.) Theatre Realty Co. 6% 1st Pref. Offered by The Meyer-Kiser Bank, Indianapolis.
135,000	Improvements to property.....	135,000	100	6.00	The Avalon Co. 6% Pref. Offered by The Peoples State Bank, Indianapolis.
1,250,000	Acquire and operate properties....	1,250,000	100	6.00	Merchants National Realty Corp. (Del.) 6% Cum. Pref. "B." Offered by Banks, Huntley & Co., Merchants National Co., Blyth, Witter & Co., Hunter, Dullin & Co., Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., Wm. R. Staats Co. and M. H. Lewis & Co.
3,000,000	Acquisition of property.....	3,000,000	100	7.00	Repeal Land Trust (Los Angeles) Land Trust Cts. Offered by O. Nicholas Gabriel, Los Angeles.
275,000	Finance lease of property.....	275,000	500	---	(Max H.) Rieser Bldg. Site Land Trust Cts. Offered by Will J. Thompson Co. and First Citizens Corp.
200,000	Provide funds for loan purposes....	250,000	{ 1 sh. pref. For	---	United Bond & Mortgage Corp. (R. I.) 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by National Bank of Commerce, Providence, R. I.
*2,000 shs	Provide funds for loan purposes....	{ 1 sh. com. }	\$125	---	United Bond & Mortgage Corp. (R. I.) Common. Offered by National Bank of Commerce, Providence, R. I.
5,000,000	Miscellaneous— Provide funds for invest. purposes.	6,500,000	{ 1 sh. Pref. For	---	American Alliance Investing Corp. 6% Cum. 1st Pref. Offered by Insuranshares Corp., Schoellkopf, Hutton & Pomeroy, Inc., and Colston, Heald & Trall.
*100,000 shs	Provide funds for invest. purposes.	{ 1 sh. "A" }	\$65	---	American Alliance Investing Corp. Class A Common. Offered by Insuranshares Corp., Schoellkopf, Hutton & Pomeroy, Inc., and Colston, Heald & Trall.
125,000 shs	Acquired from abroad.....	9,062,500	72½	---	Banca Commerciale Italiana American Shares. Offered by Field, Gore & Co., Lehman Bros., Hallgarten & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Bancomit Corp. and J. A. Sisto & Co.
*50,000 shs	Acquisitions.....	2,000,000	40	---	City Ice & Fuel Co. (Cleveland) Common. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
766,310	Additional capital.....	2,911,978	38	---	Employers Reinsurance Corp. (Mo.) Capital Stock. Offered by Hitt, Farwell & Co., New York and Stern Bros. & Co. Kansas City, Mo.

Par or No. of Shares.	Purpose of Issue.	(a) Amount Involved.	Price per Share.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 1,000,000	Miscellaneous (Concluded).	\$		%	
Approx. 1,000,000	Corporate purposes-----	1,000,000	104½	6.22	Wm. Filene's Sons Co. (Mass.) 6½% Cum. Pref. Offered by Lehman Bros. and Lee, Higginson & Co.
*153,444shs	Refunding; retire bk. loans, &c.---	13,042,700	85	----	Fox Film Corp. Class A Common. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
550,000	Expansion; working capital-----	1,705,000	31	----	Franklin Surety Co. Capital Stock. Offered by company.
250,000	Additional capital-----	1,137,500	45½	----	Globe Insurance Co. of America (Pittsburgh) Capital Stock. Offered by W. Wallace Lyon & Co., New York.
1,000,000	Expansion of business-----	3,000,000	300	----	Greenebaum Sons Investment Co. (Chicago) Capital Stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
*20,000 shs	Provide funds for invest. purposes.	1,200,000	{ 1 sh. Pref. }	For	Inter-Continent Capital Corp. \$3 Cum. 1st Pref. Offered by Stanley & Bissell, Inc.
*20,000 shs	Provide funds for invest. purposes.	1,600,000	{ 1 sh. "A" }	\$60	Inter-Continent Capital Corp. Class A Common. Offered by Stanley & Bissell, Inc.
1,000,000	Additional capital-----	1,600,000	160	----	International Bank (Washington, D. C.) Capital Stock. Offered by Donovan, Voelker & Co. and C. B. Love & Co., Baltimore.
*21,000 shs	Working capital-----	105,000	5	----	Investment Stock & Bond Corp. Common. Placed privately.
1,000,000	Retire liabilities of constituent cos.	1,000,000	100	7.00	Liberty Dairy Products Corp. 7% Cum. Conv. 1st Pref. Offered by Moore, Leonard & Lynch, Martin & Co., Hill, Wright & Frew and J. H. Holmes & Co.
500,000	New capital-----	1,650,000	16½	----	Metropolis Fire Insurance Co. Capital Stock. Offered by company.
*20,000 shs	Acquire constituent companies-----	1,700,000	1 sh. pref. {	For	Nehi Corp. (Columbus, Ga.) 1st \$5¼ Cum. Pref. Offered by Schluter & Co., Inc., and Oliver J. Anderson & Co.
*20,000 shs	Acquire constituent companies-----		1 sh. com. {	\$85	Nehi Corp. (Columbus, Ga.) Common Stock. Offered by Schluter & Co., Inc., and Oliver J. Anderson & Co.
*40,000 shs	Provide funds for invest. purposes.	1,200,000	30d	----	Southern Bond & Share Corp. (Del.) Class A Common. Offered by E. E. MacCrone & Co., Detroit, and Jemison & Co., Inc.
*26,697 shs	Provide funds for invest. purposes.	694,122	26	----	United Corp. of Seattle Participating Pref. Offered by Drumheller, Ehrlichman & White, Seattle.
300,000	Additional capital-----	300,000	{ 2 shs. pref. }	For	Yellow Cab Co. (Baltimore) 7% Cum. Prior pref. Offered by Gillet & Co., Baltimore.
*1,500 shs	Additional capital-----		{ 1 sh. com. }	\$200	Yellow Cab Co. (Baltimore) Common Stock. Offered by Gillet & Co., Baltimore.
		49,808,800			

FARM LOAN ISSUES.

Amount.	Issue and Purpose.	Price.	To Yield About.	Offered by.
\$ 2,000,000	Land Bank of the State of New York, 4½s, due ann. to 1938. (Prov. fds. for loan purp.)-	100	4.50	Land Bank of the State of New York.

FOREIGN GOVERNMENT LOANS

Amount.	Issue and Purpose.	Price.	To Yield About.	Offered by.
\$ 23,000,000	Rep. of Bolivia Ext. Sec. 7s 1969. (Retire existing debt; pay off secured indebt. to Nat. Banks of the Repub. and part of unsecured indebt. to such banks; reduce floating debt; provide for invest. in railroads, highway construction, &c.)-----	97½	7.19	Dillon, Read & Co., Chemical National Co., Inc.; E. H. Rollins & Sons; Bancitaly Corp.; Edw. B. Smith & Co., and Dominion Securities Corp., Ltd.
4,500,000	Dept. of Cauca Valley (Colombia) Ext. Sec. 7s 1948. (Proceeds for pub. works & highway construction)-----	96	7.38	Baker, Kellogg & Co., Inc. and Field, Gloré & Co.
16,000,000	Republic of Chile Ext. Loan 6s 1961. (Construction of railways, irrigation works, port works, sewerage & water works, &c.; redemp. of \$7,000,000 bank loans & £500,000 note iss.)	94	6.44	The National City Co.
43,500,000				

* Shares of no par value.

a Preferred stocks of a stated par value are taken at par, while preferred stocks of no par value and all classes of common stocks are computed at their offering prices.

b Bonus of 5 shares of common stock given with each \$1,000 note.

c Each share of preferred accompanied by 1 share of common stock.

d Each share of class A common accompanied by ½ share of class B common.

Bringing Forth a Mouse—The American Bankers Association on Brokers' Loans.

[Editorial from the New York "Journal of Commerce" Oct. 6 1928.]

Large bodies traditionally move slowly and it was not unreasonable that the American Bankers Association should take a good deal of time in reaching a conclusion about the credit situation in this market. There was a great deal of discussion and argument, but after all this labor of mountains only a mouse is brought forth. The Bankers Association recommends that "in some reasonable manner" there be a limitation to the so-called "bootleg loans" which are treated by many bankers as having caused the whole inflation of credit from which the community is now suffering. It was not even possible for the Association to decide who ought to take the desired action.

The only concrete thing that is recommended is that bankers should endeavor to curtail the action of corporations which are lending heavily in the market and are getting the funds for such loans by drawing them out of the banks. While the bankers optimistically assert that "the present situation will correct itself" as time goes on, they furnish no warrant whatever for thinking any such thing. They do, however, recommend to others that the latter should not take the same easy-going view of it that they do, but that corporations and other large depositors should co-operate with the bankers. In other words, they want the business community to bear the brunt of a situation which they themselves brought into existence, and they want them to do it while leaving the banks perfectly free to go on lending as much as they choose, for they wholly eschew any recommendation for Governmental interference. On the contrary, they ask the Reserve Board to give them greater latitude, by returning to the same old rule as formerly, wherein a weekly adjustment of reserves instead of a more frequent adjustment, was permitted. They desire, in other words, to be allowed to make loans as freely as they choose, provided that once a week they set their houses in order.

Let it be frankly stated that there is no reason whatever why the business corporations should alter their present practice of lending in the call market, unless the lead is taken and effectually taken by the banks themselves. It is the business of the banks to maintain and safeguard the credit

structure of the country. Governor Young told the bankers that the Federal Reserve System had no responsibility for that structure—it could not "earmark" the credit it granted. This leaves it "up to" the banks to do the "earmarking," or in other words, to know what use is being made of the loans they make. If they cannot or will not do this, it is very hard to see why corporations should be expected to do it. As a matter of fact, the banks must do it, and equally as a matter of fact, the Federal Reserve System will have to co-operate with them. It cannot escape its legitimate functions as a central bank on the mere ipse dixit of Governor Young or anyone else. As for relaxing the slight restraints that have been imposed upon banks which want to let their reserve balances run down below required levels, the Board's only reply should be to make these restraints more genuine and more severe than they have been.

It is an unfortunate fact that the organized bankers of the country have never been very fruitful of suggestions in an emergency, or very ready to furnish assistance or leadership. The Association upholds the Federal Reserve Act, which it now so highly praises, and did its utmost to attain the defeat of the measure. It took no remedial measures against the coming on of the panic in 1920. At the present moment the country is in a very difficult and delicate position, and the bankers apparently are not willing to face the fact or agree upon an effective course of action. Neither is the Treasury Department, which parrotlike continues to give out statements that everything is just as it should be. Yet the bankers know that there is a bad state of things, as is shown by the fact that they discuss the situation with so much anxiety.

These conditions are not the random observations of outsiders with no banking responsibility. They are very fully and on the whole frankly discussed by one of our principal financial institutions in this city in its current monthly circular. They have been equally frankly surveyed by conservative out-of-town banks, whose views on the subject have been from time to time summarized in these columns. The community is fully on notice as to what is occurring, and, of course, the Federal Reserve Board and Federal Reserve System know all about it. It will be quite out of the question to establish an alibi when the time of trial comes, and the futilities which have been uttered at Philadelphia show plainly that a good many people realize the fact.

Indications of Business Activity

STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Oct. 12 1928.

Trade has been somewhat retarded still by the unseasonably warm weather. To-day, for instance, the Indian summer is rather pronounced here. That has been the case in other parts of the country. On the 10th inst. it was 82 degrees in Chicago, Cincinnati and Milwaukee, 90 at Omaha, 88 at Kansas City, 76 at Cleveland. Early in the week here it was up to 75 degrees. To-day it was 74. Plainly this has hurt the retail trade here and in many parts of the country. The reports from the wholesale and jobbing trades are hopeful enough. Those from some of the big industries are noticeably cheerful. But retail business will not increase much until we have seasonable temperatures. Evidently they are on the way or something more than seasonable. For on Thursday there was snow reported in Canada and the American Northwest. A widespread high barometer was spreading over Canada and Northwestern United States, with the likelihood, as it was said in a Government special forecast, of the lowest temperatures thus far recorded this autumn. The effect was to brace up the grain markets and cause something of a frost scare in cotton with a rise of \$1.50 to \$2 a bale here and a noticeably stronger market in Liverpool. It was feared that killing frosts might come earlier than usual, too, in the southwestern portion of the cotton belt. As regards the grain section, dry, cold weather would be greatly preferred to wet conditions or snows. What the corn belt wants is dry, cool weather to cure the crop. That it is the kind it has been having of late and this also had a tendency to cause lower prices for corn. Wet weather or snows would be unfavorable.

The Government report on the 9th inst. showed some slight decrease in the corn crop, but not enough to have any marked effect. Nor was there any material change in the wheat crop estimate. The total of both spring and winter is put at 904,000,000 bushels against 871,700,000 last year. The spring wheat crop is stated at 325,000,000 bushels as against 319,307,000 last year. The corn crop is stated at 2,903,000,000 bushels against 2,773,700,000 last year. Grain markets have of late until to-day had a downward tendency with the visible supply of wheat in this country up to 116,600,000 bushels the largest on record. There has been no large export demand for wheat, but one thing is worth noting. The export basis is more favorable to American wheat than for many months past. In such circumstances there is more or less export business daily in durum No. 2 hard winter and spring wheat. In other words, Manitoba wheat is no longer being taken exclusively by Europe. Moreover, there has been some export demand for corn with bids at the Gulf 10c. over Dec. There has been also some foreign inquiry for rye and possibly also for oats, though no important export business has been done in these cereals.

Iron and steel prices tend to become firmer and it is gratifying to notice that steel orders of one big company increased during September nearly 75,000 tons. All the indications are believed to be favorable for the expansion of the steel and iron output as a reflection of rising trade. Textiles are looking up. That is one of the noticeable signs of the times. The 25-week strike at New Bedford ended late last week and on the 8th inst. out of 27,000 former strikers the New Bedford mills re-engaged 11,500, although they were not expected to take back so many at once after so prolonged an idleness in which more or less trade must have at least temporarily drifted elsewhere. All but one of its 26 mills are operating to-day. It is a hopeful circumstance surely. To-day the Fall River mills granted an increase in wages to the cotton workers there of 5½% to equalize matters with the New Bedford scale, where the hands resumed work at a wage cut of 5% instead of the original 10% reduction proposed by the mills. The records show that there was a noteworthy business in cotton goods during Sept. The official figures make it plain that the sales of standard cloths are running even further beyond the production than in August and moreover the unfilled orders held by the mills are steadily increasing. That is to say, the September sales of standard cloths were at

ratio of 152.6% to production or an increase of 40% over August; shipments were at a ratio of 109.6% to production, or 2½% more than in August; stocks decreased 5½% in September as against 4½% in August; unfilled orders increased in September 37%, a rise of over 30% as compared with August; Manchester mills report a better state of trade. A rumor was spread at one time during the week that some of the cotton mills in the United States would close for a week in October but it seems to have no foundation. With trade steadily expanding, it may be doubted that any such course will be necessary. The tendency is toward better margin of profits in American, British and German mills.

Some livestock prices were lower; those for cattle are unchanged. The supply of livestock has increased recently under the spur of an active demand. With regard to another farm product, grain crops, they are stated as only 3% smaller than the war peak. Raw sugar has latterly been firmer with larger buying. Refined sugar declined, it is true, as trade was disappointing. In the raw sugar trade the offerings of Java sugar tend to clog any upward tendency trend of prices. Coffee futures have been rather firmer though lower on Thursday and taking the week as a whole, they declined with cost of freight offers showing somewhat of a downward tendency. Not unnaturally this is taken as an indication that Brazil is somewhat more anxious to sell. Carloadings in the last week of September showed the largest weekly gain of the year, and also showed an increase over the same week two years ago. The increase for five weeks in September was close to 2%, although there is a decrease compared with 1926 of 2%. The gain in September this year seems to reflect larger shipments of grain and coal.

The stock market showed the effects of realizing in spite of money as low as 6½%—in fact, on Thursday, call loans were obtainable at times at 6%, owing to an increased supply. Mid-month settlements and the shifting about of Government funds incidental to the taking up of the new Treasury issue which was oversubscribed are interesting factors in connection with the money market. United States Steel common went to a new high. That the trading in the general list was still on a remarkably large scale may be gathered from the fact that Thursday's transactions even on the eve of a holiday were close to 4,000,000 shares and on Wednesday were over 4,200,000 shares. The rise in U. S. Steel gave a fillip to the whole list. Utility stocks were in demand, such as power and light stocks. Advances in some cases were 4 to 10 points. Bonds were in moderate demand and inclined to be rather stronger. Foreign exchange was quiet with sterling firm.

New Bedford, Mass., reported that the rush of operatives back to work following the official ending of the textile strike there, far exceeded the ability of the mills to give employment, but rough estimates indicated that approximately 11,500 out of 27,000 operatives who had originally struck had found work. Some plants have substantial orders. Others are temporarily running out the warps at present in the looms awaiting new business. In New Bedford all the 26 cotton manufacturing corporations are now in operation except the Sharp. Charlotte, N. C., reported that business in cotton goods continued to improve and that very substantial sales have been made of print cloths, wide sheetings, tire fabrics and other heavy goods. The sales of fine goods have also increased. At Durham, N. C., a moderate increase continues in the hosiery mill business and in one or two instances it has been rather marked. All of the local mills there are reported to be operating, some of them running double shifts and the mills are apparently more active than they have been in several years. At Spartanburg, S. C., the Proximity Cotton Mills and the White Oak cotton mill of Greensboro, N. C., have again resumed full-time operations after having been shut down from Thursday nights each week and running on a 40-hour instead of the usual 55-hour a week schedule since last spring. Paris cabled that the Tourcoing, France, general strike order for cotton mill workers was obeyed by about 4,000 operatives out of a total of 41,124 textile workers. Mill workers in other districts are grad-

ually drifting back to the mills, notably in the Armentieres and Houplines districts.

Once more the rapid increase in chain store sales throughout the country was proved by the September turnover of twenty-three leading organizations, which report a gain of 23.2% in aggregate sales over September last year. The same chain systems made a gain of 16.4% in the first nine months of the current year over the same period last year. The combined sales of the twenty-three chain stores referred to aggregated \$93,967,506 in September against \$76,233,665 in September last year, an increase of \$17,733,841. For the nine months of the present year to Sept. 30 they had aggregate sales of \$738,605,554, compared with \$632,970,905 in corresponding period of 1927, a gain of \$105,634,649.

Secretary of Commerce Whiting Finds Business on Higher Level than Year Ago.

According to Secretary of Commerce William F. Whiting, business activity in September, as indicated by data covering the industrial situation during the month, was on a higher level than a year ago. Secretary Whiting in a statement issued Oct. 8 said that "business and industry in September whose favorable position the Department has indicated from time to time, were generally more active than in the corresponding month of 1927, according to latest figures for the month which confirm the Department's previous assertions of stability." He added that "the dollar volume of trade as reflected by data covering check payments in the principal cities, excluding New York, was almost 9% larger than a year ago, reaching a total of more than \$23,000,000,000." The *United States Daily* gives as follows the further observations of Secretary Whiting:

"Pig iron output in September," continued Mr. Whiting, "reduced to a daily basis, averaged 102,077 tons, being higher than in either the previous month or September of last year. Expanding demands from railroads, automobile manufacturers, and structural steel fabricators are strengthening the position of steel manufacturers. Steel plants during September were 23% more active than a year ago, affording striking evidence of the current industrial expansion. During the past month steel manufacturers operated at almost 85% of the monthly estimated capacity of 5,000,000 tons. Consumption of tin by manufacturers amounted to 6,900 tons and was 13% greater than in September 1927, and 18% larger than in Sept. 1926.

Gain in Building.

"The total value of new building contracts awarded in 37 States, aggregating \$588,000,000, was 12% greater than in the same period of last year, indicating a continued confidence in the business structure of the nation and forecasting generally active conditions in the building and materials industries for the remaining months of the year. Despite this large activity in the building industry, prices for building materials were generally lower than a year ago, with building costs maintaining a remarkable stability.

"Employment in Detroit factories, indicating in a large measure conditions in the automobile industry, was about 50% greater than at this time a year ago. Shipments of automobiles by manufacturers, estimated at 460,000 units, although somewhat smaller than the record shipments of the previous month, were almost 50% greater than in September 1927.

"Retail trade, as reported by leading 10-cent chain stores and mail-order houses, was also more active than in September of last year.

"Car loadings of freight were running slightly above the level of a year ago, loadings during the week ended Sept. 22 amounting to 1,143,214 cars and being larger than in and previous week of 1928. The forecast of the regional advisory boards of the American Railway Association indicates that freight-car loadings covering principal commodities will aggregate 9,279,000 cars in the last quarter of 1928, an estimated increase of 5% over the same period of 1927."

The wholesale price index in September, said the Secretary was about 4% higher than a year ago. Prices for iron and steel and cotton averaged higher than in the previous months but were still below their respective levels of last year. Prices for copper were higher than in either the preceding month or September 1927.

"Stock prices," declared Secretary Whiting, "averaged higher than in either the previous months or the same period of last year, while bond prices, though showing some recovery from August, were lower than a year ago. Interest rates both for time and call funds, averaged considerable higher than in September of last year. Loans and discounts of Federal Reserve member banks showed a 6% expansion over a year ago. Dividend and interest payments scheduled for distribution to investors during October total \$587,000,000 and are larger than in any October on record."

Questioned on the paper industry, Mr. Whiting remarked that it was "rather quiet, and is always the last commodity to feel any advance and the first to go down."

Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight Larger than in Either 1927 or 1926.

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on Sept. 29 totaled 1,196,768 cars, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced on Oct. 9. This was an increase of 53,554 cars over the preceding week this year, increases being reported in the loading of all commodities except livestock and ore which showed small reductions. The total for the week of Sept. 29 was also an increase of 69,865 cars above the same week in 1927 and an increase of 16,719 cars above the corresponding week two years ago. Details follow:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week totaled 480,498, an increase of 39,274 cars above the corresponding week last year and 35,810 cars above the same week '1926.

Coal loading totaled 206,294 cars, an increase of 12,565 cars above the same week in 1927 but 14,188 cars below the same period two years ago.

Grain and grain products loading amounted to 63,335 cars, an increase of 8,325 cars above the same week last year and 15,088 cars above the same week in 1926. In the Western districts alone grain and grain products loading totaled 49,281 cars, an increase of 8,425 cars above the same week in 1927.

Livestock loading amounted to 36,669 cars, an increase of 1,235 cars over the same week last year but 1,467 cars below the same week in 1926. In the Western districts alone livestock loading totaled 28,634 cars, an increase of 1,304 cars compared with the same week in 1927.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight totaled 270,188 cars, a decrease of 789 cars below the same week in 1927 and 2,235 cars below the corresponding week two years ago.

Forest products loading amounted to 66,833 cars, 908 cars below the same week last year and 4,573 cars under the same week in 1926.

Ore loading totaled 62,109 cars, 9,230 cars above the same week in 1927 but 9,550 cars below the corresponding week in 1926.

Coke loading amounted to 10,749 cars, 933 cars above the same week in 1927 but 1,666 cars below the corresponding week in 1926.

All districts reported increases in the total loading of all commodities compared with the same week last year except the Pocahontas and Southern which showed decreases. All districts except the Eastern Allegheny and Southern reported increases 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
Five weeks in September.....	5,586,284	5,488,107	5,703,161
Total.....	38,217,129	39,172,754	39,572,629

Midwest Shippers Look for Increased Activity in Last Quarter of Present Year as Compared With Same Period in 1927.

The volume of business activity in Midwest territory in the last three months of this year will be approximately 7% greater than in the same months a year ago. This is the summary of the detailed forecasts made at Springfield, Ill., Oct. 10 at the 17th regular meeting of the Midwest Shippers' Advisory Board. Comparing the probable rail shipments in October, November and December, 1928, with the actual figures in the last quarter of 1927, the largest increase, amounting to over 100%, is expected in the movement of fresh fruits. The anticipated movement of fresh fruits in the next three months will require eight thousand freight cars, as compared with less than 3,800 required in the corresponding period a year ago. The Board's further conclusions are indicated as follows:

Potato shipments will show the next largest increase, the anticipated movement being 80% in excess of the last three months last year. Accompanying this increase in these farm products, there is an increase of around 11% predicted for agricultural implements.

Increases of 10% are forecast for the shipments of cement, clay, gravel, sand and stone, iron and steel, and petroleum and petroleum products. Grain follows close behind, with an expected increase of 9 1/2% over the closing quarter of 1927.

Coal and coke and lumber and forest products will both show an increase of between 7 and 8%, while a 5% growth is expected in the movement of flour, meal and other mill products, castings, machinery and boilers, and lime and plaster. Other commodities whose shipments are expected to increase, though by less than 5%, are brick and clay products, paper, printed matter and books, chemicals and explosives, and canned goods.

Shipments of salt and of sugar, syrup, glucose and molasses will be approximately the same as a year ago.

Decreases in activity were anticipated in six lines. First, the movement of hay, straw and alfalfa is expected to decline about one-fifth. Shipments of fresh vegetables, other than potatoes, will drop 15% below the last three months of 1927, while similar reductions of about 8% are forecast for livestock and poultry and dairy products. The movement of ores and concentrates will be about 5% off, and shipments of fertilizers will show a slight decline.

Chain Store Sales in September Show Large Increase.

Sales for 27 chain store companies for the month of September amounted to \$120,568,209, an increase of \$23,756,600, or 24.6%, over the corresponding period in 1927, according to statistics compiled by Merrill, Lynch & Co. of this city. The Kroger Grocery & Baking Co. again led all others in point of dollar gain with an increase of \$5,482,816, or 37.6%, over September 1927. Neisner Bros., Inc., National Tea Co., Inc., F. & W. Grand 5-10-25 Cent Stores, Inc., W. T. Grant Co., Davega, Inc., and Safeway Stores, Inc., led all others in point of percentage gain with increases of 95.8%, 59.8%, 43.6%, 43.4%, 43.4% and 41.1%, respectively.

Sales for the nine months ending Sept. 30 1928 for the same number of stores amounted to \$937,682,536, an increase of \$147,764,547, or 18.7%, over the same period last year when sales totaled \$789,917,989. A comparative table follows:

	Month of September			First Nine Months		
	1928.	1927.	Inc.	1928.	1927.	Inc.
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%
F. W. Woolworth....	22,636,568	20,743,845	9.1	190,316,767	179,086,302	6.3
Kroger Groc. & Bak'g	20,071,897	14,589,081	37.6	146,132,807	120,229,083	21.6
J. C. Penney.....	16,476,853	13,727,351	20.0	112,842,130	95,929,529	17.6
S. S. Kresge.....	11,914,263	10,421,615	14.3	96,559,482	86,626,837	11.4
Safeway Stores....	9,604,235	6,806,012	41.1	75,154,507	54,684,097	37.4
National Tea.....	7,229,469	4,523,701	59.8	62,723,888	40,721,915	54.0
S. H. Kress.....	5,010,508	4,555,633	10.0	41,746,551	36,536,636	14.2
W. T. Grant.....	4,707,752	3,282,078	43.4	33,725,875	26,478,609	27.4
McCrorry Stores...	3,343,688	3,021,530	10.6	26,958,455	25,910,489	4.0
Melville Shoe....	2,127,651	1,588,861	33.6	15,825,698	12,412,063	27.5
Sanitary Grocery	2,069,151	1,508,859	37.1	15,147,547	12,181,791	40.7
G. R. Kinney.....	1,727,687	1,316,720	31.2	13,165,929	11,900,154	10.6
J. J. Newberry....	1,718,292	1,229,076	39.8	12,321,917	9,062,292	35.7
F. & W. Grand....	1,443,390	1,005,008	43.6	10,297,785	8,252,219	24.8
David Pender....	1,226,800	1,007,140	21.8	10,545,957	8,962,278	17.6
McLellan Stores	1,190,493	938,382	26.9	8,295,031	6,958,222	19.2
American Dept....	1,160,189	920,616	26.0	8,984,572	6,409,395	40.1
Metropolitan Chain	1,116,456	976,863	14.2	8,282,297	7,112,425	17.3
G. C. Murphy.....	1,045,605	770,629	35.6	7,480,446	6,429,909	16.3
Peoples Drug.....	952,427	686,512	38.7	8,016,504	5,768,139	39.0
Nelsner Bros....	932,542	475,780	95.8	6,200,884	4,067,982	52.4
Lane Bryant.....	820,474	818,033	0.3	8,368,635	8,213,849	1.8
Loft, Inc.....	704*	607,870	x8.5	5,138,257	5,562,983	x7.6
Isaac Silver & Bro.	511,607	430,385	18.8	4,110,543	3,524,193	16.6
Worth, Inc.....	377,718	331,519	13.9	2,691,187	2,392,008	12.5
Davega, Inc.....	320,893	257,608	43.4	2,525,351	2,104,591	19.9
Kinnear Stores...	274,653	269,872	1.7	2,133,554	1,799,909	18.5
Totals.....	120,568,209	96,811,609	24.6	937,682,536	789,917,989	18.7

* Decrease.

Canadian Bank of Commerce Finds Outlook for Trade More Promising than Year Ago.

"Comparatively favorable business conditions prevail in most sections of the country and the present outlook for fall and winter trade is even more promising than it was a year ago," says the Canadian Bank of Commerce in its "Monthly Commercial Letter" for October. The bank in part also says:

The agricultural season has generally been successful as far as production is concerned, and from every point of view mixed farming is in a sounder position than at this time last year. As regards the western grain-growing provinces, the number of orders for agricultural implements cancelled at this period usually indicates inversely the purchasing power of the farmers. If this had been seriously affected by the lower level of grain prices there would have been an almost general refusal by the farmers to take delivery of equipment ordered on the condition that their circumstances would warrant acceptance. It is significant, however, that the cancellations so far are not disproportionate to the total orders taken during the season.

A rational policy continues in the lumber industry, for production is now closely adjusted to consumption, particularly in the Pacific Coast region of the United States, where operations were formerly on such a vast scale that the American market, the outlet for a large part of the lumber sawn in British Columbia, was almost constantly glutted. The demand fell off slightly during August but has since been greater, and the higher prices established some months ago have been maintained. Exploration and development work in the mining fields will shortly be curtailed owing to winter weather, but because of the larger ore-bodies now accessible, improved milling facilities and better world markets, actual mining operations will be more extensive than in any previous season. While fishing has sometimes been conducted under more favorable conditions the results this year are, on the whole satisfactory, and there are better prospects for those engaged in the industry than in 1927. The building program for the entire country is the greatest ever recorded.

Industrial Operations.

Manufacturing as a whole continues at a higher level than ever before, although some industries are still operating under difficulties which are largely the result of an over-expansion that has taken place in these lines both in Canada and abroad. The steel, pulp and paper, coarse cotton, woolen and leather footwear industries fall into the latter category, although improvement has been noticeable in some lines during the past year. Marked activity, however, is to be recorded in those branches of manufacture which produce building materials, farm implements, automobiles, foodstuffs, rubber goods, house furnishings and the most popular lines of wearing apparel. For the most part, therefore, the mills and factories will be fully occupied for some months, unless the purchasing power of the western farmers is curtailed by further damage to the crops now being harvested, or by another sharp decline in the price of wheat.

Willis H. Booth Declares Consideration of Human Factor Great Problems in American Industry.

The great problem in American industry to-day is that of human relations. The development of conditions in industry, whereby the individual, working in reasonable happiness and contentment, may contribute to his task the maximum of inventive ingenuity, must be the first obligation of the employer, if industry is to continue to expand. This was the keynote sounded by Willis H. Booth, President of the Merchants' Association and Vice-President of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, at the opening session on Oct. 1 in the Hotel Pennsylvania of the 17th Annual Safety Congress of the National Safety Council. Mr. Booth's subject was "the Humanities of Industry."

High wages and the protection of the human factor, Mr. Booth said, combined with the development of mechanical power and mass production, would operate to the greatest benefit of both employee and employer. To a recognition by both employee and employer that increased production and lower costs afford greater business and higher wages, he attributed "a more prosperous condition than has ever existed anywhere within recorded history." Turning to the problem of industrial accidents the Merchants' Association's President said:

During the year ended June 30 1927, more than 95,000 human beings lost their lives in accidents occurring in the factories, and on the streets and highways of this country. In New York State factories alone almost 99,000 people were injured so severely that they received money compensation—1,042 of those 99,000 died as a result of their injuries. These accidents, most of which I venture were preventable, cost New York State in excess of \$100,000,000. Charging deaths and permanent disabilities with a loss of 1,000 weeks each, injured employees were absent from work a total of more than 2,000,000 weeks.

Here is a condition, the relief of which demands the interest and effort of every human being, whether he sits in the president's office or works at a bench.

Here is a situation in which there can be no major controversy. The conservation of life and limb is of prime importance to both employer and employees, for death and disability cause loss to them both.

The solution can be found only in their combined effort; for divided they can accomplish but little.

The object of all intelligent industrial management Mr. Booth said is to develop conditions whereby all labor has the proper attitude towards its job. This, he declared to be the responsibility of employers. Competition, he continued, has made it necessary for all industry to conduct a war against waste if it is to compete successfully. All manufacturers, he explained, have about the same methods and processes at their hands in meeting this competition and, therefore, the thing which has become of compelling importance for each industrial concern, if it is to maintain its position in its field, is the human equation. Some of the important points made by Mr. Booth follow:

The most outstanding characteristic of labor conditions in industry to-day is a sympathetic attitude displayed by management in every well ordered enterprise.

The fact is that the philosophy among the more enlightened labor leaders is distinctly changing in character. That to which we have previously preferred, based upon the subordination of the individual to the group and the minimum production of each employee in an imaginary protection of the others, has been replaced by a more enlightened philosophy based upon maximum production at low unit cost as a basis for high wages and more consuming power. This has changed the entire attitude of American business and is largely responsible for our present prosperous era.

Management is not now concerned with the cost of labor as much as with the cost of the unit of product. Labor realizes that increased production and lower costs affords greater business and higher wages. This philosophy now accepted by both management and labor has led both up to a more prosperous condition than has ever existed in industry anywhere within recorded history.

In this greater reservoir of inventive intelligence found at a more average high plane in American labor than elsewhere, lies the continued prosperity of American industry.

Unquestionably labor will continue to expect its fair share in the profits of industry and there will probably always be difference of opinion on this point but each situation in its turn must be considered upon a basis of honest, sincere and straightforward co-operation. Entirely aside from welfare work, which is an outstanding consideration in modern business, every industry to-day is giving consideration to the question of wages and hours, to bonus system, to profit sharing and stock ownership.

It is rather significant to observe that many of our industries which have been the most profitable are those which have taken the most advanced position in the consideration of the human factor.

The one outstanding fact is that our new standards of living have developed not only new capacities but new appreciation. This may not of itself make our so-called labor problem easier; in fact it may temporarily make it harder but it will ultimately introduce two factors which should have a distinctly stabilizing influence in our economic order:

- (1) It should raise the level of education.
- (2) It should increase the per capita average of wealth, and these two factors should have a distinctly healthful influence in shaping the course of a democracy whose Government derives its authority from the consent of the governed. Possession of property is the best antidote for destructive socialism.

We have learned many lessons in the past twenty-five years of industrial development, but perhaps none more important than the twofold lesson, first by the employer, that high wages and protection of the human factor, and second by the employee, that the development of mechanical power and mass production may combine to the greatest benefit of all concerned.

Paternalism towards employees is just as much out of place as communized ownership. Each party in this new relation should stand squarely on his own feet, jealously protecting his own interests, but realizing full how far that interest is one with his business partners. Ill advised charity is as much to be deplored as socialistic seizure of the other fellow's property.

The United States, as the world's new industrial lender, is basing its leadership on the co-operation of labor. England has been slow to make her readjustment to the new order and is seeing her former position occupied by others who see the wisdom of this new policy of reciprocal effort and understanding.

This new guiding thought is not formulated in pursuit of Utopian ideals. It is productive of the most practical results. First, it adds greatly to the productive capacity of the individual; second, it greatly increases mechanical efficient and output; third, it increases the buying power of the consumer and raises the general standard of living; fourth, it greatly reduces labor turnover, the bane of all industry in its wastes and annoyances.

C. B. Hazlewood Before Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce Says Business Must Pay Greater Attention to Profits.

Voicing the opinion that business in the future must pay greater attention to the element of profits, Craig B. Hazlewood urged a return to the practical realities of business in an address delivered on Oct. 3 before a meeting of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Hazlewood, who is Vice-President of the Union Trust Co., Chicago, is the newly elected President of the American Bankers' Association. "It is natural," said Mr. Hazlewood, "that in the remarkable

development of business in this country the emphasis everywhere seems to be upon size and volume. No wonder we expect every month and every year to excel the last. For the opportunities as well as the problems of business have broadened enormously—and in the main we have measured up to the challenge." He went on to say:

In closing, Mr. Hazlewood laid down four principles concerning profits, as follows:

We have succeeded to some extent in replacing the severe ups and downs of an exciting business cycle with a business structure which is better able to adjust itself to changing conditions. Still, however, there are an unnecessarily large number of businesses which are not soundly nor profitably managed, some estimates placing the number of concerns operating without a profit each year at more than one out of three.

We must realize, that consolidation in itself, cannot solve the riddle of profitable operation. We must remember that mere size or volume of sales is not the ultimate aim of business. We must recognize that the business captain who dreams great dreams of business expansion, commendable as they are, must in the final analysis justify that expansion by a commensurate increase in profits. We too frequently take it for granted that every increase in volume by merger or otherwise, adds to the intrinsic value of a business. But after all, mere size alone does not rank as an all-important factor in business.

Our vision has too frequently become clouded and we have forgotten that the primary and fundamental objective of all business is profits.

Of late years we have learned many startling things about profits but we have earned nothing more remarkable than that the primary reason for success or failure to-day is not economic conditions—not environment—not location—nor any other factor—but management.

The richness of this country has been such that only the indolent, the stupid, and the criminal could fail. And after each success, we have expressed satisfaction over our *good management* when in reality most of our successes should have been accredited to Divine Providence and good fortune.

We have too frequently succeeded out of the richness of our environment, and then we have congratulated ourselves upon our good management. But if there is any lesson to be learned from the studies and surveys which have been made of business in this country, it is the imperative necessity for better management.

Good management has made enormous strides within the past few years. But even yet, in my opinion, we have not really begun to know the meaning of good management.

We must recognize that we are past the pioneer period, and that we are in a new era in which the success of business is in direct proportion to the ability of its management. We must consciously, vigorously, develop and apply the science of management in our own fields.

I have known business men to say, "My business is different from any other business." They forget that there are basic principles of management that have been developed through years of practical experience, and that apply to every kind of business, regardless of whether it is large or small, whether it is located in Philadelphia or Chicago.

In analyzing our own businesses, then, let us apply the typically American approach to this problem of good management and adequate profits. By that I mean, let us have a new deal instead of playing out the old hand. Let us emphasize not so much the idea that our business is different, as the truth that all businesses are common in their fundamental operations and objectives. Let us forget that things have to be done a certain way, and examine our businesses with an open mind.

To speak for a moment from my own experience in bank management, let me recall to you that the banks of this country emerged from the war period with problems which seemed insurmountable. But to-day, in many banks, particularly in our larger cities, we find the spirit of scientific management at the controls. Standards are being set up to govern liquidity, quick reserves, interest rates and banking costs. Long and broad experience is being concentrated into definite policies upon points where management has been uncertain. This progress in management, evidenced by banks throughout the country, is, in fact, a revelation to anyone who delves into the facts.

I might specify many cases where intelligent bank management has accomplished notable results. One bank in two years increased its operating profits 27%, in spite of an increase in gross income of only 2%. Another increased profits 75%, although gross income expanded only 17%. In this characteristic fashion, capable management has squeezed more dollars of net profits from substantially the same business. . . .

In the fields of simplification and standardization, we have made wonderful progress. Not very long ago we had over 6,000 varieties of single bit axes on the market—enough to stock a fair sized museum housing one of each kind. A hardware jobber or retailer who carried only a half dozen of each item would have had an inventory of 36,000 axes alone. We have reduced the kinds of washing machines manufactured from 446 to 18; automobile tire sizes and types from 287 to 32; paving brick from 66 to 5; steel windows from approximately 42,000 to 2,000; range boilers from 130 to 13; and common brick from 44 to 1.

What is the significance of all this? It means a reduction in capital tied up in manufacturing equipment and inventories. Its effects run throughout an amazing ramification of economies. But no less important, it counteracts the increasing complexity of business and clarifies the difficult problem of management itself. Instead of buying, inventorying and selling hundreds of varieties, we merely run an endless flow of one simple commodity through a plant—and so, regardless of tremendous volume, we have a comparatively simple business. To simplify work means also to multiply the factory worker's productiveness. For the jobber and retailer it means more complete lines, increased business with less space, lower interest, less insurance taxes, labor costs, &c.

I firmly believe that we are now in the morning hours of a new era in business management—an era in which we shall have control by men who overlook no essential of the problem, market analysis, the elimination of unprofitable units and wasteful practices, closer budgetary control, efficient and economical operation, lower costs, a larger gross with increase net profits, and faster turnover.

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First and foremost.—The success of a business, assuming service, is measured by profits, and profits alone.

Second.—To earn profits in this changing era demands a new degree of management genius.

Third.—This new management requires an open mind and freedom from tradition, and knows no obstacles.

Fourth.—The good manager does not stand alone, but secures co-operation from within his organization and expert counsel from without.

Continued Increase in Factory Employment in New York State.

Fall production was well under way in the factories of New York State in September, Industrial Commissioner James A. Hamilton announced on Oct. 11. This was brought out by the results compiled of the monthly survey of employment for September in a list of factories representative of all the industries of the State. The index number of employment, based on the number of workers in the same firms in June 1914, stood at 93 in September, 2% above the August figure and the highest point reached this year. The index number for New York City alone was between 74 and 75% of June 1914, a gain of over 3% from August. The larger increase in the City than in the whole State was due mainly to the greater expansion of the various clothing industries in New York City, and their more important position in the industrial situation there, according to Commissioner Hamilton, who goes on to say:

Clothing Industries Active.

All the clothing industries reported good increases in number of workers from August to September, so the total gain for this group was larger than usual for this month. The men's clothing firms in New York City this season have been slower than the up-State firms in recovering from the spring end-of-season slump. Consequently they were still taking on workers from August to September, while the up-State firms had passed their period of greatest activity and were cutting forces. All the women's apparel industries were expanding, and somewhat more in New York City than elsewhere in the State. The gains in the men's furnishings establishments, on the other hand were larger up-State, and were most important in the shirt and collar factories. The fur shops more than replaced their July-to-August losses, although the gains were concentrated in a few shops and did not indicate any general movement.

Irregular Changes in Metals.

A net gain from August to September of 1% in the number of metal workers employed in the State was the result of expansion in only half of the industries in this group. The machinery and electrical apparatus factories were the most important factor in this gain for they reported a large spurt in activity after a slow climb through the summer. The brass, copper, aluminum and pig iron mills and automobile and automobile parts factories continued to take on workers; their forces were well above those of this month last year. In the pig iron mills activity was nearly as high as in the spring of 1917, and the brass, copper and aluminum mills and automobile and automobile parts factories were employing more people than at any time since the spring of 1916. The railroad equipment factories reported general increases in employment which replaced the August losses in this industry in spite of the small declines in the railroad repair shops. In New York City the jewelry firms continued expansion for the Christmas trade, and there were small increases in the structural iron and heating apparatus plants. Up-State these industries shared in the decline that was reported for all the metal industries not mentioned above.

Printing and Food Industries Show Strength.

The printing establishments reported additions to employment during the month, as is usual at this time of year. The increases from August to September this year are considerably less than for the same month during the past few years, for there has been practically no mid-summer reduction this year. The number of employees in the printing shops has varied only 2% from its highest to lowest points this year, though the drop in July and August is frequently over 5% of the spring figures. There was a strong upward movement among the food products manufacturers, especially in confectionery and canning plants. The increases in both of these industries were large, even for this time of year when they are usually most active; they were employing more people in September than in any month since the fall of 1916. The flour mills were adding to forces at the same rate as a year ago, but on a lower level.

Movements in New York City Differ From Up-State.

The seasonal drop in employment in the lime, cement and plaster factories was larger in New York City than up-State and brought employment in the whole stone, clay and glass group below the August level. The glass factories up-State reported a large addition to forces that made their employment as high as in September two years ago, well above last year. Some shoe manufacturers up-State were busier in September while the New York City plants did not hold their August gains. The small leather goods factories in New York City, on the other hand, continued to expand, but reductions in forces were reported in many up-State plants. General decreases throughout the State were reported in the paint and color factories; increases in most of the oil products plants nearly offset the retirement of one firm from that industry. Activity in the New York City firms of this group on the whole gained during the month, while the up-State firms reduced working forces. The silk, cotton and woolen mills in the State did not hold the large August gains, though in New York City the firms reported general additions to number of workers. The knitting mills, however, increased activity more up-State, but they were still operating with small forces compared to even one year ago.

Irregularity in Business Conditions in St. Louis Federal Reserve District.

Considerable irregularity marked the course of trade in the St. Louis Federal Reserve District in the thirty day covered in the "Monthly Review" of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis issued under date of Sept. 29. The Bank in noting this adds:

This was true of both the various lines and different localities. Relatively a more favorable showing was made by production than distribution of commodities, and merchandising results in goods for ordinary consumption were less favorable than in those of the heavier and more permanent sort. While purchasing power of the public continues at the high levels of recent months, there is a disposition to proceed with caution and conservatism on the part of both merchants and ultimate consumers. In a majority of lines investigated, August sales fell below those of the corresponding month last year, but on the other hand, August totals were for the most part larger than those of July this year. The latter fact, however, was due in a

number of important instances to purely seasonal influences, and in no case was the increase in the monthly comparison greater than the average of the past several seasons. In the immediate past some improvement has developed in trade, due to more seasonable weather, and sentiment in the business community relative to late fall and winter trade is in the main optimistic.

Industrial reports dealing with August activities reflect less than the usual curtailment. This is true particularly of iron and steel, building materials, packing and chemicals. While the record of August building permits and construction contracts let showed sharp declines from the preceding month, actual building activities continued on a large scale, and work in progress is sufficient to maintain a similar, or only slightly reduced rate, until cold weather interferes with outdoor operations. Distribution of automobiles in the district recorded a notable gain over a year ago. Debits to checking accounts in August were 3.2% less than in July, but 5.4% greater than the August 1927, total. Savings accounts in August gained 0.2% and 6.1%, respectively, over a month and a year earlier. Department store sales in the chief cities of the district in August were 9.1% less than for the same month last year. Sales during August by wholesalers of dry goods, clothing, groceries, shoes, stoves, men's hats, and furniture fell below those of the corresponding period in 1927. Liabilities involved in commercial failures in the district in August were 113.5% larger than in July, and 519.5% in excess of the August 1927, total.

The trend of employment was in the direction of improvement over the preceding thirty days, with conditions as a whole somewhat more favorable than during the corresponding period last year. In the building trades skilled artisans were generally well employed, and unskilled labor was in good demand, especially in highway and municipal improvement work, and on farms. A number of the major industries added to their working forces, among them automobile assembling plants, packing houses, quarries and cement plants. Railroads also augmented their forces, and there were the usual seasonal gains in flour mills, canning establishments, tobacco warehouses, &c. A surplus of clerical help exists in the principal cities. Crops as a whole in the district underwent moderate improvement from July to August, with specific gains in yields indicated in corn, tobacco, cotton and some minor productions. As an offset to this favorable development, however, cereal prices continued at the low levels reached in July and early August, and cotton declined to a new low price for the year.

Conditions in the bituminous coal trade continue complex and difficult, but the past few weeks have developed rather general improvement. This has been due to greater industrial stability, reduced stocks in the hands of all classes of consumers, and the influence exerted by nearer approach to cold weather. As compared with the preceding thirty days, prices averaged slightly higher, being affected by the customary September 1 advance on domestic grades. Taken as a whole, production in the district gained in fully the seasonal amount, and in the Indiana and Illinois fields, there was a moderate increase in the number of miners working, and a good gain in working time of those previously engaged. Mine operators and distributors, however, reported a general disposition on the part of consumers to take only what was needed for immediate use, and to postpone contracting on a large scale for fall and winter supplies. This attitude was attributed largely to uncertainty as to wage scales in the union territory, buyers hoping for lower prices as a result of a new agreement. Producers, however, were for the most part unwilling to make any price concessions. As a consequence of hand-to-mouth buying during many weeks, reserves of industrial consumers are low, and in many urban centers, notably St. Louis, domestic deliveries at the middle of September were substantially smaller than at the same time last year.

Gain in Wholesale and Retail Trade in Atlanta Federal Reserve District—Increased Production by Cotton Mills.

Summarizing conditions in its district, the Sept. 30 Monthly Review of the Federal Reserve Board of Atlanta, says:

Increases were shown in August over July in the volume of trade by both retail and wholesale firms in the sixth district reporting to the Federal Reserve Bank, commercial failures declined, and production by reporting cotton mills increased, but declines were shown in bank deposits, debits to individual accounts, and in building statistics.

August sales by reporting department stores were 12% greater than in July, and, due to increases at Atlanta and Nashville, averaged 1.3% greater than in August last year. Sales by wholesale firms increased nearly 20% in August over July, but continued at a level somewhat below that of a year ago. Commercial failures were smaller by 34% in liabilities, than in July, and less than half the total for August 1927. Savings deposits of 85 reporting banks were 2.5% greater than a year ago. Debits to individual accounts declined in comparison with July, and were less than for August last year. Both demand and time deposits of all member banks in the district declined in August, and demand deposits were less than a year ago but time deposits were greater. Building permits at reporting cities were less than for July of this year or August 1927. The production of cotton cloth and yarn by reporting mills in this district increased over July, and were slightly greater than for August last year. Production of both coal and pig iron in Alabama is at a lower level than at the same time last year, but coal output in Tennessee shows an increase over August last year. The Sept. 1 estimates by the United States Department of Agriculture indicates decreases in the sixth district, compared with 1927 in the crops of cotton, corn, wheat, oats, hay, sweet potatoes and peanuts, but increases in tobacco and white potatoes, and fruits.

Conditions in the retail trade are indicated as follows:

Retail Trade.

Retail trade in the sixth district exhibited a seasonal increase in August over July, and was greater than in August last year, and stocks of merchandise also increased over July, but were somewhat smaller than a year ago. Sales during August by 45 representative department stores located throughout the district increased 12% over July, and averaged 1.3% greater than in August 1927, due to increases reported at Atlanta and Nashville. For the first eight months of 1928, sales in the district have averaged 2.8% greater than in the corresponding period of last year. Stocks on hand at the end of August were 1.7% larger than a month earlier, but were 1.4% smaller than a year ago. Accounts receivable at the end of August were 3.8% greater than for July, and 15.9% greater than a year ago. Collections during August declined 10.9% compared with those in July, but were 2.6% greater than in August 1927. The ratio of collections during August to accounts receivable and due at the beginning of the month for 32 firms was 30.5%; for July this ratio was 31.6%, and for August last year, 34.2%. For August, the ratio of collections against regular accounts outstanding, for 32 firms, was 32.5%, and the ratio of collections against installment accounts for 9 firms was 16.0%.

Wholesale Trade.

The distribution of merchandise at wholesale in the sixth district exhibited a seasonal increase in August compared with preceding months, but continued in somewhat smaller volume than in the corresponding month last year. August sales were greater than in July in all of the eight reporting lines of wholesale trade, and increases are shown for each reporting city from which three or more reports in a line of trade were received. Compared with August 1927, sales during August this year show increases in electrical supplies, stationery and groceries. The combined index number of wholesale trade in the district for August is higher than for any month since last November. Trade conditions in August were, however, affected by bad weather and its adverse effect on crop conditions in some sections. Comparison of reported figures are shown in the tables which follow.

CONDITION OF RETAIL TRADE DURING AUGUST 1928 AT 45 DEPARTMENT STORES—SIXTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT.

	Comparison of Net Sales.		Comparison of Stocks.		Rate of Stock Turnover.			
	Aug. 1928 with Aug. 1927	Jan. 1 to Aug. 31 1928 with Same Period in 1927.	Aug. 31 1928 with Aug. 31 1927.	Aug. 31 1928 with July 31 1927.	August		Jan. 1 to Aug. 31.	
		1927.			1928.	1927.	1928.	
Atlanta (5)----	+18.9	+15.7	+6.7	+3.8	.32	.30	2.34	2.15
Birmingham (5)---	-2.3	+6.2	-10.2	-8.3	.25	.18	1.73	1.63
Chattanooga (5)---	-9.4	-3.7	-2.6	+6.6	.17	.15	1.56	1.48
Nashville (4)----	+1.8	+7.2	+7.2	+2.8	.29	.25	1.98	1.92
New Orleans (5)---	-2.9	-2.8	-2.8	+0.8	.16	.14	1.65	1.36
Other cities (20)---	-7.9	-3.7	-2.9	+7.6	.20	.15	1.95	1.52
District (45)----	+1.3	+2.8	-1.4	+1.7	.22	.19	1.83	1.60

Note.—The rate of stock turnover is the ratio of sales during given period to average stocks on hand.

Business Conditions in Richmond Federal Reserve District.

In its account of business conditions in its District, the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond has the following to say in its Sept. 30 Monthly Review:

Business in the Fifth [Richmond] Reserve District in August and early September showed a seasonal increase over July, but was in less volume than during the corresponding period of 1927. Increased rediscounts at the Federal Reserve Bank and an increase in the circulation of Federal Reserve notes during the past month, together with a larger volume of department store sales and increased wholesale business over sales in July, indicate that fall trade opened up normally. Employment conditions appear to have improved somewhat in recent weeks, and coal production was only a little below the tonnage mined in August last year.

On the other hand, textile mills continue unable to sell their output and are forced to curtail operations considerably to prevent an accumulation of goods in their warehouses. Official crop estimates as of Sept. 1 are unfavorable when considered in connection with prices now prevailing for farm products. Should the District's cotton crop exceed last year's yield, this year's prices are between \$20 and \$25 a bale lower than a year ago, and money returns from the 1928 crop will be much lower than the returns from the 1927 crop. This year's tobacco crop is forecast to be somewhat smaller than the 1927 crop, the quality of the weed is lower, and present prices are below those of last fall. Other crops have been more or less seriously damaged by storms, floods and excessive rains, and the returns are highly problematical. Retail trade in August was below the volume of trade in August 1927, and wholesale trade was also in smaller volume last month than during the same month a year ago. Building permits issued in August in leading cities and contracts actually awarded for construction and engineering projects in the Fifth District were in lesser amounts than in August 1927. Finally, debits to individual accounts in the banks in leading trade centers were lower during the four weeks ended Sept. 12 than during the corresponding period last year.

Regarding wholesale and retail trade, the Bank says:

Wholesale trade in August in the Fifth District was in larger volume than in July in all lines reported upon, a seasonal development, but August sales this year were smaller in every line except groceries than sales in August 1927. Total sales this year were also less in all lines except groceries than total sales in the first eight months of 1927.

Stocks on the shelves decreased during August in all of the four lines for which figures are available except groceries, and at the end of the month were in smaller amount than a year ago in dry goods, and shoes, while grocery and hardware stocks were slightly larger than a year earlier.

Collections in August were better than in August 1927 in dry goods and drugs, but grocery, shoe, hardware and furniture collections last month were slower than those in the same month last year.

Retail trade in the Fifth Reserve District in August showed a seasonal increase over the volume of business in July of this year, but dropped 3.4% behind the business done in August 1927, according to confidential reports received from thirty leading department stores. Total sales this year were two-tenths of 1% less than total sales during the first eight months of last year. August 1928 sales averaged 15.3% above average August sales during the three years 1923-1925, inclusive, partly due to store expansion in two or three cities.

Stocks on hand in the thirty reporting stores at the end of August showed a seasonal increase of 2% over stocks on July 31 this year, but were six-tenths of 1% less than stocks on hand at the end of August a year ago. The percentage of sales in August to average stocks carried during that month was 22.4%, and the percentage of total sales since Jan. 1 1928, to average stocks carried during each of the eight elapsed months was 198.5%, indicating an annual turnover of 2.647 times. The rate of turnover during the first eight months of 1927 was 2.636 times.

Collections during August in the thirty reporting department stores averaged 24.5% of receivables outstanding on Aug. 1 this year, compared with 24.2% of outstanding receivables collected in August 1927. Baltimore, Richmond and Washington stores showed slightly higher percentages this year than last, but the group of other cities stores reported slower collections last month than in August a year ago.

Business Conditions in Dallas Federal Reserve District—Improved Wholesale and Retail Trade—Banking Conditions Affected by Abnormal Credit Situation in East.

The Dallas Federal Reserve Bank, in its Oct. 1 Business Review states that "while banking conditions in the South-

west continue generally sound, it must be borne in mind that the credit situation is being seriously affected by the abnormal conditions in the Eastern money and stock market. The bank goes on to say:

A substantial amount of the district's funds is being employed in the call market in New York and there is a marked trend toward the centralization of financing by large Southwestern corporations in this district. Many of these concerns which ordinarily obtain their working funds in the East, either directly from New York banks or through borrowing in the open market, are now turning to their local banks for funds due to the high level of interest rates prevailing in the North and East. This situation has created a strong demand for funds at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas whose loans to member banks reached a seasonal peak of \$32,746,613 on Aug. 24, as against \$16,079,113 in 1927. Since the cotton crop has begun to move in volume, however, these loans are showing a substantial reduction.

The August volume of merchandise distribution in both wholesale and retail channels reflected a substantial improvement. The sales of department stores in larger cities were 11% larger than a month earlier and were slightly larger than a year ago. Distribution at wholesale showed a large seasonal increase as compared to the previous month and was substantially larger than in the corresponding month last year. While conservatism is still the ruling policy of merchants, there is an undertone of confidence in the soundness of business and evidence is accumulating that the volume of trade will be well sustained during the fall. Debits to individual accounts were 3% larger than a month earlier and exceeded those of a year ago by 8%.

The past month witnessed a substantial improvement in the business mortality rate in the Eleventh District. Both the number of failures and the amount of indebtedness involved reflected a sharp decline from the previous month and were smaller than a year ago.

While the lack of moisture has caused a considerable deterioration of ranges in some portions of the district, the physical condition of both ranges and livestock in the major grazing areas has been steadily improving and the outlook for fall and winter pasture is good. Trading on the ranges has been active and the scarcity of cattle is sustaining prices at a high level.

The volume of building operations, as reflected by the valuations of permits issued at principal cities, showed a gain of 41% over the previous month, but was 13% less than a year ago. The production, shipments, and new orders for lumber exceeded those of the previous month and were substantially larger than last year. The production and shipments of cement also showed a large gain over a year ago.

With regard to textile milling operations in its district, the bank states:

Operations of textile mills in the Eleventh District in August were somewhat greater than in July, but were below a year ago. There were 3,022 bales of raw cotton consumed, as compared to 2,130 bales in the previous month and 3,441 bales in August last year. Production of cloth was 54% larger than in July, but 1.8% below the output in the corresponding month of 1927. The volume of orders on hand on Aug. 31 was not as large as a month earlier or a year ago, but stocks showed an increase over both periods. Prices on most classes of cotton goods reflected a downward trend in sympathy with the movement of raw cotton prices. Due to the uncertainty surrounding the raw cotton market, there has been a tendency for buyers to withhold forward orders until the outcome of the current crop becomes more definite.

TEXTILE MILLING STATISTICS.

	August 1928.	August 1927.	July 1928.
Number bales consumed.....	3,022	3,441	2,130
Number spindles active.....	81,564	83,564	81,564
Number pounds cloth produced.....	1,476,275	1,503,196	958,403

Conditions in Pacific Southwest as Reviewed by Los Angeles First National Trust & Savings Bank.

A well maintained volume of business and an active harvesting of crops has characterized the commercial situation in the Pacific Southwest territory during September. General trade and industry has exhibited a definitely firmer tone during recent weeks. While the actual position of many indices has not changed greatly the sentiment of business interests has become more confident. This is the introductory paragraph of the Monthly Summary Conditions in the Pacific Southwest territory compiled by the Research Department of the Los Angeles-First National Trust & Savings Bank and the First Securities Co., and released for publication Oct. 5. The summary continues in part:

Production and distribution of goods is reflecting the stimulus of the customary fall increase in operations. Check transactions have shown a greater than usual gain over August and have been materially ahead of last year at this time. As was the case with these indices last spring, however, allowance should be made for the renewed high level of stock exchange activity.

Trading at retail has expanded in the metropolitan area and many country districts report a good increase during the month. Wholesale trading has improved seasonally in several lines. The automobile market has recovered sharply, with August sales of new cars in Southern California the largest for any month since November 1925.

Industrial operations have been featured by the large output of oil well supply and automobile tire plants, sustained activity in motion pictures and petroleum refining, the termination of the fruit canning season, and continued slackness in meat packing and furniture manufacturing. Building construction and oil production remained remarkably steady. Real estate activity has tended to decline.

The demand for credit, as disclosed by loans and discounts of reporting banks, has been strong. Commercial deposits have mounted to high levels, while savings deposits have eased off. Business morality was larger than in August, but the volume of the past two months has been distinctly below the levels of the previous year.

Employment Conditions in Oklahoma.

From the Sept. 20 number of the Oklahoma Business Bulletin, published by the Bureau of Business Research, School of Business, University of Oklahoma, we take the following:

Employment and Payrolls

The employment and payroll reports of 710 manufacturing and miscellaneous plants in Oklahoma showed increases of 5.8 and 10.5% respectively for August over July, 1928. All industries showed increases in number employed with the exception of metals and machinery, and all industries showed increases in payrolls, with the exception of food products, and textile and cleaning. The U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics released showed an increase of 1.5% in employment and an increase of 3.2% in payrolls, in August compared with July.

The highest increase in payrolls was in the lead and zinc industry while the largest increase in number employed was in the wood working industry. The oil industry, with 189 firms reporting showed an increase of 5.5% over July. While several cottonseed oil mill plants are still closed, an increase is shown in both employment and total payrolls over last month. Oil refining industry has not shown much change for the month in employment but total payrolls showed an increase of a little more than 13%. Water, light and power employment showed an increase of 4% and total payrolls 11.6%.

Lumber Sales Continue To Gain.

The lumber movement during the week ended Sept. 29 continued at the high level recorded for the greater portion of the year, with sales of 860 leading mills amounting to 412,320,000 feet as compared with 405,729,000 feet for 882 mills the week before. Reports to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association give production as 400,956,000 feet and shipments as 408,755,000 feet. In the softwood group orders were substantially ahead of last week, while in the hardwood branch production showed a slight gain. Both shipments and orders of hardwoods were less. The production of 229 West Coast Lumbermen's Association mills was 197,901,939 feet, a gain of more than 10,000,000 feet over the weekly average production this year, but 33,000,000 feet behind the three-year average weekly operating capacity. In the Southern Pine Association, 149 mills (190½ units) reported production as 68,533,817 feet, which was 12,238,313 feet under the three-year average.

Unfilled Orders Increase.

The unfilled orders of 335 Southern Pine and West Coast mills at the end of last week amounted to 888,781,390 feet, as against 870,888,923 feet for 334 mills the previous week. The 149 identical Southern Pine mills in the group showed unfilled orders of 277,278,400 feet last week, as against 277,852,960 feet for the week before. For the 186 West Coast mills the unfilled orders were 611,502,990 feet, as against 593,035,963 feet for 185 mills a week earlier.

Altogether the 538 reporting softwood mills had shipments 101%, and orders 102% of actual production. For the Southern Pine mills these percentages were respectively 122 and 121; and for the West Coast mills 93 and 102.

Of the reporting mills, the 489 with an established normal production for the week of 381,507,000 feet, gave actual production 89%, shipments 90% and orders 91% thereof.

The following table compares the lumber movement, as reflected by the reporting mills of eight softwood and two hardwood regional association, for the weeks indicated:

	Past Week.		Preceding Week 1928. (Revised).	
	Softwood.	Hardwood.	Softwood.	Hardwood.
Mills (or units*).....	538	397	548	334
Production.....	346,575,000	54,381,000	349,146,000	53,698,000
Shipments.....	349,321,000	59,234,000	356,297,000	61,099,000
Orders (new business).....	353,671,000	58,649,000	344,028,000	61,701,000

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

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wires from Seattle that new business for the 186 identical mills reporting for the week ended Sept. 29 amounted to 180,918,226 feet, shipments 164,499,551 and production 176,742,402. Unfilled orders totaled 611,502,990 feet.

Southern Pine Reports.

The Southern Pine Association reports from New Orleans that for 149 mills reporting, shipments were 22.12% above production and orders were 21.28% above production and 0.69% below shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 83,119,680 feet (previous week 86,928,800); shipments 83,694,240 (previous week, 87,269,280); and production 68,533,817 feet (previous week 73,777,735). The normal production (three-year average) of these mills is 80,772,130 feet. Of the 146 mills reporting running time, 67 operated full time, 8 overtime. Nine mills were shut down, and the rest operated from one to six days.

The Western Pine Manufacturers Association of Portland, Ore. reports production from 35 mills as 37,885,000 feet, as compared with a normal production for the week of 35,672,000. Thirty-three mills the week earlier reported production as 36,457,000 feet. There were notable increases in shipments and new business last week.

The California White and Sugar Pine Manufacturers Association of San Francisco, reports production from 20 mills as 30,039,000 feet (54% of the total cut of the California pine region) as compared with a normal figure for the week of 30,201,000, and for the week before 32,891,000. Shipments were substantially larger last week, with a fair gain in new business.

The California Redwood Association of San Francisco reports production from 15 mills as 7,636,000 feet, compared with a normal figure of 9,456,000 feet. Fourteen mills the week before reported production as 6,116,000 feet. Shipments were slightly larger last week, and new business slightly lower.

The North Carolina Pine Association of Norfolk, Va., report production from 75 mills as 7,503,000 feet, against a normal production for the week of 15,990,000. Seventy-four mills the previous week reported production as 5,641,000 feet. Shipments showed more than a 50% increase last week, and new business a slight gain.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers Association of Minneapolis, Minn., reports production from nine mills as 12,870,000 feet, as compared with a normal figure for the week of 12,952,000. Eight mills the preceding week reported production as 13,689,000 feet. Shipments showed a nominal increase, and new business a nominal decrease.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association of Oshkosh, Wis. (in its softwood production) reports production from 49

mills as 5,366,000 feet, as compared with a normal production for the week of 22,416,000 feet. Forty-eight mills the week earlier reported production as 5,646,000 feet. There was a marked increase in shipments last week, and a small gain in new business.

Hardwood Reports.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association of Oshkosh, Wis., reports production from 75 units as 6,997,000 feet, as compared with a normal figure for the week of 15,752,000 feet, and for the week before 6,545,000 feet. Shipments showed a noticeable increase last week and new business a slight decrease.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute of Memphis, Tenn., reports production from 322 units as 47,384,000 feet, as against a normal production for the week of 58,000,000 feet. Three hundred and thirty-four units the week before reported production as 47,153,000 feet. Shipments and new business showed some decreases last week.

Lumber Consumption in Industry on Uptrend— August Retail Lumber Sales Advance.

Retail lumber sales showed some advance during August according to the "National Lumber Survey" for Oct. 1, published by the National Lumber Manufacturers Association. Trade and industrial conditions are reported as favorable and note is made of the "uptrend" apparent in the consumption of wood by the wood using industries. Increased interest on the part of furniture manufacturers is noted. The "Survey" further states:

Wood consuming industry demand is on the uptrend with the automobile industry still a heavy buyer, furniture interests coming into the market more actively in some centers and flooring prices generally stronger. Box demand is steady. Container demand for the coming citrus fruit harvest and the grape and vegetable output in California, all unusually large, is taxing the capacity of western box plants.

Softwood lumber production is reported as heavier than in July in all producing regions, responding to increased demand from consuming centers, especially from the Central States. Hardwood lumber production, as far as reported, also increased by 9.6% over production the previous month. Unsold stocks at the mill Sept. 1 for the associations reporting to date were 5.6% lighter than on Aug. 1, comparison being based on average mill figures.

Price trends for softwoods judged by a dozen representative items, continued upwards, nearly all items showing an increase. A slight decrease in the hardwood price index is noted.

Based on comparisons with July of this year and August of 1927 the following general conditions are reported by the Survey for August of this year: Industrial and trade conditions, improvement over both months; financial conditions, less satisfactory; legislative and governmental conditions, same as July and less satisfactory than last year; labor and employment, less satisfactory to the manufacturer than in July but about the same as last year; transportation service, the same for both months, and wood-consuming industry activity, more favorable than for July or August last year.

As regards transportation service carloadings of all commodities have been exceeding a million cars a week with, however, considerable car surplus, though temporary shortage was reported in a few Southern lumber points in early September.

Retail sales during August as reported by 800 yards, are indicated as 10.5% greater than in July and 5.9% greater than for August 1927. Farm purchasing power and building costs are shown as slightly higher than at the same period last year. A falling off in building permits, contracts awarded and the lumber export trade are indicated for August as compared with both July and August a year ago, the two months compared with having been unusually high building months.

Production costs, softwood prices and car loadings of lumber and timbers are reported as increased over July, but less than a year ago. Cargo shipments, hard wood prices, operating time in sawmills and lumber stocks on hand were lower than for July this year or for August of last year. Stocks on hand at mills are shown as 7.3% lower than a year ago.

West Coast Lumbermen's Association Weekly Report.

According to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association, reports from 192 mills show that for the week ended Sept. 29 orders were 4.88% over production while shipments were 6.66% below output. The Association's statement follows:

WEEKLY REPORT OF PRODUCTION, ORDERS AND SHIPMENTS.

192 Mills report for week ending Sept. 29 1928.

(All mills reporting production, orders and shipments.)

Production.	Orders.	Shipments.
182,291,887 feet	191,194,116 feet	170,155,787 feet
100%	4.88% over production	6.66% under production

COMPARISON OF ACTUAL PRODUCTION AND WEEKLY OPERATING CAPACITY (229 IDENTICAL MILLS).

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

Actual Production	Average Weekly Production 39 Weeks Ending Sept. 29 1928.	Average Weekly Production During 1927.	x Weekly Operating Capacity.
197,901,939 feet	186,982,286 feet	189,713,046 feet	230,651,043 feet

x Weekly operating capacity is based on average hourly production reported for the years 1925, 1926, 1927 and 4 months of 1928 and the normal number of operating hours per week.

WEEKLY COMPARISON FOR 186 IDENTICAL MILLS—1928.

(All mills whose reports of production, orders and shipments are complete for the last 4 weeks.)

Week Ending—	Sept. 29.	Sept. 22.	Sept. 15.	Sept. 8.
Production (feet).....	176,742,402	172,687,332	159,937,118	125,934,302
Orders (feet).....	180,918,226	169,422,610	203,565,233	138,011,344
Rail (feet).....	71,488,880	70,023,479	76,369,327	65,269,042
Domestic cargo (feet).....	54,393,767	49,435,362	59,085,259	31,931,786
Export (feet).....	42,197,710	39,501,594	50,424,659	27,569,145
Local (feet).....	12,837,869	10,462,175	17,685,988	13,241,368
Shipments (feet).....	164,499,551	175,484,013	169,078,531	152,388,743
Rail (feet).....	79,906,186	74,475,144	77,674,398	63,443,902
Domestic cargo (feet).....	51,488,522	56,490,325	45,690,070	48,775,589
Export (feet).....	23,266,974	34,056,369	28,028,075	26,927,884
Local (feet).....	12,837,869	10,462,175	17,685,988	13,241,368
Unfilled orders (feet).....	611,502,990	598,925,690	603,389,464	575,575,461
Rail (feet).....	177,136,185	187,467,562	201,015,303	201,506,296
Domestic cargo (feet).....	213,036,063	221,091,588	210,574,297	200,450,532
Export (feet).....	221,330,742	190,366,540	191,799,864	173,618,633

100 IDENTICAL MILLS.

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

	Week Ending Sept. 29 1928.	Average 39 Weeks Ending Sept. 29 1928.	Average 39 Weeks Ending Oct. 1 1927-8.
Production (feet).....	107,247,131	96,230,538	96,220,538
Orders (feet).....	111,796,963	102,623,390	102,623,390
Shipments (feet).....	103,504,641	98,519,930	98,519,930

DOMESTIC CARGO DISTRIBUTION WEEK ENDING SEPT. 29 1928.

	(113 Mills.)	Orders Received.	Cancel-lations.	Ship-ments.	Unfilled Orders Week Ending Sept. 29 '28.
Washington & Oregon (94 Mills).....	190,978,828	53,203,341	713,770	45,880,476	197,587,923
California.....	1,600,000	650,000	None	None	2,250,000
Atlantic Coast.....	12,543,627	2,815,000	75,000	3,089,353	12,194,274
Miscellaneous.....	None	None	None	None	None
Tot. Wash. & Ore.....	190,978,828	53,203,341	713,770	45,880,476	197,587,923
Tot. Brit. Columbia.....	14,143,627	3,465,000	75,000	3,089,353	14,444,274
Tot. domestic cargo.....	205,122,455	56,668,341	788,770	48,969,829	212,032,197

The Outlook for the Crops on the 1st of October— Report of the Department of Agriculture.

The Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture made public on Oct. 9 its forecasts and estimates of grain crops of the United States as of Oct. 1, based on reports and data furnished by crop correspondents, field statisticians and co-operating State Boards (or Departments) of Agriculture. This report shows that the production of all wheat is now placed at 904,000,000 bushels, which compares with the Department's estimate of 901,072,000 bushels a month ago and a harvest of 872,595,000 bushels a year ago.

The probable production of corn is placed at 2,903,000,000 bushels, which is somewhat less than the Department's estimate of 2,930,586,000 bushels a month earlier. The production of corn in 1927 was 2,773,708,000 bushels, and the five-year average is 2,775,634,000 bushels. Below is the report:

There have been relatively few important changes since last month in the United States crop situation. Excessive rain has hurt all growing crops in the South Atlantic States and frost has hurt some late fields of corn, buckwheat, flax, potatoes, and tomatoes along the northern border, with more or less local damage down to nearly the southern limits of the Ohio and Missouri Valleys. The generally dry weather in the Central States and Southwest, while unfavorable for certain crops, has facilitated the harvest of late hay and grain crops, helped to mature the corn, and to check the spread of the potato blight. In general, the reports on yields of crops that have been harvested and reports on prospective yields of the crops now being harvested confirm earlier yield indications. Considering all crops and all States, yields are still expected to be about 3% above the average yields during the last ten years. As the total acreage harvested of all crops this season will probably be above that harvested last year by about 8,000,000 acres or 2%, the total production of all crops combined seems likely to exceed production last year by around 5%.

Corn.

A corn crop of 2,903,000,000 bushels was indicated by the October condition of 77.7%. This is a decrease from the indication of Sept. 1 of slightly less than 1%. This reduction was about evenly divided between the corn belt States and the Southern States with Eastern and Far Western States showing practically no change from a month ago. Corn crop prospects continued to decrease in South Dakota as a result of continued drought; and in the South Atlantic Coast States because of wind and storm damage.

The October indication for corn is about 5% above the 1927 crop of 2,774,000,000 bushels. About 74% of the 1928 crop is concentrated in the 12 North Central States as compared with 69% last year. This year's production is about 36% above last year in the corn belt States east of the Mississippi where production was unusually low a year ago, and only slightly above last year in the western corn belt. A larger crop is indicated in the North Atlantic States. A decrease of 18% is shown for the South Atlantic States, and about 15% for the South Central States.

Wheat.

The production of all wheat is estimated at 903,865,000 bushels, an increase of not quite 3,000,000 bushels over the forecast of Sept. 1. The production in 1927 was estimated at 872,595,000 bushels. Durum wheat is now estimated at 84,885,000 bushels, practically the same as the September forecast. Yields are running somewhat higher than expected in Minnesota and South Dakota, and lower in North Dakota. Spring wheat, other than durum, is estimated at 240,381,000 bushels, compared with 237,607,000 bushels forecast in September and 243,152,000 bushels harvested in 1927.

Oats.

The production of oats is forecast at 1,452,966,000 bushels, which is practically the same as the forecast of a month ago, but 268,820,000 bushels higher than the production of 1927. Reductions from the September forecast are shown in the North Atlantic States, but these reductions are offset by increases in the rest of the country. The quality is 89.1%, comparing with a ten-year average quality of 86.4%.

Barley

Yields of barley appear to have averaged fully up to expectations and the crop is estimated at 350,953,000 bushels, or about 4,566,000 bushels above the forecast of a month ago. The acreage has been increased rapidly from year to year. The present forecast is 86,201,000 bushels above the crop of last year, which was the largest harvested to that time, due mainly to the substantial increase in acreage. The quality of the barley crop is below the usual average in the eastern corn belt but about up to the usual standard elsewhere.

Buckwheat.

Prospects for buckwheat have been reduced in both New York and Pennsylvania as a result of dry weather and frost. The crop is now estimated at 14,804,000 bushels. This is 700,000 bushels below the forecast of last month, more than 1,000,000 bushels below production last year, and yet more than 1,000,000 bushels above the average production during the previous five years.

Fall plowing is being carried on in Canada, and in many districts is well advanced, but the soil is too dry for effective work.

The first estimate of wheat acreage in Argentina is 20,757,000 acres, which is slightly greater than the early forecast.

Rye.

The production of rye in 19 European countries is reported at 814,808,000 bushels against 750,972,000 bushels in 1927.

Barley

The production of barley in 29 foreign countries reported to date is estimated to be 1,010,074,000 bushels compared with 887,357,000 bushels last year, an increase of 13.8%.

Oats.

The reports from 25 foreign countries now reported show a production of 2,085,338,000 bushels compared with 2,020,585,000 bushels last year, an increase of 3.2%.

Corn.

The production of corn reported in 6 foreign countries to date this year amounts to 226,481,000 bushels compared with 244,224,000 bushels last year, a decrease of 7.3%.

GRAINS—PRODUCTION, AVERAGE 1909-1913, ANNUAL 1925-1928.

Table with columns: Crop and Countries Reported in 1928 (a), Average 1909-1913, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928. Rows include Wheat, Barley, Oats, and Corn for various regions like North America, Europe, and Asia.

Transactions in Grain Futures during September on Chicago Board of Trade and Other Markets.

Revised figures showing the volume of trading in grain futures on the Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, by days, during the month of September, together with monthly totals for all "contract markets," as reported by the Grain Futures Administration of the United States Department of Agriculture, were made public Oct. 5 by L. A. Fitz, Grain Exchange Supervisor at Chicago.

VOLUME OF TRADING.

Expressed in Thousands of Bushels, i. e., 000 Omitted.

Table showing trading volume by date from Sept 1 to 30, for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley, Flax, and Total. Includes sub-sections for Chicago Board of Trade and Total all markets.

* Durum wheat with the exception of 91 wheat. a Hard wheat with the exception of 95 red wheat.

"OPEN CONTRACTS" IN FUTURES ON THE CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE FOR SEPTEMBER 1928 (BUSHEL). (Short side of contracts only there being an equal volume open on the long side.)

Table showing open contracts for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, and Total from Sept 1 to 30, 1928. Includes an average section at the bottom.

* high. a Low.

a Figures in parentheses indicate the number of countries included.

Tendency in Northwest to Hold Back Grain from Market—Observations by Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis.

Surveying conditions in its section the Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis in a recent issue of its periodical Review said:

Bankers at country points in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana, who annually talk things over with their farmer friends in the marketing and liquidating period that follows threshing time, report a greater general tendency than for a number of years to hold back grain. Particularly is this true of wheat. The early annual marketing time in any season the first 60-day period after harvesting starts, rarely affords any definite guidance to our indication of the rate at which grain will continue to come to market in the months that follow. Whether the general tendency from the viewpoint of the year as a whole may be to turn the crop into money quickly, or more slowly, the first inrush after harvest begins, always is heavy, due in some degree to general liquidating necessity. This year, in fact, one railroad reported new high record country station loadings of grain on three successive days. A later period following the passing of the more immediate and urgent need for cash usually finds the marketing affected more by the desire of the farmer to sell or not to sell, whether his grain is in fit condition to be stored without deteriorating, with action then determined by the ruling price, and the financial ability of the farmer to hold his crop off the market if he elects to do so.

Two inferences may be drawn from the reports that so many have declared their intention not to sell at this time. The first is that there will be some later retardation or slowing down in the liquidating process so far as it is affected by the turning of grain into cash; the second, that there must have been a decided improvement in general farm conditions as compared with several years back, and there must be a general condition of stability and financial responsibility, if a considerable number of farmers having grain for sale, in the normal selling and debt-paying period, are able to keep it off the market.

Production and Sales of Standard Cotton Cloths During September.

The Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York made public on Oct. 8 its statistical report on the production and sale of standard cotton cloths during September. The report covers a period of four weeks. Sales during the month amounted to 387,151,000 yards. This was equivalent to 152.6% of production, which was 253,688,000 yards. Average weekly production for the month was 63,422,000 yards as compared with an average weekly production of 60,494,000 yards during the five weeks of August, and 72,275,000 yards average weekly production during the first six months of the year. Shipments amounted to 278,110,000 yards or 109.6% of production. Stocks on hand at the end of the month were 417,245,000 yards, or 5.5% less than at the beginning of the month. Unfilled orders on September 30th amounted to 398,005,000 yards, an increase of 37.7% as compared with unfilled orders on September 1st. These statistics on the manufacture and sale of standard cotton goods are compiled from data supplied by 23 groups reporting through the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York and the Cotton Textile Institute, Inc. The statistics cover upwards of 300 classifications or constructions of standard cotton cloths and represent a large part of the total production of these fabrics in the United States.

Textile Strike at New Bedford (Mass.) Ended—Mills Re-opened with 5% Wage Cut.

The New Bedford, Mass., textile mills re-opened on Oct. 8, following the action of seven unions in the New Bedford Textile Council in voting on Oct. 6 to end the 25-week strike by accepting the compromise 5% wage cut (instead of the 10% reduction which brought about the strike) and stipulation of a 30-day notice to operatives when any change in the wage scale is proposed. On Oct. 1, the proposal to end the strike on the basis of a 5% wage cut was rejected by the unions, as noted in these columns Oct. 6, page 1886. New Bedford advices Oct. 4, to the Providence "Journal" stated:

The Textile Council, more conservative of the two bodies directing the city-wide mill strike here, to-night broke a five-hour deadlock and voted unanimously to recommend that the seven unions which it represents accept the manufacturers' compromise offer of a 5% wage reduction and end the strike, which is now in its 25th week.

The workers have been idle since last April's walkout, following inauguration by the manufacturers of a 10% wage cut.

Last week the manufacturers offered to slice this reduction in half, and invited the workers to return to their jobs at only 5% less than they had been earning last April. The Textile Council submitted the proposal to the unions without any recommendation whatever. Three unions voted to accept it, but four rejected it.

To-night's action by the Textile Council was based on two considerations. The first was the agitation, since the rejection of the manufacturers' proposition, for a new vote, based on the assertion that many who voted did not fully understand the matter and were in favor of returning to their jobs and restoring themselves to earning capacity under the compromise scheme.

On Oct. 6 Associated Press accounts from New Bedford announced as follows the move for resumption:

Twenty-five of the twenty-six cotton mills that have been closed by a strike since April 16 will open Monday morning at the usual hour, Andrew Raeborn, Secretary of the Manufacturers' Association, announced tonight

after a conference with the employers. Resumption of operations will be slow and tedious, the manufacturers said, but all mills except the Sharp Manufacturing Co., which is in process of refinancing and cannot open, will set about the task of getting back to work the first thing Monday morning.

A formal statement issued by the association after the meeting, attended by the full membership, said:

"The mills associated with the New Bedford Cotton Manufacturers' Association will open Monday, Oct. 8. Owing to the long shut-down the mills will not be able to use a full complement of employees at once. Operations will be increased as rapidly as conditions will allow."

Clashes Marked Strike in July.

The New Bedford strike, which involved 27,000 workers whose estimated weekly wage loss was \$600,000, started when twenty-seven mills attempted to put into effect a 10% wage reduction. At the time the manufacturers declared that the wage cut was the same which had been put into effect almost generally in New England during the first of this year. They said that mills in other sections of New England, known generally as coarse goods mills, but which were actually making finer grades of goods and were therefore New Bedford competitors, had an advantage in being able to operate fifty-four hours a week, while New Bedford along with other Massachusetts mills was restricted to forty-eight hours a week.

Mayor Charles E. Ashley of New Bedford, who was appealed to at the time by civic associations to act as mediator, requested the Manufacturers' Association to postpone for a week the date of putting its new schedule into effect. The manufacturers agreed on condition that the textile unions would postpone taking a strike vote, but the Textile Council declared that the taking of a vote could not be postponed, although it offered to have the votes sealed and not counted, while efforts were made to effect some sort of mediation. This proposal was not acceptable to the manufacturers.

Early in July, the Massachusetts Board of Conciliation and Arbitration called a conference with a view to adjusting differences between manufacturers and strikers, and soon after the mill officials requested the strikers to return to work and accept the wage reduction, but the workers only reiterated their determination not to accept any reduction in wages. When the mills were re-opened only twenty workers returned to their jobs.

Up to this time there had been only a few minor disorders. But hostile demonstrations commenced, and when police tried to prevent strikers from parading, they persisted in defiance of the police. Late in July there was a serious riot in which State militia had to be called upon and 225 pickets were arrested. Several of those arrested were sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

Thereafter the State Board made a new endeavor to settle the strike, and its offer to conduct a thorough investigation was accepted by both sides. The strikers presented figures to show the mills were flourishing while the manufacturers insisted that many of the mills were on the verge of liquidation.

When the Board finished its investigation and recommended a 5% reduction in wages, the manufacturers accepted this proposal without waiting for labor to make known its official reaction. On Oct. 1 the textile workers rejected the wage cut, which was then proposed without the thirty-day notice provision that is declared to have swung the settlement vote.

About 20% of the workers who had been out since last April were put to work with the re-opening of the mills on Oct. 8, according to Associated Press accounts which said:

Many who applied for positions were told, after their names were taken, that they would be sent for as soon as machinery could be started, which was expected to be soon.

Apparently all of the United Textile Workers' members reported at the mills ready for work. Two or three thousand Textile Mill Committees' members who opposed the 5% compromise offer accepted by the unions affiliated with the United Textile Workers gathered at the mill gates, but found the police out in force, and attempts to interfere with workers were quickly checked.

The following United Press advices Oct. 11 were reported in the "Sun" of that date:

The last obstacle in the path of peace which came to this strike-stricken textile city last Saturday appeared to have been removed to-day. The so-called radical textile mills committee, which continued to carry on after a great majority of the 27,000 operatives had accepted the 5% wage cut compromise, called off its strike last night.

5½% Increase in Wages of Fall River (Mass.) Textile Workers.

From the "Sun" we take the following United Press advices from Fall River, Mass., Oct. 11:

More than 18,000 Fall River textile operatives will receive wage increases of 5½%, effective on next Monday, the Cotton Manufacturers' Association announced to-day.

The announcement came after a conference between representatives of the American Federation of Textile Workers and the operators of more than 20 mills.

The Fall River operatives will receive approximately the same wages now as the New Bedford mill workers who recently won back half of a 10% wage cut as the result of a 25-week strike. The workers here have been receiving only 90% of their original wages, a 10% cut having been put into effect, and their pay will now be increased by 5½% of the 90% wages. The 5% restoration made in New Bedford was on a 100% wage basis.

Shortly after the New Bedford strike in last April, the strike spread to this city but comparatively few workers went out and the labor difficulties lasted only a short time in Fall River.

Strike in Paterson, N. J. Silk Mills.

Workers in Paterson, N. J. silk mills stopped work on October 10, in accordance with the strike vote referred to in our issue of September 6, page 1887. Regarding the strike we quote the following Paterson advices Oct. 10 to the Newark "News":

More than 1,200 silk workers left their looms in 67 broadsilk shops here to-day after efforts of United States Department of Labor mediators to avert a strike failed.

The strikers, mostly plainloom weavers, are demanding an eight-hour day, an average increase of 10% in wage scale, and recognition of their union, the Associated Silk Workers. The loom owners refused to the last to deal with the strikers collectively.

The last silk strike here was in 1924.

Owners Would Arbitrate.

A statement issued by the manufacturers following a meeting yesterday afternoon set at rest all hopes of averting the strike.

The manufacturers, whose statement was addressed to John A. Moffitt and Charles Bendheim, representatives of the United States Department of Labor, declared they are willing to arbitrate with their individual shops on the demands for a new price list that would mean a higher wage, an eight-hour day and forty-four-hour week, and recognition of the A. S. W. They refused to meet the employees on any other grounds, and asserted they are in favor of an eight-hour day, but that in many cases the employees themselves wanted longer hours.

The jacquard weavers, who were asked to conduct a sympathy strike, will remain at work, having refused to join the walkout.

The aim of the strike is to attain the same demands that were made in the 1924 strike. Since that layoff, the old conditions have crept back into the industry, the union alleges.

Representative Rankin Appeals to President Coolidge to Protect Cotton Growers from Crop Reporting Board's Estimates.

Five days before the issuance of monthly cotton report by the United States Department of Agriculture, Representative John E. Rankin, of Mississippi appealed on Oct. 4 to President Coolidge to protect cotton growers from the "misconduct" of the Department of Agriculture, which, he said, is contributing to the depression of the cotton market through its Crop Reporting Board. This was made known in Associated Press advices from Tupelo, Miss., Oct. 4, published in the New Orleans "Times-Democrat," which, in giving Mr. Rankin's message to the President, said:

He also urged Southern Senators and Congressmen to wire their protests without delay, telling them that while the crop condition was shown to have deteriorated "more than 10%" from Aug. 1 to Sept. 1, the Crop Reporting Board at Washington increased the estimate of the number of bales to be produced by 148,000.

Deterioration Serious.

Mr. Rankin, who was one of the House members to serve on the cotton investigating committee at the last Congress, said deterioration during September was greater than during August, and predicted a crop at least a half-million bales under the last estimate.

In his appeal to President Coolidge, wired to-day, Mr. Rankin said: "We have failed to get relief by protesting to the Boards involved. I appealed to the Secretary of Agriculture and received an offensive reply. Instead of removing those responsible for the great loss to cotton farmers last year, he promoted some of them to positions which they were either unqualified to fill or unworthy to hold.

"The present Crop Reporting Board is contributing to the depression of the cotton market by its inflated estimates of the cotton crop, which, according to its own report, is not borne out by the crop conditions.

"On the 8th of September their report showed that the crop had deteriorated to such an extent that the conditions had fallen from 67.9% to 60.3%, which would have justified a reduction in the estimate of more than 1,400,000 bales. But instead of making allowance for this deterioration in their report, they increased their estimate 148,000 bales, which drove the market down and cost the farmers who have sold their cotton up to the present time millions of dollars.

"If the Crop Reporting Board would make allowance in its report, to be given next Monday, for the deterioration of the crop and abandoned acreage which their report will show and the abnormal falling off in the ginners' report, the price of cotton, responding to the law of supply and demand, would rapidly advance.

"As a member of the Congress from a cotton-growing district, I am appealing to you, sir, to demand of the Crop Reporting Board in the Department of Agriculture, that they base their estimate upon the present condition of the crop as reflected in their reports of deterioration and the ginners' report, and cease contributing to the financial distress of the cotton farmers by giving out inflated estimates not justified by the facts."

Co-operative Citrus Association Formed—Florida Growers Organize for Control and Marketing of Their Product.

Citrus growers of Florida have completed the organization of a co-operative association for control and marketing of their product. Formation of such an association has long been advocated to enable Florida growers to compete successfully with other growers, notably in California, according to the "Wall Street Journal" of Oct. 10, which adds:

Commenting on the organization and what it means for Florida, Peter O. Knight, President of Tampa Electric Co. and prominent in other Florida businesses, said: "This is the most worth while thing that has ever been done for Florida.

"In view of legislation that has been passed by both the State and Federal Governments for the purpose of aiding agricultural products, I have always been amazed that the citrus growers of Florida have not taken advantage of such legislation. The citrus growers of California have been able to compete in the Eastern markets with the citrus growers of Florida simply because the citrus growers of California had a business way. Florida has every natural advantage over California as a citrus growing State.

"California is from two to eight days from the markets; Florida is from a few hours to two days from 80,000,000 of people. Florida has more suitable rainfall, can raise more and better oranges to the acre than California, while California cannot produce grapefruit as a commercial proposition at all.

"The association is owned, controlled, and its affairs will be directed by the growers. And they will be able to market their fruit through any marketing agency they see fit, provided such marketing agency has a contract with the growers' association so as to represent it in the selling of the fruit as its agent.

"I regard the intrinsic value of citrus groves to-day as easily twice what it was three months ago. The beneficial effects, of course, of the completion of this organization, except in a psychological way, will not be demonstrated fully until some time in March or April next year."

President Coolidge Urged to Support Appropriation of \$5,000,000 for Agricultural Research—American Farm Bureau Federation's Plan.

President Coolidge is reported to have assured a group representing various farm organizations on Oct. 8 that he favored an adequate appropriation for agricultural research. Those to whom he made this declaration requested an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for that purpose. The foregoing advices are contained in a Washington dispatch Oct. 8 to the "Times," from which we also take the following:

Chester Gray, Washington representative of the American Farm Federation, acted as spokesman and presented the argument in favor of such an appropriation, saying that among the examples of beneficial results from research which already were contributing considerably toward "the billion dollar goal" were the development of new uses for cotton and its by-products and the saving of the sugar cane industry in Louisiana and in other areas of the South through the breeding of Mosaic resistant varieties of cane.

He also cited the greater utilization of the corn crop, progress in solving the cause of contagious abortion in cattle, better nutrition of live stock, development of a method of inoculating seeds of leguminous crops, wider application of commercial fertilizers, ascertainment of the adaptability of foreign seeds to various sections of the United States and establishment of forestry projects.

"Many other items of research could be specified which bear upon the financial aspect which research has to agriculture," Mr. Gray told the President. "There is also a humanitarian and social side of research when applied to farm problems. No doubt from many points of view this aspect is more valuable, though not in dollars and cents."

H. R. Tolley Appointed Assistant Chief, Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

The promotion of Howard R. Tolley to the post of Assistant Chief in charge of research of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, has been announced by Nils A. Olsen, Chief of the bureau. Mr. Tolley has been connected with the Department of Agriculture for 13 years; he has been in charge of the Division of Farm Management and Costs in the bureau of Agricultural Economics since 1926, and is regarded as an authority on problems connected with the organization and management of farms, cropping systems, the place of livestock in the agriculture of different regions, the use of improved machinery, and the adjustment of agricultural production to market demands. Mr. Tolley is a graduate of the University of Indiana where he received the degree of A. B. in 1910.

In 1912, Mr. Tolley entered the employ of the Coast and Geodetic Survey as a computer, and entered the office of Farm Management, United States Department of Agriculture in 1915. He was promoted to scientific assistant the following year, agricultural engineer in 1920, and senior agricultural economist in 1926. He is the author of many Department publications dealing with farm management practices, farm machinery, and agricultural economics and is editor of the Journal of Farm Economics, the official publication of the Farm Economics Association. Mr. Tolley has been active in recent years in the preparation of outlook reports by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, which reports deal with the present situation and prospects for agriculture as a guide to farmers in adjusting production to market demands. In his new capacity, he will direct and co-ordinate the research activities of the bureau.

Coffee Loss in Porto Rico Following Hurricane.

In a review of the agricultural problems confronting Porto Rico following the recent hurricane, a message from San Juan Oct. 7 to the "Times" said:

At the beginning of the fourth week following the hurricane, Porto Rico is without the complete reconstruction program necessary for the recovery of its agriculture. The citrus fruit growers, however, in a effort to meet their own needs, have formed a credit corporation with \$200,000 capital, designed to provide \$2,000,000 credit if needed, and sugar needs are believed to be provided for temporarily.

The situation on the other hand is less hopeful for the individual tobacco and coffee planters, with the problem of the latter causing the greatest concern.

The large tobacco planters, particularly the corporations, have well under way the new seed beds necessary for the coming crop, which should be in the ground by the end of December. The coffee men, who estimate that they can recover from the storm in four or five years, with proper financial aid, so far are unfinanced. A Federal appropriation for them seems the likeliest course. This would be in addition to new agricultural credits.

The coffee loss is conservatively estimated at \$30,000,000, including the period till the plantations can be restored. It is considered that these should be on a better productive basis than ever before. Their restoration, however, involves for the present a major problem, and indications are that an adequate plan to solve it probably will be the last to be formulated, due to the complexity of the question.

The Red Cross, after almost three full weeks of emergency relief, believes that even the most remote of the needy in the mountains have been reached and are included in the total of 580,000 who are being rationed. As an additional 100,000 are caring for themselves, the grand total approximately Governor Tower's estimate after the storm that 700,000 were in need of assistance.

Beginning to-morrow the Red Cross rationing policy will be established on a work-ificed basis.

Coffee Price Crisis Menaces Sao Paulo—Overproduction Imperils the Brazilian State's Scheme for Stabilization.

Under the above head the "Times" of Oct. 7 in special correspondence from Sao Paulo (Brazil) Sept. 8 said in part:

The most remarkable phase of current life in Brazil is the phenomenal economic growth of Sao Paulo State, of special interest to Americans because the foundation for its prosperity has been contributed to a large degree by coffee drinkers of the United States. Moreover, an analysis of present business conditions is very timely because certain factors have appeared which may undermine the high level of coffee prices established and controlled so successfully by the Sao Paulo Coffee Institute since its organization in December, 1924. . . .

Production Becomes Enormous.

The Brazilian crop is already dangerously large. The harvest picked in 1927, known in trading circles as the 1927-28 crop, was the largest the nation has every produced, totaling 29,451,684 bags, according to the institute's figures. Fortunately for Brazil, the crop harvested in 1928 was small, thereby cutting down the amount of stored coffee.

Official figures, moreover, do not substantiate the assertion that world consumption of Brazilian coffee is keeping up with Brazilian production. It is difficult to ascertain the basic increase in Brazilian production, due to varying conditions of weather from blossom time up to harvest. But it is worthy of note that the jumbo crop harvested in 1927 was so large that there were 13,109,077 bags still unsold on June 30, when picking began on the new crop. That quantity is nearly equal to the average exports for one year.

Moreover, Sao Paulo's defense of coffee prices has been profitable to other producing countries, especially Central America, and production outside of Brazil will undoubtedly increase very rapidly.

Aid from British Bankers.

The retention of huge stocks of coffee naturally entails large loans of money to farmers, and it will be at this point that distress will be most dramatic if the market should break through excessive storage. Loans to farmers against their unsold coffee amount to an enormous sum at the present time. The consensus of opinion at Sao Paulo in September was the outstanding loans by banks and commission merchants totaled more than \$100,000,000, a large part consisting of loans made by the Banco do Estado de Sao Paulo (Sao Paulo State Bank), which is obtaining a great deal of money from London for financing the scheme to make Americans pay high prices for coffee.

Banks are not taking very big risks, as they loan only up to a third or a half of the market price of the coffee, and charges from 10 to 12% or more. The State Bank protects itself by compelling farmers to promise to liquidate the loan at the exchange rate existing at the time the loan is contracted. This provision protects the State in case coffee quotations drop, as bankers predict that an immediate consequence would be a fall in the exchange value of the Brazilian milreis.

There can never be any intelligent and just criticism of the theory of coffee defense, as it is based on the simple plan of loaning money to farmers so that they are no longer forced to dump their crops on the market, as soon as the harvest begins, in such quantities that prices tumble and the profits go to middlemen. The crop is now released on a daily quota throughout the year to uphold and stabilize prices, while the overflow of a big crop is carried to the following year—or later—for release after a short crop.

But the plan has reacted on the State Government somewhat like the effect produced on Alladin when he began using the Wonderful Lamp. It is so easy to push up prices a trifle by issuing an order to reduce daily sales at Santos. Up goes the price—and the profits. The institute's power has also been fortified by the adherence of the eight adjoining coffee-growing States, which have agreed to join Sao Paulo in the control of sales. Further strength is secured by the provision that the State Treasurer automatically becomes President of the Institute.

Producers Reticent on Profits.

Coffee men in Sao Paulo do not care to discuss the subject of profits. They make abstract statements about the matter and evasively talk about the increased cost of labor.

An American in Sao Paulo suggested that the writer should avoid the topic of excessive profits. In his opinion, business relations between the two countries would remain more satisfactory if there is no attempt made by Americans to break the stabilization plan. He believes that the holding of prices at the present level will soon lead to over-production, and then prices will be lowered without arousing the enmity which might continue for many years if the consumers were directly responsible for the drop. In other words, they will soon cut their own throats. He declared that there are Sao Paulo business men of influence in coffee circles who believe that prices should be lowered now, and his assertion was confirmed by Dr. Plinio Barreto, editor-in-chief of "the Estado de Sao Paulo," one of the leading newspapers.

Dr. Paulo R. Pestana, Director of the Department of Industry and Commerce, told the writer that the value of the Sao Paulo coffee farms has approximately doubled since the initiation of the control scheme by the institute in 1924, but he remarked that this has been partly due to fluctuations in the value of the national currency. In a 1927 bulletin Dr. Pestana stated that in 1900-01 the number of producing trees totaled 525,625,000 and that in 1925-26 they numbered 966,142,590. He wrote then that "to measure such rapid progress, by the statistics on production which I have presented, is certain to be agreeable to all people of Sao Paulo, proud of such victories. The statistics, however, do not present themselves to us without shadows. On the horizon are surging dark clouds, messengers of approaching peril."

Sao Paulo Acts to Save Timber—Forest Service Created to Assure Wood Fuel Supply.

A cablegram under date of Oct. 3 from Sao Paul, Brazil, to the "Times" stated:

The State of Sao Paulo, fearing the loss of its timber supply, has created a forest service to promote planting, to prevent fires, to combat insect plagues, to encourage the teaching of tree culture and to prevent the cutting down of trees except where necessary. Landowners must get permission before cutting.

The regulations are drastic but necessary, for firewood prices have been rising steadily in recent years. Some railway companies have planted eucalyptus trees to assure future supplies of firewood, but though several large areas have already been planted, destruction is going on rapidly.

The State of Rio Grande do Sul has also planted a number of areas on account of the lack of firewood.

Firewood is widely used because of the lack of a good coal supply. Brazilian coal has a high ash content and is expensive in Sao Paulo owing to the high cost of transportation from the mines.

Growth of Fur Manufacturing in U. S.—Review by Bank of America, N. A.—60% of Workers in Industry Employed in New York State.

Half a billion dollars represents the retail value of the furs in the hands of the industry in this country each year, according to a review prepared by the Bank of America, N. A., which shows that the Mississippi Valley is the greatest fur-producing area in the world and accounts for most of the \$65,000,000 or \$70,000,000 fur catch of the United States. This figure compared with Russian furs valued at about \$35,000,000 which enter commercial channels and an export of furs from Canada valued at about \$20,000,000. "If to the value of the domestic output of the United States is added about \$125,000,000 for furs imported, less exports of about \$25,000,000, the result, approximately \$150,000,000, represents roughly the value of these raw furs to the producer," the review points out. "Allowing for price appreciation throughout the various stages of distribution, and for the value added in manufacturing, it is safe to estimate that the retail value of the furs in the hands of the industry each year is not far from half a billion dollars.

The study contains statistical matter showing the sources of fur supply throughout the world and values of imports of the various classes of pelts. It says:

The growth of fur manufacturing in the United States has been very rapid in the last few years. A broader demand for furs and a marked improvement in technical knowledge in dressing and dyeing have both contributed to this development. Statistics showing the size of the industry, compiled by the United States Bureau of the Census, are believed by authorities in the trade to understate the case, but they furnish the only measure available. They show that between 1914 and 1925 the number of establishments engaged in the manufacture of fur goods, exclusive of fur-felt hats, increased from 1,322 to 2,000, while the average number of wage-earners employed in the year advanced from about 9,000 to nearly 17,000, and the total of wages and salaries paid from \$9,118,000 to \$35,954,000. The fur manufacturing industry is very largely concentrated in New York City. In 1925, about 60% of all workers reported in the industry were employed in New York State, and more than \$30,000,000 was expended here in that year in wages and salaries.

Petroleum and Its Products—Crude Output at Peak Level for Year.

Domestic crude output continued on the increase, the daily average production of 2,524,000 barrels for the week ending Oct. 6 constituting a new high record for the year thus far. Most of the increase was in Oklahoma and West Texas, reflecting the breaking-down of the curtailment program in the former State. Operators in Oklahoma have been working under an agreement to limit daily output of all pools in the State to 700,000 barrels. Production for the week ending Oct. 6 averaged 745,000 barrels. Efforts to secure a modification of the agreement, increasing the daily allotment to 750,000 barrels, are being made, but the attempt has created considerable feeling among operators, and for a time threatened the entire conservation program in Oklahoma. In view of the readjustments in posted prices for crude oil this year, Oklahoma crude, which averages high gravity, is virtually a premium oil, and the desire of operators to produce as heavily as possible is therefore readily understandable. Seminole production has been hovering between 320,000 and 325,000 barrels daily during the week, with the St. Louis pool producing about 115,000 to 120,000 barrels daily.

Operators in the Oregon Basin pool, Wyoming, were making efforts to achieve co-operation in a program for a curtailment of drilling operations, and pro-rating of runs, but nothing definite was accomplished in this direction. The pool is now running 4,500 barrels a day, being the largest shipper in Wyoming, aside from Salt Creek. Small refineries in Montana and Canada take considerable of this quantity. Leading factors in the field are Continental Oil Company, Ohio Oil, and Producers' and Refiners' Corporation, all of which are endeavoring to limit production owing to prevailing low prices. Some contracts are reported to have been made down to 53 cents a barrel. Prices in the Salt Creek field range from 88c. to \$1.76 a barrel, as to gravity.

In a test run to gauge semi-monthly potential production of the Yates pool in Pecos County, Texas, Transcontinental and Mid-Kansas Oil Company's No. 5 D well flowed at the rate of 146,358 barrels a day. This surpasses the flow of 125,000 barrels daily of Standard Oil Company of California's well Yates No. 15, which previously held the record for the field.

There were no changes in crude oil prices in any of the principal domestic producing fields the past week. With production in the Midcontinent area gaining and refiners planning to reduce their throughput, owing to seasonal

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

Domestic Petroleum by Fields of Origin	August 1928		July 1928		Jan.-Aug. 1928	Jan.-Aug. 1927.a
	Total	Daily Av.	Total	Daily Av.		
Appalachian	3,007,000	97,000	2,707,000	87,300	21,182,000	19,989,000
Lima-Indiana	130,000	4,200	93,000	3,000	951,000	988,000
Michigan	46,000	1,500	56,000	1,800	326,000	293,000
Ill. & S. W. Ind.	799,000	25,800	783,000	25,300	5,254,000	4,819,000
Mid. Continent	48,022,000	1,549,100	47,318,000	1,526,400	344,763,000	304,100,000
Gulf Coast	3,490,000	112,600	3,878,000	125,100	30,281,000	37,747,000
Rocky Mount'n	2,808,000	90,500	2,557,000	82,500	19,949,000	21,831,000
Deliveries & exports	58,302,000	1,880,700	57,392,000	1,851,400	422,706,000	389,767,000
Deliveries for petroleum	56,788,000	1,831,900	56,218,000	1,813,500	414,305,000	383,261,000
	6,138,000	198,000	7,938,000	256,100	52,023,000	37,429,000
Deliveries of domestic & for petrol	62,926,000	2,029,900	64,156,000	2,069,600	466,328,000	420,690,000

a Final Figures.

NUMBER OF PRODUCING OIL WELLS COMPLETED.

August 1928	July 1928	Jan.-Aug. 1928	Jan.-Aug. 1927.a
1,247	1,096	7,870	10,450

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

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

	Aug. 1928.	July 1928.	Jan.-Aug. '28.	Jan.-Aug. '27.a
Crude oil	162,000	242,000	2,053,000	7,280,000
Refined Products				
Gasoline	1,700,000	1,745,000	10,734,000	7,771,000
Asphalt	3,000	1,000	18,000	8,000
Gas oil	165,000	362,000	1,609,000	2,492,000
Fuel oil	2,000	2,000	713,000	5,440,000
Lubricants	5,000	1,000	232,000	214,000
Tops	88,000	95,000	183,000	
Total refined prod's	1,963,000	2,206,000	13,489,000	15,925,000

a Final figures.

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

(Barrels.)	Gasoline.	Kerosene.	Gas & Fuel Oils.	Lubricants.
East coast	4,300,000	1,417,000	8,773,000	2,585,000
Appalachian	742,000	317,000	1,111,000	1,196,000
Indiana, Illinois, &c.	3,483,000	1,279,000	3,441,000	742,000
Oklahoma, Kansas, &c.	1,855,000	557,000	6,581,000	449,000
Texas	4,820,000	1,626,000	13,124,000	1,612,000
Louisiana and Arkansas	1,006,000	1,453,000	5,322,000	114,000
Rocky Mountain	1,197,000	233,000	1,409,000	119,000
California	9,794,000	2,040,000		894,000
Total	27,197,000	8,922,000	39,761,000	7,711,000
Total July 31 1928	30,392,600	8,470,000	37,410,000	7,667,000
Texas Gulf Coast	4,217,000	1,541,000	10,391,000	1,532,000
Louisiana Gulf Coast	912,000	1,429,000	4,495,000	113,000

	Wax.	Coke.	Asphalt.	Other Pntsh Products.	Unfinished Oils.
East coast	28,976,000	26,400	98,200	95,000	7,741,000
Appalachian	11,919,000	4,200	800	63,000	1,306,000
Indiana, Illinois, &c.	15,393,000	68,700	34,000	254,000	4,082,000
Oklahoma, Kansas, &c.	3,019,000	52,700	3,100	88,000	2,392,000
Texas	3,826,000	125,600	7,100	13,000	10,992,000
Louisiana and Arkansas	5,947,000	63,700	25,000	65,000	2,140,000
Rocky Mountain	10,056,000	60,800	8,400	59,000	1,127,000
California			48,900	220,000	9,316,000
Total	79,136,000	402,100	225,500	857,000	39,096,000
Te ¹ July 31 1928	84,476,000	384,900	251,400	1,200,000	39,647,000
Texas Gulf Coast	3,706,000	111,300	7,000	5,000	9,809,000
Louisiana Gulf Coast	5,947,000	63,100	24,900	55,000	1,760,000

x East of California. y Includes 921,000 barrels tops in storage.

Predicts Only Slight Gain in World's Oil Production for 1928.

The world's oil production in 1928 will show an increase of only about 29,825,000 barrels, or about 2.3%, over 1927, according to Valentin R. Garfias, Manager of the Foreign Oil Department of Henry L. Doherty & Co., in his annual survey of petroleum production of the world. Mr. Garfias estimates the 1928 oil production of the world at 1,279,220,000 barrels, a daily average close to 3,500,000 barrels. He indicates that, as in previous years, the fields, of the American continent will produce close to 85% of the total output. The most important development in 1928, in his opinion, has been this country's partially successful attempts at normalization, or conservation, of production. In the face of an available supply almost double the actual output of the fields, production in the United States has remained practically stationary during this year.

Mr. Garfias estimates this country's production for the year at 890,000,000 barrels, or 69.6% of the world's output. This is very nearly the same as in 1927, when there was registered a gain of 15% over 1926. The uniformity in production was due primarily to curtailment of production from wells already drilled, it being estimated that the available or shut-in production at the end of the year was close to 500,000 barrels per day, which is equal to the combined production of Venezuela and Russia, the second and third ranking countries.

Conservation was affected in Oklahoma by restriction of drilling as agreed upon by the majority of the producers

and enforced by a ruling of the State Corporation Commission. In Texas different methods of pro-rationing of new fields has been tried out with the co-operation of the State Railroad Commission. Mr. Garfias points out that the total amount of gasoline used in the United States and exported from this country in 1928 will be close to 36,000,000 barrels—over 1,500,000,000 gallons. Obviously, he says, an increasingly large supply must be available to meet the rapidly expanding consumption.

Other important happenings in 1928 were the increased yield in Venezuela, Russia, and Colombia, and the decline in Mexican production. This year Venezuela has displaced Russia as the second largest producer. It is likely to hold this position for years to come. The Venezuelan production for 1928 is estimated at 105,000,000 barrels, an increase of 40,000,000 over the preceding year. The output would have been considerably higher, it is stated, had not over-supply in this country made it advisable for Venezuelan operators to curtail production.

The Mexican production in 1928 is estimated at 47,000,000 barrels, which is only about half that of 1926. This condition has been brought about by the gradual decline in production in old fields and the lack of development in new fields. If the present trend continues, Persia will outrank Mexico in 1929 as the fourth largest producing country. Considerable progress has been made, however, in the settlement of matters relating to Mexican oil production, and the expected peaceful solution of the complicated political situation brought about by the assassination of President Obregon bids fair to speed development.

The Garfias report states that conditions in 1928, as in 1927, again show that for several years to come the stability of the petroleum industry hinges primarily on an intelligent and effective control of American production. The United States is now and should remain for years to come the dominant factor.

A conference of American producers is now planned at which measures to restrict production will, it is expected, be adopted. It is also believed that assurances will likewise be received from foreign oil executives that their companies will co-operate to a program to restrict outputs not only in America but in Venezuela and Mexico as well. A world survey of present petroleum conditions, Mr. Garfias states in closing his report, shows that the industry profiting by past experiences and costly mistakes, now appears to be on the road to sound economic stability. The following table shows the world's production for 1926, 1927 and 1928. The figures for the first two years were furnished by the U. S. Bureau of Mines, while the 1928 figures are the author's estimates.

WORLD'S PETROLEUM PRODUCTION.

Country—	1926.	1927.	1928.
United States	770,874,000	901,129,000	890,000,000
Venezuela	37,226,000	64,400,000	105,000,000
Russia	64,311,000	72,400,000	80,000,000
Mexico	90,421,000	64,121,000	47,000,000
Persia	35,842,000	36,800,000	37,300,000
Roumania	23,314,000	26,109,000	28,000,000
Dutch East Indies	21,242,000	21,400,000	21,500,000
Colombia	6,444,000	14,600,000	20,000,000
Peru	10,762,000	9,800,000	10,500,000
Argentina	7,952,000	8,700,000	8,800,000
India	8,728,000	8,200,000	8,000,000
Trinidad	5,278,000	5,200,000	6,200,000
Poland	5,844,000	5,800,000	5,600,000
Sarawak	4,942,000	5,000,000	5,200,000
Japan	1,900,000	1,700,000	1,700,000
Egypt	1,188,000	1,270,000	1,300,000
Germany	653,000	700,000	720,000
Ecuador	214,000	450,000	700,000
Canada	364,000	500,000	600,000
France	478,000	525,000	540,000
Sakhalin	181,000	200,000	220,000
Czechoslovakia	150,000	140,000	140,000
Others	81,000	260,000	200,000
	1,098,389,000	1,249,395,000	1,279,220,000

Copper and Other Nonferrous Metal Prices Steady Despite Quiet Trade.

The exceptional demand for lead and copper which has dominated the metal markets in recent weeks has subsided, and business placed in the past week was considerably less than average in volume, "Engineering and Mining Journal" reports. Prices, however, are unchanged, and producers of the major metals are well fortified for a period of inactivity by recent extensive sales. The account goes on to say:

Sales of copper during the week were little more than 50% of normal. On most of the larger orders, November and early December delivery were designated. Demand for automobile production has been a factor in sales. Inquiry for January metal was reported, but in only one instance was delivery that far in advance agreed upon. Export business has been in normal volume. In the domestic market copper held at 15 1/4 cents a pound, delivered in the East, with export metal quoted at 15 1/2 cents, c. i. f. basis.

After four weeks of better than average business, the lead market has been perceptibly quieter. Consumption of lead by cable manufacturers is large, and much of the business in the current week has been for their account.

Battery makers have also been in the market. New York prices continue at the contract level of 6.50 cents a pound. In the Middle West the market is quoted at 6.325 cents for early deliveries.

Zinc experienced one of the slowest sales periods of the year, with the price unchanged. Tin has shared the quietness of the other metals.

Tax by Chile on American Copper Mines Upheld by Finance Minister.

American copper mining interests in Chile covered by the Chile Exploration Co. and the Braden Copper Co. have been subjected to a long analysis by the Minister of Finance in a note in reply to the petition sent to the Government by the American firms in May, according to a cablegram, Oct. 3, from Santiago, Chile, to the "Times." The cablegram also contained the following advice:

The petition referred to the income tax laws affecting the interests of big American companies operating the Potrerillos, Chuquicamata and El Teniente copper deposits and endeavored to demonstrate that the heavy taxes gave no facilities to the companies, seriously hampered development and curtailed legitimate profits.

The Minister of Finance's note, published to-day, takes up all points in the American claims, holding that the increase in the price of the shares of the companies affected during the last few years shows that earnings have been perfectly satisfactory.

It goes on to explain that exportation of all profits made by foreign enterprises in Chilean copper deposits, with the exception of salaries and other like expenses, makes it necessary for the local Government to enforce taxes on incomes that give the country indirect and scanty participation in the enormous profits sent to the United States.

The note adds that nothing has occurred in the course of the months that have elapsed since establishment of the tax in 1927 to affect unfavorably the copper industry and that there is no especial reason why a reduction of taxes should now be contemplated.

The note also reproduces an article published in a local paper referring to the big consolidation of copper interests in the United States in November, 1926, whereby Americans interests, it was asserted, including J. P. Morgan and the Guggenheims, managed to control the world market, and declares that the American petition is undoubtedly based on the policy adopted and enforced by the trust established in the United States and that for this reason the Chilean Government has a perfect right to enforce taxes it considers appropriate on earnings derived by these enterprises in Chile.

Production of Slab Zinc in September Shows Decline—Stocks Increase.

According to the American Zinc Institute, Inc., production during the month of September amounted to 49,361 short tons of slab zinc, compared with 52,157 tons in the preceding month and 47,735 tons in September 1927. Shipments last month totaled 45,862 short tons, of which 44,103 tons went to domestic consumers and 1,759 tons were exported. In the month of August 1928 there were shipped a total of 49,961 tons and in September last year 48,045 tons. Stocks of slab zinc at Sept. 30 amounted to 47,915 short tons, an increase of 3,499 tons as compared with Aug. 31 1928 and 13,638 tons more than at Sept. 30 1927. The "Institute" has also released the following figures:

Metal sold, not yet delivered, at the end of September 1298 totaled 19,092 tons; total retort capacity at Sept. 30 amounted to 116,136 tons; the number of idle retorts available within 60 days, 48,567; the average number of retorts operating during September, 65,312; the number of retorts operating at the end of the month, 51,965. The monthly statistics are as follows.

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

Table with 5 columns: Month of, Production, Domestic Shipments, Exports, Total Shipments, Stocks at End of Period. Rows include months from 1928 to 1927 and 9-month totals.

Bolivian Tin Production Higher but Profits Decrease.

Tin production in Bolivia for the first seven months of 1928 is more than 4,000 tons above production in the same period of 1927, according to figures made public by the Bolivian Consulate General last Saturday. In spite of this rise in figures of production the cash value of the product has decreased more than \$2,000,000, the figures of the consulate show. A government subsidy to miners in the form of slashed tariffs on mining necessities has been made necessary by this drop in tin prices. Only by means of this governmental aid were the small producers of tin enabled to keep on producing at a profit, Consul General Emeterio Cano de la Vega explained.

Despite this discouraging phase of the situation, the figures show that Bolivia is apparently moving into second place in world-production of tin. If production figures for the remainder of 1928 continue at the rate for the first seven months, Bolivia will export more than 40,000 tons of tin during the year, as compared with 33,858 tons last year. Recent rises in the price of tin in London and New York indicate a more favorable state, so that it is unlikely that production will fall off abnormally. The figures follow:

Production for the first seven months of 1928 over 25,000 long tons with a value of \$17,648,449. Production for the first seven months of 1927 was over 20,000 long tons with a value of \$19,817,517. With the single exception of February, every month this year showed a tonnage increase over the corresponding month last year. With the single exception of March, the product of every month brought less than the amount brought by the corresponding month's product in 1927. Tonnage figures are in terms of fine tins. The actual tonnage of ore concentrates, of course, much larger. Because of this situation, President Hernandez Siles issued on April 23, 1928, a proclamation providing that as long as the price of tin remained below 280 pounds sterling, the tariffs on mining necessities should be reduced fifty per cent. Those items, such as detonators, explosives, lumber, paraffin and mineral wax, and naphtha for tractors, etc., come in large part from the United States. Since the United States is also the chief user of tin, it has the good fortune to profit in a double sense by the emergency confronting the Bolivian miners.

Steel Ingot Production in September Shows Decline Compared With Previous Month.

The American Iron & Steel Institute in its usual monthly report for September places the production of steel at 3,926,932 tons by companies which made 94.68% of the open hearth and Bessemer steel in 1927. On that basis the calculated steel ingot output for September is 4,147,583 tons with 25 working days as compared with last months make of 4,178,481 tons with 27 working days and comparing with only 3,268,881 tons for September 1927 with 26 working days. The approximate daily output of all companies was 165,903 tons in September 154,759 tons in August and 152,463 tons in July. On September last year the production per day was only 125,726 tons. Below we give the comparative figures of production since January 1927:

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF STEEL INGOTS, JAN. 1927 TO DEC. 1927—(GROSS TONS). Reported for 1927 and 1928 by companies which made 94.68% of the open-hearth and Bessemer Steel ingot production in 1927.

Table with 8 columns: Months 1927, Open-hearth, Bessemer, Monthly output companies reporting, Calculated monthly output all companies, No. of wkg. days, Approx. daily output all cos., Per cent operation. Rows include monthly data for 1927-1928 and 9-month totals.

x The figures of "per cent of operat'ion" are based on the annual capacity as of Dec. 31 1927, of 58,627,910 gross tons for Bessemer and open-hearth steel ingots

Further Increase in Unfilled Orders of United States Steel Corporation.

The United States Steep Corp. in its usual monthly statement issued Wednesday (Oct. 10) placed the unfilled tonnage on books of the subsidiary corporations as of Sept. 30 1928 at 3,698,268 tons, an increase of 74,325 tons over the previous month. Orders on hand at close of Sept. 30 1927, stood at 3,148,113 tons, and at 3,593,509 tons the corresponding date in 1926. A comparison of the amounts back to 1923 is shown below. Figures for earlier dates may be obtained from our issue of Apr. 17 1926, page 2126:

UNFILLED ORDERS OF SUBSIDIARIES OF U. S. STEEL CORPORATION

Table with 8 columns: End of Month, 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924, 1923. Rows include months from January to December.

Steel Output Continues to Rise—Shipments at High Level—Prices Unchanged.

With steel production rising to what promises to be a new peak, demand shows unexpected buoyancy and the price structure, from primary materials to finished products, continues to strengthen, states the "Iron Age" of Oct. 11 in its weekly summary of the iron and steel situation. The "Age" continues:

In steel output per day September reached the highest average since the record-breaking rate of April. In total production the month fell less than 1% behind August, which had two more working days. Mill operations are still expanding, now averaging 90% if not higher, and in view of the large volume of business on mill books, October is expected to be the high month of the year in both output and shipments. That total production for 1928 will establish a new record now seems assured, since the last quarter need only exceed the relatively poor performance of the same period in 1927 by 1% to effect that result.

The continued flow of new business in finished steel is impressive, following last month's heavy specifying against expiring contracts. October orders for bars, sheets, shapes and plates, though in most districts at a lessened rate, are being freely placed at the advanced prices ruling in this quarter. At Chicago sales were particularly heavy, equaling those of any week this year, not excluding periods when bookings were swelled by large purchases of rails and track supplies.

Meanwhile pressure for deliveries has increased in proportion to the expansion in mill backlogs. In bars and sheets producers are from three to five weeks behind in shipments. A rise in sheet output to 95% of capacity reflects the efforts of mills to satisfy their customers.

The outlook for a sustained rate of steel consumption is reassuring, notwithstanding the large volume of steel now being taken by the trade. The automobile industry is not producing at so rapid a pace as in September, but output for the quarter will probably exceed that for the fourth quarter of 1927 and other recent years. That no slump is in early prospect is indicated by continued efforts of motor car companies to place contracts for sheets and strip steel for the first quarter of 1929.

The farm implement industry, which is completing additions to its plant capacity, is expanding, rather than contracting, its production.

Building work taking structural steel shows no signs of entering a period of reaction. New projects calling for nearly \$2,000 tons of fabricated steel were added to the list of pending inquiries during the week. Awards totaled 33,000 tons.

Tin plate production, at 75 to 80% of capacity, reflects a seasonal decline in business, and jobbing demand for wire products is disappointing, but offsetting tonnage will come from the railroads.

Inquiries for 2,300 freight cars have been issued, and orders have been placed for 1,500 cars to be built in railroad shops. An Eastern trunk line has closed for 46,000 tons of rails and 14,000 tons of accessories, and the Chesapeake & Ohio has bought 15,000 tons of track supplies to supplement its rail purchase of two weeks ago. The Pennsylvania will open bids Oct. 15 on 160,000 tons of rails with an option on 70% more.

The strength of the price situation is emphasized by the rising trend of primary materials. Heavy steel scrap has advanced another 50c. a ton at Pittsburgh and St. Louis, while prices at Chicago and Cincinnati have gone up 75c. and \$1 a ton, respectively. A leading independent steel company may resort to duplexing to reduce its scrap requirements.

Increasing foundry melt and the expanding raw material needs of steel companies have put pig iron sellers in a strong position. Malleable and Bessemer pig iron in the Valleys have gone up 25c. a ton, and another advance at Chicago is looked for.

Billets, slabs and sheet bars are now commanding \$33 per ton, Pittsburgh or Youngstown, an advance of \$1 over the price that ruled on most third quarter contracts.

To simplify and stabilize quotations on hot-rolled strip steel, which now takes three base prices, makers have announced a new card of extras for width and gage. One base price will apply on all sizes from 1 1/4 in. to 24 in., extras ranging from 5c. per 100 lb. upward. The new prices are 2c., Pittsburgh, and 2.10c., Chicago, but in view of the fact that nearly all buyers are covered for the remainder of the year at 1.90c., Pittsburgh, the effectiveness of the change will date from Jan. 1. Wide strips will take considerably lower net prices under the new extras.

The "Iron Age" composite prices remain unchanged, that for pig iron at \$17.84 a ton and that for finished steel at 2.362c. a lb., as the following table shows:

Finished Steel.			Pig Iron.						
	High.	Low.		High.	Low.				
Oct 9 1928.	2.362c.	a pound.	Oct. 9 1928.	\$17.84	a gross ton.				
One week ago.	2.362c.		One week ago.	\$17.84					
One month ago.	2.348c.		One month ago.	17.46					
One year ago.	2.331c.		One year ago.	18.09					
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, these products constituting 87% of the United States output of finished steel.			Based on average of basic iron at Valley furnace and foundry irons at Chicago, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Valley and Birmingham.						
1928.	2.364c.	Feb. 14	2.314c.	Jan. 3	1928.	\$17.84	Oct. 2	\$17.04	July 24
1927.	2.453c.	Jan. 4	2.293c.	Oct. 25	1927.	19.71	Jan. 4	17.54	Nov. 1
1926.	2.453c.	Jan. 5	2.403c.	May 18	1926.	21.54	Jan. 5	19.46	July 13
1925.	2.580c.	Jan. 6	2.396c.	Aug. 18	1925.	22.50	Jan. 13	18.96	July 7
1924.	2.787c.	Jan. 15	2.460c.	Oct. 14	1924.	22.88	Feb. 26	19.21	Nov. 3
1923.	2.824c.	Apr. 24	2.446c.	Jan. 2	1923.	30.86	Mar. 20	20.77	Nov. 20

October has started out with a remarkable display of price strength and vigorous consuming demand in iron and steel markets, according to the "Iron Trade Review" of Cleveland, in its Oct. 11 summary of the iron and steel markets. The rush of specifications for various light and heavy finished steel products in the last half of September gave mills heavy backlogs and further extended delivery periods. Despite the advance of \$2 on some finished steel products for fourth quarter, the first week of October brought in more new business, at higher figures, than any other week this year. Many orders held in abeyance pending a clearer definition of the price movement, were quickly released, and definite delivery periods demanded. As a result there is less uncertainty to-day than in weeks about the market, since contracting has become more general. The price gap between so-called preferred customers and regular buyers is closing. Mills and furnace operations show further moderate expansion for the week, continues the "Review," which we further quote:

Pig iron shipments continue at a high rate, and show a tendency to exceed the September average, reflecting the increased output and larger melt. Shipments in the Chicago district in September totaled 300,000 tons. Substantial sales are being made for first quarter, at an average of 25 cents over present figures. A central Ohio steel works closed in the past week for around 2,500 tons of basic with a merchant stack at \$16.50, valley, and for an equivalent tonnage at \$17, valley, with another producer. This is believed to have removed the last of the \$16.50 basic from the market, and \$17 now is the more representative price.

Coke production in the Connellsville district has been expanded by the lighting of 1,200 ovens, and the market is firmer. Gray iron foundries in eastern New York now are operating at 85%, the best rate in years.

Steel ingot production set a new high record for the month of September, with 4,147,583 tons. The daily average was 165,903 tons, an increase of 11,144 tons over the August average of 154,759. August had two more working days than September, which gave August a total of 4,178,481 tons. Despite the fact September this year had one less working day than the same month last year, output this year was 878,702 tons larger. For the first 9 months this year total ingot production was 36,930,520 tons, 3,151,568 tons ahead of the comparable period of 1927. Production this year in the same period has averaged 84.08% of capacity, against 78.78% last year.

Sales of bars and other finished steel products in the past week in the Middle West were heavier than those of any prior week this year. Sales, specifications and shipments of all finished steel products during the first nine months this year are about 20% ahead of the comparable period of 1927. Capacity operations are reported by bar mills, and deliveries are deferred three to six weeks. Farm implement and tractor manufacturers have figured as larger buyers.

While consumption of automotive sheets is on a rising scale, and some makers are already figuring on tonnage for new models, unusual vitality of the sheet market appears due to sustained demand from a diverse line of users. Specifications tend to increase in volume. The leading interest is operating its sheet departments practically full.

Western structural shape mills increased their operating rate 5 points to 80% in the past week, largely under the influence of railroad requirements. Shape awards and inquiries for railroad bridges and car equipment at Chicago call for 50,000 tons of shapes, in addition to a heavy tonnage of plates. Featuring shape awards in the week are 3,400 tons for a Y. M. C. A. building in New York, 2,000 tons for a Memphis office building, and 1,800 tons for an exhibition building in St. Louis. Bids are being taken on 6,700 tons for a section of the Bronx subway, while at Buffalo the new municipal building project has become an early prospect for 8,000 tons. A larger volume of oil tank work is appearing in the plate market, especially from the Pacific coast.

Railroad business shows further expansion. A trunk line has placed 46,000 tons of rails, 30% going to western mills. The Pennsylvania's maximum fourth quarter requirements now up for consideration have been increased by around 70,000 tons to a total of 272,000 tons. Preliminary estimates of total car awards in September indicate 1,406, more than double those of August. New inquiries call for 3,800 freight cars for various lines, while the Louisville & Nashville may place 2,000. Lehigh Valley has decided to scrap 4,700 wooden freight cars in line with the American Railway association's policy to restrict the use of such cars.

While scrap continues scarce and a few further advances have been made in some grades the changes are slower and less impressive. Heavy melting steel reached its highest accepted consumer price at Chicago since 1926 with the sale of 15,000 tons in the past week at \$14, gross, on tracks in the Chicago district.

The "Iron Trade Review's" composite of 14 leading iron and steel products is up 12 cents this week to \$35.42.

Ingot production of the United States Steel Corporation has increased about 3% during the past week and is now at 89%, compared with around 86% a week ago and 85% two weeks ago, says the "Wall Street Journal" of Oct. 9, which adds:

Leading independents also have expanded activities, but to a smaller extent. They are estimated to be doing approximately 86%, contrasted with around 85% in the two preceding weeks.

Average for the industry is now placed at a fraction above 87%, against slightly better than 85% a week ago and about 85% two weeks ago.

Operations still show a substantial increase over the rates at this time last year, the Steel Corp. being up 21%, independents 23% and the average about 22%. In the second week of October, 1927, the Steel Corp. was at about 68%, independents at 63% and the average was placed at a shade above 65%.

The "Wall Street Journal" of Oct. 10 in a Youngstown dispatch also stated:

Full finished sheet producers are aiming toward a 4.25 cents a pound price for first quarter of 1929, comparing with 4 cents in the current quarter. This advance will depend upon whether the automobile trade demands are sustained. There are no signs of a let-up now, aside from inventory-taking irregularities, usual at this time of year. Offsetting this, the Ford Motor Co. is enlarging requirements for flat steels, particularly strips and sheets. The valley steel trade expects Ford to be on an 8,500 a day production basis by the end of the year, compared with 5,500 cars at present.

The Warren plant of the Republic Iron & Steel Co. is producing large strip steel tonnages for Ford and Chevrolet.

Steel producers in the Youngstown area are watching prospective demands to be developed by airplane manufacture. These requirements are expected at first to run to the lighter steels, but also to embrace bars, shapes and tubular structures.

The "American Metal Market" in its weekly review is quoted as follows:

Steel production in September, as officially reported, ran 3% to 4% above the highest estimates made on current trade information.

Wire products in general have been unusually active, with the conspicuous exception of nails. Fence distribution is expected to run well above last year. The usual spring dating has been arranged. Demand for standard pipe has just begun to taper off a little, while casing, drill pipe, &c., are expected to show their present demand through the year, drilling being chiefly in the southwest and in California.

Finished steel prices are firm all along the line.

Bituminous Coal, Anthracite and Coke Production Higher.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, production of bituminous coal during the week ended Sept. 29

totalled 11,059,000 net tons as compared with 10,059,000 tons in the preceding week and 10,059,000 tons during the week ended Oct. 1 1927. Output of anthracite during the week ended Sept. 29 1928 is estimated at 1,851,000 net tons as against 1,641,000 tons in the corresponding period last year and 1,497,000 tons in the week ended Sept. 22 1928. Production of beehive coke in the United States during the week ended Sept. 29 last amounted to about 80,000 net tons, an increase of 4,000 as compared with the preceding week, but 21,000 net tons less than produced in the week ended Oct. 1 1927. The Bureau of Mines report is as follows:

BITUMINOUS COAL.

The total production of soft coal during the week ended Sept. 29, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 11,059,000 net tons. This is the first time since March 1927 that production has passed the 11-million ton mark. Compared with the output in the week ended Sept. 22 there is an increase of 1,038,000 tons, or 10.4%.

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

	1928		1927	
	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.
Sept. 15	10,197,000	331,897,000	9,648,000	372,942,000
Daily average	1,700,000	1,517,000	1,608,000	1,705,000
Sept. 22 b	10,021,000	341,918,000	9,870,000	382,812,000
Daily average	1,670,000	1,521,000	1,645,000	1,704,000
Sept. 29 c	11,059,000	352,977,000	10,059,000	392,871,000
Daily average	1,843,000	1,529,000	1,677,000	1,703,000

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 Sept. 29 (approximately 231 working days) amounts to 352,977,000 net tons. Figures for corresponding periods in other recent years are given below:

1927	392,871,000 net tons	1924	344,820,000 net tons
1926	402,376,000 net tons	1923	428,004,000 net tons
1925	363,068,000 net tons	1922	280,556,000 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 Sept. 22 amounted to 10,021,000 net tons, a decrease of 176,000 tons from the output in the preceding week.

The following table apportions the tonnage by States:

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

State—	Week Ended—				Sept. 1923 Aver. a
	Sept. 22'28.	Sept. 15'28.	Sept. 24'27.	Sept. 25'26.	
Alabama	306,000	309,000	356,000	404,000	406,000
Arkansas	53,000	50,000	54,000	30,000	31,000
Colorado	214,000	208,000	270,000	228,000	214,000
Illinois	988,000	925,000	223,000	1,293,000	1,587,000
Indiana	297,000	289,000	309,000	449,000	550,000
Iowa	62,000	58,000	15,000	90,000	117,000
Kansas	41,000	32,000	48,000	89,000	95,000
Kentucky: Eastern	993,000	1,043,000	1,082,000	962,000	713,000
Western	322,000	318,000	513,000	341,000	248,000
Maryland	57,000	61,000	62,000	65,000	40,000
Michigan	11,000	11,000	19,000	13,000	27,000
Missouri	80,000	73,000	51,000	59,000	73,000
Montana	81,000	91,000	76,000	67,000	68,000
New Mexico	57,000	57,000	61,000	55,000	56,000
North Dakota	22,000	26,000	26,000	27,000	27,000
Ohio	369,000	350,000	162,000	558,000	861,000
Oklahoma	66,000	65,000	66,000	58,000	65,000
Pennsylvania	2,500,000	2,535,000	2,468,000	3,062,000	3,585,000
Tennessee	109,000	113,000	98,000	108,000	119,000
Texas	21,000	22,000	23,000	28,000	26,000
Utah	120,000	111,000	103,000	86,000	103,000
Virginia	245,000	250,000	265,000	279,000	245,000
Washington	49,000	60,000	40,000	54,000	58,000
West Virginia: Southern b	1,992,000	2,166,000	2,340,000	2,229,000	1,512,000
Northern c	816,000	820,000	970,000	833,000	819,000
Wyoming	149,000	153,000	164,000	140,000	165,000
Other States	1,000	1,000	6,000	4,000	4,000
Total bituminous coal	10,021,000	10,197,000	9,870,000	11,611,000	11,814,000
Pennsylvania anthracite	1,497,000	1,414,000	1,519,000	2,045,000	714,000
Total all coal	11,518,000	11,611,000	11,389,000	13,656,000	12,528,000

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

BEEHIVE COKE.

The total production of beehive coke for the country as a whole during the week ended Sept. 29 is estimated at 80,000 net tons. Compared with the output for the preceding week, this shows an increase of 4,000 tons, or 5.3%. Production during the week in 1927 corresponding with that of Sept. 29 amounted to 101,000 tons.

Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

	Week Ended—		1928		1927	
	Sept. 29	Sept. 22	Oct. 1	to Date.	to Date.	to Date.
Pennsylvania and Ohio	57,000	53,000	69,000	2,219,000	4,478,000	4,478,000
West Virginia	11,000	11,000	15,000	453,000	608,000	608,000
Ala., Ky., Tenn. and Georgia	1,000	1,000	5,000	121,000	197,000	197,000
Virginia	5,000	5,000	5,000	186,000	254,000	254,000
Colorado, Utah & Washington	6,000	6,000	7,000	166,000	281,000	281,000
United States total	80,000	76,000	101,000	3,145,000	5,818,000	5,818,000
Daily average	13,300	12,700	16,800	13,500	25,000	25,000

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

ANTHRACITE.

The total production of anthracite during the week ended Sept. 29 is estimated at 1,851,000 net tons, the highest figure recorded for any week since the end of May. Compared with the output in the preceding week, there is an increase of 354,000 tons, or 23.6%. Production during the week in 1927 corresponding with that of Sept. 29 amounted to 1,641,000 tons.

Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons).

Week Ended—	1928		1927	
	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.
Sept. 15	1,414,000	51,148,000	1,613,000	57,110,000
Sept. 22 b	1,497,000	52,645,000	1,519,000	58,629,000
Sept. 29 c	1,851,000	54,496,000	1,641,000	60,270,000

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

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

The following preliminary estimates for the month of September, 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 40,865,000 net tons of bituminous coal were produced in September 1928, decrease of 243,000 net tons as compared with the previous month and 898,000 net tons less than the figure for the month of August 1927. Anthracite production during the month under review showed decrease of 2,314,000 net tons as compared with the preceding month and was 561,000 net tons under the total for the month of August 1927. The statistical tables as given by the Bureau of Mines are appended:

Weekly statistics on the subjects covered by this statement are published in the weekly Coal Report of the Bureau of Mines, which is distributed free upon application. The monthly figures issued herewith are a compilation for the use of business statisticians, editors, and others who desire monthly data.

The preliminary estimates for the latest month shown are subject to slight revisions, which will be issued in the Weekly Coal Report about the fifteenth instant. 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.

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	Total for Month (Net Tons).	Number of Working Days.	Average per Working Day (Net Tons).
<i>September 1928 (preliminary) a—</i>			
Bituminous coal	40,865,000	24.4	1,675,000
Anthracite	6,035,000	24	251,000
Beehive coke	309,000	25	12,360
<i>August 1928 (revised)—</i>			
Bituminous coal	41,108,000	27	1,523,000
Anthracite	6,883,000	27	255,000
Beehive coke	290,000	27	10,740
<i>September 1927 (final figures)—</i>			
Bituminous coal	41,763,000	25.4	1,644,000
Anthracite	6,596,000	25	264,000
Beehive coke	470,000	26	18,080

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

Failure of Negotiations for New Wage Scale in Indiana Coal Fields.

Terre Haute Associated Press advices Oct. 11 stated: Negotiations for a new wage scale in the Indiana coal fields ended in a disagreement here to-day. The subcommittee which has been in session for four weeks announced that it would report inability to reach an agreement.

Standard Oil Third Quarter Dividends Break All Records—Distributions Aggregate \$50,077,439 Against \$47,728,440 in Same Quarter a Year Ago.

The Standard Oil group of companies will pay out a total of \$50,077,439 in the form of cash dividends in the third quarter of this year, according to records compiled by Carl H. Pforzheimer & Co., specialists in these securities. Declarations have already been made by all of the companies which pay substantial amounts with the exception of Prairie Pipe Line Company and this disbursement is estimated at the usual rate of \$3.50 a share. The disbursements exceed those for the third quarter of 1927 by \$2,349,000 due to the fact that the Northern Pipe Line Company paid \$2,000,000 and Cumberland Pipe Line Company \$450,000 as special payments in the course of reducing their capitalizations and par values. Distributions in the second quarter of this year include a number of semi-annual dividend payments as well as special dividends by the National Transit Company and Southern Pipe Line also made in the process of recapitalization.

Dividend payments for the first 9 months of this year totaled \$156,699,315 as against \$157,893,468 paid in the first three quarters of 1927 and exceed the amount of dividends paid by this group of companies in the entire year of 1925.

The record of quarterly cash disbursements for the past few years follows:

	1st Quarter.	2nd Quarter.	3rd Quarter.	4th Quarter.	Full Year.
1928	\$48,927,670	\$57,694,206	\$50,077,439		
1927	55,873,413	54,291,615	47,728,440	\$55,724,472	\$213,617,940
1926	40,580,317	50,618,451	46,427,278	62,685,548	200,327,594
1925	34,355,618	41,905,728	35,140,584	42,104,169	153,506,099
1924	34,975,867	40,699,592	34,712,810	40,000,286	150,388,555
1923				37,545,805	138,423,295

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 Oct. 13 the following summary of market conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and radio:

ARGENTINA.

Business throughout the week ending Oct. 5 was normal and crop conditions were good. September failures showed total liabilities of 8,800,000 paper pesos, an increase of 3,200,000 pesos over the previous month. The reduced railway rates will become effective on Oct. 1 for the Southern Railway, and on Oct. 8 for the Central Argentine Railway.

AUSTRALIA.

The strike of waterside workers in Australia shows no improvement except in Sydney, which is practically the only major port of the Commonwealth that is working normally at this time. The situation is interfering seriously with the normal conduct both of overseas and of domestic business. Operations are being curtailed in local manufacturing plants, and one large automobile body factory has suspended operations entirely.

BRITISH INDIA

A reported partial failure of the wheat crop in the Punjab and the United Provinces, due to heavy floods in those regions, is expected to reduce the yield 20% or 2,000,000 tons below normal, it is believed locally. This shortage may result in an embargo on exports and necessitate importation of considerable Australian wheat. Burma's rice exports during the past five months have declined considerably because of competition of Indo-Chinese and Malay rice in the Japanese and European markets. Early settlement of the Bombay mill strike is expected.

CANADA.

Trade has been well maintained during early October with seasonal factors as the strongest influence. Harvesting the bumper grain crop drew upon the labor market and caused a slight recession of industrial activity, although September was much better than any corresponding month since 1920, with increases in manufacturing, logging, mining, communications and transportation, but heavy seasonal losses occurred in construction, and trade was somewhat quieter. Wheat threshing is about 80% completed and coarse grains about 70% in Saskatchewan, according to the Provincial Department of Agriculture. More than half the crop, it was said, will fall within the contract grades. A 55-million bushel wheat crop is now estimated locally for Manitoba, where less fall rye than usual is being sown.

DENMARK.

The general economic situation showed a decided improvement during September. Crop returns exceeded expectation and are estimated to be slightly above normal. Prices on butter, bacon and eggs continued to improve slowly and with the high agricultural production Danish farmers are more optimistic than they have been for several years past. Industry and commerce maintained a slow and steady improvement. Shipping was fairly active and the shipyards well occupied. Increased activity in building, outdoor work, and smaller trades brought a decrease in unemployment to 35,000 at the end of August. The money market remained steady during August and showed only minor changes. Prices were steady the wholesale index was 155 for August, a drop of 1 point during the month.

EGYPT.

Foreign trade data for August show little change from the corresponding month of 1927, but the results for the first eight months of 1928 continue more favorable than for the same period of last year. Imports in August totaled £E3,897,600 and exports £E3,390,800, as against £E 918,700 and £E3,462,100 respectively, for the same month of 1927. (£E equals approximately \$5.)

FINLAND.

Generally increased activity due to seasonal influences characterized conditions in Finland during September. The money market remained very tight, clouding the general economic situation. The stringency is chiefly the result of exceptionally lively building operations of the adverse trade balance. During the latter part of September a block of the 6% gold bonds of the \$10,000,000 issue for the Finland Residential Mortgage Bank was offered on the New York market. The bonds are priced at 94½ and interest, yielding 6.40%. The industries remained very active during the month and the export branches enjoyed a large seasonal increase in shipments. The timber market remained slow while the pulp and paper markets were practically unchanged. Sawmill operators voted to reduce offerings for the next year in order to maintain present prices. The labor market was satisfactory during the month despite the fact that the stevedores' strike remains unsettled. Harvesting activities have increased the demand for workers, and the number of unemployed is practically nil. The cost of living showed a further advance during August. Foreign trade continued very active during August with the volume of both imports and exports above that for July.

GREECE.

Gross returns from revenues pledged to the International Financial Commission for 1927 show a large increase over the previous year. Returns in 1927 were 3,891,670,000 drachmas (\$51,370,000) as compared with 2,997,933,000 drachmas (\$37,774,000) in the previous year. The rise in drachma exchange from an average of \$0.0132 in 1927 to \$0.0126 in 1926, contributed to rise in the larger dollar value last year. The increased returns during 1927 were principally from customs and tobacco and alcohol taxes.

JAPAN.

Trading in all lines of business is dull and featureless. The rice market is reported demoralized by reason of an official forecast of a large crop. Growing sentiment is apparent for the removal of the gold embargo, but any immediate action is improbable.

MEXICO.

Business continued to show a slightly more favorable trend during the week ended October 6. In spite of the rainy season registrations of automobiles in the Federal District during August showed an increase of 530 cars over the previous month. Mexican gold currency continues weak, with silver at a discount of approximately 3½%.

NORWAY.

The general improvement in Norwegian industry, agriculture and commerce was maintained during September while shipping remained unsatis-

factory. Although the merchant marine is fairly active, the present low freight rates tend to keep down financial returns. Fishing, especially whaling, continues to improve. Industrial employment for men showed a gain while employment for women was lower leaving the number of unemployed unchanged at 25,000 for August. The establishment of several large, new banks is having a beneficial effect on the financial situation. The money market was steady during the early part of September and stock quotations show practically no change.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

A recurrence of the longshoremen's strike at Cebu is paralyzing ocean-going and interisland shipping. Drastic steps are being taken by the Governor General to remedy and control the situation. The past week saw no change in the copra situation, with trading slack and continued heavy arrivals. Resecado (dried copra) is now quoted f.o.b. Manila, 11.75 pesos per picul of 139 pounds, with the Hondagua and Cebu price 11.50 pesos. The abaca market for better grades is firming on account of short supplies but continues weak for low grades, of which arrivals are heavy. Export trade, however, is dull in all grades. Prices are nominal at 22 pesos per picul for grade F; I, 21; JUS, 17; Juk, 14.50, and L, 12.50.

PORTO RICO.

Business and collections in many lines appear to be about as good as before the storm in San Juan and the larger coastal towns. In the interior, however, trade is still generally paralyzed, sales being largely of necessities and in small quantities. It is reported that some debtors with the ability to do so intend to settle their accounts are delaying payments awaiting developments. However, there is increasing evidence that many interior merchants intend to rehabilitate their business and are making efforts to settle their indebtedness. Wholesale dealers report that collections from interior merchants are poor, but are much better than expected. Also, that many delinquent accounts from which neither payment nor promises were forthcoming prior to the storm are now coming forward with definite promises and, in some cases, partial settlements. Reports from the banks indicate that incoming drafts are now being accepted and maturing ones paid with somewhat less delay than before the storm. This is especially true of San Juan and the coastal districts, but is likewise applicable to the island as a whole. On Oct. 5, the Fruit Growers Association formed an intermediate credit association with a capital of \$200,000, to operate with the direction and aid of the Federal Land Bank in financing the next crop. The foodstuffs trade is fairly active, with flour sales particularly heavy. Many of the bakeries which were buying on a hand to mouth basis were destroyed by the storm and have not been rebuilt as yet. Consequently, the larger and stronger establishments are increasing their orders for flour in order to replace losses and meet the increased demands for their products. San Juan bank clearings in September were \$15,835,000 as compared with \$20,504,000 in the same month of last year. New automobile registrations in the month were 176, or 61 less than in September 1927. Customs receipts were \$131,000 as against \$176,000 for the corresponding month of last year.

UNITED KINGDOM.

The amalgamation of five important colliery companies in the Lancashire coal mining district has been announced. The combination, which is to be known as the Manchester Collieries, Ltd., represents capital of about £5,000,000 and embraces property having an annual coal output of nearly 5,000,000 tons. This is the fourth British colliery merger of first importance effected since the 1926 mining stoppage. A smaller merger, combining two important inland coal-marketing companies, is also announced and other merger negotiations are under way. The small improvement is being maintained in coal-market conditions, although the export contract season is opening quietly. The Labor Party, at its annual conference, has reaffirmed its policy of nationalization of mines. The audit of the Scottish coal industry for July and August shows a trading loss of £264,000, but the average loss per ton was only 8.9d. for August as against 1s. 7d. for July. Announcement has been made of an important petroleum share deal, whereby the Burmah Oil Co. acquires 800,000 (eventually 1,000,000) ordinary shares in the Shell Transport Co. The purpose of this development is to effect closer co-operation between the Royal Dutch Shell and the Anglo-Persian oil groups. It is reported that British heavy-steel makers have agreed to co-operate in foreign trade with a view to avoiding unnecessary competition among themselves; also it is reported in the English press that Sheffield steel makers have combined for export. Co-operation in granting credits to oversea buyers, especially in the dominions, is mentioned in the latter connection, but details are not yet available in either case. London wool auctions closed on Oct. 5 with trade slack and irregular.

PERU.

Slightly higher cotton quotations have had a stimulating effect on cotton trading and have reacted favorably upon merchandise turnover, with the result that a better feeling now exists in commercial circles than has been the case for some months. Bank clearings for September amounted to \$23,444,000.

Stock of Money in the Country.

The Treasury Department at Washington has issued the customary monthly statement showing the stock of money in the country and the amount in circulation after deducting the moneys held in the United States Treasury and by Federal Reserve banks and agents. It is important to note that beginning with the statement of Dec. 31 1927 several very important changes have been made. They are as follows: (1) The statement is dated for the end of the month instead of for the first of the month; (2) gold held by Federal Reserve banks under earmark for foreign account is now excluded, and gold held abroad for Federal Reserve banks is now included; (3) minor coin (nickels and cents) has been added. On this basis the figures this time are for Aug. 31 1928. They show that the money in circulation at that date (including, of course, what is held in bank vaults of member banks of the Federal Reserve System) was \$4,802,819,937, as against \$4,700,535,405 July 31 1928 and \$4,853,772,595 Aug. 31 1927, and comparing with \$5,760,953,653 on Oct. 31 1920. Just before the outbreak of the World War, that is on June 30 1914, the total was only \$3,458,059,755. The following is the statement:

CIRCULATION STATEMENT OF UNITED STATES MONEY—AUGUST 31 1928.

KIND OF MONEY.	Total Amoun.	MONEY HELD IN THE TREASURY.					MONEY OUTSIDE OF THE TREASURY.				Population of Continental United States (Estimated.)
		Total.	Amt. Held in Trust against Gold & Silver Certificates (& Treas'y Notes of 1890).	Res'vs against United States Notes (and Treasury Notes of 1890).	Held for Federal Reserve Banks and Agents.	All Other Money.	Total.	In Circulation.			
								Amount.	Per Capita.		
Gold coin and bullion	\$ 84,122,891,932	\$ 3,188,033,575	\$ 1,468,735,739	\$ 156,039,088	\$ 1,392,274,210	\$ 170,984,538	\$ 934,858,357	\$ 561,300,215	\$ 373,558,142	\$ 3.15	-----
Gold certifs.	c(1,468,735,739)										-----
Stand. silv. dols.	539,961,701	480,762,619	473,658,129				1,468,735,739	486,951,180	981,784,559	8.28	-----
Silver certifs.	c(472,358,529)					7,104,490	59,199,082	12,957,943	46,241,139	.39	-----
Treasury notes of 1890	c(1,299,600)						472,358,529	81,311,376	391,047,153	3.30	-----
Subsid'y silver	299,727,476	2,822,309					1,299,600		1,299,600	.01	-----
Minor coin	117,027,951	2,617,386				2,822,309	296,905,167	16,243,695	280,661,472	2.37	-----
U. S. notes	346,681,016	3,217,488				2,617,386	114,410,565	2,474,036	111,936,529	.94	-----
F. R. notes	2,028,094,480	1,036,385				3,217,488	343,463,528	42,900,857	300,562,671	2.53	-----
F. R. bk. notes	4,049,608	92,140				1,036,385	2,027,058,095	364,808,986	1,662,249,109	14.02	-----
Nat. bank notes	698,817,984	18,542,930				92,140	3,957,468	9,510	3,947,958	.03	-----
Total Aug. 31 '28	8,157,252,148	13,697,124,832	1,942,393,868	156,039,088	1,392,274,210	2,064,417,666	6,402,521,184	1,599,701,247	4,802,819,937	40.50	118,601,000
Comparative totals:											
July 31 1928	8,142,809,667	13,695,215,821	1,970,421,449	156,039,088	1,357,540,510	211,214,774	6,418,015,295	1,717,479,890	4,700,535,405	39.67	118,483,000
Aug. 31 1927	8,631,474,220	14,189,264,992	2,099,254,008	155,420,721	1,755,862,636	178,727,627	6,541,463,236	1,687,690,641	4,853,772,595	41.42	117,180,000
Oct. 31 1920	8,479,620,824	12,436,864,530	718,674,378	152,979,026	1,212,360,791	352,850,336	6,761,430,872	1,063,216,060	5,698,214,612	53.01	107,491,000
Mar. 31 1917	5,396,596,677	12,952,020,313	2,681,691,072	152,979,026	150,000,000	117,350,216	5,126,267,436	953,321,522	4,172,945,914	40.23	103,716,000
Jan. 30 1914	3,796,456,764	11,845,575,888	1,507,178,879	150,000,000	150,000,000	188,397,009	3,458,059,755	3,458,059,755	3,458,059,755	34.92	99,027,000
June 1 1879	1,007,084,483	12,212,420,402	21,602,640	100,000,000	100,000,000	90,817,762	816,266,721	816,266,721	816,266,721	16.92	48,231,000

a Includes United States paper currency in circulation in foreign countries and the amount held by the Cuban agencies of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.
 b Does not include gold bullion or foreign coin other than that held by the Treasury, Federal Reserve banks, and Federal Reserve agents. Gold held by Federal Reserve banks under ear-mark for foreign account is excluded, and gold held abroad for Federal Reserve banks is included.
 c These amounts are not included in the total since the money held in trust against gold and silver certificates and Treasury notes of 1890 is included under gold coin and bullion and standard silver dollars, respectively.
 d The amount of money held in trust against gold and silver certificates and Treasury notes of 1890 should be deducted from this total before combining it with total money outside of the Treasury to arrive at the stock of money in the United States.
 e This total includes \$18,916,614 of notes in process of redemption, \$158,992,308 of gold deposited for redemption of Federal Reserve notes, \$8,385,548 deposited for redemption of national bank notes, \$2,430,363 deposited for retirement of additional circulation (Act of May 30 1908), and \$7,610,363 deposited as a reserve against postal savings deposits.
 f Includes money held by the Cuban agency of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.
 g Figures revised to conform to changes effective Dec. 31 1927.
 Note.—Gold certificates are secured dollar for dollar by gold held in the Treasury for their redemption; silver certificates are secured dollar for dollar by standard silver dollars held in the Treasury for their redemption; United States notes are secured by a gold reserve of \$156,039,088 held in the Treasury. This reserve fund may also be used for the redemption of Treasury notes of 1890, which are also secured dollar for dollar, by standard silver dollars, held in the Treasury. Federal Reserve notes are obligations of the United States and a first lien on all the assets of the issuing Federal Reserve bank. Federal Reserve notes are secured by the deposit with Federal Reserve agents of a like amount of gold or of gold and such discounted or purchased paper as is eligible under the terms of the Federal Reserve Act. Federal Reserve banks must maintain a gold reserve of at least 40%, including the gold redemption fund which must be deposited with the United States Treasurer, against Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation. Lawful money has been deposited with the Treasurer of the United States for retirement of all outstanding Federal Reserve bank notes. National bank notes are secured by United States bonds except where lawful money has been deposited with the Treasurer of the United States for their retirement. A 5% fund is also maintained in lawful money with the Treasurer of the United States for the redemption of national bank notes secured by Government bonds.

Gold and Silver Imported into and Exported from the United States by Countries in August.

The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce at Washington has made public its monthly report, showing the imports and exports of gold and silver into and from the United States during the month of August 1928. The gold exports were only \$1,698,289. The imports were but \$2,445,073, of which \$938,363 came from Canada. Of the exports of the metal, \$436,001 went to Mexico, and \$416,677 went to Hongkong.

Countries.	Gold.		Silver.			
	Total Exports.	Total Imports.	Refined Bullion.		Total (Inc. Coin)	
			Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.
France	Dollars. 13,605	Dollars. 200	Ounces. 452,024	Ounces. ---	Dollars. 265,867	Dollars. 7,387
Germany	265,901	75,000	---	---	---	---
Sweden	---	810	---	---	---	582
United Kingdom	---	810	---	---	---	2,613
Canada	56,634	938,363	96,252	---	174,789	911,930
Costa Rica	---	16,064	---	267	---	157
Guatemala	---	22,750	---	---	---	---
Honduras	---	14,638	---	229,564	---	134,869
Nicaragua	---	23,978	---	4,062	---	6,669
Salvador	---	205	---	875	---	525
Panama	---	848	---	---	---	---
Mexico	436,001	351,821	---	3,741,870	58,990	3,840,222
Trinidad and Tobago	---	---	---	---	1,120	---
Other Brit. W. Indies	---	505	---	---	100	---
Cuba	---	10,644	---	---	---	11
Netherland W. Indies	---	6,720	---	---	---	103
Haiti	---	---	---	---	---	5,510
Argentina	---	---	12,870	---	---	7,815
Brazil	28,300	---	---	---	---	---
Chile	---	208,461	---	---	---	280,706
Colombia	---	137,477	20,075	364	12,070	229
Ecuador	---	118,387	---	---	185,298	3,526
Peru	---	159,996	---	4,172	---	1,187,647
Venezuela	---	96,083	---	---	---	---
British India	---	---	2,474,410	---	1,462,710	---
British Malaya	125,000	---	---	---	---	---
China	307,756	---	11,158,729	---	6,608,362	---
Java and Madura	---	99,875	---	62,146	---	37,832
Hongkong	416,677	---	---	---	---	---
Japan	62,020	---	775,041	---	469,025	---
Philippine Islands	---	117,109	---	---	---	1,424
New Zealand	---	16,797	---	30	---	17
Belgian Congo	---	11,567	---	---	---	47,031
British South Africa	---	930	---	---	---	6,795
Mozambique	---	2,240	---	---	---	20,105
Total	1,698,289	2,445,073	14,989,401	4,043,350	9,246,146	4,958,890

Text of U. S. Note to Great Britain and France—British Agreement for Naval Limitation—Objects to Restrictions on Cruisers Suitable to United States Needs.

Objection to the basis reached between Great Britain and France on Naval limitation is voiced by the United States in identic notes delivered to the Foreign offices in London and Paris, on Sept. 28 on which date they were made public

by the State Department at Washington. The attitude of the United States toward the Agreement was made known in reply to notes received by this country on Aug. 3 from the two foreign powers. In its reply the United States says:

The Government of the United States has earnestly and consistently advocated real reduction and limitation of naval armament. It has given us its best efforts toward finding acceptable methods of attaining this most desirable end. It would be happy to continue such efforts, but it can not consent to proposals which would leave the door wide open to unlimited building of certain types of ships of a highly efficient combatant value and would impose restrictions only on types peculiarly suitable to American needs.

The note further says:

The Government of the United States remains willing to use its best efforts to obtain a basis of further naval limitation satisfactory to all the naval powers, including those not represented at the Three Power Conference in Geneva, and is willing to take into consideration in any conference the special needs of France, Italy or any other naval power for the particular class of vessels deemed by them most suitable for their defense. This could be accomplished by permitting any of the powers to vary the percentage of tonnage in classes within the total tonnage; a certain percentage to be agreed upon.

The full text of the note follows:

The Government of the United States has received from his Majesty's Government a communication summarizing the understanding reached between the British and French Governments as to a basis of naval limitation, which agreement, it is stated, will be submitted to the next meeting of the Preparatory Commission for the Disarmament Conference.

The Government of the United States is willing to submit certain suggestions as to the basis of naval limitations as summarized in the British note. From the communication of the British Government it appears that:

The limitations which the Disarmament Conference will have to determine will deal with four classes of men-of-war.

- (1) Capital ships, i.e., ships of over 10,000 tons or with guns of more than eight-inch calibre.
- (2) Aircraft-carriers of over 10,000 tons.
- (3) Surface vessels of or below 10,000 tons, armed with guns of more than six-inch and up to eight-inch calibre.
- (4) Ocean-going submarines over 600 tons.

As the Washington Treaty regulates the first two classes, that is, capital ships and aircraft-carriers, the Preparatory Commission will have to consider only the last two categories, so far as the signatories of that treaty are concerned.

From the foregoing summary of the agreement it appears that the only classes of naval vessels which it is proposed to limit under the Franco-British draft agreement are cruisers of or below 10,000 tons, armed with guns of more than six-inch and up to eight-inch calibre, and submarines of over 600 tons.

Position to United States.

The position of the Government of the United States has been and now is that any limitation of naval armament to be effective should apply to all classes of combatant vessels. The Franco-British agreement provides no limitation whatsoever on six-inch gun cruisers, or destroyers, or submarines of 600 tons or less. It could not be claimed that the types of vessels thus left without limitation are not highly efficient fighting ships. No one would deny that modern cruisers armed with six-inch guns, or destroyers similarly armed, have a very high offensive value, especially to any nation possessing well-distributed bases in various parts of the world. In fact, such cruisers constitute the largest number of fighting ships now existing in the world.

The limitation of only such surface vessels as are restricted in Class 3 of the draft agreement, that is, cruisers of or below 10,000 tons, armed with guns of more than 6-inch and up to 8-inch calibre, would be the imposition of restrictions only on types peculiarly suited to the needs of the United States cannot accept as a distinct class surface combatant vessels of or below 10,000 tons, armed with guns of more than 6-inch and up to 8-inch calibre. It is further clearly apparent that limitation of this type only would add enormously to the comparative offensive power of a nation possessing a large merchant tonnage on which preparation may be made in times of peace for mounting 6-inch guns.

At the Three-Power Conference in Geneva in 1927 the British delegation proposed that cruisers be thus divided into two classes: Those carrying 8-inch guns and those carrying guns of 6-inches or less in calibre. They proposed further that 8-inch guns be limited to a small number or to a small total tonnage limitation and that the smaller class of cruisers carrying 6-inch guns of less be permitted a much larger total tonnage, or, what amounts to the same thing, to a very large number of cruisers of this class.

The limitation proposed by the British delegation on this smaller class of cruisers was so high that the American delegation considered it, in effect, no limitation at all. This same proposal is now presented in a new and even more objectionable form, which still limits large cruisers which are suitable to American needs, but frankly places no limitation whatever on cruisers carrying guns of six inches or less in calibre. This proposal is obviously incompatible with the American position at the three-power conference. It is even more unacceptable than the proposal put forward by the British delegation at the conference, not only because it puts the United States at a decided disadvantage but also because it discards altogether the principle of limitation as applied to important combatant types of vessels.

Much of what has been said above as to vessels in Class 3 of the Franco-British agreement applies with equal or greater force to Class 4. The American Government cannot accept as a distinct class of submarines those of over 600 tons, leaving unlimited all submarines of 600 tons or under. Six-hundred-ton submarines are formidable combatant vessels. They carry the same torpedoes as carried by larger submarines and of equal destructive forces within the radius of their operation. They can also be armed with guns of five-inch calibre. The United States would gladly in conjunction with all the nations of the world, abolish the submarine altogether. If, however, submarines must be continued as instruments of naval warfare it is the belief of the American Government that they should be limited to a reasonable tonnage or number.

If there is to be further limitation upon the construction of war vessels so that competition in this regard between nations may be stopped, it is the belief of the United States that it should include all classes of combatant vessels—submarines as well as surface vessels.

Restrictions on Types Suitable to American Needs.

The Government of the United States has earnestly and consistently advocated real reduction and limitation of naval armament. It has given its best efforts toward finding acceptable methods of attaining this most desirable end. It would be happy to continue such efforts, but it cannot consent to proposals which would leave the door wide open to unlimited building of certain types of ships of a highly efficient combatant value and would impose restrictions only on types peculiarly suitable to American needs.

The American Government seeks no special advantage on these, but clearly cannot permit itself to be placed in a position of manifest disadvantage. The American Government feels, furthermore, that the terms of the Franco-British draft agreement, in leaving unlimited so large a tonnage and so many types of vessels would actually tend to defeat the primary objective of any disarmament conference for the reduction or the limitation of armament in that it would not eliminate competition in naval armament and would not effect economy. For all these reasons the Government of the United States feels that no useful purpose would be served by accepting as a basis of discussion the Franco-British proposal.

The American Government has no objection to any agreement between France and Great Britain which those countries think will be to their advantage and in the interest of limitation of armament, but naturally cannot consent that such an agreement should be applied to the United States.

In order to make quite clear that, in declining to adopt the Franco-British agreement as a basis for discussion of naval limitation, it seems appropriate briefly to review the attitude of the United States regarding the methods of limitation in order to show that the American Government has consistently favored a drastic proportional limitation. The success of the Washington conference is known to all. It strictly limited all combatant ships and aircraft carriers of over 10,000 tons. In order to bring about such limitation the American Government made great sacrifices in the curtailment of plans of building and in the actual destruction of ships already built. At the first session of the preparatory conference, the American Government submitted proposals which were consistently adhered to at subsequent meetings:

1. That the total tonnage allowed in each class of combatant vessel be prescribed.
2. That the maximum tonnage of a unit and the maximum calibre of gun allowed for each class be prescribed.
3. That, so long as the total tonnage allowed to each class is not exceeded the actual number of units may be left to the discretion of each power concerned.

Within this general plan the American proposal at the Geneva conference was, for the United States and the British Empire, a total tonnage limitation in the cruiser class of from 250,000 to 300,000 tons and for Japan from 150,000 to 180,000; for the destroyer class, for the United States and the British Empire, from 200,000 to 250,000, and for Japan from 120,000 to 150,000 tons; for the submarine class, for the United States and the British Empire 90,000 to 90,000 tons, and for Japan 36,000 to 54,000 tons. It was further stated by the American delegation that, if any power represented felt justified in proposing still lower tonnage levels for auxiliary craft, the American Government would welcome such proposal.

The purpose of these proposals was that there might be no competition between the three powers in the building of naval armament, that their respective navies should be maintained at the lowest level compatible with national security and should not be of the size and character to warrant the suspicion of aggressive intent, and, finally, that a wise economy dictates that further naval construction be kept to a minimum.

The Government of the United States remains willing to use its best efforts to obtain a basis of further naval limitation satisfactory to all the naval powers, including those not represented at the three-power conference in Geneva, and is willing to take into consideration in any conference the special needs of France, Italy or any other naval power for the particular class of vessels deemed by them most suitable for their defense. This could be accomplished by permitting any of the powers to vary the percentage of tonnage in classes within the total tonnage; a certain percentage to be agreed upon. If there was an increase in one class of vessels it should be deducted from the tonnage to be used in other classes. A proposal along these lines made by France and discussed by the American and French

representatives would be sympathetically considered by the United States. It expects on the part of others, however similar consideration for its own needs. Unfortunately the Franco-British agreement appears to fulfill none of the conditions which, to the American Government seem vital. It leaves unlimited a very large class of effective fighting ships, and this very fact would inevitably lead to a recrudescence of naval competition disastrous to national economy.

French Government Orders Expulsion of H. J. T. Horan, Paris Correspondent of Hearst Newspapers, for Publication of Confidential Note on Anglo-French Naval Agreement—Attitude of United States.

It was stated in a Washington dispatch Oct. 9 to the "Herald-Tribune" that the State Department had instructed the American Embassy in Paris to look thoroughly into the questioning by the French police and secret service agents of Harold J. T. Horan, Paris correspondent of the Universal Service, a news agency owned by William Randolph Hearst. The dispatch went on to state:

President Coolidge is also cognizant of the case.

According to dispatches here, an order of expulsion from France has been invoked against the newspaper man after his detention for seven hours at the Paris prefecture. The case is an outgrowth of the correspondent's dispatch to the Hearst newspapers of the text of a secret communication made to its embassies abroad by the French Foreign Office regarding the Anglo-French naval agreement.

President Coolidge told inquirers to-day that he had no official information as to whether the French Government had acted against the correspondent on entirely domestic grounds, in which case this Government would not be warranted in interfering. However, the President made it plain that the Government desires to protect the legal rights of its citizens wherever and whenever these may have been infringed.

A Paris account to the "Herald-Tribune" Oct. 8 (copyright) regarding the questioning of the Hearst correspondent, said in part:

According to Horan, at the end of the questioning he had his choice of signing a promise to leave the country before Thursday or being formally taken into custody on a charge of having had a confidential state document in his possession. He signed the promise to depart.

While Horan was at the Prefecture of Police representatives of the American Embassy here went to the Foreign Ministry in his behalf. According to authoritative reports, this action was taken on advice from the State Department at Washington that William Randolph Hearst had assumed personal responsibility for the publication of the document and had informed Secretary of State Kellogg in Washington that Horan had cabled it as a news dispatch only upon Mr. Hearst's orders.

Horan said that during the questioning this afternoon he had made no attempt to deny having had the document, which he said had been given to him by Mr. Hearst in the Hotel Crillon during the publisher's recent visit in Paris.

These disclosures, added to the attitude of an official of the Foreign Ministry, who denied that Horan had been "arrested" or ordered deported, made it appear that despite the document signed by the correspondent, his departure from France under compulsion is not yet certain.

Horan left his office for luncheon this noon. A traffic officer soon stopped his automobile in answer to a police whistle, and another car, escorted by five cycle policemen drew alongside. An agent of the Surete Generale stepped from the second car and instructed Horan to drive to the Prefecture.

There, Horan said, he told the questioners that the document, a note detailing progress of the Franco-British negotiations and including salient points of the agreement for a united front on disputed phases of naval limitation, had been given to him by Mr. Hearst, telephoned to London, and from there cabled to New York. The note had been written by Philippe Bertholet, Permanent Secretary of the French Foreign Office, for the information of French Ambassadors in countries interested in the negotiations.

Horan said that his request to call a lawyer or other representatives of the Hearst organization was refused. After having been left alone for some little time the agent reappeared and informed Horan that his explanation was unsatisfactory. He was shown a written agreement to leave France before Thursday and was told, according to his explanation, that he could take the alternative of signing it or "going to Sante Prison" and being brought into court on a charge of having had in his possession the Bertholet document.

According to a cablegram Oct. 10 from Paris to the "Times," Mr. Horan was notified by French Government officials on Oct. 10 that he would be permitted to prolong his sojourn in Paris until the termination of the present Secret Service inquiry into the manner in which the private memorandum to French Ambassadors abroad containing particulars of the Anglo-French naval accord came into his possession. The memorandum, it is added, was published under Mr. Horan's name on Sept. 20 in the Hearst newspapers in America. From this cablegram we also quote the following:

The decision to permit Mr. Horan to remain in France until further notice followed energetic action taken yesterday by the Anglo-American Press Association, representing all the American and British newspapers which have correspondents in France, and the American Embassy. Norman Armour, Charge d'Affaires, in the absence of Ambassador Herrick, made representations at the Foreign Office on behalf of Mr. Horan, particular emphasis being placed upon the manner in which he was taken into custody and then refused permission to consult a lawyer or communicate with the embassy or his friends.

This phase of the incident especially aroused the American and British journalists, who late yesterday forwarded telegrams to Premier Poincare and Foreign Minister Briand requesting them to hold up the expulsion order until the newspaper men could wait upon them with a full statement could wait upon them with a full statement of the facts.

Premier Poincare in response to the telegram arranged for an interview between Philippe Bertholet, permanent chief at the Foreign Office, and William Bird, President of the Anglo-American Press Association. The in-

terview took place this morning, and after disclosing the decision permitting Mr. Hogan to remain in Paris "until completion of the current investigation" M. Berthelot told Mr. Bird he could assure members of the Anglo-American Press Association that there would be no further resort to the sensational methods pursued in the Rue de la Paix arrest. In future if the secret service or police officials desired to question American or British newspaper men they would receive a polite call from the agents or else be courteously summoned.

This promise is very pleasing to the correspondents, who protested especially against the methods adopted in apprehending Mr. Horan and procuring his signature to an agreement to leave the country.

The following regarding the developments in the matter on Oct. 9 were contained in a Paris cablegram Oct. 9 (copy-right) to the "Herald-Tribune":

Despite further intervention by Norman Armour, Counsellor of the of the American Foreign Office to-day and the petition presented by the Anglo-American Press Association asking postponement of action, it appears certain that Harold J. F. Horan, Hearst newspaper correspondent branded as "undesirable" because of his connection with the publication of the Foreign Office confidential letter on the Anglo-French naval accord, will be compelled to leave France by Thursday.

An extraordinary session of the executive committee of the press association was called to-day and telegrams were sent to Foreign Minister Briand and Premier Poincare, the former at Cocherel and the latter at Sampigny, requesting that Horan's banishment be suspended until the association could present additional facts in his behalf.

French Officials Annoyed.

At the French Foreign Office, however, it is regarded that such action is entirely outside the case. The officials betray annoyance over the intervention of the journalists, and even more so against William Randolph Hearst, who asked Secretary Kellogg's aid for his employee in Paris.

They say that the government, instead of treating Horan harshly, is being very lenient. The officials declare that the offense is so grave that he might be jailed instead of only "invited" to leave the country. He might well be prosecuted, they say, under the law of 1886, which provides jail penalties for revealing secret documents relative to national defense.

Hearst Cordially Received.

As for the American publisher, the French officials comment bitterly that Mr. Hearst, only four days before the publication of the secret document, which he admits he obtained himself, sought an appointment with Philippe Berthelot, Permanent Secretary of the French Foreign Office, and was cordially received by the French official, whose letter later was published.

It is understood that the State Department has cabled to Mr. Armour to make every effort to obtain leniency for the correspondent. Mr. Armour conferred to-day with M. Corbin, director of political affairs, at the Foreign Office.

By making a statement to the French press relative to what he regarded as the unfairness of treatment he received, Horan has but increased the wrath of officials against him. With genuine indignation against Mr. Hearst added to this it seems certain that Horan will be obliged to leave France by to-morrow night, despite the American Embassy's and all other efforts to cancel the Foreign Office "invitation."

It was stated in Associated Press advices from Paris on Oct. 11 that Horan had been expelled from membership in the Anglo-American Press Association Oct. 11 by a committee which investigated the case. These accounts said:

The reason given by the committee for expelling him from the press association was that he was "on various counts guilty of unprofessional conduct."

Horan left Paris by automobile last night for Belgium by way of England. Brussels dispatches said that he had arrived there to-day and called at the American Embassy.

Horan explained in a telephone conversation from Belgium with a friend in Paris that he left France before midnight Wednesday because he had been informed originally that he must depart by Thursday. He added that he had no difficulty in crossing the frontier, although word had been sent out by the Prefecture of Police to all frontier posts "to advise him that an investigation was being continued in Paris and that his presence was urgently desired there."

Prefecture officials explained that they desired to confront Horan, as French practice requires with persons who are alleged to have been concerned in giving him the document in question.

A Foreign Office official to-day explained to a committee from the Press Association the Government's position in requesting Horan to leave and, in consequence of this, that the association will probably drop the matter.

From the "Herald Tribune" of Oct. 9 we take the following relative to a statement by Mr. Hearst:

William Randolph Hearst told the Associated Press last night according to an announcement by that organization, that he did "not see why the French government should make such a ridiculous fuss" over publication of the Anglo-French naval pact unless there was something in the "agreement which they are ashamed of and do not want the people of the United States to know."

Mr. Hearst's statement was made in answer to a request for his comment on the questioning in Paris of Harold Horan. Hearst correspondent.

"I do not see why the French government should make such ridiculous fuss over the publication of this secret agreement with Great Britain," Mr. Hearst said, "unless there is something in the agreement which they are ashamed of and do not want the people of the United States to know."

"I think the people of the United States are already fully aware of the attitude of France toward this country and the disposition of France to make any combination it can in opposition to the welfare and prosperity of this country."

"In fact I think the publication of this document in the Hearst papers tended to clear the atmosphere and to relieve France of a suspicion in the minds of the American people that the contents of the documents were worse than they actually are."

"The American people are opposed to secret diplomacy. They realize that secret diplomacy was largely responsible for the recent great war and they feel that it will be responsible, if persisted in, for another great war."

"I think it might be wise for France to realize that if her machinations and her secret diplomacy should involve the world in another great war, as they are very likely to do, she need not again count on the assistance of the United States to rescue her from disaster."

President Machado Says Platt Amendment Giving U. S. Right to Intervene in Cuba Has Outlived Usefulness—President Coolidge Not Inclined to Discuss Subject.

President Coolidge had no comment to make on Oct. 9 on the suggestion of President Machado of Cuba that the Platt Amendment, giving the United States the right to intervene in Cuba under certain conditions, should be repealed, says a Washington dispatch to the New York "Times" in which it was also stated:

President Coolidge let it be known that he had great confidence in President Machado's views on questions of government, but that he did not think it helpful to discuss the subject.

Senor Machado made the suggestion yesterday while addressing the reunion of Spanish-American War veterans at Havana.

President Machado's remarks were given as follows in Associated Press advices from Havana on Oct. 8 published in the "Evening Post":

Declaring that Cuba has outlived the usefulness of the Platt amendment placed in the Cuban Constitution almost 30 years ago through an act of the United States Congress, President Gerardo Machado Morales intimated that Cuba would welcome its repeal in an address before the United Spanish War Veterans Convention, which opened here to-day.

While saying clearly that Cuba enjoys entire sovereignty, the President asserted that Cuban national evolution has made the Platt amendment morally non-existent, but that the United States, "due to its own traditions, ought to be, perhaps, the one obliged to repeal it in order to have the moral greatness sought in the joint resolution of Congress and allow all the authority of their illustrious statesmen to shine without the least shadow."

"Cuba is to-day one of the countries that most freely exercise sovereignty, in spite of interpretations that are made regarding the Platt amendment, accusing the United States of an imperialism that, if it existed, would be negation of the principles contained in its Declaration of Independence," he said.

Later he declared that morally the Platt amendment does not exist, "as it has been repealed in fact by the patriotism and virtue of the Cubans."

That Cuba considered the veterans' encampment in Havana an event of extraordinary significance was evinced by its President in his words, which expressed the thanks of the Cuban nation to the men who fought for its independence.

In printing the above the "Post" observed:

The Platt amendment which was accepted by Cuba on June 12 1901 as part of her constitution, bound Cuba not to incur debts which her current revenues will not bear to continue the sanitary administration undertaken by the American military Government at the time of intervention to lease certain naval stations to the United States and finally, establishing the right of the United States to intervene if necessary in the affairs of the island, for the protection of Cuban independence and the maintenance of a Government adequate for the protection of life, property and individual liberty.

Committee of Tokio Clearing House Recommends Removal of Japanese Embargo on Gold.

On Oct. 8 Associated Press advices from Tokio said:

Immediate removal of the embargo on gold, which has been in force since 1917, was favored by a resolution passed to-day by the Clearing House's Economic Investigation Committee. The committee represents the most powerful banking interests of the empire and it was believed that the resolution would influence the Government to take action.

The Chambers of Commerce of Tokio and Osaka recently passed similar resolutions.

From the "Times" of Oct. 8 we take the following:

The recommendation for the removal of the Japanese embargo against the export of gold is a step in the program for the restoration of the gold standard in Japan, which got under way in 1925 and was interrupted last year by a banking crisis in Tokio. The embargo was proclaimed in 1917 as a war measure.

In September 1925, the embargo was modified and it was announced that exports of gold would be allowed under a special permit system. An export movement of gold was started at that time with a shipment of \$2,000,000 of the metal to the United States, and further shipments were made in a program of building up large foreign reserves.

In the Spring of 1927, however, it became necessary to declare a three-week banking moratorium in Japan and the country's financial system was readjusted. Since then a gradual improvement has taken place in the Japanese situation.

Australian Conversion Loan of £20,000,000 Over-subscribed.

Regarding the subscriptions to the recent Australian Conversion Loan the weekly circular letter of Aug. 24, (just to hand) issued by J. B. Were & Son of Melbourne says:

The Commonwealth Conversion Loan definitely closed on Wednesday, August 22, namely, 24 days before the actual maturity date of the old loan.

The total amount applied for was £21,780,000.

New money subscribed amounted to £8,956,000 and conversions aggregated £12,826,000.

There were about 16,000 cash applications and 18,000 individual conversions.

The fact that the seven years' currency gave a yield of £5-10-3% as against £5-8-1% for the fourteen years' currency induced the majority to apply for the shorter term, the amount subscribed for the seven year period having been no less than £18,067,000.

This is the most striking of the Commonwealth's local loan successes, and the achievement will not only have favourable influences within the Commonwealth, but also outside of it. It affords splendid proof of the resources and financial stability of Australia, and the London financial press has already favourably commented upon the result.

In some quarters it had been anticipated that the loan would have closed earlier than on Wednesday, and the question was raised whether the Government acted strictly in accordance with its announcement that the loan would close immediately the total was subscribed.

Criticism of this nature was apparently anticipated. Dr Page's official statement was: "In fairness to the holders of the maturing securities, and particularly to those in distant centres, the Treasurer had left that the proper course to adopt was to give three days' notice of closing. This had been done when the total reached £19,000,000.

"Afterwards several large and unexpected cash subscriptions had been lodged and there had been a general rush of applications, with the result that the loan was over-subscribed.

"The whole sum could, however, be profitably employed by the Treasury for loan redemption purposes."

The "Wall Street Journal" of Oct. 6 in referring to the over subscription of the loan (the issue price was £98 10s.) said:

The Australian banks underwrote this loan on a commission of 2½%. On this occasion their underwriting fees are clear profit. On the \$180,000,000 conversion loan floated in 1927 they were left with \$62,000,000 undersubscribed, and a large proportion of this is still in their hands.

In all recent loans the Australian public has preferred the shorter period of maturity when an option has been given; and in this case more than 80% of the applicants chose the seven years' period rather than the 14 years' optional period.

Outstanding amount of the loan maturing September 15 was \$105,050,000 and it was originally intended that \$5,000,000 should be redeemed from the national debt sinking fund, the balance being paid from proceeds of the loan. It now will be possible to use the loan receipts for the whole amount due without recourse to the sinking fund. A surplus of \$3,850,000 will be applied to other loan redemption.

Conversion of War Loans.

No previous Commonwealth loan has been closed so far ahead of the date originally fixed. The \$335,000,000 conversion war loan floated in 1925—the largest hitherto issued by the Commonwealth—was successfully filled a week before the maturity of the old bonds, and in the same year a loan of \$27,000,000 was closed a week before maturity date because the full amount originally announced was not required. Apart from these two cases extended time has been given for loans.

During the past five years the Commonwealth has successfully dealt with the conversion of \$1,140,000,000 war loans originally raised in entirety in Australia; conversion operations were conducted in the Commonwealth, no portion of the amount being raised overseas. Renewal of this large amount may justifiably be regarded as evidence of the ability of the Australian public to discharge their obligations and their confidence in the soundness of the investment in Commonwealth Government bonds.

There will be a short respite during the ensuing two years, as the only Commonwealth loan requiring conversion before 1930 is \$14,030,000 6s maturing in May 1929. It will probably not be necessary to make a public issue in respect of this loan; redemptions are expected to be made from sinking fund.

In the following two years the responsibilities of the Commonwealth treasury will, however, be considerable. In March 1930 a \$53,295,000 6% loan raised for Commonwealth and State purposes matures, and in December of the same year a \$309,590,000 6% war loan must be redeemed. The treasurer will thus have to meet obligations in 1930 amounting to \$362,885,000, the largest sum hitherto required for conversion in any one year.

In 1931 the Commonwealth must convert a 5½% war loan of \$130,000,000 and other loans totaling \$16,835,000, all maturing in December. Several years elapse before any of the Commonwealth loans raised in London or New York mature.

Large Commitments of States.

The States also have large conversion commitments. In the current year the total approximates \$100,000,000, of which Victoria is responsible for \$64,250,000, largely a \$50,000,000 5% loan. All the State loans maturing in 1928 were raised in Australia.

In 1929 the States will have to convert a much larger amount—\$139,500,000 in Australia and \$64,500,000 in London. Victoria is again responsible for the largest amount—\$90,000,000. Queensland is responsible for most of the London commitments.

State obligations for conversion in 1930 will be even greater than in the two previous years—\$200,000,000 in Australia and \$19,000,000 in London. New South Wales has the largest proportion—\$77,250,000, all in Australia. Successful organization of these large conversion operations in the next three years will require careful financing, and no doubt the Australian Loan Council is giving consideration to the problem.

As result of such a large cash subscription to the recent loan, holders of the maturing issue who declined to convert will be paid off. This will place a large sum on the investment market and should ease the financial situation generally. The Australian banks have large funds available, and they will no doubt seek to augment these by disposing of their holdings in the last loan. They have hitherto attempted to obtain the issue price of 98½, but as the bonds cost the banks only 96¼ a wide margin is left at current market levels.

There has been some interest in financial circles at the large accumulation of Australian funds in London. According to the last weekly return the Commonwealth Bank had \$105,500,000 on call in London, increase of \$17,500,000 in two weeks. No doubt the figures were affected by the accumulation of the proceeds of recent Commonwealth London and New York loans, and they will be further increased by the liquidation of wool bills, now that the wool selling season has commenced.

Proposed Loan for City of Breslau, Germany.

According to cable advices received by the New York and Hanseatic Corp., 37 Wall St., the City of Breslau, third largest in Prussia, Germany, is about to issue a 15,000,000 Reichmarks, 8% internal loan, which is to be offered to the public by a syndicate of leading German banks at 93½. Latest statement of the finances of the city, which has a population of over 600,000, shows assets consisting of electric, water and gas works, street railways, &c. of \$138,085,000, and funded debt of \$13,500,000. Annual income from public utilities is reported as over \$3,000,000 and from taxes as in excess of \$9,000,000. Breslau, capital of the Province of Lower Silesia, situated on the River Oder was founded in the 10th century and is the center of many important industries as well as a prominent market place for Germany's eastern trade. It is also the seat of one of the

oldest German universities as well as of a college of technology.

Redemption of Bonds of Bank Fuer Industrierwerte, A. G. Berlin.

The foreign department of Robert C. Mayer & Co., Inc., announces that the 5% bonds 1920-1923, series I-VIII of the Bank Fuer Industrierwerte A. G., Berlin (B. I. A.) have been called for redemption and that they are prepared to redeem them at once, paying in full the amounts specified in the law together with interest at the legal rate from Jan. 1 1925 to June 30 1926.

Bonds of City of Greater Prague Drawn for Redemption.

Kuhn, Loeb & Co., as fiscal agents, announce that \$112,000 principal amount of dollar bonds of City of Greater Prague 7½% mortgage loan bonds of 1922, due May 1 1952, has been drawn by lot for redemption at par and accrued interest on November 1, next. Drawn bonds should be presented on the redemption date with all unmaturing coupons at the office of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., 52 William St., New York, where they will be paid out of sinking fund moneys. Interest on drawn bonds will cease from the redemption date. The notice, issued to holders points out that on Oct. 5 last, \$19,000 principal amount of bonds of this issue drawn for redemption on Nov. 1 1927, were still unredeemed and that interest on these bonds ceased as of that date.

Floating of Second Series of Peruvian Loan Looked For.

It is likely that within the next few weeks a New York banking group will place the second series of the Peruvian National Loan which was authorized in 1927 for the purpose of refunding the entire external secured debt of the Peruvian Republic, for financing important public works and for currency stabilization. Last Dec. J. & W. Seligman & Co. and the National City Co. sold \$50,000,000 of the first series of the Peruvian National Loan.

Paraguay to Seek Loans in U. S. to Aid Development.—Argentine Debt Cancelled.

Advices (Associated Press) Oct. 9, in the "Herald-Tribune" stated:

Accord between Paraguay and Argentina over cancellation of a war debt on which nothing has been paid in 65 years, and which now amounts, with interest, to around \$4,000,000, has awakened hopes in Paraguay of obtaining loans in New York or in London for the development of natural resources.

The 10,000,000-peso loan was a considerable burden upon the Paraguayans, as the population of slightly more than 1,000,000 was financially unable to pay it. Previously Paraguay found difficulty in obtaining a loan because Argentina had a prior claim for the war debt.

Chile Adopts Plan to Finance Industry.—Credit Institute to Advance Loans and Provide Other Aid.

Chile's new Industrial Credit Institute, under the auspices of the Government and under the supervision of the Superintendent of Banking, is to finance manufacturing and industrial enterprises in that country, the Commercial Attache at Santiago, Ralph H. Aekerman, has informed the Department of Commerce in advices made public Oct. 8. The report is given as follows in the "United States Daily" from which the foregoing is taken:

The Industrial Credit Institute is to have a capital of 20,000,000 pesos subscribed from deposits or reserves of the National Savings Institutions, obligatory insurance funds, public employes' and newspapermen's retirement funds, railway employes' retirement funds and such other institutions, as the President may determine.

The Credit Institute is to lend money to Chilean industrial enterprises for periods of from one to five years. It will also facilitate credits or guarantees, issue bonds for industries, guarantee issues of bonds made by national companies or consolidate issues of bonds of different industrial enterprises, and serve as an intermediary in discounting drafts within the country or those drawn on foreign countries and guarantee their payment.

It is to make payments of interest and amortization of bonds or obligations issued for industrial enterprises and to receive, in deposit or in storage, machinery, tools and other equipment which may be offered as guarantee.

Ten per cent of the capital and reserves of the Industrial Credit Institute must be invested in loans, not exceeding 5,000 pesos, to be made to small concerns with a capital not exceeding 30,000 pesos; and loans to other enterprises may not exceed, singly or jointly, 250,000 pesos for each debtor, unless special authorization is granted by the directors. Loans may not exceed 500,000 pesos under any circumstances.

Various types of guarantees may be offered by borrowers in securing financial aid from the Institute. The note of the borrower will be accepted for loans up to 5,000 pesos for not more than a year. Loans up to 50,000 pesos will be made on a note carrying an additional endorsement of a responsible individual, providing the borrower complies immediately with the object for which the loan is sought.

For these loans or those for a larger sum, a mortgage may be executed not exceeding 50% of the commercial value of the real estate and 50% of the value of machinery or other equipment or raw materials. (The peso equals 12 cents.)

Margin Rates Sharply Advanced by Many Brokers— Return to Conditions Before June Break.

It was stated in the "Journal of Commerce" of Oct. 6 that a number of brokerage houses have issued letters to their clients raising margin requirements during the past week, a survey made in the Wall Street district shows. With regard to the action the paper quoted says:

In many cases the houses involved have raised their general requirements to the highest point in their history.

When the rise in stocks came to a halt last June, and trading became dull, many houses relaxed their requirements and returned to the normal level of 20 to 30% of the value of the stocks purchased. Several firms did maintain the higher level fixed during the previous advancing market, but the number that maintained the emergency higher margins fixed earlier in the year was relatively small during the very narrow trading in July.

With the resumption in record-breaking activity in the stock market during the past six weeks, brokerage houses have again felt the need for special protection. A letter sent out to clients by one of the largest members of the New York Stock Exchange contained the following statement:

"It is generally recognized that conditions influencing security market movements are such at the present time that a higher degree of protection on accounts is necessary. Many banks are requiring larger margins on collateral loans as well as decreasing materially the figures at which they accept stocks, and many Stock Exchange houses are stiffening their margin requirements as they properly should for the better protection of their clients and themselves.

Therefore, our requirements will be as follows:
Securities selling below \$10, cash only; from \$10 to \$20, 50%; \$20 to \$30, 10 points; above \$30, 30% of the purchase price.

"On the following issues, exceptions to our general rule, requirements until further notice will be as indicated:

"Forty per cent—General Motors, Byers Co., Collins & Aikman, Texas Gulf Sulphur, International Match preferred, Gold Dust.

"Fifty per cent—American Linseed, Baldwin Locomotive, Case Threshing Machine, Curtiss Aero, duPont Co., Houston Oil Co., Vanadium Corporation, Wright Aero, Brunswick Terminal, Warner Bros. 'A' & 'B,' Fox Film, Pathe 'A,' Greene Cananea, Radio Corporation of America.

"No margin accounts will be opened on an initial deposit of less than \$1,000. New accounts require a deposit of cash or securities equal to requirements at the time at which the accounts are opened."

The stricter policy adopted by brokers reflects in the main the caution of the banks in making security loans. The banks as a rule do not vary the amount they will loan on securities offered them by brokers, but instead they reduce the accepted value of stocks when they think prices are too high. Thus many banks are accepting General Motors at a value of 150, despite the quotation of 215, around which recent trading has been carried on. The broker, on the other hand, accepts the stock at its full market value, but increases the percentage of his market requirements.

Questionnaire of New York Stock Exchange Calls for Statement of Members' Position in Common Class A Stock of Dodge Bros.

Regarding a questionnaire issued Oct. 10 by the New York Stock Exchange the "Post" of Oct. 11 said:

A sharp rise in class A shares of Dodge Bros. brought forth an investigation by the New York Stock Exchange to-day into an interesting situation. The Dodge common, selling above 40, may be exchanged for Chrysler common in the ratio of five shares for one under the terms of the Chrysler merger offer.

On that basis five shares of Dodge would have a market value above \$200, compared with about \$135 for Chrysler. This disparity apparently encouraged selling of Dodge in anticipation of "covering" through the purchase of Chrysler, netting a handsome profit. As the Dodge stock gradually is being transferred into Chrysler, the floating supply of the former becomes scarcer and reports were current to-day that a technical "corner" was in prospect.

The Stock Exchange sent out a questionnaire asking that information be submitted by New York member firms at noon to-day and by out-of-town member firms by noon Oct. 15 relative to their long and short positions in Dodge Bros. "A" stock, as of the close of business yesterday.

At last report 145,255 shares of Dodge "A" remained unexchanged, about 7½% of the original issue. The preferred stock, which was exchanged on a share for share basis for Chrysler common has been called for redemption at 105, so that no further exchanges are being made in this class.

The following is the letter issued by the Stock Exchange calling for the information:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Oct. 10 1928.

Gentlemen:

The Committee on Business Conduct directs me to request that New York firms place in its hands by noon, Thursday, Oct. 11 1928, and out-of-town firms by the same time on Monday, Oct. 15 1928, a statement giving the long and short position in their offices in Dodge Bros., Inc. common class A stock at the close of business to-night.

Please send this information to the Committee on Business Conduct, Room 609.

Respectfully,

ASHBEL GREEN, Secretary.

New York Stock Exchange "Rules for Delivery of Securities."

The New York Stock Exchange has published for general distribution a pamphlet "Rules for Delivery of Securities." The material contained in this pamphlet is made up of the Rules for Delivery adopted by the Committee on Securities, and extracts from the constitution and rules of the Governing Committee dealing especially with questions of the delivery of securities. The revised Rules for Delivery will be effective Oct. 15 1928.

Operations of San Francisco Stock Exchange in Year Ended Sept. 30 1928 at Record Volume.

That the year ended Sept. 30 1928 marked an epoch for the San Francisco Stock Exchange is disclosed by President Sidney L. Schwartz in his annual report made public Oct. 1.

Not only did the volume of trading reach the unprecedented figure of over 30,000,000 shares for the year, or more than four times that of 1927, but this was accompanied by a record-breaking increase in new listings, an expansion in trading area through the extension of the ticker service into Los Angeles, Sacramento, Stockton and San Jose, an increase of more than 130% in the value of Exchange memberships and the acquisition of the old U. S. Sub-Treasury Building as its future home. Finally, the way was opened for the operation of a strictly listed Exchange through the establishment of the San Francisco Curb Exchange to take over the unlisted department of the older organization, and the elimination of some former confusion in the local security market situation through an agreement with the old Bush Street (Mining) Exchange whereby the latter henceforth confines itself solely to mining issues. The volume of trading rose from 11,332,159 shares of a total value of \$422,507,882 (exclusive of bonds) in 1927 to a total in 1928 of more than 30,000,000 shares of a market value of over \$2,000,000,000. Regarding an economic survey conducted by the statistical department of the Exchange into such fundamental factors underlying the economic position of the area served as growth of population, increase in wealth, measured in terms of per capita and total income, increase of bank deposits, expansion of general business and industrial development, particularly in reference to their trends, President Schwartz says:

From a study of these data it is apparent that the growth in our volume, although more rapid than that of any of the other data presented, nevertheless correlates rather closely with the fundamental factors which underly our economic position.

Bank deposits on the Pacific Coast have experienced an increase as outstanding as the growth and volume of San Francisco trading. The increase in number of large industrial firms in Northern California is quite in line with the growth in trading, and while this growth in volume up to the present has increased at a more rapid rate than our population, the results of the survey indicate that during the next 20 years the rate of increase of share volume will more closely parallel the curve of population.

A mathematical projection of the trends, so ascertained, indicates that the population of the Pacific Coast may be expected to double within the next 20 years, while in the same period the expected increase in the population of the United States is only 25%. In other words, Pacific Coast population is growing four times as fast as that of the United States as a whole.

The year just closed is the eleventh successive one in which the San Francisco Stock Exchange achieved new records, both in volume of transactions and in market value of securities dealt in; the year also saw the Exchange more strongly entrenched as the foremost market place outside of New York.

Referring to the year's trading, President Schwartz says:

The persistent increase in the prices of securities during the year 1927 has continued unabated through the year 1928 with the exception of two major corrective movements, and at this writing the situation is unaltered. The contradictory situation of a slowing up of general business at the same time that prices were rising has been corrected, and we find a distinct improvement in general business which will undoubtedly be a price factor for the immediate future at least. The much discussed money rate situation explains only in part the prices and volume movements over the past year. Large volume and high prices seem to persist even though the money rate has mounted to a point not equalled since 1920. The Pacific Coast situation, however, has been different in that local brokers' loans are on a time loan basis, and the high "call" rate has not had a material effect upon the Western situation except, of course, that there has been a sympathetic rise in the lower rates of time money. The increase, however, has been nominal in comparison with the increase in the Eastern call money rate.

New listings for the year surpassed in number the listings of any previous year, both from the standpoint of new issues and additions to issues previously listed. Additions to the list represented an added market value of securities listed on the Exchange of \$529,349,587. The total market value of all securities, inclusive of bonds (par value) now amounts to \$6,625,936,654. Based on the last previous sale of each, the price of memberships on the Exchange, including a membership in the Curb Exchange, is now \$185,000. This compares with a high price of \$80,000 for membership in 1927. Preliminary arrangements have been made with the Western Union Telegraph Co. for the installation of a San Francisco Stock Exchange ticker service in the Northwest to include the cities of Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and possibly Vancouver, B. C.

National Park Bank on Advances on Stock Exchange Collateral by "Outside Lenders."

In the circular of the National Park Bank of New York, issued under date of Oct. 3, we find the following under the caption "Outside Lenders."

"Outside Lenders"

Whatever the actual sum may be, the fact is that the phenomenal speculative movement of Wall Street is largely supported by the exceptionally heavy aggregate advances by lenders who are beyond the supervision of the Federal Reserve authorities, the Clearing House Associations, the National or State banking supervising officials, or any other public body. Such loans are perfectly natural, and in a 7 or 8% market they naturally become temptingly productive for the lenders. The banks have been glad to act as the intermediaries as the practice is an old one and has been growing from year to year. But such loans have come to constitute a new and exceptionally powerful force in American banking—new in the sense that nothing like such huge advances by non-banking lenders were ever outstanding before upon stock exchange collateral—which must be reckoned

with as an influence of first-rate importance in the money market. The corporation funds thus loaned were never accumulated with the idea of lending to borrowers upon stock exchange collateral, but chiefly for the purpose of financing general trade operations and business undertakings. In the natural order of things such funds must be withdrawn or greatly reduced in time, and the question arises, when this contraction takes place what will the banks do? Can they conveniently assume the burden entailed by the taking over of such loans, or must the borrowers themselves liquidate or greatly reduce their outstanding indebtedness through the forced selling of the collateral back of the loans? The Federal Reserve statement for September 22 last reported loans by outside lenders of \$1,211,104,000, as against, \$210,141,000 thus outstanding at the same date last year. Inasmuch as this class of loans has increased \$1,000,000,000 within the year, it is apparent that the financial interest of outside lenders in the Wall Street loan market has more than doubled within the last twelve months. Whether this account will be further enlarged or the movement checked will depend, of course, upon general market conditions. One banking authority a few days ago was quoted as saying in Germany that there were fully \$150,000,000 of unsold foreign bonds in the American market. Another expert indicated that there were fully as many, or perhaps a larger unsold volume of domestic bonds, which would not be unnatural at all in view of the enormous aggregate financing of the past year or so.

Walter E. Frew of Corn Exchange Bank Against Legislation to Curb Loans—Thinks Interference Would Be Ill Timed.

Any attempt to cure by legislation, such as amendments to the Federal Reserve act, alleged domination of the call loan market by corporate or other lenders are likely to be ill advised and ineffectual, in the opinion of Walter E. Frew, President of the Corn Exchange Bank. We quote from the "Sun" of Oct. 9, which further indicates as follows Mr. Frew's views:

The situation to-day, where brokers' loans are at the greatest peak in the history of the country, shows no expansion in loans on call or on time collateral for account of New York city member banks, but rather a decrease as compared with a year ago, and the proportion of money so loaned by New York banks is now only a shade over 20% of the total, whereas a year ago New York banks supplied more than 34 1/2% of all such funds.

Corporation and other funds have flowed into brokers' loans heavily because that avenue offered the best returns for the money and because opportunities have not been presented commercially or in an investment sense for the employment of the surplus of such lenders.

"How are you going to stop an individual or a corporation from lending money where the most profit is to be obtained, unless you forbid lending of surplus funds altogether?" asked Mr. Frew.

The situation will correct itself through economic influences and there seems no point in interfering with the ordinary course of things, Mr. Frew added.

In regard to the recommendation of the American Bankers Association as embodied in the resolution passed at the Philadelphia convention, that weekly adjustments of reserves at the Federal Reserve Bank should be restored, as compared with the present twice weekly settlements, Mr. Frew believes that the present system is working well and sees no advantage in restoring the old basis.

Most of the important bank officers in this city agree with Mr. Frew that it is unwise to attempt to control brokers' loans by legislation and that the situation should be left to cure itself. To that extent they do not favor the suggestion conveyed by Louis T. McFadden, House Banking and Currency Committee chairman, in his address to the convention of the American Bankers Association, namely, that it might become desirable to bring under control of the Federal Reserve system the business of making loans to brokers.

Corporation Loans Large in Canada—Brokers Relying on Private Lenders as Curtailment Continues in Call Money Market.

From the Montreal bureau, the "Wall Street Journal" of Oct. 9 reports the following:

With continued curtailment of call loans by banks, Canadian brokerage and investment houses have come to rely much more on cash obtained from corporations and individuals than ordinarily. This development, however, has not sufficiently augmented the cash supply here to enable brokers to lower the present high margin requirements, so that speculative trading on stock exchanges in the Dominion is still at a low ebb.

Canvass of representative Montreal brokerage and investment houses indicates that perhaps 30 to 40% of cash available for speculation on the local exchanges is now from individuals and corporations, either loaned direct or through the trust companies. An exact estimate, however, is difficult, as in no case do the loan accounts of the brokers agree. Naturally, some firms have better credit standing than others; such firms get more money from banks.

For instance, one of the largest houses in Montreal receives 45% of its call money from local banks, 15% from United States banks, 35% from trust companies and insurance companies and 5% from individuals and corporations. Another important brokerage firm reports 75% of its loanable cash obtained from banks and trust companies, 15% from United States banks and 10% from individuals and corporations.

Showing how much more money proportionately smaller houses get from individuals and corporations, one broker estimates 15% of the call money on the Street at present is from banks, 15% from United States banks, 35% from trust companies and insurance companies and 35% from individuals and corporations. Another broker estimates 50% from banks, 35% from individuals, 10% from trust companies and corporations and 5% from United States banks. Still another firm says 40% from the banks, 50% from trust companies and 10% from individuals and corporations.

Amount loaned on call here by insurance companies is proportionately not very great. The money loaned by trust companies comes mostly from corporations and individuals. According to the General Manager of one of the leading Canadian trust companies, most of the cash this company is now loaning to brokers is corporation money.

Many of the bigger traders are awaiting for heavier call loans from the banks to stimulate market activity before resuming trading. How long they will have to wait is difficult to forecast, as the present disposition in local banking circles is against encouraging excessive speculation, even

when the demand for funds from the West and from industry eases. However, a lower call rate in New York might tempt cash to cross the border for the stable 6% rate here and given considerable relief.

Meanwhile, trading on the local market is centred mainly in the better class of industrials, with considerable investment buying evident. It is probable more buying outright of stocks is now taking place than at any previous time in the last three years.

Investment buying has been stimulated by the flow of cash into the hands of the investing public through a record amount of bond redemptions in Canada this year. Refunding by Canadian corporations this year totals nearly \$118,000,000. Much money has been received here also through refunding operations outside of the Dominion. In addition, the Dominion Government is retiring this fall, with cash, approximately \$55,000,000 of its obligations. Some refunding will be carried out also by the Provincial Governments. Refunding by private concerns and retirement of preferred stocks swells the total still further.

Gold Reserve of Credit System of Country 6.50% According to National City Bank of New York.

The country's present gold reserves are the subject of review in the monthly organ issued Oct. 1 by the National City Bank of New York dealing with present business conditions. It is brought out in the comment that the consolidated gold reserve of the credit system of this country is but 6.50%. The bank states that "it is true that the consolidated reserve against direct reserve bank liabilities at this writing is 65%, and that to the extent that the reserve banks are able to get possession of the outstanding billion of gold certificates they will have command of the gold reserve behind them. It is important to consider, however, that this 65% represents only the ratio of the gold holdings of the Reserve banks to their own note and deposit liabilities, and that this is practically the only reserve for all the bank deposits of the United States, and for the greater part of the paper currency in circulation." We quote as follows what the bank has to say:

It cannot be too strongly emphasized that the strength of the Reserve System is in ample reserves. So long as any surplus reserve exists above the required minimum, somebody will be ready to argue that it ought to be in use, but stability and security are assured by the surplus. It is the cushion which takes up the shock of emergencies and maintains confidence. When the minimum is reached, drastic measures are in order which inevitably excite uneasiness and alarm.

World conditions at any time may make demands upon our banking reserves. The gold movement of the past year has taken more than 20% of the actual gold holdings of the Reserve System and approximately one-third of their surplus holdings. The gold reserve percentage has dropped since Sept. 28 1927 from 73 to 65. We have seen that the drop from 52% in June 1919, to 42% in May 1920, created critical conditions, but no heed was paid to warnings uttered between those dates. When inflation is under way the legal minimum is always too high for most people.

If it shall develop, as seems not improbable, that other countries, in greater need of additional credit resources than the United States, will absorb the greater part of new gold production for some years to come, the surplus reserves which we now have will be gradually needed as the legal basis of our own expanding volume of commercial credits, even though no further export movement of importance should occur.

Our Present Gold Reserves.

Any suggestion that it is the part of prudence to conserve the reserves of the banking system is sure to be met with a chorus of exclamations to the effect that they are unnecessarily high. Is not the consolidated reserve 65%, and is there not a billion of gold certificates in circulation which may be added to the present sum in the Reserve vaults.

It is true that the consolidated reserve against direct Reserve bank liabilities at this writing is 65%, and that to the extent that the Reserve banks are able to get possession of the outstanding billion of gold certificates they will have command of the gold reserve behind them. It is important to consider, however, that this 65% represents only the ratio of the gold holdings of the Reserve banks to their own note and deposit liabilities, and that this is practically the only reserve for all the bank deposits of the United States, and for the greater part of the paper currency in circulation.

Prior to the establishment of the Reserve systems, all banks were required to keep specified reserves of cash in their own vaults; 25% in the Central Reserve Cities, New York, Chicago and St. Louis, 12 1/2% in other Reserve cities and 6% in country banks; now only the Reserve banks are required to do so, because they have assumed the responsibility of supplying cash to the member banks of the system to whatever extent required. The State bank systems which require cash reserves are satisfied that such holdings shall be in currency. The holdings of the Treasury and the Reserve banks are practically the only reserves of gold.

The following table gives the figures for the gold holdings of the Treasury and Reserve banks, and the amount of bank deposits and of all forms of bank and Government currency in circulation, as of June 30 1928. The annual report of the Comptroller of the Currency, which includes figures not only for the National banks, but for all State and reporting private banks, is not yet available, but official figures for all member banks of the Federal Reserve System are available, and by comparison with the Comptroller's figures for all banks last year afford a satisfactory basis for an approximate estimate of this year's totals:

CURRENCY AND BANKING SYSTEMS OF U. S. AS OF JULY 1 1928.

Total gold coin and bullion in U. S. Treas. and Fed. Reserve banks...	\$3,732,000,000
All kinds of credit curr. in circulation (outside Treas. & Res. banks)...	4,420,000,000
Individual bank deposits*:	
All commercial banks oper. under National & State Charters.....	\$43,042,000,000
Reporting private banks.....	128,000,000
Stock & Mutual Savings banks.....	10,009,000,000
	53,779,000,000
Deduct till money same date.....	847,000,000
Net deposit liabilities.....	52,932,000,000
Total currency and deposit liabilities.....	57,352,000,000
Ratio of gold reserve to liabilities.....	6.50%

* Bank deposits in other banks not included. Private banks are not required to publish condition statements, but many of them do and these figures are included in official reports.

The figures for the gold reserves include the gold held in the Treasury for the gold certificates in circulation. This gold cannot be considered as all available as general reserve, for manifestly it would be impossible for the Reserve banks to gather up all of the certificates in circulation. Some of these have been destroyed and considerable amounts are held in private hoards and by banks outside of the Reserve System, but in this calculation the gold is given its full reserve value as though every certificate was held by the Reserve banks. The gold held against United States notes also is included.

The consolidated gold reserve of the credit system of this country as shown is 6.50% instead of 65%. We do not say that this is an alarmingly small reserve. It is not, for it is inconceivable that any considerable percentage of all the currency and bank deposits in the United States would be presented for payment. Nevertheless, the reserve is 6.5% and not 65%.

It is impossible to make an exact comparison between the banking situation of the United States and that of any other country, as precisely corresponding figures are not to be had, but an approximate comparison with the British situation is afforded by the following table.

The figures for British bank deposits are taken from the London Economist of May 12 1928, and although they do not include all banks in Great Britain, Scotland and Northern Ireland it is probable that the omissions do not materially affect the calculation. If included they would increase deposits, probably without increasing gold reserves, and thus tend to lower the reserve percentage. Figures are not available for several large private banks, but on the other hand the deposits of reporting private banks in the United States as given in the above table evidently are incomplete.

Discount companies in London receive deposits, but the figures for three companies as given in the "Economist" combine the borrowings, deposits and undivided profits, hence we have omitted them. The total under this heading for the three companies is £93,854,000. Again, the deposits if included would tend to lower the reserve ratio.

On the other hand, bank balances with the Bank of England, and offsetting credits between the banks, swell the deposits, and elimination of these duplications would raise the reserve ratio. The form of bank reports in this country enable us to make this elimination in the first table.

Cash in hand consists of Bank of England notes or Treasury currency notes, which are included in the currency liabilities, and cash at Bank of England is a deposit there.

With these explanations this table is given:

CURRENCY AND BANKING SYSTEMS OF GREAT BRITAIN AS OF DEC. 31 1927.

Net gold reserves in Bank of England & Currency Note Dept. of Treas.	£185,855,000
Joint stock banks, deposits and notes	£1,893,000,000
Scottish banks, deposits and notes	263,000,000
Northern Irish banks, deposits and notes	53,000,000
Private bank deposits	30,400,000
Trustee savings bank deposits	81,400,000
Total deposits	£2,320,800,000
Deduct cash in hand and at Bank of England	375,000,000
Net liabilities of above banks	1,945,800,000
Currency notes outstanding, less Bank of England notes in currency reserve	244,000,000
Bank of England deposits and notes outstanding	277,000,000
Total	£2,466,800,000
Ratio of gold reserve to liabilities	7.53%

The Federal Reserve statement of Sept. 26 1928, shows an aggregate gold reserve of 65.1% against the currency and deposits of the 12 Reserve banks, and the Bank of England statement of that date shows a gold reserve of 51.3% against the notes and deposits of that institution. While the two tables given above are not completely comparable it seems to be safe to conclude from them that the aggregate reserves of this country at best are somewhat smaller in proportion to total bank and currency liabilities than those of Great Britain.

Importance of Effective Reserve Control.

The Federal Reserve system is a highly geared mechanism surmounting the country's system of independent local banks, designed to unify them into an effective system, and to supplement their services in a manner which will give a degree of credit stability which never was had before. The final increment of credit which they supply is of magnified influence in the credit situation and should be handled with great discretion. An undue expansion of it would disturb the financial equilibrium between this and other countries and cause gold to leave the country. An expansion which would not be followed by a natural contraction would thus mean a permanent loss of reserve resources and consequent weakening of the system, as illustrated in 1919-20.

Although the reserve percentage of 6.5 against all currency and bank deposits is low as reserve percentages have been reckoned in the past, the magnitude of the actual reserve is an ample guaranty of security if the volume of bank credit is kept effectively in hand.

Return from Abroad of Charles E. Mitchell of National City Bank—Sees No Cause for Alarm in Credit Situation.

Returning from abroad on Oct. 9 on the steamer Olympic, Charles E. Mitchell, President of the National City Bank of New York, is reported as not sharing, apparently, the perturbation over the present credit situation expressed by many bankers at the convention of the American Bankers Association at Philadelphia last week. Mr. Mitchell's views, indicated in a talk with newspapermen on Oct. 10, are announced as follows in the "Wall Street Journal":

He held out little hope for any immediate change in prevailing money rate levels, but stated he did not expect them to continue for a "long time."

Discussing brokers' loans, Mr. Mitchell stated he was not alarmed over their continued increase, but felt the situation would find a solution of its own problem before it reached the danger stage. Mr. Mitchell said he saw no harm in advancing stock prices as long as they do not cause credit inflation. The margin of savings in this country available for investment is huge, and the question is one of proper balance between that margin and the enhancement in value and amount of securities.

"There is an abundance of credit available, and with its natural absorption by the legitimate progress of business, we should still look ahead with confidence," Mr. Mitchell stated. "I see no cause for alarm as long as the Federal Reserve System continues to guard against inflation. Business looks extremely favorable for this time of year. We are enjoying enormous prosperity in America and I am convinced that nothing can impede the progress we are making."

High Money Rates Regarded as Temporary.

Speaking of his impressions of Europe, he stated he found conditions progressively good, compared with previous visits.

"The test period for the various stabilization plans is definitely passed," he said, "but European industry is still in process of readjustment to the newly stabilized currencies. Europe is watching conditions in the United States as never before"

"There is more interest in our money market and in our stock and bond markets than in any previous period. Every one is looking to the United States, feeling that his markets must be affected by developments here."

Mr. Mitchell stated much European money has undoubtedly been attracted to New York by high collateral loan rates, but he doubted if it made up a very large percentage of the total brokers' loans.

He stated European financiers would make no estimate as to the amount of gold which might flow here from abroad, but said they felt that if present spread between money rates here and abroad is maintained for a long time, gold must flow. However, Europe feels that the United States high money rates are temporary and that any gold flow resulting from them will later be returned to Europe.

Mr. Mitchell stated Germany appears to be more discouraged over the reparation situation than a year ago.

"Germany can be likened to a man running as fast as he can but within knowing the whereabouts of his goal," he said. "The country is working to satisfy the reparations demands, but it seems to me to be poor international sportsmanship not to fix the final total to be paid."

Expects Continued German Borrowing.

"Germany will continue to borrow abroad in one form or another, though probably to a less extent than in the past. Some loans are in prospect now, though there are no startling transactions pending."

"The French attitude toward Germany is constantly improving. France is finding it to her advantage to make closer trade, industrial and financial relations with Germany. The French money market was artificially dammed until the return to the gold standard, but already French money is going to Germany, and the time appears to be nearing when Paris will again become an important international investment market."

"Progress in Europe is not uniform. Each country has its own problems and each is handling them in its own fashion. The level of stabilization has had much to do with conditions in various countries. Belgium, which stabilized in currency at a low value, underwent practically no period of depression, and its industry and foreign trade are prosperous. Italy stabilized at a high value, and its industries found it much more difficult to adjust themselves to the new unit. However, Italy appears to be in much better shape than a year ago. The worst is over and the trend now is definitely upward."

George E. Roberts of National City Bank of New York Looks for Continuance of "Tight Money"—Views of Other Bankers on Money Market.

George E. Roberts, Vice-President of the National City Bank of New York, in an expression of opinion on the money market in a recent issue of the "United States Banker," stated that "what may be called tight money, comparatively, is here, and I think it will continue as long as the Stock Exchange continues to absorb so large a share of the country's available funds," Mr. Roberts further said:

High interest rates on the Stock Exchange naturally attracts money to New York from all parts of the country, and of course affect the rates which all business must pay. The effect on business is as yet of no consequence, but if maintained indefinitely there will be a depressing effect.

Already the flotation of new securities has been checked, which means that new enterprises are being held up. There is natural hesitation to issue long-term securities at rates notably higher than what were prevailing a few months ago, and the hope that rates may decline tends to postpone financing.

The "Herald Tribune" quoting in a Washington dispatch Sept. 23 the statement of Mr. Roberts in the "United States Banker," said:

The question of whether the high figure reached by brokers' loans is dangerously abnormal, as has been charged, is a question of the criterion by which they are judged, according to Mr. Roberts.

"Compared with estimates of the country's wealth, or even with estimates of the total value of listed stocks, which seems to be the criterion commonly used, perhaps not; but compared with the total amount of bank credit now available for all business purposes, I think current rates of interest show the volume of brokers' loans to be too high."

"The amount of bank credit must be kept within reasonable relations to the country's gold reserve, and the gold reserves of the Federal Reserve system are now lower than those of the Bank of England, in relation to the total amount of bank credit outstanding in the two countries."

"The Federal Reserve authorities are simply following the provisions and spirit of the Reserve Act and the principles of central bank management recognized everywhere."

Willis H. Booth, Vice-President of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, asserted in another article in the "United States Banker" that the easy money period has definitely passed, while S. Stern, Vice-President of the Seaboard National Bank of New York, said he expected money rates for commercial needs to be maintained at about the present levels for the rest of the year. The New York "Times," from which we quote, also said:

W. H. Wood, President of the American Trust Co., Charlotte, N. C., in another article for the same magazine, defended the policy of the Federal Reserve banks in raising discount rates.

Mr. Booth said that several factors combine to indicate that the period of easy money has definitely passed.

"One is the exportation of gold during the past year," he said, "with a very small likelihood that central banks abroad will permit any large return flow to this country in the near future if it can be avoided. The second is the probability of an increased demand for funds for commercial purposes in coming months. The third is the policy of the Federal Reserve banks, which is apparently based on the belief that further expansion in the use of credit for speculative purposes should be prevented if possible through the withholding of reserve credit from the money market."

Limits to "Tight" Period Forecast.

Mr. Booth estimated that the duration of the tight money period will depend on two "mutually related" conditions, the course of security prices and the future Federal Reserve policy.

"It is likely," he added, "that a strong movement toward liquidation in security markets would be followed by a much more liberal credit policy on the part of the Federal Reserve banks, and that these two developments would combine to produce a marked easing of money rates."

"In the long run," Mr. Booth declared, "high security prices must be based on favorable business prospects, while these prospects in turn depend on an adequate supply of credit. Hence, in a contest between business enterprise and speculative interests for the bank credit available, the former must eventually win."

Mr. Booth said funds lent to carry installment buying constituted an important factor in the present situation.

Repatriation of Funds Seen.

Mr. Stern said that, according to all appearances, seasonal demands for funds would remain large, with bumper harvests in the United States and Canada and the financing of the cotton crop putting a heavy strain on bank resources.

"A period of increased industrial activity in certain lines," he added, "is also prognosticated for the next few months."

Mr. Stern said if foreign exchange rates may be taken as possible indicators of what is likely to happen respecting future capital movements between the United States and foreign countries, "it would seem that capital previously loaned abroad for short terms will continue to be partially repatriated, and also, except in the improbable event of a substantial rise in interest rates abroad, that deposits will be attracted from certain foreign centres at the higher rates current here."

Governor Strong of New York Federal Reserve Bank Continues to Improve Following Operation.

Benjamin Strong, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, who underwent an operation on Oct. 6 at the New York Hospital has since been making progress according to the announcements made at the Federal Reserve Bank, the latest, on Oct. 11 (Oct. 12 was a holiday) indicating that Mr. Strong was doing nicely. In our issue of a week ago (page 1898) we noted that Governor Strong had been taken to the hospital for observation and treatment because of intestinal disturbances. As to the operation we quote as follows from the "Times" of Oct. 7:

Mr. Strong, who is 55 years old, was taken to the hospital for observation Thursday night. Consulting physicians were called on Friday and it was decided to perform an operation. He went on the operating table at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning and at noon the operation was over and word of its successful conclusion was brought to the group of friends and members of the family waiting outside.

Bulletin Tells of Operation.

A bulletin telling of the operation and Mr. Strong's condition, issued at the Federal Reserve Bank, 33 Liberty St., at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon read:

Governor Strong was operated upon this morning for an abscess due to diverticulitis. The operation was done for the most part under local anaesthetic. Mr. Strong came through the operation well and was in good condition afterward. The operation was performed by Dr. Eugene H. Pool.

At 8 o'clock last night Mr. Strong was "doing as well as could be expected" according to W. Randolph Burgess, Assistant Federal Reserve Agent, who added that his condition was "serious but hopeful."

Besides Dr. Pool, Dr. James Alexander Miller, Mr. Strong's personal physician, and his brother, Dr. Archibald Strong, were in the operating room. In a room outside members of his family and close personal friends awaited word of the outcome of the operation. In this group was Mr. Burgess, Pierre Jay, former Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board in New York and now a member of the Transfer Committee under the Dawes reparation plan.

Diverticulitis, mentioned in the official bulletin, is described in medical dictionaries as an inflammation of a diverticulum, which is a sac formed on any hollow organ such as the intestine.

Resolution on Federal Reserve Discount Rate Defeated at Meeting of U. S. Chamber of Commerce—Had Suggested Curb on Excessive Speculation.

A resolution dealing with rediscount rate advances by Federal Reserve banks and their effect upon business, offered by Frank J. Hagenbarth, President of the Idaho Wool Growers Association, was overwhelmingly tabled by the Directors and Counselors of the United States Chamber of Commerce at Hot Springs, Ark., at the closing session on Oct. 9 of the chamber's annual mid-year conference. Telegraphic advices from Hot Springs to the "Times" state:

The resolution caused a spirited debate in which the right of the directors to vote on the counter motion was challenged.

The resolution set forth that "the successive advances of rediscount rates of Federal Reserve banks during a period of active trading in securities and high market rates for money emphasizes the importance of an administrative policy that accords due consideration to the effect upon the legitimate, continuing demands of business of measures that may be useful in repressing if not designed to curb excessive speculation."

It suggested that the Federal Reserve Committee of the Chamber be requested to "consider this aspect of rediscount advances as it appears in our commercial and financial life, especially where it may be accompanied by harmful diversions from commercial channels of the money supply that commerce and industry have the established right to expect from American banking at equitable rates."

Considers Effects of Resolution.

Robert R. Ellis of Memphis, Vice-President of the Southern Central Division, declared that if the resolution was adopted it would be generally misunderstood by the public as a pronouncement from the organization as a whole, whereas the resolution merely was for the attention of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Ellis further said that it might tend to offend officers of the Federal Reserve system and cause criticism on the part of the enemies of that system, to say nothing of a possible effect upon the stock market. He objected to any publicity whatever and offered the motion to table the resolution which was adopted.

Mr. Hagenbarth declared the action taken on the resolution to be "reprehensible" and said he was under the impression that the rules governing the conference entitled only national councilors to vote and that others had voted on the question.

Mr. Ellis took exception to the word "reprehensible," as also did Tyson S. Dines, President of the Denver Chamber of Commerce, who was in the chair.

Mr. Hagenbarth explained that he did not apply the word directly and intentionally to the conduct of those not entitled to vote, but that the action taken might appear reprehensible in its results.

Further resolutions before the meeting were indicated as follows in the "Times" account:

State Legislatures were urged "to have interstate rather than intrastate service in mind" when drafting legislation regulating air transportation, and uniformity of aeronautical legislation was declared to be necessary.

Another resolution recommended "that the Board of Directors authorize the transportation and communication department to make such studies and recommendations looking toward policy action by the chamber as will tend toward the adoption of adequate enabling acts by State Legislatures to facilitate the establishment and proper maintenance of municipal airports and the adoption of uniform airport operating rules."

Resolution Is Again Defeated.

Chairman Dines considered that the question raised by the resolution was of such importance that he disregarded the result of the motion to table and called for a vote on the resolution, but it was again defeated.

Other resolutions that aroused no adverse comment and received favorable action, recommended uniform State motor vehicle legislation, the adoption of a model municipal traffic ordinance, standardized traffic signs, signals and pavement markings in harmony with the model traffic and a uniform vehicle code.

New York Federal Reserve Bank on Retirement of Third Liberty Loan—Amount Outstanding \$196,176,350.

The various steps taken by the Treasury Department in bringing about the retirement of the Third Liberty Loan bonds are reviewed in the Monthly Business Conditions Report issued Oct. 1 by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Of the original issue of \$4,176,000,000, the amount outstanding on Sept. 27 was \$196,176,350. We quote here with the Bank's comment:

When the Third Liberty Loan was originally issued in May 1918, \$4,176,000,000 of these bonds were sold throughout the country. In the period between 1918 and the end of 1927, \$2,028,000,000, or nearly one-half of these bonds were retired by the Treasury, chiefly through the operation of the cumulative sinking fund, purchases from surplus money in the Treasury, purchases with the proceeds of cash debt payments by foreign governments, and retirement of bonds received as payments from foreign governments. As a result, only \$2,148,000,000 of the Third Liberty Loan bonds remained at the beginning of 1928 to be retired by the date of maturity, Sept. 15.

The first step toward the refunding of this remaining half of the issue was an exchange offering on Jan. 16 of a new issue of 3½% Treasury notes maturing in 1932, but callable in 1930; more than one-fourth of the Liberty bonds then outstanding were exchanged for these notes. In July an additional \$108,000,000 were exchanged for 3¾% Treasury bonds of 1940-43, and, on the maturity date Sept. 15, \$103,000,000 were exchanged for 4½% Treasury certificates of indebtedness due on June 15 1929. Throughout the entire period, the Treasury also purchased Third Liberty bonds for the sinking fund, and with surplus and other moneys. As a consequence of operations preceding maturity, when Sept. 15, arrived, the Treasury had to provide for the redemption of only about \$955,000,000, or considerably less than one-half of the amount outstanding at the beginning of the year, and less than one-fourth of the original issue.

On the first day of redemption, Sept. 15, nearly 50% of these remaining bonds were redeemed, whereas on Nov. 15 1927, the day the Second Liberty Loan was called for retirement, a little over 40% of the outstanding bonds of that issue were redeemed. Subsequent redemptions of Third's fell off more rapidly than did redemptions of Second's during the corresponding period; so that, at the end of the first thirteen calendar days of the redemption period, approximately 80% of the bonds had been redeemed, or practically the same proportion as in the case of the Second's. This left at the close of business Sept. 27 a little over \$196,000,000 of Third's still to be redeemed. While the larger part of the remaining bonds will no doubt be presented within the next few months, a considerable number will probably remain outstanding for some time, despite the statements widely circulated by the Treasury that interest on the bonds ceased on Sept. 15. At the end of August this year, 9½ months after the Second Liberty Loan bonds were called for redemption, there were still \$25,000,000 of that issue outstanding.

The principal operations leading to the retirement of the Third Liberty Loan are summarized below:

Originally issued May 9 1918	\$4,175,650,050
Retired prior to Dec. 31 1927	2,027,996,906
Balance outstanding	\$2,147,653,150
Exchanged during January 1928 for 3½% Treasury notes, series O, 1930-32	607,399,650
Balance outstanding	\$1,540,253,500
Exchanged during July for 3¾% Treasury bonds of 1940-43	107,521,550
Balance outstanding	\$1,432,731,950
Purchased by Treasury for sinking fund, and from surplus money in Treasury, Jan. 1 to Sept. 14 1928	477,344,100
Balance outstanding Sept. 14	\$955,387,850
Exchanged on and after Sept. 15 for 4½% Treasury certificates of indebtedness, series TJ, 1929	102,821,300
Redeemed Sept. 15 to 27 from sinking fund	202,975,000
Redeemed Sept. 15 to 27 from tax receipts	453,415,200
Balance outstanding on Sept. 27 (on which int. has ceased)	\$196,176,350

With the redemption of these bonds, three of the great war loans have been retired—the Victory Loan issued in 1919, the Second issued in 1917, and the Third issued in 1918. Part of this retirement has been accomplished by the application of revenue, both from internal sources and

from foreign debt payments, and the rest has been consummated through refunding operations. To the extent that these Liberty bonds and other obligations have been redeemed out of income, there has been a reduction in the National debt. The estimated gross debt at the end of September is about \$17,400,000,000, an amount more than one billion dollars, or 6% smaller than a year ago. The total reduction in the National debt since the high point was reached in 1919 has now amounted to over \$9,000,000,000 or a little more than one-third.

Offering of \$300,000,000 4¾% Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness—Part of Issue to Retire Outstanding Third Liberty Loan Bonds—Books Closed—Issue Oversubscribed.

At the unusually high rate of 4¾%, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon on Oct. 8 invited subscriptions to an issue of Treasury certificates of indebtedness to the amount of \$300,000,000 or thereabouts, maturing in 11 months. The forthcoming offering was referred to in these columns Sept. 29, page 1753, and a newspaper account to the effect that Government bond experts were of the opinion that the issue would have to bear at least 4½% interest, and possibly 4½ or 4¾% was quoted in our Sept. 29 item.

It was announced by Secretary Mellon on Oct. 11 that total subscription of \$838,000,000 had been received to the \$300,000,000 offering and that allotments will total about \$308,000,000. The following allotments have been made by the Treasury on subscriptions for the new certificates.

Subscriptions in amounts not exceeding \$1,000 allotted in full.
 Subscriptions \$1,000 to \$10,000 allotted 80% with not less than \$1,000 to any one subscription.
 Amounts \$10,000 to \$50,000 allotted 70%, not less than \$8,000 on any one subscription.
 Amounts \$50,000 to \$500,000 allotted 50%, with not less than \$35,000 to any one subscription.
 Amounts \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 will be allotted 30%, with not less than \$250,000 on any one subscription.
 Amounts over \$1,000,000 allotted 20% with not less than \$300,000 on any one subscription.

The Treasury Department announced on Oct. 9 that the subscription books for the offering were closed at the close of business Oct. 9.

Associated Press advices from Washington Oct. 11 in reporting the subscription said:

Though this [4¾%] is the highest interest rate fixed lately on Government short-term issue, Mr. Mellon said that the heavy oversubscription could not be taken as a gauge of the money market. Banks are the chief subscribers as usual, and the rate was fixed in the light of the fact that some of the Government short-term issues are now selling on the market to yield a slightly higher return than that given by the new issue.

Following Secretary Mellon's announcement on Oct. 7 of the new \$300,000,000 issue at 4¾%, it was noted in Washington advices Oct. 7 to the "Times" that this is the first time since the period of deflation following speculative activities that came with the close of the World War that such a high rate has been paid by the Government on a similar security. This account also observes that the \$525,000,000 of Treasury certificates offered Sept. 7, running for nine months, and on which the interest rate was 4½%, was put out at the highest rate since the era of tight money in 1923-24. A raising of the interest rate on the latest issue was pretty generally accepted, says the dispatch, as indicating that the Treasury felt that the high money rates now quoted in the open market were likely to continue some time and that the credit strain, caused in part by the use of large sums in speculative activities on the Stock Exchanges, was more severe than a month ago. It was furthermore stated:

It is understood that the Treasury officials came to a decision on the rate by figuring the value of a Government security of the character to be sold in the open market, and then shading the interest rate under the figure reached, which was said to be about 4.90%.

Details of the September offering were given in these columns Sept. 8 (page 1339), and in our issue of Sept. 22 (page 1605), in noting the subscriptions and allotments we indicated that \$103,153,900 Third Liberty Loan 4¼% bonds had been exchanged for the 4½% Treasury certificates. Secretary Mellon in announcing the new 4¾% certificates states that about \$150,000,000 Third Liberty Loan bonds are still outstanding, and that about \$150,000,000 in interest payments on the public debt becomes payable Oct. 15. The new issue, he says, together with the cash on hand, will provide for the Treasury requirements up to Dec. 15. Secretary Mellon's announcement of Oct. 7 follows:

The Treasury is to-day offering for subscription, at par and accrued interest, through the Federal Reserve banks an issue of 11 months 4¾% Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TS-1929, dated and bearing interest from Oct. 15 1928 and maturing Sept. 15 1929. The amount of the offering is \$300,000,000 or thereabouts.

Applications will be received at the Federal Reserve banks. Bearer certificates will be issued in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. The certificates will have two interest coupons attached, payable March 15 and Sept. 15 1929.

About \$150,000,000 of Third Liberty Loan bonds which became payable on Sept. 15 1928 are still outstanding. Also about \$150,000,000 in interest

payments on the public debt become payable on Oct. 15 1928. This issue, together with cash now on hand, will provide for the Treasury's requirements up to Dec. 15 1928.

In addition to the extracts from the "Times" dispatch from Washington Oct. 7, we also quote therefrom the following:

The fact that the Treasury has been compelled to offer two refunding issues at an interest rate higher than the 4¾% paid by the Third Liberty Loan which is being retired, has served to direct attention to the long period over which the present credit conditions have extended. Some Government officials, it is understood, had expected the situation to become easier before this time.

High Interest in the Past.

The last time the Treasury paid as high as 4¾% for money on an issue of short-term certificates of indebtedness was in 1921-22, when there were three issues, paying 5¾%, 5½% and 5¼% placed before the public. At that time money was in strong demand by interests caught in the rapid deflation of values and needing credit to carry them along until stocks of commodities which had been piled on shelves at high prices could be liquidated.

After these three issues the interest on short-term Government securities eased gradually to 4½%, and in 1922-23 to 3¾%. There was a period of tight money in 1923-24 during which one issue of Treasury certificates paid 4½% and others 4 and 4¼%, but in the following year a 3% level was reached, and one issue was sold as low as 2¾%.

The peak rate for certificates was in the 1920-21 period, when 6% was paid by the Government on this form of security.

Announcement of the offering of 4¾% Treasury certificates of indebtedness was followed, it was noted in the "Times" of Oct. 9, by a lowering of the bid prices on similar issues of the Government outstanding, which wiped out the difference in the price basis between the forthcoming securities and those now in the hands of the public. The paper quoted added:

To a certain extent this readjustment lessened the attractiveness of the new issue, but there was little doubt in banking circles that it would be heavily oversubscribed. The offering found favor with the large banks because of the Government deposits it affords, as it is not expected that more than \$150,000,000 of the proceeds of the sale will be withdrawn from the banks by the Treasury between now and Dec. 1.

The new 4¾% certificates will be dated and bear interest from Oct. 15 1928 and will become due Sept. 15 1929. They will be in the form of bearer certificates in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. The certificates will have two interest coupons attached, payable Mar. 15 1929 and Sept. 15 1929. The Treasury Department's official circular offering the new certificates follows:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

4¾% Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness

SERIES TS-1929

Dated and bearing interest from Oct. 15 1928. Due Sept. 15 1929.

The Secretary of the Treasury, under the authority of the Act approved Sept. 24 1927, as amended, offers for subscription, at par and accrued interest, through the Federal Reserve banks, Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TS-1929, dated and bearing interest from Oct. 15 1928, payable Sept. 15 1929, with interest at the rate of 4¾% 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 \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. The certificates will have two interest coupons attached, payable March 15 1929 and Sept. 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, and to make reduced allotments upon, or to reject, applications for larger amounts, and to make classified allotments and allotments upon a graduated scale; and his action in these respects will be final. 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 Oct. 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.

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.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
Office of the Secretary.

Oct. 8 1928.

Department Circular No. 410 (Public Debt).

To the Investor,

Almost any banking institution in the United States will handle your subscription for you, or you may make subscription direct to the Federal

Reserve Bank of your district. Your special attention is invited to the terms of subscription and allotment as stated above. If you desire to purchase, at the market price, certificates of the above issue after the subscriptions close, or certificates of any outstanding issue, you should apply to your own bank, or, if it can not obtain them for you, to the Federal Reserve Bank of your district, which will then endeavor to fill your order in the market.

Federal Trade Commissioner's Inquiry into Public Utilities.—Oregon Publisher Says Group Gave \$84,820 a Year to Aid Nation-Wide News Service.

The hearings recently resumed by the Federal Trade Commission in furtherance of its inquiry into public utilities brought out information on Oct. 10 by B. M. Hofer of Portland, Ore., to the effect that his publishing company, E. Hofer & Sons, had received \$84,820 a year for four years from a group of public utility companies for furnishing a free news service to between 13,000 and 14,000 small daily and weekly newspapers throughout the country. The "Times" is authority for this, a dispatch to it from Washington, Oct. 10, continuing as follows:

His testimony, (Mr. Hofer's) given during resumption of the Commission's investigation of the alleged propaganda activities of public utilities, was to the effect that the editorial policy of his news service has been that of opposition to Government participation in business or municipal ownership of utilities plans.

The news service, under the name of "The Industrial News Bureau," Mr. Hofer said, has been operating for about 15 years, but its activities were confined to a few Western States until after a conference in New York with a group of prominent public utilities officials, when he obtained the support necessary to put the service on a national basis. This conference, he said, was held in the apartment of the late C. A. Coffin, former Chairman of the Board of the General Electric Co., in the Spring of 1923.

Others present, according to Mr. Hofer, included P. H. Gadsden, Vice-President of the United Gas Improvement Co. of Philadelphia; S. Z. Mitchell, President of the Electric Bond & Share Co.; C. E. Groesbeck and E. K. Hall, Vice-Presidents of the last named company, and W. E. Breed, also associated with the Electric Bond & Share Co.

Mr. Hofer identified a statement showing the annual contributions received from various utilities toward the support of his news service. The New York companies and the amounts they are represented as contributing are as follows:

New York Companies He Listed.

Adirondack Power & Light Co., Schenectady, \$732; Associated Gas & Electric Co., New York, \$1,200; Buffalo General Electric Co., \$950; Commonwealth Power Corp., New York, \$3,600; General Gas & Electric Co., New York, \$792; Long Island Lighting Co., New York, \$360; Niagara Falls Power Co., Niagara Falls, \$765.30; New York Edison Co., \$5,000 (this includes contributions in amounts not specified from the Consolidated Gas Co. and the United Electric Light & Power Co.); North American Co., New York, \$6,500; Penn-Ohio Edison Co., New York, \$1,000; Rochester Gas & Electric Corp., \$950; Rockland Electric Co., Nyack, \$38.04; Rockland Light & Power Co., Nyack, \$209.52; Brooklyn Edison Co., \$1,000.

Gas and electric companies in New Jersey which Mr. Hofer listed, and their contributions, were:

Atlantic City Electric Co., \$313.56, and the Public Service Corp. of New Jersey, Newark, \$7,500.

In addition to the \$84,000 a year received from utility companies, Mr. Hofer testified, his company also receives an equal amount from other industrial corporations, which he described as being among the largest in his section of the country. Judge R. E. Healy, Chief Counsel for the Commission in this investigation, did not press the witness for the names of the other industrial corporations.

Besides sending out the releases under the title of the "Industrial News Bureau," Mr. Hofer testified, his company also publishes a monthly magazine called "The Manufacturer," which has the same editorial policies as the News Bureau and which has been widely distributed among the smaller dailies and the country weeklies.

Get Reviews of Business.

In addition, the papers in each State are furnished with weekly industrial reviews dealing with business conditions in their respective States.

A quotation from a circular identified by Mr. Hofer as having been issued by his company in its solicitation of subscriptions illustrates the scope of distribution attained:

"During each of the last four years," the circular reads, "we have sent out 832 editorial articles, or a total of 3,328 editorials was sent to 14,000 papers in forty-eight States during the four-year period.

"In addition to this, the papers of each State were sent an industrial review of that State each week, which meant 2,496 original reviews per annum, or 9,984 weekly industrial reviews for the forty-eight States for the four-year period.

"Our statistical department has kept an accurate check on the manner in which our articles have been reproduced throughout the country. This check shows an average of 1,935,792 inches per annum, or a total of 7,743,168 inches for the four-year period. Reduced to pages of 120 inches each this would total more than 64,526 solid newspaper pages."

The Commission will continue its investigation with a other hearing tomorrow. Witnesses under subpoena to appear at that time are Berkeley Snow of Portland, Ore., Secretary of the Northwest Electric Light & Power Association; W. R. Putnam of Boise, Idaho, Treasurer of the Idaho Committee on the Relation of Electricity to Agriculture; H. L. Walther of Portland, manager of the Oregon Public Utility Information Bureau, and Mrs. Claire K. Tripp of Seattle, director of the Washington Industries Education Bureau.

The resolution under which the Federal Trade Commission's inquiry is being conducted, was given in our issue of Feb. 18, page 967.

Federal Trade Commission's Interim Report on Public Utilities Investigation—Companies Called Upon to Furnish Comprehensive Data by Nov. 1.

The Federal Trade Commission on Sept. 17 sent to the Senate its sixth interim report on the public utilities investigation showing that 1,000 report forms calling for comprehensive data on electric and gas utilities, and holding and service

companies, have been sent out. The companies have been requested to return the reports to the commission by Nov. 1. The report form contains 78 separate schedules, but only the large holding company groups will be required to fill out all schedules. Certain schedules apply only to holding companies, others only to electric and gas operating companies, some only to construction companies. The interim report also contains a report on returns to the first questionnaire sent out last spring. Transmitted with the interim report is a descriptive list of exhibits not heretofore included and completing the list of exhibits introduced up to and including the last hearing prior to the summer recess. The report, bearing date Sept. 15, follows:

SIXTH INTERIM REPORT OF THE ELECTRIC POWER AND GAS UTILITIES INQUIRY.

To the Senate of the United States:

Pursuant to the direction of the Senate in Senate Resolution 83, 70th Congress, 1st Session (approved Feb. 15 1928) regarding the investigation of certain electric power and gas utility companies, that this Commission "report to the Senate within each thirty days after the passage of the resolution and finally on the completion of the investigation" upon the matters specified in the resolution, and that it transmit therewith the stenographic report of the evidence taken, this sixth interim report is respectfully submitted. (No interim report was submitted in August).

No hearings have been held since July 6th (reported in the fifth interim report).

There are transmitted herewith a description list of Exhibits 28 to 78 and 101 to 115 incl., (not separately listed in transmittal of report of March 15 1928) and Exhibits 1286, and 2018 to 3670, incl. This transmittal completes the list of all exhibits introduced up to and including the hearing of July 6 1928.

Hearings under the publicity portions of the resolution will be resumed on Sept. 18th.

Since the beginning of the inquiry the Commission has received reports from privately owned gas and electric companies as shown in the following tabular statement:

Individual reports.....	3,664
Reported by parent company.....	284
Sold.....	313
Out of business.....	479
Produce for own use only.....	261
Not public utilities.....	1,012
Returned by Post Office unclaimed.....	234
Total.....	6,247

The information called for in this questionnaire includes data covering production, purchases, sales, inter-State business, inter-company relationships, plant capacity, &c., which afford bases for measuring the importance of inter-State business in electric energy and gas, the relative importance of holding company groups, and furnish the Commission with an accurate and up-to-date list of companies engaged in inter-State business and affiliated with inter-State holding company groups.

On June 20 1928, the Commission sent its comprehensive report form, entitled "General Report of Electric and Gas Utilities, Holding and Service Companies for such Utilities, and Affiliated Companies," to the government printing office. It was expected that this report form would be available for distribution soon after July 15th, but due to delay in printing the first printed copies were not received until Sept. 10 1928. By Sept. 12, 1,000 copies of the report had been received from the government printing office, and sent out to electric and gas companies.

The data called for in this report form include the facts in so far as they can be secured through schedules upon the following: (1) the growth of capital assets and capital liabilities, of holding company and management groups including their public utility and non-public utility subsidiaries, and of independent operating companies doing an inter-State business; (2) the methods of issuing, the price realized, and the commissions, bonuses and fees received or paid, by such companies, with respect to the various issues of securities made by them; (3) the inter-company relationships among holding companies, managing or service companies, and financial, engineering, construction and electric and gas operating companies; (4) the services furnished to electric and gas public utility companies by holding, management and service companies, the expenses and earnings of such companies, together with the fees, commissions or bonuses charged by them or their subsidiary or affiliated companies; and (5) political campaign contributions and the expenditure of funds to be used to influence or control public opinion with respect to municipal or public ownership of electric power enterprises.

The report form contains 78 separate schedules, but only the large holding company groups will be required to fill out all schedules. Certain schedules apply only to holding companies, others only to electric and gas operating companies, some only to construction companies.

Companies have been requested to return the reports to the Commission by Nov. 1 1928.

Since the last interim report accountants from the Commission's staff have been examining the books of account of some of the principal holding company groups and making an analysis of service charges, and the issuance of securities.

There is transmitted herewith a copy of the Commission's financial and statistical report form entitled "General Report of Electric and Gas Utilities, Holding and Service Companies for such Utilities, and Affiliated Companies."

By order of the Commission.

ABRAM F. MYERS, *Acting Chairman.*

We take occasion to give here the first report issued by the Commission covering the first month of its inquiry into the public utilities; this report was made public on March 15 as follows:

Washington, March 15, 1928.

To the Senate of the United States:

Pursuant to the direction of the Senate in Senate Resolution 83, 70th Congress, 1st Session (approved Feb. 15 1928), regarding the investigation of certain electric power and gas utility companies, that this Commission "report to the Senate within each thirty days after the passage of the resolution and finally on the completion of the investigation" upon the matters specified in the resolution, and that it transmit therewith the stenographic report of the evidence taken, this first interim report is respectfully submitted.

Immediately upon notification of the passage of the above mentioned resolution, namely, on February 17, 1928, the Commission passed the following resolution, the terms of which were published forthwith:

"Whereas, The Senate of the United States has by a resolution agreed to on Feb. 15 1928 (S. Res. 83, 70th Congress, 1st Session) directed the Federal Trade Commission to make an inquiry into certain practices and conditions relating to specified classes of public utility corporations and corporations connected therewith; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That an inquiry shall be undertaken immediately by the Commission in strict and full compliance with the terms of the said resolution and that in the prosecution of said inquiry the Commission shall rely on and employ the powers conferred on it to make investigations at the direction of either House of Congress, and any and all powers conferred upon it by law to conduct inquiries on its own initiative or otherwise, and any other powers legally available to it, whether contained in its organic act or elsewhere, which may conduce to a diligent and complete performance of the ends and purposes set forth in said resolution."

After study and consideration of the nature of the inquiry and the varied character of its subject matter, the Commission by resolutions dated Feb. 24 and 29, 1928, approved of a plan of inquiry dividing work into two parts, (1) general investigation and (2) public hearings. The former is necessary for the effective development of testimony at the hearings and involves among other things the extensive examination of books of account and of files of correspondence, &c. The commission, therefore, designated Commissioner McCulloch to preside at the public hearings, designated the Chief Counsel to conduct such public hearings and directed the Chief Counsel and the Chief Economist to co-operate in the conduct of this investigation.

Meantime the Commission had subpoenaed certain officers and representatives of the National Electric Light Association, and of the American Gas Association and the Associations themselves, directing them to appear before it on March 8 1928, and to bring with them all records and papers pertinent to the subject matter of the Senate Resolution. The said officials immediately advised the Commission that they desired to furnish any information they had. Representatives of the Commission immediately visited the New York offices of the National Electric Light Association, of the American Gas Association and also of the "Joint Committee" of the public utility associations, and either took such papers for study as seemed requisite or indicated the papers, documents or other information which should be produced at the hearing set for March 8. A general public notice of this hearing was given and a special notice to the Senate Committee on Inter-State Commerce.

Accordingly, a public hearing was held on the above mentioned date, at the offices of the Commission in Washington, and representatives of these associations were examined on various matters as indicated by the transcript of record, which included extensive documentary material. The stenographic record of the oral testimony accompanies this interim report in accordance with the directions of the resolution. A list of the exhibits in the record with descriptive statement of their character is attached to the transcript of the record.

The Commission also addressed the members of the Senate individually and the Inter-State Commerce Committee, requesting them to furnish any pertinent information in their possession.

A general questionnaire is being issued to the several thousand electric power and gas utility operating companies in order to aid the Commission in determining which of them are engaged in inter-State commerce and to furnish data which will aid the Commission in measuring the importance of holding company control and other related matters called for in the Senate Resolution.

The Commission is also digesting the extensive information furnished in the proceedings of the Senate, and the recent hearings before the Inter-State Commerce Committee of the Senate on this resolution and the hearings before the special Committee of the Senate on Senatorial Elections, together with that furnished by individual Senators; also the extensive documentary material put in evidence in the hearing on March 8, and other data received and obtained by the Commission. This digest is necessary in order, first, to utilize evidence immediately available; second, to afford indications of lines of inquiry for obtaining additional facts for the record.

A large part of the preliminary work will necessarily consist in the examination of accounts and records relating to the companies under investigation and in interviewing persons conversant with their affairs.

It is contemplated that further public hearings will be held as fast as adequate preparation can be made for them. In considering the question of the value or detriment to the public of certain conditions referred to in the resolution the Commission expects to obtain the counsel and evidence of competent persons in various walks of life.

The Commission realizes that this is a very large and important undertaking and, being desirous of handling it in an adequate manner and of completing it as early a date as is practicable, is planning to take up with the Director General of the Budget the question of a supplementary appropriation for the next fiscal year. But whether such facilities for the more efficient handling of this inquiry are afforded by the Congress or not, the Commission plans to push it with the greatest possible diligence.

By order of the Commission.

WILLIAM E. HUMPHREY, *Chairman.*

In stating that about 10,000 questionnaires had been sent out by the Commission to electric and gas public utility companies, the "United States Daily" gave the text of the questionnaire in the following, which we quote from its issue of March 16:

The questionnaire calls for data, among other things, showing the quantity of electric energy and gas produced in 1927; quantity purchased, sold, used and lost; the amount sold for distribution in States in which the company is located, in other States and in foreign countries, and the quantity produced in 1927 within the State in which the company is located, in other States and in foreign countries.

Information also is requested as to the gross earnings of individual companies for 1927, net earnings from operations and the net income before the payment of Federal income taxes; the amount of stock, bonds, and other long time obligations, showing their par value and total book value of the individual companies in 1927; as well as their other long-time obligations, surplus and surplus reserves.

The questionnaire follows in full text:

- I. Give State of incorporation.
- II. Give date incorporated.
- III. Report for the year 1927 for your electric and gas business, the quantity produced, purchased, sold, used and lost.
- IV. Report for the year 1927 the quantities of electric energy and gas sold for distribution in your State; in other States; in foreign countries.
- V. Report for the year 1927 the quantities of electric energy and gas purchased produced within your State; in other States in foreign countries.

VI. List the names and addresses of companies from which you have purchased electric energy or gas since January 1, 1927.

VII. List your electric power and gas plants giving the location and capacity of each as of March 1 1928.

VIII. List the names and addresses of electric and gas companies with which your electric transmission lines and gas pipe lines have been interconnected since January 1 1927.

IX. List the States in which your company operates electric transmission or gas pipe lines.

X. Report the gross earnings of your company for 1927 as follows: Gross earnings from the sale of electric energy; from the sale of gas; from all other sources.

XI. Report for the year 1927: Net earnings from operations; net corporate income before payment of Federal income taxes.

XII. Report as of December 31 1927 the number of shares, par value per share, total book value of common stock, preferred stock, bonds, other long time obligations, surplus and surplus reserves.

XIII. Report the persons or companies that owned regular voting stocks of your company in amounts of 1% or more of the total, as of record on March 1 1928, or on the nearest prior date within three months thereof, for which you have lists already prepared, stating in each case the name and address of the person or company owning said stocks and the number of shares held of each kind.

XIV. If any of the stockholders in above list hold as trustee, or for the beneficial interest of any other person or company, give the name and address of such person or company having such beneficial interest.

XV. List below the companies in which your company held stock on December 31 1927, giving also the addresses and the number and description of shares held in each.

XVI. Report as of March 1 1928 the names and addresses of each of your directors, and of your chief officers specifying their offices.

XVII. Give the names and addresses of all companies that have performed management, engineering, financing, construction, purchasing or other services for your company since January 1 1927, specifying the general character of the services performed and whether under general or special contract.

The adoption of the resolution calling for the inquiry was noted in our issue of Feb. 18, page 967.

Bankers and Brokers Division of Council of Federation for Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies.

Albert J. Erdmann, Samuel Sachs, Moses Newborg, Arthur Lehman and Samuel Ungerleider have been selected to lead the Bankers and Brokers division of the Business Men's Council of the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies of New York City which on Sunday, October 21st, will launch its 1928 campaign for \$5,300,000 to meet the budgetary requirements of its 91 constituent institutions. The quota for this division has been set at \$1,000,000. Under the direction of these men, workers of the Bankers and Brokers division who have pledged their support to the Federation's money-raising efforts in behalf of its affiliated societies will meet their fellow-workers of the 142 industrial and professional divisions constituting the Business Men's Council at a meeting to launch the campaign at the Hotel Commodore on October 21st. Dudley D. Sicher, Chairman of the Business Men's Council, the organization responsible for the money-raising activities of the Federation, has issued an appeal to the workers of the various industries and professions urging their unstinted co-operation in the coming campaign.

Annual Convention of Investment Bankers' Association of America at Atlantic City October 14-19.

The members of the Investment Bankers' Association of America will come together in annual convention at Atlantic City, the coming week, to discuss the many problems to which they direct their attention. The convention will be brought under way on Sunday, October 14, with two meetings of the Board of Governors, and a meeting of the Transportation Committee. On Monday, October 15, there will be meetings of the various committees, including those on Business Conduct, Business Problems, Constitution, Government and Farm Loans, Investment Trust, Foreign, Industrial, Legislation, Taxation, and Publications.

The address of the President of the Association Henry R. Hayes, of Stone & Webster, and Blodget, Inc., appears on the program of Tuesday, October 16, on which date also, as well as on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Many important committee reports will be presented. The convention headquarters will be located in the Ambassador Hotel.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

New York Stock Exchange memberships reached a new high record this week when the membership of Clarence G. Friend was reported posted for transfer to Thomas S. Meehan, the consideration being stated as \$450,000. This is the highest price ever paid and \$25,000 over the last preceding sale.

New York Curb Market memberships recently transferred, prices for which have already been published, were as fol-

lows: That of Richard P. Harriss to Edward J. Shean for \$97,500; that of John E. Fryer to William A. Titus, Jr., for \$98,000, and that of Frank G. Lawrence to Alexander M. Main for \$100,000. This last mentioned is the highest price on record.

The Chicago Stock Exchange membership of Allan E. House was reported posted for transfer to Victor H. Vanex for \$40,000, the same as the last preceding sale. Since the above, it is stated, another membership has been sold for \$42,500.

Arrangements are reported to have been made for the transfer of a Philadelphia Stock Exchange membership for \$18,000, a new high record. Last preceding sale was for \$17,000.

Sale of two treasury memberships on the Los Angeles Curb Exchange is reported for \$17,000 each, a new high record price. It represents a gain of \$5,000 over the last preceding sale. The purchasers are reported to be Nichols Millbank, Jr. and A. R. Thompson. The number of active members in the Los Angeles Curb Exchange is reported at 82, of which 72 are members of the Los Angeles Stock Exchange.

Total resources of the Chase National Bank of the City of New York established a new high record for the bank of \$1,156,340,254 as of Oct. 3, according to the statement of condition published in response to the call of the Comptroller of the Currency. This represents a gain of \$52,598,193 over the previous record of \$1,103,742,061 reported as of June 30 1928. A year ago on the corresponding call, which was as of Oct. 10, the bank reported total resources of \$1,004,088,104. The current statement is the first issued by the bank since the \$40,000,000 of new capital paid in as of July 2, of which total \$30,000,000 was paid into the bank's capital and surplus and \$10,000,000 was added to the capital funds of the Chase Securities Corp. As a result of the addition of this new capital the bank now has \$60,000,000 of capital and \$60,000,000 surplus. Undivided profits as of Oct. 3 totaled \$18,807,343 against \$17,472,702 on June 30 1928 and \$15,811,628 reported on Oct. 10 1927. Aggregate deposits of the bank also showed a large gain compared with the previous statement, the total being a little short of the \$900,000,000-mark. Total deposits on Oct. 3 totaled \$892,388,858, representing an increase of \$48,644,192 compared with the total of \$843,744,666 reported on June 30 1928.

One of the most modern safe deposit vaults in New York City was formally opened on Oct. 8 by the Chase Safe Deposit Company in the new Chase National Bank Building. The vault, which is located on floor B and is approached through the 60 Cedar Street entrance of the Chase Building, surmounts the main vault of the bank, which is two additional stories in depth, the entire system of vaults it is stated being the largest in the country outside the Federal Reserve Banks. The safe deposit section has a capacity of 5,000 boxes ranging in rentals from \$7.50 a year for the smallest to \$2,500 for private vaults large enough to hold the securities of corporations, firms, estates and trusts. Guarding the vault is a massive steel door four feet thick, weighing, with its frame, 38½ tons, and yet so delicately balanced that it can be moved by the touch of a finger. Additional protection is provided by the elaborate safety devices which are used in the entire vault system. Adjoining the vault are a series of conference rooms and coupon booths, ensuring the strictest privacy for the individual handling of securities and valuable documents. Throughout the entire safe deposit section, the architectural features of the bank building are carried out, with the decorative scheme enhanced by marble and walnut paneling.

Plans for the consolidation of the Municipal Bank & Trust Company and the Seventh National Bank of New York, creating an institution with aggregate resources in excess of \$75,000,000 and with twenty offices in Greater New York, were formally approved on Oct. 8 by the boards of directors of the two institutions. After the merger becomes effective, the capital, surplus and undivided profits of the Municipal Bank and Trust Company, the name of which will be perpetuated by the combined institutions, will be in excess of \$12,000,000 and deposits will be more than \$60,000,000.

The merger is to be effected through an exchange of stock, five shares of the stock of the Seventh National Bank being exchanged for three shares of stock of the Municipal Bank & Trust Company. In addition a payment of \$25 in cash is to be made for each share of stock of the Seventh National Bank, the cash to be held as a guarantee fund for the liquidation of the assets of the Seventh National Bank. Meetings of stockholders of the respective banks will be held shortly to ratify the terms of the merger. At their meeting, stockholders of the Municipal Bank and Trust Company will also be called upon to ratify a proposal to increase the capital stock of that institution from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000 to take care of the exchange of stock. Simon H. Kugel will be Chairman of the Board of the combined institution and Samuel Barnett will be President. Harry H. Revman, President of the Seventh National Bank, will become executive Vice-President of the combined institution and Julius Blauner will be one of the Senior Vice-Presidents. The merger plan contemplates no change in the personnel of the Seventh National Bank. The Municipal Bank & Trust Company was organized as the Municipal Bank in September 1919 with a capital of \$200,000 and to-day reports capital and surplus in excess of \$10,000,000 with deposits of more than \$45,000,000. The Seventh National Bank also was organized in 1919, as a State bank, and also with a capital of \$200,000. Later the institution became a National bank and latest reports show capital and surplus of \$2,000,000 (of which \$1,500,000 represents capital) with deposits in excess of \$12,000,000. The Municipal Bank and Trust Company first entered Manhattan last August after having established 16 branches in Brooklyn. The proposed consolidation will give it four offices in Manhattan, the office at present is located at 70 Wall Street, and three branches, located at 28th street and Seventh Avenue, 44th Street and Eighth Avenue, and Lexington Avenue and 116th Street.

The Central National Bank of the City of New York has leased the premises located at the northwest corner of Queens Boulevard and Gosman Ave. in the Sunnyside section of Queens for a long term from the Waldross Equity Corp. After suitable alterations have been made the quarters will be opened as the Sunnyside branch of the Central National Bank about Jan. 1. It is proposed to install modern types of safe deposit vaults. In addition to its main office at Broadway and Fortieth St., New York City, the Central National Bank now operates two branches in the Bronx and one in Yorkville. Total resources of the bank are now \$18,000,000.

The Interstate Trust Company, which is now operating seven banking offices throughout Greater New York, opened this week a new banking office at 59th Street and Lexington Avenue. The opening of this office will replace the old 59th Street branch. The Interstate Trust Company, although less than two years in business, reports total resources of more than \$50,000,000 and capital, surplus and undivided profits of over \$7,000,000. George S. Silzer, former Governor of New Jersey, is President of the institution.

The Excelsior Savings Bank of New York announces the election by the trustees of Frederick G. Hobbs as First Vice-President. Mr. Hobbs is President of Slawson & Hobbs, real estate, and has been a trustee of the Excelsior Savings Bank since June 1923 and a member of its Finance Committee since September 1923. Mr. Hobbs is also a director of the Bank of the United States and has been very active in real estate organizations, being Chairman of the Appraisal Committee of the Real Estate Board of New York, of which he was Vice-President last year.

John B. Clark was elected a director of the Hanover National Bank of this city on Oct. 9 to succeed his father, the late J. William Clark.

Chelsea Exchange Bank of New York reports total deposits of \$22,011,554 at the close of business Sept. 28, the highest in the history of the bank, according to Edward S. Rothchild, President. This total compares with \$21,220,961 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of \$790,593. Resources, also the highest in history of the institution, total \$25,918,698 compared with \$23,966,720 for the corresponding period last year, a gain of \$1,951,978. Undivided profits totaled \$626,287 compared with \$652,213

a year ago. During the year \$80,000 was added to surplus out of profits.

With regard to the affairs of the insolvent private bank of L. Scotto & Sons at 238 Columbia St., Brooklyn, N. Y. (the recent closing of which on Sept. 29 by Frank H. Warder, State Superintendent of Banks, was referred to in the "Chronicle" of Oct. 6, page 1900) the New York "Times" of Oct. 8 stated that Joseph Maieli, fiance of the daughter of Raphael Scotto, head of the banking firm, was held in \$25,000 bail the previous day (Oct. 7) by Magistrate Rudich in the Fifth Ave. Court for alleged forgery. According to Acting Assistant District Attorney Louis Goldstein, who has been investigating the affairs of the bank since it was closed, Maieli was used, it was said, by Scotto to forge withdrawal slips, which resulted in a shortage of between \$300,000 and \$400,000. Scotto, it was said, has disappeared and detectives have been unable to find him. On Oct. 7 radiograms were sent to ships at sea in the hope that the captains might find him on board and have him placed under arrest. In its issue of the next day (Oct. 9) the "Times" reported Mr. Goldstein as saying the previous day (Oct. 8) that he would ask the Grand Jury to indict Scotto and his employee, Joseph Maieli, who was arrested on the night of Oct. 6 charged with forgery. The evidence against Scotto, Mr. Goldstein said, involves charges of forgery, falsification of the bank's records, grand larceny, and the making of a false statement concerning the bank's financial condition to officials of the State Department of Banking. Continuing, this issue of the paper mentioned said:

Mr. Goldstein and the bank examiners, after examining the bank's books and records yesterday, found, they said, that Scotto's method was to take the depositors' funds and then to falsify the records so as to make his peculations appear as withdrawals by the depositors. They said Scotto made away with about \$300,000.

Although the assets and liabilities of the bank have not yet been determined, it was said that the liabilities probably would amount to about \$900,000, exclusive of the amount taken away by Scotto, and the assets about \$400,000. The liabilities consist for the most part of funds owned by the bank's 1,200 depositors, many of whom had placed their life savings in the bank.

Scotto disappeared last Tuesday, according to Mr. Goldstein. The bank was ordered closed on Sept. 29 after the examiners found irregularities in the books. Maieli, who was arraigned before Magistrate Rudich on Sunday and held in \$25,000 bail, probably will be rearraigned to-day.

The Organization Committee of the Commercial National Bank & Trust Co., which is being organized in this city, is occupying temporary quarters at 43 Exchange Place. The committee expects to open permanent quarters at 56 Wall St. after the first of the year. The institution will have a capital of \$7,000,000 and a surplus of \$7,000,000. The plans also provide for the formation of a securities company. An item regarding the bank appeared in these columns Aug. 11, page 779.

The Prudential Bank, located in West 42d St., one of New York's newest banking institutions—having opened for business about two months ago—in its recent statement of condition to the State Banking Department, shows capital, surplus and profits of \$175,000, deposits of \$167,600 and resources totaling \$343,000. Early in 1929 the bank will occupy its permanent quarters in the Film Center Bldg.

Plans for the merger of the First National Bank of Brooklyn with the Bank of the Manhattan Co. in Manhattan are under way, the Brooklyn "Eagle" of Oct. 7 indicating this as follows:

William S. Irish, President of the First National Bank of Brooklyn, announced that a meeting of stockholders, called for Oct. 15, to ratify an increase in the bank's capital, had been postponed and that a later meeting would be held to vote on a proposition made by the Bank of the Manhattan Co. for a merger through exchange of stock.

Baker Confirms Report.

John Stephen Baker, President of the latter bank, later confirmed Mr. Irish's statement, which asserted that the First National's board of directors had recommended acceptance. This means that the consolidation is virtually certain, lacking only the formal approval of stockholders.

The development was all the more surprising because the First National Bank directors within the last few weeks had voted approval of plans to form an affiliated securities company, to be known as the First National Investing Co., Inc., with a capital of \$500,000, as well as the projected capital increase, which was interpreted as the beginning of an expansion program.

Difficulty in Merger.

The "rights" to subscribe to the new issue as a result of the capital increase have been widely bought and sold on a "when issued" basis by bank stock traders, who are now faced with the problem of delivering rights which are not likely to be issued.

On June 30 combined resources of the two banks totaled \$297,737,878, and are now estimated at approximately \$300,000,000. Of this total the Bank of the Manhattan Co. provided \$273,686,481 and the First National

\$24,051,397. Deposits aggregated \$230,536,584, of which the Manhattan bank had \$212,138,780 and the Brooklyn institution \$18,397,804.

Organized in May 1852, as the Williamsburgh City Bank, the First National Bank received its Federal charter and name on March 21 1865. It closed its doors on Oct. 25 1907 during the panic, and reopened Feb. 10 1908, after having met all its obligations. Its activities were confined to the Williamsburgh section until Aug. 2 1926, when its Borough Hall office at 26 Court Street was opened.

Provisions for Officers.

Mr. Irish will become Executive Vice-President of the Bank of the Manhattan Company, in charge of Brooklyn territory, and the other officers of the First National will continue in their present capacities. Mr. Irish will also become Chairman of the Brooklyn advisory board.

The proposed basis of exchange of shares was considered favorable to First National stockholders on the basis of respective market values. It provides for the exchange of four new shares of Bank of the Manhattan Company for five shares of First National.

The last sale of Bank of the Manhattan Company shares on the Stock Exchange was at \$875, but deduction of the value of rights, which the new stock will not include, indicates a value of about \$800 a share, equivalent to \$640 a share for First National stock. The latter stock was quoted at \$520 bid, \$540 asked, Friday, the bid being raised to \$570 yesterday without bringing out offerings.

A charter was issued to the Bryn Mawr-Nepperhan National Bank of Yonkers, N. Y., by the Comptroller of the Currency on September 15. The institution will have a capital of \$100,000 and surplus of \$60,000. Its stock in shares of \$100 has been oversubscribed at \$169 per share. The opening of the bank is scheduled for Nov. 17. The officers are Dr. Romeo Roberto, President; Walter S. McClure, Vice-President, and Louis D. Rossire, Cashier.

The result of the election will not affect business, in the opinion of Chester D. Pugsley, Vice-President of the Westchester County National Bank at Peekskill, N. Y. He says:

In a forecast of business conditions for 1928 I made last December in the "Commercial & Financial Chronicle" I stated: "The outlook for the new year shows no overproduction and business should improve as purchasing power is not diminished by lack of employment."

The outlook is the same for next year as the situation is the same. A new factor this year is the election, but the result will not affect business, irrespective of whether Hoover or Smith is the next President.

Effective Sept. 29 the National Bank of Rochester, N. Y., was placed in voluntary liquidation. This institution, which was capitalized at \$1,200,000 as of Sept. 29 was consolidated with the Union Trust Co. of Rochester, as noted in the "Chronicle" of Oct. 6, page 1901. The liquidating bank had been granted permission to establish two branches. The enlarged Union Trust Co. is capitalized at \$4,000,000, with surplus of \$4,500,000 and has total resources of \$70,000,000.

The Uncas National Bank and the Merchants' National Bank, both of Norwich, Conn., and both capitalized at \$100,000, were consolidated on Oct. 1 under the title of the Uncas-Merchants' National Bank of Norwich, with capital of \$200,000. Reference to the proposal to merge these institutions was made in our issue of Sept. 8, page 1344.

The pioneering of a number of banks throughout the country, including the First National Bank of Jersey City, in reducing the par value of their stocks, is reflected in the market position of First National's stock. Three months ago this bank split its \$1,000,000 of \$100 shares into 40,000 shares of \$25 par, in order to meet the demand for stock by the bank's customers and investors of moderate means. At that time the \$100 stock was selling at \$290 to \$300. Recent quotations for the new stock have been around \$125 per share, which is equivalent to \$500 per share for the old stock. One of the factors in the advance in stock is the increased demand for the stock, following the announcement that the First National was negotiating for the acquisition of the Lincoln Trust Co. of Jersey City, giving the First National resources of more than \$30,000,000 and five offices in the chief business centers of Jersey City. The merger plan has been approved by the directors of both banks and will soon be submitted to the stockholders for ratification. Resources of the First National were \$22,357,284, as reported on June 30 and those of the Lincoln Trust Co. were \$9,037,985 on the same date. The proposed merger was referred to in these columns Sept. 29, page 1758.

The officers of the New Jersey National Bank & Trust Co. of Newark, N. J. (resulting from the amalgamation of the Broad and Market National Bank & Trust Co. and the Guardian Trust Co.) were elected on Oct. 4, as follows, according to the Newark "News": Chairman of the Board, Clarence G. Appleton; President, John J. Stamler; Vice-Presidents, Timothy F. Foyle, John C. Albey, William B. Harding and Louis J. Burgesser; Asst. Vice-President, Parker

W. Silzer; Cashier, Fred J. Kugelman; Asst. Cashiers, Clifford A. Rothfuss, Henry Dolch and Byron Ober; Trust Officer, Ralph S. McDonald; Asst. Trust Officers, George E. Williams and William F. Flood. The New Jersey National Bank & Trust Co. began business on Sept. 28. References to the consolidation of the two institutions which resulted in the creation of the new bank, appeared in our issues of Sept. 15, page 1479 and Sept. 29, page 1758.

The new Bank of Philadelphia & Trust Co., Philadelphia, formed by the union of the Broad Street National Bank, National Bank of North Philadelphia, Queen Lane National Bank and Oak Lane Trust Co. was formally opened for business on Oct. 8, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Oct. 9. Congratulations on the success of the merger were expressed in a profusion of flowers, by personal calls from customers of the institution and other bankers and by telegraphic messages. At the close of the day the resources of the new bank exceeded \$25,000,000 and deposits totaled more than \$18,000,000. The combined capital, surplus and undivided profits exceed \$5,000,000. In addition to checking, commercial and savings business, there are facilities for handling title insurance, first mortgages, investments and trusts, it is said. A women's department has been organized and is in charge of Margaret A. Parke, one of the Vice-Presidents of the institution. Ten offices will be operated located as follows: At Broad and Diamond Sts., Broad St. at Germantown Ave., Broad St. at 67th Ave., Germantown Ave. and Queen Lane, 22nd and Venango Sts., 2529-31 West Lehigh Ave., 6601 Rising Sun Ave., Oxford Pike and Loney St., Rising Sun and Cheltenham Aves. and Wissahickon and Cheltenham Aves. Dr. Charles E. Beury, President of Temple University, is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the enlarged bank, while Leon A. Lewis is President. Other officers, as listed in the "Ledger" of Oct. 9, are as follows: Thomas W. Bull, Vice-President and Treasurer; Miles B. Munn, Vice-President and Secretary; J. Ralph Tricebock, Vice-President and Trust Officer, Margaret A. Parke, Vice-President; Laron W. Leonard, Robert M. Flood, J. Warren Vautier and Willard G. Moyer, Assistant Vice-Presidents; Steward B. Boerner, Assistant Vice-President and Assistant Treasurer; William F. Sutton, Jr., Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary; William F. Mitchell, Walter J. Steinman, Jr., and John S. Canedy, Assistant Treasurers; Earl J. Sattler, Joseph M. Leonard and Rayson E. Roche, Assistant Secretaries; John H. Hibbert, Title Officer, and Frank C. Bittner and Charles F. Keller, Assistant Title Officers.

In its issue of Oct. 4 the Philadelphia "Ledger" stated that an agreement was signed the previous day for the sale of the West End Trust Building at the southwest corner of Broad St. and South Penn Square, Philadelphia, by the Real Estate-Land Title & Trust Co., to an undisclosed purchaser for use of the proposed Plaza Trust Co. The price paid was announced, it was said, at \$2,250,000. The building occupies a lot 60 by 60 feet. Extensive alterations will be made to the property, following which the first floor, mezzanine and second floor will be occupied by the new Plaza Trust Co. Reference was made to the new bank, which is to have combined capital and surplus of \$5,000,000, in our issue of Oct. 6, page 1901.

Advices from Washington, D. C., to the New York "Journal of Commerce" on Oct. 3 stated that a proposal to consolidate the Riggs National Bank of Washington and the Farmers' & Mechanics' National Bank (Georgetown) of that city will be submitted for the approval of the respective stockholders of the institutions on Nov. 2, according to a resolution voted that day (Oct. 3) by the directors of the two banks. The institutions, the dispatch said, would be merged under the name of the Riggs National Bank with capitalization of \$3,000,000 and all the branches of both banks would be continued.

Stockholders of the Pearl-Market Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati will be asked shortly to vote on a proposal to increase the institution's capital from \$500,000 to \$600,000, recommended by the directors on Oct. 3, according to the Cincinnati "Enquirer" of the following day. The 1,000 shares new stock, par value \$100 a share, will be offered to present stockholders at the price of \$400 a share in the proportion of one share of new stock for every five shares of old stock held, payment on the new shares to be made before the first of the ensuing year. The bank's outstanding stock last

sold on the Cincinnati Stock Exchange at \$550 a share, the "Enquirer" furthermore stated.

A small Ohio bank, the Mount Victory Bank at Mount Victory, Hardin County, with capital of \$30,000 and assets of approximately \$380,000, was closed on Sept. 28 by E. H. Blair, State Superintendent of Banks, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Columbus, Ohio, on that date, printed in the Cleveland "Plain Dealer" of Sept. 29. The action followed a visit to the institution by Mr. Blair and Charles Saffin, attorney for the Bank Department, to look into the bank's condition, it was said. Losses and "frozen" assets were assigned as the reason for the closing.

Advices from Princeton, Ind., on Oct. 5 to the Indianapolis "News" stated that the First National Bank of Fort Branch, Ind., had been closed on Oct. 4, following a verdict for \$25,000 against the institution by a Posey County circuit court jury. J. C. Elkins, a bank examiner of the St. Louis district, took charge of the institution, it was said. The closed bank was capitalized at \$25,000 with surplus and undivided profits of \$9,000. Walter S. Hoffman was President. The dispatch went on to say:

It was said at the bank that the closing was to protect depositors, and that they would receive their money in full.

The verdict against the bank was in favor of Charles Clem and other Gibson county farmers, former stockholders of the defunct Synthetic Rubber Products Co., a company formed eight years ago to manufacture rubber from cactus plants.

The plaintiffs charged that money deposited by them in the bank as a trust fund was checked out fraudulently by George Heuring, Treasurer of the Rubber company, with knowledge of Willis Stiegel, then President of the bank. The money checked out was used to build a cactus rubber factory in Southern California. The factory was not operated.

The Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, has appointed George B. Cortelyou, Jr. as its Eastern representative. Mr. Cortelyou opened his Eastern office in the new Chase National Bank Building, 20 Pine Street, New York, on Oct. 11. A direct wire connects it with the bank in Chicago. Although Mr. Cortelyou has lived in Chicago for many years, he is well known in Eastern banking circles. He is a son of George B. Cortelyou, former Secretary of the Treasury and now President of the Consolidated Gas Co. of New York.

John Donovan, advertising manager of the Detroit and Security Trust Co., Detroit, has resigned to accept a similar position with the Central Union Trust Co., New York City, it is announced. Mr. Donovan has been connected with the Detroit and Security Trust Co. for the past three years. Before that time, he was director of the evening school of Journalism at the University of Detroit and had charge of the school's newspaper, magazine, and year book. He was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1921.

We learn from the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Oct. 3 that the Foreman and their associates have acquired an interest in the Northwestern Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, and will be represented by Alfred K. Foreman, a Vice-President of the Foreman banks (the Foreman National Bank and the Foreman Trust & Savings Bank), who will be made a director of the Northwestern Trust & Savings Bank at the next annual meeting. At the same time, Frank E. Lackowski, President of the Second Northwestern State Bank, and nephew of the late John F. Smulski, founder of the Northwestern Trust & Savings Bank, was elected Chairman of the Board of the Northwestern Trust & Savings Bank, succeeding Walter J. Raymer, who resigned to accept the Chairmanship of the executive committee. There will be no changes in the personnel or policy of the bank. Continuing, the paper mentioned, said:

The relationship between the two banks will be more closely cemented by Mr. Lackowski becoming a director of the Foreman banks. Mr. Lackowski states that with the Foreman banks connection providing additional facilities, the usefulness of the Northwestern Trust and Savings Bank to its depositors and the community in general should be greatly increased.

Attractive new banking quarters were formally opened on the evening of Sept. 27 by the Raleigh branch of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., the head office of which is in Winston-Salem, N. C. The new banking home, which is complete and up-to-date in every way, is located in the old Tucker Building, now the Wachovia Building, occupying what is said to be "the best known corner in North Carolina." Remodeling of the structure has been going on for the past several months. Colonel F. H. Fries of Winston-Salem, the bank's President, was present at the opening as

well as the officers of the Wachovia's other four branches. Officers of the bank in Raleigh are: Gilbert T. Stephenson, Vice-President and Assistant Trust Officer, who has been with the Raleigh branch since it was opened in 1922; N. S. Calhoun, Vice-President in charge of the banking department who has been with the bank since 1926; T. F. McGuire, Jr., Cashier, and W. W. Moore, Assistant Cashier and Assistant Secretary.

A private bank was opened in Dublin, Ga., on Sept. 25 by Mills B. Lane, Chairman of the Board of the Citizens & Southern National Bank of Savannah; William Murphy and Gordeon L. Groover, President and Vice-President, respectively, of the same institution, and H. Lane Young, a director of the bank's holding company, the Citizens & Southern Co., pending application for a charter for a new institution to be known as the Dublin Bank & Trust Co., according to the Savannah "News" of Sept. 26. The opening of the private bank was to meet the emergency caused by the failure First National Bank of Dublin on Sept. 24, which left the town without a bank. The paper referred to said in part:

Mr. Groover, Vice-Pres., of the Citizens and Southern National Bank, returned yesterday morning from Dublin. He and Victor B. Jenkins, also a Vice-Pres., had gone to Dublin the day before and that night met in conference with about fifty leading business men of Dublin at the Fred Roberts Hotel. The plan for opening the private bank was heartily approved and they were given the most cordial welcome to Dublin and assurances of support. Mr. Groover told those attending the conference that the personal resources of those organizing the bank were behind it.

The bank opened yesterday morning, Mr. Groover said, in the building of the old Southern Exchange Bank. Mr. Jenkins remained in Dublin to take charge of the opening of the bank. A. C. Kline, Jr., Assist. Cashier of the C. and S. National Bank, and Compton H. Usina, also an employe of the bank, left the night before last for Dublin and were there at 8 o'clock yesterday morning to assist Mr. Jenkins. How long they will stay there and what additions may be made to the staff is not yet determined.

The private bank received its first deposit Monday night. It was from the Dublin Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy. Numerous accounts were opened yesterday morning. The first day was a busy one and many assurances of co-operation were received from business interests of Dublin and that section.

Expressions of approval were heard on every side at the action taken by Mr. Lane, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Groover and Mr. Young to meet the emergency created in Dublin by the failure of First National Bank of Dublin. Savannah bankers expressed their appreciation of the prompt and effective action.

Application for a charter for the Dublin Bank and Trust Company, with capital stock of \$100,000, was drawn and signed yesterday and forwarded to the State superintendents of banks. As soon as the application is approved, which requires a period of 30 days advertisement, the new bank will be opened. The private bank will operate until that time.

The Citizens and Southern Holding Co. will own the Dublin Bank and Trust Co., when it is chartered.

In its issue of the previous day (Sept. 25) the "News" stated that President Murphy of the Citizens & Southern National Bank, made it clear that they were not taking over the First National Bank of Dublin, the private bank being started merely to meet the emergency caused by the failure of the First National Bank. Reference to the closing of the First National Bank of Dublin was made in our issue of Sept. 29, page 1760.

Advices to the "Wall Street News" from San Francisco on Oct. 10 stated that the stockholders and directors of the United Security Bank & Trust Co. of San Francisco (a Giannini institution) at meetings held successively on Oct. 9 authorized the issuance of 176,000 shares of capital stock of the bank. The dispatch went on to say:

When issued, 100,000 shares will be allocated to stockholders at the price of \$150 per share on the basis of one share of the new issue to each four shares held. The record date is to be announced later.

The additional issue will bring total outstanding stock to 500,000 shares of \$25 par value. Issuance of a corresponding number of shares of stock was also approved by the French-American Corp., which is owned share for share by stockholders of the United Security.

United Security is now operating 54 direct branches and also controls through the French-American Corp. 50 additional branches.

That terms are understood to have been reached for the merger of the United Security Bank & Trust Co. of San Francisco (a Giannini institution) and the Merchants National Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles into a new institution, probably to be called the Bank of America, was reported in a dispatch from San Francisco on Thursday Oct. 11 to the "Wall Street Journal," which continuing said:

Merger will bring together about 140 branches into an institution with \$395,000,000 resources. E. J. Nolan, President of Merchants National, is expected to be President of the new bank and Leon Boqueraz, President of United Security, to be Chairman of the board. Other important banking units are expected to be taken in later. Headquarters of the merged bank will be located in Los Angeles.

Bancitaly Corp. owns a large interest in United Security Bank & Trust Co. and has been instrumental in conducting the merger negotiations.

In the same regard the New York "Evening Post" of Thursday Oct. 11 printed in part the following:

The Bancitaly Corporation holds a large interest in the United Security Bank & Trust Co. and has been instrumental in conducting the merger

negotiations, it was said. Because of the proposed change in name and the fact that Giannini interests had obtained control of the Bank of America N. A., in New York, earlier in the year, it was reported the new consolidation would become affiliated with the New York institution, giving Bank of America, N. A., entrance into Pacific Coast territory in a large way. This development in the proposed merger lacked confirmation in New York, however.

Headquarters of the merged bank will be in Los Angeles.

The San Francisco "Chronicle" of Sept. 30 stated that in view of the widespread discussion over the announcement on the morning of Sept. 28 by the Bank of Italy and the Bancitaly Corporation that stockholders of those institutions would participate in a distribution January 1 of a large block of Bank of America (New York) stock, the following statement was issued on the afternoon of Sept. 29 from the offices of the Bancitaly Corporation:

"Some confusion has arisen in the public mind with respect to the distribution of the Bank of America stock, announcement of which was made Friday.

"Only Bank of Italy and Bancitaly Corporation stockholders are affected by the gift. Bank of America stockholders do not participate, except as they may also own shares in the institutions concerned, in which case the distribution will give them one share (or fraction of a share of the Bank of America) for each unit of forty shares, or less, of Bank of Italy and Bancitaly Corporation owned.

"An illustration that has been used, referring to the stockholder who had purchased five shares of the Bank of America at the time the stock was offered in California last spring, and who would now receive three additional shares, has given rise to misunderstanding. Many have interpreted this to mean that Bank of America stockholders were participating in the present distribution. The facts are, however, that anyone who purchased five shares of Bank of America stock under the provisions of the earlier plan, must have owned 120 shares of Bank of Italy and Bancitaly Corporation stock at that time, and would now be entitled to receive three additional Bank of America shares on the basis of the distribution of one to forty.

"The stockholder who did have 120 shares of Bank of Italy and Bancitaly Corporation, and who has retained the holding intact, will have received a total of eight shares of Bank of America (the five shares originally purchased, plus the three to be distributed) when the plan now announced has been carried through."

Distribution of the stock referred to was indicated in our issue of Sept. 29, page 1,760.

We are advised by the Los Angeles-First National Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, under date of Sept. 25, of the following changes made recently in the personnel of the institution:

Dr. John Willis Baer elected as Chairman; Dr. W. B. Munro as Vice-Chairman, and Resse H. Taylor as a member of the Executive Board of the Pasadena Branch.

G. L. Armstrong elected as a member of the Executive Board, Fillmore Branch.

E. L. Uhlk elected as Assistant Cashier, Head Office.

T. W. Johnson as Assistant Vice-Pres., Sixth & Spring Office.

C. L. Jones as Manager, Fairview Heights Branch, Inglewood.

As Assist. Managers: R. E. Mote, Seventh & Central Branch, Los Angeles, and P. M. Casady and H. Haviland, Branches Department.

The following transfers of Assistant Managers were also announced: T. W. Johnson, from Western & Santa Monica to Pershing Square Branch; J. F. Fanning from Branches Department to Seventh & Witmer; I. E. Wallace from Seventh & Witmer to Western and Santa Monica, and L. A. Lloyd from Branches Department to Melrose & Heliotope.

Stockholders of the National Bank of Commerce, Los Angeles, at a meeting held Friday morning, Oct. 5, approved the plans for reorganizing the capital structure of the institution, according to an announcement made by Erle M. Leaf, President. At this meeting the stockholders authorized the reduction of the capital stock of the bank from \$500,000 to \$250,000, and immediately thereafter authorized the issuance of new stock in the amount of \$250,000. The new stock consists of 10,000 shares at \$25, per share par value to be sold to present stockholders at \$32.50 per share. The amount of the reduction plus the premium were added to the undivided profits of the bank. Present stockholders, Mr. Leaf stated, have already subscribed for the full amount of the new stock to be issued.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Price movements on the New York Stock Exchange were somewhat reactionary during the early part of the week, but steadied on Wednesday and thereafter prices forged ahead to higher levels. Motor stocks attracted considerable speculative attention, though industrial shares and specialties were also in demand, particularly in the latter part of the week. Call money continued in good supply at $6\frac{1}{2}\%$ until Thursday when it dropped to 6%. On Friday the New York Stock Exchange was closed in celebration of Columbus Day. The market was particularly active during the two-hour session on Saturday, heavy buying, especially in the automobile stocks, carrying many issues to new high records, though many of the advances were lost before the close of the day. Chrysler was

again prominent and lifted its top to 140½, but dropped below 139 with a fractional loss. Hupp gained about four points to a new high at 81 and Hudson bounded upward about five points to 83. Studebaker reached its best in years at 85½, but closed somewhat lower. New high records were registered by Pressed Steel Car common and preferred, Universal Pipe, General Ice Cream and McKeesport Tin Plate. On the other hand, selling pressure was effective against such stocks as Montgomery Ward, St. Louis-Southwestern, Lehigh Valley and Pittsburg & West Virginia, all of which receded from two to four points. American Zinc was another strong feature and sold up to 52, making a gain of 4½ points. United States Steel common was also under pressure and slipped back to 158¾.

Stock prices worked higher in the early trading on Monday, but profit taking carried the list downward later in the day. One of the most conspicuous features of the session was the sensational advance of Allied Chemical & Dye which bounded forward about 11 points and closed at 214½. Montgomery Ward was also strong and moved against the trend, closing with a net gain of four points. American Smelting followed with a similar gain. General Motors lagged behind and closed at 211 with a loss of two points. Copper issues were fairly strong, Calumet & Arizona moving up about three points, followed by Anaconda which crossed 84 with a net gain of two points. American Smelting & Refining moved into new high ground for the current movement. Allied Chemical & Dye again moved up with the leaders and scored a net gain of 13 points. Other stocks reaching new top levels included Gillette Safety Razor and Victor Talking Machine. Montgomery Ward also was active and surged forward about eight points. On Tuesday the market was unsettled in the early trading but regained most of its losses in the vigorous upturn in the late afternoon. Allied Chemical & Dye continued its remarkable upward swing with a gain of seven points to 221½. American Smelting maintained its advance and closed with a five-point gain at 258 and Victor Talking Machine reached new high ground above 126. Rubber stocks were in strong demand and moved briskly forward under the guidance of Goodyear Tire & Rubber which advanced seven points to 79. Chrysler eased off to below 132 in the early trading, though it improved to 135 at the close. General Motors moved up to 215½ with a gain of 4½ points; Hudson improved nearly four points to 95, and Studebaker and Graham-Paige closed with substantial gains.

On Wednesday the market continued its forward movement and nearly all of the more active industrial favorites moved briskly upward to higher levels. Montgomery Ward lifted its top to a new record in all time as it advanced 12 points to 274. Radio Corp. made a 10-point gain to 214½. Allied Chemical & Dye made a further advance of seven points and sold up to 230 at its high for the day, but closed at 228¾. Motor stocks moved up to the front under the leadership of General Motors, which ran up to a new peak at 219½, but dipped to 216½ in the final hour and closed with a net gain of about a point. Chrysler lagged behind and closed at 133½, about two points off from its previous close. Railroad shares improved, particularly New York Central which gained about three points to 172½. Kansas City Southern moved up two points to 60; St. Louis-Southwestern improved two points to 113¾ and Rock Island was in strong demand at improving prices. Railroad equipment stocks were unusually active, especially General Railway Signal which advanced three points to 112¼. Case Threshing Machine and International Harvester also attracted considerable speculative attention and closed at higher levels. American Smelting & Refining was in strong demand and reached the highest price in its history at 261. United States Steel common was strongly supported and sold up to 160, but slipped back to 158¾ in the final hour. Other strong stocks included such issues as Westinghouse Electric pref. which gained 3¼ points to 103½, Warner Bros. "A" stock which moved briskly forward six points to 112¾, followed by the common which improved 3½ points to 110¼. International Nickel moved up 7½ points to 144½, followed by Goodyear Tire & Rubber which made a further advance of 4¾ points to 82¾. The outstanding feature of the trading on Thursday was the strength of United States Steel common which broke through its old top and established a new high record in all time above 162. Montgomery Ward also was conspicuous for its spectacular upward rush of eight points to a new high at 280¾. Radio Corp. bettered its record when it sold up to 218½ at its high for the day, though it dipped to 215½ and closed with a

net gain of 1½ points. General Electric fell into line with an advance of 2½ points to 163—the highest level in several weeks. Motor stocks failed to join in the general improvement, especially Hudson Motors which was heavily sold and dropped below 90. Chrysler also was lower, but General Motors sold up to 218¾ at its high for the day. Railroad stocks were completely neglected. Sears-Roebuck made a further gain of four points; International Harvester improved about nine points and there was a brisk advance in Timken Roller Bearing. The final tone was good.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended Oct. 12.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
Saturday	2,430,760	\$5,104,000	\$1,198,000	\$106,000
Monday	3,915,770	7,043,000	1,888,000	238,500
Tuesday	3,727,735	8,879,000	2,186,000	871,500
Wednesday	4,279,470	7,207,000	1,794,500	463,500
Thursday	3,968,900	7,045,000	1,256,000	56,000
Friday		HOLIDAY		
Total	18,322,635	\$35,278,000	\$8,322,500	\$1,735,500

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended Oct. 12.		Jan. 1 to Oct. 12.	
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Stocks—No. of shares.	18,322,635	9,235,091	627,643,804	435,877,167
Bonds.				
Government bonds...	\$1,735,500	\$3,031,000	\$150,128,750	\$237,959,800
State and foreign bonds	8,322,500	13,464,000	603,254,135	656,272,600
Railroad & misc. bonds	35,278,000	30,138,100	1,840,218,176	1,706,997,900
Total bonds	\$45,336,000	\$51,633,100	\$2,593,591,061	\$2,601,230,300

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended Oct. 12 1928.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	*36,318	\$12,000	21,431	\$2,000	3,414	\$53,200
Monday	*54,041	13,100	231,378	21,000	3,898	61,600
Tuesday	*54,640	70,450	244,071	24,500	63,896	61,000
Wednesday	*59,205	24,700	255,642	22,100	63,978	82,300
Thursday	25,305	7,000	230,375	7,000	63,690	37,100
Friday	HOLIDAY		HOLIDAY		HOLIDAY	
Total	229,509	\$127,250	\$182,897	\$76,100	18,876	\$295,200
Prev. week revised	348,728	\$106,000	196,711	\$133,100	17,502	\$162,300

a In addition sales of rights were: Saturday, 520; Monday, 445; Tuesday, 184; Wednesday, 609; Thursday, 8,000.
 b In addition sales of rights were: Tuesday, 200; Wednesday, 300; Thursday, 191.
 * In addition sales of rights were: Saturday, 1,315; Monday, 1,055; Tuesday, 1,260; Wednesday, 3,388.

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings the present week will show a moderate 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, Oct. 13) bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 4.2% larger than for the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$10,222,126,150, against \$9,813,470,555 for the same week in 1927. At this centre there is a gain for the five days ending Friday of 7.0%. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended Oct. 13.	1928.	1927.	Per Cent.
New York	\$4,604,000,000	\$4,304,000,000	+7.0
Chicago	473,362,005	532,340,761	-11.1
Philadelphia	358,000,000	331,000,000	+6.0
Boston	289,000,000	337,000,000	-14.2
Kansas City	109,328,559	122,512,031	-10.8
St. Louis	102,100,000	123,500,000	-17.3
San Francisco	212,884,000	170,855,000	+24.6
Los Angeles	146,063,000	136,073,000	+7.3
Pittsburgh	117,695,804	123,057,201	-4.4
Detroit	136,227,513	138,819,393	-1.9
Cleveland	88,605,231	100,070,663	-11.5
Baltimore	68,676,902	81,853,042	-16.1
New Orleans	45,520,939	62,441,051	-27.1
Thirteen cities, 5 days	\$6,751,463,953	\$6,613,522,142	+2.1
Other cities, 5 days	1,266,974,505	1,171,610,215	+8.1
Total all cities, 5 days	\$8,018,438,458	\$7,785,132,357	+3.0
All cities, 1 day	2,203,687,692	2,028,338,198	+8.6
Total all cities for week	\$10,222,126,150	\$9,813,470,555	+4.2

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 Oct. 6. For that week there is an increase of 17%, the 1928 aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$13,958,663,369, against \$11,927,046,753 in the same week of 1927. Outside of this city the increase is only 7.4%. The bank exchanges at this centre record a gain of 23.4%. 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 improvement of 23.3% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 8.3% but in the Boston Reserve District there is a loss of 6%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Week End. Oct. 6 1928., 1927., Inc. or Dec., 1926., 1925. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts, 1st Boston, 2nd New York, etc.

We now add our detailed statement, showing last week's figures for each city separately, for the four years:

Large table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ending Oct. 6., 1928., 1927., Inc. or Dec., 1926., 1925. Rows include various cities like First Federal Reserve District, Second Federal Reserve District, etc.

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ending Oct. 6., 1928., 1927., Inc. or Dec., 1926., 1925. Rows include various cities like Seventh Federal Reserve District, Eighth Federal Reserve District, etc.

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended October 4., 1928., 1927., Inc. or Dec., 1926., 1925. Rows include various cities like Canada, Montreal, Toronto, etc.

a Manager refuses to report weekly clearings.

THE CURB MARKET.

Curb securities, for the most part, moved irregularly lower in the first two days of trading this week, but on Wednesday a rally, accompanied by heavy trading, carried prices forward, many new high records being established. Amer. Rolling Mill, com. lost about four points to 98, sold back to 102 and closed to-day at 101. Apponang Co., com. was conspicuous for an advance from 47 3/4 to 65 3/8, the close to-day being at 60 1/2. Auburn Automobile was off from 116 1/2 to 109, recovered to 112 5/8 and finished to-day at 112. E. W. Bliss & Co., com. advanced from 34 3/8 to 45 1/2. Bohn Aluminum & Brass improved from 72 3/8 to 74 7/8 and rested finally at 74. Checker Cab Mfg., com. sold up from 74 to 81. Neisner Bros., com. rose from 106 1/4 to 123 3/4 and ends the week at 122. Peoples Drug Stores advanced from 69 3/8 to 81, the final transaction to-day being at 79 3/8. Phelps Dodge & Co. improved from 175 to 198, the close to-day being at 195. Royal Baking Powder, com. sold up from 259 to 358 and at 335 finally. Sparks Withington Co. moved up from 144 1/2 to 157 1/2, reacted to 155 and closed to-day at 155 1/2. Utilities show few changes of moment. Electric Bond & Share Securities fell from 115 3/8 to 111, recovered to 116 3/4 and closed to-day at 115 1/8. Sierra Pacific Elec., com. sold up from 52 1/2 to 62 7/8 and reacted finally to 59 1/2. Oils were quiet with slight changes.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 2077.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET.

Week Ended Oct. 12.	*STOCKS (No. Shares).				BONDS (Par Value).	
	Indus. & Mscell.	Oils.	Mining.	Total.*	Domestic.	Foreign Government.
Saturday	438,800	110,400	66,900	616,100	\$697,000	\$474,000
Monday	744,010	188,350	150,540	1,082,900	1,445,000	483,000
Tuesday	584,660	190,940	101,300	840,900	1,784,000	490,000
Wednesday	876,800	125,800	120,400	1,123,000	1,505,000	431,000
Thursday	825,160	107,760	56,280	989,200	1,821,000	302,000
Friday				HOLIDAY		
Total	3,469,430	723,250	495,420	4,688,100	\$7,252,000	\$2,180,000

* In addition rights were sold as follows: Saturday, 31,000; Monday, 60,900; Tuesday, 135,100; Wednesday, 76,300; Thursday, 97,200.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of September 26 1928:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amounted to £173,437,370 on the 19th inst. (as compared with £173,907,475 on the previous Wednesday), and represents an increase of £19,531,055 since April 29 1925—when an effective gold standard was resumed.

The small amount of gold available in the open market this week—about £40,000—was absorbed by the requirements of the Trade.

The following movements of gold to and from the Bank of England have been announced, showing a net efflux of £2,943,000 during the week under review:

	Sept. 20.	Sept. 21.	Sept. 22.	Sept. 24.	Sept. 25.	Sept. 26.
Received	Nil	Nil	Nil	£250,000	Nil	Nil
Withdrawn	£711,000	£47,000	£201,000	31,000	£1,279,000	£924,000

The receipt on the 24th inst. was in sovereigns from South Africa. The destinations of the £140,000 sovereigns withdrawn were: Set aside account Switzerland £100,000, Holland £40,000. All other withdrawals were in bar gold, the bulk of which was for Germany.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold registered from mid-day on the 17th inst. to mid-day on the 24th inst.:

Imports—		Exports—	
British South Africa	£1,213,705	Sweden	£500,848
Other countries	1,736	Germany	1,003,846
		Italy	130,326
		Austria	39,650
		British India	71,072
		Straits Settlements	16,862
		Netherlands	22,200
		France	14,379
		Switzerland	41,060
		Java	19,600
		United States of America	500,200
		Other countries	13,108
Total	£1,215,441	Total	£2,373,151

The following figures (in lacs of rupees) relate to India's foreign trade during August last:

Imports of merchandise on private account	2041
Exports, including re-exports, of merchandise on private account	2693
Net imports of gold	83
Net imports of silver	131
Net imports of currency notes	1
Net visible balance of trade—in favour of India	447
Net balance on remittance of funds—against India	26

SILVER.

The market has been quiet and the fluctuations in the price have been in sympathy with the movements of quotations from India and China. During the first part of the week prices made some recovery owing to inquiry from both India and China, but orders were mostly limited as to price and proved inoperative at the advancing prices. After reaching 26 7-16d. and 26 9-16d. for cash and two months' delivery respectively on the 24th instant, a duller feeling was manifest, and subsequent falls of 1/2d. and 1-16d. in both quotations reflected the apathy of buyers. American operators have taken little interest in the market.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of silver registered from mid-day on the 17th instant, to mid-day on the 24th inst.:

Imports—		Exports—	
France	£131,363	Netherlands	£57,800
Belgium	93,948	China	256,500
Netherlands	12,100	British India	300,327
United States of America	61,146	Other countries	23,256
Mexico	95,090		
Palestine	49,475		
Other countries	1,240		
Total	£444,362	Total	£637,883

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

(In lacs of rupees.)	Sept. 22.	Sept. 15.	Sept. 7.
Notes in circulation	18373	18327	18246
Silver coin and bullion in India	10614	10568	10487
Silver coin and bullion out of India			
Gold coin and bullion in India	2976	2976	2976
Gold coin and bullion out of India			
Securities (Indian Government)	4237	4237	4237
Securities (British Government)	546	546	546

The stock in Shanghai on the 22nd inst. consisted of about 54,300,000 ounces in sycee, 90,100,000 dollars and 9,320 silver bars, as compared with about 52,400,000 ounces in sycee, 90,300,000 dollars and 7,000 silver bars on the 15th inst.

—Bar Silver, Per Oz. Std.—			
Quotations during the week.	Cash.	2 Mos.	Bar Gold
Sept. 20	26 1/2d.	26 3/4d.	84s. 11 1/2
21	26 5-16d.	26 7-16d.	84s. 11 1/2d.
22	26 7-16d.	26 1/2d.	84s. 11 1/2d.
24	26 7-16d.	26 9-16d.	84s. 11 1/2d.
25	26 5-16d.	26 7-16d.	84s. 11 1/2d.
26	26 1/2d.	26 3/4d.	84s. 11 1/2d.
Average	26.333d.	26.447d.	84s. 11.5d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and two months' delivery are each 1/2d. above those fixed a week ago.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

	Sat., Oct. 6.	Mon., Oct. 8.	Tues., Oct. 9.	Wed., Oct. 10.	Thurs., Oct. 11.	Fri., Oct. 12.
Silver, per oz. d 26 3/4	26 15-16	27	26 15-16	26 13-16		
Gold, per fine oz 84s. 11 1/2d.	84s. 11 1/2d.	84s. 11 1/2d.	84s. 11 1/2d.	84s. 11 1/2d.	84s. 11 1/2d.	84s. 11 1/2d.
Consols, 2 1/2%	55 3/4	55 9-16	55 1/2	55 3/4		
British, 5%	103	103	103	103 1/4		
British, 4 1/2%	99	99	99	99 1/4		
French Rentes						
(in Paris) fr.	65.80	66.00	65.60	65.40		
French War L'n						
(in Paris) fr.	92.80	92.95	92.85	92.95		

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.):						
Foreign	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 3/4	58 1/2	58 1/4	HOLIDAY

Treasury Cash and Current Liabilities.

The cash holdings of the Government as the items stood Sept. 29 1928 are set out in the following. The figures are taken entirely from the daily statement of the United States Treasury as of Sept. 29 1928.

CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS—		LIABILITIES—	
Gold coin	\$ 695,657,535.35	Gold cts. outstanding	\$ 1,422,737,309.00
Gold bullion	2,491,838,554.99	Gold fund, F. R. Board	
		(Act of Dec. 23 1913,	
		as amended June 21	
		1917)	1,449,064,509.77
		Gold reserve*	156,039,088.03
		Gold in general fund	159,656,183.54
Total	3,187,496,090.34	Total	3,187,496,090.34

* Note.—Reserve against \$346,681,016 of U. S. notes and \$1,297,700 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	480,522,095.00	Silver cts. outstanding	475,254,594.00
		Treas. notes of 1890 out-	
		standing	1,297,700.00
		Silver dols. in gen. fund	3,969,801.00
Total	480,522,095.00	Total	480,522,095.00

GENERAL FUND.

Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Gold (see above)	159,655,183.54	Treasurer's checks out-	
Silver dollars (see above)	3,969,801.00	standing	18,243,614.77
United States notes	3,592,749.00	Deposits of Government	
Federal Reserve notes	986,205.00	officers:	
Fed. Res. bank notes	120,560.00	Post Office Dept.	2,658,606.87
National bank notes	19,030,084.00	Board of trustees, Postal	
Subsidiary silver coin	3,797,297.63	Savings system:	
Minor coin	2,276,246.35	5% reserve, lawful	
Silver bullion	6,169,080.97	money	7,560,388.92
Unclassified—Collec's,		Other deposits	109,471.81
&c.		Postmasters, clerks of	
Deposits in F. R. banks	3,986,154.57	courts, disbursing	
Deposits in special de-	31,368,009.31	officers, &c.	46,975,814.44
positories acc't of sales		Deposits for:	
of cts. of indebtedness	198,649,000.00	Redemption of F. R.	
Deposits in foreign de-		notes (5% fund,	
positories:		gold)	152,259,180.51
To credit of Treasurer		Redemption of nat'l	
United States	116,813.12	bank notes (5% fd.,	
To credit of other		lawful money)	24,387,736.16
Government officers	475,675.64	Retirement of add'l	
Deposits in nat'l banks		circulating notes	
To credit of Treasurer		Act May 30 1908	2,430.00
United States	7,722,354.60	Uncollected items, ex-	
To credit of other		changes, &c.	443,553.21
Govt. officers	19,600,029.58		
Deposits in Philippine			
Treasury:			
To credit of Treasurer			
United States	983,760.67		
Total	462,499,004.98	Total	462,499,004.98

Includes receipts from miscellaneous sources credited direct to appropriations. Note.—The amount to the credit of disbursing officers and agencies to-day was \$387,773,482.57. Book credits for which obligations of foreign Governments are held by the United States amount to \$33,236,629.05.

Under the Acts of July 14 1890 and Dec. 23 1913, deposits of lawful money for the retirement of outstanding national bank and Federal Reserve bank notes are paid into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, and these obligations are made, under the Acts mentioned, a part of the public debt. The amount of such obligations to-day was \$41,735,924.50.

\$450,235 in Federal Reserve notes and \$18,973,284 in national bank notes are in the Treasury in process of redemption and are charges against the deposits for the respective 5% redemption funds.

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 September 1928 and 1927 and the three months of the fiscal years 1927-28 and 1928-29.

Receipts.	—Month of September—		—Three Months—	
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Ordinary—		\$		\$
Customs	50,410,124	54,409,817	147,798,288	157,873,595
Internal revenue:				
Income tax	442,984,651	446,004,860	510,280,496	518,870,976
Miscell. internal revenue	46,377,898	52,389,079	149,851,527	163,653,864
Miscellaneous receipts:				
Proceeds Government-owned securities:				
Foreign obligations:				53,425
Principal			10,019,360	10,028,970
Interest			1,210,743	33,568,585
Railroad securities	250,939	3,469,194	309,531	734,273
All others	195,784	494,811		
Trust fund receipts (reappropriated for investment)	3,889,525	4,772,878	14,274,468	15,909,968
Proceeds sale of surplus prop.	876,680	769,080	359,858	1,890,741
Panama Canal tolls, &c.	2,068,158	2,266,868	6,323,089	6,684,984
Receipts from miscellaneous sources credited direct to appropriations	437,197	539,731	2,641,636	1,366,009
Other miscellaneous	9,906,952	25,075,229	39,682,085	55,708,224
Total ordinary	557,397,908	590,191,547	885,751,081	966,343,614
Excess of ordinary receipts over total expendit's chargeable agst. ordinary receipts	74,797,961	3 2,749,748		216,142,104
Excess of total expenditures chargeable agst. ordinary receipts over ordinary receipts			184,062,659	

Expenditures.

Expenditures.	—Month of September—		—Three Months—	
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Ordinary—				
(Checks and warrants paid, &c.)				
General expenditures	162,540,303	159,194,663	510,857,453	485,623,436
Interest on public debt	64,840,542	86,000,867	86,739,852	107,737,869
Refund of receipts:				
Customs	1,503,915	1,503,927	4,827,683	4,971,908
Internal revenue	11,988,862	7,796,156	40,519,079	38,398,808
Postal deficiency	10,000,000	5,000,000	20,000,000	13,000,000
Panama Canal	632,373	717,294	1,966,549	2,219,834
Operations in special acct's:				
Railroads	2484,059	114,213	6494,282	151,483
War Finance Corporation	2139,396	2343,961	2293,110	2593,226
Shipping Board	2,603,253	2,405,091	6,145,136	7,860,622
Allen property funds	214,707	83,101	2162,523	939,303
Adjusted service ctf. fund	2136,163	314,411	52,507	51,040,355
Civil-service retirement fund	2171,320	2110,135	19,832,109	50,009
Investment of trust funds:				
Govt. Life Insurance	3,864,237	4,711,422	14,001,206	15,614,729
District of Columbia Teachers' Retirement	107		187,984	222,701
Foreign Service Retirement	25,081	26,805	192,519	140,101
General Railroad Contingent	25,181	61,455	85,278	72,538
Total ordinary	257,048,047	267,441,699	704,477,440	675,369,760
Public debt retirem'ts chargeable agst. ordinary receipts:				
Sinking fund	225,551,900	20,000,000	365,325,800	74,810,650
Received for estate taxes		100		100
Forfeitures, gifts, &c.			10,500	21,000
Total	225,551,900	20,000,100	365,336,300	74,831,750
Total expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts	482,599,947	287,441,799	1,069,813,740	750,201,510

Receipts and expenditures for June reaching the Treasury in July are included.

a The figures for the month include \$64,482.08 and for the fiscal year 1929 to date \$196,503.26, accrued discount on war-savings certificates of matured series, and for the corresponding periods last year the figures include \$102,471.48 and \$359,560.03, 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.

Preliminary Debt Statement of the United States Sept. 29 1928.

The preliminary statement of the public debt of the United States Sept. 29 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
First Liberty Loan of 1932-47	\$1,939,154,150.00
Fourth Liberty Loan of 1933-38	6,284,041,600.00
Total bonds	\$12,129,378,040.00
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	27,000,000.00
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	37,800,000.00
Foreign Service—Series 1933	365,000.00
Total Treasury Notes	2,918,713,550.00

Treasury Certificates—

Series TD 1928, maturing Dec. 15 1928	\$245,561,000.00
Series TD2-1928, maturing Dec. 15 1928	196,594,500.00
Series TD3-1928, maturing Dec. 15 1928	175,522,000.00
Series TM-1929, maturing Mar. 15 1929	360,947,000.00
Series TM2-1929, maturing Mar. 15 1929	211,784,000.00
Series TJ-1929, maturing June 15 1929	548,915,700.00
Total	1,739,324,200.00

Treasury Savings Certificates (a)—

Series 1923, issue of Sept. 30 1922	\$12,498,866.15
Series 1923, issue of Dec. 1 1923	23,385,501.45
Series 1924, issue of Dec. 1 1923	94,227,528.30
Total	130,111,895.90

Total interest-bearing debt

\$16,917,527,685.90

Matured Debt on Which Interest Has Censed—

Old debt matured—issued prior to Apr. 1 1917	\$2,005,650.26
Second Liberty Loan bonds of 1927-42	22,222,750.00
Third Liberty Loan bonds of 1928	181,045,100.00
3 3/4 % Victory notes of 1922-23	22,100.00
4 3/4 % Victory notes of 1922-23	2,054,600.00
Treasury notes	1,419,500.00
Certificates of indebtedness	363,600.00
Treasury savings certificates	2,747,600.00
Total	211,880,900.26

Debt Bearing No Interest—

United States notes	\$346,681,016.00
Less gold reserve	156,039,088.03
Total	\$190,641,927.97

Deposits for retirement of national bank and Federal Reserve bank notes	41,785,924.50
Old demand notes and fractional currency	2,045,485.77
Thrift and Treasury savings stamps, unclassified sales, &c.	3,518,864.46
Total	237,942,202.70

Total gross debt 17,367,350,788.86

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.		Sept. 30 1927.		Aug. 31 1928.		Sep. 30 1928.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Gross debt	26,596,701,648	18,477,419,684	17,647,990,660	17,367,350,788	17,367,350,788	17,367,350,788	17,367,350,788	17,367,350,788	17,367,350,788	17,367,350,788
Net bal. in gen. fund.	1,118,109,534	490,544,016	190,148,218	209,858,208	209,858,208	209,858,208	209,858,208	209,858,208	209,858,208	209,858,208
Gross debt less net bal. in gen. fund.	25,478,592,113	17,986,875,668	17,457,842,441	17,157,492,580	17,157,492,580	17,157,492,580	17,157,492,580	17,157,492,580	17,157,492,580	17,157,492,580

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 July, August, September and October 1928:

Holdings in U. S. Treasury	July 1 1928.	Aug. 1 1928.	Sept. 1 1928.	Oct. 1 1928.
Net gold coin and bullion	\$313,920,118	\$330,130,615	\$326,408,336	\$315,694,271
Net silver coin and bullion	15,105,541	12,725,164	14,653,596	10,138,882
Net United States notes	3,021,104	2,927,601	3,217,488	2,592,749
Net national bank notes	19,526,096	22,093,921	18,542,931	19,030,084
Net Federal Reserve notes	1,576,535	1,076,462	1,054,735	986,205
Net Fed'l Res. bank notes	101,210	150,110	92,140	120,560
Net subsidiary silver	2,802,145	2,742,050	2,806,320	3,797,297
Minor coin, &c.	16,196,244	6,388,867	4,320,031	6,262,401
Total cash in Treasury	372,248,993	378,234,790	371,095,577	359,622,449
Less gold reserve fund	156,039,088	156,039,088	156,039,088	156,039,088
Total	216,209,905	222,195,702	*215,056,489	*203,583,361
Cash balance in Treasury Dep. in spec'l depositories, acct. Treasury bonds, Treasury notes and certificates of indebtedness	245,754,000	96,727,000	165,012,000	198,649,000
Dep. in Fed'l Res. banks	23,959,959	28,331,644	34,054,394	31,368,009
Dep. in national banks:				
To credit Treas. U. S.	7,043,957	7,128,950	7,634,700	7,722,355
To credit disb. officers	19,902,070	19,101,288	17,862,670	19,600,030
Cash in Philippine Islands	760,834	897,436	837,930	983,761
Deposits in foreign depts.	526,122	469,845	510,497	592,489
Dep. in Fed'l Land banks				
Net cash in Treasury and in banks	514,156,847	374,851,865	440,968,679	462,499,005
Deduct current liabilities	248,629,866	258,101,580	250,820,641	252,640,797
Available cash balance	265,526,981	116,750,285	190,148,218	209,858,208

* Includes Oct. 1 \$6,169,080.97 silver bullion and \$2,276,246.35 minor coin, &c., not included in statement "Stock of Money."

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED WITH TITLES REQUESTED.

Date	Title	Capital
Oct. 2	The Commercial National Bank of Newark, N. J. Correspondent, Joseph Merola, 271 Clifton Ave., Newark, N. J.	\$200,000
Oct. 2	The Milbank National Bank, Milbank, S. D. Correspondent, John Hirling, Brookings, S. D.	25,000
Oct. 5	The Farmers National Bank of Moline, Kan. Correspondent, Frank Webb, Moline, Kan.	25,000
Oct. 5	First National Bank Pawtucket, R. I. Correspondent, John Bradbury, Box 361, Providence, R. I.	200,000

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Oct. 1	The First National Bank of Primrose, Neb. Conversion of the Primrose State Bank, Primrose, Neb. President, Joseph Davis. Cashier, W. E. Wicks.	25,000
Oct. 4	The Sharon National Bank, Sharon, Conn. President, Horace M. Dunbar. Cashier, George V. A. Kirby.	25,000
Oct. 6	The First National Bank of Bolivar, N. Y. President, George H. Stohr. Cashier, Floyd E. Case.	100,000

CHANGE OF TITLE.

Oct. 1	The City National Bank of Bridgeport, Conn., to the "City National Bank & Trust Co. of Bridgeport"
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VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

Table of voluntary liquidations including The National Bank of Rochester, N. Y., The Franklin National Bank of Newark, Ohio, and The American National Bank of Bradenton, Fla.

CONSOLIDATION.

Table of consolidation including The Uncas National Bank of Norwich, Conn., and The Merchants National Bank of Norwich, Conn.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Buffalo on Wednesday of this week:

By Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York:

Table of securities sold at auction by Adrian H. Muller & Sons, New York, including Arizona Copper Belt Mining Co. and 2,027 Piedmont & Nor. Ry.

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston.

Table of securities sold at auction by R. L. Day & Co., Boston, including Atlantic National Bank, 60 First National Bank, and 575 Conveyer Trucks Inc. (N. Y.).

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table of securities sold at auction by Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston, including Worcester Co. National Bank, 9 Worcester, par \$50., and 25 Johnson Educator Biscuit Co.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table of securities sold at auction by Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia, including Irredeemable ground rent, 42 year, chargeable half yearly, payable A. & O. 1, every year forever, and 4 Shares. Stocks.

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Table of securities sold at auction by A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo, including 12½ Ketter Qualitol, Inc., par \$20., and 500 Area Mines, par \$1.

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:

Table of dividends announced this week, categorized by Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, Fire Insurance, and Miscellaneous. Includes companies like Amer. Commonwealths Power Corp., Associated Gas & Elec., and Adams Mills Corp.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.	Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Concluded).				Railroads (Steam) (Concluded).			
Automotive Fan Co., com. (quar.)	*20c	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 20	Georgia RR. & Banking (quar.)	*2 1/2	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Common (extra)	*10c	Nov. 22	*Holders of rec. Oct. 20	Pittsburgh & West Va. (quar.)	1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29a
Barnhart Bros. & Spaulding	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20	Kansas City Southern, pref. (quar.)	*12.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
1st and 2d preferred (quar.)	*75c	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 20	Mahoning Coal RR., com. (quar.)	*12.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 29a
Bessemer Limestone, cl. A (qu.)	*25c	Jan 2'29	*Holders of rec. Dec. 8	Midland Valley, common	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 28a
Bucyrus-Erie Co., common (quar.)	*62 1/2c	Jan 2'29	*Holders of rec. Dec. 8	New York Central RR. (quar.)	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 31a
Convertible preferred (quar.)	*50c	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 31	Norfolk & Western, adj. pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 19	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a
Butler Brothers (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 16	Northern Pacific (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 5a
Canadian Dredge & Dock, Ltd., pf. (qu.)	*75c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20	Prior preferred & preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 31	Oct. 13 to Oct. 24
Castle (A. M.) & Co. (quar.)	30c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Reading Co., common (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 8	Holders of rec. Oct. 10a
Christie, Brown & Co. (quar.)	*250c	Oct. 25	*Holders of rec. Oct. 8	St. Louis-San Fran 6% pf. (qu.) (No. 1)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 8a
Coca-Cola Bottling Sec. (in stock)	15c	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 8	6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 129	Hold. of rec. Jan. 7 '29a
Connecticut Cash Credit, com. (quar.)	15c	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 8	Southern Ry., com. (quar.)	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a
Preferred (quar.)	15c	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 8	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 24a
Preferred (extra)	1 1/2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Wabash, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 24	Holders of rec. Oct. 25a
Consol. Bond & Share Corp., pref. (qu.)	*20c	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	West Jersey & Seashore (quar.)	\$1.25	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a
Consolidated Royalty Oil (quar.)	*20c	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 20	Public Utilities.			
Fair (The) common (monthly)	*20c	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 20	Alabama Power \$5 pref. (quar.)	\$1.25	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Common (monthly)	*20c	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Amer. Dist. Reg. of N. J., com. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15
Common (monthly)	*20c	Feb. 1'29	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20'29	Amer. & Foreign Power, 2 pref. A (qu.)	*1.75	Oct. 22	Holders of rec. Oct. 9a
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 20	Amer. Gas & Electric pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 10
Preferred (extra)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1'29	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20'29	Amer. Teleg. & Teleg. (quar.)	2 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
General Stockyards, com. (quar.)	50c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Amer. Water Works & Elec., com. (qu.)	25c	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a
6% preferred (quar.)	*1.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Associated Gas & Elec., class A (quar.)	150c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 29
Gillette Safety Razor (quar.)	*1.25	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 1	Bangor Hydro-Elec. Co. com. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 10
Stock dividend	*5	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 1	Bell Telep. of Canada (quar.)	2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 22
Gleaner Combine Harvester, com.	*720c	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 20	Bell Telep. of Pa., 6 1/2% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20
Hall (W. F.) Printing (quar.)	25c	Nov. 24	*Holders of rec. Nov. 5	Bridgeport Hydraulic (quar.)	*40c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 3
Hazeltine Corp. (quar.)	*25c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20 to Nov. 1	British Columbia Power, cl. A (No. 1)	50c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 30
Higbee Co., 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Bklyn. Manhattan Transit, com. (qu.)	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a
Internat. Printing Ink, com. (quar.)	*62 1/2c	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Preferred series A (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Preferred series A (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan 5'29	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Jaeger Machine (quar.)	*62 1/2c	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 16	Preferred series A (quar.)	\$1.50	Apr 15'29	Holders of rec. Apr. 1 '29a
Kidger Peabody Acceptance Corp.—				Buff., Niagara & East. Pow. 1st pf. (qu.)	*1.25	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Class A preferred	2 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	California-Oregon Power, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
6% preferred B	3	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Second preferred (No. 1)	*15c	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 20	6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Loew's Boston Theatres (quar.)	*62 1/2c	Oct. 31	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Cent. Hud. Gas & Elec. com. v. t. c.	*50c	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 29
Manhattan Rubber Mfg. (quar.)	*50c	Oct. 31	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Central Ill. Pub. Serv., pref. (quar.)	*1.50	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Extra	*50c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Central Power & Light, 7% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Maytag Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Six per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
First preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Central & S. Utilities, com. (quar.)	75c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 11a
Melville Shoe, com. (quar.) (No. 1)	*25c	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 20	Ches. & Pot. Tel. of Balt., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29
First and second pref. (quar.) (No. 1)	*\$1.50	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 20	Chester & Philadelphia R. (quar.)	*1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 8
Mid-Continent Petroleum, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 15	Chicago Rapid Transit (monthly)	*65c	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 16
Mohawk Mining (quar.)	\$3	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 31	Prior pref. series A (monthly)	*65c	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Monroe Stores, Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 27	Prior pref. series B (monthly)	*60c	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 16
Motor Products Corp., com.	50c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 19	Prior pref. series B (monthly)	*60c	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.25	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Cities Service Power & Lt. \$6 pf. (mthly)	*50c	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Muirheads Cafeterias, Ltd., com. (qu.)	*25c	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15	\$7 preferred (monthly)	*58.30c	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Preferred (quar.)	*25c	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 20	Columbia Gas & Elec., com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Nash Motors Co. (quar.)	*50c	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 20	Six per cent pref., series A (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Extra	*10c	Oct. 25	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Commonwealth Edison (quar.)	*2	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15
National Grocer Co.	*75c	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 22	Commonwealth Power, com. (quar.)	75c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 11a
National Recording Pump (quar.)	*75c	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Six per cent pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 11a
National Tile, com. (quar.)	*50c	Nov. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 1	Concord Electric, com. (quar.)	*60c	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 2
Nestle-Le Muir Co., cl. A (qu.) (No. 1)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 8	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 2
New Jersey Bond & Mfg., pref. (quar.)	15c	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 8	Consol. Gas (N. Y.), pref. (quar.)	\$1.25	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 29a
New Jersey Cash Credit Corp., com. (qu.)	15c	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 8	Detroit Edison Co. (quar.)	2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	15c	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 8	Duquesne Light, 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29a
Preferred (extra)	*1.50	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15	East Bay Water, pref. A & B (quar.)	*1 1/2	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30
New River Co., pf. (acct. accum. div.)	*2	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 5	Electric Elec. Ill. of Boston (quar.)	3	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 10
Prior com. (acct. accum. div.)	*1	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 5	Electric Bond & Share, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 13
New River Co., pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Elec. Bond & Share Secur. (quar.)	25c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 17
N. Y. & Foreign Inv. Corp. (qu.) (No. 1)	1.62 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 11	Electric Power & Light Corp., com. (qu.)	25c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 13a
N. Y. & Honduras Rosario Mining (qu.)	25c	Oct. 27	Holders of rec. Oct. 17	Allotment certificates, fully paid	37 1/2c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 13
Extra	25c	Oct. 27	Holders of rec. Oct. 17	Alotment certificates, 40% paid	5c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 13
New York Merchandise, com. (quar.)	50c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20	El Paso Elec. Co., pref. A (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20	Engineers Public Serv., com. (qu.) (No. 1)	25c	Jan 2'29	Holders of rec. Nov. 29a
North American Invest. (qu.) (No. 1)	*\$1	Nov. 20	*Holders of rec. Oct. 31	\$5 preferred (quar.)	\$1.25	Jan 2'29	Holders of rec. Nov. 29a
North Central Texas Oil (quar.)	50c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Exeter & Hampton Elec., com. (quar.)	*2	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 2
Northwest Engineering (quar.)	*25c	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 13	Foreign Power Securities, 6% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 31
Pacific Coast Biscuit, com. (quar.)	*87 1/2c	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 13	Fr. Worth Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Preferred (quar.)	62 1/2c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5	General Pub. Serv. Corp., \$6 pf. (qu.)	\$1.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 9
Packer Corp. (quar.)	15c	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 8	\$5.50 preferred (quar.)	\$1.37 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 9
Penna. Cash Credit Corp., com. (qu.)	15c	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 8	Convertible preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 9
Preferred (quar.)	15c	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 8	Great Western Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Preferred (extra)	15c	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 8	Hartford Electric Light (quar.)	*62 1/2c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Pickwick Corp., com. (quar.)	*20c	Oct. 25	*Holders of rec. Oct. 10	Extra Electric & Utilities, 1st pf. (qu.)	*12 1/2c	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Pitney Bowes Postage Meter—				Cumulative preference (quar.)	\$1.25	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Common (quar.) (No. 1)	15c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 24	Illinois Northern Utilities, 6% pf. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Pittsburgh Plate Glass (stock div.)	*\$10	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 15	International Teleg. & Teleg. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 21a
Prospect Hill Apartments, Inc., pref.	*\$1	Nov. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 24	Internat. Utilities, cl. A (quar.)	87 1/2c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a
Pullman, Inc. (quar.)	*50c	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 20	\$7 preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 18a
Reed (C. A.) Co., class A (quar.)	*1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 10	Kentucky Securities, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a
Robin (J. & W.), preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 10	Long Island Lighting, com. (qu.)	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 16
Royalty Corp. of Amer., part. pf. (mthly)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 10	Los Angeles Gas & Elec., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Nov. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 3
Participating preferred (extra)	60c	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Oct. 10	Massachusetts Gas Cos., com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Rubber Service Laboratories (quar.)	\$1.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Massachusetts Ltg. Cos., 6% pref. (qu.)	*2	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 25
Savannah Sugar, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	8% preferred (quar.)	*12 1/2c	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 31
Preferred (quar.)	55c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Maryland West. Utilities, com. (quar.)	*\$1.75	Nov. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 31
Selby Shoe, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	7% preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1'29	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15'29	6% preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29
Preferred (extra)	*1 1/2	May 1'29	*Holders of rec. Apr. 15'29	Milwaukee Elec. Ry. & Light pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Sinclair Consol. Oil Corp., pref. (quar.)	*\$2	Nov. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 1	Missouri Gas & El. Serv., pr. lien (qu.)	\$1.75	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29
Southern Stores, class A—Dividend omit	75c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 16	Missouri Riv.-St. Louis City Bdge. pf. (qu.)	\$1.75	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Spiegel, May, Stern Co., Inc. com. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 16	Montreal L. H. & Pr. Consol., com. (qu.)	60c	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
6 1/2% preferred (quar.)	1.37 1/2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 27	Montreal Telegraph (quar.)	2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29
Standard Investing Corp., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 19	Montreal Tramways (quar.)	2 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5
Stover Mfg. & Engine, pref. (quar.)	*75c	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 19	Mountain States Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Super Maid Corp., com. (quar.)	*\$1.75	Nov. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 26	Mountain States Tel. & Teleg. (quar.)	*2	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 29
Tobacco Products Corp., class A (quar.)	*50c	Nov. 10	*Holders of rec. Oct. 18	National Elec. Power, class A (quar.)	*45c	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Union Oil of Calif. (quar.)	75c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	National Fuel Gas (quar.)	25c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
U. S. & British Internat. Co., pref. (qu.)	*25c	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15	National Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 13
United Corp., partic. pref. (qu.) (No. 1)	*15c	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Nevada-Calif. Elec. pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Participating preferred (extra)	*1e	Dec. 10	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15	New England Power Assn. com. (qu.)	50c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29
Utah Radio Prod. (quar.) (No. 1)	*30c	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 21	New England Pub. Serv., \$7 pref. (qu.)	\$1.75	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Vancouver West Drug 6 1/2% pref.	*\$1.50	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 15	\$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Wagner Elec. Corp., com. (quar.)	*25c	Oct. 10	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30	Adjustment, pref. (quar.)	*\$1.66	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Warner (Chas.) Co., com. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Oct. 25	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30	New York Telephone, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15</	

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.	Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.	
Public Utilities (Concluded).				Miscellaneous (Continued).				
Peoples Gas Light & Coke (quar.)	2	Oct. 17	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a	Barnhart Bros. & Spindler				
Philadelphia Co., com. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a	1st & 2d preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 20	
Common (extra)	75c	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a	Beacon Oil, pref. (quar.)	1 87 1/2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1	
6% preferred	\$1.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a	Bigelow-Hartford Carpet, com. & pf. (quar.)	\$1.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 13	
Phila. Rapid Transit, com. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Blaw-Knox Co., common (quar.)	75c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20	
Preferred	\$1.75	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Bloch Brothers Tobacco, com. (quar.)	37 1/2	Nov. 15	Nov. 10 to Nov. 14	
Phila. & Western Ry., pref. (quar.)	50c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Dec. 26 to Dec. 30	
Power Corp. of Canada, 6% pf. (quar.)	62 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29a	Bloomington Bros., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a	
Public Serv. Corp. of N.J., 6% pf. (mthly)	75c	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Sept. 29a	Bon Ami Co., class A (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	
Puget Sound Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Borden Co. (quar.)	\$1.50	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15	
Prior preference (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Boring Scrymser Co.	\$1	Oct. 15	Sept. 22 to Oct. 13	
Quebec Power (quar.)	50c	Oct. 16	Holders of rec. Sept. 30	Extra	50c	Oct. 15	Sept. 22 to Oct. 13	
Railway & Light Securities, com. (quar.)	50c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a	Boston Woven Hose & Rub., com. (ext.)	\$1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1	
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a	Brading Breweries (quar.)	50c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29	
San Diego Consol. Gas & Elec., pf. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30	Bristol-Myers Co. (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 21	
Sedalia Water, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1	Brockway Motor Truck, com. (quar.)	75c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	
Sierra Pacific Elec. Co., com. (quar.)	50c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 11	Brompton Pulp & Paper (quar.)	50c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	
Common (extra)	10c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 11	Brown Shoe, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 30	
Preferred (quar.)	10c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 11	Brunswick-Dyke-Collender, com. (quar.)	75c	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a	
Southern Calif. Edison, com. (quar.)	50c	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a	Bullard Machine Tool (extra)	*50c	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 25	
Original preferred (quar.)	2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Burroughs Adding Mach. (special)	\$1	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 16a	
5 1/2% pref. series C (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Bush Terminal, com. (quar.)	*50c	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 16a	
Southern Calif. Gas, 6% pf. (quar.)	37 1/2	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30	Com. (payable in com. stock)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 5a	
Series A pref. (quar.)	37 1/2	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30	Debenture stock (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 25a	
Southern Canada Power, com. (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 31	Byers (A.M.) Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Extra	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 31	
Southern Counties Gas, 6% pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 1	Canada Drege & Dock, com. (No. 1)	50c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a	
Southern N. E. Telephone (quar.)	*2	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 29	Common (extra)	50c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 16	
South Pittsburgh Water, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 2	Canadiana Foundry & Forg., com. A (quar.)	*37 1/2	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 1	
Southeastern Power & Light, com. (quar.)	25c	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Sept. 29	Canadiana Bronze, com. (quar.)	50c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 29	
So. West Gas Util., pref. (quar.)	1.62 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 18	
Preferred (quar.)	1.62 1/2	Feb 1 '29	Hold. of rec. Jan. 20 '29	Canadian Fairbanks Morse, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29	
Preferred (quar.)	1.62 1/2	My 1 '29	Hold. of rec. Apr. 20 '29	Preferred (acct. accum. dividends)	43	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29	
Standard Gas & Elec., com. (quar.)	87 1/2	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Sept. 30	Canadian Industrial Alcohol	\$1.75	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29	
7% prior pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Sept. 30	Common and class B stock (quar.)	38c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29	
United Gas Improvement (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Canadian Oil				
United Lt. & Pr., com. A & B, old (quar.)	*60	Nov. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Common (quar.)	2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	
New common, A & B (quar.)	*12c	Nov. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	
Utility Shares Corp., com.	30c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Capital Securities, com. (quar.)	15c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1	
Western Power Corp., 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Central Investors Corp., cl. A (quar.)	*37 1/2	Jan 2 '29	*Holders of rec. May 1a	
Western Union Telegraph (quar.)	2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 25a	Century Ribbon Mills, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20a	
West Penn Elec. Co., 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a	Cerro de Pasco Copper (quar.)	\$1.25	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 11a	
West Penn Power Co., 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a	Chatterton & Son	20c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5	
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 5a	Chelsea Exch. Corp., A & B (quar.)	25c	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1	
Wisconsin Power & Light, 6% pf. (No. 1)	*1 1/2	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30	Class A & B (quar.)	25c	Feb 15 '29	Hold. of rec. Feb. 1 '29	
York Railways, com. (quar.)	75c	Oct. 16	Holders of rec. Oct. 6a	Class A & B (quar.)	25c	My 15 '29	Hold. of rec. May 1 '29	
Preferred (quar.)	62 1/2	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a	Chicago Pneumatic Tool (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	
Banks.				Chic. Wilm. & Franklin Coal, pf. (quar.)	\$1.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	
Corn Exchange (quar.)	5	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 31	Chicago Yellow Cab Co. (monthly)	25c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 19a	
First National, Brooklyn (quar.)	2 1/2	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Sept. 21	Monthly	25c	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20a	
Fire Insurance.				Chickasha Cotton Oil (quar.)	75c	Jan 1 '29	Holders of rec. Mar 9 '29a	
Niagara Fire (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5	Quarterly	75c	Apr 1 '29	Holders of rec. June 10 '29a	
North River (quar.)	*6	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 9	Quarterly	75c	Jul 1 '29	Holders of rec. June 10 '29a	
Miscellaneous.				Chrysler Corp., pref. (quar.)	2	Jan 2 '29	Holders of rec. Dec. 17a	
Abtibi Power & Paper, com. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Oct. 10a	Cities Service, common (monthly)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	
Six per cent pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Oct. 10a	Common (payable in com. stock)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	
Abraham & Straus, Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Preferred and pref. BB (mthly.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	
Alr Reduction Co. (quar.)	50c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29a	Preferred B (monthly)	5c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	
Extra	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29a	City Stores Co., class A (quar.)	87 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	
Alliance Realty (quar.)	62 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 10a	Cluett, Peabody & Co., com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	
Allied Chem. & Dye, com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 11a	Cohn-Hall-Marx, com. (quar.)	62 1/2	Ja. 2 '29	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	
Allis-Chalmers Mfg., com. (quar.)	\$1.75	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 24a	Common (quar.)	62 1/2	Ap. 1 '29	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a	
Alpha Portland Cement, com. (quar.)	75c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 25a	Common (quar.)	62 1/2	Jul 1 '29	Holders of rec. June 15	
Aluminum Manufactures, com. (quar.)	50c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Commercial Solvents Corp. (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 18a	
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Sept 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15a	Stock dividend	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	
Amerada Corporation (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Consolidated Cigar Corp., prior pf. (quar.)	1.62 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 16a	
Amer. Art Works, com. & pf. (quar.)	50c	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Continental Can, com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 5a	
American Can, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30	Common (payable in common stock)	\$100	Nov. 22	Holders of rec. Nov. 5a	
Amer. Chain, com. (quar.)	50c	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 31a	Continental Motors Corp. (quar.)	20c	Oct. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	
Amer. Chatillon Corp., pf. (quar.)	*75c	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 12	Continental Securities Corp. (quar.)	*\$1	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 1	
Amer. Chile, com. (pay in com. stk.)	*\$1.75	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 20	Coon (W.B.) Co., new com. (quar.) (No. 1)	*70c	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 22	
Amer. Cigar, com. (quar.)	*61.00	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Corn Product Refining, com. (quar.)	50c	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Oct. 5a	
American Coal (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 10	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5a	
Amer. Commercial Alcohol, pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 10	Coty, Inc., new stock (quar.)	*50c	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 17	
American Glue, pref. (quar.)	*2	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 20	Stock dividend (subject to stockholders' meeting Nov. 2)	300	dNov 20	Holders of rec. dNov 10a	
American Hardware Corp.				Credit Alliance Corp., com. & cl. A (quar.)	75c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 3	
Quarterly	\$1	Jan 1 '29	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Common and class A (extra)	\$1.25	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 3	
American Home Products (monthly)	25c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 13a	Crosby Radio (stock dividend)	64	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 3	
American Ice, com. (quar.)	50c	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 5a	Crosley Radio Corp. (quar.)	25c	Jan 1 '29	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a	
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 5a	Crown Zellerbach Corp., common (quar.)				
Amer. Linsed, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan 2 '29	Holders of rec. Dec. 21a	(No. 1)	*25c	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 29	
Amer. Machine & Fdy., com. (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 18a	Preferred (for months July & August)	\$31.30	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 29	
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 18a	Crucible Steel, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Sept. 29	
American Manufacturing, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Crum & Forster Insur. Share Corp., cl. B	*e5	Nov. 5	Holders of rec. Oct. 25a	
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Cudaby Packing, common (quar.)	6% preferred	3	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 5a
Amer. Rolling Mill, com. (quar.)	*50c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30	7% preferred	3 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a	
Old preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30	Curtis Publishing, com. (mthly.)	*50c	Nov. 2	*Holders of rec. Oct. 20	
Amer. Shipbuilding, com. (quar.)	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Common (extra)	*50c	Nov. 2	*Holders of rec. Oct. 20	
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Dairy Dale, Inc., class A (quar.)	*37 1/2	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15	
Amer. Smelting & Refining, com. (quar.)	\$2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 11a	Class B (quar.)	*18 1/2	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15	
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 2a	Darby Petroleum (quar.)	25c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29	
Amer. Steel Foundries, com. (quar.)	75c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a	Davega, Inc. (quar.)	25c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	
Amer. Sumatra Tob., com. (quar.) (No. 1)	75c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a	Extra	25c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	
Stock div. (sub. to stkhld. meeting)	f3	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a	Davis Industries, class A (quar.)	*31 1/2	Jan 1 '29	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20	
Amer. Type Founders, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5a	Class B (quar.)	*31 1/2	Jan 1 '29	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20	
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5a	Detroit Motorbus (quar.)	*20c	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 29	
Amer. Vitrified Products, com. (quar.)	50c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 20	Distillers Corp., Seagrams, Ltd.	25c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30	
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 20	Diversified Investments, Inc. (K. C.)				
American Wholesale Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan 2 '29	Called for red. Jan. 2 '29	Class A	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 2	
Anaconda Copper Mining (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 19	Holders of rec. Oct. 13a	Class C	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 2	
Andes Copper Mining (special)	*75c	Dec. 17	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	First preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 2	
Angle Steel Tool (quar.)	20c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 15	Dome Mines, Ltd. (quar.)	25c	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Sept. 29a	
Angus Company, com. (No. 1)	15c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 5	Dominion Engineering Wks. (quar.)	75c	Oct. 13	Holders of rec. Sept. 29	
Preferred (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20	Dominion Textile, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29	
Artloom Corp., com. (quar.)	75c	Jan 1 '29	Holders of rec. Dec. 21a	Dunhill International (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a	
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 16a	Quarterly	\$1	Jan 15 '29	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	
Asbestos Corp., Ltd., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 29	Du Pont (E. I.) de Nem & Co.	\$1	Apr 15 '29	Hold. of rec. Apr. 1 '29a	
Assoc. Apparel Indus., com. (mthly.)	33 1/3	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 19	Debenture stock (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 10	
Common (monthly)	33 1/3	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 20	Eastern Bankers Corp., preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 30	
Common (monthly)	33 1/3	Jan 2 '29	*Holders of rec. Dec. 21	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb 1 '29	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Associated Dry Goods, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 13a	Eaton Axle & Spring, com. (quar.)	50c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	
1st preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 10a	Economy Grocery Stores (quar.)	25c	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1	
2d preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 10a	Electric Hose & Rubber (quar.)	*1 1/2			

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Miscellaneous (Continued).				Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
Formica Insulation (quar.)	25c.	Jan 1 '29	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Moloney Electric common A (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Extra	10c.	Jan 1 '29	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Motion Picture Capital Corp. (quar.)	2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 10
Fosteria Glass, com. (in com. stock)	*\$50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 18	Motor Products Corp., com. (qu.)	*\$1.25	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 19
Fox Film Corp., com. A & B (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29a	Preferred (quar.)	*\$1.25	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 19
Franklin (H. H.) Mfg., com.	*50c.	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Oct. 10	Motor Wheel Corp.	75c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20	Com. (payable in com. stock)	*2c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29
Freeport Texas Co (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Mountain & Gulf Oil Corp. (quar.)	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Extra	25c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Mullins Manufacturing, pref. (quar.)	25c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 21
General Cigar, Inc., com. (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Murphy (G. C.) Co. (quar.)	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 26	Holders of rec. Sept. 21a	National American Co., Inc. (quar.)	*50c.	Jan 1 '29	Holders of rec. Sept. 15
General Electric, common (quar.)	15c.	Oct. 26	Holders of rec. Sept. 21a	National Banknote Co. (extra.)	\$1.50	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 28a
Special stock (quar.)	75c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Extra	50c.	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 11a
General Mills, Inc., com. (No. 1)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 8a	National Carbon, pref. (quar.)	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
General Motors, 8% pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 8a	Nat'l Cash Register, class A (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 8a	National Casket, common	*\$1.50	Jan 2 '29	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
6% debenture stock (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5a	Nat. Dairy Products, com. (in com. stk.)	*1	Jan 2 '29	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
General Outdoor Advertising, com. (qu.)	75c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 6a	Nat. Dept. Stores, 1st pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
General Refractories (quar.)	40c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5	Second preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 19a
Georgian, Inc., pref. class A (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	National Lead, pref., class B (quar.)	*\$1.75	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Gilchrist Co. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Nat'l Oil Prods. 7% pf (quar.) (No. 1)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Gimbel Bros., Inc. pref. (quar.)	25c.	Nov. 1	Oct. 21 to Nov. 30	National Tea, pref. (quar.)	62 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 17
Gladding, McBean & Co., monthly	25c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 19	Naubem Pharmaceuticals, Inc., pref. (quar.)	25c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a
Monthly	*\$1.25	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 17a	Nedick's, Inc.	70c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5
Globe-Wernicke Co., pref. (quar.)	33-1-3c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 19a	Neve Drug Stores, Inc., conv. A (quar.)	*1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 5
Gold Dust Corp. (quar.)	33-1-3c	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20a	Newberry (J. J.) Realty, pref. (quar.)	*12 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Gossard (H. W.) Co., com. (monthly)	33-1-3c	Jan 1 '29	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	New Bradford Oil (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Common (monthly)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 11a	Newhall Buildings Trust, pref. (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 10	Holders of rec. Sept. 28
Gotham Silk Hosiery, pref. (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 11a	Newmont Mining Corp. (quar.)	75c.	Nov. 10	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Granby Consol. Min. & Smelt. (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 13a	New Jersey Zinc (quar.)	*\$1.25	Oct. 29	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Grand (F. & W.) 5-10-25c Stor. com. (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 13a	N. Y. Hamburg Corp. (No. 1)	*\$1.50	Sept. 29	Holders of rec. Sept. 12
Preferred (quar.)	\$100	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	N. Y. Realty & Impt., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Group No. 1 Oil	50c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20a	Niles-Bement-Pond Co. pref. (qu.)	50c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. May 24
Gruen Watch, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb 1 '29	Holders of rec. Jan. 19 '29a	Nichols Copper, common	7 1/4	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Sept. 29
Common (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb 1 '29	Holders of rec. Jan. 19 '29a	Nipissing Mines Co. (quar.)	*40c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Noma Electric Corp. (quar.)	*20c.	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Oct. 10a	North Lily Mining Co.	\$1.25	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 28
Hamilton Bridge, pref. (quar.)	75c.	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 15	Ohio Brass class B (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 28
Harbison-Walker Refracs., pref. (quar.)	\$2	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 15	Preferred (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5a
Hartford Times, Inc., partic. pref. (qu.)	*25c.	Nov. 5	Holders of rec. Oct. 25	Oil Shares, Inc., pref. (quar.)	*50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 17
Hart Schaffner, Marx, Inc. (quar.)	35c.	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 19	Oil Well Supply, pref. (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 26a
Hawaiian Comm'l & Sugar (extra)	35c.	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 21	Oliver Union Filters, class A (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29a
Hibbard, Spencer Bartlett & Co. (mthly)	35c.	Dec. 28	Holders of rec. Dec. 21	Oppenheim, Collins & Co. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29a
Monthly	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29	Preferred (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Hillcrest Collieries Ltd., com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Outlet Company, com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	First preferred (quar.)	*50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Holly Sugar Corp., pref. (quar.)	*50c.	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Sept. 28	Second preferred (quar.)	*40 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Home Service Co., 2nd pref. (quar.)	*\$1.88	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20	Pacific Finance Corp., cl. A & B pf. (qu.)	*43 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 13
Homestake Mining (monthly)	*37 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 11	Class C 6 1/2% pref. (quar.)	*\$1.75	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 28
Hood Rubber, 7 1/2% pref. (quar.)	*25c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 11	Class D 7% pref. (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 28
Seven per cent preferred (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29a	Pacific Steamship, pref. (quar.)	25c.	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Horn & Hardart of N. Y. (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 16	Holders of rec. Oct. 1	Paekard Electric Co. (quar.)	25c.	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Extra	50c.	Oct. 16	Holders of rec. Oct. 1	Extra	75c.	Oct. 14	Holders of rec. Sept. 29a
Howe Sound Co. Ltd., com. (quar.)	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Park & Tilford (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 14	Holders of rec. Sept. 29a
Humberstone Shoe, Ltd., com. (quar.)	72 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Stock dividend (quar.)	75c.	Jan 14 '29	Holders of rec. Dec. 29a
Extra	40c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29	Quarterly	75c.	Apr 14 '29	Holders of rec. Mar. 29 '29a
Hupp Motor Car Corp., com. (quar.)	37 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 26	Stock dividend (quar.)	75c.	Apr 14 '29	Holders of rec. Mar. 29 '29a
Com. (payable in com. stock)	*\$1.50	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 4	Quarterly	75c.	Apr 14 '29	Holders of rec. Mar. 29 '29a
Illinois Brick (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 18	Stock dividend (quar.)	*50c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Incorporated Investors (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 18	Park Austin & Lipscomb, conv. pf. (qu.)	\$1	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 2
Independent Oil & Gas (quar.)	\$5	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 26	Pennmans, Ltd., common (quar.)	\$1.25	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 22
Indiana Pipe Line (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 6	Preferred (quar.)	\$1.25	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29a
Special	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 9	Pennsylvania Salt Mfg. (quar.)	37 1/4	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Industrial Bankers of Amer., com. (qu.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 6	Perfection Stove (monthly)	37 1/4	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 6	Monthly	37 1/4	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Industrial Finance Corp., pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 4	Phillips-Jones Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a
Internat. Accept. Bank, com. (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 18	Piggly Wiggly West States, A (quar.)	*37 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
International Cigar Machinery (quar.)	*25c.	Jan 1 '29	Holders of rec. Sept. 25a	Pittsburgh Screw & Bolt (quar.)	75c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Int. Cont. Invest. Corp. com. (qu.)	80c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 10a	Pittsburgh Steel Co., pref. (quar.)	75c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Common (quar.)	60c.	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1	Postum Co., Inc., com. (quar.)	3 1/2	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Sept. 29
Common (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1	Prairie Pipe Line (quar.)	2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 10
International Harvester com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Procter & Gamble Co., 8% pref. (qu.)	3 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 29a
Internat. Match, com. & partic. pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 20a	Pro-ply-lac-tic Brush, com. (quar.)	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
International Nickel, pref. (quar.)	62 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Prudence Co., Inc., pref. series of 1926	1 1/4	Jan 15 '29	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
International Paper, com. (quar.)	*\$1.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Prudence Co., Inc., pref. (quar.)	*50c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Seven per cent pref. (quar.)	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Q. R. S. Co. com. (quar.)	*1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Six per cent pref. (quar.)	50c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a	Quaker Oats, com. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
International Printing Ink, com. (qu.)	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5a	Preferred (quar.)	*3	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 21
Preferred (quar.)	\$1	Jan 1 '29	Holders of rec. Jan. 5 '29a	Quislet Mills, preferred	2 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5
International Shoe, pref. (monthly)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Recond preferred	3	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5
Preferred (monthly)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Rice-Stix Dry Goods, common (quar.)	37 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Interstate Iron & Steel, com. (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Richardson Co. (quar.)	*82	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 31
Common (quar.)	\$1	Jan 1 '29	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a	Extra	50c.	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 31
Italo Petroleum Corp. pref. (qu.) (No. 1)	75c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 10a	Richfield Oil (quar.)	*43 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 5
Jewel Tea, com. (quar.)	37 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 10a	Preferred (quar.)	*60c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5
Johns-Manville Co., com. (quar.)	*62 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30	Riverside Forge & Mach., com. (qu.)	*40c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5
Kalamazoo Stove (Stock dividend)	*12 1/2	Jan 1 '29	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Extra	50c.	Dec. 20	Dec. 9 to Dec. 20
Kaufmann Dept. Stores, Inc., com. (qu.)	*12 1/2	Apr 1 '29	Holders of rec. Mar. 20	St. Joseph Lead (quar.)	25c.	Dec. 20	Dec. 9 to Dec. 20
Kawneer Co. (quar.)	*12 1/2	July 1 '29	Holders of rec. June 20	St. Lawrence Paper Mills, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 22
Kayser (Julius) & Co., com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Salt Creek Producers Assn. (quar.)	75c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Kelsey-Hayes Wheel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 22a	Savage Arms, 2d pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Keystone Steel & Wire, com. (quar.)	*75c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5	Schulte Retail Stores, com. (quar.)	87 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5	Common (payable in com. stock)	4 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Keystone Watch Case, pref. (quar.)	\$7 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 18a	Scott Paper, pref. series A (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 17
Keyby Lumber, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Preferred, series B (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 17
Knott Corporation (quar.)	*60c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5	Seullin Steel, pref. (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29a
Kress (S. H.) & Co., com. (quar.)	25c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Seagrave Corp. (quar.)	62 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Com. (payable in special pref. stock)	*15c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Quarterly (payable in stock)	*1	Feb 1 '29	Holders of rec. Jan. 15 '29a
Special preferred (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 20	Quarterly (payable in stock)	*1	May 1 '29	Holders of rec. Apr. 13 '29a
Lakey Foundry & Machine (quar.)	10c.	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Oct. 20	Securities Management Corp., cl. A (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a
Extra	75c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Class B & C (quar.) (No. 1)	25c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Landers, Frary & Clark (quar.)	75c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 22a	Seeman Brothers, Inc., com. (quar.)	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Lane Bryant, Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a	Common (extra)	50c.	3-15-29	Holders of rec. Mar. 1 '29a
Langston Monotype Machine (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 20a	Segal Lock & Hardware, pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Lefcourt Realty Corp., pref. (qu.)	75c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5	Seton Leather, com. (quar.)	*50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 16
Lehigh Portland Cement, com. (quar.)	62 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 13a	Shaffer Oil & Refg., pref. (quar.)	75c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Lion Oil Refining (quar.)	*50c.	Oct. 27	Holders of rec. Oct. 20a	Shepard Stores, Inc., cl. A (quar.)	75c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20 '29
Liquid Carbonic Corp. (quar.)	\$250	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 18a	Class A (quar.)	75c.	May 29	Holders of rec. Apr. 20 '29
Extra	40c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 18a	Class A (quar.)	\$1.25	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29
Loose-Wiles Biscuit, com. (quar.)	2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 17a	Spalding (A. G.) & Bros., com. (qu.)	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29
Lord & Taylor, 2nd pref. (quar.)	*\$1.625	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1	Common (extra)	10	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 19a
Louisiana Oil Refining, pref. (quar.)	65c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a	Standard Commercial Tobacco, com.	1	Oct. 15	

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Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
Tung Sol Lamp Works, com. (quar.)	*20c.	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Common (extra)	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Class A (quar.)	*45c.	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Class A (extra)	*50c.	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Union Guarantee Mtge., com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan 2'29	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Com. (extra)	\$1	Jan 2'29	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Union Mortgage, com. (quar.)	\$2	Jan 2'29	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Common (extra)	*2	Jan 2'29	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan 2'29	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Union Storage (quar.)	6 1/2	Nov. 10	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
United Biscuit, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
United Cigar Stores of Amer., pf. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
United Mills Crate, class A (quar.)	\$50c.	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 15
United Paperboard, pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan 6'29	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan 6'29	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Apr 15'29	Holders of rec. Jan. 2 '29a
United Piece Dye Works, 6 1/2% pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan 2'29	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
United Profit-Sharing, pref.	5	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Sept. 29a
United Verde Extension Mining (qu.)	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 5a
U. S. Bond & Share, common (extra)	*\$2.50	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Participating preferred (extra)	*50c.	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 15
U. S. Cast Iron Pipe & Fdy., com. (qu.)	2 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
U. S. Finishing, com. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 5
U. S. & Foreign Sec. Corp.	\$1.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 11
Best and Good pref. (quar.)	\$1.25	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
U. S. Industrial Alcohol, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 29a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan 1'29	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
U. S. Print. & Lith. 2d pref. (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
U. S. Radiator, com. (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
U. S. Rayon, pref. (quar.)	*\$1.75	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 30
U. S. Smelting, Refg. & Min., com. (qu.)	87 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5a
Preferred (quar.)	87 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 5a
Universal Leaf Tobacco, com. (quar.)	75c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Universal Pipe & Radiator, pref. (qu.)	\$1.75	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Upon Co., class A & B (quar.)	*40c.	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Class A & B (extra)	*10c.	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Vapor Car Heating, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
Vick Chemical (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 10a
Vick Talking Machine, com. (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a
Old preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Prior preference (quar.)	\$1.75	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a
\$6 conv. pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a
(V.) Vivaudou, Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Vulcan Corp., pref. (quar.)	*70c.	Nov. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Volcan Detinning, pref. & pref. A (qu.)	1 1/2	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Oct. 9a
Pref. (acct. accumulated dividends)	1/2	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Oct. 9a
Waeker Drive Bldg., pref. (quar.)	*\$1.50	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Sept. 29
Weber & Hellbronner, Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a
Western Grocers, Ltd., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a
Westinghouse Air Brake (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Sept. 29a
Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. com. (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 31	Holders of rec. Sept. 29a
Preferred (quar.)	\$1	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 28a
White Eagle Oil & Ref. (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Sept. 28a
White Sewing Machine, pref. (quar.)	*\$1	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 19
Willys Overland Co., common (quar.)	30c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 22a
Wire Wheel Corp. of Amer., pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Jan 1'29	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Woodworth, Inc., com. (quar.)	37 1/2	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1
Wrigley (Wm.) Jr. Co., com. (mthly.)	25c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 20
Common (monthly)	25c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
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

* 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 class A stock at rate of 2 1/2% of one share of class A stock for each share held.

o Payable in common stock but subject to stockholders meeting Oct. 15.

s Payable in common stock but subject to stockholders' meeting Oct. 16.

t National Dairy Products declared four per cent. on common stock payable in com. stock in quarterly installments of one per cent. each beginning Jan. 2, 1929.

u Schulte Retail Stores declared 2% in stock, payable 1/2% quarterly.

Weekly Return of New York City Clearing House.—Beginning with Mar. 31, the New York City Clearing House Association discontinued giving out all statements previously issued and now makes only the barest kind of a report. 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 ENDED SATURDAY OCT. 6 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	59,371,000	9,704,000
Bank of the Manhattan Co.	12,500,000	39,228,500	143,516,000	31,376,000
Bank of America Nat. Assoc.	25,000,000	37,009,900	144,690,000	50,314,000
National City Bank	90,000,000	73,961,000	a809,714,000	169,700,000
Chemical National Bank	6,000,000	20,014,500	129,505,000	7,556,000
National Bank of Commerce	25,000,000	46,295,200	305,768,000	51,001,000
Chat. Phenix Nat. Bk. & Tr. Co.	13,500,000	14,868,400	155,659,000	43,554,000
Hanover National Bank	5,000,000	26,702,400	124,794,000	2,884,000
Corn Exchange Bank	11,000,000	17,762,700	171,095,000	31,796,000
National Park Bank	10,000,000	25,069,500	128,967,000	8,844,000
First National Bank	10,000,000	87,588,200	225,031,000	11,947,000
Amer. Exchange Irving Tr. Co.	40,000,000	52,522,200	360,472,000	46,862,000
Continental Bank	1,000,000	1,438,900	6,592,000	600,000
Chase National Bank	60,000,000	77,826,700	b558,848,000	64,162,000
Fifth Avenue Bank	500,000	3,158,700	26,122,000	789,000
Garfield National Bank	1,000,000	1,899,000	15,023,000	258,000
Seaboard National Bank	9,000,000	12,351,100	119,585,000	8,845,000
State Bank & Trust Co.	5,000,000	6,631,700	35,071,000	60,417,000
Bankers Trust Co.	25,000,000	75,000,000	c33,100,000	59,270,000
U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co.	5,000,000	9,561,400	57,119,000	5,251,000
Title Guarantee & Trust Co.	10,000,000	21,857,400	37,551,000	2,873,000
Guaranty Trust Co.	40,000,000	59,231,700	d 459,430,000	76,003,000
Fidelity Trust Co.	4,000,000	3,648,500	38,986,000	5,159,000
Lawyers Trust Co.	3,000,000	3,845,200	17,536,000	2,444,000
New York Trust Co.	10,000,000	24,009,500	139,295,000	31,566,000
Farmers Loan & Trust Co.	10,000,000	22,149,200	e112,208,000	21,082,000
Equitable Trust Co.	30,000,000	25,591,000	f311,999,000	41,152,000
Colonial Bank	1,400,000	3,705,600	27,944,000	7,283,000
Clearing Non-Member.				
Mechanics Tr. Co., Bayonne.	500,000	773,900	3,293,000	5,894,000
Totals	469,400,000	782,967,200	5,058,284,000	858,592,000

Includes deposits in foreign branches: (a) \$275,898,000; (b) \$14,610,000; (c) \$57,200,000; (d) \$91,131,000; (e) \$1,920,000; (f) \$106,618,000.

*As per official reports: National, June 30 1928; State, June 30 1928; Trust Co's., June 30 1928.

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 Oct. 5:

INSTITUTIONS NOT IN CLEARING HOUSE WITH CLOSING OF BUSINESS FOR WEEK ENDED FRIDAY, OCT. 5 1928.

NATIONAL AND STATE BANKS—Average Figures.

	Loans.	Gold.	Other Cash Including N. Y. and Trust Notes.	Res. Dep. N. Y. and Elsewhere.	Dep. Other Banks and Trust Cos.	Gross Deposits.
Manhattan—						
Bank of U. S.	151,524,100	15,800	2,146,000	18,126,800	1,171,700	145,908,000
Bronx National	20,314,000	5,300	755,000	1,021,000	-----	21,193,080
Bryant Park Bank	1,990,500	93,700	131,700	278,700	-----	2,192,000
Chelsea Exch. Bk.	22,528,000	-----	1,674,000	648,000	-----	22,000,000
Grace National	17,600,808	5,000	70,576	1,384,720	1,675,890	15,223,284
Harriman Nat'l	36,663,000	20,000	785,900	4,230,000	1,234,000	39,956,000
Port Morris	4,257,600	40,000	111,700	221,600	-----	3,620,600
Public National	112,826,000	21,000	2,023,000	6,849,000	3,653,000	107,463,000
Brooklyn—						
First National	19,645,000	31,200	435,600	2,115,600	265,200	18,207,900
Mechanics	55,220,000	265,000	1,686,000	8,805,000	-----	53,208,200
Nassau National	21,403,000	90,000	329,000	1,678,000	355,000	19,907,000
Peoples Nat. onal.	8,571,900	5,000	149,000	602,900	75,400	8,553,500
Traders National	3,029,800	-----	53,900	323,900	28,800	2,273,500

TRUST COMPANIES—Average Figures.

	Loans.	Cash.	Res. Dep. N. Y. and Elsewhere.	Dep. Other Banks and Trust Cos.	Gross Deposits.
Manhattan—					
American	51,026,300	820,400	11,018,100	30,700	54,153,500
Bronx County	16,936,163	874,789	125,055	-----	16,223,182
Central Union	23,048,995	645,511	1,838,071	-----	23,335,994
Empire	262,607,000	*35,203,000	4,903,000	3,376,000	272,545,000
Bank of Europe & Tr.	77,875,100	*4,954,800	4,656,100	3,726,200	76,635,500
Federation	17,249,336	208,218	1,252,048	253,204	17,485,096
Fulton	15,979,700	*2,202,900	373,400	-----	16,309,800
Manufacturers	293,998,000	2,812,000	44,184,000	1,737,000	281,030,000
United States	80,787,599	4,433,333	8,268,523	-----	68,945,167
Brooklyn—					
Brooklyn	65,470,200	1,651,200	12,420,000	-----	72,262,600
Kings County	25,230,092	1,723,302	2,452,045	-----	24,207,365
Municipal	49,244,200	1,550,500	3,715,700	32,200	45,886,400
Bayonne, N. J.—					
Mechanics	10,989,732	242,239	832,192	293,980	9,551,770

*Includes amount with Federal Reserve Bank as follows: Central Union, \$34,524,000; Empire, \$3,245,000; Fulton, \$2,091,700.

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:

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

	Oct. 10 1928.	Changes from Previous Week	Oct. 3 1928.	Sept. 26 1928.
Capital	\$4,150,000	Unchanged	\$4,150,000	\$4,150,000
Surplus and profits	108,501,000	+53,000	108,448,000	108,448,000
Loans, disc'ts & invest's	1,105,125,000	+640,000	1,104,485,000	1,104,384,000
Individual deposits	676,874,000	-18,768,000	695,642,000	668,384,000
Due to banks	147,834,000	+1,566,000	146,268,000	138,947,000
Time deposits	278,113,000	-4,705,000	282,818,000	285,079,000
United States deposits	8,475,000	-5,203,000	13,678,000	19,382,000
Exchanges for Clg. House	28,387,000	-12,725,000	41,112,000	28,174,000
Due from other banks	84,093,000	-6,881,000	90,974,000	84,038,000
Res've in legal deposit'ies	83,172,000	-240,000	83,412,000	81,677,000
Cash in bank	9,846,000	+92,000	9,938,000	9,779,000
Res've excess in F. R. Bk.	900,000	+209,000	1,109,000	734,000

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Oct. 6, 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 ended 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 Cyphers (00) omitted.	Week Ended Oct. 6 1928.			Sept. 29 1928.	Sept. 22 1928.
	Members of F. R. System	Trust Companies.	1928. Total.		
Capital	\$57,225.0	\$5,500.0	\$62,725.0	\$66,590.0	\$66,590.0
Surplus and profits	174,030.0	18,293.0	192,323.0	192,367.0	192,367.0
Loans, disc'ts. & invest.	1,041,275.0	105,090.0	1,146,365.0	1,148,829.0	1,151,869.0
Exch. for Clear. House	42,441.0	993.0	43,434.0	42,616.0	39,319.0
Due from banks	101,507.0	617.0	102,		

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Oct. 11 and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve banks at the close of business on Wednesday. In the first table we present the results for the system as a whole in comparison with the figures for the seven preceding weeks and with those of the corresponding week last year. The second table shows the resources and liabilities separately for each of the twelve banks. The Federal Reserve Agents' Accounts (third table following) gives details regarding transactions in Federal Reserve notes between the Comptroller and Reserve Agents and between the latter and Federal Reserve banks. *The Reserve Board's comment upon the returns for the latest week appears on page 2032, 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 OCT. 11 1928.

	Oct. 10 1928.	Oct. 3 1928.	Sept. 26 1928.	Sept. 19 1928.	Sept. 12 1928.	Sept. 5 1928.	Aug. 29 1928.	Aug. 22 1928.	Oct. 12 1927.
RESOURCES.									
Gold with Federal Reserve agents	\$ 1,198,568,000	\$ 1,178,312,000	\$ 1,214,889,000	\$ 1,167,332,000	\$ 1,143,470,000	\$ 1,082,429,000	\$ 1,093,837,000	\$ 1,107,113,000	\$ 1,604,948,000
Gold redemption fund with U. S. Treas.	69,439,000	69,947,000	65,503,000	71,730,000	68,645,000	66,351,000	65,243,000	66,020,000	47,954,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	1,268,007,000	1,248,259,000	1,280,392,000	1,239,062,000	1,212,115,000	1,148,780,000	1,159,080,000	1,173,133,000	1,652,902,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	682,992,000	688,054,000	666,714,000	720,346,000	678,301,000	751,338,000	724,859,000	715,244,000	661,099,000
Gold and gold certificates held by banks	673,726,000	680,322,000	685,896,000	666,482,000	738,530,000	709,031,000	734,840,000	725,611,000	657,497,000
Total gold reserves	2,624,725,000	2,616,635,000	2,633,002,000	2,625,890,000	2,628,946,000	2,609,149,000	2,618,809,000	2,613,988,000	2,971,498,000
Reserves other than gold	128,213,000	134,766,000	138,082,000	142,356,000	141,999,000	138,148,000	146,085,000	147,414,000	132,396,000
Total reserves	2,752,938,000	2,751,401,000	2,771,084,000	2,768,256,000	2,770,945,000	2,747,297,000	2,764,894,000	2,761,402,000	3,103,894,000
Non-reserve cash	50,266,000	53,801,000	56,174,000	59,044,000	59,878,000	52,296,000	58,241,000	57,582,000	50,328,000
Bills discounted:									
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	609,355,000	616,087,000	610,143,000	671,977,000	656,035,000	652,032,000	604,316,000	554,184,000	192,753,000
Other bills discounted	384,047,000	409,831,000	400,623,000	421,856,000	413,211,000	428,085,000	434,457,000	438,262,000	47,954,000
Total bills discounted	993,402,000	1,025,918,000	1,010,766,000	1,093,833,000	1,069,246,000	1,080,117,000	1,038,773,000	1,037,446,000	430,249,000
Bills bought in open market	331,768,000	309,976,000	263,419,000	237,189,000	211,160,000	186,796,000	184,299,000	183,600,000	274,361,000
U. S. Government securities:									
Bonds	53,271,000	53,149,000	53,377,000	53,005,000	53,362,000	53,883,000	54,764,000	54,599,000	258,780,000
Treasury notes	86,281,000	90,363,000	89,222,000	87,976,000	87,886,000	87,026,000	88,251,000	85,651,000	133,114,000
Certificates of indebtedness	87,160,000	87,092,000	86,433,000	83,746,000	80,996,000	85,476,000	65,949,000	66,660,000	118,235,000
Total U. S. Government securities	226,712,000	230,604,000	229,032,000	224,727,000	221,344,000	206,385,000	208,964,000	206,910,000	510,129,000
Other securities (see note)	4,580,000	4,580,000	4,580,000	4,580,000	2,020,000	990,000	990,000	990,000	820,000
Total bills and securities (see note)	1,556,462,000	1,571,078,000	1,507,797,000	1,560,329,000	1,503,770,000	1,474,288,000	1,433,026,000	1,428,946,000	1,215,559,000
Gold held abroad	574,000	574,000	573,000	573,000	572,000	571,000	574,000	574,000	563,000
Due from foreign banks (see note)	716,985,000	780,349,000	689,765,000	818,337,000	771,589,000	681,587,000	615,468,000	636,859,000	775,265,000
Uncollected items	60,368,000	60,318,000	60,320,000	60,314,000	60,305,000	60,255,000	60,132,000	60,134,000	59,774,000
Bank premises	9,135,000	8,909,000	8,841,000	8,457,000	9,190,000	8,981,000	8,913,000	8,813,000	13,522,000
All other resources	5,146,728,000	5,226,430,000	5,094,554,000	5,275,310,000	5,176,249,000	5,025,275,000	4,941,248,000	4,954,310,000	5,218,905,000
LIABILITIES.									
F. R. notes in actual circulation	1,725,212,000	1,708,630,000	1,681,581,000	1,679,521,000	1,688,267,000	1,701,035,000	1,650,996,000	1,641,967,000	1,733,829,000
Deposits:									
Member banks—reserve account	2,313,195,000	2,349,553,000	2,315,812,000	2,360,534,000	2,348,676,000	2,273,343,000	2,268,682,000	2,280,560,000	2,324,338,000
Government	3,194,000	32,569,000	12,699,000	45,379,000	9,177,000	8,946,000	27,324,000	17,331,000	12,806,000
Foreign banks (see note)	5,266,000	5,942,000	7,337,000	7,459,000	5,952,000	6,347,000	9,799,000	9,140,000	5,369,000
Other deposits	24,101,000	25,926,000	30,302,000	45,580,000	23,875,000	16,941,000	18,877,000	18,599,000	62,454,000
Total deposits	2,345,756,000	2,413,990,000	2,366,150,000	2,458,952,000	2,388,120,000	2,305,577,000	2,324,682,000	2,325,630,000	2,404,967,000
Deferred availability items	666,067,000	700,191,000	638,620,000	730,605,000	694,925,000	615,257,000	562,768,000	584,711,000	704,844,000
Capital paid in	145,588,000	145,658,000	145,618,000	145,376,000	144,986,000	144,924,000	144,860,000	144,854,000	131,171,000
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	30,786,000	29,642,000	29,266,000	27,537,000	26,632,000	25,163,000	24,623,000	23,829,000	15,319,000
Total liabilities	5,146,728,000	5,226,430,000	5,094,554,000	5,275,310,000	5,176,249,000	5,025,275,000	4,941,248,000	4,954,310,000	5,218,905,000
Ratio of gold reserves to deposits and F. R. note liabilities combined	64.5%	63.6%	65.1%	63.5%	64.5%	65.1%	65.9%	65.9%	71.8%
Ratio of total reserves to deposits and F. R. note liabilities combined	67.6%	66.8%	68.5%	66.9%	68.0%	68.6%	69.5%	69.6%	75.0%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	268,863,000	267,635	272,886,000	274,054,000	277,265	279,049,000	277,897,000	289,353,000	201,956,000
Distribution by Maturities—									
1-15 days bills bought in open market	114,237,000	121,609,000	97,048,000	93,229,000	97,147,000	90,527,000	80,174,000	75,725,000	130,006,000
1-15 days bills discounted	860,385,000	887,007,000	863,522,000	924,738,000	899,027,000	899,167,000	854,964,000	850,533,000	361,063,000
1-15 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness	4,275,000	5,380,000	4,330,000	2,308,000	16,375,000	2,115,000	2,535,000	3,280,000	45,000
1-15 days municipal warrants	30,579,000	30,889,000	35,433,000	34,741,000	36,551,000	29,577,000	36,280,000	36,924,000	63,966,000
16-30 days bills bought in open market	35,788,000	39,193,000	44,257,000	57,735,000	54,108,000	57,716,000	53,014,000	48,386,000	19,158,000
16-30 days bills discounted	73,626,000	57,777,000	43,168,000	39,862,000	40,304,000	37,230,000	41,153,000	41,387,000	56,081,000
16-30 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness	54,174,000	55,401,000	57,729,000	65,552,000	69,054,000	78,090,000	83,138,000	86,953,000	28,740,000
16-30 days municipal warrants	107,588,000	94,304,000	81,424,000	63,551,000	31,622,000	22,660,000	20,965,000	22,794,000	21,263,000
31-60 days bills bought in open market	31,357,000	34,308,000	37,780,000	37,258,000	38,781,000	36,717,000	37,542,000	41,200,000	17,835,000
31-60 days bills discounted	32,805,000	37,759,000	40,583,000	45,324,000	745,000	—	—	—	—
31-60 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness	30,000	30,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31-60 days municipal warrants	5,738,000	5,397,000	6,344,000	5,806,000	5,536,000	6,802,000	5,727,000	6,770,000	3,045,000
Over 90 days bills bought in open market	11,698,000	9,732,000	7,478,000	8,550,000	8,276,000	8,427,000	10,115,000	10,374,000	3,453,000
Over 90 days bills discounted	50,080,000	43,953,000	41,250,000	36,114,000	62,976,000	63,361,000	63,414,000	63,380,000	118,190,000
Over 90 days municipal warrants	—	—	30,000	30,000	—	—	—	—	—
F. R. notes received from Comptroller	2,572,292,000	2,864,043,000	2,859,232,000	2,848,579,000	2,850,462,000	2,811,418,000	2,800,498,000	2,807,420,000	2,901,096,000
F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent	772,041,000	773,720,000	774,385,000	766,025,000	776,996,000	766,585,000	778,870,000	780,020,000	795,225,000
Issued to Federal Reserve Banks	2,100,251,000	2,090,323,000	2,084,847,000	2,082,554,000	2,073,466,000	2,044,833,000	2,021,628,000	2,027,400,000	2,105,871,000
How Secured—									
By gold and gold certificates	346,568,000	344,067,000	344,067,000	341,567,000	341,321,000	341,321,000	338,820,000	348,620,000	406,332,000
Gold redemption fund	92,755,000	98,510,000	91,105,000	88,586,000	91,016,000	92,994,000	94,621,000	89,541,000	103,992,000
Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board	759,241,000	735,735,000	779,717,000	737,179,000	711,133,000	648,114,000	660,396,000	668,952,000	1,094,624,000
By eligible paper	1,270,638,000	1,291,675,000	1,214,971,000	1,277,362,000	1,236,448,000	1,226,166,000	1,183,121,000	1,189,770,000	674,592,000
Total	2,469,206,000	2,469,987,000	2,429,560,000	2,444,604,000	2,379,918,000	2,208,595,000	2,276,958,000	2,296,883,000	2,279,546,000

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 OCT. 10 1928

Federal Reserve Bank of—	Total.	Federal Reserve Bank of—											
		Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.
RESOURCES.													
Gold with Federal Reserve Agents	\$ 1,198,568,000	\$ 122,216,000	\$ 174,932,000	\$ 79,669,000	\$ 152,601,000	\$ 31,369,000	\$ 64,770,000	\$ 254,136,000	\$ 29,468,000	\$ 45,533,000	\$ 48,531,000	\$ 25,263,000	\$ 170,080,000
Gold red'n fund with U. S. Treas.	69,439,000	8,689,000	15,115,000	9,491,000	4,430,000	2,505,000	4,634,000	5,601,000	5,701,000	3,686,000	3,928,000	2,283,000	3,376,000
Gold held excl. agst. F. R. notes	1,268,007,000	130,905,000	190,047,000	89,160,000	157,031,000	33,874,000	69,404,000	259,737,000	35,169,000	49,219,000	52,459,000	27,546,000	173,456,000
Gold settle'nt fund with F. R. Board	682,992,000	52,231,000	162,531,000	28,642,000	69,451,000	28,154,000	11,245,000	177,061,000	2				

RESOURCES (Concluded)— Two Cities (00) omitted.	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phla.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minnep.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.
Other securities	\$ 4,580.0	\$	\$ 1,050.0	\$ 30.0	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 500.0	\$	\$ 3,000.0	\$
Total bills and securities	1,556,462.0	93,483.0	485,760.0	144,311.0	140,436.0	66,766.0	101,963.0	164,977.0	66,947.0	40,499.0	59,942.0	60,272.0	131,106.0
Due from foreign banks	574.0	37.0	218.0	47.0	52.0	25.0	21.0	69.0	21.0	14.0	18.0	17.0	35.0
Uncollected items	716,985.0	65,351.0	184,722.0	55,651.0	63,685.0	58,532.0	24,523.0	88,713.0	35,842.0	19,583.0	47,601.0	30,786.0	41,996.0
Bank premises	60,368.0	3,824.0	16,675.0	1,751.0	6,806.0	3,588.0	2,852.0	8,720.0	3,930.0	2,202.0	4,308.0	1,934.0	3,828.0
All other resources	9,135.0	157.0	1,126.0	227.0	1,300.0	467.0	1,761.0	1,114.0	545.0	846.0	408.0	558.0	626.0
Total resources	5,146,728.0	398,938.0	1,513,038.0	356,846.0	498,320.0	210,126.0	232,897.0	784,575.0	197,618.0	145,978.0	212,614.0	160,950.0	434,828.0
LIABILITIES.													
F. R. notes in actual circulation	1,725,212.0	152,599.0	342,420.0	131,714.0	206,452.0	66,809.0	128,227.0	296,028.0	59,058.0	61,848.0	63,723.0	45,841.0	170,493.0
Deposits:													
Member bank—reserve acct.	2,313,195.0	151,899.0	878,495.0	134,056.0	188,557.0	67,314.0	63,877.0	348,673.0	82,927.0	54,176.0	90,198.0	69,384.0	183,639.0
Government	3,194.0	105.0	970.0	114.0	85.0	122.0	277.0	104.0	61.0	391.0	67.0	537.0	117.0
Foreign bank	5,266.0	494.0	538.0	626.0	635.0	336.0	277.0	915.0	283.0	178.0	237.0	230.0	467.0
Other deposits	24,101.0	378.0	7,218.0	446.0	1,527.0	566.0	423.0	3,140.0	1,074.0	841.0	1,884.0	104.0	6,500.0
Total deposits	2,345,756.0	152,876.0	887,221.0	135,242.0	190,854.0	68,338.0	65,098.0	352,832.0	84,345.0	55,586.0	92,386.0	70,255.0	190,723.0
Deferred availability items	666,067.0	63,748.0	161,678.0	51,426.0	59,669.0	55,008.0	22,433.0	79,834.0	36,975.0	17,223.0	42,224.0	31,231.0	44,618.0
Capital paid in	145,588.0	10,057.0	49,128.0	14,578.0	14,310.0	6,102.0	5,230.0	18,362.0	5,399.0	3,014.0	4,200.0	4,312.0	10,896.0
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	30,786.0	1,765.0	9,584.0	2,224.0	3,014.0	1,545.0	1,913.0	4,741.0	1,444.0	1,265.0	1,035.0	784.0	1,469.0
Total liabilities	5,146,728.0	398,938.0	1,513,038.0	356,846.0	498,320.0	210,126.0	232,897.0	784,575.0	197,618.0	145,978.0	212,614.0	160,950.0	434,828.0
Memoranda.													
Reserve ratio (per cent)	67.6	75.5	65.8	57.6	71.3	57.3	50.8	79.1	60.8	69.8	63.1	56.4	70.3
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	268,863.0	19,913.0	78,226.0	25,224.0	27,613.0	13,541.0	11,152.0	36,906.0	11,417.0	7,169.0	9,558.0	9,293.0	18,851.0
F. R. notes on hand (notes rec'd from F. R. Agent less notes in circulation)	375,039.0	27,254.0	109,347.0	25,755.0	26,411.0	15,939.0	30,882.0	45,547.0	13,465.0	6,452.0	8,365.0	7,891.0	57,731.0

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE ACCOUNTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS OCTOBER 10 1928.

Federal Reserve Agent at—	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phla.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minnep.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.
Two cities (00) omitted	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
F. R. notes rec'd from Comptroller	2,872,292.0	243,663.0	707,697.0	193,669.0	265,093.0	102,907.0	221,359.0	458,245.0	89,493.0	85,599.0	102,668.0	75,365.0	326,624.0
F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent	772,041.0	63,810.0	255,840.0	36,200.0	32,230.0	20,159.0	62,250.0	116,670.0	16,970.0	17,299.0	30,580.0	21,633.0	98,400.0
F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bank	2,100,251.0	179,853.0	451,767.0	157,469.0	232,863.0	82,748.0	159,109.0	341,575.0	72,523.0	68,300.0	72,088.0	53,732.0	228,224.0
Collateral held as security for F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bk.													
Gold and gold certificates	346,568.0	35,300.0	153,408.0	50,000.0	6,690.0	27,100.0	7,600.0	14,167.0	7,600.0	14,167.0	17,303.0	35,000.0	
Gold redemption fund	92,755.0	13,916.0	16,524.0	8,692.0	12,601.0	5,679.0	7,670.0	1,136.0	1,868.0	3,366.0	3,671.0	4,460.0	13,172.0
Gold fund—F. R. Board	759,245.0	73,000.0	5,000.0	70,977.0	90,000.0	19,000.0	30,000.0	253,000.0	20,000.0	28,000.0	44,860.0	3,500.0	121,908.0
Eligible paper	1,270,638.0	86,934.0	419,156.0	103,676.0	103,096.0	56,396.0	95,162.0	132,548.0	46,381.0	27,284.0	44,982.0	41,339.0	113,684.0
Total collateral	2,469,206.0	209,150.0	594,088.0	183,345.0	255,697.0	87,765.0	159,932.0	386,684.0	75,849.0	72,817.0	93,513.0	66,602.0	283,764.0

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 634 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 2032 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 OCT. 3 1928 (In thousands of dollars).

Federal Reserve District—	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phla.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minnep.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.
Loans and investments—total	22,353,058	1,521,144	8,475,239	1,260,248	2,201,727	677,687	639,901	3,303,673	728,463	382,010	678,275	475,193	2,009,498
Loans and discounts—total	15,951,642	1,079,237	6,162,153	859,554	1,477,914	521,176	503,835	2,435,660	523,264	249,357	438,153	351,681	1,349,658
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations	121,890	13,003	44,336	8,771	12,818	2,621	2,892	21,202	3,297	2,495	3,203	2,363	4,889
Secured by stocks and bonds	6,668,649	384,681	2,910,684	473,578	648,166	182,773	137,981	1,060,891	215,945	74,337	118,730	85,754	375,129
All other loans and discounts	9,161,103	681,553	3,207,133	377,205	816,930	335,782	362,962	1,353,567	304,022	172,525	316,220	263,564	969,640
Investments—total	6,401,416	441,907	2,313,086	400,694	723,813	156,511	136,066	868,013	205,199	132,653	240,122	123,512	659,840
U. S. Government securities	2,992,849	168,420	1,161,784	120,131	330,695	71,792	63,929	366,871	76,036	73,422	117,419	81,700	360,650
Other bonds, stocks and securities	3,408,567	273,487	1,151,302	280,563	393,118	84,719	72,137	501,142	129,163	59,231	122,703	41,812	299,190
Reserve with F. R. Bank	1,715,860	103,296	780,993	81,421	131,870	39,740	38,234	256,046	46,172	26,315	57,867	33,804	120,102
Cash in vault	249,793	19,514	66,587	14,117	29,600	14,789	10,223	40,273	7,318	5,886	11,151	8,863	21,472
Net demand deposits	13,225,954	935,274	5,695,273	728,584	1,063,479	363,915	309,437	1,868,450	386,974	227,700	509,556	304,178	833,134
Time deposits	6,905,116	480,366	1,719,334	305,329	962,187	246,352	237,163	1,263,237	241,088	130,726	179,052	130,750	1,009,532
Government deposits	98,683	9,971	28,346	4,814	8,077	2,503	7,001	9,868	3,422	1,010	1,905	6,217	15,440
Due from banks	1,204,182	50,585	138,374	67,335	99,947	55,868	81,481	250,747	52,626	55,953	133,439	67,396	150,431
Due to banks	3,407,091	154,623	1,249,700	191,691	253,471	108,336	104,763	530,179	133,814	102,019	235,132	125,056	218,307
Borrowings from F. R. Bank—total	801,013	29,691	306,583	75,900	56,119	21,877	53,484	102,308	39,326	10,099	14,327	21,023	70,216
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations	509,561	15,095	202,537	59,044	31,554	8,015	15,754	80,457	17,773	7,980	7,785	13,880	51,687
All other	291,452	14,596	104,046	16,166	24,565	13,862	37,730	21,851	21,553	4,119	6,542	7,143	18,529
Number of reporting banks	634	36	77	49	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 Oct. 3 1928 in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

	Oct. 10 1928.	Oct. 3 1928.	Oct. 12 1927.		Oct. 10 1928.	Oct. 3 1928.	Oct. 12 1927.
Resources—				Resources (Concluded)—			
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent	174,932,000	175,040,000	281,214,000	Gold held abroad			
Gold redemp. fund with U. S. Treasury	15,115,000	16,500,000	15,087,000	Due from foreign banks (See Note)	218,000	218,000	212,000
Gold held exclusively agst F. R. notes	190,047,000	191,540,000	296,301,000	Uncollected items	184,722,000	217,268,000	186,343,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	162,531,000	148,841,000	241,310,000	Bank premises	16,675,000	16,675,000	16,276,000
Gold and gold certificates held by bank	435,501,000	435,723,000	409,323,000	All other resources	1,126,000	1,107,000	4,429,000
Total gold reserves	788,079,000	776,104,000	946,934,000	Total resources	1,513,038,000	1,556,802,000	1,530,431,000
Reserves other than gold	21,055,000	22,672,000	24,237,000	LIABILITIES—			
Total reserves	809,134,000	798,776,000	971,171,000	Fed. Reserve notes in actual circulation	342,420,000	339,508,000	365,052,000
Non-reserve cash	15,403,000	16,097,000	15,872,000	Deposits—Member bank, reserve acct.	878,495,000	902,802,000	879,142,000
Bills discounted				Government	970,000	10,117,000	1,223,000
Secured by U. S. Gov't. obligations	222,920,000	230,767,000	36,644,000	Foreign bank (See Note)	538,000	1,215,000	1,680,000
Other bills discounted	115,084,000	123,231,000	83,143,000	Other deposits	7,218,000	7,992,000	15,847,000
Total bills discounted	338,004,000	353,998,000	119,787,000	Total deposits	887,221,000	922,126,000	897,892,000
Bills bought in open market	100,510,000	99					

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Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 2048.

The following are sales made at the stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week Ended Oct. 11, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Includes Railroads, Indus. & Miscell., and Bank, Trust & Insurance Co. Stocks.

Table with columns: Indus. & Miscell., Stock Name, Par, Shares, Price, Date, Range for Week, Range Since Jan. 1.

Table with columns: Bank, Trust & Insurance Co. Stocks, Stock Name, Par, Shares, Price, Date, Range for Week, Range Since Jan. 1.

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New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

(All prices dollars per share.)

Table listing New York City Banks and Trust Companies with columns: Name, Bid, Ask, Par, Shares, Price, Date, Range for Week, Range Since Jan. 1.

*State banks. †New stock. ‡Ex-dividend. §Ex-stock div. ¶Ex-rights.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked.

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.

Table with columns: Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices, Oct. 6, Oct. 8, Oct. 9, Oct. 10, Oct. 11, Oct. 12. Includes First Liberty Loan, Second converted 4 1/2%, Fourth Liberty Loan, Treasury, and 4 1/2% 1944-1954.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Table with columns: Bond Name, Price.

Foreign Exchange.—

To-day's (Thursday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4.84 1/2 @ 4.84 15-16 for checks and 4.85 1/2 @ 4.85 1/4 for cables. Commercial on banks sight, 4.85 1/2; sixty days, 4.80 1/2 @ 4.80 15-16; ninety days, 4.79 @ 4.79 3-32, and documents for payment, 4.80 7-16 @ 4.80 1/4. Cotton for payment, 4.84 and grain for payment, 4.84.

To-day's (Thursday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 3.90 5-16 @ 3.90 1/2 for short. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 40.06 1/2 @ 40.08 1/2 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 124.24 francs; week's range, 124.24 francs high, and 124.09 francs low. The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

Table with columns: Name, Checks, Cables, High for the week, Low for the week.

The Curb Market.—The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 2051.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 2077.

Report of Stock Sales—New York Stock Exchange

DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY

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For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see preceding page

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales for the Week.	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-shares lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1937.	
Saturday, Oct. 6.	Monday, Oct. 8.	Tuesday, Oct. 9.	Wednesday, Oct. 10.	Thursday, Oct. 11.	Friday, Oct. 12.		Shares	Par	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share			\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	
1921 192 1/2	190 1/2 193	190 191	191 192	190 1/4 191 1/4	191 1/4 191 1/4	6,200	Atch Topeka & Santa Fe.....	182 1/2 Mar 2	197 1/2 Apr 27	161 1/4 Jan 26	200 Aug	
104 104	*104 105 1/2	104 104	104 104	104 104	104 104	600	Preferred.....	102 1/2 Jan 5	108 1/2 Apr 9	99 1/2 Jan 10	108 1/2 Dec	
158 1/2 158 1/2	159 160	159 1/2 159 1/2	159 161 1/4	161 162	161 162	3,440	Atlantic Coast Line RR.....	157 1/2 Oct 5	191 1/2 May 7	174 1/2 Apr 20	205 1/2 Aug	
110 1/2 110 1/2	109 3/4 111	110 1/2 111	111 1/2 112	111 112	111 112	20,900	Baltimore & Ohio.....	103 1/2 June 19	119 1/2 Apr 12	106 1/2 Jan 12	125 Oct	
78 78 1/2	*78 79 1/2	79 1/4 79 3/4	78 3/4 79 5/8	79 79	79 79	800	Preferred.....	78 Aug 6	85 Apr 4	73 1/2 Jan 8	83 June	
68 69	69 69	68 68	69 69 3/4	68 68 3/4	68 68 3/4	1,000	Bangor & Aroostook.....	61 June 12	84 1/4 Jan 11	44 Jan 10	103 1/2 May	
*111 1/4 112	*111 1/4 112	*111 1/4 114	*111 1/4 114	*111 1/4 114	*111 1/4 114	20	Preferred.....	110 July 7	115 1/4 May 31	101 1/2 Jan 12	122 June	
70 70	71 71	70 70 1/2	70 70 1/2	70 70 1/2	70 70 1/2	12,100	Boston & Maine.....	58 Feb 18	83 May 10	58	70 1/2 Jan	
89 1/2 89 1/2	89 1/2 89 1/2	87 1/2 89 1/2	89 89	89 89 3/4	89 89 3/4	500	Preferred v t c.....	53 1/2 Jan 5	77 1/2 May 3	53 Aug	70 1/2 Jan	
42 1/2 42 1/2	41 42 1/2	39 41 1/2	40 42	40 42	40 42	4,980	Brunswick Term & Ry Sec.....	14 1/2 Jan 5	47 1/2 Sept 4	7 1/2 Oct 8	19 1/2 Dec	
215 217 1/2	215 217 1/2	212 214 1/4	214 215 1/2	214 215 1/2	214 215 1/2	18,400	Canadian Pacific.....	185 1/2 June 19	233 1/2 May 8	151 1/2 Jan 23	231 1/2 Oct	
180 1/4 180 1/4	180 1/2 181 1/2	180 1/4 180 1/4	181 182	181 181 1/2	181 181 1/2	1,800	Chesapeake & Ohio.....	175 1/2 June 19	205 1/4 Jan 6	151 1/2 Jan 23	231 1/2 Oct	
11 1/2 11 1/2	10 7/8 11 1/2	10 7/8 10 7/8	10 7/8 11	10 7/8 10 7/8	10 7/8 10 7/8	1,800	Chicago & Alton.....	5 1/2 Jan 30	18 1/2 May 2	4 1/2 Jan 10	10 1/2 June	
16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 17	16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 17	16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	1,200	Preferred.....	7 1/2 Feb 20	26 1/2 May 10	7 1/2 Jan 15	16 1/2 July	
*39 41	*40 42	*40 42	*41 43	*40 43	*40 43	300	Chic & East Illinois RR.....	37 Feb 28	48 1/2 May 10	30 1/2 Jan 5	51 July	
*59 62	*57 61	*57 60	60 1/4 60 1/4	*58 60 1/4	*58 60 1/4	3,000	Preferred.....	58 Aug 15	76 1/2 May 4	43 Jan 8	54 1/2 Oct	
13 1/2 13 1/2	13 1/2 13 1/2	13 1/2 13 1/2	13 1/2 13 1/2	13 1/2 13 1/2	13 1/2 13 1/2	8,900	Chicago Great Western.....	9 1/2 Feb 8	16 1/2 May 2	8 1/2 Jan 22	22 1/2 May	
32 32	32 33 1/2	31 32	32 33 1/2	33 33 1/2	33 33 1/2	14,800	Preferred.....	20 1/2 Feb 20	36 1/2 Sept 26	9 Jan 19	44 1/2 June	
34 34 1/2	33 34 1/2	33 34	34 34 1/2	34 34 1/2	34 34 1/2	7,500	Chicago Milw St Paul & Pac.....	22 1/2 Mar 5	40 1/2 Apr 26	9 Jan 19	44 1/2 June	
49 1/2 51 1/2	49 1/2 50 1/4	49 1/2 50 1/4	50 1/2 51 1/2	50 51 1/2	50 51 1/2	22,700	Preferred new.....	37 Mar 2	56 1/2 Sept 4	37 1/2 Jan 8	51 1/2 Dec	
83 1/2 83 1/2	83 1/2 84 1/2	82 84	84 85	84 85	84 85	6,000	Chicago & North Western.....	78 June 19	94 1/4 May 1	78 1/2 Jan 9	97 1/2 Sept	
*138 139 1/2	*138 139	*138 139 1/2	138 138	*137 138 1/2	*137 138 1/2	100	Preferred.....	137 Sept 5	150 May 2	124 1/4 Jan 15	150 Oct	
126 1/2 127 1/2	125 127 1/2	124 1/2 125 1/2	126 1/4 127 1/2	125 127	125 127	9,800	Chicago Rock Isl & Pacific.....	105 Feb 18	129 1/2 Oct 1	68 1/2 Jan 13	110 July	
*107 1/2 108 3/4	108 1/2 108 3/4	108 3/4 108 3/4	*108 109	*108 109	*108 109	200	7% preferred.....	106 1/4 Feb 9	111 1/2 May 31	102 1/2 Jan 11	111 1/2 Dec	
*100 1/2 101	100 1/2 100 3/4	100 3/4 100 3/4	*100 101	*100 101	*100 101	700	6% preferred.....	100 Feb 24	105 May 31	95 1/4 Jan 10	104 Nov	
*107 118 3/4	*107 118 3/4	*107 118 3/4	107 107	*105 115	*105 115	200	Colorado & Southern.....	105 Aug 15	126 May 2	84 Jan 13	137 1/2 July	
*73 1/4 75	74 74 1/2	74 74 1/2	74 74 1/2	74 74 1/2	74 74 1/2	220	First preferred.....	67 July 3	85 Apr 10	70 Jan 7	78 Dec	
72 72 1/2	72 72 1/2	72 72 1/2	72 72 1/2	72 72 1/2	72 72 1/2	30	Second preferred.....	72 Sept 15	85 May 9	68 Jan 7	75 Oct	
78 78 1/2	75 75 1/2	75 75 1/2	75 75 1/2	76 76	76 76	3,100	Consol RR of Cuba pref.....	69 Apr 12	87 3/4 June 1	65 Aug 7	77 May	
191 191 1/2	189 1/4 190 1/2	185 1/2 189 1/2	188 1/2 189 1/2	187 187 1/2	187 187 1/2	5,000	Delaware & Hudson.....	163 1/2 Feb 10	225 Apr 26	171 1/2 Jan 23	230 June	
130 1/2 130 1/2	131 131	130 130 1/2	131 131	131 131	131 131	1,300	Delaware Lack & Western.....	129 Feb 20	150 Apr 9	130 1/2 Oct 17	173 Mar	
*52 54	51 51 1/2	52 52	51 51 1/2	51 51 1/2	51 51 1/2	1,800	Denby & Rio Gr West pref.....	50 1/2 Feb 20	65 1/2 Apr 28	41 1/2 Jan 6	67 1/2 June	
*4 4 1/2	*3 4 1/2	*3 4 1/2	*3 4 1/2	*3 4 1/2	*3 4 1/2	200	Duluth So Shore & Atl.....	3 Aug 3	6 1/2 Jan 5	2 1/2 Mar 11	4 Dec	
*6 1/4 7	6 1/4 6 1/2	*6 6 3/4	*6 1/2 6 3/4	*6 1/2 6 3/4	*6 1/2 6 3/4	20,700	Erle.....	48 1/2 June 20	66 1/2 Jan 4	39 1/2 Jan 6	69 1/2 Sept	
56 1/2 56 1/2	56 57	56 56 1/2	56 56 1/2	56 56 1/2	56 56 1/2	3,100	First preferred.....	50 June 18	63 1/2 Jan 7	52 1/2 Jan 6	66 1/2 Aug	
*54 56	*50 56 1/2	*53 56 1/2	*53 56	*53 56 1/2	*53 56 1/2	3,800	Second preferred.....	49 1/2 June 20	62 Jan 6	49 Jan 6	64 1/2 Aug	
99 1/4 99 1/4	99 1/4 99 1/4	99 1/4 99 1/4	99 1/4 99 1/4	99 1/4 99 1/4	99 1/4 99 1/4	3,800	Great Northern preferred.....	93 1/2 Feb 6	109 May 14	79 1/2 Jan 10	103 1/2 Sept	
98 98	97 1/2 98	97 1/2 97 1/2	97 1/2 97 1/2	97 1/2 98	97 1/2 98	4,500	Prefer certificates.....	91 1/2 Feb 7	105 1/4 May 15	85 1/2 Mar 10	101 Sept	
25 25 1/2	25 25 1/2	24 25 1/2	24 25 1/2	23 24 1/2	23 24 1/2	33,100	Iron Ore Properties.....	19 1/4 June 12	25 1/2 Oct 8	18 July 28	28 1/2 Sept	
*48 49 1/2	48 48 1/2	47 47 1/2	47 47 1/2	48 48 1/2	48 48 1/2	1,100	Gulf Mobile & Northern.....	43 Aug 6	61 1/2 May 10	35 1/2 Jan 7	76 1/2 July	
*99 100	*99 100	*99 100	*99 100	*99 100	*99 100	10,100	Preferred.....	99 1/2 Oct 10	109 May 1	105 Jan 12	114 Apr	
54 55	54 1/2 54 1/2	53 1/2 54 1/2	53 1/2 54 1/2	54 54 1/2	54 54 1/2	950	Hudson & Manhattan.....	51 Jan 3	73 1/2 Apr 24	40 Jan 6	65 1/2 May	
*83 85	*81 83 1/2	*81 81 1/2	*81 81 1/2	*81 81 1/2	*81 81 1/2	900	Preferred.....	51 Oct 8	93 1/2 Apr 26	78 Jan 9	90 1/2 May	
138 138 1/2	137 1/4 138	137 1/4 137 1/2	137 1/4 137 1/2	138 138	138 138	100	Illinois Central.....	131 1/4 Jan 11	148 1/4 May 9	121 1/2 Jan 13	139 1/2 Oct	
135 138	*135 145	135 136	*135 138	*135 138	*135 138	100	Preferred.....	130 1/2 Jan 13	147 May 15	120 1/2 Jan 16	140 Oct	
45 1/2 46 1/2	47 47 1/2	46 1/2 47 1/2	47 1/2 50 1/4	49 51	49 51	5,400	Interboro Rapid Tran v t c.....	29 Jan 5	62 May 2	30 1/2 Aug 5	52 1/2 Feb	
*46 1/2 47 1/2	*46 1/2 47 1/2	46 1/2 46 1/2	45 1/4 45 1/4	46 1/2 46 1/2	46 1/2 46 1/2	400	Int Rys of Cent America.....	36 1/2 Mar 16	51 June 10	23 Apr 4	42 1/2 Feb	
81 81	81 81	81 81	80 1/2 81	*80 1/2 81 1/2	*80 1/2 81 1/2	260	Preferred.....	69 1/2 Jan 3	82 May 2	62 Apr 7	74 1/2 Oct	
59 59	57 58 1/2	56 58 1/2	59 60	60 63	60 63	11,500	Kansas City Southern.....	43 June 13	65 1/2 Sept 27	41 1/2 Apr 7	70 1/2 July	
67 68	67 67	67 67 1/2	67 68	67 68	67 68	4,000	Preferred.....	66 1/2 Aug 10	77 Apr 20	64 1/2 Jan 7	73 1/2 Dec	
98 98 1/2	98 1/2 99	98 98	98 1/2 98 1/2	98 100	98 100	2,000	Lehigh Valley.....	84 1/2 Feb 20	116 Apr 26	88 1/2 Oct 13	137 1/2 June	
140 140 1/2	140 140 1/2	140 140	140 140	141 141	141 141	1,100	Louisville & Nashville.....	139 1/2 July 21	169 1/2 May 10	128 1/2 Jan 16	159 1/2 Oct	
*89 92	*89 92	*87 92	92 92	92 92	92 92	20	Manhattan Elevated guar.....	75 Jan 9	98 May 4	75 1/2 Dec 9	90 Feb	
49 1/2 50 1/2	50 51 1/2	52 53	51 54 3/4	53 55 1/2	53 55 1/2	19,000	Modified guaranty.....	40 Jan 10	64 May 3	41 1/2 Dec 6	54 1/2 Feb	
*4 5	*4 1/2 5	*4 1/2 5	*4 1/2 5	*4 1/2 5	*4 1/2 5	1,100	Market Street Railway.....	4 Oct 10	7 1/2 May 15	4 1/2 Nov 6	6 1/2 June	
*44 1/2 47	*44 1/2 47	*44 1/2 44	41 1/4 44 1/4	*41 1/2 43	*41 1/2 43	800	Prior preferred.....	41 1/2 Oct 10	54 1/2 May 4	4 1/2 Feb 5	59 1/2 Aug	
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	1,100	Minneapolis & St Louis.....	1 1/2 May 23	6 1/2 May 2	1 1/2 Jan 4	4 1/2 Feb	
*42 47	*40 47	*40 47	42 1/4 43	42 1/4 44	42 1/4 44	60	Minn St Paul & S S Marle.....	40 June 21	52 1/2 Jan 6	27 Jan 5	56 1/2 Dec	
*70 82	*70 80	*70 80	*70 80	*70 80	*70 80	60	Preferred.....	75 Feb 7	87 1/2 May 16	50 Apr 8	81 1/2 Dec	
*62 64 1/2	62 62	64 64 1/2	64 64	64 65	64 65	38,200	Mo-Kan-Tex RR.....	61 1/2 Sept 28	71 1/2 Jan 9	58 1/2 Mar 7	111 Nov	
37 1/2 38 1/2	37 1/2 38 1/2	37 1/2 38 1/2	39 1/4 41	40 38 1/4	40 38 1/4	3,800	Preferred.....	30 1/2 June 13	44 Aug 31	31 1/2 Jan 5	56 1/2 June	
103 1/2 103 1/2	103 1/2 103 1/2	103 1/2 103 1/2	103 1/2 103 1/2	103 1/2 103 1/2	103 1/2 103 1/2	25,800	Missouri Pacific.....	101 1/2 June 12	109 Feb 3	95 1/4 Jan 10	109 1/2 Dec	
117 117 1/2	118 1/2 120 1/2	117 117	119 120 1/2	120 121	120 121	12,000	Preferred.....	41 1/2 Feb 7	76 1/2 Sept 17	37 1/2 Jan 6	62 Apr	
3 1/2 3 1/2	3 1/2 3 1/2	3 1/2 3 1/2	3 1/2 3 1/2	3 1/2 3 1/2	3 1/2 3 1/2	700	Nat Rys of Mexico 2d pref.....	2 Feb 17	5 1/2 Apr 26	1 1/2 Aug 3	3 1/2 Oct	
170 172	170 172	168 170	171 173	171 173 1/4	171 173 1/4	21,000	New York Central.....	156 Feb 16	191 1/2 May 10	137 1/4 Jan 17	171 1/2 Oct	
121 1/2 122 1/4	121 1/2 122 1/4	122 122	121 1/4 122 1/4	121 1/4 122 1/4	121 1/4 122 1/4	2,200	N Y Chic & St Louis Co.....	121 1/4 Oct 10	146 May 11	61 1/2 June 24	105 1/2 May	
107 107	107 1/4 107 1/4	*107 1/4 108	107 1/2 107 1/2	108 108	108 108	400	Preferred.....	104 1/2 Aug 24	110 Jan 4	102 Mar 11	110 Dec	
275 275	265 265	261 269	280 280	*285 300</								

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see second page preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and price ranges per share. Includes various stock symbols and prices.

Table with columns for Stock Exchange, Shares, and Per Share (Lowest, Highest) with historical price ranges. Includes various stock names like Abitibi Pow & Pap, American Express, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see third page preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and rows of stock prices per share.

Sales for the Week.

Table with columns for Shares and rows of stock names and sales figures.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Main table of stock prices with columns for stock names and prices per share.

PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-shares lots

Table with columns for Lowest and Highest prices per share for various stocks.

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1927

Table with columns for Lowest and Highest prices per share for various stocks, comparing to the previous year.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights. b Ex-warrants. s Shillings.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see fourth page preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALES PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and price ranges for various stocks. Includes sub-sections for Stock, Exchange, Closed, Columbus, Day, and Holiday.

Main table listing individual stocks with columns for Shares, Indus. & Miscel. (Con.), Par, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1., and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1927.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. s 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-share lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1927	
Saturday, Oct. 6.	Monday, Oct. 8.	Tuesday, Oct. 9.	Wednesday, Oct. 10.	Thursday, Oct. 11.	Friday, Oct. 12.		Shares	Indus. & Miscel. (Con.)	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share		Par	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	
70	69 1/2	68 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	70 1/2	6,200	International Paper.....No par	66	86 1/2	63 1/2	81 1/2	
70	69 1/2	68 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	70 1/2	5,200	Certificates.....No par	66	86 1/2	63 1/2	81 1/2	
*97 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	7,000	Preferred (7) Co v t c.....No par	97 1/2	108	96 1/2	112 1/2	
98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	100	Preferred certificates.....100	103	103	96 1/2	112 1/2	
50	49 1/2	48 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	50	2,000	Int Printing Ink Corp.....No par	47 1/2	54	43 1/2	54	
*57 1/2	58	57 1/2	58	57 1/2	57 1/2	150	International Salt.....100	49 1/2	65 1/2	48 1/2	65	
176	176 1/2	176 1/2	176 1/2	176 1/2	176 1/2	7,400	Internat Teleg & Teleg.....100	130 1/2	197 1/2	128 1/2	187 1/2	
*25	25	25	25	25	25	200	Intertype Corp.....No par	23 1/2	38 1/2	19 1/2	30 1/2	
50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	1,700	Island Creek Coal.....1	47 1/2	50	43 1/2	50	
136	137 1/2	138	140	135	138 1/2	6,500	Jewel Tea, Inc.....No par	77 1/2	142	58 1/2	123	
154 1/2	155 1/2	151 1/2	155 1/2	148	151 1/2	43,400	Johns-Manville.....No par	96 1/2	159 1/2	10 1/2	34 1/2	
120 1/2	121	120 1/2	122	121 1/2	121 1/2	360	Jones & Laugh Steel pref.....100	119 1/2	124 1/2	117	123	
*33	33	33	33	33	33	6,300	Jones Bros Tea, Inc.....No par	25 1/2	40 1/2	10 1/2	34 1/2	
*108	111 1/2	*108	111 1/2	*108	111 1/2	100	Kan City Motor Car.....No par	8 1/2	15 1/2	12 1/2	21 1/2	
71 1/2	71 1/2	70 1/2	71 1/2	70 1/2	71 1/2	100	Jordan City P&L 1st pf B No par	108	114	49	65 1/2	
30 1/4	34 1/2	31 1/2	33 1/2	30 1/4	31 1/2	206,600	Kayser (J) Co v t c.....No par	15 1/2	76 1/2	15 1/2	65 1/2	
93	103	95 1/2	100 1/2	93	95	16,200	Keith-Albee-Orpheum.....No par	75 1/2	103	60	103	
23 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	25	23 1/2	24 1/2	39,000	Kelly-Springfield Tire.....25	15	27 1/2	9 1/2	32 1/2	
81 1/2	81 1/2	79	81 1/2	78	80	1,800	8% preferred.....100	55 1/2	86 1/2	35	102	
81	82	82	82	78	81 1/2	1,100	6% preferred.....100	58	87	44	97 1/2	
49 1/2	50 1/2	50	52 1/2	49	50 1/2	45,600	Kelsey Hayes Wheel.....No par	22 1/2	52 1/2	19	27	
*108	109 1/2	*108	109 1/2	*108	109 1/2	100	Preferred.....100	106	108	103	110	
111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	35,100	Kelvinator Corp.....No par	74	103 1/2	60	90 1/2	
99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	66,500	Kennecott Copper.....No par	80 1/2	103 1/2	60	90 1/2	
52	53 1/2	52 1/2	53 1/2	50 1/2	55	6,200	Kinney Co.....No par	37 1/2	56 1/2	25 1/2	35 1/2	
95	95	95 1/2	93 1/2	95	95	340	Preferred.....100	87 1/2	100	60	93	
73	74	72	73 1/2	70 1/2	72 1/2	30,800	Kolster Radio Corp.....No par	51 1/2	77 1/2	45 1/2	62 1/2	
62 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	63 1/2	12,800	Kraft Cheese.....25	53 1/2	76	46 1/2	62 1/2	
77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	78 1/2	77 1/2	78 1/2	18,700	Kresge (S S) Co.....10	60 1/2	82 1/2	45 1/2	77 1/2	
112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	115	112 1/2	115	200	Preferred.....100	110 1/2	118	110 1/2	118	
*74	75	*74	75	*74	75	90	Kresge Dept Stores.....No par	13 1/2	20 1/2	10	18	
*110	113	*110	113	*110	113	1,800	Preferred.....100	51 1/2	75	45	50	
112 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2	116	112 1/2	119 1/2	65,000	Kress Co.....No par	87	119 1/2	59	105 1/2	
*33	35	*33	35	*33	35	1,200	Kroger Grocery & Bkg.....No par	73 1/2	123 1/2	60 1/2	77 1/2	
131 1/2	133 1/2	130 1/2	133 1/2	129 1/2	131 1/2	58,200	Lago Oil & Transport.....No par	27 1/2	39 1/2	20 1/2	37 1/2	
22 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	24	22 1/2	24 1/2	52,700	Lambert Corp.....No par	79 1/2	134 1/2	66	83 1/2	
*46 1/2	48 1/2	*46 1/2	49	*46 1/2	49	400	Lee Rubber Tire.....No par	17 1/2	26 1/2	7	18 1/2	
109 1/2	109 1/2	108 1/2	110	109 1/2	108 1/2	230	Preferred 7%.....100	108 1/2	110 1/2	108 1/2	110 1/2	
62	62 1/2	61 1/2	63	60	61 1/2	12,700	Lehn & Fink.....100	38	64 1/2	32 1/2	43	
34 1/2	34 1/2	33 1/2	33	33	33	2,400	Life Savers.....No par	28 1/2	37 1/2	20 1/2	34 1/2	
91	91 1/2	90	91 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	1,100	Liggett & Myers Tobacco.....25	83 1/2	122 1/2	87 1/2	128	
89 1/2	90	88	89 1/2	87 1/2	89 1/2	8,500	Series B.....25	80 1/2	123 1/2	80 1/2	128	
*134	138	*134	138	*134	138	124	Preferred.....100	124	147	124	140	
44	45	44	46	44	44	7,800	Lima Loc Works.....No par	35	57 1/2	45 1/2	76 1/2	
76 1/2	77	76 1/2	77 1/2	75 1/2	77	4,800	Liquid Carbon.....No par	63 1/2	84 1/2	45 1/2	76 1/2	
58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	59 1/2	58 1/2	59 1/2	25,100	Loew's Incorporated.....No par	49 1/2	77	45 1/2	63 1/2	
101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	102	101 1/2	102	1,200	Preferred.....100	99 1/2	115	90 1/2	115	
10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	47,500	Loft Incorporated.....No par	5 1/2	19 1/2	5	7 1/2	
*32	32 1/2	*32	32 1/2	*32	32 1/2	200	Long Bell Lumber A.....No par	26	35 1/2	25 1/2	43 1/2	
75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	77 1/2	75 1/2	77 1/2	14,400	Loose-Wiles Biscuit.....25	44 1/2	125	35 1/2	57 1/2	
120	120	120	122	120	122	10	1st preferred.....100	117 1/2	125	118	123	
28	28 1/2	27	28 1/2	27	28 1/2	12,100	Lorillard.....25	23 1/2	46 1/2	23 1/2	47 1/2	
90 1/4	90 1/4	90	90 1/2	90 1/2	91	1,800	Preferred.....100	90 1/4	114	80 1/4	118 1/2	
14 1/2	15	14 1/2	15 1/2	14 1/2	15 1/2	7,500	Louisiana Oil.....No par	9 1/2	21 1/2	10	12	
*89	89 1/2	*89	89 1/2	*89	89 1/2	60	Preferred.....100	78	96	65 1/2	97	
36 1/2	37	36 1/2	37	36 1/2	37	3,200	Louisville G & El A.....No par	28	37	23 1/2	30 1/2	
77 1/2	78	77 1/2	78 1/2	77 1/2	78 1/2	17,100	Ludlum Steel.....No par	25 1/2	31 1/2	20	23 1/2	
*45 1/2	46 1/2	*45 1/2	46 1/2	*45 1/2	46 1/2	400	MacAndrews & Forbes.....No par	44	57 1/2	43	54 1/2	
*122	128	*122	128	*122	128	400	Mackay Companies.....100	108 1/2	134	87	104	
82	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82	82 1/2	100	Preferred.....100	68 1/2	84	67	84	
95	97 1/2	94 1/2	97 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	49,800	Maack Trucks, Inc.....No par	83	107 1/2	84 1/2	118 1/2	
140	141	138 1/2	140 1/2	139 1/2	140 1/2	4,100	Maey Co.....No par	113 1/2	148	124	143 1/2	
22 1/2	23	21 1/2	22 1/2	21 1/2	23 1/2	12,300	Madison Sq Garden.....No par	21 1/2	34	20 1/2	28 1/2	
52	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	6,100	Magma Copper.....No par	43 1/2	64 1/2	29 1/2	58 1/2	
25	25 1/2	25 1/2	26 1/2	25 1/2	26 1/2	97,100	Mallinson (H R) & Co.....No par	31	101	13 1/2	60 1/2	
107 1/2	108	109	109	109	109	90	Preferred.....100	87 1/2	110	80 1/2	110	
30 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	32 1/2	30 1/2	31 1/2	3,200	Manel Bros.....No par	32	40 1/2	39 1/2	49 1/2	
*37	38	*37	38	*37	38	8,300	Manh Elec Supply.....No par	28 1/2	36 1/2	43	50 1/2	
18	18	18	18 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	1,800	Manhattan Shirt.....25	31 1/2	43	24 1/2	35 1/2	
37 1/2	38	37 1/2	38 1/2	37 1/2	38 1/2	1,600	Maracaibo Oil Expl.....No par	12 1/2	25 1/2	12	22 1/2	
65	66 1/2	65 1/2	67 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	32,400	Marland Oil.....No par	33	44 1/2	31	41 1/2	
22	22	20 1/2	21	20 1/2	21 1/2	4,000	Marlin-Rockwell.....No par	45 1/2	68 1/2	27	55 1/2	
141	141 1/2	140 1/2	141 1/2	140 1/2	141 1/2	1,800	Martin-Parry Corp.....No par	12 1/2	25 1/2	15 1/2	24 1/2	
*123	125	*123	125	*123	125	4,800	Mathieson Alkali Works No par	117 1/2	148 1/2	82	132 1/2	
81 1/2	81 1/2	80 1/2	82 1/2	80 1/2	81 1/2	300	Preferred.....100	115	120	103	120	
24 1/2	25	24 1/2	25 1/2	24 1/2	25 1/2	12,900	May Dept Stores.....25	75	117	66 1/2	90 1/2	
46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	47 1/2	46 1/2	47 1/2	18,100	Maytag Co.....No par	17 1/2	24 1/2	17 1/2	24 1/2	
92	92	91 1/2	92 1/2	91 1/2	92 1/2	5,000	Preferred.....No par	48	54	42 1/2	54	
72	72 1/2	71	71 1/2	70 1/2	72 1/2	400	Prior preferred.....No par	101	104	94 1/2	104	
*99	100	*99	100	*99	100	1,700	McCull Corp.....No par	56	75	50	75	
101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	102	102	300	McCrory Stores class A No par	77	113	55	90	
114	115	*114	115	*114	115	1,000	Class B.....No par	80 1/2	112	67 1/2	96 1/2	
20	20	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	200	Preferred.....No par	109	117	90 1/2	116 1/2	
72 1/2	75	72 1/2	75 1/2	74	73 1/2	6,000	McIntyre Porcupine Mines.....5	19 1/2	28 1/2	24 1/2	28 1/2	
36 1/2	38	36 1/2	38 1/2	36 1/2	38 1							

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see sixth page preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and price ranges for various stocks. Includes sub-sections for Stock, Exchange, Closed, Columbus, Day, and Holiday.

Main table listing stocks on the New York Stock Exchange. Columns include Stock Name, Shares, and Price. Includes sub-sections for PER SHARE (Lowest, Highest) and PNR SHARE (Lowest, Highest).

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend, a Ex-rights, b Ex-dividend and 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, Oct. 6.	Monday, Oct. 8.	Tuesday, Oct. 9.	Wednesday, Oct. 10.	Thursday, Oct. 11.	Friday, Oct. 12.		Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest		
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares	Indus. & Miscel. (Con.)	Par	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share
60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	30,100	Standard Oil of Cal.	No par	53 Feb 20	63 1/2 Apr 30	50 1/2 Apr 30	60 1/2 Jan 60
45 1/4	45 1/4	45 1/4	45 1/4	45 1/4	45 1/4	39,800	Standard Oil of New Jersey	25	37 1/2 Feb 18	49 Apr 30	35 1/2 Apr 4 1/2	45 1/2 Feb 29
35	35 1/4	35	35 1/4	35	35 1/4	45,800	Standard Oil of New York	25	28 1/2 Feb 17	41 1/2 Apr 30	29 1/2 Apr 30	34 1/2 Jan 29
4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	1,100	Standard Plate Glass Co.	No par	2 1/4 Jan 3	7 1/2 Feb 23	2 Mar	4 1/2 June 6
20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	340	Preferred	100	10 Jan 18	40 Feb 23	10 Mar	15 1/2 June 10
38	38 1/4	38 1/4	38 1/4	38 1/4	38 1/4	3,600	Stanley Can Mfg Co.	No par	34 June 11	42 1/2 May 16	---	---
55	55 1/4	55 1/4	55 1/4	55 1/4	55 1/4	24,500	Stanley Co of Amer	No par	36 1/4 Aug 21	69 1/2 Sept 12	---	---
102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	51,900	Stewart-Warn Sp Corp.	No par	77 1/4 Feb 18	109 1/2 Sept 12	54 1/4 Mar	87 1/2 Nov
54	54	54	54	54	54	5,600	Stromberg Carburetor	No par	44 Jan 3	74 1/2 June 4	26 1/2 June	60 Sept
84 1/4	84 1/4	84 1/4	84 1/4	84 1/4	84 1/4	279,500	Studebaker Corp (The)	No par	57 Jan 10	85 1/2 Oct 8	49 June	63 1/2 Sept
124 1/4	124 1/4	124 1/4	124 1/4	124 1/4	124 1/4	1,700	Preferred	100	12 1/2 Feb 25	127 June 19	118 Feb	125 1/2 Nov
4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	3,700	Submarine Boat	No par	6 Feb 14	6 1/4 Mar 21	19 Feb	8 1/2 May
54	54	54 1/2	54 1/2	55	57 1/4	6,600	Sun Oil	No par	31 1/2 Jan 9	59 1/2 Sept 5	20 Mar	34 1/2 Jan
7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4	37,700	Superior Oil	No par	2 Feb 17	9 1/2 May 16	3 1/2 Dec	6 1/2 Feb
33 1/2	33 1/2	33	33 1/2	31 1/2	33 1/2	3,800	Superior Steel	100	18 Jan 18	35 1/2 Oct 4	18 Oct	28 May
21 1/2	22 1/4	21 1/2	22	20 1/2	19 5/8	10,300	Sweets Co of America	50	11 1/2 Feb 8	23 1/2 Sept 10	7 Apr	14 Dec
4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	200	Symington	No par	4 Aug 20	7 May 8	2 1/2 Sept	6 Jan
12 1/2	13	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	14	1,700	Class A	No par	10 Aug 20	19 1/2 Apr 27	6 Oct	15 1/2 Nov
18 1/2	19	18 1/2	19	19	19	200	Telautograph Corp.	No par	15 1/2 Jan 23	22 1/2 May 17	11 1/2 Mar	17 1/2 Nov
15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/4	15,800	Tenn Corp & C.	No par	10 1/2 Jan 16	17 1/2 Sept 26	8 1/2 June	13 1/2 Jan
66 1/4	67 1/4	66 1/2	67 1/2	66 1/2	68 1/4	55,900	Texas Corporation	25	50 Feb 17	72 1/2 Sept 14	45 Apr	58 Jan
68 1/2	69 1/2	68 1/2	70 1/2	69	70 1/2	30,300	Texas Gulf Sulphur	No par	62 1/2 June 12	80 1/2 Jan 4	49 Jan	51 1/2 Sept
15 1/4	16 1/2	15 1/4	15 1/4	15 1/4	15 1/2	30,800	Texas Pacific Coal & Oil	100	12 1/2 Mar 1	17 1/2 Apr 30	12 Apr	18 1/2 June
24 1/2	25 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/4	23 1/2	35,200	Texas Pac Land Trunk	1	20 June 13	30 1/4 Apr 27	15 1/2 Jan	40 June
24	24 1/2	25	24 1/2	25	25 1/4	1,300	Thatcher Mfg.	No par	22 Jan 5	39 1/2 May 8	16 1/2 Aug	20 1/2 Sept
45 1/4	47 1/2	45	47 1/2	45	47	17,400	Preferred	No par	47 Apr 13	53 1/2 June 1	43 Aug	50 1/2 Nov
41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	43 1/2	4,000	Thompson (J R) Co.	25	34 Jan 3	44 Sept 12	24 Jan	36 Aug
105 1/4	105 1/4	105 1/4	105 1/4	105 1/4	105 1/4	20	Preferred 7%	100	104 1/2 Jan 26	111 1/2 July 31	105 Aug	111 1/2 Sept
63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	65	43,900	Tidewater Assoc Oil	No par	56 1/2 June 13	71 1/2 June 4	47 Jan	65 1/2 Dec
22 1/2	23 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2	21 1/2	23	1,400	Tide Water Oil	100	18 1/2 Mar 15	90 1/2 Sept 11	15 Oct	19 1/2 Dec
88 1/4	88 1/4	88	88 1/2	88	88 1/2	3,000	Preferred	100	98 1/2 Mar 7	36 Oct 19	85 Oct	90 1/2 June
84	84 1/2	84	84 1/2	84	84 1/2	68,200	Timken Roller Bearing	No par	112 1/2 Mar 3	145 1/2 Sept 25	78 Jan	142 1/2 Sept
93	93 1/2	94	94	93 1/2	93 1/2	11,600	Tobacco Products Corp.	100	93 Aug 6	118 1/2 Apr 16	92 Aug	107 1/2 Dec
135	136 1/4	134 1/2	135 1/2	135	136 1/4	400	Class A	100	100 1/2 Aug 7	128 Feb 14	108 Apr	123 1/2 Dec
100	100 1/2	100	101 1/4	102 1/4	104	600	Div certis A	100	19 Aug 2	25 1/4 Jan 17	---	---
116	117 1/2	116	116 1/2	116 1/2	116	400	Div certis B	100	19 Aug 2	24 June 19	---	---
23	23	23	24 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/2	29,500	Transac't Oil tem ctf.	No par	6 1/2 June 13	10 1/2 Jan 12	3 1/4 Apr	10 1/2 Nov
23	24	23	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	2,300	Transue & Williams St'l	No par	45 1/2 Jan 3	59 1/2 Feb 1	10 May	50 Dec
7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4	8,800	Trico Products Corp.	No par	32 1/2 June 1	44 1/2 Sept 19	---	---
50	51 1/2	50	51 1/2	50 1/2	51	19,500	Under, Elliott Fisher Co.	No par	63 June 13	75 1/2 May 16	45 Jan	70 Dec
182 1/2	183 1/2	182	184 1/2	183	183 1/2	4,100	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	100	36 1/2 Feb 20	49 1/2 Feb 1	38 1/2 Jan	73 1/2 June
49 1/2	50	49 1/2	50	49 1/2	51 1/2	51,000	Union Carbide & Carb.	No par	136 1/2 Feb 18	194 Sept 26	99 1/2 Jan	154 1/2 Nov
109	111	109	112	109	112	22,500	Union Oil California	25	42 1/2 Feb 11	57 Apr 16	39 1/2 June	56 1/2 Jan
49 1/4	49 1/4	49 1/4	49 1/4	49 1/4	49 1/4	100	Union Tank Car	100	110 Oct 3	128 1/2 May 8	94 Jan	127 1/2 Dec
116 1/2	117 1/2	116 1/2	117 1/2	116 1/2	117 1/2	800	United Biscuit	No par	34 1/2 Apr 30	51 Sept 24	39 1/2 Dec	40 1/4 Dec
20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	100	Preferred	100	112 1/2 Mar 22	123 1/4 Oct 11	---	---
134 1/2	134 1/2	134 1/2	134 1/2	134 1/2	135 1/2	274,000	United Cigar Stores	100	22 1/2 Aug 4	34 1/2 Feb 10	32 1/2 Dec	35 1/2 July
181 1/2	181 1/2	181 1/2	181 1/2	181 1/2	181 1/2	100	Preferred	100	105 Aug 28	114 1/4 Apr 5	104 Jan	109 June
77	77	77	76 1/2	77	78	3,200	United Fruit	No par	131 1/2 June 12	148 1/2 May 7	118 1/2 Jan	169 Sept
95	96	95	96	95	95 1/2	2,000	United Paperboard	100	17 1/2 Aug 2	27 1/2 Apr 19	17 1/2 Mar	23 1/2 Sept
37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	7,400	Universal Leaf Tobacco	No par	60 1/2 June 13	85 1/2 Apr 19	60 1/2 Mar	74 1/2 Dec
94	104 1/2	94	104 1/2	94	104 1/2	30	Universal Pictures 1st pfd.	100	93 1/2 May 7	100 Feb 24	95 1/2 Dec	103 1/2 Dec
250	270	250	270	250	270	359,800	Universal Pipe & Rad.	No par	15 1/2 June 12	35 1/2 Oct 6	24 1/2 Sept	37 1/2 Mar
122	124	122	124	122	124	---	Preferred	100	87 1/2 Sept 1	103 Sept 17	81 1/2 Jan	98 Dec
15 1/4	15 1/4	15 1/4	15 1/4	15 1/4	15 1/4	---	U S Cast Iron Pipe & Fdy	100	190 1/2 Feb 27	300 Apr 9	190 1/2 Aug	246 May
76	78	76	78	76	77	---	Preferred	100	115 Mar 10	137 Mar 19	112 Mar	125 Nov
51 1/4	51 1/4	49 1/4	51 1/2	50 1/2	51 1/2	1,800	U S Distrib Corp.	No par	13 1/2 June 22	20 1/4 Jan 4	14 1/4 May	22 1/4 July
126 1/2	127 1/2	126 1/2	127 1/2	127	128 1/2	300	Preferred	100	76 Oct 10	90 1/2 Jan 16	81 May	96 1/2 Sept
118 1/2	118 1/2	119	119 1/2	119	119 1/2	4,300	U S Hoff Mach Corp.	No par	48 1/2 June 18	58 1/2 Jan 23	44 Oct	63 1/2 May
35 1/4	36 1/4	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	35 1/4	18,100	U S Industrial Alcohol	100	102 1/2 June 19	131 1/2 Oct 31	69 Mar	111 1/2 Dec
57	57 1/2	55	56 1/2	57 1/2	59 1/4	400	Preferred	100	118 1/2 Sept 28	122 1/4 May 28	107 1/4 Apr	121 Dec
105 1/4	107	105 1/4	105 1/4	105 1/4	105 1/4	21,200	U S Leather	No par	22 Jan 18	51 May 7	14 July	25 1/2 Nov
80	81	80 1/2	81 1/2	80 1/2	81 1/2	13,200	Class A	No par	52 Jan 6	72 Apr 26	27 1/2 June	56 1/2 Dec
40 1/4	40 1/4	40 1/4	40 1/4	40 1/4	40 1/4	700	Prior preferred	100	104 1/2 June 23	109 1/2 May 14	89 July	106 1/2 Nov
70 1/4	71 1/4	70 1/4	71 1/4	70 1/4	71 1/4	4,500	U S Realty & Impt.	No par	91 1/2 Feb 4	93 1/2 May 4	54 Apr	69 1/2 Dec
51	52 1/2	51	52 1/2	51	52 1/2	62,900	United States Rubber	100	27 June 27	65 1/4 Jan 4	37 1/4 June	67 1/2 Feb
53	53 1/2	53	53 1/2	53	53 1/2	2,800	1st preferred	100	55 July 2	109 1/2 Jan 13	85 1/2 Jan	111 1/2 Apr
158 1/4	159 1/4	157 1/4	159 1/4	158 1/4	159 1/4	6,280	U S Smelting, Ref & Min	50	39 1/2 Feb 20	55 Sept 19	33 1/2 Jan	48 1/2 Dec
141 1/4	141 1/4	141 1/4	141 1/4	141 1/4	141 1/4	400	Preferred	50	51 Jan 26	55 1/2 May 2	45 1/2 Jan	54 Dec
40 1/4	41 1/4	40 1/4	41 1/4	40	41 1/4	547,500	United States Steel Corp.	100	132 June 25	163 1/4 Oct 11	111 1/2 Jan	160 1/2 Sept
79	81	77 1/2	79 1/2	76 1/2	78 1/4	2,400	Preferred	100	138 1/2 Jan 5	147 1/4 Apr 26	129 Jan	141 1/4 Dec
27	28	28 1/2	29	28 1/2	29 1/2	11,300	Utilities Pow & Lt A	No par	28 1/2 Feb 20	45 1/2 May 31	27 Jan	34 May
68 1/2	69 1/2	70	73	75	76	21,900	Vanadium Corp.	No par	60 Jan 18	96 Mar 15	37 Jan	67 Dec
72	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	73	2,500	Van Raalte	No par	7 1/2 Jan 7	31 Oct 11	5 1/2 Sept	14 1/2 Feb
116 1/2	117 1/2	116 1/2	117 1/2	116 1/2	117 1/2	9,270	Van preferred	100	43 1/2 Jan 6	76 1/2 Oct 10	42 1/4 Dec	44 Feb
107	107 1/2	106	107 1/2	106	107 1/2	4,300	Vick Chemical	No par	58 Jan 17	78 1/2 Aug 30	48 Jan	63 1/2 June
14	14 1/4	13 1/4	14 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4	304,500	Victor Talk Machine	No par	52 1/2 Jan 3	128 1/2 Oct 10	32 July	54 1/2 Dec
51 1/4												

Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds

Main table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended Oct. 12, Interest, Price, Range, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various bond descriptions like U.S. Government, State and City Securities, Foreign Govt. & Municipals, etc.

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Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Type, Interest Period, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and various bond descriptions. Includes sections for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS'.

Due Feb. Due May. Due Dec.

BONDS										BONDS													
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE										N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE													
Week Ended Oct. 12.										Week Ended Oct. 12.													
Interest	Period	Price		Week's		Range	Bonds	Sold	Nc.	Low	High	Interest	Period	Price		Week's		Range	Bonds	Sold	Nc.	Low	High
		Thursday,	Oct. 11.	Low	High									Thursday,	Oct. 11.	Low	High						
		84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2								84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2					
		98	98	98	98	98								98	98	98	98	98					
		85 1/4	85 1/4	85 1/4	85 1/4	85 1/4								85 1/4	85 1/4	85 1/4	85 1/4	85 1/4					
		40	40	40	40	40								40	40	40	40	40					
		105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2								105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2					
		100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4								100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4					
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		96 1/4	96 1/4	96 1/4	96 1/4	96 1/4								96 1/4	96 1/4	96 1/4	96 1/4	96 1/4					
		97 3/4	97 3/4	97 3/4	97 3/4	97 3/4								97 3/4	97 3/4	97 3/4	97 3/4	97 3/4					
		74 3/4	74 3/4	74 3/4	74 3/4	74 3/4								74 3/4	74 3/4	74 3/4	74 3/4	74 3/4					
		96 1/8	96 1/8	96 1/8	96 1/8	96 1/8								96 1/8	96 1/8	96 1/8	96 1/8	96 1/8					
		112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2								112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2					
		106 1/4	106 1/4	106 1/4	106 1/4	106 1/4								106 1/4	106 1/4	106 1/4	106 1/4	106 1/4					
		98	98	98	98	98								98	98	98	98	98					
		112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2								112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2					
		101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2								101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 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					
		104 3/4	104 3/4	104 3/4	104 3/4	104 3/4								104 3/4	104 3/4	104 3/4	104 3/4	104 3/4					
		98 3/4	98 3/4	98 3/4	98 3/4	98 3/4								98 3/4	98 3/4	98 3/4	98 3/4	98 3/4					
		85	85	85	85	85								85	85	85	85	85					
		98 3/4	98 3/4	98 3/4	98 3/4	98 3/4								98 3/4	98 3/4	98 3/4	98 3/4	98 3/4					
		84	84	84	84	84								84	84	84	84	84					
		104	104	104	104	104								104	104	104	104	104					
		101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2								101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 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					
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		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					
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		100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4								100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4					
		99	99	99	99	99								99	99	99	99	99					
		89 1/4	89 1/4	89 1/4	89 1/4	89 1/4								89 1/4	89 1/4	89 1/4	89 1/4	89 1/4					
		93 1/4	93 1/4	93 1/4	93 1/4	93 1/4								93 1/4	93 1/4	93 1/4	93 1/4	93 1/4					
		95	95	95	95	95								95	95	95	95	95					
		87 1/4	87 1/4	87 1/4	87 1/4	87 1/4								87 1/4	87 1/4	87 1/4	87 1/4	87 1/4					
		85 1/4	85 1/4	85 1/4	85 1/4	85 1/4								85 1/4	85 1/4	85 1/4	85 1/4	85 1/4					
		84	84	84	84	84								84	84	84	84	84					
		74 3/4	74 3/4	74 3/4	74 3/4	74 3/4								74 3/4	74 3/4	74 3/4	74 3/4	74 3/4					
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		92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2								92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2					
		82	82	82	82	82								82	82	82	82	82					
		89 1/4	89 1/4	89 1/4	89 1/4	89 1/4								89 1/4	89 1/4	89 1/4	89 1/4	89 1/4					
		107 3/4	107 3/4	107 3/4	107 3/4	107 3/4								107 3/4	107 3/4	107 3/4	107 3/4	107 3/4					
		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					
		100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4								100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4					
		88 1/8	88 1/8	88 1/8	88 1/8	88 1/8								88 1/8	88 1/8	88 1/8	88 1/8	88 1/8					
		74 3/4	74 3/4	74 3/4	74 3/4	74 3/4								74 3/4	74 3/4	74 3/4	74 3/4	74 3/4					
		80 3/4	80 3/4	80 3/4	80 3/4	80 3/4								80 3/4	80 3/4	80 3/4	80 3/4	80 3/4					
		74 3/4	74 3/4	74 3/4	74 3/4	74 3/4								74 3/4	74 3/4	74 3/4	74 3/4	74 3/4					
		76 3/4	76 3/4	76 3/4	76 3/4	76 3/4								76 3/4	76 3/4	76 3/4	76 3/4	76 3/4					
		80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2								80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2					
		78 3/4	78 3/4	78 3/4	78 3/4	78 3/4								78 3/4	78 3/4	78 3/4	78 3/4	78 3/4					
		89 1/8	89 1/8	89 1/8	89 1/8	89 1/8								89 1/8	89 1/8	89 1/8	89 1/8	89 1/8					
		92	92	92	92	92								92	92	92	92	92					
		104 1/8	104 1/8	104 1/8	104 1/8	104 1/8								104 1/8	104 1/8	104 1/8	104 1/8	104 1/8					
		97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4								97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4	97 1/4					
		86 1/4	86 1/4	86 1/4	86 1/4	86 1/4								86 1/4	86 1/4	86 1/4	86 1/4	86 1/4					
		91	91	91	91	91								91	91	91	91	91					
		87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2								87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1						

Table with columns for Bond Type, Price, Week's Range, Range Since Jan. 1, and Interest Period. It lists various bonds such as NY & Waf, NY Y & Putnam, and various municipal and corporate bonds.

d Due May. e Due June. & Due August.

Table with columns for Bonds, Price, Week's Range, Range Since Jan 1, and Bonds Sold. It lists various bond issues from Louisville Gas & El (Ky) to Winchester Repeat Arms.

Outside Stock Exchanges.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Oct. 6 to Oct. 11, both inclusive (Friday, Oct. 12, being Columbus Day and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales list:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Thur. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Almar Stores, American Stores, Bell Tel Co of Pa, etc.

* No par value.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, Oct. 6 to Oct. 11, both inclusive (Friday, Oct. 12, being Columbus Day and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Thur. 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 Brick, Baltimore Comm'l Bank, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Thur. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Un Porto Rican Sugar com, Preferred, United Rys & Electric, etc.

* No par value.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, Oct. 6 to Oct. 11, both inclusive (Friday, Oct. 12, being Columbus Day and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Thur. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Amer Vitrified Prod pf.100, Am Wind Gl Mach com, Preferred, etc.

* No par value.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, Oct. 6 to Oct. 11, both inclusive (Friday, Oct. 12, being Columbus Day and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Thur. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Aetna Rubber com, Air-Way Elec Appl pref100, Akron Rubber Reel com, etc.

Table of stock transactions for the Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Oct. 6 to Oct. 11, 1928. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Oct. 6 to Oct. 11, both inclusive (Friday, Oct. 12, being Columbus Day and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock transactions for the Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Oct. 6 to Oct. 11, 1928. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table of stock transactions for the St. Louis Stock Exchange, Oct. 6 to Oct. 11, 1928. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, Oct. 6 to Oct. 11, both inclusive (Friday, Oct. 12, being Columbus Day and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock transactions for the St. Louis Stock Exchange, Oct. 6 to Oct. 11, 1928. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, Oct. 6 to Oct. 11, both inclusive (Friday, Oct. 12, being Columbus Day and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock transactions for the San Francisco Stock Exchange, Oct. 6 to Oct. 11, 1928. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table of stock prices for various companies including Kolster Radio, Langendorf Baking Unit, La Gas & Elec pref, etc. Columns include Par, Thur. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Illinois Brick Co, Inland Wl & Cable com, Internat Pow Co, Ltd com, etc. Columns include Par, Thur. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, Oct. 6 to Oct. 11, both inclusive (Friday, Oct. 12, being Columbus Day and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Acme Steel Co, Adams Royalty Co, All-American Mohawk, etc. Columns include Par, Thur. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Oak & Prod class A, Class B, Omnibus pref, etc. Columns include Par, Thur. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

* No par value. Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Boston Stock Exchange, Oct. 6 to Oct. 11, both inclusive (Friday, Oct. 12, being Columbus Day and a holiday on the Exchange), compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Boston & Albany, Boston Elevated, Preferred, etc. Columns include Par, Thur. Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Main table of stock prices with columns for Stock Name, Par, Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and Date. Includes sections for Stocks (Continued), Stocks (Concluded), and Mining.

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 (Oct. 6) and ending the present Thursday (Oct. 11) (Friday, Oct. 12, being Columbus Day and a holiday on the Exchange). 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:

Detailed table of New York Curb Market transactions, including columns for Week Ended Oct. 12, Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range since Jan. 1., and Date. Includes sections for Stocks (Continued) and Bonds.

Stocks (Concluded) Par.	Thur. Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.		Thur. Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.			
		Low.	Hgh.		Low.	Hgh.		Low.	Hgh.					
Ruberoid Co.100	105	103	105	400	81 1/2	Jan 125	May	40 1/2	39 1/2	41 1/2	9,800	33 1/2	Aug 56	Apr
Safe-T-Stat Co common. *	50 1/2	47 1/4	53 1/4	32,600	18 1/2	Mar 57	June	42 1/2	40 1/2	42 1/2	2,600	34 1/2	Aug 56	Apr
Safety Car Ht & Lt.100	155	155	155	25	135	Jan 170	Mar	99	99	99	500	98	June 105 1/2	May
Safeway Stores com.	695	695	700	270	310	Jan 735	Sept	16	16	16 1/2	50	15	July 23 1/2	Jan
Old fifth warr.	67	67	69 1/2	1,500	30	June 74 1/2	Sept	50	50	50 1/2	7,700	44 1/2	Feb 52 1/2	May
2d series warrants.	400	400	400	20	180	June 480	Sept	115	115	115	10	114	Apr 119	Mar
St Regis Paper Co.	84	82 1/2	88	2,400	50	Jan 90	May	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	100	54 1/2	July 61 1/2	Sept
Sanitary Grocery Inc.	400	400	408	420	215	Jan 438 1/2	Sept	7	7	7 1/2	2,700	5	Jan 9 1/2	May
Schlitz Co com.	46 1/2	45 1/2	47	2,200	26	Jan 47	Oct	47 1/2	47 1/2	49	2,200	30 1/2	Jan 49 1/2	Sept
7% cum conv pref. 100	193	192 1/2	195 1/2	75	110 1/2	Jan 195 1/2	Oct	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	1,000	31	Jan 45 1/2	Sept
Schulte Real Estate Co. *	46 1/2	44 1/2	47 1/2	114,100	17	Jan 47 1/2	Oct	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	500	26	Jan 27	May
Schulte-United Co \$1 Sts*	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	200	17	June 26	Sept	36	33 1/2	36	3,600	19 1/2	Jan 30	Oct
Pref part paid.100	93	93	93	100	79 1/2	June 100	Feb	115	115	115	200	30	Jan 115	Sept
Schuster-Johnson														
Candy class A.	24	24	24 1/2	200	24	Oct 24 1/2	Oct	113	113	113	100	104 1/2	Jan 121 1/2	Sept
Scoville Mfg.25	56 1/2	54 1/2	56 1/2	300	48	Feb 56 1/2	Oct	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	100	105 1/2	Jan 109	Apr
Seeman Bros common.	63	61 1/2	63	2,100	33	Jan 66	Sept	65	65	65	100	65	Sept 79 1/2	May
Selberling Rub. com.	51	49	51	600	33 1/2	Feb 52 1/2	Sept	191 1/2	191 1/2	197 1/2	810	167	Jan 197 1/2	Oct
Selridge Provincial Stores														
Ltd ordinary.£1	11 1/2	10 1/2	12 1/2	200	4	May 4 1/2	May	100 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	3,700	100	July 104 1/2	Jan
Serve Inc (new cov) v t c. *	30 1/2	30 1/2	31 1/2	1,100	26 1/2	Sept 32 1/2	May	83 1/2	83 1/2	84	700	67 1/2	Jan 92 1/2	May
Preferred v t c.100	30 1/2	30 1/2	31 1/2	100	23	Feb 47 1/2	May	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	50	104 1/2	Aug 108 1/2	Jan
Seton Leather com.	50	48 1/2	50 1/2	1,100	26 1/2	Sept 32 1/2	May	139 1/2	139 1/2	139 1/2	25	130	June 148 1/2	May
Sharon Steel series A.	50	48 1/2	50 1/2	1,100	26 1/2	Sept 32 1/2	May	22	22	23	700	11 1/2	Jan 26 1/2	May
Sheaffer (W A) Pen.	47	46 1/2	47 1/2	2,200	33 1/2	Sept 36 1/2	Sept	108	108 1/2	108 1/2	1,600	107 1/2	July 111 1/2	Apr
Silica Gel Corp, com v t c. *	22 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2	1,200	17	Feb 29	Apr	115 1/2	111 1/2	116 1/2	32,300	78	Jan 139 1/2	Sept
Silver (Isaac) & Bro.	60 1/2	53 1/2	61	2,600	39	Jan 64	Oct	69	63 1/2	69 1/2	14,300	40 1/2	Jan 79 1/2	May
Singer Mfg.100	490	500	50	428	Jan 530	July	19	103	103 1/2	2,000	102	Jan 24 1/2	May	
Singer Mfg Ltd.£1	6	6	6	200	5 1/2	Jan 9	May	111 1/2	110 1/2	111 1/2	700	110 1/2	Feb 113 1/2	Apr
Smith (A O) Corp.	187 1/2	187 1/2	189 1/2	390	104	May 200	Aug	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	Oct 105	May
South Coast Co com.	26 1/2	26 1/2	28 1/2	1,400	20	May 29 1/2	Oct	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	300	30	Feb 39 1/2	May
Southern Asbestos.	39 1/2	37	39 1/2	6,700	23 1/2	Jan 40 1/2	Sept	39 1/2	38 1/2	39 1/2	4,700	27 1/2	Jan 42 1/2	May
Son Grocery Sts com.	34	34	35	400	25	June 36	Oct	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	2,200	16 1/2	Jan 29	May
Conv class A.	34	34	34 1/2	1,000	31 1/2	Mar 45 1/2	May	44 1/2	44 1/2	45	1,200	42	Aug 52	May
Southern Ice & Util com B*	17	17	17	600	13	Feb 26 1/2	May	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	3,800	3 1/2	Feb 19 1/2	May
Southern Western Stores com. *	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	25	18	June 23 1/2	Sept	101	101	101	100	97	Jan 105	May
Preferred series A.	25	25	25	200	25	June 28 1/2	June	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	100	1	June 4	Sept
Spalding (A G) & Bro com.	275	259	288	510	125	Jan 288	Oct	10	10	13	2,500	10	Oct 16	June
Span & Gen Corp, Ltd.£1	6 1/2	6	6 1/2	8,500	2 1/2	Feb 11	July	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	50	5 1/2	Sept 8	July
Sparks-Witlington Co.	155 1/2	144 1/2	157 1/2	15,500	30	Jan 157 1/2	Oct	424	425	425	50	175	Jan 430	Oct
Spencer Kellog & Sons new	39 1/2	34 1/2	40	7,000	31 1/2	Sept 40	Oct	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	400	109	July 112 1/2	Feb
Spelag May Stern Co.	95	95	95 1/2	2,200	84	Aug 100	May	7	6 1/2	7 1/2	31,900	3	Feb 8 1/2	Mar
6 1/2% preferred.100	38	38	38	100	34	July 53 1/2	May	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	17,600	15 1/2	July 20 1/2	Sept
Standard Dredg conv pf. *	107	107	107	100	100	Feb 107	Sept	122	121	122	100	117 1/2	Jan 160 1/2	Sept
Standard Inv Corp \$5 1/2 pf*	2	2	2	300	60c	Jan 4	Apr	97	96 1/2	97	150	94	Jan 101	May
Stand Mot Constr.100	105	105	105	25	95	June 125	Apr	126	126	126	100	123	July 128 1/2	Feb
Stetson J B com.	9 1/2	10	10	500	8 1/2	Apr 19	May	108	108	108	25	106 1/2	Sept 110	Jan
Stines (Hugo) Corp.	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	100	33 1/2	Aug 37 1/2	Oct	107	107	107	25	102 1/2	July 108 1/2	Sept
Stix, Baer & Fuller														
Stromberg-Carl Tel Mfg.	23	23	24 1/2	4,000	14 1/2	Mar 28	Sept	13 1/2	13 1/2	14 1/2	400	6	Jan 23 1/2	May
Stutz Motor Car.	202 1/2	191	202 1/2	50	50	Mar 50	Oct	27 1/2	26 1/2	27 1/2	8,900	13 1/2	Jan 28 1/2	May
Sullivan Machinery.	130 1/2	130	131 1/2	360	125	July 137	May	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	50	106 1/2	Oct 111	Feb
Swedish-Amer Invest pf100	202 1/2	191	202 1/2	50	50	Mar 50	Oct	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	800	22	Jan 29 1/2	May
Swift & Co.180	130 1/2	130	131 1/2	360	125	July 137	May	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	500	24 1/2	Jan 32 1/2	May
Swift International.15	30 1/2	30	31 1/2	6,700	25 1/2	Jan 34 1/2	Feb	113 1/2	113	113 1/2	250	111 1/2	June 115 1/2	Mar
Swyao Wash Mach B com.	17 1/2	17 1/2	19 1/2	1,200	11 1/2	July 26 1/2	Mar	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	100	7	Jan 11 1/2	Sept
Teltz (Leonhard) war.	556	535	556	56	286	Jan 650	May	28 1/2	28 1/2	29 1/2	10,700	19 1/2	Jan 31	May
Tennessee Cent Ry v t c														
Tennessee Prod Ry com *	22 1/2	18 1/2	22 1/2	1,600	14	Mar 23 1/2	June	97	97	97	10	97	Aug 99 1/2	Apr
Thompson Prod Inc cl A *	26 1/2	24 1/2	26 1/2	29,800	11 1/2	Feb 26 1/2	Oct	134 1/2	133 1/2	135 1/2	4,200	123	Jan 162	May
Timken-Detroit Axle.10	46	46	47	1,500	33	Jan 44 1/2	May	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	10	109	Jan 114	May
Tobacco Prod Exports.	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	2,200	3	June 4 1/2	Feb	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	500	23 1/2	June 30	Apr
Todd Shipyards Corp.	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	3,800	41 1/2	Apr 60 1/2	May	44 1/2	43 1/2	44 1/2	5,900	32 1/2	Jan 50	Sept
Toddy Corp class A.	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	800	21 1/2	Sept 27 1/2	Oct	103	103	103 1/2	190	103	Oct 109	Jan
Class B v t c.	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	500	10 1/2	Sept 13 1/2	Oct	20 1/2	20 1/2	21 1/2	60	92	Feb 100	May
Transcont. Air Transp.	22 1/2	22	22 1/2	18,300	20 1/2	May 35	May	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	300	13	Feb 25 1/2	May
Trans-Lux Pict Screen														
Class A common.	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	6,600	2 1/2	May 7	Apr	83	83	83	100	68	Jan 90	May
Triplex Safety Glass Ltd														
Amer dep rets & shs.£1	54 1/2	54	55	600	48	Aug 66 1/2	June	74	74	74	100	71	Aug 96	May
Trucon Steel com.10	54 1/2	53	54 1/2	700	33 1/2	Jan 54 1/2	Oct	105	101 1/2	106	22,600	34 1/2	Jan 107 1/2	Oct
Tubize Artificial Silk cl B. *	540	525	540	1,310	450	Feb 628 1/2	Apr	98 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2	160	92	Jan 105 1/2	Apr
Tung-Sol Lamp Wks com.	14 1/2	14 1/2	15 1/2	3,400	10 1/2	Feb 15 1/2	Oct	59 1/2	52 1/2	62 1/2	11,600	29	Jan 62 1/2	Oct
Class A.	25	24 1/2	25 1/2	1,900	19 1/2	Feb 25 1/2	Oct	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	10	92	Jan 97	May
Unit Biscuit Co cl B.	66	66	66	200	54 1/2	May 70 1/2	Aug	29	29	29	100	28	June 30	Apr
Class A.	30	28	30 1/2	2,200	19	July 30 1/2	Aug	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	800	26 1/2	Sept 30	Apr
United Carbon v t c.	66	66	66	200	54 1/2	May 70 1/2	Aug	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	25			

Other Oil Stocks (Concluded)	Thur. Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.			Bonds (Concluded)	Thur. Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range Since Jan. 1.				
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Low.			High.	Low.		High.				
Carlb Syndicate new com.	13 1/4	13	14	600	12 1/2	Sept	23 1/2	Jan	Carolina Pr & Lt 5s	100 1/2	101 1/4	36,000	100	Sept	105 1/2	Mar	
Consol Royalty Oil Co.	12 1/2	12 1/2	13 1/2	600	6 1/2	July	8 1/2	May	Clay At States Serv Corp	98 1/4	98 3/4	10,000	94 1/2	Aug	99 1/2	May	
Croole Syndicate	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	16,700	10 1/4	Jan	13 1/2	June	Cent States Elec 5s	91 1/2	91 1/2	28,000	89 1/2	Aug	97 1/2	Apr	
Crown Cent Petrol Corp.	4 1/2	26 1/2	29 1/2	37,200	8 1/4	Jan	30 1/2	May	Cent States P & Lt 5 1/2s	95 1/2	96	23,000	95 1/2	Sept	99 1/2	Jan	
Darby Petrol Corp.	27 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	300	1	Jan	2	May	Chic Pneum Tool 5 1/2s	100	101	9,000	97	June	102 1/2	July	
Derby Oil & Ref com.	1 1/2	13	13	100	7 1/2	Feb	15 1/2	Aug	Chic Rys 5s cfs dep.	81	79	81	3,000	78	Aug	87	Jan
Preferred	1 1/2	13	13	300	11 1/2	Feb	22 1/2	Apr	Childs Co deb 5s	89 1/2	90	8,000	87 1/2	Aug	96 1/2	Apr	
Gulf Oil Corp of Penna.	123	123	124 1/2	4,200	101 1/4	Feb	148 1/2	May	Chico Gas & Elec 4s	89	89 1/2	55,000	85 1/2	Aug	92 1/2	Apr	
Houston Gulf Gas	16 1/2	37 1/2	38 1/2	27,000	35	Feb	45 1/2	Mar	Cities Service 5s	103 1/2	103 1/2	72,000	100 1/2	Apr	103 1/2	May	
International Petroleum	38	37 1/2	38 1/2	27,000	35	Feb	45 1/2	Mar	Cities Service Gas 5 1/2s	93 1/2	93 1/2	37,000	93 1/2	Oct	98	Mar	
Kirby Petroleum	2 1/2	2	2 1/2	10,300	1 1/2	July	3	May	Cities Serv Gas Pipe L 6s	99 1/2	99 1/2	54,000	98	Aug	103 1/2	Apr	
Leonard Oil Developm'ts	25 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	2,300	5 1/2	Mar	9 1/2	May	Cities Term P & L 5 1/2s	97 1/2	97 1/2	78,000	96 1/2	Aug	102 1/2	Apr	
Lion Oil Refg.	38 1/2	38	39 1/2	34,200	20	Feb	41	Oct	Cleve Elec 5s	103 1/2	104	10,000	103 1/2	July	105 1/2	July	
Lone Star Gas Corp.	25 1/2	37	37 1/2	2,100	48 1/4	Apr	57 1/2	Sept	Colon Oil deb 6s	97	97	1,000	97	June	100	July	
Mardiana Syndicate	84c	74 1/2	74 1/2	31,600	54c	Sept	1 1/2	Apr	Comers and Privat	87 1/2	87 1/2	31,000	87 1/2	July	94 1/2	Jan	
Marjay Oil	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	100	3 1/2	Jan	4 1/2	Mar	Bank 5 1/2s	99	99 1/2	2,000	96 1/2	Aug	102 1/2	Apr	
Marland Oil of Mex.	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	100	1 1/2	Jan	4 1/2	Mar	Common Edison 4 1/2s	87 1/2	87 1/2	31,000	87 1/2	July	94 1/2	Jan	
Mexico Oil Corp.	10	38c	30c	48,500	20c	July	74c	May	Consol G E L & P Balt	106	105 1/2	26,000	104	June	108 1/2	Feb	
Mountain & Gulf Oil	10	84c	83c	3,300	76c	June	1 1/2	Mar	6s, series A	99 1/2	99 1/2	1,000	97 1/2	Sept	96	Jan	
Mountain Prod Corp.	10	22 1/2	22 1/2	3,000	21 1/2	Sept	28 1/2	Jan	Consol Publishers 6 1/2s	99 1/2	99 1/2	3,000	89 1/2	Sept	96	Jan	
Nat Fuel Gas new	27	27	27 1/2	2,000	24 1/2	Mar	30 1/2	Apr	Cont'l G & El 5s	91 1/2	91 1/2	59,000	89 1/2	Aug	97 1/2	Mar	
New Bradford Oil	5	4 1/2	4 1/2	200	4 1/2	Sept	5 1/2	Jan	Continental Oil 5 1/2s	95	95	5,000	94 1/2	Aug	99 1/2	Jan	
New Eng Fuel Oil	5	4 1/2	4 1/2	500	4 1/2	Sept	5 1/2	Jan	Cong-Mechan Coal 6 1/2s	97 1/2	97 1/2	7,000	91	Sept	95 1/2	Feb	
North Cent Tex Oil	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	200	10 1/2	Jan	13 1/2	Apr	Cuba Co 6 1/2 notes	97 1/2	97 1/2	6,000	95 1/2	Aug	98 1/2	Mar	
Pandem Oil Corporation	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,300	2 1/2	Aug	6	Jan	Cuban Tele 7 1/2s	112 1/2	112 1/2	6,000	109 1/2	July	112 1/2	Jan	
Pantepec Oil of Venezuela	12 1/2	12 1/2	13 1/2	20,200	8 1/2	Feb	15 1/2	July	Cudaby Pack deb 5 1/2s	100 1/2	100 1/2	39,000	97 1/2	Jan	101	May	
Pennock Oil Corp.	9 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	200	5 1/2	Feb	7 1/2	Apr	5s	100 1/2	100 1/2	16,000	99 1/2	July	102 1/2	Mar	
Patton Foster Oil Corp.	9 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	3,600	4 1/2	Feb	12 1/2	Aug	Denv & Salt Lake Ry 6s	88 1/2	88 1/2	8,000	80	Jan	93 1/2	May	
Royal Can Oil Synd	12c	10c	12c	4,000	7c	Aug	26c	Jan	Detroit City Gas 6s B	101	101 1/2	15,000	99 1/2	Aug	104 1/2	Mar	
Ryan Consol Petrol	6	5 1/2	6	900	4 1/2	Jan	7 1/2	Jan	6s, series A	106 1/2	106 1/2	32,000	106	June	108 1/2	Feb	
Salt Creek Cons Oil	10	26 1/4	26 1/4	2,800	23 1/4	Sept	35	Jan	Detroit Int Bldg 6 1/2s	98 1/2	98 1/2	91,000	97 1/2	June	104 1/2	Mar	
Salt Creek Producers	10	26 1/4	26 1/4	2,800	23 1/4	Sept	35	Jan	25c Gulf Gas 6 1/2s	92	93	15,000	89 1/2	Aug	101	Jan	
Savoy Oil Corp.	5	13 1/2	13 1/2	7,000	1	Feb	3 1/2	Apr	with warrants	89 1/2	91	9,000	89 1/2	Oct	99 1/2	Jan	
Texon Oil & Land	1	3 1/2	3 1/2	181,000	3	Mar	4 1/2	Apr	Elec Pow (Gen'y) 6 1/2s	95	95	2,000	93	Aug	99 1/2	May	
Tidal Osage Oil v t stock	16 1/2	17	17 1/2	900	13	Feb	22 1/2	May	Empire Oil & Ref 5 1/2s	92 1/2	92 1/2	92	92	Aug	95 1/2	Mar	
Non-voting stock	16 1/2	17	17 1/2	900	13	Feb	22 1/2	May	Fair Mrg & Inv 7 1/2c	90 1/2	91 1/2	4,000	90 1/2	Oct	97 1/2	Mar	
Transcont Oil 7% pref.	78	75	78	400	75	July	93 1/2	Jan	Fairbk's Morse & Co 5s	96	96	2,000	78 1/2	Aug	97 1/2	Jan	
Venezuela Petroleum	5	7	7 1/2	53,000	4 1/2	Sept	8 1/2	Sept	Fed Wat Service 5 1/2s	103 1/2	102 1/2	170,000	99 1/2	June	108 1/2	May	
Wilcox (H F) Oil & Gas	5 1/2	17 1/2	18	1,300	15 1/2	Sept	28 1/2	Apr	Finland Residential Mtge	94 1/2	94 1/2	5,000	94 1/2	Sept	94 1/2	Sept	
Woodley Petroleum Corp.	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	300	3 1/2	Apr	8 1/2	Apr	Bank 6s	93	93 1/2	17,000	90	Aug	97 1/2	Mar	
Y-Oil & Gas Co.	25	4 1/2	5	1,200	2 1/2	Feb	8 1/2	May	Firestone Cot Mills 6s	94 1/2	94 1/2	2,000	92 1/2	Aug	98 1/2	Jan	
Mining Stocks.																	
Andes Copper Mining	37 1/2	37	38 1/2	42,200	37	Oct	37 1/2	Oct	Firestone T & R Cal 6s	94 1/2	94 1/2	2,000	92 1/2	Aug	98 1/2	Jan	
Arizona Globe Copper	1	7c	8c	14,500	3c	Jan	10c	June	First Bohemian Glass Wks	88	88	4,000	88	Aug	103	Jan	
Bunker Hill & Sull.	10	118 1/2	119 1/2	300	121	Jan	160	Jan	Flk Rubber 5 1/2s	91 1/2	92 1/2	16,000	90	Aug	98 1/2	Feb	
Carnegie Metals	10	21 1/2	22	5,400	17	Jan	27 1/2	Apr	Florida Power & Lt 6s	92 1/2	91	92 1/2	98,000	91	Oct	99 1/2	Apr
Central American Mines	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	1,400	60c	Jan	6 1/2	Sept	Galema-Sig Oil 7s	100 1/2	100 1/2	6,000	97	Feb	101 1/2	Jan	
Chief Consol Mining	1	3 1/2	3 1/2	800	3	Aug	4 1/2	Apr	Gauesau Power 5s	101 1/2	101 1/2	65,000	100	June	104 1/2	Apr	
Comstock Tun & Dr'ge	10	55c	55c	9,200	20c	May	55c	Oct	Gelsenkirchen Min 6s	90	90	56,000	90	Oct	97	Mar	
Consol Copper Mines	5	11 1/2	11 1/2	9,300	5	Jan	15	May	Genl Amer Invest 5s	155	155	10,000	137	Jan	161 1/2	Jan	
Cortez Silver Mines	5	10c	19c	1,000	18c	Jan	32c	Mar	with warrants	88	87 1/2	14,000	86 1/2	Oct	95	Apr	
Cresson Consol G M & M	1	70c	80c	5,200	75c	Oct	2 1/2	Jan	Gen Laundry Mach 6 1/2s	105 1/2	106 3/4	77,000	100	Jan	118	June	
Divide Extension	1	5c	4c	9,000	3c	Mar	6c	Sept	General Rayon 6s ser A	97	96 1/2	36,000	94	Aug	100 1/2	June	
Dolores Esperanza Corp.	2	85c	85c	100	30c	Mar	2	Apr	General Vending Corp	87	85	36,000	84	July	98 1/2	Oct	
East Butte	10	3 1/2	3 1/2	600	1 1/2	Jan	3 1/2	Oct	Georgia & Florida 6s	70	74	6,000	70	Oct	96 1/2	Jan	
Engineer Gold Min Ltd	5	3 1/2	3 1/2	1,100	2	Jan	7 1/2	Jan	Georgia Power ref 5s	98	98	74,000	98	Sept	103	Mar	
Evans Walloway Lead com	7 1/2	7	7 1/2	4,100	6 1/2	Sept	9 1/2	July	New	98	98 1/2	19,000	95	Oct	98 1/2	Oct	
Falcon Lead Mines	5	8c	7c	22,600	5	July	16c	Jan	Goodyear Tire & Rub 6 1/2s	100 1/2	100 1/2	5,000	99	May	100 1/2	Jan	
Golden Centre Mines	5	10 1/2	11 1/2	11,200	2 1/2	Jan	13 1/2	Sept	Goody T & R (Cal) 5 1/2s	100 1/2	100 1/2	1,000	100	Apr	101 1/2	Jan	
Goldfield Florence	1	13c	9c	12,000	5c	Jan	25c	Mar	Grand Tr nk Ry 4 1/2s	108 1/2	107 1/2	38,000	106 1/2	Jan	112	Jan	
Hecla Mining	25c	15	14 1/2	2,400	13 1/2	Apr	18	Jan	Guant'amo & W Ry 6s	87	87	4,000	87	Oct	97 1/2	Jan	
Hollinger Cons Gld Mines	5	7 1/2	7 1/2	5,900	6 1/2	Oct	18 1/2	Jan	Gulf Oil of Pa 5s	100 1/2	100 1/2	17,000	99 1/2	Aug	102 1/2	Mar	
Hud Bay Min & Smelt.	1 1/2	18 1/2	19 1/2	25,200	16 1/2	June	21 1/2	Feb	Sinking fund deb 6s	100 1/2	100 1/2	42,000	99 1/2	Aug	102 1/2	Jan	
Iron Cap Copper	10	13c	19c	1,200	75c	Oct	2 1/2	Jan	Gulf States Util 5s	98 1/2	98 1/2	33,000	97 1/2	Aug	102	May	
Mason Valley Mines	5	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,900	1 1/2	Apr	5 1/2	Jan	Hamburg Elec Co 7s	100	100	2,000	99	Aug	103	Feb	
Mining Corp of Canada	10	3 1/2	3 1/2	3,400	3 1/2	Apr	5 1/2	Jan	Hamburg El Ind 5 1/2s	86	87	40,000	87	Oct	93 1/2	Aug	
New Cornelia Copper	5	32 1/2	32 1/2	2,400	25 1/2	Feb	34 1/2	Sept	Hanover Cred Inst 5s	95 1/2	95 1/2	4,000	93	Aug	96 1/2	Sept	
New Jersey Zinc	100	22 1/2	22 1/2	1,180	180 1/4	Jan	243	Sept	Hood Rubber 7s	99	100	3,000	98 1/2	Aug	103 1/2	Jan	
N Y Hond Rosario	10	16	16	100	12 1/2	Sept	17 1/2	Apr	5 1/2s	88	88	4					

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Ohio Power 5s ser B...1952	100	100	100	18,000	99	June	103 3/4	May
4 1/2s series D...1956	93	93	93	6,000	91 1/4	June	97 1/4	Apr
Ohio River Edison 5s 1951	100	100	100	6,000	99	July	102 1/2	June
Osgood Co 6s with war 1931	100	100	100	27,000	100	June	102	June
Oswego Falls Co 6s...1941	99 3/4	99 3/4	99 3/4	7,000	98 1/4	Aug	102	Apr
Pac Gas & El 1st 4 1/2s...1957	97 3/4	97 3/4	97 3/4	32,000	95 3/4	July	101 1/2	Apr
Pacific Invest 6s...1946	98 3/4	97	98 3/4	22,000	96	Mar	105	May
Park & Tilford 6s...1938	99	99	99	4,000	99	Oct	102 1/2	Mar
Penn-Ohio Edison 6s 1950	101 1/2	101	102	39,000	99 1/2	June	104 1/2	May
Without warrants	101 1/2	100 3/4	101 1/2	8,000	100	Aug	104	Jan
Penn Pow & Lt 5s ser B '52	101 1/2	102	102	2,000	102	Oct	104 1/2	Mar
Phila Elec 6s...1960	105	105	105 1/2	2,000	104 1/2	July	107 1/2	May
5 1/2s...1953	105 1/2	105	105 1/2	100,000	103 3/4	July	107	Jan
Phila Elec Pow 5 1/2s 1972	105 3/4	105	105 3/4	100,000	103 3/4	July	107	Jan
Phila Suburban Counties	100	99 3/4	100	17,000	97 1/4	July	102 1/4	Mar
G&E 1st & ref 4 1/2s 1957	100	102	102	5,000	100	June	103 1/2	Sept
Pittsburg Steel 6s...1948	100	99 3/4	100	5,000	97 1/2	June	98 1/2	Jan
Potrero Sugar 7s Nov 15 '47	98 3/4	98 3/4	99	47,000	97 1/2	June	102 3/4	Mar
Potrero Edison 5s 1956	98 3/4	98 3/4	99	3,000	95 1/4	Aug	100 3/4	Mar
Procter & Gamble 4 1/2s 1947	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	4,000	101	Aug	107	Apr
Queensboro G & E 5 1/2s '52	97	97	97 1/2	9,000	95 1/4	Jan	99 1/2	Apr
Rem Arms 5 1/2s notes '30	102 1/2	102 1/2	103	33,000	99 3/4	Aug	103	Sept
Richfield Oil 5 1/2s notes '31	102 1/2	135	135 1/2	2,000	98	Feb	155	June
6s...1941	102 1/2	90	90	5,000	90	Sept	91	Sept
Rochester Cent Pow 6s 1953	94	92	94	21,000	92	Oct	96 3/4	May
St Louis Coke & Gas 6s '47	96 3/4	96 3/4	97	16,000	94 1/2	Aug	100 3/4	Mar
San Ant Pub Ser 6s...1958	100 3/4	100 3/4	101 1/2	7,000	100	Aug	104	Apr
Sauda Falls 5s...1955	100 3/4	100 3/4	101 1/2	7,000	100	Aug	104	Apr
Schulte R E 6s...1975	115 3/4	114	119	50,000	95 1/2	Jan	119	Oct
Without warrants	93 3/4	92 3/4	93 3/4	36,000	88 1/2	Mar	95	Sept
Without warrants	93 3/4	94 1/2	95 1/2	5,000	92	Sept	100	Apr
Scripps (E W) 5 1/2s...1943	65 1/2	64	67 1/2	19,000	13 1/2	Feb	76 1/2	May
Serv Inc (new co) 5s 1948	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	39,000	93 1/2	Aug	98 1/2	Mar
Shawmut W & P 4 1/2s '67	95 1/2	95	95 1/2	1,000	95	Oct	101 1/2	Apr
Shawmut Mills 7s...1931	102	101	102	10,000	99 1/2	July	102 3/4	Jan
Sloss-Sheffield S & I 6s '29	102	101	102	2,000	100	June	102 3/4	Jan
Purch money 6s...1929	96	95 1/2	97 1/2	36,000	94	Sept	135	Apr
Sulder Pack 6s notes 1932	104	103 1/2	104 1/2	124,000	95	June	109 1/2	Mar
Southeast P & L 6s...2025	162	155 1/2	162 1/2	158,000	105	Jan	162 1/2	Oct
Without warrants	100 3/4	100 3/4	101 1/2	22,000	100	July	104 1/2	Apr
Southern Asbestos 6s...1937	101	100 1/2	101 1/2	15,000	100	July	104 1/2	Apr
Sou Calif Edison 5s...1951	102	101 1/2	102	5,000	100 1/2	Aug	104 1/2	Apr
Refunding mtgse 5s...1944	93	92 3/4	93	21,000	92 3/4	Sept	95 1/2	Jan
Gen & ref 5s...1932	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	1,000	92 3/4	Oct	99 1/2	Jan
Sou Calif Gas 5s...1937	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	3,000	95	July	100 3/4	Apr
Southern Dairies 6s...1930	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	3,000	95	July	100 3/4	Apr
Southwest G & E 5s...1957	106	105 1/2	106	14,000	102 1/2	Aug	112 1/2	May
Sweet Pow & Lt 6s...2022	98	97 3/4	98 1/2	8,000	96 3/4	Oct	101 1/2	Mar
Staley (A E) Mfg 6s 1942	100 3/4	100 3/4	101	41,000	99 3/4	Sept	104 1/2	Mar
Stand Pow & Lt 6s...1957	90	89	90	13,000	87	Sept	98 1/2	May
Stines (Hugo) Corp	90	90	90 1/2	11,000	83	Aug	97 1/2	Mar
7s Oct 1 '36 without war	90	105 1/2	105 1/2	1,000	93	Feb	110 1/2	Sept
7s 1946 without war	90	76	77	26,000	76	July	98	Jan
Stutz Motor 7 1/2s...1937	100 3/4	100 3/4	101	16,000	100	July	102 1/2	Apr
Sun Maid Raisin 6 1/2s 1942	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	53,000	99 1/2	Aug	101 1/2	Jan
Sun Oil 5 1/2s...1939	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	35,000	97 1/2	July	103	May
Swift & Co 5s Oct 15 1932	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	1,000	89 1/2	Aug	95 1/2	Apr
Texas Power & Lt 5s 1956	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	35,000	97 1/2	July	103	May
Tyrol Hydro Elec 7s...1952	99	99	99	5,000	97 1/2	Feb	100	May
Ulen & Co 6 1/2s...1936	111 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	3,000	101 1/2	Jan	125	May
Unitco El Serv (Unes) 7s '56	92 3/4	92 3/4	94 1/2	11,000	92	Oct	100	Apr
Without warrants	90 3/4	90 3/4	90 3/4	17,000	90 1/2	Sept	99 3/4	Jan
United Industrial 6 1/2s 1941	93	92 3/4	93 1/2	47,000	91 1/2	Sept	96 1/2	Jan
United Lt & Rys 6 1/2s 1952	102	101 1/2	102	2,000	100 1/2	June	108 1/2	Jan
6s series A...1952	77	73	77 1/2	7,000	60	Aug	90	Apr
United Oil Prod 5s...1931	110	110	110	1,000	110	July	113 1/2	Feb
United Rys Havana 7 1/2s 36	90	91	91	9,000	89	June	96	Feb
United Steel Wks 6 s 1947	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	1,000	93	July	102 1/2	Jan
Without warrants	96	96	96	1,000	92	July	103	Feb
U S Rubber 6 1/2s notes 1930	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	2,000	90 1/2	July	103	Feb
Serial 6 1/2s notes 1932	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	7,000	90 1/2	July	103	Jan
Serial 6 1/2s notes 1935	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	11,000	90 1/2	July	103 1/2	Jan
Serial 6 1/2s notes...1938	95 1/2	95 1/2	96	3,000	91	July	104 1/2	Feb
Serial 6 1/2s notes...1939	103	102 1/2	103	11,000	100	May	105	Feb
Serial 6 1/2s notes...1940	99 1/2	99 1/2	100	5,000	99 1/2	Oct	100	Oct
U S Smelt & Ref 5 1/2s 1935	72 1/2	75	75	13,000	64 1/2	Aug	82	July
Utilities Serv 6 1/2s...1938	99 1/2	99 1/2	100	23,000	98 1/2	Aug	102 1/2	Mar
Van Camp Pack 8s...1941	108 1/2	108 1/2	114 1/2	319,000	98	Feb	118	Sept
Va Elec & Pow 5s A...1955	92	92	92 1/2	3,000	88	Aug	99 1/2	Apr
Warner-Quinn Co 6s 1942	100 1/2	100	100 1/2	57,000	99	June	105	Mar
Western Mills 6 1/2s...1933	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	1,000	100	Aug	107	May
Westvaco Power 5 1/2s 1957	89	89	89 1/2	31,000	86	Aug	93 1/2	Mar
Westvaco Chlorine 5 1/2s 1937	97 1/2	96 1/2	97 1/2	17,000	95	June	99 1/2	Aug
Wheeling Steel 4 1/2s 1953	97 1/2	96 1/2	97 1/2	17,000	95	June	99 1/2	Aug
Wisconsin Cent Ry 5s 1930	97 1/2	96 1/2	97 1/2	17,000	95	June	99 1/2	Aug

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Russian Government—								
6 1/2s...1919	13	13	13	2,000	12 1/2	June	18	Mar
6 1/2s cts...1919	12 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	17,000	12 1/2	Oct	18	Mar
5 1/2s...1921	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	20,000	12 1/2	Sept	17 1/2	Mar
5 1/2s certificates...1921	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	14,000	12 1/2	Oct	17 1/2	Mar
Saarhniecken 7s...1935	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	1,000	95	June	102 1/2	Apr
Saar Basin Con Counties 7s...1935	100 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/4	8,000	99 1/2	Sept	102 1/2	May
Santa Fe (City), Argentine								
Repub ic, extl 7s...1945	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	8,000	93 1/2	Jan	99 1/2	May
Santiago (Chile) 7s...1949	98	98 1/2	98 1/2	3,000	98	Oct	101 1/2	Apr
Saxon State Mtg Ins 7s '45	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	5,000	97 1/2	July	101 1/2	Mar
6 1/2s...1946	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	35,000	94	Oct	98 1/2	Apr
Serbs Croats & Slovenes (King) extl see 7s ser B '02	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	106,000	82	Aug	92	Feb
Silesia (Prov) 7s...1958	86	86	86	200,000	86	Oct	89 1/2	June
Switzerland Govt 5 1/2s 1929	100 1/2	100 3/4	100 3/4	25,000	100	June	103	Aug
Warsaw (City) 7s 1958	86	86	87	15,000	85 1/2	July	90 1/2	May

* No par value. † Correction. ‡ Listed on the Stock Exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found. § Sold under the rule. ¶ Sold for cash. †† Option sales. ††† Ex-rights and bonus. †††† When issued. ††††† Ex-dividend. †††††† Ex-rights. ††††††† Ex-stock dividend.

Option sales made as follows: a Middle West Util. prior Hen stk. Mar. 5 at 12; b A. G. Spalding & Bro., com., Jan. 14 at 120; c Associated Gas & Elec., Jan. 14 at 47; d Sierra Pacific Electric Co., Jan. 6 at 92; e Mt. State Power, Jan. 13, 101 1/4; (1) Palmolive Pet., Feb. 28 at 85.

"Under the rule" sales were made as follows: b Belgian National Railway, preference Jan. 20 at 17 1/2; c Eltington Schld Co. 6s, Jan. 13 at 98 1/2; d Goodyear Tire & Rubber of Calif. 5 1/2s, Jan. 4 at 101 1/2; e U. S. Rubber 6 1/2s notes 1940 at 108; f J. J. Newberry, pref. Jan. 25 at 107 1/4; g Standard Publishing class A Jan. 25 at 4; h \$1,000 United Oil Prod. 8s 1931, Feb. 2 at \$81; i Potrero Sug. 7s, 1967, Feb. 17 at 98; j American Meter Co., Feb. 29 at 126; (3) Ohio River Edison 5s, 1951, Feb. 27 at 103; (4) Nat. Pub. Sur. war., Apr. 24 at 3@3 1/2; (5) Mtg. Bk. of Bogota 7s, 1947, Apr. 20 at 96—Inland Steel 4 1/2s May 4, at \$5,000 at 98 1/2; (6) Cities Service pref., May 23 at 108 1/2; (7) German Con. Mines 7s, 1947, May 23, \$1,000 at 101 1/4; (10) Trumbull Steel, pref., July 19, 100 at 122 1/2; (11) Midwest Gas 7s, 1936, July 23, \$4,000 at 107 1/2; (12) 1,000 Pittsburgh Steel 6s 1948 Aug. 24 at 103 1/4.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—A new investment securities house known as Bell, Searl & Rosenthal with offices in the Hellman Building at Seventh and Spring Sts., Los Angeles, has been formed. This announcement was made by H. A. Bell, who at the same time resigned as a Vice-President of the Los Angeles-First National Trust & Savings Bank. Mr. Bell will be President of the new company, which as a nucleus for its operations takes over the business of Albert Searl & Son. Sidney A. Searl will be Vice-President and Sol Rosenthal, Secretary. Albert Searl retired nearly three years ago and his son, Sidney, succeeded him. The father will remain as a member of the Board of Directors of the new company. Sol Rosenthal recently came to Los Angeles from San Francisco where for years he has been active in the financial field. Bell, Searl & Rosenthal will maintain direct wires to the New York and San Francisco exchanges, and in addition to the membership on the Los Angeles Stock Exchange have a membership on the Los Angeles Curb. "Herb" Bell, as he is familiarly known in the financial district of Los Angeles, has the distinction of having remained with two financial institutions during his entire business career. A native of Chicago, he entered the services of the Fort Dearborn National Bank of Chicago when he finished schooling. After two years with this bank, he came to Los Angeles and affiliated with the Los Angeles-First National Bank. He has been with this banking house continuously for 18 years. In his bank work, Mr. Bell has specialized in the loan and investment securities departments.

—Blair & Company, Inc., announce the election of William V. Macdonald and Frederick J. Bradlee, Jr. as Vice Presidents. The Boston office and New England activities of the firm will be under their management. Mr. Macdonald, who was with E. H. Rollins & Sons for fourteen years, resigned January 1st this year and became affiliated with Blair & Company,

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "P".

Table with multiple columns listing various securities including Public Utilities, Railroad Equipments, Standard Oil Stocks, Sugar Stocks, Chain Store Stocks, Rubber Stocks, Investment Trust Stocks, and Tobacco Stocks. Each entry includes a company name, a price column, and a bid/ask column.

* Per share. † No par value. ‡ Basis. § Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. ¶ Nominal. †† Ex-dividend. ‡‡ Ex-rights. ††† Canadian quotation. †††† Sale price.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Albert Williams of the investment banking firm of Howe, Snow & Co. has been elected a director of Alliance Investment Corporation.
—Hale, Waters & Co., of 50 Broadway, announce that Eugene L. Maxwell is now associated with them in their retail sales department.
—Charles D. Robbins & Co., of this city, announce the appointment of Maurice Gallaher as Manager of their Bond Department.
—H. Cassel & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, have prepared a circular on National Acme Co.

—Orton, Kent & Co., 60 Broad St. New York, have prepared for distribution a circular entitled "Building and Estate Through the Medium of Common Stocks."
—Theodore Ivimey, formerly of Moody's Investors Service, has become associated with F. J. Lisman & Co. members New York Stock Exchange in their statistical department.
—Farr & Company are distributing their current weekly circular containing a review of Cuba Company.
—Foster Milliken, Jr. has become associated with Ralph B. Leonard & Co. of this city.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the first week of October. The table covers three roads and shows 23.86% increase over the same week last year.

First Week of October.	1928.	1927.	Increase.	Decrease.
Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh	\$376,802	\$366,219	\$10,583	-----
Canadian Pacific	6,100,000	4,773,000	1,327,000	-----
Western Maryland	385,656	400,985	-----	\$15,329
Total (3 roads)	\$6,862,458	\$5,540,204	\$1,337,583	\$15,329
Net Increase (23.86%)			1,322,254	

In the table which follows we also complete our summary of the earnings for the fourth week of September.

Fourth Week of September.	1928.	1927.	Increase.	Decrease.
Previously reported (2 roads)	\$7,464,532	\$5,954,254	\$1,510,278	-----
Canadian National	8,518,224	7,365,254	1,152,970	-----
Duluth South Shore & Atlantic	115,817	142,605	-----	\$26,788
Mineral Range	5,985	5,480	505	-----
Western Maryland	489,530	514,508	-----	24,978
Total (6 roads)	\$16,594,088	\$13,982,101	\$2,663,753	\$51,766
Net Increase (18.68%)			2,611,987	

In the following table we show the weekly earnings for a number of weeks past:

Week.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Increase or Decrease.	%
2d week Feb. (13 roads)	\$18,881,532	\$10,882,826	\$7,998,706	0.02
4th week Feb. (12 roads)	18,575,152	13,665,718	+4,909,434	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
2d 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	13,394,869	+278,542	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)	15,601,891	14,278,486	+1,223,405	8.57
4th week Aug. (12 roads)	22,607,809	21,421,180	+1,186,629	5.54
1st week Sept. (12 roads)	14,814,631	14,510,064	+304,567	2.09
2d week Sept. (12 roads)	15,852,576	14,614,550	+1,238,046	8.28
3d week Sept. (11 roads)	16,681,361	14,445,792	+2,235,569	15.48
4th week Sept. (6 roads)	16,594,088	13,982,101	+2,611,987	18.68
1st week Oct. (3 roads)	6,862,458	5,540,204	+1,322,254	23.86

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.
August	\$556,406,662	\$579,093,397	\$-22,686,735	\$164,013,942	\$179,711,414	\$-15,697,472
September	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
November	502,994,051	561,153,956	-58,159,905	125,967,014	158,501,561	-32,534,547
December	466,526,003	525,820,708	-59,294,705	90,351,147	118,520,165	-28,169,018
1927.						
1926.						
January	\$456,820,897	\$486,722,646	\$-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	107,879,051	+41,678
March	504,233,099	530,643,758	-26,410,659	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	518,509,718	-8,763,323	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
July	512,145,231	508,811,786	+3,333,445	137,412,487	125,700,631	+11,711,856

Note.—Percentage of increase or decrease in net for above months has been 1927—Aug., 8.73% dec.; Sept., 7.14% dec.; Oct., 3.87% dec.; Nov., 20.53% dec.; Dec., 23.76% dec. 1928—Jan., 5.58% dec.; Feb., 0.50% inc.; March, 2.96% dec.; April, 2.56% dec.; May, 0.66% inc.; June, 1.41% dec.; July, 9.32% inc.

In the month of Aug. the length of road covered was 238,672 miles in 1927, against 237,824 miles in 1926; in Sept., 238,814 miles, against 237,711 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; in July, 240,433 miles, against 238,906 miles in 1927.

Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Net Earnings.—The following table gives the returns of ELECTRIC railway and other public utility gross and net earnings with charges and surplus reported this week:

Companies.	June '28	New York City Street Railways.		Fixed Charges.	Net Corp. Income.
		Gross Revenue.	*Net Revenue.		
Brooklyn City	June '28	982,354	175,619	41,381	134,238
	'27	975,921	117,920	44,838	73,082
6 mos ended June 30	'28	5,881,110	880,454	209,873	630,577
	'27	5,872,632	778,203	282,023	496,237
Brooklyn Heights	June '28	1,560	7,694	58,009	-50,315
	'27	1,560	8,448	58,009	-49,561
6 mos ended June 30	'28	9,357	46,643	348,054	-301,611
	'27	9,405	49,331	348,389	-298,055
Brooklyn & Queens	June '28	241,236	32,547	58,009	-25,463
	'27	231,711	24,813	58,425	-33,611
6 mos ended June 30	'28	1,456,041	187,033	352,703	-165,681
	'27	1,403,272	130,617	371,346	-240,506
Coney Isl & Bklyn	June '28	252,768	54,350	30,925	23,425
	'27	256,976	73,647	32,745	40,901
6 mos ended June 30	'28	1,391,801	280,962	183,261	97,699
	'27	1,421,148	251,186	194,898	54,869
Coney Isl & Gravesend	June '28	13,952	3,372	13,829	-10,456
	'27	14,174	-4,013	13,727	-17,741
6 mos ended June 30	'28	58,612	-1,097	82,525	-93,621
	'27	58,259	-15,899	83,079	-8,981

Companies.	June '28	Gross Revenue.	*Net Revenue.	Fixed Charges.	Net Corp. Income.
Eighth & Ninth Aves	June '28	88,757	9,421	13,103	-3,681
	'27	110,474	-96	8,401	-8,497
6 mos ended June 30	'28	470,394	17,846	55,389	-37,541
	'27	685,970	-46,085	54,052	-97,019
Interboro R T—	June '28	1,587,722	369,604	697,741	-328,137
	'27	1,613,114	425,744	698,765	-273,021
6 mos ended June 30	'28	9,460,343	2,064,560	4,187,014	-2,122,453
	'27	9,613,650	2,425,092	4,181,094	1,765,001
Subway Division	June '28	3,990,821	1,821,627	1,101,925	719,702
	'27	3,792,629	1,739,244	1,096,370	642,874
6 mos ended June 30	'28	25,112,599	11,760,305	6,615,745	5,144,529
	'27	18,152,519	7,474,268	4,205,759	3,268,511
Jamaica Central	June '28	55,882	5,882	997	8,045
	'27	53,423	7,779	1,559	6,220
Manhattan & Queens	June '28	41,002	-6,557	10,007	-16,564
	'27	40,067	8,473	9,795	-1,323
6 mos ended June 30	'28	239,546	20,820	59,230	-38,409
	'27	231,688	33,953	58,312	24,369
Man Bridge 3c Line	June '28	19,330	1,744	413	1,330
	'27	20,349	2,306	373	1,933
6 mos ended June 30	'28	108,347	4,828	2,479	2,346
	'27	114,264	7,303	2,235	5,066
Nassau Electric	June '28	531,939	81,666	99,770	-18,103
	'27	523,624	-127,244	113,864	-241,108
6 mos ended June 30	'28	3,030,418	388,578	600,062	-213,484
	'27	2,997,047	-13,067	591,555	-604,631
N Y & Harlem	June '28	86,771	84,062	58,491	25,570
	'27	91,824	105,719	54,815	50,904
6 mos ended June 30	'28	550,285	568,133	347,806	240,326
	'27	580,046	618,467	328,337	291,128
N Y & Queens	June '28	72,776	10,939	23,232	-12,293
	'27	66,279	6,451	23,625	-17,175
6 mos ended June 30	'28	428,542	83,065	140,678	-57,612
	'27	420,318	65,859	141,428	-75,568
New York Rys	June '28	578,210	100,584	178,094	-77,509
	'27	600,970	103,599	193,881	-90,281
6 mos ended June 30	'28	3,255,918	465,625	242,825	-577,207
	'27	3,407,183	528,396	609,431	-80,483
N Y Rapid Transit	June '28	2,943,083	1,042,201	518,715	523,485
	'27	2,865,471	1,151,758	497,823	653,930
6 mos ended June 30	'28	17,537,512	5,807,728	3,112,652	2,695,082
	'27	16,157,075	6,054,654	3,007,934	3,046,711
Ocean Electric	June '28	4,703	-2,912	-----	-2,912
	'27	4,556	-5,481	-----	-5,481
6 mos ended June 30	'28	30,831	-14,502	507	15,009
	'27	20,620	-29,684	506	-30,991
Second Ave (Rec)	June '28	89,811	7,667	17,679	-10,012
	'27	89,558	10,208	17,680	-7,472
6 mos ended June 30	'28	532,547	38,789	106,076	-67,286
	'27	521,156	47,398	95,913	-48,505
South Brooklyn	June '28	98,126	36,717	18,624	18,092
	'27	108,969	44,503	24,321	20,182
6 mos ended June 30	'28	533,050	156,545	108,348	47,924
	'27	576,659	153,520	136,902	16,619
Steinway Rys	June '28	68,414	-8,937	9,883	-18,821
	'27	67,396	11,606	10,867	7,339
6 mos ended June 30	'28	415,038	25,428	32,192	-24,639
	'27	409,826	42,320	32,088	10,233
Third Ave Ry System	June '28	1,341,735	267,300	240,192	27,103
	'27	2,207,712	517,211	558,928	-41,716
6 mos ended June 30	'28	7,805,936	1,364,441	1,874,514	-764,073
	'27	8,561,293	1,6		

Federal Light & Traction Co.

	—Month of 1928.	August— 1927.	12 Mos. Ended 1928.	Aug. 31 1927.
Gross earnings	608,009	533,602	7,586,997	6,894,482
Oper. adm. exp. & taxes	372,170	354,693	4,593,169	4,185,360
Total income	235,839	178,909	2,993,828	2,709,122
Interest and discount	91,175	77,012	1,043,746	872,877
Preferred stock divs.: Cent. Ark. P. S. Corp. Springfield G. & E. Co			104,770	104,776
			67,105	64,807
Balance after charges	144,664	101,897	1,778,207	1,666,662

Honolulu Rapid Transit Co.

	—Month of 1928.	August— 1927.	8 Mos. Ended 1928.	Aug. 31 1927.
Gross revenue	91,991	85,711	716,656	670,498
Operating expenses	52,700	53,452	420,791	404,043
Net revenue	39,290	32,258	295,975	266,454
Other income			8,200	10,366
Total rev. from oper.	39,290	32,258	304,175	276,821
Taxes	13,127	10,263	94,837	82,179
Interest	550	550	4,400	4,400
Depreciation	4,686	3,883	37,491	31,071
Replacements	2,000	2,000	16,000	16,000
Total deductions	23,094	16,697	158,365	133,651
Balance	16,196	15,561	145,810	143,170

Idaho Power Co.

	—Month of 1928.	August— 1927.	12 Mos. Ended 1928.	Aug. 31 1927.
Gross earns. from oper.	321,602	296,732	3,451,486	2,982,115
Oper. exp. & taxes	130,361	125,293	1,644,555	1,392,575
Net earns. from oper.	191,241	171,439	1,806,931	1,589,540
Other income	5,172	7,353	72,559	114,842
Total income	196,413	178,792	1,879,490	1,704,382
Interest on bonds	54,167	54,167	650,000	617,668
Other int. & deductions	5,888	5,730	70,554	70,657
Balance	136,358	118,895	1,158,936	1,016,057
Dividends on preferred stock			298,979	261,126
Balance			859,957	751,931

Illinois Power & Light Corp.

(And Subsidiaries)

	—Month of 1928.	August— 1927.	12 Mos. Ended 1928.	Aug. 31 1927.
Gross earns. from oper.	2,832,520	2,384,134	33,413,137	31,569,339
Oper. exp. & maint.	1,827,667	1,471,862	17,899,773	17,857,762
Taxes	120,947	99,181	1,375,009	1,246,170
Total expenses & taxes	1,648,615	1,571,043	19,274,783	19,103,932
Earnings from operation	1,183,904	813,090	14,138,354	12,465,406
Less rentals	54,901		618,807	
Add other income	37,991	6,007	510,616	54,344
Total net earnings	1,166,994	819,098	14,030,163	12,519,751
Less prior charges of Iowa Power & Light Co. and the Kansas Power & Light Co.			1,197,739	924,939
Total earnings available for bond interest			12,832,424	11,594,812
12 months int. on Illinois Power & Light Corp. mortgage debt			5,153,511	5,046,536

International Railways of Central America.

	—Month of 1928.	August— 1927.	8 Mos. Ended 1928.	Aug. 31 1927.
Gross revenues	611,018	578,543	5,837,260	5,105,277
Oper. exp. & taxes	402,850	397,809	3,449,553	3,214,535
Income applicable to fixed charges	208,168	180,734	2,387,707	1,890,742

Key West Electric Co.

	—Month of 1928.	August— 1927.	12 Mos. Ended 1928.	Aug. 31 1927.
Gross earnings	19,466	19,533	253,747	268,627
Operation	8,934	9,551	114,105	125,820
Maintenance	1,501	1,841	24,554	25,743
Taxes	1,274	525	13,522	17,211
Net operating revenue	7,755	7,614	101,565	99,852
Interest and amortization			29,413	30,681
Balance			72,152	69,171

Los Angeles Gas & Electric Co.

	—Month of 1928.	August— 1927.	12 Mos. Ended 1928.	Aug. 31 1927.
Gross earnings	1,395,314	1,260,425	21,633,205	20,848,820
Net operating earnings	621,949	519,797	9,720,514	9,587,096
Net income	183,718	94,398	4,440,045	4,569,317

New Orleans Public Service, Inc.

	—Month of 1928.	July— 1927.	12 Mos. Ended 1928.	July 31— 1927.
Gross earns. from oper.	1,399,738	1,408,075	18,585,988	18,103,932
Oper. expenses & taxes	890,371	887,975	11,464,948	11,351,531
Net earns. from oper.	509,367	520,100	7,121,040	6,752,401
Other income	7,031	39,301	97,887	247,817
Total income	516,398	559,401	7,218,927	7,000,218
Interest on bonds	226,162	227,639	2,726,685	2,521,221
Other int. & deductions	13,765	12,585	163,870	195,867
Balance	276,471	319,177	4,328,372	4,283,130
Dividends on preferred stock			554,243	554,243
Balance			3,774,129	3,728,887

Savannah Electric & Power Co.

	—Month of 1928.	August— 1927.	12 Mos. Ended 1928.	Aug. 31 1927.
Gross earnings	177,244	178,256	2,238,068	2,245,720
Operation	74,806	76,400	924,080	1,046,377
Maintenance	10,936	15,567	146,588	151,425
Taxes	14,284	14,868	187,358	158,814
Net operating revenue	77,216	71,420	980,040	879,102
Interest and amortization			453,535	408,453
Balance			526,504	470,649

Pawtucket Gas Co. of New Jersey

(And Subsidiary Companies)

	—Month of 1928.	August— 1927.	12 Mos. Ended 1928.	Aug. 31 1927.
Gross earnings	106,024	110,054	1,435,249	1,342,581
Operation	49,165	53,836	661,144	680,349
Maintenance	9,878	4,545	103,043	66,117
Taxes	7,387	6,904	87,403	78,087
Net operating revenue	39,592	44,767	583,658	518,028
Interest charges (public)			56,387	56,377
Balance			527,270	461,650
Interest charges (B. V. G. & E. Co.)			188,273	146,037
Balance			338,997	315,613

South Carolina Power Co.

	—Month of 1928.	Aug. 1928.	12 mos. end. Aug. 31 '28.	Aug. 31 '28.
Gross earnings from operations			139,903	1,942,073
Operating expenses, including taxes and maint.			67,540	1,096,984
Net earnings from operations			72,363	845,089
Other income			1,539	44,871
Total income			73,902	889,960
Interest on funded debt				283,833
Balance				606,127
Other deductions				60,971
Balance				545,156
Dividends on 6% cumulative preferred stock				91,142
Balance for reserve, retirements and dividends				454,014

Tampa Electric Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

	—Month of 1928.	August— 1927.	12 Mos. Ended 1928.	Aug. 31 1927.
Gross earnings	349,659	366,977	4,686,494	4,824,131
Operation	157,212	163,721	1,964,962	2,139,017
Maintenance	39,527	27,566	349,502	383,079
Retirement accruals	45,496	48,669	533,020	445,884
Taxes	27,899	28,273	300,753	337,150
Net operating revenue	79,524	98,745	1,508,254	1,518,998
Income from other sources			17,977	
Balance			1,526,231	1,518,998
Interest and amortization			57,109	55,125
Balance			1,469,122	1,463,873

Utah Power & Light Co.

(Including the Western Colorado Power Co.)

	—Month of 1928.	August— 1927.	12 Mos. Ended 1928.	Aug. 31 1927.
Gross earns. from oper.	908,921	865,472	10,859,939	10,628,780
Oper. exps. and taxes	449,305	441,184	5,323,569	5,058,978
Net earns. from oper.	459,616	424,288	5,536,370	5,569,802
Other income	36,232	34,808	428,619	520,612
Total income	495,848	459,096	5,964,989	6,090,414
Interest on bonds	161,654	168,529	1,988,520	1,989,293
Other int. & deductions	14,262	14,216	172,234	179,252
Balance	319,932	276,351	3,804,235	3,921,869
Dividends on preferred stock			1,601,538	1,493,788
Balance			2,202,697	2,428,081

Virginia Electric & Power Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

	—Month of 1928.	August— 1927.	12 Mos. Ended 1928.	Aug. 31 1927.
Gross earnings	1,288,178	1,218,067	15,942,051	15,225,550
Operation	533,783	533,127	6,286,757	6,392,214
Maintenance	128,686	139,889	1,504,098	1,529,179
Taxes	115,129	100,202	1,446,836	1,183,108
Net oper. revenue	510,579	444,846	6,704,358	6,121,048
Income from other sources			16,199	
Balance			6,720,558	6,121,048
Interest and amortization			1,840,540	1,527,085
Balance			4,880,017	4,593,963

Western Union.

	—Month of 1928.	July— 1927.	7 Mos. Ended 1928.	July 31 1927.
Gross revenue	11,201,663	10,638,241	77,070,452	75,263,986
Operating income	1,142,315	1,077,136	8,471,206	8,455,050

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 Oct. 6. The next will appear in that of Nov. 3.

Dominion Steel Corporation Limited.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.)

Pres. C. B. McNaught Aug. 24 wrote in part:

The results confirm the forecast which was made at the previous annual meeting in November last when you were informed of the conditions which had prevailed during the greater part of the year. The business of the Dominion Coal Co. was well maintained, but with earnings somewhat less than in the previous year. The operation of the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., by the National Trust Co., Ltd., receiver and manager, showed satisfactory improvement. Moderate profits were made by the smaller units and the current financial position of the corporation as a whole was improved. Towards the end of the year it appeared that the corporation might become seriously embarrassed through a possible attempt to enforce its guaranty of the obligations of the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., to the holders of the currency bonds of that company.

The British Empire Steel Corp., as the holder of all the common shares of this company and of a considerable proportion of its preference shares, considered it advisable to effect an arrangement by which action to enforce these guaranties might be postponed, in respect to which fuller information is given in the report of that corporation.

The proceedings for the appointment of a liquidator of the company have been discontinued.

In respect to the operations of the current year, while it is too early to make an accurate forecast of the final results, directors feel that it is only fair to shareholders that they should intimate at this time that these are likely to be adversely affected by a material increase in operating costs without any compensating advance in prices obtainable for materials produced. This is especially applicable to coal which is the basic factor in the operations of the companies in which corporation is most largely interested.

***CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT YEARS END, DEC 31,**

	1927.	1926.
Combined profits from operations after deducting infgr., selling and admin. exp., but before charging sinking funds, deprec. and int. on funded debt	\$4,358,114	\$3,833,274
x Provision for sinking funds, deprec. & depletion of minerals	1,038,917	1,089,625
Interest on bonds and debentures	1,227,647	1,159,659
Proportion of discount on bonds written off	75,826	75,526
Net profit for year	\$2,015,723	\$1,508,464
Surplus at Dec. 31	3,610,938	12,012,115
Adjustment of Wabana ore sales (applicable to prior years)		90,359
Balance surplus Dec. 31	\$5,626,661	\$13,610,938

x Does not include any provision for depreciation of plants and properties of the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., or Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co., Ltd.
* Includes Dominion Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., operated since July 2 1926 by National Trust Co., Ltd., receiver and manager.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

[With which are incorporated the assets and liabilities of Dominion Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., whose affairs are presently being managed by National Trust Co., Ltd.]

	1927.	1926.		1927.	1926.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Cost of prop'ties	\$80,220,190	80,685,933	6% pref. stock	7,000,000	7,000,000
Brit. Emp. St.			Dominion Coal Co. pref.	3,000,000	3,000,000
Corp. stocks	66,896,404	6,896,404	Domin. Iron & Steel Co. pref.	5,000,000	5,000,000
Cash in hands of trustees	71,951	28,219	Common stock	43,000,000	43,000,000
Bonds purchased for sink. fund	176,962	176,962	Dom. Coal Co. 5s	4,355,500	4,576,000
Inventories	8,791,644	8,385,534	Dom. Iron & St. Co. 1st 5s	5,159,000	5,159,000
Trade acc'ts & bills rec., less reserves	4,927,042	5,807,453	do cons. 5s	7,035,253	7,035,253
Other acc'ts rec.	728,481	848,841	do curr. ser.	*4,639,000	4,639,000
Investments	311,741	324,252	Cumberland Ry. & Coal 5s	*2,604,000	2,646,000
Cash in bank & on hand	1,314,412	1,093,632	Dominion Steel Corp. bonds	675,000	361,000
Deferred charges to operations	1,385,727	1,206,223	Def. payment on properties	194,144	228,750
			Bank loans		932,599
			Adv. sec. by receiver's cfs.	300,000	2,244,300
			Acc'ts pay. and accr. liabilities	1,600,470	2,134,997
			Wages pay. and accrued	212,748	210,277
			Bond int. due and accrued	1,440,222	827,680
			Bal. pay. to co.'s within British Emp. Steel Co	154,241	407,667
			Reserves	2,768,315	2,439,990
			General reserves	10,000,000	
			Surplus	5,626,661	13,610,938
Total	104,764,556	105,453,452	Total	104,764,556	105,453,452

a After reserve for depreciation of \$24,751,502.
b 7% 2nd preference stock, \$7,391,425; common stock, \$3,144,600.
* Guaranteed by Dominion Steel Corp.—V. 125, p. 525.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

STEAM RAILROADS.

Surplus Freight Cars.—Class I railroads on Sept. 23 had 146,800 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 26,924 cars compared with Sept. 15, at which time there were 173,724 cars. Surplus coal cars on Sept. 23 totaled 39,399, a decrease of 7,006 within approximately a week, while surplus box cars totaled 75,315, a decrease of 16,607 for the same period. Reports also showed 14,425 surplus stock cars, a decrease of 1,416 cars under the number reported on Sept. 15, while surplus refrigerator cars totaled 8,716, a decrease of 1,872 for the same period.

Freight Cars in Need of Repairs.—Class I railroads on Sept. 15 had 149,125 freight cars in need of repair, or 6.6% of the number on line, according to reports just filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. This was a decrease of 127 cars below the number reported on Sept. 1, at which time there were 149,252 or 6.6%. Freight cars in need of heavy repairs on Sept. 15 totaled 110,443, or 4.9%, an increase of 1,433 compared with Sept. 1, while freight cars in need of light repairs totaled 38,682, or 1.7%, a decrease of 1,560 compared with Sept. 1.

Locomotives in Need of Repairs.—Locomotives in need of repair on the Class I railroads of this country on Sept. 15 totaled 8,313, or 1.4% 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 359 locomotives compared with the number in need of repair on Sept. 1, at which time there were 7,954 or 13.4% the smallest number in need of repair on any one day on record. Locomotives in need of classified repairs on Sept. 15 totaled 4,681, or 7.9%, an increase of 195 compared with Sept. 1, while 3,632, or 6.1%, were in need of running repairs, an increase of 164 compared with Sept. 1. Class I railroads on Sept. 15 had 6,118 serviceable locomotives in storage, compared with 6,504 on Sept. 1.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of Oct. 6—a Survey by John Nickerson & Co. of periods marking peak of railroad common stock; outlook for traffic earnings, p. 1896. b Freight car requirements for fourth quarter of year; over 9,000,000 cars needed, p. 1898. c President Coolidge appoints emergency board under Railway Labor Act to investigate wage dispute on Western roads, p. 1899.

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—Bonds Sold.—The National City Co., Guaranty Co. of New York, Bankers Trust Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., Harris, Forbes & Co. and Brown Brothers & Co. offered on Oct. 8 \$14,691,000 California Arizona Lines 1st & ref. mtge. bonds, series A, 4½%, at 100 and int. The issue was oversubscribed the day of offering. The bonds are dated Mar. 1 1912 and are due Mar. 1 1962. The issuance has been approved by the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

Data from Letter of W. B. Storey, President of the Company.

Security.—These bonds are direct obligations of the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. The California-Arizona Lines 1st & ref. mtge., under which these bonds will be issued, has been executed by both Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. and California Arizona & Santa Fe Ry.; all of the outstanding capital stock of the latter company is owned by the Atchison. The mortgage constitutes a direct lien on all property now owned or hereafter acquired

by the California company, which property now consists of an aggregate of 734 miles of line, including 170 miles of double track constituting a part of the transcontinental main line of the Atchison system. The total funded indebtedness of the California company aggregates \$38,169,820, including this issue, equivalent to about \$52,000 per mile of line covered by the mortgage.

The mortgage constitutes a first lien on an aggregate of 300 miles of line. The lien on 193 miles is subject only to the lien of the mortgage securing \$4,940,000 principal amount, of 1st mtge. gold bonds of Santa Fe Prescott & Phoenix Ry., and the lien on 241 miles is subject only to the lien of the mortgage securing \$4,127,500 principal amount, of 1st consolidated mtge. gold bonds of Southern Pacific RR. The lien on two branch lines is subject to the liens of mortgages securing \$227,000 aggregate principal amount of bonds.

Earnings.—The following is a condensed statement of the income account of the Atchison System as set forth in the annual reports for the years ended Dec. 31. The fixed charges include interest on the adjustment mortgage bonds.

	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.
Total operating revs.	235,410,952	236,942,529	259,040,316	255,617,825
Gross income	53,937,149	59,375,815	72,265,677	61,047,961
Fixed charges	11,785,343	13,217,881	11,634,182	11,293,842
Times earned	4.58	4.49	6.21	5.41
Net income	42,151,806	46,157,934	60,631,495	49,754,119

System.—The Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. and its affiliated companies, all of the capital stock of which is owned by the Atchison, own and operate a railway system aggregating about 12,350 miles of line, extending from Chicago to Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego, Calif., and Galveston, Texas, and including an extensive network of branches.

Listing.—The 1st & ref. mtge. bonds, series A 4½%, now outstanding, are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, and application will be made to list this additional issue.

Purpose.—These bonds will be issued and sold to reimburse the Atchison for advances made to the California company for extensions, additions, betterments, etc., made to the properties of the latter company from Jan. 1 1912 to Dec. 31 1927.—V. 127, p. 1386, 1249.

Atlantic & Northwestern RR.—Construction of Line.

The U. S. C. Commission on Sept. 28 issued a certificate authorizing the company to construct a line of railroad in Charleston and Berkeley Counties, W. Va., extending from Mount Pleasant, Charleston County, north-eastward about 32 miles to McClellanville, in the same county, thence north-westward about 18 miles to Jamestown in Berkeley County, where it will connect with the lines of the Seaboard Air Line Railway. Permission to retain the excess earnings from such new construction was also granted by the commission.

The report of the Commission says in part:

The cost of constructing the railroad, according to the detailed engineering estimate, will be \$560,383, and the cost of the equipment \$104,500. In this equipment is included \$80,000 for stations and loading platforms, telephone lines, section foreman houses, section labor houses, pumping stations, and tanks, shops, and coal shute. The equipment proper, consisting of 2 locomotives, cars and coaches, motor cars and tools, is to cost \$24,500. The total cost of the railroad and equipment will thus be \$664,883, plus the following items:

Cost of financing, including attorney's fees for examination of titles and rights of way and passing on all documents and papers	\$95,000
Expenditure to date, including \$50,000 expended by the original corporation, as above noted, and all moneys spent for engineering, attorney's work, Stanland's salary and expenses and the expenses of the group, as above specified, and including an agreed amount to be paid to Blount for supervising the construction of the railroad	146,000
Contractor's normal profit for construction of railroad (10% of \$560,383)	56,038
Total cost	\$961,921

The applicant proposes to issue \$500,000 of 6% bonds and \$500,000 of capital stock. It has been agreed that Mr. Blount, the president, will take the bonds at 80% of the principal amount and will bear the cost of financing estimated, as above noted, at \$95,000. The proceeds of the bonds will thus pay \$495,000 of the cost of the railroad as above stated. The \$500,000 of stock, which will be taken by the group of stockholders at par, will provide the balance of the expenses, \$466,921, and leave \$33,079 for working capital. The stockholders' group will provide \$275,000 of the expenses, for which they will be reimbursed when the railroad is completed by the proceeds of the township bonds. They will also receive \$275,000 of stock for the money so provided and they will receive \$225,000 of stock for the expenses heretofore incurred and the additional funds which they will furnish for the construction of the road aggregating that amount as hereinbefore stated. This will include \$50,000 for Stanland's services and expenses above specified. The \$50,000 of stock of the McClellanville & Santee RR. promised to Stanland, will be canceled. No application for authority to issue securities has been filed with us. Nothing contained in this report or in the certificate to be issued herein shall be construed to authorize the issue of any securities or as an approval of the financial plan submitted.

Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry.—Van Sweringen Brothers Acquire Control from Iselin-Roosevelt Group—Offer to Minority Stockholders.

The Van Sweringen brothers of Cleveland Oct. 9 announced that they had acquired control of the company by the purchase of the Iselin-Roosevelt holdings in the company comprising about 67% of the total stock. The statement issued by the Van Sweringens read as follows:

We have purchased the Iselin-Roosevelt holdings in the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway Co., comprising about 67% of the common stock. We have also willingly agreed to the sellers' stipulation that we offer the same net price of 100 per share to all minority stockholders.

We have in mind that this step may facilitate the Eastern groupings in an effort to reach an agreement which will be fair to all of the roads concerned and in the general public interest.

W. T. Noonan continues as president of the road which will be operated as in the past in the interest of the territory served.

A. Iselin & Co., bankers for the railroad, addressed the following notice to all preferred and common stockholders of the railroad Oct. 10:

Notice is hereby given to all minority preferred and common stockholders of Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry. that an offer has been made by the Messrs. O. P. and M. J. Van Sweringen to purchase at \$100. per share for the preferred stock and \$100. per share for the common stock all the preferred and common shares which may be deposited with us before 3 p. m. on Dec. 10 1928.

Stockholders desiring to avail themselves of this offer must deliver their certificates to us at our office, 36 Wall Street, New York City, before 3 p. m. on Dec. 10 1928, duly endorsed in blank and in proper shape for transfer and with the necessary State and Federal stock transfer tax stamps attached. The undersigned and associates, who have for many years held a majority interest in the Railway company, have agreed to sell to the Messrs. Van Sweringen their own majority holdings of preferred and common stock aggregating about 67% of the total outstanding stock of the railroad, at the same net price which is now offered to the minority holders.

In agreeing to sell their majority holdings we and our associates stipulated for an offer of the same net price to the minority, to which the Messrs. Van Sweringen agreed. The gross price to be received by the majority holders is \$102.50 per share of preferred and \$102.50 per share of common, but the net price is the same as that offered to the minority, since in arranging the transaction the majority interests have incurred expenses in the shape of compensation to representatives and for legal and other items aggregating approximately the amount to be realized from the differential of \$2.50 per share.

Neither the undersigned nor any other majority stockholder will receive any compensation for their own services in connection with this transaction, except any such customary commissions as they may be required to receive under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange.

Holders of minority stock wishing to accept this offer will deliver their certificates to the undersigned [A. Iselin & Co.] at 36 Wall Street, New York City, endorsed in blank and in proper shape for transfer with the necessary State and Federal stock transfer stamps attached before 3 p. m. on Dec. 10 1928 at which time this offer expires. [Signed A. Iselin & Co.] —V. 126, p. 3749.

Est RR. Co. of France (Compagnie des Chemins de Fer de l'Est).—Bonds Called.—

The company has called for redemption Nov. 1 \$130,000 7% external sinking fund bonds, due 1954, at par and int. Payment will be made at the office of Dillon, Read & Co., fiscal agent, N. Y. City.—V. 126, p. 2472.

Long Island RR.—Acquisition and Operation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Sept. 28 issued a certificate authorizing the company to acquire and operate a line of railroad now operated by the Degnon Terminal RR. Corp. and owned by that corporation and the Degnon Realty & Terminal Improvement Co., comprising about 2.29 miles of railroad track located wholly in Queens County, N. Y.

The report of the Commission says in part: The railroad in question consists of a short main track adjacent to Meadow and Nelson Avenues and between Thompson and Hunters Point Avenues in Long Island City, connecting at Pierson Street with the so-called Montauk freight cut-off of the Long Island, together with spurs extending southward to Hunters Point Avenue and with necessary connections extending into and over the properties of several industries served by the railroad.

The price to be paid for such railroad and property is \$75,000 in cash, the property to be sold and conveyed free from encumbrances. The record seems to indicate that the price is reasonable, although the annual report of the Terminal company for 1927 gives its investment in road and equipment as \$50,019.59. The applicant desires to take over and operate the tracks and appurtenant properties sought to be acquired as spur, siding, delivery and (or) industrial tracks in the continued service of the industries now served by the Terminal company.

Commissioner Eastman, dissenting, said: "In my opinion we are without jurisdiction under paragraph 18 of Section 1 to grant this application."—V. 127, p. 1672.

Pennsylvania RR.—Asks Rail Bids.—

The Pennsylvania RR. system has asked bids for 260,000 tons of steel rails for delivery in 1929. Announcement was made that the directors had authorized the purchase of this quantity, and that tenders are being requested from the various steel companies. With the exception of the quantity authorized for purchase during the current year, amounting to 300,000 tons, the 1929 figures are the largest in the company's history.

The new rails for delivery in 1929 will be utilized in carrying forward the comprehensive program of renewals and track betterments, particularly the substitution of heavier rail, weighing 130 pounds to the yard, in the main running tracks. There will also be included the continuance of additional double-tracking work and new track construction at various points.

Since 1919, the Pennsylvania RR. system has authorized the purchase of 1,905,500 tons of steel rail.—V. 127, p. 950, 818.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.—Bonds.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Oct. 2 authorized the company to issue (1) refunding mortgage gold bonds in an aggregate amount which, when taken at their fair market value at the time of pledge, will not exceed \$1,096,465, to be pledged under its 1st & consolidated mortgage; and (2) not exceeding \$1,173,800 of 1st & consolidated mortgage gold bonds, series A, to be pledged and repledged from time to time as collateral security for short-term notes.—V. 127, p. 1522, 1251.

Southern Ry.—Directors Re-elected—No. of Stockholders.

Four directors were re-elected at the 35th annual meeting of the stockholders held Oct. 9 and at a meeting of the board of directors, held immediately after the meeting of the stockholders, President Fairfax Harrison and other officers were re-elected. The directors chosen to succeed themselves for a 3 year term were Guy Cary and Walter S. Case of New York, Henry W. Miller of Washington and R. S. Reynolds of Louisville. In opening the meeting of the stockholders, President Harrison presented figures showing a wider distribution of the stock of the company, especially in the territory served by it than ever before. There are now 18,280 holders of Southern stock with an average holding of 104 shares as compared with 17,188 holders with an average of 110 shares each a year ago. In the last 3 years the number of stockholders has increased 30%. The number of women stockholders has grown by 50% in the last 3 years. There are now 8,358 women who own stock in the Southern Ry., their total holding being 376,987 shares.—V. 127, p. 1387.

Toledo Terminal RR.—Bonds.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Sept. 28 modified its order of Aug. 17 1928 to permit the sale of bonds at competitive bidding, without offering them at public sale. The supplemental report of the commission says:

"By our order entered herein on Aug. 17 1928, the company was authorized to issue \$259,000 of 1st mtge. 4½% gold bonds. The order provided that the bonds be sold at public sale to the highest bidder, at not less than 95% of par and accrued interest.

"It now appears that the applicant desires to offer the bonds for sale through competitive bidding but not at public sale. Our order will be modified to permit sale in this manner.—V. 127, p. 1252.

Western Pacific RR.—New Director.—

Arthur W. Loasby has been elected a director, succeeding Lyman Rhodes.—V. 127, p. 681.

West Jersey & Seashore RR.—New Director.—

Arthur C. Dorrance has been elected a director, succeeding John T. Dorrance.—V. 126, p. 2468.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Matters Covered in Chronicle of Oct. 6.—Production of electric power in United States in Aug. increased about 12% over same month in 1927, p. 1878.

Alabama Water Service Co.—Earnings.—

Years End, Aug. 31.—	1928	1927
Operating revenues	\$735,486	\$684,281
Operation expense	266,210	232,647
Maintenance	35,590	34,032
Taxes (excl. Federal income tax)	71,441	62,626
Net earnings from operation	\$362,244	\$354,976
Other income	1,038	353
Gross corporate income	\$363,283	\$355,329
Ann'l int. req. on total funded debt	193,000	

—V. 127, p. 1944.

American Commonwealths Power Corp. (& Subs.).

12 Months Ended Aug. 31—	1928	1927
Gross earnings—all sources	\$17,658,111	\$5,342,148
Operating expense, incl. maint. & gen. taxes	10,889,090	3,189,699
Interest charges—funded debt—sub. co.	3,262,088	806,085
Balance	\$3,506,932	\$1,346,364
Dividends—preferred stock—sub. companies	1,289,512	443,988
Interest charges—funded debt—American Commonwealths Power Corp.	515,000	255,000
Balance available for div. & reserves	\$1,702,421	\$647,376
Annual div. charges—1st pref. stock—American Commonwealths Power Corp.	534,996	87,500
Annual div. charges—2nd pref. stock—American Commonwealths Power Corp.	95,977	95,977
Bal. avail. for res., Federal taxes & surp.	\$1,071,448	\$463,899

—V. 127, p. 1673.

American & Foreign Power Co., Inc.—To Acquire Public Utility Interests in Chile and Mexico.—An official statement says:

The Electric Bond & Share Co. announces that preliminary arrangements have been effected for the acquisition by the American & Foreign Power

Co., Inc. of public utility interests in Chile and Mexico now controlled by the Whitehall Electric Investments, Ltd., of London. The aggregate annual gross revenue of the companies to be acquired is approximately \$15,000,000.

The principal properties in Chile include the electric power and light and street railway systems in Santiago and Valparaiso, while the properties in Mexico include the electric power and light systems in Vera Cruz, Tampico, Puebla and Orizaba. Street railway properties in Vera Cruz and Puebla are also owned and a wholesale power and light business is done in Cordoba, Mexico.

Of the total annual gross revenue of all the properties to be acquired of approximately \$15,000,000, about 70% is derived from the electric power and light business. Approximately 70% of the total annual gross revenue is derived from the properties in Chile and 30% from the properties in Mexico.

The acquisition by the American & Foreign Power Co., Inc., of these properties in Chile and Mexico will not only add materially to the total gross business of its subsidiaries, but will further increase the geographical diversity of the operating companies. The American & Foreign Power Co., Inc., now controls companies operating in Cuba, Panama, Guatemala, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela. It also has a very substantial investment in electric properties in Argentina, Costa Rica, Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Japan and British Columbia.

Including the gross earnings of the properties in Chile and Mexico about to be acquired, and certain other properties in process of acquisition and largely paid for, the total gross earnings of all companies directly or indirectly controlled by the American & Foreign Power Co., Inc. for the latest 12 months reported are in excess of \$53,000,000, not including income from minority interests owned.

The Electric Bond & Share Co. owns a large majority of the common stock, 2d pref. stock and option warrants of the American & Foreign Power Co., Inc.—V. 127, p. 1944, 1943.

American Gas & Electric Co.—Definitives Ready.—

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York is now prepared to deliver definitive gold debentures, 5% series due 2028, in exchange for outstanding temporary debentures. (See offering in V. 126, p. 2145.)—V. 126, p. 3751.

American Light & Traction Co.—2% Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 2% in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2% on the common stock and the regular quarterly dividend of 1½% on the preferred stock, all payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 18. On June 30 1927 the company paid a 50% stock dividend on the common stock, while on May 1 1926 and May 2 1927 extra cash dividends of 2% were paid.—V. 127, p. 1523.

American Natural Gas Corp.—Common Stock Offered.—

William R. Jones, Inc., New York, are offering at the market (\$18-\$19) 25,000 shares common stock. This stock has been purchased from individuals and does not represent any new financing.

Capitalization—	Authorized	Outstanding
Common stock (no par)	2,000,000 shs.	651,300 shs.
Cumulative preferred stock (no par)	250,000 shs.	49,980 shs.
6½% gold debentures due Oct. 1 1942	\$12,424,000	Common stock listed New York Curb Exchange and Chicago Stock Exchange.

Transfer Agents: First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, and New York Trust Co., New York; Registrars: Northern Trust Co., Chicago, and Central Union Trust Co., New York.

History.—Incorp. in Del. Oct. 11 1927, and acquired over 99% of the outstanding common stock of Oklahoma Natural Gas Corp. In addition the company owns the entire capital stock of Chanute Gas Co.

Corporation, and its subsidiaries, constitute one of the largest natural gas systems in the United States. Its field of activity embraces the States of Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas.

The company and subsidiaries serve a population of about 600,000 of 50 communities. Pipe lines are located in a territory of about 1,400,000 population. Oklahoma properties serve at retail Okmulgee, Sapulpa and Tulsa, and at wholesale Guthrie, Muskogee, Norman, Oklahoma City, Shawnee and other communities; also large industrial consumers, including Mid-Continent Petroleum Corp., Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co., Oklahoma Power Co., Producers & Refiners Corp., and The Texas Co. The Kansas properties serve Erie at retail, and Iola and Chanute at wholesale; also such companies as Ash Grove Lime & Portland Cement Co., Edgac Zinc Co., Lehigh Portland Cement Co., and Peerless Oil & Refining Co. The Texas properties serve San Angelo and other towns at retail, and a subsidiary of American Public Service Co. has contracted to take a minimum of 50,000,000 cubic feet per month. Gas sales 1927 were over 44 billion cubic feet.

Property.—Includes gas leaseholds on over 126,000 acres, gas purchase contracts for over 113,000 additional acres, and over 3,400 miles of transmission and distribution lines and 22 compressor stations. A gasoline plant with a daily capacity of 4,500 gallons is also owned. Gas is obtained from over 1,200 producing wells. It was estimated in 1928 that gas reserves are sufficient to meet requirements for at least 20 years, and that the daily open flow gas capacity is over 3 billion cubic feet. In addition the company has a call on about 100,000 acres of gas reserves owned by Phillips Petroleum Co. in Amarillo field, Texas. The company and its subsidiaries have over 2,000 employees.

Income.—For year ended Dec. 31 1927, consolidated gross revenues were reported to be about \$13,000,000. After interest charges, dividends, etc., the net available for common stock before amortization was reported as \$1,308,009. Profits this year are said to be running at about the same rate. *Officers.*—R. Weymouth, Pres; M. E. Simond, G. V. Pach, T. F. Meagher, Vice-Pres; W. F. Stanley, Sec.; G. V. Pach, Treas.; J. P. Shaw, Jr., Asst. Sec. & Asst. Treas.; C. A. O'Donovan, J. J. Wentworth, R. P. McGuirk, Asst. Sec.; W. F. Stanley, Asst. Treas.—V. 127, p. 1387, 258.

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Consolidation of New York State Properties.—

The New York P. S. Commission has sanctioned the transfer of the franchises and properties of the Harlem Valley Electric Corp. to the Eastern New York Electric & Gas Co., Inc. An authoritative statement says:

It has taken many years to bring together under centralized management the properties embraced in the three groups known as the Plattsburgh group, the Harlem Valley group and the old Eastern New York group. The Commission, after a careful study of the reasons for the interconnection or consolidation of these 3 groups, has found that it is in the interest of the communities served.

Twenty-two properties are involved in the present tie-up of the Harlem Valley Electric Corp. with the Eastern New York Electric & Gas Co., Inc. (formerly Plattsburgh Gas & Electric Co.). The properties in the Harlem Valley group include Harlem Valley Electric Corp., Amenia Electric Light & Power Co., Carmel Electric Light & Power Co., Chatham Electric Light, Heat & Power Co., Katonah Lighting Co., Lebanon Valley Lighting Co., Morgan & Wyman Electric Light & Power Co., Wyanetskill Hydro-Electric Co., George Juengst & Sons (Croton Falls electric plant) and the New York portion of the Ridgefield Electric Co. of Connecticut.

The Eastern New York Electric & Gas Co. group embraces the former Plattsburgh Gas & Electric Co., Chasm Power Co., Champlain Electric Co., Boquet Electric Power Co., Norman I. White electric plant at Ellenburg, Fenton W. Barber electric plant at Lewis, J. Lawrence Webster electric plant at Elizabethtown and Peck Bros. electric plant at Shushan. These latter properties are known as the old Plattsburgh group. In addition to them there is in the present consolidation what is known as the old Eastern New York Electric & Gas Co. group, which includes the former Granville Electric & Gas Co., Salem Light, Heat & Power Co., Halfmoon Light, Heat & Power Co., and the Dwaas Electric Co.

The old Eastern New York Electric & Gas Co. group centres around Mechanicville, in Washington, Saratoga, Rensselaer Counties, while the Harlem Valley group extend from Rensselaer down to Katonah in the northern part of Westchester County to within 20 miles of the city line of New York. The Eastern New York properties were transferred to the old Plattsburgh group about a year ago, at which time the name was changed to Eastern New York Electric & Gas Co., Inc.

In addition to the present merger of these major semi-rural groups of the Associated System in New York State, applications are now pending for the purchase by the Eastern New York Gas & Electric Co., Inc., of the Northern Adirondack Power Co. and the Berlin Electric Light, Heat & Power Co., which then would be merged.

The Northern Adirondack Power Co. will fill a gap between the Associated System's Plattsburgh group and the newly acquired properties around Essex to the south. The Berlin company lying between the old Harlem Valley and the Eastern New York groups will bring the two lines of these groups closer together.

Construction of a transmission line between Amenia and Copake, now under way or proposed, will result in a line through the Harlem Valley from Katonah to Wyanntskill, a distance of more than 100 miles. This will leave only a gap of about 10 miles between Wyanntskill in the Harlem Valley group and the Eastern New York group.

In other words, this consolidation of groups will create what is virtually an inter-connected system extending all the way from northern Westchester County through to Granville in Washington County, and from Elizabethtown to the Canadian border, upon completion of present construction. From Granville to Elizabethtown is less than 50 miles as compared with an over-all extension of properties from southern extremities of nearly 300 miles in practically a straight line traversing Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess Columbia, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Washington, Essex, Clinton and Franklin counties.

Electric customers of these various properties total around 24,000 and gas customers 3,500. Numerous industrial communities and many rich farming areas are included in the lines of these properties.

Offer to Holders of Bonds of Affiliated Cos.—

Holders of the following bonds of the Associated System may deposit them with the Chase National Bank, Pine and Nassau Sts., N. Y. City, in exchange for class A stock, \$5 dividend pref. and common stock, or may apply them in payment on subscription to 10-year 5½% investment certificates, as shown upon the following bases for each \$1,000 of bonds deposited:

Bonds to be Deposited, and Clfs. at Subscription Price.	Option A Class A	Option B \$5 Pref. Common.
When Due—		
Assoc. Gas & El. Co. 5½s, 1977-1,050	21	11
Citizens L. H. & P. Co. 5s, 1934-1,050	21	11
DuBois & Lancaster L. P. & Cond. Co. 5s, 1954-1,050	21	11
DuBois El. & Trac. Co. 5s, 1932-1,050	21	11
Erie Lighting Co. 5s, 1967-1,050	21	11
Granville El. & Gas Co. 5s, 1933-1,050	21	11
Hopkinsville Water Co. 5s, 1931-1,050	21	11
Indiana Gas Util. Co. 5s, 1946-1,050	21	11
Jefferson Electric Co. 5s, 1933-1,050	21	11
Kentucky P. S. Co. 5s, '41 (called)-1,025	21	11
Lake Shore Gas Co. 5½s, 1950-1,050	21	11
Lock Haven Gas & Coke Co. 6s, 1944-1,050	21	11
Long Isl. Water Corp. 5½s, '55-1,050	21	11
Manila Electric Co. 5s, 1946-1,050	21	11
Manila Elec. RR. & Lighting Corp. 5s, 1953-1,050	21	11
Manila Sub. Rys. Co. 5s, 1946-1,050	21	11
N. Y. State Gas & Elec. Corp. 5½s, 1962-1,075	21.5	11
6s, 1952-1,100	22	11.5
Penn Public Service Corp.: 5s, 1954-1,050	21	11
6s, 1947-1,100	22	11.5
Plattsburgh G. & E. Co. 5s, 1939-1,050	21	11
Portsmouth (O.) Gas Co. 6s, '33-1,010	20	10.5
Richmond Lt. & RR. Co. 4s, '52-910	18.5	10
Ridgefield Electric Co. 5s, 1932-1,000	20	10.5
Spring Brook Water Co. (New York) 5s, 1930-1,010	20	10.5
Union Gas & Elec. Co. 5s, 1935-1,050	21	11
Warren Lt. & Pr. Co. 5s, 1931-1,020	21	11

Int. and divs. will be adjusted so as to be continuous but not overlapping. The 10-year 5½% investment certificates will be available in denominations of \$1,000 in coupon and registered form and \$100 certificates in registered form only. The company will purchase or sell odd amounts of investment certificates or stock at the market if desired.

All bonds to be exchanged under these offers must be received promptly. The new securities will be mailed as soon after Nov. 15 1928 as they can be gotten ready.

Associated Preferred Dividends Payable in Cash or Stock.—

The directors have declared the following quarterly dividends payable Dec. 1, to holders of record Oct. 31:

\$6 Dividend Series Preferred Stock.—\$1.50 per share in cash or 3.19 100ths of a share of class A stock for each share of preferred stock held.

\$6.50 Dividend Series Preferred Stock.—\$1.62½ per share in cash or 3.46-100ths of a share of class A stock for each share of preferred stock held. This is equivalent to permitting holders of the preferred stocks to apply their cash dividend to the purchase of class A stock at the price of approximately \$47 per share as compared with the present market price of about \$50 per share. The stock dividend is equivalent to approximately \$6.40 per share per annum for the \$6 dividend series and \$6.93 per share per annum for the \$6.50 dividend series preferred stock.—V. 127, p. 1945.

California Oregon Power Co.—Earnings.—

12 Mos Ended Aug. 31—	1928	1927
Gross earnings	\$3,144,929	\$2,808,941
Net earnings	1,992,568	1,708,161
Other income	18,993	6,362
Total income	\$2,011,561	\$1,714,523

—V. 127, p. 1523.

Central States Electric Corp.—Pref. Stock Offered.—
Dillon, Read & Co. have placed privately an additional issue of \$1,000,000 conv. pref. stock, optional dividend series. (See original offerings and description in V. 127, p. 1388.)

[Adjusted to include the subsequent issue of \$11,000,000 convertible preferred stock, optional dividend series.]

	Authorized	Outstanding
Debentures	\$50,000,000	\$19,655,000
7% 1st pref. stock, cum. (par \$100 a share)	7,543,300	7,543,300
Serial pref. stock, cum. (par \$100 a share)—6% series	175,000,000	10,237,000
Optional dividend series, convertible		11,000,000
Common stock (no par value)	2,500,000 shs.	1,117,640 shs.

a 5% convertible debentures, series due 1948 (convertible on or before Jan. 1 1938, into pref. 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 above 5% convertible debentures. c 93,221 shares of common stock are reserved for conversion of preferred stock of this series, and 137,500 shares of common stock (representing the present maximum stock dividend requirement on preferred stock of this series now outstanding, for a period of 20 years) are reserved for dividends payable in common stock on preferred stock of this series.

Further details regarding the stock and the company are given in V. 127, p. 1388.—V. 127, p. 1523.

Central States Utilities Corp.—Pref. Stock Offered.—

Pynchon & Co., New York are offering at \$97 per share and div. to yield 7.21%, 24,000 shares \$7 dividend pref. (a. & d.) stock.

As provided in the present Federal income tax law, dividends are exempt from normal Federal income tax. Dividends are not subject to Federal income tax when received by a domestic corporation. Transfer agents, office of the corporation, Chicago, and American Exchange-Irving Trust Co., New York. Registrars, Continental Bank & Trust Co., Chicago, and Chase National Bank, New York.

The \$7 dividend preferred stock is preferred as to both assets and cum. dividends over any other class of stock. The \$7 dividend preferred stock is entitled to receive out of the assets of the corporation available for dividends, cumulative dividends at the rate of, but not exceeding, \$7 per share per annum, payable Q.-J., before any dividends shall be paid or set aside for any other class of stock. Upon liquidation or dissolution, the \$7 dividend preferred stock is entitled to receive an amount equal to \$100 per share, together with all dividends accrued or in arrears thereon, plus, in case such liquidation or dissolution be voluntary, a premium of \$10 per share. The \$7 dividend preferred stock is subject to redemption as a whole, or in part pro rata or by lot, upon 30 days' prior notice, at \$110 per share, plus all dividends accrued or in arrears thereon. Shares are fully paid and non-assessable.

Data from Letter of H. C. Orton, V.-Pres. of the Corporation.

Business and Properties.—Corporation is a Delaware corporation. Owns all of the outstanding common stock of Central States Power & Light Corp. and Central States Production Corp. Central States Power & Light Corp. furnishes electric light and power, and (or) other public utility services to 97 cities and communities located in the States of Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Texas. Through subsidiaries controlled through ownership of more than 99% of all outstanding stocks, it also serves 92 communities in the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Michigan, Missouri, North Dakota, Oklahoma and in New Brunswick, Canada. The total population of the territories served by the system is approximately 331,000 and the customers total more than 49,000. The combined annual electric output is about 26,000,000 k.w.h., the electric properties including nine steam electric generating stations, 11 hydro-electric generating stations, and 1,397 miles of electric transmission lines. Central States Production Corp. owns productive natural gas leases in Oklahoma as well as a gasoline manufacturing plant.

As a result of recent financing Central States Power & Light Corp. acquired directly and through a subsidiary a comprehensive system for the production, transportation and sale of natural gas at wholesale and retail to growing communities in the eastern and northeastern part of Oklahoma. Similarly Central States Production Corp. acquired additional gas leases in Oklahoma. Total sales of gas from these properties for the 12 months ended on Mar. 31 1928, approximated 10,133,000,000 cubic feet.

Capitalization.—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
10-year 5% secured gold bonds, due 1938	a	\$3,500,000
\$7 dividend preferred stock (no par)	40,000 shs.	24,000 shs.
\$7 dividend 2d preferred stock (no par)	4,000 shs.	4,000 shs.
Common stock (no par) value	30,000 shs.	30,000 shs.

An issuance of additional bonds restricted by provisions of indenture.

The subsidiaries have outstanding with the public \$10,500,000 of 1st mortgage and 1st lien gold bonds, 5½% series, due 1953, and 60,000 shares of \$7 dividend pref. stock of Central States Power & Light Corp.

Earnings.—The following statement of consolidated earnings of the corporation and its subsidiaries for the year ended Mar. 31 1928 has been prepared by F. W. Lafrentz & Co., certified public accountants, based upon their audits of the properties recently acquired, and, in respect of the property theretofore owned or controlled, upon audits of Haskins & Sells, certified public accountants, Thulin & Co., public accountants and company records:

Gross earnings	\$4,029,925
Oper., exps., maint., renewals & replacements* & taxes (other than Federal and State income taxes)	2,453,586
Net earnings (before interest, &c.)	1,576,339
Annual requirements for interest and dividends on outstanding bonds and pref. stock of Central States Power & Light Corp.	997,500
Balance	\$578,839
Annual int. requirements on \$3,500,000 10-year 6% secured gold bonds, due 1938	210,000
Balance before Federal & State income taxes, dividends, &c.	\$368,839
Annual div. require. on 24,000 shares \$7 dividend pref. stock	168,000

* Deductions herein for maintenance, renewals and replacements equal 13% of gross operating revenues in accordance with subsidiary mortgage indenture.

The corporation has the benefit of the management of Utilities Power & Light Corp., through that corporation's control of its common stock. Utilities Power & Light Corp. has had an extensive and successful experience in the management of public utility properties.—V. 126, p. 409, 3115.

Chester Water Service Co.—Earnings.—

Years End. Aug. 31.—	1928	1927
Operating revenues	\$516,516	\$508,009
Operating expense	137,391	137,479
Maintenance	31,576	23,984
Taxes (excl. federal income tax)	17,616	17,841
Net earnings from operation	\$329,933	\$308,706
Other income	7,365	11,725
Gross corporate income	\$337,298	\$320,431
Ann'l int. req. on total funded debt	135,000	

—V. 127, p. 1389.

Commonwealth Power Corp.—Subscriptions.—

It is announced that more than 99% of the 149,551 shares of common stock recently offered to the common stockholders has been subscribed for. This financing brought into the treasury of the corporation upwards of \$10,000,000 which will be used for its corporate purposes including the purchase of additional common stocks of subsidiary companies, thereby providing in part, funds required for the cost of additions and extensions to their plants and distribution systems. (See V. 127, p. 1389).—V. 127, p. 1805.

Compania Hispano-Americana de Electricida, S. A.

(“Chade”).—Transfer Agent.—The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent of “American shares,” representing deposited “E” shares, par value 100 pesetas. See offering in V. 127, p. 1945.

Connecticut Light & Power Co.—Bonds Called.—

The company has called for redemption Nov. 1 at 110 and int. certain outstanding 1st and ref. mtge. 7% s. f. gold bonds, series A, dated May 1 1921, aggregating \$114,000. Payment will be made at the Bankers Trust Co., trustee, 16 Wall St., N. Y. City.—V. 127, p. 259.

Consolidated Gas Utilities Co.—Debentures Offered.—

G. E. Barrett & Co., Inc., Bauer, Pogue, Pond & Vivian, Battles & Co. and Hale, Waters & Co. are offering at 99 and int. \$4,500,000 6½% convertible gold debentures, series A.

Dated June 1 1928; due June 1 1943. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Int. payable J. & D. at Bank of the Manhattan Co., trustee, New York, without deduction for normal Federal income tax, not exceeding 2% per annum. Red. as a whole at any time, or in part on any int. date, on 30 days' notice at 105 and int., if red. on or before June 1 1933, and at 102½ and int., if red. thereafter. Company agrees to refund upon timely and appropriate application, as provided in the indenture, personal property and security taxes of any State or of the District of Columbia, not exceeding in any year 6 mills for each \$1 of principal amount or income taxes of any State or such District in any year 6% of the income derived from the debentures.

Conversion.—Debentures are convertible into Class A stock at \$36 per share at any time up to and including the tenth day prior to the date designated for redemption.

Stock Purchase Warrants.—Each \$1,000 debenture (\$500 denomination in proportion) carries a non-detachable warrant, entitling the holder to purchase voting trust certificates for five shares of the class B stock at \$10 per share up to and incl. June 1 1931; or thereafter prior to June 1 1933 at \$12.50 per share; or thereafter prior to June 1 1935 at \$15 per share; or thereafter prior to June 1 1938 at \$20 per share. In the event that the debentures are called the stock purchase privilege may be exercised prior to June 1 or Dec. 1 next following the redemption date.

Data from Letter of Logan W. Cary, President of the Company.

Company.—Owns or operates through its subsidiaries, a complete and unified system for the production, transportation and sale of natural gas at wholesale or retail in the principal population centers of western and northern Oklahoma and south central Kansas, together with a complete system supplying an extensive territory in southeastern Kansas. More than 30,000 consumers are now supplied from these systems. Total sales for the calendar year 1927 exceeded 16,700,000,000 cu. ft.

The present financing provides for the construction of 14-inch high pressure pipe line from the Wheeler County extension of the Amarillo gas field to Enid, Okla. A large part of this line has already been completed and it is expected that it will be in operation and gas delivered to Enid about Nov. 1 1928. The completion of this line will make the reserves controlled by the company in the largest known gas field in the world available to the rich industrial markets served in northern Oklahoma and southern Kansas.

The constituent systems are the properties of the former Midwest Gas Co., Blackwell Pipe Line Co., Oklahoma Northern Utilities Co. and Oklahoma Northern Gas Co., and the properties of Larutan Gas Corp., controlled through common stock ownership. The physical properties are modern in design and practically all of recent construction.

The physical properties, including the Amarillo-Enid line and the lines of Larutan Gas Corp. comprise approximately 1,000 miles of transmission lines, 374 miles of distributing lines, and compressor stations aggregating 6,250 h.p. together with metering stations, gas wells and all appurtenances thereto, forming one of the important natural gas properties in the Mid-Continent field. The combined systems, upon completion of the Amarillo-Enid line, have been valued by Ralph E. Davis, Engineer, at a figure in excess of \$19,000,000.

Territory and Markets.—The territory served includes 51 towns and communities embracing a total population of approximately 400,000. The commercial centers of Enid, Cushing, Blackwell and Lawton, Okla., and Wichita, Hutchinson and Chanute, Kan., together with the county seats of the western and northern tier of counties in Oklahoma comprise a rich agricultural territory diversified in products. The sections of the State in which Cushing, Blackwell and Enid are situated have, in addition to their agricultural resources, important oil producing and refining industries.

The markets served by the consolidated systems are favorably diversified, affording a rich industrial load constant in its demand. The present domestic load can be favorably increased under unified management. Completion of the line to Enid should add about 4,200 consumers in the intervening territory during the first year of operation, with a total increase to approximately 40,000 consumers during the calendar year 1930.

Gas Reserves.—The gas reserves controlled by the company, comprising approximately 84,000 acres, include large leaseholdings and valuable gas purchase contracts in the Wheeler County extension of the Amarillo field, in the three important Oklahoma gas fields, Chickasha, Sayre and the Deer Creek-Blackwell area, and an extensive shale gas area in southeastern Kansas.

Ralph E. Davis, Engineer, estimates that at the expected rate of withdrawal these gas reserves and the supply obtainable through the Amarillo-Enid line will meet the company's requirements well beyond the life of its funded debt. The unified administration of the various reserves and contracts, when withdrawals are balanced through operation of the Amarillo-Enid line, should permit of modern economy in gas utilization.

Capitalization.—

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st M. & coll. 6% gold bds., ser. A, due 1943	a	\$8,000,000
6 1/2% conv. gold bds., ser. A (this issue)	a	4,500,000
Class A stock (no par value)	b600,000 shs.	130,000 shs.
Class B stock (no par value)	c800,000 shs.	520,400 shs.

a Issuance of additional bonds and debentures limited under the provision of the respective indentures. b Including 139,000 shares reserved for conversion privilege of debentures. c Including 22,500 shares reserved for debenture warrants and 15,000 shares for warrants of former companies' bonds.

Bonds of Larutan Gas Corp. and subsidiary company (closed issues) outstanding with public, as of Aug. 31 1928, \$2,762,000.

Earnings.—The gross and net earnings for 1927 given below are as compiled by Barrow, Wade, Guthrie & Co., auditors and consulting accountants, from auditors' reports (showing net earnings of \$1,482,288) adjusted by Ralph E. Davis, engineer, giving effect to elimination of non-recurring charges and adjustments of gas purchase costs as a result of the consolidation (before eliminating certain offsetting inter-company items in gross earnings and operating expenses) and the construction of the Amarillo-Enid line. Ralph E. Davis, engineer, has estimated the earnings for the first year of full operation (which it is expected will be the calendar year 1929), as given below:

	1927.	Est. for 1st Year Oper.
Gross earnings, all sources	\$4,048,513	\$5,622,698
Oper. exp., maint. and local taxes	2,237,577	3,038,905

	1927.	Est. for 1st Year Oper.
Net earnings	\$1,810,936	\$2,583,793
Balance after prior interest requirements and other fixed charges (as constituted after present financing) but before Federal taxes, amortization charges and reserves for depreciation and depletion of subsidiary companies	1,087,436	1,662,140
Maximum annual interest requirement 6 1/2% convertible gold debentures, series A	292,500	292,500

The valuations and earnings statements give effect to the ownership by the company of all of the stock of Larutan Gas Corp. funds considered sufficient for the future purchase of the minority stock interest of approximately 7% at present outstanding with the public having been provided from this financing. There are also outstanding warrants for purchase of an additional 15,000 shares of stock of Larutan Gas Corp.

The balance of \$1,087,436 for 1927, as above, is equivalent to more than 3 1/2 times the maximum annual interest requirement on the 6 1/2% convertible gold debentures, series A. The estimated earnings for the first year of full operation indicate a balance of more than 5 1/2 times such maximum annual interest requirement.

Sinking Fund.—The series A debentures are entitled to the benefit of a sinking fund, in an amount equal to a percentage of earnings as defined in the indenture, payable monthly in cash or in series A debentures taken at par commencing Jan. 1 1929. All cash payments will be applied to the purchase and cancellation of outstanding series A debentures tendered to the trustee at or below the redemption price or for calling for redemption series A debentures selected by lot from all debentures outstanding at the redemption price. The sinking fund payments are estimated to be sufficient to retire all series A debentures by maturity.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of these debentures, \$8,000,000 1st mtge. and coll. 6% gold bonds, series A and 130,000 shares of class A stock, were used for the retirement of all of the outstanding funded debt and other obligations of the constituent companies (except \$2,762,000 bonds of Larutan Gas Corp. and subsidiary company), for the purchase of common stock of Larutan Gas Corp. for the construction of the Amarillo-Enid pipeline and for other corporate purposes.—V. 127, p. 1102, 821.

Eastern New York Electric & Gas Co., Inc.—Acquisi'n.
See Associated Gas & Electric Co. above.—V. 126, p. 2474.

Eastern Utilities Associates.—Earnings.
The company reports for the 12 months ended Aug. 31 1928 a net income of \$2,287,816 after expenses, taxes, interest and amortization, etc., but after depreciation.—V. 127, p. 545.

Engineers Public Service Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.
Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., Chase Securities Corp., Blair & Co., Inc., and Brown Brothers & Co. are offering 130,000 shares \$5.50 cummul. dividend pref. stock (with warrants for purchase of common stock) at \$99.50 per share flat, to yield 5.52%.

Preferred both as to assets and cumulative dividends. Dividends payable Q.-J. Preferred over the common stock and entitled in liquidation to \$100 per share and divs. plus, in the event such liquidation be voluntary, a premium of \$10 per share. Red. all or part at any time on 30 days' notice at \$110 per share and divs. Non-voting except to elect a minority of the board of directors in the event and during continuance of certain dividend defaults, all as provided in charter. Dividends exempt from normal Federal income tax under present law.

Warrants.—A warrant will be delivered with each share of \$5.50 cumulative dividend preferred stock which will entitle holder at any time between Nov. 1 1929 and Nov. 1 1938 to purchase one share of common stock of the company (as constituted when purchased) at \$68 per share. Warrants transferable only with the preferred stock until Nov. 1 1929, except in case or prior redemption of the preferred stock.

The Chase National Bank, New York, and Stone & Webster, Inc., Boston, transfer agents. Hanover National Bank, New York, and National Shawmut Bank, Boston, registrars.

Data from Letter of C. W. Kellogg, President of the Company.

Company.—Organized in Delaware June 23 1925 for the purpose, among others, of acquiring and operating public utility properties. Its present holdings include over 99% of the common stock of Virginia Electric & Power Co., all of the common stock of the Key West Electric Co., over 97% of the common stock of Eastern Texas Electric Co., over 94% of the common stock of El Paso Electric Co., over 99% of the common stock of Savannah Electric & Power Co., over 99% of the common stock of Baton Rouge Electric Co., and over 96% of the common stock of Ponce Electric Co.

Purpose.—Proceeds of these 130,000 shares of \$5.50 cumulative dividend preferred stock will be used to acquire at \$25 per share 300,000 shares junior preferred stock (\$1.50 dividend) of Puget Sound Power & Light Co. in connection with an offer that has been made for the acquisition of control of that company by Engineers Public Service Co., to reduce notes payable, and for other corporate purposes.

Consolidated Capitalization.—The consolidated capitalization outstanding with the public of Engineers Public Service Co. and its now owned subsidiaries, as of Aug. 31 1928, adjusted to reflect this financing follows:

Subsidiaries—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Bonds and coupon notes	-----	\$61,750,700
Preferred stocks	-----	30,713,200
Common stocks	-----	7,967 shs.
Engineers Public Service Co.—		
Preferred stock: \$5 div. convertible series	700,000 shs.	{320,000 shs.
\$5.50 cumulative div. series (this issue)	-----	{130,000 shs.
Common stock (without par value)	3,000,000 shs.	{5900,669 shs.

a In addition there are to be reserved 101,415 shares of this same series of preferred stock in connection with the offer made to stockholders of Puget Sound Power & Light Co.

b In addition 1,216,953 shares of common stock are or will be reserved in connection with the offer made to stockholders of Puget Sound Power & Light Co.; for conversion of \$5 dividend convertible preferred stock; for the exercise of warrants attached to \$5.50 cumulative dividend preferred stock; and for exercise of outstanding common stock option warrants.

Earnings.—The following is a consolidated income statement of Engineers Public Service Co. and its now owned subsidiaries for the 12 months ended Aug. 31 1928 compared with the previous 12 months period:

	1928.	1927.
Gross earnings	\$30,700,381	\$28,780,339
Oper. exp., maint. & taxes (incl. Fed. taxes)	18,276,169	17,724,667
Net earnings	\$12,424,212	\$11,055,672
Ded. for int., amort., subs. pref. div. & amts. for res. & div. applicable to minority holdings	5,775,409	4,971,476

Bal. applic. to res. & to Engineers Pub. Serv. Co. \$6,648,803 \$6,084,196
 Dividend requirements on preferred stocks: \$5 dividend convertible series \$1,600,000
 \$5.50 cumulative dividend series (this issue) 715,000

These earnings do not reflect the income to be derived from the funds to be received through the sale of this preferred stock. No adjustment has been made to show additional earnings to be secured through the proposed acquisition of control of Puget Sound Power & Light Co. or the additional dividend requirements on the preferred stock to be issued in connection therewith.

The above balance applicable to reserves and to Engineers Public Service Co. for the 12 months ended Aug. 31 1928 was in excess of 2.87 times the total annual dividend requirements on the preferred stocks of the company, including this issue. After deducting these dividend requirements from said balance there remains more than 14.1% of the annual gross earnings.

Management.—The operating subsidiary companies of Engineers Public Service Co., subject to the direction and control of their respective boards of directors, are operated under the supervision of Stone & Webster, Inc.

Listing.—Company has agreed to make application to list these shares on the New York Stock Exchange.—V. 127, p. 1946.

Gary & Southern Traction Co.—Sale.
See Midland Utilities Co. below.—V. 116, p. 75.

Gatineau Power Co.—Bonds Offered.—Public offering of an additional \$7,900,000 1st mtge. gold bonds 5% Series due 1956 was made Oct. 9 by a banking group composed of Chase Securities Corp., Bankers Trust Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., Lee Higginson & Co., Blair & Co., Inc., The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, Continental National Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc. and Redmond & Co. The bonds were priced at 97 1/4 and int. to yield over 5.18%.

Data from Letter of A. R. Graustein, President of the Company.

Company.—One of the principal power units in the International Paper Co. system and one of the largest hydro-electric producers on the North American continent, is now finishing, within cost and time estimates, the construction of three hydro-electric developments of an installed capacity of 419,500 hp., all situated on the Gatineau River within 35 miles of the City of Ottawa and within economic transmission distance of the largest markets for power in the Dominion of Canada. Initial deliveries of this power to the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, the Company's largest customer, began Oct. 1 1928. Other powers held by the company and located on the Ottawa River and its tributaries bring its total capacity, now operating or nearing completion, up to 544,300 hp., of which 463,300 hp. is already in operation. The power plants comprising its system are so designed that this capacity of 544,300 hp. may be increased to 697,000 hp. whenever conditions in the power market justify, merely by installing additional equipment at relatively small expense. The total potential capacity of the Company including its undeveloped power is in excess of 1,000,000 hp. All of these powers are owned in fee or held under long term government leases.

Purpose.—Proceeds of this offering of \$7,900,000 5% bonds and of \$1,100,000 5% bonds and \$7,500,000 6% debentures, recently sold by the company, will reimburse the company for expenditures made or to be made in connection with the recent acquisition of the Bryson and Chaudiere plants on the Ottawa River including the enlargement of the Bryson plant now under way, and for other capital expenditures.

Power Contracts.—Contracts for the sale of all the primary power presently to be generated at the plants have already been executed with the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, City of Ottawa, Canadian International Paper Co., Canada Cement Co. Ltd., E. B. Eddy Co. Ottawa Electric Co. and Gatineau Electric Light Co., Ltd. The trust deed contains provisions limiting and defining the conditions under which changes may be made in certain of these contracts.

Earnings.—Net earnings available for interest and reserves under contracts now signed, it is estimated, will be in excess of \$6,600,000 for the 12 months beginning Oct. 1, 1931, or over 2 1/2 times the annual interest requirements on the entire \$52,292,500 1st Mtge. gold bonds to be presently outstanding, including this offering. For the 12 months beginning Oct. 1 1928, on which date deliveries of power to the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario commenced, it is estimated that such net earnings will be in excess of 1.7 times these annual interest requirements. In the following years increased power deliveries called for by the power contracts will result in constantly increasing earnings up to the 12 months beginning Oct. 1 1931, and these earnings will further increase thereafter as power utilized for steam is delivered for power purposes.

Security.—Bonds are secured by a direct first mortgage and hypothec on all water powers developed and operating or in process of development now owned by the company, except four small powers with a total installed capacity of less than 6,000 hp. The substantial equity behind the first mortgage bonds, upon completion of the present financing, will be represented by \$19,631,000 debentures, \$25,000,000 of preferred stock and 500,000 shares of common stock. The trust deed contains provisions permitting certain modifications by the bondholders as therein provided.

Sinking Fund.—The trust deed provides for a minimum annual sinking fund, payable in cash or bonds, which commenced Dec. 1 1927, equal to 1/2% of the greatest aggregate principal amount of First Mortgage Gold Bonds at any time outstanding.—V. 127, p. 1806.

Harlem Valley Electric Corp.—Transfer of Properties.
See Associated Gas & Electric Co. above.—V. 126, p. 2790.

Illinois Water Service Co.—Earnings.

	1928	1927
Year End. Aug. 31.—		
Operating revenues	\$556,979	\$518,677
Operating expense	237,139	237,138
Maintenance	28,164	32,426
Taxes excl. Federal income tax	42,448	42,543

Net earnings from operation \$249,228 \$206,510
 Other income 1,738 2,150

Gross corporate income \$250,966 \$208,660
 Ann'l int. req. on total funded debt 125,000

—V. 127, p. 1947.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—New Director.
Patrick J. Connolly, President of the Brotherhood of I. R. T. Employees Assn., has been elected a director to represent the employees. He will continue as motorman.—V. 127, p. 1253.

Long Island Lighting Co.—Preferred Stock Offered.—W. C. Langley & Co., New York, are offering an additional issue of \$1,000,000 6% cum. pref. stock (par \$100) at \$103 and div.

Issuance.—Authorized by the New York P. S. Commission.

Data from Letter of E. L. Phillips, President of the Company.

Company.—Supplies either directly or indirectly substantially the entire electric light and power and gas service on Long Island up to the New York City Line, and in addition, the Rockaway District of the Borough of Queens. Company, through its subsidiary Kings County Lighting Co., furnishes gas to a large and rapidly growing section in the Borough of Brooklyn. The combined population in the territory served is in excess of 800,000.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used by the company for additions, extensions and improvements to the properties of the company.

Consolidated Earnings 12 Months Ended July 31.

	1927.	1928.
Gross income	\$14,315,451	\$16,329,144
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	8,712,786	9,435,518
Net income	\$5,602,695	\$6,893,626
Interest charges and other deductions		3,528,561
Balance before reserves and divs. on Long Island Lighting Co. preferred stock		3,365,065
Annual div. requirements on Long Island Lighting Co. pref. stock (including this issue)		957,782
The balance, as shown above, for the 12 months ended July 31 1928, is equal to over 3 1/2 times the annual div. requirements on all Long Island Lighting Co. pref. stock outstanding and incl. this issue.		
<i>Capitalization (as of July 31 1928 and incl. this issue) Outstanding with Public.</i>		
First refunding mortgage gold bonds	\$10,256,000	
First mortgage 5% sinking fund gold bonds, due Mar. 1 1936	4,756,700	
6% secured gold bonds, due July 1 1945	3,867,000	
5 1/2% gold debentures, series A, due Apr. 1 1952	1,500,000	
Cumulative pref. stock (including this issue)	\$14,734,300	
Common stock (no par value)	300,000 shs.	
*\$7,361,900 6% and \$7,372,400 7% preferred stock.		

Stock Split-Up.

The stockholders voted Oct. 10 to split up the common stock on a 10 for 1 basis and to issue 10 new no par shares in exchange for each present no par share outstanding.

The stockholders also voted to increase the authorized common stock from 1,000,000 shares to 3,000,000 shares. At present 300,000 shares are outstanding.

The outstanding capitalization of the company upon completion of this split-up and following the sale of \$2,000,000 of new 6% cum. pref. stock will consist of about 3,000,000 shares of new no par common stock, \$7,372,400 of 7% pref. stock and \$7,836,400 of 6% pref. stock.—V. 127, p. 1947.

Louisville Gas & Electric Co. (Del.)—Earnings.

	1928.	1927.
Gross earnings	\$9,518,525	\$8,690,360
Net earnings	4,921,987	4,464,701
Other income	256,149	154,774
Total income	\$5,178,136	\$4,619,475

—V. 127, p. 1525.

Marion (Ohio) Water Co.—Bonds Called.

All of the outstanding 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds dated Dec. 1 1923 have been called for redemption Dec. 1 at 106 and int. Payment will be made at the Union Trust Co., trustee, Cleveland, Ohio.—V. 92, p. 960.

Market Street Railway Co.—Earnings.

	1928.	1927.
Gross earnings	\$9,854,150	\$9,848,589
Net earnings	1,497,140	1,722,697
Other income	20,053	31,643
Total income	\$1,517,193	\$1,754,340

—V. 127, p. 1525.

Michigan Bell Telephone Co.—Acquisition.

The I. S. C. Commission on Sept. 28 approved the acquisition by the company of certain properties of the Milford Home Telephone Co.

The Milford Company owns and operates an exchange at Milford, with certain rural lines in and near the villages of Commerce and New Hudson all in Oakland County, Mich. These rural lines serve 32 subscriber stations. By a contract made April 24 1928, the Bell Company proposes to purchase these rural lines for \$2,350.—V. 127, p. 1526.

Midland Utilities Co.—Acquires Gary & So. Trac. Co.

The purchase of the Gary & Southern Traction Co. by the Midland Utilities Co. was announced this week.

At the same time announcement was made that an extensive rehabilitation program will be launched at once and approximately \$120,000 will be invested in new cars, improvements in the roadbed and improved electric facilities, including a new electric sub-station and additional power connections.

The Midland Utilities Co. also controls the Northern Indiana Public Service Co., Gary Railways Co., Chicago South Shore & South Bend RR, and other public utilities located chiefly in northern Indiana and western Ohio.

Charles W. Chase, President of the Gary Rys., under whose direction the Gary & Southern Traction Co. will be operated, said that the interurban railroad will be run as a separate property, but that it will have the benefit of the services of the management of the Gary Rys., as well as representatives of the Midland Utilities Co.

Two new modern steel interurban cars have been ordered. While they are being built, however, the Gary & Southern Traction Co. has made arrangements to lease interurban cars from the Gary Rys. Co. in order that service may be improved in the immediate future. Running time of 45 minutes between Crown Point and Gary is proposed.—V. 127, p. 1103.

Mountain States Power Co.—Earnings.

	1928.	1927.
Gross earnings	\$2,862,317	\$2,703,089
Net earnings	1,083,091	1,060,454
Other income	99,934	180,933
Total income	\$1,183,025	\$1,241,407

Note.—Tacoma and Puget Sound divisions sold Dec. 31 1927. Net earnings of Tacoma and Puget Sound divisions for the full year ended Aug. 31 1927 and for four months ended Dec. 31 1927 are included in other income.—V. 127, p. 1807.

Mountain States Telephone & Tel. Co.—Acquisition.

The I. S. C. Commission on Sept. 28 approved the acquisition on the company of the properties of the Salina Telephone Co.

The Salina Company owns and operates an exchange at Salina, Sevier County, Utah, with rural stations at Aurora and Redmond, and as of July 1 1928, served 133 subscriber stations. It also operates, under lease from the United States Forest Service, approximately 100 miles of iron grounded toll line extending from Salina to Loa, to which are connected 4 toll stations. This toll is not included in the transaction now under consideration. No exchange is maintained by the Bell Company at Salina, but its toll lines connect with the exchange of the Salina Company. On August 1 1928, the Bell Company contracted to purchase the properties of the Salina Company, free from all liens and encumbrances for \$7,300.—V. 127, p. 409.

New York Water Service Corp.—Earnings.

	1928.	1927.
Operating revenues	\$2,349,872	\$2,109,259
Operation expense	702,677	721,743
Maintenance	82,590	93,862
Taxes (excl. Federal income tax)	203,355	196,951
Net earnings from operation	\$1,361,251	\$1,096,703
Other income	10,342	18,527
Gross corporate income	\$1,371,592	\$1,115,230
Annual int. req. on total funded debt	594,200	

—V. 127, p. 1399.

New York Telephone Co.—Tenders.

The Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., trustee, 22 William St., N. Y. City will until noon on Nov. 1 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & gen. mtge. s. f. bonds, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$750,000 at a price not exceeding par and int.—V. 127, p. 1253.

Niagara Share Corp.—Stock Increase—Acquisition.

The stockholders will vote Oct. 16, (a) on increasing the number of shares from 800,000 to 1,150,000, the additional 350,000 shares to be of common stock without par value, and on authorizing the corporation from time to time to issue the shares of its capital stock without par value, whether common or preferred, for such consideration as may be fixed from time to time by the board, and (b) on approving a proposed re-organization of this corporation by its acquisition of all the assets of the Schoellkopf Securities Corp. at the market value thereof, or in the absence of a market at their fair appraised value, upon a definite date to be fixed, and the payment therefor (1) in part by the assumption by the Niagara Share Corp. of the debts and liabilities of Schoellkopf Securities Corp. as shown by its indicant accounts upon such date, and (2) in respect of the balance by issuing shares of the increased common stock without par value of the Niagara Share Corp. at a value per share to be determined by subtracting the debts and liquidation value of the outstanding preferred stock of the Niagara Share Corp. from the market value of its assets, or in the absence of a market their fair appraised value at the like date, and dividing such remainder by the number of the then outstanding shares of its common stock.

Secretary Frederick L. Lovelace, Oct. 5 said in part:

In further explanation of the plan of reorganization it may be stated that the assets of the Schoellkopf Securities Corp. are substantially all stocks and bonds largely of a character similar to the securities owned by this corporation, most of them having a market value, their present value being approximately \$4,800,000. The number of shares of common stock of this corporation necessary to be issued for such assets under the plan, based upon the present value of owned securities, will be approximately 260,000. The debts of the Schoellkopf Securities Corp. to be assumed will not exceed \$600,000, of which \$475,000 is the face amount of bonds of the Schoellkopf Securities Corp. maturing Nov. 1 1946. This corporation will be indemnified against any liabilities of the Schoellkopf Securities Corp. in excess of those indicated and the increased shares of common stock not used in the proposed re-organization will be available for the general purposes of this corporation. The proposed re-organization and the addition of the assets of the Schoellkopf Securities Corp. will enlarge the capital assets of this corporation and correspondingly strengthen and increase its capacity to carry on the holding and investment business for which it is organized.—V. 126, p. 863.

North American Co.—New Electric Output Records.

The output of the company's subsidiaries for the third quarter was 1,572,800,000 k.w.h., an increase of 16.5% over the same period of 1927. Total output for the three quarters of this year was 4,405,000,000 k.w.h., an increase of 14.5% over the first three quarters of 1927.

"These increases in the use of electricity are a close gauge of prosperity," says President Frank L. Dame, "because they represent the energy sold by the same companies during 1928 and 1927 to more than 1,000,000 customers, including widely diversified industries in California, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan and the District of Columbia."

Consistent gains by the North American System are shown as follows:

(In kilowatt hours.)	1928.	1927.	Increase.
First quarter	1,334,500,000	1,189,800,000	12.2%
Second quarter	1,497,700,000	1,305,300,000	14.7%
Third quarter	1,572,800,000	1,350,600,000	16.5%

Total 4,405,000,000 3,845,700,000 14.5%
The record week's output so far this year was 124,480,000 k.w.h., for the week ended Aug. 30, and the record four weeks' output was 491,710,000 k.w.h., for the four weeks ended the same date.—V. 127, p. 1807.

Northern California Gas Co.—To Be Formed to Construct 220 Mile Natural Gas Pipe Line to Supply San Francisco Bay Region—Project to Be Financed by Pacific Gas & Electric Co., Southern California Gas Corp. and Pacific Lighting Corp.

As a result of many months' work in an effort to conserve natural gas produced in the oil fields of the State and put same to useful purposes, and in order to co-operate with the Governor's Conservation Committee, a plan has been presented to the Railroad Commission of the State of California, which has been tentatively agreed upon between the large gas interests of the State, the consummation of which plan will mean the delivery of large volumes of natural gas to San Francisco, Oakland and other bay cities; also the cities along the route of said pipe line, including San Jose, Fresno, Visalia, Hanford, Tulare and Porterville.

The general plan contemplates the organization of the Northern California Gas Co., in which the Pacific Gas & Electric Co., the Southern California Gas Corp. and the Pacific Lighting Corp. will own the stock.

This company contemplates building a 20-inch pipe line from Kern County to San Jose, a distance of 220 miles.

The Pacific Gas & Electric Co. is making contracts for the purchase of gas from the Southern California Gas Co. and from interests identified with the Southern California Gas Corp. and the Pacific Lighting Corp., which gas is produced in Ventura and Kern County fields and delivered into the south end of the pipe line owned by the Northern California Gas Co., and they have also made a provision contract for the delivery of gas by the Milford Exploration Co., operating in the Butte-willow gas fields.

The Southern California Gas Corp. and the Pacific Lighting Corp. interests will build a pipe line from Ventura to Kern County, to cost approximately \$2,300,000 in order to deliver gas to this Northern California Gas Co. pipe line.

The cost of the Northern California Co. pipe line together with lines to be laid by the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. from San Jose north to San Francisco and Oakland, and of other equipment to be installed by the Pacific Gas & Electric Co., plus the cost of the proposed line from Ventura to Kern County will be approximately \$15,000,000 and the capacity of such equipment for delivering gas to San Jose will be approximately 60,000,000 cubic feet of gas per day.

Northern Indiana Public Service Co.—Sales.

Sales of gas in the first 8 months of this year totaled 3,465,801,567 cubic feet, compared with 3,083,584,703 in the first 8 months of 1927, an increase of 12.38%.

Sales of electrical energy during the first 8 months of this year total 163,832,611 k.w.h., compared with 150,033,646 k.w.h. sold during the first 8 months of 1927, an increase of 9.15%. Sales of electricity in August reached even greater volume, the increase being 13.59% over the same month last year.—V. 127, p. 1104.

Northern States Power Co.—Earnings.

	1928.	1927.
Gross earnings	\$30,922,116	\$29,229,572
Net earnings	15,619,894	15,027,721
Other income	352,749	84,182

Total income \$15,972,643 \$15,111,903
Note.—Includes all properties now in the system for full periods.—V. 127, p. 1807.

Ohio Water Service Co.—Earnings.

	1928.	1927.
Operating revenues	\$482,570	\$487,006
Operation expense	137,966	137,908
Maintenance	31,867	20,736
Taxes (excl. Federal income tax)	47,039	44,387
Net earnings from operation	\$265,698	\$283,974
Other income	23,908	22,559
Gross corporate income	\$289,607	\$306,534
Annual int. required on total funded debt	150,000	

—V. 127, p. 1390.

Oregon Electric Ry.—Abandonment of Branch Line.

The I. S. C. Commission on Sept. 28 issued a certificate permitting the company to abandon a branch line of railroad extending from West Woodburn easterly to Woodburn, 2.3 miles, all in Marion County, Ore.—V. 118, p. 311.

Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—
 12 Mos. Ended Aug. 31—

	1928.	1927.
Gross earnings	\$11,107,349	\$8,601,150
Net earnings	5,161,503	4,066,409
Other income	575,751	937,512
Total income	\$5,737,254	\$5,003,921

Note.—Gas properties sold Nov. 30 1927. Gas department net earnings for the full year ended Aug. 31 1927, and for 3 months ended Nov. 30 1927, are included in other income.—V. 127, p. 1807.

Oregon-Washington Water Service Co.—Earnings.—
 Years Ended Aug. 31—

	1928	1927
Operating revenues	\$564,805	\$540,173
Operating expense	207,856	187,324
Maintenance	28,120	31,027
Taxes (excl. Federal income tax)	66,597	59,185
Net earnings from operation	\$262,231	\$262,637
Other income	2,778	2,810
Gross corporate income	\$265,009	\$265,447
Annual interest required on total funded debt	134,830	-----

—V. 127, p. 1947.

Philadelphia Company.—Earnings.—
 12 Months Ended Aug. 31—

	1928	1927
Gross earnings	\$61,299,198	\$61,636,486
Net earnings	27,044,641	26,284,121
Other income	1,536,135	1,133,746
Total income	\$28,580,776	\$27,417,867

—V. 127, p. 1676.

Philadelphia Electric Co.—Bonds Called.—
 The company has called for redemption Nov. 1 next \$44,700 1st lien & ref. mtge. gold bonds, 5½% series, due 1953, at 107 and int. Payment will be made at the Girard Trust Co., trustee, Phila., Pa.—V. 126 p. 2476.

Pittsburgh Suburban Water Service Co.—Earnings.—
 Years Ended Aug. 31—

	1928	1927
Operating revenues	\$306,112	\$293,882
Operation expense	110,532	126,266
Maintenance	28,338	18,432
Taxes (excl. Federal income tax)	4,730	5,075
Net earnings from operation	\$162,462	\$144,109
Other income	706	3,419
Gross corporate income	\$163,167	\$147,528
Annual interest required on total funded debt	90,800	-----

—V. 127, p. 1391.

Public Service Co. of New Hampshire.—Bonds Offered.
 —Tucker, Anthony & Co.; Old Colony Corp., and Hill, Joiner & Co. are offering at 93½ and int., to yield about 4.92%, \$1,300,000 1st & ref. mtge. 4½% gold bonds, series B, dated Oct. 1 1927; due Oct. 1 1957.

These bonds will be a legal investment for savings banks in Mass., New Hampshire and Maine.
Data from Letter of Walter S. Wyman, President of the Company.
 Company.—Is the largest public utility company in the State of New Hampshire. It serves with electric light and power the thickly populated manufacturing district along the Merrimack River including the cities of Manchester and Nashua, the two largest cities in the State, as well as Laconia, Milford, Keene, Conway, Colebrook, Franklin, Tilton and several surrounding towns. The cities of Nashua, Keene and Laconia are also served with gas. It also operates, through subsidiaries, the street railway system of Manchester and an interurban line to Nashua. The total population served by the company is estimated at over 196,000, or more than 44% of the population of the State.

Physical property of the company includes 20 hydro-electric stations of 30,706 k.w. capacity and two steam and one Diesel engine station of 20,550 k.w. capacity, all of modern construction, together with an extensive transmission and distribution system. Included in this hydro-electric capacity is a generating station on the Pemigewasset River formerly owned by Utilities Power Co.

During the year ending June 30 1928 about 93% of the total k.w.h. output was hydro-generated. Company also owns valuable water rights available for future developments.

Capitalization Outstanding upon Completion of Present Financial Program.
 Underlying divisional (closed) mortgage bonds \$4,974,000
 1st & ref. mtge. 5% bonds, series A 3,650,000
 1st & ref. mtge. 4½% bonds, series B (including this issue) 1,100,000
 Preferred stock \$6 cumulative (no par) 53,147 shs.
 Preferred stock \$5 cumulative (no par) 8,600 shs.
 Common stock (no par) 120,000 shs.
 * Not including \$540,500 bonds held in sinking fund and \$100,500 redeemed by 1st & ref. mtge. bonds.

Security.—Bonds are secured by a direct first mortgage on all the company's physical property in Laconia, Milford, Keene, Conway, Colebrook, Tilton, Franklin, Bristol and several surrounding towns. The book value of the property on which these bonds are a first mortgage amounts to \$8,851,502. They are further secured by a direct mortgage lien on all the physical property of the company subject to \$4,974,000 underlying divisional (closed) mortgage bonds outstanding. The total book value of the property on which these bonds are secured by a direct lien is \$20,609,158. The total amount of bonds outstanding including this issue is thus less than 58% of the book value of the property securing them.

Earnings of Combined Properties (Giving Effect to Present Financing) Year Ending July 31 1928.

Gross	\$4,066,652
Operating expenses, including maintenance and all taxes	1,886,601
Net earnings	\$2,120,051
Annual interest requirements	586,970
Balance for reserves, surplus and dividends	\$1,533,081

For the past three calendar years net earnings have averaged 3.05 times the interest requirements on all funded debt now outstanding. Of the net earnings for the year ending June 30 1928, 85% were derived from the sale of electricity, 13% from the sale of gas and from miscellaneous sources, and 2% from street railway operations.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the company for purchase of property of Franklin Light & Power Co., Tilton Electric Light & Power Co., and Utilities Power Co., for extensions to plant and equipment already completed, and for other corporate purposes.

Management.—Controlled by the New England Public Service Co.—V. 127, p. 1104.

Public Utilities Consolidated Corp.—Stock Sold.
 A syndicate consisting of Holman, Watson & Rapp, Biddle & Henry, Philadelphia, Yeager, Young & Pierson, Inc., New York and Chicago, and George, Haines & Halsey New York, have sold an issue of 10,000 shares of 7% cumulative preferred stock at par (\$100) per share flat (with warrants.)

Issuance of all securities of this corporation has been authorized by Arizona Corporation Commission.

Warrants.—Preferred stock certificates will be accompanied by purchase warrants evidencing the right of the holder to subscribe to Class A stock at the rate of two shares of Class A stock for each share of preferred stock at \$25 per share to and including Dec. 31, 1929; at \$27.50 to Dec. 31 1931; at \$30 to Dec. 31 1934; and \$35 to Dec. 31 1940.

Data from Letter of R. J. Andrus, President of the Corporation.
Business & Territory.—Corporation and its subsidiaries will, upon completion of present financing, own and operate public utility properties now serving 192 communities in 12 States, two Canadian Provinces, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Alaska. The properties now supply, without competition, electric light and power, manufactured gas, ice, telephone or water service

to 39,548 retail and wholesale customers. The properties serve a population of approximately 305,000.

Properties.—The properties include a combined installed electric generating capacity of 20,324 KVA, of which 8,194 KVA are hydro, with 821 miles of electric lines; a daily gas production capacity of 1,635,000 cubic feet, with 98 miles of distributing mains; a daily water pumping and gravity flow capacity of 42,371,141 gallons, with 295 miles of water distribution system; a daily ice production capacity of 484 tons; and 390 miles of telephone lines. The properties also include a profitable cold storage business, and two motor ships.

Approximately 50% of the gross earnings of the corporation and its subsidiaries will be derived from electric properties, 12% from water properties, 7% from artificial gas properties, 5% from telephone properties, 15% from ice and cold storage properties, and 11% from other miscellaneous sources.

Consolidated earnings of the properties for the year ended June 30 1928.—

Gross revenue from all sources	\$2,589,653
Operating expenses, maintenance & taxes	1,457,007
Net income	\$1,132,646
Interest on bonds and notes	534,973
Balance available for dividends, amortization and Federal taxes	\$597,674
Dividend requirements on \$3,629,000 7% cumulative preferred now outstanding	254,030
Balance	\$343,644

Based on the above figures, income was 2.33 times dividend requirements on all preferred stock now outstanding.

Capitalization outstanding as of June 30 1928, (giving effect to present financing).

1st Mtge 20-year 5½% gold bonds, due March 1, 1948	\$4,643,500
1st Mtge Col. 20-year 6½% conv. gold bonds, due Oct. 1 1948	1,750,000
10-year 6% secured convertible gold bonds, due March 1 1938	1,793,500
Funded debt of subsidiary company	1,037,000
7% cumulative preferred stock (\$100 par) (auth. \$15,000,000)	3,629,000
Class A common, no par value (auth. 200,000 shs.)	46,600 shs.
Class B common, no par value (auth. 500,000 shs.)	500,000 shs.

Monthly dividends at the rate of 7% per annum on the preferred shares, and at the rate of \$2 per annum on the Class A Shares, are being paid.

Valuation.—The book value of the preferred stock now outstanding is approximately \$196 per share.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of preferred and Class A stocks, together with funds received from the senior financing, will be used in the acquisition of properties now under contract of purchase, and for other corporate purposes.

Management.—The Corporation is controlled by and is under the management of the W. B. Foshay Co., Minneapolis.—V. 127, p. 1676, 953.

San Diego Cons. Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—
 12 Months Ended Aug. 31—

	1928	1927
Gross earnings	\$6,681,984	\$6,421,746
Net earnings	3,153,480	2,951,670
Other income	2,966	5,276
Total income	\$3,156,446	\$2,956,946

—V. 127, p. 1527.

Scranton Spring Brook Water Service Co.—Earnings.
 [Including Scranton Gas and Water Divisions.]
 Years End. Aug. 31—

	1928.	1927.
Operating revenues	\$4,195,459	\$4,140,691
Operation expense	1,139,049	1,161,958
Maintenance	381,923	374,262
Taxes (excl. Federal income tax)	113,447	118,597
Net earnings from operation	\$2,561,040	\$2,480,868
Other income	13,397	26,216
Gross corporate income	\$2,574,437	\$2,507,084
Annual int. required on total funded debt	1,620,000	-----

—V. 127, p. 1948.

Shawinigan Water & Power Co.—10% Stock Dividend.
 The directors have declared a 10% stock dividend on the capital stock, no par value, payable to holders of record Oct. 12. This provides for the issuance of approximately 160,000 additional shares of stock.

Pres. J. E. Aldred, Oct. 9, says: "For some years past this company has made important investments in the shares and securities of various subsidiary and other companies. These shares and securities have increased in value. The directors feel that part of these equities may properly be capitalized and a distribution made to shareholders in the form of a stock bonus."

These shares will be issued as fully paid, and certificates for complete shares will be delivered as soon as reasonably possible after Oct. 12 1928. Fractional rights will be represented by warrants to be mailed to all shareholders on or after the same date. Each warrant will cover 1-10th of a share, and such warrants, when surrendered with nine similar warrants, will entitle the owner to a definitive certificate for one full share. All warrants must be surrendered on or before Dec. 1 1928, at the Royal Trust Co., Montreal, or at the Bank of Montreal, 47 Threadneedle St., London, England, as agent for the Royal Trust Co. All warrants not surrendered on or prior to Dec. 1 1928 will be null and void. All certificates issued by the company for complete shares, and all shares represented by certificates issued against the surrender of warrants, will rank for any dividend that may be declared for the quarter ending Dec. 31 1928.

This brings the stock outstanding as at Oct. 12 1928 to 1,839,200 shares.—V. 127, p. 683.

Societa Industrie Elettro-Telefoniche di Turin.—
Capital Increased Through Sale of Shares in Italy.

J. A. Sisto & Co., who participated in the original syndicate that offered to the public in Italy 1,000,000 shares of 100 lire par value capital of the above company at 132.50 lire per share, have been advised of the sale of the shares and the increase in capital from 200,000,000 lire to 300,000,000 lire. The S. I. E. T. is a holding company, performing industrial, commercial and financial operations in connection with its important participations amounting to approximately 65% of the entire telephone system of Italy, and serves a population of 19,550,000. It comprises in its territory the greatest industrial zone of Italy. The dividend for last year was 9% on the par value of the shares and its is estimated that the same dividend will be distributed for 1928. The company is the only large holding company in the telephone field in Italy. The company also has holdings in the Italian Superpower Corp. of New York.

The Banco Commerciale Italiana of Milan headed the syndicate on the recent offering in Italy. The syndicate, which was to have existed until March 31 1929 has been closed on account of the success of the offering.

Southern Colorado Power Co.—Earnings.—
 12 Mos. End. Aug. 31—

	1928.	1927.
Gross earnings	\$2,273,394	\$2,392,069
Net earnings	1,020,286	1,046,334
Other income	8,059	18,166
Total income	\$1,028,345	\$1,064,500

—V. 127, p. 1528.

Standard Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—
 12 Mos. End. Aug. 31—

	1928.	1927.
Gross earnings	\$145,173,763	\$139,413,489
Net earnings	65,323,590	61,278,793
Other income	3,038,695	2,682,420
Total income	\$68,362,285	\$63,961,213

—V. 127, p. 1808.

Swiss-American Electric Co. (of Zurich), Switzerland.
—Initial Dividend—Definitive Certificates Ready Oct. 15.
 An initial semi-annual dividend of \$3 per share per annum has been declared on the \$6 cumulative preferred stock, payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 25.

Definitive certificates in registered form for the \$6 cum. pref. stock (with common stock purchase warrants attached) will be ready for delivery in

exchange for outstanding interim receipts on and after Oct. 15 at the Central Union Trust Co. of New York. The first semi-annual dividend on the pref. stock is payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 26. See offering in V. 126, p. 2314.

Union Water Service Co.—Earnings.—

Years End. Aug. 31—	1928.	1927.
Operating revenues	\$401,634	\$372,026
Operation expense	111,193	97,515
Maintenance	16,323	18,343
Taxes (excl. Federal income tax)	46,939	44,127
Net earnings from operation	\$227,168	\$212,041
Other income	57,134	56,009
Gross corporate income	\$284,302	\$268,049
Annual int. required on total funded debt	146,520	

Note.—Includes only properties owned at present time.—V. 127, p. 1677.

Utah Light & Traction Co.—Bonds Called.—

The company has called for redemption Jan. 1 1929 all of the outstanding 5% prior lien gold bonds of the Utah Light & Power Co., at par and int. Payment will be made at the Central Union Trust Co., trustee, 80 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 124, p. 3774.

Utilities Power Co., Meredith, N. H.—Sale.—

See Public Service Co. of N. H. above.—V. 127, p. 1528.

Wallingford Gas Light Co.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding 1st ref. mtge. 5% 20-year gold bonds dated May 1 1923, due May 1 1943, have been called for redemption Nov. 1 at 110 and int. Payment will be made at the National Tradesmen's Bank & Trust Co., trustee, New Haven, Conn.

West Virginia Water Service Co.—Earnings.—

Years End. Aug. 31—	1928.	1927.
Operating revenues	\$765,444	\$733,745
Operation expense	300,598	306,609
Maintenance	50,799	53,409
Taxes (excl. Federal income tax)	76,902	79,273
Net earnings from operation	\$337,144	\$294,453
Other income	3,405	2,144
Gross corporate income	\$340,549	\$296,598
Annual int. required on total funded debt	169,000	

—V. 127, p. 1949.

Wisconsin Public Service Corp.—Earnings.—

12 Mos. Ended Aug. 31—	1928.	1927.
Gross earnings	\$4,860,523	\$4,613,781
Net earnings	2,010,379	1,924,364
Other income	10,805	9,156
Total income	\$2,021,184	\$1,933,520

—V. 127, p. 1949.

Wisconsin Valley Electric Co.—Earnings.—

12 Mos. Ended Aug. 31—	1928.	1927.
Gross earnings	\$1,663,096	\$1,593,659
Net earnings	722,343	800,687
Other income	20,313	8,680
Total income	\$742,656	\$809,6

—V. 127, p. 1529.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

Refined Sugar Prices.—The following companies each have advanced refined sugar 5 points to 5.25c. for prompt shipment: American, Arbutle, Federal, National and Pennsylvania.

De Forest Cuts Tube Prices.—De Forest Radio Co. has reduced prices on audion tubes ranging from 25c. to \$1.50. Wall Street Journal 'Oct. 6.

Radio Board Wins Reallocation Suit.—The right of the Federal Radio Commission to regulate the wave length and power of broadcasting stations under the Radio Act of 1927 was upheld Oct. 9 by Federal Judge James H. Wilkerson at Chicago. N. Y. Times 'Oct. 10, p. 60.

New Bedford Unions End Textile Strike.—The seven unions in the New Bedford Textile Council Oct. 6 voted to end the strike which has been in effect at New Bedford, Mass., for 25 weeks, accepting a proposition for a 5% reduction in wages instead of 10% originally promulgated by the Manufacturers' Association, coupled with an assurance that when any change in the wage schedule is proposed in the future, 30 days' notice will be given to the operatives. N. Y. Times 'Oct. 7, p. 15.

New Unions Recognized.—Westchester building trade groups make agreement with employees. N. Y. Times 'Oct. 11, p. 45.

Local Strike Halts Express Shipments.—Robt. Balfour, General Manager of the American Railway Express Co., Oct. 10 declared a general embargo, affecting the entire United States, on all shipments to N. Y. City, as a result of the sudden strike Oct. 9-10 of 3,600 drivers and freight handlers employed by the company. Sun 'Oct. 11, p. 1.

3,500 Silk Workers Strike in Paterson.—Employees in 130 mills quit and picket lines form in front of other plants. N. Y. Times 'Oct. 11, p. 56.

Rates Are Reduced on Theft Insurance.—49 leading companies announce cuts on burglary, robbery and holdup protection. N. Y. Times 'Oct. 11, p. 33.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of Oct. 6.—(a) Annual convention of American Bankers Association, p. 1865. (b) Life insurance companies lead all industries in growth of assets, according to Clinton Gilbert, p. 1879. (c) Compromise plan to effect adjustment of New Bedford Textile strike rejected by unions, p. 1886. (d) Iowa coal mine wage agreement, p. 1891. (e) Arizona copper mines wage raise; operators in Bisbee district voluntarily increase pay by 10%, effective Oct. 1, p. 1891. (f) Effect of mine wage raise; labor makes up nearly 50% of copper production cost, depending on method used, p. 1891. (g) Chain store financing aggregating over \$55,000,000 sets new record in first nine months, p. 1896. (h) Brokers' loans on N. Y. Stock Exchange at \$5,513,639,685 reach high record, p. 1897. (i) Brokerage firm of Taylor & Wichelman, Inc., Davenport, Ia., in bankruptcy, p. 1897. (j) Yearly figures of N. Y. Clearing House July 3 transactions largest on record, p. 1897.

Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding 8% consol. mtge. s. f. gold bonds, series "A", have been called for redemption Nov. 1 at 107 1/2 and int. Payment will be made at the Montreal Trust Co., at Montreal or Toronto, Canada or at the First National Bank, Chicago, Ill., or at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. City.

Any bondholders who so desire may surrender their bonds and coupons before Nov. 1 at any of the places above mentioned, and upon surrender shall be entitled to be paid 107 1/2 and int. to date of surrender.—V. 127, p. 1677.

Abraham & Straus, Inc.—Rights.—

The common stockholders of record Oct. 15 will be given the right to subscribe on or before Nov. 5 for \$5,150,000 15-year 5 1/2% gold debentures (with stock purchase warrants) at 101 and int. on the basis of 1,000 of debentures for each 30 shares of common stock held. Subscriptions are payable at the Central Union Trust Co., 80 Broadway, N. Y. City. The entire issue has been underwritten by Lehman Bros. See also V. 127, p. 1949.

Adams-Millis Corp.—Initial Common Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock (no par value) and the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the pref. stocks, payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 18. (See offering in V. 126 p. 2648.)—V. 127, p. 954.

Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co.—Earnings.—

Period—	Quar. End.	Quar. End.	9 Mos. End.
	Sept. 30 '28.	June 30 '28.	Sept. 30 '28.
Gross earnings	\$758,500	\$841,000	\$2,473,500
Net income	170,850	802,600	781,400

—V. 127, p. 1677.

Aero Underwriters Corp.—Stock Offered.—Paine, Webber & Co., New York; Fuller, Richter, Aldrich & Co., Hartford; J. A. Sato & Co., New York, and Mackubin, Goodrich & Co., Baltimore, are offering at \$35 per share 115,000 shares capital stock (no par value).

Capitalization.—Authorized capital: 250,000 shares (no par) issued 131,666 shares. Transfer agents, New York Trust Co., New York and National Rockland Bank of Boston. Registrars, Bank of America, New York and State Street Trust Co., Boston.

Data from Letter of Horatio Barber, President of the Company. Company.—Has been organized in New York as a holding and management corporation to finance, own, manage and operate concerns engaged in aviation insurance and allied operations. It owns all of the capital stock (except directors' shares) of Aero Insurance Co., Aero Indemnity Co. and Aero Engineering & Advisory Service, Inc. It has also acquired a substantial stock interest in Barber & Baldwin, Inc.—the leading American underwriting agency in this field.

Aero Insurance Co. organized under the insurance law of the State of New York, has a capital of \$500,000 and a paid-in surplus of an equal amount.

Aero Indemnity Co., organized under the insurance law of the State of New York, has a capital of \$1,000,000 and a paid-in surplus of an equal amount.

Authority to do business has been granted by the Superintendent of Insurance of the State of New York to both of these companies. Their insurance business will be transacted through the underwriting agency of Barber & Baldwin, Inc., and they will issue policies covering fire, accidental damage, theft, tornado, property damage, public liability, passenger liability, damage to ground property, cargo liability, airport and airmeet liability, personal accident and compensation insurance.

Aero Engineering & Advisory Service, Inc. will render a technical advisory service to Aero Underwriters Corp. and its subsidiaries, as well as to other insurance companies, reinsurance groups, banks and finance corporations, air transport companies and others engaged in various branches of aeronautics.

Barber & Baldwin, Inc. was established by Mr. Horatio Barber in 1922, and was the first underwriting agency in the United States specializing in aviation insurance. Because of the technical and practical knowledge of aircraft operation, design and construction and the underwriting experience accumulated by this organization, the business has shown a very satisfactory and steadily increasing growth. Barber & Baldwin, Inc. will continue to act as underwriting agents for various insurance companies and reinsurance groups.

Directors, Horatio Barber, F.R.Ae.S.; M.I.Ae.E. (President), J. V. Forrester (Dillon, Reed & Co.), Charles E. McManus (Pres. Crown Cork & Seal Co., Inc.), Thomas B. Boss (Pres. American Reserve Insurance Co.), A. L. Gates (Vice-Pres. New York Trust Co.), Henry Moir (Pres. United States Insurance Co.), Hartwell Cabell (Cabell, Ignatius & Lown), Prof. Alexander Klein (Daniel Guggenheim School of Aeronautics of New York University), Major-General Mason M. Patrick (Recently retired Chief of Air Service Corps—U. S. Army), Colonel Benjamin F. Castle (Treas. National Aeronautic Association), L. Brooks Leavitt (Paine, Webber & Co.), Walter W. Colpitts (Coverdale & Colpitts), Major George L. Lloyd (Vice-Pres. Barber & Baldwin, Inc.), Frederick B. Rentschler (Pres. Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Co.).

Air-Way Electric Appliance Corp.—Stock Offered.

Keane, Higbie & Co., Inc., Detroit, are offering at \$37.50 a share, 160,000 shares common stock. The stock has been purchased from individuals.

Dividends exempt from present normal Federal income tax. Exempt from present Ohio personal property tax. Transfer Agents, Chase National Bank, New York; Home Bank & Trust Co., Toledo, Ohio, Registrars, Bank of the Manhattan Co., New York; Ohio Savings Bank & Trust Co., Toledo, Ohio.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
First preferred stock 7% cumulative (\$100 par)-----	\$3,000,000	\$2,000,000
*Second preferred stock 4% (\$10 par)-----	10,000	10,000
Common stock (no par)-----	500,000 shs.	400,000 shs.

* In order to insure continuity of management, the corporation will authorize and sell to the present management, at par, 1,000 shares \$10 par value, 4% second preferred stock. This stock will carry the privilege of electing a full majority of the board of directors, and the purchasers will agree not to dispose of it except to the corporation for redemption. This stock may be called for redemption at any time at par by vote of 75% of the common stock.

Data from Letter of Pratt E. Tracy, President of the Corporation. History & Business.—Corporation located at Toledo, Ohio, was organized in Delaware in July 1920. Company manufactures an electric household cleaning device performing the usual functions of a vacuum cleaner as well as a number of other services, under the name of Air-Way sanitary system. The product embodies seven exclusive features of particular merit, fully protected by the Replodge patents which are controlled by the company.

The Air-Way sanitary system is marketed through branches in the metropolitan centers, selling direct to the home on a unique sales plan whereby a complete and thorough demonstration accompanies every sale. The result is an ever increasing number of satisfied customers who are constantly recommending the Air-Way system to their friends. The growth of the company has followed conservative lines, with increases in sales and production following upon the opening of branches in new territories and the more intensive development of territories served by old branches through the establishment of sub-branches.

Sales and Earnings.—The popular acceptance of this improved method of house sanitation and the success of the present sales policy are demonstrated by the sales and earnings figures. Sales for 1926 showed an increase of 112% over 1925; sales for 1927 an increase of 116% over 1926. Sales of the corporation, and its net income after deducting Federal income taxes computed at the present rate, as certified by Knopok, Hurst and Dalton in respect to the years 1926 and 1927 and as shown by the books of the company in respect to the eight months ended August 31 1928, were as follows:

Year—	Sales.	Net Income After Taxes.	Avail. for Com. Stock After Pref. Divs.	Earned per Share on 400,000 Shs. Com. Stock.
1926-----	\$2,773,009	\$295,532	\$264,189	\$0.66
1927-----	6,007,728	816,537	807,308	2.02
1928 (8 months)---	5,844,850	839,543	794,490	---
1928 (estimated)---	10,000,000	1,500,000	1,414,013	3.53

Prospects.—Based upon the present position of the company in the industry, the proposed increase in points of distribution, and definite plans for the future, including the advertising policy referred to, it is estimated by the president that net earnings after taxes for 1929 should amount to \$2,250,000.

Assets.—The balance sheet as of Aug. 31 1928, after giving effect as of that date to present financing, shows net tangible assets of \$3,966,097, with current assets in excess of five times current liabilities, and net current assets of \$3,129,337. The company carries its own installment paper for which ample reserve for uncollected items is made.

The company's plants are thoroughly modern in construction and equipment and have been well maintained. The company owns two plants adjacent to those now in operation, which have an available capacity sufficient to more than triple present production and which should prove sufficient to provide for the company's expected expansion for a number of years.—V. 127, p. 1809.

Allied Products Corp.—Stock Offered.—John Burnham & Co., Chicago are offering 50,000 shares Class A convertible common stock (without par value) at \$50 per share.

Entitled to cumulative dividend of \$3.50 per share per annum, payable quarterly beginning Jan. 1 1929. Red. at any time at \$55 per share and divs and in the event of liquidation entitled to \$55 per share and divs. Convertible share for share into the common stock. Dividends exempt from present normal Federal income tax. Transfer Agent: Continental National Bank & Trust Co., Chicago; Registrar: First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.

Capitalization—	Authorized	Issued
Class A Conv. common stock (no par)-----	50,000 shs.	50,000 shs.
Common stock (no par)-----	125,000 shs.	75,000 shs.

*50,000 shares of common stock reserved for the conversion of the Class A convertible common stock.

Data from Letter of R. O. Cunningham, President of the Company.

History—Corporation has been organized in Illinois to acquire the entire business of the Indiana Lamp Corp., Victor-Peninsular Co., and Richard Bros. Die Works. These companies started in business in 1910, 1917 and 1915, respectively.

Corporation manufactures all types of lamps for automobiles, including head lights, side lights and tail lights, at Connersville, Ind. where it is also the exclusive producer of the Ilco-Ryan-Lite. Special dies, interchangeable dies and punches, cap screws, shackle bolts, etc., are manufactured at Detroit and Hillsdale, Mich. Approximately 80% of the company's products are taken by the automobile industry, and it numbers among its customers practically every manufacturer of motor cars and trucks.

Assets—With only nominal value given to patents, the pro forma balance sheet of the corporation, as of March 31, 1928, adjusted to give effect to the present financing shows: Total net assets of \$4,240,000, net current assets of \$1,200,000 book value of Class A convertible common stock of over \$84 per share.

Convertibility—Class A stock is convertible share for share into the common stock at any time, at the option of the holder.

Sales & Earnings—The net sales and net profits, after deducting all expenses, including Federal taxes at present rates, but without absorbing any of the expenses of engineering and development have been as follows:

Cal. Years—	Net Sales	Net Profits
1925	\$4,108,442	\$335,449
1926	4,676,845	418,058
1927	5,025,401	531,182
1928 (3 months ended March 31)	1,630,290	224,981

Six months' figures, without audit, show sales of \$3,400,000 and profits of over \$450,000.

The annual average of such profits for the 3 years ended Dec. 31 1927, were at the rate of over \$8.50 per share of Class A stock. For the year ended Dec. 31 1927, were over \$10 per share and are estimated at over \$15 per share for the year 1928.

The estimated earnings for the year 1928 indicate that over \$8 per share will be earned on the common stock after deducting Class A dividends, and over \$6 per share on the total of \$125,000 shares of both Class A and Common stock to be outstanding.

Listing—Application will be made to list this stock on The Chicago Stock Exchange.

Allison Drug Stores Corp.—Defers Dividend.

The directors have voted to defer the quarterly dividend of 35 cents per share due Oct. 15 on the cum. class A conv. stock. This rate had been paid regularly since Jan. 15 1928.—V. 127, p. 1529.

Alloy Steel Spring & Axle Co.—Listed.

The Detroit Stock Exchange approved for listing 37,500 units no par value, consisting of 1 share Class "A" stock and 3-5 share of Class "B" stock. Compare also V. 127, p. 108.

Aluminum Cleaner Corp.—Transfer Agent—Registrar.

The Equitable Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent and the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York as registrar of 100,000 shares of capital stock, no par value.

Altofer Brothers Co., Peoria, Ill.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 75 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, both payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Oct. 5.—V. 112, p. 374.

American Alliance Investing Corp.—Initial Dividend.

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1.50 per share upon the 1st pref. stock, payable Nov. 1 to holders of its allotment certificates of record Oct. 15 1928. See also V. 127, p. 1678.

American Commercial Alcohol Corp.—Dividend No. 2.

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the pref. stock, payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 10. An initial dividend of \$1.86 2-3, or at the rate of 7% per annum, was paid on Aug. 1 last (see also V. 126, p. 2793).—V. 127, p. 1950.

American Department Stores Corp.—Recapitalization.

The stockholders will vote Oct. 26 on increasing the authorized 1st pref. stock from \$1,000,000 to \$10,000,000, the authorized 2nd pref. from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 and the authorized common stock from 225,000 no par shares to 700,000 shares.

Two additional store acquisitions were made public, namely Metzler-Wright Co., which operates two stores in Sheffield and Warren, Pa. These acquisitions are in addition to completed negotiations for five new stores, namely Wright-Metzler Co., of Uniontown and Brownsville, Pa.; Caldwell Store, Inc., of Washington, Pa.; J. M. Hartley Sons Co. of Fairmont, W. Va., and Hartley-Rownd Company of Clarksburg, W. Va.

Payment for the stores will be made partly in cash and partly in stock. In this connection the corporation's bankers have contracted to purchase \$1,000,000 of 1st preferred and \$1,500,000 debentures of a subsidiary to be organized, and new stock will be issued in acquiring the additional properties. The proposed debentures will be convertible into stock on the basis rate of \$25 a share. On the basis of the capitalization of the proposed subsidiary company, approximately \$160,000 will accrue to the American Department Stores Corp., after all charges and depreciation. Upon completion of the financing there will be outstanding \$2,328,700 1st pref; \$834,600 2nd pref. and 253,338 shares of common stock.

The 1st preferred stock will be convertible into common stock at the rate of four shares of common for one share of preferred. The common stockholders will be permitted to subscribe to the new stock on attractive terms, it is stated.

Total sales of the enlarged chain, which with the latest two acquisitions consists of 17 stores, will be brought up to approximately \$17,250,000 per annum, the two Metzler-Wright stores providing \$1,000,000 of this per annum total.—V. 127, p. 1950.

American Eagle Aircraft Corp.—New Directors.

Barney Oldfield and Charles Carroll O'Toole have been elected directors. V. 127, p. 1810.

American Equitable Assurance Co.—New Directors.

James Reev and Dr. Maurice B. Keady, both of New York, have been elected directors.—V. 127, p. 1678.

American Founders Corp.—Stock Dividend Declared on Common Shares.

The directors have declared a quarterly cash dividend of 12 1/2 c. per share and a stock dividend of 1-140 of a share on the common stock and the regular dividend of 87 1/2 c. per share on the 7% 1st pref., 75c. per share on the 6% 1st pref. and 37 1/2 c. per share on the 6% 2nd pref. stock, all payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 15. The common distribution is equivalent to 25c per share in cash and 1-70th of a share in stock on the old American Founders Trust shares which were exchanged for corporation stock on the basis of 2 of the latter for each common share of the Trust. On the latter issue, a quarterly cash dividend of 25c. per share and a stock dividend of 1-140th of a share were paid on Aug. 1. These amounts were also paid on Feb. 1 and May 1, last. From Aug. 1 1924 to Nov. 1 1927, incl., quarterly stock distributions of 1-70th of a share (with no cash dividends) were made on the common stock.

The Seaboard National Bank of the City of New York has been appointed agent to exchange scrip of the American Founders Trust for shares and scrip of the American Founders Corp. See V. 127, p. 1950.

American Smelting & Refining Co.—Acquires Michigan Copper Co.

The company has exercised its option to purchase the class B stock of the Michigan Copper & Brass Co., thereby acquiring the latter company. The required 90% of the stock has been deposited subject to deposit agreement. The directors of the Michigan Copper & Brass Co. are Charles S. Metts, Alfred P. Sloan Jr., Walter P. Chrysler, George H. Allen (Pres.), F. H. Brownell, William H. Pierce (Chairman), Roger N. Strauss, J. C. Emison (Vice-Pres.) and Samuel L. Fuller. Other officers of the company are: J. A. Doucett, Vice-President; Charles S. Cook, Treasurer; George A. Brockington, Secretary, and William W. Cotter, Assistant Secretary. See V. 127, p. 1950, 1942.

Andes Copper Mining Co.—Stock Sold.

The National City Co., Chas. D. Barney & Co. and Brown Brothers

& Co. have sold a block of common stock (without par value) at \$37 per share. These shares are entitled to the special dividend of 75 cents per share, payable Dec. 17, to holders of record Nov. 15 1928.

Transfer Agents: National City Bank of New York and New Jersey Corporations' Agency, Jersey City N. J. Registrars: Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, and New Jersey Title Guarantee & Trust Co., Jersey City, N. J.

Capitalization—Authorized a Outstanding Convertible 7% Deb. due Jan. 1 1943—\$40,000,000 shs. \$39,890,000 shs. Common Stock (without par value) 3,600,000 shs. 1,762,219 shs. a Outstanding Dec. 31 1927. The Convertible 7% debentures are convertible into common stock at the rate of 44 shares for each \$1,000. principal amount, of debentures. Complete conversion of the debentures would require the issuance of 1,755,160 shares of common stock in addition to the 1,762,219 shares outstanding at Dec. 31, 1927.

Properties—The company is controlled by the Anaconda Copper Mining Co., through the ownership of the majority of its stock to be outstanding on the basis of complete conversion of the debentures. The Andes Copper Mining Co. owns a large deposit of porphyritic copper ore located in the Province of Atacama, about 92 miles east of the seacoast and 200 miles south of Chuquicamata, where the operations of the Chile Copper Co. are conducted.

The reserves of proven ore blocked out, including only that with a copper content of 1% or more, are estimated at 137,400,000 tons averaging 1.51% copper content, consisting of 48,400,000 tons of oxide ore and 89,000,000 tons of sulphide ore. On the basis of the anticipated output of 190,548,000 pounds of copper per annum upon completion of the construction program, these reserves, without including a large tonnage of proven ore of less than 1% copper content and without including undeveloped deposits known to exist in the property, assure an operating life for many years as one of the low cost producers.

Earnings—The full development program is rapidly nearing completion when it is estimated copper can be delivered from the mines of the Andes Copper Mining Co. to New England points at an average cost of 6.672 cents per pound before depreciation, depletion, interest and taxes. The results obtained from the sulphide plant which started in operation in 1927 and the oxide plant which started in 1928 indicate that the estimates quoted above as to potential output and cost of production should be fully realized. Upon the foregoing basis, the estimated income before interest, depletion, depreciation and taxes, on an annual production of 190,548,000 pounds of copper, at a 15 cent per pound market price, would be \$1,868,837 and ranges from an income of \$1,057,877 at an average market price of 13 cents per pound to \$21,585,272 at an 18 cent per pound market price.

Special Dividend—A special dividend of 75 cents per share has been declared, payable on Dec. 17 1928, to holders of record Nov. 15. This dividend has been declared from earnings which have accumulated since the commencement of operations.

Listed—Application will be made to list the common stock on the New York Stock Exchange.—V. 127, p. 1950

Apponaug Co.—Annual Report.

Earnings for Fiscal Year Ended June 30 1928.	
Gross profit, \$894,902; gen., adm. & selling exp., \$204,971; net operating income	\$689,931
Other income	41,691
Total income	\$731,622
Other charges, \$1,629; provision for Federal tax, \$91,623	93,252
Net profit	\$638,369
Pref. dividends, \$10,500; common dividends, \$90,000	100,500
Added to surplus	\$537,869
Surplus July 1 1927	1,813,758
Total surplus	\$2,351,626
Premium on redemption of 2,000 shares of preferred stock	20,000
Provision for contingencies	15,000
Miscellaneous surplus adjustment	1,264
Surplus June 30 1928	\$2,315,362

Less—Capitalization of \$1,500,000 of the surplus, in accord with a vote of the stockholders July 5 1928, through the issue of stock dividends of the following:
12,000 shares of 6 1/2% cum. pref. stock (par \$100) \$1,200,000
60,000 shares of common stock (no par) 300,000

Adjusted surplus June 30 1928 \$815,362

Condensed Balance Sheet June 30 1928.
After giving effect to recapitalization in accordance with a vote of the stockholders July 5 1928, by capitalizing \$1,500,000 of surplus through the issue as stock dividends of 12,000 shares of 6 1/2% cum. pref. stock (par \$100) and 60,000 shares of common stock of no par value.)

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Cash (incl. certificates of deposit and accrued interest)	\$676,615	Accounts payable	\$26,059
Accounts receivable	246,498	Accrued accounts	58,553
Inventories	145,414	Reserve for Federal income taxes	91,623
U. S. oblig. & accrued int.	200,739	Reserve for contingencies	15,000
Land, bldgs., mach. & equip. x1,635,762		6 1/2% cum. pref. stock	1,200,000
Copper rollers	157,608	Common stock	900,000
Deferred charges	43,972	Surplus	815,362
Total	\$3,106,598	Total	\$3,106,598

x After allowance for depreciation of \$1,014,003. y Represented by 90,000 shares of no par value.—V. 127, p. 1530.

Arnold Brothers, Ltd.—Earnings.

Condensed Income Statement for 14 Months Ended March 31 1928—	
Net profit after stores & head office exp.	\$ 76,161
Bond interest	75,863
Inventory reserves & adjust., special res. repairs, res. for bad debts & Quebec tax	187,002
Net loss (exclusive of depreciation)	\$186,704
Dividend paid on preferred stock	17,586
Balance at debit carried forward	\$204,291
—V. 126 p. 1510.	

Arnold Constable Corp.—Earnings.

6 Months End. July 31—	1928.	1927.
Net sales	\$5,753,720	\$5,606,239
Net income after charges, Federal taxes, &c.	82,689	111,821
Shares capital stock outstanding (no par)	337,406	221,103
Earnings per share	\$0.25	\$0.50
—V. 127, p. 684.		

Atlantic Mortgage Co., Durham, N. C.—Stock Offered.
—Bankers Securities Corp., Durham, N. C. are offering 3,500 units (consisting of 1 share 7% cumul. preferred stock and 1 share common stock) at \$100 per unit.

Preferred stock \$100 par value and preferred as to assets and dividends. Common stock no par. Dividends on preferred payable Q.-P. Red, all or in part on any div. date at the option of the company upon 30 days notice at \$10 and div. Tax exempt in North Carolina and free from present normal Federal income tax.

Business—Company is confined to the purchase of first mortgage loans on residential and income producing properties in cities and towns only in the State of North Carolina. No construction loans are made and no second liens of any kind are taken. Against loans purchased long term collateral bonds are issued which have a ready market in the investment centers of the country. These bonds are sold through leading investment bankers of the East. All mortgage loans purchased by the company are guaranteed by the Maryland Casualty Co. of Baltimore, Md.

On May 12 1928, all of the capital of old company [Realty Bond Securities Co.] was acquired by a group of bankers at a gross price of approximately \$400,000 and the control of the company is in the hands of the Home Mortgage Co. At the same time the corporate name was changed and

the preferred and common stocks given rights. The office of the company was moved to Durham, N. C.

The cash paid into the company by the bankers gives it a very strong current position and leaves it with assets absolutely liquid and clean.

Volume of Business and Earnings: The business of the company is at present running about \$250,000 per month.

Earnings are in excess of more than four times annual dividend requirements on the total outstanding issue of preferred stock.

Balance Sheet, August 31 1928—

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash in Banks	\$44,896	Accounts Payable	\$8,641
Accounts receivable	26,399	Accrued Interest on Bonds	32,446
Notes & mortgages	163,858	Reserve for delinquencies	12,333
Stock & bonds	155,000	Bonds outstanding (5½%)	2,610,000
Accrued Int. receivable	38,755	7% preferred stock	350,000
Cash with trustee	256,733	Com. (13,500 shares no par)	142,847
Mortgages with trustee	2,353,267		
Unamort. discount & surety	100,960		
Contracts & etc.	16,399	Total (each side)	\$3,156,266

—V. 127, p. 109.

Atlantic & Pacific International Corp.—Div. No. 2.

The directors have declared the second quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the preferred stock, payable to holders of record Oct. 16. An initial quarterly dividend of like amount was paid on Aug. 1 last.—V. 127, p. 1951.

Atlas Plywood Corp.—Operations.

This corporation, which has in operation double the number of assembling plants it had a year ago, is meeting with unprecedented demand for its products from the new territories opened up and from the new industries which have adopted Atlas Plywood packing methods, according to President Ralph M. Buck. The Passaic, N. J., assembling plant is running on a full 24-hour-day schedule. The same conditions prevail at the Grand Rapids, Mich., plant because of demand in that territory from manufacturers who have recently adopted Speedpack, the furniture and refrigerator crate developed by the Atlas corporation. The business of the corporation is showing gratifying expansion in all territories.—V. 127, p. 1810.

Aviation Corp. of the Americas.—Extends Service.

International air passenger service between Miami and Nassau, Bahama Islands, and the second air link between the United States and British Dominions, was put into operation this week as an extension of the international air mail and passenger system of the Aviation Corp. of the Americas, by the Pan-American Airways, Inc., its operating company.

According to the preliminary schedule, to be in effect until the regular tourist season gets under way, service will be maintained with round trips two days each week. Pan-American amphibian airliners will traverse the 210 miles of ocean in about two hours flying time, in contrast with approximately 16 hours now required by steamer. See also V. 127, p. 1951.

Backstay Welt Co., Union City, Ind.—Stock Offered.

Fletcher American Co., Indianapolis, Minton, Lampert & Co. and Ralph A. Bard & Co., Chicago are offering (at market) 30,000 shares common stock (no par value). This offering does not represent new financing in behalf of the company.

This stock is exempt from the Indiana personal property tax. Dividends are exempt from normal Federal Income Tax. Listed on the Chicago Stock Exchange. Transfer Agent: First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; Registrar: The Bank of America, Chicago.

Capitalization

	Authorized	Outstanding
4% cumulative preferred stock	\$200,000	\$117,000
Common Stock (no par value)	100,000 shs.	76,000 shs.

The 4% cumulative preferred stock to be issued will be entirely held by the stockholders of the old company and will be subject to redemption as a whole or in part on any dividend payment date at par and accrued dividends and becomes due and payable on the first day of Oct., 1948.

Data from Letter of Pres. Robert C. Schemmel, Sept. 26.

Company.—Incorp. in Indiana in 1928. Is the outgrowth of a partnership formed in 1899 to manufacture a backstay machine invented by Pres. Schemmel. This partnership was succeeded in 1910 by the Backstay Machine & Leather Co., which in 1917 developed the "Hidem" welt. The growth of the company to its present size has been accomplished almost entirely throughout the reinvestment of earnings.

Originally products were used chiefly in the carriage trade. But during the succeeding years, due to the evolution of transportation, these products have been gradually replaced by products used primarily in the automobile industry. Company's products now consist chiefly of welts, gimps, moulding and bindings used principally on automobiles for trimming, weather stripping and the elimination of noise and friction. The annual output of welts alone is 100,000 miles. An elastic knitted bow covering is manufactured, which is used to cover wooden bows forming the top frame of open cars, and gasket material is made for refrigerator doors and other related products.

The property of the company consists of its main plant at Union City, Ind., and two branches, the Jansen Manufacturing Co., of Detroit, Mich., and the Union Welt Co. of Chicago, Ill., and two wholly owned subsidiaries, one of which will be the Backstay Welt Co., Ltd. of Windsor, Can. which company will take care of the Canadian and export business.

The company, with its branches and subsidiaries, now supplies approximately 60% of the demands of the automobile industry for this type of product.

Earnings.—The net income of the company and its subsidiaries for the 3 years and 6 months ending June 30, 1928, after all charges including depreciation, dividends on the preferred stock, and Federal income tax, available for common stock dividends, is as follows:

	Earnings	Net Profits Per Share of
		after Taxes Common
		Stock
1925	\$120,296	\$1.58
1926	197,931	2.60
1927	226,221	2.98
1928 (six months ended June 30)	199,816	2.63

Dividends.—It is the intention of the directors to declare an initial quarterly cash dividend on the common stock of 50c per share payable Jan. 1, 1929.

Directors.—Robert C. Schemmel, Stewart H. Clark, Glenn Barr, Clarence L. Hill, Paul S. Ragan, Ralph A. Bard, and John P. Collett.

Pro Forma Consolidated Balance Sheet—Aug. 31 1928.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$219,785	Accounts payable	\$219,885
Receivables less reserve	327,069	Accrued expenses	27,569
Inventories	330,780	Res. for Fed. income taxes	52,555
Other assets	103,679	4% cumul. pref. stock	117,000
Prepaid expenses	5,164	Com. stock, 76,000 shs.	
Fixed assets (cost)	158,917	(no par)	380,000
Patents and patent rights	27,468	Surplus at date of organization	375,853
Good-will	1		
Total	\$1,172,863	Total	\$1,172,863

—V. 127, p. 1810.

Berland Shoe Stores, Inc.—Sales.

Period End.	1928—Month—	1927—9 Mos.—	1927—
Sept. 30	\$243,958	\$160,916	\$1,821,366
			\$1,366,058

—V. 127, p. 1679, 825.

Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp.—New Officer.

George Gary has been elected a Vice-President and director.—V. 124, p. 2595.

Burns & Co., Ltd., Calgary, Alta.—Initial Dividend.

The initial dividend on the 6% preferred stock was paid on Oct. 1, it is announced. See also V. 126, p. 3595.

Canadian Locomotive Co., Ltd.—Receives Orders.

Orders have been placed by the Canadian National Rys. with the above or 5 Mountain Type locomotives for Canadian passenger service. These

locomotives are of a modified 6100 type. The purchase is part of the program of equipment orders which was announced by Sir Henry W. Thornton, President of the road, some weeks ago.—V. 126, p. 1666.

Canadian Woollens, Ltd.—Exchange of Shares.

See Dominion Woollens & Worsteds, Ltd. below.—V. 126, p. 3761.

Carib Syndicate, Ltd.—Reports Progress.—In a report to the stockholders, President A. H. Bunker Oct. 1 says in substance:

Stock Holdings.—The corporation's holdings, entirely located in Venezuela and Colombia, are as follows: (a) 25% of all the outstanding stock of the Colon Oil Corp. (Del.); (b) 25% of all the capital stock of the Colombian Petroleum Co. (Del.); (c) 59% of all the capital stock of the Equatorial Oil Co. (Del.); and (d) 50% interest in leasehold of 45,000 acres at Honda, Colombia. Since March 1927, there have been important developments in Venezuela and Colombia with respect to the company's interests in those countries.

Colon Oil Corp.—Geological and topographical surveys of the entire Colon Concession, held by the Colon Corp., have been carried out, and detailed working maps of many promising areas are now available, thus making it possible to proceed rapidly with a production drilling program.

Three new camps have been built on the Tarra Anticline and equipped with warehouses; a 67,500 barrel storage tank, oil gathering and water pipe lines, and machine shops have been installed. Two new narrow gauge railroads from the Tarra River unloading ports to the camps were constructed, and a motor highway from one end of the Tarra field to the other has recently been completed. New automotive units have been added to both the land and water transportation systems.

Under the terms of a new agreement, the Royal Dutch-Shell Group and Carib assigned to a new holding company, the Colon Oil Corp., all of their stock in the Colon Development Co., Ltd., and all rights and claims which either party might possess in the Colon Development Co. and in the Colon Concession itself. The effect of this transfer was to give the Colon Oil Corp. 100% control of the Colon Development Co., which latter company was in turn freed of all indebtedness or liabilities of any kind, and retained as assets the concession, and improvements and development on which \$12,000,000 have been expended. Carib and Royal Dutch-Shell received stock of the Colon Oil Corp. as consideration for their assignments.

On July 1, 1928 the Colon Oil Corp. took over control of the Colon Development Co., Ltd., and sold an issue of \$10,000,000 10-year convertible 6% debentures to a group of bankers headed by Lee, Higginson & Co., and Hayden, Stone & Co., in order to provide funds for future development. (V. 126, p. 4086.) The total authorized capital stock consists of 2,750,000 shares without par value, which 1,650,000 shares have been issued to the Royal Dutch-Shell Group, 550,000 shares to Carib, and the remaining 550,000 unissued shares are being held for conversion of the debentures.

The Colon Oil Corp. has entered into a contract with the Batavian Petroleum Co., a wholly owned Royal Dutch-Shell subsidiary, whereby the latter company undertakes to supervise and manage the corporation's properties, subject at all times to the control of the directors of the Colon corporation. The Batavian company, which has charge of the Royal Dutch Shell operations in Venezuela, has been a large factor in profitable operations there.

A definite program of development for the next two years has already been approved by the Colon directors. With the funds now in hand it is planned to construct at once a pipe line of 20,000 bbls. daily capacity from the Tarra field to Lake Maracaibo, a distance of about 100 miles, and it is hoped that this project will be completed within 18 months.

The construction of a railroad from the Zulia River to the Tarra Anticline has been authorized and should be completed within approximately one year.

Five rigs will be maintained in continuous operation on the Tarra Anticline, resulting it is anticipated, in the completion of 40 more wells in the next 2 years.

Barco Concession.—On Jan. 2 1926, Henry L. Doherty & Co. entered into a contract with the South American Gulf Oil Co.—which company has charge of all the Colombian operations of the Gulf Oil Corp.—under which the latter was granted an option to purchase its 75% interest in the Colombian Petroleum Co. This option was subsequently exercised. On Feb. 3, 1926, the Colombian Government declared the concession forfeited and declared it cancelled anew by decree in Aug. 1928.

Carib and the South American Gulf Oil Co. are now taking all possible steps to secure from the Colombian Government a reconsideration of its position regarding the Barco Concession. The cancellation of the concession constitutes the expropriation of property rights of American citizens without compensation, and the company looks forward to its ultimate restriction.

Equatorial Oil Company.—The 29,000 acre tract of the Equatorial Oil Co., on the north bank of the Sogamoso River, comes within the scope of the new petroleum laws. Under the present regulations and in view of the exorbitant royalties to be paid to the Government, it would not be wise or practicable to attempt to develop the properties at this time.

Honda Leasehold.—The 45,000 acre property at Honda on both sides of the Magdalena River, not far below Bogota, is also adversely affected by the new legislation.—V. 126, p. 1204.

Central Airport, Inc.—Organized to Operate Modern Air Terminal—Markets 55,000 Shares Common Stock.

Only formal offering of a new issue of 55,000 shares of no par common stock of the company is being made by J. A. Sisto & Co., the stock having been marketed at \$10 per share.

The company has been organized for the purpose of operating a modern air terminal and holding or leasing certain properties, consisting of approximately 145 acres which the company has contracted to acquire by outright purchase subject to existing mortgages and approximately 47 additional acres now held under long term lease. These properties are located in Camden, N. J., on the Bridge Boulevard, where it divides into the roads to Atlantic City and New York City and are only eight minutes distant by automobile from the center of Camden and 15 minutes from the center of Philadelphia.

The proceeds of this issue will be used in part for the purchase of properties, for conditioning of the field and erection of hangars, etc., and in part for working capital and other corporate purposes. The airport is expected to be in full operation by the spring of 1929.

The officers of the company are as follows: C. Townsend Ludington, Chairman of the Board, (2nd V.-Pres. National Air Transport, Inc.); Nicholas S. Ludington, (Pres. J. A. Sisto & Co.); R. Sanford Saitus, Jr., Vice-Pres. (V.-Pres. Ludington-Philadelphia Flying Service, Inc.); Robert P. Hewitt, 2nd V.-Pres.; C. C. Savage, Jr. Sec.; W. C. Roberts, Treasurer.

The Board of directors includes C. M. Keys (of C. M. Keys & Co.); President Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Co., Inc.; Charles L. Lawrence, (President Wright Aeronautical Corp.); Edgar N. Gott, (Pres. Keystone Aircraft Corp.); Henry B. DuPont, (Director Bellanca Aircraft Corp.); Wright S. Ludington, (Director Ludington-Philadelphia Flying Service); John J. Mitchell, (Pres. National Air Transport, Inc.); Harold F. Pitcairn, (Pres. Pitcairn Aviation, Inc.); J. Brooks B. Parker (of Parker & Co., aviation insurance); J. A. Sisto (of J. A. Sisto & Co.); Stevens Hecksher (of Duane, Morris and Hecksher, Attorneys), and Eric de Spoelberh.

Checker Cab Manufacturing Corp.—To Increase Capitalization—Acquiring Two Companies in East.

A meeting of the stockholders has been called for Oct. 22 to authorize an increase in the common stock from 250,000 shares to 500,000 shares, no par value. It is proposed to offer the present stockholders one additional share for each two shares now held, at an attractive price. The offering to the stockholders of the 125,000 shares has been underwritten by J. A. Sisto & Co.

It is announced that the corporation has virtually concluded arrangements for the acquisition of two companies which have heretofore been engaged in the sale and financing of Checker Cabs in the metropolitan district. Both of these companies have shown large earnings during the year 1928. The management also announces that the corporation will place its new six-cylinder model cab on the market in the early part of November.—V. 127, p. 1811.

City Ice & Fuel Co., Cleveland.—Offering Underwritten.

Secretary J. M. Blum, in connection with the recent offering to stockholders of 50,000 additional shares of common stock, says: In accordance with the policy of this company to expand, during the past year we have either erected or acquired, in addition to the Polar Wave

Ice & Fuel Co. of St. Louis, ice plants with a daily capacity of 1,250 tons and have erected a cold storage plant in Cleveland. We also intend the erection of additional plants during the ensuing winter season to care for our rapidly growing requirements.

A syndicate has been formed to either buy or sell fractional warrants on the basis of 80c. for each 1-19th of a warrant. This entire offering of 50,000 common shares has been underwritten by a syndicate without any cost whatever to the company. See V. 127, p. 1680.

Chile Copper Co.—Semi-Annual Report.

The financial outcome of the Chile Copper Co. and Chile Exploration Co., combined, based on copper sales, shows for the 6 months as follows:

Six Mos. End. June 30—	1928	1927	1926	1925
Total pounds sold.....	126,672,677	127,329,717	108,083,227	94,260,618
Total gross receipts.....	18,513,144	16,986,089	15,422,316	13,658,068
Exp., incl. depr., amort. disc., accrued Fed. tax and accrued bond int.	9,844,879	11,395,975	9,261,459	8,055,421

Surplus.....\$8,668,265 \$5,590,114 \$6,160,857 \$5,602,647 For the 6 months ended June 30 1927 there were treated 4,089,645 tons of ore averaging 1.584% copper.

The output for the 6 months was 112,981,695 pounds, or a monthly average of 18,830,283 pounds. The two companies has available at Aug. 31, 1928, \$4,354,900 cash and call loans, as against \$5,632,300 on May 30 1928.—V. 127, p. 552.

Childs Co., New York.—Sales.

1928—Sept.—1927.	Decrease.	1928—9 Mos.—1927.	Decrease.
\$2,190,619	\$2,436,718	\$246,099	\$19,586,325
—V. 127, p. 1531.		\$21,663,190	\$2,076,865

Club Aluminum Utensil Co.—Acquires Half Interest in Monarch Aluminumware Co.

President William A. Burnette announced that the company has acquired a half interest in the Monarch Aluminumware Co. of Cleveland, Ohio. This purchase has been made to assure the Club Aluminum Co. of an increased and dependable source of supply for its wares, which have met a steady, increasing demand since the inception of the organization in 1921, it is stated.

The Monarch company is expected to show earnings for the present year in excess of \$100,000 on business already contracted for. It is supplying aluminum castings at present to several large manufacturers, including the Fisher Body Corp. and the Chevrolet Motor Corp.—V. 127, p. 1952.

Colonial Mortgage Investment, Baltimore.—Bonds Offered.

The New York office of the company announces the offering at 100 and int. of a new issue of \$1,000,000 one-year 6% collateral trust gold bonds, series "A." First National Bank of Baltimore, trustee. The bonds are the direct obligation of the company, and the collateral security for the issue carries, either directly or on the underlying real estate first mortgage, the several guarantees of the National Surety Co., United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co. and Maryland Casualty Co. The bonds will be dated as of the first of the month in which they are issued.

Colony Club Corp.—Bonds Offered.—Livingstone, Crouse & Co. and Union Trust Co., Detroit, are offering \$400,000 6½% 1st mtg. leasehold sinking fund gold bonds at 100 and interest.

Dated Oct. 1 1928; due Oct. 1 1943. Interest payable A. & O. at the Union Trust Co., Detroit, trustee, without deduction for Federal income tax not to exceed 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Red. all or part upon 30 days' notice on any int. date at 102 and int.

Corporation.—Owns the leasehold estate in land and modern 7-story club house of standard fireproof construction located at the northeast corner of Park Avenue and Montcalm Street, Detroit. The building, now under construction, will be of colonial type of architecture with early American furnishings and will contain a large lounge, private dining rooms, a ball room, living quarters for permanent transient guests and a gymnasium.

Security.—Bonds are specifically secured by a direct pledge and a lien upon the corporation's interest in the leasehold estate which expires Oct. 1 2021. Lucian S. Moore, Jr., of Wormer and Moore, has appraised the leasehold estate in land and building upon completion at \$747,300.

Earnings.—The premises have been leased to the Colony Club of Detroit for a period of 15 years terminating Oct. 1 1943, for an annual rental sufficient to meet semi-annual sinking fund payments as well as ground rental, taxes, insurance and all other charges accruing under the terms of the lease.

Sinking Fund.—Indenture provides for a sinking fund payable monthly sufficient in amount to retire 88% of this issue prior to maturity. These funds are to be used by the trustee either for purchase of bonds of this issue in the open market at a price not to exceed the redemption price or for calling bonds by lot at the redemption price.

Columbian Carbon Co.—Rights.

The holders of voting trust certificates for capital stock of record Oct. 18 will be given the right to subscribe on or before Nov. 22 for one share of additional stock (no par value) at \$70 a share for each 10 shares held.

The purpose of the issue is to provide funds for expansion in production, transportation and marketing of natural gas and its products.—V. 127, p. 957.

Consolidated Automatic Merchandising Corp.—Contract.

The Louis K. Liggett Drug Co. has just signed a contract with the above corporation covering the installation of talking automatic merchandising machines to sell cigarettes and cigars in all stores of the Liggett chain, according to an announcement. The Liggett company owns about 450 drug stores from coast to coast, and it is estimated that this contract will mean the installation of about 2,500 "Robots."

At the present time, the Liggett company has in operation 508 sanitary postage machines, 444 Peerless weighing scales, and 815 Hoff vending machines, controlled by the Camco company. The installation of the talking automatic merchandising machines will actually mean the establishment of an automatic corner or division in each Liggett store, in accordance with the general spread of automatic means in merchandising.

The Camco company has negotiations with other large chain companies under way.—V. 127, p. 1531.

Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. of Canada, Ltd.

Period End. Sept 30—	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—9 Mos.—1927.
Lead (tons).....	35,663	35,447
Zinc (tons).....	17,579	19,863
Copper (tons).....	2,964	1,991
Gold (ounces).....	6,192	7,797
Silver (ounces).....	1,895,219	1,845,898
		5,516,399
		5,282,952

Consolidated Post Office Stations (Amero Construction Co.)—Bonds Offered.—Love, Bryan & Co., St. Louis are offering at 100 and int. \$300,000 1st mtg. 5½% gold bonds.

Dated May 1 1928; due May 1 1937. Principal and int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of the Franklin-American Trust Co., St. Louis, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Red. as a whole or through the operation of the sinking fund upon 30 days' notice to and incl. May 1 1932 at 102 and int. and thereafter to and incl. Nov. 1 1936 at 101 and int. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Company also agrees to pay certain state taxes assessed by the states of Iowa, Virginia, Penn., Kentucky and Maryland and the District of Columbia up to 6 mills.

Location.—The properties securing these bonds embrace 10 separate post office stations, seven of which are located in the State of Pennsylvania as follows: Arsenal, Crafton, Coraopolis, Conshocken, Bloomfield, Brook-

ville and Millvale, two of which are located in Hammonont and Nutley, N. J. and one station situated in Brooklyn, N. Y. All of the above stations are exceptionally well located, in the center of the communities in which the mails are collected and distributed, each site having been selected by the Post Office Department as especially well adapted for the most efficient distribution of the government mails.

Buildings.—Each station has been erected in accordance with plans and specifications prepared and approved by the department in each instance and all of the different properties have been occupied by the Post Office Department for some time, with the exception of the Richmond Hill (Brooklyn) Station, which has just been completed and is now occupied by the Post Office Department.

Security.—These bonds will be secured by a direct first mortgage on the land and buildings above described, owned in fee simple, together with all equipment and fixtures. The properties have been independently appraised at \$427,600 by F. J. Bachelder & Co., Chicago. Adequate fire, tornado, public liability, rent and boiler insurance will be carried and made payable to the trustee for the benefit of the bondholders.

Earnings.—All of the above buildings are under lease to the United States Government for post office purposes for various periods extending, in each case, beyond the maturity of these bonds. The total annual rentals received from the Government amount to \$36,470 of which amount \$26,812 will be applied to interest and the retirement of bonds.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage provides for semi-annual interest and sinking fund payments beginning Nov. 1 1928. The operation of the sinking fund through purchase of bonds in the open market or by redemption, as provided for, is calculated to reduce this issue to less than \$185,000 by maturity. The present appraised value of the ground alone is \$180,000.

Consolidated Retail Stores, Inc. (Del.)—Sales.

1928—Sept.—1927.	Increase.	1928—9 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$1,776,141	\$1,195,016	\$581,125	\$2,778,955
—V. 127, p. 1257.		\$9,939,684	\$2,839,271

Copeland Products, Inc.—Listed.

The Detroit Stock Exchange has approved for listing 101,922 shares Class A (no par) 91,474 shares Class B (no par) and 139,158 voting trust certificates.

Capitalization—	Authorized	Outstanding.
Class A (no par).....	250,000 shs.	101,922 shs.
Class B (no par) incl. 139,158 voting trust certificates.....	500,000 shs.	230,632 shs.

Transfer agent: Guardian Trust Co., Detroit, and Corn Exchange Bank, New York. Registrar: Detroit & Security Trust Co., Detroit, and American Exchange, Irving Trust Co., New York.

Class A, no par stock, after payment of \$2.50 per share annual dividend shall share equally with Class B, no par value stock in any amounts over and above \$2.50 per share in any such year, share for share.

The corporation was organized Dec. 31 1921, at Detroit, Mich., under the name Electricold Corp. On April 14 1923, a certificate of amendment was filed, changing the name to Copeland Products, Inc., of Michigan.

Balance Sheet as at July 31 1928.

Assets—	Liabilities
Fixed assets.....	Capital stock (no par).....
Cash on hand & on deposit.....	Accounts payable.....
Accounts rec. less allowance.....	Payroll.....
Inventories.....	Accrued commissions, &c.....
Other assets.....	Land contract payable.....
Deferred charges.....	Reserve for contingencies.....
Total.....	Total.....

—V. 127, p. 687.

Cosmopolitan Fire Insurance Co.—Stock Offered.—Parker Robinson & Co., Inc., New York are offering 60,000 shares capital stock at \$28.50 per share.

Transfer Agent: Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., New York; Registrar: Bank of United States, New York.

Company.—Has been chartered in New York to write general fire and allied lines of insurance. It is the intention of the company to specialize in classes of preferred risks which have, over a period of years, shown a very low ratio. The connections of the directors and officers of the company and the facilities of its agencies should make immediately available to the company a substantial volume of such business, thereby affording to the company an immediate premium income and eliminating the heavy expense and long delay usually experienced by new insurance companies in securing business. Company is under the supervision of the Insurance Department of the State of New York and will also be subject to supervision in other States of the United States and provinces of Canada in which it expects to operate.

Capital Stock and Surplus.—Cash heretofore received by the company, and set up as capital stock and surplus, is as follows:

Capital stock, 100,000 shares \$10 par.....	\$1,000,000
Surplus (paid in).....	1,500,000

Such cash, after costs of organization and certain incidental expenses in connection with the offering, will be available for the business of the company. Company will incur no other promotion charges.

Directors.—The board of directors of the company is presently to consist of: Robert Adamson, (V.-Pres., Bank of United States), New York; E. F. Albee, (Pres. Keith-Albee-Orpheum Corp.); R. H. Arnold, (Pres., Federal Home Mortgage Co.); James A. Blainey, (Insurance.); Richard A. Corroon, (Corroon & Reynolds, Inc.); Louis P. Christenson, (V.-Pres., Manufacturers Trust Co.); Chas. H. Consoivo, (Pres. Consoivo Hotels Co.) Baltimore, Md.; J. Linfield Damon, (V.-Pres. & Secy., United Hotels Co. of America.); Carling L. Dinkler, (Pres., Dinkler Hotels Co.) Atlanta, Ga. Charles Doherty, (V.-Pres. & Treas., United Hotels Co. of America.); Frank D. Dudley, (Pres., United Hotels Co. of America.); Julian M. Gerard, (Pres., International Germanic Trust Co.)

A. F. Hancock, (Pres., Hancock Co. Inc.); V. R. Halsey, (C. D. Halsey & Co., Members, New York Stock Exchange); William F. S. Hart, (Gen'l. Counsel, F. F. Proctor Theatrical Circuit.); James Lee Kauffman (Marshall & Kauffman, Attorneys); William S. Kies (Pres. W. S. Kies & Co., bankers); Henry L. Lang (Pres. Henry L. Lang Co.), Philadelphia, Pa.; D. R. Lane, (Pres., Miller Hotels Co.), Davenport, Ia.; Trenholm H. Marshall (Marshall & Kauffman, Attorneys); John McGuirk (Director, Stanley Co. of America); Robert R. Meyer (Pres. Meyer Hotels Co.); Birmingham, Ala.; T. G. Nee (Pres. Acme Wire Co.), New Haven, Conn.; Clarence K. Pistell (Pistell, Deans & Co., Inc.), Buffalo, N. Y.

Frederick F. Proctor, (F. F. Proctor Theatrical Circuit.); Frank G. Reichle, (Donovan & Reichle, Attorneys), Buffalo, N. Y.; Frederick S. Robinson, (Parker, Robinson & Co., Inc.); G. Foster Smith, (Pres. The Nassau National Bank.) Brooklyn, N. Y.; Francis E. Storer, (Hambledon & Co., Inc.); F. Harold Van Orman, (Pres. McKeith Hotels Co.), Evansville, Ind.; J. Henry Walters, (V.-Pres., Keith-Albee-Orpheum Corp.); Joseph W. Ward, (Pres. Pennsylvania Surety Corp.), Pittsburgh, Pa.; Eugene T. Warner, (Insurance.); Burton F. White, (Pres., Brooklyn Heights Hotel Corp.); Henry W. Wilson, (V.-Pres., Hancock Co., Inc.); John Zantf, (V.-Pres. & Gen'l. Mgr., Wm. Fox Circuit of Theatres).

Officers and directors of the company and others have subscribed and paid for 40,000 shares of the 100,000 shares authorized capital stock and the remaining shares, which have also been subscribed and paid for, are offered subject to prior sale.

Coty, Inc.—To Increase Capitalization, etc.

The stockholders will vote Nov. 2 on increasing the authorized capital stock, no par value, from 459,300 shares to 2,500,000 shares. See details in V. 127, p. 1953.

Curtis Manufacturing Co.—Bankers Buy Into Company.

Eastman, Dillon & Co. are negotiating with the large stockholders of the company, pioneers in the pneumatic machinery field to acquire one-third of the 20,000 shares of the company's capital stock now outstanding. If negotiations are consummated the public will be allowed to participate in a company which has been privately owned for 75 years.

Substantial amount of stock is now held by the Steedman family of St. Louis which expects to retain a major portion. Upon completion of negotiations, application will be made to list the stock on the Chicago exchange.

The company, established in 1854, is engaged principally in the manufacture and sale of pneumatic machinery for a great variety of commercial uses. Distribution is maintained by the company's own sales representatives through selected wholesalers and distributors both here and abroad.

The plants comprise a complete manufacturing unit including an electric power generating station, extensive gray iron and brass foundries, a machine shop, pattern shop, tool room, structural shop, clutch disc and saw factories, and laboratory. The buildings contain approximately 260,000 sq. ft. of floor space situated on 20 1/2 acres of land owned in fee and located on the St. Louis Terminal Railroad which affords superior transportation facilities.

Davidson Co., Des Moines, Ia.—Notes Offered.—First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; Iowa National Bank, Des Moines; Stern Brothers, Kansas City, Mo., and the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., Minneapolis, are offering \$1,200,000 6% serial gold notes at 100 and interest.

Dated Sept. 15, 1928; due \$120,000 annually Sept. 15, 1929 to Sept. 15 1938, incl. Principal and int. payable at First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee. Denom \$1,000*. Red. at the option of the company as a whole, or in part, upon 60 days' notice at 102 1/2 and int. the last maturities to be first redeemed if called in part. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Authorized and outstanding \$1,200,000.

Preferred Stock Offered.—Prescott, Wright, Snider Co., Kansas City, Mo., are offering at 102 and div., to yield 6.86%, \$400,000 7% cum. pref. stock.

Dividends payable Q.-J. Red., all or part, at 110 and divs., on any div. date on 60 days' notice. Divs. exempt from the normal Federal income tax. Transfer agent, First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.

Data from Letter of Pres. J. Davidson, Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 25.
Company.—Operates retail furniture and home furnishing institutions in Des Moines, Ia., Kansas City, Mo., Minneapolis, Minn., and Waterloo, Ia. The various stores handle furniture, domestic and oriental rugs, draperies, radios and complete decorative accessories for the home; also complete furnishings for offices, hotels, clubs and public institutions. The business was established in 1885.

Earnings.—Net earnings for the five year period ended Dec. 31 1927, before Federal income taxes, have been as follows:
 1923.....\$574,200 | 1926.....\$489,611
 1924.....439,069 | 1927.....410,444
 1925.....469,361

Net earnings for this period averaged \$476,537 or 6.62 times the maximum annual interest requirements of this issue amounting to \$72,000.

Purpose.—Proceeds of this issue and of an issue of \$400,000 preferred stock, have been used for the acquisition of the assets of Boutell Bros. Inc., Minneapolis, Minn., and retirement of all mortgage indebtedness. Business of Boutell Brothers was founded in 1883 and has grown to be one of the largest furniture, and-home furnishing institutions, in the Northwest.

Capitalization—		Authorized.	Outstanding.
6% serial gold notes	(par \$100)	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
7% cum. pref. stock	(par \$100)	1,500,000	400,000
5% cum. com. cl. A stock	(par \$100)	1,200,000	1,200,000
Common B stock	(par \$100)	2,200,000	1,700,000
Common stock class "C"	(par \$100)	100,000	none
Pro forma balance sheet July 14, 1928.			

De Forest Crosley Radio Co., Ltd.—Stock Offered.—R. A. Daly & Co., Ltd., Toronto, are offering 10,000 shares common stock (no par value) at \$25 per share.

Capitalization.—Authorized, 50,000 shs. Outstanding, 50,000 shs. Application will be made in due course to list these shares on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of Major J. E. Hahan.
Company.—Incorp. in 1928 under the laws of the Dominion of Canada to acquire all of the shares of the DeForest Radio Corp., Ltd., which company owns all the shares of its subsidiary, DeForest Crosley, Ltd., and which has been in successful operation since 1923. The business of the companies has grown rapidly and, at the present time, the DeForest Radio Corp., Ltd., is one of the largest producers of radios and radio equipment in Canada. Its products are well and favorably known and are distributed through 1,500 authorized dealers and 15 authorized wholesalers, with 19 warehouses located at strategic points from coast to coast. Important contracts have been established with many of the leading radio manufacturing and research companies in the United States, including the Amrad Corp. of Boston, the Crosley Corp. of Cincinnati, and the Hazeltine Neutrodyne Laboratories. The companies also have secured the right to manufacture their products under license from the holders of important basic patents connected with the industry, which places them in a commanding position among the leaders in the manufacture of radio equipment.

Assets.—Net tangible assets of the company and its subsidiaries, after completion of the present financing as shown by the balance sheet as at June 30 1928, amounted to \$260,825.

Earnings.—The net earnings of the companies, after depreciation and income taxes for the year ended July 31 1927, amounted to \$64,809; for the 11 months ended June 30 1928, amounted to \$68,824, while earnings for the month of July 1928, (as computed by the officers of the company) amounted to not less than \$22,000 making earnings of \$90,824 for the year ended July 31 1928, or at the rate of \$2.75 per share on the common stock to be now outstanding.

It is estimated by the management, on the basis of the company's budget, that a conservative minimum of net earnings for the current year will be \$135,000, which is at the rate of \$4 per share on the common stock to be now outstanding.

Doehler Die Casting Co.—Buys Equipment.—The company has purchased from the Metal Mold Castings Co., Buffalo, N. Y., its permanent mold casting equipment, dies, molds and other relative equipment which will be added to the Doehler permanent mold department. The Metal Mold Castings Co. will discontinue its business.—V. 127, p. 688.

Dominion Bakeries Ltd., Toronto.—Pref. Stock Offered. Royal Securities Corp., Ltd., Montreal recently offered \$575,000 6 1/2% cum. redeemable 1st preferred stock at 100 and div., to yield 6 1/2% (carrying a bonus of 1/2 share of no par value common stock).

Preferred as to capital and dividends and entitled to a fixed cumulative dividend at the rate of 6 1/2% per annum, cum. from Sept. 1 1928, and payable Q.-M., at any branch of the Imperial Bank of Canada, in Canada (except Yukon Territory). Red. all or part, at 105 and div. on 60 days' notice, and at the same price in the event of liquidation or voluntary winding-up. Non-voting, except as to matters affecting the rights of the holders and except after four quarterly dividends shall be in arrears and while any arrears remain unpaid. Transfer Agent: Royal Trust Co. Registrar: Montreal Trust Co.

Capitalization—		Authorized.	Outstanding.
6 1/2% Cumul. red. 1st pref. stock		\$2,000,000	\$575,000
6 1/2% Conv. red. 2nd pref. stock		250,000	210,000
Common shares (no par)		100,000 shs.	25,000 shs.

Data from Letter of George A. MacKey, President of the Company.
Company.—Has been incorporated under the laws of the Dominion of Canada to own and operate modern bread and cake-baking plants in central and eastern Canada, and is now acquiring the business formerly operated by MacKey's Bread, Ltd., in eastern and western Ontario, together with three additional independent plants. It is the intention of the company to extend its operations as further opportunities offer. Company will be controlled through ownership of a majority of its 2d pref. and common stocks by Maple Leaf Milling Co., Ltd., one of the leading flour milling companies of Canada.

Combined annual capacity will be approximately 13,500,000 loaves of 1 1/2 lb. weight, capable of extension at low cost as required. All plants will be provided with adequate horse-drawn and motor equipment for suburban and rural deliveries, a large part of which has been purchased within the last year. In all cities served the company's business now represents a substantial part of the bakery business being done.

Combined sales during 1927 amounted to 7,482,768 loaves. Sales for the current year are estimated at approximately 9,000,000 loaves and for the fiscal year 1929—from the continuous operation of all plants now being acquired—at approximately 12,000,000 loaves.

Value of Assets.—The balance sheet of the company, after giving effect to this transaction as at Aug. 31 1928, shows plants, properties and equipment, good-will, &c.—and including cash to be invested in fixed assets—at \$780,000, and net current assets (working capital) at that date of \$113,012, giving a combined total of fixed and net current assets of \$893,012, as against \$575,000 1st pref. stock now being issued.

Earnings.—Based upon an investigation by George A. Touche & Co. of the business and accounts of MacKey's Bread, Ltd., for the two years and six months ended June 30 1928 and after giving effect to increased earnings anticipated from improvements and extensions, it is estimated that combined net earnings of all plants now being acquired and constructed, after deduction of operating and maintenance expenses, local taxes, depreciation and Dominion income tax, and available for preferred dividends for the first fiscal year of operation, will be approximately \$65,000, as against annual 1st pref. dividends of \$37,375—over 1 2/3 times 1st pref. dividend requirements.

Directors will include: George A. MacKey, Pres., C. W. Band, E. R. Decary, and A. R. Macdonald.

Dominion Woollens & Worsteds, Ltd.—Consolidation.
 The shareholders of the Canadian Woollens, Ltd., on Sept. 28, formally ratified proposals approved by the directors for an amalgamation with the R. Forbes Co. of Hespeler, Ont., and the exchange of their shares for those of a new company to be known as the Dominion Woollens & Worsteds, Ltd. Terms of the exchange provide that the Canadian Woollens is to receive one share of preferred and one share for common of the new company for each preferred share now held, and that holders of common will receive new common stock on a share-for-share basis.—V. 126, p. 4088.

Edgewater Beach Hotel Co., Chicago.—Bonds Offered.—The Foreman Trust & Savings Bank and A. G. Becker & Co. are offering \$1,200,000 5 1/2% debenture bonds a prices to yield from 5 1/2% to 6% according to maturity.

Dated Sept. 15 1928; due serially Sept. 15 1929 to 1938 incl. Principal and int. (M. & S.) payable at Foreman Trust & Savings Bank, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500*. Red. all or part on any int. date on 60 days' notice, at 101 1/2% at any time before Sept. 15 1931; at 101% at any time between Sept. 16 1931, and Sept. 15 1935; at 100 1/2% at any time between Sept. 16 1935, and Sept. 15 1937, and at 100% thereafter; in each case with interest. If less than the whole of said bonds is redeemed at any time one, the bonds to be redeemed shall be the last maturing bonds in the inverse order of their numbering. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%.

Data from Letter of John T. Connery, President of the Company.
Hotel.—The Edgewater Beach Hotel is one of the best known and most popular hotels in Chicago and the Middle West. The land owned in fee has a frontage of 1,207 feet on Sheridan Road, extending north from Berwyn Ave. and east to Lake Michigan.

The hotel structures, which are an outstanding landmark in Chicago's sky line, occupy somewhat less than one-half of the area owned, leaving for further development 644 additional feet of Sheridan Road and Lake Michigan frontage. Besides the hotel proper, the buildings contain 18 retail shops and a 200 car garage for the exclusive use of guests, both of which contribute substantially to the company's revenues.

The Prudential Insurance Co. of America has made a closed first mortgage secured by property valued on June 30 1928, at \$10,937,350. This valuation is based on independent appraisals made early in 1925 with allowance for additions made since the time of the appraisals and after deducting subsequent depreciation, as certified by independent auditors. The property, subjected to the first mortgage, includes 1,032 feet of land fronting Sheridan Road and Lake Michigan, and all the buildings, furnishings and equipment located thereon. In addition, the hotel company owns certain unencumbered property consisting of 175 feet of Sheridan Road and Lake Michigan frontage adjacent to and immediately north of the 1,032 feet of land securing the first mortgage loan. This unencumbered property is carried on the company's books at a cost of \$488,067. In the aggregate, therefore, the Edgewater Beach Hotel Co. owns total property valued at \$11,425,417, or 2.43 times the total combined principal amount of the closed first mortgage loan and this closed issue of bonds.

Income.—In the last three years ended June 30 1928, during which period both the main building and the annex have been in full operation, net earnings after all operating charges and taxes, other than Federal income taxes, but before depreciation, applicable to interest on funded debt, have averaged \$689,097 per annum or 2.75 times the combined maximum interest charges on the present first mortgage loan and these bonds; in each of the three years such net earnings were more than 2.50 times the maximum combined interest charges on the present closed mortgage loan and these bonds. Current operations indicate that the earnings of this year will exceed those of last year.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of these \$1,200,000 debentures, together with the \$3,500,000 first mortgage made by the Prudential Insurance Co. of America, have been used to retire the balance of the company's \$5,000,000 6% serial bonds, issued in 1925. As a result of this financing, the company has materially reduced its annual interest requirements.—V. 127, p. 1681.

Elgin Sweeper Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.—Howe, Snow & Co., Inc., Chicago, recently offered 12,000 shares prior preference participating stock cumulative and convertible (no par value) at \$30 per share to yield 6 2-3%.

Redeemable in whole or in part at \$50 per share plus div. upon 30 days' notice. Exempt from personal property taxes in Illinois, and dividends exempt from the present normal Federal income tax.

The prior preference participating stock is entitled (1) to cumulative quarterly dividends at the rate of \$2 per share per annum payable Q.-J.; (2) in any calendar year, after dividends have been declared on the outstanding common stock to a total aggregate amount equal to the total aggregate amount of the yearly cumulative dividends on the largest aggregate amount of prior preference participating stock theretofore outstanding, to participate equally as a class with the common stock as a class in any further dividends (other than the regular quarterly cumulative dividends on the prior preference participating stock and the cumulative dividend preferred stock and (or) stock dividends) which may be declared during any such year until the holders of the prior preference participating stock shall have received, or there shall have been set aside from the surplus and (or) net profits of the corporation a sum sufficient for the payment to them of \$2 per share for such year; (3) to payment in case of liquidation or dissolution up to \$50 per share, plus accrued but unpaid dividends, before any payment or distribution shall be made to the holders of the cumulative dividend preferred stock or of the common stock; (4) to the option of converting such stock share for share into common stock of the corporation at any time on or before July 1 1933 (unless redeemed by the corporation prior thereto); (5) to full voting rights share for share with the common stock and the cumulative dividend preferred stock.

Transfer Agent, Central Trust Co., Chicago; Registrar, Continental National Bank & Trust Co.

Data from Letter of D. M. Todd, President of the Company.
Company.—Incorp. in 1922 in Illinois. At the time of incorporation, the company took over the business of the Elgin Street Sweeper Co. which had been operated up to that time (from 1914 to 1922) as a partnership by the same parties who are now in active control and management of the company. On Sept. 18 1928 the present corporation, Elgin Sweeper Co., was incorp. in Illinois. The present corporation will acquire the entire business, properties and assets of the Elgin Street Sweeper Co.

Capitalization—		Authorized.	Outstanding.
Prior pref. participating stock (no par)		50,000 shs.	12,000 shs.
Cumulative div. pref. stock (no par)		20,000 shs.	20,000 shs.
Common stock (no par)		50,000 shs.	30,000 shs.

Business Property.—The business of the company consists of manufacturing and selling motor driven machines for cleaning paved streets and city catch basins. The Elgin sweeper is a leader in its line and the

sales for this equipment are increasing rapidly with the advance in the building of paved streets. More than one-third of all cities in the United States having a population of 10,000 or over, have purchased Elgin sweepers and repeat orders from these cities have been running from 50 to 60% of the total annual sales. The servicing and maintenance of these machines is producing a very large business in supplies and repairs which adds materially to the profits of the company. The company manufactures more than 60% of all the street sweepers in the United States, and does business also in foreign countries, including Germany, Australia, Canada and Mexico.

The plant is located in Elgin, Ill., and is well covered by fire, tornado, steam boiler and other insurance.

Net Sales & Net Income.—Net sales (after deductions for returned goods and allowances) and net income (after depreciation, amortization of patents and Federal taxes) of the company, based upon the audits made by Haskins and Sells, C. P. A., are as follows:

	5 Mos. End.	Year End.	Year End.
	May 31 '28.	Dec. 31 '27.	Dec. 31 '26.
Net sales	\$463,910	\$863,841	\$870,060
Net income	58,099	94,648	63,115

Average annual net income for 29 months ending May 31 1928, as above shown, is \$90,563 which is 3.7 times annual cumulative dividend requirements on prior preference participating stock.

Purpose.—To provide additional working capital and for other corporate purposes.

Electric Auto-Lite Corp.—Acquisition.

President C. O. Miniger states the company has purchased a substantial interest in the Eclipse Machine Co. of Elmira, N. Y., which makes the Bendix drive mechanism. The Eclipse company's products go into the majority of cars and trucks on the market. Mr. Miniger states, and he and other officials of Electric Auto-Lite Co. felt it was to the interest of the company to protect its source of supply on the important unit used in Auto-Lite starting equipment.—V. 127, p. 1108.

Evans-Wallower Lead Co.—To Increase Capital—Rights.

The directors have called a special meeting of stockholders for Oct. 17 to authorize a capital increase of \$1,250,000 through the issuance of additional preferred stock.

The raising of additional funds, which will be used to finance the construction of the company's new electrolytic zinc plant, will be accomplished through the offering to common stockholders of stock units, comprising one share of preferred and 4 shares of common, on the basis of each 36 shares of common stock now held. The units will be priced at \$102, of which \$100 represents the par value of preferred stock and \$2 represents a price of 50 cents per share for the 4 shares of common stock, a charge necessary to render this stock full-paid under Delaware laws.

The stockholders will be given the privilege of purchasing these units in 4 partial payments, in which event delivery will be made as of April 2 1929 after payment of the last installment. Stockholders who elect to pay the full purchase price on the first payment date will obtain their stock as of Nov. 15 1928.

The company announces that construction work is well under way on its new electrolytic zinc plant at East St. Louis, which will operate under the new Tainton process. This plant will have an initial capacity of 50 tons per day of the Tainton process zinc, rated at 99.99% pure, and will be designed to carry out a schedule of expanding production for the next 7 years.—V. 127, p. 1533.

Fairchild Aviation Corp.—Shares Placed Privately.

Negotiations for purchase of a block of the company's stock were concluded this week by a banking group who placed the shares privately. The shares have been admitted to trading on the New York Curb.

The corporation is a holding company engaged in developing, financing and operating various subsidiary companies in all fields of the aviation industry. Among the company's subsidiaries are: Fairchild Airplane Manufacturing Corp., Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Inc., Fairchild Flying Corp., Fairchild Aerial Camera Corp., Fairchild Caminez Engine Corp. and Fairchild Aviation, Ltd. Affiliated companies include Cia Mexicana de Avion and International Aerial Engineering Co.

To Capitalize.

Corporation has called a special meeting of stockholders for Oct. 15 to vote on the plan to increase the authorized stock to 560,000 shares, consisting of 500,000 shares of Class A stock and 60,000 shares of Class B stock. It is also proposed to change the present 150,000 shares of Class A stock into 300,000 shares of new Class A stock and change the 30,000 shares of Class B stock now issued into 60,000 shares of new class B stock. Stockholders are also asked to authorize or ratify the sale of 85,000 shares of new Class A stock of the first series at such price as may be fixed by the board of directors, and to authorize the issuance and sale of the remainder of the new Class A stock proposed to be authorized.—V. 127, p. 1954.

Federal Screw Works.—Listed.

The Detroit Stock Exchange has approved for listing 105,000 shares (no par) common stock. See also V. 127, p. 1682.

Federated Business Publications, Inc.—

The first year of ownership of "Novelty News" by Federated Business Publications, Inc., has been completed with the publication of the October 1928 issue. The advertising published during this year, as compared with that published for the year previous, shows a gain under Federated management of 191 pages.—V. 127, p. 1955.

First National Pictures, Inc.—Comparative Bal. Sheet.

Assets—	June 30, '28		Dec. 31 '27		Liabilities—	June 30 '28		Dec. 31 '27			
	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$		
aLand bldg., equip. &c.	2,321,816	2,132,969	2,274,000	2,350,000	8% 1st pref. stk.	2,274,000	2,350,000	7% 2nd pref. stk.	1,133,981	1,246,581	
Invest. other cos.	1,253,415	1,253,415	Common stock	1,993,949	2,065,595	1st mtge. bonds	760,000	100,000	Pur. money notes	96,000	108,000
Fire insur. fund	7,815	7,815	Notes payable	2,850,000	2,460,000	Mtge. bond due 1yr	105,000	865,000	Accts. pay. & accr.	619,718	633,983
Marketable sec	205,141	205,141	Adv. payments	318,050	763,520	Fed. & State tax	220,625	220,099	Other current liab.	143,788	286,666
Invest. foreign sub	1,414,860	1,067,574	Res. from cos	362,632	361,512	Reserves	144,197	332,815	Retire. 2d pref.	50,000	d137,500
Pur. money notes	72,000	96,000	"A" stock	50,000	d137,500	Surplus	7,188,115	6,433,897			
Inventories	8,108,168	6,336,874	Total	18,060,045	18,415,168						
Prod. in prog., &c.	1,524,517	2,515,456									
Adv. to producers	2,278,786	2,713,415									
Cash surderv. val.	24,672	24,672									
Insur. pol.	668,816	741,678									
Accts., &c., receiv.	1,223,233	949,510									
Cash	423,177	395,321									
Deferred charges											
Total	18,060,045	18,415,168	Total	18,060,045	18,415,168						

a After depreciation. b Represented by 8,380 shares class A and 2,959 class B preferred stock. c Represented by 72,894 no-par shares. d Includes retirement first preferred stock.—V. 127, p. 1812.

5110 Kenwood Apartments, Chicago.—Bonds Offered.

—Straus Brothers Investment Co., Chicago are offering \$430,000 1st mtge. 6% serial gold bonds at prices to yield from 5.80% to 6% according to maturity.

Dated Aug. 10 1928; due serially 1931-1938. Int. payable J-J, at the office of Straus Brothers Investment Co. Red. all or part in inverse numerical order, on any int. date, at 102 and int. upon 3 weeks' published notice to bondholders. Normal Federal income tax up to 2% refunded by the mortgagor. Herman S. Straus, an officer of Straus Brothers Investment Co., trustee.

Security.—Funds derived from the sale of this bond issue, together with the mortgagor's investment, will be used to finance the erection of the building described herein. These bonds are secured by a first mortgage on the land—owned in fee simple—on the building to be erected thereon and will be further secured by a chattel mortgage on the furnishings, when installed. The property has a frontage of 66.5 feet on Kenwood Avenue with a depth of 178.9 feet.

The 5110 Kenwood Apartments will be a 10-story high-grade, fireproof apartment building of reinforced concrete construction. These bonds are the direct obligation of the 5110 Kenwood Building Corp. In addition, payment of principal and interest is unconditionally and personally guaranteed by Thomas D. Randall a responsible business man who comes well recommended.

Income.—The annual gross income from this property has been conservatively estimated by Ernest Barbour at \$135,000 from which \$67,500 has been deducted to cover operating expenses, vacancies, taxes, etc., leaving an annual estimated net income of \$67,500—more than 2½ times the greatest annual interest charge on the bonds.

Flintkote Co.—Becomes Affiliated With the Royal Dutch Shell Group Companies—Proposed Stock Split-Up—Retires Preferred Stock.

Details of the proposed partnership between the Royal Dutch Shell Group and the Flintkote Co. of Boston, Mass., were announced recently by Chester E. Rahr, President of the Flintkote Co. Mr. Rahr has just returned from London, where he concluded negotiations with officials of the Royal Dutch Shell Group, subject to approval of Flintkote stockholders and counsel and to certain corporate formalities to be taken in the early Fall. It is expected that the new arrangements will become effective about the first of the year.

Mr. Rahr said: "The association of Flintkote and the Royal Dutch Shell Group is a partnership in the strictest sense of the word. By it Flintkote, while retaining its own identity, management and policies, becomes an important member of this international group.

"The Royal Dutch Shell interests will put into Flintkote between \$8,000,000 and \$9,000,000 of additional capital. Other moves already well under way will bring the immediate capital of Flintkote to the neighborhood of \$19,000,000, more than double its capital prior to negotiations with the Royal Dutch Shell Group. The partnership will be effected by the purchase by the Royal Dutch Shell Group of common stock of Flintkote. An existing issue of \$2,500,000 7% cum. conv. preferred stock will be retired and, when in its field to a further point than it could have hoped to attain, an aided in many years.

"In this connection," he said, "Flintkote, Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary, is now being incorporated in London for the purpose of handling the development of the company's business in foreign fields.

"The partnership with the Royal Dutch Shell Group holds great promise for Flintkote. The joining of patents by the two companies will turn over to us, for exclusive exploitation throughout the world, valuable patents now held by the Royal Dutch Shell Group. Flintkote will thus extend its leadership in its field to a further point than it could have hoped to attain, an aided in many years.

"Flintkote already holds important patents in this country and abroad on asphalt shingles and prepared roofings and has developed, after years of research, a method of asphalt emulsion, thereby extending the use of this product into many new and varied fields. Its patents and operations in asphalt emulsion cover very broad industrial uses. The operations of the Flintkote Co. and its licensees are constantly increasing in this field and cover such applications as the manufacture of waterproof paper, automobile panel boards, insulating material for boilers, buildings, refrigerators and pipe lines, asphalt paints, road materials, moisture-proof cartons and shipping containers.

Chairman Reginald W. Bird, Oct. 4, in a letter to the holders of convertible preferred stock, said in part:

The investment by the Royal Dutch Shell group between of \$8,000,000 and \$9,000,000 (they paying book value per share which, after adjustments and conversion, is estimated to be approximately \$59 or \$60 per share) insures a substantial increase in capital which will facilitate the expansion program, the company has been following so successfully for a number of years.

There will be no change in the Flintkote management except the strengthening of the present board of directors by the addition of representatives of the Royal Dutch Shell group. In fact, retention of Flintkote's aggressive management was a prime factor in interesting the Royal Dutch Shell group in the proposed partnership arrangement.

After this issue of preferred stock shall have been converted or redeemed, the company will be left without any funded debt or preference stock, and with augmented resources represented only by common stock.

At the present time the directors are considering the advisability of a split-up in stock, prior to making application for its listing on the Exchange.

On Sept. 14 there was issued a notice of redemption of the preferred stock as of Oct. 15 1928 at 110 and div. At the same time attention was called to the privilege of conversion up to Oct. 15 (the redemption date) of the preferred into common stock of the company. In the ratio of 1-3 shares of 1 common for each share of preferred, with adjustment of dividend. Up to the present time, practically all of the preferred stock which has been presented, has been for conversion into common, and any preferred shareholder desiring to convert his stock into common should do so prior to Oct. 15, as the conversion privilege ceases on all preferred stock on that date. (See also V. 127, p. 1682.)

The Flintkote Co. has acquired the Beckman-Dawson Roofing Co., a long-established business which has grown rapidly in the last few years. This is the first step in the Flintkote company's program of expansion in the fields of asphalt roofing, emulsion and allied asphalt products. About two years ago the Flintkote Co. acquired the roofing businesses of the Richardson Co. and the Chaffield Mfg. Co.

The Beckman-Dawson company within the past 2 years has taken over the Peck Asphalt Shingle Co. of Detroit, Mich., and the Lockport Paper Co. of Lockport, N. Y., giving it three roofing plants and a felt mill. There will be no change in the conduct of the Beckman-Dawson business. Representatives of the Flintkote group will be added to the Beckman-Dawson board of directors.—V. 127, p. 1682.

Follansbee Brothers Co.—Transfer Agent.

The National Bank of Commerce in New York has been appointed New York transfer agent for the common and preferred stocks. See also V. 127, p. 1955.

400 Madison Avenue Building (400 Madison Avenue Corp.), New York City.—Bonds Offered.

—An issue of \$1,900,000 1st mtge. leasehold 6% sinking fund gold bonds is being offered at 97 and int. to yield over 6.26% by G. L. Ohrstrom & Co., Inc., Graham Parsons & Co. and Janney & Co.

Dated Sept. 1 1928; due Sept. 1 1948. Principal and int. (M. & S.) payable at American Exchange Irving Trust Co., New York, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. all or part, on any int. date, upon 30 days' notice, to and including Sept. 1 1931 at 105; thereafter, to and including Sept. 1 1937 at 103; thereafter to and incl. Sept. 1 1943 at 102; thereafter, to and incl. Sept. 1 1947, at 101; and thereafter at 100; in each case with accrued interest. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2% per annum. Refund of certain state taxes to resident holders upon written application within 60 days after payment, all as will be provided in the mortgage.

Location.—The 400 Madison Avenue Building will occupy the block front on the west side of Madison Avenue extending between 47th and 48th Streets. This site is in the midst of the highly developed business and banking district known as the Grand Central Zone. The Grand Central Terminal is two blocks to the south of the property.

Building.—The 400 Madison Avenue Building will be a high-grade 20-story office and banking building of modern fireproof steel construction. The exterior will be of Gothic masonry rising from a granite base. The facade, occupying the block front, will combine the imposing solidity of the American skyscraper with the grace of the French Gothic, making the building one of the finest structures in this district.

An outstanding architectural feature of the 400 Madison Avenue Building is the elimination of all columns from the office space, leaving each floor entirely unobstructed throughout thus adding appreciably to the rental value of the space in the building. In addition, due to its exceptional width on Madison Ave. of over 188 feet and a comparatively short depth of approximately 45 feet, the building will have exceptional light penetration as well as the further advantage of light and air from three streets.

The main entrance located in the center of the building on Madison Avenue will be of marble and bronze with ornamental ceiling. Two marble stairways leading from the ground floor entrance to the first floor, which has been designed for the use of a bank, will give unusual height to the main hallway. Elevator service will be provided by high-speed passenger elevators of the most modern type.

The new company and its associated interests will comprise, upon completion of the acquisition, a chain of 103 Ground Gripper and Kahler stores these will be company-owned and the remaining 60 will operate under exclusive franchise. In addition, 1,000 dealers will handle the shoes manufactured by the new company.

Financing relative to the consolidation will be undertaken in this market soon by McKinley & Co., and will take the form of an offering of cumulative preferred and common stock.

Hart-Parr Co.—Rights—Recapitalization.

The common stockholders of record Oct. 13 will be given the right to subscribe for new preferred and common stocks on the basis of 3-10ths of a share of new preferred and 8-10ths of a share of new common stock for each old common share held at \$54 for a unit. The rights will expire Oct. 27. The price is on the basis of \$100 a share for the preferred and \$30 a share for the common stock.

This announcement was made on Oct. 5 following the approval by stockholders of an increase in the authorized no par value common stock to 500,000 shares from 200,000 shares and the creation of 50,000 shares of \$6.50 conv. pref. stock. There will be issued 33,000 shares of preferred and 88,000 shares of common stock under the stock purchase rights.

Earnings of the company for the year ending Oct. 31, with the last two months estimated, will show about \$5.40 a share earned on 198,000 shares of common stock, to be outstanding after giving effect to the change in capitalization, according to President M. W. Ellis.

The proceeds of the sale of additional stock will be used to retire \$1,000,000 of 1st mtge. 6% bonds and outstanding issues of 7% 1st pref. and partic. class "A" preferred stock.

Application will be made to list the common stock on the Chicago Stock Exchange.—V. 127, p. 1956.

Haytian Corp. of America.—Annual Report.

Years Ended June 30—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross earnings	\$2,238,897	\$1,844,642	\$1,503,295	\$1,252,288
Operating expenses	1,571,235	1,359,646	1,221,128	1,005,380
Minority int., Wharf Co.	5,099	4,224	1,568	1,308
Income note int., &c.	263,615	219,912	213,113	190,508
x Deprec. reserve, &c.	71,338	60,686	53,290	50,508

Net income	\$327,608	\$200,174	\$14,195	\$4,584
Shares of com. stock outstanding (no par)	90,941	85,368	85,368	80,000
Earns. per sh. on com. stk	\$3.59	\$2.34	\$0.17	\$0.06

x Following the policy of the company adopted by reason of the concessions, no depreciation reserves have been provided for the railroad or the electric light company.

Balance Sheet June 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Property & equip., less depreciation	7,236,424	6,974,784	6,974,784
Franch. & concessions	1,141,423	1,141,423	1,141,423
Claim against Haiti			
Government	1,027,389	1,027,389	1,027,389
Cash	75,300	47,662	47,662
Mtge. held for sale	708,110		
Mtge. int. received	25,893	20,902	20,902
Inventory	320,313	1,000,362	1,000,362
Accts. receivable	244,922	173,860	173,860
Mtges. receivable	54,924	54,924	54,924
Cost of cane fields	251,458	214,620	214,620
Other assets	5,704		
Advance against future crops	z70,308	z80,401	z80,401
Prepaid expenses	91,710	84,083	84,083
Bond discount	79,933	45,015	45,015
Organization exps.	30,568	30,568	30,568
Total	11,364,449	10,896,094	11,364,449

x Represented by 90,941 no par shares issued or to be issued. y After deducting \$852,320 reserve for depreciation. z After deducting \$18,089 for reserve.—V. 126, p. 4090.

(R.) Hoe & Co., Inc.—New Orders Closed.

The corporation announces the closing of a number of important new orders for its Superspeed and new design Superproduction newspaper presses. Undelivered orders at the American plants represent nearly six months normal business and for the British subsidiary over a year's normal business. Much of this business has been stimulated by interest in the trade in the new Superproduction Press, which gives a larger net production yet occupies only 65% of the floor space required by former models.

Orders now announced include a new plant of 12 16-page units for the Philadelphia Record, five additional 16-page units for the Louisville Courier-Journal, six for the Boston Globe and three for the Montreal Star. That R. Hoe & Co. is one of the most international of American businesses as well as one of the oldest is indicated by contracts recently closed, with the Sydney (Australia) Bulletin for a magazine press, with El Comercio of Lima, Peru, for four 16-page combination black and color units and with El Excelsior of Havana, Cuba, for a complete new plant including eight 16-page black units, a color press and a photogravure press. The British subsidiary reports two large orders, 25 16-page units for the London Telegraph and 24 for the London Daily Mail.

The company has just completed an installation which it believes establishes a record for quick delivery. On June 25 the New York "Sun" placed an emergency order for eight additional 16-page units for its new 44th St. plant, which has just gone into action. The presses were erected and ready for operation ahead of time on Sept. 26, just one day over three months from signing the contract to switching on the power.

On Nov. 1 the company takes title to its new plant in the Bronx, N. Y., where substantial manufacturing economies are expected. To assist in financing this program stockholders have been offered \$800,000 new six-year 7% notes and 16,000 additional shares of class A stock. Rights to this subscription expired Oct. 10. See V. 127, p. 1397, 1259.

Hope Engineering Co.—Sells Manufacturing Business.

This company (formerly the Hope Engineering & Supply Co.) announces the sale of the manufacturing end of its business located at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, to the C. & G. Cooper Co., well-known engine builders of the same city. The Cooper company will continue the manufacture and distribution of the Hope Gas Engines and compressors in addition to its present lines. By this transaction the Hope Engineering Co. will further develop its engineering construction business so as to give a greater service to the gas and oil industry, with which it has been prominently identified for many years. The transaction will also enable the Cooper company to provide for the gas and oil industry a greater line of equipment.

No change in the management or organization of the Hope Engineering Co. will be made.

Hope Engineering & Supply Co.—Changes Name.

See Hope Engineering Co., above.—V. 127, p. 267, 831.

Household Finance Corp.—Pref. Stock Offered.—Lee, Higginson & Co. are offering at \$49 per share 140,000 shares participating preference stock (par \$50).

Preferred as to cumulative dividends at rate of \$3 per share per annum, payable Q-J. Preferred as to assets up to \$75 per share in event of voluntary, or \$55 per share in event of involuntary dissolution. Participating at least equally with common stock in cash dividends after common has received \$3 per share in any year, until participating preference stock has received maximum aggregate dividend of \$5 per share per annum. Provision is made for protection of participation and conversion rights in event of common stock dividend on common stock. Callable at \$75 per share plus accumulated preferred dividends, as a whole or in amounts of not less than \$500,000 on any dividend payment date, upon 30 days' notice. If called, right of conversion may nevertheless be exercised up to and including tenth day before redemption date.

Convertible into common stock, class A, at a rate of 1 share common stock, class A, for the following amounts in par value of participating preference stock respectively: on or before July 1 1931, \$75; thereafter on or before July 1 1933, \$87.50; thereafter on or before July 1 1937, \$100.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Participating preference stock (\$50 par)	400,000 shs.	140,000 shs.
Common stock, class A, no par value	580,000 shs.	NH.
Common stock, class B, no par value	520,000 shs.	*386,152 shs.

* Not including 30,248 shares in treasury.

Data from Letter of L. C. Harbison, President of the Company.

Business.—Corporation with predecessors is oldest and one of largest companies in United States engaged in small loan field, carrying on business which has been uniformly successful since establishment more than 50 years ago. Small loans are an essential factor in financial and economic structure of country, serving need of small borrowers. It is estimated that over 80% of the families of the United States are without means for bank credit. This corporation, in cooperation with Russell Sage Foundation and other social agencies and legislative bodies, has been a leader in development of remedial legislation for protection of small borrowers. Corporation with wholly owned subsidiary has 68 offices in 11 States, including most of important industrial States. Present outstanding loans of over \$13,000,000 represent approximately 114,000 accounts, averaging about \$114 per loan, and are confined exclusively to States which have enacted legislation of type known as "Uniform Small Loan Law."

Uniform Small Loan Law.—Laws of this type, now enacted by 25 States, have succeeded notably in objects of protecting small borrower and of making a valuable adequate capital for small loans. They generally provide that loans may be made in amounts of \$300 or less by licensed lenders under strict State supervision; interest shall not be payable in advance or compounded, must be computed on unpaid balances for actual days elapsed without additional charges, and may not exceed a fixed rate designed to cover high overhead cost of making cash loans in small amounts.

Purpose of Issue.—Corporation has decided to make voluntary reduction of nearly one-third below interest rate permitted by most of the laws upon loans to small borrowers. As result of this public benefit, corporation will attract desirable loans in large and growing amount which it can handle without proportionate increase in cost of operation. Proceeds of this financing will be added to working capital to meet this demand.

Earnings.—Net earnings after all taxes, year ended Dec. 31 1927, were \$2,247,998, or 5.35 times cumulative fixed dividend requirements of \$3 per share on 140,000 shares of this participating preference stock. For last five years such net earnings averaged 3.44 times and for last 10 years 2.49 times this requirement, although 10 years ago average invested capital was only about one-quarter of that in 1927.

For six months to June 30 1928, such net earnings were at annual rate of \$16.29 per share or 5.43 times this requirement. Compared with initial \$4.33 per share dividend on each class of stock, this was at annual rate of \$4.33 per share on combined participating preference and common stocks now to be outstanding, or nearly 1 1/2 times amount required to pay dividends on both classes of stock at initial rate. While surplus earnings in excess of initial dividend rates will be reduced temporarily by decrease in interest charged, careful survey indicates that future earnings, including income from proceeds of this financing, will substantially exceed those above shown for 1928, which should result in increasing value for both participation and conversion privileges.

Assets.—Net assets, based on balance sheet of June 30 1928, adjusted to give effect to present financing were \$17,249,467, or \$123.21 per share of participating preference stock, representing 246% of par value. Corporation's assets are unusually liquid, loans outstanding being repaid in monthly installments in an average of about seven months. During last five years losses from bad debts in each year have been less than 1/4 of 1% of loans made.

Household Products, Inc.—To Increase Capitalization.

The stockholders will vote Oct. 26 on increasing the authorized capital stock of no par value from 575,000 shares (all outstanding) to 1,000,000 shares.—V. 127 p. 1956.

Hudson Motor Car Co.—Listed on Amsterdam Stock Exchange.

Samuel Ungerleider & Co. have received a cable from Broekmans Administratiekantoor, their correspondents in Amsterdam, Holland, advising them that the shares of the company have been introduced to the Dutch market by listing on the Amsterdam Stock Exchange. The shares will be traded in the form of transferable certificates of deposit, issued by the Broekmans banking house.—V. 127, p. 691.

Hygrade Lamp Co., Salem, Mass.—Stocks Sold.

Hale Waters & Co., New York have sold 15,500 shares \$6.50 convertible preferred stock (no par value) at \$99 per share and div. and 17,000 shares common stock (no par value) at \$39 per share.

Dividends exempt from present Mass. Income Tax. The \$6.50 Convertible preferred Stock is preferred as to dividends and in any distribution of assets other than by dividends from surplus or net profits to the extent of \$100 per share plus div.; Dividends payable quarterly, as declared, cumulative from Oct. 1 1928. Red. all or part, on any div. date, upon 30 days' notice, at \$110 per share plus divs. Transfer Agent: State Street Trust Company, Boston; Registrar: O. Colony Trust Company, Boston.

Convertible.—Each share of \$6.50 convertible preferred stock will be convertible at any time before the date of redemption at the option of the holder into two shares of common stock.

Capitalization	Authorized	Outstanding.
\$6.50 conv. pref. stock (no par value.)	\$18,300 shs.	\$18,300 shs.
Common stock (no par value)	\$154,300 shs.	\$117,684 shs.

Data from Letter of Frank A. Poor, Treas. of the Company.

Company.—Incorp. in Massachusetts in 1917 to succeed to the lamp business originally established by Frank A. Poor in 1901. Company is licensed to make and sell incandescent electric lamps under patents of the General Electric Co. The license agreement with the General Electric Co., expires on Dec. 11, 1934.

From a very modest beginning the business has grown rapidly and consistently. In 1917, the company output approximated 3,100,000 lamps a year. In 1922, this amount was over 5,600,000, and at the present time exceeds 11,000,000. This growth has been caused by the consistent increase in the use of incandescent lamps and also by the advantageous acquisition, at various times, beginning in 1917, of five other companies, which has been financed entirely out of the company's earnings. In August 1928 the company acquired the assets and license rights of the Vosburgh Miniature Lamp Co., manufacturers of electric automobile bulbs, which should add 5,000,000 lamps a year to the company's business and increase the company's annual output to over 16,000,000 lamps. Company is now the third largest manufacturer of large lamps and the fourth largest manufacturer of automobile lamps in the United States.

In addition, through a wholly owned subsidiary, the Nectrom Corp., the company manufactures radio tubes. Although this subsidiary's business is at the present time in an early development stage, it is expected that it will grow and add to the company's income in future years.

Distribution of Product.—Company owns a modern and efficient plant at Salem, Mass., where all of its lamps are manufactured. Sales offices are located in Salem and in Chicago, from which the company's products are distributed to approximately 200 jobbers and 5,000 dealers throughout the United States, as well as being sold directly to many large consumers.

Earnings.—The combined gross profits from sales, after deducting royalties and net income available for dividends of Hygrade Lamp Co. and Vosburgh Miniature Lamp Co., after adjustments, were as follows:

Calendar Years—	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.
Gross profit from sales	\$833,807	\$1,028,594	\$1,106,890	\$566,806
Net income	423,453	538,486	589,894	280,112
Times div. requir't on pref.	3.56	4.53	4.96	4.04
Bal. avail. per sh. for com.	\$2.59	\$3.56	\$4.00	\$1.79

Net income for the three years and seven months, as shown above, averaged \$511,241 per annum, equal to over 4.29 times annual dividend requirements on 18,300 shares of \$6.50 conv. pref. stock to be outstanding. After deducting annual pref. dividend requirements, the average for this period available for dividends on the 117,684 shares of common stock to be outstanding amounted to \$3.33 per share.

Balance Sheet.—The balance sheet as at July 31 1928 as adjusted, shows current assets of \$1,218,132, as compared with current liabilities of \$457,295, a ratio of over 2.6 to 1.

Purpose.—This offering, with the exception of 500 shares of the conv. pref. stock, represents stock purchased from individuals and not new financing of the company.

Management.—The management will continue in the hands of Frank A. Poor, Edward J. Poor, and Walter E. Poor. More than a majority of the common stock of the company to be presently outstanding will be owned by these men and their families.

Listing.—Application will be made to list the common stock on the Boston Stock Exchange.

Imperial Tobacco Co. of Canada, Ltd.—New Director.
Lieut.-Col. Henri Des Rosiers, D.S.O., has been elected a director.
—V. 127, p. 1110.

International Printing Ink Corp.—Dividends.
The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the preferred stock and a regular quarterly dividend of 6 3/4% per share on the common stock, both payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 15.
An initial dividend of 1 1/4% on the pref. stock and one of 41 2-3 cents per share (covering a 2-months' period) on the common stock were paid on Aug. 1 last.—V. 127, p. 1815.

International Products Corp. (& Subs.)—Offer to Pref. Stockholders—Semi-Annual Report.

The stockholders on Sept. 29 (a) increased the authorized common stock from 376,700 shares, without par value, to 550,000 shares, without par value; (b) approved a plan for the purchase of 22,286 shares (approximately 30% of the outstanding preferred stock by issuing thereof 7 shares of common stock for each share of preferred stock.

The pref. stockholders of record Sept. 29, have until Oct. 27, the privilege of exchanging their shares on the above basis by depositing same with the Chatham-Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., 149 Broadway, N. Y. City. If this rearrangement of capital structure is completed there will then be outstanding 50,000 shares of preferred, par \$100 per share, and 532,116 shares of common, without par value.

Earnings for the year 1927 were equivalent to \$10.34 per share on the preferred, and for the six months of 1928 \$8.38 per share, equal to a yearly rate of \$16.76 per share. For the same period, after the 6% preferred dividends, the common stock showed 84 cents per share for the year 1927, and for the six months of 1928 \$1.03 per share equal to a yearly rate of \$2.06 per share.

Earns. for 6 months ended June 30—

	1928	1927
Profit from operations	\$762,167	\$481,745
Depreciation & depletion	100,563	102,097

Net profit	\$661,603	\$379,648
Interest earned	27,607	22,568

Total income	\$689,210	\$402,216
Reserve for federal income tax	83,298	54,299

Net income	\$605,912	\$347,917
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Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Assets	June 30, '28	Dec. 31, '27	Liabilities	June 30, '28	Dec. 31, '27
Fixed assets	\$7,311,066	\$7,351,185	6% pref. stock	\$7,228,600	\$7,228,600
Cash	579,318	682,622	Common stock	c.8,077,895	3,807,895
Accounts receiv.	759,092	709,191	Accounts paybl.	168,190	99,038
Inventories	3,074,709	2,456,658	Div. on pfd. stk		
Subscrip to cap. stk. & Int. thereon	a605,518	608,890	Declared	216,858	216,858
Invest. in Col. Prods. Co.	1,609,542	1,604,775	Fed. income tax	57,959	
Def. chgs., etc.	25,409	31,364	Res. for Fed. Int. tax	83,298	119,341
			Res. for contng. Res. for depl. of forests	75,268	36,581
			Capital surplus	76,357	50,307
			Earned Surplus	1,260,804	1,264,831
				b 989,424	612,232

Total—\$13,964,655 \$13,444,683 Total—\$13,964,655 \$13,444,683

a The subscription account amounting to \$605,518 was liquidated in August, 1928.
b Earned surplus is subject to preferred stock dividends accumulated of \$6 per share not yet declared.
c 376,114 shares (no par value).—V. 127, p. 1956.

Jeddo-Highland Coal Co.—Bonds Called.

The company has called for redemption Nov. 1 \$68,000 1st mtge. (leasehold) 6% bonds, due Nov. 1 1941, at 105 and int. Payment will be made at the Markle Banking Trust Co., trustee, Hazelton, Pa., or at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., 23 Wall St., N. Y. City.—V. 126 p. 2658.

Jersey Ice Cream Co., Chicago.—Bonds Offered.

Lloyd E. Work & Co., Chicago are offering \$275,000 1st mtge. 6 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds at par and int.

Dated Aug. 1 1928; due Aug. 1 1938. Red. all or part upon 60 days' notice on any int. date at 105 and int. until Aug. 1 1929; thereafter at 1/2% less each year until Aug. 1 1934, and thereafter at 102 and int. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Principal and int. (F. & A.) payable at Chicago Trust Co., Chicago, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%.

Data from Letter of George C. Shepard, President of the Company.

History.—Beginning in 1908, the business has had a steady, consistent growth and under the name "Jersey" the company's products have become increasingly well known for quality until the borrower is one of the large Chicago manufacturers and dealers in dairy food products. In addition to the ice cream business, a plant for the manufacture of artificial ice is successfully operated. In both divisions of the business the company has become firmly established.

Security.—A closed first mortgage on all permanent assets now owned by the company, specifically including its thoroughly equipped modern plant with a daily freezing capacity of 3,000 gallons of ice cream, hardening rooms having a capacity of 15,000 gallons, and ice manufacturing plant of 150 tons daily capacity, with storage facilities for 1,800 tons.

Assets.—Net sound depreciated value of real estate, buildings and equipment covered by this first mortgage as at Aug. 3 1928 is \$485,350, with a replacement value very much in excess of this amount.

Earnings.—Net earnings for the three years ended Dec. 31 1927, after depreciation, available for Federal taxes and interest, were \$174,800, an annual average of \$58,267, or over 3 1/2 times the maximum annual interest charges on these bonds. For the calendar year 1927 such net earnings were \$60,181, and from Jan. 1 to Aug. 3 1928 \$54,610. More efficient management, and economies already effected, should serve to substantially increase these earnings.

Sinking Fund.—Company covenants to deposit with the trustee during every three months, ending Jan. 31, April 30, July 31 and Oct. 31, one-fourth of annual interest requirements and in addition a sum equivalent to one-fourth of the following amounts for the years ending July 31: 1929, \$5,000; 1930, \$5,000; 1931, \$10,000; 1932, \$10,000; 1933, \$12,500; 1934, \$25,000; 1935, \$30,000; 1936, \$35,000; 1937, \$45,000; 1938, \$97,500. The company will also pay into sinking fund one-fourth of the net earnings of the company between \$60,000 and \$100,000 in any fiscal year and one-half of all net earnings in excess of \$100,000 in any year.

Kelly-Springfield Tire Co.—Rights, &c.—Pres. Samuel Woolner, Sept. 29, says:

The company has at present issued and outstanding \$4,500,000 of 1 1/2-year 8% sinking fund gold notes, of which \$500,000 must be redeemed at 110 on Nov. 15 1928 through the operation of the sinking fund and \$500,000 must be likewise redeemed each 6 months thereafter until May 15 1931, when the balance of \$2,000,000 becomes due and payable. In addition, the company has a large amount of current indebtedness for borrowed money which is extremely burdensome and materially retards its growth and progress. Owing to the losses which the company has sustained (many of which are considered of a non-recurring nature), the company has been unable to refund its gold notes and liquidate its bank indebtedness. As a result of these losses and the semi-annual payment of \$550,000 to its gold noteholders, the company's working capital has been materially depleted. The board therefore deems it essential that additional permanent capital be immediately secured.

Under these circumstances the directors have approved a plan (which involves the change of the \$25 par value common stock to common stock without par value and increase of the authorized amount of common stock) whereby each present holder of common stock will receive one share of new common stock without par value in lieu of each share of his present common stock of \$25 par value and be given the right to subscribe to his pro rata

part of an additional 700,000 shares of common stock without par value, and whereby a portion of the offering will be underwritten. Subject, therefore, to necessary approval of stockholders, the board has authorized the offering to the holders of its common stock of record Oct. 17 1928 for pro rata subscription of 700,000 shares of common stock without par value at \$21 per share. Notice will be given later of the date of expiration of the subscription rights and of the date when and the place where subscriptions will be payable. On the basis of the number of shares of common stock now outstanding holders of common stock will be entitled to subscribe, under the offering, for the additional common stock at the rate of approximately two shares of additional common stock without par value for each share of common stock held of record Oct. 17. The company has made arrangements for a consideration to the underwriters for the underwriting of 100,000 of the 700,000 shares to be included in the offering and the granting to the underwriters of the option to purchase such portion of the 700,000 shares (other than the 100,000 shares underwritten) as shall not be subscribed and paid for by the holders of its common stock.

No change in either class of pref. stock will be made.
Due in a large degree to the drop in the price of crude rubber, the company, in common with most other rubber companies, suffered a substantial loss during the first 6 months of 1928. Since July of this year the company has been operating profitably.

A special meeting of the shareholders has been called for Oct. 13 1928 for the purpose of amending the certificate of incorporation so as to change the common stock (par \$25) to common stock without par value, and to increase the number of authorized shares of common stock from 400,000 shares to 1,200,000 shares. See also V. 127, p. 1956.

Kidder Peabody Acceptance Corp.—Initial Dividend.
The directors have declared an initial semi-annual dividend of 3% on the 2nd pref. stock, payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 15.—V. 114, p. 2247.

Knickerbocker Insurance Co. of N. Y.—New Directors.
Dr. Maurice B. Keedy, H. M. Jacoby, George D. Vail, H. L. Rodgers, W. H. Thrall, all of New York, and Carl A. Henry of San Francisco, Cal., have been elected directors.—V. 127, p. 418.

(S. H.) Kress & Co.—Sales.

1928—Sept.—1927.	Increase.	1928—9 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$5,010,508	\$4,555,633	\$41,746,551	\$36,536,636
	\$454,875		\$5,209,915

Lake of the Woods Milling Co.—Annual Report.

Years Ended Aug. 31—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
x Profits	\$689,588	\$634,378	\$271,792	\$193,486
Depreciation		75,000		115,000
Preferred dividends	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000
Common dividends	400,267	420,000	420,000	420,000
y Retiring allowance		25,000		
Int. on pay on new stock		4,996		
Written off property		75,000		

Balance	\$79,325	\$34,378	def \$253,208	def \$446,514
Previous surplus	714,197	679,819	933,027	1,379,541

Total surplus	\$793,522	\$714,197	\$679,819	\$933,027
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Shs. com. stk. outstand. (no par) 148,000 z35,000 z35,000 z35,000

Earns. per sh. \$3.24 \$13.27 \$4.77 Nil

x After deducting all expenses of operation and providing for doubtful accounts and income tax. y Provision for employees' retiring allowance. z Par \$100.

Balance Sheet August 31.

Assets	1928.	1927.	Liabilities	1928.	1927.
Real estate, bldgs. & machinery	x6,448,300	6,430,655	Common stock	y5,245,145	3,500,000
Goodwill, trade marks, &c.	250,000	250,000	Preferred 7% stock	1,500,000	1,500,000
Investments	314,000	314,000	Dom'n Flour Mills	1st 5%—	1,400,000
Cash	145,822	88,178	Bank loans	1,555,000	2,133,990
Accounts receivable	2,122,917	2,229,519	Acct's payable and accrued charges	697,912	812,913
Inventories	3,237,087	2,987,643	Empl. retir. allow.	75,000	50,000
Auto trucks, stable, etc., equipment, furniture, &c.	148,451	125,105	Reserve account	2,000,000	2,000,000
			Surplus account	793,521	714,197

Total—13,266,579 12,111,101 Total—13,266,579 12,111,101

Note.—Indirect liabilities on customers' paper under discount, \$876,987 for 1928 and \$654,391 for 1927.

x Real estate, buildings and machinery, \$8,249,137; less depreciation and renewals, \$1,800,836. y 148,000 shares (no par).—V. 126, p. 881

La Lasine International, Inc.—Stock Offered.—Bankers Service Corp., New York, is offering, subject to prior sale, 200,000 shares (no par) common stock at \$6.50 per share.

Capital 1,250,000 shares (no par). Registrar and Transfer Agents, United States Corp. Co.

Data from Letter of President Wm. D. Young, Dated August 20.

Company.—Has acquired the business in France and Italy and the International rights formerly possessed by them in the famous French formula La Lasine Antiseptic, discovered by the French chemist, Laval. During the World War and the period of devastating influenza epidemic La Lasine won the recognition and praise of prominent medical, civil, military and ecclesiastical authorities of the Old World.

United Cigar Stores Co. of America has acquired a substantial stock interest in La Lasine International, Inc., and will share in the affairs of this corporation, with representation on the board of directors.

Contracts.—By the terms of a contract between United Cigar Stores Co. of America and La Lasine International, Inc., United and its subsidiaries, including Whelan Drug Co., and others that it now has or hereafter acquires, will promote the sale of La Lasine products for a 10-year period. These products will be featured in special sales combinations with other articles, given publicity through counter, store poster and window displays, and their sale will be otherwise promoted, all of which assures maximum sales co-operation during this 10-year period. Under these arrangements there will also be co-operative advertising of La Lasine products, carried over the name of the Whelan Drug Co., United Cigar Stores Co. or its subsidiaries, appearing in local newspapers published in the cities where their stores are located.

Since Oct. 1 1927, La Lasine Antiseptic has been advertised and merchandised throughout the six New England States. A check of the New England drug trade recently made disclosed that more than 3,000 outlets stock La Lasine.

In addition to the direct connections of the corporation with the Whelan Drug Store chain, and the many agents of the United Cigar Stores Co., Liggett's now carry La Lasine as a standard item in their warehouse, where it is available for distribution through all their stores in the United States. Arrangements have also been made with Pennsylvania Drug Co. chain, operating in New York City, and the Owl Drug Co. chain operating in the Pacific Coast States, to co-operate with us intensively in advertising and merchandising La Lasine. Arrangements are pending looking to further contracts with various other large drug store chains.

Arrangements have been with Schulte-United 5c. to \$1 Stores Inc., whereby this chain also will stock, advertise and display the products. In addition to the Schulte-United 5c. to \$1 Stores the corporation has contracts in the making for merchandising outlets through numerous other 5 and 10 cent stores and similar financing is for the purpose of obtaining additional working capital for the continued expansion of the advertising and merchandising of the products of the corporation in keeping with the rapid development of its business.

Directors.—Albert C. Allen (Director, United Cigar Stores Co. of America); D. J. Cotter (Sec. & Treas.); H. G. Griffiths (Gen. Mgr., Pennsylvania Drug Co.) New York; Thomas W. Pelham (Member executive committee, Gillette Safety Razor Co.); John Shepard (Pres. Shepard Stores) Boston; A. Staal (Compt., United Cigar Stores Co.) New York; Edward G. Young (Vice-President); and William D. Young (President) Boston.

Lane Bryant, Inc., New York.—Sales.

1928—Sept.—1927.	Increase.	1928—9 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$820,474	\$818,033	\$2,441	\$8,368,635
			\$8,213,849

—V. 127, p. 1538.

Lehigh Valley Coal Co.—Time Extended.

The committee has extended the time limit for the deposit of certificates of interest in the capital stock of the Lehigh Valley Coal Co. and of shares of stock of Lehigh Valley Coal Sales Co. under the plan and agreement dated July 28 to Nov. 30 1928.

Since the broadest possible participation in the plan is desired, the committee requests in order to expedite the consummation of the plan that all certificates of interest and all stock not yet deposited be forwarded immediately to any of the following depositaries: J. P. Morgan & Co., N. Y. City; Girard Trust Co., Philadelphia; Farmers Bank of Wilkes-Barre, Wilkes-Barre.—V. 127, p. 1538.

Lehigh Valley Coal Sales Co.—Time Extended.

See Lehigh Valley Coal Co. above.—V. 127, p. 1539.

(Louis K.) Liggett Co.—Acquisition.

According to a dispatch from Chicago, this company is negotiating for the purchase of the MacLean Drug Co., operating a chain of drug stores in Chicago. This transaction is expected to be closed shortly, according to H. E. White, President of the MacLean Drug Co. The transaction will be for cash, but the amount involved was not disclosed. The MacLean company operates 15 stores and has 2 others in process of being opened.

The Liggett company recently acquired the 5 stores of the Portes Drug Co. in Chicago, and earlier in the year purchased the 7 stores of Buck & Raynor, marking the Liggett company's entry into Chicago.—V. 126, p. 3938.

Loft Inc.—Sales.

1928—Sept.—1927.	Decrease.	1928—9 Mos.—1927.	Decrease.
\$556,048	\$607,870	\$51,822	\$5,138,257
—V. 127, p. 1686.		\$5,562,983	\$424,726

Massachusetts Investors Trust.—To Split Up Shares.

The trustees propose to change the par value of the present shares from \$50 to no par value and will give the holders of record Oct. 20, two new shares of no par value stock for each share of 50 par value owned.—V. 126, p. 3133.

Mayflower-Old Colony Copper Co.—Assessment.

An assessment of 50 cents per share has been levied on the capital stock of the company payable Oct. 23 by stockholders of record Oct. 22 1928. This assessment is payable at the office of the American Trust Co., transfer agent, 50 State St., Boston, Mass. This is the first assessment since May 10 1927 and makes \$17 per share paid in on the outstanding 200,000 shares of capital stock, par \$25.—V. 126, p. 3607.

Mead Pulp & Paper Co., Dayton, O.—Rights.

The common stockholders of record Oct. 10 have been given rights to subscribe on or before Oct. 25 to additional common stock on the basis of one share for each two shares held at \$69 per share.—V. 126, p. 3768.

Melville Shoe Corp.—New Common Stock Placed on a \$1 Annual Dividend Basis.

The directors have declared initial quarterly dividends of 25c. a share on the new common stock (no par value) and of 1½% each on the 1st pref. and 2d pref. stocks, all payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 20. (See also V. 127, p. 833, 693 and 270.)

Sales for Month and Nine Months Ended Sept. 30.			
1928—Sept.—1927.	Increase.	1928—9 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$2,127,651	\$1,588,861	\$538,790	\$15,825,698
—V. 127, p. 1817.		\$12,412,063	\$3,413,635

Merchants Fire Assurance Co.—Capital Increase.

A special meeting of the stockholders will be held Oct. 19 to consider an increase in capitalization from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000, the increase to be in the form of \$750,000 additional common stock and \$250,000 additional preferred stock and to be distributed to the common shareholders pro rata as a stock dividend following a split-up of the present common shares. The par value of the common stock will be reduced from \$25. to \$10 a share. If the proposal is approved 2½ shares of the new common stock of the par value of \$10 each will be issued in exchange for each share of the par value \$25 common stock and each holder of a share of the par value \$10 common stock will be entitled to ½ share of the new common stock and 1-60th of a share of the new preferred stock. Scrip certificates will be issued for fractional shares. With the new set-up capital will be \$3,000,000, assets above \$13,000,000, contingent reserves \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 and surplus \$4,500,000.—V. 123, p. 2911.

Metropolitan Chain Stores Inc.—Sales.

1928—Sept.—1927.	Increase.	1928—9 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$1,116,456	\$976,862	\$139,594	\$8,282,297
—V. 127, p. 1817.		\$7,712,425	\$569,872

Michigan Copper & Brass Co.—Control.

See American Smelting & Refining Co. above.—V. 127, p. 1957.

Michigan Steel Corp.—Bonds Called.—Listing.

All of the outstanding 1st mtge. 15-year 6½% s. f. gold bonds have been called for redemption Nov. 1 at 102½ and int. Payment will be made at the Union Trust Co., trustee, Detroit, Mich. The Detroit Stock Exchange has approved for listing 220,000 shares (no par) common stock. Compare V. 127, p. 694.

Mid-Continent Laundries, Inc., Chicago.—Stock Offered.

A. B. Leach & Co., Inc.; Minton, Lambert & Co., and Paul H. Davis & Co. are offering 100,000 shares participating class A stock at \$43 per share. Dividends payable Q.-J. Red. all or part on 60 days' notice, at \$50 per share up to Jan. 1 1933; at \$55 up to Jan. 1 1935 and at \$60 thereafter plus in each case accrued cumulative dividends. Fully paid and non-assessable. Preferred as to dividends up to \$2.40 per share per annum over the common stock. The issues participates in additional cash dividend disbursements up to a total of \$5 per share per annum, as hereafter provided. Dividends exempt from present normal Federal income tax. Transfer agent: First Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago; Registrar: The Bank of America, Chicago.

Date from Letter by C. F. Noftzger, President of the Company.
Company.—Has been organized in Delaware to acquire the business and assets of 18 laundries and dry cleaning concerns in Chicago, Ill., Sioux City, Council Bluffs, Waterloo, Oskaloosa, and Ames, Ia.; and the entire capital stock of Excelsior Laundry & Dry Cleaning Co., Clinton, Ia.

All the properties to be acquired have shown a successful record of operations and have an established patronage, comprising a total of more than 100,000 customers. The plants to be acquired are modern and the equipment representative of the latest developments in the laundry and cleaning industry. The physical properties have been examined and appraised by The American Appraisal Co., who reported that they are well maintained and in good operating condition.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Participating Class A stock (no par).....	200,000 shs.	100,000 shs.
Common stock, (no par).....	100,000 shs.	100,000 shs.

Earnings.—Combined net sales of the properties, after allowances, etc., and combined net earnings after depreciation and Federal income taxes arrived at before certain non-recurring charges as stated below, are as follows:

	Net Sales, Net Earning, After Al- lowances, Etc.	Net Earning, as Indicated.
1925.....	\$2,028,038	\$238,919
1926.....	2,439,775	311,589
1927.....	2,654,386	382,660
1928 (6 mos.).....	1,387,400	222,258

Earnings, arrived at on the basis indicated, for the calendar year 1927, were equivalent to \$3.82 per share on this issue of Class A stock, and for the first six months of 1928, were at an equivalent annual rate of \$4.44 per share.

Listing.—Company has agreed to make application to listing the Class A Stock on the Chicago Stock Exchange.

Mohawk Mining Co.—Larger Dividend.

A dividend of \$3 per share has been declared on the capital stock, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Oct. 31. From March 1928 to Sept. 1928 incl., quarterly dividends of \$1 per share were paid. This makes a total of 1928 of \$6 per share as against a total of \$5 per share paid in 1927 and 1926.—V. 126, p. 1674.

Morewood Gardens (Inc.), Pittsburgh, Pa.—Bonds Offered.

Wells, Deane & Singer, Inc., Pittsburgh and Graham, Parsons & Co., Philadelphia, recently offered at 100 and int. \$1,200,000 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds of C. Benton Cooper. Guaranteed as to principal and interest by Morewood Gardens, Inc.

Dated Oct. 1 1928; due Oct. 1 1948. Int. payable A. & O. at the principal office of Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lives & Granting Annuities, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red., all or part, on 30 days' notice at 103 and int. if red. on or before Oct. 1 1933; at 102 and int. thereafter but on or before Oct. 1 1938; at 101 and int. thereafter but on or before Oct. 1 1943, and at 100 and int. thereafter until maturity.

The Morewood Gardens, Inc., to which the property has been conveyed, guarantees that the interest coupons on the bonds secured by the mortgage will be paid when and as they severally mature, without deduction of the 4 mills Pennsylvania tax, if agreeing to pay the same and also the payment of the 2% normal Federal income tax.

Property.—Morewood Gardens, Inc., owns in fee the property situated at 1060 Morewood Ave., Pittsburgh, known as the Morewood Garden Apartments. The frontage on Morewood Ave. is 300 feet with an unusual depth of 240 feet, having an area of approximately 65,000 square feet. The building was completed in May 1928 and contains 59 housekeeping apartments, having a total of 343 rooms. It is of brick, stone, steel and concrete, strictly fireproof construction, containing over 1,600,000 cubic feet, and was designed by Victor C. Farrar and Marks & Kann, Pittsburgh, and erected by W. T. Grange Construction Co., Pittsburgh. In conjunction with the building there is a garage for the tenants with a storage capacity of 75 cars.

Security.—This issue of bonds will be secured, in the opinion of counsel, by a closed 1st mtge. on the land and buildings owned in fee as described above. The properties have been independently appraised as follows: Samuel W. Black Co., Pittsburgh.....\$1,802,500 John A. Sharp, Pittsburgh.....1,828,000

The principal amount of the 1st mtge., therefore, represents less than 66-2/3% of the lower of the above appraisals. The Potter Title & Trust Co., Pittsburgh, and the Title Guaranty Co., Pittsburgh, have jointly insured this mortgage as a first lien on a fee simple title in the amount of \$1,200,000, each being liable for the full amount of the policy. The mortgage also provides for the assignment to the trustee of fire and other appropriate insurance policies for the benefit of the bondholders.

Earnings.—The property was completed in May 1928 and became ready for occupancy in that month. In spite of the fact that the summer months are normally the poorest renting season, the building is already 97% occupied on a long term lease basis. The average length of the present signed leases is approximately 2½ years. The list of tenants includes many who are prominent in the business and social life of the city and is in keeping with the character of the district.

Samuel W. Black Co. has made the following estimate of earnings, based upon signed leases now in effect with an allowance of 5% for vacancies (a greater amount than now exists), an income from garage rentals of \$18,000 per annum and taxes, maintenance and operating costs.

Gross income.....	\$222,250
Taxes.....	20,000
Maintenance, administration and labor.....	34,300

Net income available for interest charges.....\$167,950
Maximum interest on first mortgage bonds.....72,000
The above estimate of net earnings are over 2-1/3 times the maximum annual interest charges.

Morgan Lithograph Co.—New Treasurer.

George Morgan succeeds Vernon Chainley in the capacity of Treasurer. Mr. Chainley retains his position as Secretary.—V. 127, p. 1957.

Moth Aircraft Corp.—New Airplane Company Formed to Manufacture Famous English "Moth."

Incorporation of the Moth Aircraft Corp. in Delaware was announced Oct. 10 by Minton M. Warren, who will be President. Mr. Warren stated that the new company had obtained an exclusive contract for the manufacture and sale in the United States of the famous "D. H. Moth" plane of the De Havilland Aircraft Co., Ltd., of England. The American company is 100% owned and managed by Americans. Its product, the Moth plane, is a two-seater light airplane described as "the best light airplane in the world." The De Havilland "Gipsy" engine, with which the company's planes will be equipped, is an 85-100 horsepower air-cooled, in line, four-cylinder motor of simple construction. At cruising speeds of 90 to 95 miles per hour it consumes gasoline at the rate of 20 miles per gallon, while its high speed is well over 110 miles per hour, its initial climb over 800 feet per minute and its oil consumption very low.

The Moth Aircraft Corp. will have an authorized capitalization of 100,000 shares participating cumulative voting \$2.50 "A" stock (no par), of which 30,000 shares will presently be issued, and 100,000 shares of (no par) class "B" common stock, of which 65,000 shares will presently be issued. Financing of the enterprise has been underwritten by J. A. Ritchie & Co., Inc., and Pratt & Co., who, it is understood, will soon make a public offering of units comprising cumulative "A" and class "B" common stock at around \$24 per share of cumulative "A."

Mullins Mfg. Corp.—To Increase Stock.

The New York Stock Exchange has received notice from the corporation of a proposed increase in the authorized common stock (no par value) from 100,000 shares to 150,000 shares and the creation of 30,000 shares of \$7 cum. conv. preferred stock.—V. 127, p. 1687.

Murray Corp. of America.—Rights.

A special meeting of the stockholders has been called for Nov. 15 to vote on increasing the authorized capital stock (no par value from 300,000 shares) to 900,000 shares. It is proposed to issue 269,300 shares of additional stock at \$15 a share in the ratio of one new share for each old share held.

Chairman Harold O. Barker, said: "The proceeds from the sale of this additional stock to shareholders will be used to retire about \$4,000,000 of funded debt, leaving \$538,666 shares of stock as the sole outstanding capital liability. Subject to the approval of the stockholders, we propose to offer rights to subscribe to stockholders of record November 16. Rights will expire on Dec. 20. After retirement of the outstanding bonds, the company will have between \$7,500,000 and \$8,000,000 of net working capital. The company has practically completed an expansion program which will increase body making capacity from 425 bodies to about 900 bodies a day. All divisions at the present time are operating at capacity."—V. 127, p. 1957.

Nash Motors Co.—Extra Dividend of 50 Cents.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50 cents per share and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the outstanding 2,730,000 shares of common stock, no par value, both payable November 1 to holders of record October 20. Like amounts were paid in each of the preceding five quarters. In February and May 1927 the company paid regular quarterly dividends of \$1 per share with no extras.

Consolidated Earnings for Period Ending Aug. 31.

	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—9 Mos.—1927.
Net income after taxes, depreciation, &c.....	\$6,666,853	\$6,298,525
Earns. per share on 2-730,000 shs. of no par common stock.....	\$2.44	\$2.31
	\$4.41	\$5.78

M. H. Pettit, V.-Pres. & Gen. Mgr., commenting on the report, said that the management feels that earnings are satisfactory and in line with expectations, being above the corresponding period of last year, especially in the light of the fact that the quarter was penalized by abnormal expenses incident to getting into production the new "400" series of cars in all of the company's three plants.

"Especially gratifying," Mr. Pettit says, "is the fact that in the quarter the company sold 52,695 of the new '400' series of cars, which is more than 10,000 units in excess of the corresponding quarter of 1927 and exceeds by 22½% the highest unit output record in any previous quarter in the com-

pany's history. Foreign sales in the quarter have increased over the same period of 1927 and were higher than the previous best quarter in the company's history.

"Stocks of new and reconditioned Nash cars in the hands of the company's dealers are in splendid shape; demand continues very strong and promises to fulfill expectations that the new models would create an excellent situation for the fourth quarter of the year. As evidence of the continued popularity of the new Nash cars, September sales were the largest in Nash history, when 20,575 cars exceeded by 6,170 units the best previous September. Indications are that October sales will be more than 10,000 cars in excess of last October."—V. 127, p. 1957.

National Bankers Corp.—Financing Expected Shortly.

Formation of the above company representing a merger of 19 companies supplying a highly specialized advertising and thrift development service to over 8,000 banks and financial institutions throughout the United States, has been announced. New financing for the corporation will be handled by a banking group headed by Colvin & Co., which expects to offer within a few days 35,000 shares of its capital stock at a price in the neighborhood of \$75 a share.

The principal services supplied by the new corporation include all forms of Christmas, vacation and travel clubs and complete accessories for the operation of thrift departments by the banks. Total deposits of the thrift accounts supplied by the corporation exceed \$500,000,000.

Average earnings of the combined companies for the past three years have been equivalent to \$8.34 annually on the new corporation's outstanding capital stock, and earnings this year are estimated at an annual rate of \$9.60 per share. Directors of the new corporation expect to inaugurate dividends on the stock at the annual rate of \$5 a share.

National Bearing Metals Corp.—Pref. Stock Offered.

W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., New York and G. H. Walker & Co., St. Louis recently offered a block of 7% cum. pref. stock at 99½ and div. The offering does not represent new financing.

Fully paid and non-assessable. Dividends payable Q.-F. Preferred as to assets up to \$115 per share and div. in case of voluntary liquidation and up to \$100 per share and div. in case of involuntary liquidation. Red. all or part, on any div. date, upon 30 days' notice, at 115 and divs. Dividends exempt from the present normal Federal income tax. Transfer agent: New York Trust Co.; registrar: American Trust Co., New York.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st mtge. 20-year 6% sinking fund gold bonds, due May 1 1947	\$2,500,000	*\$1,941,000
5-year 6% debenture bonds, due June 1 1933	500,000	500,000
Cumulative 7% preferred stock	5,000,000	3,461,000
Common stock (no par value)	100,000 shs.	60,000 shs.

* Originally issued: \$2,000,000; retired through sinking fund: \$59,000.

Data from Letter of John B. Strauch, Pres. of the Corporation.

Business.—Corporation was organized in New York in May, 1927, as the successor to several predecessor companies, including More-Jones Brass & Metal Co., St. Louis, and Bronze Metal Co., New York. Subsequently the corporation acquired the business and properties of Eureka Brass Co., St. Louis. Business consists in the manufacture and sale of bronze and brass castings for locomotives, car journal bearings for railroad cars, trolley wheels, axle and armature bearings for electric railway lines, brass and bronze castings for rolling mills, machinery builders and lumber mills, as well as babbit metal, solder and bar lead. Pig lead, ingot copper, tin, spelter, aluminum, antimony, nickels, etc. are also dealt in.

Financial.—Balance sheet, as of July 31 1928, shows current assets of \$3,121,978 against current liabilities of \$517,343.

Earnings.—Net earnings after depreciation, interest on the present funded debt, and Federal taxes, together with corresponding combined earnings of the properties prior to their acquisition but excluding earnings of Eureka Brass Co. recently acquired, have been as follows:

	x1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Net earnings (as above)	\$430,998	\$368,803	\$411,149	\$451,236

x 8 months ended Aug. 31.

Earnings for the first 8 months of 1928 were at the annual rate of \$646.497 or 2-2/3 times the annual dividend requirement of \$242.270 on the outstanding preferred stock.—V. 126, p. 2660.

National Family Stores, Inc.—September Sales.

Month of September	1928.	1927.	Increase.
Sales	\$149,916	\$125,401	\$24,515

—V. 127, p. 834, 695.

National Grocer Co.—Resumes Common Dividend.

The directors have declared a dividend of 1% on the common stock, par \$10, payable Oct. 25 to holders of record Oct. 15. A dividend of 2% was paid on this issue on March 1 1926; none since.—V. 122, p. 1037.

National Surety Co.—Par Value Changed.

The stockholders on Oct. 10 voted to reduce the par value of the stock from \$100 to \$50 by the issuance of 2 shares of stock from each share now held. It was also voted to increase the directorate from 51 to 63.

The stockholders also voted to change the date of the annual stockholders and directors meetings from the third Tuesday to the last Tuesday in January and the monthly directors meetings from the third Tuesday to the last Tuesday of each month. See also V. 127, p. 1818.

National Tea Co., Chicago.—Sales.

1928—Sept.—1927.	Increase.	1928—9 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$7,229,469	\$4,523,701	\$2,705,768	\$62,723,888

—V. 127, p. 1540.

National Union Mortgage Co.—Bonds Offered.

Mackubin, Goodrich & Co., Baltimore, are offering \$3,000,000 5½% gold bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1928; due \$500,000 Oct. 1 1931; \$1,000,000 Oct. 1 1933 and \$1,500,000 Oct. 1 1938.

Bonds are prices as follows: 3-year bonds, price 99 to yield 5.875%; 5-year bonds, price 98¾ to yield 5.80%; 10-year bonds, price 98½ to yield 5.75%.

Principal and int. payable at the Maryland Trust Co., Baltimore (trustee) Bankers Trust Co., New York, or Continental National Bank & Trust Co., Chicago. Interest payable A.-O. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500, reg. Red. on any int. date all or part at 101 and int. upon 30 days' notice.

Guarantee.—Each of the following surety companies guarantees as to principal and interest, a portion of the bonds or the first mortgages securing bonds, deposited as collateral. The total of these guarantees equals 100% of this issue: United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co., Baltimore National Surety Co., New York; Maryland Casualty Co., Baltimore Fidelity & Deposit Co. of Maryland, Baltimore.

Business.—Company unites under this bond issue the direct obligations of approved mortgage companies secured by first mortgages on improved fee simple real estate. These companies operate in 317 cities and towns located in the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and West Virginia.

Mortgages.—The mortgages securing the bonds of the approved mortgage companies, on the bonds themselves, are insured against loss as to principal and interest by one of the four surety companies mentioned above. These guaranteed first mortgages or first mortgage bonds mature on or before the maturing of this issue.

The first mortgages are principally on owner occupied residential property, together with a certain proportion of income producing business properties. As of July 1, 1928, the outstanding bonds of the approved mortgage companies totaled \$29,500,000, of which \$17,349,500 are deposited as collateral with the Maryland Trust Co., Baltimore, trustee, to secure an equal par with the Maryland Trust Co. bonds. The bonds of the apportionment of National Union Mortgage Co. are secured by first mortgages on 7,186 pieces of property appraised at \$63,628,731. The average loan is for approximately \$4,156 and for only 49.9% of the appraised value.

Listed.—These bonds are listed on the Chicago Stock Exchange—V. 126, p. 1052.

Nehi Corp.—Schluter & Co. to Offer Common Stock.

Additional financing for the corporation will be done in this market next week by Schluter Co., Inc., and will take the form of an offering of an issue

of common stock. The Nehi Corp. recently organized to acquire all the capital stock of Nehi, Inc., and the Chero Cola Co., specializes in the manufacture of a soft drink sold under the trade mark name of "Nehi." With the exception of one other brand, which has been on the market for 40 years, more bottles of this drink were sold last year through franchised bottlers than any other nationally advertised brand.

The corporation also makes a cola drink called "Chero." Net sales of the corporation have shown an increase of from \$150,000 in 1912 to more than \$3,000,000 in 1927. Other products of minor importance are made in the corporation's plants, and at the present time officials are engaged in making an analysis of the soft drink field with a view of placing a new product on the market.—V. 127, p. 1687, 1818.

(The) Nestle-Le Mur Co.—Initial Dividend.

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the \$2 cum. div. class "A" stock, payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Nov. 1. (See also LeMur Co. in V. 127, p. 832, 693.)

Net earnings for the 8 months ended Aug. 31, after giving effect to the consolidation Aug. 15, totaled \$442,685 after all charges except Federal taxes.—V. 127, p. 1687.

New England Oil Refining Co.—Decision.

Federal Judge Mack has dispensed decision on Ernest Wiltsee, who sought to have the company pay claims of \$176,000 and said that Wiltsee would have to take stock in satisfaction of his claims. Originally Wiltsee sought payment from New England Oil Corp., the predecessor of the New England Oil Refining Co.

It was brought out that all creditors but Wiltsee have taken stock in payment for their claims. Judge Mack declared that he knew of no contractual obligation which would entitle Wiltsee to receive special treatment.—V. 127, p. 1818.

Newport Co., Carrollville, Wis.—Back Dividend.

A dividend of 1% on account of accumulations of unpaid regular dividends and the regular quarterly dividend of 2% have been declared on the prior common stock payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Oct. 5. Like amounts were also paid on this issue on April 16 and July 16 last.

Voting Trust Expires Oct. 26 1928.

The voting trust agreement dated Oct. 26 1925, between owners of com. stock of this company and Edwin Gruhl, Armin A. Schlesinger and Herbert H. Springfield, voting trustees, and the Continental Trust Co. of Baltimore, Md., depository, will terminate on Oct. 26 1928, it is announced. On said date the voting trustees will in accordance with the provisions of the agreement and in exchange for and upon surrender of outstanding trust certificates, makes delivery of certificates of common stock of the Newport Co. in the amounts called for by the trust certificates respectively, at the office of the Continental Trust Co.—V. 127, p. 421.

New River Co.—Preferred Dividend of \$1.50.

The directors have declared a preferred dividend (No. 61, due Aug. 1 1921) of \$1.50 per share, payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 15. A distribution of like amount was made on May 1 last; none since. Last year \$3 per share was also paid on account of accumulations.—V. 126, p. 2325.

New York & Foreign Investing Corp.—Initial Div.

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of \$1.62½ per share on the preferred stock, payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Oct. 11.—V. 127, p. 964.

N. Y. & Honduras Rosario Mining Co.—Extra Div.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 2¼% and an extra dividend of 2¼% on the capital stock, payable Oct. 27 to holders of record October 17. An extra dividend of like amount was paid in each of the previous 15 quarters.—V. 127, p. 272.

New York Title & Mortgage Co.—Capital Stock.

The stockholders on Oct. 10 approved the proposal to increase the authorized capital stock from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 by the issuance of 50,000 shares, par \$100. These new shares will be offered to stockholders of record Oct. 10 at \$300 a share in the ratio of one share for each 3 shares held. Payment to be made not later than Nov. 15. See also V. 127, p. 1688.

Nordberg Manufacturing Co.—Bonds Offered.

First Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee are offering \$1,000,000 1st mtge. 6% serial gold bonds, Series of 1928 at 100 and int.

Dated Sept. 1 1928; due serially Sept. 1 1933-43. Int. payable (M. & S.) at First Wisconsin Trust Co., Milwaukee, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$500 in 1943 maturity and \$1,000 in all maturities. Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 100 and int. plus a premium of ¼ of 1% for each year or part thereof between the redemption date and maturity. Company further reserves the right to call all outstanding bonds on Sept. 1 1941, or on any int. date thereafter at 100 and int. Authorized issue, \$1,500,000.

Data from Letter of Robert E. Friend, Pres. of the Company.

Company.—Organized in Wisconsin in 1890. Company, one of the largest heavy machinery builders, is recognized throughout the world as one of the leaders in the manufacture of large mine hoists, Diesel engines, uniflow steam engines, large rolling mill engines, air and gas compressors, special machinery, and smaller lines of standard equipment.

In addition to its own lines, for many years, the company has manufactured crushers for crushing rock and ore, for the Symons Bros. Co. under Symons patents. These patents, together with drawings, patterns, tools, jigs, fixtures, inventory of finished parts and work in progress, and the crusher business and good-will of Symons Bros. Co. are now being acquired by the Nordberg Manufacturing Co.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of this issue will be used for the acquisition of the crusher business of Symons Bros. Co., to retire bank loans and notes payable, for additional working capital, and for other corporate purposes, including additions and improvements to the plant.

Security.—These bonds are a direct obligation of the company, and are secured by a first mortgage on the plant of the company and the land upon which it is located. The lands, buildings, machinery and manufacturing equipment of the company, covered by this mortgage, was valued by the American Appraisal Co. under date of July 31 1928, at \$3,767,755.

Earnings.—The net earnings of the company, after deducting adequate charges for depreciation and before interest and Federal and Wisconsin state income taxes, for the two fiscal years ended June 30 1928, were as follows:

1927	\$181,589
1928	600,882

Such net earnings for the year ended June 30 1927, were more than three times, and for the year ended June 30 1928, were more than 10 times the annual interest requirements on this issue of bonds.

The above figures do not include the earnings of Symons crusher business. A careful review (but not a complete audit) of earnings from Symons crusher business was made by Arthur Andersen & Co. This review shows that earnings from Symons crusher business alone for each of the years ended Dec. 31 1926, and Dec. 31 1927, were substantially in excess of the annual interest requirements on this issue of bonds, and that such earnings for the 6 months ended June 30 1928 were more than three times such interest requirements.

Capitalization.—

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st mortgage bonds (this issue)	\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000
6½% preferred stock	1,000,000	1,000,000
6% preferred stock, 2nd issue	600,000	approx. 500,000
Common stock (no par)	50,000 shs.	42,747 shs.

North American Car Corp.—Bonds Called.

The company recently called for redemption as of Oct. 1 1928, all of the outstanding collateral car trust 6% serial bonds, due April 1 1929 to 1931, at 101 and int. Payment was made at the Central Trust Co. of Ill., Chicago.—V. 127, p. 1958.

North American Investment Corp. (of Calif.)—Initial Common Dividend of \$1.

The directors have declared an initial dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock (par \$100) payable Nov. 20 to holders of record Oct. 31.—V. 127, p. 421.

North American Investors Corp.—Extra Dividend.—The directors recently declared an extra dividend of 50c per share, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 25c. per share on the common stock (no par value), payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 14.—V. 126, p. 1052.

Oilstocks, Ltd.—Reports Growth.—Assets as of Sept. 22 are given at \$3,996,274, according to an announcement. Included in the statement is the surplus account shown as \$116,274, as compared with \$12,245 for the same item on Aug. 6, the last previous statement published. Securities owned by the company are carried at the cost price of \$3,946,157, while their market value was given at \$4,247,812.—V. 127, p. 964.

Otis Steel Co.—Billings Up for September.—Billings for September established a new high monthly record, it is announced. The total was \$3,261,738, compared with a previous record of \$3,222,968 in March 1928 and with \$3,219,332 in August. In September 1927 billings were \$1,693,143. The company has just completed and placed in operation the largest normalizing furnace in the country. The equipment is used for a special heat treatment of auto body sheets and the new furnace will permit an important increase in production of this class of material.—V. 127, p. 1688.

Packard Motor Car Co.—Shipments.—9 Mos. Ended Sept. 30— 1928. 1927. Increase. Shipments of cars— 37,033 units 24,124 units 12,909 units —V. 127, p. 1688.

Pacific Oil Co.—Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets— July 31 '28. Dec. 31 '27.		Liabilities— July 31 '28. Dec. 31 '27	
Int. in prop. & leases owned jointly with Assoc. Oil Co., at cost, together with office furniture & fixt., less deprec.	\$294,371	\$291,990	
Miscell. invest.	19,100	34,500	
Accts. rec'd from Assoc. Oil Co.		4,027,582	
Other accts. and notes receivable	14,764	43,695	
Exch. oil rec. at cost (957,665 bbls.)		889,850	
Cash in bank	6,866,087	3,258,873	
Deferred expenses ..	192	1,486	
Total	\$7,194,515	\$8,547,976	
			Total
			\$7,194,515
			\$8,547,976

a Authorized and issued, 3,500,000 shares of no par value of 50 cents per share.—V. 126, p. 571.

Pan-American Petroleum & Transport Co.—Vice-Pres. Resigns.—Frederic Ewing has resigned as vice president and a director.—V. 126, p. 3445.

Pantepec Oil Co. of Venezuela.—New Directors.—James Richardson (of James Richardson & Sons, Ltd., of Canada), Arthur J. Morris (Pres. of the Morris Plan Co.), and William M. Bertles (of Bertles, Rawls & Donaldson) have been elected directors.—V. 127, p. 1959.

Paraffine Companies.—Acquisition.—Pres. R. S. Shainwald announces that the company has acquired the Plant Rubber & Asbestos Co. of Calif., which owns 45% of the capital stock of the Southern Asbestos & Magnesia Corp. of Los Angeles. Stock of the Paraffine Cos. will be issued in exchange for the California company. The Plant Rubber & Asbestos Co. is a leading manufacturer of high and low pressure steam, oil, water and air packing of every description. They are also manufacturers of magnesia pipe covering, plastic fire brick, hose and belting. The company has applied for patents covering use of vitrified asbestos pipe for use in gas furnaces in place of metal pipes.—V. 127, p. 964.

Paragon Refining Co.—Prof. Div.—Recapitalization.—A current report believed by the "Chronicle" to be based on fact says: The directors recently declared an initial dividend of 8 1/2 cents per share, on the new no par value pref. stock, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 15. The stockholders on June 12 last approved a plan which provided for the reorganization of the capital structure of the company so as to wipe out the deficit of approximately \$3,788,988. The plan provides for the issuance of no par value pref. stock, carrying a \$3 annual dividend and redeemable at \$55 per share, on the basis of 3 new shares for each share of \$100 par value 7% pref. stock, with dividend accumulations of \$49 a share, of which 13,753 shares were outstanding. For the \$25 par value common stock, of which 320,000 shares were outstanding, new no par value common stock was issued in exchange on a share for share basis. A voting trust agreement to run for a period of 5 years was also approved by the common stockholders.—V. 126, p. 3312.

(D.) Pender Grocery Co.—Sales.

1928—Sept.—1927.	Increase.	1928—9 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$1,226,800	\$1,007,149	\$219,651	\$10,545,957
			\$8,962,278
			\$1,583,679

—V. 127, p. 1540.

Pennsylvania-Dixie Cement Corp.—Earnings.—The company reports for the eight months ended Aug. 31, net income of \$808,018 after depreciation, interest and Federal taxes.—V. 127, p. 1116.

(J. C.) Penney Co., Inc.—Sales.

1928—Sept.—1927.	Increase.	1928—9 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$16,476,853	\$13,727,351	\$2,749,502	\$112,842,130
			\$95,929,530
			\$16,912,600

At Sept. 30 a total of 1,006 stores was in operation as compared with 884 stores a year ago.

Comparative Sales of 851 Stores.

Month of September—	1928.	1927.	Increase.
Sales	\$14,715,976	\$13,496,699	\$1,219,277

—V. 127, p. 1540.

Peoples Drug Stores Inc., Washington, D. C.—Sales.—1928—Sept.—1927. Increase. 1928—9 Mos.—1927. Increase. \$952,427 \$686,542 \$265,885 \$8,016,504 \$5,768,139 \$2,248,365 —V. 127, p. 1400.

(Louis) Philippe, Inc.—Div. Disbursing Agent.—The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed dividend disbursing agent for the capital stock.—V. 127, p. 422, 1540.

Phillips Petroleum Co.—New Gasoline Plants.—One new plant authorized and under construction, together with authorized additions to already existing gasoline plants, should increase the company's daily natural gasoline production to approximately 675,000 gallons by Dec. 31, according to President Frank Phillips. The additional well-pressure units, designed to handle large volumes of gas formerly wasted because of low gasoline content, which are being added to three existing plants in the Texas Panhandle are expected to add at least 25,000 gallons per day to regular production, while the new plant under construction in the Crane-Upton County Pool has a capacity of 50,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily, and will produce approximately 75,000 gallons of gasoline every 24 hours, Mr. Phillips said. See also V. 127, p. 1263.

Piggly Wiggly Western States Co.—Sales.—1928—Sept.—1927. Increase. 1928—9 Mos.—1927. Increase. \$1,337,094 \$1,089,503 \$247,591 \$11,221,479 \$9,789,876 \$1,431,603 Note.—Includes 19 Cleveland stores.—V. 127, p. 1688, 1540.

Pitney-Bowes Postage Meter Co.—Initial Dividend.—The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 15 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 24.—V. 126, p. 883.

Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.—Stock Split-up.—The stockholders on Oct. 9 increased the authorized capital stock from \$50,000,000 (par \$100) to \$65,000,000 (par \$25), and approved the issu-

ance of four new \$25 par value shares in exchange for each \$100 per share held.

The directors have declared a 10% stock dividend, payable December 1 to holders of record November 15.—V. 127, p. 696.

Plymouth Cordage Co.—Annual Report.

Earnings Year Ended July 31 1928.	
Net sales	\$14,807,625
Operating profit	330,727
Charges, including interest	65,753
Invent. adjustments (incl. use of \$329,102 invent. reserve)	7,597
Net profit	\$257,377
Dividends paid	486,461
Deficit after dividends	\$229,084

Balance Sheet July 31.

Assets—	1928.	1927.	Liabilities—	1928.	1927.
Real estate, &c., less depreciation	6,606,396	6,800,364	Capital stock	8,000,000	8,000,000
Mdse. & supplies ..	6,231,968	807,497	Employees special stock	108,280	108,170
Cash	1,297,674	1,416,212	Accounts payable ..	147,793	241,616
Notes & accts. rec. ..	1,629,903	159,693	Notes & accept's payable	563,897	1,285,931
Exp. paid in adv. ..	154,749	91,000	Insurance fund	12,759	8,897
Marketable secur. ..	—	91,000	Deprec'n reserve	—	329,102
Stk. of Cordage Distributors, Ltd.	50,000	—	Int. & taxes acc'd ..	74,016	218,639
Stk. of sub. owning & operating Sisal Plant'n in Cuba ..	190,750	190,750	Surplus	7,635,783	7,864,867
Adv. to sub. corp. ..	262,717	206,441			
Treas. stk. (empl.) ..	1,475	3,490			
Loans to employees ..	116,895	130,432			
Total	16,542,528	18,057,224			

—V. 125, p. 2158.

(The) Potter Co.—Stock Sold.—C. L. Schmidt & Co., Inc., Chicago, announce the sale at \$27.50 per share of 20,000 shares (no par) common stock.

Capitalization.—Common stock (no par value) .. 60,000 shs. Authorized Outstanding .. 50,388 shs. Transfer Agent: Continental National Bank & Trust Co., Chicago; Registrar: Foreman Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.

Data from Letter of Earl F. Potter, Pres. of the Company. Business.—Company manufactures a complete line of by-pass condensers, filter condenser blocks and interference eliminators for condensers for radio and industrial uses. Sales in the industrial field have been growing steadily and company expect continued expansion in this end of the business. Some of the more common uses are, viz.: A-B-C supply units, resistance amplifiers, loud speaker tone control, automatic ignition, circuit breakers, train control, thermostats, telephone and telegraph, electrical measuring instruments and power-factor correction. The offices and plant are situated at North Chicago, Ill.

Earnings.—The business has earned a net profit in each year since its inception. Net sales and net earnings as reported by the auditors for the three years ending April 30, 1928, after all charges including provision for Federal Income Taxes, have been as follows:

Year Ending April 30—	1926.	1927.	1928.
Net sales	\$299,075	\$680,294	\$1,001,353
Net earnings	74,427	127,252	188,146
Earnings per share ..	1.48	2.53	3.73

Present indications are that the current year will be the most profitable in the history of the Company. Assets.—The balance sheet as of Aug. 31 1928, shows total assets of \$382,093. Net assets amount to \$295,872, equal to \$5.87 per share outstanding. Goodwill and patents are carried at \$1. Current assets amount to \$218,628, and current liabilities amount to \$86,221. Working capital is ample for present and prospective needs.

Dividend.—It is the intention of the directors to authorize the payment of dividends at the rate of \$1.75 per share per annum payable quarterly, Jan. April, July and Oct. **Stocked.**—Company has agreed to make application to list this stock on the Chicago Stock Exchange.

Prairie Pipe Line Co.—Shipments of Crude Oil.

(In barrels.)—	1928.	1927.	1925.
January	5,394,759	4,850,792	4,187,390
February	5,006,573	4,736,228	4,071,405
March	5,253,096	5,494,688	4,923,446
April	4,901,433	5,484,826	4,332,971
May	5,480,557	5,641,514	4,342,259
June	5,294,564	5,505,551	4,215,416
July	5,701,370	5,788,134	4,234,294
August	6,021,445	5,786,822	4,005,484
September	5,794,602	5,321,179	3,906,978

Note.—These figures do not include shipments through the lines of the Pure Oil Pipe Line Co. of Texas, a subsidiary.—V. 127, p. 1400.

Pressed Steel Car Co.—Prof. Stock Convertible.—The company has notified the New York Stock Exchange that its 7% cumul. pref. stock is now convertible into common stock on the basis of one share of pref. for each three shares of common at any time at the office of the New York Trust Co. Bonds of 1933 are also exchangeable at any time on the basis of one \$1,000 bond for each 30 shares of common and two shares of pref. or for 36 shares of common stock. Previously these exchanges could only be made on the dividend or interest dates.—V. 127, p. 561.

Printing Center Building, (Lloyd & Casler, Inc.) Los Angeles, Calif.—Notes Offered.—Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis are offering \$475,000 1st mtge. serial 6% real estate gold notes at prices to yield from 5 1/2% to 6% according to maturity.

Dated Feb. 1 1928; due semi-annually Feb. 1 1929-1943, incl. Principal and int. payable F. & A. at the office of the Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis. At option of borrower notes are redeemable on or before Feb. 1 1938, at 102 and int.; thereafter at 101 1/2 and int. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000 John R. Longmire and Orville Grove, trustees.

Security.—Secured by a first mortgage deed of trust on a plot of ground, together with the improvements thereon, fronting 101 feet on Maple Avenue by a depth of 140 feet near Pico Street, Los Angeles.

The building, a 12-story structure known as the Printing Center Building, is of steel and concrete construction, faced with brick and terra cotta. It is fireproof, has steel casement windows, two high-speed elevators, large freight elevators and modern equipment throughout.

Earnings.—Based upon leases now signed and those pending, Lloyd & Casler, Inc., estimate net earnings after maintenance, taxes, and insurance, available for interest on these bonds at \$87,000. This is more than three times the maximum annual interest charges on this issue of bonds.

Professional Building (Medical Arts Investment Co. of Dallas), Waco, Tex.—Bonds Offered.—An issue of \$325,000 1st mtge. leasehold bonds is being offered by The Wheeler Kelly Hagyn Trust Co., Wichita, Kan., at prices to yield 6 1/2%.

Dated Aug. 1 1928; due Aug. 1 1930-38. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Amortization of prin., \$17,000 the second year and a sum which increases \$1,000 each year thereafter until the balance of the loan becomes due. Principal and int. payable (F. & A.) at office of Wheeler Kelly Hagyn Trust Co., Wichita, Kan., trustee. Callable upon any int. date after 60 days' notice to the trustee and the payment of par plus int. and a premium of 1%. **Security.**—Bonds are secured by a closed 1st mtge. upon a modern 10-story building nearing completion at the corner of Franklin Ave. and Fifth St. in the City of Waco, together with leasehold interest in a site 165x205 ft. upon which the building stands. The leasehold is valued at \$300,000 and the building being erected is to cost, when completed, in excess of \$500,000. Life insurance to the amount of \$100,000 upon the life of C. L. Shaw, Pres. of the Medical Arts Investment Co., has been assigned to the trustee as additional security.

Purity Bakers Corp.—Acquires Tip Top Baking Co.—

The corporation has completed arrangements for acquiring control of all the outstanding stock of the Tip Top Baking Co., Louisville, Ky., according to President L. Molan. Payment will be in cash and no new financing will be involved, it is stated.—V. 127, p. 1818.

(Hal) Roach Studios, Inc.—Report.—

	July 28'28.	Jan. 28'28.
Picture earnings	\$938,878	\$813,794
Other income	4,863	7,408
Interest and dividends received, &c.	6,783	46,177
Total income	\$950,524	\$867,379
Picture costs, &c.	785,031	576,077
Other deductions	6,587	22,410
Other expenses	44,919	37,022
Provision for Pathe Picture investment	30,000	135,000
Provision for Federal taxes	11,338	13,077
Net profit	\$72,647	\$83,793
Dividends	39,157	36,790
Balance	\$33,490	\$47,003

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets—	July 28'28.		Jan. 28'28.		Liabilities—	July 28'28.		Jan. 28'28.	
	July 28'28.	Jan. 28'28.	July 28'28.	Jan. 28'28.		July 28'28.	Jan. 28'28.	July 28'28.	Jan. 28'28.
Cash	\$55,654	\$46,764	Partic. pref. stk.	773,544	784,125				
Accounts receivable	27,596	20,547	Common stock	1,200,000	1,200,000				
Cash in hands of trustee	11,667	11,667	Accounts payable	51,658	46,964				
Notes receivable	4,000	618	Notes payable	150,000	150,000				
Accrued int. on bonds and notes	753	754	Propor. due partic.	63	63				
Materials & suppl.	12,743	13,108	Accrued interest	13,605	13,695				
Picture inv. (Pathe release)	884,125	626,346	Other accrued liab.	11,391	11,391				
Picture inventories (M.G.M. release)	719,537	831,286	Gold notes	400,000	400,000				
Pictures in progress	140,819	192,819	Reserves	115,461	104,983				
Other assets	130,283	203,947	Surplus	292,188	259,204				
Hal E. Roach Stud.	128,340	134,449							
Capital assets	727,890	752,934							
Deferred charges	153,111	135,187							
			Total (each side)	\$2,996,520	\$2,970,428				

—V. 126, p. 883.

Rochester (N. Y.) Mercantile Properties, Inc.—Bonds Offered.—Steele & Stone Co., Inc., Rochester, N. Y., are offering at 100 and interest, \$325,000 1st (closed) mtge. 20-year 6% sinking fund gold bonds, series "B."

Dated Apr. 1 1928; due Apr. 1 1948. Int. payable (A. & O.) at the Union Trust Co., Rochester, N. Y., trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500*. Callable by lot for sinking fund on any interest date on 30 days' notice at 104 and int. to Oct. 1 1932; 103 and int. to Oct. 1 1936; 102 and int. to Oct. 1 1940; 101 and int. to Oct. 1 1944; and thereafter at 100 and int. Red. all or part on any int. date after Mar. 31 1929 on 30 days' notice at the same call prices as above.

Data from Letter of F. C. J. Deininger, Pres. of the Company.

Business.—Company was organized on Feb. 4 1926, for the purpose of acquiring and developing real estate in the central district of Rochester and owns two pieces of real estate, one at 39 Stone St. and the other at 27 Stillson St. Company erected a six-story, modern type, Ramp garage on its Stone St. property in 1926. This garage, known as the "Central Unit" has been in successful operation since Dec. 1 1926.

The corporation is now building on its Stillson St. property a second unit, known as the "East Unit." This garage will be five stories in height and will represent the most modern type of building for the parking and servicing of automobiles. Its construction is of reinforced concrete, fire-proof, with brick and stone trimming. The capacity of the "East Unit" will be 400 cars. A contract has been let to the Turner Construction Co. of New York to erect this building and progress is already well under way.

Security.—Bonds will be a direct obligation of the company and secured by a closed first mortgage on its Stillson St. property (East Unit) and five-story building to be erected thereon.

The land and building has been appraised, as of its completion by Jas. J. Carmichael, General Chairman of the Appraisal Committee for the Real Estate Board of Rochester, Inc., at \$531,370. Directors and others interested in the company have paid in by cash subscriptions to common stock in excess of \$400,000.

Lease.—Rochester Mercantile Properties, Inc., will lease the "East Unit" (Stillson St. property) to the Rochester Auto-Inns, Inc. at an annual net rental which will exceed the maximum annual interest charges and sinking fund requirements on this issue of series B bonds. This lease will extend for a period beyond the maturity of the bond issue.

The Rochester Auto-Inns, Inc. has a similar contract with the Rochester Mercantile Properties, Inc. under which it has operated the "Central Unit" on Stone St. since its completion.

Capitalization Outstanding Upon Completion of Present Financing.

1st (closed) mtge. sinking fund gold bonds "Central Unit" 6½% due May 1 1946	\$364,000
"East Unit" series B, 6%, due Apr. 1 1948 (this issue)	325,000
Capital stock (par \$100)	410,000

Sinking Fund.—The mortgage securing these bonds will provide for a sinking fund payable semi-annually to the trustee beginning Mar. 1 1930 and continuing during the life of this issue. The operation of this semi-annual sinking fund will reduce the principal amount of these bonds outstanding to \$135,000 by maturity—or an amount equal to about half the original cost of land alone.—V. 122, p. 3223.

Ross Gear & Tool Co.—Earnings.—

Earnings of the company, as reported by President Edward A. Ross, for the first nine months of this year, after allowing for Federal taxes at the current rate, amounted to \$637,631. This is equal to \$4.25 per share on the 150,000 shares of stock outstanding, and is at the annual rate of \$5.67 per share. These earnings compare with earnings for the first nine months of 1927 of \$334,730, or an increase of better than 90%.—V. 127, p. 1819.

(E. L.) Ruddy Co., Ltd., Toronto.—Debentures Offered.—

An issue of \$750,000 6½% 20-year sinking fund 1st (closed) mtge. & coll. trust debentures is being offered at 100 and int. by Harley, Milner & Co., and R. A. Daly & Co., Ltd., Toronto.

Dated July 1 1928; due July 1 1948. Principal and int. payable at the Bank of Montreal, Halifax, St. John, Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, London, Winnipeg and Vancouver. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500*. Red. all or part on 30 days' notice at 105 up to and incl. July 1 1929, and thereafter at ¾ of 1% less for each year, in each case with accrued interest. Trustee, Imperial Trust Co. of Canada.

Legal Investment for insurance companies under the Insurance Act, 1927, Canada.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
6½% 1st mtge. & coll. trust debts	\$750,000	\$750,000
Preferred shares	1,000,000	750,000
Common shares (no par value)	55,000 shs.	40,000 shs.

Company.—Business of company and its predecessors, has been in successful operation for more than half a century. With its subsidiaries it operates outdoor advertising plants in Halifax, St. John, Kingston, Belleville, Peterborough, Toronto, Hamilton, Fort William, Port Arthur, Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Vancouver, North Vancouver, New Westminster and Victoria, in addition to a large number of smaller places. The business covers all forms of advertising placed out of doors, and includes commercial signs of every description; painted advertising bulletins, poster advertising panels and electric signs of all kinds. Company, either directly or through its subsidiaries, owns thoroughly modern buildings situated on centrally located properties in Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver. Fully equipped outdoor advertising organizations are maintained at strategic points from coast to coast. The advertising structures owned by the company, and its subsidiaries, are of the most modern and approved types.

Earnings.—Combined earnings of the company and subsidiaries, after eliminating certain non-recurring charges in respect to the Lindsay-Walker Co., Ltd., and the Lindsay-Higham Co., Ltd., and after deducting their

proportion of the earnings applicable to the minority interest in the Ruddy-Koester Co., Ltd., for the fiscal years 1925, 1926 and 1927, available for debenture interest, depreciation, Federal taxes, &c., were as follows: 1925, \$167,569; 1926, \$201,814; 1927, \$250,477.

Average operating profits on the above basis available for debenture interest, depreciation, Federal taxes, &c., for the past three fiscal years were \$206,621, as against annual interest charges upon the 6½% 1st mtge. & coll. trust debentures of \$48,750, equivalent to 4.23 times debenture interest.

Sinking Fund.—The trust deed provides for an annual sinking fund for the redemption of the first mortgage bonds of the sum of \$15,000, plus interest on bonds redeemed, commencing July 1 1929. This sinking fund to be used for the purchase of bonds in the open market, and falling such purchase, for redemption of bonds at redemption prices then prevailing.—V. 126, p. 3773.

Safe-T-Stat Co.—New Directors.—

William F. Kenny and Harold Richards (president of the State Bank), have been elected directors.—V. 127, p. 1690.

Safeway Stores, Inc.—To Split Common Shares.—

The common stockholders will vote Oct. 15 on increasing the common stock from 150,000 shares of no par value to 1,500,000 shares without par value, each outstanding share of common stock to be exchanged into 5 new shares. At June 30 1928, there were outstanding 69,479 shares of common stock. Upon such 5-for-1 split-up becoming effective this amount will be increased to 347,395 shares. There were also outstanding as of the same date warrants for the purchase of 9,800 shares of common stock and 2nd series warrants for the purchase of 7,805 shares. On a split-up basis, total amount of new common stock reserved for warrants would be 88,025 shares. The above figures do not give effect to stock to be issued in connection with the acquisition of additional properties for which negotiations are pending.

After such 5-for-1 split-up of the common stock, the holder of each warrant and 2nd series warrant will be entitled to purchase five shares of the com. stock as constituted after such split-up for each share of the common stock as now constituted called for on the face of his warrant, without any increase in the total purchase price. The warrants (i. e., the warrants of the 1st series issued) which were originally issued accompanying the 7% preferred were on the basis of a warrant for one share of common stock with each five shares of 7% pref. stock. These warrants at present entitle their holders to purchase shares of the common stock as now constituted at the rate of \$400 a share in 1928, at \$450 a share in 1929 and at \$500 in 1930. The 2nd series warrants at present entitle their holders to purchase shares of the common stock as now constituted at the rate of \$400 a share until Dec. 31 1930.

Sales for Month and Nine Months Ended Sept. 30.

1928—Sept.—1927—	Increase.	1928—9 Mos.—1927—	Increase.
\$9,604,235	\$6,806,012	\$2,798,223	\$75,154,507
			\$54,684,097
			20,470,410

—V. 127, p. 1819.

St. Louis (Mo.) Chain Store Properties, Inc.—Bonds Offered.—

Robert Garrett & Sons and Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co., Baltimore, are offering at par and interest, \$865,000 1st (closed) mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds (with stock purchase warrants) at 100 and interest.

Dated Oct. 1 1928; due Oct. 1 1943. Corporation agrees to refund, on timely and proper application, in whatever State held and in the District of Columbia, personal property taxes (or, in lieu thereof, all State income taxes) up to ½ of 1% per annum, and also to pay interest without deduction of the normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Authorized and to be outstanding \$854,000. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500*. Red. all or part at 103 and int. on any int. date, on 30 days' notice, during the first five years; at 102 and int. during second five years; at 101 and int. during next four years, and thereafter at 100 and int. Int. payable (A. & O.) Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co. of Baltimore, corporate trustee.

Rentals.—F. W. Woolworth Co. (Pennsylvania corporation), through which the New York corporation operates all its stores in 19 States, has leased and occupies, on long term leases extending beyond the maturity of these bonds, a part of each of these nine properties (excepting one building now nearing completion, for a substantial portion of which said company has executed a similar lease) at fixed rentals which average, during the term of this loan, \$45,482 per annum, and which, together with existing leases of other portions of certain of the properties by the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., and the Walgreen Co. at approximately \$13,700, make gross annual rentals from these nationally-known corporations alone which average \$59,182, which is sufficient to pay interest charges on total debt and to effect, through the provisions of the sinking fund, a substantial amortization of principal before maturity.

These rental payments rank as a direct operating charge of the several corporations preceding all dividends on their capital stocks, whose combined net assets amount to more than \$52,000,000.

From other responsible lessees the gross rentals, partly estimated, amount to \$38,170 annually, after allowing for vacancies, making gross average annual rentals from all sources under existing leases of \$97,352, and net aggregate income of \$78,000 after taxes and all expenses incident to the operation, maintenance and upkeep of the properties.

Properties.—The properties upon which these bonds are a first lien comprise nine separate parcels of land, owned in fee simple, in metropolitan St. Louis, Mo., and the improvements thereon which comprise the familiar type of Woolworth Stores, each occupied in part by F. W. Woolworth Co. (Pa.). The buildings, including one now nearing completion, are of substantial construction and their locations on important streets in widely separated neighborhoods have been selected with particular regard to adequately serving the present, as well as future, demands by the public for the popular and economical lines of chain store products. They are occupied in part by other responsible tenants than F. W. Woolworth Co., including the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. and the Walgreen Co.

Security.—The mortgage securing these bonds is a first lien on all of the land of the corporation, owned in fee simple, and improvements thereon, subject only to the existing leases, the total rentals from which will be assigned to the trustee for the benefit of the bondholders, the corporation, however, being authorized to collect the rentals as agent for the trustee so long as the semi-annual payments for interest and sinking fund are promptly paid when due. The land and improvements have been independently appraised at a value substantially in excess of the amount of this issue of bonds.

Sinking Fund.—Indenture provides for semi-annual payments to the trust at the rate of \$72,000 per annum for interest and sinking fund to begin Mar. 15 1929. The immediate operation of this fund, through purchase of bonds in the open market or by redemption by lot, is calculated to retire a total of \$550,000 of bonds at or before maturity (including \$49,500 proceeds from assumed exercise of stock purchase warrants), leaving only \$315,000 of bonds then outstanding, or considerably less than the present appraised value of the land alone.

Stock Purchase Warrants.—Each of \$1,000 and \$500 bonds will carry a warrant (non-detachable except by the trustee in the event of its exercise) entitling the holder to purchase 10 shares and five shares, respectively, of the company's capital stock at \$5 per share during the life of the bond to which it is attached, but on or before Oct. 1 1933. Funds received from exercise of stock purchase warrants will be added to the sinking fund for the further retirement of bonds.

The amortization of funded debt should result in an increase in book equity for the 20,000 shares of capital stock of the corporation from \$14.70 per share in 1933 to \$34.25 per share in 1943.

Sanitary Grocery Co., Inc., Washington, D. C.—Sales.

1928—Sept.—1927—	Increase.	1928—9 Mos.—1927—	Increase.
\$2,069,151	\$1,508,859	\$560,292	\$17,137,547
			\$12,181,791
			\$4,955,756

—V. 127, p. 1819.

Salmon Falls Mfg. Co.—Liquidation—Bal. Sheet.—

The Boston "News Bureau" says: "The company, in process of liquidation, has filed with the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations its balance sheet as of June 30 1928, which shows dividends paid in liquidation as of that date totalled \$525,057. On the 13,463 shares of capital stock this is equal to \$39 a share.

"In the fall of 1926 company began closing down its mills and ran out of merchandise stocks early in 1927. Inventories were turned into cash. In July, 1927, plant, water power and all other real and personal property, except quick assets, were sold to the New England Public Service Co., an Insull subsidiary, for \$500,000. This was equivalent to \$37.13 a share of common stock. Management at that time estimated final liquidation value would be slightly over \$40 a share."

Comparative Balance Sheet

Assets—		Liabilities—	
June 30 '28.	July 2 '27.	June 30 '28.	July 2 '27.
Real estate, mach.	\$1,062,568	Capital stock	\$1,346,300
Merchandise	13,308	Accounts payable	2,159
Accts. receivable	12,860	Reserve for taxes	23,983
Cash	\$20,603	Divs. in liquid	def525,057
Prepaid insurance	8,801		
Investments	4,908		
Special deposits in banks	40,000		
Naushon Co. stock	550		
Profit and loss	755,182		
	114,334	Total (each side)	\$821,243 \$1,372,442

—V. 125, p. 1723

Schiff Co., Columbus, Ohio.—Sales.—

Period End.	1928—Month—	1928—9 Mos.—	1927—9 Mos.—
Sales	\$504,624	\$352,707	\$3,535,374
			\$2,520,675

—V. 127, p. 1541, 967.

Schoellkopf Securities Corp.—New Control.—

See Niagara Share Corp. under "Public Utilities" above.—V. 124, p. 385.

Scruggs-Vandervoort-Barney Dry Goods Co.—Directors.—

R. J. Goerke, Paul J. Nugent, L. B. Keiffer and Robert Bagnell have been elected directors, succeeding J. D. Francis, W. H. Bixby, Robert Johnston and W. F. Carter, resigned.—V. 122, p. 1927.

Second International Securities Corp.—Transfer Agent.—

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent for 600,000 shares of class B common stock.—V. 126, p. 1678.

Seneca Plan Corp.—Organized as a Holding and Management Corporation.—

The organization of the above corporation as a general holding and management corporation was announced this week by officials of the new organization. The organizers are a group of prominent business men and bankers including: George T. Webb (former Vice-President, Empire Trust Co.), J. resident; Arlington W. Porter (former executive of the E. I. DuPont de Nemours Co., and recently sales manager of the United States Shares Corp.) Vice-Pres.; Eugene L. Garey (senior member of Garey, Crowley & Garey), Sec.; and Walter Tallmadge Arndt (who served as a member of Attorney-General Ottinger's advisory committee in his investigation of investment trusts last year), Treas.

Directors include: D. R. McLain (Director of the Chrysler Corp.); Conrad H. Liebenfrost (investment banker, President of Liebenfrost, Evans & Co.); Harry F. Brewer (banker and Vice-President and Director of Mariners Harbor National Bank), and E. S. Barclay (President, First National Bank), Cranbury, B. J.

In addition to the usual activities of a holding corporation, the new corporation has devised a new method which enables small investors to invest in oil royalties in much the same manner as they invest in investment trusts, according to the announcement. The royalties will be deposited with a trustee under the terms of an indenture and trust certificate issued thereon. The net income is paid to the certificate holders until they have received back 100% of their investment with interest. Thereafter they continue to participate in all profits of the trust. Royalties underlying properties operated by the Standard Oil Co., its subsidiaries, and other major companies, constitute the basic securities of the trust certificates.

Separate Units, Inc., New York.—Report.—

Total capital and surplus of \$403,421 is reported by Separate Units, Inc., in its first published report, as of Sept. 30, according to the Treasurer, Seymour L. Cromwell, Jr. William H. Williams, Pres., points out that while the report covers nine months, incorporation was as of June 12. Separate Units, Inc., began as a closed investment trust and was made available to limited public participation only after the proved effectiveness of the management methods.

Net income available for dividends for the active operating period, totals \$32,198 and dividends already paid aggregate \$13,431. The value of the securities in the trust's portfolio as of the report date was \$446,401 and the capital stock outstanding \$384,500.

Service Station Equipment Co., Ltd.—Consolidation.—

Negotiations have been concluded with the Bennett Pump Corp. of Muskegon, Mich., (largest pump manufacturers of lubricating equipment in the United States), by which the Service Station Equipment Co., Ltd., will purchase all of the outstanding 78,317 no par value common shares at \$30 per share, and will arrange to retire on Nov. 1, the \$300,000 of outstanding \$10 par value pref. stock at \$10.50 per share, and accrued dividend. Payment for the common stock will be in cash, or the Bennett shareholders can accept one-half cash, and the balance in class "A" shares of the Service company, which for the purpose of this conversion are to be valued at \$43 per share.

The Service company will manufacture in Canada the products of the Bennett Corp. and the Bennett company will manufacture in the United States the gasoline pumps developed in Canada by the Service company.

Thomas B. Bennett, President, and S. H. Frensdorf, Vice-President of the Bennett Pumps Corp. will become directors of the Service company. Early this year the Service company purchased all of the outstanding stock of Canadian John Wood Mfg. Co., manufacturers of gasoline storage tanks, etc., and all of the outstanding stock of the Service Station Equipment Co., Bryan, O., manufacturers of air compressors, air stations, car washers and other garage equipment.

The parent company are the largest manufacturers of gasoline pumps in Canada, and by the acquisition of the Bennett Pumps Corp. they will become one of the largest manufacturers of Service Station Equipment in the world. The different plants will be operated as separate units but it is the intention to consolidate the various sales organizations and executive personnel.—V. 125, p. 3213.

Shares In The South, Inc.—Stock Sold.—Rogers Caldwell & Co., Inc., New York and Caldwell & Co., Nashville, Tenn., announce the sale of 50,000 shares (no par value) common stock, at \$40 per share.

Capitalization.—Authorized, 250,000 shares; issued, 50,000 shares. National Park Bank of New York, transfer agent & registrar. To be listed on New Orleans Stock Exchange.

Company.—Recently organized in Delaware. Invests and re-invests its resources in the securities of various types of Southern corporations, including the shares or bonds of railroad and public utility corporations, insurance companies, banks and trust companies and various industrial concerns.

The company is conducted along the general lines of an investment trust, affording individuals an opportunity to participate under experienced supervision in diversified Southern investments which might not otherwise be available to them as individuals.

Assets.—The investments of the company will consist of well-diversified and carefully selected list of stocks and bonds of established Southern business enterprises. Among such securities will be included stocks or bonds of the following concerns:

Southern Ry.	Dinkler Hotels Co., Inc.
Atlantic Coast Line	Louisville & Nashville RR.
Alabama Power Co.	Illinois Central RR.
Southern Bell Telephone & Tel. Co.	Carolina Power & Light Co.
Electric Power & Light Co.	Southeastern Pow. & Lt. Co.
Merch. & Mfrs. Terminal, Inc.	Andrew Jackson Hotel, Nashville
Birmingham	Missouri State Life Insur. Co.
Volunteer State Life Insur. Co.	Inter-Southern Life Insur. Co.
Southern Surety Co.	Amer. Nat. Bank, Nashville.
Fourth & First Nat. Bk. of N'ville.	Canal Bank & Trust Co.
Holston Un. Nat. Bk. Knoxville	Standard Oil Co. of Ky.
Coco-Cola Co.	Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Co.
Allied Chemical Co.	Atlanta Laundries, Inc.
Southern Dairies, Inc.	Wesson Oil & Snowdrift Co.

Dividends and Earnings.—Company will pursue a conservative policy as to dividends, it being the judgment of the management that the best interest of stockholders can be served by such a policy. Therefore, for the present no dividends will be paid on the common stock. In the meantime income from investments already made will be used for the purchase of

additional investments; thus to a certain extent compounding the company's earning power.

Earnings are derived from: (1) Dividends or interest from securities owned. (2) The exercise of subscription rights for additional shares at less than market prices and profits accruing from securities sold if and when it seems desirable to take advantage of market opportunities in securities held. (3) Reinvestment of surplus or accumulated profits.

Investment Trust Features.—Investments can be made by the company only upon a majority vote of the board of directors or of the executive investment committee. Not more than 20% of the capital and surplus shall be invested in the securities of any one line of industry, nor more than 10% of the capital and surplus in the securities of any one concern. In no case will the company own actual control of any of the companies whose securities it owns.

Depository.—The directors or executive investment committee will promptly deposit, after purchase, all securities owned in the National Park Bank of New York, New York City. A full list of all investments owned by the company will be furnished each shareholder requesting same as soon as possible after each annual meeting.

Management.—The officers and directors of shares in the South, Inc., are almost entirely composed of the officers and senior executives of Caldwell & Co.—V. 127, p. 1820.

Sheffield Steel Corp.—Balance Sheet Aug. 31 1928.—

[Reflecting the issue of 50,000 shares of common stock, as a stock dividend, the sale of 28,000 additional shares of common stock for cash, and the retirement of \$1,370,000 series A refunding 6½% bonds.]

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Prop. plant & equipment	\$5,103,877	Preferred stock	\$2,500,000
Funds for permanent additions, &c.	2,395,000	Common stock (178,000 shs. no par)	3,889,109
Inventory	684,048	Earned surplus	745,678
Customers' accounts receivable, less reserves	914,343	1st mtge. gold bonds	2,000,000
Due by employees	372	Acc'ts pay. in respect of permanent additions	232,897
U. S. Liberty bonds	466,234	Trade accounts payable	163,050
Int. accrued on investments	32,036	Accrued salaries and wages	72,880
Cash	277,663	Accrued int. on bonds	7,421
Unamort. bond discount, prepaid insurance, taxes, &c.	138,244	Accr'd taxes, insurance, &c.	33,469
		Pref. divs. accrued	29,167
		Common stock div. payable	50,000
		Oct. 1	165,319
		Res. for Fed. & State taxes	122,829
		Operating reserves	
Total	\$10,011,818	Total	\$10,011,818

a After deducting depreciation of \$1,524,066. Compare also V. 127, p. 1960, 1820.

Sikorsky Aviation Corp.—Stock Sold.—In connection with the recapitalization of the corporation, which introduces considerable new capital into the organization, announcement was made Oct. 8 that the 100,000 shares of the capital stock underwritten by G. M-P. Murphy & Co., James C. Willson & Co. and National Aviation Corp. have been placed privately at \$12.50 per share. Application will be made to list the shares of the company on the New York Curb Market and the Chicago Stock Exchange.

Capitalization.—Authorized, 250,000 shs. 200,000 shs. a 50,000 shares are under option at \$10 per share for three years to the organizers of the corporation and their associates.

Transfer agent, the National Park Bank of New York. Registrar, Bankers Trust Co., New York.

Data from Letter of Pres. A. C. Dickinson, Oct. 6.

Company.—Incorp. in Delaware. Is to acquire the business and substantially all the assets of Sikorsky Manufacturing Corp., which for the past five years has been engaged exclusively in aeronautical engineering, research and special design work, directed especially towards the development and use of metal construction for all types of aircraft. Over \$1,000,000 has been expended on this development work alone.

This work has resulted in the new Sikorsky Amphibion 8-38, the first one of which was completed in July 1928. This plane can be constructed under modern multiple production methods without sacrifice of design or performance, in uniform quality at a minimum cost.

Igor Sikorsky, whose genius as a designer and constructor of large aircraft for the past 20 years, has been internationally recognized, is in charge of all creative engineering. Mr. Sikorsky's activities in aviation date back to 1908, when he built and flew his first airplane. At the outbreak of the war he was the most important factor in aviation in Russia, and designed and built many planes for his country's use, and he is, so far as is known, the first man to have installed more than one engine in an airplane. After the Russian Revolution he designed aircraft for the French Government and for the United States Army Air Corps up until 1923.

The Sikorsky Amphibion is a twin-motored all-metal plane capable of carrying a crew of two, eight or ten passengers, mail, baggage and express, and sells, completely equipped, for about \$55,000. The plane can take off from and land on either land or water, even though fully loaded, and will fly with full load on either motor. It is generally considered that the performance of this plane exceeds that of any plane of its size and power in existence either in Europe or in America.

Owing to its performance and safety features, such as utilizing either land or water and ability to fly with one motor, this type has growing commercial importance. The first series of 10 planes of this type were sold, without a regular sales organization, within eight weeks after the publication of the official performance data. Such sales were not only to private individuals, but also to the Government, and to air line operators such as Western Air Express, Inc., and Pan-American Airways, Inc.

Sikorsky Aviation Corp. is to enter into a contract with Curtiss Flying Service, Inc., whereby that company will act as its sales organization for the products of Sikorsky Aviation Corp. in the United States. A similar contract is to be entered into with Curtiss Export Corp. for the products of Sikorsky Aviation Corp. in other countries.

The corporation is to acquire a lease, upon favorable terms, of a modern factory capable of greater production, located at College Point, Long Island, and designed and built especially for the manufacture of large aircraft. The rear of the factory faces directly on Flushing Bay with open salt water the year around, serving as a landing field at the plant.

The present factory force numbers about 200 persons, over one-half of whom have been employed for over three years, and most of whom have been stockholders in a small way. This has resulted in a high factory morale and in a highly dependable organization, most essential in this industry.

Operations.—The present production schedule is at the rate of approximately one plane per week, and it is planned to expand operations so as to meet a schedule of production of two planes per week by March 1929. The Sikorsky type of metal construction makes it possible to substitute modern labor saving machinery for much hand labor heretofore used.

Accurate records of cost in aircraft designing and manufacturing during the past five years form the basis of costs which may be expected with a modern multiple production system. A careful analysis of the actual reduction in manufacturing costs has been made. Assuming during the year 1929 a production and sale of only fifty planes, against a proposed production schedule of between 90 and 100 planes, net earnings may be estimated at over \$500,000.

Balance Sheet as at Sept. 22 1928.

[Giving effect to incorporation of Sikorsky Aviation Corp. and its acquisition of certain assets and assumption of certain liabilities of Sikorsky Manufacturing Corp. for 100,000 shares of capital stock and the sale of 100,000 shares of capital stock at \$10 per share.]

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash in banks and on hand	\$1,004,218	Accounts payable	\$33,740
Deposits & accounts receivable	5,826	Note payable	15,226
Inventories	330,547	Customers' deposits	53,488
Machinery, fixtures, &c.	23,434	Capital stock, 200,000 shares	1,000,000
Deferred assets	15,367	Capital Surplus	276,938
Drawings, patterns & devel.	1		
Total	\$1,379,392	Total	\$1,379,392

Directors.—W. A. Barry (V.-Pres. & Production Mgr.), James Bruce, Cheever Cowdin, A. C. Dickinson (pres.), Victor Drury, O. A. Glaze-

brook, Jr., Henry G. Hotchkiss, Chas. A. Jones, H. O. King, E. O. McDonnell, John J. Mitchell Jr., John Newell Jr., Joseph E. Otis Jr., Earle Hay Reynolds, Igor Sikorsky, Andrew R. Smith, R. C. Stanley, H. E. Talbot Jr., V. A. Tompkins, James C. Willson.

(A. O.) Smith Corp., Milwaukee.—Tenders.—
The American Exchange Irving-Trust Co., 60 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Oct. 22 receive bids for the sale to it of preferred stock to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$1,500,950 at a price not succeeding 110 and dividends.—V. 126, p. 2491.

Smith Incubator Manufacturing Corp.—Stock Offered.—
Lage & Co. and W. E. Hutton & Co. are offering 20,000 shares of conv. pref. stock at par (\$50) and 30,000 shares of no par common stock at \$31 per share.

Transfer agents, Equitable Trust Co. of New York and First National Bank of Cincinnati. Registrars, Chemical National Bank, New York, and Fifth Third Union Trust Co., Cincinnati. The conv. pref. stock is preferred over the common stock as to assets and quarterly dividends, cumulative from Oct. 15 1928 at the annual rate of \$3.50 per share. Red., all or part, by lot at any time on at least 30 days' notice at \$7.50 plus div. Entitled in voluntary liquidation to \$7.50 a share plus div. before any distribution may be made on account of the common stock.

Convertible at the option of the holder at any time up to and including the redemption date into common stock of the company on a share for share basis.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Convertible preferred stock (\$50 par)-----	20,000 shs.	20,000 shs.
Common stock (no par)-----	*120,000 shs.	100,000 shs.
*20,000 shares reserved for conversion of conv. pref. stock.		

Data from Letter of Dr. S. B. Smith, President of the Corporation.

History.—Corporation has been organized in Ohio to acquire the assets and business of Smith Incubator Co. (a proprietorship) and the entire outstanding capital stock of the Smith Incubator Co., an Ohio corporation, engaged respectively in the manufacture and sale of "Smith 52,000" chicken incubators. The business is the successful result of a quarter of a century of persistent effort by Pres. Dr. S. B. Smith to evolve a practical machine for the artificial hatching of eggs on a large production basis, upon which the original patent was granted in 1918. Previous to this time commercial hatcheries had been operated with batteries of small capacity units, occupying great space and requiring extreme care and considerable labor in operation, but the advent of the "Smith 47,000" completely changed the accepted standards of quantity baby chick production and made possible to the hatching industry a degree of efficiency and economy of operation not possible on a limited production basis.

In 1922 a manufacturing and a distributing organization were formed and the Smith Incubator, with a capacity of 47,000 eggs, later increased to 52,000, was put on the market. The business met with immediate success and has enjoyed a sound and substantial growth, both in volume and earnings, and is to-day one of the acknowledged leaders in the industry. Smith Incubator Manufacturing Corp. owns certain patents from which it receives substantial royalties from its only licensee, the Buckeye Incubator Co.

Company owns and occupies a new and thoroughly modern plant at Cleveland, Ohio, covering ground space of approximately 60,000 square feet with private railway siding.

Earnings.—The net earnings of the acquired properties, adjusted to give effect to changes incident to formation of the new company, the elimination of certain non-recurring charges amounting to \$850 in 1927 and \$91,957 in 1928, and to Federal taxes at the present rate of 12%, are as follows:

12 Mos. End.	Apr. 30 1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.
Net earnings-----	\$181,210	\$185,562	\$403,493	*\$1,284,007	\$430,852
Per share conv. pref.-----	9.06	9.27	20.17	64.20	21.54
Per share common-----	1.11	1.15	3.33	12.14	3.60

* This was an exceptional year due to the large demand for baby chicks and the low price of eggs for hatching.

Balance Sheet.—The balance sheet as of April 30 1928, adjusted to give effect to proposed financing, shows net tangible assets of \$2,356,239, equal to more than \$117 per share on the 20,000 shares of convertible preferred stock of \$50 par value outstanding.

Dividends.—Corporation will inaugurate dividends on the common stock at rate of \$2.20 per share, per year, payable quarterly beginning Jan. 15 1929.

Southern Stores Corp., Miami, Fla.—Defers Class A Dividend.

The directors recently voted to defer the quarterly dividend of 50 cent per share due Oct. 1 on the \$2 cumul. class A partic. stock, no par value. Quarterly distributions of 50 cents per share were paid from April 1 1927 to July 2 1928, incl., on the class A stock.

The regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4 % was declared, payable Oct. 1.—V. 126, p. 1211.

Suburban Casualty Insurance Co., White Plains, N. Y.—Stock Offered.—The Chase National Bank, New York; First National Bank, Yonkers, N. Y.; the Peoples National Bank & Trust Co., White Plains, N. Y., and the Suburban Casualty Insurance Co., White Plains, N. Y., are offering the unsold portion of 30,000 shares capital stock at \$30 per share.

Present offering is 15,000 shares at \$30 per share—\$10 to capital \$20 to surplus. Terms are 25% with subscription. Balance to be paid on or about Nov 1 1928. The board of directors, insurance agents and others have subscribed and reserved 15,000 shares or half of the entire issue.

The company is incorporated under the insurance laws of the State of New York and will operate under their direct supervision. No underwriting, promotion or legal fees were paid or incurred in connection with incorporation. No commissions or compensation will be paid for the sale of stock. All expense charges have been defrayed by the board of directors. This offering is made by the company for its own account and the entire proceeds will be paid into the company's treasury.

The company starts out under very favorable conditions. It will operate in the suburban communities, which have always been a very profitable field for insurance companies. Its affairs will be managed by trained insurance executives, experienced in writing all forms of casualty insurance.

The surplus will be invested in readily marketable income bearing securities, and with the profits accruing from writing of risks, company should, in a short while, be in a position to inaugurate regular dividends.

Capitalization upon Completion of this Offering.

Authorized capital 30,000 shares (\$10 par)-----	\$300,000
Authorized surplus-----	600,000
Total-----	\$900,000

First National Bank of Yonkers, N. Y., trustee.

Directors.—Leslie R. Palmer, Irvington, N. Y.; John F. Lambden, New Rochelle, N. Y.; Reuben P. Brewer, William P. Herlyn, Mamaroneck, N. Y.; A. Elliott Bates, Bronxville, N. Y.; Clarence C. Merritt, Larchmont, N. Y.; Howard R. Washburn, Chappaqua, N. Y.; Alfred F. Barbasi, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Paul V. Colletti, Pelham, N. Y.; Walter W. Westall, White Plains, N. Y.; Samuel Swinburn, New Rochelle, N. Y.; Franklin Montross, Peekskill, N. Y.; Herbert C. Gerlach, Ossining, N. Y.; John W. Ryan, Port Chester, N. Y.; Herbert B. Shonk, Scarsdale, N. Y.; Charles J. Campbell, Pleasantville, N. Y.; William H. Oliver, Ossining, N. Y.; Hector W. Thomas, Croton-on-Hudson, N. Y.; Charles J. F. Decker, Croton Falls, N. Y.; Edward P. Barrett, Katonah, N. Y.; Albert C. Robinson Jr., Larchmont, N. Y.; Frederick P. Close, Tuckahoe, N. Y.; Edward L. McManus Jr., Bronxville, N. Y.

Superior Oil Corp.—Acquisition.

The company has purchased approximately 90% of the stock of the Moody Corp. for approximately \$4,000,000, according to a Houston, Tex., dispatch. Through the acquisition of this stock the Superior corporation gains control of additional producing properties in Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Arkansas and Louisiana, aggregating about 80,000 acres of oil land. The Moody corporation's production totals about 10,000 bbls. daily with 5,000 bbls. daily additional potential shut-in. The Superior Oil Corp. also acquires the 10,000-gal. natural gasoline plant in Eastland County, Tex., through the deal.—V. 127, p. 1821, 698.

Sweets Co. of America, Inc.—New Director.—E. Stanley Clarke, Vice-President, has been elected a director, succeeding W. A. Greer.—V. 127, p. 562.

(John R.) Thompson Co., Chicago.—Sales.—
1928—Sept.—1927. Increase. | 1928—9 Mos.—1927. Increase.
\$1,185,489 | \$1,161,097 | \$24,392 | \$10,854,851 | \$10,677,661 | \$177,190
—V. 127, p. 1541.

Torrington Co.—Stock Listed.—
There have been substituted on the Boston Stock Exchange for the 280,000 shares (par \$25), 280,000 shares (no par value) and added thereto 280,000 additional shares, making 560,000 shares of the capital stock now on the list.

These changes and additions are the result of the action of the stockholders taken at meetings held at Portland, Me., on Sept. 11 and Sept. 14, at the first meeting the capital stock of the company was decreased from \$11,000,000, consisting of 40,000 shares of pref. stock of the par value of \$25 per share and 400,000 shares of common stock of the par value of \$25 per share, to \$7,000,000, consisting of 280,000 shares of common stock of the par value of \$25 per share, the reduction taking place by retiring the 40,000 shares of pref. stock which had been heretofore issued and reacquired by the company, and by retiring the 120,000 shares of common stock of \$25 par value per share which had never been issued. At the same meeting it was further voted to change the par value of these 280,000 shares to \$12.50 per share and to issue 560,000 shares of such new par value stock in place of that then outstanding.

At the meeting held on Sept. 14 1928 it was voted to change the par value of these 560,000 shares to the same number of shares without par value.—V. 127, p. 1541, 1670, 1691.

Traveler Shoe Co.—Sales.—
1928—Sept.—1927. Increase. | 1928—9 Mos.—1927. Increase.
\$389,899 | \$322,750 | \$67,149 | \$3,229,900 | \$3,085,557 | \$144,343
—V. 126, p. 2983.

265 Fourth Ave. Corp.—Default, &c.—
See Fourth Avenue 21st Street Building above.—V. 127, p. 1961.

Union Oil Co. of California.—Earnings.—
Period End. Sept. 30— 1928—3 Mos.—1927. 1928—9 Mos.—1927.
xGross profit----- \$5,450,000 | \$5,600,000 | \$16,100,000 | \$16,350,000
Deprecia'n, deple., &c.— 2,700,000 | 2,700,000 | 7,550,000 | 7,850,000

Net income-----	\$2,750,000	\$2,900,000	\$8,550,000	\$8,500,000
Shs. cap. stk. out. (par \$25)-----	3,791,924	3,788,618	3,791,924	3,788,618
Earnings per share-----	\$0.71	\$0.77	\$2.24	\$2.24

x After Federal tax, interest, &c.
Current assets as of Sept. 30 1928 were approximately \$57,000,000, a decrease of \$770 from Dec. 31 1927, while current liabilities were \$11,000,000, an increase of \$1,350,000. Bonded indebtedness was reduced \$1,467,000 in the 9 months ended Sept. 30, but purchase obligations increased \$1,542,000, due largely to purchase of Pan-American Western Petroleum Co. storage facilities from Richfield Oil Co. Total indebtedness increased \$1,425,000 during the period.

Oil in storage Sept. 30, totaled 25,700,000 barrels, an increase of 2,900,000 barrels over Dec. 31 1927.—V. 127, p. 276.

Union Tobacco Co.—New Officers.—
D. A. Schulte has been elected President and W. T. Posey, Chairman of the company.—V. 126, p. 3612.

United Electric Coal Companies.—Annual Report.

Year Ended July 31—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Profit from oper., before royalties, depr. & depl.-----	\$1,593,843	\$1,349,712	\$1,102,988	\$963,903
Profit from sale of secur.-----	-----	-----	33,000	-----

Gross profit-----	\$1,593,843	\$1,349,712	\$1,135,988	\$963,903
Royalties, depl. & depr.-----	416,697	347,188	306,409	276,159
Interest on mtge. bonds-----	286,813	261,035	213,168	129,116
Fed. taxes & other deduc.-----	162,147	142,473	70,629	40,651

Net income----- \$728,187 | \$599,015 | \$545,781 | \$517,978
Profit and Loss Account.—Credit balance Aug. 1 1927, \$2,389,359; net income for the year, \$728,187; income items prior to current year, \$209; total surplus, \$3,117,546. Deduct: Reduction of amount credited prior to this year for appreciation of coal lands, \$17,538; loss on property retired, \$7,173. Dividends: 7% general pref. stock, \$35,978; divs. on 8% 1st pref. stock, \$39,581; common divs., \$315,000; profit and loss surplus July 31 1928, \$2,702,484.

Comparative Balance Sheet July 31.

Assets—	1928.	1927.	Liabilities—	1928.	1927.
Coal prop., land, bldgs., eqpt., &c., less depr. & depl.-----	\$9,012,998	\$8,397,817	1st preferred 8% cumulative-----	1,905,000	485,000
Subscribers to 8% 1st pref. stock-----	249,000	249,000	Gen. preferred 7% cumulative-----	255,600	305,600
Cash-----	294,906	211,029	Preferred stock subscriptions-----	-----	249,000
Investments (Elec. Coal Co.)-----	58,077	58,077	Common stock-----	1,230,913	1,670,913
Special cash depos.-----	3,588	186,494	Bonded debt-----	4,766,500	5,188,500
Other assets-----	867,141	933,558	Current liabilities-----	363,679	615,286
Com. stk. in treas., res. for emp'ees-----	30,000	70,000	Res. for taxes, conting. & royalties-----	187,674	112,594
Def. charges, &c.—	432,305	390,402	Long term debts-----	187,166	480,126
			Surplus-----	2,702,484	2,389,359
Total-----	10,699,017	10,496,377	Total-----	10,699,017	10,496,377

x Represented by 120,000 shares of no par value. y The appraised value of these properties at Dec. 1 1926 and the cost of the properties purchased subsequent to that date aggregate somewhat in excess of \$12,000,000.—V. 127, p. 837.

United Fruit Co.—Approximate Earnings.

Period End. Sept. 30—	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—9 Mos.—1927.
Net earnings before taxes-----	\$6,600,000	\$5,500,000 \$17,700,000 \$16,600,000
Earnings per share on 2,500,000 shs. (no par)-----	\$2.64	\$2.24 \$7.08 \$6.66

—V. 127, p. 1691.

United Hotels Co.—Earnings.

8 Months Ended Aug. 31—	1928.	1927.
Gross revenues-----	\$18,421,248	\$18,193,071
Net earnings-----	937,215	921,633

—V. 124, p. 2766.

United Merchants & Manufacturers, Inc. (of Del.).—Stock Offered.—Kidder, Peabody & Co. are offering \$5,000,000 6% cumul. pref. stock (par \$100) and 50,000 shares common stock (no par), in units of one share of preferred and one share of common for \$107.50 per unit. The other 250,000 shares of common of the (300,000 presently to be issued) have been purchased from the corporation for \$2,500,000 by interests identified with the management.

Dividends payable Q. J. Callable at \$110 per share and div. on 30 days' notice. Company agrees to reimburse the holders of the preferred stock upon application within 60 days after payment for the Mass. income tax on the dividends not exceeding 6% of such dividends per annum. Mass. tax refunded.

Data from Letter of Pres. Homer Loring, Boston, Oct. 9.

United Merchants & Manufacturers, Inc.—Has acquired a substantial interest in profitable established New York textile selling houses which sold during the last year over 125,000,000 yards of cotton cloth, silk and rayon having a total value of over \$22,000,000.

These selling houses, or "converters" as they are known in the trade, buy unfinished, or "gray" cloth from the mills and have it styled, bleached, dyed or printed according to the needs of their customers who include manufacturers, mail order houses, wholesalers, chain stores and retail stores. The converters anticipate the requirements of their customers any buy their goods wherever purchases can be made to the best advantage.

Well-managed converting houses have been able to show satisfactory profits, even during recent years.

It is proposed to purchase, either in the North or South, a limited number of finishing plants to bleach, dye and print, and a few selected mills specializing in products being sold in large quantities by the selling houses. These finishing plants and mills in conjunction with the selling houses will be in a position to handle every step from the purchase of the raw materials to the finished merchandise.

The large volume of sales of the selling houses insures continuous full-time operation of the finishing plants and such mills as may be acquired. The mills included in the organization will not be compelled to seek a market for their goods and the selling houses will be assured of quality, service and low costs.

I am confident that upon the consummation of the above plan the earnings will be more than twice the dividend requirements of the corporation's preferred stock even if the present textile depression is prolonged. Improvement in the general textile situation should place the Corporation in a position to make substantial profits.

Capitalization—	Authorized	Outstanding
6% cum. pref. stock (par \$100)-----	\$15,000,000	\$5,000,000
Common stock (no par) v. t. c.-----	750,000 shs.	300,000 shs.

United States Asbestos Co.—Earnings.—

6 Months End. July 1—	1928.	1927.
Sales-----	\$1,800,871	\$1,503,763
Net profit after all charges, incl. taxes & deprec.---	273,323	159,177

After allowing for preferred stock dividends of \$19,798 actually paid during the 6 months of 1928, net income is equivalent to \$2.53 a share on the 100,000 shares of common stock now outstanding.

As of July 10 1928, the company retired 11,313 shares of 7% cumulative participating preferred stock (par value \$50), and issued in its place 5,000 shares of 7% cumulative preferred stock (par \$100). After giving effect to this recapitalization, the corporation balance sheet as at July 1 1928 showed assets of \$1,901,932. Total current assets amounted to \$1,409,882 compared with current liabilities of \$287,267. The company shows a surplus on hand of \$514,665.—V. 127, p. 276.

U. S. Bobbin & Shuttle Co.—Defers Preferred Dividend—Changes Par of Common Shares.—

The directors recently decided to defer the quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on the 7% cum. pref. stock usually due Oct. 1. The last distribution at this rate was made on July 2 last.

The stockholders on Sept. 28 approved a change in the par value of the common stock from \$100 to \$50 per share.

The purpose of this change was explained in a letter to the stockholders, signed by President Luther C. Baldwin, as follows:

"The directors have recently found it advisable to dispose of some of its real estate that was no longer used, thereby effecting an annual saving of about \$12,000.

"The sale resulted in a considerable loss over book value after depreciation and as this loss had to be charged to the surplus account, it more than eliminates that item.

"The company is in a sound financial condition, has no outstanding obligations except for current bills, and is in a position to pay dividends out of the large accumulation of cash, Government securities and other investments of a readily marketable nature.

"The directors, however, deem it unwise to do so until the balance sheet has been adjusted to more truly reflect its condition. The surplus account must be increased. Inasmuch as the holders of the common stock own all of the equity of the company, the change makes no difference in their status and is mainly a bookkeeping operation. The holders of the preferred stock are not at all affected by the change, but until the reduction in par value is consummated, it seems to the directors, unwise to pay the dividends due Oct. 1, unless the surplus account is first adjusted."—V. 117, p. 2662.

United States Cast Iron Pipe & Foundry Co.—Recapitalization.—

A special meeting of stockholders has been called for Oct. 22 for the purpose of authorizing a change in the charter so that the authorized capitalization of the company shall be 600,000 shares of new 1st pref. stock, 180,000 shares of 2d pref. stock, both without par value, and 600,000 shares of \$20 par common stock.

The stockholders will also be asked to vote approval of the retirement of the entire 120,000 pref. shares outstanding as of Oct. 31 1928 at \$100 a share and accrued dividends estimated to be \$5.83 1-3 a share; or to give the holder the option to accept for each share of present preferred 5 shares of new 1st pref. and 1 1/2 shares of new 2d pref. plus the dividend of \$1.75 per share declared.

The common stock of \$100 par value as of Oct. 31 will be split into 5 shares of \$20 par value each and the final dividend of \$2.50 on the old stock payable Dec. 15 will be distributed on the new stock at the rate of 50c. a sh.

Time for deposit of the stock has been extended up to the close of business on Oct. 20.

A committee, consisting of N. F. Brady, W. T. C. Carpenter and F. S. Gordon, on Oct. 2, determined that sufficient deposits of shares have been received to warrant their proceeding under the plan and agreement. Accordingly, the committee have duly declared the plan to be operative and have filed notice to that effect with the depository.—V. 127, p. 1961.

United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co.—Rights.—

The stockholders of record Oct. 15 1928 will be given the right to subscribe for 50,000 additional shares (par \$50) at \$100 per share.

The stockholders on Oct. 8 increased the authorized capital from \$10,000,000 to \$25,000,000 and decreased the par value of the shares of stock from \$50 to \$1; the increase in the authorized capital and the decrease in the par value of the shares not to take effect, however, until after the aforesaid 50,000 unissued shares of capital stock of the par value of \$50 have been subscribed for.—V. 127, p. 1691.

United States Freight Co.—Volume Increased.—

The company reports that during September it handled more than 283,000,000 pounds of freight, an increase of more than 44% as compared with the volume of freight handled in the same month a year ago.—V. 127, p. 969.

United States Steel Corp.—Unfilled Orders.—

See under "Indications of Business Activity" on a preceding page.—V. 127, p. 1542.

Universal Products Co.—Comparative Balance Sheet.—

Assets—		Aug 31 '28		April 30 '28		Liabilities—		Aug. 31 '28		April 30 '28	
Cash-----	\$80,929	\$110,904	Accounts payable-----	\$104,550	\$161,659						
Accounts rec-----	294,267	247,032	Accrued liabilities-----	40,820	52,252						
Book inventories-----	498,039	318,008	Notes pay., bank-----	185,000	60,000						
Life ins. policies-----	24,427	25,646	Res. for Fed. taxes-----	48,703	31,805						
Property account-----	758,015	603,661	Com. stk. (no par)-----	x560,000	560,000						
Deferred charges-----	22,628	12,746	Special sur. arising from donation of cap. stk.-----	36,942	36,942						
			Purchase of land-----	59,000							
			Miscellaneous-----	1,500							
			Earned surplus-----	581,789	415,298						
Total (each side)-----	\$1,678,306	\$1,317,997									

x Represented by 80,000 no par shares.

Net earnings of the company for the first 8 months of this year, after all charges and taxes, were \$338,461.—V. 127, p. 837.

Utah Radio Products Co.—Initial Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 30 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Nov. 1 to holders record Oct. 21. See also offering in V. 127, p. 1119.

Vancouver (B. C.) Western Drug Co., Ltd.—Initial Div.

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the 6 1/2% cumulative sinking fund pref. stock, payable Nov. 1. See also offering in V. 127, p. 1822.

Venezuelan Petroleum Co.—New Directors.—

Mason Day, Vice-President of the Sinclair Exploration Co., and George W. Loft, President of Loft Inc., have been elected Directors.—V. 127, p. 1267.

Van Sweringen Co.—Bonds Offered.—

Offering is being made of a new issue of \$5,700,000 1st mtge. & coll. trust sinking fund 6% gold bonds at 100 and int. made by a banking group comprising Pearsons-Taft Co. and including the Union Trust Co. of Cleveland, Tillotson & Wolcott Co., and the Atlantic-Merrill Oldham Corp. of Boston.

The Van Sweringen Co. was founded and is chiefly owned by O. P. and M. J. Van Sweringen and was organized for the purpose of creating the Shaker Heights real estate development of the metropolitan section of Cleveland.

Proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used for the purpose of retiring outstanding obligations bearing a higher rate of interest, provide funds for a group of new buildings in Shaker Square and other corporate purposes. Through sinking fund operations it is calculated that the entire issue will be liquidated by Oct. 1 1938. The bonds will be secured by land having an appraised valuation of more than \$12,000,000.—V. 126, p. 593.

Waco (Texas) Hilton Hotel Co.—Notes Offered.—

Federal Commerce Trust Co., St. Louis, is offering at 100 and int. \$465,000 1st mtge. real estate serial 6% gold notes.

Dated May 15 1928; due serially May 15 and Nov. 15 Authorized \$465,000. Principal and int. (M & N) payable at Federal Commerce Trust Co., trustee, St. Louis, Mo. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000c*. Callable on any int. date prior to maturity at option of the maker upon 60 days notice to trustee and upon payment of principal and int., plus a premium of 2%. No portion of Federal income tax paid.

Security.—Notes are secured by a closed first mortgage on the new Hilton Hotel and the land which it occupies, in Waco, Texas, and are the obligations of the Waco Hilton Hotel Co. of Waco, Texas, a corporation having a capital stock of \$100,000.

Property.—The property covered by this mortgage consists of a tract of land on the corner of a street intersection, fronting 100 feet on Austin Avenue by a depth of 165 feet along Fourth Street, together with improvements recently completed thereon. The improvements consist of new Hilton Hotel, a modern 12 story fireproof building, containing 184 rooms, all with bath. The building is well constructed of reinforced concrete and brick with terra cotta trim.

Income.—The hotel was formally opened on July 3 1928. The income from the hotel rooms (based on 80% occupancy), stores, coffee shop and other concessions, is estimated at \$180,000, the operating expenses at \$92,780. Therefore, the net amount applicable to the payment of the interest and the serial maturities of the loan is over 3 times the interest charge.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage provides that on the 15th day of each month, beginning May 15, 1930, the company will deposit, as a sinking fund, one-sixth of the semi-annual principal and interest payment requirements, so that funds will be on hand for the payment of these items when due.

Wagner Electric Corp.—Common Stock Placed on a \$6 Annual Dividend Basis.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 15. The last dividend on the common stock was an initial payment of \$2.50 per share made on April 15 of his year.—V. 126, p. 4102.

Wardman Realty & Construction Co.—Transfer Agent

The Central Union Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent for 25,000 shares of class "A" voting trust stock. The American Exchange Irving Trust Co. has been appointed trustee for \$2,500,000 6 1/2% gold debentures.

(Charles) Warner Co.—25-Cent Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents a share on the common stock and the regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents a share on common and 1 1/2% on the 1st and 2d pref. stocks. The common dividends are payable Oct. 10 and the preferred dividends on Oct. 25 all to holders of record Sept. 30. Like amounts were declared three months ago.

On Aug. 10 1927 the company paid an extra dividend of 50 cents a share on the common stock.—V. 126, p. 4102.

Warner-Quinlan Co.—To Retire Debentures.—

All of the outstanding 15-year 6% conv. gold debentures have been called for payment Nov. 14 next at 105 and int. at the Equitable Trust Co., 11 Broad St., N. Y. City. The right of the holders of these debentures to convert the same into common stock shall continue, however, for a period of 30 days after Nov. 14.

Holders may surrender debentures prior to redemption date at the office of Hayden, Stone & Co., 25 Broad St., N. Y. City, and receive 105 and int. to date of such surrender.—V. 127, p. 1267.

Warren Brothers Co.—Earnings.—

8 Months Ended Aug. 31—	1928.	1927.
Net income after charges, taxes & pref. divs.-----	\$1,126,521	\$932,296
Earns. per sh. on 156,825 shs. com. stk. (no par)---	\$6.61	\$5.37

A comparison (exclusive of Cuba) of the contracts carried over, new work secured and area laid by the company and its licensees for the 8 months to Aug. 31 is given below:

(In Square Yards.)	1928.	1927.	1926.
Yardage carried over from prev. year	4,147,581	6,048,593	4,955,548
Yardage awarded during yr. to Aug. 31	5,979,295	8,181,556	9,133,980

Under contract Aug. 31-----	10,126,876	14,230,149	14,089,528
Area laid to Aug. 31-----	5,019,930	7,219,179	6,074,851
Area to do Aug. 31-----	5,106,946	7,010,970	8,014,677

Cuban Central Highway Contract.			
Yardage carried over from previous year-----			5,574,600
Yardage awarded during year to Aug. 31 1928-----			280,000

Under contract Aug. 31 1928-----			5,854,600
Area laid to Aug. 31 1928-----			1,027,486
Area to do Aug. 31 1928-----			4,827,114

—V. 126, p. 2003.

Wayne Pump Co.—Acquires Boyle-Dayton Co.—

The company has acquired the Boyle-Dayton Co. of Los Angeles, it is announced. The latter company is said to be the largest manufacturer of gasoline pumps west of the Rocky Mountains, and has branches in San Francisco, Oakland and San Diego, Cal., Portland, Ore., Seattle, Wash., and Phoenix, Ariz., while The Wayne Pump Co. is one of the largest manufacturers in the world of self-measuring gasoline pumps, kerosene dispensing pumps, tanks and air compressors for garages and filling stations. It is estimated that it manufactures more than 30% of all the gasoline pumps manufactured in this country.

The Boyle-Dayton line will continue to be manufactured in the Los Angeles plant. In addition, part of the manufacturing and all of the assembling of Wayne pumps for distribution on the Coast will be done at this plant resulting in a substantial reduction in cost and more prompt service to customers.

The name of the Boyle-Dayton Co. will be changed to the Wayne-Dayton Co. The management will remain intact, with the exception of the retirement of F. E. Dayton, president, who will be succeeded by his son, F. L. Dayton, who has been the active head of the business for the past five years. See also V. 127, p. 1962.

Wilson & Co., Inc.—Tenders.—

The Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Oct. 17 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtge. 6% 25-year s. f. gold bonds, due April 1 1941, series "A," to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$105,747 at a price not exceeding 107 1/2 and int.—V. 126, p. 2329.

Winton Engine Co.—Listed.—

The Detroit Stock Exchange has approved for listing 30,000 shares, (no par value) convertible preference stock. See also V. 127, p. 970.

Yellow Cab Co., Baltimore, Md.—Listed.—

The Baltimore Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$350,000 7% cumulative prior preferred stock (par \$100) and 30,000 shares common stock (no par value). See offering in V. 127, p. 1822.

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS
 PETROLEUM—RUBBER—HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

[The introductory remarks formerly appearing here will now be found in an earlier part of the paper immediately following the editorial matter, in a department headed "INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY."]

Thursday Night, Oct. 11 1928.

COFFEE on the spot was in moderate demand with prices firmer. Rio 7s, 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; Santos 4s, 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 24c.; Victoria 7-8s, 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. Mild quotations were as follows: Fair to good Cucuta, 23 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 24c.; washed, 26 to 27c.; Colombian, Ocana, 22 to 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Bucaramanga, natural, 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; washed, 27 to 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Honda, Tolima, Giradot and Medellin, 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 28 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; Manizales, 27 to 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Mexican washed, 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Ankola, 34 to 38c.; Mandheling, 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 39c.; genuine Java, 34 to 35c.; Robusta washed, 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; natural Mocha, 27 to 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Harrar, 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 26c. On the 9th inst. spot quotations were Rio 7s, 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; Santos 4s, 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 24c.; Victoria 7-8s, 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 17 $\frac{3}{8}$ c. Some of the cost-and-freight offers from Santos on the 9th inst. were the lowest on the crop to date. There was a larger supply of Rios at irregular prices. Santos Bourbon 2-3s were offered at 25.15c.; 3s at 22.80 to 23.80c.; 3-4s at 22.55 to 23 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 3-5s at 22.30 to 23.15c.; 4-5s at 22 to 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; 5s at 22 to 22 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 5-6s at 21.10 to 22.10c.; 6s at 21 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 21.85c. 6-7s at 20.20 to 21.30c.; 7s at 20.80c.

Cost and freight offers from Santos on the 10th inst. were in good supply at irregular prices. Rio was somewhat cheaper. For prompt shipment, the tenders early included Santos Bourbon 2-3s at 24.60c., 3s at 23.45c., 3-4s at 22 $\frac{1}{4}$ c., to 22.95c., 3-5s at 22.35 to 22.95c., 4-5s at 22 to 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., 5s at 21.40 to 22 $\frac{1}{4}$ c., 5-6s at 21.10 to 22c., 6s at 21.10 to 21.85c., 6-7s at 20.10 to 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., 7-8s at 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 20.15c.; part Bourbon 2-3s at 23 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 25 $\frac{1}{8}$ c., 3-4s at 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ c., 3-5s at 22 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 22.70c., 4-5s at 22.30c., 6s at 21 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; Peaberry 4s at 22.35 to 22.65c., 4-5s at 22.10 to 22.15c., 5s at 21.90c., 5-6s at 21.80c.; Rio 7s at 17c., 7-8s at 16.40c.; Victoria 7-8s at 16.40 to 16.45c. Victoria 7-8s for November shipment were offered at 16.40c. and 6-7s for Oct.-Nov. shipment at 17.40c. There is a large increase in the deliveries of mild coffee without, it is said, a corresponding gain in Brazil. This, some think, may indicate that prices of Brazil coffee are affecting their consumption. To the world's visible supply must be added, it is said, at least 14,000,000 bags in the interior of Brazil as reported on Aug. 31, making a total in the visible of 19,374,000 bags. When the figures of Sept. 30 are added, this total will be greater. As to the increased arrivals of mild coffees, the indications are that owing to existing prices, efforts are being made to increase the production in many countries where coffee can be raised.

Rio cabled on the 9th inst. that coffee stocks in Rio regulating warehouses on Sept. 30th were 826,000 bags, against 986,000 bags in August, and 1,180,000 bags in June. This, the advices said, is considered ample proof that the present crop is very small as farm supplies are insufficient to cover market withdrawals from regulators. Reverting to 1927 some remark that it begins to look as though Brazil has been waiting for a repetition of last year when buyers, due to estimates of a crop of 15,000,000 bags of Santos, held off too long and then all came at once in a rush to buy and forced prices up 6 cents in about six weeks. But some contend that inasmuch as buyers throughout the world have been keeping supplying their needs as required no repetition of this may be expected this year. One comment on the situation was that both markets are disappointingly dull at a time when Exchange business is usually at its heaviest. Of course, the reason is obvious. Restricted commodities are not generally attractive to the speculative element, while the trade cannot hedge satisfactorily at the difference ruling between spot and future quotations. There are several inquiries, however, from speculative sources and their trend would indicate that when they do come into the market again, it will be on the short side. Rain continued to fall in the coffee growing districts, which should allay any fears of drought conditions. Perhaps, when the fall demand has been better taken care of, there will be an increase in the volume of daily business.

Futures on the 9th inst. were dull and Rio declined 6 to 11 points with the cables 100 to 300 reis lower. The sales here were only about 8,500 bags. Santos dropped 2 to 12 points with sales of about 22,000 bags. May Santos was said to have been sold for Boston account. On Thursday prices closed 6 points lower to 2 points higher on Rio and 5 to 14 points lower on Santos with sales of 19,000 bags of the former and 17,000 of the latter. Final prices show an advance for the week of 4 points on December Rio but a decline on other months of 3 to 11 points; Santos is 7 to 14 points lower than a week ago.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	17 $\frac{3}{4}$	Mar	15.82@	July	15.02@	nom
Dec	16.39@16.40	May	15.42@	nom	Sept	14.71@

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	21.93@21.98	Mar	21.30@	nom	July	20.60@	nom
Dec	21.93@21.98	May	20.88@	nom	Sept	20.25@	nom

SUGAR.—Prompt Cuban raws were firmer but quiet at 2 5-32 to 2 3-16c. c. & f. and 3.96c. delivered. Refiners' stocks are supposed to be much depleted. Canada was inquiring. On the 10th inst. refiners bought 91,000 bags of Cuba for October shipment at 2 3-16c. c. & f. Refined was in fair to good demand for a time at 5.35 to 5.40c. Later on lower prices prevailed. Refined fell later to 5.20 to 5.25c. in most cases. One refinery announced that effective on Thursday morning the price would be 5.25c. for prompt and thirty-day contracts, no guarantees. Its list price is 5.40c.

With raw sugars at 3.96c. duty paid, and refined at 5.20c. less 2% the refining margin, it was remarked, had narrowed down to 114 points which is far from a satisfactory one for the refiners. On the 8th inst. 5,000 tons, port ex-store sold at 3.93c.; and 2 3-16c. c.&f. was paid later or a cargo of prompt Cuba and 3.96c. for 2,200 tons ex-store, the sellers allowing lighterage charges; 2,300 tons of store sugar sold at 3.96c., a clear improvement. On the 9th inst. 25,000 bags Cuban raw sugars also sold for prompt shipment to an operator at 2.05c. f.o.b. Cuba, or slightly over 2 5-32c. c.&f. New York, bought it is supposed for resale to Europe. Also 1,500 tons of Cubas out of store sold at 3.93c. delivered. Futures on the 9th inst. ended unchanged to 2 points lower with the transactions only about 11,300 tons. The trade bought December supposedly as a hedge. On the 9th inst. 4,100 tons Porto Rico due next week also sold at 3.93c. delivered and this was bid on the 10th inst. with moderate offerings of Cuba at 2 3-16c. c.&f.

Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 54,162 tons, against 40,267 in the same week last year; exports, 65,324 tons, against 102,503 last year; stock (consumption deducted) 618,011 tons, against 609,716 last year. Of the exports, 27,713 went to Atlantic ports, 5,078 to New Orleans, 3,598 to interior of United States, 10 to South America, 3,555 to Canada and 25,370 to Europe. Havana cabled that sugar mills in the Santa Clara Province district which have been idle for several years will resume operations next season, the Cuban Agriculture Department states. One large mill, the Maria Antonio, has been leased to a New York company and repair work is under way. Another mill which stopped operations in 1926, during the moratorium and financial crisis, will be operated by a group of sugar cane growers. Other mills in the district will also resume, as sugar restrictions will be lifted by Presidential decree.

"Java sugar producers continue to flood Europe with their sugar" remarked one observer who added: "Every ton is taking away that much of Cuba's market for the next few months. We have just received cable advices to the effect that English refiners have now bought sufficient sugar to take care of their requirements for the next five months and if Java continues to sell it is going to be a serious question as to where Cuba will sell her sugar during the early part of 1929. Similar situations have appeared in former years and they have all been met, and we believe that this most unwelcome one will be taken care of in an orderly manner. Sugar is down to a point where consumption must grow in every country in the world, both civilized and uncivilized, and it is to increased consumption resulting from the low price that Cuban sugar producers must look for protection." Receipts at United States Atlantic ports for the week were 53,669 tons against 53,705 in the previous week, 56,080 last year, and 60,980 two years ago; meltings 67,000 tons, against 65,000 in previous week, 51,000 last year and 61,000 two years ago; importers' stocks 230,030 against 247,397 in previous week, 133,843 last year and 161,987 two years ago; refiners' stocks 99,764, against 95,728 in previous week, 54,701 last year and 53,993 two years ago; total stocks 329,794 tons against 343,125 in previous week, 188,544 last year, and 215,980 two years ago. One view was: "The continuance of heavy meltings, taken with low stocks, leads to the general expectation of the maintenance of present levels with occasional improvement. So long as Java sales continue they are likely to check any material advance, in the absence of any new constructive factor. Cuban holders are in a position to obtain higher prices, regardless of Java, but so far they seem too discouraged to demand them and we await the returning of confidence for the desired improvement."

London cabled: "Java reports the Syndicate has in the past few days sold 30,000 tons of whites for November-December shipment and 72,000 tons browns for October-November-December shipment at prices unchanged from those last previously paid. Also Java says the market looks better with more inquiry and a firmer tone." It is believed here that the quantity above mentioned includes 50,000 tons sold on Monday, already noted. Some comment on the fact

that the market had absorbed the heavy hedge selling of Javas and think it begins to look as if the pressure from that quarter is about at an end. Java has already sold some 400,000 tons of its 500,000 tons excess production and may be less anxious to make further important sales at current low prices. The total melt, according to the Sugar Institute, Inc., of 15 United States refiners up to and including the week ended Sept. 29 was 7,830,712,263 lbs. against 8,767,371,984 lbs. for the same period last year. The Department of Agriculture put the domestic beet sugar crop as of Oct. 1 at 879,000 short tons against their Sept. 1 estimate of 830,000 short tons. On Thursday prices closed unchanged to 1 point lower with sales of 23,650 tons. Final prices are 1 to 2 points lower than a week ago. Sugar prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	2.5-32	Mar	2.12@	July	2.28@
Dec	2.06@	May	2.21@	Sept	2.36@2.37
Jan	2.07@				

LARD was steady late last week with prime Western 12.90 to 13c. in tierces c. a. f. New York; refined Continent, 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; South America, 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; Brazil, 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Futures on the 8th inst. declined 10 to 15 points with hogs lower and commission houses buying. Offerings of nearby deliveries were readily taken by cash interests but generally the demand from this quarter was not very heavy. Hogs fell 25c. on receipts of 170,100 against 84,000 last year. Deliveries on October were about 100,000 lbs. on the 8th. On Thursday futures closed 7 to 12 points higher with hogs firmer and grain higher. Shorts covered. Cash demand was moderate. Hogs were 15c. higher with the top \$10.25. Western hog receipts were 76,000, against 69,000 a year ago. Chicago expects 15,000 to-morrow. Final prices however show a decline for the week of 20 to 30 points.

Closing prices were as follows:

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
October	12.25	12.10	11.95	11.95	12.05	-----
December	12.40	12.27	12.02	12.05	12.12	-----
January	12.70	12.60	12.35	12.30	12.42	-----

PORK quiet; mess, \$33.50; family, \$36; fat Jack, \$28 to \$31. Ribs, Chicago, cash, 14.25c., basis of 50 to 60 lbs. average. Beef steady; mess, \$24; packet, \$25 to \$26; family, \$28 to \$30; extra India mess, \$40 to \$42; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$3.10; No. 2, 6 lbs., South America, \$16.75; pickled tongues, \$75 to \$80 per lb. Cut meats lower; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; bellies, pickled, 6 to 12 lbs., 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; bellies clear dry salted, boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., 16 $\frac{5}{8}$ c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. Butter, lower grades to high scoring, 42 to 48 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Cheese, flats, 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Eggs, medium to extras, 29 to 47c.

OILS.—Linseed early in the week was slightly more active and firmer owing to higher prices for flaxseed. Raw oil, carlots coopeage basis, 10.4c.; single barrels, 11.2c. Later crushers were said to be quoting 10.4c. but it was intimated that 10.2c. would have been accepted on a firm bid for car lots coopeage basis. In single barrels 11c. was quoted. The decline in flaxseed had a weakening effect. Coconut, Manila coast tanks, 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; spot, N. Y. tanks, 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; corn, crude, bbls., 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; tanks f.o.b. mill, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Olive, Den., \$1.35 to \$1.50; China wood, N. Y. drums, carlots spot, 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; Pacific Coast tanks, Nov.-Dec., 14c.; Soya bean, tanks, coast, 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; bbls., N. Y., 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Edible corn, 100 bbl. lots, 12c.; olive, 2.15 to 2.30. Lard, prime, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; extra strained, winter, N. Y., 14c.; Cod, Newfoundland, 66 to 67c. Turpentine 52 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Rosin, \$9.25 to \$11.45.

Cottonseed oil sales to-day including switches 10,100 bbls. P. Crude S. E., 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. bid. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	10.00@	Dec	10.10@	Mar	10.35@10.36
Oct	10.00@10.13	Jan	10.15@	April	10.35@10.45
Nov	10.10@	Feb	10.14@10.39	May	10.48@10.49

PETROLEUM.—Bulk gasoline was in better demand at one time and there was more interest shown by export buyers. French buyers were said to be inquiring in the Gulf markets. They wanted two large cargoes of United States Motor and 64-66 gravity 375 e.p. gasoline for Nov. shipment. European stocks are down to a low ebb, owing to the heavy summer consumption, and present prices are now said to be more in line with their ideas. Gulf refiners quoted 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for U. S. Motor, and 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for 64-66 gravity 375 e.p. Cased gasoline was in fair demand for export. Local offerings of U. S. Motor were freely made at 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. in tank cars at refineries and 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. in tank cars delivered to nearby trade. The warmer weather has stimulated the jobbing demand. Fuel oils continue to improve. Stocks are large, although they are not as burdensome as they were recently. Bunker Oil grade C was quoted at \$1.05 at local refineries and \$1.10 f. a. s. New York harbor.

According to the "Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter" lower prices for gasoline at refineries during the week ended Oct. 6 showed United States Motor gasoline averaging 10.41 cents a gallon, against 10.66 in the previous week and 7.56c. last year. At service stations prices were unchanged, averaging 20.67c. in the 10 principal markets against 18.65 last year. Crude oil at the wells was also unchanged, averaging in 10 principal producing fields \$1.59 a barrel against \$1.34 last year. Domestic crude production from Jan. 1 to Oct. 6 was estimated at 667,711,000 bbls. against 686,567,000 bbls. in the same period last year. The Standard Company of New Jersey advanced kerosene for export in cases $\frac{1}{4}$ c. a gallon to 17.65c. for refined oil in cases and 18.90c. for water white.

[Tables of prices usually appearing here will be found on an earlier page in our department of "Business Indications," in an article entitled "Petroleum and Its Products."]

RUBBER declined 20 to 40 points here on the 8th inst. with London off $\frac{1}{8}$ to 3-16d. despite a decrease in the stock there last week of 1,937 tons. New York ended on the 8th inst. with December 18.50 to 18.60c.; Jan. 18.40c.; March 18.40 to 18.50c.; May 18.60 to 18.70c.; July 18.70 to 18.80c. BB contracts, Oct. 18c.; Nov.-Dec., 17.80c.; Jan.-Feb., March, April, May, June, July, Aug. and Sept., 17.70c.; spot 18.10c. London rubber stocks on the 8th inst. were 29,525 tons, against 31,462 in the previous week, 31,477 a month ago, 70,167 a year ago and 37,226 two years ago. In London on the 8th inst. spot and Oct. ended at 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.; Nov. 8 13-16d.; Dec. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Singapore ended with Oct. 8 13-16d.; Jan.-March 8 11-16d.; April-June 8 11-16d. London at 2.38 p. m. on the 10th inst. was 1-16d. higher; spot Oct. 8 13-16d.; Nov. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Dec. 8 15-16d.; Jan.-March 9 11-16d. Singapore on the 10th inst. closed dull at net unchanged prices. No. 3 amber crepe spot 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. or 1-16d. net higher.

American consular officers at Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Batavia, Surabaya, Medan, London and Liverpool, who visit invoices on all rubber shipped to the United States from Malaya, Ceylon and the Netherland East Indies, and practically all from the United Kingdom, report by cable the following amounts of rubber invoiced during the week ended Oct. 6 1928, as compared to amounts invoiced during the three preceding weeks: Oct. 6, 8,798 long tons; Sept. 29, 8,913 long tons; Sept. 22, 8,659 and Sept. 15, 8,724 long tons. London cabled: "Advices from Singapore state that the Legislative Council on Monday passed all stages of the government bill repealing restriction. Scheme from Nov. 1. In connection with fears of congestion and lack of transportation facilities at the end of October, the Acting Secretary said that until the end of the restriction period the government could not take action which would be contrary to the spirit of restriction policy. The Acting Secretary does not anticipate any exceptional congestion on Nov. 1."

On the 9th inst. trading was up 546 lots or 1,365 tons in contrast with 755 tons on the previous day and prices were at one time 10 points higher a rise which was partly lost later. September's consumption in the United States was expected to reach 38,000 to 39,000 tons. Outside prices in some cases gave way $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ c. London was down 1-16d. New York ended with Mar. 18.50 to 18.60c.; May, 18.70c.; July, 18.80c.; Sept., 18.80c. B.B. contracts: Oct., 18c.; Nov. and Dec., 17.80c.; Jan.-Feb., Mar., April, May, June, July, Aug. and Sept., 17.70c. Outside prices here: Smoked sheets, spot, Oct. and Nov.-Dec., 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; April-June, 18 $\frac{3}{8}$ to 18 $\frac{7}{8}$ c.; spot, first latex crepe, 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; clean thin brown crepe, 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; specky, 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; rolled, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; No. 2 amber, 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; No. 3, 18 $\frac{1}{8}$ to 18 $\frac{3}{8}$ c.; No. 4, 17 $\frac{7}{8}$ to 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Paras, Upriver fine spot, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; coarse, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Aore fine spot, 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Brazil, washed, dried fine, 26c.; Caucho Ball Upper, 13c. London was quiet awaiting the Sept. report from American and consumption and stocks. Final prices there on that day were unchanged; Spot and Oct., 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.; Nov., 8 13-16d.; Dec., 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.; Jan.-Mar., 9d. On Thursday prices closed 10 to 30 points higher with sales of 420 lots. Dec. here ended at 18.90c.; Mar. at 18.70c. and May at 18.90c. Final prices for the week show no change on May, but are 10 points higher on Dec. and March.

HIDES.—River Plate frigorifico have been weak in response to lower American markets. City packer have been dull and also a bit weak at 23c. for native steers, 21c. for butts and 20 to 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for Colorades. Common dry were slow of sale and tending downward. Cucutas, 35c.; Orinoeos, 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Maracaibo and Central America, 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; La Guayra and Savanillas, 33c.; Santa Marta, 34c.; New York City calfskins, 5-7s, 2.45c.; 7-9s, 2.90c.; 9-12s, 3.80c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—A moderate business was done late last week and judging from increased export business in wheat the prospective demand for grain tonnage may increase in the near future.

CHARTERS included grain, 33,000 qrs. Montreal first half Nov. to Genoa, Leghorn, Naples, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. and 18c.; 30,000 qrs. same Nov. 1-12 to Antwerp or Rotterdam, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; lumber, Humboldt Bay and Grays Harbor to Melbourne, Oct., \$12; wheat, Vancouver to U. K. or Continent, Nov. 1-30, 28s. 6d.; Hampton Roads Oct.-Nov. to Santos, \$4.20; Hampton Roads to Rio, Oct., \$3.60. Tankers—Prompt Philadelphia (clean) to Providence, 11c. gas oil, Nov. to U. K.-Continent, North Atlantic 12s. 6d.; Gulf 15s.; lubricating and clean, prompt, Houston to north of Hatteras, 30c.; clean California Oct.-Nov. to U. K.-Continent, 23s.; same, Oct., 24s. Oil cake, Irish ports, pay about \$7.50 for small Juno, Gulf, Oct. loading. Time—Prompt West Indies round, \$2; trip across, \$1.25; delivery Antwerp, round trip South America, 4s.; delivery Vancouver, round delivery U. K.-Continent, Nov., \$1.45. Nitrate, Chile to Continent, Nov., 26s.; grain, 33,000 qrs. Montreal to Antwerp-Rotterdam, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., Nov. 1-15; 25,000 qrs. Montreal to Constantinople, 21c., Oct. 27-Nov. 5; 26,000 qrs. Montreal to Avonmouth, 2s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., Oct. 10-25; 35,000 qrs. St. John, N. B., Dec. 5-24, to Mediterranean, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; lumber, Puget Sound-Sydney, Oct., \$11.50; barley, Wentworth to U. K.-Continent, 30s. one port, 31s. 3d. two ports Nov. loading.

TOBACCO has been steady with some business in Porto Rico tobacco stimulated to a certain extent by the damage supposed to have been done by the recent storm. Packers are hopeful of a better trade in the near future. It is nothing to boast of now. Wisconsin, binders 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.

COAL met with a fair demand. New England is also buying Welsh anthracite and German avoids as well as Soviet coal of which a cargo of 6,000 tons arrived from the Don Basin. Moreover, it also seems that large contracts for

Welsh coal have been made for future delivery over a considerable period said to be for 1,000,000 tons. Southern shippers, in spite of all this, have made some large sales and in addition have done a rather better trade in small lots. Prices on small steam sizes of American anthracite could not be advanced, but others were firm. At Hampton Roads there was a good business for offshore and coastwise account. Anthracite company f.o.b. mines, Grate, \$8.25; stove, \$9.10; pea, \$4.50; rice, \$1.75 to \$2.25; egg, \$8.75; nut, \$8.75; buckwheat, \$2.75 to \$3.25; barley, \$1.25 to \$1.75; bituminous, f.o.b. net tons at mines, navy standard, \$2.35 to \$2.60; high volatile steam, \$1.50 to \$1.70; high grade medium volatile, \$2.10 to \$2.20.

COPPER was quiet with prices unchanged at 15 1/4c. c. i. f. Europe, and 15 1/4c. delivered to Connecticut Valley. Export sales averaged about 1,000 tons daily mostly for Nov. shipment. Shipments from the Lake district are large. Calumet & Hecla shipped about 12,000,000 lbs. in Sept., over 8,000,000 having been shipped by water. The demand from the Middle West was better. In London on the 8th inst. standard fell 3s. 9d. to £64 12s. 6d. for spot, and £65 for futures; sales 350 tons futures; electrolytic unchanged at £71 5s. for spot and £71 15s. for futures. Later trade was light with prices firm for export at 15 1/4c. c. i. f. Europe, and 15 1/4c. delivered to the Connecticut Valley. In London on the 10th inst. it was unchanged for spot at £64 13s. 9d. with futures £65 2s. 6d.; sales 100 tons spot and 150 futures; electrolytic remained at £71 5s. spot, and £71 15s. futures.

TIN was tending downward. Trade was light. On the 8th inst. not more than 100 tons sold. January and February sold at 48 1/4c. and spot at 48 3/8 to 48 3/4c. Most of the buying is for immediate delivery or for next year. Returns for the pack of canned peas in 1928 was officially stated as 17,943,436 cases. This is the largest of any year except 1924, when over 19,000,000 cases were turned out. Last year the production was 12,936,017 cases. In London on the 8th inst. spot standard advanced 2s. 6d. to £218 15s.; futures fell 12s. 6d. to £216 15s.; sales, 50 tons spot and 400 futures; spot Straits advanced 7s. 6d. to £219 5s.; Eastern c.i.f. London dropped £2 12s. 6d. to £221 on sales of 150 tons. Of late prices have advanced 1/4c. but trade was quiet. December sold at 48 1/4c. and spot at 48 3/8c. November was quoted at 48 3/8 to 48 1/2c. January and later, 48 1/2 to 48 1/4c. London on the 10th inst. advanced £2 for standard, to £220 15s.; futures rose £1 5s. to £217 15s.; sales, 50 tons spot and 550 futures. Spot straights up £2 to £221 5s.

LEAD was in good demand, especially for Oct. and Nov. delivery. Prices were firm at 6.32 1/2c. East St. Louis, and 6.50c. New York. In London on the 8th inst. prices were unchanged at £22 for spot and £21 15s. for futures; sales 50 tons spot and 200 futures. Of late the demand has been only moderate with the business mostly in the central west, and prices generally unchanged. The 2 1/2 point premium now applies only to Dec. Oct. and Nov. sell at 6.32 1/2c. London on the 10th inst. declined 1s. 3d. to £22 1s. 3d. for spot and £21 16s. 3d. for futures; sales 150 tons spot and 550 futures.

ZINC was steady at 6.25c. East St. Louis. The September statistics are to be announced shortly, but are not expected to have any effect on the price, as little change in figures is looked for. Surplus stocks are expected to show a decline and retors it is believed will be fewer. In London on the eighth inst. spot fell 2s. 6d. to £23 17s. 6d.; futures off 1s. 3d. to £24 3s. 9d.; sales 150 tons spot and 350 futures. Later prices showed no change. Though the surplus stocks increased in September 3,500 tons the September statistics were regarded as in the main bullish rather than otherwise. East St. Louis 6.25c. London on the 10th inst. was unchanged at £24 spot, though futures fell 1s. 3d. to £24 5s.; sales 150 tons spot and 750 futures.

STEEL.—Cleveland reports a better business in finished steel on the basis of the recent rise of \$2 for the fourth quarter than in any week of 1928. Waiting orders were executed in both light and heavy steel. They say the mills in some cases have good backlogs. Western structural mills are operating it is stated, at 80%, an increase of 5%. Bars sold more freely in the Central West. Specifications increased. Sheet mills are working in some cases close to capacity. Buying by makers of agricultural implements and tractors has been large. At Chicago actual purchases and demands are noteworthy from railroads for cars and bridge material. New York, St. Louis and Memphis have been buying for building. Unfilled orders of the U. S. Steel Corp. increased during Sept., 74,325 tons; total on the books Sept. 30th, 3,693,368 tons, against 3,148,113 a year ago. Some are predicting that Oct. will mark the peak of the year.

PIG IRON has been quiet here in the East but Western points report a pretty good business. As a rule, however, consumers in this country are said to have provided for their needs for the rest of the year. The sales are mostly in car loads. The premium asked by some makers for shipment after January 1st has checked such business. Sales have recently been made of British low phosphorus iron and small sales have also been made of Indian and Dutch iron for delivery over the remainder of 1928. It is said that large shipments are being made against contracts and furnace stocks

are being noticeably depleted. Some producers in the Buffalo district are in arrears.

WOOL has been steadier in response to rather firmer foreign markets. Trade has increased somewhat. Melbourne auctions are reported active and firmer. Boston wired: "Few buyers are in the market for 64s territory wools. Original bag lots of the Utah and Nevada type consisting of bulk French combing 64s are being offered at \$1 to \$1.03 scoured basis. These are wools similar to lines that recently were bringing \$1.03 to \$1.05, scoured basis. Quotations there included Ohio & Pennsylvania fine delaine, 46 to 47c.; 1/2 blood, 50 to 51; 3/8 blood, 54 to 55c.; 1/4 blood, 55c.; Territory clean basis, fine staple \$1.10 to \$1.12; fine medium, French combing, \$1 to \$1.05; fine medium clothing, 95c. to \$1; 1/2 blood, staple, \$1.08 to \$1.10; 3/8 blood, \$1 to \$1.05; 1/4 blood, 95 to \$1; Texas, clean basis, fine 12 months, \$1.08 to \$1.10; pulled, secured basis, A super, \$1.02 to \$1.07. Domestic mohair, original Texas, 65 to 70c. Australian clean bond, 64-70s, combing super, 95 to 98c.; 64-70s clothing, 85 to 88c.; New Zealand clean, bond, 58-60s, 83 to 85c.; 56-58s, 80 to 82c.; Montevideo grease bond, 58-60s, 50 to 51c.; I (56s), 49 to 50c.; Buenos Aires grease bond III (46-48s), 38 to 39c.; IV (40-44s), 35 to 36c. Cape, clean, bond, best combings, 93 to 95c.; average longs, 85 to 90c.

SILK closed 3 to 5 points lower with sales of 115 bales. Oct. closed at 5.03 to 5.05c.; Dec. and Jan. at 5.03 to 5.06c.

COTTON

Friday Night, Oct. 12 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 521,837 bales, against 532,796 bales last week and 417,651 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of August 1928, 2,514,177 bales, against 2,752,655 bales for the same period of 1927, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1928 of 238,478 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	22,532	27,266	55,688	26,535	15,151	22,101	170,273
Texas City	—	—	—	—	—	8,000	8,000
Houston	28,019	46,758	38,436	21,060	28,527	25,342	188,142
Corpus Christi	—	—	—	2,679	10,649	3,671	16,999
New Orleans	7,371	13,662	9,721	7,682	14,477	8,000	60,913
Gulport	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mobile	1,742	1,562	2,980	1,134	1,614	1,518	10,550
Pensacola	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jacksonville	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Savannah	5,014	6,069	5,580	2,609	3,729	2,686	25,687
Brunswick	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Charleston	4,421	840	5,800	3,641	2,124	3,385	20,211
Georgetown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wilmington	1,525	1,550	1,574	1,973	1,866	1,060	9,548
Norfolk	1,098	1,544	2,840	1,937	4,195	—	11,614
N'port News, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New York	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Boston	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Baltimore	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Philadelphia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals this week	71,722	99,251	122,619	69,250	83,232	75,763	521,837

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 Oct. 12.	1928.		1927.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1928.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1927.	1928.	1927.
Galveston	170,273	839,429	103,964	624,589	512,078	463,087
Texas City	8,000	36,549	8,908	20,073	25,463	18,212
Houston	188,142	941,341	120,402	1,018,898	612,534	645,085
Corpus Christi	16,899	200,809	13,457	134,141	—	—
Port Arthur, &c.	—	550	—	—	—	—
New Orleans	60,913	249,943	57,197	337,309	176,538	329,793
Gulport	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mobile	10,550	43,424	18,562	102,475	26,909	58,423
Pensacola	—	—	—	2,250	—	—
Jacksonville	—	—	—	—	613	585
Savannah	25,687	112,024	27,934	303,906	63,802	108,007
Brunswick	—	—	—	—	—	—
Charleston	20,211	46,992	13,134	17,600	46,097	55,991
Georgetown	—	—	—	—	29	—
Wilmington	9,548	18,355	7,945	29,860	16,341	17,787
Norfolk	11,614	21,069	16,148	39,764	22,985	43,296
N'port News, &c.	—	92	—	—	—	—
New York	—	532	1,162	3,472	10,619	219,962
Boston	—	1,064	275	1,529	2,509	5,075
Baltimore	—	2,004	2,551	16,734	871	981
Philadelphia	—	—	—	55	4,439	7,365
Totals	521,837	2,514,177	391,639	2,752,655	1,521,827	1,973,558

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	170,273	103,964	184,630	136,321	180,764	127,710
Houston*	188,142	120,402	174,260	74,406	107,409	54,721
New Orleans	60,913	57,197	114,437	90,510	75,555	41,137
Mobile	10,550	18,562	24,955	10,666	5,230	1,417
Savannah	25,687	27,934	58,576	44,358	36,550	15,653
Brunswick	—	—	—	—	—	49
Charleston	20,211	13,134	25,163	13,307	8,188	9,520
Wilmington	9,548	7,945	5,863	5,617	4,614	8,716
Norfolk	11,614	16,148	18,998	45,373	7,629	26,460
N'port N., &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
All others	24,899	26,352	11,828	3,252	12,146	1,830
Total this wk.	521,837	391,639	618,810	423,813	441,485	287,213
Since Aug. 1.	2,514,177	2,752,655	3,451,718	2,758,815	2,297,911	2,040,373

* 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 145,993 bales, of which 40,673 were to Great Britain,

20,265 to France, 32,026 to Germany, 5,045 to Italy, 37,365 to Japan and China and 10,619 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 202,046 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 1,336,507 bales, against 1,467,925 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week:

Week Ended Oct. 12 1928. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	9,527	5,457	3,919	---	---	15,599	6,182	40,684
Houston	17,116	11,764	10,290	---	---	8,625	1,325	49,120
Corpus Christi	5,114	---	5,435	2,679	---	3,671	---	16,899
New Orleans	6,009	3,044	890	2,366	---	4,200	1,800	18,309
Mobile	---	---	3,742	---	---	400	1,100	5,242
Savannah	---	---	---	---	---	1,500	---	1,500
Charleston	---	---	5,200	---	---	---	---	5,200
Wilmington	---	---	2,200	---	---	---	---	2,200
Norfolk	2,007	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,007
New York	---	---	350	---	---	---	---	212
Los Angeles	900	---	---	---	---	1,000	---	1,900
San Francisco	---	---	---	---	---	2,370	---	2,370
Total	40,673	20,265	32,026	5,045	---	37,365	10,619	145,993
Total 1927	21,045	30,418	66,877	10,058	175	56,593	16,880	202,046
Total 1926	61,884	19,696	91,665	23,029	---	46,690	18,677	261,641

From Aug. 1 1928 to Oct. 12 1928. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	32,498	40,638	115,042	25,354	14,798	98,256	61,771	388,357
Houston	65,605	58,437	103,826	38,654	29,458	81,573	34,785	412,338
Texas City	---	200	5,064	---	---	700	100	6,064
Corpus Christi	25,067	28,435	70,966	21,657	4,904	54,582	25,598	231,209
Port Arthur	---	550	---	---	---	---	---	550
Lake Charles	---	---	493	---	---	---	---	493
New Orleans	25,668	8,990	14,636	12,096	68,440	10,775	9,307	149,912
Mobile	2,707	---	9,798	600	---	400	1,500	15,005
Savannah	18,884	---	31,437	---	---	2,000	701	53,022
Charleston	2,225	31	11,908	---	---	---	---	17,877
Wilmington	---	---	2,200	3,500	---	---	---	5,700
Norfolk	8,321	---	1,913	---	---	---	---	830
Newport News	92	---	---	---	---	---	---	11,064
New York	11,074	1,419	14,171	1,419	---	3,459	2,537	34,079
Los Angeles	1,175	---	1,705	---	---	3,048	100	6,028
San Fran.	---	---	---	---	---	4,370	---	4,370
Seattle	---	---	---	---	---	2,273	---	2,273
Total	193,316	138,700	383,159	103,280	117,600	261,436	139,016	1,336,507
Total 1927	175,174	189,860	565,165	81,272	101,301	211,121	144,032	1,467,925
Total 1926	387,868	193,101	553,053	134,661	117,873	177,508	146,343	1,710,305

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 August the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 8,035 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 8,218 bales.

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:

Oct. 12 at—	On Shipboard Not Cleared for—						Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign.	Coastwise.	Total.	
Galveston	10,000	10,200	10,000	34,000	5,500	69,700	442,378
New Orleans	1,414	4,811	12,104	10,093	1,185	29,607	146,931
Savannah	---	---	7,000	---	300	7,300	56,502
Charleston	---	---	---	---	73	73	46,024
Mobile	6,500	---	---	3,500	100	10,100	16,809
Norfolk	---	---	---	---	---	---	22,985
Other ports*	1,000	2,000	3,000	6,000	---	12,000	661,418
Total 1928	18,914	17,011	32,104	53,593	7,158	128,780	1,393,047
Total 1927	30,343	13,612	36,120	75,099	9,312	164,486	1,809,072
Total 1926	60,008	33,748	44,035	86,499	15,941	1240,231	1,638,586

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been brisk at times, but at irregular fluctuations, ending higher partly on a frost scare. On the 8th inst. came the long expected Government report. It estimated the crop at 13,993,000 bales. This was a surprise and caused an advance of some 80 to 95 points, though only about half of it was held at the close. None the less, the report was something of a sensation. Many had had an idea that the estimate would not be changed much from that of the previous month when it was 14,439,000 bales. An estimate of 13,993,000 bales compares with 12,678,000 bales on Oct. 8 last year, 12,955,000 actually picked last year and 17,911,000 in 1926. The yield per acre is given as 149.1 pounds against 154.5 the final last year and 156.3 as the ten-year average. The condition was stated as 54.4% against 60.3 a month ago, 50.4 on Oct. 8 last year and 53.5 as the ten-year average. The ginning up to Oct. 1 proved to have been larger than expected. The estimates from private sources had been 4,700,000 to 4,800,000 bales. The Census Bureau stated it at 4,961,032 bales against 2,498,252 up to Sept. 16 this year, 5,944,739 up to Oct. 1 last year and 5,643,139 in 1926. Shorts covered heavily. The long interest had been reduced. Large spot interests bought on a considerable scale.

The decrease in the estimate compared with the previous average guess of 14,057,000 bales was only 64,000 bales. But some had been looking for 14,500,000. There was one estimate for twelve States only of 14,700,000. Some weeks back there was quite general talk of the possibility of 15,000,000 bales. There were even enthusiasts who spoke of

a long chance of 16,000,000 bales. In other words the more hopeful found that the estimate was anywhere from 1,000,000 to 2,000,000 bales smaller than was at one time suggested. A number of private reports had put the estimate at about 400,000 to 500,000 bales higher than the Government figures. Under the circumstances a quick advance of \$4 to \$4.50 was not surprising. The spot markets advanced some 40 points. During the week the spot demand has been on the whole very good. Certainly the actual daily sales have run well ahead of the totals on the corresponding days last year. Memphis reports an excellent demand for long staples, that is from 1 1/2 to 1 5/16 inch. The Texas basis has of late been stronger, especially at Houston. The weekly report though favorable in many respects had some bad features. There seems to be little prospect of a top crop in the Southwest and other parts of the belt. Moreover, the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants report on cloth statistics for September 1928 was as follows: Production 253,688,000 yards; average weekly production in September, 63,422,000 yards against 60,494,000 during August; sales 387,151,000 yards or 152.6% of production against 112.7 in August; shipments 278,110,000 or 109.6% of production against 107.1 in August; unfilled orders September 30 398,005,000 yards or 37.7% increase against 6.1 in August; stocks on hand Sept. 30 417,245,000 yards or 5.5% decrease against 4.6 in August.

On the other hand, there is no bullish enthusiasm. That was chilled by the action of the market following the reception of the Government report on the 8th inst. Nearly 50% of the rise that day was lost before the close. The net advance, in other words, was not over 40 points and the tone even after such a report was barely steady at the close. Spot markets rose only 40 points instead of double that amount. On the advance the trade buying ceased. Hedge selling increased. Many of the longs became discouraged at the slipping tendency of prices and sold out. The next day and the day following there was further liquidation of considerable long lines, supposedly for both Wall Street and the West, as well as for local account. Some of the Wall Street element are supposed to have taken the short side. The South kept selling. The Southwest sold to some extent. So did Liverpool. Meanwhile the weather was favorable for picking and marketing. The weekly report was considered in the main favorable. The receipts are increasing. There is uneasiness in some quarters as to the possible effects of increased hedge selling. When the eastern belt crop begins to move in earnest it is feared that there will be hedge selling on a scale that will require an excellent trade demand or an active bull speculation, to handle it or there will be a noteworthy decline in prices.

The weekly government report stated that the week was generally warm, with fair, sunshiny weather prevailing over most sections of the belt. In the Atlantic States the warmth and sunshine were favorable. Cotton opened rapidly and picking and ginning advanced well, though there was still some retardation in previously wet sections by reason of moist lint and seed pods. In Georgia the crop has been practically made, but is opening rather slowly in the north, with staple short and poor in many sections. There were reports of slow opening also in parts of northern Alabama, with some further deterioration, but picking made fair progress in most districts and was about complete in some southern localities. In the States bordering on the Mississippi River conditions favored rapid opening, and also the harvesting of the crop, except for considerable rains in places, principally in Arkansas. In Oklahoma warmth and persistent dryness made a continuation of unfavorable conditions in the West, but the bulk of cotton is open and being picked rapidly. In Texas progress was poor in the northwest, with premature opening, but the crop is mostly made elsewhere, with top crop conditions poor; the weather was favorable for picking which is well advanced, except in the northwest.

To-day prices advanced 30 to 40 points on fear of frost over the holiday or the week-end. It caused heavy covering, almost all day. Liverpool and the Continent bought. Offerings fell off. The market looked a little oversold or at any rate sold out. Spot markets were higher with a steady demand, partly from Japan. The cables were higher than due. Continental and Bombay buying had its effect in Liverpool; also fears of a cold wave, and some calling by the mills. Manchester, moreover, reported trade improving among home buyers and a fair demand from India. It is said that the Far East is competing with Manchester in the fine goods trade and will therefore want more American cotton. Exports to Japan from America are running ahead of those of last year at this time. Egyptian on Alexandrian was 15 to 40 points higher and in Liverpool 30 to 40 American points higher. The closing was very steady here at some slight recession from the top. Final prices show a rise for the week of 40 to 45 points. Spot cotton ended at 19.55c. for middling, a rise for the week of 45 points.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the Oct. 10 quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, are the differences from middling established for deliveries in the New York market on Oct. 18:

Table of cotton market prices for various grades (Middling fair, Strict good middling, etc.) and colors (White, Spotted, Yellow, etc.) with prices in cents per pound.

*Not deliverable on future contracts.

The official quotations for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Table showing daily cotton prices for Oct. 6 to Oct. 12, with columns for Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Oct. 12 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

Table showing historical cotton prices for the year 1928 and previous years from 1927 down to 1921, with columns for each year and price in cents.

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.

Table of market and sales data for each day of the week (Saturday to Friday), including Spot Market Closed, Futures Market Closed, and SALES (Spot, Contr't, Total).

FUTURES. The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Table of futures prices for cotton from Oct. 6 to Oct. 12, 1928, with columns for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, showing Range and Closing prices.

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Oct. 12 1928 and since trading began on each option:

Table showing the range of future prices for cotton from Oct. 1928 to July 1929, with columns for Option for, Range for Week, and Range Since Beginning of Option.

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.

Table of cotton exports from the United States, including Stock at Liverpool, Stock at London, Stock at Manchester, Total Great Britain, Total European stocks, and U.S. exports to-day.

Table of cotton exports from the United States, including Total American, East Indian, Brazil, &c., Liverpool stock, London stock, Manchester, Continental stock, Indian afloat for Europe, and Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.

Table of cotton exports from the United States, including Total visible supply, Middling uplands, Middling uplands, New York, Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool, Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool, Broach, fine, Liverpool, and Tinnevely, good, Liverpool.

a Houston stocks are now included in the port stocks; in previous years they formed part of the interior stocks. * Estimated.

Continental imports for past week have been 152,000 bales. The above figures for 1928 show an increase from last week of 517,858 bales, a loss of 997,692 from 1927, a decrease of 400,354 bales from 1926, and a gain of 475,469 bales from 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:

Table of cotton movement in interior towns from Oct. 12 1928 and Oct. 14 1927, with columns for Towns, Receipts (Week, Season), Shipments (Week, Oct. 12), Stocks (Oct. 12), Receipts (Week, Season), Shipments (Week, Oct. 14), and Stocks (Oct. 14).

Total, 56 towns 314,247 1,261,250 205,055 706,536 294,384 1,491,090 192,708 869,297

x Discontinued. * Includes the combined totals of 15 towns in Oklahoma. The above totals show that the interior stocks have increased during the week 103,591 bales, and are to-night 162,761 bales less than at the same period last year. The receipts at all the towns have been 19,863 bales more than the same week last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

	1928		1927	
	Week	Since Aug. 1	Week	Since Aug. 1
Oct. 12—				
Shipped—				
Via St. Louis	6,383	27,945	7,933	38,866
Via Mounds, &c.	402	1,856	7,220	26,854
Via Rock Island	106	235	137	181
Via Louisville	966	3,324	880	6,051
Via Virginia points	5,118	41,925	6,097	55,376
Via other routes, &c.	10,570	65,105	5,400	55,806
Total gross overland	23,545	140,390	27,667	183,134
Deduct Shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	3,988	3,600	3,988	21,790
Between interior towns	385	3,659	416	4,191
Inland, &c., from South	18,238	113,756	19,212	122,522
Total to be deducted	18,623	121,015	23,616	148,503
Leaving total net overland *	4,922	19,375	4,051	34,631

* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 4,922 bales, against 4,051 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 15,256 bales.

	1928		1927	
	Week	Since Aug. 1	Week	Since Aug. 1
Oct. 12—				
Receipts at ports to Oct. 12	521,837	2,514,177	391,639	2,752,655
Net overland to Oct. 12	4,922	19,375	4,051	34,631
Southern consumption to Oct. 12	120,000	1,120,000	100,000	1,151,000
Total marketed	646,759	3,653,552	495,690	3,938,286
Interior stocks in excess	103,591	392,041	126,449	496,345
Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to Oct. 1		198,241		224,707
Came into sight during week	750,350		622,139	
Total in sight Oct. 12		3,847,352		4,209,924
North. spinn's takings to Oct. 12	22,499	206,230	33,237	225,393

* Decrease. a To Sept. 1.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Week	Bales	Since Aug. 1—	Bales
1926—Oct. 13	860,683	1926	4,915,891
1925—Oct. 14	694,132	1925	5,183,770
1924—Oct. 15	648,137	1924	3,795,278

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Week Ended Oct. 12.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed. day	Thurs. day	Friday
Galveston	18.50	18.90	18.75	18.75	19.10	
New Orleans	18.24	18.65	18.45	18.45	18.77	
Mobile	18.16	18.50	18.30	18.30	18.60	
Savannah	18.22	18.53	18.36	18.36	18.69	
New York	18.25	18.63	18.44	18.50	18.81	
Baltimore	18.80	19.05	19.25	19.00	19.20	
Augusta	18.13	18.50	18.31	18.31	18.69	HOLIDAY
Memphis	17.70	18.10	17.90	17.90	18.10	
Houston	18.35	18.76	18.55	17.55	18.85	
Little Rock	17.72	18.12	17.95	17.95	18.22	
Dallas	17.70	18.10	17.95	17.90	18.25	

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, Oct. 6.	Monday, Oct. 8.	Tuesday, Oct. 9.	Wednesday, Oct. 10.	Thursday, Oct. 11.	Friday, Oct. 12.
October	18.08-18.09	18.48-18.50	18.29	18.29 Bid	18.62 Bid	
November						
December	18.14-18.16	18.53-18.55	18.35-18.37	18.35-18.37	18.67-18.69	
January	18.11-18.12	18.52-18.53	18.34	18.32-18.33	18.67-18.68	
February						
March	18.02	18.44-18.45	18.25	18.22	18.58	
April						
May	17.90	18.31	18.16-18.17	18.15-18.16	18.48-18.49	HOLIDAY
June						
July	17.80-17.82	18.22-18.25	18.05 Bid	18.06	18.39	
Spot	Faster	Steady	Steady	Quiet	Steady	
Options	Steady	Steady	Barely st'y	Steady	Steady	

GEORGIA COTTON REPORT.—The Georgia Co-operative Crop Reporting Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, at Atlanta, Ga., issued on Oct. 8 its cotton crop report for the State of Georgia as follows:

Indicated production of the cotton crop in Georgia, based on prospects Oct. 1, was placed at 1,060,000 bales (500 lbs. gross weight) in the official cotton report issued to-day through the Georgia Co-operative Crop Reporting Service. Final production in 1927 was 1,100,000 standard bales; 1926, 1,496,000 bales; 1925, 1,163,000 bales; 1924, 1,004,000 bales, and in 1923, 588,000 bales.

The indicated outturn is 40,000 bales less than the amount shown in the Sept. 1 report, the decline in reported condition during the month being 8 points—50% of normal compared with 58% one month ago—as against an average 10-year decline for the period of slightly under 5 points. Based upon the condition of 50%, the indicated yield should approximate 133 lbs. lint cotton per acre, as compared with the 1927 yield of 154 lbs.; 1926, 180; 1925, 155 lbs.; 1924, 157 lbs.; 1923, 82 lbs., and for the 10-year average, 1917-1926, 142 lbs.

Several unfavorable factors affecting the crop were responsible for the deterioration in prospects from one month ago. Excessively wet weather prevailed over the State during the first week in September and was responsible for some boll rot in many sections. During the middle of the month heavy storm damage was reported in southeastern and east central areas, although much of the injury was to quality of grade rather than quantity of yield. In numerous localities of northern Georgia complaints were received of rust killing the plants and stopping development of green bolls that hitherto stood a good chance of reaching maturity. Weather during latter September was favorable for harvesting operations. The crop, as a whole, is fully two weeks later than last season and the percentage of production reported by crop correspondents as picked and ginned was much lower than on the same date in 1927.

Ginnings prior to Oct. 1 were 308,889 running bales, compared with 744,264 to that date last year, and 602,988 bales to Oct. 1, 1926. The final outturn of the crop will depend upon whether the various influences affecting the crop during the remainder of the season are more or less favorable than usual.

COTTON GINNING REPORT.—The Bureau of the Census on Oct. 8 issued the following report showing the number of bales of cotton ginned in each of the cotton-growing States the present season up to Oct. 1, in comparison with corresponding figures for the two preceding seasons. It appears that up to Oct. 1 1928 only 4,961,032 bales of cotton were ginned, against 5,944,739 bales for the corresponding period a year ago, and 5,643,139 bales two years ago.

NUMBER OF BALES OF COTTON GINNED FROM THE GROWTH OF 1928 PRIOR TO OCT. 1 1928, AND COMPARATIVE STATISTICS TO THE CORRESPONDING DATE IN 1927 AND 1926.

State—	1928.		1927.		1926.	
	Bales	Lint	Bales	Lint	Bales	Lint
Alabama	335,754	783,209	27,158	16,910	24,311	569,060
Arizona	362,211	281,880	6,684	14,135	18,903	436,383
Arkansas	19,232	6,684	11,251	14,135	18,903	19,138
California	308,889	744,264	370,727	342,135	360,700	602,983
Florida	561,692	707,557	13,575	6,354	6,314	36,314
Georgia	6,129	10,628	60,342	177,589	240,329	240,329
Louisiana	268,127	155,727	120,954	333,853	358,975	178,324
Mississippi	64,757	74,224	2,429,043	2,300,530	2,044,363	2,044,363
Missouri	966	189	225	246	1,168	1,168
New Mexico						
North Carolina						
Oklahoma						
South Carolina						
Tennessee						
Texas						
Virginia						
All other						
United States	4,961,032	5,944,739	5,643,139			

* Includes 88,761 bales of the crop of 1928 ginned prior to Aug. 1, which was counted in the supply for the season of 1927-28, compared with 162,283 and 47,770 bales of the crops of 1927 and 1926.

The statistics in this report include 180,323 round bales for 1928, 163,687 for 1927 and 162,071 for 1926.

The statistics for 1928 in this report are subject to correction when checked against the individual returns of the ginner being transmitted by mail. The corrected statistics of the quantity of cotton ginned this season prior to Sept. 16 are 2,503,747 bales.

CONSUMPTION, STOCKS, IMPORTS AND EXPORTS—UNITED STATES.

Cotton consumed during the month of August 1928 amounted to 526,729 bales. Cotton on hand in consuming establishments on Aug. 31 was 782,068 bales and in public storage and at compresses 1,188,861 bales. The number of active consuming cotton spindles for the month was 28,243,508. The total imports for the month of August 1928 were 25,258 bales and the exports of domestic cotton, including linters, were 259,489 bales.

WORLD STATISTICS.
The estimated world's production of commercial cotton, exclusive of linters, grown in 1927, as compiled from various sources, is 23,204,000 bales, counting American in running bales and foreign bales of 478 pounds lint, while the consumption of cotton (exclusive of linters in the United States) for the year ending July 31 1927 was approximately 25,869,000 bales. The total number of spinning cotton spindles, both active and idle, is about 165,000,000.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT REPORT ON COTTON ACREAGE AND CONDITION.—The Agricultural Department at Washington on Monday of this week (Oct. 8) issued its report on cotton acreage and condition as of Oct. 1.

It places the area in cultivation at 44,916,000 acres, the condition at 54.4%, and the probable yield of lint cotton at 13,993,000 500-pound bales. Actual production in 1927 was 12,955,000 bales and in 1926, 17,977,000. None of the figures take any account of linters. The report is as follows:

COTTON REPORT AS OF OCT. 1 1928.
A United States cotton crop of 13,993,000 bales (500-lbs. gross weight) in 1928 is indicated by the Oct. 1 reported condition of 54.4% of normal and other data available to the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture. This report is based upon data from crop correspondents, field statisticians, and co-operating State Boards (or departments) of Agriculture and Agricultural Colleges.

Upon the 44,916,000 acres for harvest in 1928 (preliminary estimate), the crop of 13,993,000 bales indicated by the Oct. 1 condition and other data would approximate a yield of 149.1 pounds of lint cotton per acre. The final out-turn of the crop will depend upon whether the various influences affecting the crop during the remainder of the season are more or less favorable than usual.

Production in 1927 was 12,955,000 bales; in 1926, 17,977,000 bales; in 1925, 16,104,000 bales; in 1924, 13,628,000 bales; and in 1923, 10,140,000 bales.

Condition on Oct. 1 in 1927 was 54.2% of normal; in 1926, 61.3%; in 1925, 56.6%, and the ten-year average on Oct. 1 1917-1926a was 53.5%. The yield per acre in 1927 was 154.5 lbs.; in 1926, 182.6 lbs., and average for the ten years 1917-1926, 156.3 lbs.

State.	1928 Acreage.		Oct. 1 Condition.		Yield per Acre.			Production (Ginnings)		
	Total abandoned after July 1 (Prelim.)	For Harvest (Preliminary)	10-Year Average, 1917-'26. a	1927.	1928.	10-Year Average, 1917-1926.	'28 b Indicated by Condition Oct. 1.	1927 Crop. c	1928 Crop Indicated by Condition Oct. 1.	
Va.	2.0	82,000	66	64	70	241	230	262	31,000	45,000
N. C.	1.7	1,839,000	62	67	59	256	238	240	861,000	925,000
S. C.	3.5	2,487,000	52	44	49	191	148	158	730,000	820,000
Ga.	4.0	3,798,000	49	54	50	142	154	133	1,180,000	1,060,000
Fla.	5.5	94,000	54	57	50	102	126	92	17,000	18,000
Mo.	6.0	367,000	67	50	57	248	188	204	115,000	157,000
Tenn.	4.5	1,082,000	59	56	56	176	178	170	359,000	385,000
Ala.	3.0	3,367,000	55	60	50	140	180	132	1,191,000	930,000
Miss.	2.5	3,688,000	57	58	54	174	194	171	1,355,000	1,320,000
La.	3.0	1,829,000	53	54	50	156	170	152	548,000	580,000
Texas	4.0	17,631,000	51	55	58	134	129	137	4,352,000	5,050,000
Okl.	5.5	4,630,000	54	44	47	151	138	125	1,037,000	1,210,000
Ark.	4.0	3,468,000	58	54	53	168	157	156	1,000,000	1,130,000
N. Mex.	5.0	108,000	80	85	84	273	352	341	70,000	77,000
Calif.	1.0	198,000	86	87	80	280	315	314	91,000	130,000
Ariz.	1.0	221,000	83	91	85	272	340	318	91,000	147,000
Other	6.9	27,000		69	69	197	160	159	7,000	9,000
U. S.	3.8	44,916,000	53.5	54.2	54.4	156.3	154.5	149.1	12,955,000	13,993,000
Lower Calif.		160,000			83		194	266	45,000	80,000

a Previous to 1924 interpolated from Sept. 25 and Oct. 25 condition. b On area left for harvest. c Allowances made for cross State ginnings. d Less than a ten-year average. e Not included in California figures nor in United States total.

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CONSOLIDATED COTTON REPORT.—The Bureau of the Census and the Agricultural Department made public

in 1927 were 3,249,000 bales, and in 1926 were 3,660,048 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 521,837 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 625,428 bales, stocks at interior towns having increased 103,591 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 518,088 bales and for 1926 they were 724,419 bales.

WORLD SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings or amounts gone out of sight for the like period.

Cotton Takings, Week and Season.	1928.		1927.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Oct. 5.....	4,432,505	4,175,480	5,654,999	4,961,754
Visible supply Aug. 1.....	750,350	3,847,352	622,139	4,209,924
American in sight to Oct. 12.....	7,000	58,000	9,000	153,000
Bombay receipts to Oct. 11.....	14,000	97,000	14,000	128,500
Other India ship'ts to Oct. 11.....	74,000	243,200	70,000	295,860
Alexandria receipts to Oct. 10.....	25,000	190,000	24,000	176,000
Other supply to Oct. 10 *b.....				
Total supply.....	5,402,855	8,711,032	6,394,138	9,925,038
Deduct.....				
Visible supply Oct. 12.....	4,950,363	4,950,363	5,948,055	5,948,055
Total takings to Oct. 12 a.....	452,492	3,760,669	446,083	3,976,983
Of which American.....	347,492	2,664,469	333,083	2,865,623
Of which other.....	105,000	1,096,200	113,000	1,111,360

a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 1,120,000 bales in 1928 and 1,151,000 bales in 1927—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 2,640,669 bales in 1928, and 2,825,983 bales in 1927, of which 1,520,669 bales and 1,714,623 bales American.
b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.

October 11. Receipts at—	1928.		1927.		1926.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay.....	7,000	58,000	9,000	153,000	12,000	149,000

Exports from—	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1928.....	1,000	15,000	25,000	41,000	7,000	117,000	251,000	375,000
1927.....	2,000	4,000	5,000	11,000	11,000	64,000	135,000	210,000
1926.....	—	2,000	2,000	4,000	1,000	63,000	134,000	198,000
Other India—								
1928.....	1,000	13,000	—	14,000	13,000	84,000	—	97,000
1927.....	5,000	9,000	—	14,000	17,500	111,000	—	128,500
1926.....	—	4,000	—	4,000	7,000	88,000	—	95,000
Total all—								
1928.....	2,000	28,000	25,000	55,000	20,000	201,000	251,000	472,000
1927.....	7,000	13,000	5,000	25,000	28,500	175,000	135,000	338,500
1926.....	—	6,000	2,000	8,000	8,000	151,000	134,000	293,000

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 2,000 bales. Exports from all Indian ports record an increase of 30,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an increase of 133,500 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, Oct. 10.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week.....	370,000	350,000	250,000
Since Aug. 1.....	1,215,181	1,374,581	888,346
Export (bales)—			
This Week.....			
Since Aug. 1.....			
To Liverpool.....	6,000	18,194	4,750
To Manchester, &c.....	5,000	30,389	20,123
To Continent and India.....	16,000	68,668	11,750
To America.....	3,000	20,844	300
Total exports.....	30,000	138,095	19,800

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Oct. 10 were 370,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 30,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both yarns and cloths is firm. Demand for both yarn and cloth 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.	ings, Common to Finest.	Midd'l Up'ds	32s Cop Twist.	ings, Common to Finest.	Midd'l Up'ds
July—						
13.....	d. @ 18 1/4	s. d. @ 15 0	d. @ 12 1/4	15 1/4 @ 17 1/2	s. d. @ 13 4	d. @ 9 65
20.....	16 3/4 @ 18 1/4	14 2 @ 14 4	11 31 @ 13 1/2	15 1/2 @ 17 1/2	13 4 @ 13 6	9 91
27.....	16 1/2 @ 18	14 1 @ 14 3	11 73 @ 13 1/2	15 1/2 @ 17 1/2	13 0 @ 13 6	10 05
Aug.—						
3.....	16 @ 17 1/2	13 6 @ 14 0	10 80 @ 12 1/2	15 1/2 @ 17 1/2	13 2 @ 13 4	9 47
10.....	16 @ 17 1/2	13 6 @ 14 0	10 32 @ 12 1/2	15 1/2 @ 17 1/2	13 5 @ 13 7	10 40
17.....	15 1/2 @ 17	13 6 @ 14 0	10 71 @ 12 1/2	15 1/2 @ 17 1/2	13 5 @ 13 7	10 60
24.....	15 1/2 @ 17	13 2 @ 13 4	10 44 @ 12 1/2	15 1/2 @ 17 1/2	14 0 @ 14 2	11 15
31.....	15 1/2 @ 17	13 0 @ 13 2	10 18 @ 12 1/2	15 1/2 @ 17 1/2	13 6 @ 14 0	12 34
Sept.—						
7.....	15 1/2 @ 16 1/2	12 7 @ 13 1	10 62 @ 12 1/2	15 1/2 @ 17 1/2	13 6 @ 14 0	12 67
14.....	14 3/4 @ 16	12 6 @ 13 0	9 84 @ 12 1/2	15 1/2 @ 17 1/2	13 6 @ 14 0	11 83
21.....	14 3/4 @ 16	12 7 @ 13 1	9 99 @ 12 1/2	15 1/2 @ 17 1/2	13 3 @ 13 5	11 20
28.....	14 3/4 @ 16	12 7 @ 13 1	10 72 @ 12 1/2	15 1/2 @ 17 1/2	13 4 @ 13 6	11 57
Oct.—						
5.....	15 @ 16 1/2	12 7 @ 13 1	10 64 @ 12 1/2	15 1/2 @ 17 1/2	13 2 @ 13 6	11 72
11.....	15 1/2 @ 16 1/2	13 1 @ 13 3	10 95 @ 12 1/2	15 1/2 @ 17 1/2	13 2 @ 13 6	11 54

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail:

GALVESTON—To Liverpool—Oct. 3—Westward Ho, 2,965....	Bales.	8,719
Oct. 6—Antillian, 5,854.....		
To Manchester—Oct. 3—Westward Ho, 200.... Oct. 6—Antillian, 508.....		708
To Havre—Oct. 2—Edgemoor, 5,107.....		5,107
To Dunkirk—Oct. 2—Edgemoor, 350.....		350
To Ghent—Oct. 2—Edgemoor, 800.....		800
To Rotterdam—Oct. 2—Edgemoor, 2,232.....		2,232
To Bremen—Oct. 5—Rio Panuco, 3,919.....		3,919
To Oporto—Oct. 5—Lafcomo, 2,650.....		2,650
To Passages—Oct. 5—Lafcomo, 100.....		100
To Japan—Oct. 5—Kifuku Maru, 9,874.....		9,874
To Copenhagen—Oct. 9—Olaf, 400.....		400
To Kobe—Oct. 9—Liberator, 2,225.....		2,225
To Yokohama—Oct. 9—Liberator, 300.....		300
To Shanghai—Oct. 9—Liberator, 3,200.....		3,200
NEW ORLEANS—To Gothenburg—Oct. 4—Topeka, 150.....		150
To Japan—Oct. 10—Fernlane, 4,200.....		4,200
To Liverpool—Oct. 4—Topeka, 50.....		50
To San Felipe—Oct. 5—Matador, 5,538.....		5,538
To Manchester—Oct. 5—Abangarez, 50.....		50
To Barcelona—Oct. 5—Prusa, 100.....		100
To Havre—Oct. 6—De la Salle, 1,419.... Oct. 10—Caroline, 1,195.....		2,614
To Venice—Oct. 9—Labette, 450.....		450
To Bremen—Oct. 4—Riol, 890.....		890
To Warburg—Oct. 10—Pennsylvania, 150.....		150
To Vera Cruz—Oct. 4—Baja California, 500.... Oct. 11—Sinaloa, 600.....		1,100
To Genoa—Oct. 9—Chester Valley, 1,916.....		1,916
To Lagayra—Oct. 6—Christian Krogh, 200.....		200
To Bordeaux—Oct. 10—Caroline, 430.....		430
SAN PEDRO—To Liverpool—Oct. 2—Nichteroy, 418.... Oct. 6—Birmingham City, 382.....		800
To Japan—Oct. 2—Korea Maru, 1,000.....		1,000
To Manchester—Oct. 6—Pacific Enterprise, 100.....		100
CORPUS CHRISTI—To Genoa—Oct. 9—West Hobomac, 2,679.....		2,679
To Liverpool—Oct. 10—Cripple Creek, 4,614.....		4,614
To Manchester—Oct. 10—Cripple Creek, 500.....		500
To Bremen—Oct. 10—Avaban, 5,435.....		5,435
To China—Oct. 11—Fernbank, 258.....		258
To Japan—Oct. 11—Fernbank, 3,413.....		3,413
HOUSTON—To Liverpool—Oct. 4—Antillian, 7,608.... Oct. 9—Abercos, 8,944.....		16,652
To Manchester—Oct. 4—Antillian, 214.... Oct. 9—Abercos, 350.....		564
To Bremen—Oct. 6—Schoenfels, 10,024.... Oct. 10—Seydlitz, 266.....		10,290
To Japan—Oct. 6—Liberator, 1,125.... Oct. 8—Havana Maru, 5,600.....		6,725
To China—Oct. 6—Liberator, 400.... Oct. 8—Havana Maru, 1,500.....		1,900
To Velle—Oct. 8—Olaf, 400.....		400
To Havre—Oct. 11—De la Salle, 11,764.....		11,764
To Gothenburg—Oct. 10—Topeka, 375.....		375
To Copenhagen—Oct. 10—Topeka, 200.....		200
To Warburg—Oct. 10—Topeka, 350.....		350
NEW YORK—To Gothenburg—Oct. 5—Gripsholm, 200.....		200
To Stockholm—Oct. 5—Odensholm, 12.....		12
To Bremen—Oct. 9—President Roosevelt, 150.... Oct. 11—Muenchen, 200.....		350
SAVANNAH—To Japan—Oct. 8—Silver Maple, 700.....		700
To China—Oct. 8—Silver Maple, 800.....		800
MOBILE—To Barcelona—Oct. 5—Prusa, 100.....		100
To Japan—Oct. 8—Steel Ranger, 400.....		400
To Bremen—Oct. 5—Hastings, 3,742.....		3,742
To Rotterdam—Oct. 8—Braddock, 300.....		300
To Antwerp—Oct. 8—Braddock, 700.....		700
CHARLESTON—To Bremen—Oct. 8—Berwindmoor, 5,200.....		5,200
WILMINGTON—To Bremen—Oct. 9—Lekhaven, 2,200.....		2,200
NORFOLK—To Liverpool—Oct. 10—Cold Harbor, 754.... Oct. 11—Manchester Corporation, 403.....		1,157
To Manchester—Oct. 10—Cold Harbor, 850.....		850
SAN FRANCISCO—To Japan—Oct. 6—Bordeaux Maru, 300.... Oct. 10—Korea Maru, 2,000.....		2,300
To China—Oct. 10—Korea Maru, 70.....		70

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Sept. 21.	Sept. 28.	Oct. 5.	Oct. 12.
Sales of the week.....	37,000	39,000	41,000	37,000
Of which American.....	21,000	21,000	22,000	19,000
Actual exports.....	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Forwarded.....	51,000	48,000	52,000	69,000
Total stocks.....	577,000	562,000	534,000	495,000
Of which American.....	307,000	289,000	265,000	223,000
Total imports.....	25,000	28,000	27,000	31,000
Of which American.....	6,000	11,000	12,000	11,000
Amount afloat.....	130,000	136,000	182,000	213,000
Of which American.....	52,000	63,000	98,000	126,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12.15 P. M.	Quiet	Good Inquiry.	A fair business doing.	Good Inquiry.	Good Inquiry.	Good Inquiry.
Mid. Up'ds	10.58d.	10.54d.	10.83d.	10.60d.	10.73d.	10.95d.
Sales.....	4,000	8,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	8,000
Futures.						
Market, opened	Quiet 8 to 11 pts. decline.	Quiet, unchanged to 4 pts. decl.	Steady 1 to 3 pts. decline.	Steady 12 to 15 pts. decline.	Steady 7 to 10 pts. advance.	Steady 8 to 10 pts. advance.
Market, P. M.	Quiet 4 to 6 pts. decline.	Barely st'y 23 to 24 pts. advance.	Qt but st'y 3 pts. adv. to 2 pt. dec.	Quiet but st'y 10 to 22 pts. dec.	Quiet but st'y 13 to 16 pts. adv.	Closed st'y 14 to 15 pts. advance.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Oct. 6 to Oct. 12.	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.
October.....	d. @ 9.92	d. @ 9.89	d. @ 10.15	d. @ 10.18	d. @ 10.00	d. @ 9.97
November.....	d. @ 9.80	d. @ 9.79	d. @ 10.04	d. @ 10.05	d. @ 9.86	d. @ 9.84
December.....	d. @ 9.78	d. @ 9.77	d. @ 10.03	d. @ 10.03	d. @ 9.84	d. @ 9.81
January.....	d. @ 9.74	d. @ 9.73	d. @ 9.98	d. @ 10.00	d. @ 9.81	d. @ 9.78
February.....	d. @ 9.73	d. @ 9.72	d. @ 9.97	d. @ 9.98	d. @ 9.79	d. @ 9.76
March.....	d. @ 9.73	d. @ 9.72	d. @ 9.97	d. @ 9.98	d. @ 9.79	d. @ 9.76
April.....	d. @ 9.71	d. @ 9.71	d. @ 9.95	d. @ 9.95	d. @ 9.77	d. @ 9.74
May.....	d. @ 9.71	d. @ 9.71	d. @ 9.95	d. @ 9.95	d. @ 9.77	d. @ 9.74
June.....	d. @ 9.68	d. @ 9.68	d. @ 9.92	d. @ 9.91	d. @ 9.72	d. @ 9.70
July.....	d. @ 9.67	d. @ 9.67	d. @ 9.91	d. @ 9.90	d. @ 9.71	d. @ 9.69
August.....	d. @ 9.59	d. @ 9.58	d. @ 9.82	d. @ 9.81	d. @ 9.62	d. @ 9.60
September.....	d. @ 9.52	d. @ 9.51	d. @ 9.75	d. @ 9.73	d. @ 9.56	d. @ 9.53
October.....	d. @ 9					

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Oct. 12 1928.

Flour has been quieter than it would have been if relatively low bids had been accepted. Recent higher prices for wheat at one time seemed to preclude the easing of prices to suit buyers. Buyers in turn remarked upon the later unsettled state of wheat markets and therefore refused to purchase on more than a moderate scale lest the grain should take another downward turn and leave them in a rather unenviable position. Exporters, too, so far as appearances went, bought only moderately.

Wheat declined for a time owing to favorable weather and liquidation with little export demand, but later in the week became stronger on reports of a cold wave and snow with dry weather in the southwest where rains are wanted. Prices have latterly declined under a pressure of liquidation at home and abroad with the Canadian visible supply increasing over 35,000,000 bushels for the week against some 15,000,000 for the same week last year and the United States Government report having no stimulating effect. The export business has for the most part been moderate. It is true there has been some seaboard buying for Europe of hard winter, durum and spring, but it has not been enough to act as a market factor. Prominent members of the Western professional world are understood to have become aggressive sellers of late of both wheat and corn. The weather in the main has been favorable. No attention was paid to reports of a snowstorm at Calgary, Canada. On the 8th inst. prices declined $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1c., with an increase in the visible supply of over 6,500,000 bushels, rains in the Central belt and Southwest, and rather heavy liquidation. At one time prices were higher, owing to the strength of Winnipeg, Liverpool and Buenos Aires, and a good export demand. Sales for export were estimated at 700,000 bushels. There was some buying of wheat against sales of corn, supposedly in undoing spreads. World shipments for the week were 16,376,000 bushels against 14,889,000 in the previous week and 16,953,000 last year. North American shipments were 13,534,000 bushels against 11,437,000 a week ago. Stocks on passage were 42,272,000 bushels, or a decrease for the week of 1,250,000 bushels. Interior receipts were very large, being 4,534,000 bushels. The United States visible supply increased 6,530,000 bushels to 116,577,000 bushels against 80,936,000 bushels last year.

On the 9th inst. prices declined $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ c. net at Chicago, while Winnipeg fell $1\frac{1}{4}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ c. There was a good deal of selling in expectation of a favorable crop report by the Government after the close on that day. Besides, Winnipeg's receipts were large and the Northwestern Grain Dealers' estimate of the crop of the three Canadian provinces was 558,000,000 bushels, an increase of 34,000,000 bushels, instead of an expected decrease. Liverpool, it is true, closed only $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ d. higher. It was due to come $1\frac{1}{4}$ d. up. The relative steadiness of Liverpool was attributed to buying supposedly for American account, very steady Canadian offers, offsetting large Australian selling and easier River Plate offers. But Winnipeg itself had to face the increase in the Canadian visible of 8,700,000 bushels. That brought it up to 41,473,000 bushels. The Winnipeg country marketings on the 8th inst. were 4,532,000 bushels, against 1,736,000 last year. There were reports to the effect that about 500,000 bushels were being moved from Duluth to Chicago. There were some hedging sales by the Northwest. Receipts were large. As to the low grade of some of the Canadian wheat, it was remarked that a proportion of it is of good milling quality and apparently is more desirable at the heavy discounts than the better grades. Export demand at the seaboard was reported to be small; only 250,000 bushels were taken on the 9th inst. by exporters including durum hard winter and Manitoba.

The Government crop report, issued after the close on the 9th inst., estimated the spring wheat yield, including durum wheat, at 325,000,000 bushels, and all wheat at 904,000,000 bushels, as contrasted with a total of 314,000,000 bushels of spring wheat on Oct. 1 1927 and a final production last year of 319,000,000 bushels. Some samples of Alberta wheat received on the 9th inst., according to Western press dispatches, said to represent about 10% of the total crop of that province and Saskatchewan, showed that it was unfit for anything except feed, and while the trade still regard the crop as a large one from a milling standpoint, the yield is not likely to be much over 500,000,000 bushels. The Northwest Grain Dealers' Association estimated the production in three Provinces at 558,459,600 bushels. The yields per acre are based on actual threshing completed. Reports indicate that the frosts which occurred during the latter part of August did heavy damage to grade in Saskatchewan and Alberta while the yields per acre have in certain districts been affected less, more particularly in Alberta. Reports also indicate that approximately 83% has been threshed. Stocks in elevators at Port William now total 21,698,000 bushels against only 11,933,000 a year ago. Receipts last week were 19,573,000 bushels against 10,065,000 the same week last year.

The Spanish Government has imposed an import duty on all foreign wheat of seven pesetas gold per quintal which is equal to 37c. a bushel. This makes three duty increases in Europe this fall, viz.: Italy, Poland and Spain.

On Thursday prices ended $\frac{5}{8}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ c. higher with Winnipeg up 1 to $1\frac{1}{4}$ c. Early prices were somewhat lower. Liverpool rallied from the lowest, but ended $\frac{3}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ d. lower. Buenos Aires advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ c. at the close here. Export sales were 500,000 to 700,000 bushels, mostly Manitoba to the Orient. Italy cancelled 160,000 bushels of Manitoba. Argentine exports for the week were estimated at 2,205,000 bushels. Black Sea shipped only 40,000. India chartered 10,000 tons of Argentine wheat. New South Wales reported beneficial rains. Canadian country marketings on Wednesday were 4,431,000 bushels against 1,711,000 on the same day last year. Low grade Manitobas were offered more freely in Liverpool and also Duluth spring. A short rice crop in China this year explains a noticeable increase in the demand for wheat flour from Puget Sound points according to cables. It was too dry for new wheat in Kansas, except over a small area. The Southwest needs rain. Final prices show a decline for the week of $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red	Sat. 167	Mon. 166 $\frac{1}{2}$	Tues. 165 $\frac{3}{4}$	Wed. 163 $\frac{1}{2}$	Thurs. 164	Fri.
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

December	Sat. 119 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mon. 119	Tues. 118 $\frac{3}{4}$	Wed. 116 $\frac{1}{2}$	Thurs. 116 $\frac{1}{2}$	Fri.
March	124	123 $\frac{1}{2}$	122 $\frac{3}{4}$	120 $\frac{3}{4}$	121 $\frac{1}{2}$	
May	126 $\frac{1}{2}$	125 $\frac{3}{4}$	125 $\frac{1}{2}$	123 $\frac{1}{2}$	124 $\frac{1}{2}$	

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

October	Sat. 123	Mon. 123 $\frac{1}{2}$	Tues. 121 $\frac{1}{2}$	Wed. 118 $\frac{1}{2}$	Thurs. 119 $\frac{1}{2}$	Fri.
December	121	121 $\frac{1}{2}$	119 $\frac{3}{4}$	117 $\frac{3}{4}$	118 $\frac{3}{4}$	
May	126 $\frac{1}{2}$	126 $\frac{1}{2}$	125 $\frac{1}{2}$	123 $\frac{1}{2}$	124 $\frac{1}{2}$	

Indian corn declined for a time with the export demand disappointing and weather favorable for curing the crop, but grew stronger later on threatening weather. At one time the tone was firmer, with prices rising. Corn was a popular purchase. The cash demand was good. There were reports of more or less export business. The foreign cables were rising. Shorts covered. Some prominent interests at the West were said to be buying. Later on there was a reaction. Professionals sold. The Government report had no effect. On the 8th inst. prices declined $\frac{3}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{4}$ c. Support was lacking and commission houses sold. There was also considerable liquidation. The weather has been ideal for curing the new crop and the belief is widespread that this might mean an unusually early movement of the crop. Early prices were firmer. The visible supply in the United States decreased last week 1,380,000 bushels, against a decrease last year of 2,294,000 bushels. The total is now only 5,411,000 bushels, against 21,393,000 bushels last year.

On the 9th inst. prices fell $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1c. followed by a rally which left the net decline only $\frac{1}{4}$ c. For export sales were reported of 100,000 bushels in contrast with reports of European reselling on two days earlier in the week at lower prices. The weather however, was highly favorable for curing the corn. Cash demand continued excellent. The government crop estimate was 60,000,000 bushels under the average private estimate and 28,000,000 less than the September total of the government. The government report put the condition on the 9th inst. at 77.7%, and the indicated yield at 2,903,000,000 bushels or 28,000,000 less than the Sept. 1st estimate. Last year's final crop was 2,786,000,000 bushels.

On Thursday prices ended $\frac{1}{2}$ c. higher after being $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1c. lower at one time. The technical position was better. Professionals were more friendly to corn. Export sales were 100,000 bushels. Wet weather or snow in the belt, it is contended, would be unfavorable. Cold dry weather would be beneficial for the new crop. In general export bids were too low. Argentine exports for the week were estimated at 6,880,000 bushels; Black Sea shipped nothing. Kansas reported husking and cribbing has been finished in the southern central counties of that State. Receipts were moderate. Cash demand, however, fell off. White corn was 1c. higher but others 1c. lower. The forecast was for unsettled and colder weather with scattered snow in the Southwest. That really caused the rally from the low of the day coupled with some export business. Final prices show a decline for the week of $2\frac{1}{2}$ c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 yellow	Sat. 124 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mon. 122 $\frac{3}{4}$	Tues. 121 $\frac{1}{2}$	Wed. 120 $\frac{1}{2}$	Thurs. 120 $\frac{1}{2}$	Fri.
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

December	Sat. 83	Mon. 82	Tues. 81 $\frac{3}{4}$	Wed. 80	Thurs. 80 $\frac{1}{2}$	Fri.
March	85 $\frac{1}{2}$	84 $\frac{3}{4}$	84	82 $\frac{3}{4}$	82 $\frac{1}{2}$	
May	87 $\frac{1}{2}$	87	86 $\frac{1}{2}$	85	85 $\frac{1}{2}$	

Oats declined partly in sympathy with other grain. On the 8th inst. prices closed $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1c. lower in sympathy with other grain. The cash demand however was good. The United States visible supply decreased last week 28,000 bushels as against an increase last year of 943,000 bushels. The total is now 15,043,000 bushels against 25,874,000 last year. The Northwest Grain Dealers Association estimated the yield in three provinces at 318,711,800 bushels. Frosts in the latter part of August did considerable damage to grade in Saskatchewan and Alberta. About 66% has been threshed.

On the 9th inst. a decline occurred of $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{5}{8}$ c. in response to the early weakness in other grain. The country movement was larger as a prelude to the large corn movement later. Actual receipts at Chicago were small. The cash demand was brisk and futures ended only $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ c. net lower. On Thursday prices closed with little change from those of the day before. Prices fluctuated within narrow limits. Demand was fair. The strength of other grain and some

evening up before the holiday had a bracing influence. Cash demand was quiet. Indications of unsettled and colder weather caused some buying. The open interest at Chicago last night was 28,664,000 bushels. Final prices are $\frac{7}{8}$ to $1\frac{1}{4}$ c. lower than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white	Sat. 54 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mon. 54	Tues. 54 $\frac{1}{2}$	Wed. 54	Thurs. 54	Fri. 54
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

December	Sat. 44	Mon. 43 $\frac{1}{2}$	Tues. 43 $\frac{1}{2}$	Wed. 42 $\frac{1}{2}$	Thurs. 42 $\frac{1}{2}$	Fri. 42
March	45 $\frac{1}{2}$	45	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	44
May	46 $\frac{3}{4}$	46	45 $\frac{1}{2}$	45 $\frac{1}{2}$	45 $\frac{1}{2}$	45

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

October	Sat. 59	Mon. 58 $\frac{1}{2}$	Tues. 57 $\frac{1}{2}$	Wed. 56	Thurs. 56	Fri. 56
December	54	53 $\frac{1}{2}$	53	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	52 $\frac{1}{2}$	52
May	57	56 $\frac{3}{4}$	56 $\frac{1}{2}$	54 $\frac{3}{4}$	55 $\frac{1}{2}$	55

Rye took its tone largely from wheat, declining in the forepart of the week and rallying later. On the 8th inst. it declined $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1c. with wheat lower. Some export inquiry was reported and this, with the early strength of Winnipeg, caused an advance at first. The visible supply in the United States increased 312,000 bushels last week, against an increase last year of 72,000. The total is now 3,164,000 bushels, against 2,886,000 last year. On the 9th inst. prices declined $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ c. in answer to a decline in wheat early of $\frac{3}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ c. The domestic cash trade is good, but no export business of real importance was reported.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

December	Sat. 107 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mon. 106 $\frac{1}{2}$	Tues. 105	Wed. 103 $\frac{1}{2}$	Thurs. 103 $\frac{1}{2}$	Fri. 103
March	109	108 $\frac{1}{2}$	107 $\frac{1}{2}$	105	105	105
May	110 $\frac{1}{2}$	109 $\frac{1}{2}$	108 $\frac{1}{2}$	107	107 $\frac{1}{2}$	107

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN

Wheat, New York—	No. 2 red, f.o.b. 1.64	No. 2 white— 54
No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b. 1.32	No. 3 white— 53	No. 3 white— 53
Corn, New York—	No. 2 yellow 1.20 $\frac{1}{2}$	Rye, New York— 1 16 $\frac{1}{2}$
No. 3 yellow 1.19 $\frac{1}{2}$	No. 2 f.o.b. 1 16 $\frac{1}{2}$	Barley, New York— 86 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Malting 86 $\frac{1}{2}$	

FLOUR

Spring patents \$8 25@8 75	Rye flour patents \$6 70@7 00
Cleaves, first spring 5 85@6 25	Semolina No. 2, pound. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Soft winter straights 6 25@6 75	Oats goods new 2 75@2 80
Hard winter straights 5 70@6 25	Corn flour 2 75@2 80
Hard winter patents 6 25@6 75	Barley goods—
Hard winter clears 5 25@5 75	Coarse 3 60
Fancy Minn. patents 7 95@8 20	Fancy pearl Nos 1, 2,
City mills 8.10@8.80	3 and 4 6 50@7 00

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.
	bbbls. 196lbs. bush.	60 lbs. bush.	56 lbs. bush.	32 lbs. bush.	48lbs. bush.	56lbs. bush.
Chicago	280,000	693,000	1,089,000	636,000	561,000	128,000
Minneapolis	7,709,000	27,000	707,000	1,093,000	436,000	—
Duluth	8,196,000	—	193,000	1,926,000	684,000	—
Milwaukee	74,000	130,000	87,000	150,000	466,000	27,000
Toledo	—	234,000	15,000	132,000	13,000	—
Detroit	—	33,000	15,000	16,000	24,000	7,000
Indianapolis	—	123,000	288,000	286,000	—	16,000
St. Louis	142,000	63,000	401,000	536,000	169,000	9,000
Peoria	65,000	—	31,000	127,000	85,000	—
Kansas City	—	1,829,000	225,000	166,000	—	—
Omaha	—	1,086,000	245,000	154,000	—	—
St. Joseph	—	302,000	80,000	52,000	—	—
Wichita	—	411,000	13,000	10,000	—	—
Sioux City	—	87,000	107,000	178,000	9,000	—
Tot. wk. '28	561,000	22,176,000	2,953,000	3,343,000	4,346,000	1,287,000
Same week '27	512,000	21,196,000	1,935,000	3,454,000	2,755,000	2,126,000
Same week '26	498,000	8,708,000	3,136,000	2,823,000	1,388,000	601,000
Since Aug. 1	4,986,000	188,135,000	46,748,000	46,517,000	45,647,000	8,708,000
1927	4,806,000	176,238,000	40,854,000	44,581,000	27,819,000	15,919,000
1926	5,058,000	131,824,000	30,116,000	42,563,000	13,359,000	14,227,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, Oct. 6, follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	305,000	1,571,000	24,000	324,000	358,000	92,000
Philadelphia	50,000	6,600	2,000	18,000	23,000	—
Baltimore	24,000	64,000	16,000	17,000	274,000	1,000
Newport News	1,600	—	—	70,000	—	—
Norfolk	—	—	1,000	15,000	—	—
New Orleans	50,000	219,000	57,000	15,000	—	—
Galveston	—	153,000	—	—	—	—
Montreal	70,000	8,938,000	8,000	165,000	1,929,000	764,000
Boston	37,000	67,000	—	15,000	—	—
Total week '28	537,000	6,018,000	108,000	637,000	2,584,000	857,000
Since Jan. 1 '28	18,472,000	181,363,000	63,343,000	27,768,000	32,568,000	14,514,000
Week 1927	526,000	6,296,000	90,000	477,000	2,868,000	1,980,000
Since Jan. 1 '27	16,692,000	210,563,000	7,892,000	19,401,000	5,257,000	7,058,000

* 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 ending Saturday, Oct. 6 1928, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	1,138,309	—	105,819	260,391	34,897	118,015
Boston	60,000	—	3,000	—	—	—
Philadelphia	—	—	—	—	17,000	103,000
Baltimore	64,000	—	3,000	—	—	175,000
Norfolk	—	—	1,000	15,000	—	—
Newport News	—	—	1,000	70,000	—	—
New Orleans	170,000	11,000	21,000	7,000	—	149,000
Galveston	700,000	—	27,000	—	—	524,000
Montreal	5,918,000	—	128,000	314,000	375,000	1,020,000
Houston	—	—	1,000	—	—	30,000
Total week 1928	8,050,309	11,000	290,819	666,391	428,897	2,119,015
Same week 1927	7,816,149	26,000	280,402	273,000	2,386,785	1,460,846

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 Oct. 6, 1928.	Since July 1, 1928.	Week Oct. 6, 1928.	Since July 1, 1928.	Week Oct. 6, 1928.	Since July 1, 1928.
United Kingdom	Barrels. 61,530	Barrels. 1,008,495	Bushels. 2,469,957	Bushels. 24,918,105	—	Bushels. 709,326
Continent	209,034	1,663,983	5,570,352	74,183,598	—	26,000
So. & Cent. Amer.	1,000	118,000	10,000	69,000	—	85,000
West Indies	12,000	123,000	—	20,000	11,000	358,000
Other countries	7,255	222,903	—	681,945	—	2,250
Total 1928	290,819	3,136,381	8,050,309	99,872,648	11,000	1,180,576
Total 1927	280,402	2,685,228	7,816,149	80,244,079	26,000	371,500

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Oct. 6, were as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.

United States—	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Barley, bush.
New York	340,000	23,000	223,000	112,000	214,000
Boston	—	—	36,000	—	—
Philadelphia	697,000	9,000	191,000	5,000	42,000
Baltimore	2,909,000	26,000	171,000	2,000	239,000
Newport News	5,000	—	21,000	—	—
New Orleans	1,071,000	37,000	112,000	76,000	566,000
Galveston	2,396,000	—	—	8,000	439,000
Fort Worth	5,094,000	145,000	230,000	16,000	48,000
Buffalo	4,277,000	415,000	2,123,000	583,000	1,029,000
afloat	1,342,000	84,000	—	—	168,000
Toledo	2,412,000	25,000	283,000	3,000	30,000
Detroit	199,000	24,000	24,000	4,000	23,000
Chicago	11,025,000	3,710,000	3,303,000	123,000	1,070,000
afloat	—	265,000	—	—	54,000
Milwaukee	919,000	24,000	507,000	29,000	287,000
Duluth	20,383,000	—	738,000	1,640,000	2,592,000
Minneapolis	17,305,000	22,000	3,519,000	347,000	889,000
Sioux City	706,000	25,000	117,000	—	28,000
St. Louis	4,668,000	72,000	284,000	6,000	166,000
Kansas City	20,939,000	205,000	32,000	35,000	77,000
Wichita	5,980,000	—	2,000	—	—
St. Joseph, Mo.	2,544,000	12,000	—	—	—
Peoria	13,000	20,000	719,000	—	—
Indianapolis	866,000	144,000	1,869,000	—	—
Omaha	9,505,000	121,000	539,000	60,000	145,000
On Lakes	682,000	—	—	—	—
On Canal and River	800,000	—	—	15,000	140,000
Total Oct. 6 1928	116,577,000	5,411,000	15,643,000	3,064,000	8,246,000
Total Sept. 29 1928	110,047,000	6,791,000	15,071,000	2,752,000	8,225,000
Total Oct. 8 1928	80,936,000	21,393,000	25,874,000	2,886,000	4,064,000

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats—New York, 125,000 bushels; Philadelphia, 3,000; Baltimore, 7,000; Buffalo, 172,000; total, 307,000 bushels, against nil bushels in 1927. Barley—New York, 20,000; Philadelphia, 6,000; Baltimore, 76,000; Buffalo, 559,000; Buffalo afloat, 423,000; Duluth, 144,000; Canal, 603,000; total, 1,841,000 bushels, against 448,000 bushels in 1927. Wheat—New York, 222,000 bushels; Boston, 56,000; Philadelphia, 188,000; Baltimore, 223,000; Buffalo, 6,346,000; Buffalo afloat, 966,000; Duluth, 199,000; on Lakes, 1,821,000; Canal, 2,434,000; total, 12,449,000 bushels, against 4,683,000 bushels in 1927.

Canadian

Montreal	1,666,000	410,000	62,000	313,000
Ft. William & Pt. Arthur	21,698,000	557,000	1,456,000	3,796,000
Other Canadian	5,660,000	144,000	141,000	658,000

Total Oct. 6 1928	29,024,000	1,111,000	1,659,000	4,767,000
Total Sept. 29 1928	22,654,000	1,054,000	1,206,000	3,603,000
Total Oct. 8 1927	13,779,000	979,000	2,525,000	1,797,000

Summary

American	116,577,000	5,411,000	15,043,000	3,064,000	8,246,000
Canadian	29,024,000	1,111,000	1,659,000	4,767,000	

Total Oct. 6 1928	145,601,000	5,411,000	16,154,000	4,723,000	13,013,000
Total Sept. 29 1928	132,701,000	6,791,000	16,125,000	3,958,000	11,631,000
Total Oct. 8 1927	94,715,000	21,393,000	26,853,000	5,411,000	5,861,000

The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ended Friday, Oct. 5, and since July 1, 1928 and 1927, are shown in the following:

Exports.	Wheat.		Corn.	
	1928.		1927.	
	Week Oct. 5.	Since July 1.	Week Oct. 5.	Since

Except where plowing and fall seeding were retarded by dry soil, the weather of the week was mostly favorable for seasonal farm operations, and good progress was reported quite generally. The prevailing warmth and much sunshine were especially helpful in drying out the corn crop, for harvesting operations, picking cotton, and for fall plowing and seeding wherever the soil moisture was sufficient. There were no damaging frosts, but additional reports of harm to some late crops—mostly minor—by frosts of the two preceding weeks were received from some of the Northern States.

Throughout the Atlantic area, where moisture is generally sufficient, conditions were especially favorable, while many heretofore dry localities in the interior valleys received useful rains. Considerable areas of the central valleys, however, particularly Ohio and parts of Indiana and Kentucky, are still too dry. In the Lake region and Central-Northern States conditions were generally favorable.

Over the western half of the country, including nearly all sections from the central Plains westward, except the Pacific Northwest, continued dryness is unfavorably affecting the range, retarding plowing, seeding, and germination of fall grains, and, in some places, hindering the harvest of root crops. Rain is urgently needed in much of the Plains area, especially in the western portions of Kansas and Oklahoma where severe drought obtains.

SMALL GRAINS.—In the central and eastern portions of the winter wheat belt the moderate to generous showers of the week were very beneficial in conditioning the soil for seeding and for germination of grain already sown, though there is still some retardation in parts of the Ohio Valley area where the rains were insufficient. Additional moisture is also needed in parts of the upper Mississippi Valley, while throughout the western portions of the Great Plains the drought continued. In Nebraska rain is much needed, while in the western two-thirds of Kansas seeding has been practically suspended and much wheat has not sprouted. There was also further delay in seeding in western Oklahoma, and rain is needed in much of northern Texas. In the Atlantic coast area conditions continued favorable, while in the Pacific Northwest the outlook has been materially improved by the generous rains of the week. Grain sorghums are nearly all safe in the southern Great Plains, while the threshing of rice made good advance in west Gulf districts. There were some further reports of damage to late flax by former frosts in the northern Plains area.

CORN.—The weather of the week over the main producing sections was warm, dry, and sunny, which made generally excellent conditions for corn drying. In the Ohio Valley the crop was drying rapidly, with some cribbing in southern Indiana. In Iowa the warm, sunny weather dried corn rapidly and cribbing has begun in many counties; new corn is being fed to livestock and hogging was active, with good results in dry fields. The crop is all made and being cribbed in Missouri, while in the Great Plains it was drying rapidly, with cribbing begun in Kansas. In the South corn was mostly mature west of the Mississippi River, while the late crop varied widely in eastern sections. Cutting continues in the East, while in the Great Lakes corn was mostly cut and drying rapidly; some reports of injury by the late September freezes continue from North Dakota.

COTTON.—The weather of the week was generally warm, with fair, sunny weather prevailing over most sections of the cotton belt. In the Atlantic States the warmth and sunshine were favorable; cotton opened rapidly and picking and ginning advanced well, though there was still some retardation in previously wet sections by reason of moist lint and seed pods. In Georgia the crop has been practically made, but is opening rather slowly in the north, with staple short and poor in many sections. There were reports of slow opening also in parts of northern Alabama, with some further deterioration, but picking made fair progress in most districts and was about complete in some southern localities.

In the States bordering on the Mississippi River conditions favored rapid opening, and also the harvesting of the crop, except for considerable rains in places, principally in Arkansas. In Oklahoma warmth and the persistent dryness made a continuation of unfavorable conditions in the west, but the bulk of cotton is open and being picked rapidly. In Texas progress was slow in the northwest, with premature opening, but the crop is mostly made elsewhere, with top-crop conditions poor; the weather was favorable for picking, which is well advanced, except in the north-west. In the far Southwestern States the weather was generally favorable for cotton.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Temperatures moderate; rainfall light; favorable for farm work; and curing fall crops. Plowing and seeding wheat and picking cotton made good progress. Favorable for apple picking.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Mostly dry and warm; favorable for field work and for growing, maturing, and harvesting cotton, corn, peanuts, sweet potatoes, and other crops. Progress of cotton fair to good; crop opening rapidly and good progress in picking and ginning. Apples half gathered.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Seasonable temperatures, abundant sunshine, and general absence of rain favorable for late crop development. Late corn and truck recovering slowly, except on seag and flooded lowlands of Coastal Plain; general crop situation in Piedmont much better than elsewhere. Cotton opening rapidly, with picking and ginning fair progress, but picking retarded by moist lint and seed pods.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Sunny weather, with temperatures mostly above normal, favorable for harvesting crops, which progressed very rapidly. Soil still dry and hard in north. Cotton all made and no top crop; opening rapidly, except rather slowly in extreme north; practically all gathered in south and much in central; staple short and poor in many sections. Late corn good and drying nicely.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Warm and mostly fair; favorable for farm activity and crop development. Wet soil drying out and plowing and planting more general; some replanting necessary due to previous wet weather.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Averaged warm; rain quite general first part, but widely scattered thereafter. Vegetation helped, but farm work retarded. Progress of corn considerably spotted; harvesting progressing in south and central. Picking cotton retarded by rain, but picking and ginning made mostly fair progress in south and central where practically finished in some localities; crop opening rather slowly in more northern portion where picking progressing slowly; crop deteriorated in many localities of north.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Generally warm throughout, with showers first half, but dry thereafter. Cotton opening rapidly, with excellent progress in picking and ginning. Progress of late corn fair in extreme north; elsewhere poor.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Mostly favorable for harvesting crops. Progress in picking cotton good and well advanced, even in north; condition of plants still fair to good and warmth favorable. Corn mostly mature, but much yet to be gathered. Rice harvest and threshing made good progress. Cane continues satisfactory development; field work in cane region in good shape.

Texas.—Houston: Week very warm, with scattered rain in northern half, but mostly dry in south. Progress and condition of pastures and minor crops good in south, but spotted in north, depending on recent rains. Rice threshing and seeding winter truck made excellent progress in south, but plowing and seeding of winter grains delayed by lack of moisture in much of north. Progress of cotton poor in northwest where opening prematurely; crop mostly made elsewhere, with general condition averaging fair and top-crop condition poor; weather favorable for picking and ginning and this work well advanced, except in northwest.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Clear skies and unseasonably warm; moderate to heavy rains in east, but none in west where severe drought continues. Warmth and continued dryness further damaged yield and quality of cotton in west; bulk of crop open and picking and ginning progressing rapidly in all sections; condition badly spotted. Corn and grain sorghums generally good; crops matured and harvesting. Wheat planting resumed in east, but further delayed in west account drought.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Heavy damage occurred due to rains in many places; east where light to heavy damage occurred due to rains in many places; open cotton being picked and ginned rapidly; nearly all open in hills, but late blis still developing on lowlands. Light to heavy rains very favorable for all growing crops and for plowing and seeding, but more needed in west and central.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Above-normal temperatures and occasional showers resulted in very good progress and condition of late corn. Condition of cotton fair on uplands and opening rapidly; bottom much slower. Rains caused general preparation of ground for seeding oats and winter wheat, although backward in some sections.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Good showers in north; south and east still too dry locally. Plowing and seeding wheat; sowing well advanced; warmth favorable for germination, which is fairly good, but more moisture needed in places. Corn cutting nearly completed and crop drying rapidly.

THE DRYGOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Oct. 12 1928.

Textile markets are now in a fairly steady position with a stronger and broader demand in evidence, but it still remains to be seen whether factors can hold prices on a level conducive to general profit. This problem of price stabilization, while it has an important bearing on woolsens and linens, is chiefly applicable to the cotton goods division, at the present time, where many lines have yet to be put on a paying basis. However, figures issued by the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants during the early part of the week, show such improved conditions in the trade that may well lead to more reasonable prices. The chief obstructions to such a revision are stocks on hand. While the latter were some 5% lower at the end of September, there is by no means a dearth of goods. Business in the woolen markets is active and prospects are regarded as bright. The extraordinarily varied styles and colors of new worsted offerings are occasioning buyers some confusion in the absence of definite style trends. With regard to silks, it is thought that they will not be adversely influenced by the Paterson strike, which should have the effect of eliminating a substantial portion of the over-production that has kept prices down. Business in the rayon markets continues satisfactory, and further activity is foreseen in the immediate future as a result of the reopening of the New Bedford mills.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Domestic cotton goods markets have been subjected to several influences during the week, and it is difficult to estimate possible reactions at this period. However, the most important of these, the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants' report for the past month appears to emphasize the efficiency of the curtailment policy as a stabilizing medium. That the improved statistical position of the markets is mainly due to restricted output, is shown in a comparison of the September figures with those of earlier months. It is seen that the excess of 9.6% of shipments over production for September is consequent upon a monthly output which has been considerably less than the average. Moreover, stocks on hand have not been materially reduced and it has been demonstrated very recently that a quiet spell in trading may easily lead to forced offerings at impractical concessions. And therein lies the danger. Only when factors are unencumbered by heavy stocks, with the attendant necessity of keeping them in motion, can they hope to have sufficient control over the market to enable them to hold prices at generally profitable levels; a proposition to which force is lent by the advance in raw cotton following issuance of the Government crop forecast. Meanwhile, those concerned are taking an optimistic view of the future. With only fair stocks in both distributing and manufacturing channels, there is a rumor abroad that an effort will be made shortly to put those staple lines which have been selling at a less than reasonable figure on a more profitable basis. It is hoped that this may be accomplished without interrupting the flow of business. Print cloths 28-inch 64 x 60's construction are quoted at 6¼c., and 27-inch 64 x 60's at 6¼c. Gray goods in the 39-inch 68 x 72's construction are quoted at 9½c., and 80 x 80's at 10¼c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—The favorable situation in the woolen and worsted markets is being maintained. Statistics for the previous week show that the markets are in a better position than at any time for a number of years past, and there is an expressed confidence that the better times have come to stay. Since an unexpectedly good "clean-up" has already taken place in fall goods, the slight slackening of activity following the very marked demand inspired by the first cool spell of weather, was to be expected, and does not materially affect a generally bright outlook. Encouraging movements in spring lines are already under way, notwithstanding considerable uncertainty on the part of buyers in the matter of anticipating style trends. It is reported from representative sources that a growing volume of orders for spring goods is filling in the gaps left by a subsiding fall demand. Stocks are short and fabrics are offered in a variety of attractive colors and stylings, and conditions seems generally conducive to a healthy expansion.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—In spite of the increased activity of the last few weeks in linens for the holiday trade, factors are of the opinion that buyers have not laid in a sufficient supply to cover the public demand that has still to develop. It is noted that many lines are recovering a popularity that has been diverted into other channels and it is estimated that heavy buying will be necessary during the next few weeks if the reviving public favor is to be coped with adequately. Household linens are moving fairly well, especially damask dining sets, while there is also a pronounced call for full color hemstitched goods. Towelings and sheetings are doing moderately well. There has been some growth in the interest in goods for the coming spring season, but business in that direction is not as yet fully under way. Burlaps continue relatively quiet, consumers being well covered for the remainder of the month. Light weights are quoted at 7.00c. and heavies at from 10.20c. to 10.25c.

Statement of the Ownership, Management, &c., required by the Act of Congress of Aug. 24 1912, of Commercial & Financial Chronicle, published weekly at New York, N. Y., for Oct. 1 1928.

State of New York, County of New York, ss.: Before me, a notary public, in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Jacob Selbert, who having been duly sworn according to law, deposed and says that he is the editor of the Commercial & Financial Chronicle and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, &c., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24 1912, embodied in Section 411, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

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Publisher, William B. Dana Company, 138 Front St., New York.
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(Signed) Jacob Selbert, Editor. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of September 1928. Thomas A. Creegan, Notary Public, Kings County, New York County Clerk's No. 39, New York County Register No. 9024. (My commission expires Mar. 30 1929.)

State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS

California, State of.—Northern Association Opposes Bond Amendment.—Although the California Development Association upheld the principle of safety that underlies the proposed \$10,000,000 State bond issue for the elimination of grade crossings, scheduled to appear on the ballot in November as Amendment Eighteen, the directors have voted to oppose its passage. The reasons they give for their opposition are: Because of the increasing State-wide protest against the rising tide of taxation, and because the present gasoline tax has not been proved insufficient to provide the funds necessary for grade crossing abolition.

Dallas, Texas.—Motion Brought to Have Bond Suit Judgment Set Aside.—W. S. Bramlett, plaintiff in the suit brought early in the year to void the \$23,900,000 Ulriekson bond program that was voted by the taxpayers last December, has presented a motion to the Appellate Court to set aside the decree handed down by the Fifth Court of Civil Appeals on June 19 (V. 126, p. 4115), when the Court declined to grant a temporary injunction restraining the city from selling a portion of the bonds. The following report on the action appeared in the Dallas "News" of Oct. 4:

Motion of W. S. Bramlett to set aside a judgment of the Fifth Court of Civil Appeals, previously entered, affirming a lower Court order dismissing the suit by which Bramlett sought to have the \$23,900,000 city bond issue and related charter amendments declared invalid, will be formally submitted to the Appellate Court Friday.

Bramlett claimed that he turned over a judgment or decree agreed to by both parties to counsel acting for his opponent in the suit, but that another decree, more onerous upon his cause and more far-reaching in its legal effect, was entered. Bramlett's suit was directed against the City of Dallas et al. Judge Kenneth Foree of the Fourteenth District Court sustained a general demurrer some time ago and Bramlett gave notice of appeal.

Claim also is made by Bramlett that two Justices of the higher Court are disqualified in this case because they are property taxpayers here. He attached to his motion a copy of what purported to be a true copy of the decree which both sides agreed to.

Mississippi, State of.—Gas Tax Suit Won by State.—The suit brought by the State against the Pan-American Petroleum Co. to make the defendant pay over \$450,000 in taxes collected on gasoline sales was decided in favor of the plaintiff by Circuit Judge Wiley H. Potter on October 1. The New Orleans "Times-Picayune" of Oct. 3 had the following report of the decision:

The state won a suit involving \$450,000 in gasoline taxes when Circuit Judge Wiley H. Potter decided that gasoline on hand April 26 1928, date of the change in the state law, was taxable under the new regulations effective that day for the first time.

In deciding for the plaintiffs in the case brought by Attorney-General Rush Knox for the state, against the Pan-American Petroleum Company, the court ruled that the full amount was due the state on all gasoline on hand the date the new order took effect. Previously the gasoline was not taxed until sold in this state, but under the new law the duty was assessed when the commodity is brought into the state. The company had not sold the gasoline April 26, and had already brought it into the state, and hoped to prove, therefore, a technical point and escape taxation on the stock on hand.

The company had posted \$350,000 before the suit so as to escape further damages which would have been superimposed.

Moffat Tunnel District, Colo.—Court Sanctions District Bonds.—Judge Robert G. Smith in the District Court of Denver handed down a decision in which the court holds that the District was acting entirely within its jurisdiction in issuing the supplementary bonds of 1925, 1926 and 1927. The court dismissed the petition brought by the Denver Land Co. for an injunction that would restrain the Tunnel Commission from levying special taxes against the District to meet bond service charges. The following article on the subject is taken from the "Herald Tribune" of Oct. 9:

The Moffat Tunnel Commission was acting within its rights in issuing \$3,750,000 supplementary bonds for the completion of the Moffat Tunnel in 1925, 1926 and 1927, according to a decision handed down by Judge Robert G. Smith in the District Court at Denver, Col. In view of the act that the law made it mandatory to complete the tunnel through the

Continental Divide, the court ruled, the commission had the power to issue such obligations. In his decision Judge Smith denied the petition of the Denver Land Company for an injunction restraining the commission from levying special taxes against the tunnel district to meet service charges on these bonds.

The court gave the petitioners five days in which to file citations of specific errors, and sixty days in which to enter a bill of exceptions. The decision, it was indicated will be carried as speedily as possible to the Supreme Court.

According to the advices received here yesterday from Denver, owing to the fact that both sides in the case had admitted so many facts, the final question before the court was reduced to this: Should the cost of the tunnel be paid for by bonds over a period of years or paid for outright by special tax assessments, under court order or otherwise.

No Protest Before Issue

The plaintiffs in the course of the trial, say Denver advices, tacitly admitted that with the tunnel already constructed the builders could justifiably seek a Federal court order for an assessment covering the cost of the work. Judge Smith's decision covered the history of the financing of the tunnel in detail, taking up each bond issue separately and reciting when and why it was issued. Preceding each issue, he pointed out, no taxpayers protested to the board at the hearings which had been duly advertised for each of the three supplementary issues.

"When the proceeds of the bond issue of July 1 1923, (the original \$7,720,000 issue) were exhausted," said the court, "the tunnel was less than half finished. Had the board abandoned its task at that point all of the previous effort and the immense sum of money already expended would have been a total loss. Even a few months' delay would have been well nigh fatal."

Interpreting the tunnel legislative act of 1922, the court ruled that section 6 of that act "imposes upon the board unqualified obligation to construct the tunnel," while subsequent sections 8, 10 and 11 "provide the means to discharge the duty." It is the court's opinion that "every power conferred by the act was properly exercised by the board. The act," it holds, "clothes the board with such a power as carries with it all means appropriate and plainly adapted to that end which are not prohibited by the constitution." Regarding payment for the bonds, the court ruled:

No Limit on Securities

"Certainly the district has built and paid for this tunnel with the money of other people, and it is not denied by any counsel in this case that the bondholders could, by appropriate action, compel an assessment for the payment of the bonds by means of which the money expended by the district in the construction of this tunnel was raised."

The court held further that "there is no limitation in the act upon the issuance of additional securities (beyond the original \$7,720,000). It could not be assumed that the Legislature would make it the duty of the board to construct the tunnel (section 6); clothe it with all the powers necessary for the performance of that duty (section 8); and then deprive the board of the power to raise money sufficient in amount to cover the cost of the improvements."

"It is not being disputed that the cost of the tunnel must be paid by assessment. The only real question remaining is whether this shall be paid for in cash or whether the taxpayers shall have the benefit of spreading it over a number of years. There being nothing in our constitution nor in the tunnel act to prevent the board from doing what it did, it would seem that this action should be sustained."

New Jersey, State of.—Legislature Adjourns after Passing Election Bills.—Both houses of the Legislature adjourned on Oct. 9 until Nov. 19 after passing three amendments to the State election law over the veto of Governor Moore. A list of the measures enacted is outlined in the Newark "News" of Oct. 9, as follows:

The measures disapproved by the Governor last night and made law to-day are: Senate 305, allowing the superintendents of elections in Essex and Hudson counties to strike names from the registry lists; Senate 306, increasing the police powers of the superintendents, and House 471, giving party members of county boards of election control of the members of their party on district election boards.

Five bills, including one re-establishing the elisor jury system, were signed by the Governor. The others provide for county condemnation commissions, authorizing superintendents of elections in Essex and Hudson counties to seal ballot boxes after votes are counted and canvassed, correcting errors in the 1928 Traffic Act to assure the punishment of drunken drivers.

Pennsylvania, State of.—Proposed Constitutional Amendments.—The following shows proposed amendments to the constitution to be submitted to the voters for their approval or rejection at the general election on Nov. 6:

No 2.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Art. 9 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by adding thereto Sec. 18.

Sec. 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby, proposed, in accordance with eighteenth article thereof:—

That article 9 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

Sec. 18. Provided, That the General Assembly, irrespective of any debt, may authorize the State to issue bonds to the amount of \$8,000,000, for the erection and equipment at the Pennsylvania State College of buildings necessary for the uses and purposes of the institution as defined in its charter. A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 2.

CHARLES JOHNSON, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

No. 3.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Art. 9 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by adding thereto Sec. 16.

Sec. 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:—

That Art. 9 be amended by adding thereto the following section:—
Sec. 16. In addition to the purposes stated in Art. 9, Sec. 4 of this Constitution, the State may be authorized by law to issue bonds, to the amount of \$25,000,000 for the purpose of acquiring land in the State for forest purposes.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 3.

CHARLES JOHNSON, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

No. 4.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Art. 9 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by adding thereto Sec. 17.

Sec. 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:—

That Art. 9 be amended by adding thereto the following section:—
Sec. 17. In addition to the purposes stated in Art. 9, Sec. 4 of this Constitution, the State may be authorized by law to issue bonds, to the amount of \$5,000,000, for the purpose of acquiring and erecting buildings and equipping the same for the use of the Pennsylvania National Guard.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 4.

CHARLES JOHNSON, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

No. 5.

An Act proposing an amendment to Sec. 1, Art. 9 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Sec. 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby proposed, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof:

That Sec. 1 of Art. 9 is hereby amended to read as follows:
All taxes shall be uniform, upon the same class of subjects, within the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax, and shall be levied and collected under general laws; but, in the case of inheritance taxes, exemptions as to subjects of taxation or as to amount may be granted by general laws; and the General Assembly may, by general laws, exempt from taxation public property used for public purposes, actual places of religious worship,

places of burial not used or held for private or corporate profit, and institutions of purely public charity.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 5.
CHARLES JOHNSON, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

No. 7.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Art. 9 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by adding thereto an additional section.

Sec. 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby proposed in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:

That Art. 9 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be amended by adding thereto the following new section:

Sec. 16. The General Assembly may authorize the City of Pittsburgh to levy special assessments against both abutting and non-abutting property, peculiarly benefited, for the payment of any public improvement whatsoever; to lay out and build as additional public improvements, for the payment of which properties peculiarly benefited shall be liable to special assessments, rapid transit railway systems, drainage and sewerage systems, flood protective works, wharves, piers and quays, highway tunnels and bridges, and underground and overhead streets supplementing original streets or street systems; to levy general and special taxes and special assessments therefor either before or after the laying out and construction thereof; and to provide that all special taxes and special assessments so levied, and whether payable before or after the laying out and construction thereof, shall be a charge against the property benefited, and shall be added to the indebtedness in calculating the debt of such city; to provide for the use and operation of any rapid transit system by private corporations organized for that purpose. No law passed in pursuance hereto shall authorize the construction of any rapid transit railway system, flood protective works, wharves, piers or quays, highway tunnels or underground or overhead streets, unless at a public election held therefor a majority of the electors voting thereon shall consent thereto.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 7.
CHARLES JOHNSON, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

No. 8.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Be it resolved, That the following amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby proposed in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:

That Art. 9 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be amended by adding thereto the following section sixteen:

Sec. 16. The debt of any city of the second class shall never exceed ten per centum upon the assessed value of the taxable property therein, nor shall any such city of the second class incur any new debt or increase its indebtedness to an amount exceeding two per centum upon such assessed valuation of property without the consent of the electors thereof, at a public election, in such manner as shall be provided by law.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 8.
CHARLES JOHNSON, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

No. 9.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Art. 9, Sec. 4 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the State to issue bonds to the amount of \$150,000,000 for the improvement of the highways of the Commonwealth.

Sec. 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby proposed in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:

That Sec. 4 of Art. 9 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4. No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State except to supply casual deficiencies of revenues, repel invasions, suppress insurrection, defend the State in war, or to pay existing debt; and the debt created to supply deficiencies in revenue shall never exceed in the aggregate, at any one time, \$1,000,000. Provided, however, That the General Assembly, irrespective of any debt or increase of indebtedness, may issue bonds to the amount of \$150,000,000 for the purpose of improving and rebuilding the highways of the Commonwealth.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 9.
CHARLES JOHNSON, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

No. 10.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Art. 9 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by adding thereto a section.

Sec. 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby proposed in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:

That Art. 9 be amended by adding thereto the following section:

Sec. 19. In addition to the purposes stated in Art. 9, Sec. 4, of this Constitution, the State may be authorized to issue bonds to the amount of \$50,000,000 for the acquisition of lands and buildings and the construction and improvement of State-owned buildings and the equipment thereof for the care and maintenance of penal offenders, delinquents, mental defectives, epileptics, and persons mentally diseased.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 10.
CHARLES JOHNSON, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

No. 11.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Art. 9, Sec. 8 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the following amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby proposed in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:

That Art. 9, Sec. 8 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8. The debt of any city, borough, township, school district, or other municipality or incorporated district, except as provided herein and in Sec. 15 of this article, shall never exceed 7 per centum upon the assessed value of the taxable property therein, and the debt of any county except as provided in Sec. 15 of this article shall never exceed 10 per centum upon the assessed value of the taxable realty therein; but the debt of the City of Philadelphia may be increased in such amount that the total city debt of said city shall not exceed 14 per centum upon the assessed value of the taxable realty therein; nor shall any such county, municipality, or district incur any new debt or increase its indebtedness to an amount exceeding 2 per centum upon such assessed valuation of taxable property in the case of other municipalities or districts, without the consent of the electors thereof at a public election in such manner as shall be provided by law; but the city of Philadelphia may incur any debt or increase its indebtedness to an amount not exceeding 3 per centum of the valuation of taxable realty in said city without the consent of the electors. In ascertaining the borrowing capacity of the City of Philadelphia at any time, there shall be deducted from such debt so much of the debt of said city as shall have been incurred or is about to be incurred and the proceeds thereof expended or about to be expended upon any public improvement, or in the construction, purchase, or condemnation of any public utility or part thereof or facility therefor to the extent that such public improvement or public utility or part thereof, whether separately or in connection with any public improvement or public utility or part thereof, may yield or may reasonably be expected to yield revenue in excess of operating expenses for or towards the payment of the interest and sinking-fund charges thereon. The method of determining such amount so to be deducted shall be prescribed by the General Assembly.

In incurring indebtedness for any purpose the City of Philadelphia may issue its obligations maturing not later than 50 years from the date thereof with provision for a sinking fund sufficient to retire said obligations at maturity. The payment to such sinking-fund to be in equal or graded, annual, or other periodical installments. Where any indebtedness shall be or shall have been incurred by said City of Philadelphia for the purpose of the construction or improvement of any public works or utilities of any character from which income or revenue is to be derived by said city, or for the reclamation of land to be used in the construction of wharves or docks owned or to be owned by said city, such obligations may be in an amount sufficient to provide for and may include the amount of the interest and sinking-fund charges accruing and which may accrue thereon throughout the period of construction and until the expiration of one year after the completion of the work for which said indebtedness shall have been incurred, and said city shall not be required to levy a tax to pay said interest and sinking-fund charges as required by Sec. 10, Art. 9 of the Constitution of

Pennsylvania until the expiration of said period of one year after the completion of said work.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 11.
CHARLES JOHNSON, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

No. 12.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Art. 9 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by adding thereto Sec. 1 B.

Sec. 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby proposed in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof.

That article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania is hereby amended by adding thereto Sec. 1B, which reads as follows:

Sec. 1B. Taxation laws may grant exemptions or rebates to residents, or estates of residents, of other States which grant similar exemptions or rebates to residents, or estates of residents, of Pennsylvania.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 12.
CHARLES JOHNSON, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

No. 14.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Art. 15, of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by adding thereto a new section to be known as Sec. 4 thereof:

Sec. 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be and the same is hereby proposed in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:

Sec. 4. The General Assembly is hereby authorized to provide for the consolidation of the county, poor districts, cities, boroughs and townships of the County of Allegheny, and the offices thereof, into a consolidated city and county with the constitutional and legal capacity of a municipal corporation, to be known as the City of Pittsburgh, and to provide for a charter for its Government. The said charter shall be submitted to the electors of said county, at a special election to be provided for therein. If the majority of the electors voting thereon, in the county as a whole, and at least two-thirds of all the electors voting thereon in each of a majority of the cities, boroughs and townships thereof, vote in the affirmative, the Act shall take effect for the whole county. If rejected, the said charter may be resubmitted to the electors in original, new or modified form, at any subsequent election until adopted.

It shall be competent, subject to the police power of the State, for the Legislature to provide in said charter:

1. For the exercise, by the consolidated city, of all the powers and duties vested in the county of Allegheny, and the poor districts thereof, and such other powers appropriate to a municipality as may be specified therein, except such powers as are specifically reserved by this section to the municipal divisions herein provided for.

2. For the election, by the people of the consolidated city, of a board of commissioners, the number to be fixed by the charter, in lieu of present county commissioners, in which board shall be vested all the powers of the consolidated city and county, except as otherwise provided in the charter.

3. For the organization of a Government for the consolidated city and county, and for the election or appointment of the constitutional and other necessary officers thereof, and for their powers and duties.

4. For the organization of all courts, other than those of record, in the consolidated city, and for the procedure thereof, and for the appointment of judges and officers thereof, which courts shall exercise the jurisdiction, powers and duties of the magistrates, aldermen and justices of the peace, and such other powers as may be conferred by law.

5. For the transfer to the consolidated city of the property and indebtedness of the county of Allegheny, and the poor districts thereof, and of such property and indebtedness of the cities, boroughs and townships thereof as relate to the powers and duties of said consolidated city, and to provide for an equitable adjustment and payment of such indebtedness, and for this purpose, any taxation therein shall be uniform taxation within the meaning and intent of other provisions of the Constitution.

6. For the assessment of property for taxation, the levying and collection of taxes, and the payment of the cost of any public improvement, in whole or in part, by special assessments against abutting and non-abutting property materially benefited thereby, and, for this purpose, real estate so charged shall be classified as urban, suburban and rural, and assessments made in accordance with such classifications.

7. For the creation, by the board of commissioners, of districts for the purpose of regulating the location, height area, bulk and use of buildings and premises.

8. For the creation, by the board of commissioners, of special districts for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, maintaining, operating or contracting for, any public property, work, improvement, utility or service, not for the exclusive benefit of any one municipal division, and for the payment of the costs and maintenance of such property, work, improvement, utility or service, there may be special taxes levied throughout such special districts respectively, separate and apart from the general city tax.

Provided, however, That it is the intent of this section that substantial powers be reserved to the cities, boroughs and townships situated in Allegheny County. To this end the charter shall provide for the continued existence of the said cities, boroughs and townships, as municipal divisions of the consolidated city, under their present names and forms of Government, subject to the laws provided for Government of municipalities of their respective forms and classes, except as provided in the charter, and with their present boundaries, provided that the city of Pittsburgh may be designated by a term other than city and may be divided into two or more municipal divisions, and that any two or more municipal divisions of the consolidated city may, with the consent of a majority of the electors voting thereon in each of such divisions at any general or special election, be united to form a single municipal division.

The said municipal divisions shall have and continue to possess the following powers:

1. The constitutional and legal capacity of municipal corporations, except as limited in the charter.

2. The power to lay and collect taxes and to incur indebtedness, subject to the limitations which are or may be imposed by law upon cities, boroughs or townships of corresponding classification, for the purpose of carrying out any lawful power of said divisions.

3. The power to acquire, own, construct, maintain, operate or contract for all kinds of public property, works, improvements, utilities or services, which shall be within the municipal division, and principally for the use and benefit of the inhabitants thereof, provided this power shall not be taken to include the construction and maintenance of through-traffic streets and bridges, tunnels, subways and appurtenances thereof, nor main or trunk lines for sewer, power and water service, running through more than one municipal division, and designated as such by the board of commissioners.

4. The power to maintain a local police force, and local fire department, with the necessary buildings, appurtenances and equipment therefor, which may be supplemental to the police force and fire department of the consolidated city.

5. The power to establish a limitation of indebtedness for the consolidated city and the municipal divisions thereof, provided that the total of the indebtedness of the consolidated city and the municipal divisions thereof shall not, in the aggregate, exceed the limits of the total indebtedness allowed by the Constitution to the county and to the separate municipalities.

6. All other powers not specifically granted by the charter to the consolidated city: Provided, however, That a municipal division may surrender, by majority vote of the electors voting thereon at any general or special election, any of its powers to the consolidated city, subject to the acceptance thereof by the board of commissioners.

The said charter may be amended by the Legislature, subject to ratification by a majority of the electors of the consolidated city voting thereon at any general or special election: Provided, That no amendment reducing the powers of municipal divisions shall be effective unless ratified by a majority of the electors voting thereon in each of a majority of said divisions.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 14.
CHARLES JOHNSON, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

St. Louis, Mo. — Airport Bonds Submitted to Supreme Court.—After the Circuit Court of both the St. Louis and Kansas City had refused restraining orders to prevent the issuance of \$2,000,000 in airport bonds of St. Louis that were approved by the voters on Aug. 11—V. 127, p. 857—and \$1,000,000 in Kansas City airport bonds voted on Aug. 7—V. 127, p. 989—the taxpayers filed appeals to the Supreme Court to test the validity of the issues. The St. Louis

"Globe-Democrat" of Oct. 4 had the following to say on the subject:

There was argued and submitted in the Supreme Court in banc today, under an advancement of the two cases, the St. Louis airport bond issue of \$2,000,000 and the Kansas City airport bond issue of \$1,000,000. Points in controversy in the two cases are identical and the two cases were argued and submitted as one case, and will be disposed of by the court when a ruling is made as one case.

City Counselor J. T. Muench of St. Louis and City Counselor John T. Barker of Kansas City made the argument for the two municipalities, while W. T. Logan represented Thomas N. Dysart and other St. Louis taxpayers, and W. C. Lucas represented H. Robert Ennis and other Kansas City taxpayers questioning validity of the two bond issues.

In each case the circuit courts had refused restraining orders to prevent the bonds being issued, and the taxpayers in each case filed appeals. In a way, the suits are friendly, as all concerned desire the validity of the issues tested in the highest court of the State.

Benjamin H. Charles and Carl Trauernicht, bond lawyers and authorities on bond issues, appeared as counsel in the St. Louis case. Counselor Muench, in his argument, recited the steps leading up to the special election in St. Louis, held on August 7, at which the airport bond issue was adopted by a large majority, and reviewed the objections questioning validity of the issue.

Public Purpose

He declared that the objection that the establishment of an airport is not a public purpose is not tenable for the reason development of aviation has made it a public purpose and brought from the experimental stage into a prominent position in the commercial, economic and social life of the world.

The law long since, he said, has come to recognize that things that contribute to the comfort, advancement, education, recreation, happiness or welfare of citizens, as well as those occasioned by absolute necessity, are included in the term "public purpose."

He contended that an airport is a public purpose and that the City of St. Louis under its charter has undoubted power to vote bonds for its establishment.

Simply because the word "airport" does not appear in the St. Louis charter is no ground for saying that such a purpose is not included within the meaning of the charter.

On the contention that the failure in St. Louis to have an intermediate registration before the special election, Muench argued that such failure could be said to be nothing more than an irregularity, which cannot have the effect of disenfranchising the 267,125 voters who were qualified to vote and the 141,424 voters who actually voted in the bond election.

"In the absence of fraud," he said, "and in the presence of such a full and free expression of the public will, the court will not interfere to render the election void."

Both bond issues were assailed as to validity on the ground that under the charter of neither city could bonds for such a purpose be legally voted and issued.

Because of the special importance to both cities and the necessity for prompt action in determining the questions raised, the court advanced the cases and made the special setting for to-day.

A decision is expected within a few weeks from the court.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

AKRON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Akron), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$660,000 issue of 4½% school bonds offered on Oct. 8—V. 127, p. 1834—were awarded to Ames, Emerich & Co. of Chicago, at a premium of \$4,342, equal to 100.657, a basis of about 4.42%. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1928 and mature \$33,000, Oct. 1, from 1929 to 1948 incl.

ALBUQUERQUE, Bernalillo County, N. M.—BOND SALE.—A \$32,000 issue of 6% paving district bonds has been purchased by the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago. Dated May 1 1928 and due on May 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1930 to 1937 and \$4,000 in 1938 and 1939. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer.

AMANDA, Fairfield County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—M. A. Johnson, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 26, for the purchase of an issue of \$17,600 special assessment street improvement bonds to bear int. at the rate of 6%. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Due serially on Oct. 1 from 1930 to 1939 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the Farmers & Merchants Bank Co., Amanda. A certified check for 5% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official, is required.

AMBRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Beaver County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 coupon school bonds offered on Oct. 8—V. 127, p. 1977—were awarded to the Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh, as 4½s, at a premium of \$454, equal to 100.227, a basis of about 4.22%. The bonds are dated Aug. 1 1928 and mature \$10,000 on Aug. 1 from 1929 to 1948 incl. The following bids were also submitted:

Bidder—	Int. Rate.	Prem.
J. H. Holmes & Co.	4½%	\$315
W. H. Newbold's Sons & Co.	4½%	361
M. M. Freeman & Co.	4½%	2,380
Prescott, Lyon & Co.	4½%	3,640
A. B. Leach & Co.	4½%	2,600
E. H. Rollins & Sons	4½%	2,224
Ambridge Savings & Trust Co.	4½%	50

AMARILLO, Potter County, Tex.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—The following detailed statement is furnished in connection with the offering on Oct. 16—V. 127, p. 1704—of the \$100,000 issue of 4½, 4½ or 4¾% semi-annual airport and landing field bonds.

Actual value of property for year 1928	\$79,134,666.00
Assessed valuation for taxation for year 1928	59,351,000.00
Tax rate for year 1928	1.35
Approximate value of city-owned property	4,325,000.00
Total bonded debt, not including this issue	4,766,649.32
Water works bonds, included above	2,050,000.00
Street improvement warrants outstanding	47,895.77
Registered warrants outstanding	81,755.61
Funding warrants outstanding	148,000.00
Cash on hand in sinking fund (Sept. 15 1928)	457,770.58

ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Palestine), Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$25,000 issue of school bonds has been purchased by an unknown investor.

ASHLAND, Jackson County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on Oct. 23 by Gertrude Biede, City Recorder, for the purchase of an issue of \$125,000 coupon water bonds. Int. rate is to be named by bidder. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1928 and due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$9,000, 1953; \$22,000, 1954 and 1955; \$23,000, 1956 and \$49,000 in 1947. Teal, Winfree, McColloch & Shuler of Portland will furnish legal approval. A \$1,000 certified check must accompany the bid.

ASHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Ashland) Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Zella Swartz, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners received sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 12, for the purchase of an issue of \$35,000 5% bridge construction bonds. To be dated not later than Sept. 1 1928. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1929, and \$4,000, 1930 to 1937 incl. Principal and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the Treasurer, for 2% of the bonds bid for is required.

ATASCOSA COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3-A (P. O. Jourdan-ton), Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—A \$75,000 issue of 5½% road bonds was registered on Oct. 2 by the State Comptroller. Dated Apr. 1 1928. Due from 1930 to 1958, incl.

AUBURNDALE, Polk County, Fla.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$100,000 issue of refunding bonds that was jointly purchased at a price of 95 by Dupont, Ball & Co. of Jacksonville and A. T. Bell & Co. and W. L. Slayton & Co., both of Toledo—V. 127, p. 1142—bears interest at 6%, giving a basis of about 6.50%. Due from 1929 to 1953.

AURORA, Arapahoe County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—A \$12,000 issue of 6% coupon water bonds has been purchased by the Frank C. Evans Co. of Denver. Denom. \$500. Dated June 1 1928. Due on June 1 1936 and optional at any time. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable in New York. Legality approved by Peshing, Nye, Tallmadge & Bosworth of Denver.

BARTON AND BYHALIA ROAD DISTRICT (P. O. Holly Springs), Marshall County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Oct. 24 by J. T. Wade, Chancery Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 5, 5½ or 5¾% road bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Due \$4,000 from 1929 to 1953 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable in the city designated by purchaser. A \$5,000 certified check must accompany the bid.

BENTON COUNTY (P. O. Fowler), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Oct. 20 by Elmer E. Shonkwiler, County Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$7,200 4½% road bonds maturing semi-annually from 1930 to 1939 inclusive.

BIRMINGHAM, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of bonds aggregating \$407,704.42 offered on Oct. 1—V. 127, p. 1834—were awarded as follows:
\$304,900.00 special assessment street improvement bonds to the First National Co., Detroit, as 5½s at a premium of \$136, equal to 100.04, a basis of about 5.23%. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$57,100, 1929; \$58,700, 1930; \$67,700, 1931; \$56,700, 1932, and \$64,700, 1933.
102,804.42 street improvement bonds awarded jointly to the Bank of Detroit and the Griswold-First State Co. as 4¾s at a premium of \$257, equal to 100.25, a basis of about 4.71%. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$18,804.42, 1929, and \$21,000, 1930 to 1933 incl.

Dated Oct. 1 1928.

BLACKJACO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Tyler), Smith County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$10,000 issue of school building bonds has been purchased recently.

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP (P. O. Birmingham), Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 special general assessment bonds offered on Oct. 8—V. 127, p. 1977—were awarded at public auction to the Bank of Detroit, Detroit, as 4¾s, at a premium of \$50, equal to a price of 100.08. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1928 and mature serially on Nov. 1 from 1929 to 1932 incl.

BOSSIER PARISH CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Benton) La.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 issue of coupon school bonds offered for sale on Oct. 4—V. 127, p. 1555—was awarded to Kauffman, Smith & Co. of St. Louis as 5½% bonds, for a premium of \$750 equal to 101.66, a basis of about 5.04%. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Due from 1929 to 1948 incl. There were no other bidders.

BRADFORD COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Starke), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Oct. 23 by H. B. Wiggins, Secretary of the Board of Public Instruction, for the purchase of a \$20,000 issue of 5½% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due \$1,000 from Aug. 1 1931 to 1950, incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Hanover National Bank in N. Y. City. A recognized bond attorney will furnish the legal approval. No bid for less than 97½% will be considered. A \$500 certified check must accompany the bid.

BRENTWOOD (P. O. Pittsburgh), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 4½% coupon borough bonds offered on Oct. 4—V. 127, p. 1834—were awarded to S. M. Voekel & Co. of Pittsburgh at a premium of \$5,749.50, equal to 103.83, a basis of about 4.19%. The bonds are dated July 1 1928 and mature on July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1931 and 1932; \$10,000, 1933; \$10,000, 1934; \$10,000, 1935; \$10,000, 1936; \$10,000, 1937; \$10,000, 1938; \$10,000, 1939; \$10,000, 1940; \$10,000, 1941; \$10,000, 1942; \$10,000, 1943; \$10,000, 1944; \$10,000, 1945; \$10,000, 1946; \$10,000, 1947; \$10,000, 1948; \$10,000, 1949; \$10,000, 1950; \$10,000, 1951; \$10,000, 1952 and 1953; \$10,000, 1954; \$5,000, 1955 and \$10,000, 1956 to 1958 incl.

BRIGHTON SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Rochester), Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The National Bank of Rochester was awarded on Oct. 4 an issue of \$44,000 sewer bonds bearing interest at the rate of 5% at 100.254, a basis of about 4.98%. The bonds are dated Aug. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1933 to 1948 incl., and \$3,000, 1949 to 1952 incl.

CALIFORNIA, State of (P. O. Sacramento)—BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The \$4,000,000 issue of 4½% veterans' welfare bonds that was awarded on Oct. 4 to a syndicate headed by the First National Bank of New York at a price of 100.325, a basis of about 4.22%—V. 127, p. 1978—is now being offered for subscription by the purchasers at prices to yield 4.10%. The advertising circular claims they are legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 issue of 4% San Francisco harbor improvement bonds that was offered for sale on the same day—V. 127, p. 1705—was awarded to the State of California at par. Due on July 2 1939 and optional by lot after 1954. There were no other bidders.

CALLAHAN COUNTY (P. O. Baird), Texas.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Oct. 22 by S. E. Settle, County Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \$125,000 5% court house bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 15 1928. Due on Apr. 10 as follows: \$1,000, 1930 to 1935; \$2,000, 1936 to 1945; \$3,000, 1947 to 1953; \$4,000, 1954 to 1958; \$5,000, 1959 to 1963; \$6,000, 1964 to 1966, and \$7,000 in 1967 and 1968. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Hanover National Bank in N. Y. City. Chapman & Cutler of Chicago will furnish the legal approval. A \$6,250 certified check, payable to T. W. C. White, County Judge, is required.

CARTER COUNTY (P. O. Ardmore), Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—At the special election held on Oct. 2—V. 127, p. 1555—the voters approved the issuance of \$500,000 in road bonds by a large majority. The State is pledged to add \$1,000,000 in road aid funds.

CARTHAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Carthage), Panola County Texas.—PURCHASER.—The \$45,000 issue of school building and equipment bonds that was reported sold—V. 127, p. 714—was awarded to H. C. Burt & Co. of Houston.

CASS COUNTY (P. O. Logansport) Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$96,000 coupon 4½% bonds offered on Sept. 29—V. 127, p. 1555—were awarded to the Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis, at a premium of \$290, equal to 100.30, a basis of about 4.20%. The bonds consisting of \$5,000 Michigan \$20,000 bridge and \$11,000 State Highway mature as follows: \$5,000, Jan. and July 1 1930 to 1938 incl., and \$1,000, January; also \$5,000, July 1 1939.

CASTLE SHANNON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND ELECTION.—An \$80,000 bond issue will be submitted for the voters' approval or rejection on Nov. 6, according to D. J. Greiner, President Board of Education.

CATHLAMET, Wahkiakum County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—A \$2,600 issue of 6% water system bonds has been purchased by S. H. Olsen of Cathlamet at a price of 93.00, a basis of about 7.35%. Due \$200 from 1929 to 1941 incl.

CATSKILL (P. O. Catskill), Greene County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Clarence F. Travis, Town Supervisor, until 3 p. m. Oct. 20, for the purchase of an issue of \$20,000 5% concrete paving bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Denoms. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, Oct. 1 1929 to 1948 incl. A certified check payable to the order of the above-mentioned official for \$1,000 is required. Legality to be approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

CEDAR COUNTY (P. O. Tipton), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Oct. 16 by J. M. Blazek, County Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 county road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Due \$10,000 from May 1 1932 to 1941 incl. Optional on and after Oct. 1 1929. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. County will furnish the approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago. A certified check for 3% of the bonds is required.

CHELAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 103 (P. O. Wanatchee), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the County Treasurer until 10 a. m. on Oct. 20, for the purchase of a \$21,000 issue of 6% semi-annual high school addition bonds.

CIMARRON, Gray County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—A \$30,000 issue of 4½% sewer improvement bonds has been purchased by the Guarantee Title & Trust Co. of Wichita. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 1 1928 and due on Aug. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1938, and \$2,000 from 1939 to 1948, all inclusive.

CINCINNATI, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND ISSUES TO BE PASSED ON IN NOVEMBER.—The following bond issues aggregating \$3,150,000 will be submitted to the electors on Nov. 6 for their approval or rejection according to S. A. Butterfield, Chief Deputy.

\$1,000,000 city's portion street widening bonds. Maximum maturity 25 years.
1,000,000 viaduct bonds. Maximum maturity 25 years.
500,000 parks and playgrounds bonds. Maximum maturity 20 years.

CLAREMONT, Sullivan County, N. H.—BOND OFFERING.—A. L. Fitch, Chairman Board of Selectmen, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 18, for the purchase of an issue of \$43,000 4% coupon permanent paying bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1929 to 1933, incl.; \$2,000, 1934 to 1946, incl., and \$1,000, 1947 and 1948. Principal and interest payable at the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

CLAY COUNTY (P. O. Brazil), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—C. C. Cochran, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 30, for the purchase of an issue of \$5,900 coupon road bonds to bear interest at the rate of 4 1/2%. Dated Oct. 2 1928. Due as follows: \$158 May and \$198 Nov. 15 1930; and \$198 May and November 15 1931 to 1939 incl.

CLAY COUNTY (P. O. Brazil), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,350 road bonds bearing interest at the rate of 4 1/2% offered on Oct. 2—V. 127, p. 1705—were awarded to the Citizens National Bank of Brazil at a premium of \$42, equal to a price of 100.405. The bonds mature serially in from 1 to 15 years.

CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—ISSUES TO BE PASSED ON IN NOVEMBER.—The following bond issues according to the Cleveland "Plain Dealer" of Oct. 3, will be submitted to the voters at the November election for their ratification or rejection:

- \$300,000 electric light equipment bonds. Maximum maturity 10 years.
2,500,000 fire-proof stadium building bonds. Maximum maturity 23 years.
2,000,000 road and highway improvement bonds. Maximum mat. 25 years.
750,000 sewer construction bonds. Maximum maturity 25 years.
2,000,000 city's portion sewer and street improvement bonds. Maximum maturity 13 years.
2,500,000 hospital construction bonds. Maximum maturity 22 years.

COCHRAN, Bleckley County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$25,000, offered for sale on Oct. 2—V. 127, p. 1835—were jointly awarded to J. H. Hilsman & Co., Inc., and the Citizens & Southern Co., both of Atlanta. The issues are divided as follows: \$18,000 city hall, and \$7,000 school improvement bonds. Due \$1,000 from Nov. 1 1929 to 1933 incl. Optional after Nov. 1 1933.

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Howard S. Wilkins, City Clerk, until 7 p. m. (Eastern standard time) Oct. 15, for the purchase of an issue of \$215,000 promissory notes on an interest basis. Dated Nov. 1 1928. Denoms. \$5,000. Due May 1 1930. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the agency of the City of Columbus in New York. A certified check payable to the order of the City Treasurer for 1% of the notes bid for is required.

CONCORD, Cabarrus County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10.30 a. m. on Oct. 25, by B. E. Harris, City Clerk, for the purchase of three issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$85,000 as follows: \$60,000 sewer bonds; \$16,000 street bonds and \$9,000 cemetery bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1928 and due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1931 to 1941 and \$4,000, 1942 to 1954, all inclusive. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable in gold at the Chase National Bank in New York City. Storey, Thornndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston will furnish legal approval. A \$1,700 certified check, payable to the City Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Covington), Tioga County, Pa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$18,000 4 1/2% school bonds offered on Sept. 21—V. 127, p. 1416—was not sold, according to the Secretary Board of Education. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1928 and mature \$1,000 on Nov. 1 1931 to 1948 inclusive.

CRANE TOWNSHIP, Paulding County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,784 6% road improvement bonds offered on Oct. 5—V. 127, p. 1706—were awarded to the Farmers Banking Co. of Paulding, at par and accrued interest. The bonds are dated Sept. 15 1928 and mature on Sept. 15, as follows: \$284, 1929, and \$250, 1930 to 1935 incl.

CROSBY, Divide County, N. Dak.—CERTIFICATES OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received by O. Woolfrey, City Auditor, until 10 a. m. on Oct. 10 for the purchase of a \$2,000 issue of certificates of indebtedness.

CUMBERLAND, Allegany County, Md.—BOND AND NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Frank Billmeyer, Commissioner of Revenue and Finance, until 9.30 a. m. Oct. 18, for the purchase of the following coupon bonds and notes aggregating \$150,000: \$75,000 4 1/2% flood prevention bonds. Due \$5,000, Oct. 1 1934 to 1948, inclusive.

75,000 5% flood prevention notes. Due \$15,000, Oct. 1 1929 to 1933, incl. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. A certified check for 2 1/2% of the bid is required.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4 1/2% coupon bonds aggregating \$312,381 offered on Oct. 6—V. 127, p. 1835—were awarded to Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo, at a premium of \$208, equal to 100.06, a basis of about 4.48%.

- \$126,756 Detroit Road bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$13,756 in 1929; \$14,000, 1930 to 1936 and \$15,000 in 1937.
116,230 West Lake Road bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$14,230, 1929; \$14,000, 1930 to 1934 and \$16,000, 1935 and 1936.
69,395 Cleveland-Lorain Road bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$6,395 in 1929; \$7,000, 1930 and \$8,000, 1931 to 1937 incl. Dated Sept. 1 1928.

BOND OFFERING.—Louis Simon, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (Eastern standard time) Oct. 31 for the purchase of an issue of \$25,489 4 1/2% special assessment coupon road bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,289, 1928; \$2,000, 1930; and \$3,000, 1931 to 1937 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the County Treasurer for 1% of the bonds offered is required.

DAWSON SPRINGS, Hopkins County, Ky.—BOND ELECTION.—On Oct. 20 the voters will be called upon to pass approval on a proposed bond issue of \$20,000 to be used for the construction of a new school building. It is said that very little opposition is expected.

DENISON, Crawford County, Iowa.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 7 p. m. on Oct. 12 by the City Clerk for the purchase of a \$20,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon water system bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable locally. A reputable bond attorney will furnish legal opinion.

DES PLAINES, Cook County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago has purchased an issue of \$40,000 improvement bonds bearing interest at the rate of 6%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due Dec. 31 as follows: \$8,000, 1930; \$1,000, 1931; \$6,000, 1933 and 1934; \$5,000, 1935 and 1936; \$2,000, 1937 and \$7,000 1938. Principal and interest payable at the City Treasury. Legality approved by Holland M. Cassidy of Chicago.

DETROIT, Wayne County, Mich.—\$2,000,000 BONDS TO BE SOLD.—According to the Detroit "Free Press" of Oct. 5, a resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors, for the issuance of \$2,000,000 bonds authorized by the voters about a year ago. The proceeds to be expended for the construction of an airport and all appurtenances thereto. When issued the obligations will be coupon in form, denoms. of \$1,000 redeemable within 20 years and bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6%.

DEWEY COUNTY (P. O. Timber Lake), S. Dak.—BOND SALE.—A \$22,000 issue of 5% funding bonds has been purchased by the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1928 and due on May 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1941, and \$15,000 in 1942. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the First National Bank of Minneapolis.

DIMOND TOWNSHIP (P. O. Bowbells), N. D.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$2,000 issue of 6% semi-annual township bonds offered on Oct. 1—

V. 127, p. 1835—was not sold as no bids were submitted for the bonds. Due from 1930 to 1932.

DODGE COUNTY (P. O. Juneau), Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon highway bonds offered for sale on Oct. 9 (V. 127, p. 1835) was awarded to A. B. Leach & Co. of Chicago for a premium of \$6,400, equal to 103.20, a basis of about 4.26%. Dated May 1 1928. Due on May 1 1947. The other bidders and their bids were as follows:

Table with Bidder and Premium columns. Bidders include Hill, Joiner & Co., Inc., First Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee, Second Ward Securities, Milwaukee, Halsey, Stuart & Co., Chicago, Old National Bank, Beaver Dam, and John Nuveen & Co., Chicago. Premiums range from \$6,380.00 to \$4,065.00.

DURHAM COUNTY (P. O. Durham), N. C.—NOTE SALE.—The \$60,000 issue of school notes offered for sale on Oct. 9—V. 127, p. 1978—was awarded to the First National Bank of Durham at a rate of 6%, plus a premium of \$6.60 equal to 100.011, a basis of about 5.92%. Due on Feb. 15 1929.

EAST AURORA, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$90,000 offered on Oct. 8—V. 127, p. 1836—were awarded to Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York as follows: \$4,400 at a premium of \$377, equal to 100.418, a basis of about 4.34%; \$75,000 Municipal Building bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1929; and \$4,000, 1930 to 1937 incl. \$15,000 land purchase bonds. Due \$1,000, Oct. 1 1929 to 1943 incl.

EAST CLEVELAND CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—The voters on Nov. 6, will be asked to approve a bond issue of \$580,000 to pay the cost of acquiring the property and erecting thereon a new school building. Then "if issued" will run for a period not to exceed 20 years.

EAST GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$290,765 street improvement and sewer construction bonds offered on Oct. 8—V. 127, p. 1979—bearing interest at the rate of 4 1/2%, were awarded to the Bank of Detroit, Detroit, at a premium of \$90, equal to a price of 100.03. The bonds mature annually on Oct. 1 from 1929 to 1937 incl.

EAST HAVEN, New Haven County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Robert H. Gerrish, First Selectman, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. Oct. 22 for the purchase of an issue of \$224,000 4 1/2% coupon school construction bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$7,000, Nov. 1 1930 to 1961 incl. Principal and interest payable in gold at the First National Bank, New Haven. A certified check, payable to the order of the Town Treasurer for \$2,500, is required. Legality approved by Watrous, Hewett, Sheldon & Gumbart of New Haven.

EDGERTON, Rock County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$22,000 issue of 5% coupon street improvement bonds offered for sale on Oct. 1—V. 127, p. 1836—was awarded to Hill, Joiner & Co. of Chicago for a premium of \$1,012, equal to 104.963, a basis of about 4.42%. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Due from Oct. 1 1929 to 1948. The following is a list of the other bidders and their bids:

Table with Bidder and Premium columns. Bidders include Federal Securities Co. of Milwaukee, Second Ward Securities Co. of Milwaukee, Ames, Emerich & Co. of Chicago, Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis, Thompson, Kent & Grace of Chicago, E. W. Lewis & Co. of Chicago, Bank of Jefferson, Jefferson, Wis., and White-Phillips Co. of Davenport. Premiums range from \$915.20 to \$312.00.

EL CAMPO, Wharton County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 issue of 5% semi-annual street improvement bonds unsuccessfully offered for sale Aug. 6—V. 127, p. 987—has since been purchased at par by Mauritz Bros. of Ganado.

ELK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Elk City), Beckham County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. T. Beall, Clerk of the Board of Education, until 2 p. m. on Oct. 15, for the purchase of a \$94,000 issue of semi-annual school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. A certified check for 2% of the bonds is required.

ELK POINT, Union County, S. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on Oct. 30 by M. R. Hendrix, City Auditor, for the purchase of a \$13,000 issue of coupon water tank bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$500. Due in 1948 and optional after 1933. Prin. and int. is payable in Chicago. A certified check for 5% is required.

ELMIRA, Chemung County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—David N. Heller, Mayor, will receive sealed bids until 7.30 p. m. Oct. 15 for the purchase of an issue of \$150,000 4 1/2, 4 3/4 or 4 1/2% coupon or registered disposal bonds. Dated July 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1931 to 1934 incl.; \$10,000, 1935; \$5,000, 1937 to 1939 incl.; \$10,000, 1940 to 1949 incl., and \$5,000, 1950. Principal and interest payable in gold at the office of the City Chamberlain. A certified check, payable to the order of the city for 2% of the bonds offered, is required. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York.

ENNIS ROAD DISTRICT NO. 16 (P. O. Ennis), Ellis County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At the special election held on Oct. 4—V. 127, p. 1706—the voters authorized the issuance of \$1,125,000 in bonds by a count of \$1,707 "for" to 517 "against." A block of \$636,000 is to take up outstanding bonds and \$489,000 is for new bonds to pave county highways.

FLINT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19 (P. O. Flint), Genesee County, Mich.—BIDS.—The following is a list of the other bids submitted on Sept. 24 for the \$40,000 issue of 5% coupon school bonds awarded to the Detroit & Security Trust Co. of Detroit at 103.812, a basis of about 4.66%—V. 127, p. 1836:

Table with Bidder and Rate Bid. columns. Bidders include Morris, Mather & Co., Bumpus & Co., and Bank of Detroit. Rate bids range from 103.80 to 102.98.

FORT MADISON, Lee County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by L. F. Albers, City Clerk, until 7.30 p. m. on Oct. 15 for the purchase of an \$8,000 issue of tax anticipation bonds. Int. rate is to be named by the bidder. Due \$2,000 from 1933 to 1936 incl. The legal and preparation expenses on the bonds to be borne by purchaser. Both sealed and open bids will be received for the above sale.

FRANKFORT, Herkimer County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Webster C. Rich, Village Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 17 for the purchase of \$25,000 5% street improvement bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1929; \$5,000, 1930 to 1932 inclusive, and \$6,000, 1933. Principal and interest payable at the Citizens First National Bank, Frankfort. A certified check for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

GLENDALE, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—At the general election to be held on Nov. 6 the voters will be called upon to pass judgment on the issuance of \$200,000 in bonds for the installation of a fire alarm system.

GLEN RIDGE, Essex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—John A. Brown, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 22 for the purchase of an issue of \$125,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered improvement bonds. Denoms. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1928. Due on July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1930 to 1940, incl.; and \$7,000, 1941 to 1950, incl. Prin. and interest payable in gold at the Glen Ridge Trust Co., Glen Ridge. A certified check, payable to the order of the Borough for 2% of the bonds bid for is required. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$125,000. Legality to be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, New York. These are the bonds scheduled for sale on Oct. 6—V. 127, p. 1836. In a circular informing us of the postponement, the above-mentioned official states that the terms of the offering as set forth in the previous notice of sale remain the same.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

1. Indebtedness.	
Gross debt:	
Bonds (outstanding)-----	\$524,500.00
Floating debt (incl. temporary bds. outst'd'g)-----	293,733.28
	\$818,233.28
Deductions:	
Water debt-----	\$233,442.61
Sinking funds, other than for water bonds-----	16,433.96
	239,876.57
Net debt-----	\$578,356.71
Bonds to be Issued--	
Improvement bonds, Borough of Glen Ridge--	\$125,000.00
Floating debt to be funded by such bonds-----	124,489.85
	510.15
Net debt, incl. bonds to be issued-----	\$578,866.86
11. Assessed Valuations.	
Real property including improvements 1928-----	\$17,358,796.00
Personal property 1928-----	1,388,200.00
Real property 1927-----	16,494,396.00
Real property 1926-----	15,153,396.00
Real property 1925-----	12,983,956.00
3. Population.	
Census of 1920-----	4,620
Estimated 1928-----	6,200
4. Tax Rate.	
Fiscal year 1928-----	\$35.80 per 1,000

GLEN COVE, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Edward N. Donaldson, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. Oct. 22 for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 4½% coupon or registered Parkway culvert bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 Oct. 1 1929 to 1948 incl. Principal and interests payable in gold at the Glen Cove Trust Co., Glen Cove, or at the Chase National Bank, New York. A certified check payable to the order of the city for 2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality to be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York City.

GOSHEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. La Grange), Wyo.—PRICE PAID.—The \$40,000 issue of 4½% coupon school building bonds that was awarded on Sept. 7 to the State of Wyoming—V. 127, p. 1556—was purchased for a premium of \$1,480, equal to 103.70, a list of about 4.47%. Dated July 1 1928. Due in 20 years.

GREENRIVER, Emery County, Utah.—ADDITIONAL INFORTIATION.—The \$43,000 issue of water and sewer system bonds that was recently purchased—V. 127, p. 1706—was awarded to the Ashton-Jenkins Insurance Co. of Salt Lake City. 4½% coupon bonds in denoms. of \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Due in 1946 and optional at any time Payable on Feb. and Aug. 1.

GROSSE POINTE PARK (P. O. Grosse Pointe), Wayne County—Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$795,000 sewer bonds offered on Oct. 5, V. 127, p. 1706—were awarded to the American State Bank of Detroit, at par, taking \$700,000 bonds as 4½s and \$95,000 bonds as 4½s. The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1928 and mature Sept. 1 1958.

The following is a list of the bids submitted for the issue:

Bidder—	Int. Rate.	Prem.
Griswold-First State Co.; Union Trust Co. and Watling,		
Lerchen & Hayes, jointly-----	4½%	\$6.217
Detroit & Security Trust Co.; Guardian Detroit Co.;		
First National Co. and Bank of Detroit, jointly-----	4½%	5.100

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Noblesville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—O. M. Applegate, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 30, for the purchase of an issue of \$3,000 4½% coupon bridge bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Denom. \$300. Due \$300 May and Nov. 15 1930 to 1934, incl. A certified check for 3% of the bonds offered is required.

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Cincinnati), Ohio.—\$2,000,000 BONDS TO BE VOTED ON.—At the election held on Nov. 6, the voters will be asked to approve or reject a proposal calling for the issuance of \$2,000,000 bonds. The proceeds of the issue will be expended for the purpose of enlarging the existing tuberculosis hospital. Should the proposal poll a favorable vote the bonds will be issued for a period not to exceed 25 years.

The bonds are now being offered for investment, priced to yield according to maturity as shown below. According to the news item, the city has an assessed valuation of \$97,315,260 and a total bonded debt, including the present issue, of \$1,109,139.

Maturity—	Yield Basis.
1929-----	4.50%
1930-1931-----	4.40%
1932-----	4.35%
1933-----	4.30%
1934-1952-----	4.25%

HARRISON (P. O. Harrison), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Benjamin I. Taylor, Town Supervisor, will receive sealed bids until 10.30 a. m. Oct. 20, for the purchase of the following bonds, not to exceed 5%, aggregating \$78,000: \$63,000 coupon or registered sewer bonds. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1957, incl.; and \$5,000, 1958. A certified check, payable to the order of the Town for \$1,200, is required.

15,000 coupon bridge bonds. Due \$3,000, Nov. 1 1930 to 1934, incl. A certified check, payable to order of the Town for \$500, is required. Dated Nov. 1 1928. Principal and interest payable in gold at the First National Bank, Harrison. Legality to be approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

HARRISON COUNTY (P. O. Corydon), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to C. E. Turley, County Treasurer, will be received 10 a. m. Nov. 16, for the purchase of an issue of \$9,800 coupon road bonds to bear interest at the rate of 4½%. The bonds are dated Oct. 16 1928. Denom. \$490. Due \$490 on May and Nov. 15 from 1930 to 1939 incl.

HARTFORD CITY, Blackford County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Walter Markin, Clerk-Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 7.30 p. m. Oct. 19, for the purchase of \$10,000 5% bonds. Dated Sept. 15 1928. Denom. \$500. Due \$1,000 Dec. 15 from 1930 to 1939 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the above-mentioned official. A certified check, payable to the order of the City, for \$50 is required.

HASKELL, Muskogee County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. H. James, Town Clerk, until noon (opening at 8 p. m.) on Oct. 15, for the purchase of a \$10,000 issue of motor fire truck apparatus and equipment bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$1,000 from Sept. 11 1931 to 1940, incl. Interest rate is to be named by bidder. A certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to the Town Treasurer, is required.

HENDERSON COUNTY (P. O. Hendersonville), N. C.—NOTE SALE.—The \$240,000 issue of 6% revenue anticipation notes offered for sale on Sept. 22—V. 127, p. 1557—was awarded to Bray Bros. of Greensboro at par. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due on Mar. 1 1930.

HIGGINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Higgins), Lipscomb County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—A \$40,000 issue of 5½% serial school bonds was registered on Oct. 3 by G. N. Holton, State Comptroller.

HIGHLAND PARK, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—J. Ford Flagg, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Oct. 22 for the purchase of the following issues of coupon or registered 5% bonds aggregating \$80,000:

\$45,000 general improvement bonds. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1929 to 1940 incl.; and \$1,500, 1941 to 1962 incl.
35,000 street improvement bonds. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1938 incl.; and \$3,000, 1939 to 1943 incl.

Dated Nov. 1 1928. Prin. and int. payable at the Borough Collector's office. A certified check payable to the order of the Collector for 2% of the bonds bid for is required. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount of each issue. Legality to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond, New York City.

ILIFF DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Sterling), Logan County, Colo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Nov. 5 by R. G. Cheairs, President of the Board of Directors, for the purchase of a \$12,000 issue of 6% coupon semi-annual drainage bonds. Denom. \$500. Bonds to mature according to sec. 2182 of Comp. Laws of Colo.

1921, beginning 11 years from date of issue. A \$1,000 certified check, payable to the District, must accompany the bid.

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Avella), Washington County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 4½% coupon road bonds offered on Oct. 4—V. 127, p. 1707—were awarded to the Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh, at a premium of \$291, equal to 100.97, a basis of about 4.36%. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1928 and mature \$5,000 on Oct. 1 in 1932, 1934 and 1936; and from 1940 to 1942 incl. Other bids were as follows:

Bidder—	Premium.
Prescott, Lyon & Co-----	\$115.00
J. H. Holmes & Co-----	181.00
A. B. Leach & Co-----	180.00
M. M. Freeman & Co-----	170.70

IRONTON, Lawrence County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$38,000 5% bonds offered on Oct. 4—V. 127, p. 1707—were awarded to Ryan, Sutherland & Co. of Toledo, at a premium of \$570, equal to 101.50, a basis of about 4.74%. The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1928 and mature as follows: \$1,500, March and Sept. 1 1930 and 1931; and \$2,000, March and Sept. 1 1932 to 1939 incl.

JACKSON, Butts County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—A \$13,000 issue of 5½% paving bonds has recently been jointly purchased by J. H. Hilsman & Co., Inc., and the Citizens & Southern Co., both of Atlanta. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1927 and due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1952 and 1953 and \$3,000, 1954 to 1956, inclusive. Interest payable on Jan. 1.

JAMESTOWN, Newport County, R. I.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 issue of 4½% Beavertail Road bonds offered on Oct. 6—V. 127, p. 1837—were awarded to Frederick S. Peck of Providence, at 101.12, a basis of about 4.37%. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1928 and mature on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1929 to 1938, incl.; and \$4,000, 1939 to 1948, incl. The following bids were also submitted:

Bidder—	Rate Bid.
Harris, Forbes & Co-----	100.46
National City Co-----	100.43

JASPER COUNTY (P. O. Rensselaer), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Homer A. Lambert, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Oct. 30 for the purchase of the following bond issues, bearing int. at the rate of 6%:

- \$14,534.77 Marion E. Bice et al. ditch bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$1,034.77, 1929, and \$1,500, 1930 to 1938 incl.
 - 4,603.48 Caroline Callahan et al. ditch bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$463.48, 1929, and \$460, 1930 to 1938 incl.
 - 6,012.10 William H. Platt et al. ditch bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$612.10, 1929, and \$600, 1930 to 1938 incl.
- Three issues dated Nov. 1 1928.

JASPER COUNTY (P. O. Rensselaer), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis was awarded on Oct. 5, an issue of \$17,000 coupon road improvement bonds bearing interest at the rate of 4½% at a premium of \$51.65, equal to 100.30. The following is a list of other bids submitted:

Bidder—	Premium.
City Securities Corp-----	\$38.00
J. F. Wild Investment Co-----	44.00
Meyer-Kiser Bank-----	6.50

JOHNSON COUNTY (P. O. Franklin), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—John C. McClain, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 16, for the purchase of an issue of \$13,000 coupon road bonds to bear interest at the rate of 4½%. The bonds are dated Oct. 16 1928 and in denom. of \$650 and mature \$650 on May and Nov. 15 from 1930 to 1939 incl.

KEMMERER PAVING DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Kemmerer), Lincoln County, Wyo.—BOND SALE.—A \$40,000 issue of 6% paving bonds was recently awarded at par to two local banks.

KENLY, Johnston County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Paul D. Grady, attorney for the Board of Town Commissioners, until noon on Nov. 1 for the purchase of a \$6,000 issue of improvement bonds. Int. rate to be named by the bidder. Due as follows \$500 on Nov. 1 1932 and 1933 and \$1,000 from Nov. 1 1934 to 1938, incl. A certified check for 2% par of the bid, payable to the Town, is required.

KOSCIUSKO, Attala County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—A \$65,000 issue of 4¾% water bonds has been purchased by the Hibernia Securities Co. of New Orleans at a price of 100.653, a basis of about 4.695%. Due in 1948.

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY (P. O. Warsaw), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Leonard H. Huffer, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. October 22, for the purchase of an issue of \$18,400 Wayne Township coupon road bonds bearing interest at the rate of 4½%. Dated December 15 1928 Denom. \$920 Due \$920 on May and November 15, from 1930 to 1939 inclusive.

LA CROSSE, Rush County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 9 a. m. on Oct. 15 by Jesse C. Moser, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$15,000 issue of 4½% public building bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Due \$1,500 from 1929 to 1938, incl. Int. Payable semi-annually. All expenses of proceedings and delivery of bonds must be borne by purchaser, except publication fee on bond ordinance, and City to have accrued interest. The sale will be subject to purchase by the State School Fund Commission, and the City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or waive any irregularity if the City will be benefited thereby. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Painesville), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk Board of County Commissioners, until 11 (Eastern standard time) Oct. 25 for the purchase of an issue of \$76,624 5% improvement bonds. Due semi-annually on April and Oct. 1 1929 to 1948 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the order of the County Commissioners, for \$1,000 is required.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Crown Point), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—H. K. Groves, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. October 15, for the purchase of the following issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$252,000 road bonds. Dated September 15 1928 Due \$12,600, on May and November 15 1929 to 1938 inclusive.

- 92,000 road bonds. Dated September 15 1928 Due \$4,600, on May and November 15 1929 to 1938 inclusive.
 - 12,000 road bonds. Dated August 15 1928 Due \$600 May and November 15 1929 to 1938 inclusive.
- Legality approved by Matson, Carter, Ross & McCord of Indianapolis.

LANSING TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Lansing), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$32,000 school bonds offered on Oct. 1—V. 127, p. 1837—were awarded at public auction to the Detroit & Security Trust Co. as 4¾s, at a premium of \$660, equal to 102.06, a basis of about 4.49%. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,500, 1930 to 1936, incl.; \$2,000, 1937 to 1943, incl.; and \$3,000, 1944 and 1945. The following other bids were submitted:

Bidder—	Rate Bid.	Int. Rate.
Bumpus & Co-----	102.03	4¾%
Grand Rapids Savings Bank-----	101.78	4¾%
Bank of Detroit-----	101.27	4¾%
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis-----	100.38	4¾%
Ryan, Sutherland & Co-----	100.84	5%

LAVACA COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Hallettsville), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—G. N. Holton, State Comptroller, registered on Oct. 3, a \$23,000 issue of 5% serial road bonds.

LEMONT, Cook County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago, recently purchased an issue of \$85,000 paving improvement bonds bearing interest at the rate of 6%. Dated June 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due Dec. 31 as follows: \$12,000, 1930; \$11,000, 1931 to 1936, incl.; and \$7,000, 1937. Principal and interest payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Legality approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

LINTON SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36 (P. O. Linton), Emmons County, N. Dak.—CERTIFICATES OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 2 p. m. on Oct. 12, by Alice Stewart, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$2,000 issue of certificates of indebtedness. Dated Oct. 12 1928. Due on April 12 1929.

LIVINGSTON (P. O. Livingston) Columbia County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$7,500 6% registered town bonds offered on Oct. 8—V. 127, p. 1980—were awarded to the Farmers National Bank of Hudson at a price of par. The bonds are dated Oct. 8 1928, and mature \$1,500, April 8, from 1929 to 1933 inclusive.

LONG BEACH, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. Oliver Brisson, City Clerk, until 9 a. m. on Oct. 23, for the purchase of a \$300,000 issue of public park and playground bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Interest rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated June 1 1928 and due on June 1 as follows: \$70,000, 1929 to 1932 and \$20,000 in 1933. Principal and interest (J. & D.) is payable at the office of the City Treasurer or at the Hanover National Bank in New York City. Bordwell, Mathews & Wadsworth of Los Angeles and Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City will furnish legal approval. A certified check for 3% of the bid is required.

LORAIN COUNTY (P. O. Elyria), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$489,000 bonds issued to provide funds for the redemption of outstanding certificates of indebtedness sold for improvement bonds offered on Oct. 8—V. 127, p. 1707—were awarded to L. S. & Co. of Cleveland, as 4 1/2%, at a premium of \$3,721, equal to 100.76, a basis of about 4.40%. Due semi-annually as follows: \$12,000, Apr. and Oct. 15 1929; \$12,000, April and \$13,000, Oct. 15 1930; \$12,000, April and Oct. 15 1931; \$12,000, April and \$13,000, Oct. 15 1932; \$12,000, April and Oct. 15 1933; \$12,000, April and \$13,000, Oct. 15 1934; \$12,000, April and Oct. 15 1935; \$12,000, April and \$13,000, Oct. 15 1936; \$12,000, April and Oct. 15 1937; \$12,000, April and \$13,000, Oct. 15 1938; \$12,000, April and Oct. 15 1939; \$12,000, April and \$13,000, Oct. 15 1940; \$12,000, April and Oct. 15 1941; \$12,000, April and \$13,000, Oct. 15 1942; \$12,000, April and Oct. 15 1943; \$12,000, April and \$13,000, Oct. 15 1944; \$12,000, April and Oct. 15 1945; \$12,000, April and \$13,000, Oct. 15 1946; also \$12,000, April and Oct. 15 1947 and 1948.

LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 issue of Santa Clara Valley drainage refunding bonds that was recently authorized—V. 127, p. 1838—was purchased on Oct. 9 by the National City Co. of New York as 4 1/2% bonds, for a premium of \$8,155, equal to 101.631, a basis of about 4.55%. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$26,000 from 1929 to 1946 and \$16,000 in 1947 and 1948.

LOUISIANA, State of (P. O. Baton Rouge).—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$500,000 issue of pension fund bonds that was awarded on Sept. 15 at par to a group headed by the Hibernia Securities Co., Inc., of New Orleans (V. 127, p. 1707), bears interest at 5%. Coupon bonds in denom. of \$1,000, with full registration privilege. Due on Dec. 31 1933. Prin. and int. (Dec. 31) payable in gold at the National City Bank in New York or at the office of the State Treasurer. Legality to be approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City.

LUVERNE, Crenshaw County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—A \$66,000 issue of 6% paving bonds has been purchased by the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1928 and due on July 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1929 to 1932 and \$7,000 from 1933 to 1938, all inclusive. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the City Treasurer's office.

LYONS, Toombs County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—A \$36,000 issue of 5% sewer, water works and street bonds has recently been jointly purchased by J. H. Hillsman & Co., Inc. and the Citizens & Southern Co., both of Atlanta. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1930 to 1938 incl. and \$7,000 in 1939. Prin. and int. (Jan. 1) payable at the Hanover National Bank in New York City.

MCDONALD COUNTY (P. O. Pineville), Mo.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 issue of 5% semi-annual county farm bonds offered for sale on Oct. 8—V. 127 p. 1980—was awarded to Nichols Bros. of Southwest City for a premium of \$105, equal to 100.42.

MACON, Noxubee County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—Two issues of bonds aggregating \$22,000, have been purchased by the Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. of Memphis. The issues are divided as follows: \$18,000 water works bonds and \$4,000 sewer bonds.

MALDEN, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A \$600,000 temporary loan maturing on Apr. 5 1929 was awarded on Oct. 5 to the Old Colony Corp. of Boston, on a discount basis of 5.035%.

MALVERNE, Nassau County, N. Y.—PURCHASER.—The Manufacturers & Traders-Peoples Trust Co. of Buffalo purchased the \$60,000 coupon or registered street improvement bonds sold on Oct. 3, not Graham, Parsons & Co. of New York, as reported in V. 127, p. 1980. The bank paid 100.11 for 4,408, a cost basis to the city of about 4.39%. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due \$3,000, Sept. 1 1929 to 1948 inclusive.

MAMARONECK (P. O. Mamaroneck), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Frederick M. Sherman, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Oct. 19 for the purchase of an issue of \$200,000 4 1/2% coupon highway improvement bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000, Oct. 1 1929 to 1948 incl. Principal and interest payable in gold at the Trust Co. of Larchmont or at the Bankers Trust Co., New York. A certified check, payable to the order of the town for \$10,000, is required. Legality to be approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

MANATEE COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17 (P. O. Bradentown), Fla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$25,000 issue of 6% semi-annual school bonds offered for sale on Sept. 25—V. 127, p. 1558—has not as yet been sold.

MANDAN, Morton County, N. Dak.—BOND SALE.—A \$15,000 issue of 5 1/4% city hall construction bonds has been purchased by C. B. Little of Bismarck at a price of 100.20.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis) Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 4 1/2% bonds offered on Oct. 3—V. 127, p. 1558—were awarded to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, at a premium of \$2,556, equal to 101.70, a basis of about 4.25%. The bonds are due \$10,000, on Sept. 1, from 1929 to 1943 incl., and are issued for track elevation purposes.

MARLOW, Stephens County, Okla.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$13,800 issue of sewer bonds that was purchased by R. J. Edwards, Inc., of Oklahoma City—V. 127, p. 1980—are 5% bonds and they are due from 1931 to 1933.

MASON AID RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lawrence County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—At the regular election to be held on Nov. 6 the voters will be required to pass on a proposition providing for the issuance of \$50,000 bonds, the proceeds to be expended for school building and equipment purposes. Maximum maturity 14 years.

MEDINA COUNTY (P. O. Medina), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$54,300 5% road improvement bonds offered on Oct. 3—V. 127, p. 1708—were awarded to the Herrick Co. of Cleveland at a premium of \$1,170, equal to 102.15, a basis of about 4.64%. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,300, 1929; \$5,000, 1930 to 1934 incl., and \$6,000, 1935 to 1938 incl.

MERCER COUNTY (P. O. Celina) Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Louis H. Sacher, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, until 1 p. m., Oct. 19, for the purchase of an issue of \$5,000 road improvement bonds to bear interest at the rate of 5%. Due \$500 Mar. and Sept. 1 1929 to 1933 incl. Principal and interest payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the Board for \$100.00 is required.

MIAMI COUNTY (P. O. Peru), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,582 6% ditch bonds offered on Oct. 2—V. 127, p. 1708—were awarded to the Inland Investment Co. of Indianapolis at a premium of \$38.50, equal to 100.44, a basis of about 5.90%. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1928 and mature \$858.20 Dec. 1 1929 to 1938 inclusive.

MICHIGAN CITY, La Porte County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. H. Billings, Director, until 12 m. Oct. 18 for the purchase of an issue of \$27,000 coupon bridge bonds to bear interest at the rate of 4 1/2%. The bonds are in denoms. of \$1,000 and mature serially. A certified check for \$250 is required.

MICHIGAN (State of).—BOND OFFERING.—Frank F. Rogers, State Highway Commissioner, will receive sealed bids until 12:30 p. m. (Central

Standard Time) Oct. 15, for the purchase of the following described bonds: \$1,873,000 not to exceed 6% Oakland and Wayne Counties Road Assessment District No. 474 bonds. The bonds mature serially on May 1, from 1930 to 1938 incl. Obligations of Southfield and Farmington Twps., Oakland County, the Counties of Oakland and Wayne and an assessment district.

37,000 not to exceed 6% Midland and Saginaw Counties Road Assessment District No. 469. Due May 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1930 to 1937 incl., and \$5,000, 1938. Obligations of Ingersoll Township in Midland County, Richland Twp. in Saginaw County, the Counties of Midland and Saginaw and an assessment District.

A certified check payable to the order of the above-mentioned official for 1% of the bonds bid for is required.

MONETT, Barry County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—A \$7,500 issue of school purpose bonds has been purchased recently by the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. of St. Louis.

MONROEVILLE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Huron County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—William C. Horn, Clerk, Board of Education, states that a \$146,000 bond will be placed on the ballots at the election to be held on Nov. 6. The maximum number of years during which such bonds are to run is 24 years.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Crawfordsville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Clyde Rogers, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Oct. 16 for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/2% coupon bonds, aggregating \$13,500:

\$10,500 road bonds. Due \$525 on May and Nov. 15 1930 to 1939 incl. 3,000 road bonds. Due \$150 May and Nov. 15 1930 to 1939 incl. The bonds are dated Nov. 15 1928.

MONTAGUE COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 12 (P. O. Montague), Tex.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that a \$750,000 issue of road bonds has recently been sold.

NEENAH, Winnebago County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$350,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon high school bonds offered for sale on Oct. 5—V. 127, p. 1838—was awarded to the Second Ward Securities Co. of Milwaukee for a premium of \$5,627, equal to 101,607, a basis of about 4.33%. Dated July 1 1928. Due from Jan. 1 1932 to 1946. The other bidders and their bids were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Premium. Includes First Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, E. H. Rollins & Sons, Wm. R. Compton Co., Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Guaranty Co. of New York, Federal Securities Corp., and National City Bank of New York.

NEW CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT, Bedford County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Secretary Board of School Directors, until 12 m. Oct. 15, for the purpose of an issue of \$105,000 4 1/2% series "A" coupon school bonds. Dated July 1 1928. Denoms. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1934 to 1952, incl. and \$10,000, 1953. A certified check, payable to the order of the District Treasurer for 2% of the bonds offered, is required. These are the bonds offered unsuccessfully on Sept. 6—V. 127, p. 1284.

NEWDALE, Fremont County, Ida.—BOND SALE.—A \$40,000 issue of 5 1/2% refunding water bonds has recently been purchased by the Frank C. Evans Co. of Denver. Denoms. \$100 and \$500. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due from Sept. 1 1930 to 1948 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S. 1) payable at Kountze Bros. in New York.

Table titled 'Financial Statement' with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Real valuation (estimated), Assessed valuation for taxation year 1927, Total bonded debt (all for water), Net bonded debt, Present population (officially estimated), and Newdale was incorporated as a municipality in 1916.

NEW MEXICO, State of (P. O. Santa Fe).—BONDS OFFERED BY BANKERS.—The \$500,000 issue of 6% highway bonds that was awarded on Sept. 25 to a Denver syndicate at a price of 100.527, a basis of about 5.88%—V. 127, p. 1838—is now being offered for public subscription at prices to yield 4.75%. Due on Oct. 1 1933. According to newspaper reports, the bonds are issued by the highway commission, and the validity of the act under which they are issued has been upheld, it is stated, by the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico. The bonds are payable with principal and interest from a gasoline tax, which cannot be reduced while there are any of these debentures outstanding. These debentures, which the law provides are an irrevocable contract between the State and the security holder, are issued to provide for the development of highways, and are supported by income of about two and one-half times int. requirements.

NEWTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The First National Corporation of Boston, was awarded on October 8, an issue of \$420,000 4% coupon or registered School, Fire Alarm Headquarters and Fire Loan bonds at 100.66 a basis of about 3.92%. Dated October 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$21,000, October 1, 1929 to 1948 inclusive. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston. The following bids were also submitted:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Rate Bid. Includes Estabrook & Co. (Plus \$10.00), R. L. Day & Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., Eldredge & Co., Curtis & Sanger and Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc., Kidder, Peabody & Co., Newton Trust Co., and F. S. Moseley & Co.

NEWTON COUNTY (P. O. Kentland), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by John J. Sell, County Treasurer, until 2 p. m. Nov. 15 for the purchase of an issue of \$1,910 road bonds to bear interest at the rate of 6%, maturing semi-annually from 1930 to 1939 inclusive.

NILES (P. O. Chicago), Cook County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—An issue of 16,000 6% paving improvement bonds was purchased by the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago. Dated July 5 1928. Denom. \$500. Due Dec. 31 as follows: \$2,000, 1930 and 1931; \$2,500, 1933 to 1936 inclusive, and \$2,000, 1937. Principal and interest payable at the office of the Village Treasurer.

NOME INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Nome), Jefferson County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$12,000 issue of school bonds has recently been purchased by an unknown investor.

NORTH HEMPSTEAD (P. O. Manhasset), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—C. E. Schmidt, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2:30 p. m. Oct. 15 for the purchase of an issue of \$240,000 not to exceed 5% coupon or registered water works bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Denoms. \$1,000. Due \$15,000, Oct. 1 1933 to 1948, incl. Principal and interest payable in gold at the First National Bank, Manhasset or at the National Park Bank, New York. A certified check, payable to the order of the Town for \$5,000, is required. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

NORTH HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Great Neck), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$640,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered on Oct. 8—V. 127, p. 1838—were awarded to a syndicate composed of Phelps, Fenn & Co., Remick, Hodges & Co., Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc., as 4 1/2% at 102.57, a basis of about 4.32%. The bonds are dated June 1 1928 and mature \$40,000, from June 1 1943 to 1958 incl. Issue is being offered to the public for investment priced to yield 4.20%. Assessed valuation for 1928 is reported at \$45,931,309 and the net bonded debt \$2,076,800, or about 4 1/2% of the assessed value.

NORTH OLMSTEAD VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—A \$295,000 bond issue will be placed on the ballots at the election to be held on Nov. 6, according to C. J. Oetzel, Clerk, Board of Education. Maximum maturity 23 years.

NORWAY, Oxford County, Me.—BOND SALE.—The Norway National Bank was awarded on Oct. 6 an issue of \$60,000 high school bonds, bearing interest at the rate of 4 1/4% at a price of 100.189. The Augusta Savings Bank of Augusta offered 99.60 for the issue.

OCEAN CITY, Cape May County, N. J.—PURCHASERS.—The First National Bank of Ocean City submitted the successful bid on Oct. 1 of 100.10 for the \$335,000 paving bonds awarded as 6s as agent for a syndicate composed of B. J. Van Ingen & Co. and H. L. Allen & Co., both of New York, also M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1928 and mature on Oct. 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1929 to 1944 incl.; and \$15,000, 1945.

OCEANSIDE, San Diego County, Calif.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$110,000 issue of water system bonds that was recently sold—V. 127, p. 1839—bears interest at 5%. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due from 1938 to 1960 incl. Awarded for a premium of \$500, equal to 100.481, a basis of about 4.95%.

OKALOOSA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Crestview), Fla.—BOND SALE.—A \$13,120 issue of 6% school bonds has been purchased by the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago. Dated July 1 1927. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce in New York.

OKENE, Blaine County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The \$47,000 issue of sanitary sewer construction bonds offered for sale on July 12—V. 127, p. 140—has been awarded to R. J. Edwards, Inc., of Oklahoma City.

OLUSTEE SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Mac Clenny), Baker County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 issue of school bonds that was offered for sale on June 4—V. 126, p. 3491—has been awarded to local investors at a price of 96.00. Dated May 1 1928. Due \$1,000 from May 1 1931 to 1945 incl.

ONONDAGA COUNTY (P. O. Syracuse), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 4 1/4% coupon County Home Building bonds offered on Oct. 8—V. 127, p. 1981—were awarded to the First Trust & Deposit Co. of Syracuse at 100.661, a basis of about 4.17%. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1928 and mature on Dec. 1 as follows: \$22,000, 1929; and \$12,000, 1930 to 1948 incl. The following is a list of the other bids submitted:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder, Rate Bid. Manufacturers & Traders; Peoples Trust Co. 100.27, George B. Gibbons & Co. 100.20, Dewey, Bacon & Co. 100.17, Bancitaly Corp. 100.15

OXFORD VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Butler County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—The voters on Nov. 6, will pass on a bond issue of \$125,000 according to E. E. Williams, Clerk Board of Education. Proceeds of the issue to be used for school buildings and improvements. Maximum maturity 24 years.

PACIFIC COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 113 (P. O. South Bend), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The three issues of coupon bonds, aggregating \$21,000, offered for sale on Sept. 28—V. 127, p. 1839—were awarded to the State of Washington as 4 1/4% bonds, at par. The issues are described as follows: \$15,000 refunding bonds, \$3,500 school building bonds and \$2,500 gymnasium bonds. Due in from two to five years and optional after two years. The only other bidder was the First National Bank of Raymond.

PANA, Christian County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago, was recently awarded an issue of \$30,000 water works bonds bearing interest at the rate of 4 1/4%. Dated June 1 1928. Denoms. \$1,000. Due \$3,000, June 1930 to 1939 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Legality approved by Holland M. Cassidy of Chicago.

PATERSON, Passaic County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds offered on Oct. 10—V. 127, p. 1839—were awarded to a syndicate composed of Lehman Bros. and Koutze Bros., both of New York and C. O. Collins of Philadelphia, as follows: \$545,000 general improvement bonds (\$556,000 offered) paying \$556,402.39 equal to 102.09, a basis of about 4.33%. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1930 to 1950, inclusive; \$20,000, 1951 to 1961, inclusive, and \$10,000, 1962.

390,000 school bonds (\$399,000 offered) paying \$299,012.70, equal to 102.31, a basis of about 4.34%. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1930 to 1963, inclusive; \$15,000, 1964 to 1966, inclusive, and \$5,000, 1967.

Dated Oct. 1 1928.

PAYNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 67 (P. O. Cushing), Okla.—BOND SALE.—A \$30,000 issue of 4 1/4% school building bonds has been purchased by the contractors.

PEABODY, Essex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of coupon 4 1/4% bonds aggregating \$25,000 offered on Oct. 10—V. 127, p. 1981—were awarded to R. L. Day & Co. of Boston, at 102.349, a basis of about 4.11%: \$15,000 sewer bonds. Due \$1,000, Oct. 1 1929 to 1943 incl. 10,000 water bonds. Due \$1,000, Oct. 1 1929 to 1938 incl. Dated Oct. 1 1928. The following is a list of the other bidders:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder, Rate Bid. Estabrook & Co. 102.32, Harris Forbes & Co. 102.23, Old Colony Corp. 102.078

PENN TOWNSHIP, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$22,000 5% township bonds offered on Oct. 9—V. 127, p. 1709—were awarded to the Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Greensburg, at a premium of \$343.75, equal to 101.562, a basis of about 4.47%. Dated Nov. 1 1928. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1929 to 1931, inclusive; and \$5,000, 1932 and 1933.

PERQUIMANS COUNTY (P. O. Hertford), N. C.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5 1/4% bonds, aggregating \$40,000, that were unsuccessfully offered on Apr. 9—V. 126, p. 2042—have been awarded to the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago. The issues are described as follows: \$25,000 school funding bonds. Due on Apr. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1930 to 1932, and \$2,000, 1933 to 1943, all incl. 15,000 road and bridge funding bonds. Due on Apr. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1930 to 1942, incl., and \$2,000, in 1943. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Apr. 1 1928. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable in gold in New York City.

PERRYSBURG, Wood County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Carl F. Wheelstead, Village Clerk, until 12 m. Oct. 27 for the purchase of \$15,186.10 special assessment improvement 5% bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1928. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,186.10, 1930; \$1,000, 1931 and 1932; and \$2,000, 1933 to 1938 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the Perrysburg Banking Co. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for 2% of the bonds offered is required.

PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Pa.—\$5,000,000 BONDS AWARDED.—The \$5,000,000 issue of 4 1/4% gold bonds offered on Oct. 5—V. 127, p. 1559—was awarded to a syndicate composed of the Bankers Trust Co., Estabrook & Co., Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Detroit Co., Phelps Penn & Co., Hannahs, Ballin & Lee and Arthur Sinclair, Wallace & Co., at 100.559, a basis of about 4.21%. The bonds are dated Oct. 15 1928 and mature \$250,000, Apr. 15 1939 to 1953 inclusive. Other bidders were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder, Rate Bid. Lehman Bros., syndicate, all or none 100.417, First National Bank, (New York) syndicate, all or none 100.17, All or any part 100.07, National City Co., syndicate, all or none 100.339, Bancitaly Corp., syndicate, all or none 100.449, Philadelphia National Bank, syndicate, all or any part 100.00

All of the members of the competing syndicates are given herewith: Lehman Bros., syndicate included Equitable Trust Co. of N. Y. and Chase Securities Corp. and associates. Bancitaly Corp. syndicate included George B. Gibbons & Co. Inc.; Roosevelt & Son; Dewey, Bacon & Co.; Curtis & Sanger and Edward Lowber Stokes & Co.

Philadelphia National Bank syndicate included Corn Exchange National Bank & Trust Co.; Bank of North America & Trust Co.; Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances; Central National Bank and Market Street National Bank National City Co. syndicate included Harris, Forbes & Co.; Janney & Co.; Graham, Parsons & Co.; W. H. Newbold's Sons & Co.; R. N. Schmidt & Co.; R. H. Moulton & Co. and L. F. Rothschild & Co.

The First National Bank of New York syndicate included White, Weld & Co.; Old Colony Corp.; Eldredge & Co.; First National Bank of Pittsburgh and Yarnall & Co.

Bids were submitted also by Matthias J. Brady, Philadelphia, for \$30,000 at 100.25, and Mrs. Frank Darragh, Millville, N. J., for \$500 at par. Both of these bids were for bonds of the maturity Apr. 15 1939.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The successful syndicate is now offering the bonds for investment priced to yield 4.125% According to the offering circular the bonds are a legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York, Pennsylvania and other States. Legality of the issue to be approved by Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia.

Financial Statement of School District (Officially Reported). Assessed valuation of real property, 1928 \$3,325,584.643 Total bonded debt, including this issue 64,511,000 Sinking funds 15,886,583 Net bonded debt 48,624,417 Population, 1920 U. S. Census, 1,823,779. Population, 1928 estimate, 2,000,000.

The School District is limited by law to a debt not exceeding 2% of the assessed value of real property, and this limit cannot be increased except by Act of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

PIERCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 92 (P. O. Tacoma), Wash.—MATURITY.—The \$17,000 issue of semi-annual coupon school building bonds awarded to the State as 4 1/4% bonds at par—V. 127, p. 1147—is dated Oct. 1 1928 and due as follows: \$800, 1930; \$900, 1931 to 1937; \$1,000, 1934 and 1935; \$1,100, 1936 and 1937; \$1,200, 1938 and 1939; \$1,300, 1940 and 1941; \$1,400, 1942 and 1943 and \$1,500 in 1944.

PITT COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Greenville), N. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$62,414 issue of 6% semi-annual drainage bonds that was unsuccessfully offered for sale on Aug. 1—V. 127, p. 448—has been awarded at par to the Farmers Bank of Greenville.

PITTSFIELD, Berkshire County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—F. M. Platt, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 17 for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/4% coupon bonds aggregating \$80,000:

\$60,000 sewer and drainage bonds. Due \$6,000, Oct. 15 1929 to 1938 incl. 20,000 water extensions bonds. Due \$4,000, Oct. 15 1929 to 1933 incl. Dated Oct. 15 1928. Denoms. \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable at the First National Bank, Boston. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

Table with 2 columns: Bidder, Rate Bid. Net valuation for year 1927 \$57,579,565.00 Debt limit 1,440,573.20 Total gross debt, including these issues 2,079,400.00 Exempted debt: Water bonds \$705,000.00 Sewer bonds 113,000.00 Paving bonds 125,000.00 School bonds 121,000.00 Playground bonds 4,000.00 \$1,068,000.00

Net debt \$390,115.20 Borrowing capacity \$1,011,400.00

PLYMOUTH VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT (Richland and Huron Counties, Ohio)—BOND ELECTION.—At the general election to be held on Nov. 6, the electors will be asked to approve a bond issue of \$75,000, the proceeds of which will be used to pay the cost of erecting a new fire-proof school building. Maximum maturity 25 years.

PORTSMOUTH, Sciota County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—An issue of \$80,000 equipment bonds will be submitted to the electors on Nov. 6 for their ratification or rejection according to Talmadge Edwards, City Auditor. The bonds if issued to run for a period not exceeding 20 years.

PUEBLO, Pueblo County, Colo.—BOND CALL.—We are informed by John M. Jackson, Commissioner of Finance and Supplies, that the following bonds have been called for payment, interest to cease on Oct. 31: Mesa No. 2 Paving District, Nos. 61 and 62 \$2,000 Lake Ave. Paving District, No. 57 1,000 Mesa No. 1 Paving District, Nos. 63 to 67 5,000 East Evans Paving District, No. 47 1,000 East 8th St. Paving District, Nos. 39 to 41 3,000 North Side Paving District, Nos. 215 to 218 4,000 E. Abriendo Paving District, Nos. 47 to 49 3,000 Michigan Paving District, No. 25 1,000 Fountain Paving District, Nos. 63 and 64 2,000 Bay State Paving District, No. 31 1,000 Bruner Park Paving District, Nos. 23 to 26 1,000 Elm St. Paving District, No. 14 4,000 West St. Paving District, No. 12 1,000 Berkeley Ave. Paving District, Nos. 1 to 3 3,000

PULASKI COUNTY (P. O. Winamac), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—L. E. Campbell, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Nov. 1, for the purchase of an issue of \$14,000 4 1/4% Orin Severns at al Salm Township road improvement bonds. Dated Oct. 15 1928. Denoms. \$700. Due semi-annually on May and Nov. 15.

PUTNAM COUNTY (P. O. Ottawa), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by A. B. Bruskotter, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, until 12 M. Oct. 13, for the purchase of an issue of \$670,64 5% Palmer Township road improvement bonds. The bonds are dated Aug. 1 1928 and mature on Nov. 1 as follows: \$707.64, 1930; and \$750, 1931 to 1938 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the Treasurer, for \$200 must accompany bid.

REESVILLE RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Clinton County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—Evert Bernard, Clerk Board of Education, states that a bond issue of \$50,000 will be submitted to the electors on Nov. 6 for their approval or rejection. The bonds if issued will run for a period not exceeding 25 years.

RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bakersfield), Kern County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 issue of 5% coupon school bonds offered for sale on July 23—V. 127, p. 448—was awarded to R. H. Moulton & Co. of San Francisco for a premium of \$266, equal to 101.064, a basis of about 4.82%. Due as follows: \$3,000, 1932 to 1937 and \$4,000 in 1938.

ROME, Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$160,000, offered on Oct. 10 (V. 127, p. 1839) were awarded to Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., of New York, as 4 1/4s, at 100.17, a basis of about 4.23%: \$140,000 refunding water bonds. Due \$10,000 Oct. 1 1932 to 1945 incl. 20,000 Fish Creek water bonds. Due \$4,000 Oct. 1 1929 to 1933 incl.

An official tabulation of the bids submitted follows:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Price Bid. Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc. 4 1/4% \$160,272.00 Manufacturers & Traders, Peoples Trust Co. 4 1/4% 160,238.72 Sherwood & Merrifield 4 1/4% 160,112.00 Harris, Forbes & Co. 4 1/4% 160,078.40 Bancitaly Corporation 4.30% 160,369.60 Pullevyn & Co. 4.30% 160,224.00 F. L. Putnam & Co. 4.30% 160,216.00 Farmers National Bank & Trust Co. 4.30% 160,104.00 Batchelder, Wack & Co. 4.30% 160,064.00 H. L. Allen Co. 4.30% 160,052.80 Rome Trust Co. 4.40% 160,529.60 Kissell, Kinnicut & Co. 4.40% 160,158.00

RULO, Richardson County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—A \$26,000 issue of refunding bonds has been purchased at par by the State of Nebraska.

ST. LANDRY PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Opelousas, La.)—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Oct. 1—V. 127, p. 1559—was awarded to Charles F. Boagni of Opelousas as 5 1/4% bonds, for a premium of \$203, equal to 100.5075, a basis of about 5.14%. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Due from 1929 to 1938 incl.

SALEM, Marion County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on Oct. 15 by Mark Poulsen, City Recorder, for the purchase of a \$48,429.51 issue of 6% improvement bonds. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to the city, is required.

SANTA BARBARA, Santa Barbara County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$140,000 issue of fire bonds offered for sale on Oct. 4—V. 127, p. 1982—was awarded to the Detroit Co. of San Francisco as 4 1/4% bonds, for a premium of \$1,126, equal to 100.80, a basis of about 4.60%. Dated July 1 1928. Due \$14,000 from July 1 1929 to 1938 incl.

SARATOGA TOWNSHIP (P. O. Morris), Grundy County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago has purchased an issue

of \$51,000 4 1/2% road bonds. Dated June 15 1928. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1933; \$5,000, 1934 and 1935; \$6,000, 1936 and 1937; \$7,000, 1938 and 1939; \$8,000, 1940, and \$3,000, 1941. Principal and interest payable at the First National Bank, Chicago. Legality approved by Holland M. Cassidy of Chicago.

SAYREVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$31,000 5% coupon or registered school bonds offered on Oct. 9 (V. 127, p. 1710) were awarded to the First National Bank of South River at a premium of \$158.33, equal to 100.51, a basis of about 4.93%. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1928 and mature on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1938 incl., and \$1,000, 1939 to 1949 incl.

SAYVILLE, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Ralph Schwam, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until Oct. 13 for the purchase of the following issues of 5 1/2% special assessment bonds aggregating \$18,260: \$14,700 Milton Street Improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,500, 1930 to 1937 incl., and \$2,700, 1938, 3,560 Main Street improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$400, 1930 to 1937 incl., and \$360, 1938.

Dated Aug. 1 1928. Principal and interest payable at the office of the Village Treasurer. A certified check, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official for 2% of the bonds offered, is required.

SCOTTSBLUFF SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Scottsbluff), Neb.—BOND SALE.—A \$62,000 issue of 4 3/4% school building bonds has been purchased by the First Trust Co. of Lincoln at a price of 100.403.

SENECA FALLS, Seneca County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$23,000 paving bonds offered on Oct. 8—V. 127, p. 1982—were awarded to the Seneca County Trust Co. of Seneca Falls, as 4.70s at 100.109, a basis of about 4.66%. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1928 and mature on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1929 to 1935 incl.; and \$2,000, 1936. The following were also submitted:

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Rate Bid. Includes George B. Gibbons & Co., Batchelder, Wack & Co., Seneca Falls Savings Bank.

SHAKER HEIGHTS VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—J. W. Main, Clerk Board of Education, has announced that at the November elections a \$1,250,000 bond issue the funds from which will be expended for school construction and equipment purposes will be placed on the ballots. The bonds when issued are to run over a maximum period of 20 years.

SHELBY COUNTY (P. O. Memphis), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Oct. 15 by E. E. Jeter, Chairman of the County Court, for the purchase of a \$250,000 issue of 4 1/2% semi-annual institution, second series, bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 1 1928 and due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1938, and \$15,000, 1939 to 1954 incl. Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City will furnish the legal approval. A \$1,000 certified check, drawn to the Chairman of the County Court, must accompany the bid.

SHERBURNE COUNTY (P. O. Elk River), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$24,000 issue of registered drainage ditch bonds offered for sale on Oct. 4—V. 127, p. 1710—was awarded to the Northwestern Trust Co. of St. Paul as 4 1/4% bonds, for a premium of \$66, equal to 100.275, a basis of about 4.22%. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$2,000. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due from 1931 to 1945 incl. Int. payable on Mar. and Sept. 1.

SHOSHONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 30 (P. O. Kellogg), Idaho.—BOND SALE.—A \$40,000 issue of school building bonds has recently been purchased at par by the State of Idaho.

SLAB FORK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Beckley), Raleigh County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$140,000 5% school bonds has been purchased at par by the State Sinking Fund Commission.

SOMERVILLE, Burleson County, Tex.—WARRANT SALE.—A \$35,000 issue of sewer installation warrants has been purchased by E. L. Dalton of Dallas at a price of 107.142.

SPENCERVILLE, Allen County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—A \$50,000 bond issue will be submitted to the electors on November 6 for their approval or rejection according to Robert M. Sunderland, Village Clerk. Maximum maturity 25 years.

SPUR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Spur), Dickens County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The State of Texas has purchased at par a \$45,000 issue of school building bonds.

STAMFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Stamford) Jones County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$65,000 issue of 5% school bonds offered for sale on Oct. 2—V. 127, p. 1840—was awarded to the Roger H. Evans Co. of Dallas, for a premium of \$1,209, equal to 101.86, a basis of about 4.85%. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due \$1,000 from 1929 to 1943, and \$2,000 from 1944 to 1968, all incl.

STAMFORD, Fairfield County, Conn.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Old Colony Corp. of Boston was recently awarded a \$600,000 temporary loan on a 4.87% discount basis. The loan matures on June 14 1929. The following is a list of the other bids submitted:

Table with columns: Bidder, Discount Basis. Includes Guaranty Trust Co., First Stamford National Bank, S. N. Bond & Co.

STOKES COUNTY (P. O. Danbury), N. C.—NOTES OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until Oct. 12 by J. Fulton, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase of a \$68,000 issue of revenue notes.

SUNFLOWER COUNTY SUPERVISORS ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Indianola), Miss.—BOND SALE.—A \$60,000 issue of 5% district bonds has been purchased by the Union & Planters Bank & Trust Co. of Memphis at a price of 101.175.

TACOMA, Pierce County, Wash.—LIST OF BIDDERS.—The following is an official tabulation of the bids received on Oct. 1 for the \$225,000 bonds awarded to A. B. Leach & Co. of Chicago as 4 1/4s, at 101.92, a basis of about 4.32%.—V. 127, p. 1982:

Table with columns: Bidder, Rate Bid, Premium. Includes National Bank of Tacoma, C. W. McNear & Co., C. F. Childs & Co., Bond & Goodwin & Tucker et al., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Drumheller, Ehrlichman & Co., Kauffman, Smith & Co., Blyth, Witter & Co. et al., George H. Burr, Conrad & Broom, State of Washington.

TANNERSVILLE, Greene County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 5% coupon or registered paving bonds offered on Sept. 26—V. 127, p. 1560—were awarded to George B. Gibbons & Co. of New York, at 100.374, a basis of about 4.92%. The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1928 and mature \$2,000, Sept. 1 1929 to 1938, inclusive.

TARRANT COUNTY (P. O. Fort Worth), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until Dec. 1 by the County Judge, for the purchase of \$1,320,000 road and bridge bonds.

TEXAS, State of (P. O. Austin)—BONDS REGISTERED.—The following issues of bonds were registered by the State Comptroller during the week ended October 6:

Table with columns: Amt., Rate, Place, Purpose, Maturity. Includes Knox County Cons. Sch. Dist. No. 22, Knox County Cons. Sch. Dist. No. 23, Hamilton County Cons. Sch. Dist. No. 42, Houston County Cons. Sch. Dist. No. 39, Anderson County Cons. Sch. Dist. No. 7, Anderson County Cons. Sch. Dist. No. 20.

TOLEDO, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$1,090,000 offered on October 9—V. 127, p. 1982—were awarded to a syndicate composed of Stone &

Webster and Blodget, Inc. and Phelps, Fenn & Co., both of New York, also Ray A. Smith & Co. of Toledo, at a premium of \$108.00, equal to 100.009, a net interest cost of about 4.294%:

- \$500,000 grade crossing bonds as 4 1/4s. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$16,000, 1930 to 1939 incl.; and \$17,000, 1940 to 1959 incl.
175,000 water works bonds as 4s. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due \$7,000, Sept. 1 1930 to 1954 incl.
100,000 public hall bonds as 4s. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Due \$4,000, Oct. 1 1930 to 1954 incl.
80,000 bridge bonds as 4s. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due Sept. 1, as follows: \$6,000, 1930 to 1934 incl.; and \$5,000, 1935 to 1944 incl.
90,000 fire station bonds as 4s. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due \$6,000, Sept. 1 1930 to 1944 incl.
50,000 motor fire apparatus bonds as 4 1/2s. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due \$5,000 Sept. 1 1930 to 1939 incl.
45,000 bridge repair bonds as 4 1/2s. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due \$9,000, Sept. 1 1930 to 1934 incl.
25,000 park boulevard bonds as 4 1/4s. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due Sept. 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1930 to 1934 incl.; and \$2,000, 1935 to 1939 incl.
25,000 street name sign bonds as 4 1/4s. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due \$5,000 Sept. 1 1930 to 1934, inclusive.

TOLEDO, Lucas County, Ohio.—ABOUT \$2,000,000 BONDS SCHEDULED FOR REDEMPTION.—According to the Toledo "Blade" of Oct. 2, the city on Nov. 1 will redeem \$845,387 bonds and on Feb. 1, \$1,083,616 bonds. The issues bear interest at the rate of 6% and are known as deficiency bonds.

TOPEKA, Shawnee County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—We are now informed that the \$49,986.45 issue of 4 1/4% internal improvement bonds that was unsuccessfully offered for sale on Sept. 18 (V. 127, p. 1710) has since been awarded over the counter to local investors at par. Dated July 15 1928. Due from July 15 1929 to 1938 incl.

TOPEKA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Topeka), Shawnee County, Kan.—BOND ELECTION.—At the regular election on Nov. 6 the voters will pass upon a proposal to issue \$1,100,000 in bonds for the erection of a new senior high school building.

TROY, Lincoln County, Mo.—PRICE PAID.—The \$35,000 issue of 4 1/2% school building bonds that was recently awarded to the Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City—V. 127 p. 1982—was sold at par. Due from Aug. 1, 1931 to 1948.

TRUMBULL COUNTY (P. O. Warren), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—David H. Thomas, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until Oct. 16, for the purchase of an issue of \$73,100 4 3/4% road bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Due as follows: \$3,100, April, and \$4,000, Oct. 1 1929; \$4,000, April and Oct. 1 1930 to 1935, incl.; and \$3,000, April and Oct. 1 1936 to 1938, incl. Principal and interest payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check, payable to the order of the Treasurer for \$1,000, is required. These bonds were scheduled to have been sold on Oct. 1.

BOND SALE.—The \$92,600 4 3/4% road bonds offered on Oct. 8—V. 127, p. 1983—were awarded to the Channer Securities Corp. of Chicago, at a premium of \$851, equal to 100.919, a basis of about 4.53%. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1928 and mature as follows: \$5,600 April and \$5,000 Oct. 1 1929; \$5,000, April and Oct. 1 1930 to 1934 incl.; and \$4,000, April and Oct. 1 1935 to 1938 inclusive.

TRUMBULL COUNTY (P. O. Warren), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,100 bridge bonds offered on Oct. 1—V. 127, p. 1840—were awarded to the Herrick Co. of Cleveland, as 5s, at a premium of \$10.50, equal to 100.115, a basis of about 4.96%. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1928 and mature as follows: \$100, April, and \$1,000, Oct. 1 1929; and \$1,000, April, and Oct. 1 1930 to 1933, inclusive.

TULSA, Tulsa County, Okla.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—The following detailed statement is furnished in connection with the offering on Oct. 15—V. 127, p. 1982—of the \$1,750,000 issue of series 1928 school bonds:

Financial Statement table with columns: Assessed valuation: Real estate, Personal property, Public Service Corp. Total assessed valuation for taxation. Total bonded indebtedness, including this issue. Net bonded indebtedness. Population 1920 census. Estimated now. Bonds to be retired 1928-29: Sept. 1 1909, Aug. 1 1909, Mar. 5 1917, May 15 1919, Apr. 1 1920, May 20 1922, Apr. 1 1924, Nov. 1 1908. Total.

TYRONE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Blair County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by B. A. Miller, Secretary Board of School Directors, until 12 M. (eastern standard time) October 26, for the purchase of an issue of \$180,000 4 1/4% coupon school bonds. Dated May 5 1928. Denoms. \$500. Due May 5 1958 optional after May 5 1938.

UNION TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Belleville), Pa.—BOND SALE.—The Farmers National Bank and the Belleville National Bank, both of Belleville, purchased on Sept. 1, an issue of \$6,500 coupon bonds bearing interest at the rate of 4%, at par. The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1928, are in denoms. of \$500 and mature in 1950. Int. payable on Mar. and Sept. 1. These are the bonds mentioned in—V. 127, p. 1840.

VALPARAISO, POTTER COUNTY, Ind.—BIDS.—The following is a list of the other bids submitted on September 28 for the \$25,000 5% general purpose bonds awarded to Thompson, Kent & Grace of Chicago, at 105.46, a basis of about 4.40%—V. 127, p. 1983.

Table with columns: Bidder, Premium. Includes Fletcher American Co., Cities Securities Corp., Valparaiso National Bank, State Bank of Valparaiso.

VERMILION COUNTY (P. O. Newport), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,000 Helt Township coupon road bonds bearing interest at the rate of 4 1/4% offered on Oct. 1—V. 127, p. 1710—were awarded to the Cities Securities Corp. of Indianapolis, at a premium of \$20, equal to 100.25, a basis of about 4.44%. The bonds are dated Aug. 15 1928. Due \$400 on May and Nov. 15 1929 to 1938, inclusive.

VOLUSIA COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 (P. O. De Land), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 issue of 5 1/4% semi-annual school bonds that was offered for sale on July 30—V. 127, p. 143—has been awarded to the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita.

WAKE COUNTY (P. O. Raleigh), N. C.—NOTES OFFERED.—Hunter Ellington, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, offered for sale at noon on Oct. 10, an issue of \$100,000 school purpose notes. Sealed bids or auction to be order of sale. Dated Oct. 11 1928. Due in six months.

WALTHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The City Treasurer on October 9, awarded to the Union Market National Bank of Watertown, on a 4.835% discount basis, a \$200,000 temporary loan maturing on January 31, 1929.

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Glens Falls), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Beecher W. Sprague, County Treasurer, until 11 a. m. October 16, for the purchase of an issue of \$149,000 coupon Tuberculosis Hospital bonds, rate of interest not to exceed 4 1/4% and to be stated in multiples of 1-10th or 1/4 of 1%. Dated October 1 1928. Due

October 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1932 to 1945 inclusive; and \$9,000, 1946. Principal and interest payable in Glens Falls. A certified check for \$2,980 is required. Legality to be approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City. Bonds to be sold at public auction.

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Warrenton), N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Joseph C. Powell, Clerk of the County Board, until 2 p. m. on Nov. 5 for the purchase of a \$50,000 issue of funding bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Coupon bonds registerable as to principal. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 1 1928 and due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1930 to 1939 and \$5,000, 1940 to 1943, all incl. Prin. and int. (M. & A.) payable in gold at the Hanover National Bank in New York City. Bruce Craven of Trinity will furnish legal opinion. No bids for less than par. The above clerk will furnish the required bidding forms. A certified check for 2% par of the bid, payable to the Treasurer, is required.

WARWARSING (P. O. Ellenville), Ulster County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. Oct. 15 by T. S. Fitzgerald, Town Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \$40,000 road and bridge bonds to bear interest at the rate of 5%.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—C. H. Smedley, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 1.30 p. m. Oct. 18, for the purchase of an issue of \$14,900 road bonds to bear interest at the rate of 4½%. Dated Oct. 2 1928. Denoms. \$745. Due \$745 May and Nov. 15 1930 to 1939 inclusive.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Phoenix) Maricopa County, Ariz.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$38,000 issue of 5% school bonds purchased by the Anglo-London-Paris Co. of San Francisco—V. 127, p. 1710—is further described as follows: coupon bonds in denoms. of \$1,000, \$500 and \$300. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due \$3,800 from Aug. 1 1938 to 1947 incl. Int. is payable on Feb. and Aug. 1. Awarded on Sept. 10 for a premium of \$674, equal to 101.773, a basis of about 4.83%.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Marietta), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$495,265.71 road improvement bonds maturing serially from 1929 to 1938 incl. offered on Oct. 5—V. 127, p. 1983—were awarded to the Herrick Co. of Cleveland and Stranahan, Harris & Oatis of Toledo, as 4¼s, at a premium of \$4,442, equal to a price of 100.897.

WASHINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Chipley), Fla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$75,000 issue of 5% semi-annual school bonds that was offered for sale on July 30—V. 126, p. 4123—was not sold as all the bids were rejected. Dated June 1 1928. Due \$3,000 from June 1 1930 to 1954 inclusive.

WAUKON, Allamakee County, Iowa.—PRICE PAID.—The \$31,000 issue of 4½% funding bonds that was purchased by the Waukon State Bank—V. 127, p. 1840—was awarded at par. Dated June 1 1928. Due from May 1 1929 to 1933.

WELLS COUNTY (P. O. Bluffton) Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$26,000 4¼% bridge improvement bonds offered on Oct. 4—V. 127, p. 1561—has not been sold according to R. E. Sawyer, County Treasurer. The bonds mature serially in from 1 to 15 years.

WICHITA FALLS, Wichita County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 issue of 4½% coupon funding indebtedness bonds offered for sale on Oct. 8—V. 127, p. 1711—was awarded to Garrett & Co. of Dallas and the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. of Chicago, jointly, at a price of 99, a basis of about 4.59%. The printed bonds and the legal approval are to be furnished by purchasers. Dated Nov. 1 1928. Due \$10,000 from Jan. 15 1934 to 1958 incl.

WILLOWICK (P. O. Willoughby), Lake County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—William C. Dettman, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Oct. 27 for the purchase of an issue of \$20,000 6% sidewalk improvement bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000, Oct. 1 1930 to 1939 incl. Principal and interest payable at the Cleveland Trust Co., Willoughby. A certified check for 3% of the bonds offered is required.

WINNESHEK COUNTY (P. O. Decorah), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 issue of primary road bonds offered for sale on Oct. 5—V. 127, p. 1983—was awarded to the Carleton D. Beh Co. of Des Moines as 4½% bonds for an \$885 premium, equal to 100.59, a basis of about 4.36%. Due from 1934 to 1943 and optional after 1933. The next highest bid was an offer of 100.58 made by the White-Phillips Co. of Des Moines.

WOLF POINT, Roosevelt County, Mont.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$51,000 issue of 5¼% coupon refunding bonds purchased by Benwell & Co. of Denver—V. 127, p. 1841—was awarded to them at par. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1929 to 1933; \$2,500, 1934 to 1941 and \$3,000, 1942 to 1948, all incl. Int. payable in Mar. and Sept.

YALE, Payne County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—A \$14,500 issue of 6% paving special assessment bonds has been purchased by the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago. Dated Aug. 18 1928. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer.

YONKERS, Westchester County, N. Y.—NOTE AWARD.—Salomon Bros. & Hutzler of New York, were recently awarded an issue of \$700,000 local improvement notes on an interest basis of 5.29%. The issue is dated Oct. 15 1928 and matures on Apr. 12 1929.

YOUNGSTOWN, Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—James E. Jones, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) Oct. 17 for the purchase of the following issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$154,000:

- \$100,000 city's portion street improvement bonds. Due \$10,000, Oct. 1 1929 to 1938 inclusive.
- 20,000 flood bonds. Due \$4,000, Oct. 1 1929 to 1943 inclusive.
- 20,000 street opening bonds. Due \$4,000, Oct. 1 1929 to 1943 inclusive.
- 12,000 bridge repair bonds. Due \$3,000, Oct. 1 1929 to 1932 inclusive.
- 2,000 street sign bonds. Due Oct. 1 1929.

Dated Feb. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and interest payable at the office of the Sinking Fund Trustees. A certified check, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official for 2% of the bonds offered, is required.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

ALBERTA (Province of), Can.—BOND SALE.—Wood, Gundy & Co. in joint account with the Dominion Securities Corp. purchased privately and are now offering for investment at 94.50 and interest yielding 4.85%, \$4,915,000 4½% bonds dated Oct. 1 1928 and maturing on Oct. 1 1958 and \$1,400,000 4½% bonds dated July 16 1928 and due on July 16 1958. Prin. and int. payable in gold (U. S. coin) at the Bank of the Manhattan Company, New York City or in Canadian gold coin at the Imperial Bank of Canada, Toronto, Montreal, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Calgary or Vancouver, or in pounds sterling at Lloyd's Bank, Ltd., England. The bonds according to the offering circular are a legal investment for savings banks in Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. Legal opinion, E. G. Long, Toronto.

CANADA (Dominion of).—OFFICIAL STATEMENT.—In the news item section of the "Chronicle" of Oct. 6—V. 127, p. 1975—we published an item dealing with the proposed redemption of \$53,000,000 during October. A statement to that effect issued by the Finance Department on Oct. 3 and appearing in the Montreal "Gazette" of Oct. 4 is given in its entirety below:

"On Oct. 15 \$53,000,000 of Dominion of Canada 5% bonds fall due. As announced some time ago by Hon. J. A. Robb, the Department of Finance has in hand, in the form of surplus revenues, sufficient to pay off these bonds in full. There will, therefore, be no new securities issued in their place.

"The maturing bonds were issued in 1923 in connection with refunding operations of one of the Victory loans. The saving in interest to the Dominion Treasury by the retirement of these bonds will be \$2,650,000 annually.

"Principal of the bonds is payable, on surrender, at the Department of Finance, Ottawa, or the office of the Assistant Receiver-General at Charlottetown, Halifax, St. John, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary and Victoria. Holders are requested to arrange for presentation of their bonds on or before Oct. 15 at any of the above-mentioned offices. It will facilitate prompt payment if bonds are surrendered in advance of the maturity date.

"The Department of Finance directs attention to the fact that, with respect to registered as well as bearer bonds, payment of the principal is made only on surrender of the bonds themselves; also that interest ceases on the maturity date, and if bonds are held thereafter claims for further interest cannot be entertained."

EAST YORK TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The Oct. 5 issue of the "Monetary Times" of Toronto, published a report stated that McLeod, Young, Weir & Co. in joint account with Bell Gouinlock & Co., have purchased an issue of \$105,000 school debentures at a price of 97.

GRAND MERE, Que.—BIDS.—The following bids were also submitted on Oct. 1 for the \$50,000 5% improvement bonds awarded to Rene T. Lerclere, Inc. of Montreal, at a price of 99.61.—V. 127, p. 1983:

Bidder—	Rate Bid—
L. G. Beaubien & Co.	98.62
Banque Canadienne Nationale	98.62
La Societe Generale de Finance	98.27
Versailles-Vidrecaire & Boulais, Ltd.	98.03
Wood, Gundy & Co., Ltd.	97.90

MANITOBA (Province of).—PROPOSED BOND ISSUES—OFFICIALS TO STUDY MARKET CONDITIONS.—A dispatch from Winnipeg dated Oct. 1, and published in the "Montreal Gazette" of Oct. 2, read as follows:

Premier John Bracken, of Manitoba, accompanied by R. M. Pearson, Deputy Provincial Treasurer, is on his way east to investigate money market conditions with the object of making preliminary arrangements for Manitoba bond issues being placed. The provincial Government has been carrying nearly \$2,000,000 in treasury bills for some time and requires a large amount in the near future, as loans to the extent of about \$3,000,000 mature Nov. 1. The question to be determined is whether to continue using short-term money or sell debentures. The Premier and Mr. Pearson will visit Toronto and Montreal, and, if necessary, New York.

MESSINES, Que.—BOND SALE.—The \$14,000 130-year serial bonds offered on June 12—V. 126, p. 3638—were awarded to L. G. Beaubien & Co. of Montreal, at 99.01. The bonds are dated Mar. 1 1928 and bear interest at the rate of 4½%. Denom. \$1,000.

ROUYN, Que.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—We are informed by Aime A. Lafertem, Secretary-Treasurer, that the issue of \$40,000 40-year debentures to bear interest at the rate of 5¼% scheduled for sale on Sept. 25—V. 127, p. 1711—remains unsold. One bid of 95 for bonds payable in 15 years and to bear 5¼% interest has been taken under advisement.

SCARBOROUGH TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BOND SALE.—Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto, have purchased an issue of \$198,514 5-, 10-, 20- and 30-installment local improvement debentures bearing interest at the rate of 5%, at a price of 98.35, according to a report published in the Oct. 5 issue of the "Monetary Times" of Toronto.

VICTORIAVILLE, Que.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 5% coupon improvement bonds offered on Oct. 1—V. 127, p. 1841—were awarded to Rene T. Lerclere Inc. at 99.21. The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1928 and mature serially in 40 years. The following is a list of the other bids submitted for the issue:

Bidder—	Rate Bid—
Credit-Anglo Francais, Ltd.	98.66
Versailles, Vidrecaire & Boulais	98.26
Banque Canadienne Nationale	98.62
Societe Generale de Finance Inc.	98.27

WINDSOR, Ont.—BOND SALE.—Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto, recently purchased \$230,000 water works debentures bearing 5% interest, \$300,000 Windsor Hydro-Electric System debentures, and \$75,000 fire hall debentures. The first issue was awarded at 94 and the latter two at 97.75.

WINNIPEG, Can.—\$1,700,000 BONDS SOLD.—McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., in conjunction with Fry, Mills, Spence & Co. and Bell, Gouinlock & Co., all of Toronto, purchased on Oct. 5, \$1,000,000 4½% 30-year bonds, \$500,000 4½% 10-year bonds and \$200,000 4½% 20-year bonds, at a price of 93.60, a cost basis of about 4.97%. The bonds are issued for hydro-electric, water and local improvement purposes.

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