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### The Financial Situation.

Whatever financial adventures the year 1929 may have in store for the United States, it is certainly pleasing to be able to note the cheerful nature of the reports that are coming to hand regarding the condition of trade at the opening of the year. Particularly is this true concerning the state of the iron and steel industry which in the past has always been looked upon as a sort of industrial barometer and which certainly ranks among the country's key industries. Accounts with reference to the steel trade could hardly be more optimistic and glowing. Thus we find the "Iron Age" of this city in its issue of the present week saying: "With the new year only a few days old, steel output has passed the high rate of December. Here and there mill crews have been crippled by the influenza epidemic, but at Chicago ingot production has gone up 2 points, to 87% of capacity, and at Buffalo a similar rate has been reached. Operations in the Youngstown and Pittsburgh districts range from 80 to 85%, while the average for all the Steel Corporation subsidiaries is estimated at 86%." The "Age" points out that in sheets, hot-rolled strip, tin plate and wire products, which were advanced for the current quarter, mills are well booked, in some cases through January and into February. Furthermore, that at Chicago, where demand for bars and plates is heavy, the sales total for the week was the largest, with one exception, in a year.

The "Age" notes that the outlook for steel production must be regarded as particularly promising if the course of the scrap market can be accepted as a trustworthy augury. "Rising another 25 cents a ton, to \$19.00, heavy melting steel at Pittsburgh has reached the highest level since January 1926." The "Iron Trade Review" of Cleveland tells a similar story in its weekly report, saying: "Tonnage requirements for finished steel, dominated by shipbuilding,

structural and freight car projects, have expanded to extraordinary proportions in the past week and considering that both production and demand bridged the year end with much less than the usual subsidence, are getting the iron and steel markets away to an exceptionally good start for 1929." It should perhaps be added that the monthly statement of the U. S. Steel Corporation of unfilled orders on the books of the subsidiary corporations made its appearance the present week and showed an increase in the total of these unfilled orders during the month of December in amount of 303,712 tons.

The Federal Reserve statement this week is of improved character, but the improvement does not extend to any great extent to the total of brokers' loans, which have declined only slightly after last week's prodigious increase—quite contrary to general expectations which looked for a big reduction in the total. What has happened is that there has been a return flow of funds, from the interior sections of the country, as always happens at this season of the year, and the member banks of the Federal Reserve system have used this to reduce in part their indebtedness at the Federal Reserve institutions, but have kept the accommodation extended to the stock market as large as ever. Reports have been current during the week to the effect that the Federal Reserve authorities had under consideration the question of raising the re-discount rate at New York to above 5%, the existing level. These reports were hardly taken seriously in well informed quarters and yet may have prompted some of the member banks which have been borrowing rather heavily at the Reserve institutions to cut down their discounts, at least in part.

At all events, the discount holdings of the 12 Reserve institutions underwent a reduction during the week from \$1,151,464,000 to \$876,547,000 at which reduced figure, however, comparison is with only \$439,141,000 at the corresponding date a year ago. Of the decrease during the week of \$274,917,000, \$213,898,000 occurred at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Aside from the cutting down of these re-discounts, the week's changes in the Federal Reserve return have not been of any great significance. Acceptance holdings purchased in the open market are only slightly lower at \$477,100,000 against \$484,358,000 and holdings of U. S. Government securities this week are \$239,242,000 against \$243,953,000. Altogether, the total of bill and security holdings this week is down to \$1,602,714,000 from \$1,889,660,000, but compares with no more than \$1,377,731,000 on Jan. 11 last year. The amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation was further reduced during the week from \$1,829,364,000 to \$1,745,262,000, while

gold holdings increased from \$2,587,627,000 to \$2,631,672,000.

With reference to the figures of brokers' loans these have proved a great disappointment. A substantial reduction had been looked for as already stated after last week's big increase in the total, the amount of the addition then having been no less than \$238,676,000; actually the decrease proves to be only \$17,304,000. Very confident reports had come that the aggregate of these brokers' loans was to be heavily reduced and the failure of such a reduction to appear therefore has come as a decided surprise. Analysis of the figures shows that the 43 reporting member banks in New York City did greatly curtail the loans to brokers and dealers which they made for their own account, the grand total under this category having fallen during the week from \$1,516,049,000 to \$1,162,999,000. On the other hand, the loans which these reporting member banks made for account of out-of-town banks have run up from \$1,647,988,000 to \$1,793,414,000, while the loans made "for account of others" mounted from \$2,166,066,000 to \$2,356,286,000.

The grand total of the loans under the three different categories combined, after the changes noted, stands at \$5,312,799,000 the present week (Jan. 9) against \$5,330,103,000 a week ago, but compares with only \$3,819,573,000 on Jan. 11 last year, showing an increase for the 12 months of roughly 1½ billion dollars. And thus the situation continues virtually unaltered as far as these brokers' loans are concerned. They remain very close to the very highest level on record.

The stock market the present week has shown a reactionary tendency most of the time, though with the tone improved the latter part of the week, but with the market nevertheless showing much irregularity. The reaction was due not to any great amount of liquidation, nor even to the exertion of much bear pressure. The reaction followed mainly as a result of the fact that the different groups of speculators engaged in advancing prices stopped bidding up their specialties for the time being, evidently thinking that a good policy in view of the big expansion in brokers' loans shown in last week's Federal Reserve return. This expansion, as we have already seen, was of such magnitude as to suggest caution. The Federal Reserve authorities were represented as having expressed disapproval and also as having under consideration the question of further raising the rate of rediscount at New York, now 5%. Money rates, however, have been declining, call loans on the Stock Exchange on Monday and Tuesday having ruled at 7% and on Wednesday and Thursday having dropped to 6%, though yesterday there was again an advance to 7%.

This easing of the money situation eventually led to the resumption of bullish activities and with little or no aggressive selling, no difficulty was experienced in again starting the market on its upward track, especially with trade reports highly encouraging. Yesterday the market displayed considerable irregularity again inasmuch as brokers' loans were found to be still at a high level. Dealings have been of moderately large volume, the sales on the New York Stock Exchange on Saturday last having been 2,839,680 shares; on Monday 4,795,000 shares; on Tuesday 3,850,300 shares; on Wednesday 4,052,900 shares; on Thursday 4,021,670 shares, and

on Friday 4,242,400 shares. On the New York Curb Market sales were 1,126,600 shares on Saturday; 1,544,200 shares on Monday; 1,239,700 shares on Tuesday; 1,489,100 shares on Wednesday; 1,442,600 shares on Thursday and 1,428,400 shares on Friday.

Among the high-priced specialties Radio Corporation of America closed yesterday at 363 against 395 on Friday of last week; Montgomery Ward & Co. closed at 143¾ against 150; Victor Talking Machine at 150 against 154; Wright Aeronautic at 266 against 261¼; Sears Roebuck & Co. at 175¾ against 177⅝; International Nickel (new) at 53½ against 56½; A. M. Byers at 175½ against 187; American & Foreign Power at 80 against 80⅝; Brooklyn Union Gas at 181¼ against 184; Cons. Gas of N. Y. at 108⅞ against 108¼; Columbia Gas & Electric at 143⅜ against 141¾; Public Service Corp. of N. J. at 86⅞ against 87½; American Can at 116⅜ against 112; Allied Chemical & Dye at 260¼ against 247½; Timken Roller Bearing at 77¾ (after a split-up on a two-to-one basis) against 149; Warner Bros. Pictures at 125½ against 126¾; Commercial Solvents Corp. at 230⅝ against 238¾; American Tel. & Tel. at 196 against 196⅞; General Electric at 236½ against 240; Mack Trucks at 106 against 107½; Yellow Truck & Coach at 391⅞ against 40½; National Dairy Products at 130⅞ against 134⅞; Western Union Telegraph at 192 against 184¼; Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. at 143¾ against 148½; Johns-Manville at 196 against 193; National Bellas Hess Co. at 232⅞ against 205⅝; American Radiator at 198½ against 203½; Associated Dry Goods at 67½ against 64; Commonwealth Power at 122¼ against 113; Lambert Co. at 131⅞ against 133½; Texas Gulf Sulphur at 79¼ against 78½, and Kolster Radio at 74⅞ against 78⅞.

The steel stocks were stimulated by the continued favorable accounts regarding the steel trade. U. S. Steel closed yesterday at 168⅝ against 163¼ on Friday of last week; Bethlehem Steel closed at 86¾ against 85⅞; Republic Iron & Steel at 84 against 85 and Ludlum Steel at 85 against 77¼. In the motor group General Motors closed yesterday at 199 against 202 on Friday of last week; Packard Motor Car closed at 141⅝ against 148⅞; Chrysler Corp. at 122⅞ against 128; Studebaker Corp. at 86⅝ against 77¾; Nash Motors at 103¾ against 106½; Hudson Motor Car at 86½ against 89; Chandler-Cleveland pref. at 39⅝ against 37 and Hupp Motor at 79½ against 78½. The rubber stocks showed renewed strength and Goodyear Tire & Rubber closed yesterday at 134½ against 128 on Friday of last week and B. F. Goodrich at 100½ against 101, while U. S. Rubber closed at 52⅜ against 45⅝ and the pref. at 87⅞ against 85¼.

The copper stocks were less prominent in the speculation the present week, and inclined to sag. Kennecott Copper closed yesterday at 156⅜ against 163 on Friday of last week; Greene Cananea closed at 172⅝ against 183; Anaconda Copper at 118 against 124¾; Calumet & Hecla at 45⅝ against 47⅞; Andes Copper at 50⅞ against 52½; Chile Copper at 74¾ against 74⅞; Inspiration Copper at 44½ against 47⅞; Calumet & Arizona at 124⅝ against 130¼; Granby Consol. Copper at 86 against 88⅝; American Smelt. & Refg. at 97 ex-dividend after a split-up of 3 for 1 against 293⅜ for the old stock; and U. S. Smelt. Refg. & Mining at 70¼ against 65. In the oil group Atlantic Refg. closed at 64 against 65⅞; Phillips Petroleum at 43½

against 46; Texas Corporation at  $64\frac{1}{2}$  against  $66\frac{3}{4}$ ; Richfield Oil at  $46\frac{1}{2}$  against  $47\frac{7}{8}$ ; Marland Oil at  $44\frac{1}{8}$  against  $45\frac{7}{8}$ ; Standard Oil of New Jersey at  $52\frac{3}{4}$  against 54; Standard Oil of New York at  $42\frac{3}{4}$  against  $43\frac{1}{2}$ , and Pure Oil at  $26\frac{5}{8}$  against  $27\frac{1}{2}$ .

In the railroad group there was some revival of speculation in Kansas City Southern which closed yesterday at  $95\frac{7}{8}$  against 95 on Friday of last week. As a rule, however, the railroad list sold lower, with the rest of the market. Pennsylvania Railroad closed yesterday at 78 against  $78\frac{3}{4}$ ; New York Central at  $189\frac{1}{2}$  against  $194\frac{1}{4}$ ; Balt. & Ohio at 122 against  $123\frac{3}{4}$ ; New Haven at  $86\frac{1}{2}$  against  $86\frac{1}{4}$ ; Union Pacific at 216 against  $220\frac{1}{2}$ ; Canadian Pacific at 239 against  $243\frac{1}{2}$ ; N. Y. Chic. & St. Louis  $137\frac{3}{4}$  against  $138\frac{3}{4}$ ; Del. & Hudson at  $194\frac{7}{8}$  against 196; Atchison at  $198\frac{3}{4}$  against 200; Southern Pacific at  $130\frac{1}{2}$  against  $131\frac{1}{8}$ ; Texas & Pacific at 173 against 172; Missouri Pacific at  $66\frac{1}{4}$  against  $68\frac{1}{4}$ ; St. Louis Southwestern at  $109\frac{5}{8}$  against 111; St. Louis-San Francisco at 117 against  $119\frac{7}{8}$ ; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at  $52\frac{1}{4}$  against 54; Rock Island at  $133\frac{3}{4}$  against  $137\frac{3}{8}$ ; Great Northern at  $109\frac{1}{2}$  against  $112\frac{1}{4}$ ; Northern Pacific at  $109\frac{1}{2}$  against 111; Chic. Milw. St. Paul & Pac. pref. at  $60\frac{1}{4}$  against  $56\frac{1}{2}$ ; Chic. Great Western com. at  $19\frac{3}{4}$  against  $20\frac{3}{4}$ , and the pref. at  $48\frac{3}{8}$  against  $48\frac{1}{4}$ .

Insolvencies in the United States during the closing month of 1928 made relatively the best showing of the year. Instead of being the highest in number since January, as was the case in both preceding years and happens generally, there were six different months in 1928, prior to December, in which the number of mercantile defaults exceeded those of December. November, in respect to failures reflected an improvement over earlier months of 1928; also in comparison with November 1927 and for that month in some of the recent preceding years. This betterment was continued in December. For the month last mentioned R. G. Dun & Co., the Mercantile Agency, reported 1,943 commercial failures in the United States with total liabilities of \$40,774,160. In November there were 1,838 similar defaults for which the indebtedness due was \$40,601,435, while for December 1927 failures were 2,162 for \$51,062,253.

A number of insolvencies involving a considerable amount for each failure, added somewhat to the liabilities for each of the three months above referred to, but the number and indebtedness shown for December 1927 was much in excess of that appearing for the other two months mentioned, and especially for December 1928. There was a small increase in the number of defaults in December over November, but the increase last month was equivalent to only 5.8%; in 1927 the gain from November to December was 16.1%, while in 1924 there was an increase of 23%.

For the twelve months of 1928, 23,842 commercial failures occurred in the United States involving \$489,559,624 of indebtedness. This is exclusive of banking and other financial defaults and the assignments of individuals not engaged in business pursuits. In 1927 similar figures covered 23,146 insolvencies for which there was a total indebtedness of \$520,104,268. The number of insolvencies last year was slightly larger than ever before, the previous record number having been in 1922 when 23,676 mercantile defaults occurred. In that year,

also, liabilities were heavy, amounting to \$623,896,251, the latter being only slightly less than in the previous year, which was the record year in that respect. The ratio of defaults to the number of firms in business for 1928, however, at 1.08%, was very much under that of the other years mentioned; in 1922 it was 1.19%. In 1915, the year following the war, the ratio of commercial failures to firms in business was 1.32%. The latter was the highest since 1878, in which year it was 1.55% and was the record figure for the past half century.

Insolvencies last month in manufacturing lines numbered 498 for \$17,782,672 of indebtedness and in the trading division 1,324 involving \$18,932,934 of liabilities, with 121 defaults of agents and brokers owing a total of \$4,058,554. In December 1927 there were 597 failures in the manufacturing division, with liabilities of \$29,024,365; 1,430 trading defaults for \$16,732,633 and 135 of agents and brokers owing \$5,305,255. The improvement last month over a year ago was mainly in the manufacturing section, although some reduction in the number of insolvencies in the other two divisions also appeared. Liabilities for trading lines last month, however, were slightly larger than in the preceding year.

The improvement in the manufacturing section last month applied to ten of the fourteen leading classifications into which that section is separated. First and foremost is the division embracing manufacturers of furs and hats, where fewer failures appeared last month. This was followed closely by manufacturers of machinery and tools; the printing trades; bakers, and manufacturers of leather goods including shoes; also, glass and earthenware. A slight reduction in the number of defaults also appears for the divisions embracing manufacturers of iron and of woollens and cotton goods; for the latter there was none in December 1928. An increase was shown last month over December 1927 in the number of defaults in the building trades, which includes lumber; also, of clothing manufacturing lines, and manufacturers of chemicals and drugs. Liabilities last month show marked reductions as to many of the manufacturing divisions, the only notable exception being in the building trade, where a single large default added materially to the total liabilities for that period.

In the trading division there were fewer insolvencies last month in ten of the fourteen leading classifications into which that section is divided, the leading reductions as to the number of defaults in December 1928 being among hotels and restaurants; dealers in clothing; in shoes and leather goods, and for hardware. Fewer failures also were reported in dry goods lines, in furniture, drugs, books and stationery, and paints and oils. On the other hand, an increase is shown for general stores and for dealers in jewelry.

Defaults in grocery lines, the trading division, continue numerous, the number and liabilities last month being much the same as in the preceding two years. The indebtedness shown in other divisions of the trading section for December were also large and there were increases over December 1927 as to six of these fourteen classes, the increase being quite substantial as to some of them. On the other hand, reductions appear as to liabilities in some of the trading divisions, but these in the main were not especially noteworthy.

The larger defaults last month, that is, those where the indebtedness in each instance amounted to \$100,000 or more, numbered 50 with total liabilities of \$17,209,093. In December 1927 there were 52 of the larger defaults with an aggregate indebtedness of \$24,440,000. Last month there were 20 of the larger manufacturing failures with liabilities of \$10,409,600, that amount being about 60% of the total for all large failures. Furthermore, a single large failure in December last contributed nearly two-thirds of the \$10,409,600 above shown. In December 1927, there were 30 of the larger manufacturing defaults with total indebtedness of \$19,359,500, the latter sum amounting to nearly 80% of the aggregate amount for that month.

Securities markets in the important European centers have been active and firm as a whole during the week, notwithstanding short periods of weakness and dullness on the Continental markets induced by political uncertainties. The highly important reparations negotiations are followed in Paris and Berlin with a degree of care that sometimes exaggerates minor points, giving the whole market a corresponding tone of optimism or pessimism. There appears to be a growing conviction, however, that European troubles will be much diminished by the forthcoming conference of experts, and this was an important factor in the favorable course of the markets. The London Stock Exchange began the week with a heavy accumulation of orders and a corresponding activity. Substantial buying was noted in the well established industrials, while speculative interest centered in the international favorites. Gilt-edged securities continued firm. Tuesday's session at London was largely a repetition of the preceding one, with high class industrials and South African mining shares in constant demand. The gilt-edged list was again firm, and home rails also showed improvement. The activity continued Wednesday substantially along the same lines. The tone Thursday also was strong, but the activity in the industrials moderated to some extent. In yesterday's market some ease developed in the industrials as a result of profit-taking, but the list otherwise was strong. The gilt-edged division verged on buoyancy, according to cable reports, while home rails were well supported.

The Paris Bourse was hesitant and inactive in the early sessions of the week, but gained strength as the internal political situation appeared to clarify. After the customary uncertain opening Monday morning, the Bourse developed a measure of confidence in the afternoon, chiefly because of a gathering belief that Premier Poincare would weather the storm that the Radicals were openly preparing for him. Tuesday and Wednesday the Bourse marked time, both sessions being extremely quiet and stocks inclining toward softness. With further indications Thursday that M. Poincare would remain in power to guide the reparations negotiations and arrange other international financial matters, the Paris market showed distinct improvement. The Berlin Boerse veered about in the early trading of the week, and also developed cheerfulness in the later sessions. The opening Monday was dull and trading remained subnormal throughout the session. A firmer opening Tuesday was again succeeded by reaction and a very inactive market. The uneasiness finally gave way Wednesday before a more confi-

dent attitude which found expression in a slight increase in activity and a firmer market. Trading became brisk Thursday and industrial stocks advanced on substantial buying, which was succeeded late in the day by a moderate selling movement. The advance was resumed in an active market yesterday on favorable industrial developments and a reduction in the Reichsbank rate to 6½% from 7%. The Vienna Boerse continued the quiet course prevalent throughout last year. Trading during all of 1928 on the Vienna Exchange resulted in a total turnover of only 14,000,000 shares.

Active preparations were resumed this week in the important European capitals for the meeting of international experts which will discuss final fixation of the German reparations debt and thus pave the way for early evacuation of the Rhineland. Discussion of the annual report of S. Parker Gilbert, the Agent General for Reparations Payments, which was issued in Berlin Jan. 1, moderated considerably. In the belief that the report might become the basis for the deliberations of the experts, there was at first a tendency in Berlin to decry it as far too optimistic. In German official circles the view was taken that Mr. Gilbert showed merely a natural desire to say as many flattering things as possible, since it appears likely that he will soon give up his post. Such expressions, filtering down through the German press, altered the tone of the comment. Suggestions were advanced in several capitals that the report may have been designed to influence the American investment market favorably for reception of a large flotation of German reparations bonds, but such intimations were discountenanced. In place of these speculations there developed a more immediate interest in the identity of the delegates, and in the possible findings of the committee which will meet provisionally in Paris on Feb. 5.

Semi-official intimations from Berlin, Tuesday, made it clear that the German Government considered the forthcoming meeting of experts with undiminished interest and with the apparent belief that the discussions will be successful. In Paris a growing conviction was reported that the **experts' meeting** can be made to succeed. Premier Poincare is prepared to go a long way to obtain results, a Paris report of Jan. 8 to the New York "Times" said. It was also indicated that the Premier has decided to remain at the head of the Government if he possibly can in order to insure a reparations settlement and **ratification of the French debt settlement** with the United States. Bills for the ratification of the Mellon-Berenger agreement have been introduced by the Premier and will come up in the present session of the Parliament. These recognized intentions of Premier Poincare gave more than ordinary significance to the purely internal political difficulties which he is encountering in the Chamber and the Senate.

Official announcement was made in Paris, Thursday, by the Secretary of the Reparations Commission, of the personnel of the international commission of experts. Delegates were named from all the six powers represented at the Geneva conference of Sept. 16, where the project was launched. It had been hoped that word would come from Washington in time for the Reparations Commission formally to "appoint" the American delegates also,

but these hopes were disappointed and it was explained that the United States delegates would be named later. The following experts were named: France, Emile Moreau, Governor of the Bank of France, and Jean Parmentier, former member of the Dawes committee and a member of the transfer committee under the same plan; Great Britain, Sir Josiah Stamp, a director of the Bank of England and former member of the Dawes committee, and Lord Revelstoke, a director of the Bank of England; Italy, Alberto Pirelli, former member of the Dawes committee, and Professor Fulvio Suvitch, Economist; Belgium, Emil Franqui, Finance Minister, and M. Gutt, formerly assistant delegate on the Reparations Commission; Japan, Kengo Mori, former financial attache at the embassy in London, and Tetsuturo Aoki, vice governor of the Imperial Bank of Japan; Germany, Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, president of the Reichsbank, and Dr. Albert Voegler, director general of the Vereinigte Stahl Werke. The identity of the American appointees remains in doubt, with the great likelihood, however, that Owen D. Young, who served with Vice-President Dawes in the framing of the Dawes Plan, will be one of the American representatives. Mr. Young conferred at some length in Washington yesterday with President Coolidge, Secretary Kellogg and other officials. The American experts, however, will have no official connection with the United States Government.

League of Nations authorities in Geneva received notification from Elihu Root on Jan. 7 that he had accepted membership on a committee of jurists appointed to study revision of the Statutes of the World Court. The proposal for revision, which emanated from the French delegation, was adopted at the last Assembly of the League with the idea that a new statute might be framed which would facilitate American adhesion to the Court. This may be done in collaboration with the League Council, a Geneva dispatch to the Associated Press said. The provision that unanimity on the Council would be necessary before advisory opinions could be requested of the Court would solve the difficulty arising from reservations which the United States has imposed as a condition of membership, because the United States could receive the right to vote with the Council, the dispatch added. Mr. Root played a prominent part in framing the present statutes of the World Court, and it was he who originally suggested that the judges should be elected by the Council and the Assembly of the League of Nations, a formula which was calculated to soften jealousies between the large and small nations. Mr. Root confirmed his acceptance of the invitation in New York on the same day.

Executives of the largest English railways are reported to have formulated an ambitious scheme for buying up all competing bus lines and welding all land transport in Great Britain into a vast railroad enterprise. This step, as reported in a special wireless dispatch to the New York "Times," is said to be the answer to the vigorous competition of the small independent bus companies and motor traction concerns, which have reached out to all the corners of England at the railroad's expense. The largest of the British rail systems—the London Midland Scottish, and the London & Northeastern

companies—are working on a plan of this character, it is declared. Through joint committees they are approaching the city governments of such industrial centers as Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, Huddersfield, Derby, Leicester and many others, and proposing a working agreement. At the head of these railways are Sir Josiah Stamp and Sir Ralph Wedgwood, respectively.

The plan divides the municipal bus services into three classes. The first class includes services within city limits; the second those serving small areas outside the boundaries, and the third, long interurban routes. The railways are willing, it is said, that some of the services in the first category should remain the property of the municipalities. Those in the second category would be owned and jointly operated by the cities and the railways. Those in the third class the railways are anxious to buy outright, for it is from these interurban buses that the most serious competition has come. The City of Sheffield has already agreed to such plans, and other cities are expected by the railways to follow suit. A step in this direction has already been taken by the Great Western Railway Company, which serves the mining district of Wales and the agricultural district in the southwest of England. This company has effected a \$5,000,000 combination with one of its most powerful bus competitors in Devonshire, and the directors are understood to be aiming at extensive mergers with other bus companies in the west of England. Consummation of these plans will mean, it is predicted, that the business of railroading in England will begin to improve after years of steadily increasing adversity.

Rapid execution of a royal coup d'etat in Belgrade last Sunday placed Yugoslavia under the rule of a rigid dictatorship, King Alexander issuing a royal decree suspending the constitution, dissolving Parliament and appointing a non-political Government headed by his personal friend, General Pera Zivkovitch. The King's pronouncement was made in the early hours of the day, and observers saw much significance in the fact that the following day was the Orthodox Christmas, thus insuring two days of almost certain calmness in the country. Any apprehensions of public disturbances were, however, quickly allayed, the Kingdom having remained quiet and normal throughout the week. The action of the King ended the political uncertainty that had existed during the preceding seven months. The country consists of three well-defined nationalities, Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, with the two first-named the more powerful groups. Last June a Serbian Deputy shot and killed several Croatian leaders in the Skuptchina or National Parliament in Belgrade. The Croats withdrew in a body and refused to attend further meetings of the Parliament. The one-sided Government collapsed in July and was followed by a Slovenian Cabinet headed by Father Anton Koroshetz, who, however, found it impossible to reconcile the two opposing factions. M. Koroshetz resigned his post as Premier in the closing days of December, and the royal dictatorship is now the outcome.

The inextricably muddled political situation was completely changed by the dramatic action of King Alexander, a Belgrade dispatch of Jan. 6 to the New York Times reported. "The Serbs demanded,"

the dispatch said, "that someone end what they called the treasonable separatist activities of the Croats. It has been done, but in the last way which the Serbs imagined possible. The Croats demanded abolition of the Centralist Constitution of 1921, abolition of the Serbian hegemony and the granting of new elections. They have got their first two demands satisfied, but in a manner which not half a dozen of them ever dreamed of. None can tell when their last wish will be realized." Establishment of the dictatorship was foreshadowed on the previous evening, Jan. 5, when a communication was issued from the palace in Belgrade asserting that the "absolutely antagonistic ideas held by the various parties concerning the solution make it clear that there is no possibility of finding a parliamentary solution which would guarantee full maintenance of the unity of the State." On the morning of Jan. 6, at 3 o'clock, heralds posted a royal proclamation on the walls of the palace and later throughout the city. It informed the people that the King had suspended the Constitution and arrogated all powers.

The proclamation was addressed to "My dear people, Serbs, Croats and Slovenes," and began: "The King feels it his imperative duty as a son of this land to turn to you, its people, and frankly and truthfully tell you what in this moment my conscience and love of the Fatherland compel me to say. The moment has come when no third person may stand between the people and their King." The proclamation outlined the political difficulties and said that the situation was even endangering foreign relations and the credit of the State abroad. "Parliamentary government, which was always my own ideal as it was that of my unforgettable father," the decree continued, "has been so abused by blind party passions that it prevented every useful development in the State. It is my sacred duty to preserve the unity of the State by every means in my power. To seek to remove the abuses by fresh elections would have been a waste of time and valuable energy. By such methods we have already lost many precious years. We must try other methods and tread new paths. I have, therefore, decided hereby to decree the Constitution of the kingdom of 1921 abolished. The laws of the land will remain in force unless canceled by my royal decree. The Parliament elected Nov. 1 1927 is hereby dismissed. In communicating my decision I command all the authorities and all my people to respect and obey my wish."

To complete the work of establishing an absolute monarchy and royal dictatorship, a special edition of the Official Gazette was published Sunday containing four new laws. The first law established the position of the King, declaring him to be the sole source of power throughout the country. According to this edict, the King will issue laws and appoint officials and officers of the army. It makes the ministers responsible to the sovereign alone, who may order their arrest and trial. The second law deals with public security. After prohibiting communism and nihilism it declares that any political party of a nationalist or Chauvinist character will be instantly dissolved. The third is a severe press law limiting freedom of comment. The fourth abolished all local elective and self-governing bodies. Belgrade, Zagreb and Laibach, although capitals, will receive municipal councils nominated by the King. In all other cases the only local authority

will be a governor. The composition of the new Cabinet also was announced Sunday, as follows:

Premier and Interior Minister—General Zivkovitch.  
 War—General Hadzic.  
 Foreign Minister—M. Marinkovitch.  
 Justice—Dr. Milan Srkitch.  
 Finance—Dr. Sverliuga.  
 Education—Maximovitch.  
 Religious Affairs—Dr. Alupovitch.  
 Public Health—Dr. Krulj.  
 Trade, Industry and Social Policy—Dr. Drinkovitch.  
 Agriculture—Dr. Frages.  
 Transport and Railways—Dr. Koroshetz.  
 Forest, Mines and Agrarian Reform—M. Radivojevitch.  
 Posts and Telegrams—M. Savkovitch.  
 Minister Attached to the Royal Court—M. Jeftitch.

At the command of the King, the "Times" dispatch said, a score of old enmities were buried in the formation of this Cabinet. Generals Zivkovitch and Hadzic are old rivals in the army, it is asserted, and the military is now united in the persons of the two leaders of different factions under the King's command. The Cabinet includes nine Serbs, four Croats and one Slovene. One of the first steps taken by the new Cabinet was the placing of a preventive censorship on newspapers and on telegraph and telephone communications with other countries. Foreign correspondents were placed under the same restrictions as the Yugoslav journalists.

With all newspapers required to submit everything to the censor before publication, it was found impossible to say what the true attitude of the country is toward the change. "It may be said, however," the Times correspondent added, "that the country so far is not too stunned to realize what has occurred and feels relief at seeing a strong hand come to the rescue. There is no doubt that the ship of State was rapidly breaking up under the political and racial storms. Only the crown remained a bond between the Croats and the Serbs. Now everything but that bond has been swept away." The population of Belgrade, it was indicated, welcomed the posting of the proclamation with spontaneous cheering. In Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, the decree was also accepted with apparent enthusiasm. Later in the week, however, criticism began to develop in Croatia, Dr. Matchek, the Croat Peasant leader asserting that the dictatorship was being applied most severely in Croatia. Editions of three Zagreb newspapers in which his remarks were printed were promptly confiscated by the authorities. The drastic censorship was alleviated Wednesday, but attention was called to the new press law and in Zagreb it was invoked. This law provides that any newspaper that gives offense may have its edition confiscated instantly, and if such confiscation take place three times within a month the newspaper will be permanently suppressed.

Comment in other European capitals on the developments in Yugoslavia varied considerably. In the French capital, with which Belgrade is closely allied, there was a disposition to view the step as a rather drastic one, which will bring either open rebellion or order to the country. Attention was called in official circles to that part of the King's message saying that parliamentary government remains his ideal and it was assumed from this that King Alexander has no intention of creating a permanent dictatorship. Berlin was inclined to recall the recent visit of King Alexander to Paris for medical consultations and to connect the coup d'etat with presumed conversations between the King and French officials. The attitude of Italy, a Rome dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune" said,

"takes the form of unstinted glee over what would naturally be considered as another striking proof of the bankruptcy of parliamentary government, and at the same time a sort of professional skepticism over the possibility of King Alexander's drastic measures proving efficacious as a solution of the tri-une Kingdom's troubles."

The final plenary session of the International Conference of American States on Conciliation and Arbitration was held in Washington last Saturday afternoon, the delegates from the twenty American republics affixing their signatures to the general treaties adopted on the previous day. Before declaring the Conference adjourned, Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg, as Chairman of the gathering, made a highly commendatory address which was replied to by Dr. Adrian Recinos, of Guatemala, who spoke in the name of the Conference. The treaties were drawn up in four separate texts, Spanish, English, French and Portuguese, and each text was signed by all twenty of the delegations. Only seven nations signed the arbitration compact without reservations. These were the United States, Panama, Cuba, Brazil, Peru, Haiti and Nicaragua. Reservations were made by a number of delegations providing that questions arising from occurrences antedating the treaty shall not be submitted to compulsory arbitration. Such reservations were entered chiefly by countries engaged in boundary disputes, including Bolivia, Paraguay, Chile, Guatemala, Honduras, Ecuador, Venezuela, Salvador and Colombia. Of these countries several specified in addition that territorial or boundary questions shall not be arbitrated without specific authorization by their Parliaments. Several countries reserved from arbitration questions covered by existing treaties.

Secretary Kellogg, in his final address to the meeting, expressed gratification at the constructive results achieved. "This Conference," he said, "will go down in history as having accomplished the greatest step forward in conciliation and arbitration. You have adopted two multilateral treaties, the most advanced and complete ever adopted by the nations of the world. This demonstrates that the nations of the Pan-American Union are determined to establish tribunals and machinery for the prevention of war by the pacific settlement of disputes among them. The action of this conference will have a profound influence, not only on the public opinion of the Western Hemisphere, but of all the world. It is by such treaties, declarations and accomplishments that world sentiment against war will be marshaled." Mr. Kellogg found, he added, that "from the very beginning of our sessions we were united in the purposes to be attained and that the problems presented related mainly to the most effective mechanism through which we might attain the ends that we all had in view." Referring to the boundary dispute between Bolivia and Paraguay which arose just as the conference convened on Dec. 10, Secretary Kellogg congratulated the delegations on the successful diversion of the questions "into channels which promise an early and satisfactory adjustment."

Dr. Recinos, in his reply in behalf of all the delegations, praised the work of the conference as "notably successful." The present tendency among nations, as exemplified by the convention of arbitration adopted, is to refer the discussion of their

differences to impartial tribunals, he remarked. "This treaty, together with the one relating to conciliation, which establishes at the same time the means of clarifying the issues pending their impartial investigation, fully justifies the interest with which the whole world, and especially the republics of this Hemisphere, have followed the proceedings of the conference," he said. Gratitude was also expressed for the "generous hospitality and enthusiastic co-operation" of the United States Government. Charles Evans Hughes, delegate of the United States, summed up the achievements of the conference as follows: "I think the conference marks the most notable advance in relation to pacific settlement in this hemisphere. The actual work was done in sub-committees where there was the utmost freedom and candor in expression. The spirit of friendliness prevailed and different viewpoints were discussed with sympathetic consideration. The delegates were animated, no matter what country they came from, with the same spirit. There are numerous reservations, but these, when carefully considered, will not be found to detract in any serious measure from the achievement of the conference. The United States has every reason to be grateful that such far-reaching agreements were achieved at a conference held at her National Capital."

President Paz Barahona of Honduras read before the Congress in Tegucigalpa late last week his last annual message, his term of office expiring Jan. 31. On the following day President-elect Majia-Colindres takes office. The document read by the retiring President was considered a most important one, as it dealt with the civil war and the external troubles prevailing in Honduras early in the Administration of President Barahona. In the course of his address the President paid high tribute to the United States. "The Government faced tenacious and sanguinary fighting for four months against Hondurans obsessed by partisan passion and feeding their ambitions through foreign forces who undoubtedly desired our exhaustion and ruin," he said. "The situation became so aggravated that it was believed our Republic was to go up in anarchy. Our situation was indeed so difficult that no other nation on the planet had even a word of compassion or sympathy for poor Honduras, when the United States extended its friendly hand, giving moral support and contributing in saving us from a dangerous crisis and assuring us of the stability of our institutions. It is therefore only fair to state in most clear terms that if our country managed to come whole out of the disaster that threatened her it was in large part due to the generous moral co-operation of the American Government, co-operation that at times was judged erroneously by misunderstanding, stultification or malice. It is also fair to state that the friendly action governing America's moral aid was due to the great efforts of George Summerlin, the American Minister to Honduras, who did not omit any means to show his affection for Honduras, which prompts me, as President and a patriot, to give public thanks in the name of the Honduran people and the government over which I preside."

Changes in rediscount rates by European central Banks this week have been numerous. The most important change was that of the Bank of Germany,

which yesterday marked its rate down from 7%, the figure prevailing since Oct. 5 1927, to 6½%. On Monday (Jan. 7) the Greek Bank reduced its rate from 9% to 8%. On the other hand, on the same day (Jan. 7) the Bank of Italy put up its rate from 5½% (the rate in effect since June 1928) to 6%. Rates continue at 6½% in Austria; 5½% in Norway; 5% in Denmark; 4½% in London, Madrid, Holland and Sweden; 4% in Belgium, and 3½% in France and Switzerland. London open market discounts are 4¼%@4 5-16% for short bills, against 4 3-16@4¼ on Friday of last week, and 4 5-16% for three months bills, against 4 5-16@4¾% the previous Friday. Money on call in London was 3¾% yesterday. At Paris open market discounts continue at 4¼%, but in Switzerland have been reduced from 3¾% to 3¼%.

The Bank of England, in its statement for the week ending Jan. 11, shows a gain in gold of £1,149,747 and a contraction in note circulation of £8,777,000; the net gain to the reserve of gold and notes in the banking department, therefore, amounts to £9,926,000. Due to the large addition to the reserve, the ratio of reserve to liabilities recovered some of its lost ground and rose sharply this week, the present ratio, 38.99% being over 14% greater than that of last week when the percentage was 24.24%. Both the "deposit" items show sizable decreases, public deposits losing £11,342,000 and "other" deposits, £17,742,000. Loans on Government securities decreased £4,896,000 and loans on "other" securities, £34,052,000, this last item is now sub-divided into two headings, "discounts and advances" which fell off £33,059,000, and "securities," which show a decrease of £993,000. Notes in circulation now aggregate (including the fiduciary currency taken over) £369,517,000 against £135,933,585 in the corresponding week last year. Gold holdings total £154,479,280 in comparison with £155,001,549 last year and £151,488,719 in 1927. The minimum rate of discount of the Bank of England remains at 4½%. Below we furnish comparisons of the various items of the Bank of England for five years.

## BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1929.		1928.		1927.		1926.		1925.	
	Jan. 9.	Jan. 11.	Jan. 12.	Jan. 13.	Jan. 12.	Jan. 13.	Jan. 13.	Jan. 13.	Jan. 14.	Jan. 14.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	b369,517,000	135,933,585	138,083,730	141,907,835	126,133,435					
Public deposits.....	10,994,000	14,853,638	15,372,145	13,803,506	11,658,758					
Other deposits.....	104,305,000	110,060,585	111,539,306	114,850,576	117,865,598					
Bankers' accounts.....	67,491,000									
Other accounts.....	36,813,000									
Government securities.....	57,740,000	39,628,992	34,767,634	44,582,526	50,979,552					
Other securities.....	30,654,000	64,504,322	77,056,244	80,007,071	74,386,212					
Disc. & advances.....	14,656,000									
Securities.....	15,969,000									
Reserve notes & coin.....	44,960,000	38,817,964	33,154,989	22,093,812	22,185,965					
Coin and bullion.....	a154,479,280	155,001,549	151,488,719	144,251,647	128,569,400					
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	38.99%	31.07%	26.20%	17¾%	17¾%					
Bank rate.....	4¾%	4¾%	5%	5%	4%					

a Includes, beginning with April 29 1925, £27,000,000 gold coin and bullion previously held as security for currency 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 statement for the week ending Jan. 5 1929 the Bank of France reports a further increase in note circulation of 267,000,000 francs, advancing the total to the new record figure of 64,182,518,415 francs. On the other hand, creditor current accounts dropped 1,133,000,000 francs and current accounts and deposits 708,000,000 francs. Gold holdings aggregate 32,679,039,643 francs due to an increase of 702,005,413 francs during the week. Credit balances abroad rose 36,078,225 francs and advances against securities 103,000,000 francs, while French

commercial bills discounted decreased 1,212,000,000 francs, and bills bought abroad 705,000,000 francs. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items of the Bank's return for the past three weeks:

## BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.		Status as of	
	Jan. 5 1929.	Jan. 5 1929.	Dec. 29 1928.	Dec. 22 1928.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold holdings.....Inc.	702,005,413	32,679,039,643	31,977,034,230	31,834,518,586
Credit bals. abr'd.....Inc.	36,078,225	13,546,569,879	13,510,491,654	13,656,684,904
French commercial bills discounted.....Dec.	121,200,000	699,533,198	1,911,533,198	3,787,533,198
Bills bought abr'd.....Dec.	705,000,000	18,424,512,128	19,129,512,128	19,128,512,128
Adv. agst. securs.....Inc.	103,000,000	2,326,056,578	2,223,056,578	2,211,056,578
Note circulation.....Inc.	267,000,000	64,182,518,415	63,915,518,415	61,913,518,415
Cred. curr. acct's.....Dec.	1,133,000,000	18,098,360,240	19,231,360,240	19,054,360,240
Curr. acct's & dep.....Dec.	708,000,000	5,807,211,050	6,515,211,050	6,282,211,050

In its statement for the first week of January the Bank of Germany reports a decrease in note circulation of 445,885,000 marks, reducing the total to 4,484,184,000 marks, as against 4,170,982,000 marks last year and 3,436,803,000 marks the year before. Other daily maturing obligations dropped 196,751,000 marks, while other liabilities rose 1,381,000 marks. On the asset side of the account gold and bullion rose 14,000 marks, reserve in foreign currency 2,104,000 marks, silver and other coin 11,852,000 marks, notes on other German banks 11,453,000 marks and other assets 32,465,000 marks, while bills of exchange and checks dropped 577,264,000 marks, advances 121,858,000 marks, and investments 21,000 marks. Deposits abroad 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.

Assets—	Changes for Week.		Status as of	
	Jan. 7 1929.	Jan. 7 1928.	Jan. 7 1927.	Jan. 7 1927.
	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.
Gold and bullion.....Inc.	14,000	2,729,341,000	1,864,585,000	1,831,161,000
Of which depos. abr'd.....	Unchanged	85,626,000	81,437,000	159,838,000
Res'v'e in for'n curr.....Inc.	2,104,000	157,377,000	285,691,000	513,629,000
Bills of exch. & checks.....Dec.	577,264,000	2,101,183,000	2,635,490,000	1,694,396,000
Silver and other coin.....Inc.	11,852,000	93,618,000	51,414,000	103,495,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bks.....Inc.	11,453,000	19,604,000	14,503,000	12,634,000
Advances.....Dec.	121,858,000	54,211,000	23,130,000	23,776,000
Investments.....Dec.	21,000	92,278,000	93,356,000	90,892,000
Other assets.....Inc.	32,465,000	562,480,000	519,313,000	574,659,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation.....Dec.	445,885,000	4,484,184,000	4,170,932,000	3,436,803,000
Oth. daily mat. oblig.....Dec.	196,751,000	619,300,000	675,046,000	842,772,000
Other liabilities.....Inc.	1,381,000	299,619,000	275,143,000	204,834,000

Money rates on the New York market continued this week their reaction from the December period of stringency, the general level of call loan rates dropping lower than for several months past. Funds were in plentiful supply in most sessions, with an overflow to the outside market reported almost every day. The Stock Exchange rate for daily money Monday was 7% throughout, but trades were made in the outside market at 6½%. Tuesday's official rate remained unchanged, and withdrawals of \$30,000,000 by the banks cut into the available supply sufficiently to prevent street offerings in this session. Larger amounts came into the market Wednesday, chiefly from out-of-town banks, and the pressure of funds resulted in a drop on the Stock Exchange to 6%, while outside offerings went at 5½%. The rate Thursday was 6% all day, with outside offerings again at 5½%. In yesterday's market the trend was again reversed, the rate rising from an opening at 6%, to a close at 7%. Withdrawals by the banks totaled \$25,000,000. Time money shows little modification from the high figures prevalent in recent months, indicating that the relative ease in daily money is a temporary feature of the market. Brokers' loans against stock and bond collateral, as reported Thursday evening by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, showed



a decline for the week ended Wednesday of \$17,304,000, great variation being noted in the different accounts on which the loans are made. Gold imports at New York for the same period totaled \$23,362,000, of which \$23,000,000 came from Canada; while exports were \$268,000. The imports, however, were more than offset by an addition of \$30,001,000 to the earmarked gold held by the Reserve Bank.

Dealing in detail with the call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, all loans on Monday and Tuesday were at 7%. On Wednesday the renewal charge was still 7%, but as the day advanced new loans were negotiated at 6%. On Thursday all loans were put through at 6% including renewals. On Friday, after the renewal charge had been fixed at 6%, the rate for new loans advanced to 7%.

With the exception of the quotations for 30, 60 and 90-day maturities, the rates for time loans for all periods from 30 days to six months have been lowered very slightly the present week from the figures prevailing on Friday of last week. At the close of the market yesterday the quotation for 30 and 60-day maturities was 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ @8%, while the figure for 90-days and four, five and six-month periods was 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ @7 $\frac{3}{4}$ %.

There has been no improvement in the commercial paper market the present week and the volume of business transacted continues exceedingly small. Names of choice character maturing in four to six months continue quoted at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %, with some paper of exceptional character going at 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ %. For names less well known the figure remains at 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ %. New England mill paper commands 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ @5 $\frac{3}{4}$  choice character maturing in four to six months are still quoted at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %, with a few names of exceptional character selling at 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ %. For names less well known the figure is 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ %. New England mill paper commands 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ @5 $\frac{3}{4}$ %.

The posted rates of the American Acceptance Council for prime bankers acceptances eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve banks have remained unchanged the present week at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ % bid and 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % asked for bills running 30 days, 5% bid and 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ % asked for bills running 60 and 90 days, 5 $\frac{1}{8}$ % bid and 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ % asked for 120 days, and 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ % bid and 5% asked for 150 and 180 days. The Acceptance Council no longer gives the rates for call loans secured by bankers' acceptances, the rates varying widely.

Open market rates for acceptances have also remained unchanged. The following open market rates are now in effect:

SPOT DELIVERY.						
	-180 Days-		-150 Days-		-120 Days-	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	5	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	5	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
	-90 Days-		-60 Days-		-30 Days-	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	5	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	5	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.						
Eligible member banks.....						5 $\frac{1}{4}$ bid
Eligible non-member banks.....						5 $\frac{1}{4}$ bid

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

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

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

Sterling exchange has been under pressure again this week and dollars have been in demand in Europe. The range this week has been from 4.84 9-16 to 4.84 $\frac{7}{8}$  for bankers' sight, compared with 4.84 $\frac{5}{8}$  to 4.85 $\frac{1}{8}$  last week. The range for cable transfers has been from 4.85 to 4.85 7-32, compared with 4.85 1-16 to 4.85 $\frac{1}{2}$  the previous week. Bankers are inclined to believe that at present rates, and certainly if sterling moves lower, there may be some resumption of gold imports from London. However, the central banks which are working in close co-operation, will have something to say about gold movements, and as is already well known, they are averse to making drains on the Bank of England stock, particularly so far as shipments to New York are concerned. There has been considerable transfer of British funds to New York during the past week, and these transfers were perhaps the most conspicuous factor in depressing the sterling quotation. Although bankers look forward with some expectancy every Thursday for a change in the Bank of England rediscount rate, nevertheless consensus of opinion in New York does not look for an immediate advance in the rate. Although bill rates in London are close to the Bank rate, they have not moved this week so as to indicate a change. The expectation here and in London is that the Bank of England will continue to bend every effort toward avoiding a change in its rate of rediscount and to keep sterling above the point at which gold flows to New York. A favorable factor is the decline in German marks to below the point at which gold flows from London to Germany. For the time being, at least, it would seem that the gold drain from that quarter has come to an end. If foreign funds continue to seek the New York market it would seem that there is no alternative to an eventual advance in the Bank of England rate. However, money rates in New York, though still attractive to idle funds abroad, have not nearly the pulling force which they had during the second half of 1928.

A higher Reserve Bank rate in New York would probably be preceded, or at least immediately followed by a rise in the Bank of England rate. An increase in the English rate would not, however, necessarily presage a rise in the Federal Reserve Bank rate. Bankers here seem thoroughly convinced that there will be no change in the Federal Reserve Bank rate, while in some quarters in London it has been asserted that since sterling has successfully weathered the autumn storms, it seems unlikely that Bank of England authorities will bring the Bank rate machinery into play. If, however, a large outflow of gold from London should occur, the Bank would be faced with the alternatives of either enlarging the fiduciary issue of notes or of raising the Bank rate. This week the Bank of England shows an improvement in gold holdings, the total standing at £154,479,280, compared with £153,329,533 on Jan. 3. On Monday the Bank of England bought £1,665 in gold bars. On Tuesday the Bank sold £65,316 in gold bars and exported £4,000 in sovereigns. On Wednesday the Bank sold £11,958 in gold bars and exported £3,000 in sovereigns. On Friday the Bank sold £13,686 in gold bars and exported £2,000 in sovereigns. On Saturday last the Bank of England reported £1,000,000 released from earmark. It is believed that this gold had been earmarked on behalf of the Swiss National Bank for balance sheet purposes. The

transaction did not in any way affect the Bank of England return.

At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week Jan. 3-Jan. 9, inclusive, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$23,362,000, of which \$23,000,000 came from Canada and the remainder chiefly from Latin America. Exports consisted of \$268,000, of which \$200,000 was shipped to Venezuela, \$54,000 to Germany, and \$14,000 to India. The Federal Reserve Bank reported an increase of \$30,001,000 in earmarked gold. It is believed that this gold was earmarked for account of the Bank of France. Montreal funds have continued at a discount ranging this week from 7-32 to 5-16 of 1%. As noted above, \$23,000,000 in gold was received at New York from Canada during the week. The discount on Montreal funds, as during many months past, is due largely to transfer of Canadian funds for investment in New York securities and for employment in the collateral loan market.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling on Saturday last turned easier. Bankers' sight was 4.84 21-32@4.84 13-16, cable transfers 4.85 1/8@4.85 3-16. On Monday the downward trend was more apparent. The range was 4.84 11-16@4.84 13-16 for bankers' sight and 4.85@4.85 5-32 for cable transfers. On Tuesday sterling continued under pressure. Bankers' sight was 4.84 9-16@4.84 3/4; cable transfers, 4.85@4.85 3-32. On Wednesday sterling opened weak but closed firmer. The range was 4.84 9-16@4.84 3/4 for bankers' sight and 4.85@4.85 1/8 for cable transfers. On Thursday sterling opened firmer, but eased off at close. The range was 4.84 11-16@4.84 7/8 for bankers' sight and 4.85 3-32@4.85 7-32 for cable transfers. On Friday the range was 4.84 11-16@4.84 3/4 for bankers' sight and 4.85 1-32@4.85 1/8 for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were 4.84 11-16 for demand and 4.85 1-16 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4.84 9-16; 60-day bills at 4.80 9-16; 90-day bills at 4.78 13-16; documents for payment (60 days) at 4.80 9-16, and seven-day grain bills at 4.83 15-16. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4.84 9-16.

The Continental exchanges have, like sterling, been ruling lower. It was the general expectation of the market that such would be the case, following the completion of year-end operations and the return flow of funds which had been temporarily withdrawn from New York for window-dressing purposes and year-end settlements. The French franc, like the other Continentals, moved down, but this does not imply any essential weakness in the franc, as exchange is completely under the domination of the Bank of France. As noted above in the discussion of sterling, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reported a further increase the present week in its earmarked gold of \$30,001,000. It is an open secret that this gold is for French account. The total earmarking in New York since early in November thus stands at approximately \$86,000,000. It is believed that the Bank of France is about finished with its earmarking operations in New York. As has been frequently stated, the plan of the Bank of France has been to bring its total gold reserves to about 40%, so as to have a safe margin above the legal requirement of 35%. This week the Bank of France shows that it has been quite successful in this regard, as its ratio has moved up to 39.72% as of Jan. 5, from 38.46% on Dec. 29. Foreign exchange

circles profess to believe that the next statement of the Bank of France will show a ratio of gold to liabilities approaching, if not exceeding, 41%. It is thought that while the Bank of France has dollar balances totaling probably \$600,000,000, it is not likely to earmark further dollar balances once the reserve requirements reach around 40%.

German marks have shown a sharp decline and are much easier with respect to most other currencies. Marks were in heavy supply throughout the week and there seemed to be no demand for dollars or other currencies in Berlin. Money rates are easier in Berlin and credit more readily available; a condition which is, of course, a factor in the weakness of the mark as foreign credits are less in demand. The Reichsbank reduced its rate of rediscount on Friday from 7% to 6 1/2%. The rate had been at 7% since Oct. 4 1927. Private banks also reduced their discount rate from 6% to 5 7/8%. A further reduction in the Reichsbank rate is expected to take place shortly. Italian lire have moved off in sympathy with the general trend of the European rates. On Saturday last the Bank of Italy increased its rediscount rate from 5 1/2% to 6%. The Italian rate had been at 5 1/2% since June 25 1928. In discussing the rise in the Italian rate, the "Wall Street Journal" said:

Rise in Bank of Italy's discount rate was probably a reflection of the pressure on exchange which has resulted from the somewhat depressed state of Italian industry and heavy import balance during most of 1928. It was also influenced, of course, by high money rates here, which have affected the money markets of all European countries, especially those whose capital fund is not large. Bank of Italy's gold holdings have increased somewhat during the past year, but the holdings of foreign bills and balances abroad declined to 5,989,953,000 lire Nov. 10 from 7,558,774,000 lire Jan. 10, which was the date of first report of Bank of Italy after the return to gold. The Bank has preferred to sell foreign balances rather than permit export of gold.

Surplus of imports over exports last year was consistently larger than in 1927, but it must be remembered Italy's foreign trade normally results in an import balance and that the balance in 1927 was much smaller than usual. Import balance of first 11 months of 1928 was 6,782,000,000 lire, which compared with 4,281,000,000 in the similar period of 1927 but with 6,932,000,000 in the first 11 months of 1926. Hence results in 1928 cannot be considered alarming.

Depression in Italian trade was due largely to effects of the return to gold, which took place at a higher exchange level than in France or Belgium, and to fact that Italy has restricted its borrowings abroad, preferring to finance industrial and agricultural developments as far as possible with home capital. Recent financial statistics from Italy indicate industry and commerce are again on the up grade, and better results are looked for in 1929.

Greek exchange is one of the more inactive units in the New York market, although growing steadily more important. Interest attaches to Greek exchange this week because of the fact that the Bank of Greece reduced its rate of rediscount from 9% to 8%. The Greek bank rate had been at 9% since Dec. 2.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 124.11 on Friday of this week, against 124.09 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 3.90 5/8, against 3.90 3/4 a week ago; cable transfers at 3.90 7/8, against 3.91, and commercial sight bills at 3.90 5-16, against 3.90 1/2. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.89 1/4 for checks and at 13.90 for cable transfers, as against 13.90 1/4 and

13.91 on Friday of last week. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.76½ for checks and 23.77½ for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.79¾ and 23.80¾ a week earlier. Italian lire closed at 5.23½ for bankers' sight bills and at 5.23¾ for cable transfers, as against 5.23½ and 5.23¾. Austrian schillings have not changed from 14⅛. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 2.96¼, against 2.96¼; on Bucharest at 0.60¼, against 0.60¼; on Poland at 11.25, against 11.25, and on Finland at 2.52, against 2.52. Greek exchange closed at 1.29¼ for checks and at 1.29½ for cable transfers, against 1.29¼ and 1.29½.

The exchanges on the countries neutral during the war have been dull, Holland guilders have been in particularly heavy supply. The Scandinavian currencies have also shown weakness, but from pressure originating in other centres than New York. Swiss francs have been ruling fractionally lower, partly in sympathy with the general seasonal trend of the Continentals, but chiefly as a result of disappointed expectations of some traders who have been speculating in the unit with the expectation that Switzerland would announce a return to the gold standard on the first of the year. For all practical purposes Switzerland is already on the gold basis.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.09, against 40.15½ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.11, against 40.17½, and commercial sight bills at 40.05½, against 40.12. Swiss francs closed at 19.23¾ for bankers' sight bills and at 19.24¾ for cable transfers, in comparison with 19.25¼ and 19.26¼ a week earlier. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.66½ and cable transfers at 26.68, against 26.68 and 26.69½. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.73 and cable transfers at 26.74½, against 26.75½ and 26.77, while checks on Norway finished at 26.65 and cable transfers at 26.66½, against 26.66 and 26.67½. Spanish pesetas closed at 16.32½ for checks and at 16.33½ for cable transfers, which compares with 16.32 and 16.33 a week earlier.

The South American exchanges have been dull. The period of seasonal strength in Argentina is just ahead, so that bankers are beginning to look for a movement of gold from New York to Buenos Aires in the next few months. Other South American exchanges have been steady but extremely dull. Argentine paper pesos closed on Friday at 42.16 for checks as compared with 42.19, and at 42.21 for cable transfers against 42.24. Brazilian milreis finished at 11.90 for checks and at 11.93 for cable transfers, against 11.88 and 11.91. Chilean exchange closed at 12.10 for checks and at 12.15 for cable transfers, against 12 1-16 and 12½, and Peru at 4.00 for checks and at 4.01 for cable transfers, against 4.00 and 4.01.

The Far Eastern exchanges have been dull. No news of importance bearing upon the Asiatic exchanges developed during the week. Japan continues to make steady progress toward business recovery, although conditions are still far from satisfactory. The prospects are brightening, however, and if conditions in China continue to improve, and especially if political good feeling between China and Japan continues to develop, the yen quotation should gradually move upward, despite the fact

that for some time to come there is little or no prospect of the removal of the gold embargo. Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 45 9-16@ 45⅝, against 45.91@46⅛ on Friday of last week. Hong Kong closed at 50.15@50 5-16, against 50@ 50⅛; Shanghai at 63½@63 13-16, against 63½@ 63 11-16; Manila at 49¾, against 49¾; Singapore at 56 5-16@56½, against 56 9-16@56⅝; 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, JAN. 5 1929 TO JAN. 11 1929, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers to New York, Value in United States Money.					
	Jan. 5.	Jan. 7.	Jan. 8.	Jan. 9.	Jan. 10.	Jan. 11.
<b>EUROPE—</b>						
Austria, schilling.....	1.40707	1.40661	1.40663	1.40659	1.40639	1.40585
Belgium, belga.....	1.39034	1.39035	1.39001	1.38963	1.38973	1.38967
Bulgaria, lev.....	0.07172	0.07155	0.07152	0.07167	0.07165	0.07170
Czechoslovakia, krona.....	0.29622	0.29621	0.29617	0.29615	0.29611	0.29613
Denmark, krone.....	2.66825	2.66825	2.66798	2.66759	2.66748	2.66745
England, pound sterling.....	4.850991	4.851002	4.850546	4.849864	4.851184	4.850502
Finland, marka.....	0.25171	0.25175	0.25168	0.25166	0.25170	0.25175
France, franc.....	0.39096	0.39093	0.39103	0.39096	0.39101	0.39082
Germany, reichsmark.....	2.38014	2.37954	2.37856	2.37717	2.37775	2.37678
Greece, drachma.....	0.12922	0.12919	0.12921	0.12919	0.12923	0.12927
Holland, guilder.....	4.01710	4.01701	4.01563	4.01417	4.01463	4.01185
Hungary, pengo.....	1.74130	1.74200	1.74175	1.74190	1.74179	1.74184
Italy, lira.....	0.52364	0.52373	0.52363	0.52336	0.52330	0.52328
Norway, krone.....	2.66650	2.66656	2.66620	2.66584	2.66594	2.66611
Poland, sloty.....	1.12095	1.11840	1.11970	1.11795	1.11805	1.11800
Portugal, escudo.....	0.44500	0.44450	0.44616	0.44391	0.44345	0.44200
Rumania, leu.....	0.06025	0.06019	0.06018	0.06012	0.06015	0.06013
Spain, peseta.....	1.63189	1.63202	1.63173	1.63132	1.63240	1.63272
Sweden, krona.....	2.67567	2.67557	2.67521	2.67498	2.67446	2.67430
Switzerland, franc.....	1.92594	1.92592	1.92568	1.92540	1.92497	1.92480
Yugoslavia, dinar.....	0.17589	0.17585	0.17585	0.17581	0.17575	0.17585
<b>ASIA—</b>						
China—						
Chefoo tael.....	6.51041	6.50000	6.50416	6.50416	6.52500	6.51041
Hankow tael.....	6.48125	6.47708	6.47500	6.48750	6.49583	6.47708
Shanghai tael.....	6.33928	6.33964	6.34107	6.34821	6.35803	6.35089
Tientsin tael.....	6.70208	6.70208	6.69583	6.70416	6.72500	6.71041
Hong Kong dollar.....	4.98392	4.98767	4.98553	4.99696	5.00535	5.00357
Mexican dollar.....	4.60000	4.58625	4.59750	4.60000	4.60750	4.59250
Tientsin or Peiyang dollar.....	4.60416	4.59791	4.60416	4.60416	4.61250	4.60833
Yuan dollar.....	4.57083	4.56458	4.57083	4.57083	4.57916	4.57500
India, rupee.....	36.4734	36.4684	36.4391	36.4389	36.4464	36.4539
Japan, yen.....	4.58875	4.58800	4.57525	4.56466	4.55490	4.55797
Singapore (S.S.) dollar.....	5.62291	5.62000	5.61583	5.61166	5.60833	5.60416
<b>NORTH AMER.—</b>						
Canada, dollar.....	9.97035	9.97118	9.97817	9.98276	9.97571	9.97713
Cuba, peso.....	9.99687	9.99562	9.99437	9.99312	9.99268	9.99250
Mexico, peso.....	48.1833	48.1666	48.1666	48.1500	48.1666	48.2000
Newfoundland, dollar.....	9.94625	9.94595	9.95312	9.95718	9.95162	9.95126
<b>SOUTH AMER.—</b>						
Argentina, peso (gold).....	9.57968	9.57757	9.58089	9.57787	9.57742	9.57847
Brazil, milreis.....	1.18945	1.18936	1.18931	1.18906	1.18970	1.18988
Chile, peso.....	1.20652	1.20652	1.20648	1.20642	1.20653	1.20648
Uruguay, peso.....	1.027544	1.028055	1.027949	1.028024	1.027899	1.027681
Colombia, peso.....	9.70900	9.70900	9.70900	9.70900	9.70900	9.70900

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, Jan. 5.	Monday, Jan. 7.	Tuesday, Jan. 8.	Wednesday, Jan. 9.	Thursday, Jan. 10.	Friday, Jan. 11.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 176,000,000	\$ 134,000,000	\$ 127,000,000	\$ 145,000,000	\$ 114,000,000	\$ 131,000,000	Cr. 827,000,000

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	Jan. 10 1929.			Jan. 11 1928.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 154,479,280	---	154,479,280	£ 155,001,549	---	155,001,549
France a	261,432,317	d	261,432,317	146,220,344	13,717,663	159,938,007
Germany b	132,185,750	c994,600	133,180,350	89,153,400	994,600	90,148,000
Spain	102,362,000	28,037,000	130,399,000	104,142,000	27,404,000	131,546,000
Italy	54,638,000	---	54,638,000	46,969,000	3,771,000	50,740,000
Netherl'ds	36,212,000	1,813,000	38,025,000	33,341,000	2,306,000	35,647,000
Nat. Belg.	25,553,000	1,267,000	26,820,000	20,526,000	1,242,000	21,768,000
Switzerl'd.	20,698,000	1,804,000	22,502,000	19,673,000	2,536,000	22,209,000
Sweden	13,105,000	---	13,105,000	12,787,000	---	12,787,000
Denmark	9,600,000	491,000	10,091,000	10,112,000	611,000	10,723,000
Norway	8,160,000	---	8,160,000	8,180,000	---	8,180,000

Total week 818,425,347 34,406,600 852,831,947 646,105,293 52,582,263 698,637,556  
Pre-week 810,238,057 34,506,600 844,744,657 644,409,891 52,640,503 697,050,394

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 £2,481,300. c As of Oct. 7 1924. d Silver is now reported at only a trifling sum.

### Dictatorship and Democracy in Europe.

The coup d'état which, during the night of Jan. 5-6, suspended the Constitution of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, put parliamentary government in abeyance, and substituted the fiat of the sovereign for the regularly expressed will of the people, adds another to the list of European States in which democratic representative institutions have been replaced by a dictatorship. Italy has been for more than six years under the control of Mussolini, and almost every vestige of parliamentary government in that country has disappeared. The dictatorship of Primo de Rivera in Spain has recently celebrated its fifth anniversary. Governments near akin to a dictatorship hold control in Poland, Hungary, Turkey and Albania, although the forms of representative government remain, and the government of Soviet Russia is virtually a dictatorship of a group of leaders. The dictatorship which King Alexander has set up in Jugoslavia differs in character and in the circumstances of its origin from the arbitrary governments which obtain in Italy and Spain, and it is not yet clear how long the new regime is likely to continue, but the fact remains that, in one of the most important of the Balkan States, representative government has been adjudged insufficient for the needs of the country, and an out and out dictatorship has, for the time being at least, taken its place.

The causes and the occasion of the revolution which has just taken place at Belgrade are to be found in the peculiar nature of the Yugoslav State, and in the racial, religious and partisan animosities and rivalries which have vexed the history of Jugoslavia ever since it became an independent kingdom. Serbia, formerly a subject principality of Turkey, was recognized as an independent kingdom by the Congress of Berlin in 1878. Following the dissolution of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, a National Assembly of Croatia and Slovenia, both of them former provinces of Hungary, proclaimed the independence of those States; Bosnia and Herzegovina were presently added; and in 1918 a union with Serbia created the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, commonly known as Jugoslavia. In 1922 Montenegro, which in 1918 had united with Serbia, ceased to exist as an independent State, and the Council of Ambassadors at Paris, by recognizing the boundaries of Jugoslavia, completed the formal establishment of the kingdom to which the Peace Conference had given its sanction and support.

It would have been difficult to construct, anywhere in Europe, a State with less prospect of either political or social unity. Of a total population of

12,017,323 in 1921, approximately 9,730,000 were Slavs, but the population of the present districts of North and South Serbia and Montenegro numbered 4,220,495, while Croatia and Slavonia accounted for 2,739,593, and Slavonia for 1,056,464. Religious diversity, everywhere an important political factor in the Balkans, was emphasized by the presence of approximately 5,460,000 members of the Greek Orthodox Church, the State religion, 1,337,000 Mohammedans, and 4,475,000 Roman Catholics. Differences of language and race, differences of historical development and interest, and differences of religion are fundamental characteristics of the Yugoslav State, while to these are to be added, as disturbing political factors, the persistence of suspicion and anxiety regarding the attitude of Italy, Albania, Greece, Turkey, Hungary and Bulgaria, all of them, with the exception of Turkey, neighboring States separated from Jugoslavia only by arbitrarily-drawn boundary lines.

It was inevitable, under such circumstances, that politics should be stormy. The Croats in particular, and to a lesser extent the Slovenes, have been loud in their insistence that the Serbs, in their efforts to develop a centralized government at Belgrade under the Constitution of 1921, have discriminated against other nationalities. Political and personal animosities appeared to have reached their height last June, when a member of the Serbian Radical Party entered the Skupstina (the national legislative body, a single Chamber of 315 Deputies), shot and killed two Croatian Deputies, and mortally wounded Stefan Raditch, the leader of the Croatian Peasants' party. Following this outrage, the Croatian Deputies withdrew from the Skupstina and established a rump assembly at Zagreb. From there, in August, they demanded a revision of the Constitution that should establish a federal system of government. The reply of the Koroshetz Government was the dispatch of a military governor to Zagreb, and the suspension of such local self-government as Croatia had hitherto enjoyed. It was also alleged that the Government had been negligent in prosecuting the Serbian assassin.

Now, after prolonged but fruitless efforts to bring the disunited Skupstina together and secure consideration for the grievances of the Croats, King Alexander has by decree suspended the Constitution, accepted the resignation of the Koroshetz Ministry, dissolved Parliament, and proclaimed a dictatorship under his own personal authority. Parliamentary government, the royal proclamation declares, "has been so abused by blind party passions that it prevented every useful development in the State. The people have lost all faith in the institution. In the Parliament even the common decencies of social intercourse between parties and individuals have become impossible. . . . To seek to remove these abuses by fresh elections would have been a waste of time and valuable energy. . . . We must try other methods and tread new paths."

The action of the King, coming as it did on the eve of the Orthodox Christmas, was well timed in that it allowed a national holiday to intervene between the announcement and the resumption of business and ordinary political activity. The establishment of a rigid censorship has naturally clouded all views of public opinion in Jugoslavia, but the announcement of the dictatorship is reported to have been received in various places with marked

demonstrations of public approval. Late dispatches, on the other hand, indicate that the Croats, while at first disposed to join in the general rejoicing, have begun to realize that the cutting of the Gordian knot has also deprived them of such representation in the Parliament as they already had, and that the predominance of Serbia may now be vastly increased. A succession of royal decrees, while providing for the rigorous suppression of disorder and political agitation and the drastic punishment of political offenses, hold out the promise of substantial reforms. A thoroughgoing reorganization of the Government, the dismissal of thousands of unnecessary employees with salary increases for those who are retained, a revision of the laws, the creation of a new Supreme Court, and large projects of public works, are among the benefits which are intended to be conferred.

No State can undergo such a sudden radical change in its form of government without bringing into question its relations with other States, especially with those States that are its neighbors or with which it has had in the past unfriendly dealings. The Balkans are still a tinder-box, and the artificial political arrangements made or sanctioned by the Peace Conference have introduced new elements of discord into a region which on other grounds was already sufficiently disturbed. Out of the mass of rumors and speculations which have crowded the cables during the past few days, about the only tangible intimations that seem entitled to credence are that the Italian Government, while friendly to King Alexander, is interested as yet only in assuring the continued independence of Albania, and that French political circles, while also friendly, incline to the opinion that unless order is promptly restored and effectually maintained, Yugoslavia may find itself torn by civil war. It is highly improbable that King Alexander, who has recently been in Paris ostensibly to receive attention from an American dentist, should have decided to risk a dictatorship without first sounding some of the Powers, particularly France and Italy, regarding their attitude. There are further disquieting reports to the effect that the King, although figuring prominently as the head of the State, is in reality acting at the behest of a powerful military clique headed by General Zivkovitch, commander of the Royal Guard, and Premier under the new regime. General Zivkovitch was quoted on Friday, however, as having declared that "what the King has done is only what for more than a year all parties demanded," and that "the country will return to a parliamentary regime the moment our particular job is finished."

The most serious significance of the affair, for other countries than Yugoslavia, is the proof which it affords of the spread of reaction against democracy and parliamentary government in Europe. Italy, faced with economic chaos, party strife, and the disrupting activities of unpatriotic trade unions, has abolished one after another of its parliamentary institutions, and ended by abandoning the attempt to maintain representative government and surrendering to a hard and fast dictatorship of the Fascists. Yugoslavia has made better economic progress than Italy had made when Mussolini seized power, but an almost insoluble race problem, joined to political wrangling which passed rapidly from farce to tragedy, appears to have made parliamentary government a mockery, and a dictatorial regime is now to

try its hand. In neither country, perhaps, has a democratic political system had a fair chance to work, and the experience of Italy seems to show that, as far at least as economic welfare goes, the methods of a dictatorship have conferred widespread benefits. It remains to be seen whether such methods will be equally beneficial in Yugoslavia, where the conditions to be met appear to be racial and political rather than economic. The danger is that other countries, finding parliamentary methods slow, political debate heated, endless, and often futile, social betterment lagging, and internal if not external peace apparently jeopardized, may decide to dispense for the time being with a system that seems to yield such small results, and set up the strong man in the place of the people.

We have more than once pointed out that a political dictatorship, however successful it may be in solving some immediate problem, is an extremely poor device for educating a nation in political intelligence and self-government, and that it is to be justified, if at all, only by the clear existence of an exigency with which, at the moment, parliamentary or representative institutions are unable to cope. Such an exigency, in a peculiarly difficult and irritating form, appears to have developed in Yugoslavia. The friends of democracy will earnestly hope that, however serious the conditions are that apparently have to be managed, the dictatorship which King Alexander has set up may be short-lived, that civil war may be avoided and foreign intervention withheld, and that a system under which diverse nationalities and religious groups may be able to work together for the common good may in due time be worked out.

#### *The Cost and Character of Sports.*

If our age is one of extravagance it is also one of appraisal. Professor John Krout of Columbia University, speaking at the convention of the association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Middle Atlantic States and Maryland, at Atlantic City, recently, questioned the praise and attention lavished on sports in the following manner: "A half century has elapsed," he affirmed, according to a report of his address, "since organized sports captured the imagination of the country. We have manifested an ever-increasing interest until our attitude has become somewhat akin to veneration. It may not be heresy to ask whether modern sport has merited the praise and attention which we lavish upon it. It has provided a valuable substitute for that social safety valve which was the American frontier. On many a hard-fought field it has kept the flag of idealism flying, which was sadly needed in the frankly opportunist ethics of the modern business world. . . . It has dotted the land with ball parks and concrete stadiums, wherein are staged spectacles more regal than those of ancient Rome. It has given us a company of skilled athletes well worthy of emulation, but organized sport has had its muck as well as its heroes. . . . Into the spontaneous exuberance of play, organized sports carries much of the shrewd calculations of the horse trade. It has made of inter-collegiate football not a game but a vast machine which threatens by its very complexity to defeat the reason for its being. It has made us a nation not of participants in sports, but a nation of spectators of sporting events. . . . Millions of us still take our outdoor exercise vicari-

ously. By reading the sporting page we attach ourselves to the accomplishment of the team. In the bleachers we share in the home runs. There may be benefits in all this, but it hardens no muscles and reduces no waist lines. Perhaps it would not be amiss the coming year if we pondered well the question of whether from the plethora of sports our nation has reaped an adequate harvest."

It seems to us very apropos that this criticism should come from one of our leading universities and be launched in a convention of colleges and secondary schools. Go where you will and the college has its athletic training and its team. Starting under the plea of physical training—a sound mind in a sound body—it has grown into a craze. Physical development has been lost in the so-called sport. To such length has this gone that there is a serious interference with study. Days of contest are so frequent as to demoralize the even tenor of the curriculum. Those who make a place for themselves on the college team must needs to some extent neglect their legitimate work in the school. A spirit of rivalry for place is engendered, not conducive to the student harmony. There is no doubt that the whole effect is deleterious. Much proof could be adduced from professors and students themselves. Heroes are made out of sheer physical strength and skill. And the sporting side has obscured the original idea of preserving health. We read that during the past year nineteen deaths over the country are directly attributed to football. How many hearts are strained, how many injuries are received, to reappear in after years, there is no means of knowing. The quotation we have just made is well within bounds, and since the change of a legitimate element of student life into a national sport has come largely through the schools, they should be the first to perceive the tendencies and the first to strive to correct them.

Who are the people that by their presence at the contest games encourage this sort of excrement? Are they the ones who are interested in education? We think that the majority of them are not. Attendance is because of the sport. Fealty to the home team there is—but it is unrelated to the college itself by most of those who fill the bleachers. Appetite in the masses is whetted for the national professional games. The game, whatever it may be, football, baseball, basketball, and others now coming into prominence, takes on a heroic aspect, is looked upon as something lofty and important. And tens of thousands who never enter a classroom to review the course of education applaud and laud the players. What chance has the public mind to weigh science, philosophy, art, and letters, upon the citizenship of the country? Athletics has a place, yes! But only when it applies to the health and mind of the entire student body. And this puts a definite limit upon "athletics" as a part of college work. At this point trustees, directors and curators must be asked to remember that the State sustains our educational system. That the people tax themselves heavily in support. That, as recently estimated, the people spend in the neighborhood of two billions a year to further education as the "bulwark of the State." If "athletics" turns to "sport," is the State helped or harmed? That these sports, made up of skill and strength and married to calculation if not connivance, in order merely to win, lean toward the bull-ring, cannot be uplifting to real edu-

cation, education that refines the individual for service to the State. It is for the colleges and schools to put the brake on. A people mad for speed, sport, thrills, will not voluntarily do very much toward the correction of evil tendencies, if these predominate.

It is of interest to observe a tentative estimate of the annual "Total Cost of Play" in the United States made by Charles A. Beard in his book "Whither Mankind." The December Golden Book points the figures from which magazine we take the following:

#### ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST OF PLAY IN AMERICA.

<i>Forms impossible without machinery—</i>	
Pleasure motoring (2-3 of total cost) .....	\$5,000,000,000
Vacations and travel (transportation element primarily) .....	2,000,000,000
Moving pictures .....	1,500,000,000
Newspapers, tabloids, light fiction (in part) .....	1,000,000,000
Radio .....	750,000,000
Phonographs, pianolas, etc. ....	250,000,000
Telephone—pleasure factor only .....	100,000,000
Flying, bicycling, etc.—pleasure factor .....	25,000,000
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$10,625,000,000</b>
<i>Forms conceivable without machinery—</i>	
Entertaining, visiting, night clubs, road houses—(food and service factor) .....	3,000,000,000
Candy, chewing gum, hard and soft drinks—(in part only) .....	2,000,000,000
Tobacco—(in part) .....	1,500,000,000
Collections, hobbies, pets .....	1,000,000,000
Shows, theatres, concerts, religious revivals, lectures, etc. ....	500,000,000
Gifts (in part) .....	500,000,000
Golf .....	500,000,000
Social clubs (upkeep factor only) .....	250,000,000
Children's toys .....	250,000,000
Indoor games—cards, billiards, pool, chess, etc. ....	100,000,000
Playgrounds, camping, hiking .....	100,000,000
Dancing, jazz palaces, etc. ....	100,000,000
Amusement parks .....	100,000,000
Processions, celebrations, pageants .....	50,000,000
Swimming and bathing beaches .....	50,000,000
Musical instruments (non-automatic) .....	50,000,000
Hunting and fishing .....	50,000,000
Gambling, including stock exchanges—(commission element only) .....	50,000,000
Horse-racing .....	50,000,000
Football .....	50,000,000
Baseball .....	50,000,000
Sport clothes .....	50,000,000
Prize fighting .....	15,000,000
Tennis and allied games .....	15,000,000
Yachting and boating .....	10,000,000
Field sports .....	10,000,000
Winter sports .....	10,000,000
Indoor sports—gymnasiums, basketball, bowling, etc. ....	10,000,000
<b>Grand total, all forms .....</b>	<b>\$21,045,000,000</b>

We are asked to deal indulgently with these estimates, as they are only an original attempt to fix the costs. And naturally the data are hard to obtain, and the classification difficult. But even so, the results thus grouped together are startling. They certainly eat a considerable hole in a \$90,000,000,000 annual national income. Perhaps they offer an indictment against the thrift of a people, just recovering from a war that the President estimates cost \$100,000,000,000. And, according as we look at it, they "put a jolt" in our much vaunted prosperity.

And in this summary we observe that the annual cost of baseball and football combined is \$100,000,000. This is not an alarming amount when we compare it with \$2,000,000,000 for candy, chewing gum, &c. And perhaps there is more excuse for the former than the latter. But there are factors in "sports" such as football and baseball that have a social and educational effect we do well to consider. We may suppose that there is great "waste" in chewing gum, and in overindulgence in sweets, but the fault is individual. The social mind is not thrown out of equilibrium. These may constitute a national trait, but involve no national craze. And the indictment of Professor Krout still stands. There is a minimum of betting perhaps on these two games, but what there is leads to betting upon chance, where there is no educational background and no excuse in recreation and health, and whether

the betting goes up from baseball to horse racing, or comes down from the latter (here two excuses are also made for training and breeding), the effect upon the collective life cannot be for good. An element of distortion exists, of course, in either case. But the chief evil is the inculcation of a passion for winning, a love of the spectacular, and an idle thirst for excitement and thrills, a sheer desire for pleasure that leads away from sober living and, shall we say, high thinking. Half a dozen pages in a daily newspaper of the better class tell how "sports" have taken hold of the people. And the cure if there is need for one, and if one shall come, lies in the people themselves. It is not a task for self-constituted critics. But the comparison with the so-called evils of "business" is ill-timed and out of place.

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### **Prosperity Through War.**

Why is it that with practically the whole world, in its thoughtful moments, praying and longing for peace, we cannot pass a peace pact (a mere resolve to outlaw war), as an instrumentality for the settlement of disputes without resort to force, without a hitch in the proceedings somewhere? In the United States we are now confronted with a Senate solemnly advocating peace and war on alternate days. For, say what you will about the cruiser bill, *it looks toward war!* Why is there always more or less hesitancy and confusion about peace treaties?

There is another force for war that, and we speak carefully, is always alert to protect the people from too hasty steps toward peace—the army and navy! We read that when the cruiser bill came up before adjournment for the holidays a coterie of high officials in the navy were to be seen in the Senate gallery intently "watching the proceedings." It is reasonable to believe that this evinces no idle interest. Nor do we wholly condemn it. A navy is a navy. And those who tread the decks of battleships probably know more of naval requirements (and the technique of war preparedness) than do the Senators. Do they, however, know more about what the people want than the people themselves?

But we *do* find what we term an evidence of the military spirit on the part of trained militarists (meaning trained army and navy men) cropping out in unexpected places. An instance is at hand. We quote the account given in the New York "Times": "With twenty-four of the forty-eight States of the Union directly and largely involved in supplying hardware, machinery and metal work in general to the government for building war vessels, General Robert Lee Bullard, U. S. A., retired, yesterday told the executive committee of the hardware, metals and allied trades that the passage of the cruiser bill pending in Congress is of vital economic importance to the industry. . . . General Bullard addressed the group at a luncheon held at the Hardware Club, with Farnham Yardley, Chairman of the committee, presiding. The committee is one of the few industrial groups which has preserved its wartime organization and takes an active interest in national affairs. . . . The provisions of the fifteen cruisers and our aircraft carriers contemplated in the administration's navy program would contribute \$135,000,000 to the business and prosperity of the whole land," General Bullard asserted. He said that forty-seven of the forty-eight States of the Union furnished material of all sorts to build warships, and

said that half the cost of such construction went for materials. . . . General Bullard pointed out on a map the region between Maine and Virginia and stretching westward through Illinois as the most vulnerable section for attack by enemies. Of this region, he said, New York City was the crux. Granted the capture of New York and the region outlined, the country would be lost, he said. On the other hand, he asserted that if that part of the United States were secure, enemy capture of other sections would not necessarily lose a war for this nation."

What an anomaly! Wanting peace, praying and longing for peace, we are reminded that the building of warships, or specifically fifteen cruisers and some airplane carriers will add \$135,000,000 to the economic development of the country—that "business," the hardware business, will profit by the building of engines of war, that this will contribute to the "prosperity of the whole land." Oh, yes, we understand it is all for defense and not at all for aggression. And so say all nations. And sometime, with nations armed to the teeth, one of those sparks of contest which start conflagrations, falls into the general powder magazines of preparedness—and then what becomes of the nice distinctions between defense and aggression? "Meantime," who is lying in wait to capture New York City, and where? Is prosperity to be bought with powder and ball? Are we thus teaching the world to will and to think peace? Further, materials for these cruisers will come from forty-seven States and each will profit in proportion by the building of warships to hover around New York Harbor when we announce we have not a known national enemy in the world, and have only good-will to all. And all this at the very moment when we are leading in the adoption of a multilateral agreement to outlaw war, to declare it beneath the dignity of a decent people so long as arbitration is possible! In the Senate, to-day peace, to-morrow war! Life and death dividing time on the stage of civilization! Do the gods laugh at the comedy?

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### **The Outlook for the Latin American States.**

President-elect Hoover's South American trip has been successful in three directions. It gave him a personal and something of an inside view of conditions in those countries; it commanded the attention and sympathetic interest of the people at home; and it appears to have awakened fresh feelings of cordiality toward us in the visited region.

Of all this there was unquestioned need, and the trip is an appreciable contribution to the successful inauguration of the new administration.

We are having numerous illustrations of the value of intimate personal contacts since Locarno in the relations of even the most conservative European States, and we are not outside such influence. The one just made, though unheralded and in entirely peaceful relations, may deserve a place among the exalted historical, and even critical interviews of the past.

Leaving that to the future, the country may well turn to further intimate and trustworthy sources of knowledge of our neighbors in the South to confirm the impression Mr. Hoover has created. Happily there is much available information as to the Open Door before us on all sides at the South for intercourse of every kind, social, commercial, indus-

trial, financial. The newspapers are full of statistical information. With reports still incomplete, in 1926 we furnished South America 29% of her imports and 27½% of her exports, and to Peru 46% of her trade. Our trade with the Central American countries is still greater, running from 50% as high as to 80% in some cases, of the total of imports and exports. Argentina's trade with us is considerably larger than with Britain and Germany combined. She now has 50,000 industrial establishments producing more than one billion dollars worth of goods, and she is pushing all her foreign connections. Chile leads in many directions; her great mineral resources are in course of extensive development, 60% of her foreign business is with the United States, her importations from here increased \$10,000,000 in 1927 and she is shifting her banking from London to New York. The United States has now over \$5,000,000,000 of invested capital in Latin America, including Mexico and Cuba. As we are now preponderantly importers of raw materials of all sorts and exporters of manufactured goods, our relations with the peoples of this vast area whose interest lies in both these economic lines, cannot fail to be increasingly important.

As to the intimate knowledge such as Mr. Hoover has sought, personal approach is necessary. What this furnishes may be found in "The Central Americans," a book published by Scribner, in which Arthur Ruhl, an accomplished writer and traveler, gives an interesting account of his exceptionally intimate experiences of some months in the Central American States. Cordially welcomed by the higher class, and seeking everywhere to enter into touch with the common people, he comes to "Little Costa Rica" where he finds the fullest development in what may be called the original conditions created some 400 years ago. He finds that revolutions which are more or less endemic in the family governments of these little States have of late years become almost obsolete in Costa Rica. Every day life goes on curiously undisturbed, whatever the antics of politicians, and there is very little connection with the odd commodity known as "news" in cable dispatches. The motor car, radio and newspaper syndicate are breaking down one of the chief difficulties in these tangled up and roadless countries, and to-day contact with other lands is not infrequent. The upper class boys and girls are going to school and college in the States; country and golf clubs with afternoon tea and Saturday evening dances are to be found, and all sorts of things from automobiles and concrete mixers to breakfast foods, have peaceful penetration. In San Jose the bookshop windows have interesting and unexpected books; school girls go by in neat dark blue and white dresses; the reading room of the public library has young folks poring over books and periodicals, and there are many indefinable things combining to give the stranger an impression of a capital more grown up and urbane than he would find in the other capitals. Whether the people are any better, or how they use or pay for the foreign luxuries poured in upon them are matters of discussion on the steamers and at the breakfasts in the country houses. But, whether for better or worse, these once pastoral and patriarchal republics are being drawn into the stream of modern life.

Costa Rica, it is true, is exceptional to a degree in its geography and certain facts of its history.

On its fertile mountain-rimmed tableland has grown up a homogeneous little nation of about half a million people, industrious, prosperous and literate, white or nearly so, with few large landowners and many peasant proprietors. The original Spanish settlers were of a better type than those who drifted into the neighboring colonies. Instead of a region filled with sizable towns and thickly populated by docile and easily enslaved Indians, as, for instance, was the case in Guatemala, these settlers found a comparatively uninhabited territory and were veritable pioneers. They worked hard, developed coffee growing and prospered so that our State Department noted in 1906 that Costa Rica with less than 500,000 people had 110,201 different holdings with an average value of less than \$500. It has escaped filibusters and military adventurers such as have overrun other States, as Honduras, and without the dead weight of a listless Indian population, has matured until it has a school for every thirty of its children. It has its political difficulties, but is little disturbed. When, for instance, Sacasa, "a decent chap," got mixed up with Mexico, and supplied with Mexican support of arms and munitions, undertook with a couple of hundred Mexican filibusters to conduct an expedition against the Diaz Government in Nicaragua, which the United States undertook to support in the interest of peace, Costa Rica was not beguiled.

So for our author. Costa Rica may be hopefully taken as an example, however highly distinct, of what Latin American States may politically and even economically become. Their differences, great as they are, may prove a valuable feature of their individual development, slow though that in some cases must be.

As to Nicaragua, in which we have special interest, the report to-day is that the entire country is peaceful, the harvesting of the coffee crop is proceeding without the slightest disturbance, whereas during the holiday week a year ago the fiercest fighting with the Sandino followers was in progress. The American marines are withdrawing, a few being left for a time at the special request of the Government. Christmas was duly celebrated by them all, wherever distributed, and the Chief of the Supervising American Electoral Mission with his staff has departed.

Much might be said of the general situation in South America. The A B C States, Argentina, Brazil and Chile, are the natural leaders, and are progressing rapidly. They have large specific resources, and their trade in 1926 was put respectively at \$883,000,000, \$494,000,000 and \$223,000,000. Undeveloped resources are on every side. Everywhere there is opportunity. The reserves of petroleum are calculated to equal those of the United States. Tobacco of excellent quality is grown in Colombia, Venezuela and Paraguay, as well as in Brazil; Bolivia is the chief source of tin; Colombia of platinum and emeralds; Patagonia is discovered to have soil and climate especially adapted to agriculture, and in the extreme south is one of the great sheep raising areas of the world. As she is now annexed by Chile, her products will constitute an important addition to the latter's large business in minerals and nitrates. On the Atlantic side Patagonia offers similar advantages to Argentina.

South America as a whole is attracting wide European attention. Its varied advantages will not be



overlooked or readily surrendered to the awakened interest of the people of the United States. The South American Union is doing much to have our relation understood. Ex-Secretary Root's declaration made in Rio de Janeiro in 1926 is still unquestioned: "We wish for no sovereignty except over ourselves. We want no territory but our own. We neither claim nor desire any rights, or privileges, or powers which we do not freely concede to every American Republic."

In the years to come there is no likelihood of any change in our feeling or policy, and the outlook of the new year for our neighbors at the South especially in their relations to us is full of promise.

### ***Is Not Group Speculating a Conspiracy, Working for Sham Prosperity.***

ARTICLE III (Communicated).

In the preceding articles\* the legitimacy of group speculation was questioned because of (a) its flim-flam character; (b) its ominous expansion of brokers' loans; (c) its pressure on foreign nations for monetary gold; (d) its creation of "fictitious" credits inflating bank and commercial business.

But there is another aspect of group speculation and its products, country-wide stock gambling, that is still more obnoxious, if the writer reads the signs of the times correctly—namely, the fact that it is aggravating and threatens to render malignant business conditions which are generally accepted as beneficial, but which rightly diagnosed appear in the nature of an insidious national malady, a new sort of selective inflation, masquerading as expanding prosperity.

With the advent of the new year the average price for 25 industrial stocks on Jan. 3 1929 reached a new high level at 341.67 against the record of 326 on Nov. 30 1928, notwithstanding the great decline in December; New York brokers' loans also again advanced on Jan. 3 to \$6,439,000,000, an increase of \$48,096,000 over the figure of Nov. 30 1928. In many cities likewise the holiday buying of gifts reached record proportions.

Surely there must be some infection to account for these phenomena—an infection that causes stock speculation and luxury business so to act and react on one another.

LEADING AUTHORITIES DISAGREE WITH OFFICIAL WASHINGTON.

For seven years past the Federal Administration at Washington has persistently endorsed the genuineness of our so-called "prosperity" and the wisdom of promoting it by a policy of "high wages," meaning nothing else, it seems, than indefinitely higher and higher wages for those in the favored industries, as if this process was not in itself a "reductio ad absurdum"—most unfair to other workers and certain to end lamentably.

On the other hand, that the nation has been blowing "a great credit bubble" during this period of prosperity, is the verdict of leading bankers and bank economists cited in the last article of this series. A few weeks ago these bankers were fearing a material recession of business with a continuance of the tendency for gold exports, but to-day some over-ruling force fans the industrial furnaces to new records and tends to attract, not dispel, the monetary gold. What is this "force majeure" and how is it being applied?

"It is a preposterous proposition. More wants, more wages; more wages, more buying power; more buying power, more prosperity; more prosperity, more wants; and the vicious circle continues, unconscious of the enormous debts contracted, the enormous waste involved, the enormous disparity in the distribution of the national income"—thus reads a remonstrance from the editor of the "Commercial &

Financial Chronicle," in issue of Dec. 8 1928 (page 3148-9, under title, "A New Gauge for Wages").

But if there be influences at work inflating the nation's stock markets, its bank credit and bank deposits, its corporate securities, real estate mortgages, municipal debts, and financing of all kinds; and

If, moreover, there be operating a "vicious circle" of luxury spending, embracing, as the "Chronicle" finds, higher and higher wages, more and more buying power, and so, greater and greater prosperity for the "corporations that deal in luxuries—the automobile for the most part, the radio, the many musical instruments, the new style of house furnishings, the movie attractions, the increased cost of education," &c.—if this all be so, as it assuredly is—

Can we then reasonably suppose that the several forces so at work to quicken this "prosperity" during the past seven years in spite of mighty obstacles, depressed conditions abroad and at home, floods, hurricanes, failures of real estate booms, hard times in farming districts, and in textile and coal mining industries, &c.—can we assume that these strangely irresponsible forces so closely related, are operating in their expansion of wages, credit, profits, &c., otherwise than as one high powered machine, geared to speed the nation along Inflation Boulevard, unless all hands unite to put on the brakes?

WHAT THEN IS PERNICIOUS OR PROGRESSIVE INFLATION?

With all the curiosity regarding the inflationary characteristics of this "prosperity" period, no one has ventured a definition as to what constitutes the real progressive inflation of which he speaks. Instead, financiers and economists alike, with no great assortment of cases to judge from, assume that because other eras of inflation coming within their knowledge or experience have included as symptoms rapidly rising prices for commodities, abnormally swelling commercial indebtedness and accumulating industrial inventories—that therefore at the present time no really vicious circle of inflation, involving both credit and business, could continue to spread without these features.

The writer would beg leave to differ with this conclusion and offer for consideration a definition of inflation which may clarify our ideas on the subject.

Pernicious inflation in the writer's view is a persistently upward rush of popular buying and spending—the luxury loving child of some unusual flush of business and extravagant expectations—kept alive and growing rapidly on an increasing diet of what may be called "artificial buying power."

This artificially-created buying power, coming, as it were, in larger and larger volume from a self-operating mill, includes as might be supposed, to an inordinate degree, such items as the following: (1) Repeated and wide-spread wage increases, regardless of any proportionate increase in individual output (as for years past in our building construction trades and for bakers, barbers, electric railway men, longshoremen, &c.); (2) exceptionally large bank and other credits; (3) bank deposits in abnormally rapid turnover (by bank checks); (4) a huge volume of such obligations as real estate mortgages, municipal securities, and usually corporation bonds; (5) dividends and profits swollen by inflationary business; (6) stock issues of inflationary origin, of late an important source of funds; (7) and often (as now) huge profits from "bull" speculation—and also (8) if conditions of supply and demand require, rising prices and fiduciary note issues.

To start this rush of buying and spending, there are needed some extraordinarily heavy and urgent demands on industry—orders national, corporate, or others—such as were made on our markets immediately following the war. Once in progress, however, it becomes a runaway popular mania for buying, borrowing and extravagant living, which gains energy from the spectacle and profits of "bull" speculations, over-optimistic assurances from high places, and

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successive impacts of "artificial" purchasing power as just described.

Such buying power is wielded urgently either by capital, with labor aiding and abetting, or vice versa, each seeking its own private ends. In the present case, union labor is dominant, unwittingly so, encouraged by Federal support and the sentimental (misguided) feeling of the public, but capital and the Federal Reserve system are also serving as coadjutors.

Such inflation is a "runaway" because, being uncontrolled by consideration for final consequences, the buying and borrowing keep industry (or the favored luxury and related industries) more or less crowded with orders; while industry and capital in their turn spur on the popular buying and spending by such means as unusually liberal loans and instalment sales, the expansion of wage scales, alluring advertising, spectacular speculation which inflames the popular mind with the sight of rising market values, and otherwise. Thus labor and capital egg each other on, perpetuating and quickening the runaway.

Inflation may directly intoxicate either an entire country or a substantial share of a nation's business and personnel—if the latter, they profit to the disadvantage of the rest of the community and render its living more difficult, though to some extent ameliorating the general position through tending to bring full time employment to all. It also tends to overstep the lines in which it starts and becomes general.

#### THE GROWTH OF INDEBTEDNESS.

It is contended, however, that were we affected with business inflation, commercial debts would be markedly increasing, which is not the case.

In the past, it is true, great inflationary booms have generally arisen from governmental action—heavy war purchases and too free use of paper money—or from extensive corporation or other promoting schemes for railroad and territorial development. In such cases the debts incurred by these and other financial interests have commonly figured more or less conspicuously in furthering the inflation and its final collapse.

But the existing boom owes its prolonged life in the first instance to the buying power with which labor came out of the war and to the subsequent addition to wages. As beneficiary in this manner, labor has also assumed with general approval the role of chief borrower in this progressive inflation bringing to fortunate merchants and manufacturers large profits with small need to borrow for the purpose of keeping the ball rolling.

The wage earners have done more than this—by their rush with the ubiquitous motor to the cities and suburbs for homes and for employment in the favored industries, they have, innocently enough, led the municipalities and public utilities, the States, and private interests, into enormous expenditures requiring heavy bond issues for street and highway improvements, schools, water, sewer and lighting systems, places of entertainment, &c.

But the most remarkable fact of all is that where the wage earner has been most conservative—in his saving and his provision for life insurance—there he has been providing vast sums for inflationary expansion, for to a large extent have not his own premiums and savings banks deposits been handed back and almost forced upon him by way of building loans? Combined with installment purchases these first mortgage loans and the advances from realtors, the second mortgage and supply houses and furniture men on home accounts stand to present a somewhat troublesome problem in case of prolonged deflation.

#### THOSE OTHER MISSING ELEMENTS.

The absence from this "prosperity" wave of 1922-28 of certain other items claimed to be essential to a great national inflation of the vicious cycle type is also easily explained.

Substantial increases in the amount of paper money afloat have been rendered unnecessary by the great advance in the use of its substitute, the bank check and the relative stability of commodity prices. In July 1928 the U. S. Department of Engraving and Printing had put 4,700 employees on part time, principally, as then explained, because the circulation of Federal currency had fallen off, although funds were "changing hands at a greater rate than ever before," and in 1927 "American business firms and individuals issued in excess of 7,000,000,000 separate checks with an aggregate far surpassing the previous (very prosperous) year 1926."

Late in 1928 the Federal Reserve notes in circulation increased more than \$150,000,000 because of a spurt in business, but nevertheless, the amount of these notes afloat approximated the total of December 1927 and remained several hundred millions lower than a few years previous.

Persistently rising prices for commodities, as shown by average index numbers, are also absent, but that is because prices are subject to supply and demand and either supplies, broadly speaking, have been ample or higher prices were not required to make this selective inflation effective.

The operating side of the inflation has been concentrated for the most part in the luxury and allied lines and so enormous has been the business done therein, and so significant the mechanical and other operating economies introduced by them that it has been possible for the fortunate industries to pay the advancing wage scales needed to promote the wave of popular buying, not only with little or no price advances, but in the case of the automobile manufacturers with substantial price reduction. It has likewise made possible for the favored corporations, and many other business houses, the accumulation of heavy current and other assets with little or no indebtedness and no excess inventories.

As regards business in general, the credit spasm of 1920 left numerous merchants and manufacturers a chastened group, content to live from hand to mouth, provided they could thereby make moderate profits, without price raising. From that time also the public frowned on any appearance of profiteering and on more than one occasion resorted to a buyers' strike, at one time against cotton goods and woolens, at another against certain food products.

There were also in 1921, as a result of the credit convulsion, frozen inventories all over the globe which the consignees were unable or unwilling to accept from American shippers, when commodity prices, grossly inflated, had collapsed and foreign exchange rates were grievously depressed. Months elapsed before the frozen inventories and the frozen loans based thereon were liquidated and this depressing influence on prices and on business development had been removed. It was a hard experience, not soon forgotten, and it militated against any general inflation.

Moreover, the collapse of prices in 1920-1921 in the case of farm products, pig iron, copper, leather and other staples, due to heavy competition or decline in demand at home or abroad, arising from the termination of the war, was for some years and still is in various departments a great deterrent to a renewal of general price inflation, though copper, leather and meats have recently made a notable recovery.

Further, in any index of prices, the products of such depressed industries along with the low prices of many imported goods, serve to hide to a large extent any evidence of the real inflation which has taken place, best shown by articles and services in which labor is the predominating element.

Granting that "selective" inflation can or could flourish under existing conditions in the United States, as the foregoing facts would seem to indicate, without causing recur-

rent advances in prices for commodities and without other commonly present symptoms, the nation may have reason to revise its estimates both of "prosperity" and of group speculation.

For group speculation, when financially able to raise prices, whether for stocks, commodities or land, over long periods, is a powerful instrument for fostering business and credit inflation. The false optimism which it excites and the fictitious credits and reckless spending to which it gives rise provide just the elements most needed to keep the inflationary pot boiling.

In a concluding article, the relation of "prosperity" to inflation and its other causes, or alleged causes, may be further considered.

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**Unloading Acceptances on the Federal Reserve.**

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The purely tentative efforts which the Reserve System has been making toward the unloading of acceptances which now clog its portfolios could hardly have been expected to succeed. From the very beginning of the acceptance experiment in the United States, bankers all over the country have been inclined to view the situation in a very practical light. They have not been willing to buy acceptances and hold them simply as their contribution toward the establishment of a satisfactory discount market, but they have wanted to know how such action would affect their dividends or earnings.

When the acceptance propaganda was first begun, the statement was widely spread abroad at bankers' associations that it was a "duty" for country bankers to buy and hold a reasonable amount of such acceptances. The country bankers were inclined to believe these injunctions at first, but before long they saw that city bankers were neither buying one another's acceptances and holding them, nor were they purchasing the acceptances of out-of-town banks. There has never been a time when they were willing to hold any considerable quantity of such paper. They saw that city banks habitually loaned their spare funds in the call market and they thought there was no reason why they should not do likewise. So neither city nor country bankers have contributed anything to the acceptance market.

They are not likely to do so. Consequently, in order to get acceptances widely held by banks, it will be necessary to make them pay enough to form an attractive element in a bank portfolio. If, for example, a banker has \$50,000 to invest to-day and habitually invests it in Government certificates of indebtedness or in foreign bonds, it will be necessary to arrange matters so that his purchase of acceptances will pay him as much as the alternative investment which is now receiving his patronage. It is not likely that the acceptance market will be able to buy funds away

from the call market, but it can at least do something to meet other competing types of investment.

Federal Reserve banks had better stop "babying" the acceptance market. That market is now fifteen years old and if it cannot stand on its own feet, it never can do so. The Reserve banks ought to stop making abnormally low rates on this kind of paper. From start to finish the banker's acceptance which ought to have been a finely developed and excellent auxiliary to liquidity of banking, following after the precedents set by British practice, has instead been a source of inflation and danger. The time has come to correct this evil.

**Public Utility Earnings During November.**

Gross earnings of public-utility enterprises in November, exclusive of telephone and telegraph companies, as reported to the Department of Commerce by ninety-five 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 \$193,000,000 as compared with \$186,000,000 in October, and \$182,077,497 in November 1927. Gross earnings consist, in general, it is stated, 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
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<i>Gross Earnings—</i>				
January.....	163,500,133	177,473,781	191,702,022	196,573,107
February.....	151,639,283	165,658,704	177,612,648	187,383,731
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	178,696,556
July.....	141,063,557	153,245,315	161,638,462	173,645,919
August.....	142,422,405	153,188,101	162,647,420	*173,952,469
September.....	146,666,696	159,519,246	169,413,885	*178,346,441
October.....	158,770,250	170,733,069	177,734,493	186,000,000
November.....	163,128,279	176,000,649	182,077,497	193,000,000
Total (11 mos.).....	1,654,635,994	1,807,268,659	1,915,089,168	2,016,724,307
December.....	172,488,624	188,146,705	194,985,134	-----
Total (year).....	1,827,124,618	1,995,415,364	2,113,074,302	-----
<i>Net Earnings—</i>				
January.....	58,671,777	66,974,941	73,746,891	79,013,279
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	*67,537,149
July.....	44,309,630	49,238,806	53,980,280	*62,260,333
August.....	44,770,778	49,844,522	53,551,164	*61,809,794
September.....	49,139,669	56,930,481	61,897,207	67,967,383
October.....	55,057,277	60,878,181	65,259,727	72,000,000
November.....	60,511,807	65,844,729	70,214,468	78,000,000
Total (11 mos.).....	566,895,558	642,128,761	696,239,837	772,399,895
December.....	65,414,632	73,023,848	78,937,417	-----
Total (year).....	632,220,190	715,152,609	775,177,254	-----

\* Revised.

**Bank Clearings in 1928 and the Course of Trade and Speculation.**

In reviewing and analyzing the records of bank clearings for the calendar year 1928 we are again impressed with the part played by financial transactions, and particularly Stock Exchange speculation, in swelling the totals. In ordinary circumstances, bank clearings furnish a pretty reliable indication of the course of trade and business. In more recent years, however, stock speculation has attained such enormous dimensions and been rising with such great rapidity that the transactions on that account have overshadowed everything else. We are inclined to repeat therefore, at the outset, what we have said on previous occasions, but with increased emphasis, that bank clearings, after all, in the course of modern development, represent some-

thing more than mere trade and mercantile transactions. They comprehend also the great financial transactions of the day, many of which have their origin entirely outside the channels of commerce, trade and industry, though in the end they may call all these into being. Most important of all, as already noted, account must be taken of the ceaseless tide of speculation on at the stock exchanges of the country, but primarily at the New York Stock Exchange.

During the previous year (1927) the course of trade and the course of financial transactions (and particularly those arising out of speculation) were at variance and our analysis at the time showed that the further growth in bank exchanges in that

year was to be ascribed mainly to these financial transactions. Trade and business at that time were markedly on the decline, especially the latter part of the year, though many were not inclined to accept the truth of the statement, notwithstanding the facts spoke eloquently in support of it. Now no one is inclined to question the statement in view of the overwhelming nature of the evidence on that point. In 1928, on the other hand, the course of speculation and of trade were once more in unison and both contributed to enlarge the totals of bank clearings. Trade recovery began in the early months and the revival kept gaining headway until the end of the year, notwithstanding the Presidential election.

It will nevertheless appear as we proceed that notwithstanding the change in the course of trade and its developing volume, the contributions on that account to the totals of bank exchanges were relatively small alongside the further expansion caused by the ever rising tide of stock speculation. Of course, the revival of trade activity was not uniform and did not take all industries into its embrace. One important geographical section of the country, namely, the South, did not come under its benevolent sway at all. To the South recovery remained a stranger. The automobile trade after its great slump in 1927 (due largely to the inactivity of the Ford plants) enjoyed perhaps the greatest advance. The output of motor vehicles in the United States during the calendar year 1928 ran roughly 900,000 larger than in the calendar year 1927, or in other words, reached, say 4,300,000 cars, as against 3,401,326 in 1927. The increased demand for iron and steel on that account, and also from a number of other sources, more particularly the agricultural implement makers (reflecting a more prosperous state of the agricultural classes), had a quickening effect on the steel industry, with the result that the production of steel ingots in the United States in 1928 surpassed all previous records, reaching a grand total of 49,853,225 tons, against only 43,397,743 tons in the calendar year 1927. The year's make of pig iron was held down by increased use of scrap for steel making. Nevertheless, the make of coke pig iron in 1928 is estimated by the "Iron Age" at 37,837,804 tons against 36,232,306 tons in 1927.

Many separate trades, however, did not share in the recovery. The cotton goods industry is a conspicuous illustration of the kind. The sugar trade was depressed on account of the low price of sugar and the rubber trade had to contend with the collapse in the price of crude rubber and the abandonment of the Stevenson restriction plan. Crude rubber in this market commanded only 18c. a pound at the end of 1928 as against 41c. at the beginning. Most important of all, the coal trade continued to lag behind until the closing months of the year, the output of soft coal falling below even the reduced output during the summer of 1927 when the soft coal miners at the unionized mines throughout the country were out on strike. The abandonment by the United Mine Workers of America in July 1928 of the Jacksonville scale of wages paved the way for improvement, leading to the opening of many mines in Ohio and Illinois that had been continuously idle for a long time. It was not until about October that bituminous coal production began to show an increase over the reduced totals of the previous year. Even as it is, the total soft coal production for the calendar year, according to the United States Bu-

reau of Mines, falls below the output for the calendar year 1927 when it was reduced about 55,000,000 tons as compared with the year preceding. The product for 1928 is put at 492,755,000 tons against 517,763,000 tons for 1927 and 573,367,000 tons for 1926. Perhaps the best indication of the volume of trade for 1928 as compared with the years immediately preceding is furnished by the statistics of the loading of railroad revenue freight on the railroads of the United States. These statistics show virtually no recovery during 1928 after the big drop in 1927. The Car Service Division of the American Railway Association reports 51,576,731 cars loaded with revenue freight during the 52 weeks of 1928 as against 51,635,806 cars in the 52 weeks of 1927 and 53,098,819 cars in the 52 weeks of 1926.

From the foregoing it will be readily comprehended why trade transactions must have contributed relatively little to enlarge bank clearings. And yet the further expansion in bank clearings in 1928 reached very notable proportions. Taking all the clearing houses of the country together, the grand total, after having increased from \$455,000,000,000 in 1924 to \$512,000,000,000 in 1925, to \$523,000,000,000 in 1926 and to \$555,000,000,000 in 1927, took a further jump to \$634,000,000,000 in 1928, the new addition in 1928 having been no less than 14.3%. These figures, of course, include New York City and, as the reader will have surmised, the bulk of the increase has occurred at this center and the source of the increase is found in the ever widening circle of speculation with which the country has been confronted. While the 1928 gain, with New York included, is, as we have seen, 14.3%, the gain in New York by itself reached no less than 22% and out of the \$79,000,000,000 increase in the grand total with New York included, over \$70,000,000,000 has been supplied by New York City alone.

In the following we show the grand totals of the clearings for each year, beginning with 1905, both for New York by itself and for the country outside of New York and for the two combined.

Year.	New York Clearings.	Inc. or Dec.	Clearings Outside New York.	Inc. or Dec.	Total Clearings.	Inc. or Dec.
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
1928 see note	391,727,476,264	+22.0	242,631,235,164	+3.7	634,358,711,428	+14.3
1927 see note	321,234,213,667	+10.6	233,917,200,167	+0.1	555,151,413,834	+6.0
1926 see note	290,354,943,483	+2.4	233,418,828,972	+2.1	523,773,772,455	+2.3
1925 see note	283,619,244,636	+13.5	228,596,560,498	+11.0	512,215,805,135	+12.4
1924 see note	249,868,181,339	+16.8	205,165,887,454	+2.9	455,034,068,793	+10.1
1923 see note	213,996,182,727	-1.8	199,456,248,672	+14.8	413,452,431,399	+10.1
1922 see note	217,900,386,116	+12.1	173,606,925,839	+7.7	391,507,311,955	+10.1
1921 see note	194,331,219,663	-20.0	161,256,972,863	-21.9	355,588,192,536	-20.5
1920 see note	243,135,013,364	+3.1	206,592,998,070	+12.3	449,727,981,440	+7.6
1919	235,802,634,887	+32.0	181,982,219,804	+18.3	417,784,854,691	+25.7
1918	178,533,248,782	+0.6	153,820,777,681	+18.7	332,354,026,463	+8.3
1917	177,404,965,539	+11.5	129,539,760,728	+26.7	306,944,726,317	+17.2
1916	159,580,645,590	+44.4	102,275,125,073	+4.2	261,855,770,663	+39.4
1915	110,574,392,634	+33.2	77,253,171,911	+7.0	187,845,564,545	+20.9
1914	83,018,580,016	-12.3	72,226,538,218	-3.9	155,245,118,234	-8.6
1913	94,634,281,984	-6.1	75,181,418,616	+2.7	169,815,700,600	-2.4
1912	100,743,967,262	+9.1	73,208,947,649	+7.9	173,952,914,911	+8.6
1911	92,372,812,735	-5.0	67,856,960,931	+1.6	160,229,773,666	-2.4
1910	97,274,500,093	-6.1	66,820,729,906	+7.3	164,095,229,999	-1.0
1909	103,588,738,321	+30.7	62,249,403,009	+17.2	165,838,141,330	+25.2
1908	79,275,880,256	-9.1	53,132,968,880	-8.4	132,408,849,136	-8.8
1907	87,182,168,381	-16.7	57,843,565,112	+4.8	145,025,733,493	-9.3
1906	105,676,828,656	+11.6	55,229,888,677	+10.1	159,905,717,333	+11.0
1905	93,822,060,202	+36.7	50,005,388,239	+13.9	143,827,448,441	+27.7

Note.—Figures for 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927 and 1928 in this table for total clearings and for clearings outside of New York do not make an exact comparison with previous years, inasmuch as St. Joseph, Toledo and about a dozen minor places which in 1919 and previous years contributed regular returns now refuse to furnish reports of clearings. The omitted places added, roughly, \$2,000,000,000 to the total in 1919.

The clearings outside of New York show a new addition of barely \$9,000,000,000. Moreover, the ratio of new increase outside of New York is very moderate—only 3.7%. This is the more noteworthy as the frenzy of stock speculation took possession of the entire country from one end to the other and the remittances to New York by those dabbling in the market must have played its part in swelling local bank clearings as well as New York City clearings; moreover, all the local stock exchanges all

over the country experienced a great revival of stock speculation on their own account, which in like manner must have tended to enlarge local bank clearings. Making allowance for all this, little of the further increase in 1928 clearings is to be ascribed to trade operations, even in the case of the clearings outside of New York, but virtually all appears to be due to the spread of the stock market craze.

As to the magnitude of stock speculation at this center, the facts are so clearly within the ken of everyone that there appears little occasion for doing more than citing the figures themselves. The totals are startling in their dimensions and no parallels to them are to be found in similar speculative eras in the past history of the Exchange. The speculative spirit spread like wild fire. The volume grew larger and still larger and nothing seemed to discourage those participating, even several severe breaks, during which the market tumbled badly, not seeming to act as the slightest deterrent. Spectacular increases in Stock Exchange borrowing, as represented by brokers' loans on the security of stock and bond collateral, were the natural concomitant of the situation referred to and furnished striking evidence of what was going on in that respect, but did not operate in the slightest degree to abate the speculative demand for stocks, the appetite evidently growing on what it was being fed.

The reader of course need not be reminded that the speculation referred to did not have its origin in 1928, but began several years further back and merely reached a new high stage of development in this latest year. We commented on its steady expansion in reviewing the figures for 1927, pointing out that in that year it had been proceeding at a rate and pace never previously witnessed. The aggregate of the stock sales for 1925 and 1926 had been so large that they were deemed at the time as belonging in a class by themselves, 450,845,256 shares having been dealt in during the calendar year 1926 and 454,404,803 shares in the year 1925, as compared with 281,931,597 shares in 1924, 236,115,320 shares in 1923, and 258,652,519 shares in 1922, yet the large totals for 1926 and 1925 were exceeded in amount of over 25% by the sales for 1927, which reached 576,563,218 shares. But now that we have the results for 1928 even the 1927 total looks diminutive by comparison.

In 1928 the dealings on the New York Stock Exchange actually exceeded 900 million shares, reaching 919,661,825 shares. As recently as 1921 the year's sales were only 172,712,716 shares. From the spurt from that figure to the 919,661,825 share record of 1928 one gets an idea of the magnitude of the expansion that has occurred. In addition, the New York Curb Market dealt in 221,171,781 shares in 1928, against 86,923,776 shares in 1927. The following carries the yearly record of the stock sales on the New York Stock Exchange back to 1880:

NUMBER OF SHARES SOLD AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE BY CALENDAR YEARS.

Cal. Year.	Stocks, Shares.	Cal. Year.	Stocks, Shares.	Cal. Year.	Stocks, Shares.	Cal. Year.	Stocks, Shares.
1928	919,661,825	1915	173,145,203	1903	161,102,101	1891	69,031,689
1927	576,563,218	1914	47,900,568	1902	188,503,403	1890	71,282,885
1926	454,404,803	1913	83,470,693	1901	265,944,659	1889	72,014,000
1925	454,404,803	1912	131,128,425	1900	138,380,184	1888	65,179,106
1924	281,931,597	1911	127,208,258	1899	176,421,135	1887	84,914,616
1923	236,115,320	1910	164,051,061	1898	112,639,957	1886	100,802,050
1922	258,652,519	1909	214,632,194	1897	77,324,172	1885	92,538,947
1921	172,712,716	1908	197,206,346	1896	54,654,096	1884	96,154,971
1920	226,640,400	1907	196,438,824	1895	66,583,232	1883	97,049,909
1919	316,787,725	1906	284,298,010	1894	49,075,032	1882	116,307,271
1918	144,118,469	1905	263,081,156	1893	80,977,839	1881	114,511,248
1917	185,628,948	1904	187,312,065	1892	85,875,092	1880	97,919,099
1916	233,311,993						

Not only did the dealings on the Stock Exchange during 1928 attain proportions previously hardly

deemed as coming within the realm of imagination, but the movement kept proceeding at an accelerating pace, month after month, until it found its culmination in the closing months of the year. In January and February the totals were still relatively light (according to later day standards), the sales in January having been 56,919,395 shares and in February 47,009,070 shares, which was far above the corresponding totals for the same months of previous years. In July following the break in the market the previous June there was another relatively dull period with the sales down to 39,197,238 shares, but from that figure the sales mounted steadily higher, month by month, reaching 67,191,023 shares in August; 90,578,701 shares in September; 98,831,435 shares in October, and then jumping to 115,360,075 shares in November. In December with the break in the market the early part of the month, the pace slackened somewhat and the sales fell to 92,837,350 shares. The following gives the monthly record of the stock sales on the New York Stock Exchange for the last five years.

SALES OF STOCKS ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
	No. Shares.	No. Shares.	No. Shares.	No. Shares.	No. Shares.
Month of January --	56,919,395	34,275,410	38,987,885	41,570,543	26,857,386
February --	47,009,070	44,162,496	35,725,989	32,794,456	20,721,562
March ----	84,973,869	49,211,663	52,271,691	38,294,393	18,315,911
Total first quarter.	188,902,334	127,649,569	126,985,565	112,659,392	65,894,859
Month of April ----	80,474,835	49,781,211	30,326,714	24,844,207	18,116,829
May ----	82,398,724	46,597,830	23,341,144	36,647,760	13,513,967
June ----	63,886,110	47,778,544	38,254,575	30,750,768	17,003,140
Total second quar.	226,759,669	144,157,585	91,922,433	92,242,735	48,633,935
Total six months..	415,662,003	271,807,154	218,907,998	204,902,127	114,528,794
Month of July ----	39,197,238	38,575,576	36,691,187	32,812,918	24,318,182
August ----	67,191,023	51,205,812	44,491,314	33,047,248	21,809,031
September	90,578,701	51,576,590	37,030,166	37,109,231	18,184,160
Total third quarter	196,966,962	141,357,978	118,212,667	102,969,397	64,311,373
Total nine months	612,628,965	413,165,132	337,120,665	307,871,524	178,840,167
Month of October....	98,831,435	50,289,449	40,437,374	54,091,794	18,332,992
November	115,360,075	51,016,335	31,313,410	49,176,979	41,657,077
December.	92,837,350	62,092,302	41,973,806	43,264,506	43,101,361
Total fourth quar.	307,028,860	163,398,086	113,724,590	146,533,279	103,091,430
Tot. second six mos	919,657,825	304,656,064	231,937,257	249,501,676	167,402,803
Total full year....	919,661,825	576,563,218	450,845,256	454,404,803	281,931,597

With reference to the totals of the clearings month by month, these were all through controlled by the results at New York and these latter in turn were governed by the course of stock speculation and, as the tide of speculation rose higher and still higher, bank clearings showed corresponding expansion. Taking the clearings at New York by themselves, the record was one of continual increases as compared with the year preceding, month by month and quarter by quarter. And, as showing the intimate relation existing with the stock market, it is rather notable that in the third quarter of the year when the stock dealings registered only a small increase as compared with 1927, New York City bank clearings likewise showed only moderate expansion. For the first quarter New York bank clearings increased 20.7%; for the second quarter, 30.9%; for the third quarter, only 9.6%, and for the fourth quarter, 26.0%.

As far as the clearings outside of New York are concerned, the record of growth was a moderate one, month by month and quarter by quarter, which of course follows naturally from the moderate growth shown for the year as a whole, to which reference has already been made. For the first quarter of the year the clearings outside of New York registered a gain of 2.1%; for the second quarter of 5.5%; for the third quarter of 1.1%, and for the fourth quarter of 6.0%, and it is worth noting that

in all the different quarters there was only one month when the outside clearings fell behind and that was March, when a trifling decrease (0.5%) appeared. In the following we show first the clearings at New York for each month of the last four years and then for the last two years the monthly clearings both for the whole country and for the cities outside of New York:

CLEARINGS AT NEW YORK.

Month.	1928.		1927.		Inc. or Dec.	1926.		1925.	
	\$	%	\$	%		\$	%	\$	%
January	31,043,479,929		25,561,913,470	+21.4	27,101,098,266		26,720,693,986		
Feb. ....	26,824,126,066		23,059,217,323	+16.3	21,453,357,475		21,057,059,252		
March....	35,453,835,089		28,727,754,849	+23.4	28,091,872,942		23,349,010,749		
1st quar.	93,321,441,084		77,348,885,642	+20.7	76,646,328,683		71,126,763,987		
April....	32,039,860,473		26,465,460,651	+21.1	25,964,060,768		22,848,884,605		
May....	36,704,986,867		24,743,120,429	+48.3	23,386,145,633		23,847,434,420		
June....	34,738,742,012		27,875,747,336	+24.6	24,194,989,586		24,018,843,715		
2d quar.	103,483,589,352		79,084,328,416	+30.9	73,545,195,987		70,715,162,740		
6 mos. ...	196,805,030,436		156,433,214,058	+25.8	150,191,524,670		141,841,926,727		
July....	27,755,457,498		25,446,230,688	+9.1	23,827,212,640		23,395,750,107		
August...	26,979,049,907		25,379,586,880	+6.3	21,675,979,699		20,218,518,365		
Sept....	30,102,328,360		26,599,391,689	+13.2	21,360,018,748		21,774,438,479		
3d quar.	84,836,835,765		77,425,209,257	+9.6	66,863,211,087		65,388,706,951		
9 mos. ...	281,641,866,201		233,858,423,315	+20.4	217,054,735,757		207,230,633,678		
October.	35,151,739,103		27,380,528,406	+28.4	24,333,287,080		25,952,146,998		
Nov....	35,715,739,187		28,085,239,289	+27.2	22,251,578,786		23,477,178,083		
Dec....	39,218,131,773		31,910,022,651	+22.9	26,715,341,860		26,959,285,877		
4th quar.	110,085,610,063		87,375,790,346	+26.0	73,300,207,726		76,388,610,958		
Ye. ....	391,727,476,264		321,234,213,661	+22.8	290,354,943,483		283,619,244,636		

The following compilation covers the clearings by months since Jan. 1 in 1928 and 1927:

MONTHLY CLEARINGS.

Month.	Clearings, Total All.			Clearings Outside New York.		
	1928.	1927.	%	1928.	1927.	%
	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Jan. ....	51,562,315,501	45,218,678,950	+14.0	20,518,835,572	19,656,765,480	+4.4
Feb. ....	44,630,077,038	40,417,396,702	+10.4	17,805,950,972	17,358,179,379	+2.6
Mar. ....	55,593,557,773	48,960,685,793	+13.5	20,139,722,684	20,232,930,944	-0.5
1st qu.	151,785,950,312	134,596,761,445	+12.8	58,464,509,228	57,247,875,803	+2.1
April....	51,781,924,984	45,733,897,399	+13.2	19,742,064,511	19,268,436,748	+2.5
May....	57,958,633,608	43,992,197,413	+31.7	21,255,646,741	19,249,076,984	+10.4
June....	55,301,367,743	47,709,589,305	+15.9	20,562,625,731	19,833,841,969	+3.7
2d qu.	165,041,926,335	137,435,684,117	+20.1	61,558,336,983	58,351,355,701	+5.5
6 mos. ...	316,827,876,647	272,032,445,562	+16.5	120,022,846,211	115,599,231,504	+3.8
July....	46,989,910,268	44,257,332,889	+6.2	19,234,452,770	18,811,102,201	+2.2
Aug....	45,673,636,677	43,972,761,010	+3.9	18,694,586,770	18,593,174,130	+0.5
Sept....	49,436,927,510	45,852,188,245	+7.8	19,334,599,150	19,252,796,556	+0.4
3d qu.	142,100,474,455	134,082,282,144	+6.0	57,263,638,690	56,657,072,887	+1.1
9 mos. ...	458,928,351,102	406,114,727,706	+13.0	177,286,484,901	172,256,304,391	+2.9
Oct....	57,712,586,973	48,149,971,563	+19.8	22,560,847,870	20,769,443,157	+8.6
Nov....	56,681,373,862	48,257,674,561	+17.5	20,965,634,675	20,172,435,272	+3.9
Dec....	61,036,399,491	52,587,368,246	+16.2	21,818,267,718	20,677,345,595	+5.5
4th qu.	175,430,360,326	148,995,014,370	+17.7	65,344,750,263	61,619,224,024	+6.0
12 mos.	634,358,711,428	555,109,742,076	+14.3	242,631,235,164	233,875,528,415	+3.7

One section of the country, as already noted, was exempt from the wave of trade activity that spread over the rest of the country. We have reference of course to the South, where the business prostration of 1927 continued regnant over the greater part of 1928—in fact, until near the very close of the year. Indications of this were found in the continued shrinkage of railroad revenues, large losses in 1928 following equally heavy losses in 1927. The depression is of course reflected in the returns of bank clearings from that part of the country. Our tabulations of clearings, when arranged in Federal Reserve districts, show diminished totals in the case of both the Richmond Reserve district and the Atlanta Reserve district, the decrease in the one case being 5.3%, and in the other 4.9%, and these are the only two Federal Reserve districts that do show diminished bank exchanges, barring only the Boston Federal Reserve district, where a decrease of 1.6% appears and the Boston Reserve district of course covers the New England States where the textile industry had to contend with unfavorable conditions, besides which New Bedford, Mass., suffered from a strike which lasted for nearly 6 months, from April

16 to Oct. 8, attended by an almost complete suspension of production. As a matter of fact, while the clearings in the Boston Federal Reserve District show a falling off of only 1.6%, most of the leading cities in the New England group register diminished totals of clearings and the ratio of falling off in several cases is quite heavy. New Bedford has suffered a reduction of its clearings of 16.7%; Fall River of no less than 20.1%; Holyoke of 24.6%; Bangor of 15.7%; with larger or smaller decreases also at Manchester, N. H.; Waterbury, Conn.; Lowell, Mass., and even Boston, Mass. The loss at the last mentioned point, however, is only 2.4%, and the result at that center controls the result for the Boston Reserve district as a whole, since its clearings constitute such an overwhelming proportion of the whole. On the other hand, Portland, Me.; Springfield, Mass.; Worcester, Mass.; Hartford and New Haven, Conn., and Providence, R. I., have managed to enlarge the totals of their clearings.

In the Richmond Reserve district and the Atlanta Reserve district the losses predominate, only a few places forming exceptions to the rule, and the explanation of course is found in the circumstance already mentioned, namely, the unrelieved depression in the South. The slump in the bank exchanges in the Florida cities deserves special mention and illustrates how severe the depression has been in that part of the South, following the collapse of the real estate boom. The clearings at Miami in 1928 aggregated only \$143,364,000, against \$260,039,000 in 1927, \$632,867,020 in 1926 and no less than \$1,066,528,874 in 1925. At Jacksonville the 1928 clearings were \$832,568,615, against \$1,002,493,423 in 1927 and \$1,505,427,663 and \$1,446,158,867 respectively in 1926 and 1925. At Tampa clearings in 1928 were \$184,472,445, against \$237,515,432, \$414,418,178 and \$461,800,170 in the three years preceding. New Orleans was able to maintain the volume of its clearings quite well, the total of \$2,907,752,752 for 1928 comparing with \$3,055,799,395, \$3,084,716,952 and \$3,169,573,524 in the three years preceding. The same remark applies also to some other points like Birmingham, for instance.

In the nine other Federal Reserve districts, while the clearings as a whole record improved results over the year preceding, there are in some of the districts numerous individual instances of reduced totals. For example, in the Philadelphia Reserve district most of the smaller coal towns have suffered diminution of their totals of clearings, including Altoona, Bethlehem, Chester, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Scranton and Wilkes-Barre. Philadelphia itself, no doubt influenced by the course of financial transactions, has a small gain and so have Reading and York, Pa. The New Jersey points in that district, Camden and Trenton, have fallen slightly behind.

The largest ratio of expansion is of course shown in the case of the New York Federal Reserve district where the gain amounts to 21.5%. There the result of course has been entirely controlled by the increase at this center with its tremendous volume of stock speculation. It remains true, nevertheless, that all the different places in the New York Reserve District with the single exception of Jamestown, N. Y., contributed in larger or smaller degree to the improvement.

The Chicago Reserve district also makes a good showing with clearings increased 7.0%. Here, too, only a few minor places form exceptions to the rule.



1926, 36,230,111 shares valued at \$88,955,330 in 1925 and 24,131,544 shares valued at \$38,585,898 in 1924. The bond sales are reported at \$11,351,500 for 1928 against \$10,707,000 for 1927, \$18,392,900 for 1926, \$33,243,300 for 1925 and \$26,513,400 for 1924.

Following the increase in business on the Detroit Stock Exchange in 1927 after a succession of years in which trading kept dwindling because of the discontinuance of dealings in unlisted stocks in October 1925, the volume of business transacted in 1928 reached almost four times that of 1927, the exact total being 10,605,183 shares. In 1927 the aggregate of the dealings in listed stocks was 2,786,915 shares and in 1926 1,852,451 shares. This compares with 3,264,164 shares of listed and unlisted stocks combined in 1925 and 2,485,894 shares combined in 1924.

On the Boston Stock Exchange the sales totaled 18,240,330 shares in 1928 against 8,807,874 shares in 1927, 9,562,931 shares in 1926, 9,912,352 shares in 1925, 5,300,862 shares in 1924, 4,783,324 shares in 1923, 5,495,041 shares in 1922, 3,974,005 shares in 1921, 6,696,423 shares in 1920, 9,235,751 shares in 1919 and 3,929,008 shares in 1918. On the Philadelphia Stock Exchange the dealings in 1928 aggregated 17,850,739 shares against 7,959,556 shares in 1927, 10,174,589 shares in 1926, 6,297,878 shares in 1925, 3,434,690 shares in 1924, 2,319,270 shares in 1923, 2,456,631 shares in 1922, 1,579,470 shares in 1921, 2,367,312 shares in 1920 and 3,230,740 shares in 1919.

At Cleveland the transactions in stocks and bonds (\$1,000 being taken as the equivalent of ten shares of stock) aggregated 2,132,509 shares in 1928 against 1,263,211 shares in 1927, 1,226,551 shares in 1926, 1,864,659 shares in 1925, 736,976 shares in 1924, 812,682 shares in 1923, 833,952 shares in 1922, 863,644 shares in 1921, 943,250 shares in 1920, 725,970 shares in 1919 and 176,463 shares in 1918. In the Baltimore market 1,019,056 shares of stock were sold in 1928, 919,365 shares in 1927, 590,730 shares in 1926, 951,426 shares in 1925 and 468,063 shares in 1924; while the value of the bond sales was \$9,004,106 against \$12,032,800 in 1927, \$7,882,500 in 1926, \$9,623,000 in 1925 and \$8,246,000 in 1924.

On the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange the sales in 1928 were 2,013,255 shares against 1,347,563 shares in 1927, 1,562,769 shares in 1926, 1,778,138 shares in 1925, 1,372,711 shares in 1924, 2,506,032 shares in 1923, 2,230,146 shares in 1922, 2,630,704 shares in 1921, 4,153,769 shares in 1920, 5,579,055 shares in 1919 and 6,072,300 shares in 1918. At the St. Louis Stock Exchange transactions aggregated 1,077,984 shares valued at \$58,959,638.40 against 500,601 shares valued at \$25,451,565.28 in 1927, 382,839 shares valued at \$17,101,763 in 1926, 591,667 shares valued at \$32,087,323 in 1925 and 139,482 shares with a value of \$12,193,180 in 1924, while the bond sales were \$2,365,928 par value in 1928 against \$3,840,360

par value in 1927, \$2,325,000 par value in 1926, \$2,355,200 in 1925 and \$2,424,100 in 1924.

Stock dealings on the Canadian Stock Exchanges were heavily increased in 1928 over the sales for the previous year. On the Montreal Stock Exchange stock sales of listed shares for the twelve months of 1928 were 18,990,039 shares against 9,992,627 shares during 1927, 6,751,570 shares in 1926, 4,316,626 shares in 1925, 2,686,603 shares in 1924, 2,091,002 shares in 1923, 2,910,878 shares in 1922, 2,068,613 shares in 1921, 4,177,962 shares in 1920 and 3,865,683 shares in 1919. The bond sales in Montreal were \$20,139,200 in 1928 against \$16,077,600 in 1927, \$17,807,921 in 1926, \$17,715,503 in 1925, \$22,153,753 in 1924, \$38,003,500 in 1923, \$48,519,402 in 1922, \$67,776,342 in 1921, \$27,340,080 in 1920 and \$71,681,901 in 1919.

On the Toronto Stock Exchange the stock sales totaled 5,916,923 shares in 1928 against 4,663,042 shares in 1927, 2,470,167 shares in 1926, 1,999,218 shares in 1925, 907,871 shares in 1924, 1,025,923 shares in 1923, 1,214,543 shares in 1922, 548,017 shares in 1921 and 670,064 shares in 1920.

As to the Canadian clearings, the record of the Dominion is one of continuous growth for all recent years. Dominion clearings in 1928 ran well above those for 1927 and 1926 in each and every quarter and reached a grand aggregate of \$24,555,998,549 for the 12 months of 1928, against \$20,566,490,856 for the 12 months of 1927, \$17,646,961,411 in 1926 and \$16,731,243,264 in 1925. In other words, there was an increase of 19.4% in 1928 over 1927, after an increase of 16.1% in 1927 over 1926 and an increase of 5.5% in 1926 over 1925. Out of the 31 Canadian cities contributing returns not a single one failed to show an increase in 1928 over 1927. The Canadian totals of clearings, by quarter year periods, for the last 13 years, appear in the table we now append.

CLEARINGS IN THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

Clearings Reported.	First Quarter.	Second Quarter.	Third Quarter.	Fourth Quarter.	Total Year.
1928	5,540,519,953	6,224,576,655	5,619,332,605	7,171,569,336	24,555,998,549
1927	4,324,149,204	4,910,336,783	4,737,796,279	6,594,208,610	20,566,490,856
1926	3,929,891,000	4,388,475,000	4,217,059,000	5,111,536,000	17,646,961,000
1925	3,708,304,000	3,854,678,000	3,904,277,000	5,263,984,000	16,731,243,000
1924	3,834,897,000	3,950,010,000	4,072,622,000	5,120,395,000	16,977,924,000
1923	3,606,308,000	4,158,184,000	3,864,938,000	5,702,913,000	17,332,342,000
1922	3,840,001,000	4,031,429,000	3,706,793,000	4,685,582,000	16,263,805,000
1921	4,127,525,000	4,447,088,000	3,983,965,000	4,886,142,000	17,444,720,000
1920	4,638,357,000	4,924,428,000	4,819,806,000	5,849,805,000	20,232,406,000
1919	3,329,475,000	3,970,863,000	4,127,237,000	5,275,350,000	16,702,925,000
1918	2,818,417,000	3,387,131,000	3,212,600,000	4,300,425,000	13,718,573,000
1917	2,657,205,000	3,363,807,000	2,923,735,000	3,611,971,000	12,556,718,000
1916	2,162,216,000	2,618,482,000	2,489,518,000	3,236,383,000	10,506,599,000

To complete our analysis we now give the complete statement of the clearings at the different cities in the United States for the last eight years, classified according to Federal Reserve districts, and also the ratios of increase or decrease as between 1928 and 1927. The Canadian bank clearings in detail for the last eight years are added at the extreme end of the compilations.

BANK CLEARINGS IN DETAIL FOR THE LAST EIGHT CALENDAR YEARS ACCORDING TO FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS.

Clearings at—	1928.	1927.	Inc. or Dec. %	Year 1926.	Year 1925.	Year 1924.	Year 1923.	Year 1922.	Year 1921.
First Federal Reserve District—Boston	\$ 35,894,326	\$ 42,555,464	-15.7	\$ 39,196,075	\$ 38,033,896	\$ 40,138,437	\$ 40,413,668	\$ 40,568,658	\$ 41,855,269
Maine—Bangor	202,544,646	197,891,247	+2.4	192,468,223	174,371,073	157,915,526	164,136,227	160,450,419	140,608,794
Portland	25,828,975,499	26,468,065,274	-2.4	25,130,344,097	22,481,915,310	21,323,000,000	19,310,172,332	16,433,000,000	14,328,413,721
Massachusetts—Boston	85,578,004	107,131,493	-20.1	103,832,149	121,230,152	107,787,753	124,743,525	100,814,566	79,470,642
Fall River	35,209,151	46,683,818	-24.6	45,041,238	49,337,294	47,091,321	50,115,764	44,299,646	43,632,988
Holyoke	62,880,710	63,900,525	-1.0	66,803,614	60,639,419	60,973,339	68,569,542	59,153,471	56,819,399
Lowell	54,672,539	65,623,291	-16.7	68,898,612	79,943,697	74,187,603	79,033,874	79,991,050	74,053,903
New Bedford	296,082,026	283,174,997	+4.5	299,931,604	303,889,872	273,633,974	266,185,531	233,105,376	210,452,607
Springfield	187,941,048	186,433,169	+0.9	190,236,622	194,635,139	183,377,338	183,348,619	181,398,149	180,617,978
Worcester	903,867,710	832,271,077	+8.6	800,645,811	763,288,763	653,780,569	566,589,795	490,131,145	455,975,030
Connecticut—Hartford	454,489,602	412,492,500	+10.2	373,982,839	370,464,451	358,478,841	342,812,458	291,355,625	274,849,673
New Haven	131,318,100	133,611,000	-1.7	125,216,500	129,137,900	109,544,600	96,780,986	87,252,900	81,291,500
Waterbury	813,885,600	729,416,100	+11.6	714,045,000	717,676,500	621,855,500	633,123,500	580,722,300	533,785,800
Rhode Island—Providence	37,478,703	39,390,670	-4.8	41,367,963	41,428,285	39,494,909			
N. H.—Manchester									
Total (14 cities)	29,130,817,664	29,608,240,625	-1.6	28,182,073,347	25,525,891,741	24,051,259,710	21,926,025,871	18,802,252,335	16,501,807,143



BANK CLEARINGS IN DETAIL FOR THE LAST EIGHT CALENDAR YEARS ACCORDING TO FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS—(Continued).

Table with columns: Clearings at—, 1928., 1927., Inc. or Dec., Year 1926., Year 1925., Year 1924., Year 1923., Year 1922., Year 1921. Rows include Second Federal Reserve, Third Federal Reserve, Fourth Federal Reserve, Fifth Federal Reserve, Sixth Federal Reserve, Seventh Federal Reserve, and Eighth Federal Reserve, with sub-rows for various cities and districts.

BANK CLEARINGS IN DETAIL FOR THE LAST EIGHT CALENDAR YEARS ACCORDING TO FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS—(Concluded).

Main table showing bank clearings in detail for the last eight calendar years (1912-1928) according to Federal Reserve Districts. Columns include District, Year, and Amount. Rows list various districts such as Ninth Federal Reserve, Tenth Federal Reserve, Eleventh Federal Reserve, and Twelfth Federal Reserve, along with their constituent cities.

CANADIAN BANK CLEARINGS FOR THE LAST EIGHT CALENDAR YEARS.

Table showing Canadian bank clearings for the last eight calendar years (1912-1928). Columns include City, Year, and Amount. Rows list cities such as Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Ottawa, Quebec, Halifax, Hamilton, Calgary, St. John, Victoria, London, Edmonton, Regina, Brandon, Lethbridge, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, Brantford, Fort William, New Westminster, Medicine Hat, Peterborough, Sherbrooke, Kitchener, Windsor, Prince Albert, Moncton, Kingston, Chatham, and Sarnia.

a No longer report clearings. f All banks closed.

## Indications of Business Activity

### THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

*Friday Night, Jan. 11 1929.*

The big industries of the country are gradually getting into their new year stride, although there is no very marked increase of new business. The production of steel keeps up well, however, and textile reports from different parts of the country despite the influenza epidemic are in the main cheerful. In parts of the South cotton mills indeed are running on full time. Some of the mills of Maine and Massachusetts are very busy. Retail trade is brightening up a little, although the uncertainties of the weather hurt it to some extent, not forgetting the influenza epidemic in different parts of the country, although here in the East there has been comparative immunity from this disease; certainly it has not reached the proportion of an epidemic. Seasonable weather, that is sharp cold temperatures well maintained would, of course, be for the best interests of the country from every point of view, especially from those of health and business. In parts of the South temperatures have been so high that they favor the hibernating weevil; really cold weather is apt to kill the pest, or at any rate greatly reduce its numbers. Within 24 hours fortunately the temperatures have been very cold in the Northwest. In sections where cold weather has prevailed the demand for heavy clothing has increased. Automobile, implement and machinery production is on a good scale. Zero weather wherever it has prevailed has stimulated the trade in coal. Snowfalls in parts of the Central West have been good for the winter wheat, but have made the roads bad and hampered business. The storms amounting at times to blizzards in the Central West have increased the sales of rubber goods. Special sales of clothing and furniture have tended to whip up trade and the same may be said of automobile shows. Steel scrap is up to \$19.50 the highest price in three years. Non-ferrous metals have been firmer. Cutting down production has strengthened prices for lumber. The demand for agricultural implements at the West has been brisk.

Wheat after selling at the lowest price in four years has latterly advanced two cents on the 10th inst. after a better export demand this week and is up  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to 4c. with some revival of speculation. Large interests at Chicago are supposed to have taken the bull side in an oversold market. But to-day came a reaction on disappointing cables from both Europe and Argentina and an announcement that the combined exports of Argentina and Australia this week have exceeded 9,000,000 bushels. Moreover it is said that American wheat is quoted in Liverpool at relatively 12 c. higher than Argentina. Corn has risen 5c. this week to the highest point of the season with reports at times of a pretty good export demand. Actual export business was not large, but many believe that later on Europe will have to buy American corn on a liberal scale and that the general trend of prices on the basis of supply and demand is upward. The corn feeding consumption this year is believed to be very large at home and abroad. For that matter it may be added that the disappearance of wheat in the world is very large a fact, which of itself has had something to do with the advance this week. To-day, however, corn like other grain had a reaction because foreign markets did not respond to the vigorous advance in American markets on the 10th inst. Other grain showed an advance of 2 to 5 cents. Provisions are higher. Coffee has advanced noticeably, with quite a good demand reported of late from Europe and Brazil to say nothing of the covering by shorts here who are very apt to oversell the market from time to time. Sugar declined for a time of late futures have rallied noticeably and they are higher than a week ago. There are rumors that a single selling commission will be organized in Cuba and this is regarded as bullish factor.

Rubber has advanced 1 to  $1\frac{1}{2}$ c. of late, making 2c. for the week on rumors that a merger of big companies like the Goodyear, the United States and the Sieberling may be under way, which also partly explains the recent rise in rubber securities. Cotton has on the whole acted firm during the week though no marked advance in prices has been established. Of late the market seems to have been pretty well sold out after reaching drastic liquidation and on declines it runs into buying by the mills, which to-day was more active than on any day this week. The report by the Association

of Textile Merchants showed that the sales of standard cloths in December were 19.3% short of production and that the unfilled orders on Dec. 31 showed a decrease for the month of nearly 10%. The report presents a rather striking contrast with the much more favorable figures for November, but after all December is apt to be a month of declining trade on the eve of inventories, and the feeling in the textile industry not merely of the United States but of Europe and the Far East is certainly hopeful. It is to be remembered too that the decreased December home consumption figures were for four weeks in that month in contrast with those for November which were for five weeks. There may be no marked advance in raw cotton, however, until the spot basis throughout the South shows an unmistakable improvement. Some cotton goods at times have declined  $\frac{1}{2}$ c. with business not at all active; on the contrary much of the time it has been distinctly dull, with the tone more or less disturbed by the cutting of prices by second hands. Yet it is true that quite a good inquiry has prevailed for some lines of finished cotton goods especially new printed, and woven washed fabrics, gingham and sheets though the individual orders have been for the most part small. In the aggregate, however, they have reached very respectable proportions. Woolens have been quiet awaiting the opening of new lines for the next fall season, the opening probably taking place late in the present month. Broad silks have been in moderate demand. Raw silk has been quiet but about steady.

The stock market has been more or less mercurial, up one day and down the next, rising to-day and later reacting as money moved up from 6%, where it had been for several days, to 7%. Chastened trading at times this week has fallen to relatively moderate proportions, though to-day it amounted to some 4,200,000 shares. The decrease in brokers' loans was unexpectedly small. Bonds of later have been more active and firmer with money easier.

At North Adams, Mass., the Arnold Print Works closed the year 1928 with the largest production since the post war inflation period of 1920, and plans are now being formulated to double their present yardage and increase the number of operatives. At Manchester, N. H., the textile industry has a fair business, although it is still spotty and all departments are not very active. This applies to the large cotton mills. But in Maine and Massachusetts a number of mills are reported to be working night shifts. At Spartanburg, S. C., the cotton mills are running on full time. Charlotte, N. C., wired that there was a better demand for gray goods.

Total sales of eighteen leading chain store companies which have thus far issued statements for last year are nearly \$1,000,000,000. Gross sales of the J. C. Penney Co. for the year showed a gain of 16.28% as compared with 1927. Sales of S. H. Kress & Co. for the 12 months totaled \$65,054,598, an increase of \$6,994,269 over last year. Sales of the Kroger Grocery & Baking Co. showed an increase of 28.52% for the year. Sales of the National Tea Co. showed an increase of 46% for the year. Chicago advices state that the Middle West's retail merchants are arriving in large numbers to restock their shelves and report unanimously that they enjoyed one of the best holiday seasons in history and that demand for spring goods exceeds their expectations.

Over the 5th inst. a blizzard prevailed in the West and Southwest, the worst storm of the season and it was colder here. Kansas City had the season's heaviest snow fall. The snow piled high in drifts with a blustering wind, made trains late, hampered wire communication and tied up street and highway traffic over a wide area. The snowfall in Kansas and Western Missouri ranged up to 10 inches. More than 5 inches of snow fell in parts of Nebraska and Iowa. Chicago reported that quickly following the New Year's cold wave near zero temperatures again spread on the 5th and 6th inst. over the section from the Mississippi to the Ohio River. At Tupper Lake, N. Y., the thermometer was 26 below zero, the coldest of the season on the 5th. On the same day it was 28 degrees below in parts of Maine. Syracuse, N. Y., on the 7th had snow and a sudden plague of mosquitoes on the same day. In Illinois and Iowa the weather was the coldest thus far this winter. Chicago had 10 below, Des Moines 23 below, Webster City, Iowa, 20 below, and Kansas City 4 above. Iowa was still digging out snowdrifts piled up by a blizzard on the 5th. Moor-

head, N. D., had 24 below and in other parts of that State it was 36 below. Elkhorn, Wis., had 16 below. Upper Michigan seemingly escaped the worst of the wave, the coldest point being 6 degrees below zero. Chicago had 1 above zero at 7 p. m. on the 7th inst. Parts of Illinois had zero to 10 below.

Here on the 7th inst. the temperatures were 19 to 34 degrees with high and biting winds and 12 degrees was predicted for the 8th inst. which was realized. Most of the country was cold, very low temperatures extending into the South Jacksonville, Florida and New Orleans, La. and San Antonio, Tex. regions. Savannah, Ga. had 30 degrees and Oklahoma City 22. On the 8th inst. it was much warmer, that is 4 to 30 degrees above zero in the American and Canadian Northwest. Chicago was 4 above. On the 9th inst. Chicago had a temperature of 34 above. In the American Northwest it was 34 above and in Canada 2 below to 14 above. To-day the temperatures here were 31 to 40 degrees and the forecast is for rain or snow to-night and cloudy and much colder to-morrow. Chicago yesterday was 22 to 30 degrees, Cincinnati and Cleveland 26 to 40, Detroit 24 to 36, Kansas City 6 to 42, St. Paul 2 degrees below to 7 above, Milwaukee 18 to 26, Seattle 32 to 38.

#### President Coolidge Optimistic Regarding Business Conditions in 1929.

President Coolidge is convinced that nation-wide business conditions are good and the prospects for the immediate future are as good as usual says a Washington dispatch Jan. 8 to the "Herald-Tribune." The dispatch goes on to say:

At the Cabinet meeting to-day the President received information from various department heads regarding the general situation. He was informed by the Secretary of Commerce that business during the last six months of 1928 was better than the first half year, and the year was up to the standard of 1927.

Cabinet members also advised the President regarding the various appropriation measures affecting government business which are before Congress. These measures, the President was informed, are being expedited and passed in good shape. The President believes that the financial situation of the government behooves looking with great care on all expenditures between now and the end of the fiscal year. Every appropriation bill which is not entirely necessary, he believes, should be eliminated or postponed until the next fiscal year, when there has been an opportunity to examine tax returns for the calendar year 1928 and the condition of the Treasury can be estimated.

Treasury officials are convinced, however, that there is little danger of a budget deficit for the fiscal year. According to Treasury estimates, better business conditions than anticipated should increase the government's revenues substantially.

#### Further Gain In Detroit Employment.

The Detroit Employers' Association reports employment for the week ended Jan. 8 as 278,755, and increase of 10,154 over the previous week, and an increase of 64,454 over the corresponding week last year.

#### Railroad Revenue Freight Loading in 1928.

Complete reports for the year show that 51,576,731 cars were loaded with revenue freight in 1928, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced on Jan. 8. This was a decrease of 59,075 cars or .1% compared with 1927 and a decrease of 1,522,088 cars or 2.9% compared with 1926. Although the volume of freight traffic, measured by the total number of cars loaded with revenue freight, was less in 1928 than in either 1927 or 1926, the movement during the past year was handled with the greatest operating efficiency ever attained by the railroads of this country. Not only were fewer trains and locomotives required than ever before in proportion to the amount of traffic transported, but the average load per train was greater and shippers received the best service ever afforded them due to the increased promptness with which freight shipments were handling in 1928. Loading of revenue freight exceeded 1,000,000 cars in 24 weeks in 1928 compared with 28 weeks in 1927 and 27 weeks in 1926. Further details follow:

	Total loading by commodities for 1928 compared with 1927 follows:	
	1928.	1927.
Grain and grain products.....	2,511,055	2,378,742
Live stock.....	1,520,387	1,546,967
Coal.....	8,769,373	9,233,221
Coke.....	552,338	548,443
Forest products.....	3,334,679	3,422,609
Ore.....	1,907,658	1,891,773
Merchandise less than carload lot freight.....	13,155,067	13,245,186
Miscellaneous freight.....	19,846,174	19,368,865
Total.....	51,576,731	51,635,806

For the week ended on Dec. 29, loading of revenue freight amounted to 667,586 cars, a decrease, due to the Christmas holidays of 230,382 cars compared with the preceding week. It also was a decrease of 12,968 cars compared with the corresponding week in 1927 and a decrease of 66,695 cars under the same week in 1926.

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week totaled 245,609 cars, an increase of 8,070 cars over the corresponding week in 1927 but 1,727 cars below the same week in 1926.

Coal loading totaled 119,095 cars, a decrease of 22,237 cars under the same week in 1927 and 52,053 cars below the same period two years ago. Grain and grain products loading amounted to 36,984 cars, an increase of 960 cars above the same week in 1927 and 1,771 cars over the same week in 1926. In the western districts alone, grain and grain products loading totaled 26,058 cars, an increase of 627 cars above the same week in 1927.

Live stock loading amounted to 21,502 cars, a decrease of 652 cars under the same week in 1927 and 2,260 cars below the corresponding week in 1926. In the western districts alone, live stock loading totaled 16,052 cars, a decrease of 555 cars under the same week in 1927.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight totaled 192,905 cars, an increase of 673 cars above the same week in 1927 but 5,403 cars below the same week in 1926.

Forest products loading amounted to 32,859 cars, 2,360 cars below the same week in 1927 and 5,178 cars under the corresponding week in 1926.

Ore loading amounted to 8,370 cars, 1,688 cars above the corresponding week in 1927 but 975 cars below the same week in 1926.

Coke loading totaled 10,262 cars, an increase of 890 cars over the same week in 1927 but a decrease of 870 cars below the corresponding period in 1926.

All districts except the Allegheny, Centralwestern and Southwestern reported decreases in the total loading of all commodities compared with the same week in 1927 while all except the Southwestern reported decreases compared with the same period in 1926.

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

	1928.	1927.	1926.
Four weeks in January.....	3,447,725	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
Four weeks in October.....	4,700,796	4,464,872	4,787,527
Four weeks in November.....	4,245,028	3,822,903	4,248,272
Five weeks in December.....	4,413,778	4,175,277	4,490,391
Total.....	51,576,731	51,635,806	53,098,819

#### Bank of America N. A. Looks for Continuance of Prosperity.

"Conditions of widespread prosperity which marked the latter part of 1928 give every promise of continuing into the new year," according to the monthly review of the Bank of America N. A. The review says:

Record output in many lines of industry has been fully justified by domestic and foreign demand for goods produced. In the less prosperous industries overproduction has been carefully guarded against. Consequently at the beginning of 1929 business and industry find themselves with output well adjusted to requirements, and no accumulated stocks of commodities which might threaten the stability of prices. Thus far, relatively high commercial rates have proved no obstacles in the way of expanding business, nor have temporary recessions in the stock market had any untoward effect.

While 1929 starts without the handicap of overproduction or accumulated stocks of goods, it will have to reckon with increased capacity in one or two important manufacturing lines. At present, consumption gives every indication of being able to absorb such increased output.

Commenting on the money market, the review states that its future "depends largely upon the movements of the stock market. The latter has heretofore shown an ability to absorb all funds offered, even at fairly high rates. So long as this continues, there seems little probability of much reduction in the present level of commercial rates."

#### The Business Trend for 1929 as Viewed by Franklyn Hobbs of Central Trust Co. of Illinois.

Depicting the business trend for 1929, Franklyn Hobbs, Director of Research of the Central Trust Co. of Illinois, at Chicago, sums up his views as follows:

The early weeks of 1929 promise to be quite active; the Summer lull a little more pronounced than usual; the Fall months showing improvement; and the year ending about where we are to-day, which should be satisfactory to all.

Mr. Hobbs also says in part:

It would be well for us to realize, in starting the new year, that merchandise stocks are somewhat heavier than they were a year ago; that there is a somewhat increased supply of most of the important raw materials; that the demand which has been expanding for a considerable time cannot continue to expand forever, and that an easing in the consumers' demand for many articles of merchandise cannot be far away. This does not necessarily mean a serious decline in turnover of all consumers' goods, or even of any considerable portion or group. Certain lines which have enjoyed a record turnover in 1928 will hardly expect to establish a new record in 1929.

On the other hand, several of our greatest manufacturing groups which have not enjoyed a full development during the last year or two may look forward to 1929 with the hope and expectation that they may set some new high marks in production, in sales, and perhaps at the same time enjoy some little advance in prices which will show a definite gain in net profits for the year.

Manufacturing conditions generally have been satisfactory, if we take the whole industry as a unit. Those groups which have not enjoyed their fair share of the business uplifts of the last three years, and which now have good reason to expect improvement in 1929, include meat packing; textiles, particularly cotton and wool; railroad supplies and equipment; and some of the building materials, notably glass.

Transportation conditions give promise of continuing the improvement which has been under way for some time. Car loadings may not increase, and gross revenues may not show gains, but increasing efficiency of operation

which has made such a remarkable showing in the net revenues of steam railroads in recent months should make a further and better demonstration during the coming year. Water transportation has been more or less disorganized but improvement has begun and, with the promise of an even greater volume of freight than has been handled this year, the outlook for water carriers is decidedly hopeful.

It is unnecessary to devote much space to comments upon wholesale and retail business, both of which have broken all records in 1928. An attempt to determine the cause of this great improvement developed several interesting reasons for the improvement. It has not been, as seems to be popularly supposed, confined to the chain and mail order stores. Their gains have been no greater than those made by the best and most progressive of the individually owned establishments. The prime reasons for increased volume appear to have been fresh stocks of merchandise offered at fair prices, and a willingness to accept a reasonable margin of profit to secure a rapid turnover. The outlook for the merchandiser is even better in 1929, should he continue to apply these same principles.

To say that the agricultural situation has improved is merely to state a fact. There is, however, danger that this fact may be misunderstood. It would be better to say that the agricultural situation is not quite so hopeless as it has been. There is improvement, both in what the farmer gets for his products and in his ability to supply his needs at lower prices. There is now no great differential between what the farmer gets for his output and what the manufacturer gets for his output. The mine owner is still to be accounted for, and he is not now receiving a fair price for the minerals which he offers on the market, as the prices of his products are wholly out of line with the average price of all commodities. Copper alone has bettered its position during the last few weeks and the other non-ferrous metals may follow its lead.

Iron and steel have had a great year, but prices have been low and if the coming year should witness some decline in operations, but some gain in prices, the net result would be more satisfactory.

The new year opens with business on an even keel; with money rates high enough to discourage speculation; with demand well spread; with labor reasonably well employed; with a sufficient supply of raw materials and consumers' goods to insure the prompt filling of orders; with labor and capital practically at peace; and with sufficient gold in the country, money in the banks, and available credit, to take care of all legitimate needs of worthy enterprise.

The level of all prices combined on the stock market should show little change for the year to come. Those issues which are priced too high may recede further, and those which are priced too low may attain their proper place in the market, but the general level of the market is not out of line with the combined earnings of all corporations, and such earnings set a new high mark for all time during the year 1928, as did corporate dividend distribution.

The improvement in the bond market, now well started, bids fair to continue throughout the coming year, while interest rates, ruling higher at the opening, and lower at the close, should establish a year's level practically at par with 1928. The inward gold movement, while small in volume, should continue, and the year 1929 should show some net addition to our stocks of gold.

**Preliminary Report of Federal Reserve Board on Retail Trade Shows Increased Sales in December.**

Sales of 397 department stores reporting to the Federal Reserve System were larger in December than in any previous month. For the country as a whole, sales were 1% larger than in the corresponding month a year ago, although December this year had one less business day than last year. The Board also has the following to say under date of Jan. 10:

Of the 397 reporting stores 205 showed increases in sales over December of last year. Substantial increases were reported by stores in the New York, Chicago and San Francisco Federal reserve districts, while sales of stores in the Philadelphia, Richmond, Atlanta, St. Louis, Kansas City and Dallas districts showed declines for the year. The three remaining districts reported practically no change in the volume of sales last month as compared with December, 1927.

Sales of two mail order houses were 25% larger, and those of eight five-and-ten-cent chain stores seven per cent larger than in December of last year. Changes in the volume of business of both mail order houses and chain stores reflect in part an increase from month to month in the number of retail outlets operated.

Preliminary figures of average daily sales of department stores for the year of 1928 as compared with 1927 show an increase of 1%.

Percentage changes in dollar sales between Dec., 1927, and Dec., 1928, are given in the following table:

Federal Reserve District	Percentage of Increase or Decrease in Sales December 1928 Compared with December 1927.	Number of Stores		
		Total Reporting	Number Reporting	
			Increase	Decrease
Boston	+0.1	77	36	41
New York	+3.5	46*	25	20
Philadelphia	-1.8	36	15	21
Cleveland	-1.5	20	7	13
Richmond	-0.7	37	16	21
Atlanta	-6.6	21	6	15
Chicago	+6.3	43	26	17
St. Louis	-2.8	15	6	9
Minneapolis	-5.6	10	7	3
Kansas City	-0.1	17	8	9
Dallas	-1.4	15	8	7
San Francisco	+3.3	60	45	15
Total	+1.1	397	205	191

\* One store showed neither increase or decrease.

**Annalists Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices.**

There have been some fairly extensive declines in agricultural commodities this week, according to the "Annalist" whose weekly index of wholesale commodity prices has consequently declined to 147.0, a new low (by a narrow margin) on the broad downward movement which began last September. The advices from the "Annalist" add:

Last week's slightly revised figure was 147.5. The most serious decline was in beef steers, the cattle market having experienced a week of consider-

able irregularity. Cotton, cotton goods, wheat, corn, hides, dressed beef, mess, pork, flour, sugar and cottonseed oil have also declined. These decreases were partly offset, however, by increases in hogs, lambs, pork loins, eggs, crude oil and lead and a further rise in the price of copper.

**THE ANNALIST WEEKLY INDEX OF WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES (1913=100)**

	Jan 8 1929	Dec. 31 1928.	Jan. 10 1928,
Farm products.....	147.1	147.9	150.5
Food products.....	145.1	144.8	153.7
Textile products.....	155.8	*156.2	153.6
Fuels.....	167.0	*166.6	158.2
Metals.....	125.4	*125.0	119.5
Building materials.....	163.8	153.8	147.2
Chemicals.....	134.6	134.6	133.7
Miscellaneous.....	124.1	124.2	123.7
All commodities.....	147.0	*147.5	147.6

\* Revised.

**Commercial Failures in Canada.**

The insolvency record for the Dominion of Canada for last year, compiled by R. G. Dun & Co., is chiefly distinguished by a sharp rise in the liabilities of commercial failures. "Dun's Review" of this week adds:

The number of defaults fell off about 3%—from 2,182 in 1927 to 2,120—but the indebtedness rose to \$53,420,199 from \$34,461,590 in the earlier year. Reduced to a percentage basis, the increase in the liabilities last year reached 55%. It extended to manufacturing, trading and "other commercial" lines, the latter including agents, brokers, &c., and making the poorest showing. The smallest expansion was among manufacturers.

When the Canadian failures statistics are examined, according to separate Provinces, it is seen that numerical decreases occurred in most instances. There were, in fact, only two Provinces in which more defaults occurred last year than in 1927, these being Quebec and Nova Scotia. On the other hand, only three Provinces report a smaller indebtedness—namely, New Brunswick, Alberta and Saskatchewan. The record of liabilities for Quebec, as also was the case in point of number of defaults for this Province, was adverse, the amount rising more than 50%, while considerable increases occurred in other Provinces, including Ontario.

The statement for the year by Provinces follows:

Provinces—	Number			Liabilities 1928.
	1928.	1927.	1926.	
Ontario	585	636	681	\$15,732,560
Quebec	933	869	864	27,866,827
British Columbia	139	147	124	2,429,843
Nova Scotia	67	57	75	2,236,147
Newfoundland	20	28	24	524,292
Manitoba	160	180	186	2,651,028
New Brunswick	41	52	63	597,941
Prince Edward Island	5	6	3	70,183
Alberta	74	78	66	574,286
Saskatchewan	96	129	110	737,092
Total	2,120	2,182	2,196	\$53,420,199
1927	2,182	---	---	34,461,595
1926	2,196	---	---	37,082,882

**Dun's Price Index.**

Monthly comparisons of Dun's index number of wholesale prices, based on the per capita consumption of each of the many commodities included in the compilation, follow:

	Jan. 1 '29.	Dec. 1 '28.	Jan. 1 '28.	Jan. 1 '27.	Jan. 1 '26.
Breadstuffs.....	\$32.673	\$32.040	\$32.390	\$29.455	\$34.180
Meat.....	24.620	25.087	23.480	19.418	20.255
Dairy and garden....	21.690	24.138	22.542	24.593	26.077
Other food.....	19.596	19.577	19.451	20.160	20.462
Clothing.....	35.658	35.636	36.039	32.471	37.166
Metals.....	21.348	21.398	21.897	23.647	23.411
Miscellaneous.....	36.780	36.668	37.050	38.014	35.730
Total.....	\$192.365	\$193.543	\$192.849	\$187.758	\$197.281

**Dun's Report of Failures in December.**

The tabulation made by R. G. Dun & Co. for December discloses 1,943 commercial failures, with aggregate liabilities of \$40,774,160. Several interesting comparisons with earlier returns are revealed, but the outstanding feature is the relatively small rise in the number of defaults over the November total. The increase is only 5 3/4%, the lowest back to 1922, when it was 4 1/2%, and compares with one of 16% in 1927. An even larger difference appeared in 1924, when fully 23% more insolvencies occurred in December than in November. It is customary for the number of failures to take a decided trend late in a year, but the comparatively moderate mortality during the last two months has shown that the strains in connection with the approaching annual settlements were less of a factor than usual. Further significance attaches to the point that the number of December defaults is the smallest for the month since 1925, and 10% under the 2,162 mercantile reverses of December, 1927.

It is not only in respect of the number of insolvencies that the December report exhibits the improvement, for the indebtedness also is relatively favorable. The \$40,774,160 involved by last month's commercial failures, while slightly above the amount for November, is 20 1/2% under the \$51,062,253 of a year ago. More than that, declines appear in comparison with the figures for December of each of the last nine years, with the single exception of 1925, when the liabilities approximated \$36,500,000. The high point for the month was reached in 1921, at about \$87,500,000. As usual, some defaults of exceptional size occurred last month, but the number of insolvencies for \$100,000 or more in each case, at 50, was a little below the 52 similar reverses of December 1927, and the indebtedness of last month's large failures—\$17,209,093—contrasts with \$24,440,200 in the earlier year. Monthly and quarterly failures, showing

number and liabilities, are contrasted below for the periods mentioned:

	Number.			Liabilities.		
	1928.	1927.	1926.	1928.	1927.	1926.
December	1,943	2,162	2,069	40,774,160	51,062,253	45,619,578
November	1,838	1,864	1,830	40,601,435	36,146,573	32,693,993
October	2,023	1,787	1,763	34,990,474	36,235,872	33,230,720
Fourth quarter	5,804	5,813	5,662	116,366,069	123,444,698	111,544,291
September	1,635	1,573	1,437	33,956,686	32,786,125	29,989,817
August	1,852	1,708	1,593	58,201,830	39,195,953	28,129,660
July	1,723	1,756	1,605	29,586,633	43,149,974	29,680,009
Third quarter	5,210	5,037	4,635	121,745,149	115,132,052	87,799,486
June	1,947	1,833	1,708	29,827,073	34,465,165	29,407,523
May	2,008	1,852	1,730	36,116,990	37,784,773	33,543,318
April	1,818	1,968	1,957	37,985,145	53,155,727	38,487,321
Second quarter	5,773	5,653	5,395	103,929,208	125,405,665	101,438,162
March	2,236	2,143	1,984	54,814,145	57,890,905	30,622,547
February	2,176	2,035	1,801	45,070,642	46,940,716	34,176,348
January	2,643	2,465	2,296	47,634,411	51,290,232	43,661,444
First quarter	7,055	6,643	6,081	147,519,198	156,121,853	108,460,339

FAILURES BY BRANCHES OF BUSINESS—DECEMBER 1928.

	Number.			Liabilities.		
	1928.	1927.	1926.	1928.	1927.	1926.
<i>Manufactures—</i>				\$	\$	\$
Iron, foundries and nails	9	10	10	255,010	585,558	481,100
Machinery and tools	21	35	33	871,173	690,545	2,249,236
Woolens, carpets & knit'g'ds	1	6	3	58,000	90,900	245,000
Cottons, lace and hosiery	—	2	1	—	312,000	800,000
Lumber, carpenters & coop's	107	95	60	9,761,880	8,071,598	2,480,730
Clothing and millinery	51	49	51	833,148	1,010,471	925,637
Hats, gloves and furs	17	35	11	286,700	472,725	247,826
Chemicals and drugs	10	7	5	172,946	1,527,600	64,613
Paints and oils	3	2	—	68,900	34,600	—
Printing and engraving	11	22	11	247,800	208,007	106,121
Milling and bakers	46	55	38	611,103	547,498	276,275
Leather, shoes & harness	8	17	14	236,600	878,040	407,418
Tobacco, etc	6	9	11	85,800	2,281,100	298,965
Glass, earthenware & brick	6	13	5	217,500	5,966,313	221,420
All other	202	240	241	4,076,112	6,367,410	7,954,150
Total manufacturing	498	597	494	17,782,672	29,024,365	16,758,491
<i>Traders—</i>						
General stores	104	94	130	1,531,522	1,092,014	1,751,794
Groceries, meat and fish	332	331	329	2,771,791	2,708,110	3,267,867
Hotels and restaurants	88	107	109	1,778,379	1,337,306	1,155,627
Tobacco, &c	21	14	29	134,305	81,089	161,700
Clothing and furnishings	182	195	215	2,727,938	3,066,462	4,073,400
Dry goods and carpets	85	90	103	1,418,400	1,476,516	2,002,217
Shoes, rubbers and trunks	45	63	52	523,150	452,225	596,200
Furniture and crockery	53	55	79	1,458,700	630,003	1,427,800
Hardware, stoves & tools	41	53	26	592,535	631,100	337,200
Chemicals and drugs	60	66	63	548,400	703,714	731,837
Paints and oils	5	13	11	33,800	160,689	157,900
Jewelry and clocks	40	28	29	1,340,100	511,773	814,200
Books and papers	5	10	11	79,600	125,555	217,100
Hats, furs and gloves	23	24	14	358,800	621,320	103,600
All other	240	287	269	3,635,514	3,074,757	3,760,452
Total trading	1,324	1,430	1,469	18,932,934	16,732,633	20,578,954
Other commercial	121	135	106	4,058,554	5,305,255	8,282,133
Total	1,943	2,162	2,069	40,774,160	51,062,253	45,619,578

### Sustained Buying in Wholesale Channels and Unusually Large Volume of Retail Trade Reported in Dallas Federal Reserve District.

A sharp reduction in the number of commercial failures, an unusually large volume of distribution at retail, sustained buying in wholesale channels, and the rising tide of bank deposits were features of outstanding importance in the business and industrial situation in the Dallas Federal Reserve District during the past month says the Jan. 1 Business Review of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank further discussing conditions in its District it says:

Failures were fewer in number than in any month since July, 1927, and the combined indebtedness of defaulting firms showed a noticeable reduction as compared to both the previous month and the corresponding month last year. The November sales of department stores in larger cities reflected an increase of one per cent over October, a time when sales usually decline, and were five per cent larger than a year ago. Furthermore, late reports indicate that Christmas shopping which began earlier than usual this year, is proving to be unusually heavy in December. The heavy consumer demand in rural sections is reflected in numerous replacement orders at wholesale establishments at a season when distribution usually slackens perceptibly. These factors taken in conjunction with record breaking bank deposits are illustrative of the strong position of business and industry in the Southwest.

The financial situation has not disclosed any unusual developments during the past month. There has been some diminution in the demand for credit due to the slowing down in the movement of the district's commodities. Federal Reserve Bank loans which amounted to \$15,143,053 on December 15th were \$4,372,725 less than a month earlier, yet they were \$9,510,657 greater than on the corresponding date last year. The combined net demand and time deposits of member banks rose to \$963,139,000 on November 7th, the highest point on record, and represent a gain of \$17,068,000 over those a month earlier and \$55,996,000 over those on November 9, 1927. Coincident with the rise in bank deposits and the liquidation of indebtedness at member banks, there has been a strong demand for short term investment outlets. Member banks have bought bankers' acceptances and commercial paper in large volume and subscriptions to the December 15th issues of United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness bearing 4½% total \$45,318,000 against which allotment of \$41,070,500 were made.

Agricultural conditions are generally favorable. The harvesting of crops is practically completed, farmers have made good progress with plowing operations, winter wheat and oats are growing rapidly, and the heavy general rains have left a good season in the ground in all parts of the district. While livestock and their ranges deteriorated somewhat in November, conditions are now improving and reports indicate that livestock will go into the winter in fair to excellent shape. Trading on the ranges

has slowed down and prices have shown a decline from the high level reached earlier in the fall.

Construction activity reflected some improvement in November. The valuation of building permits issued at principal centers was 21% larger than in October and exceed that of a year ago by 11%. The production and shipments of cement declined sharply from the large volume reported in October. The production, shipments, and new orders for lumber likewise declined in November but were considerably larger than in the corresponding month last year.

### Wholesale and retail trade is reviewed as follows:

#### Wholesale Trade.

A seasonal recession in the distribution of merchandise at wholesale was in evidence during November, yet buying in most lines was well sustained and in all reporting lines sales reflected a gain over the corresponding month last year ranging from 2.7% in drugs to 11.7% in groceries. Throughout the fall merchants have been keeping commitments closely aligned to consumer demand with inventories generally low, and the recent improvement in buying at retail has necessitated many replacement orders for immediate shipment. In some lines business in December is reported to be unusually good for this reason of the year. While November collections were seasonally smaller than in October, they have been generally satisfactory in most lines this fall and business concerns on the whole are in a stronger financial condition than a year ago.

The November sales of dry goods at wholesale reflected a further seasonal decline of 21.1% as compared to those in October but they exceeded those of a year ago by 9.7%. Although the persistence of warm weather has restricted sales on certain lines of winter merchandise, sales on most lines have held up well for the season. Dealers report that there has been a large number of replacement orders. Merchants generally have followed the conservative policy of keeping orders aligned to demand and the improvement recently in consumer buying has increased purchases at wholesale. Some dealers report that numerous orders for immediate delivery have been received.

#### Retail Trade.

A strong demand for merchandise at retail in the larger cities was noticeable in November. Although business, normally, declines in that month due to the fewer business days sales this year reflected a gain of 1.3% over October and were 4.7% larger than in November a year ago. Christmas shopping was begun earlier than usual this year and appears to be gathering momentum as the holiday season approaches. Late reports indicates that December sales are in record volume.

Stocks on hand at the close of November were 0.6% less than those a month earlier and 6.3% below those on hand at the end of November, 1927. The rate of stock turnover during the first eleven months of 1928 was 2.61 as compared to 2.43 during the same period last year.

Collections reflected a further improvement in the past month. The ratio of November collections to accounts outstanding on November 1 was 39.4% compared to 38.8% in October and 39.0% in November, 1927

### Business Conditions in Atlanta Federal Reserve District—Decline in Wholesale and Retail Trade as Compared with Previous Month—Increase over November a Year Ago.

The district summary presented in the Monthly Review Dec. 31 of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta indicates that there was a falling off in wholesale and retail trade in November as compared with the preceding month, the volume, however, exceeding that of November a year ago. We take the following from the Review:

#### Sixth District Summary

The final estimate by the United States Department of Agriculture indicates that the 1928 cotton crop has amounted to 14,373,000 bales. Figures for the states included in the sixth district show that the crop has been smaller in Alabama and Georgia, but larger in the other four states, than last year. Production of corn, oats, hay and rice has been smaller than last year, but tobacco, potatoes and sugar were larger. Distribution of merchandise at both wholesale and retail declined slightly in November, compared with the preceding month, but was greater than in November last year. Savings deposits at the end of November reported by 83 banks located throughout the district declined slightly in comparison with October, and were 1.8% smaller than a year ago. Debts to individual accounts at 26 reporting cities declined 3.5% compared with October, but were 6.3% greater than in November last year. Demand deposits of all member banks in the district increased in November, but were somewhat smaller than a year ago, while time deposits showed a small decrease compared with October but were slightly greater than a year ago. Loans to customers by 31 weekly reporting member banks in selected cities of the district showed a small increase on Dec. 12 compared with four weeks earlier, but discounts by the Federal Bank during this period declined nearly thirteen millions. Building permits at twenty reporting cities of the district in November were 34.5% smaller than in October, and 30.6% less than in November 1927. Contracts awarded in the district were 48.6% smaller than in October, and 52.6% less than in November last year. Production of cloth and yarn by mills in the sixth district decreased in November compared with October, but was greater than a year ago. Production of coal in Alabama lagged behind last year up to the middle of November, but since then has been greater, and pig iron output in Alabama was more than 5 per cent greater in November this year than last.

#### Retail Trade

The distribution of merchandise at retail in the sixth district reflected in sales figures reported confidentially to the Federal Reserve Bank, exhibited a decrease in November as compared with October, and was slightly greater than in November last. The index number for November 1926 and 1920. Stocks of merchandise increased slightly in anticipation of the holiday trade, but were somewhat smaller than a year ago. November sales by 45 reporting department stores averaged six tenths of 1% greater than in November 1927, increases at Atlanta, Birmingham, Chattanooga and Nashville being nearly offset by decreases reported from New Orleans and "Other Cities." Stocks averaged 4.3% smaller than a year ago, but increased 1.3% over those at the end of October. Accounts receivable at the end of November were 3.0% greater than a month earlier, and 7.8% greater than a year ago, and November collections increased 9.8% over those in October, and 1.5% over November last year. The ratio of collections during November to accounts receivable and due at the beginning of the month for 33 firms was 33.3%

for October this ratio was 33.1% and for November last year 35.0%. For November the ratio of collections against regular accounts outstanding and due for 33 firms was 35.7%, and the ratio of collections against installment accounts for 9 firms was 15.9%.

**Wholesale Trade**

The volume of wholesale trade in the sixth district during November, reflected in sales figures reported confidentially by wholesale firms in eight different lines, declined compared with October, but was slightly greater than in November a year ago. Total sales in November by all reporting wholesale firms averaged 7.1% smaller than in October, but 0.9% larger than in November 1927. Stocks of all reporting firms averaged 1.9% smaller than a month ago, and were 0.2% smaller than a year ago. Accounts receivable at the end of November averaged 0.3% less than for October, and were 1.3% greater than at the end of November 1927. Collections during November averaged 2.9% less than in October, and 2.8% less than in November last year.

**Business in Richmond Federal Reserve District of Seasonal Volume—Labor Conditions Reasonably Good.**

The volume of business done in the Richmond Federal Reserve District during November and early December was in Seasonal amount, says the Dec. 31 Review of the Richmond Reserve Bank, which adds, however that "some lines of trade and some industries experienced subnormal demands." The Review further says:

Retail sales as reflected in department store business were slightly above sales in November 1927, and compared favorably with October's trade. Liquidation of agricultural loans proceeded seasonally in nearly all sections of the district, and members bank retired part of their rediscounts at the reserve bank. Bank deposits in member banks rose between the middle of November and the middle of December, and the circulation of Federal reserve notes showed a marked increase, testifying to the greater need for cash with which to transact holiday business. Debits to individual accounts during the four weeks ended December 12th exceeded debits during the preceding four weeks this year and the corresponding four weeks a year ago. Business failures in both the United States and the Fifth reserve district were fewer in number last month than in October this year, an unusual development, and also were less numerous than in November 1927, although liabilities in the Fifth district were greater in November than in either of the earlier months. Labor is better employed at present than a few weeks or a year ago, and a marked increase in construction work this winter in comparison with the winter of 1927 gives assurance of continued employment for some months. The daily production of coal in the United States was greater in November than in either October this year or November last year. Textile mills operated full time through November and early December, although orders did not keep pace with production. The crops of the district turned out somewhat less profitably this year than in 1927, on the whole, and in Southern and Eastern South Carolina the weather was so unfavorable that the cotton crop was cut practically in half. The Fifth district made slightly less cotton this year than in 1927, and prices this year were also lower. Tobacco prices were lower this year than in 1927, and the quality of the tobacco was below that of last year, the crop bringing much lower gross returns to the growers this year.

**The Review contains the following regarding labor conditions:**

Labor conditions in the Fifth district now appear to be reasonably good for this season of the year. Much of the unemployment of a few months ago has been relieved, and a more extensive building program than that of last winter is giving work to more people in the building trades. The factories of the district are nearly all operating on full time schedules, and much road, street and other public improvement work is under way. Seasonal demand for bituminous coal is giving miners more hours of work.

**Regarding wholesale and retail trade we quote the following from the Review:**

Seventy-eight wholesale firms in six important lines of trade reported upon November's business. All lines showed smaller sales in November this year than last, and all lines showed seasonally smaller sales than in October 1928. During the first 11 months of 1928, sales of groceries slightly exceeded sales during the corresponding 11 months of 1927, but dry goods, shoe, hardware, furniture and drug sales were less this year.

Stocks of groceries and hardware on the shelves of the reporting firms on November 30 were larger than on November 30 1927, but dry goods and shoe stocks were smaller. During the past month stocks of groceries increased, but dry goods, shoe and hardware stocks decreased, as is usual at this season.

The percentages of collections in November to accounts receivable on the first of the month were higher in groceries, dry goods and shoes than in November 1927, but were lower in hardware, furniture and drugs.

Retail trade in the Fifth reserve district was about in seasonal volume in November, and slightly exceeded the trade of November last year. Thirty department stores sold 6-10ths of 1% more goods, measured in dollars, in November 1928 than in November 1927, and last month's sales also averaged 8.8% above average November sales during the three years 1923-1925, inclusive. Total sales this calendar year were 5-10ths of 1% above total sales in the first 11 months of 1927, and were only a fraction of 1% below the record sales of 1926.

Stocks on the shelves of the reporting stores increased seasonally last month, and on November 30 were 2.4% larger than on October 31. November 30 1928, stocks were 3.1% less than stocks on November 30 1927, all cities showing a reduction during the year. Reduced stocks and increased sales this year resulted in a higher rate of stock turnover, the reporting firms having turned their stock 2.82 times during the 11 elapsed months this year in comparison with 2.80 times during the corresponding period last year.

Collections in November were better in Richmond and Washington than in November 1927, but were slower in Baltimore and the other cities. In the district as a whole, collections in November totaled 28.7% of outstanding receivables as of November 1st, compared with 28.6% collected by the same stores in November 1927.

**1928—A Year of Prosperity Throughout Canada, According to J. H. Gundy, President of Wood, Gundy & Co., Inc.**

"Industrially and financially, 1928 has been a year of prosperity, general business conditions having been satisfied

factory," says J. H. Gundy, President of Wood, Gundy & Co., Inc., in reviewing the past year. In part he says:

The prevailing prosperity is due to stabilization of world conditions, but so far as Canada is concerned, this stabilization has been greatly aided by the aggressive development of natural resources and the cumulative effect of four successive large crops in Western Canada. Industry and commerce in the East and in British Columbia have benefitted from increased agricultural buying power and by the additional employment incidental to the handling of this large production.

Concrete evidences of general progress are to be found in such business barometers as larger savings deposits, improved foreign trade, increased building activity, increased sales of life insurance, increased railway earnings, and in improved employment conditions.

Savings deposits in chartered banks reached the highest point in history in May 1928, having totalled \$1,516,000,000. This new level was substantially maintained during the year, the total standing at \$1,511,000,000 in October. This compares with \$1,141,000,000 five years ago, \$966,000,000 ten years ago, and with \$626,000,000 fifteen years ago.

Foreign trade for 12 months ended Oct. 31 increased by approximately 10% over the corresponding period ended Oct. 31 1927, and showed a favorable balance of \$156,000,000. The combined total of exports and imports was \$2,560,000,000; the following table shows the five-year increases since 1913:

Year ended Mar. 31 1913	\$1,026,961,834
Year ended Mar. 31 1918	*2,503,560,366
Year ended Mar. 31 1923	1,734,030,687
Year ended Oct. 31 1928	2,560,000,000
* War year.	

New building—another barometer of general conditions—also reached the highest point in Canadian history in 1928, building permits in the 35 leading cities having totalled approximately \$180,000,000. This compares with previous issued permits in the same group of cities as follows:

1910	\$100,357,000	1925	\$101,021,000
1915	33,566,000	1928 (approx.)	180,000,000
1920	100,679,000		

Sales of life insurance may be regarded as an indication, not only of the wealth, but of the thrift of a nation. In 1928, policies issued reached a new peak of \$1,100,000,000, compared with the previous high point of \$954,000,000 reached in 1927. Life insurance in force in Canada to-day is estimated at more than \$5,700,000,000, an increase of approximately 400% over 1913.

Employment conditions are also reported to be unusually satisfactory, the index figure being shown as 119, compared with 107 in 1927, 102 in 1926 and 97 in 1925. Greater industrial expansion in Ontario and Quebec has played an important part in diminishing the amount of unemployment in the East. The large crop has assisted in this respect in the Prairie Provinces and increased mining and industrial activity generally has been responsible for the satisfactory situation in British Columbia.

Increased earnings of the two transcontinental railway systems is another indication of expanding commercial activity, while a decline in the number of business failures and the amounts involved speak of greater stability among smaller enterprises.

Governments and municipalities continue to follow policies of economy, new borrowings in 1928 aggregating only \$81,000,000, compared with approximately \$140,000,000 in 1927 and \$82,000,000 in 1926. Total borrowings by governments and municipalities were smaller than in any of the previous 15 years.

Government revenue surpluses continue to increase; for example, in spite of continued reductions in the rate of Federal income taxation, the Dominion Government was able to retire \$53,000,000 of maturing 5% bonds on Oct. 15 without a refunding operation.

The volume of new corporation financing also declined slightly, totalling \$385,000,000, compared with \$395,000,000 in 1927. Corporation financing for refunding purposes totalled \$110,000,000, and the total financing of \$465,000,000 was substantially the same as in 1927. Although refunding operations were fewer in number in 1928, the aggregate amount was in excess of the total for the previous year.

**Business Conditions in Canada in 1928 Reviewed by D. M. Marvin of Royal Bank of Canada—Gross Value of Agricultural Production Two Billion Dollars Last Year—Growth of Mineral Production and Increase in Building Operations.**

A review of business conditions in Canada in 1928 comes from Donald M. Marvin, Economist of the Royal Bank of Canada, who, in citing the Dominion's progress in agriculture, building and other lines, says in part:

To those who do not live in Canada and have no first hand knowledge of conditions in the past four years, the statistics of the gain in Canadian production within that period will constitute a basis for optimism as to the future of the country. Canada has a population of less than 10,000,000 scattered over an area somewhat larger than that of the United States. It must be understood that these statistics of expansion represent accomplishments which have been attained in spite of a very slight increase in population. Fertile lands are waiting for the plow, great mineral deposits lie ready for immediate development, the manufactures are continually growing and the railways and transportation facilities prerequisite to further expansion are already available. When the people of other countries realize the value of the rich resources which are ready for improvement, there will be an inflow of workers who will share in the rewards of the great expansion that lies ahead.

In 1924 the wheat harvest of Canada as a whole amounted to 262 million bushels and that for 1928 to 500 million bushels. Within these four years the area planted to the varied crops of the country was 2,000,000 acres in excess of the acreage at the beginning of the period. The gross value of agricultural production in Canada is about \$2,000,000,000 a year. The discovery of types of wheat which will ripen quickly has greatly increased the land area available for this crop. More than a million acres of the total increase in wheat land was in the province of Alberta and further expansion is profitable in the Peace River Valley of Alberta and British Columbia. The period has also witnessed a 600,000-acre increase in the wheat acreage of Saskatchewan and a slight increase in that of British Columbia.

With the time approached for the harvesting of the record crop of 1928, the British and Canadian Governments co-operated in bringing 8,500 harvesters from Great Britain to the farms of Western Canada. The success of this experiment makes it probable that it will be repeated.

The value of the metallic and non-metallic minerals produced in Canadian mines during the first six months of 1928 was about \$105,000,000 compared with \$84,000,000 in 1924. Besides being the third country in the production

of gold, and an important source for copper, silver, lead and zinc, Canada produces 90% of the world's supply of nickel and 85% of the total asbestos. Within the last three years there have been a number of outstanding mineral discoveries in the northern parts of Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta. When the new mines in these areas begin producing the rate of growth in the value of mineral production should be substantially greater than that shown during the period mentioned above. The present is a period of exploration and discovery, but the recent finds have been of such outstanding importance that there is no question but what a great period of mining development lies just ahead.

*New Building.*

The character of the building in Canada during the last few years indicates that preparations are under way for further increases of productive activity. In the first 11 months of 1928 the total volume of building contracts awarded in Canada amounted to 453 million dollars as compared with 247 million dollars in the corresponding months of 1924. The amount of money spent for bridges, wharves, roads and streets and other engineering items increased from \$5,000,000 during 1924 to \$100,000,000 in 1928; the value of the contracts awarded for industrial building increased by 300% and that for business building by 130%. These percentages contrast with a 56% increase in residential building. According to the statistics of McLean's Building Reports, the greatest increase in city building this year has been in Toronto where the total value of the contracts awarded in 1928 amounted to \$50,000,000 as compared with \$25,000,000 in 1927,—these were ten month figures. There was more than 76% increase over 1927 in the value of the contracts awarded in each of the following cities: Halifax, Saint John, Sherbrooke, Hamilton, Fort William, Saskatoon, Regina, Calgary and Victoria. It is also encouraging to note that the value of contemplated new construction as derived from recent building permits and the fact that there are a number of large new projects about to be started would indicate that 1929 will be another good year for the Canadian building industry.

The growth in volume of manufacturing has been of even more importance than that in agriculture and mining. Although the statistics of the total value of manufacturing in 1928 will not be available for some little time, the fact that there has been an increase of over 1,000,000 horse power in the installed turbine capacity of the country and that the average amount of energy generated daily has doubled during the period, gives an indication of the advancement in this field. Low cost power continues to be an outstanding advantage for those manufacturing industries which locate in Canada.

*Employment Conditions.*

Since about 80% of the manufacturing of Canada is carried on in Ontario and Quebec an analysis of the employment situation in manufacturing constitutes a good basis for the understanding of business conditions in these provinces.

Every month in the past three years has witnessed an increase in Canadian employment as compared with the corresponding month of the preceding year. Whereas the employment index in the United States in 1928 has been consistently below the level of that index in 1924, the Canadian index tends to show that the total volume of employment in Canada is now about 20% higher than in the corresponding months of 1924. The employment index for manufacturing, which is a fairly accurate reflection of condition in such cities as Montreal and Toronto, shows an improvement of 25% during this period. In comparison with this 25% increase in the volume of employment, there has been about a 50% increase in the index of the volume of manufacturing. While it is not safe to accept relationships of index numbers as an accurate portrayal of such a complex relationship as that existing between employment and production, the 25% increase in employment and the 50% increase in output gives a hint that there has been an increase in output of about 20% per employee. Whether or not the increase is as great as 20%, there is reason to believe that the full time use of machinery and the growth in the amount of electric energy generated in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec has meant a substantial increase in efficiency.

*Wheat Pools—Cattle Receipts.*

It is estimated that there are now 4,700 country elevators throughout the West, having a capacity of approximately 156,000,000 bushels, as against 4,437 last year with a capacity of 147,000,000 bushels. The storage capacity at the head of the Lakes has been increased during the year from 73,000,000 bushels to 86,000,000 bushels.

In this connection it is interesting to note the extent to which the wheat pools have increased their control of elevator capacity. In November 1927, the Manitoba Pool controlled 57 elevators, the Saskatchewan Pool 724, and the Alberta Pool 158; and at the end of November 1928, the Manitoba Pool controlled 143 elevators, the Saskatchewan Pool 967, and the Alberta Pool 307, a total increase of 478 elevators during the year. There are now in excess of 1,400 country elevators controlled by the Wheat Pools.

Receipts of cattle for the period from Jan. 1 to Oct. 31 1928 incl., show a decline over the same period last year; this supports the contention that North America is rapidly approaching the time when supplies of cattle will not meet the demand. Prices of stocker and feeder cattle during the past 18 months have been most satisfactory from the viewpoint of the producer, and large numbers of yearlings and calves have been marketed, meeting with a good demand. Owing to a premature feeling that an acute shortage of cattle existed, prices during the summer and early fall of 1928 were disproportionately high and some price reaction resulted. Statistics from the livestock census of 1928 show that the number of cattle in Canada at the end of June 1928 was about 400,000 less than the number in June 1927. In this connection it is interesting to note that purchasers from the United States have been buying beef and dairy stock in all parts of Canada in anticipation of the growing need for cattle in that country.

**Farm Price Level Unchanged During Month to Dec. 15.**

The general level of farm prices remained unchanged at 134% of the pre-war level during the period from Nov. 15 to Dec. 15, according to the January farm price report of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture. At 134, the index is 3 points below December a year ago. Slight advances in the farm prices of nearly all crops and seasonal advances in the farm prices of eggs and dairy products from Nov. 15 to Dec. 15 offset further declines in the farm prices of meat animals, wool, chickens and work animals. The indices of the farm prices of grains, dairy products, and cotton and cottonseed advanced 2 points from Nov. 15 to Dec. 15, while the index for

poultry products advanced 12 points. Meat animals declined 7 points and fruits and vegetables 1 point. The Bureau's advices Jan. 7 likewise state:

The farm price of hogs from Nov. 15 to Dec. 15 continued the usual seasonal decline due to increased receipts. Receipts of hogs at seven primary markets during the 4-week period ending Dec. 22 were 24% larger than during a corresponding period ending Nov. 24. The corn-hog ratio declined from 11.3 to 10.4 for the United States and from 12.6 to 12.0 for Iowa during the month.

The farm price of corn which has been declining since July, 1928, made a slight recovery from Nov. 15 to Dec. 15. Prices advanced 3% in the South Central States and 2% in the North Central States, while an additional decline of 3% was made along the Atlantic Seaboard. This resulted in an average advance of 1% for the country as a whole. These price changes were accompanied by a continuation of good foreign demand and indications that the 1928 corn crop is about 2% smaller than estimated on Nov. 1.

The farm price of wheat advanced 1% from Nov. 15 to Dec. 15. The advance in the farm price was fairly general for the country as a whole with the exception of a slight decline in the South Atlantic States. These price changes have been accompanied by a decline in market receipts and a decrease in the visible supply in this country.

After a prolonged decline which began last April, the farm price of potatoes recovered slightly from Nov. 15 to Dec. 15, although the advance amounted to only a little over 1%. The farm price was unchanged in the North Central States, advanced about 5% in the South Atlantic Division, and approximately 1% in the remainder of the country. The price advance was accompanied by a seasonal decline in carlot shipments and a slight reduction in the estimate of total 1928 production.

The farm price of cotton advanced from 17.8 to 18 cents per pound from Nov. 15 to Dec. 15 in contrast with the usual seasonal decline during this period. In the South Atlantic States the farm price advance amounted to nearly 3% but the rise in price was limited to approximately 1% in the remainder of the Cotton Belt. The farm price of cottonseed advanced about 1% during the same period.

**Lumber Industry Improves After Holiday Shutdowns.**

Despite the fact that nine fewer mills reported for the week ended Jan. 5, lumber production, shipments and orders showed a good gain, indicating a rapid return to normal from the Christmas week decline when many mills operated part-time for semi-annual repairs, reports the National Lumber Manufacturers Association. Production showed the greatest gain while shipments and orders also took a marked upward trend. Indications of a steady winter market are being borne out by the rapid recovery of business in all three factors, which far exceed figures for the corresponding week of 1927. The bulk of the past week's increases have been in the softwood division, there being a slight decline for the previous week's business in the hardwood branch due possibly to fewer reporting mills.

Production, shipments and orders reported from 777 mills were respectively 263,137,000; 250,938,000 and 277,353,000 feet, while for the previous week they were reported from 790 mills as 201,059,000; 246,090,000 and 255,905,000 feet respectively. The "Association" continues:

*Unfilled Orders.*

The unfilled orders of 322 Southern Pine and West Coast mills at the end of last week amounted to 871,024,496 feet, as against 860,305,640 feet for 327 mills the previous week. The 130 identical Southern Pine mills in the group showed unfilled orders of 215,612,496 feet last week, as against 225,690,640 feet for the week before. For the 192 West Coast mills the unfilled orders were 655,412,000.

Altogether the 507 reporting softwood mills had shipments 106%, and orders 108%, of actual production. For the Southern Pine mills these percentages were respectively 96 and 79; and for the West Coast mills 111 and 118.

Of the reporting mills, the 507 with an established normal production for the week of 307,818,000 feet, gave actual production 73%, shipments 79% and orders 78% thereof.

The following table compares the lumber movement, as reflected by the reporting mills of 8 softwood, and 3 hardwood regional associations for the 2 weeks indicated:

	Past Week.		Preceding Week 1928. (Revised).	
	Softwood.	Hardwood.	Softwood.	Hardwood.
Mills (or units)*.....	507	338	514	347
Production.....	225,458,000	37,679,000	158,425,000	42,634,000
Shipments.....	242,754,000	38,184,000	205,403,000	40,687,000
Orders (new business).....	239,553,000	37,800,000	213,442,000	42,463,000

\* 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 192 mills reporting for the week ended Jan. 5 totaled 135,733,000 feet, shipments 127,022,000, production 114,864,000 and unfilled orders 655,412,000.

*Southern Pine Reports.*

The Southern Pine Association reports from New Orleans that for 130 mills reporting, shipments were 4.30% below production and orders were 20.64% below production and 17.08 below shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 48,938,784 feet (previous week 41,550,992); shipments 59,016,928 (previous week 39,373,088); and production 61,668,695 feet (previous week 41,093,987). The normal production (three-year average) of these mills is 70,767,224 feet.

The Western Pine Manufacturers Association of Portland, Ore., reports production from 34 mills as 15,953,000 feet, as compared with a normal production for the week of 16,060,000. Twenty-three mills the previous week reported production as 11,148,000 feet. Shipments and new business





Frank C. Lowry, President of the Exchange in making this known said:

There has been some complaint from the trade recently that the cost of storing sugar in the Port of New York has been too high, and considering interests of the grower, refiner, trader and general public, the board of managers has deemed it advisable to investigate the matter of enlarging our sugar contract. A committee, representing all of the various factors in the trade will be appointed within the next few days, and after a thorough inquiry will report to the board.

Another factor deserving of consideration is that of largely increased storage of raw sugar which occurs occasionally, especially when tariff changes are contemplated by Congress. Presumably at the extra session of Congress the tariff on sugar will be raised and in the past changes of this kind have resulted in large storings of raw sugar. There will likely be an accumulation of sugar stocks this year and with this greatly increased space available the accumulation will be handled with greater facility.

**National Raw Silk Exchange Amends By-Laws Increasing Floor Brokerage Commission Rates—Operations on Exchange Since Opening Date in September.**

Members of the National Raw Silk Exchange on Jan. 7 voted to amend Section 58 of the by-laws to increase the floor brokerage commission rates as follows:

For each five bales bought or sold by one member for another, giving up his principal on the day of the transaction:

Based upon a price—	Floor Brokerage for
Below \$5 per pound.....	Buying or Selling
From \$5 to \$6 per pound.....	\$1.25
From \$6 to \$7 per pound.....	1.50
Above \$7 per pound.....	1.75
	2.00

The floor brokerage formerly was \$1.00 when silk sold below \$6.00 per pound; \$1.25 below \$7.00 per pound and \$1.50 above \$7.00 per pound.

Silk futures representing a value of approximately \$25,000,000 were traded in on the National Raw Silk Exchange between September 11, when the exchange opened, and December 31 1928, it was announced on Jan. 9 by Secretary Alfred H. Korndorfer. During this time contracts calling for 37,215 bales changed hands on the floor of the exchange. Up to January 6 a total of 4,140 bales of silk were offered to the Inspection Bureau of the exchange for certification. In addition the bureau made 1,325 short (commercial) tests of rawsilk.

**Temporary Officers of New York Hide & Skin Exchange.**

The board of directors of the New York Hide & Skin Exchange announced on Jan. 3 the election of the following temporary officers to serve during the period of organization and until the membership of the exchange is completed: Milton R. Katzenberg, President; Armand Schmoll, First Vice-President; John C. Andersen, Second Vice-President; J. Chester Cuppia, Treasurer.

Mr. Katzenberg is a partner of Jacob Stern & Sons, brokers in hides and skins in New York and Philadelphia. Mr. Schmoll is President of Schmoll Fils Associated, Inc., and Mr. Andresen is President of J. C. Andresen & Co. Mr. Cuppia, who is the only official of the exchange who is not a hide man, is a partner in E. A. Pierce & Co., members of the New York Stock and other leading exchanges.

Announcement is made that the board of directors of the exchange will be increased from nine to fifteen members in order to make it more thoroughly representative of the hide and skin industry and of the commission houses. Temporary offices of the exchange have been opened in the hide and Leather building at 100 Gold Street. The board has adopted temporary by-laws and rules, drawn up by Julius B. Baer, counsel for the exchange. They will be supplemented, prior to the opening of the exchange, by by-laws and rules embodying the best principles of the leading commodity exchanges and practices approved by the United States Department of Agriculture. A provision for the settlement of defaulted contracts will be one of the features of the permanent by-laws. Mr. Katzenberg said that the new exchange will be located in the downtown financial district and that its membership would be limited to 250, drawn from packers, brokers, importers and exporters of hides and skins, tanners and leading commission houses here and abroad. In our issue of Dec. 29 page 3619 we noted the filing of incorporation papers for the new exchange.

**Silk Imports During 1928 Exceed Those in Preceding Year—Stocks Decrease.**

According to the Silk Association of America, Inc., imports of raw silk during December totaled 44,128 bales, a decrease of 40,006 bales as compared with the previous month, and is 700 bales under the total for December 1927. Approximate deliveries to American mills in December 1928 amounted to 45,026 bales, as compared with 43,357 bales in the corresponding month in 1927 and 47,709 bales in

November 1928. Stocks of raw silk on Jan. 1 1929 totaled 48,908 bales, as against 49,806 bales on Dec. 1 1928 and 53,540 bales on Jan. 1 1928.

Imports during the 12 months ended Dec. 31 1928 amounted to 566,378 bales, an increase of 13,937 bales over the corresponding period in 1927, while approximate deliveries to American mills totaled 571,010 bales, an increase of 19,631 bales over the 12 months ended Dec. 31 1927. The following statistics have been released by the Silk Association:

**RAW SILK IN STORAGE JAN. 1 1929.**

As reported by the principal warehouses in New York City and Hoboken. Figures in bales.

	European.	Japan.	All Other.	Total.
Stocks Dec. 1 1928.....	752	41,945	7,109	49,806
Imports month of December 1928.....	563	39,743	3,822	44,128
Total amount available during December.....	1,315	81,688	10,931	93,934
Stocks Jan. 1 1929.....	905	42,811	5,192	48,908
Approximate deliveries to American mills during December.....	410	38,877	5,739	45,026

**SUMMARY.**

	Imports During the Month.....			Storage at End of Month.....		
	1928.	1927.	1926.	1928.	1927.	1926.
January.....	46,408	48,456	43,650	47,528	52,627	47,326
February.....	44,828	33,981	38,568	41,677	43,753	43,418
March.....	50,520	38,600	31,930	40,186	33,116	35,948
April.....	36,555	46,486	31,450	35,483	31,749	30,122
May.....	52,972	49,264	35,120	42,088	35,527	31,143
June.....	45,090	42,809	35,612	41,127	37,024	29,111
July.....	38,670	47,856	37,842	38,866	43,841	27,528
August.....	62,930	59,819	46,421	50,975	56,618	28,006
September.....	47,286	52,475	50,415	50,464	58,986	34,459
October.....	48,857	51,207	48,403	49,381	62,366	35,094
November.....	48,134	36,650	59,670	49,806	52,069	47,130
December.....	44,128	44,828	45,119	48,908	53,540	52,478
Total.....	566,378	552,441	504,200	571,010	600,000	500,000
Average monthly.....	47,198	46,037	42,017	44,707	46,768	36,814

	Approximate Deliveries to American Mills.....			Approximate Amount in Transit Between Japan & New York, End of Month.		
	1928.	1927.	1926.	1928.	1927.	1926.
January.....	52,420	48,307	46,148	25,000	17,700	14,800
February.....	50,679	42,860	42,476	23,500	19,000	14,400
March.....	52,011	49,242	39,400	19,200	21,700	18,400
April.....	41,258	47,853	37,276	28,500	25,000	18,700
May.....	46,367	45,486	34,099	24,000	22,900	18,000
June.....	46,051	41,312	37,644	17,600	26,800	18,300
July.....	40,931	41,039	39,425	32,300	29,000	23,000
August.....	50,821	47,042	45,943	27,500	28,400	24,000
September.....	47,797	50,107	43,962	25,600	21,500	23,900
October.....	49,940	47,827	47,768	31,200	18,500	32,400
November.....	47,709	46,947	47,634	22,800	26,900	19,700
December.....	45,026	43,357	39,771	42,500	33,500	26,500
Total.....	571,010	551,379	501,546	571,010	600,000	500,000
Average monthly.....	47,584	45,948	41,796	26,642	24,225	21,008

x Imports at New York during current month and at Pacific ports previous to the time allowed in transit across the Continent (covered by manifests 257 to 283). y Includes re-exports. z Includes 2,194 bales held at railroad terminals at end of month. Stocks in warehouses include National Raw Silk Exchange certified stocks, 1,060 bales.

**Board of Managers of New York Cotton Exchange Fixes 250,000 Bales as Maximum Limit of Interest in Futures Contracts.**

The Board of Managers of the New York Cotton Exchange, according to an announcement Jan. 5, has fixed 250,000 bales as the maximum limit of interest in futures contracts for delivery in any one month by any member, firm or corporation and his or its affiliations. This applies to new contracts only. Notice to this effect was posted on the bulletin board of the exchange at the opening on the 5th.

Announcement was also made of the appointment of three members of the Control Committee, under authority of section 115 of the by-laws, adopted Nov. 16, 1928. Edward K. Cone, of E. A. Pierce & Co., is chairman of the committee, and the other members are Thomas F. Cahill, of Hopkins, Dwight & Co., and David E. McCuen, of Greenville, S. C.

The fixing of a maximum limit of interest in futures contracts and the appointment of the Control Committee, together with optional deliveries at five southern points in addition to New York, which became effective Jan. 2 last, into operation the three progressive measures recommended by the special Committee of Fifteen of which John H. McFadden, Jr., was Chairman. These combined measures are designed to meet proposals embodied in legislation at Washington last year which failed of enactment. Gardiner H. Miller, President of the Exchange, in commending upon the measures said:

"These changes have been characterized as marking a new era in the history of the New York Cotton Exchange and have been generally commended as tending to afford a broader and safer market for hedging purposes and also in removing the fear of manipulation which has heretofore resulted at times in abnormal parities between markets and between various months in New York, and its is believed will result in a decided increase in the business of the exchange."

It is stated that this is the first time in the history of the Exchange that there has been a maximum limit of interest

in futures contracts. The Board of Managers is authorized prescribe such a limit "at its discretion," but must hold meetings to consider this limitation each month from July to December incl., within five days after the publication by the U. S. Department of Agriculture of acreage and condition reports during these months. The limitation of interest applies only to the new contract traded in on the exchange, and not to the old contract.

Production and Sale of Standard Cotton Cloths During December.

Statistical reports on the production and sale of standard cotton cloths during December were made public on Jan. 9 by The Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York. The reports cover a period of four weeks. Shipments during the month amounted to 276,098,000. This was equivalent to 98.9% of production, which was 279,207,000 yards. Sales in December amounted to 225,189,000 yards, or 80.7% of production. Stocks on hand at the end of the month amounted to 391,743,000 yards, an increase of 0.8% as compared with stocks at the beginning of the month. Unfilled orders on December 31st amounted to 468,861,000 yards, or 9.8% less than they were Dec. 1.

These statistics on the manufacture and sale of standard cotton cloths are compiled from data supplied by 23 groups of manufacturers and selling agents reporting through The Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York and The Cotton-Textile Institute, Inc. The reports cover upwards of 300 classifications of standard cotton cloths and represent a large part of the production of these fabrics in the United States. Detailed statistics follow:

DECEMBER 1928 (4 WEEKS).

Table with 2 columns: Production, Sales, Shipments, Stocks on hand Dec. 1, Change in stocks, Unfilled orders Dec. 1, Unfilled orders Dec. 31, Change in unfilled orders, Stocks on hand Dec. 1, Change in stocks. Includes percentages for ratio of sales to production, shipment to production, and unfilled orders decrease.

PRODUCTION STATISTICS.

(Recapitulation of Monthly Totals, 1928)

Table with 5 columns: Month, Production, Sales, Shipments, Stock at End, Unfilled Orders at End. Lists months from January to December 1928 with corresponding figures.

Conditions in Sugar Industry to be Discussed at Special Meeting of Sugar Export Corporation—Union of Cuban Sugar Producers Proposed.

Havana advices yesterday (Jan. 11) published in the "Sun" of last night said:

The Sugar Export Corporation has called an extraordinary meeting for Jan. 15 to discuss actual conditions in the sugar industry and to study suggestions to be made to the National Commission for the Defense of Sugar in order that it may adopt proper measures.

It was stated in a Havana dispatch Jan. 4 to the "Journal of Commerce" that following the recent decree of President Machado abolishing the restrictions on the Cuban sugar industry, Col. Tarafa, after a conference with the executive, sugar on Jan. 4 for the President's consideration the proposal that the sugar producers of the island unite in a cooperative movement to raise and market Cuba's chief crop. The dispatch further said:

Col. Tarafa made the following statement after his conference with President Machado:

"I do not wish to make recommendations, but only suggest that our sugar producers unite. This would benefit not only the sugar industry but the Cuban commonwealth. If they cooperate with the President in establishing in Cuba a cooperative organization of mill owners and cane planters for the sale of their sugars, they would compete, not with each other, but with such countries as Java. Furthermore, they would export their overproduction to the world market, which in the long run is the one that establishes prices for all other markets throughout the world."

Steady Progress in Growth of Chicago Market Reported by William R. Meadows of Chicago Board of Trade.

In a review of the 1928 cotton season, William R. Meadows, Cotton Registrar, Chicago Board of Trade, states that "steady progress has been made in the growth of the Chicago cotton market, and the prospects for its continued development are very favorable." Mr. Meadows also comments as follows in his review:

Looking in retrospect over the cotton market for the year 1928, one is struck by the fact that conditions have been normal, that the crop was moderate in size, that consumption has been next to the largest, and that prices now are practically the same as those of a year ago, and very near the 1914 level for Houston and Galveston delivery.

From just after the Christmas holidays in 1927 until early in February, cotton prices sagged gradually under liquidation of the bull market which had occurred earlier in the season. Beginning about Feb. 6 1928 the market advanced until late in June when October contracts at Chicago sold at 22.45c. After this price declined on favorable prospects for the new crop until Sept. 19 when October traded down to 16.63c. A sharp rally followed, but values failed to reach the high levels previously recorded, and have shown some hesitancy since early in December.

On Dec. 21 the Census Bureau reported 568,793 bales ginned during the first 13 days of December, bringing the total to that date to 13,148,411 bales. The final estimate of the Department of Agriculture was 14,373,000 bales, which appears in the light of the latest ginnings to be substantially correct.

Taking the carry-over of American cotton on July 31 last at 5,079,000 (census figures) bales, excluding linters, the total supply for this season is estimated at about 19,452,000 bales compared with about 20,500,000 for the preceding year.

World consumption of American cotton for the year ended July 31 last was 15,407,000 bales and 15,780,000 the year previous.

Estimates for the current year run at least to 15,000,000 bales. Deducting this figure from the estimated supply would leave an approximate world carry-over of American cotton of 4,452,000 bales against 5,079,000 at the end of last season.

Looking at the situation from another point of view, domestic mill consumption is now running at a rate at least equal to that maintained during the greater part of last season and it is probable that American mills will consume around 6,800,000 bales. Exports the past four months were 3,730,981 bales compared with 3,039,479 for the same time last year when total exports amounted to 7,529,945 bales excluding linters. This represents a gain to Dec. 1 of approximately 700,000 bales which recent unofficial figures show to be now over 867,000 bales. It is confidently expected that the season's exports will run at least 8,500,000 bales, and perhaps to 9,000,000 bales. Taking the former figure, the total for domestic consumption and exports would be about 15,300,000 bales while the crop is substantially 900,000 bales less than this figure, which would reduce the carry-over in the United States at the end of the current season by the same amount.

While the carry-over at the end of the season is taken as of July 31, it should be remembered that cotton mills are dependent largely upon old crop cotton during the months of August and September and in distant countries, during October as well. Hence, a carry-over of four and one-half million bales would be largely consumed before new crop cotton becomes available. Under such circumstances future values of cotton will be determined largely by information as it becomes available regarding actual exports and consumption of cotton and especially regarding the prospects for the new crop. A yield above 15,000,000 bales during 1929 seems essential unless reserves are to be seriously impaired.

Transactions in Grain Futures during December 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 December, 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 Jan. 7 by the Grain Exchange Supervisor at Chicago. For the month of December 1928 the total transactions at all markets reached 1,012,457,000 bushels, compared with 1,411,345,000 bushels in the same month in 1927. On the Chicago Board of Trade the transactions in December 1928 amounted to 860,524,000 bushels, against 1,224,282,000 bushels in December 1927. Below we give the details for December, the figures representing sales only, there being an equal volume of purchases.

VOLUME OF TRADING.

Expressed in Thousands of Bushels, 1. e., (1000) Omitted.

Table with columns: Date—December, 1928., Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley, Flax, Total. Lists daily trading volumes from Dec 1 to Dec 31, 1928, including a section for the Chicago Board of Trade and other markets.

\*Durum wheat with the exception of 145 wheat.

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

December, 1928.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Total.
1	128,760,000	889,542,000	29,479,000	10,864,000	1,259,645,000
2 Sunday					
3	126,732,000	88,383,000	29,399,000	10,796,000	255,310,000
4	126,768,000	87,007,000	29,059,000	10,701,000	254,535,000
5	127,954,000	86,081,000	29,828,000	11,103,000	254,966,000
6	128,494,000	85,007,000	29,842,000	10,922,000	254,265,000
7	129,357,000	83,044,000	29,682,000	10,904,000	252,987,000
8 Market Closed					
9 Sunday					
10	129,241,000	82,296,000	29,550,000	10,649,000	251,736,000
11	128,848,000	81,613,000	29,357,000	10,398,000	250,216,000
12	128,340,000	81,056,000	29,118,000	10,405,000	248,919,000
13	127,830,000	81,681,000	28,948,000	10,473,000	248,932,000
14	127,712,000	80,020,000	28,900,000	10,429,000	247,061,000
15	127,961,000	78,618,000	28,753,000	10,537,000	245,769,000
16 Sunday					
17	128,997,000	78,431,000	28,705,000	10,572,000	246,705,000
18	129,280,000	77,639,000	28,689,000	10,655,000	246,263,000
19	129,165,000	76,330,000	28,522,000	10,425,000	244,442,000
20	129,112,000	76,741,000	28,234,000	10,145,000	244,232,000
21	128,540,000	75,980,000	28,028,000	10,123,000	242,671,000
22	127,940,000	75,735,000	27,864,000	10,108,000	241,647,000
23 Sunday					
24	128,278,000	75,925,000	27,705,000	10,008,000	241,916,000
25 Holiday					
26	128,646,000	73,348,000	27,854,000	10,171,000	240,019,000
27	128,465,000	71,596,000	27,467,000	10,104,000	237,632,000
28	129,118,000	70,882,000	27,081,000	10,015,000	237,096,000
29	129,359,000	69,686,000	26,749,000	9,711,000	235,487,000
30 Sunday					
31	129,451,000	63,154,000	25,330,000	8,564,000	226,499,000
<b>Average—</b>					
December 1928	128,515,000	78,736,000	28,348,000	10,366,000	246,065,000
December 1927	75,934,000	75,150,000	34,430,000	9,746,000	195,260,000
November 1928	129,718,000	90,533,000	29,997,000	12,222,000	262,490,000
October 1928	120,644,000	81,548,000	29,314,000	11,826,000	243,332,000
September 1928	114,061,000	77,168,000	29,562,000	10,431,000	231,222,000
August 1928	111,279,000	79,207,000	26,765,000	9,005,000	226,256,000
July 1928	90,257,000	78,156,000	23,824,000	10,381,000	202,618,000
June 1928	92,547,000	83,174,000	23,901,000	10,249,000	209,871,000
May 1928	104,123,000	82,361,000	30,890,000	7,763,000	225,137,000
April 1928	105,609,000	91,532,000	34,559,000	8,551,000	240,251,000
March 1928	88,281,000	98,849,000	33,671,000	8,355,000	229,156,000
February 1928	86,679,000	98,133,000	37,221,000	9,580,000	231,613,000
January 1928	81,733,000	83,525,000	36,132,000	9,822,000	211,272,000

aLow. b High.

**Review of Meat Packing Industry by Chicago Federal Reserve Bank—Increased Production and Employment.**

The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, in its Jan. 1 Monthly Business Conditions Report reviews conditions in the meat packing industry as follows:

November production at slaughtering establishments in the United States totaled slightly in excess of the preceding month and a year ago. Employment for the last payroll of the period increased 8.0% in number of employes but, with one less working day in the current comparison, decreased 8.6% in hours worked and 3.2% in value from corresponding figures for October. Domestic trade was good for lard and fresh pork, fair for smoked meats and dry salt pork, and somewhat draggy for beef and lamb. The aggregate value of November sales billed to domestic and foreign customers by 57 meat packing companies in the United States was 6.2% smaller than in the preceding month but 16.8% greater than a year ago. Prices of pork, lard, and veal declined at Chicago, those for beef eased somewhat, and quotations for lamb held fairly steady in comparison with October. Demand in domestic markets averaged fair at the beginning of December. Inventories at packing plants and cold-storage warehouses in the United States increased on Dec. 1 over the beginning of November and were in excess of last year and the 1923-27 average for the date. Lard stocks declined from Nov. 1 and holdings of pickled pork and beef were under the Dec. 1 average. Shipments for export were reported as larger than those of October. European demand for lard improved during the month; the Continent purchased a few fat backs, and some inquiries for hams were received from the United Kingdom. Prices averaged fairly close to American parity, although there was a slight discount on some items in the United Kingdom. Consigned stocks, already landed and in transit to European countries, were indicated slightly smaller than at the beginning of November.

**High Cattle Prices Prove Boon to Canada.—Advance Likely to Continue Until 1931, According to General Manager Logan of Canadian Bank of Commerce.**

The high level of prices for cattle in Canada during the last year and a half has become one of the most satisfactory and welcome changes affecting agriculture, says S. H. Logan, General Manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, in the bank's monthly letter issued December 6. He describes the upward price movement which commenced in 1924 as the last phase of a cycle which, judging from an analysis of world supply and demand, may be expected to continue at least until 1931. Mr. Logan says:

"The first part of the cycle, that of a low price level, was described in the May 1926 issue of the Monthly Commercial Letter, when it was also mentioned that improved conditions were in sight which would cause higher prices. It may be stated, however, that while the period of declining prices was one of acute distress for many Canadian cattlemen, the ultimate results were less serious in this country than in others. For instance, the inability of small country banks in the United States to carry loans to stockmen forced large-scale liquidation of cattle.

"Relief was secured through The Stock Growers' Finance Corporation and The War Finance Corporation, by loans aggregating over \$100,000,000 to banks, which in turn made these funds available to cattlemen, but there was marked depletion in herds until 1927, when profitable prices were obtainable. In Canada the banks were able to support their customers, and as a result liquidation was gradual and Canadian cattlemen were in a more fortunate position than their American neighbours, for their herds were almost of normal size in 1927, and they have been able to market

cattle during the most recent period of high prices in greater volume than in some years when prices were low.

"The Canadian cattle industry has been developed chiefly to supply the domestic market, but it depends to some extent upon the foreign market and is therefore influenced by world conditions. In 1927 about 7% of the estimated beef production was exported and it is clear that this movement has been a major factor in establishing profitable prices. As Canadian prices follow world prices, a discussion of the causes of a prosperous cattle industry and of its future prospects must take into account developments in other countries, both exporting and importing. In South America, one of the world's greatest sources of supply, the number of cattle is thought to have declined by between 5,000,000 and 7,000,000 since 1922, and production of meat for export this year appears to have been somewhat smaller than in 1927.

"A fairly large reduction in herds in recent years is reported from Australia, more than offsetting an increase in the comparatively small holdings of beef cattle in New Zealand. Europe as a whole has materially enlarged its domestic supply since the war, although of course, it continues and will continue to import vast quantities of meat, mainly from Argentina and Australia. It should also be noted that beef consumption in Europe is slightly less than it was a few years ago when prices were lower. The African and Asiatic countries do not produce beef for export, but to complete the analysis of the world supply situation it may be mentioned that important increases in cattle numbers are reported from India and Russia-in-Asia.

"A sharp decline has occurred in the United States, while Mexico, which ships a fairly large quantity of young cattle to the State of Texas, has built up its herds to a large figure compared with that of three or four years ago. Canada had in June of this year about 200,000 head less than in 1927, but almost as many as in 1920. World conditions in respect to supply and demand are, therefore, favorable to the maintenance of profitable prices to producers for two or three years, during which time the world's holdings of cattle may be expected to increase and eventually to exceed its requirements for beef."

**Photo Engravers in Six-Year Pact—Agreement Reached Giving Progressive Advance to Five Day Week.**

According to the New York "Times" of January 4 an accord has been reached between the Photo Engravers' Union and the Photo Engravers' Board of Trade for a six-year agreement expiring Jan. 1 1935. A progressive advance toward the five-day week is part of the new arrangement which says the "Times" is expected to be signed in a day or two. The accounts adds:

Under the plan which has been agreed on by subcommittees, the photo engravers will work two months in 1929 on the five-day basis, three months in 1930, four months in 1931, five months in 1932, six months in 1933, while 1934 is to be wholly on the five-day week basis.

No change will be made in the present \$63 wage scale for day men. The night men who now receive \$68 a week will receive \$70 and \$73 in 1930. The wage clause of the agreement can be reopened after the second and fourth years of the contract.

The agreement involves about 2,000 men in commercial shops. Wage negotiations are proceeding in Philadelphia, Newark, Chicago, Milwaukee, Detroit and the Middle West generally.

**Petroleum and Its Products.**

A further increase in daily average gross crude oil production of the United States tends to eliminate any immediate prospect for a general advance in high gravity crude prices. According to the estimate of the American Petroleum Institute, total production for the entire country for the week ended Jan. 5 was 2,591,050 bbls., an increase of 10,000 bbls. over the preceding week. Daily average production east of California was 1,876,450 bbls., an increase of 4,300 bbls. Oklahoma production fell off slightly as did Kansas, Montana and coastal Louisiana, but large increases were shown in west Texas and California, the latter increasing nearly 6,000 bbls. Refiners anticipate new high production records in the very near future unless there is some check to the steadily growing output of the California wells. In addition to the domestic production, Venezuela is running a very heavy schedule at present with considerable shut-in potential production from that source, which hangs over the crude oil market as a steady threat. Much of the increase in Venezuela is coming from the Maracaibo Basin. One hopeful factor lies in the prospect that producers and refiners may be expected to continue the close co-operation which was evident last year.

Operators are still running tests of various wells in the Yates field, Pecos, north Texas, with recent results indicating a daily average of 4,348,191 bbls., this figure covering the daily average from Jan. 1 to Jan. 16. Daily average during the preceding 15 days totaled 4,403,408. There has also been a slight increase in the indicated production from the Winkler County pools, where a potential run of 2,655,707 is indicated, as against the indicated yield of 2,636,483 bbls. per day for the last 15 days. Should these two fields produce for any period at their indicated rates, their combined output would come very close to totaling three times the present daily production of the entire country. At the same time, there is sufficient shut-in production in the various flush fields to triple domestic production overnight if these were brought in simultaneously.

Considering these factors and the somewhat shaky undertone in the gasoline market, it is hard to believe that Mid-Continent prices can logically be marked higher.

Prices are: Pennsylvania \$3.85, Bradford \$4.10, Illinois \$1.58, Corning 1.80, Lima 1.60, Wyoming, 37 deg. 1.41, Cabell 1.45, Indiana 1.37, Plymouth 1.28, Wortham, 40 deg. 1.56, Princeton 1.55, Gulf Coastal "A" 1.20, Rock Creek 1.33, Canadian 2.00, Panhandle, 44 deg. 1.36, Smackover, 24 deg. .90, Corsicana, heavy 1.00, Buckeye 3.60, Eureka 3.65

Much interest has been attracted by the "price war" in New York and San Francisco. The New York conflict at present is confined to two large independents, i. e., Warner-Quinlan and Municipal. The former justifies their radical downward revision of prices on the grounds that their withdrawal from the "white" gasoline market will enable them to concentrate on their premium gas and so reduce overhead.

There have been no indications that any of the larger refiners are inclined to follow this price trend at the present time, although local gasoline can hardly be termed better than steady. A contributing cause to this steadiness has been the long drawn out period of mild weather, which has increased local consumption greatly.

A chronological summary of the week's price changes follows:

- Jan. 7.—Independents cut gasoline prices in New York sharply with prices quoted by large distributors unchanged.
Jan 7.—Power Petroleum Co., large London independent, reduced gasoline for commercial vehicles 4c. per gallon.
Jan. 9.—General decline in retail gasoline prices in San Francisco, ranging from 18c. to 19c. per gallon for white gasoline to 21c. for premium gasoline.
Jan. 10.—Sun Pipe Line Co. has established a price of \$1 a barrel for East Luling or Bruner crude, heretofore purchased on Mid-Continent gravity basis. This is a reduction of approximately 35 cents a barrel.

Gasoline (U. S. Motor) New York .10 1/2, Chelsea .12 1/2, Tiverton .12 1/2, Boston (delivered) .12 1/2, Carteret .10 1/2, Baltimore .10 1/2, Portsmouth .10 1/2, Jacksonville .10 1/2, Oklahoma .7 1/2, Providence (delv.) .12 1/2, Chicago .8 1/2, Marcus Hook .10 1/2, Philadelphia .10 1/2, Norfolk .10 1/2, Tampa .10 1/2, New Orleans .10 1/2, Houston .10 1/2, California .08 1/2, \*North Texas .07 1/2

Note.—The above prices are f.o.b. refineries, tank car lots, unless otherwise noted. Delivered prices are generally 1c. a gallon above the refinery quotation. \*A number of the large refiners were still quoting .07 1/2.

Gasoline (Service Station) New York .20, Richmond .24, Charlotte .23, Boston .18, San Francisco .21, Charleston .23, Baltimore .24, Wheeling .23, Chicago .16, Norfolk .20, Parkersburg .23, New Orleans .15 1/2

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

Kerosene New York .09, Chicago .05 1/2, Philadelphia (delv.) .10, New York (delv.) .10, Philadelphia .09, Oklahoma .05 1/2

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

Bunker Fuel Oil New York .105, Norfolk .105, New Orleans .95, Baltimore .105, Charleston .90, California .85

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

Gas and Diesel Oil Gas oil, New York .05 1/2, Diesel oil, New York .200

Note.—The above prices are f.o.b. refineries.

Export Quotations Gasoline, Navy, New York cases .2640, Kerosene, s. w., New York, cases .1762, Bulk .10 1/4, W. W., New York, cases .1890

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

Crude Oil Output in United States Higher Than a Year Ago.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Jan. 5 1929 was 2,591,050 barrels, as compared with 2,581,050 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 10,000 barrels. Compared with the output for the week ended Jan. 7 1928 of 2,379,050 barrels per day, the current figure shows an increase of 212,000 barrels daily. The daily average production east of California for the week ended Jan. 5 1929 was 1,876,450 barrels, as compared with 1,872,150 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of

4,300 barrels. The following estimates of daily average gross production (in barrels) by districts are for the periods shown below:

Weeks Ended— Jan. 5 '29, Dec. 29 '28, Dec. 22 '28, Jan. 7 '28. Oklahoma 719,750, Kansas 97,100, Panhandle Texas 59,750, North Texas 88,200, West Central Texas 54,150, West Texas 354,600, East Central Texas 21,450, Southwest Texas 37,100, North Louisiana 36,400, Arkansas 80,200, Coastal Texas 114,350, Coastal Louisiana 22,050, Eastern 113,250, Wyoming 57,600, Montana 9,400, Colorado 7,500, New Mexico 3,600, California 714,600

Total 2,591,050 2,581,050 2,550,750 2,379,050

The estimated daily average gross production of the Mid-Continent field, including Oklahoma, Kansas, Panhandle, North, West Central, East Central and Southwest Texas, North Louisiana and Arkansas, for the week ended Jan. 5 1929, was 1,548,700 barrels, as compared with 1,545,850 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 2,850 barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover, Arkansas, heavy oil, was 1,496,700 barrels, as compared with 1,493,550 barrels, an increase of 3,150 barrels.

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

Week Ended— Jan. 5, Dec. 29. Oklahoma: Ponkawa 11,500, Burbank 24,300, Bristow Slick 19,600, Crowwell 8,200, Seminole 40,250, Bowlegs 43,550, Searight 9,100, Little River 86,700, Earlsboro 71,450, St. Louis 136,300, Allen Dome 27,750, Maud 26,250, Kansas: Sedgwick County 6,600, Panhandle Texas: Hutchinson County 28,550, Carson County 5,750, Gray County 22,300, North Texas: Wilbarger 30,500, Archer County 18,400, West Central Texas: Shackelford County 11,200, Brown County 9,650, West Texas: Reagan County 18,500, Howard County 36,800, Pecca County 73,100, Crane & Upton Counties 51,200, Winkler County 161,700, East Central Texas: Corsicana Powell 9,750, South East Texas: Luling 13,250, Laredo District 10,000, North Louisiana: Haynesville 5,500, Uruata 6,000, Arkansas: Smackover, light 7,100, Smackover, heavy 52,000, Champagnolle 11,850, Coastal Texas: West Columbia 7,300, Plerce Junction 12,000, Hull 10,200, Spindletop 35,500, Coastal Louisiana: Vinton 4,000, East Hackberry 5,500, Sweet Lake 950, Sulphur Dome 3,000, Wyoming: Salt Creek 35,850, Montana: Sunburst 7,100, California: Santa Fe Springs 120,000, Long Beach 183,000, Huntington Beach 49,000, Torrance 15,500, Dominguez 10,000, Rosecrans 6,800, Inglewood 28,000, Midway-Sunset 75,000, Ventura Ave 50,000, Seal Beach 28,000

Oil Producers to Meet in Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 23 To Act on Curtailment of Production.

Associated Press dispatches from Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 9, announced that a special meeting of the oil producers of Oklahoma and Kansas has been called for January 23 for a wider discussion of proposed laws and proposed curtailment of oil production. The dispatches said:

At the executive committee meeting of the Oklahoma-Kansas division of the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association here yesterday the sentiment expressed indicated that the majority of the operators oppose any form of legislation delegating the authority to the State to curb production and regular drilling. The meeting yesterday was for the purpose of discussing the legislation proposed by the Conservation Committee of the Mineral Section of the American Bar Association, which had just completed its report along with draft of laws for enactment by oil producing states for enactment by oil producing states for control of production and drilling operations. Although report of this committee will not be considered by the Bar Association until its meeting next fall, the proposed laws have already been submitted to the oil industry for consideration. These laws recognize the necessity for keeping in the ground oil and gas not needed for immediate consumption and are designed to legalize voluntary co-operation plans among producers in a pool and operation of such a pool as a unit.

Sales of Manufactured Gas in 1928 Set New High Record — Industry Reaches 16,000,000 Persons.

According to Alexander Forward, Managing Director of the American Gas Association, "the natural gas industry of America is developing at a remarkable rate. The extension of pipe lines and the development of natural gas producing territory in the Southwest," he states, "have been phenomenal. A check-up of the population within the natural gas zones reveals an aggregate of about 30,000,000," he says, and he adds that "within these areas the natural gas industry now furnishes gas service to more than 4,000,000 families and reaches a population in excess of 16,000,000." Mr. Forward in noting the record consumption of gas witnessed during the late year says:

A new record for gas consumption, adoption of large scale research enterprises, scientific advancements of great potential significance in the manufacturing and utilization departments of the business and uniformly good public relations, sound regulation and growing earnings, have all served to make 1928 a memorable year in the manufactured gas industry.

Preliminary estimates of sales for 1928 reveal an increase of 18 billion cu. ft. over the record-breaking total registered for 1927.

- 333 billion cu. ft. for household purposes.
147 billion cu. ft. for industrial and commercial uses.
5 billion cu. ft. for miscellaneous purposes.

Customers served by the manufactured gas industry now number 11,800,000, an increase of 350,000 over 1927. The industry has 93,500 miles of main, 2,100 having been added to the total during 1928.

The present year has brought to gas men in America the keen realization that out of scientific research wisely planned and courageously prosecuted will develop a gas industry undreamed of ten years ago.

The extent to which gas service, both manufactured and natural, has captured the domestic cooking business of the nation is strikingly revealed in figures recently made public as the result of a country-wide survey.

Of the 27,850,000 families residing in the United States, 12,970,000 cook with manufactured and natural gas; 8,290,000 cook with coal and wood; 6,000,000 with oil, and 590,000 with electricity.

Data from the American Gas Association and the U. S. Census Bureau show that there are 10,330,000 homes served with manufactured gas and 3,780,000 homes served with natural gas, making a total of 14,560,000 homes. In these 14,560,000 homes connected to gas mains, there are 12,977,000 gas ranges.

The tremendous growth of the by-product coking industry in America has been one of the most interesting developments within recent years. By-product coke has replaced all but 15% of the coke produced in the United States, rising from 27.5% in 1913 to 86.2% in 1927.

Production and Shipments of Slab Zinc during 1928 Exceeds Previous Year.

According to figures released by the American Zinc Institute, Inc., production during the year ended Dec. 31 1928 amounted to 619,595 short tons as compared with 613,548 short tons in the preceding year, while shipments totaled 614,878 short tons as against 594,684 short tons in the 12 months ended Dec. 31 1927.

During the month of December output of slab zinc totaled 50,591 short tons as against 50,260 tons in the preceding month and 52,347 tons in the month of December 1927. Shipments last month amounted to 51,692 short tons, of which 49,625 tons went to domestic consumers and 2,067 tons were exported.

Metal sold, not yet delivered, at the end of December 1928 amounted to 45,378 tons; total retort capacity at Dec. 31 was 116,136 tons; the number of idle retorts available within 60 days 50,300; the average number of retorts operating during December 64,320; the number of retorts operating at end of month 61,544.

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

Table with columns: Month of, Production, Domestic Shipments, Exports, Total Shipments, Stocks at End of Mo. Rows for Dec-1928, Nov-1928, Oct-1928, Sep-1928, Aug-1928, July-1928, June-1928, May-1928, April-1928, March-1928, Feb-1928, Jan-1928, and monthly totals for 1928 and 1927.

Volume of Lead Sales Better Than Average—Copper Less Active, But Prices Hold Steady.

Sales of lead were better than average in volume in the past week, but the other non-ferrous metals passed through a rather quiet periods, "Engineering and Mining Journal" reports which adds:

Transactions in copper amounted to approximately 75% of a normal week's business, with the demand chiefly for April delivery. The receipt of December statistics is awaited with considerable interest by many factors in the copper trade and it is not unlikely that market activity will, to a considerable extent, be guided by their portent.

Export business in copper so far this month has been better than in the corresponding period in either December or November, though sales for foreign account have lagged in the last few days. Prices for copper, domestic as well as export, underwent no change.

Sales of lead compared favorably with the excellent business that was done late in November and early December. About three-quarters of

the sales were fairly evenly divided between January and February delivery. The contract price in New York held at 6.65 cents, with the St. Louis market generally quoted at 6.50 cents a pound.

Zinc was firm at 6.35 cents pound, East St. Louis. Volume of business was somewhat larger than a week ago.

Interest in tin was light, with the market steady on support in London. Quicksilver was somewhat easier.

Steel Ingot Production Large in December.

In its usual monthly statement for December, released Wednesday (Jan. 9) the American Iron & Steel Institute places the production of steel ingots for the month at 3,801,813 tons by companies which produced 94.68% of the total putput in 1927. Of this amount 3,305,087 tons were open-hearth steel and 496,726 tons Bessemer.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF STEEL INGOTS, JANUARY 1927 TO NOVEMBER 1928—GROSS TONS.

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

Table showing monthly production of steel ingots from Jan 1927 to Dec 1928. Columns include Open-hearth, Bessemer, Monthly Output Companies Reporting, Calculated Monthly Output all Companies, No. of Wks. Days, Approx. Daily Output all Cos., and Per Cent. Oper-ation.

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

Pig Iron Output in December 1928 Largest for Any Similar Month Since 1918.

Actual data for the pig iron production during December shown that the estimates received by the "Iron Age" on Dec. 31 and published in last week's "Chronicle," page 31, were slightly high. The revised figures give the December daily output as 108,705 gross tons, or 45 tons less than the preliminary data.

Total December pig iron production was 3,369,846 tons, or 108,705 tons per day for the 31 days, as against 3,302,523 tons, or 110,084 tons per day for the 30 days of November. This is a loss for December of 1,379 tons per day, or 1.25% over October. In November there was an increase in daily rate of 1.15% over October.

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Operating Rate Active on Jan. 1.

Furnaces operating on Jan. 1 numbered 201, having an estimated operating rate of 110,675 tons per day. This compares with 108,575 tons per day for the 194 furnaces blowing on Dec. 1. In Dec. 13 furnaces blew in and 6 were shut down, a net increase of 7.

Of the 13 furnaces blown in last month, 7 were merchant, 5 were independent steel company stacks and one belonged to the Steel Corporation. Of the 6 furnaces blown out or banked, 5 were independent steel company stacks and one was a merchant furnace. Thus there was a net gain of 6 merchant stacks and one steel-making furnace.

Total Coke Iron for the Year.

For 1928 the total output of coke pig iron was 37,837,804 tons, comparing with 36,232,306 tons in 1927, an increase of 4.4%. It is the fifth largest on record.

Gain in Merchant Iron.

There was a gain in merchant iron last month of 1,680 tons per day over November—the December daily rate was 23,290 tons, as compared with 21,610 tons per day in November. The loss in steel-making iron was

3,059 tons per day last month, the first loss since the small one in September.

Ferromanganese Output Large.

Production of ferromanganese in December was 28,618 tons, bringing the year's total to 312,061 tons, or the second largest since the war.

Large Production in Last Quarter.

For the first time since 1922 the daily rate for the three months of the last quarter of the year was the largest for any months of the year.

Furnaces Blown In and Out.

During December the following furnaces were blown in: One furnace of the Donner Steel Co. and the Niagara stack of the American Radiator Co.

The following stacks were blown out or banked during the month: One Lackawanna furnace of the Bethlehem Steel Co. in the Buffalo district;

Possibly Active Stacks Reduced.

Seven blast furnaces have recently been abandoned and will be dismantled. These are the Philadelphia stack of the Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Co. and one Alice and two Bessemer furnaces of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Co. in Alabama;

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION OF COKE PIG IRON IN THE UNITED STATES BY MONTHS SINCE JAN. 1 1924—GROSS TONS.

Table with 6 columns: Month, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928. Rows include January through December and 12 month's average.

DAILY RATE OF PIG IRON PRODUCTION BY MONTHS—GR. TONS.

Table with 4 columns: Steel Works, Merchant, Total. Rows include months from December 1927 to December 1928.

\* Includes pig iron made for the market by steel companies.

TOTAL PRODUCTION OF COKE PIG IRON IN UNITED STATES BEGINNING JAN. 1 1926—GROSS TONS.

Table with 6 columns: Month, 1926, 1927, 1928. Rows include Jan through Dec.

½ yr. 19,848,461 19,430,678 18,520,921 Year\* 39,070,470 36,232,306 37,837,804

\* These totals do not include charcoal pig iron. The 1927 production of this iron was 164,569 tons.

PRODUCTION OF STEEL COMPANIES FOR OWN USE—GROSS TONS

Table with 7 columns: Month, Total Pig Iron (Splegel and Ferromanganese), xFerromanganese. Rows include months from Jan to Dec and Year.

\* Includes output of merchant furnaces.

United States Steel Corporation Shows Increase in Unfilled Orders.

In its monthly report issued Jan. 10 1929 the United States Steel Corporation placed the unfilled tonnage on the books of the subsidiary corporations as of Dec. 31 1928 at 3,976,712 tons, a gain of 303,712 tons over last month's

orders. On Dec. 31 1927 unfilled orders aggregated 3,972,-874 tons and on Dec. 31 1926 3,960,969 tons. A comparison of the amounts back to 1923 is shown below.

UNFILLED ORDERS OF SUBSIDIARIES OF U. S. STEEL CORPORATION:

Table with 6 columns: End of Month, 1923, 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924, 1923. Rows include months from Jan to Dec.

Steel Output Higher—Prices Unchanged.

With the new year only a few days old, steel output has passed the high rate of December, reports the "Iron Age" in its weekly summary of iron and steel markets.

In sheets, hot-rolled strip, tin plate and wire products, which were advanced for the current quarter, mills are well booked, in some cases through this month and into February.

In some of the heavier products, on the other hand, specifications have gained and an encouraging volume of new business has been placed.

The outlook for steel production is particularly promising if the course of the scrap market can be accepted as a trustworthy augury.

In view of the high price of old material, the technical position of pig iron is regarded as strong, since steel makers have a greater incentive to use pig metal in their open-hearth mixtures.

Rail business now on mill books is equivalent to more than four months' production. Rail mills at Chicago have increased output to 75% of capacity, compared with a recent rate of 55%.

Demands for automobile steel is improving, although not at a uniform rate. More liberal specifications, as well as increased new business, from the motor car industry are reported at Cleveland and Chicago.

Tin plate mills are operating substantially at capacity and, in view of probable gains in the output of canned goods, look for a record production for the year.

Ship steel is becoming a market factor. Contracts have been placed for two Ward Line vessels, requiring 10,000 tons, and two river barges awarded at Pittsburgh call for 2,250 tons.

Line pipe inquiries include one of 500 miles for the Prairie Pipe Line Co., and another of 7,000 tons for the Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

The only significant price change in finished steel products is a revision of discounts on welded iron pipe, the first since January, 1923.

Steel mills are expected to ask for higher duties at the hearings on the tariff.

Steel ingot production last month was 4,015,434 tons, the highest December total on record. The daily rate, at 160,617 tons, was less than 2% below that of November.

The "Iron Age" composite for pig iron, at \$18.46 a ton, and that for finished steel, at 2.391c. a lb., are unchanged from last week but are higher than a year ago, the former by 92c. and the latter by \$1.54 a ton, as the following table shows:

Table comparing prices for Finished Steel and Pig Iron over time (one week ago, one month ago, etc.).

Table comparing prices for steel products (High/Low) over time (Dec 11, 1927, etc.).

Tonnage requirements for finished steel, dominated by shipbuilding, structural and freight car projects, have ex-





50,360,000 tons in October. In Nov. 1927, the production of bituminous coal amounted to 40,468,000 net tons, being 5,573,000 tons less than produced in Nov. 1928. The average daily rate of output in November was 1,895,000 tons, an increase of 30,000 tons, or 1.6% over the average daily rate of 1,865,000 tons for October.

Anthracite production in the month of November amounted to 7,457,000 net tons, as compared with 8,554,000 tons in October, and with 6,854,000 tons in Nov. 1927. The average daily rate of output in November was 311,000 tons, a decrease of 18,000 tons, or 5.5%, from the rate of 329,000 tons for the month of October. The Bureau's statement follows:

ESTIMATED PRODUCTION OF COAL BY STATES IN NOVEMBER (NET TONS)<sup>a</sup>.

State—	Nov. 1928.	Oct. 1928 <sup>b</sup>	Nov. 1927.	Nov. 1926.	Nov. 1923.
Alabama.....	1,418,000	1,475,000	1,428,000	2,067,000	1,671,000
Arkansas.....	165,000	225,000	160,000	185,000	116,000
Colorado.....	1,003,000	980,000	563,000	1,187,000	963,000
Illinois.....	5,386,000	5,890,000	5,638,000	8,114,000	6,416,000
Indiana.....	1,390,000	1,360,000	1,495,000	2,649,000	2,188,000
Iowa.....	310,000	300,000	218,000	504,000	523,000
Kansas.....	218,000	240,000	303,000	511,000	416,000
Kentucky:					
Eastern.....	4,210,000	4,890,000	3,388,000	4,315,000	2,957,000
Western.....	1,350,000	1,590,000	1,539,000	1,599,000	890,000
Maryland.....	260,000	272,000	222,000	305,000	144,000
Michigan.....	4,000	12,000	75,000	85,000	108,000
Missouri.....	305,000	360,000	386,000	349,000	300,000
Montana.....	333,000	395,000	358,000	339,000	340,000
New Mexico.....	244,000	230,000	289,000	279,000	253,000
North Dakota.....	337,000	290,000	271,000	188,000	143,000
Ohio.....	1,735,000	1,875,000	676,000	3,199,000	3,120,000
Oklahoma.....	320,000	335,000	405,000	306,000	293,000
Pennsylvania.....	11,570,000	12,575,000	9,825,000	15,405,000	12,222,000
Tennessee.....	510,000	570,000	406,000	587,000	481,000
Texas.....	75,000	88,000	105,000	126,000	117,000
Utah.....	485,000	560,000	522,000	419,000	458,000
Virginia.....	1,220,000	1,225,000	945,000	1,359,000	886,000
Washington.....	198,000	196,000	296,000	284,000	293,000
West Virginia:					
Southern.....	8,950,000	9,952,000	10,342,000	9,897,000	5,325,000
Northern.....	3,360,000	3,758,000	4,191,000	3,034,000	3,034,000
Wyoming.....	680,000	712,000	780,000	742,000	750,000
Other States <sup>c</sup> .....	5,000	5,000	33,000	22,000	20,000
Total bituminous.....	46,041,000	50,360,000	40,468,000	59,213,000	44,425,000
Pennsylvania anthracite.....	7,457,000	8,554,000	6,854,000	7,397,000	7,575,000
Total all coal.....	53,498,000	58,914,000	47,322,000	66,610,000	52,000,000

<sup>a</sup> Figures for 1927, 1926 and 1923 are final. <sup>b</sup> Revised. <sup>c</sup> Includes operations on the N. & W.; C. & O.; Virginian; K. & M., and Charleston division of the B. & O.

d Rest of State, including Panhandle. <sup>e</sup> This group is not strictly comparable in the several years.

*Note.*—The distribution of the tonnage is based in part (except for certain States which themselves supply authentic data) on figures of loadings by railroad divisions, courteously furnished by the American Railway Association and by officials of certain roads, and in part on reports of waterway shipments made by the U. S. Engineer office.

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

The following preliminary estimates for the month of December, 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 about 43,380,000 net tons of bituminous coal were produced in December 1928, a decrease of 2,661,000 tons as compared with the previous month, but 2,266,000 tons more than produced in the month of December 1927. Anthracite production during the month under review showed an increase of 228,000 net tons as compared with the corresponding month in the preceding year, but was 1,239,000 tons lower than the total output for the month of November 1928. The statistical tables as given by the Bureau of Mines are appended:

	Total for Month (Net Tons)	Number of Working Days	Average per Working Day (Net Tons)
<i>December 1928 (preliminary) a—</i>			
Bituminous coal.....	43,380,000	25	1,735,000
Anthracite.....	6,218,000	25	249,000
Beehive coke.....	392,000	25	15,680
<i>November 1928 (Revised)—</i>			
Bituminous coal.....	46,041,000	24.3	1,895,000
Anthracite.....	7,457,000	24	311,000
Beehive coke.....	416,000	26	16,000
<i>December 1927 (Final Figures)—</i>			
Bituminous coal.....	41,114,000	26	1,581,000
Anthracite.....	5,990,000	26	230,000
Beehive coke.....	388,000	26	14,923

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

## Current Events and Discussions

### The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on Jan. 9, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the results for the 12 Reserve banks combined, shows decreases for the week of \$274,900,000 in holdings of discounted bills, of \$7,300,000 in bills bought in open market and of \$4,700,000 in Government securities. Member bank reserve deposits declined \$89,100,000, Government deposits \$16,900,000 and Federal Reserve note circulation \$84,100,000, while cash reserves increased \$64,600,000. Total bills and securities were \$286,900,000 below the amount held on Jan. 2. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

The principal changes in holdings of discounted bills for the week were decreases of \$213,900,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, of \$45,400,000 at Chicago, and of \$8,900,000 at Boston, and an increase of \$13,500,000 at San Francisco. The System's holdings of bills bought in open market decreased \$7,300,000 and of Treasury notes \$7,400,000, while holdings of Treasury certificates increased \$2,700,000.

Federal Reserve note circulation was \$84,100,000 less than a week ago, all of the Federal Reserve banks reporting decreases in circulation, the largest declines being \$21,200,000 at New York, \$16,700,000 at Chicago, \$11,500,000 at Philadelphia, \$9,500,000 at Boston, \$5,400,000 at Cleveland and \$5,200,000 at San Francisco.

The statement in full, in comparison with the preceding week and with the corresponding date last year, will be found on subsequent pages—namely, pages 215 and 216. A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of the reserve banks, together with changes during the week and the year ended Jan. 9 is as follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) During		
	Jan. 9 1929.	Week.	Year.
Total reserves.....	\$ 2,783,107,000	+64,582,000	—184,116,000
Gold reserves.....	2,631,672,000	+44,045,000	—176,227,000
Total bills and securities.....	1,602,714,000	—286,946,000	+224,983,000
Bills discounted, total.....	876,547,000	—274,917,000	+437,406,000
Secured by U. S. Gov't obligations.....	558,186,000	—199,265,000	+260,939,000
Other bills discounted.....	318,361,000	—75,652,000	+176,467,000
Bills bought in open market.....	477,100,000	—7,258,000	+84,533,000
U. S. Gov't securities, total.....	239,242,000	—4,711,000	—306,021,000
Bonds.....	52,666,000	—	—174,099,000
Treasury notes.....	113,425,000	—7,393,000	+12,844,000
Certificates of indebtedness.....	73,151,000	+2,682,000	—144,766,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	1,745,262,000	—84,102,000	+65,638,000
Total deposits.....	2,452,239,000	—111,494,000	—65,243,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	2,404,678,000	—89,079,000	—68,680,000
Government deposits.....	14,108,000	—16,891,000	—3,026,000

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

Beginning with the returns for June 29 1927, the Federal Reserve Board also began to give out the figures of the member banks in the New York Federal Reserve District, as well as those in the Chicago Reserve District, on Thursdays, simultaneously with the figures for the Reserve banks themselves, and for the same week, instead of waiting until the following Monday, before which time the statistics covering the entire body of reporting member banks—now 632—cannot be got ready.

The following is the statement for the New York member banks and that for the Chicago member banks thus issued in advance of the full statement of the member banks, which latter will not be available until the coming Monday. The New York statement, of course, also includes the brokers' loans of reporting member banks, which this week show a decrease of \$17,304,000, the grand aggregate of these loans on Jan. 9 being \$5,312,799,000. This total is \$1,493,226,000 greater than that reported for the corresponding week in 1928, and it is only \$81,791,000 under the record figure (\$5,394,590,000) reported on Dec. 5.

#### CONDITION OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES.

	New York—45 Banks.		
	Jan. 9 1929.	Jan. 2 1929.	Jan. 11 1928.
Loans and investments, total.....	\$ 7,605,090,000	\$ 8,015,985,000	\$ 7,285,444,000
Loans and discounts, total.....	5,683,571,000	6,117,881,000	5,308,439,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	47,522,000	45,671,000	41,933,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	2,809,149,000	3,181,700,000	2,625,301,000
All other loans and discounts.....	2,826,900,000	2,890,510,000	2,641,205,000
Investments, total.....	1,921,519,000	1,898,104,000	1,977,005,000
U. S. Government securities.....	1,089,323,000	1,063,177,000	1,047,615,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	831,196,000	834,927,000	929,390,000
Reserve with F. R. Bank.....	755,828,000	844,732,000	796,641,000
Cash in vault.....	58,556,000	65,308,000	60,145,000
Net demand deposits.....	5,406,509,000	5,682,271,000	5,635,993,000
Time deposits.....	1,202,470,000	1,229,990,000	1,095,383,000
Government deposits.....	29,996,000	45,248,000	36,959,000
Due from banks.....	118,973,000	143,709,000	106,128,000
Due to banks.....	1,213,448,000	1,404,524,000	1,383,721,000
Borrowings from F. R. Banks, total.....	201,859,000	399,265,000	117,400,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	144,000,000	306,025,000	94,900,000
All other.....	57,859,000	93,240,000	22,500,000

	Jan. 9 1929.	Jan. 2 1929.	Jan. 11 1928.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans to brokers and dealers (secured by stocks and bonds):			
For own account.....	1,162,999,000	1,516,049,000	1,321,088,000
For account of out-of-town banks.....	1,793,514,000	1,647,988,000	1,502,580,000
For account of others.....	2,356,286,000	2,166,066,000	995,905,000
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>5,312,799,000</b>	<b>5,330,103,000</b>	<b>3,819,573,000</b>
On demand.....	4,747,603,000	4,780,269,000	2,973,692,000
On time.....	565,196,000	549,834,000	845,881,000
<b>Chicago—43 Banks.</b>			
Loans and investments, total.....	2,084,675,000	2,100,373,000	2,014,651,000
Loans and discounts, total.....	1,621,610,000	1,635,302,000	1,512,976,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	16,947,000	17,841,000	11,424,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	821,242,000	840,991,000	793,317,000
All other loans and discounts.....	783,421,000	776,470,000	708,235,000
Investments, total.....	463,065,000	465,071,000	501,675,000
U. S. Government securities.....	196,812,000	200,768,000	225,793,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	266,253,000	264,303,000	275,882,000
Reserve with F. R. Bank.....	184,774,000	183,465,000	192,427,000
Cash in vault.....	18,921,000	21,065,000	20,834,000
Net demand deposits.....	1,265,113,000	1,299,817,000	1,335,868,000
Time deposits.....	688,362,000	676,440,000	638,920,000
Government deposits.....	3,299,000	4,991,000	6,007,000
Due from banks.....	144,124,000	181,793,000	142,708,000
Due to banks.....	340,896,000	356,537,000	372,126,000
Borrowings from F. R. Bank, total.....	57,472,000	80,983,000	31,292,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	37,594,000	48,689,000	19,885,000
All other.....	19,878,000	32,294,000	11,407,000

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

As explained above, the statements for the New York and Chicago member banks are now given out on Thursdays, simultaneously with the figures for the Reserve banks themselves, and covering the same week, instead of being held until the following Monday, before which time the statistics covering the entire body of reporting member banks, now 624, cannot be got ready.

In the following will be found the comments of the Federal Reserve Board respecting the returns of the entire body of reporting member banks of the Federal Reserve System for the week ended with the close of business Jan. 2:

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of 624 reporting member banks in leading cities as of Jan. 2 shows an increase for the week of \$574,000,000 in loans and discounts, partly offset by a reduction of \$93,000,000 in investments, and increases of \$717,000,000 in net demand deposits, of \$51,000,000 time deposits and of \$12,000,000 in borrowings at Federal Reserve banks.

Loans on stocks and bonds, including U. S. Government obligations, were \$555,000,000 above the Dec. 26 total at all reporting banks, an increase of \$490,000,000 being reported by member banks in the New York district, of \$21,000,000 in the Chicago district, of \$18,000,000 in the Cleveland district, of \$17,000,000 in the Boston district and of \$11,000,000 in the Philadelphia district, and a decline of \$6,000,000 in the Minneapolis district. "All other" loans and discounts increased \$19,000,000 at all reporting banks and a like amount in the New York district, \$13,000,000 in the Boston district and \$9,000,000 in the St. Louis district, and declined \$8,000,000 in the Philadelphia district, \$6,000,000 in the Cleveland district and \$5,000,000 each in the Chicago and Kansas City districts.

Holdings of U. S. Government securities declined \$82,000,000 at all reporting banks, \$36,000,000 in the New York district, \$16,000,000 in the Boston district, \$11,000,000 in the Cleveland district and \$9,000,000 in the Philadelphia district. Holdings of other bonds, stocks and securities decreased \$10,000,000.

Net demand deposits showed substantial increases in all but two districts, the principal increases by districts being: New York, \$434,000,000; Chicago, \$101,000,000; Boston, \$65,000,000; San Francisco, \$25,000,000, and Cleveland and Philadelphia \$24,000,000 each. Time deposits declined \$12,000,000 in the Chicago district and increased \$29,000,000 in the San Francisco district, \$22,000,000 in the New York district, and \$51,000,000 at all reporting banks. Government deposits declined \$31,000,000.

The principal changes in borrowings at Federal Reserve banks for the week comprise an increase of \$112,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and declines of \$31,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, \$23,000,000 at Chicago, \$22,000,000 at Cleveland, \$11,000,000 at San Francisco, \$10,000,000 at Philadelphia and \$7,000,000 at Kansas City.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of 624 reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ending Jan. 2 1929, follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (—)		
	Jan. 2 1929.	Week.	Year.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans and investments, total.....	23,338,211,000	+481,492,000	+1,280,905,000
Loans and discounts, total.....	16,962,625,000*	+573,167,000	+1,331,615,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	129,595,000	+25,314,000	+9,683,000
Secured by stocks and bonds.....	7,553,386,000	+529,899,000	+750,953,000
All other loans and discounts.....	9,279,644,000	+18,954,000	+570,979,000
Investments, total.....	6,375,586,000	*-92,675,000	-50,710,000
U. S. Government securities.....	2,974,117,000	-82,182,000	-147,503,000
Other bonds, stocks and securities.....	3,401,469,000	*-10,493,000	-198,213,000
Reserve with F. R. banks.....	1,859,100,000	+83,276,000	+7,267,000
Cash in vault.....	293,947,000	-34,154,000	-1,874,000
Net demand deposits.....	14,040,845,000	+716,893,000	-165,363,000
Time deposits.....	6,993,321,000	+51,268,000	+382,431,000
Government deposits.....	167,167,000	-30,728,000	+2,998,000
Due from banks.....	1,399,557,000	+212,609,000	+10,353,000
Due to banks.....	3,648,004,000	+417,041,000	-300,579,000
Borrowings from F. R. Banks total.....	930,376,000	+12,253,000	+536,083,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	631,658,000	+64,505,000	+353,196,000
All other.....	298,718,000	-52,252,000	+182,887,000

December 26 figures revised.

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

The Department of Commerce at Washington releases for publication Jan. 12 the following summary of market conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and radio:

#### ARGENTINA.

The weather throughout the week continued favorable and crop prospects are excellent. The outlook for the coming year is good. Failures in December resulted in liabilities amounting to 18,000,000 paper pesos or double those of the previous month. The port congestion continues owing to extra heavy inbound and outbound traffic.

#### AUSTRALIA.

General business conditions in Australia are seasonally dull, but a fair holiday trade is reported. A decline in dairy production is reported in Victoria and New South Wales, but rains are further benefitting them pastoral situation in Queensland.

#### BRAZIL.

General business has remained quiet and exchange transactions dull with only the Bank of Brazil trading. Revenues of the Port of Rio de Janeiro show an increase of 60,000 contos (\$7,000,000) or 15% in 1928 as compared with 1927. Federal District tax rates, including those for automobiles, remain unchanged for 1929. An official text of the new cotton tariff schedule is not yet available.

#### BRITISH MALAYA.

Following the holidays, business of the past week was quiet. Trade in textiles, however, was more active, with good demand for American duck. At the first outboard motor regatta held at Singapore on December 30, American motors predominated, resulting in stimulated demand. Exports of rubber from British Malayan ports in December amounted to 66,763 long tons, bringing the total for the year to 408,690 tons, compared with 371,300 tons in 1927.

#### CANADA.

Wholesale and retail trade is seasonally dull. Reports from retailers indicate that winter lines are moving rather slowly partly because of an erratic season and some carryover of heavy clothing and other goods in anticipated. There are also some indications of a financial stringency in parts of Alberta Province where crop grades were especially poor. Employment in Canada continues to run well above the figures of the previous year, the seasonal contraction having been less this winter than usual. Returns for December 1 indicate that construction and lumber mills register the most pronounced curtailment while logging trade, mining, transportation and iron and steel plants were busier.

#### CHINA.

General operating conditions in the Shanghai area continue unchanged. The usual quietness in imports preceding Chinese New Year is noticeable, with its usual temporary cessation of export activities. It is evident that the Chinese New Year settlement period will be weathered by Chinese dealers with a minimum of failures. All foreign loan and indemnity obligations secured on customs revenues are reported met in full, as well as services on interest and redemption of all domestic loans secured on cancelled indemnities. Full payment of interest was also made on those domestic loans which are secured on customs revenue surplus and the service of which is under the control of the officiating Inspector General. Redemption payments on several of these loans are understood to have been made, but insufficiency of revenue surplus prevented this item being paid in full and such payments, therefore, are still behind schedule.

#### CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

No important changes were recorded during December in the generally satisfactory economic situation in Czechoslovakia. A slight improvement and somewhat better prospects for the future were noticeable in the flax industry, which has been depressed during the past year. Total imports in November were valued at 1,798,000 crowns (\$53,221,000) and exports at 2,033,000,000 crowns (\$60,177,000), representing a slight decrease both in imports and exports as compared with the previous month. Imports of raw materials and exports of manufactures declined, while imports of manufactures and exports of foodstuffs increased.

#### DENMARK.

The outlook for 1929 is reported bright, revealing no cause for relapse and promising continued slow general improvement. Christmas trade was very heavy and the rising trend of preceding months was maintained except for seasonal lowering of activities in building and outdoor works, which caused a slight increase in unemployment to about 61,000 at the close of the year. Shipping remains well occupied with no idle tonnage. The official wholesale index was 151 for November, a rise of one point.

#### FINLAND.

In general Finland experienced a satisfactory year and the favorable fundamental progress continued. Money, however, became increasingly tight with rates higher. As these unfavorable conditions are considered temporary however, no particular concern is felt for the business future. Increased output and export in the pulp, paper and plywood branches were the leading features of a generally satisfactory industrial situation. Conditions in agriculture and sawmilling were somewhat unfavorable, but the textile, leather, shoes, and metal industries remained normal. The outlook for the leading export branches is satisfactory, approximately one-third of the timber production for 1929 has been placed and contracts for the bulk of the pulp and paper production for the coming year have been concluded. The labor market was generally satisfactory and there are indications of less strife during 1929. Business at the commercial banks increased and deposits throughout the country advanced. State revenues were higher and a large reduction was reflected in the national debt, largely through refunding operations. No particular change occurred in price levels. Although export volume with the exception of timber and agricultural products was generally above that for 1927, exceptionally heavy imports are expected to result in a large import surplus. The seasonal decline in building operations and in the heavy import trade with the advent of winter will tend to relieve the money stringency.

#### FRANCE.

Business interests in France are conducting an active campaign for a general tax reform, claiming that the present tax situation is seriously hindering normal economic development. The retail holiday trade is reported to have been disappointing. An agreement has been reached on the text of a new Franco-Yugoslav commercial treaty, based on the granting by France of complete most-favored-nation treatment in exchange for certain special duty concessions by Yugoslavia. It is expected that the treaty will be signed at an early date. The Chamber of Deputies ratified

commercial treaties with Austria and Czechoslovakia which were signed on May 16 and July 2, respectively.

INDIA.

Export trade in India remains dormant, with gradual broadening expected only in raw jute and cotton.

ITALY.

The year 1928 has been one of adjustment of Italian industry to stabilization and though the mechanics of this operation are almost complete the economic phases attendant thereon are considered still unsatisfactory. Manufacturing costs are still considered too high and wages too low and the result is that manufacturers are in difficulties, particularly exporters. The wage reductions incident to the stabilization of the lira were not followed by a lowering of living costs which remain at approximately the same levels as before stabilization. Improvement of industrial conditions was noted during the closing months of the year, but over the greater part of 1928 products were sold at or below costs in order to retain markets and heavy drains were made upon resources accumulated from the profitable operations of the period when Italian industry traded on a depreciated lira. Exchange remained even without official backing and foreign supporting credits have not been renewed for the coming year. Government finances are in good shape and cash reserves are large even though the present budget is operating on a deficit. This however, is expected to be redressed in the near future. Taxation policy does not include a levying of new taxes, but rather an increase in some of the already existing forms and their more rigorous collection. Money has been plentiful throughout the year with loan and deposit rates low. Credit, however, is still carefully scrutinized. The discount rate was lowered 1/2 of 1% in June and has since remained at 5 1/2%. Public interest was lacking in Bourse operations quite generally. The Government plans for land reclamation and road improvement are expected to increase the country's productivity and at the same time to take care of the Italian unemployment problem. This, however, is not serious as unemployment at the close of the year registered only 223,000 as compared with 275,000 at the close of 1927. Foreign trade suffered from the high point at which the lira was stabilized. Imports decreased and as a result the 1928 trade deficit is expected to reach 7,000,000,000 lira as compared with 5,000,000,000 lira for 1927. The year 1929 promises slow but steady improvement in the general industrial and commercial position, provided business can support the present heavy taxation and costs of living can be reduced to afford labor a better real wage and improved standard of living.

MEXICO.

General business in Mexico was quiet during the week ended January 5, on account of the holidays, but an improvement in the near future is anticipated in commercial circles. With a view to relieving the difficult situation in the textile industry, the mills located in the states of Puebla and Tlaxcala have commenced, under the supervision of delegates of the Department of Industry, Commerce and Labor, to make adjustments in their personnel. The new Mexican Labor Code, which is at present being revised by a commission of representatives of capital and labor will, it is reported, be ready for submission to Congress on January 12.

NETHERLAND EAST INDIES.

Business of the past week was dull, pending activity in connection with preparations for the Chinese New Year early in February. According to trade opinion, automotive sales in 1929 will equal if not surpass the high level of 1928. November exports of rubber from Java amounted to 4,950 long tons; from the Sumatra East Coast, 7,902 tons, and from all other rubber-producing centers 7,805 making a total of 20,657 tons from the Netherlands East Indies.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

City and outport wholesale and retail trade has been stimulated by Christmas purchases but is now quiescent with inventory in progress. The mines and paper mills have enjoyed a profitable year. Codfish prices and demand remain unchanged and the herring fishery is showing good results.

PERU.

The merchandise movement and distribution of stocks continue sluggish as merchants and importers begin taking their annual inventories and the balancing of their accounts. Collections also continue slow but retailers and importers regard the business outlook optimistically. Farm labor is now fully occupied in planting the new cotton crop. The building trades are active. The 1929 budget totalling Lp. 12,583,636 (approximately \$50,335,000), has received the sanction of Congress and the President

SOUTH AFRICA.

Satisfactory business conditions in December, with a Christmas retail trade heavier than ever before, complete a generally satisfactory year for South African foreign and domestic business. Although there was drought in some sections, and delayed summer rains were the source of anxiety to agriculturists in respect to the 1929 crop outlook, the satisfactory rain fall in late November and December brightened farm prospects very materially, so that an optimistic note prevails. Mineral production has made significant strides during the year and the 1929 forecast for all lines of production, including gold, is moderately optimistic. The high level of railway revenues and customs receipts established during the year appears to indicate a generally sound development of trade, and a satisfactory state of local purchasing power which has advanced imports materially over the excellent returns of 1927. Taxation has been somewhat reduced through the medium of a rebate introduced in April, and the satisfactory trend of government revenues lends hope of its continuance. Local industries are generally well employed and are expanding their output. Important government and building projects now scheduled seem to assure another year of the active construction which has featured the past two years. The tourist trade, which is steadily increasing through the efforts of the Government and the railways, is rapidly becoming a source of benefit and growth to the whole country.

SWEDEN.

The Swedish industrial situation is characterized by unusually high production in the principal export industries which are endeavoring to recover the losses incurred during the labor difficulties in the early part of the year. The difficulties are also largely responsible for this year's heavy import surplus. Several domestic industries, especially cotton goods and shoe and leather, show reduced sales because of the lowered purchasing power of the workers. The present financial conditions are excellent. The stock market has been bearish during the past quarter but conditions are fundamentally sound. Certain factors point to some retrogression in general business activity during the first half of 1929. The total lumber sales for 1928 are estimated at 1,050,000 standards of 2,079,000,000 board feet, which is slightly above the sales of last year. Advanced sales for next year, toward the close of December, were estimated locally at 175,000 standards or 346,500,000 board feet. The lumber market, however, remains uncertain because of doubt as to Russian policies. Heavy sales

for next year of chemical pulp indicate a capacity production although the price level continues slow. It is also estimated that about half of next year's production of newsprint has already been sold, and the paper mill are consequently very active. A slight improvement is evident in the iron industry while the engineering industry records an unusually successful year. Exports during November were unusually high and are estimated to show an export surplus of about 5,000,000 crowns.

UNITED KINGDOM.

British trade conditions did not change materially during December. Returns of oversea commerce in November show that the foreign trade improvement which was recorded for October was maintained. On the other hand, a slight decline in industrial activity in December is indicated by decreased country check clearings through London, lower provincial bank clearings, and decreased railway receipts. Latest labor returns reveal a slight decrease in unemployment which, however, continues extremely high. A slight improvement has taken place in the coal, iron, and textile industries, while continuation of the rationalization program is apparent from recent important steel mergers. Building trades are experiencing the usual seasonal slackness. The freight market shows a general feeling of optimism among vessel owners. Recent orders placed with the shipyards are particularly welcome at this time, as much construction on previous contracts has now been completed. Automotive sales are active for this time of the year. Engineering trades are busier, especially locomotive builders, marine engineering, and textile machinery makers. In the electrical trade, export orders are slightly less, but the domestic demand has improved due to orders in connection with the national electricity scheme and to the improved seasonal demand for household fixtures and radio equipment. Industrial chemicals are in better demand and pharmaceutical trade is good for the season. Crude drugs business is quiet; fixed oils and naval stores trade is poor and prices are generally lower. Very little business has taken place in the leather and shoe trades, due to the inventory period and to the holiday closing of factories. Cotton yarn business is patchy but cloth demand is fairly active. Hosiery manufacturers are sending out catalogues and price lists for spring business. The December automobiles trade has been extraordinary good, manufacturers and distributors reporting heavier car selling than in any previous December. The increased sales are partly attributable to good weather conditions and to the growing popularity of closed cars.

YUGOSLAVIA.

Government revenues continue to fall below budget estimates, but effective control of expenditures is reflected in the maintenance of a small surplus. Receipts for the first four months of the 1928-29 (April 1—July 31) totaled 2,174,792,000 dinars (dinar equals \$0.0176) and expenditures 2,062,854,000 dinars, while budget estimates for this period showed a balance of receipts and expenditures at 2,556,320,000 dinars. Parliament has approved the bill providing for a loan of approximately \$22,500,000 by the Swedish Match Corporation to the State Monopolies Administration. This agreement provides for the immediate payment of \$7,000,000, as the first instalment.

The Department's summary also includes the following with regards to the Island possessions of the United States.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

The year's output is now locally estimated at from 450,000 to 475,000 metric tons. Based on figures for the first 11 months, copra production in 1928 is estimated locally between 510,000 and 525,000 tons, instead of 560,000 tons as previously expected. Copra now arriving at Manila was processed before the holidays and there will probably be little production activity in the provinces until about the 10th of January. Oil mills are operating sporadically. Present f. o. b. prices are 12.75 pesos per picul of 139 pounds for roscado (dried copra) delivered at Manila and Cebu and 12.25 pesos f. o. b. Hondagua (1 peso equal \$0.50). The abaca market continues firm and dealers are holding. Stocks at export ports on Dec. 31 totaled 140,000 bales, of which 16,000 were being loaded on ships, leaving 124,000 bales for the carry over. The past year's production is estimated at 1,400,000 bales. Current prices for selected grades of abaca are 32 pesos per picul for grade F; I, 28; JUS, 22.50; JUK, 19; and L, 17.

Production of Gold and Silver in the United States—  
Gold Output in 1928 Practically Same as in 1927—  
Silver Output Reduced Over 4,000,000 Ounces.

The Bureau of the Mint, with the co-operation of the Bureau of Mines, issued on Jan. 4 the following statement of the preliminary estimate of refinery production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1928:

ARRIVALS AT UNITED STATES MINTS AND ASSAY OFFICES AND AT PRIVATE REFINERIES.

States.	Gold.		Silver.	
	Ounces.	Value.	Ounces.	Value.
Alaska.....	309,668	\$6,401,400	463,423	\$271,103
Arizona.....	184,522	3,814,400	6,346,744	3,712,845
California.....	522,822	10,807,700	1,409,525	824,572
Colorado.....	253,577	5,241,900	3,973,410	2,324,445
Georgia.....	24	500	4	2
Idaho.....	20,545	424,700	8,877,857	5,193,546
Illinois.....	-----	-----	2,616	1,530
Michigan.....	-----	-----	4,349	2,544
Missouri.....	-----	-----	151,736	88,766
Montana.....	57,644	1,191,600	10,001,981	5,851,159
Nevada.....	174,895	3,615,400	5,391,732	3,154,163
New Mexico.....	31,705	655,400	799,414	467,657
North Carolina.....	34	700	3	2
Oregon.....	9,656	199,600	28,234	16,517
Pennsylvania.....	895	18,500	6,724	3,934
South Carolina.....	19	400	4	2
South Dakota.....	320,112	6,617,300	89,634	52,436
Tennessee.....	624	12,900	94,987	55,567
Texas.....	585	12,100	1,391,295	813,908
Utah.....	205,226	4,242,400	16,855,729	9,860,601
Washington.....	15,557	321,600	94,495	55,280
Wyoming.....	34	700	13	8
Philippine Islands.....	86,151	1,780,900	36,359	21,270
Totals.....	2,194,295	\$45,360,100	56,020,268	\$32,771,857

a Value at 58.5c. per ounce, the average New York price of bar silver.

In presenting the above figures the Treasury Dept. says:

The preliminary estimate indicates practically the same output of gold as during the prior year, there being a reduction of only \$58,500; the reduction in silver output, as compared with 1927, was 4,414,173 ounces. The year of largest output, 1915, produced \$101,035,700 gold, and 74,961,075 ounces silver.

### Notice of J. P. Morgan & Co. Concerning Conversion of Bonds of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

J. P. Morgan & Co. are issuing a notice to holders of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland ten-year 5½% convertible gold bonds, due Aug. 1 1929, that such holders as desire to convert these bonds into sterling 5% National War Bonds, Fourth Series, due February 1 1929, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, must surrender their bonds in bearer form at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., 23 Wall Street, or at the office of Morgan, Grenfell & Co., London on or before February 1 1929, when the conversion privilege expires. The bonds surrendered must have attached the coupon for interest due August 1 1929, and be accompanied by payment for adjustment of interest.

### Loss of \$180 Per \$1,000 Bonds with Failure to Convert United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Before Feb. 1.

Harris, Forbes & Company are notifying holders of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, convertible 5½% loan of 1919, maturing August 1 1929 that unless they are sold or converted prior to February 1 1929, the premium of about \$180 per \$1,000 bond will be lost.

### Managing Directors of Central Bank for German Industries.

According to cable advices received by the International Germanic Co., Ltd., the board of directors of the new Central Bank for German Industries, of which Dr. Peter Reinhold, former Minister of Finance of Germany, is Chairman of the board, has chosen as managing directors: Dr. Hubert Breitenfeld, President of the Prussian Mortgage Bank, Berlin, and A. Norden of the Ministry of Finance of the German Government, and, until his present appointment, directors of the Beratungsstelle, which has control of loans issued out of Germany in foreign currency. Dr. Hans Czapski, Berlin, has been elected deputy managing director. In addition to Dr. Peter Reinhold as Chairman of the Board, the following Deputy Chairmen have now been announced: Dr. Carl Degenhardt, President Saxon State Bank, Dresden; W. E. von Marx, Vice-President, International Germanic Co., Ltd. of New York; Hans Arnhold, partner of Gebrueder Arnhold, banks, Berlin and Dresden; Prof. Albert Hahn, President, Deutsche Vereinsbank, Frankfurt and Berlin. The head office of the bank has been established at 2 Behrenstrasse, Berlin.

### European Banks and Gold—Prediction That Continental Banks of Issue Will Bid for It in 1929.

All important European countries have strengthened their gold reserve position during 1928, and all of them are likely to continue doing so during the next year, it is observed in a special cablegram from Amsterdam Dec. 28 to the New York "Times", which goes on to say:

Most of the gold supplies which arrived in London from the Transvaal during the past Autumn were taken up by continental banks of issue, and the process is expected to continue.

Even the foreign gold purchases of the Bank of France are not considered here as superfluous or temporary; the present gold cover of the bank, at 39%, is only slightly in excess of the required percentage of 35%, and the year-end always brings extension of the note circulation. One of the most important Dutch bankers regards these gold acquisitions by European banks of issue as a highly favorable development, since reinforcement of the great continental bank reserves is one of the first conditions of economic expansion.

### England's Net Loss of Gold Last Year £12,742,000.

A London account Jan. 4 published in the New York "Times" Jan. 7, says:

Although full official details of last year's gold movements into and out of Great Britain are not yet available, bullion brokers have issued certain particulars which place total gold imports of 1928 at £47,510,000 and exports at £60,252,000, making a net loss of £12,742,000 for the 12 months. Of the imports, approximately £30,700,000 came from South Africa, £6,685,000 from the United States, £3,818,000 from Russia, £2,000,000 from Spain, £1,006,000 from Australia, £646,000 from West Africa and £2,655,000 from other countries.

Of the gold exports, France took £19,933,000, Germany £20,819,000, the United States £6,003,000, Switzerland £2,759,000, India £2,214,000 and the other countries £7,924,000. The interesting fact emerges from these figures that the United States took back from England in the Autumn practically all the gold it had sent to London in the earlier part of the year.

### Complete Gold Redeemability of Notes Is Opposed in Berlin.

Under the above head a wireless message from Berlin Jan. 4 to the New York "Times" states:

Parker Gilbert's proposal that the Reichsbank ought to resume entire free gold payments has elicited unfavorable comments in financial circles here. It is asserted that Gilbert's report ignores the fact that, even if Article 31 of the bank law enjoining redemption of notes (which article is not yet in force) should be put into operation, the Reichsbank would nevertheless not be obliged to redeem its notes in gold coin, but only in "gold or foreign exchange," at its option.

Complete return to gold payments, it is pointed out, would necessitate extensive gold coinage, against which President Schacht of the Reichsbank has repeatedly declared himself. Bankers make the further point that, while the Reichsbank gold reserve is now more than sufficient for "currency cover," the total amount of gold in Germany is relatively low when measured by the population. France, according to estimates made during this discussion, holds 125 marks of gold per capita of population, Switzerland 106 marks, England 73 marks and Germany only 47 marks.

In any case, it is known that the Reichsbank directorate considers that return to full note redeemability should in no case be considered until after a definite reparations settlement.

### Italy to Scrap School History Books—To be Replaced by Volume Emphasizing Fascist Achievements and Aims.

From the "Times" we take the following dated Rome Dec. 29, and which is copyrighted by the Chicago Tribune Co.—

After having examined 876 volumes, Premier Benito Mussolini's special commission charged with overhauling the elementary school textbooks, announces that not a single history or geography now being used is fit for the schools.

The history books do not give the proper emphasis to the political developments of Italy since the march on Rome six years ago, the commission says, while the geographies do not present the proper facts about the populations and minorities along the frontiers.

In order to remedy this defect the commission has directed the Minister of Public Instruction, Signor Giuseppe Belluzzo, to prepare a special State textbook. This will contain a new appraisal of Italy before the Fascist regime and a new estimate of the Italian heroes. The book is to be distributed to all Italian schools abroad. It is expected to revolutionize ideas of teaching and instill in young Italians Fascist ideas about the future of Italy.

Coincident with this overhauling of elementary textbooks authorities are turning their attention to the higher universities of learning throughout Italy. Special Fascist chairs of politics and history have already been established in some colleges.

### Poles to Restrict Credit.—Textile Leaders, on Advice of C. S. Dewey Set Six Months' as Limit.

Warsaw advices Jan. 9 published in the New York "Times" state:

The difficulties of the credit situation, which have especially hit the Polish textile industry, will soon be ended as a result of the conference between leading textile manufacturers and the American financial adviser, Charles S. Dewey.

Upon Mr. Dewey's recommendation, a convention has been signed that credits should not be extended for more than six months. Those who disregard it will be liable to high fines.

The new agreement has aroused considerable interest in banking and business circles, and it is believed to be the beginning of a general movement for ending the present credit conditions.

The first result has been that the Soviet committee, which has been negotiating a wool and cotton deal involving \$6,000,000, has reduced its orders to a total of \$200,000.

### Vienna Market Motionless—Year's Trading in Stocks Equaled 2½ days at New York.

A cablegram from Vienna Jan. 6 to the New York "Times" states that the year began at Vienna with continued stagnation on the Stock Exchange. It adds:

During 1928 the value of all shares quoted on the Vienna Boerse has risen by hardly ½%

The total turnover on the Vienna Stock Exchange during the whole year amounted to only 14,000,000 shares. This attracts the comment that Vienna's annual Stock Exchange business is only equal to that of two and a half lively days on the New York market.

### Rents in Rio de Janeiro Doubled.

From Sao Paulo Jan. 9 the "Times" reports the following:

Consternation exists among the people of Rio de Janeiro, as a result of the failure of the Municipal Council to renew the rent law, which has hitherto prevented increases. The non-renewal has resulted in rents being raised more than 100%. It was said that the law had prevented the serving of 10,000 notices of increases in rent.

### Nicaragua Redeems Bonds—Liquidation Three Times Amount Required by Law.

From the New York "Times" of Jan. 6 we quote the following from Managua, (Nicaragua.) Jan. 5:

The Government redeemed \$175,000 to-day of its 1918 guaranteed 5% custom bonds, at a drawing held by the Collector General of Customs, Irving A. Lindberg and Antonio Barberena, president of the High Commission and the Minister of Finance.

The value of the redeemed bonds was nearly three times the amount required by law and was due to the extraordinary customs receipts during the past year.

### Mortgage Bank of Colombia Reports—Record Earnings in 1928—50% Increase Over 1927.

Cable advices received by Baker, Kellogg & Co., Inc. and Ames, Emerich & Co., Inc., from Bogota, Colombia, report net earnings of Mortgage Bank of Colombia for the year ended Dec. 31 1928, as \$733,000, compared with

\$506,000 for the preceding year, approximately a 50% increase and the largest in the history of the bank. This amounts to over \$4.60 per share on the average number of shares outstanding during the year as against \$4.24 per share for 1927. The outstanding capital stock of the bank was increased in April from 120,000 to 150,000 shares and again in September from 150,000 to 200,000 shares, the latter being in connection with the acquisition of the mortgage business of the Banco de Colombia. The principal items in the bank's December 31 1928, balance sheet were as follows: capital and reserves, \$5,700,000; mortgages owned, \$26,700,000; and mortgage bonds outstanding, \$24,600,000. In each case it is stated the figures represent a substantial increase over the corresponding 1927 figures.

#### Millspaugh Resigns as Financial Advisor to Haiti.

Associated Press advices Jan. 10 from Port-au-Prince (Haiti), state:

Arthur C. Millspaugh, American financial expert, has resigned his post as financial advisor and general receiver in Haiti.

Dr. Millspaugh, who was Administrator General of Finances in Persia from 1922 until 1927, took over the Port-au-Prince post in 1927.

#### Bonds of Kingdom of Norway 6% Gold Loan Drawn for Redemption.

The National City Bank of New York, as fiscal agent for the Kingdom of Norway 20-year 6% sinking fund external loan gold bonds, due Aug. 15 1943, will redeem on Feb. 15 next, at par and accrued interest, \$420,000 aggregate principal amount of these bonds. Drawn bonds should be surrendered with all unmatured interest coupons for payment at the principal office of the bank, 55 Wall St. on the redemption date, after which, interest on such bonds will cease.

#### Norway May Guarantee Municipal Bank Issue.

From the "Evening Post" of last night (Jan. 11) we take the following:

The Norwegian Government soon may take action toward placing Kingdom of Norway Municipalities Bank 5% bonds on its list of guaranteed issues, it was reported in the financial district to-day.

There were \$6,000,000 of these bonds sold here in November 1927 at 95 to yield 5.30%. Along with similar issues, these bonds declined in 1928 to as low as 90, but this week they have shown a tendency to strengthen selling up to 95.

Denmark Mortgage Bank bonds are guaranteed by Denmark, and it is said a movement is afoot among influential interests in Oslo to have the Norwegian Government guarantee this issue, as it would naturally permit future financing on better terms.

Bankers have been deluged with inquiries regarding the recent strength of the bonds and the question of Government guarantee.

#### New Zealand Loan Underwritten in London.

Associated Press advices from London Jan. 8 stated that underwriting was proceeding for a new loan for the Government of New Zealand of \$35,000,000 in 4½% bonds, redeemable in 1948 and 1958. They are issued at a price of 95. Holders of the 4% New Zealand bonds maturing in 1929 are offered 104.5 shares of the new loan for every 100 of the old. The press accounts add:

The loan is in line with the announced policy of the Dominion's new Government under Sir Joseph Ward, who has stated the intention is to borrow \$300,000,000 for loans to settlers and \$50,000,000 for completion of New Zealand railways over a period of eight or ten years. At the same time he gave assurance that the Dominion's credit would not be abused.

#### Restrictions on Borrowing by Australia Urged.

Advices from London, Jan. 10, to the "Evening Post" (copyright), state:

Considerable interest was manifested in financial circles here to-day in cables from Canberra giving a report of the British economic mission on conditions in Australia.

The report, though most favorable to the financial position, advised against the continuance of unrestricted borrowing and the uneconomic development of Australia.

#### Profit Law Alarms Peking—Several Factories Contemplate Moving to Manchuria.

In its issue of Jan. 9 the New York "Times" prints the following special correspondence from Peking, Dec. 11:

There is consternation in Chinese financial circles in Peking and Tientsin over the terms of China's new factory law, as adopted by the Nanking Government, and only the Socialists seem pleased.

Interest rates in China are enormously high, some Chinese banks paying 8 and even 9% on time deposits, and receiving 16 and 18% a year on loans. This high money rate makes investors expect high returns from factory investments, but the new law promulgated at Nanking specifies the following arbitrary division of annual profits.

10% to the board of directors.

45% to the workers.

45% to the shareholders.

This unusual profit-sharing scale, which more than halves present profits of capital in factory investments, is the feature of the new law most generally

criticized in North China, where already several large factories are considering removal to Dairen and operation under Japanese law.

Cotton mill owners in Tientsin are distressed over the eight-hour-day provision, declaring that so slow are Chinese workmen that even now it takes 200 Chinese operatives working eleven hours a day to equal the output of 100 Lancashire operatives working only eight hours a day.

#### Growth of Savings and Loan Association in New York—Resources Reported at Approximately \$215,000,000.

George L. Bliss, President of the Metropolitan League of Savings and Loan Associations, in reviewing the growth of savings and loan associations says in part:

The year just ended was marked by great strides on the part of the savings and loan associations in the metropolitan area that comprises the five boroughs of New York City and the adjoining counties of Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester. At the close of 1928, it is estimated that the resources of the savings and loan associations in this territory approximated \$215,000,000. The significance of this figure is better realized when compared with the total resources of the associations in the same eight counties 10 years ago, at the close of 1918, when they totalled \$31,327,000. This growth of 587% in 10 years is a tribute, indeed, to the service to the community that is being performed by our savings and loan associations.

The year 1928, insofar as the business of savings and loan associations is concerned, was marked by two cross currents. In the early part of the year, funds seeking investment rose above the normal level, receding in June, and while plentiful, have been somewhat below normal for the latter part of the year.

At the same time, the quietness of the real estate market has resulted in some slight diminution in the number of mortgage loan applications filed.

In 1929, I look forward to a continued development of the savings and loan business at the same rate that has governed during the past 10 years.

This increasing flow of funds through the receiving windows will permit the savings and loan associations of the metropolitan territory to further aid the financing of home-owners.

#### Bill Introduced in New York Legislature Proposes Commission to Investigate Investment Trusts.

The "Journal of Commerce" reported the following from Albany Jan. 9:

Assemblyman Murray Hearn of Brooklyn has introduced a bill in the Legislature proposing to create a commission to investigate the organization and methods of conducting business of investment trusts and the advisability of State regulation.

#### House Committee Reports Favorably Bill to Exempt Joint Stock Land Banks From Interlocking Provisions of Clayton Anti-Trust Act.

The House Committee on Banking and Currency favorably reported on Jan. 9, the bill to exempt Joint Stock Land banks from provisions of the Clayton Act so they may have interlocking directorates. A dispatch from Washington Jan. 9 to the "Journal of Commerce" said:

By permitting Joint Stock Land banks to have interlocking directorates, in the opinion of Governor Young of the Federal Reserve Board, who appeared before the committee, results more in harmony with the original intention of the Clayton Act. The measure, which the committee voted to report, was drafted by the Federal Reserve Board.

At the same time, the committee ordered favorably reported a bill authorizing \$800,000 for erection of a building for the Los Angeles branch of the San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank.

#### First National Bank of Chicago Announces That Assets of First-Trust Joint Stock Land Bank of Dallas Have Been Combined With First-Trust Joint Stock Land Bank of Chicago.

In his December 31 message to the stockholders of the First National Bank of Chicago, F. O. Wetmore, Chairman of the board of the bank says:

An important change has been made in connection with our Joint Stock Land Banks. The First-Trust Joint Stock Land Bank of Dallas, Texas, was not making as rapid progress as we had hoped. It, therefore, seemed undesirable to continue an enterprise so far removed from Chicago, and we decided to combine the assets of the two Joint Stock Land banks and make no further loans in Texas and Oklahoma. The First-Trust Joint Stock Land Bank of Chicago now has a capital and surplus of \$4,925,000, mortgage loans of \$73,840,000, and outstanding bonds of \$68,716,000. All mortgages 90 days past due and all farms acquired by foreclosure have been charged out of our profit account and we are now holding as a contingent asset \$846,000 of mortgage and farms on which we expect to make a very large recovery.

#### Profits of Dallas Joint Stock Land Bank Slightly Above Previous Records.

According to Schultz Brothers & Co., Cleveland, Ohio, Specialists in Land Bank securities, H. W. Ferguson, President of the Dallas Joint Stock Land Bank reports net earnings of the Dallas Bank for 1928 at the rate of \$16.25 per share. The information coming from Schultz Brothers & Co. St., adds:

Profits for the year have been slightly greater than for any other year, with an increasing interest evident in land buying, and agriculture generally showing a substantial improvement in the lending territory.

At the Directors' Meeting in December, two quarterly dividends were declared for payment on January 1st and April 1st, 1929, of \$2.00 per share each.

The stock of the Dallas Bank is owned by 619 individuals, banks, investment trusts, trust companies, and other corporations.

As of December 31 1928, the Bank had Mortgage Loans in force, amounting to \$44,653,865; real estate \$130,562; capital paid in, \$2,560,000; and surplus reserves and undivided profits of \$767,070.

### Banking Suspensions in 1928.

Further improvement marks the record of banking suspensions in the United States for 1928 according to compilations made by R. G. Dun & Co. which show a decided falling off in the total during the last two years, both in number and liabilities. The latest statistics disclose decreases of 38.8 and 32.7%, respectively, from the figures for 1926. Thus, banking and other fiduciary suspensions in 1928 numbered 372 and had an indebtedness of \$129,649,605, whereas in 1926 the number was 608, for \$212,074,999. The number fell to 393 in 1927, while the amount involved declined to \$143,449,246. The R. G. Dun statement continues:

A geographical analysis of last year's returns shows that 2 banking suspensions, with liabilities of \$1,125,000, occurred in New England, against none in this section in either 1927 or 1926. Limiting the further comparison to the last two years, it is seen that numerical reductions for 1928 were reported by the South Central, the Central Eastern, the Western and the Pacific Coast States, the betterment being especially marked in the South Central, the Western and the Pacific groups. The only sizable increase—one of 31—was in the South Atlantic division. Moreover, the important changes in the indebtedness were in the direction of improvement, with particularly large decreases in the Central East and on the Pacific Coast. Those declines approximated \$7,500,000 and \$5,200,000, respectively, and were supplemented by a reduction of \$2,700,000 in the South Central States and one of \$925,000 in the Western section.

A comparison of banking suspensions is made by sections for the past three years:

Section—	Number—			Liabilities. 1928.
	1928	1927	1926	
New England.....	2	—	—	\$1,125,000
Middle Atlantic.....	4	3	3	2,164,500
South Atlantic.....	76	45	150	43,008,861
South Central.....	39	64	63	16,734,777
Central East.....	35	43	19	12,214,143
Central West.....	200	196	342	47,608,558
Western.....	9	17	21	3,026,000
Pacific.....	7	25	10	3,767,766
United States.....	372	393	608	\$129,649,605
1927.....	393	—	—	143,449,246
1926.....	608	—	—	212,074,999

### Clinton Gilbert Sees 1928 as One of Most Significant Years in Banking History—Says Unusual Developments Have Far-Reaching Importance.

Commenting on the outstanding trends in the banking field during 1928, Clinton Gilbert, bank and insurance stock specialist, points out in a survey that the entry of banking institutions into branches hitherto dominated by specialized interests stands out as probably the most significant development in many years from the banker's viewpoint. Citing as specific examples of this trend, the survey says that the great number of banks forming securities subsidiaries attests to the growing importance of the investment field and the greater general prosperity of the country. Mr. Gilbert's survey says:

Trust companies and national banks starting personal trust businesses, and the opening by the largest bank in the country of a personal loan department for salaried workers also stand out in the banking history of 1928. The trend toward consolidation and merging of large units made great progress in the banking field in 1928. Stock split-ups of many large banks brought their shares within the reach of much larger groups of investors, and the formation of numerous new banks both stood out as healthy aspects of the year from the standpoint of banking as a whole.

Commenting on the growth of the "fleet idea" among insurance companies whereby a group unites to handle large volumes of business, the survey points out that more than 80% of the total business handled in 1928 was written in this way.

### Only Cloud on Business Horizon Possibility of Further Excessive Speculation, Says R. S. Hecht, President Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans.

Viewing the outlook for 1929, R. S. Hecht, President of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans, in his annual report to the stockholders of the institution under date of Dec. 31 says:

It does not require any great optimism to predict that the present momentum of business activity will carry prosperity well into 1929. Nor are there any really unfavorable factors discernible at this time which are likely to destroy the excellent prospects that lie ahead.

The only ominous cloud on the business horizon is the possibility of further excessive speculation, which if overdone may easily lead to a serious collapse of values that might not only spell disaster to the thoughtless speculator, but might also seriously hurt business.

In any event the money market will probably remain quite firm at least during the early part of the year and while there is no reason to doubt that ample credit will be available for agricultural, commercial and industrial purposes, business men had better make their plans based on high money rates at least for the first part of 1929.

President-elect Hoover's recent far-sighted good-will visit to our Central and South American neighbors cannot fail to prove mutually beneficial, and it seems to us that because of its strategic position as the "gateway" to Latin America, New Orleans should participate substantially in the more intimate relationship that this unique tour is bound to develop.

The fact that political uncertainty is now behind us and all doubt as to the continuation of the sound policies of the present administration is removed, adds further confidence to the belief that business prosperity will continue and that stability is assured.

In this connection we are very much impressed with the plan outlined by President-elect Hoover for a large nation-wide construction reserve for the purpose of stabilizing business. If it proves economically and practically possible to carry such a plan into effect, it would constitute excellent insurance against unemployment and over-production and would be a long step toward preventing serious business depressions. We could hardly wish for much more than to be assured that our present business prosperity be stabilized and continued through the years.

In stating that "we have no desire to make any predictions on the probable course of stock prices during 1929," Mr. Hecht observes that "the present orgy of speculation is dangerous to our substantial business prosperity and is undoubtedly having a bad effect on the morale of our business men and women, many of whom have become so interested in watching stock exchange fluctuations that they are no longer giving their undivided attention to their respective business tasks." President Hecht notes that the "bank earnings for 1928 have exceeded those of 1927 and we have again paid our shareholders total dividends of 20% per annum, which includes the income from the common stock of the Hibernia Securities Company, Inc., held in trust for the benefit of the bank's stockholders." He also has the following to say regarding the affairs of the institution and the Securities Company:

Our deposits have shown a steady and gratifying increase during the year and are substantially in excess of the same period last year. In view of this continued growth of our institution and in order at all times to assure the maintenance of a conservative ratio of capital and surplus to total deposits, we decided earlier in the year to increase our capital stock by 5,000 shares, bringing the total then outstanding up to 25,000 shares. Simultaneously, we split up the bank's stock four for one by changing the old \$100 par value shares into shares of \$25 par value, so that our capital is now represented by 100,000 shares of stock. At the same time we increased the capital stock of the Hibernia Securities Company, Inc., so that each share of bank stock continues to carry with it the beneficial interest in one share of common stock of the Hibernia Securities Company, Inc.

These plans met with hearty approval and quick response from our stockholders and the subscription rights represented a substantial extra dividend to those who for any reason preferred to sell to others their privilege of taking up the new stock. Final details were completed on July 31 with the result that the bank now has a capital of \$2,500,000 (divided into 100,000 shares of \$25 par value), a surplus of \$3,000,000, and undivided profits of \$590,000, or total capital assets in excess of \$6,000,000.

The capital of the Securities Company is now \$1,000,000 consisting of \$600,000 preferred stock and \$400,000 represented by 100,000 shares of no par value common stock.

The same rate of dividend per share on the increased capitalization, i. e., 20% per annum, is being maintained. However, instead of paying the dividends of the bank and the Securities Company in separate checks and on different dates, we have for greater convenience combined these payments in one check for the past two quarters, a plan which we expect to continue to follow in the future.

The split-up of the stock has, as we expected, led to a substantial further increase in the already large number of our shareholders and has thus afforded many additional friends and customers an opportunity to share in the prosperity of the bank to whose success they have so largely contributed through their whole-hearted and continued co-operation.

### Centralization of Small Loan Field Urged by J. A. Hoyt, President of Industrial Banking Corporation.

The development of the small loan field in America can best be accomplished through formation of holding companies with stock in many unit industrial banks throughout the country and an expert advisory service to knit the entire organization together, in the opinion of James A. Hoyt, President of the Industrial Banking Corporation of America. Mr. Hoyt notes that, following the pioneers in this field, who proposed lending sums ranging from \$50 to \$1,000 to clerks and laborers without asking collateral, one company and then another was started, and the power of the average man's dollar from the banker's standpoint was first realized. He warns, however, that with the development of the industrial banks and loan companies, there have been certain disadvantages, due more to faulty management and inexperience in this new field than to actual chicanery or usury. This, he says, has pointed the way to the holding company. "We held out affiliated companies to get started," says Mr. Hoyt, "by providing them with necessary supplies and giving them advice by our experts on management, soliciting business, collecting accounts, placing advertising and obtaining legal advice. In addition, we furnish them with a rediscount market for notes receivable, audit their books periodically and maintain one of our own officials on the board of directors of each unit."

### Record Year for International Acceptance Bank, Inc.

The year end statement of International Acceptance Bank, Inc., reflects a highly satisfactory year, both from the standpoint of profits and volume of business transacted. The balance sheet dated Dec. 31 1928, shows total resources of \$132,765,894, the highest ever reported and comparing with

total assets of \$121,317,562 on June 30 1928. The institution's acceptance business also exceeded any previous year in its history, the Dec. 31 figures showing acceptances outstanding of \$68,167,358 against \$59,608,628 on June 30 1928, and \$65,785,598 on Dec. 31 1927. During the year the bank added approximately \$675,000 to undivided profits, making a total of \$5,177,005 in this account as of the close of the year.

Other items on the statement showing corresponding increases are: Cash on hand and due from banks, \$8,098,396; acceptances of other banks and call loans secured by acceptances, \$11,283,214; U. S. Government and municipal bonds, \$12,076,383; and loans and advances, \$10,232,216, of which \$6,496,070 is due within 30 days.

The International Acceptance Trust Co., which was established in 1926 as a wholly owned subsidiary of the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., shows total resources, in its Dec. 31 1928 balance sheet of \$19,641,927, as compared with \$12,300,067 on Dec. 31 1927. Deposits are \$17,118,607, with loans and discounts of \$10,389,990. During the year the Trust Co. increased its capital and surplus from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000, which is divided equally between capital and surplus. The Trust Co. is a member of the Federal Reserve system and specializes in domestic banking and trust business, thereby augmenting the foreign business of its parent, the International Acceptance Bank, Inc.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., the regular quarterly dividend of 3% was increased to 4%. This places the 50% paid stock of the International Acceptance Bank, Inc. on a 16% per annum basis, which is the same dividend basis as that paid by the Bank of the Manhattan Co. The dividend just declared is payable Jan. 15 1929 to stockholders of record Jan. 3 1929.

#### Profits of Discount Corporation During 1928—Increase In Transactions In Acceptances.

Net profits of the Discount Corporation of New York during the year ended Dec. 31 1928, after provision for taxes, amounted to \$593,387, compared with \$475,406 in 1927. John McHugh, Chairman of the board of the corporation, in presenting these figures to the shareholders, pointed out that dividends amounting to \$400,000 were declared during the year, being at the rate of 8% per annum on the capital stock. The sum of \$193,387 was added to the undivided profits account, which then amounted to \$1,157,498, he said. From this account \$500,000 was transferred to surplus. "The volume of business transacted in acceptances during 1928," Mr. McHugh continued, "exceeded the previous year by about 10%. The purchasing rate for ninety day bills was 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ % at the beginning of the year, and 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ % at the close. Increasing demand from abroad and unusually heavy purchases by the Federal Reserve Banks during the autumn months obviated the necessity for higher rates."

#### American Acceptance Council's Publication Covering "Bankers' Acceptances During Ten-Year Period From 1919-1928.

The American Acceptance Council of New York announces the publication of a volume under the title of "Bankers' Acceptances"—"Volume and Rates in the Discount and Money Markets" devoted to bankers acceptances, the discount market, Federal Reserve System open market operations, money rates and commercial paper covering the ten-year period from 1919-1928. This anniversary publication of 50 large pages is printed on heavy plate, paper, profusely illustrated with charts and historical plates. Complete tabular presentation of rates and volume over the last decade. The edition is limited.

#### First New Ticker of New York Stock Exchange in Use—Device in Operation in Brokerage Office at Belleair, Fla.

The first of the new tickers by which the New York Stock Exchange authorities hope to be able to keep with up the transactions of a 6,000,000 to 7,000,000 share day without any very great lag in the sales, was hooked onto the distributing system on Jan. 10, according to the New York "Times" of Jan. 11, from which we quote further as follows:

It is in the office of Thomson & McKinnon, Stock Exchange brokers, in the Bellevue Biltmore Hotel at Belleair, Fla. Installation work is expected to proceed rapidly, although none of the new tickers has as yet been installed in New York, except for experimental purposes.

The system of quotation distribution will not be speeded beyond the capacity of the old tickers until the final one of the new ones has been installed and thoroughly tested. The work is expected to take more than a year.

#### Stockholders of National Bank of Commerce and Chemical National Bank Vote to Remove Stock from New York Stock Exchange List.

At their annual meeting this week, the stockholders of the National Bank of Commerce in New York passed a resolution providing for the removal of the bank's shares from the list of stocks dealt in on the New York Stock Exchange. Similar action was taken at the annual meeting this week of the stockholders of the Chemical National Bank of New York.

#### President McCain of National Park Bank on Necessity for Reduction in Volume Employed in Stock Exchange Loans.

President Charles S. McCain, President of the National Park Bank of New York in his report to the stockholders at the annual meeting on Jan. 8, commented on the general business situation as follows:

"The last year has been a very unusual one. Business as a rule has been normal with most concerns operating profitably without making large demands upon their banking connections for current credit requirements. On the other hand, we have had a constant advancing stock market which has brought in a wider and wider circle of participants from all parts of the United States until we have seen stock speculation and stock operations go beyond anything which we could have thought possible even in 1919. The result of this has been the constant demand for bank capital to carry brokers' loans and loans for individuals on Stock Exchange collateral. Interest rates on such loans have prevailed at a higher figure for a longer time than any time during the last seven years. Brokers' loans and collateral loans on Stock Exchange collateral are at the highest point in our history. Interest rates on loans for strictly business purposes have necessarily been advanced in sympathy, but there is a very sharp distinction drawn by every bank for its charges on such loans as compared with loans based on Stock Exchange collateral. At this time it is still difficult to see how this abnormal factor in our present situation can be controlled, but unquestionably we must have a reduction in the large amount now being employed in Stock Exchange loans because with any unusual demand from industry for funds a severe situation would arise which unquestionably would adversely affect the business of the country."

#### B. M. Anderson Jr. on Source and Future of "Outside Money in Brokers' Loans."

Before the Bankers' Forum, at New Britain, Conn., on Jan. 10 the subject, "The Source and Future of Outside Money in Brokers' Loans," was discussed by Benjamin M. Anderson, Jr., Ph.D., Economist of the Chase National Bank of New York whose remarks in part follow:

In response to the rising rates of interest at the Stock Exchange, there has been an immense increase during the past year in "outside money," that is, loans not made for the account of chartered American banks and trust companies, in the brokers' loans figures. These loans are made for the account of individuals, firms, corporations, foreign banks, and private banks. The Federal Reserve authorities, receiving weekly reports from the New York City member banks, place the figure at \$927,633,000 on Jan. 4 1928, and at \$2,166,066,000 on Jan. 2 1929. These figures obviously cover only that part of the "outside money" which is handled through the New York City member banks and trust companies. The more inclusive figures of the New York Stock Exchange, covering all brokers' loans, whether made through New York City banks and trust companies or not, show an additional item of "outside money" which amounted to \$621,097,000 on Dec. 31 1927, and \$1,038,943,000 on Dec. 31 1928. Combining the two sets of figures gives us a total of "outside money" in brokers' loans of \$1,548,730,000 at the beginning of 1928 and of \$3,205,009,000 at the beginning of 1929, an increase of \$1,656,279,000, or of 107%.

Will this great volume of "outside money" remain permanently at the disposal of the Stock Exchange? We shall find our answer, I think, by considering the original source from which it came. How does it happen that corporations, foreign banks, individuals, and firms, are in possession of large volumes of highly liquid funds which they can lend to the stock market at high interest rates. It has never happened before in our history, even when money rates were much higher.

The answer is to be found in the expansion of commercial bank credit in the United States between early 1922 and early 1928, an expansion amounting to 14 $\frac{1}{2}$  billion dollars in loans and investments, and to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  billion dollars in deposits.

This great expansion of bank credit represents savings only in minor part. It represents primarily a multiple expansion of bank credit based on excess reserves, the excess reserves being due to (a) excess gold, and (b) easy money policies at the Federal Reserve Banks. Unneeded by commerce, the new bank credit was utilized in real estate mortgage loans, in installment finance paper, and, above all, in the buying of bonds and in loans against securities. This facilitated an immense increase in the volume of new security issues, and a great number of corporations obtained funds in this way, which they could use in paying off bank loans, in increasing working capital, in plant extension, and, finally, in building up liquid reserves of cash. A great flotation of foreign loans took place at the same time, which placed the outside world in possession of a great volume of short term funds in dollars.

The bank expansion led also to a great rise in the prices of urban and suburban real estate and in securities. The old holders of real estate and securities, selling their holdings, have thus come into possession of their original capital plus large profits which many of them are in a position to lend to the Stock Exchange until such time as the prices of securities or of real estate suit them better. The abundance of mortgage money during this period has led to the refunding of many mortgages, with the result that the mortgagees are in possession of liquid funds, which have come back to the general capital market, including the call loan market. Invest-

ment trusts, floating issues easily in the period of bank expansion, have also, in many cases, large funds for stock market loans.

The original fountain and source, then, of the great volume of free funds in the hands of individuals, firms, corporations, foreign banks, investment trusts, and so on, available for loans on the Stock Exchange, is the prior expansion in earning assets and deposits by the banks. What does the long-run future hold with respect to the volume of such funds? The answer seems fairly clearly indicated. For the present, certainly, the expansion of bank credit is over. Incoming gold is no longer making excessive reserves. On the contrary, we have lost \$500,000,000 of gold since the peak of gold holdings in 1927. The Federal Reserve authorities are no longer pursuing an easy-money policy. The reserves of the banks of the United States are no longer excessive. The volume of new securities currently floated is reduced, and the interest rates at which new bonds can be placed are not attractive to borrowers who do not need to borrow. Assuming then, that the period of easy money and rapid bank expansion is over, the presumption would be that the volume of liquid funds in outside hands available for loans at the Stock Exchange would ultimately diminish rather than grow, though for a time, if interest rates stay high, it may even increase.

At high rates, foreigners are glad to leave their funds at the disposal of the New York Stock Exchange. With lower rates, they will be disposed to take part of them home, and in the process take some good. Business corporations will gradually tend to use their excess of liquid funds. They have maturities of existing obligations to meet which they would refund in an easy money market, but which they would pay off in the face of firm money rates. Presumably, too, the corporations have issued securities, not merely to get cash for indefinite contingencies, but rather with a view to very definite purposes in the future. They have got their money when it was easy to get, but they mean to use it at a later time. Investors lending temporarily to the Stock Exchange look forward to the time when security prices will be more attractive, and when they will buy securities themselves instead of holding loans against securities. The long-term tendency would, therefore, be for the unusual fund of liquid money in the hands of private lenders to be reduced to more normal proportions, unless it is fed by a renewal of bank expansion.

The situation may be imperfectly represented by the analogy of a great river which has been in flood for a period of several years in a wide valley with many tributary streams, and with great areas in which lakes could be formed. The extraordinary flow from the head waters, which had filled and over-filled the main channel, ceases, but it takes a long time for the level to be reduced and for the flood to subside. The excess water comes pouring back from the tributary rivers and creeks and from the lakes which have been formed in the creek valleys. We might add to our picture the influence of immense siphons (symbolizing the high interest rates) bringing back water even from those lakes which could not otherwise release it.

#### J. H. Case of New York Federal Reserve Bank Sails For Europe.

J. H. Case, Deputy Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and Harold V. Roelse, Assistant Secretary and Manager of the Reports Department of the Reserve Bank sailed for London last night (Jan. 11), on the Mauretania.

#### David C. Biggs Resigns as Governor of St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank.

David C. Biggs, for ten years Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, has resigned his position and will retire, it was learned on Jan. 7, says the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of Jan. 8. It is further stated in that paper that Gov. Biggs requested the Board of Directors not to consider his name for re-election on Jan. 2. All other officers were re-elected on that date with the exception of Biggs.

#### Second Acceptance Rate Rise Looms as Wider Market Fails—Banks Ignore Reserve Plea to Increase Holdings Due to Low Rates—Rise May Affect 30-Day Bills Only.

Attempts of the acceptance dealers, with the support of the Federal Reserve banks, to induce local banks to add to their bankers' acceptances holdings have ended in practically complete failure, according to information secured on Jan. 9, said the New York "Journal of Commerce," of yesterday (Jan. 10). Further discussing the matter, it said:

Present rates on bankers' acceptances, despite the advance of one-fourth of 1% last week, are too low to attract the funds of the financial institutions.

At the present time the Federal Reserve Banks, with their correspondents, hold approximately two-thirds of the total volume of bankers' acceptances outstanding. The Reserve banks have latterly shown a desire to reduce their own bill holdings, but on January 3 they amounted to nearly \$500,000,000, and were practically at the highest figure ever attained. A conference of acceptance dealers was called to consider ways and means of broadening the market, and the rise in rate followed. However, the move had no practical result, dealers reporting yesterday that out of approximately \$1,200,000,000 of outstanding bills, the banks creating them held in their own portfolios about \$25,000,000.

Ways and means are now being discussed by acceptance dealers to reach a solution of the problem, in view of the unwillingness of the Reserve Banks to continue to purchase these bills. There is strong support among the dealers for another advance in the rates, which may take place next week. It is uncertain as yet, however, whether this rise in the rate will take the form of an advance in the rate on 30-day bills, which are still quoted at 4¼% and were not advanced last week, or a more general rise in the rates.

Inquiry in banking circles revealed yesterday that the banks are using the funds made available to them by the return flow of the currency, normal at this time of the year, to reduce rediscounts. It is understood that in this district alone repayments by member banks of borrowings from the Reserve Bank has amounted to nearly \$200,000,000. Thus, the manner in which member banks were to use the reserves made available by the retirement from circulation of the large volume of Reserve notes taken out for the holiday period is no longer a matter of doubt, rediscounts being reduced and the acceptance holding remaining large. The problem of reducing

the latter, which the Reserve banks are eager to accomplish, thus remains unsolved.

The dealers complain that for them the situation is exactly the same as it was before the rates on bills were advanced last week. Commercial demand for this type of credit is still large and their own portfolios are too heavy.

#### House of Representatives Upholds Right of James M. Beck to Seat as Representative.

On Jan. 8 the House of Representatives adopted a resolution upholding the right of James M. Beck to a seat as Representative from the First Congressional District of Pennsylvania. This action of the House followed its rejection the same day, by a vote of 247 to 78, of a resolution to unseat Mr. Beck, which has been pigeon-holed in committee for more than a year. The Associated Press accounts from Washington on Jan. 8 said:

The final vote was taken after almost three hours of debate over the constitutional question of whether Mr. Beck was an inhabitant of Pennsylvania at the time of his election. The question was raised on the first day of last session by Representative Garret, Tennessee, the Democratic leader.

Although the point had been raised by the Democratic leader and opposition in the committee largely had been carried on by members of the minority party, the final vote found many Southern and Eastern Democrats climbing over the party fence to join the almost unanimous Republican vote against adoption of the resolution to unseat.

Mr. Beck, sitting beside Representative Tilson, Connecticut, the majority leader, answered "present" when his name was reached on the roll call, and after the result had been announced asked the privilege of addressing the House briefly. Then, for the first time since he entered the House, 14 months ago, he spoke to the members from the floor.

His talk was a brief one, applauded alike by Democrats and Republicans, in which he thanked the members for supporting his claim to a seat and declared he knew the minority leader was not actuated by any feeling of partisanship when the question was raised.

It is noted in the "Times" that the fight on Mr. Beck's right to a seat began on Dec. 5 1927. It also states:

A committee gave hearings in January and February 1928, and on Mar. 17 the majority reported in favor of Mr. Beck, holding that Mr. Beck had fulfilled the constitutional requirement of "inhabitaney." A minority report, filed by Representatives Browning of Tennessee, and Wilson of Mississippi, Democrats, held to the contrary.

#### Death of W. C. Adamson, Former Congressman—Author of Eight Hour Railroad Law.

William Charles Adamson, former Judge of the United States Customs Court, former Representative from Georgia, and author of the eight-hour railroad labor law, died on Jan. 3 of pneumonia at the Presbyterian Hospital in New York. He was 74 years old. Mr. Adamson had been ill but eleven days. His home was in Carrollton, Ga., and he had come to New York for the holidays. The "Sun" of Jan. 4 in sketching his career said:

Best known as author of the Adamson law, providing an eight-hour day for railroad workers, which was passed under the Wilson administration and subsequently reviewed by the Supreme Court, which upheld its constitutionality, Justice Adamson occupied a seat in Congress from 1897 to 1917, representing the Fourth Congressional district of Georgia.

Justice Adamson was born in Bowdon, Ga., Aug. 13 1854. He was graduated in 1874 from Bowdon College, in the same town, and his alma mater in 1883 conferred on him the degree of master of arts, and in 1915 again recognized his activities with the honorary degree of LL. D. He was admitted to the bar in 1876. Prior to his election to Congress he appeared several times before the Interstate Commerce Commission as an attorney in important litigation.

His appointment to the bench of the Customs Court removed Justice Adamson from the House of Representatives in December, 1917. When he reached the usual age for retirement, 70 years, he resigned. For the past few years he had been in retirement at his Georgia home.

#### N. Y. Chamber of Commerce Urges Immediate Passage By Senate of Kellogg Treaty Outlawing War.

Resolutions endorsing the Kellogg Treaty outlawing war and urging its immediate passage by the Senate of the United States, together with a recommendation for the immediate appropriation of moneys to build fifteen cruisers as suggested by President Coolidge to bring our navy to the agreed ratio of the other great powers, were unanimously passed at the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York on Jan. 3. The resolutions while expressing a whole-hearted desire for world-wide peace and the abolishment of war, laid stress upon the fact that our military and naval establishments, because of lack of Congressional appropriations, are not adequate to enable them to provide in personnel and material those elements of defense, "which, in principle, have previously been approved".

The report and resolutions were presented to President Leonor F. Loree and the Chamber Body by E. H. Outerbridge, Chairman of the Special Committee on National Defense. They were signed by all of the members of the committee, including J. Vipond Davies, Samuel Robert, John B. Trevor and Henry R. Winthrop. Mr. Outerbridge, in asking their passage, said in part:

"Probably no people in the world are by instinct, tradition and experience so little inclined to war, nay more, so universally imbued with the will to peace as the people of the United States, but it would be folly to ignore



the possibility that circumstances might arise that would involve them in war. One of the fundamental functions of Government is to provide for the defense of its people, their land and their possessions and to ensure their being able to pursue their lives and avocations secure from molestation from any aggressor.

"Until the whole world abandons the machinery of war the surest protection against attack is to be known to be adequately prepared for defense.

"Democratic governments can only discharge that fundamental function to the extent that they are supported by their people with adequate means. This does not necessarily mean a large standing army, immense supplies of war materials, but it does mean an adequate equipment of those first means of defense which require time for their construction, adequate knowledge and preparation of the sources from which they may be quickly reinforced when the emergency arises, and the years of manoeuvres that alone teach the art of command and staff work in the field.

"The nucleus of all the elements adequate for the first line of defense must be provided and maintained. To reinforce and increase them when the emergency arises, with speed, efficiency and minimum cost, involves plans and preparation in the whole range of personnel, equipment and supplies".

"What constitutes an adequate first line of defense and what plans and preparations for supplementing it are essential is best determined by the experienced technical departments at the command of the government."

**House Passes Fenn Bill Proposing Reapportionment of House Membership.**

Without a record vote the House yesterday (Jan. 11) passed the Fenn bill to provide a method for a reapportionment of the House membership in the event that Congress itself should fail to do so after the forthcoming 1930 census. Associated Press dispatches from Washington reporting this note that the last reapportionment of members was made upon the basis of the 1910 census.

**Judge Bondy of U. S. District Court In Franco-German Potash Suit Holds French Defendants Are Not Immune From Judicial Process—Statement By Gilbert H. Montague.**

The immunity of French defendants in the Department of Justice suit against the European potash monopoly, composed of French and German producers, was denied in the U. S. District Court in New York on Jan. 8 by Judge William Bondy, who has had the question under consideration for almost a year, states the "Journal of Commerce" of Jan. 9. In referring to the conclusions of Judge Bondy, it says in part:

The question of sovereign immunity was raised by the Societe Commerciale des Potasses d'Alsace and its officers, who contended that since the Republic of France owned a controlling interest in the corporation, it enjoyed the immunity of a sovereign power.

This attitude was also taken by M. Paul Claudel, French Ambassador, who attested the fact through the State Department. The question came before the court on a motion to set aside the service of subpoenas on the French defendants.

The court's decision had been awaited anxiously by the Department of Justice because of the important bearing it will have on future litigation involving the entry into commercial competition here with domestic firms of foreign organizations which may not comply with the provisions of the anti-trust laws designed to control domestic business.

The action in the potash case was brought against the French Societe and the Deutches Kalisyndikat, which in combination produce practically the entire available supply of potash.

Judge Bondy held in substance that the fact that a corporation has been organized by direction of a government which owns a controlling interest in its stock does not render it immune from suit.

Judge Bondy in his opinion states: "It has never been held that every-one acting on behalf of a foreign state enjoys immunity from suit.

"A foreign sovereign cannot authorize his agents to violate the law in a foreign jurisdiction or to perform any sovereign or governmental functions within the domain of another sovereign without his consent.

"Neither principle nor precedent requires that this immunity which, as a matter of comity, is extended to a foreign sovereign and his ambassador should be extended to a foreign corporation merely because some of its stock is held by a foreign state or because it is carrying on a commercial pursuit which the foreign government regards as governmental or public.

*Action Not Against State.*

"The court does not question any statement of facts made by the Ambassador. It only holds that taking all facts for granted, it appears that no property within the territorial jurisdiction of this court is involved in this suit; that this is not a suit against the Republic of France or any representative of that republic or any department of that Government, and that this is not a suit between two sovereign States, and that therefore this court has jurisdiction over the person of the defendants in an action to enjoin them from violating the laws of the United States.

"Though the Ambassador brought the pendency of this suit to the attention of the State Department, with which the Ambassador's relations are official, the Secretary of State has not made any suggestion to this court. The suit was brought by the Attorney-General. These facts indicate that the executive department of the Government also is of the opinion that this suit is not a suit against the Republic of France or any representative of that republic.

"The motion to set aside the service on the defendants must therefore be denied."

Gilbert H. Montague, Counsel for Ambassador Claudel, and all the French defendants, in the United States anti-trust suit against the Franco-German potash combination, issued the following statement on Jan. 9:

Judge Bondy's decision is welcomed as a step toward the clarification of a question that is much more important to the Department of Justice and to the bar generally than it can ever be to my clients, who, as Judge Bondy states, have long since ceased doing business in the United States, and who, as Judge Bondy at the close of his opinion expressly holds, may now move to dismiss the Government's entire suit on that ground.

No one in this case has ever questioned the public policy of subjecting any instrumentality of any foreign government to the jurisdiction of the United States courts, and the only question has been whether this already has been accomplished by existing statutes and decisions of the United States courts, or whether it is first necessary to have some treaty provision expressly covering the point, as was done in 1921 in the treaty between United States and Germany, or as was proposed in 1927 by the International Economic Conference at Geneva to be accomplished by convention among the various nations of the world.

In behalf of all my clients, I take this opportunity to commend publicly the fine spirit of research with which Judge Bondy, Colonel William J. Donovan, Assistant to the Attorney-General, and all of Colonel Donovan's assistants in the Department of Justice, joined hands with me and my associates in collating for examination by Judge Bondy every possible authority to be found on this subject in all the reported decisions of the American, English, French and German courts.

Never in my professional experience have I seen a finer display of co-operation and good sportsmanship, on the part of everyone in the case, for the purpose of placing before the court anything and everything that might throw any light on this question, as to which the French Ambassador, stating in his petition the French Government's attitude, declared that all that the French Government desires is a "judicial determination as to how this question should be decided according to the laws and the practice of the courts of the United States."

A reference to the action appeared in these columns a year ago, Jan. 14, 1928, page 186.

**Control of Brooklyn "Eagle" Purchased By Frank E. Gannett of Rochester, N. Y.**

It was made known in the Brooklyn, (N. Y.) Daily Eagle of Jan. 8 that control of that paper was purchased late the previous day by Frank E. Gannett, of Rochester, N. Y. the "Eagle" says:

The purchase was made from the group that has been in active charge of the paper under the direction of Herbert F. Gunnison, President and publisher. The sale is effective at once.

Frank E. Tripp, Vice-President of the Gannett newspapers, becomes acting publisher and announces that there will be no changes in the personell of the various departments.

The Eagle is the 16th newspaper owned by Mr. Gannett, all of which, save two, are published in New York State.

*H. F. Gunnison Greets New Owner.*

Herbert F. Gunnison, who has been associated with the Eagle for 46 years, is to remain as Chairman of the board of trustees. Mr. Gunnison said to-day:

"In turning over control of the 'Eagle' to Mr. Gannett, I and my associates do so with the conviction that in his hands the paper will be maintained in accordance with the highest and best traditions of its long and useful career. Mr. Gannett has won the respect, confidence and support of all the communities he has served as a publisher. In welcoming him, Brooklyn will find that the 'Eagle' under his management will not only continue to devote itself to protecting and promoting the best interests of Brooklyn, but that its field of useful endeavor will be greatly enlarged."

*Mr. Gannett's Career.*

Mr. Gannett, whose purchase of the "Eagle" signalizes his entrance into New York City journalism, is one of the foremost publishers of the country. He is a pioneer in the field of group newspaper ownership, having bought 21 newspapers since 1906, when he became editor and part owner of the Elmira "Gazette." He has sold only one of his purchases and the 20 newspapers acquired by him have, by local mergers, become the present group of 15 known as the Gannett Newspapers, to which the "Eagle" has now been added.

During the last year he bought the Hartford (Conn.) "Times," the Rochester "Democrat and Chronicle," the Albany "Knickerbocker Press" and the Albany "Evening News" and the Ogdensburg "Republican-Journal." Other papers owned by him include the Rochester "Times-Union," the Elmira "Star-Gazette," his first purchase and merger; the Ithaca "Journal-News," the Utica "Observer-Dispatch," the Newburgh "News and Beacon News," the Elmira "Telegram" and Elmira "Advertiser," the Olean "Herald" and the Plainfield (N. J.) "Courier-News." The paper he bought and subsequently sold was the Winston-Salem (N. C.) "Sentinel." Frank E. Gannett was born at Bristol, N. Y., on Sept. 15 1876.

The Brooklyn "Eagle" was founded Oct. 26 1841.

**Return Earned by United States Railroads in November and the Eleven Months.**

The net railway operating income of the class 1 railroads in November 1928 amounted to \$113,694,856, which, for that month, was at the annual rate of return of 4.76% on their property investment, according to reports just filed by the carriers with the Bureau of Railway Economics and made public on Jan. 7. In November 1927 their net railway operating income was \$86,708,399 or 3.71% on their property investment. Property investment is the value of road and equipment as shown by the books of the railways, including materials, supplies and cash. The net railway operating income is what is left after the payment of operating expenses, taxes and equipment rentals but before interest and other fixed charges are paid. This compilation as to earnings in November is based on reports from 185 Class 1 railroads representing a total mileage of 240,354 miles. Details are outlined as follows:

Gross operating revenues for the month of November amounted to \$531,218,583 compared with \$504,314,198 in November 1927 or an increase

of 5.3%. Operating expenses in November totaled \$374,153,524 compared with \$377,167,017 in the same month in 1927 or a decrease of eight tenths of 1%.

Class 1 railroads in November paid \$33,971,554 in taxes, an increase of 9.2% over the same month in 1927. This brought the total tax bill of the class 1 railroads for the first 11 months in 1928 to \$358,627,354, an increase of \$3,637,442 or 1% above the corresponding period in 1927.

Sixteen class 1 railroads operated at a loss in November of which eight were in the Eastern, three in the Southern and five in the Western Districts.

Class 1 railroads for the first 11 months in 1928 had a net railway operating income amounting to \$1,099,837,653 which was at the annual rate of return of 4.74% on their property investment. During the corresponding period of the preceding year, their net railway operating income was \$1,030,725,502 or 4.54% on their property investment.

Gross operating revenues for the first 11 months in 1928 amounted to \$5,683,198,609 compared with \$5,743,744,443 during the corresponding period in 1927 or a decrease of 1.1%. Operating expenses for the first 11 months period of 1928 totaled \$4,116,404,458 compared with \$4,252,127,141 during the corresponding period the year before or a decrease of 3.2%.

Net railway operating income by districts for the first 11 months with the percentage of return based on property investment on an annual basis, follows:

New England region	\$40,939,280	4.82%	Northwest'n region	\$136,755,937	4.26%
Great Lakes region	190,612,633	4.83%	Centralwest. region	199,689,437	4.50%
Cent. East'n region	241,774,193	5.03%	Southwest'n region	97,125,779	4.57%
Poehontas region	71,697,779	7.49%			
Total East'n district	\$545,023,885	5.17%	Total West'n region	\$433,571,153	4.43%
Total South. district	121,242,615	4.18%	United States	\$1,099,837,653	4.74%

*Eastern District.*

The net railway operating income of the class 1 railroads in the Eastern District for the first 11 months in 1928 totaled \$545,023,885, which was at the annual rate of return of 5.17% on their property investment. For the same period in 1927, their net railway operating income was \$517,555,083 or 5.02% on their property investment. Gross operating revenues of the class 1 railroads in the Eastern District for the first 11 months in 1928 totaled \$2,789,151,398, a decrease of 2.3% under the corresponding period the year before while operating expenses totaled \$2,026,089,519, a decrease of 4.6% under the same period in 1927.

Class 1 railroads in the Eastern District for the month of November had a net railway operating income of \$55,481,366 compared with \$34,600,877 in November 1927.

*Southern District.*

Class 1 railroads in the Southern District for the first 11 months in 1928 had a net railway operating income of \$121,242,615, which was at the annual rate of return of 4.18% on their property investment. For the same period in 1927 their net railway operating income amounted to \$128,285,599, which was at the annual rate of return of 4.55%. Gross operating revenues of the class 1 railroads in the Southern District for the first 11 months in 1928 amounted to \$709,245,739, a decrease of 5.7% under the same period last year while operating expenses totaled \$536,418,400, a decrease of 5.9%.

The net railway operating income of the class 1 railroads in the Southern District in November totaled \$12,650,508, while in the same month in 1927 it was \$9,610,245.

*Western District.*

Class 1 railroads in the Western District for the first 11 months in 1928 had a net railway operating income of \$433,571,153, which was at the annual rate of return of 4.43% on their property investment. For the first 11 months in 1927, the railroads in that district had a net railway operating income of \$384,884,820, which was at the annual rate of return of 4.03% on their property investment. Gross operating revenues of the class 1 railroads in the Western District for the first 11 months in 1928 amounted to \$2,184,801,472, an increase of 2.2% above the same period last year, while operating expenses totaled \$1,553,896,539, a decrease of three-tenths of 1% compared with the first 11 months in 1927.

For the month of November, the net railway operating income of the class 1 railroads in the Western District amounted to \$45,562,982. The net railway operating income of the same roads in November 1927 totaled \$42,497,277.

**CLASS 7 RAILROADS—UNITED STATES.**

Month of November—	1928.	1927.
Total operating revenues.....	\$531,218,583	\$504,314,198
Total operating expenses.....	374,153,524	377,167,017
Taxes.....	33,971,554	31,113,157
Net railway operating income.....	113,694,856	86,708,399
Operating ratio.....	70.43%	74.79%
Rate of return on property investment.....	4.76%	3.71%
11 Months Ended November 30.		
Total operating revenues.....	\$5,683,198,609	\$5,743,744,443
Total operating expenses.....	4,116,404,458	4,252,127,141
Taxes.....	358,627,354	354,989,912
Net railway operating income.....	1,099,837,653	1,030,725,502
Operating ratio.....	72.43%	74.03%
Rate of return on property investment.....	4.74%	4.54%

**Appeal to U. S. Railway Board For Increased Wages In Behalf of Shopmen on New York Central Lines.**

Before members of the U. S. Railway Board in New York on Jan. 10 and Jan. 11 arguments for increased wages in behalf of the shopmen in the New York Central Lines were presented by Donald R. Richberg, acting as counsel for the shopmen. The "Times" of Jan. 10 says:

In his argument before the Board Mr. Richberg said that the misfortunes of the shop workers began in 1922, when the Labor Board reduced their wages 56 cents more than their proportionate share, compared with other workers. A strike followed and it left the shopmen worse off, he said, for it destroyed their power to negotiate.

The 1917 pay was said to have been \$4.80, the present pay \$6.08. The increase over the eleven intervening years amounts to 26 2-3%, Mr. Richberg asserted, while increases to other employees of the road in the same period averaged about 90%. At that rate, the present wage for shopmen should be between \$8 and \$9, he argued.

Mr. Richberg will conclude his argument before the board to-day Jan 10]. The members of the board are Julian W. Curtis and W. C. Chespaire, representing the public; F. H. Knight and H. J. Carr, representing the shopmen, and Walter G. Flynn and John G. Walber, officials of the New York Central, representing the railroad. An agreement stipulates that the decision must be made by Jan. 31.

According to the "Herald-Tribune" of yesterday, Jan. 11, Mr. Richberg asserted that the present hearing is the first opportunity the shop workers have had under the Parker-Watson act of 1926 to present their case before an impartial Government Board. The paper quoted added:

The decision of this Board under an agreement, must be made before January 31. It will directly effect about 15,000 workers in the car shops and 10,000 in the locomotive shops of the New York Central.

**A. H. Wiggin of Chase National Bank Says Neither Government Nor Business World Can Afford to Rely on Indefinite Continuance of Rising Stock Market—Undesirability of Too Great Dependence of Acceptance Market on Federal Reserve Banks.**

A warning that "neither the Government nor the business world can afford to rely upon an indefinite continuance of a rising stock market" is contained in the annual report of Albert H. Wiggin, Chairman of the Board of the Chase National Bank of New York, presented to the stockholders at the annual meeting on Jan. 8. In his comments Mr. Wiggin says:

To an undue extent, in recent years, the American people have been selling capital assets at a profit and necessarily treating the profit as income. Fortunately, they have recapitalized by investment part of the profit, but not all has been recapitalized. A substantial part has been spent in current consumption, partly luxury consumption, and the volume of consumer demand has undoubtedly been increased thereby. Part of it, also, has been taken by the Government in taxation. Here, too, fortunately the policy of reduction in public debt has helped to return part of these profits to the capital market.

The calendar year 1929, in view of the 1928 recovery in corporate profits and the immense appreciation in securities in our excited stock market, will probably witness a volume of revenue for the Government from individual income and corporation taxes greater than can be counted on in the years immediately following. The large revenues can easily be made the excuse for increased appropriations for current purposes. Neither the Government nor the business world can afford to rely upon an indefinite continuance of a rising stock market. Both should consider the possibility of a reduced national income when profits from capital appreciation are reduced. The Government should not relax the Coolidge-Mellon program of debt reduction while large revenues from this unusual source are available.

Further alluding to the relation of capital appreciation to the national income, Mr. Wiggin stated:

It is remarkable that, despite the drop in corporate profits in 1927, individual incomes received in 1927 (reported for taxation in 1928), shows a gain, and the increased revenue from individual incomes largely offsets the Government's loss in taxation on corporate incomes. This is partly accounted for by the higher percentage of earnings which was paid out in dividends, and dividends received in 1927 were larger than in 1926. The increase in individual incomes arises also from profits from the sale of stocks, bonds, and real estate, and from capital gains on assets held for more than two years. These two items alone made up 10.77% of the individual incomes in 1927, a percentage equalled once previously, in the year 1925, when a great volume of profits on real estate speculation was added to the profits on stock speculation.

Mr. Wiggin points out that "every period of intense speculation has its slogan. The slogan of the present period is the alleged 'superiority of common stocks over bonds as investments.' There are some bond issues that cannot be properly rated as investments. There are some equity stocks issued that can be rated as investments. Nevertheless, it behooves the investor to remember that a bond is a debt, whereas a common stock is a share in the capital of a business." In discussing the money market, Mr. Wiggin says that he shares "the feeling expressed by Dr. Burgess, Assistant Federal Reserve Agent of the New York Federal Reserve Bank . . . that it is undesirable that the acceptance market should be dependent to such an extent on the Federal Reserve Banks as to interfere with their general policies." His observations on the money market follow:

Brokers' loans have continued to grow, the increase for the 12 months ending Dec. 31 1928 amounting to 45%, or \$2,007,000,000 (New York Stock Exchange figures). During the recent past many corporations formerly dependent on commercial paper borrowings have found it possible to sell securities, in some cases bonds and in other cases shares, so that undoubtedly the total of brokers' loans now includes substantial amounts replacing commercial paper. This development has its favorable side. Concerns that have financed by this method find themselves in better credit standing than in the past, especially when the new issues have taken the form of shares. This accounts for part of the increase in brokers' loans.

The greater part of the expansion of brokers' loans represents speculative activities and rising security prices. The new financing by corporations referred to above in many cases has secured capital in excess of their needs for commercial purposes, as it is clearly indicated by the large amount of surplus funds loaned for account of corporations.

The increase in brokers' loans "for account of others" (much of which is corporation money) for the 12 months ending Dec. 26 was 131%, or \$1,316,432,000. The total of brokers' loans "for account of others" on Dec. 26 stood at \$2,322,227,000. Brokers' loans on this same day made by New York City banks for their own account amounted to \$1,109,301,000, and the total for loans, New York City and out-of-town banks, was \$2,769,200,000. (Federal Reserve Bank figures.)

Firms and corporations do well to hold liquid reserves for emergencies, but it can be carried to excess. The New York banks furnish the equipment for handling these loans, but act as agents rather than as principals in lending the money, and the firms and corporations are now engaged in the banking business.

The combination of heavy gold exports and the great increase in stock market borrowings led to a sharp rise in money rates in 1928. The Federal Reserve authorities pursued a conservative policy, withdrawing through the sale of Government securities a part of the credit which they had previously extended to the market, and raising discount rates. The advance in rates on commercial loans has been moderate, whether the test be open market commercial paper or counter rates to borrowing commercial customers. But rates at the Stock Exchange have moved to extremely high levels. The Federal Reserve banks, through their large purchases of acceptances, operated to ease the money market somewhat in the autumn. I share the feeling expressed by Dr. Burgess, Assistant Federal Reserve Agent of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, at the recent annual meeting of the American Acceptance Council, that it is undesirable that the acceptance market should be dependent to such an extent on the Federal Reserve banks as to interfere with their general policies. Brokers' loans by New York City banks declined at the same time that loans "for account of others" increased. This also operated to ease the money market moderately, since it was accompanied by a reduction of their demand deposits without a reduction in their reserves. But the demands for credit in the stock market have been so heavy that these two factors in combination merely moderate the money market tension without removing it. The acute tension of the year-end was lessened by heavy rediscounting at the Federal Reserve banks.

The turn of the year regularly sees a large back-flow of the hand-to-hand cash which had gone out of bank reserves for the autumn and holiday trade. The turn of the year, also, usually witnesses a substantial reduction of Federal Reserve Bank credit in use. The money market in January is ordinarily governed by the comparative strength of these two movements.

In gauging the somewhat longer course of supply and demand in the money market on the basis of forces now in evidence, I would call attention to several points. On the side of demand, the all important factor appears to be the future course of the securities market. Stock market liquidation would work toward monetary ease, while a further rise in the stock market would operate to absorb an increasing volume of funds and to tighten money. On the side of supply, three factors appear to be outstanding: (1) Federal Reserve Bank policy; (2) the volume of rediscounts by member banks, which will have to be reduced before money becomes easy; and (3) the dependence of the stock market upon outside money, which, as indicated by the figures given above, has increased with the advancing rates. The international movement of gold may be an important factor, and this will depend primarily upon the policy of foreign central banks.

Mr. Wiggin thus calls attention to two outstanding developments in international relations:

The first is Mr. Hoover's visit to Latin America. In form unofficial, it is in substance an official visit. The President-elect of the United States has been meeting the able leaders of Latin America. This direct personal acquaintance will be of great value in solving future diplomatic and commercial problems. The recent visit of President Machado of Cuba contributed a great deal to international good-will.

The second development is the important negotiations, inaugurated by Mr. S. Parker Gilbert, looking toward a revision of the Dawes Plan. For several years the leaders of Germany and France have been dealing face to face with one another, the friendly relations between M. Briand and Dr. Stresemann being particularly important. Consequently, France and Germany are in a position to negotiate amicably and to work out mutually advantageous bargains on equal terms. This was not possible at the time the Dawes Plan was made. Germany agreed to the Dawes Plan, but she did not have an equal voice in its making. In the negotiations now under way, it is believed that Germany hopes to effect a reduction in the size of the reparation annuities in return for surrendering the protection of the transfer clause of the Dawes Plan. The new arrangement is expected to set a date when reparation payments shall cease, to remove foreign supervision from Germany, and to change the reparation debt from a political to a commercial obligation. The commercial obligation is expected to be in such form that the recipients of reparation payments can sell it in the open market, and with the proceeds it is understood that they hope to discharge their debts to the United States Government. The American banking community has great confidence in Mr. Gilbert, and he may be sure that the new plan will receive the most sympathetic study here.

Reviewing the year's operations of the bank, the Chairman comments on the increase in business of the foreign and trust departments and calls attention to the increase in the capital of the bank during the year from \$50,000,000 to \$60,000,000, and increase in surplus from \$40,000,000 to \$60,000,000 and an addition of \$10,000,000 to the capital of the Chase Securities Corporation. The capital increase is described as in line with the traditional policy of the bank to preserve a conservative ratio of capital funds to deposits. Total capital, surplus and profits at the end of the year amounted to \$137,498,445. Incidentally it is noted that the bank has increased its capital nine times since it was founded in 1877, as shown in the following table:

Sept. 20 1877 (founded).....	\$300,000	Jan. 20 1920.....	\$15,000,000
July 1 1887.....	500,000	Nov. 22 1921.....	20,000,000
Dec. 31 1897.....	1,000,000	April 10 1926.....	40,000,000
Dec. 12 1906*.....	5,000,000	Dec. 28 1927.....	50,000,000
Oct. 2 1916.....	10,000,000	July 2 1928.....	60,000,000

\*The bank provided for this capital increase by a 400% dividend.

The undivided profits account of the bank for the year after deducting all expenses, including \$2,625,421 for furniture and fixtures and other equipment installed in the new building, making provision for all bad and doubtful debts and providing a reserve for taxes, showed an increase of \$9,523,596. Out of this amount total dividends for the year of \$7,700,000 were declared. Profits of the Chase Securities Corporation, which is owned by the shareholders of the bank, totaled \$4,652,498 for the year after all expenses, Mr. Wiggin announced. Out of these profits dividends amounting to \$2,200,000 were declared for the year. The new building of the Chase National Bank and the proposed consolidation of the Garfield National and Chase National Banks (to which further reference is made in our items

devoted to banks, trust companies, &c.) are among other matters touched upon in Mr. Wiggin's report.

**President Mitchell of National City Bank Sees Industry Making Progress Along Safe and Sound Lines—Record Figures of National City.**

Record figures were written into the annals of American banking on Jan. 8, when Charles E. Mitchell, President of the National City Bank of N. Y., made public the bank's statement of condition as of Dec. 31 last, showing total resources of \$1,847,705,548, an increase of \$164,902,697 over the same date of the previous year. The figures were summarized by Mr. Mitchell in his remarks to stockholders at the annual meeting at which plans to increase the bank's capital from \$90,000,000 to \$100,000,000 were approved together with an increase of \$35,000,000 in the surplus, likewise raising it to \$100,000,000 and a reduction in the par value of the bank's shares from \$100 to \$20. The capital and surplus of the National City Company, the bank's investment affiliate, were increased to \$50,000,000 each.

An extended account of these proposals appeared in our issue of Dec. 1, page 3041, and a further reference thereto was continued in these columns Dec. 8 page 3189. New high records were established during the year in the volume of the bank's deposits which increased \$73,982,421 to \$1,349,024,386 on Dec. 31 1928 and in invested capital which, at \$166,993,905, represented an increase of \$20,857,659 over the previous year.

Outstanding features of Mr. Mitchell's review of the bank's operations during the year include the following:

1. Increased business, unexpectedly high interest rates and economical operation combined to produce revenue by all earning departments of the bank in excess of the forecast by the management, while net profits from the operation of domestic and foreign branches maintained by the bank increased more than 25%.
2. More stable conditions throughout the world and the increase in international trade resulted in greater activity and increased profits on the part of the bank's foreign branches and subsidiaries. The National City Bank of New York now operates 89 branches in 23 countries and plans have been perfected for entry into two additional countries this year.
3. The policy of branch expansion in New York City, having proven profitable, will be continued. With the addition of nine new branches in Greater New York last year, the bank now has 30 such units which reported deposits aggregating \$253,516,000, exclusive of head office.
4. After only eight months' operation, the Personal Loan Department has made loans to more than 28,000 men and women in an amount aggregating about \$8,500,000 with about 4,000 new applicants monthly, for loans averaging around \$300.
5. Depositors in the compound interest department increased 69% during the year, now numbering 250,000 with deposits of about \$60,000,000 in New York City alone. Including foreign branches, savings depositors exceed 411,000 with deposits of over \$104,000,000.
6. The year's operations of the National City Company, in volume of business, net profits and new customer contacts presented record figures and also a material increase in undivided profits.
7. Activities of the trust department have been increased substantially with the removal of its headquarters to the new building at 52 Wall Street.

Mr. Mitchell took occasion to quote from his remarks a year ago to show that his confidence in the situation expected in 1928 had been more than fulfilled by actual developments. Regarding the general situation for the current year, Mr. Mitchell said:

With no inflation in commodity prices, with industry making progress along safe and sound lines and within the limits of proven consumption, with no excess of investments by banks of the country, and a Federal Reserve structure, that up to this time is not seriously inflated, there is firm ground for the belief that business should continue in the coming months with substantial volume and reasonable profit. The danger, if there be one, must lie in the possible credit strain. Experience teaches that the danger to every period of prosperity lies in the development of overconfidence and a consequent tendency to unwise use of credit. If this present period of prosperity is halted, it will be by the same old cause, and we are bound to guard against it.

Mr. Mitchell also called attention to the fact that the American people are shifting from bonds to stocks to an extent, because of "the desire to participate in what they believe to be an increasing prosperity" of American business which, they are confident, is destined to grow rapidly in volume.

Profits of the bank, after reserves for taxes, pensions, death benefits and management fund, were \$20,728,880 from which was applied, in accordance with fixed rule, \$2,555,721 as a contingency reserve. Dividends of \$12,355,500 were paid and \$5,817,659 was carried to undivided profits. From accumulated undivided profits \$15,000,000 was transferred to surplus, leaving undivided profits at the end of the year, \$11,993,905. A further increase of 2,661 in the number of stockholders during the year brought the total as of Dec. 31 last, to 18,402, about half of whom reside nearby with the balance scattered over the United States and 37 foreign countries.

**President Johnston of Chemical National Bank Says Accumulated Earnings in Era of Unprecedented Prosperity Constitute Reserve of Wealth Heretofore Unequalled—Finds Tendency to Anticipate Security Values too Far into Future.**

Commenting on the fact that "business is in general very good," Percy H. Johnston, President of the Chemical National Bank of New York in his annual report to the shareholders of the bank on Jan. 8 said:

The volume of trade is at a high level and profits from industrial enterprise, considered as a whole, are more than satisfactory. Full employment at high wages continues to maintain the enormous purchasing power of the country. The savings of individuals and the earnings of corporations accumulated during the period of the past seven years of unprecedented prosperity constitutes a reserve of wealth heretofore unequalled by any country in the history of the world.

We are assured of a continuance of the policies at Washington which have greatly aided this prosperity.

There is no evidence of inflation in either commodity prices or inventories. The current high interest rates for money are a direct result of the absorption of an inordinate portion of available credit by the security markets and by the exportation of large sums abroad by our foreign loans.

Many thoughtful people view with apprehension the nation-wide speculation that has been going on in the securities markets, and there has grown up a tendency to anticipate values too far into the future.

A consideration of the various indications which are presently discernible justifies the opinion that business can look ahead to the new year with confidence.

President Johnston in reviewing the activities of the bank says:

The year just closed has been a very satisfactory one for the bank. The net earnings of the bank were some \$850,000 more than last year; interest rates began rising in April of 1928 and all banks have greatly profited therefrom.

The important events during the year were:

1st. Moving the main banking office on Oct. 1 from 270 Broadway, where we had been located for 78 years, to our new banking home at 165 Broadway, which occupies an attractive new building especially built for our use and made a part of the Benenson building. We are now using 56,000 square feet of floor space and have an option on about 50,000 feet additional which we will take as our business expands.

2nd. The opening on June 18 of a large and completely equipped branch office at 320 Broadway. It is in the center of the textile trade, with which industry we have been closely identified for many years.

3rd. The organization in June of the Chemical National Company, a securities company that is entirely owned by the shareholders of the bank, having a capital and surplus of \$4,000,000. This company has operated successfully and its profits have not been taken into the bank or distributed, but allowed to accumulate. This company is proving a valuable adjunct to the bank.

4th. The organization of the 270 Broadway Corporation (largely owned by the Chemical National Company). This company has taken over our old banking house at 270 Broadway which is being razed and an attractive new 28-story office building will be erected on the site and will be ready for occupancy in the spring of 1930.

5th. The increase in the bank's capital from five to six million dollars in June.

The bank now maintains seven branch offices in Greater New York.

An office is maintained at 6 Bishopsgate, London, England, and we also have an office in the Illinois Merchants Bank Building, Chicago, Ill.

Each of the offices located in Greater New York has a separate Board composed of outstanding business men. These Boards have functioned in a most satisfactory manner and have displayed a fine degree of cooperation.

All departments of the bank continue to grow and prosper, but especially is this true of the trust department, which is showing an impressive and steady development.

The deposits for the year have again shown an increase and have for 1928 averaged 17½ millions over 1927.

It is with profound sorrow and regret that we report the loss of our senior director through the death on Jan. 20 1928 of Mr. Frederic W. Stevens, who was serving his 58th consecutive year as a director of this bank. This is, we believe, the longest period of service as a director recorded in the history of banking in this country. It is with deep sorrow that we record here the death of two of our advisory board members—Mr. Norman A. Robertson, a member of the board of our Brooklyn office, who passed away May 24 1928, and Mr. Spencer Turner, a member of the board of our 320 Broadway office, who passed away Oct. 18 1928.

Two new directors were added to the board during the year: Mr. A. J. County, Vice-President of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and Mr. Frederic Stevens Allen.

After charging to earnings account all expenses, pension and extra compensation to employees, and after charging off all losses and setting up adequate tax and other reserves, we have made disposition of the balance of the year's earnings as follows:

24% to shareholders .....	\$1,340,000.00
Added to undivided profits account .....	1,218,417.46
	\$2,558,417.46

There are at present 820 members on our staff, of which 57 are officers. We have 1,638 shareholders.

The board of directors and the management pledge themselves to a continuation of those conservative policies and sound principles which the vicissitudes of a hundred and five years have tested and found true; to the same care in administration which is founded upon a desire to serve well the interests of our customers; to the same loyalty to trust which has gained the confidence of the business world; and finally to uphold those traditions which are our richest heritage.

The Dec. 31 statement of the bank shows capital, \$6,000,000; surplus \$19,000,000, and undivided profits \$1,294,212; deposits of \$208,896,936, and total resources of \$289,415,484.

**James S. Alexander of National Bank of Commerce in New York Says We Are in Soundest Economic Situation Since War.**

"In many ways," according to James S. Alexander, Chairman of the board of directors of the National Bank of Commerce in New York, "we are in the soundest economic situation that we have occupied since the war." "Our national income, which is our buying power," says Mr. Alexander, "is very large and widely distributed. Employment and wages remain high; and with few exceptions we are singularly free from labor difficulties. As already pointed out, the outlook for agriculture is improved, and our foreign trade is being well maintained." The foregoing is from Mr. Alexander's address to the stockholders of the bank at the annual meeting on Jan. 8. Further commenting on the economic situation and business outlook, he said:

The position of American industry with respect to organization and finance is generally sound. While there still exists excess of capital equipment in some industries and in others there has been a tendency to over-expand, generally speaking, the increase in our equipment has been in response to new business or in an effort to replace older equipment with more efficient. The general effect of our increase in capital equipment for the last several years has been to reduce per unit costs in production.

There is an indication that, broadly speaking, business organizations are watching their markets closely, and that in the aggregate there has occurred no significant excess accumulation of stocks of goods. In numerous industries inventories are low.

For a number of years there has been occurring a rather pronounced movement toward consolidation in industry; and many smaller units have been absorbed by stronger groups. The general movement has been toward the elimination of smaller units. Partly as a result of competition between the larger and the smaller units, the number of commercial failures has increased every year for a number of years. It is to be noted, however, that in the year 1928 the total liabilities in connection with commercial failures have run somewhat under the year 1927. There is nothing in our record of commercial failures to cause important concern. On the contrary, concentration of industry has worked toward a generally stronger position, and the larger units have notably strengthened their cash positions.

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In summary, we are entering upon the present year with confidence of the existence of a generally sound economic and financial situation; and with reasonable prudence there ought to occur no developments which would for any considerable period interrupt the trend of our prosperity. If, as a result of a moderate curtailment of plans for business expansion incident to high money rates, a moderate recession should occur during the year, it ought to be of only short duration, and the elements of inherent strength in our general economic situation should soon carry us forward into a period of reasonably full activity.

In closing I should like to refer once more to a particular international aspect of our money situation. Unless there should occur an important reversal of gold movements, an eventuality that is not anticipated, it is to be expected that short-time credit will not be available in the superabundance that has existed for a number of years. The main fact which is responsible for the return of this country to firmer money conditions, the outflow of gold, is a development which, judged in its broadest aspect, is an element of strength. It means a more nearly normal distribution of the world's gold, and more nearly adequate credit facilities and larger prosperity and purchasing power for other countries, which in the end will be reflected in larger foreign trade for the United States.

Discussing the trend of money rates, Mr. Alexander stated:

A development of the year that has caused general concern has been the rise in short-time money rates. During the period beginning with September, 1927, we lost about 500 million dollars of our gold reserves; at the same time credit was expanded at a high rate; member bank indebtedness to the Reserve System was increased by about 160%, and the proportion of member bank reserves borrowed rose at one time to nearly 50%. In the face of these developments speculative activity moved forward at a rapid pace, and the volume of money absorbed by stock market operations rose to levels far above those of any previous period. The net effect was to advance money rates to levels which had not obtained since 1920.

The high rates have now been in force for about eight months. A congestion in the bond market, which occurred in the late spring and early summer, has been somewhat cleared up, and there has been a notable decline in the volume of bonds placed in our market.

It is of note, however, that high money rates have not as yet constituted a serious impediment to business. We entered the fall with money rates at the highest level in seven years. All legitimate needs of business, however, have been met without entailing any serious strain upon member bank resources, and the volume of business has exceeded expectations.

Stevenson E. Ward, President of the bank, reporting on the operations of the institution for the year ended Dec. 31 1928, said:

During the year 1928 the commercial demand for money has been only moderate, while demands for loans against securities have been unusually heavy. The earnings have been the largest in the history of the bank. Regular dividends of 18% and an extra dividend of 2% for the year were declared.

Operations for the year ending December 31 1928 resulted as follows:

Profits after all expenses and taxes, and full provision for bad and doubtful items .....	\$8,856,776.85
Applied as follows:	
To payment of regular dividends of 18% and extra dividend of 2% .....	5,000,000.00

To addition to undivided profits account .....	\$3,856,776.85
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All departments of the bank have shown a healthy, substantial growth during the year. The number of stockholders is 7,192, an increase for the year of 496; the average holding is now about 35 shares.

In the Dec. 31 statement of the bank the capital is shown as \$25,000,000; the surplus \$40,000,000, and undivided profits \$8,295,321; the deposits total \$672,943,890, and aggregate resources stand at \$934,302,599.

### \$2,000,000 Campaign For Mount Sinai Hospital—James Speyer Heads List of Contributors.

The response which has been forthcoming to the \$2,000,000 drive for the Mount Sinai Hospital, Fifth Ave. between 98th and 101st Sts., has exceeded expectations, according to an announcement by DeWitt Millhauser, Chairman of the committee in charge of raising the necessary funds. The name of James Speyer, banker and philanthropist and himself a trustee of the hospital, heads the list of early contributors. Mr. Speyer gave \$150,000. Charles A. Wimpheimer, also a trustee, and Murray Guggenheim, have given \$100,000 each to the fund. Contributions of \$15,000 each were reported from Bamberger Bros. and Arthur Sachs. Frank Altschul; H. Walter Blumenthal; Moritz Rosenthal and S. W. Straus have given \$10,000 each. Those who have contributed \$5,000 include Jules S. Bache; Louis J. Grumbach; Max Horowitz; Jack W. Schiffer; Sidney Sternbach and C. I. Stralem. A contribution of \$4,500 has been received by the committee from Albert Stern. Among those contributing \$3,000 were Ben Grunthal; Jos. Koshland; L. H. Kronthal; Robert Plaut and Ralph Wolf. Jacob Hilder contributed \$2,000. Lee Adam Gimbel; Stanley J. Halle; Albert E. Heller and Walter S. Klee contributed \$1,500 each, while contributions for \$1,000 have been received from Mrs. J. E. Bernstein; Richard Davis; H. G. Freidman; Kraus Bros. & Co.; Edwin S. Lorsch; Julius Prince; Edwin A. Seasongood and Mrs. Joseph Strook.

Under the plan worked out by the committee contributors will be given a period of three years in which to complete their payments, the amount being payable in three equal installments from May 1 1929, to 1931. The \$2,000,000 fund will be applied toward the reconstruction and remodeling of units of the hospital which were erected between 1901 and 1903 and which have been used intensively for hospital purposes for the past quarter of a century or more. Completion of the present program will give Mount Sinai 750 instead of 650 beds, while for the care of its patients and the necessary incidental service, the management will have at its disposal eighteen thoroughly modern hospital buildings, including the largest and probably the best equipped school of nursing in the world. Ernst Rosenfeld and Emanuel Van Raalte are Associate Chairmen of the Committee. Other members include Edwin M. Berolzheimer; Henry Calman; Fred H. Greenebaum; Arthur Lorsch and Benjamin Mordicai.

### ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

A new high record price for New York Curb Market memberships was recorded this week when arrangements were reported for the sale of a seat for \$175,000. Arrangements were also made for the sale of a seat for \$165,000. On Saturday last a transfer was reported for \$150,000, a decrease of \$20,000 from the last preceding sale. The previous high record was made November last—\$170,000.

A Chicago Board of Trade membership was reported sold this week for \$33,000, an increase of \$2,500 over the last preceding sale.

Arrangements were reported to have been made this week for the transfer of a San Francisco Curb Market membership for \$93,000. Last preceding sale \$80,000.

New York Stock Exchange memberships reached a new high record price this week when it was reported that arrangements had been made for the transfer of two memberships for \$600,000 each. This is an increase of \$15,000 over the last preceding sale and \$5,000 above the previous high record. The following are the names of the principles in recent transfers; that of W. Plunket Stewart transferred to Gerard H. Coster, nominal consideration; that of J. Hartley Mellick to James Norris for \$575,000; that of Frederiek H. Mindermann to Lee Adam Gimbel for \$575,000; that of James H. McGean to Frederic L. Yeager for \$580,000, and that of John M. Shaw, deceased, to Lawrence Cowen for \$585,000.

George B. St. George was this week elected a director of the First National Bank of this city.

The Bank of New York & Trust Co. completed on Jan. 5 and the following Monday, Jan. 7, the transfer of its various departments from its temporary quarters at 76 William Street to its new building at 48 Wall Street. On Jan. 7 the executives and office personnel took up their work in

the new quarters in anticipation of the formal opening of the bank's home, scheduled for yesterday, Jan. 11, the 172nd anniversary of the birth of Alexander Hamilton, a founder of the bank. The new banking quarters of The Bank of New York and Trust Company suggest the spirit of early American days, the main banking room, 55 feet wide, 107 feet in depth and 29 feet high, designed in the Georgian style, is approached from the ground floor level by a circular marble stair. Eight murals, three on the north and five on the east wall, painted by James Monroe Hewlett, depict the history of the bank and banking in New York City. The banking screen is wrought iron and the counter screen is gray Sienna marble imported from Italy and Formosa marble which comes from Germany. The floor also is in alternate squares of the same marble. The coved ceiling is done in an acoustic plaster and the decorative panels of the ceiling are painted on acoustic cloth. The room is ventilated by means of registers over the large windows and in the coved ceiling. The bank will occupy at present the first six floors of the building. Provision is made in the new home for suitably housing the historical documents and other memorabilia of the bank's early days. Among these is the first draft drawn in the amount of \$200,000 and signed by Alexander Hamilton, then Secretary of the Treasury, against the first loan to the United States Government, which was made by the bank. The old clock which ticked on the stairs of the bank's first home on the site at 48 Wall Street in 1798 was also brought down from the New York Historical Society for the opening. While the day's business was given over largely to a public reception by the officers of the bank, Edwin G. Merrill, its President, and the board of trustees, decided that, in keeping with the traditions of simplicity of the institution, no formal ceremonies should be scheduled. This is the third home of the institution to be erected on the site at 48 Wall Street, which was acquired by the bank in 1796, twelve years after its establishment, and has since been continuously associated with the business. The arrangement of the various departments in the new home is designed to facilitate transaction of business with maximum convenience to customers. The departments to which financial messengers and runners are ordinarily routed are housed on the ground floor. The main banking room, reached from the street entrance by a marble stairway, embraces the executive quarters and the usual tellers' cages, the private office of Edwin G. Merrill, President of the institution, other executive offices and conference rooms also being located on this floor. The credit department is established on the second floor and the trust department, together with the trustees' room will occupy the third floor. Of the other departments with which the public comes in contact, the foreign department and the comptroller's office, will be located on the fifth floor. The sixth floor is reserved for dining rooms, the kitchens and rest rooms, while space also is provided here for the clinic for the use of officers and personnel of the bank. The bank's vaults in the basement of the building, are of the most modern construction and for the first few days were open for public inspection.

Membership in the Order of the Legion of Honor was awarded on Jan. 8 to Guy Emerson, Vice-President of Bankers Trust Co. of New York, by the French Government. The insignia of the Order was conferred upon Mr. Emerson by M. A. A. Mongendre, Consul General of France, at a luncheon at which A. A. Tilney, President of Bankers Trust Company, was host. Among the guests were Robert Lacour-Gayet, Financial Attache of the French Government; Pierre C. Cartier, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Cartier, Inc.; F. N. B. Close, Vice-President of the Bankers Trust Co.; Thomas W. Lamont, of J. P. Morgan & Co.; Maurice Leon, of Evarts, Choate, Sherman & Leon; Bayard F. Pope, President of Stone & Webster and Blodget and Dr. Roland Cotton Smith.

At the annual meeting on Jan. 8 of the stockholders of Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. of New York, William C. Arkell, Henry R. Johnston and Graveraet Y. Kaufman were added to the Board of Directors of the Bank. Mr. Arkell, a graduate of Yale and a resident of Canajoharie, N. Y., is Vice-President of Beech Nut Packing Co. Mr. Johnston, who is a trustee of Williams College and resides at Essex Falls, N. J., has been Vice-President and Cashier of the Bank and Secretary of the Board of Directors since 1925. G. Y. Kaufman, a son of L. G. Kauf-

man, President of the Bank, has been a Vice-President of the Chatham Phenix in charge of its branch offices at 5th Avenue and 30th Street.

At a meeting of the directors of the Chatham Phenix National Bank and Trust Company, on Jan. 10, the following promotions were made:

Clarence Klinck from Assistant Vice-President to Vice-President at the 5th Avenue and 55th Street Branch.

Robert Roy from Assistant Vice-President to Vice-President at the main office.

Arthur E. Boyd from Assistant Cashier to Assistant Vice-President at the main office.

Young Kaufman from Assistant Cashier to Assistant Vice-President at the main office.

Wilfred Wottrich from chief clerk to Assistant Cashier at the main office.

Alan G. Warner from Assistant Manager to Assistant Cashier at the Broadway and Howard Street Branch.

James C. Davie to Assistant Cashier at the Bowery and Grand Street Branch.

M. J. Middleton from manager at the 116th Street and Lenox Avenue Branch to Assistant Cashier at the Broadway and 106th Street Branch.

T. I. Walsh, who recently resigned from the post of General Auditor of the National Railways of the Republic of Columbia, has become associated with Chatham Phenix Corporation, which is affiliated with Chatham Phenix National Bank and Trust Co. of New York. Prior to his recent return to this country, Mr. Walsh was in Colombia for two and a half years. Before leaving the United States he was associated with the Seaboard Air Line Railway and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul. He will specialize in the activities of the Buying Department of the Chatham Phenix Corporation.

The total resources of the Chase National Bank of the City of New York established a new high record of \$1,430,308,237 as of December 31, according to the statement of condition published Jan. 7 in response to the call of the Comptroller of the Currency. This showing represents a gain of \$429,015,510 over the total resources at the end of 1927 and an increase of \$273,967,983 over the previous high record shown in the statement of Oct. 3 1928. Paralleling the gain in resources was a striking increase in deposits of the Chase Bank, which advanced from \$792,339,491 a year ago to \$1,126,781,646 at the end of 1928. During the year the capital of the bank was increased from \$50,000,000 to \$60,000,000, and surplus from \$40,000,000 to \$60,000,000, and -10,000,000 was added to the capital of Chase Securities Corporation. In accordance with the previously announced constructive policy of the Bank, furniture and fixtures and other equipment installed in the new building have been charged during the year to the undivided profit account in the total amount of \$2,625,421. At the close of the year undivided profits amounted to \$17,498,445, as against a total a year ago of \$15,674,848. Dividends declared by the bank during the year amounted to \$7,700,000 and in addition, dividends totaling \$2,200,000 were declared by Chase Securities Corporation. The current statement of the Chase Bank does not give effect to the acquisition of the Garfield National Bank, which was acted upon by stockholders of both institutions at their annual meeting on Jan. 8.

After the annual stockholders' meetings held on Jan. 8 by the Chase National Bank and the Garfield National Bank of New York, Albert H. Wiggin, Chairman of the Board of the Chase National Bank, announced that the proposed merger of the two institutions had been ratified by vote of the stockholders. The effective date of the merger is Jan. 26. The business of the Garfield National Bank will be continued at the same location, corner Fifth Avenue and Twenty-Third Street, as the Garfield Branch of the Chase National Bank and will be under the management of the same individuals as heretofore. Officers of the Garfield will become officers of the Chase and directors of the Garfield will become members of the advisory board of the Garfield Branches of the Chase National Bank. The Garfield National Bank was established in 1881 and has been a member of the New York Clearing House since 1883. The bank has for many years enjoyed the confidence of a large clientele. Its statement of Dec. 31 showed total assets of \$22,721,756. The Chase National Bank was founded in 1877. It is the second largest bank in the United States with total assets on Dec. 31 of \$1,430,308,238. Mr. Wiggin also announced that directors of the Chase National Bank were re-elected for the ensuing year.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Chase National on Jan. 9, Edwin A. Lee, Leon H. Johnston and William H.

Moorhead, formerly Second Vice-Presidents, were elected Vice-Presidents. The following were appointed Assistant Cashiers: John G. Peterson, formerly Assistant Manager of the Foreign Department; Malcolm Corduan, formerly Assistant Manager of the Credit Department; Robert L. Jones, formerly Manager of the Fifth Avenue Branch; and Albert M. Jones, formerly Personnel Director. The following appointments were also announced: John J. Brooks, Jr., and Frederick T. Burrows, Assistant Trust Officers; Nicholas J. Murphy and Frank N. Powelson, Assistant Managers of the Foreign Department; Morley R. Marris, Manager Fifth Avenue Branch; John A. Oberkitch, Manager Worth Street Branch; and Donald C. Howe and Howard W. Jenkins, Assistant Managers of the Park Avenue Branch and Fifth Avenue Branch respectively.

Elsewhere in our issue to-day we refer at length to Mr. Wiggin's report to the stockholders at this week's annual meeting. Besides commenting on condition in general, Mr. Wiggin presents a review of the year's operations of the bank.

James P. Warburg, Vice-Pres. of the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., sailed this week on the Mauritania on a business trip to visit the bank's foreign correspondents.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York on Jan. 10, the following appointments were made: James D. Orr, Assistant Vice-Pres., Edward K. Brass, Credit Manager; Jere D. Buckley, Credit Manager, Fifth Avenue Office; Irving G. Hass, Chief Clerk at the Main Office and Floyd A. Thompson, Chief Clerk at the Fifth Avenue Office.

At a regular meeting of the board of directors of The Bank of America N. A. of New York, John E. Rovensky, formerly First Vice-Pres. was elected Vice-Chairman to the board; Frederick G. Curry, formerly Assistant Vice-Pres. was elected Vice-Pres. and A. M. Massie, Assistant Cashier was elected Assistant Vice-Pres. At the annual meeting of stockholders of the bank, retiring directors were re-elected for the ensuing year.

The original capital and surplus of \$3,200,000 with which the J. Henry Schroder Banking Corporation started business five years ago has been more than doubled, according to a report made by Prentiss N. Gray, the President, at fifth annual meeting of the stockholders. At the end of 1928, capital, surplus and undivided profits amounted to \$6,604,562, of which \$952,341 was added during last year. Profits for 1928 represented a net return of 17% on the capital surplus and undivided profits with which the year began. Gross income from all sources in 1928 showed it is stated an increase of 31% over the previous year, and total resources at the end of the year amounted to \$55,672,228 compared with \$49,176,386 a year ago. The items "Cash and Due from Banks," "U. S. Government Securities," "Call Loans with Discount Houses," "Acceptances of those banks" \$23,569,419 or 94% off current account liabilities, reflecting the liquid position of the corporation's investments. Total "Due Customers and Banks" amounted to \$25,084,913, an increase of almost \$4,000,000 over that of the previous year. Acceptances outstanding at the end of the year were the highest on record for that date, and the volume of acceptances handled during the year was 29% greater than in 1927. All the directors of the corporation were re-elected at the meeting. Mr. Gray announced that the bank expects to move into its new quarters in the Bank of New York & Trust Building sometime next month.

The stockholders of the Textile Banking Co. of this city on Jan. 8 voted to reduce the par value of the stock from \$100 to \$25. A 25% stock dividend has also been declared by the Co. Stockholders of the Co. will receive 5 shares of the new stock for each \$100 par value stock held, the fifth share representing the stock dividend. The new stock will be issued Jan. 15, to holders of record Jan. 11.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Manufacturers Trust Company scheduled for Jan. 9 was adjourned to Jan. 16. Nathan S. Jonas, President of Manufacturers Trust Company stated that this action was taken in view of the pending proceedings for the merger of the State Bank and Trust Company into Manufacturers Trust Company and the negotiations for the merger of the Interstate Trust Company into Manufacturers Trust Company. References to the proposed merger appeared in these columns Dec. 22,

page 3488, and Jan. 5, page 42. The merger of the State Bank & Trust Company into the Manufacturers Trust Company, will result in a institution, with deposits of approximately \$375,000,000 and total resources exceeding \$450,000,000; it will be operated as Manufacturers Trust Company. Nathan S. Jonas will continue as President of the combined institution and Henry C. Von Elm as Chairman of the Executive Committee. Harold C. Richard, now President of The State Bank & Trust Company, will become Chairman of The Finance Committee and a Director, and James H. Conroy will continue as Executive Vice-President. The State Bank & Trust Company will be the fourteenth institution to be merged with Manufacturers Trust Company. Nathan S. Jonas, its President, was the founder and only president of the Manufacturer Trust Co. His brother, Ralph Jonas, was one of the original organizers and counsel.

John T. Madden, Vice-President of Manufacturers Trust Co., delivered a talk on Monday Evening, Jan. 7, before the Credit and Collections Class of the New York Chapter of the New York Chapter of the National Institute of Credit. His subject was "Analysis Comparative Individual and Consolidated Statements."

James Bruce and Arthur W. McCain, Vice-Presidents of the National Park Bank of New York have left for an extended trip through Europe in the interest of the bank.

At the annual stockholders' meeting of the National Park Bank of New York on Jan. 8, Joseph D. Oliver, Jr., was elected a director to fill the unexpired term of Francis R. Appleton, who died recently. At the annual meeting, President Charles S. McCain reported that the earnings of the bank had been the best since 1920, and the third largest in the history of the institution. The net figures for 1928 were \$3,275,000, compared with \$2,800,000 for 1927. During the year, the National Park Bank established a bond department and opened two new branches, one at Madison Avenue and 26th Street, facing Madison Square, and the other at Broadway and 74th Street. All departments of the bank showed increased earnings and increased volume of new business over preceding years. The foreign department has made very substantial progress, their average acceptances outstanding for 1928 aggregating approximately \$12,000,000, as compared with \$6,000,000 in 1927. On December 31 1928, the total amount of acceptances was \$20,857,809.91, as compared with \$5,271,636.63 outstanding on Dec. 31 1927. The views of President McCain on the business situation will be found on another page in this issue.

Frederick O. Foxcroft, Cashier of the National Park Bank of New York, on Jan. 9 rounded out 50 years of continuous service with that institution. Mr. Foxcroft entered the employ of the Park Bank as a messenger, at a salary of \$20 per month, in 1879, when the bank had but 100 employees as compared with 716 to-day. The President of the institution at that time was James L. Worth and Ebenezer K. Wright was Cashier. Reviewing the past half century of banking history in New York, Mr. Foxcroft this week recalled that the first adding machine to be used in a New York bank was installed by the National Park Bank. Cashier Foxcroft also witnessed the installation of the first telephone in the National Park Bank. For some time the bank boasted only one instrument and permission had to be obtained from an officer whenever employees wished to use it, even on banking business. The most exciting periods experienced at the bank, according to Mr. Foxcroft, occurred during the panics of 1893 and 1907. The National Park Bank is said to have had the largest number of out-of-town correspondents of any bank in the country and naturally great demands were made on it for gold and currency for these banks to meet the demands of their customers. On various occasions the Park Bank was required to pay a premium of from 1½ to 4¾% for currency to furnish its customer banks. "It was in 1907 that we had the most excitement," related Mr. Foxcroft. "There wasn't enough currency to go around and all payments were made in checks, the banks borrowing on clearing house certificates. During the year, we made arrangements to obtain a large amount of gold from the Sub-Treasury, and I walked down to the Treasury Building at Wall and Nassau Streets with \$5,000,000 in currency in my pocket to secure the consignment of gold."

The newly organized Commercial National Bank and Trust Co. of New York formally opened for business on Jan. 9 in permanent quarters at 56 Wall Street, following a period of organization during which this new institution has already developed a considerable volume of business. The entire building has been taken over and thoroughly renovated and remodeled to provide adequate banking offices. With the announcement of the opening, Herbert P. Howell, President, issued a statement in which he summarized the functions of the institution and called attention to the completed Board of Directors and official staff. He said:

"The Commercial National Bank and Trust Co. of New York will open for business to-day in its own permanent quarters for the receipt of deposits. It is prepared to render a complete banking service for the transaction of domestic and foreign business and to act in all trust capacities.

"During the period of organization, we have been doing a substantial amount of business in the Trust Department. The gratifying volume now on our books may be regarded as indicative of the Commercial National's opportunity for service.

"The bank starts with a paid-in capital and surplus of \$14,000,000, and is a member of the Federal Reserve System and New York Clearing House Association. It is organized on the basis of a real understanding of its customers' problems and the constant aim of the management will be to personalize its relations. The bank is prepared to serve the needs of all classes of industry, commerce, and banking, and to care for the requirements of individuals.

"The Commercial National Corporation has been formed and is now operating as an affiliate of the Commercial National Bank and Trust Co. of New York for the transaction of a general securities business."

References to the organization of the Commercial National Bank and Trust Co. appeared in these columns Nov. 3, page 2457; Nov. 10, page 2637, and Dec. 15, page 3347. The institution has been formed with a capital of \$7,000,000 and a surplus of \$7,000,000. In addition to Mr. Howell as President, other officers of the institution are: Walter G. Kimball, Vice-President; John J. Martin, Jr., Assistant Vice-President; Bradford Norman, Jr., Assistant Vice-President; Townsend McWilliam, Cashier; J. M. Budinger, Assistant Cashier; Charles E. Wolff, Assistant Cashier; A. B. Fletcher, Manager of Foreign Department and Assistant Cashier; William T. Taylor, Secretary; Foster W. Doty, Trust Officer; Walter T. Dunn, Assistant Trust Officer; Arthur S. Muller, Assistant Trust Officer; and Walter J. Pfizenmayer, auditor. P. C. Anderson is European representative at 25-27 Bishopsgate, London, E. C.

The directorate of the institution is made up as follows:

William H. Albers, Kroger Grocery & Baking Company, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Harold O. Barker, Jesup & Lamont, New York.

Albert Blum, United Piece Dye Works, Lodi, New Jersey.

George Blumenthal, New York.

Rogers Caldwell, Caldwell & Co., Nashville, Tenn.

Thomas L. Chadbourne, Chadbourne, Stanchfield & Levy, New York.

Walter P. Chrysler, Chrysler Corporation (Detroit, Mich.), New York.

S. Sloan Colt, the Farmers' Loan and Trust Co., New York.

Edward P. Farley, American-Hawaiian Steamship Co., New York.

Jacob France, Mid-Continent Petroleum Corp., Baltimore, Md.

Samuel L. Fuller, Kissel, Kinnicut & Co., New York.

George R. Hann, Attorney, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Louis J. Horowitz, Thompson-Starrett Co., Inc., New York.

Herbert P. Howell, President, New York.

Richard F. Hoyt, Hayden, Stone & Co., New York.

Henry R. Ickelheimer, Heidelberg, Ickelheimer & Co., New York.

Edwin C. Jameson, Globe & Rutgers Fire Insurance Co., New York.

J. Ford Johnson, Jr., Chas. D. Barney & Co., New York.

Sidney R. Kent, Paramount-Famous-Lasky Corp., New York.

Clement M. Keys, Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Co., Inc., New York.

Wilfred Kurth, The Home Insurance Co., New York.

Robert Lehman, Lehman Brothers, New York.

Willis G. McCullough, Collins & Aikman Corp., New York.

Maurice Newton, Hallgarten & Co., New York.

Charles F. Noyes, Charles F. Noyes Co., Inc., New York.

Dale M. Parker, M. Samuel & Co., Ltd., London, England.

William B. Scarborough, Hitt, Farwell & Co., New York.

Elmer Schlessinger, Chadbourne, Stanchfield & Levy, New York.

David A. Schulte, Schulte Retail Stores Corporation, New York.

H. N. Slater, S. Slater and Sons, Inc., New York.

R. P. Stevens, Allied Power & Light Corp., New York.

Harold E. Talbot, Jr., New York.

William Wrigley, Jr., Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company, Chicago, Ill.

Directors of Commercial National Corporation are: Harold O. Barker, George Blumenthal, Walter P. Chrysler, Samuel L. Fuller, John W. Hanes, Jr., Herbert P. Howell, Richard F. Hoyt, Robert Lehman, Maurice Newton, William B. Scarborough, and Elmer Schlessinger.

The stockholders of the Hanover National Bank of this city at a special meeting on Jan. 8 voted to increase the capital of the institution from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000, the increase to be effected through the distribution of a stock dividend of 100%. Pursuant to the resolution adopted, the Board of Directors have transferred \$5,000,000 in cash from the undivided profits account to the capital account, in payment for 50,000 shares of new stock and have declared a stock dividend of 50,000 shares, distributable pro rata, to

the shareholders of record Jan. 8, according to their holdings on that day. The stock increase and action of the shareholders were approved by the Comptroller of the Currency on Jan. 9. An item regarding the proposed increase in capital of the institution appeared in these columns Dec. 1, page 3042. John S. Everts and Fredk. A. Buck have been named Assistant Cashiers of the Hanover National.

At the annual meeting on Jan. 8 of the shareholders of the National Bank of Commerce in New York, all the members of the Board of Directors were re-elected, and the following new members were added to the board: David F. Houston, President of the Mutual Life Insurance Co.; Charles P. Cooper, Vice-President of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co.; and J. Howard Ardrey, Vice-President of the bank. At the meeting a resolution was passed providing for the removal of the bank's shares from the list of stocks dealt in on the New York Stock Exchange.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Seaboard National Bank of the City of New York on Jan. 8, the directors were all re-elected. In addition, the following new directors were elected: A. H. Griswold, Executive Vice-President, Postal Telegraph & Cable Corp.; J. S. Trap-hagen, Vice-President, Seaboard National Bank.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Equitable Trust Company of New York on Jan. 8, all retiring trustees were re-elected. At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Trust Company held the same day, the following official appointments were made: Earl R. Gafford, Charles W. Higley, Joseph E. Smith, John J. Graeber, Assistant Vice-Presidents; Lester E. States, Carl E. Buckley and Robert M. Kaiser, Assistant Secretaries.

Reviewing the progress of the Equitable Trust Co. during the past year, Arthur W. Loasby, President, in his report to the stockholders, said in part:

The year 1928 has been a most satisfactory one for your company. After setting up full reserves for all contingencies and absorbing unusual expenses due to moving into our new building, the earnings for the year were 5,977,000, as compared with 5,876,000 in 1927.

Our deposits on Dec. 31 1928 were \$530,844,000, as compared with \$478,852,000 on Dec. 31 1927.

We added to undivided profits account in 1928 \$2,377,000 as compared with \$2,296,000 in 1927.

The number of stockholders increased from 5,222 to 5,977.

The erection of our new building was completed at a total cost of the entire operation, including cost of the leasehold and professional fees, of \$15,643,735. This has now been written down by depreciation to the extent of \$216,000, leaving the cost to us of the project as of Jan. 1 1929, \$15,427,735, which is approximately \$1,300,000 less than our original budget. The building is 100% rented at a return of approximately 8.8% on the investment. The leasehold and building have been appraised at approximately \$1,800,000 above cost.

Our London Offices continue to show a substantial profit.

In the early part of 1928 the Paris Office moved into a new building at 41 Rue Cambon, which it had renovated and restored for its use. The building is owned by a subsidiary company, all of whose stock we own. The new building is most spacious and splendidly arranged and equipped for the service the Paris Office affords. We confidently expect it will be very effective in enlarging the business done through that office. Through the rental of space in the building not needed by ourselves the net cost of the office will be reduced to a minimum. The Paris Office has enjoyed a profitable year.

It is quite possible that we will establish a sub-branch in Paris for the accommodation of additional business which seems in prospect.

The outlook for your company in 1929 is promising and we confidently expect a substantial increase, both in profits and volume of business.

The following promotions were made on Jan. 8 by the Board of Trustees of the Bank of New York and Trust Co. meeting for the first time in the new building at 48 Wall Street:

George S. Butler, connected with the old Bank of New York, N. B. A., since 1910, was promoted from Assistant Vice-President to Vice-President.

A. J. Purdy, who in 1902 entered the employ of the New York Life Insurance & Trust Co. which was consolidated with the Bank of New York in 1922, promoted from Secretary to Vice-President.

Robert J. Roos, Assistant Secretary, made Secretary.

The following appointments of new junior officers are also announced:

Assistant Treasurers: Arthur S. Boege, Richard W. Kaiser and Philip L. Kelsner.

Assistant Secretaries: Otto Alden, Lewis P. Carmer and William K. Kraft.

T. R. Vreeland has resigned as Assistant to the President of the Fidelity Trust Co. of this city.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Harri-man National Bank & Trust Co. of New York on Jan. 8, the capital stock of the corporation was increased from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000. The directors serving for 1928 were re-elected and William Fox, President of the Fox

Film Corporation, and Louis S. Gimbel, director of Gimbel Bros., Inc., were added to the Board. Details of the plans incident to the increase in the capital were given in these columns Dec. 15, page 3346.

The stockholders of the Seward National Bank of New York at their annual meeting on Jan. 8 voted to change the name of the institution to the Seward National Bank and Trust Co. of New York. Founded less than two years ago, the bank reported total resources of \$9,284,953 as of Nov. 12 last, when deposits of \$5,249,792 and surplus and undivided profits of \$1,189,569 were also reported. The institution has a capital of \$2,000,000.

The executive committee of the board of trustees of the Central Union Trust Co. on Jan. 8 appointed Evan C. Dres-ser, Herbert L. Williams and W. L. Schnaring, Assistant Vice-Presidents of the company.

At a special meeting of the stockholders of the Chelsea Exchange Bank, on Jan. 8, immediately following the regular annual meeting of the bank, approval was given to a split-up in the bank's present capital stock of \$100 a share par value, into shares of \$25 par value. The stock will be exchanged on the basis of four shares of the new for each share now held. It was also announced that Directors of Chelsea Exchange Bank have placed the new \$25 par value stock on a \$2.50 annual dividend basis. This dividend is equivalent to \$10 a share on the old \$100 par value stock, upon which dividends at the rate of \$8 per share annually are now being paid, or a 25% increase in the current dividend rate. Final reports for 1928 indicate, it is said, that earnings for the bank will approximate 21% on the capital stock, according to Edward S. Rothchild, President. This is exclusive of the profits of the securities department which were transferred to a separate department during the year. The proposed change in the par value of the stock was referred to in our issue of Jan. 5, page 43. Commenting on the approval of the split-up, Mr. Rothchild said: "Undoubtedly the distribution of the \$25 par stock will be much broader than that of the old higher-priced shares." Chelsea Exchange Bank reports total deposits of \$23,106,420 at the close of business Dec. 31 1928, the highest in the history of the bank, according to President Rothchild. This total compares with \$22,011,554 reported on Sept. 28 1928, an increase of \$1,094,866. Resources, also the highest in history of the institution, total \$27,195,971, compared with \$25,918,698 on Sept. 28 1928, a gain of \$1,277,273. Undivided profits totaled \$630,100 as of the close of the year and capital and surplus amounted to \$3,000,000.

At the annual meeting of the Public National Bank & Trust Co. of this city, E. C. Gersten was elected President to succeed Alfred Rossin, who resigned at the annual meeting. William J. Donovan has been elected Assistant Cashier. Harry Oppenheim, Vice-President, was not re-elected. Retiring directors were re-elected with the exception of Arnold L. Scheuer and Benjamin Van Raalte. New directors are E. C. Gersten, Nelson I. Asiel, H. Bellas Hess, and William S. Hernon.

New directors elected to the board of the Prospect National Bank and Trust Co. of New York include: Arthur C. Salmon, Jr., President, Salmon, Clunie & Walker, Inc.; Joseph M. Fitzgerald, partner Morrison & Townsend, members New York Stock Exchange; Andrew J. Noe, Treasurer, Rubel Coal & Ice Corp.; W. Bernard Vause, Judge, Kings County Court and Chairman, Board of Directors, Unity State Bank; Robert C. Lee, Vice-President of Moore & McCormack Co., Inc.; and Solomon Fillin, President, International Union Bank.

At the annual meeting of stockholders of the International Union Bank of New York, Samuel G. Rosenthal, President of Adams & Co., real estate specialists, was elected a director. This is the only change in the board of directors, all other directors having been re-elected. At a meeting of the directors held on the same date, Solomon Fillin was re-elected President; Irving Rosenzweig was elected Vice-President; Phillip Kaplowitz, formerly Cashier, was elected Vice-President, and Clifford W. Ludlow, formerly Assistant Cashier, was elected Cashier.

According to its statement issued at the close of business Dec. 31 1928, the Central National Bank of New York has



gained \$2,175,000 in deposits and has increased its capital funds by \$800,000 during the past year. The Central National Bank, located in the heart of New York with main office at Broadway and 40th Street, now operates three branches; a new office is about to be opened in Long Island City. This is one of New York's younger banks having opened for business in January 1926. Its growth occurred without consolidation with any other institution.

C. B. Tailby, previously Comptroller, has been elected Vice-President of the Bankers Development Corporation and will devote his entire time to the Adap-Table System of Accrual Accounting and Audit Control which is widely used by financial institutions. Prior to his connection with the Bankers Development Corporation in January 1928, Mr. Tailby was for a number of years a member of the official staff of the National Bank of Commerce in New York.

According to the Brooklyn "Eagle" of Jan. 4, William C. Redfield, Secretary of Commerce under President Wilson and a Brooklyn resident for over 40 years, is slated for the Presidency of the new Brooklyn National Bank, now organizing. Congressman Emanuel Celler, who has taken a leading part in the organization work, will it is stated become Chairman of the Board of directors. The bank, which will locate in the Borough Hall Section of Brooklyn, will have a capital and surplus of \$1,000,000 each. The price at which the stock is being placed is \$115 per share—\$50 to capital, \$50 to surplus and \$15 for banking offices and corporate uses.

The Granite National Bank of Brooklyn at its annual meeting on Jan. 8 elected Sidney F. Strongin President to succeed Col. W. J. Pohl, resigned. An item regarding the resignation of Mr. Pohl appeared in these columns Dec. 29, page 3651.

The Nassau National Bank of Brooklyn has elected S. Sargent Volck, Senior Vice-President, a director. Retiring directors were re-elected.

The following changes were made in the personnel of the First National Bank of Hartford, Conn., at the annual meeting of the directors on Jan. 8: Elijah C. Johnson, President of the institution for the past six years, was made Chairman of the Board of Directors; James W. Knox, formerly Vice-President and Trust Officer, was promoted to the Presidency in lieu of Mr. Johnson while continuing as Trust Officer, and Stephen G. Pierce, heretofore an Assistant Cashier, was chosen Cashier to succeed Robert A. Boardman, who formerly held the dual position of Vice-President and Cashier. Mr. Boardman was re-appointed a Vice-President. The stockholders of the institution at their annual meeting held the same day added Mr. Knox, Mr. Boardman and W. Ross McCain to the directorate.

At the annual stockholders meeting of the Westchester County National Bank of Peekskill, N. Y., on Jan. 8, Chester D. Pugsley, Vice-President, announced that the investments of the institution were in 661 different issues of bonds and other securities with an average current yield of 5.74% as of Dec. 31. Net earnings for the calendar year 1928, it is stated, were 162% on capital. Directors re-elected are William D. Baldwin, Chairman of the Directors of the Otis Elevator Co.; Martin Nilsson, Research Engineer of the Fleischmann Co.; Thomas Nelson, capitalist; William L. Dyckman, retired farmer; Cornelius A. Pugsley, President; Chester D. Pugsley, Vice-President, and Frederick I. Pugsley, Cashier.

The directors of the Community National Bank of Buffalo announce the election of Edward A. Duerr, effective Jan. 1 1929, formerly President of the institution, as Chairman of the Board of Directors, and of Robert W. H. Campbell, heretofore a Vice-President, as President.

Albert Russell Erskine, President of the Studebaker Corp. and Chairman of the Board of the Pierce Arrow Motor Car Co., was elected a director of the Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo at the annual meeting of the stockholders on Jan. 8. At the directors' meeting, held the same day, F. Warren Mundie, Henry F. Wirth, Oliver A. Weppner and Walter E. Duerr, all of whom were formerly Assistant Secretaries, were named Assistant Vice-Presidents; Vincent E. Doyle heretofore Manager of the Black Rock branch, and Clifford L. Strang, formerly Assistant Manager of the West Side

branch, were made Assistant Secretaries; and Albert T. Hardiek, formerly connected with the head office of the company, and Frank G. Quinn, heretofore Manager of sales in the bond department, were appointed Assistant Treasurers. Carl Wirth, and Harold E. Connors, both of whom were formerly in the branch department, were named Assistant Auditor, and Assistant Manager of Buildings, respectively.

Samuel Ellis, Vice-President of the Manufacturers & Traders-Peoples Trust Co. of Buffalo, N. Y., and prominent in banking circles in that city for more than 41 years, died suddenly of apoplexy on Jan. 3. Mr. Ellis was born in Belleville, Ont. (Canada), in 1866, but was brought to Elmira, N. Y., by his parents at an early age. He began his banking career as a messenger in the Chemung Canal Bank of Elmira. Going to Buffalo in 1887, Mr. Ellis entered the old Manufacturers & Traders Bank as a discount clerk, and was made an Assistant Cashier in 1900. In 1915 he was promoted to the Cashiership and shortly thereafter was appointed a Vice-President. Following the merger of the Fidelity Trust Co. of Buffalo with the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. the latter part of 1925, Mr. Ellis continued as a Vice-President of the enlarged bank. With the consolidation in 1927 of the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. and the Peoples Bank of Buffalo, forming the present Manufacturers & Traders-Peoples Trust Co., Mr. Ellis was appointed a Vice-President, holding the office until his death.

The trustees of the Bankers Trust Co. of Hartford, Conn., on Dec. 26 appointed Charles W. Deeds, Secretary-Treasurer of the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Co. of Hartford, a trustee to fill the vacancy on the board caused by the recent death of Charles H. Talcott. At the same meeting the trustees designated David Mosley and Arthur P. McDonough Assistant Treasurers. Both had heretofore served as clerks in the institution.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Corporation of Boston, the following Directors were re-elected:

Edwin P. Brown, President United Shoe Machinery Corp.; James Coggeshall, Jr., Vice-President; Nevil Ford, Vice-President; Robert F. Herrick, Herrick Smith, Donald & Farley; Henry Hornblower, Hornblower & Weeks; John R. Macomber, Harris, Forbes & Co., Inc.; Allen M. Pope, President; William H. Potter, Jr., Vice-President; Charles G. Rice, President United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Company; Bernard W. Trafford, President the First National Bank of Boston; Arthur C. Turner, Vice-President; Edwin S. Webster, President Stone & Webster, Inc.; Albert B. Wells, Treasurer American Optical Company; Daniel G. Wing, Chairman of the Board the First National Bank of Boston.

At the annual meeting of the Directors of the First National Corporation of Boston the following new appointments were made: L. S. Pruyne to be Assistant Manager, Boston Office; R. E. Kimball to be Assistant Manager New York Office; Edward Boeklen to be Manager Pittsburgh Office.

The annual report of the President of the Corporation showed that the corporation has had an extremely active year, further expanding its activities to include, in addition, high grade investment stocks. In certain of its activities the corporation showed unusual growth, notably in bankers acceptances, which increased 50% in volume. At a previous meeting of the board the regular dividend and an extra dividend were declared.

The annual meetings of the First National Bank of Boston and its affiliated company, The First National Corporation, were held in Boston on Jan. 8th. All of the directors of the bank were re-elected and Bertram D. Blaisdell, Cashier of the bank, was added to the Board. Additional officers were elected as follows:

W. Jesse Fowler, Assistant Vice-President. Mr. Fowler resigned as Deputy Bank Commissioner of Massachusetts to join the staff of the bank last October.

Ralph P. Richardson and Hugh C. Ward were elected Assistant Cashiers.

All directors of the First National Corporation were re-elected and the following new appointments made to the official staff:

L. A. Pruyne, Assistant Manager, Boston Office; R. E. Kimball, Assistant Manager, New York Office; Edward Boeklen, Manager Pittsburgh Office.

The First National Bank of Boston now has resources of a half-billion dollars. During the year the bank established two additional branches in Cuba at Santiago and Cienfuegos, and has added materially to the volume of its trust business.

The Directors of the Worcester County National Bank of Worcester, Mass., announce the death of their Chairman, H. G. Townend, on Dec. 24 1928.

Pursuant to a resolution of the Directors of the Columbia Avenue Trust Co. of Philadelphia, a special meeting of the stockholders will be held on March 14 for the purpose of voting on plans whereby the capital stock will be changed from \$100 a share to \$10 a share.

At the beginning of the year Samuel C. Edmons retired as President of the Philadelphia Co. for Guaranteeing Mortgages, Philadelphia, and became Chairman of the Board of Directors, a new office especially created for Mr. Edmonds. Mr. Edmonds had long expressed the desire to retire from active work. He started with the company at the time of its organization in 1907, serving successively as Secretary and Treasurer, Vice-President, and President. In the earlier period of his career, Mr. Edmonds was for some ten years or more connected with this paper as head of one of its departments.

It is learned from the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Jan. 9, that the stockholders of the Corn Exchange Bank & Trust Co. of Philadelphia, at their annual meeting on Jan. 8 unanimously approved the recommendation of the directors that the par value of the stock be reduced from \$100 a share to \$20 a share, and that the capital stock of the institution be increased from \$3,033,333.33 to \$4,500,000, the new capital to be paid in not later than May 1 1929. The stockholders also ratified a recommendation of the directors to increase the capital stock of the Corn Exchange Corp. (the bank's affiliated institution) from \$500,000 to \$2,016,666.67. The stock of the Corn Exchange Corp. and of the Corn Exchange National Bank & Trust Co. are tied together share for share and neither may be sold without the other, according to the paper mentioned. All of the directors of the bank were re-elected, with the exception of B. E. Effing, who resigned.

Abram E. Ashworth, heretofore Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer of the Ninth Bank & Trust Co. of Philadelphia, was appointed Treasurer of the institution by the directors at their annual meeting on Jan. 9, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Jan. 10. William R. Leute, an Assistant Treasurer of the bank, was given the added title of Assistant Secretary.

A resolution of the directors of the Suburban Title & Trust Co. of Philadelphia to increase the bank's capital from \$250,000 to \$500,000 will be submitted to the stockholders at a special meeting on March 18, according to an announcement on Jan. 8 by Frank H. Mancill, general counsel for the company, it is learned from the Philadelphia "Ledger." The new stock (\$250,000) is to consist of 10,000 shares of the par value of \$25 a share. All holders of the present shares at the time of the issue of the additional shares will have the right to subscribe for the new stock in proportion to their present holdings, purchase to be made on or before April 1, at the price of \$50 a share, one-half of which (\$25) is to be added to the company's surplus account.

Stockholders of the Woodland Avenue State Bank of Philadelphia at their recent annual meeting voted to change the title of the institution to the Woodland Avenue Bank & Trust Co., according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Jan. 10. All the directors of the bank were re-elected.

According to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Jan. 9, stockholders of the First National Bank of Philadelphia at their annual meeting on Jan. 8, approved the proposed increase in the bank's capital stock from \$1,950,000 to \$2,500,000. No changes were made in the bank's directorate. Reference to the institution's proposed increase in capitalization was made in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 8, page 3191.

At the annual meeting on Jan. 8 of the stockholders of the Fern Rock Trust Co. of Philadelphia, the proposed increase in the bank's capital from \$200,000 to \$400,000 was unanimously approved, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Jan. 9. The new stock will be issued to stockholders of record Jan. 8. The stockholders also unanimously approved the proposed merger of the company and the Industrial Trust, Title & Savings Co. of Philadelphia. Seventeen directors were re-elected. At a special meeting of the directors on the same day Henry C. Shriver was

appointed an Assistant Secretary. The plans for the consolidation of the Fern Rock Trust Co. and the Industrial Trust, Title & Savings Co. were referred to in the "Chronicle" of Nov. 28, page 2912.

John Selmer Smith, formerly Southern representative of the New York Trust Co., New York, has become Assistant Vice-President of the Farmers' Deposit National Bank of Pittsburgh, Pa., assuming his new duties Jan. 3, according to the Pittsburgh "Post-Gazette" of Jan. 4. He will devote some time to the interests of the bank's correspondents in the Pittsburgh district, it was stated.

J. H. Hilljan Jr., Chairman of the board of the Hillman Coal & Coke Co. of Pittsburgh, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Chemical National Bank of New York at the annual meeting of shareholders on Jan. 8. All the retiring directors were re-elected. The shareholders also voted to remove Chemical National Bank stock from listing on the New York Stock Exchange.

At a meeting of the directors of the Chemical National Bank on Jan. 10, the following promotions occurred. Frederic Stevens Allen and Meredith Wood were made Vice-Presidents; Richard W. Hubbell and William G. DeWitt were made Assistant Cashier; Walter E. Hendrickson was made Assistant Manager of the 29th Street Office, and William J. Driscoll was made Assistant Manager of the 54th Street Office. All other officers were re-elected.

Bernard Langeluttig was made President of the Monumental City Bank of Baltimore at the annual meeting of the directors on Jan. 8, in lieu of Henry O. Redue, who resigned, his resignation becoming effective on that date, according to the Baltimore "Sun" of Jan. 9. Mr. Redue also resigned as a director. He was formerly Chairman of the Old Town National Bank of Baltimore. Mr. Langeluttig, the new President, who was already a director of the Monumental City Bank, is head of the Lee Electric Co. At the same meeting of the directors, Eugene Frederick was named counsel in place of Edwin H. Brownley.

Information has come to us to the effect that on Dec. 4 there was ratified by the shareholders of both the Merchants National Bank of Allentown (Pa.) and the Citizens Trust Co. of Allentown, an agreement for the consolidation of these two institutions, under the title of the Merchants-Citizens National Bank and Trust Co. of Allentown, effective Jan. 7. Notices of the consolidation, signed by Fred H. Lichtenwalner, Chairman of the Board, and Francis O. Ritter, President, state in part:

On and after this date (Jan. 7), the business of both institutions will be continued at 702 Hamilton Street, the present home of the Merchants National Bank. The personnel of both institutions will be well represented.

The business will continue uninterruptedly and all pass books, printed checks and other evidences of credit or charges indicating payment at either the Merchants National Bank or the Citizens Trust Company will be honored by the new institution at 702 Hamilton Street.

The facilities of the new institution with capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$3,200,000 and total resources of upward of \$13,000,000 will be the means of an added "real service" in all the departments.

At a special meeting on Jan. 3 the stockholders of the Marine Bank of Crisfield, Md., approved a proposal to increase the institution's capital from \$50,000 to \$100,000; at the same time action was taken toward converting the stock from shares of \$100 par value to \$10 per share, according to a dispatch printed in the Baltimore "Sun" of Jan. 4.

Daniel J. O'Brien and J. J. Drury were elected directors of the Merchants Bank & Trust Co. of Washington, D. C., at the annual meeting of the bank's stockholders on Jan. 2. The 25 other directors of the institution were re-elected. According to the Washington "Post" of Jan. 3, Mr. Drury, who is a nephew of Peter A. Drury, President of the institution, is an investor in a number of local enterprises. Mr. O'Brien is President and Manager of the Mayflower Hotel Co., and also heads the Mayflower Hotels Corporation, a separate organization. At the meeting of the directors which followed the stockholders' meeting, the bank's officers were all re-appointed, as follows: Peter A. Drury, President; Rolfe E. Bolling, Frank P. Harman, Jr. (and Secretary), Frank E. Ghiselli, and L. E. Shreiner (in charge

of the Dupont Branch), Vice-Presidents; H. J. Donoghue, Treasurer; B. Ashby Leavell, Trust Officer; Wade H. Ellis, Counsel, and W. G. Baden and Henry S. Wattles, Assistant Treasurers.

Robert Moffat Allan, formerly Vice-President and Cashier of the American State Bank of Detroit, was appointed President of the institution at the directors' annual meeting on Jan. 8, to succeed John J. Barlum who became Chairman of the Board of Directors, according to the Detroit "Free-Press" of Jan. 9. Other changes in the bank's personnel were the promotion of Gordon Fearley heretofore a Vice-President to the post of First Vice-President and of Oscar L. Green previously an Assistant Cashier to the Cashiership. At the annual stockholders' meeting the same day two new directors were elected, namely former Judge William F. Connolly and Duncan J. McNabb.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Detroit on Jan. 8, Edwin K. Hoover and DuBois Young were added to the directorate, according to the Detroit "Free-Press" of Jan. 9. At the subsequent meeting of the directors Henry J. Bridgman, heretofore an Assistant Vice-President, was designated Vice-President.

Edwin K. Hoover, formerly Executive Vice-President of the First National Company of Detroit (an affiliated institution of the First National Bank) was made President of the company at the directors' annual meeting on Jan. 8, succeeding D. Dwight Douglas, who was named Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Stockholders of the People's Wayne County Bank of Detroit on Jan. 8, re-elected the old directors with the exception of William S. Green, who retired, according to the Detroit "Free-Press" of Jan. 9. At a subsequent meeting of the directors on the same day R. P. Fraser heretofore Manager for a number of years of the foreign exchange department, and Ralph J. Romer, until recently associated with the Detroit Clearing House Association, were appointed Vice-Presidents, while Charles P. Besancon, formerly Assistant Manager of the foreign exchange department, and George T. Courtney, for many years Auditor, were designated Assistant Cashiers.

The Directors of the Guardian Detroit Bank, the Guardian Trust Co. of Detroit, and the Guardian Detroit Company, will formally open their new banking rooms at Fort and Griswold Streets on Monday, Jan. 14.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. of Chicago on Jan. 3, the following were added to the board of directors: Lawrence A. Downs, President of the Illinois Central Railroad Company; Walter P. Murphy, President of the Standard Railway Equipment Company, and Donald M. Ryerson, Chairman of the Board of Joseph T. Ryerson & Son, Inc.

At the annual election held by the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. on Jan. 4 Charles Z. Henkle and R. O. Dunhill were made Assistant Managers of the Bond Department. All other officers of the bank were re-elected.

Ira Krupnick, recently elected Executive Vice-President of the Madison & Kedzie State Bank, Chicago, assumed his duties on Jan. 2. Mr. Krupnick has been a director of the bank for over a year and until the close of the past year has been Vice-President and General Manager of Albert Pick & Co.

The Peoples Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago announces that the Peoples Securities Co. is now conducting the investment banking business hitherto carried on by its Bond and Real Estate Loan Departments, occupying the same quarters formerly used by these departments. All the stock of this company is owned by the stockholders of the Peoples Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago and its directorate is composed of officers and directors of the bank. The Peoples Securities Co. will act as underwriters and distributors of widely diversified investment securities under the management of the same officers who conducted their Bond and Real Estate Loan Departments. The officers of the Peoples Securities Co. are:

Earle H. Reynolds, Chairman of the Board; R. B. Upham, President; Harry L. Schmitz, Vice-President; Albert H. Keller, Vice-President; W. F. Flury, Assistant Vice-President & Secretary; D. I. Dunn, Assistant Vice-President; Arthur M. Tarman, Treasurer; D. S. Dixon, Assistant Secretary; F. H. Keefe, Assistant Secretary.

The directors of the Peoples Securities Co. are: P. D. Armour, Vice-Pres., Armour & Co.; George M. Reynolds, Chairman of Board, Continental National Bank & Trust Co.; S. J. Felton, Chairman of Board, Chicago Great Western R.R. Co.; Herman Waldeck, Vice-Pres., Continental National Bank & Trust Co.; Joseph T. Ryerson, President and Treasurer, Joseph T. Ryerson & Son; Chas. Ward Seabury, Marsh, McLennan, Insurance; E. P. Waud, Vice-Pres., Griffin Wheel Co.; Rush C. Butler, Butler, Lamb, Foster & Pope; Robert J. Graf, First Vice-Pres., H. M. Bylesby & Co.; Cyrus McCormick, Jr., Vice-Pres., International Harvester Co.; Donald B. Douglas, the Quaker Oats Co.; Wayne Chatfield-Taylor, Field, Glore & Co.; Harry L. Semitz, Vice-Pres.; Albert H. Keller, Vice-Pres.; R. B. Upham, Pres.; Earle H. Reynolds, Chairman of the Board.

An increase of the capital stock from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000 of the Harris Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago, as recommended by the directors at their December meeting, was approved Jan. 9 at the annual meeting of the stockholders. Following the annual meeting the directors voted to distribute the \$1,000,000 of new stock to stockholders as a 25% stock dividend on the basis of one new share for four shares now held. The following changes are being made in the official staff:

E. B. Hall, Vice-President, formerly Asst. Vice-President; Duncan M. Rowles, Asst. Vice-President, formerly Sales Manager; Walter L. Hudson, Asst. Vice-President, formerly Sales Manager; Paul S. Russell, Sales Manager, formerly Asst. Sales Manager; W. F. Anderson, Sales Manager, formerly Asst. Sales Manager; Julien H. Collins, Asst. Sales Manager; John F. McGowan, Asst. Cashier; George A. Glow, and Wendell C. Griffith, Asst. Secretaries.

It is stated that recent sales of the old stock carrying with it the stock dividend have been made at \$1,325 and \$1,100 is bid for the new stock.

The persistence of rumors of the consolidation of the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago with some other bank or trust company, despite the denials of President Solomon A. Smith, of the Northern Trust, has prompted Mr. Smith to issue the following notice to the stockholders and customers of the institution:

In view of the intimations in the press and on the street regarding the possible consolidation of the Northern Trust Co. with some other bank or trust company, I desire to inform you that the Northern Trust Co. has not had in the past, nor has it now any such thought.

To meet the needs of our business we are arranging for the addition of another story to our building and at the same time will make changes in our present quarters which will add to the comfort and convenience of our customers.

We are informed that the additional story referred to in the above statement will be on the bank building proper and will not affect the building adjoining it on the west which is owned by the trust company, and all of which, with the exception of the ground floor, is used for lunch and locker rooms and similar purposes. Advices to us also state that the Northern Trust Co. has never taken part in any consolidation, and the above announcement is quite in keeping with its past traditions.

Proposed consolidation of the Rising City Bank, Rising City, Neb., with the Farmers State Bank of that place, was announced on Jan. 2 by Clarence Bliss, Secretary of the State Department of Trade & Commerce, as reported in a dispatch by the Associated Press from Lincoln, Neb., on Jan. 2, printed in the Omaha "Bee" of the following day. The enlarged Farmers State Bank will have a capital of \$30,000 and have deposits of \$768,000, Mr. Bliss said. D. Smith, President of the Farmers' State Bank, will continue as President of the new organization; L. O. Stoker, Cashier of the Farmers State Bank, will be Vice-President, and J. F. Bates, who had been Cashier of the Rising City Bank, will be Cashier of the continuing institution.

Walter W. Head, formerly President of the Omaha National Bank, Omaha, Neb., and former President of the American Bankers Association, on Jan. 8 was appointed President of the State Bank of Chicago; Walter J. Cox was made Executive Vice-President; Oscar H. Haugan was elevated to the Chairmanship of the Board; and Leroy A. Goddard, formerly Chairman of the Executive Committee, was named Vice-Chairman of the board and his former position was abolished. These appointments were made following the election of a greatly augmented Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the stockholders.

Including the new members the Board of Directors is as follows:

Albert I. Appleton, President, Appleton Electric Co.; C. Edward Carlson, Vice-President; Walter J. Cox, Vice-President; J. J. Dau, Chairman,

Reid, Murdoch & Co.; John N. Dole, President, H. M. Hooker Glass & Paint Co.; Edward J. Engel, Vice-President and director, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Co.; Leroy A. Goddard, Vice-Chairman of the Board; Oscar H. Haugan, Chairman of the Board; Walter W. Head, President; Willard W. Jaques, President, Jaques Mfg. Co.; Byron V. Kanaley, of Cooper & Kanaley and Trustee of the Notre Dame University; A. Lanquist, Chairman, Lanquist Construction Co.; George R. Meyer-cord, President, Meyer-cord Co., Vitrolito Co., & Haskelito Co.; Wm. A. Peterson, proprietor, Peterson Nursery; Charles Piez, Chairman, Link Belt Co.; Marvin B. Pool, Manager, Butler Bros.; and Philip K. Wrigley, President, Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co.

Other changes in the official family of the State Bank are as follows:

Austin J. Lindstrom, formerly cashier, was advanced to a Vice-President; C. Ray Phillips, formerly assistant cashier of the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. of Chicago, was appointed a Vice-President; Samuel E. Knight, former Secretary of the bank, and William C. Miller, former Trust Officer, also were given the title of Vice-President; Gaylord S. Morse, Thomas G. Johnson, Joseph F. Nothe's, formerly Assistant Cashiers, were promoted to Second Vice-Presidencies; Tryggve A. Siqueland, Manager of the Foreign Department, was made a Second Vice-President, as was Jevne Haugan; Frank W. Delves, formerly Assistant Cashier, was made Cashier; Karl L. Bock and D. E. McClure were promoted from clerkships to Assistant Cashiers; Edwin C. Crawford, formerly Assistant Secretary, was made Secretary and A. S. Thorwaldsen and Earle L. Harrah were named Assistant Secretaries.

A brief outline of the new President's career, as furnished by the bank, follows:

Mr. Head was born in Adrian, Ill., Dec. 18 1877. He received a normal school and business college education and for two years was principal of public schools in DeKalb, Mo. In 1903 he became cashier of the DeKalb State Bank. From 1906 to 1908 he was State and National Examiner, leaving this work to accept the cashiership of the American National Bank of St. Joseph, Mo., where he remained nine years.

In 1917 he was elected Vice-President of the Omaha National Bank and three years later became its President. He was a member of the Nebraska State Capital Commission, which had charge of the erection of the new state capitol. During the World War he was Major, Omaha Battalion, Neb., H. G. He is a member of the board of directors of the International Committee, Y. M. C. A., and President of the Boy Scouts of America. He was President of the American Bankers' Association 1923-1924, and prior to that time was President of the National Bank Division of the Association.

He is a director and a member of the Finance Committee of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company and is a director in the New York Life Insurance Company and the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland.

The directors of the Second Wisconsin National Bank of Milwaukee (one of the First Wisconsin group of banks) on Jan. 8 elected Edmund Fitzgerald a Vice-President and director of the bank. Mr. Fitzgerald was graduated from Yale and before the war was connected with the Patton Paint Co. During the war he served as a Captain of Artillery. Later he became Secretary of the Northwestern Malleable Iron Co. He recently resigned as Secretary of the Combined Locks Paper Co. Thomas M. Rees, Cashier of the bank, was elected Vice-President and Cashier. Mr. Rees has been Cashier of the bank since its organization in March 1928. Before that time he was Vice-President of the First National Bank of Wauwatosa, Wis.

George W. Holmes, President of the First Trust Co. of Lincoln, Neb. has been appointed President of the First National Bank, succeeding Harry S. Freeman who has been appointed Chairman of the Executive Committee, according to advices from Lincoln on Jan. 9 to the "Wall Street Journal." Mr. Holmes will also remain President of the First Trust Co.

The union of eight Northwest banking institutions, to be owned and controlled by Northwest capital, was announced on Jan. 8, according to the Minneapolis "Journal" of that date. The original group of banks, to be affiliated through a holding company capitalized at from \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000, will be the nucleus, it was stated, for a much larger organization that will control banks in key cities throughout the Northwest. The following institutions will be included in the original group:

Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis; Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., Minneapolis; four Minneapolis banks affiliated with the Northwestern National Bank; First National Bank & Trust Co. of Fargo, N. D.; First National Bank of Mason City, Iowa.

The final organization meeting will be held later in the month, it was said. The holding company will be managed by a board of directors consisting of members from each bank in the group. E. W. Decker, President of the Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis, will be President of the holding company.

An Associated Press dispatch from Lincoln, Neb., printed in the Omaha "Bee" of Dec. 30, stated that Clarence Bliss, State Secretary of Trade and Commerce, announced on Dec. 29 that the Citizens State Bank of Superior, Neb., had been turned over to his department. Worthless securities were said to be the cause of the bank's embarrassment. Mr. Bliss was reported as saying that the bank probably would

be reorganized within a short time. The capital of the closed bank is reported as \$50,000, its surplus being announced as \$10,000, and deposits aggregating \$400,000. William A. Matson is President and C. G. Hout, Cashier.

Formal opening occurred on Jan. 5 of the new banking quarters of the South Side National Bank of St. Louis (a new institution representing a consolidation of the Farmers & Merchants Trust Co. and the South Side Trust Co., effected last October). The bank has been carrying on business in its new banking rooms, it is understood, since Jan. 2. The new quarters are on the second floor of a newly-erected 10-story building at the Southwest corner of Grand Boulevard and Gravois Avenue. The South Side National Bank is one of the largest National banks in south St. Louis. It is a member of the Federal Reserve system and of the St. Louis Clearing House Association. The officers are as follows: A. C. F. Meyer, President; H. R. Rehme (and Trust Officer), William Reimann and John P. Meyer, Vice-Presidents; Adolph Etling, Cashier; Albert A. Rehme and Edward L. Fleischer, Assistant Cashiers; Harry F. Tacke, Real Estate Loan Officer, and Carl Heerich, Manager of the Safe Deposit Department.

Depositors of the defunct Liberty Savings Bank & Trust Co., Memphis, Tenn. (the failure of which on June 28 last year was reported in these columns in our issue of June 30), will receive another dividend of from 10 to 15% about March 1, according to the Memphis "Appeal," of Jan. 4, which says:

The first payment of 35% was made Nov. 15. According to John Vorder Bruegge, attorney for the liquidating agents, much of the bank's "paper" assets is tied up in real estate holdings which are moving slowly. When all collections are made, depositors will have been paid 75 to 80 cents on each dollar of deposits, said Mr. Vorder Bruegge.

We last referred to the affairs of the closed bank in the "Chronicle" of Sept. 8, page 1346.

Directors of the Liberty Bank & Trust Co. of Louisville, Ky. at their annual meeting on Jan. 7, appointed R. G. Bickel (formerly an Assistant Cashier) Cashier, according to the Louisville "Courier-Journal" of Jan. 8. Other changes made in the personnel of the institution were as follows: W. A. Millican, heretofore an Assistant Cashier and Manager of the Fourth Street office of the bank, and Otto C. Ernst and W. L. Borgerding, formerly Assistant Cashiers, were all three promoted to Assistant Vice-Presidents, while H. A. Scheer, formerly Assistant Manager of the Fourth Street office, W. C. Fisher, formerly Assistant Trust Officer, and William J. Raeuchie, were named Assistant Cashiers. All the other officers, headed by J. E. Huhn, President, were re-appointed. At the stockholders' meeting held the same day the directors were re-elected.

The respective stockholders of the First National Bank of Chattanooga, Tenn. and the Chattanooga Savings Bank & Trust Co. of that city, have ratified the proposed merger of the institutions, according to advices from Chattanooga on Jan. 9 to the "Wall Street Journal." Approval of the consolidation carries with it, it is said, selection of a Board of Directors of 37 members for the new bank, which will operate in the new Chattanooga bank building, under the title of the First National Bank of Chattanooga. The enlarged bank will have combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of a little more than \$5,000,000. The dispatch furthermore stated that officers for the new institution will not be named until a later meeting, after the consolidation has been finally approved by the Comptroller of the Currency. The approaching consolidation of these banks was noted in our issue of Dec. 15, page 3350.

The election of A. B. Post and Joseph H. King as directors of the Oakland Bank, Oakland, Cal., and the appointment of the former, an East Bay banker, as a Vice-President of the bank, was announced on Jan. 2 by W. W. Garthwaite, the President of the institution, as reported in the San Francisco "Chronicle" of Jan. 3. Mr. Post has been actively identified, the paper mentioned said, with banking in the Bay District for 38 years, having first started in business with the Garden City Bank & Trust Co. of San Jose, Cal., as receiving teller in 1890. Later he joined the staff of the Bank of San Jose and became Vice-President and Manager of the institution. More recently Mr. Post has been a resident of Oakland and associated with the Bank of Italy as Vice-President in charge of East Bay branches.

The following with reference to earnings and resources, etc., of the Bank of Italy National Trust & Savings Associa-

tion was contained in advices from San Francisco on Jan. 9 to the "Wall Street Journal":

Net profit of Bank of Italy for year 1928 was \$24,078,552 equal to \$12.03 a share on 2,000,000 shares of stock outstanding at end of year, comparing with \$20,125,371 in 1927 or \$16.77 a share on 1,200,000 shares then outstanding.

President Bacigalupi says operations for the year were the most satisfactory in the history of the institution, earnings having exceeded a monthly profit of \$2,000,000. During the year 17 banks were acquired and all good will paid in acquisition of these and all other banks has been wholly written off. Mr. Bacigalupi says the bank looks forward to a better year in 1929.

Report for the past year shows an increase of more than \$83,000,000 in resources and a gain of 160,000 in the number of depositors. Dividends paid to stockholders aggregated \$24,000,000, represented by \$12,000,000 in regular dividends, two extras of 50 cents each, amounting to \$2,000,000 and distribution of 50,000 shares of Bank of America stock, equivalent to \$10,000,000.

The 54th annual report of the Banque Canadienne Nationale (head office Montreal), covering the fiscal year ended Nov. 30 1928 has been issued and in common with the annual reports of other large Canadian banks, makes a noteworthy showing for the period. Net earnings after deducting expenses of management, interest accrued on deposits, unearned interest on discounts, and making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts, are given as \$946,065, and this amount together with a balance to credit of profit and loss brought forward from the preceding fiscal year made \$1,359,944 available, which was applied as follows: \$550,000 absorbed in four quarterly dividends; \$35,000 contributed to pension fund; \$100,000 paid in Dominion Government taxes, and \$125,000 represent provision for payment to the Treasurer of the Province of Quebec under Statute 14 Geo. V. Ch. 3, leaving a balance of \$549,944 to be carried forward to the current fiscal year's profit and loss account. The bank's total assets are shown in the statement at \$150,012,904 (an increase of \$1,310,568 during the twelve months), of which \$77,290,834 are liquid assets, equal to 56.24% of the bank's liabilities to the public. A foot-note to the report states that the assets and liabilities of the Banque Canadienne Nationale (France), the same being considered a branch operating as a subsidiary of the Banque Canadienne Nationale, are included in the balance sheet. Interest bearing deposits are given in the statement as \$104,292,037, comparing with \$103,126,610 in 1927. The paid-in capital of the institution is \$5,500,000 and it has a rest fund of a like amount.

#### THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The stock market has been lower the present week. One of the interesting features of the week was the report of the United States Steel Corporation as of Dec. 31, showing a total of unfilled tonnage aggregating 3,976,712 tons, as compared with 3,673,000 for November. The weekly statement of brokers' loans as shown by the report of the Federal Reserve Bank made public after the close of business on Thursday disclosed a reduction of only \$17,300,000 in this item for the present week after the huge increase last week. Call money continued in demand at 7% on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, dropped to 6% on Thursday, but again advanced to 7% on Friday.

Unusually heavy week end realizing forced prices sharply downward during the brief session on Saturday and motors, steel issues and copper shares suffered severe losses. The greater part of the selling occurred during the last half hour of trading, and at the close prices were down to the lowest levels of the day. Opening quotations on the motor stocks were somewhat higher, but the gain was not maintained. The copper shares were represented on the down side by Anaconda and Greene-Cananea and the new International Nickel slipped back about three points below its early high. General Electric was off about seven points as it closed at 233; Johns-Manville was down five points from its early high and closed at 188, and Radio Corporation reached its lowest level at 389¼. The aeroplane issues were among the strong stocks of the day, particularly Wright, which closed at 263½ with a gain of 2½ points, and Curtiss, which gained a point or more on the day. An avalanche of selling orders were dumped on the market during the early trading on Monday, resulting in a nervous and unsettled tone during the greater part of the day. General Motors, old and new, issues were both in demand and pushed ahead, while Studebaker displayed independent strength and closed somewhat higher. United States Steel common, on the other hand, ranged a point or more lower. Some of the industrials moved against the trend, notably American Can which closed two points higher. Columbia Grapho-

phone was the star of the specialty group and sold up to 85½. Wright continued in the leadership of the aeroplane shares, the strength in this issue being due in part to the world-wide interest in the performance of the Wright motored plane "Question Mark." Copper stocks attracted considerable attention and came back when the rest of the list rallied. General Electric was down to 228; Allied Chemical & Dye was off about five points at 243½, and Montgomery Ward slowly drifted to 141, with a loss of 3½ points. Radio Corporation closed at 369, a loss of 20 points.

The market fluctuated irregularly in the early trading on Tuesday, but reacted downward shortly after midsession. Many leading stocks moved through a wide range, a noteworthy instance being Radio Corporation which sold up to 370¼ at its high for the day but broke to 359, as compared with its previous close at 369. General Electric also was an outstanding feature and touched 242, but dipped to 239 and closed with a net gain of 11 points. Rubber stocks were the spectacular performers, Goodyear Tire & Rubber advancing more than seven points and closing at 134. Goodrich trailed along and had gained five points at 101. Columbia Graphophone continued to attract considerable speculative attention and made an advance to a new top at 86¾. United States Steel common sold up to 160, but slipped back later in the day, and there were similar movements in General Motors old and new stocks. Hupp, Packard and Chrysler were well supported for a time but failed to hold their gains. Westinghouse Electric was forced below 140 and A. M. Byers was down about nine points. Prices displayed a stronger tone on Wednesday, United States Steel common leading the upswing with a gain of about six points, followed by Bethlehem Steel which recorded a two-point advance. Motor shares were higher all around, General Motors moving ahead about eight points to 203½, while Chrysler followed with a gain of three points to 125¾. Motor accessories stocks also joined the upward rush under the guidance of Stewart-Warner Speedometer which closed at 131 with a net gain of four points. Rubber shares continued to move ahead, with Goodyear Tire & Rubber selling up to 140 at its peak for the day and closing at 138 a gain of four points. Railroad shares were quiet, though most of the changes were on the upside. The strong stocks included New York Central, Pere Marquette and Chicago & North Western. Johns-Manville gained about five points, National Bellas Hess was up about seven points, Union Carbide & Carbon improved to 201 or better and Columbia Graphophone closed somewhat higher.

Overnight advances were fairly numerous as the session opened on Thursday, but the market ran into considerable realizing which turned the trend downward for a time. As the day advanced prices recovered from the mid-morning hesitancy. Motor stocks were particularly active and moved briskly forward under the leadership of Studebaker which shot up to 87½ with a gain of nearly three points. Railroad stocks continued quiet, but Pere Marquette ran up about five points and St. Paul pref. at 59 was up a point or more. In the afternoon interest switched to Baltimore & Ohio, St. Louis-San Francisco and Kansas City Southern, the latter moving ahead about five points. Rubber shares were again active and many industrial securities pushed ahead to higher levels. United States Steel common turned strong following the announcement of the unfilled tonnage figures and Crucible was in active demand at higher prices. In the so-called specialties group Western Union Telegraph registered a net gain of five or more points. The market opened strong on Friday, but sagged in the afternoon as call money advanced to 7% for new loans. United States Steel common was a prominent feature in the early trading and, Crucible Steel, Sloss-Sheffield and Vanadium Steel also made substantial gains. Vigorous bullish demonstrations were in evidence in the public utility stocks, Consolidated Gas leading the upward surge, followed by Columbia Gas and North American both of which scored substantial gains. International Tel. & Tel. was particularly strong and advanced to its highest level since listing. Motor stocks were somewhat irregular, though Studebaker reached its highest level under the present capitalization. General Motors sagged. Allied Chemical & Dye moved ahead five points to a new record high and Air Reduction sold at a new top for the present shares. Motor accessories swung upward under the guidance of Stromberg and Stewart-Warner, the latter reaching the highest price in its history due to the prospect of a split-up of the present shares on a two-for-one basis.



the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the New York Reserve district (including this city) there is a gain of 28.3% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 2.7%, but in the Boston Reserve District there is a loss of 11.6%. The Cleveland Reserve District shows an improvement of 8.0%, while the Cleveland Reserve District suffers a decrease of 4.9% and the Atlanta Reserve District of 2.0%. In the Chicago Reserve District the totals are larger by 2.6%, in the St. Louis Reserve District by 24.9% and in the Minneapolis Reserve District of 4.2%. The Kansas City Reserve District has a trifling loss, namely, 0.4%, but the Dallas Reserve District enjoys a gain of 12.4% and the San Francisco Reserve District of 10.6%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Week Ended Jan. 5 1929., 1929., 1928., Inc. or Dec., 1927., 1926. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (1st Boston, 2nd New York, 3rd Philadelphia, etc.) and Canada.

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 Ended January 5., 1929., 1928., Inc. or Dec., 1927., 1926. Rows list cities grouped by Federal Reserve District (e.g., First Federal Reserve District, Second Federal Reserve District, etc.).

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended January 5., 1929., 1928., Inc. or Dec., 1927., 1926. Rows list cities grouped by Federal Reserve District (e.g., Seventh Federal Reserve District, Eighth Federal Reserve District, etc.).

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended January 5., 1929., 1928., Inc. or Dec., 1927., 1926. Rows list cities grouped by Federal Reserve District (e.g., Fourth Federal Reserve District, Fifth Federal Reserve District, etc.).

a Manager of Clearing House refuses to report weekly clearings. \* Estimated.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Dec. 27 1928:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amounted to £155,210,986 on the 19th inst. (as compared with £156,654,319 on the previous Wednesday), and represents an increase of £1,304,671 since April 29 1925, when an effective gold standard was resumed.

The gold from South Africa this week amounted to £870,000, of which about £854,000 was sold privately. The balance, together with about £29,000 from West Africa, was sold in the open market, India securing £30,000 and the remainder being taken from the usual trade requirements.

Table showing gold receipts and withdrawals for Dec. 20-27, 1928. Includes columns for Received and Withdrawn in £ and \$.

The receipt on the 22d inst. was in bar gold, and the withdrawals consisted of £1,500,000 in sovereigns set aside, £7,000 in sovereigns for export, and £979,275 bar gold.

Table showing gold imports and exports for Dec. 20-27, 1928. Includes columns for Imports and Exports for various countries like France, Russia, Egypt, etc.

Following are the balance of trade figures for India, in lacs of rupees, for November last. Imports of merchandise on private account... Net balance on remittance of funds against India...

SILVER.

The market has been quiet owing to the Christmas Holidays, but a steadier tone has developed and prices have shown some recovery from the lower level recently recorded.

Table showing silver prices per ounce for Dec. 20-27, 1928. Includes columns for Cash, Two Mos., and Bar Gold.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and two months' delivery are respectively 1/4d. above and the same as those fixed on the 19th inst.

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 December 1928 and 1927 and the six months of the fiscal years 1927-28 and 1928-29:

Large table showing Government receipts and expenditures for Dec 1928, Dec 1927, and six months periods for both years.

Table showing Public debt retirements chargeable against ord. receipts for Dec 1928, Dec 1927, and six months periods.

Total expenditures chargeable against ord. receipts... Receipts and expenditures for June reaching the Treasury in July are included. a Includes \$2,584,655.50 received from Federal Reserve banks as franchise tax...

Treasury Cash and Current Liabilities.

The cash holdings of the Government as the items stood Dec. 31 1928 are set out in the following. The figures are taken entirely from the daily statement of the United States Treasury as of Dec. 31 1928.

CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Table showing Current Assets and Liabilities in Gold. Assets include Gold coin and Gold bullion. Liabilities include Gold cts. outstanding and Gold reserve.

SILVER DOLLARS.

Table showing Silver Dollars. Assets include Silver dollars. Liabilities include Silver cts. outstanding and Treasury notes of 1890.

GENERAL FUND.

Table showing General Fund. Assets include Gold (see above), Silver dollars, and Deposits in F. R. banks. Liabilities include Treasurer's checks outstanding and Deposits for redemption of F. R. notes.

Note.—The amount to the credit of disbursing officers and agencies to-day was \$429,299,275.57. Book credits for which obligations of foreign governments are held by the United States amount to \$33,236,629.05.

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 October, November and December 1928, and January 1929:

Table showing Treasury Money Holdings for Oct 1 1928, Nov 1 1928, Dec 1 1928, and Jan 1 1929. Categories include Net gold coin and bullion, Net silver coin and bullion, Net cash in Treasury, etc.

\* Includes Dec. 1 \$5,438,300 silver bullion and \$982,286 minor &c., coin; not included in statement "Stock of Money."



Preliminary Debt Statement of the United States Dec. 31 1928.

The preliminary statement of the public debt of the United States Dec. 31 1928, as made upon the basis of the daily Treasury statement, is as follows:

Table of debt statement including Bonds (Consols of 1930, Panama 5 of 1916-36, etc.), Treasury Notes (Series A-1930-32, B-1930-32, etc.), Treasury Certificates (Series TM-1929, TM2-1929, etc.), Treasury Savings Certificates (Series 1924), and Maturity Debt on which Interest Has Ceased (Old debt matured, Second Liberty Loan bonds, etc.).

Table showing Net redemption value of certificates outstanding and Comparative Public Debt Statement (On the basis of daily Treasury statements) with columns for Aug. 31 1919, Dec. 31 1927, Nov. 30 1928, and Dec. 31 1928.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

Table listing bank news including applications to organize (The South Park National Bank of Chicago, Ill., The Cohasset National Bank, Cohasset, Mass.), charters issued (National Bank of Unionville, Mo., The Jackson National Bank in Jackson, Minn.), change of title (The First National Bank of Molford, Del.), and voluntary liquidations (The First National Bank of Sardis, Ohio, The First National Bank of Sistrerville, W. Va., etc.).

Table of bank news including the liquidation of Merchants National Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles, Calif., and The Shidler National Bank, Shidler, Okla.

Table of Consolidations including The First National Bank of La Porte, Ind., The Exchange National Bank of Little Rock, Ark., The National Bank of Rocky Mount, N. C., and Fidelity Nat. Bank & Trust Co. of Kansas City, Mo.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, Jan. 5 to Jan. 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock transactions with columns for Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range for year 1928 (Low, High).

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Buffalo on Wednesday of this week:

Table of auction sales listing securities such as 98 shs. of stock of Kew Hall Apts., Inc., 10 Staten Island Nat. Bk. & Tr. Co. 170, \$9,000 Building Materials Corp., and various stocks from Worcester Co. (Mass.) Nat. Bk., 113 Rockland Lt. & Pow. Co., conv. pref., etc.

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Shares, \$ per Sh., and \$ per Sh. Includes items like 2 Second Nat. Bank, 1 Amer. Trust Co., 50 Beacon Trust Co., etc.

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Shares, \$ per Sh., and \$ per Right. Includes items like 100 Beacon Partic. Inc., 100 Laconia Car Co., 100 Pollock Mfg. Co., etc.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Shares, \$ per Sh., and \$ per Sh. Includes items like 15 Elmira & Williamsport RR., 18 Phila. & Camden Ferry Co., etc.

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Shares, \$ per Sh., and \$ per Right. Includes items like 6 Toga Trust Co., 1 Northern Trust Co., 2 Germantown Trust Co., etc.

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Shares, \$ per Sh., and \$ per Sh. Includes items like 36,272 Adargas Mines, 100 New Sutherland Diviso, 1,000 Night Hawk, etc.

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Shares, \$ per Sh., and \$ per Right. Includes items like 1,450 Jumbo Copper Mt. Mining Co., 2,950 Jumbo Extension Mining Co., etc.

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 with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Lists dividends for Railroads (Steam), A. T. & S. F., etc.

Main table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Lists dividends for Public Utilities, Banks, Fire Insurance, Miscellaneous, etc.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.	Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
<i>Miscellaneous (Concluded).</i>				<i>Railroads (Steam).</i>			
Internat. Paints (Canada), pref. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	Alabama Great Southern, preferred	\$2	Feb. 13	Holders of rec. Jan. 11
International Securities com. A (quar.)	*75c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15	Preferred (extra)	\$1.50	Feb. 13	Holders of rec. Jan. 11
Inter. Secur. Corp. of Am., A. com. (qu.)	*75c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15	Ach. Topeka & Santa Fe, pref.	2 1/2%	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 28a
International Shoe pref. (monthly)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 12a
Preferred (monthly)	*50c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15	Canada Southern	1 1/4%	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 12a
Preferred (monthly)	*50c.	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Central RR. of N. J. (extra)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Preferred (monthly)	*50c.	May 1	*Holders of rec. Apr. 15	Chicago River & Indiana (annual)	*\$10	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Preferred (monthly)	*50c.	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 15	Cincinnati Northern	*5	Jan. 19	*Holders of rec. Jan. 11
Preferred (monthly)	*50c.	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 15	Cleve. Clin. Chic. & St. L., com. (quar.)	2	Jan. 19	Holders of rec. Dec. 28a
Preferred (monthly)	*50c.	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4%	Jan. 19	Holders of rec. Dec. 28a
Preferred (monthly)	*50c.	Sept. 1	*Holders of rec. Aug. 15	Cuba RR., preferred	3	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Preferred (monthly)	*50c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Delaware Lackawanna & Western (qu.)	\$1.50	Jan. 21	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
Preferred (monthly)	*50c.	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Extra	*1	Jan. 21	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
Preferred (monthly)	*50c.	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 15	Detroit River Tunnel	*3	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 8
Preferred (monthly)	*50c.	Jan 1'30	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Georgia RR. & Bkg. (quar.)	*2 3/4	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Intertype Corp., com. (quar.)	25c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1	Great Northern preferred	2 1/2%	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 28a
Common (extra)	25c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1	Hudson & Manhattan, preferred	2 1/2%	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
Isle Royale Copper	50c.	Mar. 30	Holders of rec. Feb. 28	Kansas City Southern, preferred	2 1/2%	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Jaeger Machine (special)	*\$2.50	Jan. 28	*Holders of rec. Jan. 18	Little Schuykill Nav., RR. & Coal	\$1.25	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Stock dividend	*60 1/4	Jan. 28	*Holders of rec. Jan. 18	Louisville & Nashville	3 1/2%	Feb. 11	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Kress (S. H.) & Co., com. (quar.)	*25c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 19	Mahoning Coal RR., common (quar.)	\$12.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a
Special preferred	*15c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 18	Michigan Central	20	Jan. 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 28a
Loose-Wiles Biscuit, com. (quar.)	*40c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	New York Central RR. (quar.)	2	Feb. 1	Dec. 29 to Jan. 23
Louisiana Oil Refg., pref. (quar.)	*1.62 1/2	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1	Norfolk & Western, adj. pref. (quar.)	1	Feb. 19	Holders of rec. Jan. 31a
McCroly Stores Corp., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Northern Pacific (quar.)	1 1/4%	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Maytag Co., 1st pref. (quar.)	*\$1.50	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Peru Marquette 5% prior pref. (quar.)	1 1/4%	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 4a
Cumulative preferred (quar.)	*75c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Five per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/4%	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 4a
Miami Copper Co. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a	Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. L.	2 1/2%	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a
Moloney Electric Class A (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	\$2.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 28a
Mt. Diablo Min. & Devel. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 24	Pittsburgh & West Virginia, com. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Mulford (H. K.) Co. common (quar.)	*\$1.50	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Reading Co., common (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 14	Holders of rec. Jan. 17a
Common (extra)	*\$1	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15				
Nash Motors common (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21				
Nat. Dairy Products, com. (quar.)	*75c.	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 4				
Preferred A & B (quar.)	*1 3/4	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15				
Neisner Bros., Inc., pref. (quar.)	*1 3/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15				
Newberry (J. J.) Co., pref. (quar.)	*1 3/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15				
N. Y. & Foreign Invest. pref. (quar.)	*\$1.62 1/2	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 11				
N. Y. & Honduras Rosario Mining (qu.)	2 1/2%	Jan. 26	Holders of rec. Jan. 16				
Extra	2 1/2%	Jan. 26	Holders of rec. Jan. 16				
Northwest Engineering (quar.)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15				
Oppenheim, Collins & Co., com. (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 25				
Outlet Company, com. (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21				
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21				
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21				
Overseas Securities	\$1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1				
Pacific Coast Biscuit, com. (quar.)	*25c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 13				
Preferred (quar.)	*87 1/2c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21				
Pacific Finance pref. A (quar.)	*40 1/2c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21				
Preferred C (quar.)	*43 1/2c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21				
Preferred D (quar.)	*62 1/2c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 4				
Packer Corp. (quar.)	*15c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 19				
Pitney Bowes Postage Mach. (quar.)	1 1/4%	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 9				
Pittsburgh Steel, pref. (quar.)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 17				
Plymouth Oil	75c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 17a				
Postum Company, Inc., com. (quar.)	\$12 1/2c.	Jan. 25	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15				
Pultz-Bredeman Co. common	*\$1	Feb. 25	*Holders of rec. Jan. 24				
Reed (C. A.) Co., class A (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21				
Royalty Corp. of Am. partic. pf. (mthly.)	1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 10				
Participating pref. (extra)	1 1/2%	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 10				
St. Lawrence Flour Mills, pref. (quar.)	*1 3/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 19				
Schulte Retail Stores, com. (quar.)	*87 1/2c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15				
Common (payable in common stock)	*7 1/2c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15				
Scott Paper, pref., ser. A (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 18a				
Preferred series B (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 18a				
Second Inter. Secur. Corp., com. A (qu.)	*50c.	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15				
Selby Shoe common (quar.)	*55c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15				
Seton Leather, com. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16				
Shares Holding Corp., class A (quar.)	43 1/4	Jan. 12	Holders of rec. Jan. 7				
Class A (extra)	50c.	Jan. 12	Holders of rec. Jan. 7				
Shell Transp. & Trading, Amer. shares	*96.4	Mar. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15				
Skelly Oil (quar.)	*50c.	Mar. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15				
Standard Investing, pref. (quar.)	1.37 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 26				
Standard Underground Cable pref.	*2 1/2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 11				
Sun Oil, preferred (quar.)	*30c.	Jan. 31	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20				
Sutherland Paper (quar.)	*30c.	Jan. 31	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20				
Extra	*30c.	Jan. 31	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20				
Swan-Finch Oil Corp., com.	*30c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20				
1010 Fifth Ave. Inc. pref.	3	Feb. 15	Feb. 1 to Feb. 15				
Thirty-four East 51st St., Inc., pref.	3	Feb. 15	Jan. 16 to Feb. 1				
Tobacco Products Corp., class A (quar.)	1 1/4%	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 25				
Twelfth Street Store Corp., com. (quar.)	25c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5				
Class A (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21				
Union Oil Associates (quar.)	*50c.	Feb. 10	*Holders of rec. Jan. 18				
Union Oil of California (quar.)	*50c.	Feb. 10	*Holders of rec. Jan. 18				
U. S. Realty & Impt., com. (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 15				
Valkyrie Oil, com. (in common stock)	*\$1	Feb. 14	Holders of rec. Feb. 9				
Val Chemicals (quar.)	*\$1	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 17				
Wedgwood Invest. Corp. pf. (qu.) (No. 1)	*\$1.50	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15				
White Sewing Machine, pref. (quar.)	*\$1	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 19				
Wildar Food Products (No. 1)	37 1/2c.	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 15				
Woolworth (F. W.) Co. (quar.)	*\$1.50	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 9				
Zellerbach Corp. (quar.)	*25c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31				
Zenith Radio (quar.) (No. 1)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21				

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
<i>Railroads (Steam).</i>			
Alabama Great Southern, preferred	\$2	Feb. 13	Holders of rec. Jan. 11
Preferred (extra)	\$1.50	Feb. 13	Holders of rec. Jan. 11
Ach. Topeka & Santa Fe, pref.	2 1/2%	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 28a
Baltimore & Ohio, com. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 12a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 12a
Canada Southern	1 1/4%	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 12a
Central RR. of N. J. (extra)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Chicago River & Indiana (annual)	*\$10	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Cincinnati Northern	*5	Jan. 19	*Holders of rec. Jan. 11
Cleve. Clin. Chic. & St. L., com. (quar.)	2	Jan. 19	Holders of rec. Dec. 28a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4%	Jan. 19	Holders of rec. Dec. 28a
Cuba RR., preferred	3	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Delaware Lackawanna & Western (qu.)	\$1.50	Jan. 21	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
Extra	*1	Jan. 21	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
Detroit River Tunnel	*3	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 8
Georgia RR. & Bkg. (quar.)	*2 3/4	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Great Northern preferred	2 1/2%	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 28a
Hudson & Manhattan, preferred	2 1/2%	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
Kansas City Southern, preferred	2 1/2%	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Little Schuykill Nav., RR. & Coal	\$1.25	Jan. 15	Dec. 15 to Jan. 15
Louisville & Nashville	3 1/2%	Feb. 11	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Mahoning Coal RR., common (quar.)	\$12.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a
Michigan Central	20	Jan. 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 28a
New York Central RR. (quar.)	2	Feb. 1	Dec. 29 to Jan. 23
Norfolk & Western, adj. pref. (quar.)	1	Feb. 19	Holders of rec. Jan. 31a
Northern Pacific (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Northern Pacific (quar.)	1 1/4%	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Peru Marquette 5% prior pref. (quar.)	1 1/4%	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 4a
Five per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/4%	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 4a
Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. L.	2 1/2%	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	\$2.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 28a
Pittsburgh & West Virginia, com. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Reading Co., common (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 14	Holders of rec. Jan. 17a
<i>Public Utilities.</i>			
Amer. Dist. Teleg. of N. J., com. (quar.)	*\$1	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Amer. Gas & Elec. pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Amer. Teleg. & Teleg. (quar.)	2 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Associated Gas & Elec., class A (quar.)	(0)	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Bangor Hydro Elec., com. (quar.)	*\$1.50	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Bell Telephone of Canada (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Bell Telephone of Pa. 6 1/2% pf. (qu.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Bridgeport Hydraulic Co. (qu.)	*40c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 3
British Columbia Power, cl. A	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Bklyn.-Manhattan Transit, com. (qu.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Preferred A (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Preferred series A (quar.)	\$1.50	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 10
\$5 preferred (quar.)	*\$1.25	Jan. 31	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
California-Oregon Power, 7% pf. (qu.)	1 1/4%	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Six per cent preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Central Hudson Gas & Elec., com.	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Common (extra)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Central Ill. Pub. Serv., pref. (quar.)	*\$1.50	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Cent. & S. W. Utilities, com. (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Chesapeake & Potomac Teleg. of Balt.	1 1/4%	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
7% pref. (quar.)	\$6c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Chic. Rap. Transit, pr. pref. (monthly)	*60c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 19
Prior preferred A (monthly)	*60c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 19
Prior preferred B (monthly)	*60c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 19
Preferred series A (monthly)	*35c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Cincinnati Car Co. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Cin. Newport & Cov. Lt. & Tr. com. (qu)	1 1/2%	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Preferred (quar.)	*50c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Cities Serv. Pow. & Lt. \$6 pf. (mthly.)	\$58 1/2c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
\$7 preferred (quar.)	*2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 1

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.	Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
<b>Public Utilities (Continued).</b>				<b>Miscellaneous (Continued).</b>			
Puget Sound Pow. & Light, pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Canadian Brewing (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Prior preference (quar.)	\$1.25	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Canadian Bronz., com. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Quebec Power (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Preferred (quar.)	13c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Railway & Light Securities, com. (qu.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Canadian Fairbanks-Morse, 6% pf. (qu.)	*1.34	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Common (extra)	\$2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Canadian Industrial Alcohol (quar.)	38c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Railway & Light Secur. pf. (qu.) (No. 1)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Extra	25c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
San Diego Cons. Gas & Elec., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Canfield Oil, com. & pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Southeastern Power & Light, com. (qu.)	25c.	Jan. 21	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Common & preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	June 30	Holders of rec. May 20
South Pittsburgh Water, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2	Common & preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Aug. 20
Southern California Edison, com. (qu.)	50c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a	Common & preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Original preferred (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Cerro de Pasco Copper Corp. (quar.)	\$1.25	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 11a
Preferred, series C (quar.)	38 3/4c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Chapman Ice Cream (quar.) (No. 1)	*31 1/2c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 2a
Southern Canada Power, pref (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Chelsea Exch. Corp., A & B (qu.)	25c.	Feb. 15	Hold. of rec. Feb. 1 '29
Southwest Gas Util., pref. (quar.)	\$1.62 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Class A & B (quar.)	25c.	May 15	Hold. of rec. May 1 '29
Preferred (quar.)	1.62 1/2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20	Chicago Yellow Cab Co. (monthly)	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21a
Standard Gas & Electric, com. (quar.)	87 1/2c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Chlekaisha Cotton Oil (quar.)	25c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 19a
Prior preferred (quar.)	13c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Quarterly	75c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 10 '29a
6% preferred (quar.)	13c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	City Investing, com	\$2.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 23a
Standard Power & Light, pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16	Cleveland Stone, common (quar.)	*50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Tennessee El. Pow. Co., 5% 1st pf. (qu.)	13c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Common (quar.)	*50c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 15
6% 1st pref. (quar.)	13c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Common (quar.)	*50c.	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15
7% 1st pref. (quar.)	13c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Coca-Cola Bottling Securities	25c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 5
7.2% 1st pref. (quar.)	1.80	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Coca Cola Co.—			
6% 1st pref. (monthly)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Common (payable in class A stock)	100c.		Holders of rec. Jan. 15
6% 1st pref. (monthly)	50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15	Coca-Cola Internat. Corp.—			
6% 1st pref. (monthly)	50c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Stock div. (1 sh. cl. A stk. for each sh.)			Holders of rec. Jan. 15
7.2% 1st pref. (monthly)	60c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Cockshutt Plow, com	675c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 18
7.2% 1st pref. (monthly)	60c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15	Cohn-Hall-Marx, com. (quar.)	62 1/2c.	Apr. 1 '29	Holders of rec. Mar. 15a
7.2% 1st pref. (monthly)	60c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Common (quar.)	62 1/2c.	Jul 1 '29	Holders of rec. June 15
7.2% 1st pref. (monthly)	60c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Columbian Carbon (quar.)	1c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 17a
Union Natural Gas of Canada (qu.)	35c.	Mar. 10	Holders of rec. Feb. 28	Extra	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 17a
Extra	5c.	Mar. 10	Holders of rec. Feb. 28	Consolidated Cigar Corp., prior pref.	\$1.625	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
United Gas & Electric Co., 5% pref.	2 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Consol. Mining & Smelting	\$1.25	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Un. Gs. & Fr., new com. A & B (quar.)	12c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Extra	\$5	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Un. Gas & Fr., com. A & B (quar.)	60c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Consolidated Royalty Oil (quar.)	*20c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
West Penn Power Co., 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a	Continental Motors (quar.)	20c.	Jan. 30	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a	Continental Securities, common (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Western Power Corp., 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Copper Range Co. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Western Union Telegraph (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 22a	Corn Products Refg. common (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 19	Holders of rec. Jan. 4a
Winnipeg Electric Co.	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	Common (extra)	\$1	Jan. 19	Holders of rec. Jan. 4a
York Ry., common (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 7a	Preferred (quar.)	13c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 4a
Preferred (quar.)	62 1/2c.	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 21	Credit Alliance Corp. com. & cl. A (qu.)	25c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 3
<b>Banks.</b>				<b>Corn Exchange (quar.)</b>			
Corn Exchange (quar.)	5	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 31	5			
<b>Fire Insurance.</b>				<b>Fire Insurance.</b>			
American Reserve (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 4	American Reserve (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 4
Nlagara	\$1	Jan. 14	Holders of rec. Jan. 4	Nlagara	\$1	Jan. 14	Holders of rec. Jan. 4
<b>Miscellaneous.</b>				<b>Miscellaneous.</b>			
Abitibi Power & Paper 6% pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Jan. 21	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	Abitibi Power & Paper 6% pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Jan. 21	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Abraham & Straus, Inc., pref. (qu.)	13c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Abraham & Straus, Inc., pref. (qu.)	13c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Acme Steel, stock dividend	*50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Acme Steel, stock dividend	*50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Air Reduction (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Air Reduction (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Akron Rubber Reclaiming, com. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5	Akron Rubber Reclaiming, com. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5
Allegheny Steel	25c.	Jan. 18	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Allegheny Steel	25c.	Jan. 18	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Alliance Realty (quar.)	62 1/2c.	Jan. 21	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a	Alliance Realty (quar.)	62 1/2c.	Jan. 21	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a
Extra	50c.	Jan. 21	Holders of rec. Jan. 11a	Extra	50c.	Jan. 21	Holders of rec. Jan. 11a
Allied Chemical & Dye, com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Allied Chemical & Dye, com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Alpha Portland Cement (quar.)	*75c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 26	Alpha Portland Cement (quar.)	*75c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Amerada Corp. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Amerada Corp. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Amer. Alliance Ins. 1st pref. allot. cts.	75c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Amer. Alliance Ins. 1st pref. allot. cts.	75c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Amer. Art Works, com. & pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Amer. Art Works, com. & pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Amer. Can., com. (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31a	Amer. Can., com. (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31a
Amer. Chatillon Corp., pf. (qu.)	*\$1.75	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Amer. Chatillon Corp., pf. (qu.)	*\$1.75	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20	Preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20
American Cigar common (quar.)	2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	American Cigar common (quar.)	2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
American Coal (quar.)	\$1	Jan 12 to Feb 1		American Coal (quar.)	\$1	Jan 12 to Feb 1	
Amer. Encaustic Tilling	(m)	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a	Amer. Encaustic Tilling	(m)	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
American Hawaiian Steamship	*\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 3	American Hawaiian Steamship	*\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 3
Amer. Home Products (Mthly.)	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a	Amer. Home Products (Mthly.)	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a
American Ice, com. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	American Ice, com. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Common (extra)	\$1.50	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 7a	Common (extra)	\$1.50	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 7a
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 7a	Preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 7a
Amer. Mach. & Foundry com. (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 18a	Amer. Mach. & Foundry com. (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 18a
Preferred (quar.)	13c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 18a	Preferred (quar.)	13c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 18a
American Optical Co., common	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 3	American Optical Co., common	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 3
Amer. Rolling Mill, com. (quar.)	*50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Amer. Rolling Mill, com. (quar.)	*50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Amer. Shipbuilding, com. (quar.)	2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Amer. Shipbuilding, com. (quar.)	2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	13c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Preferred (quar.)	13c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Amer. Smelt. & Refg. new com. (qu.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 11a	Amer. Smelt. & Refg. new com. (qu.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 11a
Preferred (quar.)	13c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a	Preferred (quar.)	13c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
Amer. Steel Foundries, com. (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a	Amer. Steel Foundries, com. (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a
American Sumatra Tob. com. (qu.)	75c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a	American Sumatra Tob. com. (qu.)	75c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a
Amer. Type Founders, common (quar.)	7c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 7a	Amer. Type Founders, common (quar.)	7c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 7a
Preferred (quar.)	13c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a	Preferred (quar.)	13c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
Amer. Vitrified Products, com. (qu.)	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5	Amer. Vitrified Products, com. (qu.)	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5
Preferred (quar.)	*13c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 19	Preferred (quar.)	*13c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 19
Anaconda Copper Mining (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 18	Holders of rec. Jan. 12a	Anaconda Copper Mining (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 18	Holders of rec. Jan. 12a
Anglo-Amer. Holding, cl. A (Interim)	*60c.		Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Anglo-Amer. Holding, cl. A (Interim)	*60c.		Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Arizona Commercial Mining	*25c.	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 16	Arizona Commercial Mining	*25c.	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Asbestos Corporation, pref. (quar.)	13c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Asbestos Corporation, pref. (quar.)	13c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Associated Dry Goods Corp., com. (qu.)	63c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 12a	Associated Dry Goods Corp., com. (qu.)	63c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 12a
First preferred (quar.)	13c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 9a	First preferred (quar.)	13c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 9a
Second preferred (quar.)	13c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 9a	Second preferred (quar.)	13c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 9a
Atlantic Refining pref. (quar.)	13c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16	Atlantic Refining pref. (quar.)	13c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Atlas Plywood (quar.)	*\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Atlas Plywood (quar.)	*\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Atlas Powder pref. (quar.)	13c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a	Atlas Powder pref. (quar.)	13c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a
Autosales Corp., pref.	75c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Autosales Corp., pref.	75c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Babcock & Wilcox Co. (quar.)	13c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20 '29a	Babcock & Wilcox Co. (quar.)	13c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20 '29a
Bancroft (Joseph) & Sons Co., pref. (qu.)	\$4	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Bancroft (Joseph) & Sons Co., pref. (qu.)	\$4	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Bankers Capital Corp., com.	\$4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Bankers Capital Corp., com.	\$4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Preferred (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Preferred (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Common & preferred (extra)	\$17	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Common & preferred (extra)	\$17	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Bankers Financial Trust common	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Bankers Financial Trust common	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Bankers Securities Corp., com. & pf. (qu.)	75c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Bankers Securities Corp., com. & pf. (qu.)	75c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Bankers Security Tr. Co., com. (No. 11)	*5	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Bankers Security Tr. Co., com. (No. 11)	*5	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Ser. A participating stock (No. 1)	*\$5	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Ser. A participating stock (No. 1)	*\$5	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Initial capital stock (No. 1)	*\$5	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Initial capital stock (No. 1)	*\$5	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Ser. A pref. (quar.)	*13c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15	Ser. A pref. (quar.)	*13c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Barnsdall Corp. com. A & B (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 6	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a	Barnsdall Corp. com. A & B (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 6	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a
Bayuk Cigar, common (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Bayuk Cigar, common (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
First pref. and pref. (quar.)	13c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	First pref. and pref. (quar.)	13c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
8% preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	8% preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Beacon Oil pref. (quar.)	*1.87 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1	Beacon Oil pref. (quar.)	*1.87 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Bessemer Limestone & Cement A (quar.)	*75c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Bessemer Limestone & Cement A (quar.)	*75c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Class B	*\$2.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Class B	*\$2.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Blaw Knox Co., com. (special)	20c.	Jan. 14	Holders of rec. Dec. 24	Blaw Knox Co., com. (special)	20c.	Jan. 14	Holders of rec. Dec. 24
Common (payable in com. stock)	75c.	Jan. 14	Holders of rec.				

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<b>Miscellaneous (Continued).</b>				<b>Miscellaneous (Continued).</b>				
Holly Development (quar.)	*5c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 30	National Supply, com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup>	
Holly Sugar Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	National Tea, pref. (quar.)	\$1.625	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14	
Homestake Mining (monthly)	650c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 19 <sup>a</sup>	Naumen Pharmacals, Inc., pref. (qu.)	62 1/2c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 17	
Extra	\$81	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 19 <sup>a</sup>	Nestle-Le Mur Co. class A (quar.)	*50c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1	
Hood Rubber, preference (quar.)	*\$1.87	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21	New Bradford Oil Co. (quar.)	*12 1/2c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21	Newhall Buildings Trust, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1	
Hood Rubber Products, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 20	Newmont Mining Corp.	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 28	
Horn & Hardart of N. Y., com. (quar.)	*37 1/2c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 11	Stock dividend	5	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 28	
Common (extra)	*25c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 11	Newport Co., prior common	75c.	2	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 5
Horn & Hardart Co., common (quar.)	*25c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 11	Preferred (quar.)	*1	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 5	
Common (extra)	*37 1/2c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 11	Newton Steel, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 31	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	
Household Finance Corp., partic. pf. (qu.)	75c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31 <sup>a</sup>	New York Air Brake (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 24	
Howe Sound Co. (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31 <sup>a</sup>	New York Dock, preferred	2 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 25	
Hudson Motor Car (quar.)	\$1.25	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 11	Niles-Bement-Pond, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 30	*Holders of rec. Mar. 20	
Hupp Motor Car (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	June 29	*Holders of rec. June 19	
Stock dividend (quar.)	e2 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Nipissing Mines Co. (quar.)	7 1/2c.	Jan. 21	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Stock dividend (quar.)	e2 1/2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15	Noma Electric Co. (quar.)	40c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	
Stock dividend (quar.)	e2 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15	North & Judd Mfg., common (extra)	*25c.			
Stock dividend (quar.)	e2 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Northeastern Surety (quar.)	60c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 21	
Illinois Brick (quar.)	*60c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 3	Ohio Brass, class A (quar.)	\$1.25	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Quarterly	*60c.	Apr. 15	*Holders of rec. Apr. 3	Class B (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Quarterly	*60c.	July 15	*Holders of rec. July 3	Oil Shares, Incorporated, pref. (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	
Quarterly	*60c.	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 3	Oilsheer, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 12 <sup>a</sup>	
Incorporated Investors (quar.)	*40c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Otis Elevator, com. & pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31 <sup>a</sup>	
Stock dividend	*e2	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Common (payable in common stock)	1/15	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 18 <sup>a</sup>	
Independent Oil & Gas (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 15 <sup>a</sup>	Packard Electric (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Indiana Pipe Line (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 25	Extra	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Extra	\$1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 25	Packard Motor Car Co. (monthly)	25c.	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 12 <sup>a</sup>	
Industrial Finance 7% pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 18	Park & Tilford (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 14	Holders of rec. Dec. 29 <sup>a</sup>	
6% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 18	Stock dividend (quar.)	e1	Jan. 14	Holders of rec. Dec. 29 <sup>a</sup>	
International Acceptance Bank (quar.)	4	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 3	Quarterly	75c.	Apr. 14	Hold. of rec. Mar. 29 <sup>a</sup> 29 <sup>a</sup>	
Internat. Cigar Machinery (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 13	Stock dividend (quar.)	e1	Apr. 14	Hold. of rec. Mar. 29 <sup>a</sup> 29 <sup>a</sup>	
Common (quar.)	25c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 13	Parke, Austin & Lipscomb				
Common (extra)	25c.	July 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 13	Conv. partic. pref. (quar.)	*50c.	Jan. 16	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2	
Internat. Harv., new com. (qu.) (No. 1)	62 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 24 <sup>a</sup>	Pennam, Ltd. common (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5	
Internat. Harvester, old com. (quar.)	2 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 24 <sup>a</sup>	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21	
Internat. Match, com. (quar.)	80c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 24 <sup>a</sup>	Penn Traffic Co. (quar.)	7 1/2c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15 <sup>a</sup>	
Participating pref. (quar.)	80c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 24 <sup>a</sup>	Pennsylvania Salt Mfg. (quar.)	\$1.25	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Internat. Paper Co., com. (quar.)	60c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1	Perfection Stove (monthly)	*37 1/2c.	Jan. 31	*Holders of rec. Jan. 19	
Internat. Paper, 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 26	Petroleum Industries, Inc., pref. (qu.)	75c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15 <sup>a</sup>	
Int. Pap. & Pr., cl. A com. (qu.) (No. 1)	60c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1	Philadelphia Insulated Wire	\$2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15 <sup>a</sup>	
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 26 <sup>a</sup>	Extra	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15 <sup>a</sup>	
7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 26 <sup>a</sup>	Phillips Jones Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20 <sup>a</sup>	
Internat. Printing Ink, com. (quar.)	62 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14 <sup>a</sup>	Piggly Wiggly Western States A (quar.)	*37 1/2c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14 <sup>a</sup>	Pittsburgh Steel Foundry com. (No. 1)	*31	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 9	
Internat. Products Corp. pref.	3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 22	Poor & Co., com. (quar.)	*37 1/2c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15	
Interstate Iron & Steel com. (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5 <sup>a</sup>	Common (extra)	*50c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15	
Investors Capital Corp., common	50c.	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Postum Co., Inc. (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Procter & Gamble Co., pref. (quar.)	*2	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 24	
Iron Products	40c.	Jan. 29	Holders of rec. Jan. 15 <sup>a</sup>	Progressive Merchants, Inc., com.	\$3	Jan. 19	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Jantzen Knitting Mills com. (quar.)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Preferred	\$3.50	Jan. 19	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Jewel Tea, common (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 22	Pro-phy-lac-tic Brush, com. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31 <sup>a</sup>	
Johns-Manville Corp., com. (qu.)	75c.	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 22	Purden Co., Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31 <sup>a</sup>	
Joint Security Corp., com. (quar.)	12 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Richfield Oil common (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31 <sup>a</sup>	
Com. (payable in com. stock)	71	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Pure Gold Mfg., Ltd. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31 <sup>a</sup>	
Com. (payable in com. stock)	71	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 20	Q. R. S. Co., com. (quar.)	*50c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2	
Com. (payable in com. stock)	71	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 20	Quaker Oats, com. (quar.)	*\$1	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Kaufmann Dept. Stores, com. (qu.)	35c.	Jan. 23	Holders of rec. Oct. 20	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 25	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1	
Kawneer Company (quar.)	*62 1/2	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 10 <sup>a</sup>	Realty Associates, 1st pref.	\$3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5	
Keystone Co., common (extra)	*12 1/2c.	Apr. 15	*Holders of rec. Mar. 20	Rice-Six Dry Goods, common (quar.)	37 1/2c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15 <sup>a</sup>	
Common (extra)	*12 1/2	July 15	*Holders of rec. June 20	Preferred (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15 <sup>a</sup>	
Kayser (Julius) & Co., com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15 <sup>a</sup>	Richmond Radiator, com. pref. (quar.)	*\$7 1/2	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Kendal Co., part. pref. A (quar.)	\$1.50	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 10 <sup>a</sup>	Ritter Dental Mfg., com. (qu.) (No. 1)	*62 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1	
Keystone Steel & Wire, com. (quar.)	*75c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 5	Rovers Bros., Inc., pref. (No. 1)	35c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10 <sup>a</sup>	
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 5	Royal Typewriter, common	\$1	Jan. 17	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	
Keystone Watch Case, pref.	87 1/2	Feb. 1	Called for redemp. Feb. 1	Common (extra)	\$1.50	Jan. 17	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	
Knott Corp., com. (quar.)	60c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Preferred	3 1/4	Jan. 17	Holders of rec. Jan. 16	
Laboratory Prod. Co. (extra) in stk.	*9	Jan. 30	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Rumford Corp., com. (qu.) (No. 1)	62 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	
Lakay Foundry Machine (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 30	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Russell Motor Car, common	*2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Stock dividend (quar.)	e2 1/2	Jan. 30	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Common (extra)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Lane Bryant, Inc. 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Preferred (quar.)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Lefcourt Realty Corp., pref. (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	Ryerson (Jos.) & Son, Inc. (qu.) (No. 1)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	
Lehigh Portland Cement, com. (quar.)	62 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14 <sup>a</sup>	Extra	25c.	Mar. 20	Holders of rec. Mar. 20	
Life Savers, Inc.	(n)			Quarterly	50c.	June 20	June 8 to June 20	
Lincoln Interstate Holding Co.	15c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20	Extra	25c.	June 20	June 8 to June 20	
Lion Oil Refg. (quar.)	*50c.	Jan. 17	*Holders of rec. Dec. 28	Quarterly	50c.	Sept. 20	Sept. 10 to Sept. 20	
Liquid Carbonic Corp. (quar.)	1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20 <sup>a</sup>	Extra	25c.	Sept. 20	Sept. 10 to Sept. 20	
Extra	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20 <sup>a</sup>	St. Lawrence Paper Mills pf. allot. ctf.	\$ 1.12 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 21	
Stock dividend	e20	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	St. Louis Screw & Bolt (quar.)	*25c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 25	
Loew's London Theatres (Canada) com.	3 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 7	Quarterly	*25c.	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 25	
Preference	3 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Salt Creek Producers Assn. (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15 <sup>a</sup>	
Loews (Marcus) Theatres (Canada) pref.	3 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Savage Arms, 2d pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1	
Lord & Taylor 2d pref. (quar.)	2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 17 <sup>a</sup>	Schnell & Penselpen Corp., pref.	3 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 22	
Mac Andrews & Forbes Co., com. (qu.)	65c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31 <sup>a</sup>	Schulte Retail Stores				
Common (extra)	25c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31 <sup>a</sup>	Common (payable in com. stock)	1/2	Mar. 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31 <sup>a</sup>	Searls, Roebuck & Co. (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
MacFadden Publications	*20c.	Feb. 4	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Seagrave Corp. (quar.)	430c.	Jan. 21	Holders of rec. Dec. 31 <sup>a</sup>	
McCall Corp. (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 4	Holders of rec. Jan. 21 <sup>a</sup>	Quarterly (payable in stock)	62 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15 <sup>a</sup>	
McCull-Frontenac Oil (Interim)	25c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Quarterly (payable in stock)	e1	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 13 <sup>a</sup>	
Preference (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Segal Lock & Hardware, pf. (quar.)	87 1/2c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Maoy (R. H.) & Co., com. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 25 <sup>a</sup>	Securities Management, cl. A (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2	
Common (payable in com. stock)	75	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 25 <sup>a</sup>	Class B & C (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2	
Madison Square Garden Corp. (qu.)	37 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 4	Seeman Brothers, Inc., com. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	
Magna Corp. Co. (quar.)	*25c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Common (extra)	50c.	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	
Magnin (I.) Co. (quar.)	*25c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Selby Shoe, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	
Mandel Bros., Inc., com. (quar.)	62 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31 <sup>a</sup>	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Mar. 15	*Holders of rec. Apr. 15	
Manhattan Rubber Mfg. (quar.)	*75c.	Jan. 31	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Shafter Oil & Ref. pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Mansfield Theatre Co., Ltd., pref.	3 1/2	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Sheffield Steel				
Maple Leaf Milling, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 18	Holders of rec. Jan. 3	Common (in common stock)	*71	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 21	
Melville Shoe, common (quar.)	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 19	Common (payable in common stock)	*71	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 20	
Common (extra)	10c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 19	Common (payable in common stock)	*71	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 20	
First and second preferred (quar.)	e1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 19	Shepard Stores, Inc., cl. A (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	
Mexican Petroleum, com. (quar.)	\$3	Jan. 21	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31 <sup>a</sup>	Class A (quar.)	75c.	May 29	Holders of rec. Apr. 20	
Preferred (quar.)	*\$2	Jan. 21	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31 <sup>a</sup>	Southern Asbestos (No. 1)	\$1.25	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Mid-Continent Laundries, Inc.				Extra	25c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Participating class A (qu.) (No. 1)	*60c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	South Penn Oil (stock dividend)	*e50	Subject	stockholder meet Jan. 15	
Mid-Continent Petrol., com. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 10 <sup>a</sup>	Spalding (A. G. & Bros. com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5	
Moloney Electric, cl. A (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Spiegel May Stern Co., Inc., com. (qu.)	*75c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 16	
Monarch Mgtg. & Invest., Toronto				6 1/2% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 16	
Common	5c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Standard Royalties Wewoka Corp.				
Preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Preferred (monthly)	1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
Mond Nickel—Amer. deposit rets. for ordinary shares	18 1-3	Feb. 21	*Holders of rec. Dec. 21	Standard Screw, common (extra)	1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 19	
Moore Drop Forging class A	\$1.50	Feb. 21	Holders of rec. Jan. 10	Steel Co. of Canada, new com. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 19	
Morris (Phillip) & Co., Ltd., Inc. (qu.)	25c.	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Jan. 29 <sup>a</sup>	New common (extra)	18 1/2c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 19	
Motion Picture Capital Corp., pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 28	New preferred (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 19	
Mountain & Gulf Oil (quar.)	*2c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	New preferred (extra)	18 1/2c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 19	
Mullins Manufacturing pref. (qu.) (No. 1)	*1	Jan. 20	*Holders of rec. Jan. 16 <sup>a</sup>	Steinlite Radio (quar.)	*2 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 19	
Municipal Finance Corp., class B	*1	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Quarterly	*2 1/2	July 1		
Murray Ohio Mfg., common (quar.)	40c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 4	Quarterly	*2 1/2	Oct. 1		
Murray Oil	*40c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 4	Sterling Securities Corp., pref. allot. ctf.				
National Acme Co. (quar.)	*25c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Additional non-cum. div	1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	
National American Co. (quar.)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Stetson (John B.) Co., common	*\$3.75	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 1	
National Blauco, com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Preferred (quar.)	*4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1	
National Carbon, pref. (quar.)	*2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 19	Sullivan Machinery (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 14	
National Cash Register, class A (qu.)	75c.							

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed Days Inclusive.
<b>Miscellaneous (Concluded).</b>			
Truscott Steel Corp.	3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 26a
Stock dividend	e6	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
Stock dividend (extra)	e4	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
Tuckett Tobacco, common (quar.)	1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Tung-Sol Lamp Works com. (quar.)	*20c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Class A (quar.)	*45c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
United Biscuit, preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 17a
United Cigar Stores of Am. pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
United Paperboard, pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 6	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Apr. 15	Holders of rec. Apr. 1a
United Profit-Sharing, com.	60c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
United Verde Extension Mining (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 4a
U. S. & British Ins. pref.	75c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
U. S. Finishing, common (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 7
Common (extra)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 7
U. S. & Foreign Sec. Corp., 1st pf. (qu.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 11
Second preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 11
U. S. Industrial Alcohol, com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 7a
U. S. Leather class A participating and convertible stock (quar.)	\$1	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 10a
Class A partic. & conv. stock (qu.)	\$1	July 1	Holders of rec. June 11a
Class A partic. & conv. stock (qu.)	\$1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 10a
U. S. Radiator, common (quar.)	*50c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Preferred (quar.)	*1 3/4	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Universal Pipe & Radiator pref. (quar.)	1 3/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Victor Talking Mach., com. (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Old preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Prior preference (quar.)	1 3/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
\$6 conv. pref. (quar.)	1 3/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Vuican Detinning, pref. (quar.)	1 3/4	Jan. 19	Holders of rec. Jan. 9a
Pref. account accum. dividend	71	Jan. 19	Holders of rec. Jan. 9a
Preferred A (quar.)	1 3/4	Jan. 19	Holders of rec. Jan. 9a
(V.) Vivadon pref. (quar.)	1 3/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 8 to Jan. 9
Warner (Chas.) Co., common (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 12	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Common (extra)	50c.	Jan. 12	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
First and second pref. (quar.)	1 3/4	Jan. 24	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Weber & Hellbronner, pref. (quar.)	1 3/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 11a
Webbitt Stores (No. 1)	*40c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Western Grocers, Ltd., Canada, pf. (qu.)	1 3/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Westinghouse Air Brake (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Westinghouse Elec. Mfg., com. (qu.)	\$1	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Preferred (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
White Eagle Oil & Refg. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 21	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Williams (R. C.) & Co., Inc. (No. 1)(qu.)	*35c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Willis-Overland Co., com. (qu.)	30c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a
Common (extra) (in com. stock)	\$1.25	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 18a
Woodworth, Inc. (quar.)	*37c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Wrigley (Wm.) Jr. Co., com. (mthly.)	*25c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 19a
Monthly	*25c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 20a
Monthly	*25c.	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 20a

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 Jan. 4:

INSTITUTIONS NOT IN CLEARING HOUSE WITH CLOSING OF BUSINESS FOR WEEK ENDED FRIDAY, JAN. 4 1929.

**NATIONAL AND STATE BANKS—Average Figures.**

	Loans.	Gold.	Oth. Cash, Inccludng Bk. Notes	Res., Dep., N. Y. and Elsewhere.	Dep. Other Banks and Trust Cos	Gross Deposits.
Manhattan—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Bank of U. S.	160,104,700	85,300	2,414,200	20,265,100	1,512,600	154,661,800
Bryant Park	2,392,500	73,300	154,600	269,400	-----	2,622,800
Chelsea Exchange	22,838,000	-----	1,781,000	1,801,000	-----	23,051,000
Grace National	19,596,700	5,000	79,900	1,649,100	2,375,600	17,764,800
Harriman Nat'l.	30,870,000	20,000	775,000	4,474,000	1,201,000	40,159,000
Port Morris	4,229,600	42,600	128,300	232,700	-----	3,752,600
Public National	118,139,000	82,000	2,293,000	7,415,000	4,577,000	114,225,000
Brooklyn—						
Mechanics	53,477,000	315,000	1,981,000	9,647,000	-----	53,586,000
Nassau National	20,676,000	80,000	330,000	1,764,000	391,000	20,904,000
Peoples National	8,400,000	5,000	157,000	600,000	92,000	8,500,000
Traders National	3,068,500	-----	39,600	363,100	42,400	2,433,500

**TRUST COMPANIES—Average Figures.**

	Loans.	Cash.	Res've Dep., N. Y. and Elsewhere.	Depos. Other Banks and Trust Cos.	Gross Deposits.
Manhattan—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
American	50,924,100	819,400	14,860,700	77,500	57,375,900
Bank of Europe & Tr.	17,487,908	901,639	201,416	-----	16,815,515
Bronx County	22,520,802	742,128	1,908,770	-----	22,730,783
Central Union	265,637,000	*37,387,000	4,814,000	3,547,000	281,957,000
Empire	76,969,200	*5,099,900	4,094,600	4,610,600	76,209,800
Federation	17,840,110	283,963	1,330,395	262,740	18,077,875
Fulton	15,963,400	*2,336,900	357,500	-----	16,619,300
Manufacturers	282,544,000	3,229,000	53,705,000	1,867,000	288,514,000
United States	83,238,986	4,320,000	12,572,554	-----	75,017,125
Brooklyn—					
Brooklyn	64,688,200	1,855,000	13,650,400	-----	70,395,100
Kings County	28,321,740	2,070,199	3,273,770	-----	27,500,405
Municipal	64,726,600	1,927,300	4,853,700	53,500	64,735,900
Bayonne, N. J.—					
Mechanics	9,200,875	322,787	890,397	286,018	9,545,611

\* Includes amount with Federal Reserve Bank as follows: Central Union \$36,461,000; Empire, \$3,411,000; Fulton, \$2,188,600.

**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.**

	Jan. 9 1929.	Changes from Previous Week	Jan. 2 1929.	Dec. 26 1928.
Capital	\$5,850,000	+500,000	85,350,000	\$4,600,000
Surplus and profits	112,179,000	+615,000	111,564,000	110,650,000
Loans, disc'ts & invest's	1,107,675,000	+5,876,000	1,101,739,000	1,107,703,000
Individual deposits	707,139,000	-3,798,000	710,937,000	676,645,000
Due to banks	157,416,000	+5,863,000	151,553,000	138,932,000
Time deposits	280,161,000	+4,324,000	275,837,000	282,265,000
United States deposits	4,101,000	-1,191,000	5,292,000	5,983,000
Exchanges for Cig. House	39,678,000	-15,290,000	54,968,000	36,547,000
Due from other banks	97,383,000	-2,262,000	99,645,000	80,932,000
Res've in legal deposit's	85,610,000	-74,000	85,684,000	82,073,000
Cash in bank	10,532,000	-1,168,000	11,700,000	12,776,000
Res've excess in F.R.Bk.	896,000	-790,000	1,686,000	479,000

**Philadelphia Banks.**—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Jan. 5, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve System the reserve required is 10% on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with legal depositaries" and "Cash in vaults."

Beginning with the return for the week ending May 14 1928, 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 Clifiers (00) omitted.	Week Ended Jan. 5 1929.			Dec. 29 1928.	Dec. 22 1928.
	Members of F. R. System	Trust Companies.	1928 Total.		
Capital	\$5,683.0	\$5,500.0	\$7,183.0	\$6,058.0	\$6,058.0
Surplus and profits	176,609.0	18,375.0	194,984.0	194,643.0	194,643.0
Loans, disc'ts. & Invest.	1,030,972.0	99,944.0	1,130,916.0	1,135,921.0	1,142,933.0
Exch. for Clear House	58,263.0	1,102.0	59,365.0	50,351.0	45,244.0
Due from banks	116,528.0	737.0	117,265.0	97,501.0	97,348.0
Bank deposits	141,810.0	3,466.0	145,276.0	138,060.0	131,039.0
Individual deposits	654,005.0	51,162.0	705,167.0	669,347.0	670,009.0
Time deposits	212,047.0	26,857.0	238,904.0	240,730.0	240,731.0
Total deposits	1,007,862.0	81,485.0	1,089,347.0	1,048,137.0	1,042,409.0
Res. with legal depos.	-----	12,643.0	12,643.0	9,780.0	9,046.0
Res. with F. R. Bank	70,289.0	-----	70,289.0	68,016.0	67,494.0
Cash in vault *	11,166.0	2,631.0	13,797.0	15,407.0	17,047.0
Total res. & cash held.	81,455.0	15,274.0	84,086.0	94,103.0	93,587.0
Reserve required	?	?	?	?	?
Excess reserve and cash in vault	?	?	?	?	?

\* Cash in vault not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve members.

\* 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.

b Cockshut Plow dividend is for two quarters ending Dec. 31 1928. f Seagrave Corp. dividend is 30c. cash or 2 3/4% stock at option of holder.

l Associated Gas & Electric dividends payable in cash or in class A stock as follows: On class A stock at rate of 2 3/4% of one share of class A stock for each share held.

m American Enameasting Tiling dividend is one share for each share held subject to stockholders meeting Jan. 22.

n Life Savers dividend is 10% in stock of Standard Industries, Inc. o Payable also to holders of Coupon No. 4.

g British-Amer. Tobacco final dividend is one shilling eight pence and the interim dividend ten pence. Transfers received up to Dec. 31 in London will be in time for payment of dividends to transferees. Payable to holders of Coupon No. 128 bearer shares.

† Payable in cash at rate of \$1.50 for each share or in common stock at rate of one-sixty fourth share.

§ At rate of 7% per annum from date of issue. w Less taxes and expenses of depositary.

z Curtis Publishing stock dividend reported in previous issue an error. There was no stock dividend, but a split-up of the stock—two for one.

**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, JAN. 5 1929.**

Clearing House Members.	*Capital.	*Surplus & Undivided Profits.	Net Demand Deposits Average.	Time Deposits Average.
Bank of N. Y. & Trust Co.	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 13,207,600	\$ 66,009,000	\$ 8,928,000
Bank of the Manhattan Co.	215,000,000	228,909,800	191,164,000	42,008,000
Bank of America Nat. Assn.	25,000,000	37,173,000	150,907,000	49,458,000
National City Bank	90,000,000	74,502,900	488,164,000	173,259,000
Chemical National Bank	6,000,000	20,399,100	138,375,000	11,252,000
National Bank of Commerce	25,000,000	47,228,200	322,116,000	51,729,000
Chas. Phenix Nat. Bk. & Tr. Co.	13,500,000	15,109,000	175,141,000	44,116,000
Hanover National Bank	5,000,000	26,904,000	130,882,000	3,080,000
Corn Exchange Bank	11,000,000	17,959,200	174,269,000	32,276,000
National Park Bank	10,000,000	25,310,900	137,662,000	11,529,000
First National Bank	10,000,000	88,893,100	275,148,000	16,117,000
Amer. Exch. Irving Tr. Co.	40,000,000	52,705,900	392,720,000	53,074,000
Continental Bank	1,000,000	1,492,000	9,178,000	600,000
Chase National Bank	60,000,000	78,803,900	657,603,000	72,163,000
Fifth Avenue Bank	500,000	3,308,200	26,177,000	1,514,000
Garfield National Bank	1,000,000	1,920,300	15,883,000	183,000
Seaboard National Bank	11,000,000	15,912,900	130,601,000	8,741,000
State Bank & Trust Co.	5,000,000	6,828,900	39,633,000	59,609,000
Bankers Trust Co.	25,000,000	75,541,000	367,366,000	50,411,000
U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co.	5,000,000	6,835,300	59,746,000	5,232,000
Title Guarantee & Trust Co.	10,000,000	22,922,800	39,700,000	2,595,000
Guaranty Trust Co.	40,000,000	60,479,400	451,934,000	75,842,000
Fidelity Trust Co.	4,000,000	3,681,800	43,965,000	5,597,000
Lawyers Trust Co.	3,000,000	3,935,200	20,200,000	1,905,000
New York Trust Co.	10,000,000	25,180,100	158,409,000	27,899,000
Farmers Loan & Trust Co.	10,000,000	22,416,300	127,812,000	22,660,000
Equitable Trust Co.	30,000,000			

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Jan. 10 and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve banks at the close of business on Wednesday. In the first table we present the results for the system as a whole in comparison with the figures for the seven preceding weeks and with those of the corresponding week last year. 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 185, 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 JAN 9 1929

Table with 10 columns for dates from Jan. 9 1929 to Jan. 11 1928. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold with Federal Reserve agents, Gold redemption fund, Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes, Total gold reserves, Reserves other than gold, Total reserves, Non-reserve cash, Bills discounted, Total bills discounted, U. S. Government securities, Total U. S. Government securities, Other securities, Gold held abroad, Uncollected items, Bank premises, All other resources, Total resources) and LIABILITIES (F. R. notes in actual circulation, Deposits, Total deposits, Deferred availability items, Capital paid in, Surplus, All other liabilities, Total liabilities, Ratio of gold reserves to deposits and F. R. note liabilities combined, Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents, Distribution by Maturities, F. R. notes received from Comptroller, F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent, Issued to Federal Reserve Banks, How Secured). Total resources and liabilities are 2,634,019,000.

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 JAN 9 1929

Table with 13 columns for cities: Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold with Federal Reserve Agents, Gold held exel. agst. F. R. notes, Total gold reserves, Reserves other than gold, Total reserves, Non-reserve cash, Bills discounted, Total bills discounted, U. S. Government securities, Total U. S. Gov. securities) and LIABILITIES (F. R. notes in actual circulation, Deposits, Total deposits, Deferred availability items, Capital paid in, Surplus, All other liabilities, Total liabilities). Total resources and liabilities for the system are 2,634,019,000.

Table with 14 columns: RESOURCES (Concluded)—Two Cities (00) omitted., Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan.Cty., Dallas, San Fran. Rows include Other securities, Total bills and securities, Due from foreign banks, Uncollected items, Bank premises, All other, Total resources, LIABILITIES, F. R. notes in actual circulation, Deposits, Member bank—reserve acct., Government, Foreign bank, Other deposits, Total deposits, Deferred availability items, Capital paid in, Surplus, All other liabilities, Total liabilities, Memoranda, Reserve ratio (per cent), Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspond'ts, F. R. notes on hand (notes rec'd from F. R. Agent less notes in circulation).

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE ACCOUNTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JANUARY 9 1929.

Table with 14 columns: Federal Reserve Agent at—, Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan.Cty., Dallas, San Fran. Rows include Two Cities (00) omitted—, F. R. notes rec'd from Comptroller, F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent—, F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bank, Collateral held as security for F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bk., Gold and gold certificates, Gold redemption fund—, Gold fund—F. R. Board, Eligible paper, Total collateral.

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 624 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 3475. The comment of the Reserve Board upon the figures for the latest week appears in our department of "Current Events and Discussions," on page 186 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 JAN. 2 1929 (in thousands of dollars).

Table with 14 columns: Federal Reserve District—, Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan.Cty., Dallas, San Fran. Rows include Loans and investments—total, Loans and discounts—total, Secured by U. S. Gov't obliga's., All other loans and discounts, Investments—total, U. S. Government securities, Other bonds, stocks and securities, Reserve with F. R. Bank, Cash in vault, Net demand deposits, Time deposits, Government deposits, Due from banks, Due to banks, Borrowings from F. R. Bank—total, Secured by U. S. Gov't obliga'ns., All other, Number of reporting banks.

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 Jan. 9 1929, in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Table with 4 columns: Resources—, Jan. 9 1929, Jan. 2 1929, Jan. 11 1928. Rows include Gold with Federal Reserve agent, Gold redemp. fund with U. S. Treasurer, Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes, Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board, Gold and gold cfts. held by bank, Total gold reserves, Reserves other than gold, Total reserves, Non-reserve cash, Bills discounted, Sec. by U. S. Govt. obligations, Other bills discounted, Total bills discounted, Bills bought in open market, U. S. Government securities, Bonds, Treasury notes, Certificates of indebtedness, Total U. S. Government securities, Other securities (see note), Total bills and securities (see note). Liabilities—, F. R. notes in actual circulation, Deposits—Member bank, reserve acct., Government, Foreign bank (see note), Other deposits, Total deposits, Deferred availability items, Capital paid in, Surplus, All other liabilities, Total liabilities, Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined, Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.

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Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, Jan. 11 1929.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—See page 205. Stock Exchange sales this week of shares not in detailed list:

Table of stock prices for various categories including Railroads, Indus. & Misc., and various companies. Columns include Stock Name, Shares, Range for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of stock prices for various categories including Stocks, Sales for Week, Range for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.—See page 206.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.—See page 206.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.—See page 206.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.

Table of bond prices for various U.S. Treasury securities. Columns include Bond Name, Jan. 5, Jan. 7, Jan. 8, Jan. 9, Jan. 10, Jan. 11.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Small table showing registered bond transactions for 4 1/2% and 3 1/2% Treasury bonds.

Foreign Exchange.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4.84 11-16 @ 4.84 1/2 for checks and 4.85 1-32 @ 4.85 1/2 for cables.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 3.90 3/4 @ 3.91 for short. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 40.09 @ 40.15 1/2 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 124.11 francs; week's range, 124.11 francs high and 124.02 francs low.

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies including Sterling, Paris Bankers' Francs, and Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders.

# 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, NET PER CENT.							Sales for the Week.	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE	PER SHARE Range for Year 1923. On basis of 100-share lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1922	
Saturday, Jan. 5.	Monday, Jan. 7.	Tuesday, Jan. 8.	Wednesday, Jan. 9.	Thursday, Jan. 10.	Friday, Jan. 11.	Lowest			Highest	Lowest	Highest	
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share		Shares	Par	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share
136 136 1/2	131 1/4 134	131 1/2 133	131 1/2 133 1/4	133 1/4 134	133 1/2 135	9,100	Ach Topoka & Santa Fe	100	183 1/2 Mar 2	204 Nov 16	161 1/2 Jan	200 Aug
106 1/2 106 1/2	107 107 1/2	108 108	107 1/2 107	108 108	107 1/2 107 1/2	700	Preferred	100	105 Dec 11	111 1/2 May 31	102 1/2 Jan	111 1/2 Dec
100 100	100 100	100 100	100 100	100 100	100 100	2,000	0% preferred	100	99 1/2 Dec 11	105 May 31	96 1/2 Jan	104 Oct
112 120	116 1/4 116 1/4	112 114	114 116	114 116	115 116	1,000	Colorado & Southern	100	105 Aug 15	126 May 3	84 Jan	137 1/2 July
76 76 3/4	76 76 3/4	*76 77 1/2	*76 77 1/2	*76 77 1/2	70 70 3/4	100	First preferred	100	67 July 3	85 Apr 10	70 Jan	78 Dec
*70 70	*70 73	*70 73	*70 73	*70 73	*70 73	1,400	Second preferred	100	69 1/2 Nov 2	85 May 9	68 Jan	76 Oct
196 192	193 195	191 195	193 195	194 195	194 195	4,200	Consol RR of Cuba pref.	100	68 1/2 Dec 18	87 1/2 June 1	65 Aug	77 May
120 132 1/2	129 1/2 129 1/2	128 1/2 129	127 1/2 128 1/2	127 1/2 128 1/2	127 1/2 128	2,000	Delaware & Hudson	100	163 1/2 Feb 10	226 Apr 26	171 1/2 Jan	230 June
*56 57	*56 57	*56 57	56 57	56 57	56 57	500	Delaware Lack & Western	100	125 1/2 Dec 22	150 Apr 9	130 1/2 Oct	173 Mar
*31 3 3/8	*31 3 3/8	31 3 3/8	31 3 3/8	31 3 3/8	31 3 3/8	800	Deny & Rio Gr West pref.	100	60 1/2 Feb 20	65 1/2 Apr 28	41 1/2 Jan	67 1/2 June
*5 6	*5 6	5 6	5 6	5 6	5 6	1,800	Duluth So Shore & Atl.	100	3 Aug 3	6 1/2 Jan 6	2 1/2 Apr	7 1/2 Dec
68 71	67 1/4 69 1/2	66 1/2 68 1/2	66 1/2 68 1/2	67 1/4 69 1/2	68 1/2 69 1/2	74,800	Preferred	100	4 1/2 Jan 19	7 1/2 Dec 28	4 Mar	11 1/2 Dec
62 63	62 63	62 63	62 63	62 63	61 1/2 62 1/2	8,200	Erie	100	48 June 19	7 1/2 Dec 28	4 Jan	6 1/2 Sept
69 60 1/2	69 1/2 69 1/2	69 1/2 69 1/2	69 1/2 69 1/2	69 1/2 69 1/2	69 1/2 69 1/2	2,100	First preferred	100	50 June 18	6 3/4 Jan 6	5 1/2 Jan	6 3/4 Oct
111 1/4 112 1/4	109 1/2 111 3/4	109 1/2 110	109 1/2 110	109 1/2 110	109 1/2 110	16,700	Second preferred	100	49 June 20	6 1/2 Jan 6	4 1/2 Jan	6 1/2 Aug
108 1/4 109 1/4	107 1/2 108 3/4	106 3/4 106 3/4	106 3/4 106 3/4	107 1/2 108 3/4	107 1/2 108 3/4	4,200	Great Northern preferred	100	93 1/2 Feb 6	114 1/2 Nov 20	79 1/2 Jan	103 1/2 Sept
28 29	27 28 1/2	27 28	28 28 1/2	28 28 1/2	28 29 1/2	20,200	Prof certificates	100	91 1/2 Feb 7	113 1/2 Nov 20	85 1/2 Mar 10	101 Sept
56 56 1/2	54 55 3/4	53 54	53 54	54 55 1/2	53 54	2,100	Iron Ore Properties	No par	19 1/2 June 12	33 1/2 Oct 23	18 July	28 1/2 Sept
*103 104	*102 104	*102 104	*102 104	*102 104	102 102	200	Gulf Mobile & Northern	No par	43 Aug 6	61 1/2 May 10	5 1/2 Jan	7 1/2 July
54 58 1/2	54 58 1/2	53 58 1/2	53 58 1/2	54 58 1/2	55 58 1/2	15,900	Preferred	100	99 Aug 16	109 May 1	105 Jan	112 1/2 Apr
*81 82 1/2	*82 83	82 82 1/2	82 82 1/2	82 83	*82 83	4,000	Hudson & Manhattan	100	50 1/2 Dec 8	7 1/2 Apr 24	40 1/2 Jan	6 1/2 May
141 1/4 142 1/4	141 142	141 141 3/4	141 142	142 142 3/4	143 1/4 143 3/4	200	Preferred	100	31 Oct 8	92 1/2 Apr 26	78 Jan	90 1/2 May
						60,000	Illinois Central	100	18 1/4 Jan 11	148 1/2 May 9	12 1/2 Jan	139 1/2 Oct
*138 142	*138 142	*138 142	*138 142	*138 142	*138 144	200	Preferred	100	130 1/2 Jan 13	147 May 15	120 1/2 Jan	140 Oct
50 51 1/2	51 52	50 52 1/2	51 53	50 54	51 54	64,000	Interboro Rapid Tran v t c	100	29 Jan 5	62 May 3	30 1/2 Aug	52 1/2 Feb
*51 53	51 52 1/4	51 52 1/4	52 53	51 52 1/4	52 53	2,000	Int Rys of Cent America	100	36 1/2 Mar 16	52 1/2 Nov 27	28 Apr	42 1/2 Oct
77 79	79 80	79 80	79 80	79 80	79 80	1,010	Preferred	100	69 1/2 Jan 8	82 May 2	63 Apr	74 1/2 Oct
92 95	91 1/2 93 1/2	92 94 1/2	93 93 1/2	91 1/2 92	91 92	47,600	Kansas City Southern	100	43 June 13	95 Nov 26	41 1/2 Jan	70 1/2 July
*69 70	*68 70	*68 70	70 70	69 69 1/2	70 70 1/2	300	Preferred	100	68 1/2 Aug 10	77 Apr 20	64 1/2 Jan	73 1/2 Dec
101 102	100 100 1/2	99 1/4 99 1/4	99 100	99 100 1/2	99 100 1/2	2,500	Lehigh Valley	50	84 1/2 Feb 20	116 Apr 28	88 1/2 Oct	137 1/2 June
150 151	*148 149	148 148	147 147	*147 149	*148 150	700	Louisville & Nashville	100	139 1/2 Nov 2	159 1/2 May 10	128 1/2 Jan	159 1/2 Oct
85 85 1/2	85 85 1/2	83 85	84 85	84 84 1/2	84 85	33,000	Manhattan Elevated guar.	100	75 Jan 9	96 May 4	79 1/2 Jan	90 Dec
55 57 1/2	54 57 1/2	55 56	55 56 1/2	54 56 1/2	55 57 1/2	23,000	Modified guaranty	100	64 June 10	84 May 3	6 1/2 Dec	6 1/2 Feb
*4 4 1/2	*4 4 1/2	4 4 1/2	4 4 1/2	4 4 1/2	4 4 1/2	2,000	Market Street Railway	100	3 1/2 Dec 10	7 1/2 May 15	4 1/2 Nov	6 1/2 June
*39 39 1/2	*39 39 1/2	39 39 1/2	39 39 1/2	39 39 1/2	38 38 1/2	400	Prior preferred	100	33 1/2 Dec 10	54 1/2 May 4	41 1/2 Feb	50 1/2 Aug
*31 31 1/2	*31 31 1/2	31 31 1/2	31 31 1/2	31 31 1/2	31 31 1/2	4,600	Minneapolis & St Louis	100	17 1/2 May 23	61 1/2 May 2	1 1/2 Jan	4 1/2 Feb
*40 43	*40 43	42 42 1/2	*41 43	*41 43	*41 43	200	Minn St Paul & S S Marie	100	40 June 21	52 1/2 Jan 6	37 Jan	50 1/2 Dec
*71 73	*70 73	71 72 1/2	*71 73	*71 73	*71 73	200	Preferred	100	70 1/2 Dec 27	87 1/2 May 16	50 Apr	58 1/2 Dec
62 62	*62 63 1/2	61 63	63 63 1/2	63 63 1/2	*63 64	140	Leased lines	100	50 Dec 21	71 1/2 Jan 9	58 1/2 Mar	71 Nov
63 64	51 53 1/2	51 53 1/2	51 53 1/2	51 53 1/2	52 1/2 53 1/2	35,800	Mo-Kan- Tex RR	No par	30 1/2 June 13	58 Dec 4	31 1/2 Jan	59 1/2 June
103 103 1/2	103 103 1/2	103 103 1/2	103 103 1/2	103 103 1/2	103 103 1/2	3,100	Preferred	100	101 1/2 Dec 12	109 Feb 3	96 1/2 Jan	109 1/2 Dec
67 68	64 66 1/2	63 65 1/2	64 66 1/2	66 67 1/2	66 67 1/2	18,900	Missouri Pacific	100	41 1/2 Feb 7	76 1/2 Sept 17	37 1/2 Jan	62 Apr
121 1/2 122 1/2	121 1/2 123 1/2	121 1/2 122 1/2	122 1/2 123 1/2	121 1/2 123 1/2	123 1/2 123 1/2	16,600	Preferred	100	105 Feb 20	126 1/2 Dec 4	90 1/2 Jan	118 1/2 Nov
*31 3 3/8	31 3 3/8	31 3 3/8	31 3 3/8	31 3 3/8	31 3 3/8	2,300	Nat Rys of Mexico 2d pref.	100	2 Feb 17	5 1/2 Apr 26	1 1/2 Aug	5 1/2 Oct
190 193 1/2	187 1/2 191 1/2	186 3/4 189 1/2	186 3/4 189 1/2	188 1/2 189 3/4	188 189 3/4	52,000	New York Central	100	156 Feb 16	196 1/2 Nov 30	137 1/2 Jan	171 1/2 Oct
138 139 1/2	135 137 1/4	134 135 1/2	136 1/2 136 3/4	136 1/2 137 1/4	137 1/4 138	8,500	N Y Chic & St Louis Co	100	12 1/4 Oct 10	146 May 11	11 1/2 Jan	240 1/2 May
109 109	108 1/2 108 1/2	108 1/2 108 1/2	109 109	109 109	109 109	1,200	Preferred	100	104 Aug 24	110 Jan 4	102 Mar	110 Dec
355 360	335 350	336 341	336 336	340 345	*350 360	110	N Y & Harlem	50	168 1/2 Jan 3	605 Apr 26	167 Dec	185 Apr
86 87 1/2	85 1/4 87 1/2	83 1/2 85 1/4	84 1/2 86 1/4	86 87 1/2	86 87 1/2	88,400	N Y N H & Hartford	100	54 1/2 June 19	82 1/2 Dec 31	41 1/2 Jan	67 1/2 Dec
115 115 1/2	115 115 1/2	114 1/2 115 1/2	114 1/2 115 1/2	115 115 1/2	116 116 1/2	2,500	Preferred	100	112 Sept 17	117 May 3	110 Oct	114 1/2 Nov
29 29 1/2	29 29 1/2	28 28 1/2	28 29 1/2	29 29 1/2	29 29 1/2	5,500	N Y Ontario & Western	100	24 Feb 20	39 May 2	23 1/2 Jan	41 1/2 Sept
*7 7	*7 7	7 7	7 7	*7 7	*7 7	1,800	N Y Railways pref	No par	5 1/4 Jan 24	13 May 2	5 1/2 Dec	15 1/2 Jan
46 46 1/2	*45 46 1/2	*45 46 1/2	44 46	44 46	44 44 1/2	1,000	Norfolk Southern	100	32 June 12	58 Nov 23	37 1/2 Jan	64 1/2 June
195 195 1/2	*192 194	193 193 1/4	191 194	191 194	191 194	7,900	Norfolk & Western	100	175 Jan 12	198 1/2 Nov 27	156 June	203 Nov
*54 58	*54 58	54 58	54 58	54 58	54 58	900	Preferred	100	83 Oct 16	90 June 12	83 Jan	90 July
106 108 1/2	107 108 1/2	106 106 1/2	105 105 1/2	105 105 1/2	105 105 1/2	7,900	Northern Pacific	100	92 1/2 Feb 7	118 Nov 20	78 Jan	102 1/2 Dec
106 108 1/2	107 108 1/2	106 106 1/2	105 105 1/2	105 105 1/2	105 105 1/2	3,900	Certificates	100	90 1/2 Feb 20	115 Nov 20	84 July	92 1/2 Dec
*22 25	*22 25	*22 25	*22 25	*22 25	*22 25	132,700	Pacific Coast	100	19 1/2 May 14	34 1/2 May 25	15 1/2 Feb	51 1/2 Dec
77 79 1/2	77 78 1/2	76 77 1/2	76 77 1/2	76 78 1/2	77 1/2 78 1/2	1,000	Pennsylvania	50	61 1/2 June 19	76 1/2 Dec 31	56 1/2 Jan	68 Oct
31 32	*30 33	31 31	*28 33	*28 33	31 31	800	Peoria & Eastern	100	25 Mar 12	37 May 1	20 Jan	26 1/2 July
*149 151	*145 150	151 151	152 155	156 1/2 160	159 165	7,900	Pere Marquette	100	124 1/2 Feb 9	154 Nov 27	114 1/2 Jan	140 1/2 May
96 96	96 97	97 1/4 97 1/4	97 1/2 97 1/2	*96 97 1/2	96 97 1/2	710	Prior preferred	100	96 Oct 31	101 1/2 Mar 28	93 Jan	99 1/2 Dec
*92 95	*93 96	95 1/4 97	*95 97	*95 97	*95 97 1/2	900	Preferred	100	92 Nov 13	100 1/2 Mar 50	89 1/2 Jan	97 1/2 Dec
145 148 1/4	*145 148	*144 146 3/4	*143 147 1/2	148 148 1/4	146 146	2,100	Pittsburgh & West Va	100	121 1/4 Feb 20	163 Oct 9	122 1/2 Jan	174 May
47 48	*47 48	43 43	*42 43	*42 43	*42 43	400	Reading	50	94 1/2 Feb 7	119 1/2 May 10	94 Jan	101 1/2 Dec
47 48 1/2	*47 48	47 48	48 48 1/2	48 48 1/2	*48 48 1/2	2,000	First preferred	50	41 1/2 Nov 1	46 Apr 9	40 1/2 Jan	43 Dec
*19 19 1/2	*67 70	67 70	*67 70	*67 70	*67 70	1,000	Second preferred	50	46 Jan 26	59 1/2 May 1	43 1/2 Jan	50 Feb
119 120	117 1/2 118	117 1/2 118	117 1/2 118	117 1/2 118	117 118 1/4	17,800	Rutland RR pref	100	50 Feb 21	77 Dec 5	43 Jan	85 May
95 1/2 95 1/2	94 3/4											

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 dates (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and price ranges per share.

Table with columns for 'SALERS FOR THE WEEK' and 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' listing various companies and their share counts.

Table with columns for 'PER SHARE Range for Year 1928' and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1927', listing price ranges for various stocks.

\* Bid and asked prices: no sales on this day. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see third page preceding

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range for Year 1928; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1927. Lists various stocks like Best & Co., Bethlehem Steel, etc.

\*Bid and asked prices; no sale on this day. †Ex-dividend of 100% in com stock. ‡Ex-dividend. §Ex-rights. ¶Shillings. ⓍEx-Div. & Ex-Rts.

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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-headers for 'per share' and 'not per cent'.

Table with columns for 'Shares for the Week' and 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE'. Lists various companies and their share counts.

Table with columns for 'PER SHARE Range Year for 1928' and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1927'. Shows price ranges for 1928 and 1927.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. \* Ex-dividend. c Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see fifth page preceding

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Jan. 5 to Friday, Jan. 11); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Year for 1928; and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1927. The table lists numerous stocks with their respective prices and shares.

\* Held and asked orders: no sales on this day. r Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see sixth page preceding

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Jan. 5 to Friday, Jan. 11); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscel. (Con.) Par); PER SHARE Range for Year 1928; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1927.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day; \* Sx-dividend; a Ex-rights; b Ex-dividend and ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see seventh page preceding

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Jan. 5 to Friday, Jan. 11), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range Year 1928, and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1927. Lists various stocks like Standard Oil, Union Carbide, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day, s Ex-dividend, s Ex-rights, \* No par value, y Es-rates.



New York Stock Exchange—Bond Record, Friday, Weekly and Yearly

Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds

Main table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended Jan. 11, Price Friday Jan. 11, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold., Range Year 1928, and detailed bond listings.

On the basis of \$5 to the £ sterling. d Cash sale.

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Jan. 11.		Interest Period	Price Friday Jan. 11.	Week's Range or Last Sale.	Bonds Sold.	Range Year 1928.
<b>Railroad</b>						
Ala Gt Sou 1st cons 4 5/8s	1943 J	D	102 1/4	105	102 3/4	Jan 29 103 1/2
1st cons 4 5/8 ser B	1943 J	O	94	86	94	94
Alb & Susq 1st guar 3 3/4s	1946 A	O	85	86	85	Dec 28 84 1/2
Alleg & West 1st gen 4 5/8s	1938 A	O	85	86	85	Nov 28 89 9/8
Alleg Val gen guar 4 5/8s	1942 M	S	94	97	93 1/2	Dec 28 90
Ann Arbor 1st gen 4 5/8s	1935 J	Q	76	79	78	Jan 29 75 1/8
Atch Top & S Fe - Gen 4 5/8s	1935 A	O	94	94	94	80
Registered	A	O	90 1/2	90	90 1/2	80
Adjusted gold 4 5/8s	1935 N	O	78 1/2	80	78 1/2	80
Registered	N	O	78 1/2	80	78 1/2	80
Stamped	N	O	87 1/4	88	87 1/4	88
Registered	N	O	89	88	89	88
Conv gold 4 5/8 of 1909	1955 J	D	90	91	88 1/2	4
Conv 4 5/8 of 1905	1955 J	D	90	91	88 1/2	7
Conv 4 5/8 of issue of 1910	1960 J	D	88 1/8	90 1/2	88 1/8	91
Rocky Mtn Div 1st 4s	1965 J	J	91 1/8	92	91 1/8	91
Trans-Con Short L 1st 4s	1958 J	J	91 1/8	93	91 1/8	92
Cal-Aris 1st & ref 4 1/4s A	1962 J	J	98 1/4	99	97 1/4	22
Atl Knox & Nor 1st 6 5/8s	1946 J	D	103 1/4	106 1/2	103 1/4	1
Atl & Charl A L 1st 4 1/4s A	1944 J	J	96	98	96	96
1st 30-year 5 5/8 ser B	1944 J	J	101	102	101	102
Atlantic City 1st cons 4 5/8s	1951 J	J	84 1/8	85 1/2	84 1/8	85
Atl Coast Line 1st cons 4 5/8s July 5 5/8s	1952 M	S	91 1/8	92	91 1/8	92
Registered	M	S	93	92	93	92
General unified 4 1/2s	1964 J	D	97 1/2	98 1/2	97 1/2	101
L & N coll gold 4 5/8s	1952 M	N	89 1/2	91	88 1/2	91
Atl & Dav 1st 4 5/8s	1948 J	J	73 1/2	74	74 1/2	9
2d 4 5/8s	1948 J	J	66	67 1/2	66 1/2	1
Atl & Yad 1st gen guar 4 5/8s	1949 A	J	79	85 1/2	85 1/2	Dec 28 83 1/8
Austin & N W 1st gen 6 5/8s	1941 J	J	100	102	103 1/8	Dec 28 97 1/2
Balt & Ohio 1st gen 4 5/8s	1948 A	O	92 1/4	94	91 7/8	67
Registered	J	Q	93	94	93	93
30-year conv 4 1/2s	1932 M	S	98 1/2	98	98 1/2	99
Registered	M	S	98 1/2	98	98 1/2	99
Refund & gen 5 5/8s series A	1935 J	D	101 1/8	101 1/2	101 1/8	105
Registered	J	D	101 1/8	101 1/2	101 1/8	105
1st gold 5 5/8s	1948 A	O	103 1/2	104	103 1/2	18
Ref & gen 6 5/8s series C	1935 J	D	109 1/2	109 1/2	110	41
P L E & W Va Sys ref 4 5/8s	1941 M	N	93	93 1/2	92 3/4	32
South Div 1st 6 5/8s	1950 J	J	103	103	102 1/2	103
Ref & Cin Div 1st ref 4 5/8s	1959 J	J	84 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/4	11
Top & gen 5 5/8s series D	2000 M	N	101 1/4	101 1/2	101 1/4	55
Bangor & Aroostook 1st 5 5/8s	1943 J	J	103	103	103	1
Con ref 4 5/8s	1951 J	J	83 1/2	84	83 1/2	96
Battle Crk & Stur 1st gen 3 3/4s	1939 J	D	60 1/8	71	68 1/2	72
Beech Creek 1st gen 4 5/8s	1936 J	J	95	95	95	Aug 28 94
Registered	J	J	97	97	97	June 28 97
2d guar 4 5/8s	1936 J	J	77 1/8	81	82	Aug 28 82
Beech Crk Ext 1st gen 3 3/4s	1951 A	O	86 1/2	87	86 1/2	87
Belvidere Del cons gen 3 3/4s	1943 J	J	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	87
Big Sandy 1st 4 5/8 guar	1944 J	D	90 1/8	91	91	Dec 28 91
Bolivia Ry 1st 5 5/8s	1927 J	J	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	93
Boston & Maine 1st 5 5/8 A C	1967 M	S	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	8
Boston & N Y Air Line 1st 4 5/8s	1955 F	A	80 1/4	81 1/2	81 1/2	8
Bruno & West 1st gen 4 5/8s	1938 J	J	93	96	94	Dec 28 94
Buff Roch & Pitts gen 5 5/8s	1937 M	N	92	92	92 1/2	58
Consol 4 1/2s	1967 M	N	100 1/4	102	100 1/4	102
BurI R C & Nor 1st & coll 5 5/8s	1934 A	O	100 1/4	102	100 1/4	102
Canada Sou cons gen 5 5/8s	1962 A	O	106	109	105 3/8	3
Canadian Nat 4 1/2s	1954 M	S	96 1/2	96	96 1/2	13
5-year gold 4 1/2s	1930 F	A	99 3/8	99	99 1/2	82
30-year gold 4 1/2s	1957 J	J	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	53
Canadian North deb 7 7/8s	1940 J	D	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	11
25-year 1st deb 6 1/2s	1946 J	F	115 1/2	115 1/2	115 1/2	7
10-yr gold 4 1/2s	1935 F	A	97 1/8	98	97 1/8	98
Canadian Pac Ry 4 5/8 deb stock	1946 M	J	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	24
Col tr 4 1/2s	1946 M	J	98 3/4	98 1/2	98 1/2	107
Carb & Shaw 1st gen 4 5/8s	1932 M	S	94	98	98 1/2	Nov 28 95
Caro Cent 1st cons gen 4 5/8s	1949 J	D	80	82	80	Dec 28 80
Caro Clinch & O 1st 30-yr 5 5/8s	1938 J	D	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	9
1st & con gen 6 5/8 ser A	1932 J	J	107	107	108 1/2	19
Cart & Ad 1st gen 4 5/8s	1981 J	D	87	87 1/2	87 1/2	Dec 28 87 1/2
Cent Branch U P 1st 4 5/8s	1948 F	A	82 1/2	85	84 1/2	4
Central of Ga 1st gen 5 5/8s	1945 F	A	105	105	105	Dec 28 105
Consol gold 5 5/8s	1945 M	N	102 1/2	103	102 1/2	3
Registered	M	N	100	100	100	Jan 28 100 1/4
10-year secured 6 5/8s	1929 J	D	100	100	99 3/4	17
Ref & gen 5 1/2s series B	1950 A	O	100	102	105 1/2	2
Ref & gen 5 5/8s series C	1950 A	O	101	104	102	Dec 28 102
Chatt Div pur money 4 5/8s	1951 J	D	86	91	93 1/2	Dec 28 93 1/2
Mid & Nor Div 1st 5 5/8s	1946 J	J	101	101	101	1
Mid Ga & Atl div pur m 5 5/8s	1947 J	J	101	105	103 1/8	Apr 28 103 1/8
Mobile Div 1st 5 5/8s	1946 J	J	101	105	105	Dec 28 103
Cent New Eng 1st gen 4 5/8s	1961 J	J	83 3/8	84	83 3/8	5
Central Ohio reorg 1st 4 1/2s	1930 M	S	97	99	98	Dec 28 98
Cent R R & Bkt of Ga coll 5 5/8 1937	1937 M	S	99	99	98 7/8	99 1/4
Central of N J gen gold 5 5/8s	1987 J	J	110 1/2	112 1/2	111	1
Registered	J	J	109 3/4	111	109 1/2	1
General 4 5/8s	1987 J	J	109 3/4	111	109 1/2	1
Cent Pac 1st ref gen 4 5/8s	1949 F	A	90 1/4	91	90 1/2	17
Registered	F	A	88	88	88	Sept 28 88
Mtge guar gold 3 3/4s	1929 J	D	99	99 1/4	99	99
Through Short L 1st gen 4 5/8s	1954 A	O	90 3/8	90 3/8	91	17
Guaranteed 6 5/8s	1960 F	A	102 1/2	102 3/4	102 3/4	58
Charleston & Savn 1st 7 7/8s	1936 J	J	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	Aug 27 99
Cheo & Ohio fund & imp 6 5/8s	1929 M	N	103 1/2	107	107 1/2	25
Registered	M	N	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	106
General gold 4 1/2s	1992 M	S	98 1/2	99 1/4	98 3/8	9 3/8
Registered	M	S	97 1/8	98	97 1/8	9 3/8
30-year conv 4 1/2s	1930 F	A	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	33
Craig Valley 1st 6 5/8s	1940 J	J	99 1/4	99 3/4	99 3/4	3
Potts Creek Branch 1st 4 5/8s	1946 J	J	90	90 3/4	90 3/4	90 3/4
R & A Div 1st con gen 4 5/8s	1989 J	J	86	90	86	Jan 29 87 1/2
2d consol gold 4 5/8s	1989 J	J	85	85	85	July 28 91 1/2
Warm Springs V 1st gen 5 5/8s	1941 M	S	100	102 1/2	100	Dec 28 100 1/2
Cheap Corp conv 5 5/8s May 15 1947	1947 M	N	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	144
Cle & Alton RR ref 7 3/8s	1949 A	O	69 1/2	70 3/8	70	8
Cld dep stpd Oct 1928 Int	1949 J	J	69	69	69	1
Railway first lien 3 3/4s	1950 J	J	70	71	70 1/2	75
Certificates of deposit	1950 J	J	71	71	71	60
Chlo Buri & Q - III Div 3 3/4s	1949 J	J	85 1/4	87	85 1/4	1
Registered	J	J	85 1/4	87	85 1/4	Dec 28 85 1/4
Illinois Division 4 5/8s	1949 J	J	93 3/8	93 3/8	93 3/8	1
General 4 5/8s	1958 M	S	91 1/2	92 1/2	91 3/4	4
Registered	M	S	93 3/4	93 3/4	93 3/4	Sept 28 93 3/4
1st & ref 4 1/2s ser B	1977 F	A	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	19
1st & ref 5 5/8s series A	1971 F	A	105	104 1/2	105 1/4	4
Chicago & East III 1st 6 5/8s	1934 A	O	103	105	105	1
O & E III Ry (new co) con 5 5/8s	1951 M	N	82 1/2	82 1/2	85 1/8	63
Chic & Erie 1st gold 5 5/8s	1982 M	S	103 1/2	103 1/2	106	Jan 29 103 1/2
Chicago Great West 1st 4 5/8s	1959 M	S	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	165
Chic Ind & Lou - Ref 6 5/8s	1947 J	J	103 1/4	117 1/4	114	Oct 28 113 1/4
Refunding gold 5 5/8s	1947 J	J	92	92	92	Dec 28 92
Refunding 4 5/8s series C	1947 J	J	92	92	92	Dec 28 92
1st & gen 5 5/8 ser A	1968 M	N	101	101	101	3
1st & gen 6 5/8 ser B	1986 J	J	107	106	108 1/2	5
Chic Ind & Sou 50-year 4 5/8s	1966 J	J	87	92 1/2	92 1/2	Dec 28 90
Chic L S & East 1st 4 1/2s	1969 J	D	94 7/8	99 1/8	99 1/8	Oct 28 99 1/2
Ch M & St P gen 4 5/8s	1989 J	J	85 3/8	86 3/8	86	6
Registered	J	J	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	Dec 28 82 1/2
Gen 3 3/4s ser B	1989 J	J	74 1/2	75	75	1
Gen 4 1/2s series C	1989 J	J	95 1/2	96	95 3/8	6
Registered	J	J	100	100	100	May 28 100 1/4

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Jan. 11.		Interest Period	Price Friday Jan. 11.	Week's Range or Last Sale.	Bonds Sold.	Range Year 1928.
Chic Milw & St P (Concluded)	1989 J	J	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2
Gen 4 1/2s series E	1919 M	N	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2
Debentures 4 5/8s	1925 J	D	80	80	80	Feb 28 71
Chic Milw St P & Pac 5 5/8s	1975 F	A	93 1/2	94	93 1/2	372
Con v ad 5 5/8s	1975 J	A	78 1/4	79	79	225 1/2
Chic & N West gen 3 3/4s	1987 M	N	80 1/2	80	80	1
Registered	F	F	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	Oct 28 76 3/4
General 4 5/8s	1987 M	N	89 1/2	90	89 1/2	12
Registered	F	F	94	94	94	Apr 28 94
Stpd 4 5/8 non-p Fed Inc tax	1987 M	N	89 1/2	91 1/2	92 1/2	Dec 28 89 1/4
Gen 4 1/2s stpd Fed Inc tax	1987 M	N	102 1/2	105	106 1/2	12
Gen 5 5/8 stpd Fed Inc tax	1987 M	N	109 1/2			

Table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended Jan. 11, Interest Period, Price Friday Jan. 11, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Year 1928, and various bond descriptions.

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Table with columns for Bond Description, Price Friday Jan. 11., Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Year 1928, and Bond Details. It lists various bonds from N.Y. Stock Exchange, including NY O & W ref 1st g 4s, NY Providence & Boston 4s, and many others, with their respective prices and maturities.

4 Due May. 6 Due June. 1 Due August.

Table with columns for Bond Type (BONDS, INDUSTRIALS), N.Y. Stock Exchange, Week Ended Jan. 11, Interest Period, Price (Bid, Ask, Low, High), Range Year 1928, and various bond descriptions with their respective prices and yields.

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Jan. 11.				BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Jan. 11.										
Interest Period	Price Friday Jan. 11.	Week's Range or Last Sale.	Bonds Sold.	Range Year 1928.	Interest Period	Price Friday Jan. 11.	Week's Range or Last Sale.	Bonds Sold.	Range Year 1928.	Interest Period	Price Friday Jan. 11.	Week's Range or Last Sale.	Bonds Sold.	Range Year 1928.
	Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High	No.	Low	High	No.	Low	High	No.
Louisville Gas & El (Ky) 5s. 1932	M N	103 3/8	102 1/2	104	4	100 3/8	101 3/8	4	Pure Oil 5 1/2% notes. 1937	F A	99 3/4	100	99 1/2	97 1/2
Louisville Ry 1st cons 5s. 1930	J J	98 1/2	98	104	4	94	98 1/4	4	Purity Bakeries s f deb 5s. 1948	J J	95	94 1/2	95	97
Lower Austrian Hydro El Pow	J J	97 1/2	97	104	4	94	98 1/4	4	Remington Arms 6s. 1937	M N	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	73
1st 5 1/2% 1944	F A	87 1/8	86 3/4	87 3/4	11	84 1/4	91 1/2	11	Rem Rand deb 5 1/2% with war '47	A O	94 3/4	94	94 3/4	83
McCroskey Stores Corp deb 6 1/2% '41	J D	98 1/2	98 1/2	99	27	98 1/2	102 5/8	27	Repub L & S 10-30-yr 5s s f. 1940	A O	102 1/4	102	102 3/4	26
Manat Sugar 1st s f 7 1/2% 1942	A O	99 3/4	99 1/2	100	58	91	106 3/4	58	Ref & gen 5 1/2% series A. 1953	J J	102 3/4	102 1/2	102 3/4	8
Manhat Ry (N Y) cons 4s. 1930	A O	67 1/4	67	67 3/4	6	65	77 1/4	6	Reineb Union 7s with war. 1946	J J	103 1/2	103	104	15
2d 4s. 2013	J D	60 1/2	63	59	Jan'29	60	71 1/4		Without stk purch war. 1946	J J	96 3/4	96 1/2	97	61
Manila Elec Ry & Lt s f 5s. 1953	M S	97 1/8	97 1/8	97 1/8	1	96	103 1/2	1	Rhine-Main-Danube 7s A. 1950	F A	100	102	101	4
Marion Steam Shove s f 6s. 1947	A O	98 1/2	99	98 3/4	Jan'29	98 3/4	102		Rhine-Westphalia Elec Pow 7s '50	F A	100 3/4	102	101 1/2	102
Mfrs Tr Co cts of partic in	J D	101	101	101	3	103	106	3	Direct mtge 6s. 1952	M N	92 1/2	92	92 1/2	34
A I Namm & Son 1st A 6s. 1943	J D	101 1/2	102	103	3	103	106	3	Cons m 6s of 1928. 1953	F A	96	95	96	92
Market St Ry 7s ser A 6s. 1940	J D	97 1/2	97	97 1/2	109	96	100 1/2	109	Rima Steel 1st s f 7s. 1955	M S	91 1/2	92	92 3/4	Jan'29
Meridian El 1st 7s. 1951	A O	96 1/2	96 1/2	97 1/4	63	96 1/4	105 3/8	63	Rochester Gas & El 7s ser B. 1946	F A	103 1/2	109 1/2	108 3/4	Jan'29
Metr Ed 1st & ref 5s ser C. 1953	J J	102 3/8	101 1/2	102 3/4	15	100 1/4	105	15	Gen mtge 5 1/2% series C. 1948	M S	106	106	106	2
Metr West Side El (Chic) 4s. 1938	F A	79	79	80 1/4	11	76 1/2	84 3/4	11	Gen mtge 4 1/2% series D. 1977	M S	100 3/8	101 3/8	100 3/4	Jan'29
Mlag Mill Mach 7s with war. 1956	J D	98	95	98	9	96	103	9	Rock & Pitts C & P m 5s. 1946	M N	90	90	90 Dec'28	5
Without warrants. 1956	J D	90	90	92	17	89 1/2	98 1/2	17	St Jos Ry Lt & Pr 1st 5s. 1937	M N	95 3/8	98	95 3/8	5
Mid-Cont Petrol 1st 6 1/2%. 1948	M S	105	105	105 1/2	23	104 1/2	106 1/4	23	St Joseph Sbk Yds 1st 4 1/2%. 1930	J J	98 3/4	98 3/8	Nov'28	8
Midvale Steel & Consv s f 6s 1936	M S	99 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/8	73	98 3/4	105 3/8	73	St L Rock Mt & P 5s stmpd. 1955	J J	77	77 1/4	76 3/8	8
Milw El Ry & Lt ref & ext 4 1/2% '31	J J	98 1/8	98 3/4	97 1/2	Jan'29	97 1/2	103 3/4		St Paul City Cable cons 5s. 1937	J J	92	92	Nov'28	91
General & ref 5s series A. 1951	J D	102 7/8	102 7/8	102 7/8	4	102 1/2	105 3/8	4	San Antonio Pub Serv 1st 6s. 1952	F A	100	97 1/4	100	Dec'28
1st & ref 5s series B. 1941	J D	100 3/8	100 1/2	101	17	99 1/4	106 3/8	17	Saxon Pub Wks (Germany) 7s '45	F A	100	100	100	58
Montana Power 1st 6s A. 1943	J J	103 1/4	103	103 3/8	61	100 3/8	106 3/4	61	Gen ref guar 6 1/2%. 1951	M N	94	94	93 1/2	94 1/2
Deb 6s series A. 1962	J D	101	101	101	33	99	105 1/2	33	Schulco Co guar 6 1/2%. 1948	A O	100 1/2	100	100 1/2	5
Montecatin Min & Agric	J J	127	118	127	197	100	131 1/2	197	Guar s f 6 1/2% series B. 1946	A O	100 1/8	100	100 1/2	9
Without warrants. 1937	J J	93 3/4	93 3/4	94 1/2	132	92 3/4	101 1/2	132	Shell Steel 1st sp 6 1/2% s f. 1948	M N	96 3/4	96 3/4	97	20 1/2
Montreal Tram 1st & ref 5s. 1941	J J	99 3/8	99	99 3/8	14	98 1/4	102 3/4	14	Shell Union Oil s f deb 5s. 1952	M N	98 3/4	98 3/4	98 3/4	144
Gen & ref s f 5s series A. 1955	A O	99	99 1/4	98 1/4	Nov'28	98	101 3/4		Shubnets El Pow 1st 6 1/2%. 1952	J D	91	91	90 1/2	14
Series B. 1955	A O	97 3/8	98 3/8	98 3/8	Sept'28	98 3/8	100 1/4		Shubert Theatre 6s. June 15 1942	J D	88	91	89 1/4	18
Morris & Co 1st s f 4 1/2%. 1939	J J	87 3/8	87 1/2	88 1/4	32	85 1/2	88 3/8	32	Siemens & Halske s f 7s. 1935	J J	102 3/4	105	105	65
Mortgage-Bond Co 4s ser 2. 1966	A O	82 1/8	82	Dec'28		82	82 1/2		Deb s f 6 1/2%. 1951	M S	103 1/2	104 1/2	107	107
10-25-year 5s series 3. 1932	J J	97 1/4	97 1/2	97 1/2	Dec'28	96 7/8	100		S 6 1/2% allot cts 50% pd. '51	F A	103 3/4	103 3/4	105 3/4	27
Murray Body 1st 6 1/2%. 1934	J D	100	101 7/8	101 3/4	102	90 3/4	102 3/8	8	Sierra & San Fran Power 5s. 1949	F A	100 3/8	100 3/8	100 1/2	6
Mutual Fuel Gas 1st gu 5 1/2%. 1947	M N	102 7/8	102	102 7/8		102	107		Silesia Elec Corp s f 6 1/2%. 1946	F A	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	47
Mut Un Tel gtd 6s ext at 5s. 1941	M N	104 3/4	104 3/4	104 3/4	73	102 3/4	104	73	Silesian-Ann Exp coll tr 7s. 1941	M N	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 3/4	47
Nam (A) & Son—See Mfrs Tr	J J	59 1/2	56 3/4	59 1/8	18	55	65	18	Simms Petrol 6% notes. 1929	M N	100	101 1/4	100	Dec'28
Nasau Elec guar gold 4s. 1951	J J	95 1/2	95 1/2	97 3/8	736	95 3/8	99 3/4	736	St Cons Oil 15-year 7s. 1937	M S	102 3/4	102 1/2	103	57
Nat Dairy Prod deb 5 1/2%. 1951	F A	98	98	98 3/4	13	97 1/2	99 3/4	13	1st lien cons notes D. 1948	M S	103 1/4	103 1/4	103 1/4	105
Nat Enam & Stamp 1st 5s. 1929	J D	101	101	101	15	101	104 1/2	15	1st lien 1/2% series D. 1948	J D	101	101	100 3/4	47
Nat Radiator deb 6 1/2%. 1947	F A	74 3/4	74	75	14	73 1/2	81	14	Sinclair Crude Oil 5 1/2% ser A. 1938	J J	97 3/8	97	97 1/2	66
Nat Starch 20-year deb 5s. 1930	J J	98	101	100	Nov'28	100	100 1/4		Sinclair Pipe Line s f 5s. 1942	A O	93 3/4	93 3/4	94	57
National Tube 1st s f 6s. 1952	M N	103 7/8	104 1/8	104 1/8	2	102	105 1/4	2	Skelly Oil deb 5 1/2%. 1939	M S	93 3/4	93 3/4	93 3/4	15
Newark Consol Gas cons 5s. 1948	J D	103	105 1/4	104	Dec'28	102	108		Smith (A O) Corp 1st 6 1/2%. 1933	M N	102	102 1/2	102 1/2	Jan'29
New England Tel & Tel 5s A. 1952	J D	106	106 3/4	106 1/2	6	105 1/4	111 1/2	6	South Porto Rico Sugar 7s. 1941	J D	107	102	105 1/2	107
1st 4 1/2% series B. 1961	M N	100 1/4	100 3/4	100 1/4	4	99 1/2	106	4	South Bell Tel & Tel 1st s f 5s. 1941	J J	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	6
New Ori Pub Serv 1st 6s A. 1952	A O	96 3/4	96 3/8	96 3/4	22	95	101 3/8	22	Southern Colo Power 6s A. 1947	J J	104	104	103 1/4	16
First & ref 5s series B. 1955	J D	95 3/4	95 3/8	96 1/2	42	95	101 1/2	42	S'west Bell Tel 1st & ref 5s. 1954	F A	104 3/4	104 3/4	104 3/4	14
N Y Dock 50-year 1st 4s. 1951	F A	82 3/4	88	83 3/4	84	82	90	84	Spring Val Water 1st 6s. 1943	M N	99 3/8	99 1/2	Dec'28	15
Serial 5% notes. 1938	A O	89 1/4	88	89 1/4	16	86	93 1/2	16	Standard Milling 1st 6s. 1930	M N	99 3/8	99 3/8	100	15
N Y Edison 1st & ref 6 1/2% A. 1941	A O	114 7/8	115 1/4	115	15 1/2	113	119	15 1/2	1st & ref 5 1/2%. 1945	M S	93 3/4	93 3/4	103 1/2	3
1st lien & ref 5s series B. 1944	A O	103 3/4	106	105 3/8	104	103	106 3/8	104	Stand Oil of N J deb 5s Dec 15 '46	F A	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	125
N Y Gas El Lt & Pr g 6s. 1944	J D	107 1/4	110	107 3/8	10	105 1/8	107 3/8	10	Stand Oil of N Y deb 4 1/2%. 1951	F A	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	33
Registered. 1942	J D	110	107 3/8	110	Apr'28	110	110		Stevens Hotel 1st 6s series A. 1945	J D	100	98	98	11
Purchase money gold 4s. 1949	F A	93 1/2	96 1/4	93 3/4	94	92 1/4	98 3/4	94	Sugar Estates (Oriente) 7s. 1942	M S	98	98	97	14
N Y L & W C & RR 5 1/2%. 1942	M N	100	100 3/8	100 3/8	Oct'28	100	103 1/2		Superior Oil 1st s f 7s. 1929	F A	100 1/2	100	Nov'28	100
N Y L & W Dock & Imp 6s. 1943	F J	100 1/8	100	100	Aug'28	100	103 1/2		Syracuse Lighting 1st 6s. 1951	J D	105 1/2	106 1/4	106	2
N Y Q & El L & P 1st 6s. 1930	F A	100 1/8	100	100	Dec'28	98 3/4	101 7/8		Tenn Coal Iron & RR gen 6s. 1951	J J	101 1/8	101 1/2	Dec'28	101 1/2
N Y Ry 1st R E & ref 4s. 1942	J J	56	61 7/8	62	Nov'28	62	62 3/4		Tenn Cop & Chem deb 6s. 1941	A O	106 3/4	110 3/8	111	16
Certificates of deposit. 1942	A O	56 1/4	56 1/4	58	6	58	60	6	Tennessee Elec Pow 1st 6s. 1947	J D	107	107	106 1/2	48
30-year adj inc 5s. 1942	A O	21 1/2	21 1/2	Dec'28		21 1/2	4		Third Ave Ry 1st ref 4s. 1960	J J	65 3/4	65 1/4	66	22
Certificates of deposit. 1942	A O	21 3/4	3	Oct'28	21 1/2	4	4		Adj inc 5s tax-ex N Y Jan 1960	A O	63	63	63 3/4	301
N Y Ry Corp Inc 6s. 1950	Apr	21 3/4	21 1/2	23 3/4	249	13 3/8	32		Third Ave Ry 1st 7s. 1937	J J	64 1/4	65 3/8	66 1/4	1
Prior lien 6s series A. 1955	J J	84 1/2	87	86 1/2	Jan'29	75 3/4	94 1/2		Toho Elec Pow 1st 7s. 1955	M J	95 3/4	95 3/4	98 1/4	4 1/2
N Y & Richm 1st 6s A. 1951	M N	105 1/4	106	105 3/8	Jan'29	104	109		Tokyo Elec Light Co, Ltd. July 15 1929	J J	99 1/4	99 1/4	99	99 3/4
N Y State Ry 1st cons 4 1/2%. 1962	M N	60 1/2	64	60	6	48 3/4	74 3/4		1st 6s 40% series. 1953	J D	99 3/4	99 1/2	99	332
1st cons 6 1/2% series B. 1962	M N	60 1/2	64	60	6	48 3/4	74 3/4		Toledo Tr L & P 5 1/2% notes 1930	J J	99 3/4	100	99 3/4	100
N Y Steam 1st 25-yr 6s ser A. 1949	M N	106 3/4	107 3/4	106 3/4										

Outside Stock Exchanges

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, Jan. 5 to Jan. 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Shares, Range for Year 1928. Lists various stocks like Acme Steel Co., Amer Pub Serv, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Shares, Range for Year 1928. Lists various stocks like Keystone St & Wl com, Kirsch Co, etc.

Table of stock prices for Cleveland Stock Exchange, including columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range for Year 1928 (Low, High).

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, Jan. 5 to Jan. 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Philadelphia Stock Exchange, including columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range for Year 1928 (Low, High).

Table of stock prices for Cincinnati Stock Exchange, including columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High).

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Jan. 5 to Jan. 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Philadelphia Stock Exchange, including columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range for Year 1928 (Low, High).

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Jan. 5 to Jan. 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Philadelphia Stock Exchange, including columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range for Year 1928 (Low, High).



Table of stock prices for Baltimore Stock Exchange, including columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range for Year 1928 (Low, High).

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, Jan. 5 to Jan. 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Los Angeles Stock Exchange, including columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range for Year 1928 (Low, High).

Table of bond prices for Los Angeles Stock Exchange, including columns for Bond Name, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range for Year 1928 (Low, High).

Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, Jan. 5 to Jan. 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for San Francisco Stock Exchange, including columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range for Year 1928 (Low, High).

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, Jan. 5 to Jan. 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for San Francisco Stock Exchange, including columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range for Year 1928 (Low, High).

Stocks (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.	
		Low.	Hgh.		Low.	Hgh.
Byron Jackson Pump Co.	84 1/2	82 1/2	85 3/4	11,813	77	Jan 86 1/2
Calif Copper	8	7 1/2	8 1/4	2,307	7 1/2	Jan 8 1/4
Calif Cotton Mills com.		94	94	120	94	Jan 94
Calif Ore Power 7% pref.		115 1/2	115 3/4	50	115	Jan 115 1/2
Calif Packing Corp.	77	75 3/4	77	961	75 1/2	Jan 77
Caterpillar Tractor Rights	2.70	2.70	2.95	16,521	2.70	Jan 3.00
Clorox Chem Co.	49 1/2	45 5/8	50 3/4	14,294	45 1/2	Jan 50 3/4
Coast Co Gas & El 1st pref.		98	99	65	98	Jan 99
Crocker First Nat Bank		390	390	15	390	Jan 390
Crown Zellerbach pref.		93	93 3/4	2,023	93	Jan 93 3/4
Voting tr cfts.	24 3/4	23 3/4	25	11,419	23 3/4	Jan 25 1/2
Dairydale A		25	25	210	24	Jan 25 1/2
"B"	20 1/2	19	20 1/2	2,352	19	Jan 20 1/2
Emporium Corp.		27 1/2	28 1/2	755	27 1/2	Jan 28 1/2
Fagel Motors common		5 1/2	6 1/4	1,961	6	Jan 6 1/4
Firemans Fund Insurance	131	128	131	1,625	127	Jan 131
Foster & Kleiser common		12 1/2	12 1/2	915	12 1/2	Jan 12 1/2
Galland Merc Laundry	52 1/2	51 1/2	52 1/2	1,155	51 1/2	Jan 52 1/2
Golden State Milk Prods.	57 1/2	57	58 3/4	2,688	57	Jan 59 1/2
Gt West Power pref.	107	105 3/4	107	115	105 3/4	Jan 107
Series A 6% pref.	101 1/2	100 3/4	102	150	100 3/4	Jan 102
General Paint A		31 3/4	31 3/4	324	31 3/4	Jan 32 3/4
"B"	26 3/8	26 1/4	26 3/4	692	26 1/4	Jan 27 1/2
Halku Pineapple Co com.	13	13	13	10	13	Jan 13
Preferred 7%		23 3/4	23 3/4	50	23 3/4	Jan 23 3/4
Hale Bros Stores Inc.		22 3/4	23	630	22 3/4	Jan 23
Hawaiian Coml & Sug Ltd.		50 1/2	50 1/2	280	50 1/2	Jan 51 3/4
Hawaiian Pineapple	62 1/2	62	62 1/2	269	62	Jan 62 1/2
Home Fire & Marine Ins.		43	43	165	43	Jan 46 1/2
Honolulu Cons Oil.	38 1/2	37 3/4	38 1/2	1,324	37 3/4	Jan 38 1/2
Honolulu Plantation		60 3/4	60 3/4	45	60 3/4	Jan 60 3/4
Hunt Bros Pack A com.		22 1/2	22 1/2	435	22 1/2	Jan 23 3/4
Illinois Pacific Glass A		45	46	444	45	Jan 46
Jantzen Knit Mills		45 1/2	45 1/2	1,244	45 1/2	Jan 48 3/4
Kolster Radio Corp.	74 3/4	72	77 3/4	27,372	72	Jan 79 3/4
La Gas & El pfd 6%		108	108	35	108	Jan 108 1/2
Langendorf United Bak A.		31 1/2	32 1/2	405	31 1/2	Jan 34 3/4
Leighton Ind A	17	16 1/2	17	225	16 1/2	Jan 17
B v t c.		7	8	140	7	Jan 10
Leslie Salt Co.	45 1/2	45	46 1/2	2,660	45	Jan 46 1/2
Magnavox Co.	11	10	11 1/2	35,421	10	Jan 13 1/2
Magnin (I) common.	37	36	39	6,303	36	Jan 30
Nor Am Inv. com.	113	115	115	154	113	Jan 115
Preferred 6%	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 3/4	50	100 1/2	Jan 100 3/4
No Am Inv rtes.	2.50	2.65	2.65	460	2.50	Jan 2.65
No Am Oil.	37 1/4	37 1/4	37 3/4	1,197	37 1/4	Jan 38
Occidental Gas Co.	27 1/2	27	27 1/2	375	27	Jan 27 1/2
Oilyer Filter "A"		42 3/4	43 3/4	1,467	42 3/4	Jan 45
"B"	41 1/2	41 1/2	43 3/4	1,927	41 1/2	Jan 44 3/4
Pac Gas & Elec, com.	54 1/2	54 1/2	55	5,589	54 1/2	Jan 55
1st preferred.	27 1/2	27	27 1/2	3,309	27	Jan 27 1/2
Pac Lighting Corp, com.	70 3/4	70 3/4	72 1/2	3,007	70 3/4	Jan 73
6% preferred.	102 1/2	102	102 3/4	110	101 3/4	Jan 102 3/4
Pac Tel & Tel, com.	160	160	160 1/2	30	160	Jan 161
Preferred.	121	122	122	90	121	Jan 122
Paraffine Cos, Inc, com.	86	86	88	2,279	84	Jan 88 1/2
Pigly Wiggly West Sts "A"	29	28	29 1/2	1,037	28	Jan 29 1/2
Pig'n Whistle, pfd.		13 1/2	13 1/2	100	13	Jan 13 1/2
Richfield Oil.	45 1/2	45 1/2	47	6,263	45 1/2	Jan 48 3/4
Preferred ex wrts.	24 1/2	24 1/2	25	1,774	24 1/2	Jan 25
Roose Bros, com.	33 3/4	32 3/4	33 3/4	1,153	32	Jan 33 3/4
Preferred.	100 1/2	100	100 3/4	40	99	Jan 100 3/4
S J L & Pwr pfd 7%		114 1/2	116	70	114	Jan 116
Shell Union Oil, com.	20 3/4	20 3/4	21 1/2	2,236	20 3/4	Jan 21 1/2
Preferred.	89	90	90	150	89	Jan 90
Shell Union Oil, com.	28 3/4	28 3/4	29	951	28 3/4	Jan 29
Sherman & Clay pfd.	94 1/2	94	95	52	94	Jan 95
Sierra Pac Elec, pfd.		95 1/2	96	15	95 1/2	Jan 96 1/2
Sperry Flour Co, com.	95 1/4	90	98 3/4	4,148	94 3/4	Jan 98 1/2
Preferred.	101 1/2	101 1/2	102	71	101 1/2	Jan 102
Spring Valley Water.	90	90	90 1/2	965	90	Jan 91
Standard Oil of Calif.	69	69	72 3/4	22,775	69	Jan 72 3/4
Tidewater Assd Oil, com.		20 1/2	20 1/2	220	20 1/2	Jan 21 1/2
Preferred.	89	88 1/2	89 3/4	162	88 1/2	Jan 89 3/4
Truax Label & Litho Co.	22	22	22	5	22	Jan 22
Trans Am.	131	130 3/4	132	26,752	130 3/4	Jan 132
Union Oil Associates.	49	49	50 3/4	8,455	49	Jan 51 1/2
Union Oil of Calif.	49 3/4	49 3/4	50 3/4	6,225	49 3/4	Jan 51 1/2
Union Sugar, com.	22 3/4	22 3/4	22 3/4	340	22 3/4	Jan 23
Preferred.		30	30 1/2	120	30	Jan 30 1/2
Union Assd rts.	1.47 1/2	1.45	1.55	16,851	1.45	Jan 1.65
Union Oil rts.	1.45	1.45	1.55	9,272	1.45	Jan 1.70
West Coast Bancorp.	29 3/4	29 3/4	29 3/4	524	29 3/4	Jan 30
Yellow & Checker Cab Co.		51	53	394	51	Jan 53

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, Jan. 5 to Jan. 11, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.	
			Low.	Hgh.		Low.	Hgh.
<b>Banks</b>							
First National Bank	100	345	345 1/2	23	343	Jan 345 1/2	Jan
Merchants-Laclede Nat 100		370	370	15	370	Jan 370	Jan
Nat Bank of Comm'ce 100	185	178	190	745	175	Jan 190	Jan
<b>Trust Company</b>							
Franklin-Amer Trust—100		215	215	5	215	Jan 215	Jan
Mercantile Trust—100	575	575	575	113	575	Jan 575	Jan
Mississippi Valley Tr—100	375	372	375	87	370	Jan 375	Jan
<b>Miscellaneous</b>							
A. S. Aloe Co., com.—20		35 1/2	36	56	35 1/2	Jan 36	Jan
Preferred—100	104	104	104	17	104	Jan 104	Jan
Bentley Chain Stores com	31 1/2	29	32	1,086	28 1/2	Jan 32	Jan
Preferred—*	49	48	49	200	47 1/2	Jan 49	Jan
Berry Motor		12 1/2	12 1/2	25	12 1/2	Jan 12 1/2	Jan
Brown Shoe common—100		45 1/2	45 1/2	50	45 1/2	Jan 45 1/2	Jan
Bruce (B L) common—*		45	45	10	45	Jan 45	Jan
Burkart Mfg common—*	9	8	9	100	8	Jan 9	Jan
Preferred—*	19	18 1/2	19	306	18 1/2	Jan 19	Jan
Century Electric Co.—100		125	127 1/2	17	122 1/2	Jan 127 1/2	Jan
Champ Shoe Mach pref 100	108 1/2	104	108 1/2	256	103 1/2	Jan 108 1/2	Jan
Chicago Ry Equip com.—25		9	9	50	9	Jan 9	Jan
Coca-Cola Bottling Sec—1	47	37	47	2,066	37	Jan 47	Jan
Consol Lead & Zinc A—*		10 1/4	11	7	10 1/4	Jan 12	Jan
Elder Mfg common—*	32 1/2	32	32 1/2	125	32	Jan 32 1/2	Jan
Emerson Electric pref.—100		106	106	35	106	Jan 106	Jan
Ely & Walker D Gds com—25	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	1,170	29 1/2	Jan 30	Jan
Fulton Iron Works com—*		7	7 1/2	100	7	Jan 7 1/2	Jan
Hamilton-Brown Shoe—25	20	19	21	790	19	Jan 21	Jan
Huttig S & D common—*	21	20	21 1/2	330	20	Jan 21 1/2	Jan
Hydraulic Brk Brick com 100	3 3/4	3 3/4	3 3/4	110	3 3/4	Jan 3 3/4	Jan
Independ Packing com—*		15	15	5	15	Jan 15	Jan
Internat Shoe com—*	72 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2	1,462	72 1/2	Jan 74 1/2	Jan
Preferred—100		109	110	9	109	Jan 110	Jan
Johnsen Shoe—100		39	39	100	39	Jan 39	Jan
Laclede Steel Co.—100	368	368	370	75	368	Jan 380	Jan
Lands Machine common—25	60	49 3/4	62	2,667	47 1/2	Jan 62	Jan
Mahoney-Ryan Aircraft—5	19	16 1/2	19 1/4	1,380	16 1/2	Jan 19 1/4	Jan
Moloney Electric A—*		54 1/2	55	550	54 1/2	Jan 55	Jan
Mo Portland Cement—25	45 1/2	44	46	1,166	44	Jan 46	Jan
Marathon Shoe com—25		52	53	150	52	Jan 53 1/2	Jan
Meyer Blanke common—*		18 1/2	19 1/2	110	18 1/2	Jan 19 1/2	Jan
Nat Candy common—*		19 3/4	19 3/4	210	19 3/4	Jan 20 1/2	Jan
Pedigo-Weber Shoe—*		33 1/4	33 1/2	185	33	Jan 33 1/2	Jan
Pickrel Walnut—*		23 3/2	25	625	22 1/2	Jan 25	Jan

Stocks (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.		
		Low.	Hgh.		Low.	Hgh.	
Rice-Stix D Gds com.—*	23 3/4	23 3/4	24 1/4	2,980	23 3/4	Jan 24 1/4	Jan
1st preferred—100		108 1/2	108 1/2	7	108 1/2	Jan 108 1/2	Jan
2d preferred—100		97	98	35	97	Jan 98	Jan
Scrugers-V-B D G com.—25	18	18	18	360	18	Jan 18	Jan
1st preferred—100		80	80	25	80	Jan 80	Jan
Secullin Steel pref.—*	35 1/2	35	36 1/2	1,218	34 1/2	Jan 36	Jan
Securities Inv com—*		36 3/4	36 3/4	50	36 1/2	Jan 37	Jan
Skouras Bros "A"—*		48	49 3/4	108	48	Jan 50	Jan
Stewart Bell Tel pref. 100	118 1/2	118	118 3/4	130	118	Jan 118 3/4	Jan
Stix, Baer & Fuller com.—*	40 1/2	37	40 1/2	2,149	37	Jan 40 1/2	Jan
St Louis Car com.—10		25	25	10	25	Jan 25	Jan
St Louis Cotton Comp.—100		70	70	10	70	Jan 70	Jan
St Louis Pub Ser com.—*	23	21	24	1,163	21	Jan 24	Jan
Preferred A—*		80 3/4	80 3/4	125	79	Jan 81	Jan
Wagner Elec common—*	180 1/2	177	189	732	169 1/2	Jan 189	Jan
When issued—*	45 1/4	44	48	9,258	42 3/4	Jan 48	Jan
25% paid—100	180	177	18				

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1928, Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1928. Includes sub-sections for Mining and Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.

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 (Jan. 8) and ending the present Friday (Jan. 11). It is compiled entirely from the daily reports of the Curb Market, itself, and is intended to include every security, whether stock or bonds, in which any dealings occurred during the week covered:

Main table with columns: Week Ended Jan. 11, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1928, Stocks (Continued) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1928. Lists various stocks and their performance metrics.

Main table with columns: Stocks (Continued), Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1928. Lists various companies like Durham Duplex Razor, Massey-Harris Ltd, etc.

Stocks (Continued) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range for Year 1928.		Stocks (Continued) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range for Year 1928.	
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.			Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Seiberling Rub. com.	59 1/2	62 1/2		1,100	33 1/2	Feb 67 3/4	Hall (W F) Printing	2	2 1/2		600		
Selected Industries com.	20 3/4	21 1/2		13,500	17	Dec 18	Lambert Co.	5 1/4	5 1/2	5 1/2	100		
Allot cts 1st pref.	100 1/2	100 1/2		8,100	100	Dec 100 1/4	Loew's Inc.	33 3/4	29 1/2	34 1/2	2,500	11 1/2	Feb 27
Selfridge Provincial Stores Ltd ordinary	£1	3 1/2	3 1/2	2,500	3 1/2	Nov 4 1/2	Middle West Utilities	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	3,800	6 1/2	Dec 7 1/2
Sentry Safety Control	15	15	15 3/4	800	15	Dec 16 1/2	Northern States Power	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	10,300	6 1/2	Dec 7
Serve Inc (new org) v t c.	15	15	16 1/4	23,200	4 1/4	Jan 17 1/2	Stutz Motor Car	51 c	1 1/2	1 1/2	25,900	77 c	Dec 1 1/4
Preferred v t c.	100	63	63 3/4	2,400	23	Feb 60	White Sewing Mach deb rts	12 3/4	12 1/2	14 3/4	300	8 1/4	Oct 16 1/2
Seton Leather com.	31	32 3/4	31 1/2	1,200	26 1/2	Sept 32 1/4	Public Utilities						
Shearson (W A) Fen.	50	35 1/2	39	1,400	19 1/2	May 34 1/4	Alabama Power \$7 pref.	113	113		50	110	Dec 116
Shredded Wheat Co.	62	60	63 1/2	6,300	40 1/4	Jan 64	Am Com w/lt P. Com A.	23 3/4	27	27	2,700	25	Dec 25
Shkorsky Aviation com.	34 1/2	30	37	14,200	17 1/2	Oct 21	Com B.	28 1/2	28 1/2		100		
Shlca Gel Corp com v t c.	25 1/2	23 1/2	27	7,100	17	Feb 29	Am Dist Tel N J 7 pf.	112	112	112 1/2	100	110 1/2	Aug 118 1/2
Shver (Isaac) & Bro.	68	68	71 1/2	300	39	Jan 73 1/2	Amer & Foreign Pow warr.	55 1/2	52 1/2	57	21,000	8 1/2	Feb 6 1/2
Preferred.	119	120	120	50	115	Dec 116	Amer Gas & Elec com.	149 1/2	135	152 1/2	21,700	117 1/2	Jan 19 1/2
Singer Mig.	100	62 1/2	62 1/2	10	42 1/2	Dec 62 1/2	Preferred.	106 1/2	106	107	600	103 1/2	Oct 111
Singer Mig Ltd.	£1	9 3/4	8 1/2	12,500	5 1/2	Jan 9	Amer Lt & Trac com.	218	216	219	600	170	Jan 249
Skinner Organ	£1	41	42	200	41	Dec 46 1/2	Amer Nat Gas com v t c.	17	17	17	3,000	16 1/2	Oct 22
Smith (A O) Corp com.	190	187	192 1/2	410	101 1/4	May 200	Am Pub Util 7 pf pr t c.	17	91	91	75	91	Dec 103 1/2
Smla Viscosa Ltd 120 lire		5 1/2	5 1/2	100	5 1/2	Oct 10	Amer States Sec com cl A.	10 1/2	13 1/2	11 1/2	6,500	7 1/2	Mar 14 1/2
Deprets Chase Nat Bank		37 1/2	33	37 1/4	3,100		Com class B.	10 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	3,900	7 1/2	Mar 18 1/2
Sonatron Tube com.	44 1/2	42 1/2	45	4,400	23 1/2	Jan 49 1/2	4.	4	4 1/2	5,200	1 1/2	Apr 6 1/2	
Southern Asbestos.		34 1/2	34 1/2	100	28	Dec 45 1/4	Amer Superpower Corp A.	77 1/2	65 1/4	81	109,500	33 1/4	Aug 67
So Groc Sst conv cl A.		21 1/2	21 1/2	100	25	June 36 1/2	Class B common.	82 1/2	69 1/2	89 1/2	21,800	34 1/4	Aug 77
Common.	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	300	13	Feb 26 1/4	First preferred.	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	300	98	June 105 1/2
Sou Ice & Util com A.		15 1/2	16	1,400	15	Dec 28	Conv pref.	90 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	300	89 1/2	Dec 90 1/4
Common cl B.		26	26 3/4	300	12	Dec 40	Assoc Gas & Elec cl A.	53	50	55	88,000	46 1/2	Feb 52 1/2
Southern Stores Corp cl A.		13 1/2	12 1/4	4,000	12 1/2	Dec 13 1/2	Warrants.	85 1/2	82 1/2	92	4,460	50	Dec 79
So'west Dairy Prod.		99 1/4	99 1/4	400	99 1/2	Dec 99 1/2	Brazilian Tr L & P new ord	79	76 1/4	81 1/2	2,400	54 1/2	July 79
Preferred.	100	25 1/2	25 1/2	1,300	18	June 26 1/2	Brooklyn City RR.	100	8 3/4	8 3/4	5,600	5	Jan 9 1/2
Southwestern Stores com.		26	26	200	24	Dec 26 1/2	Buff Nlag & East Pr com.	70 3/4	67 1/2	75	14,700	30 1/4	Jan 65
zz Preferred series A.	310	310	360	900	120	Jan 300	Class A.	60	55 1/2	63	12,800	81	Jan 50
Spalding (A G) & Bro com.	310	310	360	900	120	Jan 300	Preferred.	26	26 1/2	26 1/2	1,100	25 1/2	Nov 27
New w. l.	5 1/2	5 1/2	7	20,600	2 1/2	Feb 11 1/4	Central Pub Serv cl A.	36 1/2	35 3/4	36 1/2	2,200	19 1/4	Jan 30 1/2
Span & Gen Corp. Ltd.	£1	17 1/2	17 1/2	2,300	30	Jan 18 1/2	Cent States Elec com.	100	116	116	100	104 1/4	Jan 121 1/2
Sparks-Whitington Co.		42 1/2	41 1/2	5,500	31 1/2	Sept 42	7% preferred.	100	116	116	100	83 1/2	Dec 85
Spencer Kellogg & Sons new		86	86	100			6% pfd without warr.	100	104	104	300	98 1/4	Nov 110
Spixel May Stern Co.		46	47 1/2	900			6% preferred with warr.	100	104	104	300	98 1/4	Nov 110
Common.		45 1/2	53 1/2	4,000	40 1/2	Dec 54 1/2	Conv preferred.	100	97 1/2	98 1/2	600	96	Dec 94 1/2
Squibbs (E R) & Sons.	47 1/2	45 1/2	53 1/2	1,000	34	Aug 49 1/2	Warrants.	20	20	20	300	7	Nov 35
Stahl-Meyer Inc com.	52 1/2	38	38	1,000	34	Aug 49 1/2	Cities Serv P & L 7 1/2 pf. 100	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	100	105 1/2	Jan 109
Standard Invest Corp com.	3 1/4	3 1/4	4 1/4	11,000	60c	Jan 5	Columbus Elec & Pow.	66 1/2	64 1/2	66 1/2	500	62	Dec 79 1/2
Standard Motor Constr. 100		62 1/2	66 1/4	1,200			Com w/lt Edison Co.	219 1/4	214 1/2	220 1/2	200	167	Jan 227
Steel Co of Canada new 25		45	45	205	43 1/2	Nov 66	Com w/lt P Corp pf. 100	210 1/2	210 1/2	103 1/2	2,700	99 1/2	Oct 104 1/4
Stem Bros com cl A.	45	45	45	205	43 1/2	Nov 66	Cons G E L & T Balt com.	95 1/2	91 1/4	95 1/2	2,700	67 1/2	Jan 96
Stines (Hug) Corp.	40 1/2	41 1/2	10 1/2	100	33 1/2	Apr 37 1/2	Duke Power Co.	155 1/2	155	158 1/2	150	180	Jan 157
Stix, Baer & Fuller com.	29	28 1/2	29	1,100	28 1/2	Dec 36 1/4	East States Pow B com.	49 1/2	46	51 1/2	11,650	11 1/4	Jan 48
Strauss (Nathan) Inc com.	29 1/2	29 1/2	30	500	24 1/2	Oct 35	Eleo Bond & Sh pref.	108 1/2	108	109 1/2	700	107 1/4	July 11 1/2
Strom-Carl Tel Mfg.		45 1/2	47 1/4	2,700	48	Feb 60 1/2	Eleo Bond & Sh Secur.	184 1/2	167 1/2	188 1/2	213,300	76	Jan 180 1/2
Stroock (S) & Co.		136 1/2	138 1/4	1,800	125	Jan 160 1/2	Eleo Invest without war.	88	80 1/2	90	53,000	40	Mar 82 1/2
Stutta Motor Car.	160	160	160	175	145	July 178	Preferred.	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	Dec 100 1/2
Superheater Co.	137	136 1/2	138 1/4	1,800	125	Jan 160 1/2	Eleo Pow & Lt 2nd pf. A.	101 1/2	102	102	300	99 1/2	Dec 106
Superior Paper.	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	2,300	11 1/2	July 29	Eleo Pow & Lt 2 opt warr.	30 1/2	28 1/2	33 1/2	11,400	13 1/2	Jan 30 1/2
Swift & Co.	236 1/2	35 1/2	36 1/2	10,500	25 1/2	Jan 38 1/2	Empire Gas & E 7 1/2 pf. 100	100	97 1/2	97 1/2	200	97 1/2	Dec 105
Swift International.	15	15	15	10,500	25 1/2	Jan 38 1/2	8% preferred.	100	110	110	100	108 1/2	Feb 113 1/4
Syrac Wash Mach B com.	23	23	23 1/2	2,300	11 1/2	July 29	Empire Pow Corp part stk.	54	50	55	36,800	27 1/4	Jan 44 1/2
Taggart Corp com.	44 1/4	44 1/4	45 1/2	3,800	37 1/2	Dec 43 1/2	Engineers Pub Serv warr.	25	26	28	2,300	19	Dec 28
Tennessee Prod Corp com.	25 1/2	25 1/2	26	1,500	14	Mar 29 1/4	Federal Water Serv cl A.	57 1/2	57 1/2	58	50,300	30 1/2	June 59 1/2
Thompson Prod Inc cl A.	55 1/2	46	58 1/2	23,400	30	June 54 1/2	Florida Pow & Lt 7 pf.	100	100	100	100	100	Oct 108 1/2
Thompson Starrett pref.	58	57	58 1/2	4,100	11 1/2	Feb 37 1/2	General Pub Serv Com.	28 1/2	27 1/2	29 1/2	6,300	16 1/2	Jan 30 1/2
Timken-Detroit Axle.	10	33 1/2	36 1/2	32,800	75 1/2	Dec 75 1/2	Hartford Elec Light.	100	146	146	150	132	Sept 135
Timken Roller Bldg.	10	74	78 1/4	3,100	70	Dec 74	Internat Util class A.	45	44 1/2	46	5,200	41 1/2	Oct 52
Timman Realty & Constr.		19 1/2	20 1/4	900	20 1/2	Dec 22 1/2	Class B.	17	15 1/2	17	19,700	6 1/2	Feb 19 1/2
Tobacco Prod w l.	20	21 1/2	22 1/2	800	22 1/2	Dec 24	Partic pref.	98	98	99	200	96 3/4	Nov 105
Class A w l.	20	3 1/4	3 1/4	300	3	June 4 1/4	Warrants.	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	300	1	June 5 1/2
Tobacco Products Exports.	67	61 1/2	70	3,500	41 1/4	Apr 61	Italian Super Power.	12 1/2	11 1/2	12 1/2	1,800	10	Oct 16 1/2
Todd Shipyards Corp.	30	30	30 1/2	1,000	21 1/2	Sept 31 1/2	Warrants.	6	5 1/2	6	2,200	3 1/2	Oct 8 1/2
Toddy Corp class A.	14	13 1/4	14 1/2	8,500	10	Oct 13 1/2	K C Pub Serv pref A v t c.	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	100	43 1/2	Nov 72 1/2
Class B v t c.	30	79 1/2	79 1/2	110	86 1/2	Dec 86 1/2	Long Island Light new	50 1/2	49	50 1/2	4,600	43 1/2	Nov 52
Torrington Co new.	25	131 1/2	131 1/2	8,800	125	Nov 131 1/2	7% preferred.	100	108 1/2	109 1/2	70	108 1/2	Dec 112 1/4
Trans-America Corp.	26 1/2	25 1/2	27 1/2	26,500	17 1/2	May 36	Marconi Internat Marine	23 1/2	19 1/2	24 1/2	67,900	12	May 23 1/2
Transcont. Air Transp.	15	6 1/4	9 1/4	145,000	2 1/4	May 7	Commun Am dep rets.	10	9 1/2	10	43,300	2	Feb 28 1/2
Trans-Lux Pict Screen	9 1/2	54 1/2	56 1/2	1,500	58 1/2	Dec 61	Marconi Wirel T of Can.	1	9	10	100	9	Feb 9
Class A common.		24 1/2	26 1/2	3,100	24 1/2	Dec 29	Class B.	20 1/2	19 1/2	22 1/2	24,000	15 1/4	July 30
Travel Air.		59 1/2	60 1/2	6,100	43 1/2	Nov 61 1/4	Mohawk & Hud Pow com.	65	55	73	36,300	29 1/4	Jan 59 1/2
Truax-Trair Coal.		10 1/2	12	1,100	6	Apr 15 1/2	1st preferred.	100	108 1/2	109	50	108 1/2	Sept 110
Trunz Pork Stores.	52 1/2	52 1/2	54 1/4	1,320	46 1/2	Nov 63 1/2	2nd preferred.	109 1/2	107 1/4	110	300	102 1/2	July 108 1/2
Tubise Artificial Silk cl B.		15 1/2	15 1/2	3,100	10 1/2	Feb 16	Warrants.	38 1/2	25 1/2	43	11,900	6	Jan 25 1/2
Tulip Cup Corp com.		26 1/2											

Public Utilities (Concl.)	Friday	Week's Range			Sales	Range for Year 1928.				Mining Stocks.				Friday	Week's Range			Sales	Range for Year 1928.											
	Last	of Prices			for	Low.		High.		(Concluded)				Last	of Prices			for	Low.		High.									
	Price.	Low.	High.	Week.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.										
Utli Pow & Lt class B.....	37 3/4	37 1/4	39	6,900	18 1/4	Jan 40	Dec	Roan Antelope C Min Ltd.....	47	40	47 3/4	15,300	24 1/4	Sept	38 3/4	Dec	St Anthony Gold Min.....	59c	52c	61c	28,400	40c	Jan	76c	May					
Utility Shares com.....	22	19 1/2	22 1/4	2,800	11	Feb	19 1/2	Dec	San Toy Mining.....	1	5c	5c	3,200	3c	Jan	6c	Sep	Shattuck Denn Mining.....	22 3/4	21 1/2	23 1/4	13,400	6 1/2	Jan	24 1/4	Mar				
Western Power pref.....	100	105	107	100	102 1/4	July	108	Apr	So Amer Gold & Plat.....	1	3	3 1/4	1,000	2 1/2	Jan	4 1/4	Sep	Teek Hughes.....	1	9 1/4	9 1/4	2,600	7 1/2	Dec	11 1/4	Jan				
Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries.																														
Anglo-Amer Oil (vol sh) £1	15 1/2	14 1/4	15 1/4	4,100	14 1/2	Dec	22 3/4	Feb	Tonopah Belmont Devel.....	1	1	1 1/2	2,200	61c	Sept	2 1/4	Jan	Non-voting shares.....	21	14 1/2	15 1/4	600	15	Dec	20 1/4	Feb				
Vol sh cts of dep.....	15	15	15 1/4	600	15	Dec	21 1/4	Feb	Tonopah Mining.....	1	3 3/4	3 3/4	10,500	10c	Sept	18c	Jan	Borne Strymsker Co.....	100	42 1/2	43 1/4	500	44 1/2	Oct	56 1/2	Feb				
Non-voting shares.....	21	14 1/2	15 1/4	600	14 1/2	Dec	20 1/4	Feb	United Verde Extension.....	50c	22 1/2	23 1/4	17,300	13	Jan	25 1/4	Jan	Buckeye Pipe Line.....	100	69	69	700	58	Jan	76	Apr				
Borne Strymsker Co.....	100	42 1/2	43 1/4	500	44 1/2	Oct	56 1/2	Feb	Unity Gold Mines.....	1	1 1/4	1 1/4	7,500	25c	Jan	1 1/4	Nov	Chesecough Mfg Co.....	25	140 1/4	142 1/4	400	117 1/4	Jan	161	Apr				
Buckeye Pipe Line.....	100	69	69	700	58	Jan	76	Apr	Utah Apex.....	5	3 3/4	4 1/4	1,100	3 1/2	Aug	5 1/4	Jan	Continental Oil v te.....	10	18 1/4	19 1/4	23,700	16	Feb	23	Jan				
Chesecough Mfg Co.....	25	140 1/4	142 1/4	400	117 1/4	Jan	161	Apr	Walker Mining.....	1	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,100	75c	Aug	5 1/4	Nov	Cumberland Pipe Line.....	10	65	65 1/2	100	67	Dec	114	May				
Continental Oil v te.....	10	18 1/4	19 1/4	23,700	16	Feb	23	Jan	Wenden Copper Mining.....	1	1 1/4	1 1/4	12,600	68c	Sept	2 1/4	Dec	Eureka Pipe Line.....	100	65 1/4	65 1/4	50	64 1/4	Jan	88	Apr				
Cumberland Pipe Line.....	10	65	65 1/2	100	67	Dec	114	May	Yukon Gold Co.....	5	1 1/4	1 1/4	1,300	49c	Sept	1 1/4	Nov	Galena Signal Oil.....	100	6	6	100	4 1/4	Jan	13	June				
Eureka Pipe Line.....	100	65 1/4	65 1/4	50	64 1/4	Jan	88	Apr	Bonds—																					
Galena Signal Oil.....	100	6	6	100	4 1/4	Jan	13	June	Abbotts Daries 6s.....	1942	98 1/2	100	5,000	98 1/2	Dec	103 1/2	Mar	New preferred.....	100	80	80	30	27	Jan	86	July				
New preferred.....	100	80	80	30	27	Jan	86	July	Amer G & El deb 5s.....	2028	87	86 3/4	219,000	85	Nov	94 1/2	July	Old preferred.....	100	80	80 1/2	270	35	Jan	89 1/2	July				
Old preferred.....	100	80	80 1/2	270	35	Jan	89 1/2	July	Amer Power & Light.....	1956	94 1/2	94 1/2	205,000	93 1/4	Apr	100 1/4	Nov	Humble Oil & Refining.....	25	101 1/4	102 1/4	15,000	69 1/4	Feb	114 1/4	Nov				
Humble Oil & Refining.....	25	101 1/4	102 1/4	15,000	69 1/4	Feb	114 1/4	Nov	With warrants.....	1943	115 1/2	119 3/4	61,000	98	July	121 1/4	Nov	Illinois Pipe Line.....	100	306 1/4	306 1/4	300	176 1/4	Jan	290 1/4	Nov				
Illinois Pipe Line.....	100	306 1/4	306 1/4	300	176 1/4	Jan	290 1/4	Nov	Amer Com'l Alcohol 6s.....	1943	115 1/2	115 1/2	21,000	100	June	120	Nov	Imperial Oil (Canada) com.....	100	98 3/8	95 1/4	24,000	56 1/4	Feb	104	Nov				
Imperial Oil (Canada) com.....	100	98 3/8	95 1/4	24,000	56 1/4	Feb	104	Nov	Amer Comm'l 1 Alcohol 6s.....	1943	115 1/2	115 1/2	21,000	100	June	120	Nov	Indiana Pipe Line.....	50	89 3/8	89 3/8	100	74 1/4	Feb	91 1/4	Oct				
Indiana Pipe Line.....	50	89 3/8	89 3/8	100	74 1/4	Feb	91 1/4	Oct	Mining Stocks (Concluded)																					
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National Transit.....	12.50	23 1/4	23 1/4	1,800	19 1/4	June	32 1/2	May	Abbitti P & L 6s.....	1942	87	86 3/4	3,000	85	Apr	89 1/4	May	Utah Apex.....	5	3 3/4	4 1/4	1,100	3 1/2	Aug	5 1/4	Jan				
New York Transit.....	100	72	72 1/2	200	38 1/2	Jan	75	Oct	Amer G & El deb 5s.....	2028	87	86 3/4	219,000	85	Nov	94 1/2	July	Walker Mining.....	1	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,100	75c	Aug	5 1/4	Nov				
Northern Pipe Line new 100	100	62	63	200	56 1/2	Sept	69	Nov	Amer Power & Light.....	1956	94 1/2	94 1/2	205,000	93 1/4	Apr	100 1/4	Nov	Wenden Copper Mining.....	1	1 1/4	1 1/4	12,600	68c	Sept	2 1/4	Dec				
Olio Oil.....	25	72 1/4	70 1/2	9,900	58 1/2	Feb	83 1/2	Nov	With warrants.....	1943	115 1/2	119 3/4	61,000	98	July	121 1/4	Nov	Yukon Gold Co.....	5	1 1/4	1 1/4	1,300	49c	Sept	1 1/4	Nov				
Fenn-Mex Fuel.....	25	35 1/4	37 1/2	700	28	June	84	May	Amer Com'l 1 Alcohol 6s.....	1943	115 1/2	115 1/2	21,000	100	June	120	Nov	Abbott's Daries 6s.....	1942	98 1/2	100	5,000	98 1/2	Dec	103 1/2	Mar				
Fairlie Pipe Line.....	100	260	272	650	172	Aug	278	Nov	Amer G & El deb 5s.....	2028	87	86 3/4	219,000	85	Nov	94 1/2	July	Alabama Power 4 1/2s.....	1967	94 1/4	95 1/4	99,000	93	Sept	102 1/2	Dec				
New.....	100	53 1/4	55 1/4	12,500	49 1/4	Dec	55 1/4	Dec	Amer Radiator deb 4 1/2s.....	2016	105 1/4	105 1/4	113,000	105	June	109 1/4	Mar	Allied Pk. 1st col tr 8s.....	1939	50	48 1/4	53 1/4	31,000	35	Jan	68	Oct			
Solar Refining.....	100	200	214 1/4	130	167	Mar	220	Dec	Certificats of deposit.....	1939	50	50	15,000	30	Aug	68	Oct	Certificats of deposit.....	1939	50	48 1/4	53 1/4	31,000	35	Jan	68	Oct			
South Penn Oil.....	25	67 1/2	66 3/4	5,300	36 3/4	Jan	71 1/4	Nov	Deb 6s.....	1939	50	50	15,000	30	Aug	68	Oct	Deb 6s.....	1939	50	50	15,000	30	Aug	68	Oct				
Standard Oil (Indiana).....	25	59 1/2	58 3/8	24,500	70 1/4	Feb	95 1/2	Nov	Certs of deposit.....	1939	50	50	15,000	30	Aug	68	Oct	Aluminum Co s i deb 5s.....	1942	102 1/2	102 1/2	47,000	100	July	103 1/4	Apr				
Standard Oil (Kansas).....	25	21	21	200	15	Jan	27 1/4	Dec	Aluminum Ltd 5s.....	1948	98	97 3/4	28,000	95 3/4	Apr	100 1/4	Nov	Amer Aggregates 6s.....	1943	115 1/2	115 1/2	21,000	100	June	120	Nov				
New.....	100	42 1/4	43	4,600	44	Dec	44 1/2	Dec	Amer Comm'l 1 Alcohol 6s.....	1943	115 1/2	115 1/2	21,000	100	June	120	Nov	Amer Com'l 1 Alcohol 6s.....	1943	115 1/2	115 1/2	21,000	100	June	120	Nov				
Standard Oil (Nebr.).....	25	47 1/2	47 1/2	1,800	39 1/4	Feb	54 1/4	Nov	With warrants.....	1943	115 1/2	119 3/4	61,000	98	July	121 1/4	Nov	Con deb. 4 1/4s w/ war 1948	1948	108 1/4	110 3/4	519,000	97	Apr	114 1/4	May				
Standard Oil (O) com.....	25	117	116	1,000	71	Mar	134	Nov	Without warrants.....	1948	108 1/4	108 1/4	5,000	97 1/4	Apr	109 1/4	Mar	Amer G & El deb 5s.....	2028	87	86 3/4	219,000	85	Nov	94 1/2	July				
Preferred.....	100	118	119	220	116	Sept	125	May	Amer Radiator deb 4 1/2s.....	2016	105 1/4	105 1/4	113,000	105	June	109 1/4	Mar	Amer G & El deb 5s.....	2028	87	86 3/4	219,000	85	Nov	94 1/2	July				
Swan-Finch Oil Corp.....	25	18	17 1/4	150	16	Feb	23 1/2	May	Amer Roll Mill, deb 5s.....	1948	96 1/4	96 1/4	33,000	95 1/2	June	99 1/4	Apr	Amer Solv & Chem 6s.....	1936	119	114	174,000	99	June	125	May				
Vacuum Oil new.....	100	113 1/4	105 1/4	22,500	72	June	111	Dec	Amer Seating 6s.....	1936	97 1/4	97 1/4	43,000	94	Sept	100 1/4	Apr	Appalachian El Pr 6s.....	1956	98 1/4	99 1/4	59,000	97	June	102 1/4	May				
Other Oil Stocks.																														
Amer Concr Oil Fields.....	1	65c	60c	70c	18,200	53c	Dec	1 1/4	May	Amer Solv & Chem 6s.....	1936	119	114	174,000	99	June	125	May	Arkansas Gas Corp com.....	10	3 1/2	3 3/4	700	2 1/4	Feb	4 1/2	Sept			
Amer Maracaibo Co.....	5	8 1/4	7c	8 1/2	22,900	3 1/4	Feb	9 1/2	Nov	Amer Seating 6s.....	1936	97 1/4	97 1/4	43,000	94	Sept	100 1/4	Apr	Preferred.....	100	3	3 1/4	700	2 1/4	Feb	4 1/2	Sept			
Argo Oil Corp.....	10	3	3	3 1/4	700	2 1/4	Feb	4 1/2	Sept	Amer S. & P 4 1/2s.....	1948	114 1/2	118 3/4	753,000	118	Dec	127	Nov	Atlantic Lobos Oil.....	100	8	8 1/2	3,000	6 1/2	Dec	8 1/2	May			
Arkansas Gas Corp com.....	10	3 1/2	3 3/4	700	2 1/4	Feb	4 1/2	Sept	Amer S. & P 4 1/2s.....	1948	114 1/2	118 3/4	753,000	118	Dec	127	Nov	Preferred.....	100	3	3 1/4	700	2 1/4	Feb	4 1/2	Sept				
Preferred.....	100	3	3 1/4	700	2 1/4	Feb	4 1/2	Sept	Atch Top & S P 4 1/2s.....	1948	114 1/2	118 3/4	753,000	118	Dec	127	Nov	Atlantic Lobos Oil.....	100	8	8 1/2	3,000	6 1/2	Dec	8 1/2	May				
Barnard Corp atk purco	100	2	2	400	7 1/2	Nov	8 1/2	Dec	Atlantic Fruit 8s.....	1949	20	19 1/2	20,000	15 1/2	June	20 1/4	May	Atlantic Lobos Oil.....	100	8	8 1/2	3,000	6 1/2	Dec	8 1/2	May				
warrants (deb rights).....	18 1/4	17 1/4	20 1/4	20,500	3 1/4	July	20 1/4	Nov	Atlas Plywood 5 1/2s.....	1943	102 1/2	102 1/2	15,000	101	Dec	116 1/4	May	Barnard Corp atk purco	100	2	2 1/4	1,200	1 1/4	Jan	5	Apr				
Burmah Oil.....	100	23 1/4	24	200	21 1/4	June	24	Sept	Bates Valve Bag 6s.....	1942	107 1/2	106 1/2	26,000	99	Jan	116	May	warrants (deb rights).....	18 1/4	17 1/4	20 1/4	20,500	3 1/4	July	20 1/4	Nov				
carb syndicate new com	10	4	4	12,200	3 1																									

Bonds (Continued)—	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range for Year 1928.		
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	High.
Internat Securities 5a...1947	94 1/4	95	3,000	89 1/4	AUG	99 1/2	MAY
Illinois Pow & L 5 1/4a...1957	99 1/4	100	7,000	94 1/4	OCT	101 1/4	MAY
5 1/4a series B...1954	108 1/2	107 3/4	110 1/2	99	JULY	103 1/2	MAY
Indep Oil & Gas deb 6a 1939	99 1/2	99	99 3/4	102,000	96 1/4	JAN	117 1/2
Ind'polis P & L 5a ser A '57	95	95	95 1/2	24,000	97 1/2	JUNE	102
Int Pub Secur 7a ser E 1957	90 1/4	90	92	104,000	94 1/2	JULY	101 1/4
Interstate Nat Gas 6a 1936							
Without warrants		103 1/2	103 1/2	1,000	101 1/4	JAN	104 1/4
Interstate Power 6a...1957	95 1/2	95	96	83,000	94 1/2	SEPT	99 1/2
Debentures...1952	96 1/2	96	97	35,000	96	OCT	102 1/2
Invest Co of Am 5a A...1947	100 3/4	98	100 1/4	27,000	96	FEB	109 3/4
Investors Equity 5a...1947							
With warrants	105	105	105	5,000	101 1/4	SEPT	112 1/4
Iowa-Nebraska L & P 5a '57		94 1/4	94 1/4	39,000	93 1/4	DEC	101
Iarco Hydro-Elec 7a...1952		89 1/2	91 1/4	5,000	89	NOV	97 1/2
Isotta Fraschini 7a...1942							
With warrants	104 1/4	104 1/4	104 1/4	17,000	94	JULY	108 1/4
Without warrants	87 1/4	87	88	25,000	80	OCT	94 1/2
Italian Superpower 6a 1938							
Without warrants	81 1/4	80 1/2	82	51,000	79	DEC	86 1/4
Jeddo-Hegeland Coal 6a '41	104	104	104	6,000	104	JAN	105
Kelvinator Co 6a...1936							
Without warrants	74	73 1/2	74	12,000	63 1/4	JUNE	85
Kendall Co 5 1/4a...1948	98	97	98 1/2	51,000	94 1/2	NOV	100 1/4
Koppers G & C deb 5a 1947	99 3/4	99	99 3/4	69,000	97	OCT	101 1/2
Laclede Gas Light 5 1/4a '35		100	100 1/2	4,000	98 1/2	SEPT	101 1/4
Lenigh Pow Secur 6a...2026	105 1/4	104 1/2	105 1/4	59,000	103 1/2	DEC	109 1/4
Leonard Tietz Inc, 7 1/4a '46							
With stock pur warr...	163	161	163	2,000	100	JAN	179 1/4
Without warrants	102	102	102 1/2	2,000	102	OCT	105 1/2
Libby, McN & Libby 5a '42	93 1/2	93 1/4	94	16,000	92 1/2	SEPT	97 1/2
Lone Star Gas Corp 5a 1942	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	19,000	96 1/4	AUG	100
Long Island Lgt, 6a...1945	104	103 1/4	104	8,000	103	SEPT	105 1/2
La Power & Ligt 6a...1957	95 1/4	95 1/2	96 1/2	19,000	94	AUG	100
New...1957		95 1/2	96 1/4	14,000	97	DEC	97 1/2
antioba Power 5 1/4a...1951	100 1/4	99 1/4	100 1/4	19,000	99	DEC	104 1/2
Mansfield Min & Smelt							
7a with warrants...1941	101 1/4	101 1/2	101 1/2	1,000	99	DEC	107 1/2
Mass Gas Cos 5 1/4a...1946	104	103 1/4	104	35,000	102 1/2	JUNE	105
McCord Rad & Mfg 6a 1943	98 1/4	96 3/4	99	64,000	95 1/4	AUG	101 1/4
Memphis Nat Gas 6a 1943							
With warrants	97 1/2	97	97 1/2	36,000	97 1/2	DEC	100 1/2
Met Edison 4 1/4a...1958	97 1/4	97 1/2	98 1/2	69,000	96 3/4	JULY	102 1/4
Milwaukee G L 4 1/4a...1957		98 1/2	100	36,000	97 1/2	AUG	103 1/4
Minnesota Fr - Lt 4 1/4a '78	92 1/4	91	92 1/4	11,000	91	JULY	96
Montgomery Ward 5a...1945	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4	12,000	99 1/4	AUG	102 1/4
Montreal L H & P 6a...1952	103 1/4	101 1/2	103 1/4	1,000	99 1/4	AUG	103 1/4
Morris & Co 7 1/4a...1930	100 1/4	100 1/2	100 1/4	20,000	98	JAN	101 1/4
Narragansett Elec 5a A '57	100 1/4	99 1/4	100 1/4	37,000	98 1/4	AUG	102 1/4
Nat Distillers Prod 6 1/4a '35	101	100 1/4	101	8,000	98	JULY	103 1/4
Nat Pow & Lt 6a A...2026	105	104 1/2	105 1/4	49,000	104	AUG	109 1/4
Nat Pub Serv 6a...1978	83 1/2	83 1/4	83 1/4	63,000	83	DEC	94 1/4
Nat Rub Mach'ys 6a...1943	148	149	149	1,300	105 1/2	JULY	194
Nat Trade Journal 6a...	97 1/4	97 1/4	98 1/4	46,000	97 1/4	NOV	100
Nebraska Power 6a A...2022	107 1/2	108	108	3,000	107 1/4	DEC	113 1/4
Neilsen Realty deb 6a '48	107 1/4	108	108	13,000			
New Eng G & El Assn 6a '47	96 3/4	97	97	33,000	96 3/4	AUG	101
New Oil Pub Serv 5a...1955	96 1/4	96 1/4	96 1/4	1,000	97 1/2	DEC	97 1/2
NY Chic & St L 4 1/4a...1978	94 1/2	94	95	158,000	93 1/2	DEC	94 1/2
N Y & Foreign Invest—							
5 1/4a with warr...1948	92	92	92	4,000	92	DEC	93 1/2
N Y F & L Corp 1st 4 1/4a '67	93 1/4	93 1/4	93 1/4	91,000	91 1/4	JULY	97 1/4
Niagara Falls Pow 6a 1950	104 1/2	105	105	6,000	104 1/2	DEC	106 1/4
Nichols & Shepard Co 6a '37							
Without warrants	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	1,000	94 1/4	FEB	110 1/2
Alppon Elec Pow 6 1/4a...1953	91 1/4	91 1/4	92	15,000	91	NOV	105 1/2
North Ind Pub Serv 6a 1956	101 1/2	100 1/4	101 1/2	16,000	99	AUG	104
Nor States Pow 6 1/4a '1932	103 1/4	102 1/4	103 1/4	34,000	101	JUNE	105 1/4
Ohio Power 5a ser B...1952	100	100	101	35,000	99	JUNE	103 1/2
4 1/4a series D...1956	93 1/2	93	93 1/2	15,000	91 1/4	JUNE	97 1/2
Ohio River Edison 5a 1951		99 1/4	100	2,000	99	JULY	103
Osgood Co with warr 6a '38	100	101	101	5,000	100	JUNE	102
Oswego Falls 6a...1941		98 1/4	98 1/4	2,000	97 1/2	DEC	101 1/2
Oswego River Pow 6a 1931		97	99	10,000	98	JULY	102
Pac Gas & El 1st 4 1/4a...1957	97 1/2	97 1/4	97 1/2	60,000	95 1/2	APR	101 1/2
Pacific Union 5a...1948		94 1/4	95 1/4	41,000	94	DEC	105
Pacific Western Oil 6 1/4a '43	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	127,000	98	DEC	101 1/4
Penn-Ohio Edison 6a 1950							
Without warrants	101 1/2	101 1/4	101 1/2	10,000	99 1/2	JUNE	104 1/2
Penn Pow & Light 5a B '52	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	1,000	100	AUG	104 1/2
1st & ref 5a ser D...1953	102 1/2	102	102 1/2	4,000	100 1/4	JULY	107 1/2
Philadelphia Elec 5 1/4a 1953	105 1/2	106 1/4	106 1/4	1,000	105 1/2	AUG	107 1/2
Phila Elec Pow 6 1/4a...1972	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	33,000	103 1/2	AUG	107 1/2
Phila Rapid Tran 6a...1962	103 1/4	102 3/4	103	3,000	100	DEC	105
Pittsburg Steel 6a...1948		102 1/2	103	5,000	100	JUNE	103 1/2
Potomac Edison 5a...1956	97 1/2	97	97 1/2	15,000	97 1/2	DEC	102 1/2
Potrero Sugar 7a...Nov 15 '47	75	75	75	5,000	74 1/2	OCT	98 1/2
Power Corp of N Y 5 1/4a '47	98 1/4	98	98 1/4	8,000	94 1/4	OCT	101
Pub Serv of N Ill 6a...1931	100	100	100	3,000	99 1/4	DEC	100 3/4
Queensboro G & E 5 1/4a '52	104	103 1/4	104	5,000	100 1/4	AUG	107
Rem Arms 5 1/4a notes 1930		98	98 1/2	38,000	95 1/2	JAN	99 1/2
Richfield Oil 5 1/4a notes '31	102	102	102 1/2	36,000	99 1/2	AUG	106 1/2
6a...1941		112	119 1/2	14,000	98	FEB	165
Rochester Cent Pow 5a...1953	87 1/2	87 1/2	88	72,000	86 1/2	DEC	91
Ruhr Gas 6 1/4a...1943		94	94	2,000	94	NOV	94
Ryerson (Jos T) & Sons Inc							
15 yr s f deb 5a...1943	95	93	95	56,000	96	NOV	96
St Louis Coke & Gas 6a '47		90 1/4	92	16,000	90 1/4	DEC	96 1/4
Sauda Falls 5a...1955	102	102	102	19,000	98	AUG	104
San Ant Pub Ser 6a...1958	96 1/4	96 1/4	96 1/4	12,000	94 1/2	AUG	100 1/4
Schulte R E 6a...1955							
Without warrants	92 1/2	92	92 1/2	22,000	88 1/2	MAR	95
Scrapps (E W) 5 1/4a...1943		93 1/2	93 1/2	2,000	92	SEPT	100
Serval Inc (new co) 6a...1948	83	82 1/2	83 1/2	67,000	80 1/2	MAR	86 1/2
Shawinigan W & P 4 1/4a '67		94 1/4	94 1/4	30,000	93 1/2	AUG	98 1/2
Shawsheen Mills 7a...1942		97	97 1/4	15,000	95	OCT	101 1/2
Sloss Sheffield S & I 6a '29		99 1/2	100	15,000	99 1/2	JULY	102 1/2
Slnder Pack 6 notes 1932		98 1/2	96 1/4	133,000	93 1/2	DEC	151 1/2
Solvay-Am Invest 5a...1942	97 1/2	97 1/2	98	22,000	95 1/2	JUNE	100
Southeast F & L 6a...2024							
Without warrants	105 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2	144,000	102	JULY	109 1/2
Sou Calif Edison 6a...1951	101 1/2	101 1/2	102	51,000	100	JULY	104 1/2
Gen & refunding 6a 1944		101 1/2	101 1/2	1,000	100 1/4	AUG	104 1/2
Refunding 5a...1952	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	9,000	100	JULY	104 1/2
Sou Calif Gas 6a...1937	93	92 1/4	93	49,000	92 1/4	SEPT	95 1/2
Southern Dairies 6a...1930	97	97	97	5,000	95 1/2	DEC	99 1/2
Southern Pub Ser 6a...1943		93	93	1,000	90	DEC	97 1/2
S'west Lt & Pow 5a A...1957	95	95	96 1/2	5,000	94 1/4	AUG	98
S'west Pow & Lt 6a...2022		106 1/4	107 1/2	13,000	102 1/2	AUG	112 1/2
Staley (A E) Mfg 6a...1942		98	98 1/2	7,000	96 1/4	OCT	101 1/2
Stand Invest 5a...1937		126	126	1,000	108 1/2	JAN	145
Stand Pow & Lt 6a...1957	99	98 1/2	99	98,000	98	DEC	104 1/4
Stines (Hugo) Corp—							
7a Oct 1 '36 without warr	89 1/4	88 1/4	90	28,000	87	SEPT	98 1/2
7a 1946 without warrs	89	88 1/2	89 1/2	28,000	85	DEC	98
Strauss (Nathan) 6a...1938		118	120	19,000	115	DEC	141
Stutz Motor 7 1/4a...1937		116 1/2	116 1/2	2,000	92	FEB	148
Sun Maid Raisin 6 1/4a 1942	78 1/2	77 1/2	79 1/2	27,000	75	JULY	98
Sun Oil 5 1/4a...1939		101	101 1/4	3,000	100	JULY	102 1/4
Switz & Co 5a Oct 15 '1927	99 1/4	98 3/4	100	73,000	99	DEC	102 1/4

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "P".

Table with multiple columns: Public Utilities, Railroad Equipments, Chain Store Stocks, Investment Trust Stocks and Bonds. Each column lists various securities with their respective prices and par values.

\* Per share. † No par value. ‡ Basis. § Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. ¶ Nominal. †† Ex-dividend. ††† Rights. †††† Canadian quotation. ††††† Sale price.



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**Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.**—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the first week of January. The table covers 2 roads and shows 0.43% decrease under the same week last year.

First Week of January.	1929.	1928.	Increase.	Decrease.
Canadian National	\$3,582,844	\$3,777,897		\$195,053
Canadian Pacific	3,371,000	3,206,000	\$165,000	
Total (2 roads)	\$6,953,844	\$6,983,897	\$165,000	\$195,053
Net decrease (0.43%)				\$30,553

In the table which follows we present a summary of the earnings for the fourth week of December:

Fourth Week of December.	1928.	1927.	Increase.	Decrease.
Canadian Pacific	\$5,562,000	\$5,514,000	\$48,000	
Duluth South Shore & Atlantic	144,253	115,252	29,001	
Georgia & Florida	112,800	114,670		\$1,870
Mineral Range	7,081	5,856	1,225	
Minneapolis & St. Louis	253,569	283,438		29,869
Mobile & Ohio	396,296	381,521	14,775	
Nevada-California-Oregon	6,022	7,201		1,179
St. Louis Southwestern	634,600	630,308	4,292	
Southern Railway System	4,651,170	4,529,340	121,830	
Western Maryland	409,715	479,432		69,717
Total (10 roads)	\$12,177,506	\$12,061,018	\$219,123	
Net increase (0.96%)			116,488	

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 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	14,204,043	+792,987	5.21
1st week June (12 roads)	13,073,411	13,394,869	-278,542	2.08
2d week June (12 roads)	14,829,434	13,551,112	+1,278,322	9.44
3d week June (12 roads)	14,158,958	13,541,992	+616,966	4.56
4th week June (11 roads)	19,250,486	18,258,339	+992,147	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	+532,435	3.78
4th week July (12 roads)	20,725,170	19,038,584	+1,686,586	8.84
1st week Aug (12 roads)	14,966,919	13,605,103	+1,361,816	10.00
2d week Aug (12 roads)	15,193,245	14,211,656	+981,589	6.91
3d week Aug. (12 roads)	15,501,891	14,278,486	+1,223,405	8.57
4th week Aug. (12 roads)	22,607,809	21,421,180	+1,186,629	5.54
1st week Sept. (12 roads)	14,814,651	14,510,064	+304,587	2.09
2d week Sept. (12 roads)	15,852,576	14,614,550	+1,238,046	8.28
3d week Sept. (11 roads)	16,683,361	14,445,792	+2,237,569	15.48
4th week Sept. (12 roads)	23,120,234	20,831,363	+2,288,871	10.98
1st week Oct. (12 roads)	18,628,331	16,045,279	+2,583,052	16.10
2d week Oct. (12 roads)	19,183,201	16,492,870	+2,690,331	16.31
3d week Oct. (11 roads)	18,436,901	15,678,335	+2,758,566	18.33
4th week Oct. (11 roads)	27,286,800	23,795,760	+3,491,040	14.66
1st week Nov. (12 roads)	17,315,911	15,854,197	+1,461,714	9.21
2d week Nov. (12 roads)	17,765,764	17,485,732	+280,032	1.60
3d week Nov. (12 roads)	17,507,170	15,790,986	+1,716,309	10.86
4th week Nov. (12 roads)	21,857,099	20,637,770	+1,219,329	5.91
1st week Dec (12 roads)	15,877,441	14,501,895	+1,375,546	9.49
2d week Dec (12 roads)	15,642,128	14,280,804	+1,361,324	9.53
3d week Dec (12 roads)	15,776,100	14,365,208	+1,410,892	9.82
4th week Dec (10 roads)	12,177,506	12,061,018	+116,488	0.96
1st week Jan (2 roads)	6,953,844	6,983,897	-30,053	0.43

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.
October	\$62,542,179	\$60,982,445	+23,440,266	\$180,919,048	\$104,283,539	+13,364,491
Novem'r	602,994,051	561,153,956	+58,159,905	125,957,014	158,501,561	-32,544,547
Decem'r	466,528,003	525,820,708	-59,294,705	90,351,147	118,520,165	-28,169,018
1928.	1927.			1928.	1927.	
January	456,520,897	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	107,579,051	+541,678
March	604,233,090	530,643,758	+26,410,659	131,840,275	135,874,642	-4,034,267
April	473,428,231	497,865,380	-24,437,149	110,907,453	113,818,315	-2,910,862
May	509,746,395	518,569,718	-8,823,323	128,780,393	127,940,976	+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
August	556,908,120	556,743,013	+165,107	173,922,684	164,087,125	+9,835,559
Septem'r	554,440,941	564,421,630	-9,980,689	180,359,111	178,647,780	+1,711,331

Note.—Percentage of increase or decrease in net for above months has been 1927—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, 2.58% dec.; May, 0.66% inc.; June, 1.41% dec.; July, 9.32% inc.; Aug., 5.99% inc.

In the month of Oct., the length of road covered was 238,828 miles in 1927, against 238,041 miles in 1926; in Nov., 239,711 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; in Aug., 240,724 miles, against 239,205 miles in 1927; in Sept., 240,693 miles, against 239,205 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:

### Cape Breton Electric Co., Ltd.

	—Month of November—		12 Mos. End. Nov. 30	
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Gross earnings	\$0,186	\$7,025	670,364	653,014
Operation	35,427	33,444	406,547	378,660
Maintenance	6,285	8,701	91,189	101,501
Taxes	2,966	1,657	29,532	30,852
Net operating revenue	15,507	13,222	143,093	142,000
Interest charges			68,429	68,530
Balance			74,664	73,470

### American Railway Express Co.

	—Month of October—		—12 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Revenues—				
Express—Domestic	\$26,673,356	\$25,716,414	231,024,505	233,951,610
Miscellaneous	891	883	9,008	8,687
Charges for transport	26,674,247	25,717,298	231,033,514	233,960,297
Express privileges—Dr.	14,655,304	13,503,769	114,935,557	113,578,153
Revenue from trans.	12,018,943	12,213,528	116,097,956	120,382,144
Oper. other than trans.	343,072	339,754	2,966,481	3,050,899
Total oper. revenues	12,362,015	12,553,283	119,064,438	123,433,043
Expenses—				
Maintenance	756,277	751,546	7,073,090	6,881,173
Traffic	19,660	24,949	214,657	220,465
Transportation	10,655,907	10,864,289	102,970,107	107,110,535
General	645,488	645,369	6,176,836	6,493,904
Operating expenses	12,077,333	12,286,155	116,434,692	120,706,078
Net oper. revenue	284,681	267,127	2,629,745	2,726,965
Uncollec. rev. fr. trans.	1,904	1,364	14,650	13,081
Express taxes	174,393	174,931	1,696,637	1,845,071
Operating income	108,383	90,831	918,458	868,812

### American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.

	—Month of November—		12 Mos. End. Nov. 30	
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Gross earnings	\$4,456,251	\$4,176,950	50,822,123	48,706,742
Oper. exp., maint. & taxes	2,225,816	2,164,255	26,105,565	25,661,256
Gross income	2,230,435	2,012,695	24,716,557	23,045,486
Less—Int. and amortization of dist. of subsidiaries			8,107,528	8,583,624
Preferred dividends of subsidiaries			5,130,163	4,603,246
Minority interests			37,409	43,375
			13,275,100	13,230,246
Balance			11,441,457	9,915,239
Int. & amort. of dist. of Am. W. W. & El. Co., Inc.			1,292,204	1,202,579
Balance			10,149,252	8,612,660
Reserved for renewals, retirements and depletion			4,199,390	3,589,429
Net income			5,949,862	5,023,231

### Arkansas Power & Light Co.

	—Month of November—		12 Mos. End. Nov. 30	
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Gross earnings from oper.	\$683,704	\$642,235	7,111,535	6,397,305
Oper. expenses and taxes	348,776	275,048	3,758,778	3,359,531
Net earnings from oper.	334,928	289,187	3,352,757	3,037,774
Other income	15,289	14,604	268,387	196,001
Total income	350,217	303,791	3,621,144	3,233,775
Interest on bonds	109,185	85,222	1,170,403	1,021,166
Other int. and deductions	7,913	14,574	148,117	90,205
Balance	233,119	203,995	2,302,624	2,122,404
Dividends on preferred stock			672,803	672,269
Balance			1,629,821	1,450,135

### Baton Rouge Electric Co.

	—Month of November—		12 Mos. End. Nov. 30	
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Gross earnings	\$102,666	\$85,595	1,095,129	1,015,036
Operation	47,742	38,612	510,302	456,257
Maintenance	4,855	6,231	72,567	70,172
Taxes	8,678	8,217	112,604	109,322
Net operating revenue	41,389	32,533	399,654	379,283
Income from other sources			1,380	
Balance			401,035	379,283
Interest and amortization			75,454	70,205
Balance			325,581	309,078

### Columbus Electric & Power Co.

	—Month of November—		12 Mos. End. Nov. 30	
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Gross earnings	\$383,301	\$366,719	4,259,854	4,192,091
Operation	106,385	128,003	1,283,264	1,283,687
Maintenance	19,894	21,438	256,190	210,559
Taxes	35,382	20,367	407,261	383,682
Net operating revenue	221,638	196,910	2,343,137	2,314,161
Income from other sources			16,116	18,116
Balance			2,359,254	2,332,278
Interest and amortization			871,756	898,597
Balance			1,487,497	1,433,680

### Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Brockton.

	—Month of November—		12 Mos. End. Nov. 30	
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Gross earnings	\$182,542	\$169,120	2,032,662	1,920,086
Operation	77,428	80,792	967,164	912,594
Maintenance	6,791	7,286	93,161	67,310
Taxes	19,655	16,162	279,809	285,441
Net operating revenue	78,666	64,878	692,527	654,739
Income from other sources			4,885	5,542
Balance			697,412	660,282
Interest and amortization			38,753	19,414
Balance			658,658	640,867

### Electric Light & Power Co. of Abington & Rockland.

	—Month of November—		12 Mos. End. Nov. 30	
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**Blackstone Valley Gas & Electric Co.**  
(And Subsidiary Companies)

	—Month of November— 1928. 1927.		12 Mos. End. Nov. 30 1928. 1927.	
Gross earnings	\$ 557,676	\$ 520,689	\$ 6,053,016	\$ 5,907,202
Operation	252,416	251,935	3,048,273	3,174,922
Maintenance	17,741	21,056	287,428	234,651
Taxes	30,802	31,101	382,919	375,825
Net operating revenue	256,716	216,596	2,334,395	2,121,802
Income from other sources			20,320	22,456
Net income			2,354,715	2,144,258
Deductions			105,500	105,500
Balance			2,249,215	2,038,758
Interest and amortization			567,219	522,843
Balance			1,681,996	1,515,915

**Carolina Power & Light Co.**  
(National Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)

	—Month of November— 1928. 1927.		12 Mos. End. Nov. 30 1928. 1927.	
Gross earnings from opera'n.	\$ 841,645	\$ 817,000	\$ 8,996,415	\$ 8,900,700
Oper. expenses and taxes	345,351	410,979	4,394,216	4,748,860
Net earns. from operation	496,294	406,021	4,602,199	4,151,840
Other income	39,198	72,779	705,856	545,787
Total income	535,492	478,800	5,308,055	4,697,627
Interest on bonds	160,808	147,916	1,822,752	1,454,382
Other interest and deductions	19,407	10,303	216,770	77,184
Balance	355,277	320,581	3,268,533	3,166,061
Dividends on preferred stock			1,080,301	986,796
Balance			2,188,232	2,179,265

**Fall River Gas Works Co.**

	—Month of November— 1928. 1927.		12 Mos. End. Nov. 30 1928. 1927.	
Gross earnings	\$ 90,321	\$ 87,855	\$ 1,032,292	\$ 1,041,544
Operation	44,537	46,190	564,649	539,167
Maintenance	4,431	6,824	17,997	83,720
Taxes	17,489	15,208	164,151	151,321
Net operating revenue	23,863	19,631	231,494	267,334
Interest charges			19,083	17,666
Balance			212,410	249,668

**Galveston-Houston Electric Co.**

	—Month of November— 1928. 1927.		12 Mos. End. Nov. 30 1928. 1927.	
Gross earnings	\$ 437,426	\$ 432,229	\$ 5,237,880	\$ 5,038,615
Operation	202,742	205,645	2,441,902	2,465,438
Maintenance	56,441	53,375	691,063	633,102
Taxes	29,452	27,432	399,480	389,339
Net operating revenue	148,790	145,776	1,705,433	1,550,735
Income from other sources			1,004	5,699
Balance			1,706,437	1,556,435
Interest and amortization			882,093	861,206
Balance			824,344	695,229

**Galveston-Houston Electric Railway Co.**  
(Subsidiary of Galveston-Houston Electric Co.)

	—Month of November— 1928. 1927.		12 Mos. End. Nov. 30 1928. 1927.	
Gross earnings	\$ 49,171	\$ 56,245	\$ 649,540	\$ 713,771
Operation	20,117	22,732	278,665	314,085
Maintenance	6,177	10,227	98,099	107,422
Taxes	2,931	2,671	31,743	30,831
Net operating revenue	19,944	20,613	241,033	261,432
Interest and amortization (public)			126,322	127,733
Balance			114,710	133,698
Interest and amortization (G.-H. E. Co.)			143,182	136,217
Balance			def28,472	def2,518

**Gulf Power Co.**

	November 1928.		12 mos. end Nov. 30'28	
Gross earnings from operations	\$ 95,245	\$ 1,063,123	\$ 95,245	\$ 1,063,123
Operating expenses, including taxes & maintenance	59,359	665,678	59,359	665,678
Net earnings from operations	35,886	397,445	35,886	397,445
Other income	6,055	29,088	6,055	29,088
Total income	41,941	426,533	41,941	426,533
Interest on funded debt		140,618		140,618
Balance		285,915		285,915
Other deductions		82,492		82,492
Balance		203,423		203,423
Dividends on \$6 cumulative preferred stock		52,433		52,433
Balance for reserves, retirements and dividends		150,99		150,99

**Haverhill Gas Light Co.**

	—Month of November— 1928. 1927.		12 Mos. End. Nov. 30 1928. 1927.	
Gross earnings	\$ 64,764	\$ 56,241	\$ 704,161	\$ 707,484
Operation	37,746	38,816	459,030	490,308
Maintenance	4,117	4,009	31,958	33,124
Taxes	5,081	5,186	65,544	63,363
Net operating revenue	17,819	8,228	147,627	120,687
Income from other sources			1,775	
Net income			149,403	120,687
Interest charges			10,011	3,653
Balance			139,391	117,034

**Idaho Power Co.**

	—Month of November— 1928. 1927.		12 Mos. End. Nov. 30 1928. 1927.	
Gross earnings from operation	\$ 283,852	\$ 275,220	\$ 3,494,045	\$ 3,118,953
Operating exps. and taxes	146,715	156,649	1,647,893	1,449,464
Net earns. from operation	137,137	118,571	1,846,152	1,669,489
Other income	7,179	6,161	74,911	110,116
Total income	144,316	124,732	1,921,063	1,779,605
Interest on bonds	54,167	54,167	650,000	627,668
Other interest & deductions	6,075	5,750	70,670	71,085
Balance	84,074	64,815	1,200,393	1,080,852
Dividends on preferred stock			314,297	264,151
Balance			886,096	816,701

**Jacksonville Traction Co.**

	—Month of November— 1928. 1927.		12 Mos. End. Nov. 30 1928. 1927.	
Gross earnings	\$ 98,839	\$ 107,659	\$ 1,210,293	\$ 1,407,543
Operation	48,943	52,149	617,375	705,466
Maintenance	13,159	14,489	161,033	176,705
Retirement accruals	18,942	10,825	198,456	241,237
Taxes	9,004	7,522	109,743	120,111
Operating revenue	8,789	22,673	123,684	164,022
City of South Jacksonville portion of operating revenue	528	845	6,471	9,863
Net operating revenue	8,261	21,828	117,213	154,158
Interest and amortization			164,817	174,645
Balance			def47,604	def20,486

**The Key West Electric Co.**

	—Month of November— 1928. 1927.		12 Mos. End. Nov. 30 1928. 1927.	
Gross earnings	\$ 21,247	\$ 21,177	\$ 253,130	\$ 261,566
Operation	8,853	9,728	112,291	121,277
Maintenance	1,930	1,838	23,463	25,483
Taxes	1,548	391	14,926	15,924
Net operating revenue	8,914	9,218	102,448	98,881
Interest and amortization			29,188	30,182
Balance			73,259	68,698

**Mississippi Power Co.**

	—Month of November— 1928. 1927.		12 Mos. End. Nov. 30 1928. 1927.	
Gross earns. from operations	\$ 312,204	\$ 228,643	\$ 3,048,157	\$ 2,469,326
Oper. exp., incl. taxes & maint	161,730	142,074	1,789,542	1,602,011
Net earns. from operations	150,474	86,569	1,258,615	867,315
Other income	10,316	11,471	140,580	165,667
Total income	160,790	98,040	1,399,195	1,032,982
Interest on funded debt			445,884	426,266
Balance			953,311	606,716
Other deductions			349,634	180,662
Balance			603,677	426,054
Dividends on cumulative preferred stock			227,008	175,000
Balance for reserves, retirements and dividends			376,669	251,054

**New York Westchester & Boston Ry.**

	—Month of November— 1928. 1927.		11 Mos. End. Nov. 30 1928. 1927.	
Railway operating revenue	\$ 199,677	\$ 185,689	\$ 2,185,487	\$ 1,965,742
Railway operating expenses	141,673	320,114	1,469,160	1,330,982
Net operating revenue	58,004	65,574	716,327	634,759
Taxes	20,238	20,307	219,725	217,693
Operating income	37,766	45,267	496,601	417,066
Non-operating income	401	1,160	11,375	8,286
Gross income	38,167	46,427	507,977	425,352
Deductions—				
Rent	19,268	14,181	173,914	108,031
Bond & equip. trust certif. int	88,332	86,861	959,190	958,768
Other deductions	100,319	95,481	1,099,109	1,047,688
Total deductions	207,919	196,523	2,232,215	2,114,489
Net income	—169,751	—150,095	—1,724,237	—1,689,136

**Ponce Electric Co.**

	—Month of November— 1928. 1927.		12 Mos. End. Nov. 30 1928. 1927.	
Gross earnings	\$ 24,919	\$ 28,413	\$ 345,270	\$ 338,980
Operation	12,205	15,041	158,777	177,830
Maintenance	1,387	2,234	19,885	27,435
Taxes	2,227	2,517	26,762	33,261
Net operating revenue	9,097	8,619	139,844	100,453
Interest charges			2,358	1,103
Balance			137,486	99,349

**Puget Sound Power & Light Co.**  
(And Subsidiary Companies)

	—Month of November— 1928. 1927.		12 Mos. End. Nov. 30 1928. 1927.	
Gross earnings	\$ 1,355,865	\$ 1,335,642	\$ 15,146,340	\$ 14,808,793
Operation	575,735	526,913	6,285,175	5,955,307
Maintenance	85,703	94,421	1,097,864	1,270,594
Depreciation of equipment	15,241	8,452	171,233	98,994
Taxes	41,585	97,992	965,192	1,174,911
Net operating revenue	720,769	607,861	6,626,872	6,308,985
Income from other sources	58,031	41,675	510,316	510,512
Balance	778,801	649,536	7,137,189	6,819,498
Interest and amortization			3,094,717	3,360,199
Balance			4,042,472	3,459,298

**Savannah Electric & Power Co.**  
(Subsidiary of Engineers Public Service Co.)  
—Month of November— 12 Mos. End. Nov. 30  
1928. 1927. 1928. 1927.

Gross earnings	190,461	192,274	2,229,301	2,237,544
Operation	70,581	76,404	914,354	990,952
Maintenance	11,069	14,483	147,344	150,196
Taxes	14,686	16,472	181,930	180,751
Net operating revenue	94,124	84,914	985,671	915,643
Interest and amortization			452,022	434,518
Balance			533,648	481,125

**Tampa Electric Co.**  
(And Subsidiary Companies)  
—Month of November— 12 Mos. End. Nov. 30  
1928. 1927. 1928. 1927.

Gross earnings	383,083	395,731	4,655,378	4,737,108
Operation	162,292	158,548	1,948,035	2,065,253
Maintenance	31,850	25,314	364,612	358,445
Retirement accruals	52,362	44,935	544,420	491,605
Taxes	25,033	35,402	301,066	356,730
Net operating revenue	111,546	131,530	1,497,242	1,465,073
Income from other sources			17,977	
Balance			1,515,219	1,465,073
Interest and amortization			56,316	55,175
Balance			1,458,903	1,409,897

**Western Union Telegraph Co.**  
—Month of November— 11 Mos. End. Nov. 30—  
1928. 1927. 1928. 1927.

Gross revenue	11,314,000	10,552,000	124,312,000	120,333,000
Operating income	1,242,000	1,122,000	14,136,000	13,927,000

**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 Jan. 5. The next will appear in that of Feb. 2.

**Lee Rubber & Tire Corporation.**

(13th Annual Report—Fiscal Year Ended Oct. 31 1928).

Pres. John J. Watson in his remarks to stockholders says in substance:

During the fiscal year 1928, \$126,310 was invested in new plant machinery. We charged off for depreciation and obsolescence \$199,395, and \$204,848 was spent on plant maintenance, our factories and equipment being kept in a high state of repair and efficiency.

Our purchase price, on all future contracts for crude rubber, averages under the present price for similar positions and deliveries.

The spot price of crude rubber on Oct. 31 1927 was 35½¢ per pound. With the announcement made in April, that the British Government would abolish the Stevenson Restriction Act on Nov. 1, there was a sharp decline in the price of crude rubber to 18½¢ per pound at approximately which price level it has remained for the past several months. While tire manufacturers generally had large inventories of tires on hand made out of high cost rubber and had contracts for future deliveries of rubber at high prices, they nevertheless followed the decline in the price of crude rubber by two reductions in the selling price of tires, before the tires owned by them made out of high priced rubber, had been sold, which resulted in selling their inventory of tires on an unprofitable basis.

It is a sad commentary on the policies pursued by companies engaged in the manufacture that they have followed a policy which has made their profits relatively small in most cases and with substantial losses in others, and shows, when we consider the great expansion of the automobile industry and the large profits made in that industry and the fact that not a car could run without the use of rubber tires, that the tire business has not been conducted so as to result in making the profits to which it is entitled considering its great importance to the automotive industry.

Our volume of unit sales has increased during the year and we have met with an increasing demand for all of our products. The demand for Lee DeLuxe tires, Lee Staghound solid tires and for Republic mechanical goods is most gratifying and shows promise for a continuously increasing business.

With our inventories at the current market and with the good demand for our products, indications are that the result of operations for the coming year should be satisfactory.

**CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT.**

Period—	Year End, Oct. 31 '28.	10 Mos. End, Oct. 31 '27.	—Year End, Dec. 31— 1926.	Year End, Dec. 31— 1925.
Net sales	\$11,032,914	\$10,175,169	\$12,213,077	\$12,742,585
Cost of goods & gen. exp. & depreciation	10,845,805	9,517,307	13,192,630	12,414,059
Net income	\$187,109	\$657,863	loss \$979,553	\$328,527
Other income	111,250	226,777	72,132	90,845
Total income	\$298,359	\$884,640	loss \$907,421	\$419,372
Deduct—Interest paid	132,594	100,383	117,248	119,163
Net profit	\$165,765	\$784,257	loss \$1024,669	\$300,209
Previous surplus	1,317,084	587,594	2,253,294	1,953,086
Adjustments	Deb. 83,933	Deb. 54,766	Deb. 641,031	
Surplus	\$1,448,916	\$1,317,084	\$587,594	\$2,253,294
Earns. per sh. on 300,000 shs. no par cap. stk.	\$0.55	\$2.61	Nil	\$1.00

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET OCT. 31.**

	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
<b>Assets—</b>				
Plants, real estate & equipment	7,071,224	7,139,382	1,500,000	1,500,000
Pats. & tr.-marks	19,291	27,557	1,506,000	1,504,000
Cash	990,969	848,906		
Trade acceptances		2,252	95,200	215,328
Notes receivable	224,357	127,032	567,766	417,890
Acts rec. (less res.)	1,997,486	1,965,931	125,771	121,870
Inventories	2,912,918	2,887,095	1,007	797
Mdse. in transit	70,138		2,799,597	2,865,269
Loans & exps. adv. to employees	25,241	13,572	5,355,384	5,355,384
Trustee of cash fds	1,007	797		
Investments	16,150	91,753	1,448,916	1,317,084
Deferred charges	70,859	61,279		
Total	13,399,641	13,297,623	13,399,641	13,297,623
x Represented by 300,000 shares of no par value. y Including reserve for depreciation of plant and equipment, \$2,572,082.—V. 126, p. 3461.				

**Manhattan Shirt Co., New York.**  
(Annual Report—Year Ended Nov. 30 1928).  
CONSOL. INCOME & SURPLUS ACCT. FOR YEARS ENDED NOV. 30.

	1927-28.	1926-27.	1925-26.	1924-25.
Net profits	\$1,172,144	\$1,586,958	\$1,374,280	\$1,260,652
Interest (net)	26,054	17,729	8,870	14,919
Federal taxes	137,447	211,809	184,330	155,616
Net income	\$1,008,643	\$1,357,420	\$1,181,080	\$1,090,117
Preferred divs. (7%)	51,933	79,921	94,021	103,278
Common divs. (8%)	565,956	(7)493,576	(6)423,430	(6)424,726
Balance, surplus	\$390,754	\$783,923	\$663,629	\$562,113
Previous surplus	3,145,489	2,470,040	1,816,469	1,317,467
Adjustments	Dr28,633	Dr.108,474	Dr.10,058	Dr.63,111
Total profit & loss, sur	\$3,507,610	\$3,145,489	\$2,470,040	\$1,816,469
Shs. com. outst. (par \$25)	283,606	283,564	283,557	283,549
Earnings per share	\$3.37	\$4.50	\$3.83	\$3.48

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET NOV. 30.

Assets—	1928.	1927.	Liabilities—	1928.	1927. \$
L'd. bldgs., mach., &c., less deprec.	1,341,654	1,382,470	Preferred stock	652,200	798,400
Trade name, goodwill & patterns	5,000,000	5,000,000	Com. stk. (par \$25)	7,090,173	7,090,173
Investments	175,544	168,762	Notes & accts. pay. & accrued accts.	659,172	1,320,613
Cash	598,171	776,493	Dividends payable	141,398	
Notes & accts. rec.	2,276,609	1,964,852	Applied to retiring preferred stock	1,400,000	1,400,000
Inventories	4,125,995	4,609,663	Res. for Fed. taxes	137,609	211,918
Deferred charges	70,189	64,353	Profit and loss	3,507,610	3,145,489
Total	13,588,162	13,966,593	Total	13,588,162	13,966,593

x After depreciation.—V. 126, p. 3938.

**Swift & Company.**

(Financial Statement—Year Ended Nov. 3 1928.)

Excerpts from address by Louis F. Swift, Pres., at the 44th annual meeting of shareholders, Jan. 10, follow:

For our 44th year we have had financially a moderately good one. We are not going to be satisfied in the future with similar financial returns. We shall not be satisfied unless we earn a substantial margin over our dividends. Results, both on beef and pork, have been disappointing this past year. The reduction in cattle receipts has reduced our beef volume, and the high level of beef and cattle prices has added to the difficulty of making a profit on our cattle business.

There is a great advantage in having a business that is not dependent entirely on the results of one department or product. In a well-managed and properly diversified business, whether meat packing or farming, it is most unlikely that all branches of the business will show poor results the same year.

I should like very much to see the source of our raw material, i.e., the farms of this country, diversified to the same extent that our business is. Both meat packing and farming are subject to uncontrollable risks, and wherever there are uncontrollable factors to be dealt with, such as weather risks, price risks, investment risks, &c., the only safe course lies in diversification.

During the past year we added three small plants to our packing house facilities. We also increased our produce plant facilities in various produce sections of the country. I believe that our produce business has a wonderful future. We buy the farmers' eggs, cream, and poultry at country points. We candle and select the eggs, churn the cream into butter, and fatten the poultry on buttermilk and grains. Practically all of these operations are carried on in the produce plants, which are separate and distinct from our packing plants. We then market these finished products through our regular branch house and car route outlets. We offer to the farmers of this country a direct, economical marketing service. Between the farmer and the thousands of retailers throughout the country, we perform all the essential services of assembling, selecting, manufacturing, and distributing his products. It is a decided advantage to farmers to market their produce through an organization which has a nation-wide outlet and which receives only one profit for a great variety of necessary services.

During the year we paid out for live animals \$515,000,000. Our sales amounted to more than \$970,000,000. This includes the sale of all product—meat, produce, raw by-products, and various manufactured by-products that are now only remotely related to the meat business.

Our company may never be spectacular in its accomplishments, but it has always proved to be dependable. We are engaged in an essential business that contains all the earmarks of permanent success. It is only after food wants have been supplied that luxury goods can be purchased.

On the whole, this is a very prosperous country. There is scarcely any limit to the prosperity which this country should enjoy in the years that lie ahead, and there is every indication that not only Swift & Co., but the nation's livestock producers as well, are going to have a full share of that prosperity.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT—FISCAL YEARS ENDED

	Nov. 3 '28.	Nov. 5 '27.	Nov. 6 '26.	Oct. 31 '25.
Business done	970,000,000	925,000,000	950,000,000	875,000,000
Net earnings, a	14,813,182	12,202,493	15,645,242	15,379,152
Cash dividends (8%)	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000
Balance, surplus	2,813,182	202,493	3,645,242	3,379,152
Profit and loss, surplus	76,139,884	73,326,702	73,124,209	69,478,967
Earnings per share	\$9.87	\$8.13	\$10.43	\$10.25

a After interest, depreciation and Federal income taxes.

**COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET.**

Assets—	Nov. 3 '28.	Nov. 5 '27.	Nov. 6 '26.	Oct. 31 '25.
Real estate & improve'ts, including branches	106,567,964	108,150,791	110,559,925	112,007,104
Stocks and bonds	27,926,908	27,578,922	27,578,922	25,809,381
Cash	12,902,407	19,421,946	11,025,720	12,258,672
Accounts receivable	75,963,247	66,817,159	79,288,300	85,969,058
Live cattle, sheep, hogs, dressed beef, &c.	124,236,196	115,239,516	113,655,387	106,251,565
Total assets	347,596,724	337,208,334	342,015,161	342,295,780
<b>Liabilities—</b>				
Capital stock	150,000,000	150,000,000	150,000,000	150,000,000
1st mtge. 5% bonds	23,918,500	24,918,500	25,586,000	26,253,500
5% gold notes, 1932	37,000,000	47,500,000	48,000,000	48,500,000
Notes payable	23,421,750	11,716,920	13,887,270	15,716,172
Accounts payable	24,436,166	17,257,280	18,564,181	19,110,497
General reserves	12,680,424	12,488,931	13,353,501	13,236,644
Surplus	76,139,884	73,326,702	73,124,209	69,478,967
Total liabilities	347,596,724	337,208,334	342,015,161	342,295,780

—V. 127, p. 2975.

**Armour & Company (Illinois).**

(Financial Report—Year Ended Oct. 27 1928.)

President F. Edson White, Jan. 7 1929, wrote in brief:

On a volume of sales which continued in excess of \$900,000,000 annually, net earnings amounted to \$11,326,425 after provision for income tax, interest on bonds and other borrowed money, and depreciation of physical properties.

Since June 30, 1923, which was the date of the first financial statement giving effect to the acquisition of the Morris properties—the following improvements have been accomplished in the financial status of the company: (1) ratio of current assets to current liabilities has been improved from less than 2 to 1 in June 1923, to more than 6 to 1 now, (2) bank loans were reduced from more than \$100,000,000 to less than \$5,000,000, (3) funded debt and capital obligations were reduced \$11,482,800, (4) working capital was increased from \$130,000,000 to \$164,000,000.

Thus, in a little over five years, none of which was remarkably good and some of which were very unsatisfactory, Armour & Co. has attained an enviable position as regards assets, liabilities and working capital.

During the current year company's funded debt was reduced \$2,148,000 through sinking fund and other requirements, and preferred stock in the amount of \$648,700 was retired through sinking fund.

The benefits that grow out of diversified interests such as Armour & Co.'s were apparent in 1928. The difficulties encountered by some of the company's activities were offset by the prosperity of others.

Company's principal subsidiaries—those handling leather and fertilizer—gave a very good account of themselves during the year. Leather appears to have finally recovered from the post-war deflation, and the leather company's operations have been profitable during the last three years. Better selling methods adopted by the whole fertilizer industry have been productive of improved results for the industry.

The South American meat trade has prospered in accord with expectations expressed a year ago. The Argentine is able to produce cattle very cheaply, but it does not have population large enough to consume its own output. On the other hand the British demand for beef being greatly in excess of its production, makes the United Kingdom a logical outlet for the Argentine surplus. Armour & Co.'s facilities in South America permit the handling of a very considerable volume of this business, and while the profits are modest on a pound basis, they run into impressive figures on the large amount which is handled.

Cheaper meat from other sources, coupled with growth of population in the United States, have made exports from this country of decreasing importance each year in our final results.

The outlook for general business is favorable.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND SURPLUS STATEMENT.

[Including Armour & Co. of Illinois, Armour & Co. of Delaware, North American Provision Co. and their subsidiaries.]

Table with 5 columns: Year Ended, Year Ended, 10 Mo. End., Cal. Years. Rows include Net sales, Income, Deprec., Interest charges, etc.

Table with 5 columns: Year Ended, Year Ended, 10 Mo. End., Cal. Years. Rows include Balance, surplus, Special charges, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Earnings, etc.

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET (ILLINOIS COMPANY).

[Including Armour & Co. of Illinois, Armour & Co. of Delaware, North American Provision Co. and their subsidiaries.]

Table with 5 columns: Oct. 27 '28, Oct. 29 '27, Oct. 30 '26, 1925. Rows include Assets (Land, buildings, machinery, etc.) and Liabilities (7% pref. stock, etc.).

x Packing house products at market value, less allowance for selling expenses, other products and supplies at cost or market, whichever is lower (after deducting \$5,981,410 in drafts drawn against foreign consignments).

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (DELAWARE COMPANY).

[Including North American Provision Co. and their subsidiaries.]

Table with 5 columns: Oct. 27 '28, Oct. 29 '27, Oct. 27 '28, Oct. 29 '27. Rows include Assets (Land, buildings, machinery, etc.) and Liabilities (7% pref. stock, etc.).

x Packing house products at market value, less allowance for selling expenses, other products and supplies at cost or market, whichever is lower (after deducting \$2,941,688 in drafts drawn against foreign consignments). y All owned by Armour & Co. (Ill.).—V. 127, p. 2959.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

STEAM RAILROADS.

Surplus Freight Cars.—Class 1 railroads on Dec. 22 had 298,004 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced. This was an increase of 30,875 cars compared with Dec. 15 at which time there were 267,129 cars. Surplus coal cars on Dec. 22 totaled 108,656, an increase of 7,341 cars within approximately a week while surplus box cars totaled 142,886, an increase of 21,137 for the same period. Reports also showed 24,786 surplus stock cars, an increase of 1,663 cars over the number reported on Dec. 15, while surplus refrigerator cars totaled 11,443, an increase of 943 for the same period. Freight Cars in Need of Repairs.—Class 1 railroads on Dec. 15 had 132,405 freight cars in need of repair or 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 6,648 cars under the number reported on Dec. 1, at which time there were 139,053 or 6.2%. Freight cars in need of heavy repairs on Dec. 15, totaled 99,726, or 4.5%, a decrease of 1,030 compared with Dec. 1, while freight cars in need of light repairs totaled 32,679 or 1.5%, a decrease of 5,618 compared with Dec. 1. Locomotives in Need of Repairs.—Locomotives in need of repair on the Class 1 railroads of this country on Dec. 15 totaled 8,518 or 14.5% 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 178 compared with the number in need of repair on Dec. 1, at which time there were 8,340 or 14.2%. Locomotives in need of classified repairs on Dec. 15 totaled 4,710, or 8%, an increase of 297 compared with Dec. 1, while 3,808, or 6.5% were in need of running repairs, a decrease of 119 compared with Dec. 1. Class 1 railroads on Dec. 15 had 5,698 serviceable locomotives in storage compared with 5,560 on Dec. 1. Freight Traffic Handled.—The volume of freight traffic handled by the Class 1 railroads in Number 1928 amounted to 41,964,905,000 net ton miles, the Bureau of Railway Economics announced. This was an increase of 4,714,583,000 net ton miles over November 1927 but a decrease of

1,395,232,000 net ton miles or 3.2% under the same month in 1926. In the Eastern District, there was an increase in the volume of freight handled of 18% in November 1928 compared with the same month of 1927, while the Southern District reported an increase of 6%. The Western District reported an increase of 8.3%.

For the first eleven months in 1928, the volume of freight handled by the Class 1 railroads amounted to 439,349,242,000 net ton miles. This was a decrease of 753,818,000 net ton miles or 2-10ths of 1% below the corresponding period in 1927 and a decrease of 9,236,671,000 net ton miles or 2.1% below the same period in 1926. Railroads in the Eastern District for the 11 months period in 1928 reported a decrease of 2.5% in the volume of traffic compared with the same period in 1927, while the Southern District reported a decrease of 6.3%. The Western District reported an increase of 5.4%.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of Jan. 5.—Shippers' Regional Advisory Boards estimates that 8,048,075 cars will be needed for freight shipment in present quarters, p. 20. (b) Volume of freight traffic handled by Class 1 railroads in October higher than same month last year, p. 32.

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—Rights to Subscribe or 4 1/2% Convertible Bonds Expires on Feb. 7—Budget.—

The common stockholders of record Nov. 23 have been given the right to subscribe on or before Feb. 7 for \$30,204,000 of 4 1/2% convertible debenture gold bonds, dated Dec. 1, 1928, at par and int. from Dec. 1 on the basis of \$100 of bonds for every eight shares of common stock owned. (See V. 127, p. 2680).

President W. B. Storey announces that the company's budget for this year totals about \$68,000,000. The directors have authorized additions and betterments aggregating \$24,800,000; equipment purchases of \$15,400,000, and certain extensions amounting to \$2,700,000, a total of \$42,900,000 new capital expenditure. The carryover at the close of 1928 was about \$25,700,000 and additions and betterments in the 1928 budget totaled \$29,100,000.

Bonds Authorized.—

The I. S. C. Commission on Dec. 22 authorized the company to procure the authentication and delivery of \$1,876,000 5% 1929 4% gold bonds in partial reimbursement of its treasury for capital expenditures heretofore made, the bonds to be held by the company until the further order of the commission.—V. 127, p. 3701.

Bolivia Railway Co.—Time for Deposits Extended.—

Of the total of \$5,750,000 5% mtg. bonds issued and outstanding, holders of a total nominal amount of \$5,268,460 of bonds have accepted the terms offered in the notice to the bondholders (published in V. 127, p. 2952) which provided for the bonds to be deposited not later than Dec. 20, 1928. In order to give bondholders, who may not have had notice of the offer in sufficient time, a further opportunity of recording their acceptance, it has been decided to extend the period for deposit of bonds up to and incl. Jan. 30, 1929. Any bondholder wishing to accept the offer subsequently to that date may only be able to do so on payment of a penalty if this is deemed to be necessary. Compare plan in V. 127, p. 2952.

Chicago & North Western Ry.—Bonds—New Directors.—

The I. S. C. Commission on Dec. 27 authorized the company to issue \$3,577,000 gen. mtg. gold bonds of 1927, bearing 4 1/2% int., said bonds to be sold at not less than 98% and int. and the proceeds used to refund an underlying issue.

The report of the Commission says in part: The applicant represents that no arrangements have been made for the sale of the proposed bonds and that it will sell them at the best price obtainable, but at not less than 98% and int. On that basis the cost to the applicant will be approximately 4.598%. John Stuart, President of the Quaker Oats Co., has been elected a director to succeed the late Chauncey M. Depew. President Fred. W. Sargent is quoted in substance as follows: "December gross revenues were about \$400,000 above the corresponding month of 1927. While it is difficult to estimate the net for last month due to year-end adjustments, I expect last year's earnings were equivalent to around \$6.80 a share on approximately 1,585,000 shares of common stock. "Surplus after fixed charges before dividends for the first 11 months of last year was \$12,653,670, an increase of \$2,116,624 over the same period of 1927. After allowing for full dividend requirements for the year 1928 of \$8,697,352, balance for surplus as of Nov. 30 last was \$3,986,318. "January loadings are running somewhat ahead of a year ago and I expect net operating income this month to approximate last year's. Grain loadings show improvement over a year ago, and the grain carryover in our territory is larger than from the 1927 crop. We have been having plenty of snow, which will make good moisture conditions for 1929 crops. "I expect earnings for the first quarter this year and for the full year to show an increase over 1928. Every year, through our agents in all the principal cities of the country and through a careful canvass of shippers on our own territory, we collect data and make a survey of the new year's business. Survey for this year indicates an increase in traffic on our lines. "Earnings last year were the best since 1926, when \$6.92 a share was shown on the common stock. Totaling \$3,500,000 and that the pref. div. which the North Western has for many years received from the Omaha road (amounting to about \$523,000) was omitted last December, our 1928 results were satisfactory.—V. 127, p. 2953.

Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Ry.—New Director.—

Marshall Field has been elected a director to succeed the late Chauncey M. Depew.—V. 127, p. 2953.

Delaware & Northern RR.—New Control.—

Samuel R. Rosoff, subway builder and contractor, recently purchased control of the company and contemplates a refinancing program with a merger of several large companies included in the deal. Details are not available as yet, however. The road, which has about 50 miles of track, runs from East Branch to Arkville, and it is said that Mr. Rosoff plans to extend the line into the anthracite country of Pennsylvania and build up the coal traffic. He took title Jan. 1 last and the road began operating under the new management on Jan. 3. The price paid, according to Mr. Rosoff, was "something less than a \$1,000,000. He bought the line, which had been in the hands of receivers for several years, at 10 cents on the dollar. The value of the road had been estimated at about \$1,000,000.—V. 122, p. 2646.

Durham & Southern Ry.—Obituary.—

Benjamin N. Duke, President of this company and Vice-President of the Southern Power Co. died in New York on Jan. 8.—V. 122, p. 1022.

Great Northern Ry.—America's Longest Tunnel Opened.—

The longest railroad tunnel in America, an 8-mile bore through the Cascade range 100 miles east of Seattle, Wash., will be formally opened for train operation by the Great Northern Ry. on Jan. 12. Coincident with the opening of this tunnel, the company's entire route through this mountainous range, a distance of 75 miles, will be changed over from steam to electrical operation. The tunnel cost about \$14,000,000 and including electrification and other improvements, the total expenditure on the project has been approximately \$25,000,000. The new Cascade tunnel lifts the American record from the Moffatt tunnel in Colorado, 6.11 miles long, and is exceeded by only four tunnels in the world; the Simpson, St. Gothard, Loetschberg and Mount Cenis tunnels in the Alps.—V. 127, p. 2813.

Hillsboro & North-Eastern Ry.—Notes.—

The I. S. C. Commission on Dec. 28 authorized the company to issue \$14,339 of promissory notes in lieu of a like amount of notes issued, renewed or extended without the authorization of the commission, and from time to time within two years from the date of this order to reissue, renew, or extend the maturity date of said notes and \$13,600 of promissory notes now outstanding issued pursuant to the commission's order of Mar. 21 1927.—V. 124, p. 2117.

Minneapolis & St. Louis RR.—Ordered Sold.—

The road was ordered sold under a bankruptcy decree by the Federal Court at St. Paul, Jan. 8. The date of the sale has not been fixed.—V. 128, p. 111.

**National Rys. of Mexico.—Annual Report.—**  
*18 Mos. End.*      *Years Ended June 30*  
*Dec. 31 27.*      *1926.*      *1925.*      *1924.*

In Mex. Gold Pesos—	105,431,820	35,718,509		
Freight	38,483,320	13,041,039		
Passenger	17,465,331	6,412,132		
Express	4,702,939	1,688,490		
Sundry earnings				
From oper. of Ry. Port Terminals	506,884	256,004		
Custom agencies	14,077	942		
Total revenue	166,604,070	57,117,117		Not available.
<i>Expenses—</i>				
Maint. of way & struc	33,788,974	11,703,284		
Maint. of equipment	38,566,437	12,550,428		
Conduct. transp	77,335,749	24,171,993		
General expense	6,735,833	2,079,232		
Exp. Ry. Port Term	543,172	146,589		
Sundry expenses	252,790			
Balance	9,381,214	6,465,592		
<i>Non-Oper. Revenue—</i>				
Int. & divs. on sec. own		680,658	659,373	637,988
Int. on pend. amts. spent in constr. of new lines		550,959	563,770	517,876
Misc. earnings			332,836	433,692
Total	9,381,214	7,697,209	1,555,977	1,589,556
Exp. of Mex., N. Y. & London offices		297,671	516,030	520,658
Sundry taxes		2,353	2,696	189,071
Int. on sundry oblig's		124,854	74,980	76,427
Int. on fund. debt, equip. & coll. tr. & notes pay	33,704,371	21,289,712	21,840,762	21,840,762
Debit bal. of exch. acct.	4,430,138	321,155	6,790	4,287
Install. acct. sink. fd. Pr. Lien 4 1/2s			2,289,434	2,289,434
Sundries				21
Compensat'n & pensions	968,371			
Various expenses	324,588			
Balance, deficit	30,046,235	14,338,537	23,174,713	23,331,103
Total profit & loss def.	332,698,763	300,553,057	286,058,802	262,880,164

—V. 127, p. 2813.

**Oregon Short Line RR.—Operation of Line.—**  
 The I. S. C. Commission on Dec. 21 issued a certificate authorizing the company to operate, jointly with the Western Pacific RR. over a line now under construction by the latter company which will extend from a connection with its main line at Wells, Nev., in a northeasterly direction approximately 1.18 miles to a connection with the Oregon's Wells branch, all in Elko County, Nev.—125, p. 3348.

**Panhandle & Santa Fe Ry.—Bonds.—**  
 The I. S. C. Commission on Dec. 20 authorized the company to issue a registered general-mortgage 6% gold bond, series A, for \$9,000,000, to refund matured bonds and to capitalize, in part, expenditures heretofore made for capital purposes, said bond to be delivered at par to the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Co. in satisfaction and discharge of a like amount of indebtedness to that company.—V. 125, p. 244.

**Reading Co.—Acquisition of Control of Mount Carmel RR.**  
 The I. S. C. Commission on Dec. 22 denied the application of the company for authority to acquire control of the Mt. Carmel RR. by lease of its properties. The report of the Commission says in part:

"In accordance with the terms and conditions of an agreement dated Sept. 13 1907, the Philadelphia & Reading Ry., predecessor to the applicant, leased the properties of the Mt. Carmel RR. for a term of ten years, and at the expiration thereof for a further term of ten years, which expired Sept. 13 1927. Under the terms of that agreement the applicant paid to the lessee, as rental, the sum of \$5,000 per annum plus one cent per ton on all traffic which exceeded 150,000 tons per annum. The agreement also provided for maintenance of the properties by the lessee. Negotiations between the parties for a new lease were delayed, and the applicant has continued operations under the old agreement.

The applicant now proposes to execute an agreement of lease with the Mt. Carmel RR., effective as of Oct. 1 1927, for a term of ten years, which will be substantially similar to the previous lease except that rental shall be paid on the basis of 12c. per ton of 2,240 pounds on coal, and 12c. per ton of 2,000 pounds on all other traffic. The great bulk of the traffic is anthracite, and the record shows that the average of this traffic for the past four years was approximately 215,000 tons per year. The applicant also will pay the gross receipts tax, amounting to eight mills per dollar of earnings, and the Mt. Carmel RR. will pay all other taxes and assessments of any kind which may be imposed upon its property during the term of the lease. On the basis of the average tonnage stated, the rental to be paid by the applicant under the proposed agreement will be increased from \$5,650 to \$25,800 per annum. The record further shows that prior to the execution of the proposed lease the Mt. Carmel RR. caused an investigation to be made with a view to ascertaining the desirability of operating its line independently. This investigation showed that on the basis of 215,000 tons per annum the operating cost would be approximately \$29,500, or 13.7c. per ton. The testimony is that 25c. per ton would be a reasonable division for the haul from the breakers to Mt. Carmel Jct., and on that basis the net yield would be 11.3c. per ton. However, the Mt. Carmel RR. owns no locomotives, scales, structures, or interchange tracks, and the cost of acquisition and installation of these facilities is estimated at \$143,000. The P. S. Commission of Pennsylvania advises that it considers the proposed rental charge of 12c. per ton reasonable.

Our tentative valuation for rate-making purposes of the Mt. Carmel RR. as of June 30 1917 on the basis of 1914 prices, was \$139,000. The record shows the book value of the carriers' investment in road and equipment as \$189,124; and that the valuation department of the applicant placed a valuation of \$214,700 on the properties of the Mt. Carmel as of the same date as our valuation and upon the same basis. One of the witnesses for the Mt. Carmel, by applying to this sum a factor of 150% as representing increased cost of construction, arrived at a value of \$322,050. By adding to this amount \$2,800 for additions and betterments which have been made since our valuation, the present value would be \$324,850.

The details of the valuation made by the Reading are not shown of record. Therefore, neither that valuation, nor the theory upon which the attempt to arrive at the present value was made, can be accepted by us.

As stated above, the annual gross revenue accruing to the Mt. Carmel RR. on the basis of 215,000 tons at 12c. per ton would be \$25,800. Deducting from this amount the annual corporation expenses and stock taxes, which the record shows averaged approximately \$375 for the five years ended Dec. 31 1927, the net annual revenue would be \$25,425. This revenue, based upon our tentative valuation plus additions and betterments made since that time, an aggregate value of \$141,800, would constitute a return of 17.94%; and based upon the book value of road and equipment, the yield would be 13.45%. Even upon the basis of the higher valuations as of 1917 and the present, claimed by the applicant and the witness for the Mt. Carmel RR., which we must disregard, the yields would be in excess of 11% and 7%, respectively, which are substantially greater than a fair return. These several rates of return are based upon tonnage figures which do not include traffic other than anthracite, and they would be still higher if, as seems probable, a substantial tonnage of coal which has moved over the Pennsylvania in the past would be diverted to the Reading because of the incentive under the proposed lease arrangement for the shipping interests in control of the Mt. Carmel RR. to route traffic over the Reading in preference of the Pennsylvania. A preference such as this is one of the natural consequences of a lease of this character.

It is apparent that the return to the Mt. Carmel RR. under a rental basis of 12c. per ton would be excessive. Such portion of the payments as exceeded a fair return upon the value for rate-making purposes of the carrier would constitute a concession or rebate to the only shipper on the line, the Colonial Collieries Co., to whom the income would flow by virtue of its control of the carrier. For these reasons the proposed lease not only is contrary to public policy, but probably would result in violations of law.

While it would be in the public interest from a transportation standpoint for the Reading to acquire control of the Mount Carmel, the Reading has not sustained the burden of showing that the terms and conditions of the acquisition proposed here are just and reasonable, and its application will therefore be denied.

**Acquisition of Control of Subsidiary Companies.—**  
 The I. S. C. Commission on Dec. 29 approved the acquisition by the company of control of the railroads of the Catawauqua & Fogelsville RR., the Gettysburg & Harrisburg Ry., the North East Pennsylvania RR., the Perkiomen RR., the Philadelphia & Chester Valley RR., the Philadelphia Newtown & New York RR., the Pickering Valley RR., the Reading & Columbia RR., the Reading Marietta & Hanover RR., the Stony Creek RR., and the Williams Valley RR., under operating contracts.

The report of the Commission says in part:  
 The applicant does not charge interest on advances made by it to the so-called "deficit companies," and shows that in the case of the Stony Creek the results for the past five years would have shown a net deficit instead of net income had such interest charges been made.

The officers of the short line companies hold the corresponding positions in the applicant's organization, and the directors of those companies are officers of the applicant. All of the railroads described above are operated by the applicant as separate units for the accounts of the respective corporations. This method of operation necessitates the keeping of separate accounting records, the filing of separate reports with State and Federal regulatory bodies, and the use of intercompany billing for car and locomotive hire, supervision, maintenance charges, materials and supplies, &c.

In order to eliminate the unnecessary expense and inconvenience incident to the present method of operation, the applicant proposes to enter into operating contracts with the companies named above which will permit of operation of their lines as part of the applicant's system. The proposed contracts are similar in form and substance. Each provides that the applicant shall receive all the revenues; that it shall furnish all money necessary to properly operate, maintain, and keep in repair the properties to be operated; that it shall make any necessary improvements, additions, and betterments, and pay all taxes, assessments, and charges, interest on indebtedness, except interest on bonds held by the applicant, and the necessary expenses of maintaining the corporate organization of the short line company. The proposed contracts will become effective Jan. 1 1929, and will continue in force for a term of 10 years and thereafter until terminated by either party by 6 months' written notice to the other.

The applicant shows that the acquisition by it of control of the railroads of the companies named above under the proposed operating contracts will result in the elimination of unnecessary annual expenses incurred in separate accounting and billing as follows: Catawauqua & Fogelsville \$5,899, Gettysburg & Harrisburg \$4,264, North East Pennsylvania \$2,426, Perkiomen \$6,026, Philadelphia & Chester Valley \$1,012, Philadelphia Newtown Reading, Marietta & Hanover \$4,838, Stony Creek \$1,175, and Williams Valley \$610. It is further contended that operation under the proposed contracts will inure to the benefit of the minority stockholders, where such exist, by reason of the fact that the short lines will be assured of continued operation.

Upon the facts presented we find that the acquisition by the applicant of control of the railroads under the terms of the operating contracts described in the applications, will be in the public interest, and that the terms and conditions of said contracts and the considerations to be paid thereunder are just and reasonable.—V. 127, p. 2813.

**St. Paul Bridge & Terminal Ry.—Stock.—**  
 The I. S. C. Commission on Dec. 27 authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$398,000 of capital stock (par \$100); the stock to be sold at par to the present stock holders and the proceeds applied to the payment of maturing bonds.—V. 121 p. 2522.

**Southern Ry.—Stock Offered.—**  
 For the first time in their history, Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc., are offering a block of railroad common stock acquired from private interests. This offering, which will be made at the market, marks the entry of the firm into a new investment field.—V. 127, p. 2813.

**Tampa & Gulf Coast RR.—Bonds.—**  
 The I. S. C. Commission on Dec. 20 authorized the company to issue \$600,000 of improvement and extension mortgage 25-year 6% gold bonds; to be delivered to the Seaboard Air Line Railway at par in payment and satisfaction of a like amount of the indebtedness to that company for advances.—V. 127, p. 1672.

**Wabash Ry.—Court Upholds Minority Class "A" Preferred Stockholders in Dividend Litigation.—**

Holders of class A pref. stock are entitled to divs. for the years in which they were earned but not paid, before any payments are made on other issues of the company's stock, whether pref. or common, the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals decided Jan. 7. The decision was written by Presiding Judge Martin T. Manton and concurred in by Judge Augustus N. Hand, Judge Learned Hand dissented.

The outcome is a victory for John C. Barclay and the Willoughby Co., who control a large block of the pref. A stock. Their demand was granted for an injunction restraining the Wabash directors from paying a 5% div. on pref. B and common stock before payment of lapsed divs. to pref. A shareholders. They had lost their injunction suit in the trial court. The plaintiffs admitted that, under ordinary circumstances, they could not justly claim lapsed divs., but set forth that, as divs. had been earned during the period when none was paid, the non-cumulative provision was not involved.

Judge Manton wrote in his decision that while cumul. divs. should be paid without regard to the year in which they were earned, non-cumulative divs., payable in any year, were wholly dependent upon the earnings of the year in which they were paid.

"If not earned in the particular year," Judge Manton continued, "the stockholders are not entitled to divs. for that year, and the deficiency cannot be made up out of surplus earnings of a subsequent year. But the appellants' argument is that if divs. were earned during any particular year, although not declared by the board of directors, and even though earnings were used for improvements and betterments, if, in a subsequent year there is a profit, common stockholders under the terms of this certificate may not share in that profit unless and until divs. have been paid on pref. A stock up to the amount of the earnings of the particular year, but not to exceed 5%, as provided.

"A board of directors may deem it unwise to declare non-cumulative divs. at the end of each year, or at any particular time until conditions are favorable for div. distribution. But, in the meantime, the div. credit in favor of the pref. stockholders increases to the extent of the earnings of each year, and against it the dividend credit charges are made to the extent that the pref. divs. are declared and paid.

Judge Manton wrote, in conclusion, that the failure of the railway company's board of directors to declare divs. on the pref. A stock, and the appropriation of the earnings with which they might have been paid to increase the working capital resulted only in granting a dividend credit which, at some postponed date, may be paid to pref. A stockholders as dividends under the terms of the contract. He held, with Judge A. N. Hand, that no dividend might be paid on any of the company's junior stocks until the earned dividends on pref. A had been paid.—V. 127, p. 1522.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES.**

**Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of Jan. 5.—**(a) Record year in electric power and light industry—gross revenues estimated at \$1,875,000,000, p. 19. (b) 1928 banner year for electrical production, p. 20. (c) Production of electric power in the United States in November 1928 increased approximately 13% over 1927, p. 20.

**Alabama Water Service Co.—Earnings.—**

	<i>1928.</i>	<i>1927.</i>
Operating revenues	\$758,789	\$699,739
Operation expense	\$282,814	\$232,710
Maintenance	36,616	33,883
Taxes (excl. Federal income tax)	73,978	64,196
Net earnings from operation	\$365,382	\$368,949
Other income	774	718
Gross corporate income	\$366,156	\$369,667
Annual interest requirement on total funded debt	193,000	-----

—V. 127, p. 3538.

**American Commonwealths Power Corp.—Trading in Warrants.**

Under a ruling of the Board of Governors of the Chicago Stock Exchange, trading in stock and definitive option warrants (issued in Jan. 1926) of American States Securities Corp. ceased at the close of business Jan. 9 1929. Vice-President Henry M. Pleune, in a letter to bankers and members of Stock Exchanges, says:

"On the opening of business Jan. 15 1929, the class "A" common stock and class "B" common stock and definitive option warrants of American Commonwealths Power Corp. will be regularly traded in. The definitive option warrants are issued in exchange for the definitive option warrants of American States Securities Corp. and the warrant entitles the holder to subscribe for class "A" stock of American Commonwealths Power Corp. at \$20 a share up to the close of business Sept. 30 1929 and thereafter at \$24 a share up to the close of business June 30 1930.

"Trading will also continue on the class "A" rights and class "B" rights of American States Securities Corp. Five rights entitle the holder thereof to subscribe for one share of class "A" and (or) class "B" common stock of American Commonwealths Power Corp. at \$15 per share on or before the close of business Feb. 28 1929."—V. 128, p. 111.

**American & Foreign Power Co., Inc.—Proposed Acquisition of Mexican Company.**

This corporation has completed negotiations for the acquisition of the common stock of the Northern Mexico Power & Development Co., Ltd., and has offered to buy all the outstanding 100,000 shares of Northern Mexico common stock at \$125 per share, conditional upon the deposit of 65% of the shares by Feb. 1 1929.

The Northern Mexico company has concessions from the Republic of Mexico for the utilization of water power of the Rio Conchos and for supplying cities and towns of the State of Chihuahua with electric energy. Capitalization consists of \$10,000,000 common stock (par \$100), \$3,000,000 7% pref. stock (par \$100), and \$495,000 1st mtge. 7s of 1933.—V. 127, p. 3538.

**American Fuel & Power Corp.—Organized.**

Organization of this corporation as a holding company to acquire a controlling stock interest in the Inland Gas Corp. and Kentucky Fuel Gas Corp. has been announced. The two corporations acquired are among the largest industrial natural gas producing companies east of the Mississippi River. According to the announcement, the new unit has been formed with the purpose of unifying the management and operation of the two companies' properties, which will both continue under the supervision of the Hope Engineering Co.

Officers of the corporation are: H. C. Zwetsch, Chairman; W. E. Lockhart, Pres.; A. H. Grayburn, Vice-Pres. & Treas. and D. W. Collins, Secy.

**American Light & Traction Co.—Div. Rate Increased.**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 2½% on the com. stock and the regular quarterly dividend of 1½% on the pref. stock, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 17. Previously the company paid quarterly dividends of 2% on the common stock and on Nov. 1 last also made an extra cash distribution of 2%.—V. 127, p. 2814.

**American States Securities Corp.—Off List.**

See American Commonwealths Power Corp. above.—V. 127, p. 3704.

**American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.—Semi-Annual Dividend of 1-40th of a Share.**

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share and a semi-annual dividend of 1-40th of a share in common stock on the common stock, both payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 1. A stock distribution of like amount was paid on Feb. 15 and Aug. 15 1928. Prior to Feb. 15 1928, the company had been paying 20 cents quarterly in cash and semi-annual stock dividends of 2½%.—V. 127, p. 3704.

**Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Associated System Effects Further Consolidation of New York Properties.**

A further step in the unification of the Associated System properties in New York State is announced as the result of approval given by the New York P. S. Commission on the application of the New York State Electric Corp. to take over the electric and gas plants of the Eastern New York Electric & Gas Co., Inc. The effect of the Commission's order is to consolidate in one large system, known as the New York State Electric Corp., all of the Associated properties within the State of New York, outside of Staten Island, Long Island, and western New York near Buffalo. This is in keeping with the Associated System's program of simplification.

The Eastern New York Electric & Gas Co. carries on its electric operations in the counties of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Washington, Saratoga, Rensselaer, Columbia, Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester. Gas is supplied by the company in Plattburgh, Clinton County, Mechanicville, Saratoga County, and in Granville, Washington County. Involved in this transfer are over 200 miles of electric transmission lines.

The New York State Electric Corp. conducts its electrical operations in Cayuga, Tompkins, Broome, Cortland, Seneca, Chenango, Tioga, Chemung, Madison, Otsego, Delaware, Schoharie, Sullivan, Orange, Ulster and Green counties.

With this latest merger, the New York State Electric Corp. system now embraces 73 original independent units in the electric and gas field. It makes the New York State Electric Corp. take in all of the independent Associated properties from Ithaca, N. Y. which is approximately the centre of the State, to the eastern border of the State, and from just north of White Plains about 20 miles north of the city line of New York City north along the Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Vermont border and west along the Canadian border.

The same interests have supervised and effected the consolidation of the individual operating units which resulted in the formation of the Eastern New York Electric & Gas Co., Inc., and the New York State Electric Corp., namely Associated Gas & Electric Co. According to the opinion rendered by the Commission, the usual economies in operation by a single company will result, such as savings in accounting, engineering and labor items, and in the purchase of materials and supplies. The ability to obtain capital for financing extensions and general development and maintenance of the system, will also be greater than would be possible with the companies operating as individual entities. Other public benefits are also pointed to.

This division of the Associated System serves 86,000 customers, the territory having a population of approximately 300,000.

It is expected that the remaining Associated corporations will ultimately be added.—V. 128, p. 112.

**Boston Consolidated Gas Co.—Estimated Gas Output.**

In Cubic Feet—	1928.	1927.
January	893,358,000	891,868,000
February	835,017,000	784,883,000
March	858,374,000	838,733,000
April	787,251,000	788,593,000
May	788,684,000	784,509,000
June	728,312,000	729,449,000
July	638,261,000	649,656,000
August	670,306,000	*682,716,000
September	775,041,000	*751,426,000
October	853,575,000	*812,734,000
November	868,467,000	*802,702,000
December	939,381,000	*876,012,000
Total for 12 months	9,636,027,000	*9,393,481,000

\* Does not include production of Citizens Gas Light Co., of Quincy. Since Aug. 1 1928, figures include output of Citizens Co., which has been acquired by Boston Consolidated Gas Co.—V. 127, p. 105.

**Brazilian Traction, Light & Power Co., Ltd.—50c. Div.**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50c. per share on the ordinary stock, placing the issue on a \$2 annual basis. Previously the company paid 44c. quarterly.

The directors also voted to offer the shareholders the right to subscribe to approximately 750,000 additional ordinary shares of \$40 per share in the ratio of one new share for each 7 shares held. With the proceeds of about \$30,000,000 to be raised through this financing \$14,000,000 will be used to purchase the City of Santos Improvement Co., Ltd., acquisition of which was announced a few days ago, and the balances will be used for expansion.—V. 127, p. 2226.

**California Water Service Co.—Earnings.**

Years End. Nov. 30—	1928.	1927.
Operating revenues	\$2,002,492	\$1,892,448
Operation expense	790,187	789,286
Maintenance	109,382	129,303
Taxes (excl. Federal income tax)	138,783	115,947
Net earnings from operation	\$964,139	\$857,912
Other income	16,961	11,690
Gross corporate income	\$981,100	\$869,602
Annual int. req. on total funded debt—V. 127, p. 3395.	312,700	312,700

**Chester Water Service Co.—Earnings.**

Years Ended Nov. 30.—	1928.	1927.
Operating revenues	\$522,505	\$507,328
Operation Expense	134,900	152,623
Maintenance	27,411	26,742
Taxes (excl. Fed. income tax)	17,706	17,032
Net earnings from operation	\$342,488	\$310,930
Other income	7,239	11,073
Gross corporate income	\$349,727	\$322,004
Ann'l int. req. on total funded debt—B. 127, p. 3241.	135,000	-----

**Chicago City Ry.—Interest on Bonds.**

The Chicago City Ry. and Calumet & South Chicago Ry. have deposited with the First Trust & Savings Bank, trustee, funds for the payment on Feb. 1 1929, of interest for the preceding 6 months period on the 1st mtge 5% bond issues of both companies.

As no coupons representing such interest are attached to the bonds it will be necessary that such bonds be presented to one of the following: First Trust & Savings Bank, 33 So. Clark St., Chicago, Ill., Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., New York, N. Y., Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co., 200 N. Redwood St., Baltimore, Md., for endorsement thereon for such interest payment.

Certificates of deposit representing bonds deposited with the protective committees should not be presented. Interest on such bonds will be paid to the committees and checks will be sent by them or their agent to registered holders of certificates of deposit without the surrender of the certificates.—V. 127, p. 259.

**Cities Service Co.—Acquires Oil Company.**

As an important step in its 1929 expansion program, the company has announced the purchase of the plants, business and real estate of the Republic Oil Co., of Washington, D. C. The Cities Service organization has already taken over the operation of the Republic properties in Washington and Virginia. Plans are under way for immediate extensions which will substantially increase the outlets of the business. This purchase marks the entry into the District of Columbia of the Cities Service Petroleum Marketing Division, which has for years been furnishing gasoline and lubricants to motorists in hundreds of cities, towns and villages throughout the country. The Washington filling stations will carry the complete line of Cities Service petroleum products.—V. 127, p. 3539.

**Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.—Recapitalization Plan Approved.**

The stockholders have ratified the proposal of the directors to increase the authorized no par common stock to 1,662,980 shares and to change the outstanding 8,000 shares of old 6% preferred stock, authorized in 1892, to 40,000 no par common shares. There were outstanding 166,298 shares of \$100 par common stock prior to the above change, a majority of which is owned by the North American Co.—V. 127, p. 2816.

**Columbia Gas & Electric Corp.—Probable Stock Split-Up**

The directors have recommended that at the next annual meeting of the stockholders, April 4, the outstanding common stock shall be divided in the ratio of 2½ shares for each present share. This will require an amendment to the charter increasing the authorized common stock correspondingly.

The directorate has been increased to 19 members with the election of Harry J. Crawford, Charles A. Munroe, Thomas W. Phillips Jr. and William C. Potter.

There are at present outstanding 3,372,695 common shares of no par value, which after the split-up will be increased to 8,431,738 shares. The regular quarterly dividends of \$1.25 per share on the common and \$1.50 per share on the pref. stock were declared, both payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 19.—V. 127, p. 3704.

**Concord (N. H.) Electric Co.—Larger Dividend.**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 70 cents per share on the common stock and the regular quarterly pref. div. of \$1.50 per share, both payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 3. Previously divs. at the rate of 60 cents per share were paid on the common stock.—V. 126, p. 864.

**Eastern New York Electric & Gas Co., Inc.—Merger.**

See Associated Gas & Electric Co., above.—V. 127, p. 2088.

**Eastern States Gas & Power Co.—Bonds Offered.**

L. S. Carter & Co., Inc., New York are offering at 98½ and int. to yield over 6.12% \$325,000 1st mtge. coll. trust 6% sinking fund bonds, series "A" (with stock purchase warrants).

Dated Jan. 1 1929; due Jan. 1 1949. Principal and int. (M. & S.) payable at Seaboard National Bank, New York, Trustee. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100\*. Red. all or part, at the option of the company, on the first day of any month upon 30 day's notice at 105 and int. up to and incl. Jan. 1 1931, the redemption price thereafter decreasing ½ of 1% during each subsequent 24-months. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Company agrees to refund all property and/or income taxes of any jurisdiction in the United States not exceeding in the aggregate five mills per annum on each dollar of the principal of bonds held if requested in manner prescribed, within 60-days after payment and within six months after taxes become due.

**Stock Purchase Warrants.**—Each \$1,000 bond (\$500 and \$100 denominations in proportion) will carry a detachable warrant, entitling the holder to subscribe for ten shares of common stock at \$10 per share, at any time to and including Dec. 31 1933, and thereafter to and incl. Dec. 31 1938, at \$15 per share.

**Data from Letter of Alfred I. Phillips, President of the Company.**

**Business.**—Company, through its subsidiaries, will own and operate the gas manufacturing and distributing systems in the cities of Sumter, Anderson and Greenwood, South Carolina, serving a population at present estimated to be in excess of 49,000. The properties now consist of modern water gas manufacturing plants at Sumter and Anderson, with ample storage and distribution equipment. A third gas manufacturing plant with appropriate mains and storage facilities is under construction at Greenwood.

**Security.**—These bonds will be a direct obligation of the company, and, in addition, will be secured, by the deposit with the trustee of bonds secured by first mortgages on the properties of the above subsidiaries, or cash in lieu thereof, together with all of their outstanding stocks.

**Capitalization:**

	Authorized	Outstanding
1st Mtge. coll. trust 6% S. F. bonds (this issue)	a	\$325,000
7% cum. Pref. stock (\$50 par)		20,000
Common stock (\$10 par)	b30,000 shs.	26,750 shs.

a Additional bonds may be issued in accordance with specific provisions of the indenture relating thereto.

b 3,250 shares held for exercise of outstanding Stock Purchase Warrants.

**Valuation.**—The properties to be mortgaged have been recently appraised by Wm. E. Barrett, consulting engineer, of New York as having a reproduction cost of \$775,295, and a depreciated value of \$670,686. The amount of this issue, is, therefore, less than 49% of the present depreciated value of the properties mortgaged.

**Earnings.**—Consolidated income statements of the Sumter and Anderson subsidiaries for the 12 months ended Sept. 30 1928, as reported by William J. Wilckens, certified public accountant, New York, show \$33,221 available for interest, depreciation and Federal taxes.

Ford, Bacon & Davis, Inc., Engineers, New York City, estimate that upon the completion of the construction program outlined in their report and provided for by the proceeds of this issue, earnings of the properties now in operation, together with those of the Greenwood subsidiary, will be as follows:

	1929.	1930.	1931.
Gross operating revenue	\$131,455	\$184,486	\$211,513
Operating Expenses	90,935	117,501	131,365
Net operating revenue	\$40,520	\$66,985	\$80,148
Other income	3,944	5,534	6,346
Net revenue before interest, depreciation & Federal income taxes	44,464	72,519	86,494
Annual interest requirements on this issue	\$19,500.		

**Sinking Fund.**—Indenture will provide for a semi-annual sinking fund sufficient to retire approximately 40% of this issue by maturity. Bonds for the sinking fund may be purchased in the open market up to the call price, and if not obtainable shall be called by lot.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the company for expenditures incurred in the construction of new properties, to provide funds for the retirement of outstanding obligations of subsidiaries and for other corporate purposes.

**El Paso Natural Gas Co.—New Financing.**—

Additional financing for the company, formed recently to construct, own and operate a 200-mile, 16-inch pipe line to supply utility and industrial companies in El Paso and vicinity from the Lea County, New Mexico, natural gas field, has been underwritten by White, Weld & Co., who recently sold a 1st mtge. issue of the company, amounting to \$3,500,000. This new financing will consist of \$1,750,000 10-year 6½% conv. gold debentures. Earnings for the first year of operation of the pipe line under contracts already made and to be made, are estimated by Weld & Liddell, engineers, at 2.30 times maximum interest charges on all funded debt and at 2.80 times maximum interest charges over the first 5 years. On the same basis, earnings of over \$3 per share available for the common stock are indicated in the first year of operation.

Completion of the pipe line, which is now under construction, is expected on or before May 1, this year, and contracts have been announced with Texas Production Co., Amerada Petroleum Corp., Columbian Carbon Co., and the Midwest Refining Co. for such quantities of gas as the company may require with a minimum of 9,000,000 cubic feet daily. Other contracts already negotiated are with the Southwestern Portland Cement Co., International Brick Co., El Paso Brick Co., American Smelting & Refining Co., the Texas Cities Gas Co., and the El Paso Electric Co.—V. 128, p. 112.

**Engineers Public Service Co., Inc.—Conversion Basis.**—

President Charles W. Kellogg announced on Jan. 7 that over 80,000 shares of the \$5 div. pref. stock have now been converted into common stock. The basis of conversion therefore changes automatically from 19 shares of common for each 10 preferred to 17 common for each 10 preferred until an additional 40,000 shares have been converted at the new rate.—V. 127, p. 3540.

**Federal Water Service Corp.—Class A Stock Offered.**—

Chas. D. Barney & Co. are offering at \$57.50 per share 100,000 shares class A stock (no par value). This offering does not involve any new financing by the company.

After payment of dividends upon the preferred stock, class A stock is entitled to non-cumulative dividends at the rate of \$2 per share per annum, when and as declared, payable semi-annually or quarterly; and, in addition, to either one-half of the aggregate amount of any further dividends declared in such year upon the class A stock and the class B stock, or to the same dividend per share as is declared on the class B stock, whichever is greater. After rights of preferred stock have been satisfied, class A stock shall be preferred upon liquidation over class B stock up to \$50 per share; thereafter, any assets and funds remaining are to be distributed one-half to the class A stock and one-half to the class B stock. Red. on any div. share of class A stock will have equal voting rights with class B stock, share for share, if for any four consecutive quarterly periods less than the \$2 per share per annum is paid; such voting rights to continue so long as such default shall continue. The total class B shares issued may not exceed the total class A shares issued. Free from present normal Federal income tax.

Transfer agents: Lawyers Trust Co., New York, and Old Colony Trust Co., Boston. Registrars: Equitable Trust Co., New York, and State Street Trust Co., Boston.

**Data from Letter of C. T. Chenery, President of the Corporation.**

**Business.**—Corporation through its constituent companies supplies water for domestic and industrial purposes to numerous cities and communities in various States, including New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Alabama, Ohio, Illinois, California, Oregon and Washington. The total population of the territories served is estimated to be in excess of 2,300,000.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
\$7 cumulative preferred stock (no par)	250,000 shs.	18,359 shs.
\$6.50 cumul. pref. stock (no par)		87,141 shs.
\$6 cumul. pref. stock (no par)		450,000 shs.
Class A stock (no par value)	1,000,000 shs.	649,585 shs.
Class B stock (no par value)	600,000 shs.	495,000 shs.

**Dividends.**—Quarterly dividends upon the class A stock are being paid Q. M., at the rate of \$12 per share annually. At the present time the class A stockholders have the option of applying such cash dividends towards the purchase of class A stock at the quarterly rate of one-fiftieth of a share of such stock for each such share held, being at an annual rate of 8% in class A stock.—V. 127, p. 3540.

**Haverhill (Mass.) Electric Co.—Increases Dividend.**—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 88 cents per share, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 3, thereby increasing the annual rate from \$3 to \$3.50 per share.—V. 127, p. 821.

**Illinois Water Service Co.—Earnings.**—

Years Ended Nov. 30.—	1928.	1927.
Operating revenues	\$579,289	\$525,338
Operation expenses	238,125	240,747
Maintenance	27,269	31,182
Taxes (excl. Federal income tax)	46,871	42,423
Net earnings from operation	\$267,025	\$210,986
Other income	1,636	1,228
Gross corporate income	\$268,661	\$212,214
Ann'l int. req. on total funded debt	125,000	

—V. 127, p. 3244.

**Inland Gas Corp.—New Control.**—

See American Fuel & Power Corp. above.—V. 127, p. 545.

**Kentucky Fuel Gas Corp.—New Control.**—

See American Fuel & Power Corp. above.—V. 127 p. 3089.

**Italian Superpower Corp.—New Directors.**—

Count Giuseppe Volpi di Misurata, former Finance Minister of Italy, who served the period of the stabilization of the Italian lire and also arranged for the settlement of the Italian debt to the United States, has been elected a director of the Italian Superpower Corp. Count Volpi, who is President of the Adriatic Electric Co., resigned as Finance Minister a few months ago in order to give all of his time to further development of the electrical industry in Italy.

In addition to Count Volpi, Angelo Forti (Chairman of the General Electric Co. of Sicily), Floyd B. Odum (Vice President of Electric Bond & Share Co.), and S. A. Mitchell (Vice President of Bonbright & Co., Inc.) also have been elected directors.—V. 127, p. 260.

**Montreal Tramways Co.—Bonds Offered.**—

Offering was made Jan. 9 of a new series of \$2,500,000 gen. & ref. mtge. sinking fund gold bonds, series C, 4½%, at 90½ and interest to yield over 5.15% by Aldred & Co. and Minsch, Monell & Co., Inc.

Sufficient revenue to pay interest on these bonds is assured to the company by a contract between the City of Montreal and the company, ratified by the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, which provides for adjustment of the rates of fares, to produce such revenue.

Dated April 1 1928 and due April 1 1955. Interest payable A. & O. Prin. and Int. paid at Royal Bank of Canada, Montreal, in Canadian gold coin or at the agency of the said Bank in New York, in United States gold coin; or at the office of the said Bank in London, Eng., in gold coin, English Sterling, at the fixed rate of exchange of \$4.86 2-3 to the pound Sterling. Denom. \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 c\*. Red. in whole or in part on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 103 on or before April 1 1930; at 102 during the next 10 years; at 101 during the next 10 years; and at 100½ thereafter until maturity. Trustee: Montreal Trust Co.

**Data from Letter of Julian C. Smith, Pres. of the Company.**

**Company.**—Owns and operates the street railway operated in the City of Montreal and in the suburban municipalities on the Island of Montreal. The estimated population of the district served is about 1,200,000. The street railway business of Montreal has been in successful operation for more than 60 years, and the Montreal Street Railway, the principal predecessor of the Montreal Tramways Co., paid consecutive annual divs. on its capital stock for more than 30 years. Company is now paying divs. on common stock at the rate of 10% per annum.

**Security.**—The bonds of all series are secured by a direct mortgage on the entire property of the company now or hereafter owned, subject only to the lien of the 1st and ref. mtge. 5% gold bonds presently outstanding or to be issued, but limited to an aggregate amount of \$25,000,000 which mature on July 1 1941, and of which \$2,260,000 have been refunded by being exchanged for an equal aggregate par value of the gen. & ref. mtge. bonds of series B.

**Franchise.**—Company's franchise rights are embodied in a contract with the City of Montreal and ratified by the Legislature of the Province of Quebec. This contract provides that fares shall be adjusted from time to time to the extent necessary for the company to receive, after payment of all operating expenses and maintenance and renewal fund payments, an annual return of at least 6% on the capital value of the company's property as fixed through the franchise contract. The contract continues in effect and is not terminable unless the City should exercise its right to appropriate the company's property in March 1953 or the expiration of every subsequent five-year period, at a value to be fixed by arbitration, plus 10% of such valuation.

**Earnings Year Ended, Dec. 31 1928 (December Estimated).**

Gross earnings	\$13,940,000
Operating expenses, taxes and maintenance	10,247,000

Net earnings \$3,693,000

Annual int. charges on all bonds outstanding, incl. this issue 2,198,895

The above net earnings were approximately 1.7 times the interest requirement on all bonds outstanding, including this issue.

**City's Interest.**—The City of Montreal is directly interested in the prosperity of the company. After the company receives the stipulated allowances based on appraised capital values, the City receives \$500,000 as an annual rental and a stipulated percentage of surplus earnings.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Common stock (par \$100)	\$20,000,000	\$7,000,000
First & ref. mtge. 5% gold bonds, due July 1 1941	25,000,000	21,351,000
Gen. & ref. mtge. sink. fund gold bds., ser. A 5%	17,826,500	17,801,700
Series B 5%	2,600,000	2,575,200
Series C 4½%, due April 1 1955	5,000,000	2,500,000

a Incl. \$1,000,000 stock offered to shareholders of record Dec. 21 1928, at \$150 per share.

**Note.**—\$4,242,000 of series C bonds have already been certified, of which \$2,500,000 are now being sold to the public, the remainder being held in the company's treasury.

**Sinking Fund.**—The supplemental trust deed securing the bonds of series C provides for a sinking fund which will require the payment to the trustee of \$25,000 per annum in each of the years 1930 to 1954 inclusive and, in addition, beginning with 1931, a sum equal to the annual interest upon such of the bonds of series C as shall have been purchased or redeemed by the trustee with the proceeds of the sinking fund.—V. 126, p. 1981.

**Mountain States Telephone & Tel. Co.—Acquisition.**—

The I. S. C. Commission on Dec. 22 approved the acquisition by the company of the properties of the Utah Telephone Co. The Utah Company owns and operates a telephone system in Wasatch, Duchesne, and Uintah Counties, Utah, consisting of exchanges at Vernal and Roosevelt, toll switching stations at Myton and Duchesne, and toll stations at 11 other points. The two exchanges serve 590 owned subscriber stations and, together with the toll stations, are connected by toll lines having a pole mileage of 262 miles.

On Aug. 27 1928 the Bell Company contracted to purchase the properties of the Utah Company, free from all liens and encumbrances, for \$1,500,000, payable in cash.

The I. S. C. Commission on Dec. 21 also approved the acquisition by the company of the telephone properties of Otto Schulz. The vendor owns an exchange at White Sulphur Springs, Meagher County, Mont., which he operates under the trade name of Springs Exchange. This exchange serves 108 subscriber stations. He also owns an exchange at Wilsall, Park County, Mont., which serves 49 subscriber stations, and is operated under the trade name of Wilsall Telephone Co. The two exchanges are connected by a toll line having a pole mileage of 36.5 miles, also owned by the vendor. No exchanges are maintained by the Bell Company at the points served by the vendor, but its toll lines connect with the vendor's properties.

On Sept. 27 1928, the Bell Company contracted to purchase the telephone properties of the vendor, free from all liens and encumbrances, for \$15,000, payable in cash.—V. 127, p. 3244.

**Nebraska Electric Power Co.—Acquires Plant.**—

The town of Atlanta, Neb., has decided to sell the municipally owned electric light plant to the above company for the sum of \$1. In return the company, which operates in several cities and towns in this region, has agreed to furnish 24-hour service instead of the 12-hour per day service formerly provided by the municipal plant. Light bills will be reduced to all customers, the company announced, and the rates will be revised so that users of electricity for cooking and refrigeration will benefit by the change.—V. 127, p. 3244.

**New England Power Association.—Expansion in 1928.**

Chief among the developments in the electric power field in the New England States in 1928 was the completion of the Bellows Falls Vt., hydro-electric plant of the association and the commencement of work on the hydro-electric development of the association at Fifteen Mile Falls on the upper Connecticut River, it is announced.

The Bellows Falls Station on the Connecticut River has an installed capacity of 60,000 h.p. and shares with the Harriman, Vt., plant of the association the distinction of being the largest hydro-electric development in the New England States. Eighty-eight miles upstream is located the Fifteen Mile Falls development which will have an ultimate capacity of 300,000 h.p. and will rank as the second largest hydro-electric development east of Niagara Falls.

In 1928 the plants of the New England Power Association system produced 1,369,147,000 k.w. hours of electric energy, an increase of 28% over the output for the year 1927. The extraordinary growth of the association is further well illustrated by contrasting its present output

with that of 1910, when the output for the entire year was equal to only about seven days peak production of the present system.

Through arrangements between the association and the Edison Illuminating Co. of Boston, the latter company sells its surplus power in the daytime and at night receives great quantities of electric power to assist in carrying its heavy lighting load. This has resulted in making available to both systems a combined capacity of over 1,000,000 h.p. Under similar agreements the New England Power system delivers electric energy day and night to the so-called "Connecticut Pool for the industrial centres of Connecticut, and to the Public Service Co. of New Hampshire for use in that State.

The association is one of the principal power units of the International Paper & Power Co. system. Including the Fifteen Mile Falls lower development, the International company has developed and under construction in the United States, Canada, and Newfoundland, hydro-electric developments of 1,217,600 h.p., and hydro-mechanical power plants of 110,000 h.p., making a total of 1,327,600 h.p. This total is capable of being increased through further development and through the utilization of undeveloped sites to a grand total of 2,600,000 h.p.

In addition, the association has 382,000 installed horsepower of central station steam plants.—V. 127, p. 3244.

**National Power & Light Co.—Earnings.—**  
National Power & Light Co. acquired control of Lehigh Power Securities Corp. in Feb., 1928, by the exchange of one share of common stock of National Power for one share of common stock of Lehigh power, and one share of \$6 preferred stock of National power for one share of \$6 preferred stock of Lehigh Power. The following comparative consolidated statement of income for the 12-month periods ended Sept. 30 1928 and Sept. 30 1927, is given to indicate the earnings of National Power & Light Co. as they would have been, had that company controlled Lehigh Power Securities Corp. for these periods on the basis of control as it existed Sept. 30 1928.

Comparative Consolidated Statement of Income 12 Mos. Ended Sept. 30. (Inter-Company Items Eliminated)

Subsidiary Companies—	1928.	1927.
Gross earnings	\$78,556,656	\$75,012,423
Operating Expenses, including taxes	43,950,900	43,754,804
Net earnings	\$34,605,756	\$31,257,619
Other income	1,255,869	1,560,644
Total income	\$35,861,625	\$32,818,263
Interest to public & other deductions	11,963,243	11,051,091
Preferred dividends to public	5,270,340	5,015,496
Balance	\$18,628,042	\$16,751,676
Renewal & replace. (Deprec.) appropriations	6,088,633	6,238,901
Balance	\$12,539,409	\$10,512,775
Proportion applicable to minority interests	130,26	183,325
Balance	\$12,409,283	\$10,329,450
<i>National Power &amp; Light Co.—</i>		
Balance of sub. companies' earnings	\$12,409,283	\$10,329,450
Other income	338,660	583,358
Total income	\$12,747,943	\$10,912,808
Expenses	125,798	108,176
Interest deductions	664,272	650,314
Balance	\$11,957,873	\$10,154,314
Dividends on pref. stocks	1,441,127	1,441,114
Dividends on common stock	3,726,338	2,036,625
Balance	\$6,790,408	\$6,676,575

Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1928.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Investments	Capital stock (no par)
Cash	6% gold deb., ser. A, due
Notes & loans rec.—subs.	Aug. 1 1926
Notes & loans rec.—others	Div. declared
Accts. rec.—subs.	Loans payable
Accts. rec.—others	Accts. payable
Unamort. disc. & expense	Accrued accts.
Deferred debits	Subs. to pref. stk. of sub. co.
	Reserve
	Surplus
Total	Total

x Capital stock outstanding—\$7 pref. stock 140,295 shares; \$6 pref. stock 129,011 shares; Common stock 5,417,461 shares; Common stock scrip equivalent to 7.5 shares.—V. 127, p. 3244.

**New York State Electric Corp.—Consolidation.—**  
See Associated Gas & Electric Co. above.—V. 127, p. 683.

**New York Telephone Co.—Plant Construction Program for 1929 Calls for Expenditures Totalling Over \$90,000,000.—**

The largest plant construction program in the history of the company, calling for expenditures of more than \$90,000,000 in 1929, is indicated in the provisional estimates for the year, according to an announcement made on Jan. 4 by President J. S. McCulloch. This compares with nearly \$71,000,000 expended in 1928. About two-thirds of the total is to be spent in New York City, where 7,760,000 of New York State's 11,600,000 daily telephone calls originate. "These expenditures," Mr. McCulloch states, "are planned to provide adequately in advance for the continued growth in the already enormous telephone requirements of the public in the State of New York and that part of Connecticut served by this company. The estimates cover the necessary gross outlays in 1929 for land, buildings, switchboards, cable, and the various other equipment which make up the telephone plant.

The estimated expenditures for land, buildings and central office equipment alone is \$38,000,000 in 1929 and nearly \$190,000,000 in five years. For these purposes, more than \$26,000,000 in 1929 and \$140,000,000 in five years will be applied in New York City, where the plans include the further replacement of manual switchboards by dial equipment. By the close of 1933, the end of the five-year period, it is expected that this conversion will be practically complete in Manhattan, and that two-thirds of the telephones in Brooklyn, more than one-third of those in the Bronx, and more than two-thirds of all telephones in the city as a whole will then be served from dial central offices. At present, 27% of the city's telephones are thus served.

An extensive toll line construction program, including several joint projects with the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., involves expenditures by the New York Telephone Co., of \$7,500,000 in 1929 and \$30,000,000 in the five-year period. By the end of 1933, more than 95% of all the company's telephones, as compared with 90% at present, will be connected with the toll cable system, which, with storm-proof cable and other improvements, is designed to provide increased dependability and speed in toll and long distance service.

During the five-year period, 11 repeater stations, which house the amplifying equipment for toll and long distance service, will be added to the 13 already on the main cable routes, thus assuring a high standard of voice transmission over the expanded facilities.

"To provide this enormous physical equipment," Mr. McCulloch states, "requires the employment and development of a largely augmented plant force, distributed among the great variety of tasks involved in the enlargement and improvement of the system. This is a continuous process at all times, but assumes increased magnitude and intensity under the program of the years immediately ahead. While this program contemplates rapid conversion from the manual to the dial system, the force of operators will not decrease. To provide adequately for the increasing telephone needs of the public, together with the fact that operators will be required at toll offices, special switchboard positions, and at information desks, calls for the continued employment of an operating force fully as large as at present."

**Files Brief in Rate Case.—**  
President J. S. McCulloch stated that his company had on Jan. 7 filed its brief in the rate case brought by it against the Public Service Commission which has been on trial for four years before Hon. Isaac R. Oeland, sitting as a Special Master for the Federal Court. Hearings for the taking of testimony were closed on Sept. 10 last.

The brief was prepared by Edward L. Blackman and Charles T. Russell, counsel for the company, and is a document of some 470 pages. It recites the efforts made by the company before the Commission and in the courts to obtain rate readjustments and discusses the evidence and the manner in which the appraisal of its property was made and the revenues and expenses computed. The brief claims that under the telephone rates prescribed by the Commission the company has been and is earning less than a fair return upon the fair value of its property. The company does not ask the court to fix new rates, but to enjoin the commission from further enforcing against it the present rates which it claims are so insufficient as to be illegal and confiscatory.

The defendants in the suit are the Public Service Commission, the Attorney General and the City of New York and when the briefs of all of the parties have been filed the Master will hear oral argument thereon.—V. 128, p. 113.

**New York Water Service Corp.—Earnings.—**  
Years End. Nov. 30—

	1928.	1927.
Operating revenues	\$2,423,808	\$2,148,059
Operation expense	707,186	706,282
Maintenance	83,408	91,878
Taxes (excl. Federal income tax)	204,263	201,124
Net earnings from operation	\$1,428,950	\$1,148,774
Other income	30,432	15,942
Gross corporate income	\$1,459,382	\$1,164,717
Annual int. req. on total funded debt	594,200	-----

**Northern Mexico Power & Development Co., Ltd.—**  
Offer to Common Stockholders of \$125 per Share.—  
See American & Foreign Power Co., Inc.—V. 127, p. 3706.

**Northern Texas Utilities Co.—To Refinance.—**  
A. M. Lamport & Co., Inc., New York, and Freeman, Smith & Camp Co., Portland, Ore., have purchased an issue of 4,000,000 1st mtge. 7% sinking fund gold bonds due Jan. 1 1935, the proceeds from the sale of which are to be utilized for redeeming the present outstanding funded indebtedness of the company and for other corporate purposes.

**To Pay Off \$3,500,000 Funded Debt on Feb. 15.—**  
Company has notified the Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. of its intention to call its entire outstanding funded indebtedness for payment on Feb. 15 1929. The issues now outstanding and to be redeemed include approximately \$1,700,000 of 1st lien 3-year 7% notes due Dec. 15 1929; \$1,000,000 of 7% debentures, and about \$800,000 of 5-year gold notes.—V. 127, p. 2819.

**Ohio-Kentucky Gas Co.—New Financing.—**  
Announcement of the sale of an issue of \$1,500,000 1st mtge. bonds to a New York investment house, soon to be offered at a price to yield about 6½%, has been made by a vice-president of the company coincident with the announcement that the corporation has just closed an important contract with the United Fuel Gas Co., a subsidiary of the Columbia Gas & Electric Corp.

The United Fuel Gas Co. has contracted to purchase all gas produced from approximately 15,000 acres of the company's properties located in Kentucky and West Virginia, for a period extending beyond the maturity of the bond issue. The earnings derived from this contract, it is said, will be more than sufficient to amortize the bond issue prior to maturity, in accordance with a sinking fund provision in the mortgage.

In addition to the production covered by the contract with United Fuel, the corporation expects to produce and sell gas from more than 28,000 additional acres which it owns. All the properties are located in a territory where the shale deposits are known to have an unusually thick gas-bearing strata.

Stock purchase warrants will be carried by the bonds, entitling the holders to purchase shares of the common stock at prices varying between \$5 and \$10, until maturity of the issue in 1943.

**Ohio Water Service Co.—Earnings.—**  
Years End. Nov. 30—

	1928.	1927.
Operating revenues	\$488,797	\$494,139
Operation expense	136,436	139,109
Maintenance	31,072	22,422
Taxes (excl. Federal income tax)	47,738	45,541
Net earnings from operation	\$273,551	\$287,067
Other income	21,832	22,888
Gross corporate income	\$295,383	\$309,955
Annual int. req. on total funded debt	150,000	-----

**Oregon-Washington Water Service Co.—Earnings.—**  
Years End. Nov. 30—

	1928.	1927.
Operating revenues	\$578,504	\$543,690
Operation expense	210,259	190,032
Maintenance	30,222	29,055
Taxes (excl. Federal income tax)	66,953	61,707
Net earnings from operation	\$271,070	\$262,896
Other income	2,698	2,503
Gross corporate income	\$273,768	\$265,399
Annual int. req. on total funded debt	134,830	-----

**Pacific Public Service Co. (Del.)—Initial Dividend.—**  
The directors have declared an initial dividend of 16½ cents per share on the class A common stock (no par value), payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 10. This dividend covers the period from Dec. 15 1928 to Feb. 1 1929. (See offering in V. 127, p. 3245).—V. 127, p. 3706.

**Penn-Ohio Edison Co.—Output Gains in 1928.—**  
For the calendar year 1928 operating subsidiaries of the Penn-Ohio Edison System report an electric output of 985,140,000 k.w.h. The figure represents a new 12-month record for the System and a gain of 7% over the 1927 output. In the month of December the output amounted to 87,915,000 k.w.h.—an increase of 8,240,000 k.w.h., or 10% over Dec. 1927.

**K.W.H. Output.**

Month of December	1928.	1927.	Increase
12 mos. to Dec. 31	87,915,000	79,675,000	8,240,000
	985,140,000	921,020,000	64,120,000

**Pennsylvania Water & Power Co.—Tenders.—**  
The American Exchange Irving Trust Co., trustee, 60 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Jan. 18 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtge. s. f. 5% gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1940, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$100,000.—V. 126, p. 2646.

**Pittsburgh Suburban Water Service Co.—Earnings.—**  
Years End. Nov. 30—

	1928.	1927.
Operating revenues	\$306,972	\$295,181
Operation expense	110,253	125,328
Maintenance	27,789	21,206
Taxes (excl. Federal income tax)	4,643	5,086
Net earnings from operation	\$164,288	\$143,562
Other income	769	3,105
Gross corporate income	\$165,056	\$146,667
Annual int. req. on total funded debt	85,000	-----

**Radio Corp. of America.—Merger of Victor Talking Machine Co.—Terms of Exchange of Stock—Radio to Split Common Stock and Issue New Preferred.—**A plan calling for the unification of the Victor Talking Machine Co. with the Radio Corp. of America was approved Jan. 4 at meetings of the boards of the two companies. The unification includes the holdings of Victor Talking Machine Co. in subsidiary and associated companies throughout the world.



The board of directors of the Radio Corp., subject to approval of its stockholders, voted the issuance of approximately 6,590,000 shares of new common stock of the Radio Corp., of which 5,777,000 shares will be exchanged for present outstanding R.C.A. common stock at the rate of five shares of new for one of the present. In addition, an issue of approximately 813,000 shares cumulated "B" pref. stock entitled to divs. at the rate of \$5 annually will be created, junior to the \$19,780,000 of 7% "A" pref. stock of the Radio Corp. now outstanding, which latter, for the present, will remain undisturbed.

The terms upon which the unification was agreed call for the distribution to the common stockholders of the Victor Talking Machine Co. of one share of new Radio Corp. com. stock, and one share of new Radio Corp. \$5 cumulated "B" pref. stock for each share of Victor Talking Machine com. stock outstanding. As part of this plan, the depositing com. stockholders of the Victor company will receive a cash distribution of \$5 per share. Regular divs. are to be paid on the Victor com. stock up to the date from which divs. on the new Radio "B" pref. will accrue. A joint statement issued by both companies further states:

Both classes of pref. stock of the Victor Talking Machine Co. are to be retired. The outstanding \$19,561,000 of 7% prior pref. stock will be called for redemption at the redemption price of \$115 per share. Substantially all of the \$6 conv. pref. stock has already been retired through exchange into common stock, and it is expected that the remainder will be called for redemption on the operation of the plan, or, if not converted, will be called for redemption at \$110 per share.

The action taken Jan. 10 for the integration of the activities of the Victor Talking Machine Co. and the Radio Corp. of America brought to successful conclusion negotiations in which Messrs. Speyer & Co. and J. & W. Seligman & Co. represented the Victor Talking Machine Co., and David Sarnoff represented the Radio Corporation of America.

Colonel Grayson M.-P. Murphy took an active part in the negotiations.

Statement by David Sarnoff, Executive Vice-President of Radio Corp.

In connection with the announcement of the plan, David Sarnoff declared that the agreement marked the alliance of two industries to the greater service of a single art.

"It is clear that in the new era of electrical entertainment now expressed in broadcasting, in talking motion pictures, and in theatre installations, radio and the phonograph play distinct but complementary parts. The permanent success of both industries is dependent upon the future development of electrical entertainment in the home and in the theatre. The technique of the electrical laboratory has been translated into new systems of sound recording and sound reproduction adopted by the phonograph industry. The acoustical achievements of the phonograph industry have already been incorporated in radio loudspeakers.

"It was evident that in the reproduction of music and other forms of entertainment for the home the modern phonograph has contributed and will continue to contribute a wide range of programs of music and speech, made possible by its service of permanent recording. Radio, on the other hand, must remain a universal service, devoted primarily to current musical, educational and news events. The present unification will greatly improve both services, by making the inventions and developments of both industries interchangeable.

"Insofar as radio has extended its activities to broadcasting, to the new art of talking motion pictures, and to the theatre, the high artistic achievements of the Victor Talking Machine Co. and its associations for many years with the leading artists of the world will enable it, through the present unification, to make distinct contributions to the development of the highest type of entertainment effort. At the same time it opens a new vista for the artist who will have the phonograph, broadcasting and talking pictures as further fields of expression.

"From the purely industrial aspect it is clear that both radio and the phonograph have much to gain from the unification of activities which will permit every laboratory achievement in the radio art to be translated into the Victor art, which will give to radio the recording and acoustical experience of the phonograph industry as well as great cabinet manufacturing facilities, and which will permit substantial economies to be effected through unified production, administration and sales direction.

"In other words, the unification of the Victor Talking Machine Co. with the Radio Corp. of America definitely enlarges the fields of radio and the phonograph, and adds to the services which each can render.

Statement by Edward E. Shumaker, President of Victor Talking Machine Co.

The Camden plant and organization of the Victor Talking Machine Co., the famous trade marks, "Victor," "Victrola," and "His Master's Voice," will be retained under the unification plan.

Victor Talking Machines, Victor combinations and Victor records will continue to maintain their pre-eminence, as they have done for so many years.

In fact, the importance of the Camden plant will be all the greater in view of the wider program of manufacturing activities which it is planned to inaugurate. This is readily exemplified in the one item of cabinets now required for both Victor instruments as well as Radiolas.

As a result of the unification of Victor Talking Machine Co. and Radio Corp. of America, the holders of approximately 813,000 shares of Victor common stock outstanding, which is on a \$4 dividend basis, will receive an equal number of Radio's new cumulated pref. B shares callable at \$100 and paying \$5 together with the same number of shares of Radio's new common, giving them a participation of the extent of about one-eighth in the profits of the combined Radio and Victor companies. In addition, Victor common stockholders will receive approximately \$4,065,000 in cash.

Thus the Victor common shareholder gains a preferred participation, yielding him a higher return, while at the same time he retains an equity participation enabling him to share in the future profits of the enlarged enterprise.

Victor goes into the merger with its securities valued in the market at approximately \$140,000,000 as compared with \$53,000,000 in January 1927, when the company was recapitalized and new issues of stock were brought out by bankers who had acquired the holdings of E. R. Johnson, the founder and major influence in Victor's development, and some of his associates. After giving effect to the recapitalization, the Victor company had outstanding \$20,766,780 7% cumulated prior pref. stock, 121,139 shares of \$6 cumulated conv. pref. stock, and 571,086 shares of common stock of no par value.

In January 1927, J. & W. Seligman & Co. and an associated banking group offered for subscription 415,000 shares of the common stock at \$38 a share. Dividends on the common were inaugurated at the \$4 rate in May 1928, and have since been continued at this level. This stock, which, under the merger plan, will now be exchanged for Radio securities, closed Jan. 4 at 154.

At the same time, Speyer & Co. and J. & W. Seligman & Co. and associates sold \$16,500,000 of the 7% prior pref. stock at \$98 a share and 95,000 shares of \$6 conv. pref. at \$90 a share. The 7% prior pref. stock will now be called at 115. The \$6 conv. pref. stock has a current market value of around \$300 a share by reason of the conversion feature, which makes it exchangeable into two shares of the common stock.

Under the consolidation plan, Victor's conv. pref. stock will be called at \$110 a share but almost all of it has already been converted into common stock and the balance of it presumably will be converted before the plan is made effective. After giving effect to the conversion of all the \$6 conv. pref. stock, the Victor company will have outstanding, in all, about 813,000 shares of common stock to be exchanged in addition to approximately \$20,000,000 of 7% prior pref. stock to be called.

Radio Not to Change Distributing Methods.—

The unification contemplates, according to a statement issued by J. L. Ray, Vice-Pres. and General Sales Manager of the Radio Corp., no alteration in RCA's present distributing and merchandising methods and no immediate change in the Radiola line. Mr. Ray further states that he is very optimistic as to the benefits which will accrue to both the RCA and the Victor line of merchandise through the now unified laboratory and

factory facilities of the two companies. The mutuality of interest of these two companies makes this step an important milestone in their respective and now mutual progress.

New Common Admitted to Trading on Exchange.—

The committee on stock list of the New York Stock Exchange decided Jan. 7 to admit to trading the new common shares on a when-issued basis.—V. 128, p. 113.

Rockland (N. Y.) Light & Power Co.—Rights.—

The company is offering to holders of each share of common or preferred stock of record Jan. 3, the right to subscribe on or before Feb. 4 to 22-100 shares of additional common stock at par (\$50 a share).

The stockholders may pay in full on Feb. 4 or make a first payment on that date of \$20 per share. The second and third payments of \$15 each will fall due May 4 and Aug. 5, respectively. The number of additional common shares to be issued is 48,703. There are now outstanding 120,000 shares of 6% pref. stock and 101,380 shares of common stock.

The proceeds are to be used for extensions and additions and to retire bank loans contracted to provide for construction of the company's water power projects. Of the total, \$400,000 will be employed to take up 4,000 shares of Rockland Electric Co. of New Jersey stock, a wholly-owned subsidiary.—V. 127, p. 1948.

Scranton Spring Brook Water Service Co.—Earnings.

Years End. Nov. 30—	1928.	1927.
Operating revenues	\$4,692,067	\$4,168,977
Operation expense	1,113,940	1,157,180
Maintenance	371,983	372,344
Taxes (excl. Federal income tax)	110,484	118,600
Net earnings from operation	\$3,095,660	\$2,520,853
Other income	10,968	25,319
Gross corporate income	\$3,106,628	\$2,546,171
Annual int. req. on total funded debt	\$1,609,000	-----

—V. 127, p. 3706.

Union Water Service Co.—Earnings.—

Years End. Nov. 30—	1928.	1927.
Operating revenues	\$400,695	\$377,307
Operation expense	109,760	101,102
Maintenance	17,445	17,443
Taxes (excl. Federal income tax)	48,436	45,738
Net earnings from operation	\$225,054	\$213,024
Other income	55,494	55,512
Gross corporate income	\$280,548	\$268,536
Annual int. req. on total funded debt	146,520	-----

—V. 127, p. 3399.

United Corporation (Del.)—Organized to Acquire Securities of Utilities Present Assets Aggregate \$150,000,000—Said To Be Step in Superpower Plan.—

The United Corp. has been organized under Delaware laws by Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co., Drexel & Co. and Bonbright & Co., Inc., and has made arrangements to acquire certain minority interest in the United Gas Improvement Co.; the Public Service Corp. of New Jersey; and the Mohawk Hudson Power Corp. held by the organizers and the American Superpower Corp. The announcement of the formation of the new company and its capital structure was made of the offices of J. P. Morgan & Co., Jan. 10, reading as follows:

The capitalization of the corporation is as follows:

	Authorized.	Issued.
1st preferred stock (no par)	1,000,000 shs.	None
Preference stock (no par)	2,000,000 shs.	944,187 shs.
Common stock (no par)	*10,000,000 shs.	3,810,853 shs.

\* 4,000,000 shares will be reserved against exercise of option warrants.

There will also be presently issued option warrants entitling holders to purchase at any time without limit not in excess of 4,000,000 shares of common stock at \$27.50 per share.

The preference stock presently to be issued will be known as \$3 cumulative preference stock, will be entitled to cumulative dividends at the rate of \$3 per annum, payable quarterly; will be redeemable at the corporation's option at \$55 per share, and will be entitled, on liquidation, to \$50 per share and accrued dividends. Both common and preference shares, and 1 and when issued, the 1st pref. stock, will have full voting powers.

There have been purchased by the organizers, for \$20,000,000 cash, \$00,000 shares of the common stock and option warrants for 2,000,000 shares of common stock. The balance to be presently issued of the common stock and option warrants and the 944,187 shares \$3 cumulative preference stock are to be issued in exchange for securities. The price at which securities have been acquired by the corporation from the organizers are in excess of the cost to them, but below the present quoted market.

The corporation's present assets will consist of the securities described, which, on the basis of present market quotations, have an aggregate value in excess of \$130,000,000 and cash in excess of \$20,000,000.

The balance of the authorized capital may, in the discretion of the directors of the corporation, be issued for cash or property without offering to the stockholders.

The directors of the corporation will be Thomas S. Gates, Alfred L. Loomis, Landon K. Thorne and George Whitney.

Commenting on the announcement the New York "Times"

SAYS:

The fundamental purpose of this new holding company, it is understood, will be the fostering of closer relations among the great public utility systems in the East, but it is not intended to be other than an investment company from the financial standpoint. In other words, while the United Corp. may serve as the vehicle for carrying out fusions of utilities operating in a State by acquiring or distributing blocks of securities, it will not be actually engaged in the utility business, and therefore will not manage the companies in which it becomes interested.

In this manner, the eventual union of major utility properties in North-eastern New York State will be facilitated through the creation of the new corporation, and the same holds true of the public utility situations in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, where unification of utility operating companies has progressed further than in this State.

Yesterday's announcement was therefore hailed in public utility circles as the most important step ever taken in modernizing the public utility structure in the East. Further steps in this direction are expected. The general plan, it is understood, will be to shape the growth of public utilities along State lines, so that operations of an individual company will be restricted to a relationship with the Public Service Commission of its State alone.

Another benefit expected in utility circles from this development will be the growth of the great Eastern superpower system visualized by leading electrical engineers for several years. The creation of this superpower system, which will not entail the merger of companies in different States, will permit the electric energy which will become available upon the harnessing of the St. Lawrence River, added to power from Niagara Falls and from the many streams of Northern New York, to flow south over the lines of transmission lines to a point where physical connection with high-power lines coming north from the Conowingo and other Susquehanna sites will be made. With other lines stretching east and west, the industrial and farming regions of the entire East will be able to make use of abundant power at rates which will fall in inverse ratio to the economies to be derived from State-wide mergers of operating companies.

At the present time the United Corp. has made arrangements only for the acquisition of certain minority interests in United Gas Improvement Co., Public Service Corp. of New Jersey and Mohawk-Hudson Power Corp., which are held by the organizers; J. P. Morgan & Co., Drexel & Co. and Bonbright & Co., Inc., and by the American Superpower Corp.

The proportion of the outstanding capital of the above-named operating companies to be acquired by the new corporation could not be learned, but it was estimated that not more than one-third of the voting stock in any one of the companies is thus to be acquired.

There is no possible means of gauging the future importance of the new corporation in the public utility situation in the East, but from the very start it is estimated that it will become interested in properties whose securities are valued at more than \$2,000,000.

It is in the existing relation of the Bonbright interests to the Electric Bond & Share group and of the Morgan interests to the Mellon utilities, including the Koppers as well as the United Gas Improvement organization, that financial circles anticipated many important readjustments of holdings in the Eastern States. The participation of the Bonbright group in the Commonwealth Power, Penn-Ohio Edison and Allied Power & Light structures lends further support to the theory that the State-wide reorganizations which may be effected will be thorough.

The International Paper & Power group, now building up a powerful generating and transmission system in several New England States; the Aldred companies of Maryland, the United Gas subsidiaries in Delaware, and the Barstow properties in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and the northern-most Southern States are also viewed as coming within the sphere of the new groupings foreseen.

All these prospects, whether weeks, months or years are necessary to bring them to completion, on the surface will not entail any minimizing of existing ownerships, nor would it be possible for the United Corp. to acquire control of these extensive properties. As stated above, such is not the intention of its organizers, who are credited in Wall Street with the desire only to simplify the complicated aspect of the present Eastern utility structures and to foster the organization of unions capable of producing more and cheaper power, to the better interest of all consumers, whether industries, farms or homes.

Reports erroneously described the new company as an enlargement of the American Superpower Corp., but this company, by trading certain important holdings for stocks of the new corporation, will continue as heretofore as a public utility investment company.

The American Superpower Corp. announced Jan. 10 that at a meeting of directors the board unanimously voted to accept the offer of the United Corp. to exchange its holdings of Public Service Corp. of New Jersey and the United Gas Improvement Co. for securities of the United Corp.

**United Electric Light & Power Co.—New Unit.**—See American Brown Boveri Electric Corp. under "Industrials" below.—V. 127, p. 1392.

**Western Power Light & Telephone Co.—Tr. Agt.**—The Equitable Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent for the participating class A stock, no par value. See also V. 127, p. 3399.

**West Virginia Water Service Co.—Earnings.**—

Years End. Nov. 30—	1928.	1927.
Operating revenues	\$768,684	\$750,327
Operation expense	296,356	303,950
Maintenance	43,219	54,520
Taxes (excl. Federal income tax)	80,154	77,486
Net earnings from operation	\$348,955	\$314,371
Other income	3,340	2,769
Gross corporate income	\$352,294	\$317,140
Annual int. req. on total funded debt	171,500	

—V. 127, p. 3248.

**Willmar Gas Co.—Bonds Offered.**—Drake-Jones Co., St. Paul, recently offered \$125,000 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds at par and interest.

Dated Aug. 1 1928; due Aug. 1 1938. Interest payable (F. & A.) at Midland National Bank & Trust Co., Minneapolis trustee, without deduction for any present normal Federal income tax up to 2% per annum. Red. all or part on any int. date, on 30 days' notice, at 105 and int. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000's.

**Data from Letter of C. I. Tenney, Pres. of the Company.**

Company.—Owns and operates the new and modern gas manufacturing and distribution system which serves, without competition, the City of Willmar, Minn. Properties include a water gas works with complete generator equipment, purifiers, holders, storage tanks and approximately 13 miles of gas distribution mains. The manufacturing plant has a daily generating capacity in excess of 500,000 cubic feet of gas.

**Capitalization—On Completion of This Financing.**

First mortgage 6% gold bonds	\$125,000
7% Cumulative preferred stock (par \$100)	60,000
Common stock (no par value)	870 shs.

Earnings.—Estimate by Hagenah & Dorsey, Public Utility Engineers, Chicago.

	First Year.	Second Year
Gross Earnings	\$36,400	\$53,600
Operating Expense	22,780	29,575
Net Earnings	13,620	24,025
Annual interest requirements this issue	7,500	7,500

**Security & Franchise.**—Bonds constitute the entire bonded debt of the Company and will be secured by a direct first mortgage on its entire fixed physical properties including plant, equipment and all distribution mains.

Company has a favorable franchise which was approved by the voters of the City of Willmar at a special election.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used to pay a portion of the cost of the gas plant and distribution system at Willmar, and to reimburse the company for expenditures already made, and for other corporate purposes.

**Wisconsin Public Service Corp.—To Erect New Plant.**—

The corporation will erect a modern coal gas manufacturing plant at Sheboygan, Wisc. according to an announcement by Halford Erickson, Vice-President in charge of operation of the Byllesby Engineering & Management Corp.

The constant increase in the use of gas for domestic and industrial purposes has necessitated the construction of this plant, Mr. Erickson stated. The new plant, which will have a rated capacity of 1,500,000 cubic feet daily will be situated on a site owned by the company on the western outskirts of the city, where a 1,500,000 cubic feet gas storage holder, erected in 1924, is located.

The new plant, which is scheduled for completion by Jan. 1 1930, will be so constructed that additional capacity may be installed as necessity arises.—V. 128, p. 113.

**INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.**

**Refined Sugar Prices Reduced.**—The following companies each reduced the price of sugar 10 pts. to 5.05c. a pound: American, Arbuckle, Federal, National, and Pennsylvania.

**Brass Prices Advanced.**—American Brass Co. has advanced prices on brass and copper products 1/4c. a pound. N. Y. "Sun" Jan. 8, p. 50.

**Shoe Prices Cut.**—International Shoe Co. of St. Louis announced another reduction in price of shoes averaging about 4%, or 5 to 15c. a pair, depending upon grade. "Wall Street Journal" Jan. 7, p. 5.

**Candy and Ice Cream Production in 1927.**—Candy production in 1927 was \$391,927,343, the ice cream output was valued at \$301,512,431, an increase of 5.4% as compared with \$286,175,686 for 1925. N. Y. "Times" Jan. 7, p. 1.

**Matters Covered in "Chronicle" Jan. 5.**—(a) Brokers' loans on N. Y. Stock Exchange reach a new high figure of \$6,439,740,511, p. 37. (b) Public debt of U. S. reduced \$726,000,000 in 1928, p. 40. (c) BancItaly Corp. profits exceed \$73,000,000 in 50 weeks—Trans-America Corp. reports resources of \$1,093,449,250, p. 41. (d) Prices in 1928 at the N. Y. Stock Exchange, p. 48 to 71.

**Aeronautical Industries Inc.—Earnings.**—

*Earnings for Period of Operations June 1928 to Dec. 20 1928.*

Interest on call loans	\$27,411
Interest on bank deposits	1,034
Security sales	19,401
Other income	487
Total income	\$48,332
Operating expenses	32,444
Net income	\$15,888
Earns per shr. on 60,000 shs. cap. stock (no par)	\$0.26

**Balance Sheet Dec. 20 1928.**

Assets—	Liabilities—
Cash	Capital stock
Call loans	Accrued commissions on call
Deposits & cash on hand	Loans
Acc'd int. on call loans	Accrued salaries
Loans and investments	Surplus
Accounts receivable	
Organization expense	
Prepaid expense	
Furniture & fixtures	Total (each side)
x Represented by 60,000 shares of no par value.	

The company was formed in June 1928 for the purpose of providing the public with a cross section investment in the field of aviation. The company has made investments to Dec. 24 1928 in the following companies: Aerial Advertising Co., Aeromarine Klemm, Aero Underwriters, Aircraft Engine Co., Alexander Industries, American Cirrus Engines, American Eagle Aircraft, Aviation Corp. of America, Bellanca Aircraft Corp., Boeing Airplane & Transport, Cessna Aircraft Corp., Consolidated Instruments, Curtiss Aero & Motor Co., Curtiss Flying Service, Curtiss Reid Aircraft Co., Ltd., Fairchild Aviation Corp., Gates-Day Aircraft Corp., Gray Goose Air Lines, Great Lakes Aircraft Corp., Hamilton Aero Mfg. Co., Hamilton Maxwell, Inc., Hamilton Metal Plane, Johnson Airplane & Supply Co., Keystone Aircraft Corp., Lockheed Aircraft Corp., Moth Aircraft Corp., National Air Transport, National Aviation Corp., North American Aviation Prudden San Diego Airplane Co., Scenic Airways, Stearman Aircraft Corp., Stinson Aircraft Corp., Stout Air Service, Swallow Airplane Co., Swift Aircraft Corp., Thadron Metal Aircraft Co., Transcontinental Air Transport, Travel Air Mfg. Co., Universal Aircraft Corp., Warner Aircraft Corp., Wright Aero Corp., Wyoming Airways, Inc.

Cost including deliverables	\$681,800
Value at cost or bid where quoted	797,786
Appreciation	115,986
Appreciation per share	1.933
—V. 126, p. 3930.	

**Air Investors, Inc.—Financial Statement.**—

This company, incorporated in Delaware in 1928 to invest in the securities of aviation enterprises, has issued its first financial statement. The report shows that on Dec. 31 1928 the listed securities owned by the company had a value of \$187,000 in excess of their cost to the company.

These investments include: Aviation Corp. of the Americas, Bellanca Aircraft Corp., Fairchild Aviation Corp., Colonial Western Airways, Inc., Canadian Colonial Airways, Inc., Niles-Bement-Pond Co., Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Co., Wright Aeronautical Corp., United Aviation Corp.

**Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1928.**

Assets—	Liabilities—
Cash and call loans	Conv. preference stock
Investments at cost	(no par value)
Unamt. cost of financing	Common stock (no par value) and surplus
Miscellaneous	
Total	Total

The company has an authorized capitalization of 250,000 shares of convertible preference stock, of which 60,000 shares are outstanding, and 1,500,000 shares of common stock, of which 160,000 will be presently outstanding.—V. 127, p. 2958.

**Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co.—Earnings.**—

Period Ended Dec.—	1928—Month	1927—12 Months	1928—12 Months	1927—12 Months
Gross income	\$231,000	\$215,000	\$3,208,500	\$2,383,500
Net income after int. & Ebner Mine develop. charges	48,450	19,000	929,050	3,700

—V. 127, p. 2822.

**Alexander Industries, Inc.—Pref. Stock Offered.**—Neale, Kely & Supple, Inc., San Francisco, in November last offered \$300,000 8% cumul. partic. pref. stock at 100 and div.

Pref. stock participates in dividends with common stock up to 12%. Free from present normal Federal income tax. Dividends payable April 1 and Oct. 1. Callable at 110. The American National Bank, Denver, registrar and transfer agent.

**History and Business.**—The name Alexander Industries, Inc., Colorado Springs, Colo., represents world leadership in two distinct businesses, brought together by able organization, so that each contributes to the other.

Alexander Film Co., the largest producer of motion picture advertising in the world, provides about 10,000 progressive merchants with motion picture advertising on the screens of over 2,000 theatres throughout the United States, an actual weekly reader circulation of approximately 11,000,000 people. It does more than one-half of all the film advertising business in this country. Recently one of the largest competitors (The Pyramid Co., of Dayton, O) was absorbed; all its equipment and much of its personnel becoming part of The Alexander Film Co. It is expected that other competing companies will follow the Pyramid lead.

**Comparative Earnings.**—The following is a tabulation of gross and net income for the years 1921 to 1927, inclusive:

Year	Total Income	Net Profit	Year	Total Income	Net Profit
1921	\$117,980	\$3,472	1925	\$647,108	\$79,848
1922	178,138	15,041	1926	857,625	115,560
1923	286,868	25,332	1927	1,338,452	144,530
1924	435,561	29,487	1928 (first 6 months)	--	141,846

Net earnings for 1927 (\$144,530) reflect only about \$30,000 profit derived from the manufacture of airplanes, therefore the balance, approximately \$114,530, represents net profit of the film advertising end of the business alone.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used by the company to complete the building of the new factory at Colorado Springs, Colo., and for other corporate purposes.

**Allied Packers, Inc.—Time for Deposits Extended.**—

Although with a majority of the various classes of securities affected by the reorganization plan of the corporation already in its hands, the reorganization committee this week issued a statement announcing that the time for deposit, without penalty, under the plan and agreement dated Nov. 1 1928, of the 1st mtge. & coll. trust, conv. sinking fund 8% gold bonds and of the 20-year conv. sinking fund 6% debenture bonds of the company has been extended to Jan. 26 1929.

The committee, however, does not intend to declare the plan operative or complete the reorganization unless "considerable additional deposits" of both bonds and debentures are promptly made.

Deposits of prior preference, senior preferred, preferred and common stocks will be received by the Central Union Trust Co. of New York, 80 Broadway, as depository, upon payment at the time of deposit of \$2 per share representing the first installment of the purchase price of the proposed new bonds, plus interest at the rate of 6% per annum from Dec. 8 last, to the date of payment.

The announcement which is signed by George W. Davison; Livingston E. Jones; F. S. Snyder; Casimir I. Stralen; Lucius Teter and Roswell C. Tripp, as the reorganization committee, names other depositories as the Chicago Trust Co., 81 West Monroe St., Chicago; the First National Bank of Philadelphia, 315 Chestnut St., Philadelphia; and the First National Bank of Boston, 67 Milk St., Boston.

Officials of the company stressed the need for the expeditious consummation of the plan in order to release the credit of the company so that the management may take advantage of the seasonal requirements of the business. This is the season of the year when the price of hogs is low, making it advisable to put them into cure so that the finished product will be available at the height of the coming season, from July to October.

See also V. 127, p. 2958, 3400, 3543.

**Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co.—Rights.**—

The stockholders of record Jan. 25 will be given the right to subscribe on or before Feb. 20 for 26,000 additional shares of capital stock (par \$100) at \$140 per share to the extent of 10% of their holdings.—V. 127, p. 2367.

**Aluminum Co. of America.—Tenders.**—

The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, trustee, will until Jan. 25 receive bids for the sale to it of 5% s. f. debenture gold bonds to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$1,027,485 at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 127, p. 1809.

**American Beverage Corp.—Stock Sold.**—Samuel Ungerleider & Co. and Hambleton & Co., Inc., have sold 80,000 shares (no par) capital stock at \$15 per share. The bankers announce that the stock is being offered as a speculation.

**Capitalization.**—Authorized, 1,000,000 shares; to be presently outstanding, 134,460 shares. Corporation is to give to bankers and others options, exercisable within varying periods during the next three years, on a total of 660,000 additional shares of the capital stock at prices which average \$16.25 per share.

Transfer agent, Liberty National Bank & Trust Co., New York. Registrar, Bank of America National Association, New York.

**Data from Letter of E. C. McCullough, President of the Company.**

**History and Business.**—Corporation has been incorporated in Delaware. Is to engage in the manufacture and sale, either directly or through subsidiaries, of well known beverages. Corporation is presently to acquire the entire outstanding common stocks of the following companies:

(1) Carl H. Schultz Corp.—The business of this company is one of the oldest beverage manufacturing businesses in New York, having been established for over 60 years. In the latter part of 1927 control of this company was purchased by E. C. McCullough, who is President of American Beverage Corp. During 1928 gross sales have increased about 25% and net profits nearly 100% over those of 1927. Carl H. Schultz Corp. manufactures a complete line of carbonated beverages, such as ginger ale, sarsaparilla, grape and raspberry, together with an extensive line of carbonated and plain table and mineral waters, such as Vichy, Seltzers, club soda and distilled water. Corporation owns the trade name "Koko-Lac" and the formula for making this drink, and manufactures the chocolate drink "Brownie" under a bottling franchise from the Brownie Corp.

(2) Schoneberger & Noble, Inc.—The business of this company was founded over 50 years ago in New York, and the company has specialized in the manufacture of one carbonated drink—"Dr. Brown's Celery Beverage"—the sales of which constitute about 75% of the total sales of the company. The remainder of its business is chiefly in ginger ale. "Dr. Brown's Celery Beverage" has been sold almost exclusively in the New York metropolitan area and sales of this product have steadily increased over a period of years.

(3) The Brownie Corp.—This company, formed in Jan. 1928, owns a formula for making "Brownie," a chocolate milk drink. This drink was introduced to the New York market on a small scale by Carl H. Schultz Corp. in 1928 and bottling franchises are being granted to bottlers in other cities. At present there are 45 bottling plants in other cities which have either begun bottling under contract, or which have contracted to bottle "Brownie" beginning early in 1929.

**New Plant.**—All manufacturing operations of the three above-named subsidiary companies are to be conducted in a new plant now nearly completed, equipped with modern machinery for economical bottling methods. This plant, expected to be occupied in Feb. 1929, is located in Brooklyn, N. Y., occupying a full block front on Berry St. running from South 10th St. to South 11th St., and having a floor area of nearly 140,000 square feet. Carl H. Schultz Corp. is to have a 21-year lease on this property on advantageous terms, with an option to purchase within five years.

**Earnings.**—Consolidated net earnings, after all charges, including depreciation and State and Federal income taxes, of the three subsidiary companies for the year 1928 (two months estimated), and after all elimination of certain non-recurring and extraordinary charges totaling \$39,076, amounted to \$137,081, or approximately \$1.02 per share of capital stock presently to be outstanding.

**Assets.**—The balance sheet as of Oct. 31 1928, after giving effect to the acquisition by the corporation of the stocks of the three subsidiary companies to the issue of the 134,460 shares presently to be outstanding, and to other transactions in connection with this financing, shows consolidated net tangible assets of \$939,265. Fixed assets are included at \$579,351, based on recent appraisals of the properties of the subsidiary companies made in part by the American Appraisal Co., and, as to all but \$25,000 of the remainder, by Day & Zimmermann, Inc. Consolidated current assets, including \$212,820 of cash, appear on said balance sheet at \$297,882, or over six times consolidated current liabilities.

**Purpose.**—The 134,460 shares of capital stock presently to be outstanding are being issued to acquire all of the common stocks and most of the preferred stocks of the three subsidiary companies, to furnish the corporation and its subsidiaries with additional working capital and for other corporate purposes.

**Directors.**—E. C. McCullough (Pres.), H. M. Garretson, D. H. Haynes, W. Morgan Shuster, H. G. Kosch, and representatives of the bankers.

**American Brown Boveri Electric Corp.—Installs Unit.** The country's largest steam turbo-generator, at the Hell Gate station of the United Electric Light & Power Co., is now in preliminary operation, according to an announcement by the above corporation, which has just completed the installation.

"The new generating unit has a capacity of 160,000 kilowatts, or 214,400 h.p., the American Brown Boveri statement reports. "The Hell Gate unit is the first in this country with a capacity over 100,000 kilowatts. Entirely new problems in steam turbine and electric generator design were presented by the requirements of the plants and were solved by utilizing the technical resources of the Brown Boveri engineers in Switzerland, who have had experience with the few units of comparable size in Europe.

"One of the very unusual contract requirements was that the equipment manufacturers were to offer the machine with the largest capacity they could install in the available space. In spite of this, the American Brown Boveri engineers were able to design a unit with a turbine efficiency of 84.5%, the highest in the country, and place the 160,000 kilowatt unit into a space originally laid out for a 30,000 kilowatt unit. It is expected that some of the new principles developed, such as the ventilating equipment for the generators, will revolutionize future design."—V. 127, p. 2958.

**American Chic Co.—Listing—Rights—To Retire Pfd. Stk.** The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 62,199 additional shares of common stock (no par value) on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total applied for 435,389 shares.

The common stockholders of record Jan. 2 1929 are given the right to subscribe to the 62,199 additional shares at \$40 per share to the extent of one-sixth of their holdings, up to the close of business on Jan. 21. Payment at the Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., New York. The additional common stock has been underwritten by W. C. Langley & Co. and White, Weld & Co., at \$40 per share less an underwriting commission.

The proceeds of the stock are to be used to retire the outstanding 32,142 3/4 shares of \$7 cum. prior preference stock, no par value. At present the company also has outstanding 373,190 shares of common stock.

President Thomas H. Blodgett says in part:

The retirement of the cum. prior preference stock will reduce the charges ahead of the common stock by approximately \$225,000 a year, or the equivalent of about 50 cents a share on the 435,389 shares of common stock to be outstanding.

Giving effect to the proposed retirement of the cum. prior preference stock, the current assets as of Nov. 30 1928, would be over \$4,200,000 against current liabilities of \$620,000, exclusive of \$1,034,500 funded debt.

The company will have remaining over \$1,000,000 in cash, or on call, or invested in marketable securities. The company will, with this amount plus surplus earnings, be able to retire its funded debt next June without resort to the issuance of additional securities. After the retirement of this debt, the only security then outstanding will be common stock.

Net profits for 1928 after charges, depreciation and Federal taxes, are expected to amount to approximately \$1,800,000 equivalent to \$4.13 a common share on the new capitalization.

In the year ended Dec. 31 1927, net income was \$1,524,002 after interest depreciation and Federal taxes, equivalent after \$7 prior preferred and 6% preferred dividends to \$6.78 a share on the then issued 186,595 shares of no-par common stock.—V. 127, p. 2686.

**American Company.—Earnings—New Directors.**—This company, holding company for American Trust Co. of San Francisco, American National Co., C. F. Childs & Co. and affiliated companies, in its first report covering a full year, shows net earnings for 1928 of \$4,007,834, equal to \$6.17 a share on 649,292 shares. Net assets at the end of last year were \$72,154,000, which included \$39,992,200 stock of subsidiaries and \$32,225,000 advances to affiliated companies. Surplus was \$55,921,000.

President John S. Drum announces the addition of John J. Mitchell, of Chicago, Stuart S. Hawley of Oakland and Frank L. Taylor (Vice-President of Hunter, Dulin & Co.) to the directorate.

**American Department Stores Corp.—Sales.**—

American Department Stores Corporation's sales for December were the largest for any month in their history, being \$1,887,407, compared with \$1,019,231 for December 1927, a gain of 85.1%. Sales for 1928 also were the largest for any year amounting to \$13,498,931, compared with \$9,523,172 for the preceding year, an increase of 41.7%.

Month of—	1928.	1927.	% of Gain.	Month of—	1928.	1927.	% of Gain.
January	790,712	579,830	36.3	August	1,101,318	850,387	29.5
February	1,143,455	742,773	53.9	September	1,160,190	920,616	26.0
March	1,130,794	780,511	44.8	October	1,252,801	1,070,073	17.0
April	997,954	671,357	48.6	November	1,438,371	1,110,086	29.5
May	1,108,876	674,444	51.0	December	1,887,407	1,019,231	85.1
June	967,893	660,132	46.6				
July	845,005	548,944	53.9				
				Total sales	13,498,931	9,523,172	41.7

**Merger of Jay & Co. with J. K. Rosenberg Approved.**—

The directors have ratified the merger of their wholly-owned subsidiary, Jay & Co., with the office of J. K. Rosenberg. Jay & Co. is one of the oldest and best known offices, representing some 60 retail stores which do a large volume. They have specialized in the merchandising of the volume-producing, popular priced lines. The merger with the J. K. Rosenberg offices places the new Jay & Co. offices in a position to give more efficient and complete buying service. J. K. Rosenberg has specialized in the medium and higher priced fields, so that the service of Jay & Co. will be equipped to handle all price lines. Mr. Rosenberg will be in complete charge of the merchandising of the combined office, giving particular attention to fashion merchandising and to co-ordinating price with the development and selection of styles. With few exceptions, the two organizations will be held intact, and there will be several additions to the personnel, which will be announced within the near future. The address of the combined company will be 101 W. 37th St., N. Y. City.—V. 128, p. 114.

**American Druggists Syndicate.—Acquisition by V. Vivaudou, Inc.—Terms of Exchange, &c.**—See Vadsco Sales Corp. below.

Earnings for 3 and 9 Months Ended Sept. 30.

	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—9 Mos.—1927.
Net profit before taxes and depreciation	\$161,583	\$175,618
	\$540,191	\$696,693

—V. 127, p. 3248.

**American Eagle Aircraft Corp.—Places Large Instrument Order.**—

The corporation has placed an order for 500 instrumental panels sets for their planes with the Consolidated Instrument Co., it is announced. The panel sets include most of the instruments used in plane operation. Sales of the American corporation for last week, made public on Jan. 7, totaled 112 planes for that period, bringing the total number of planes sold to date for 1929 delivery to 707 with a total valuation of \$2,500,000. On this basis officials estimate that sales for 1929 will exceed 2,000 planes.

The corporation has completed development of a new 6 cylinder radial airplane motor of 110 h.p. and production is scheduled to start on or shortly after Feb. 1 1929 at the company's new plant at Fairfax Airport, Kansas City, Kan., according to an announcement. This motor will be priced around \$1,000 and will enable the company to market a plane equipped with a radial motor at approximately \$1,500 less than its nearest competitor, it is stated. The production of this motor places the company in a position of manufacturing every part that goes into the construction of a plane with the exception of instrument panels and landing gear. Orders on hand now total 1,500 motors.—V. 127, p. 3400.

**American Equitable Assurance Co.—New Director.**—James Cravens has been elected a director.—V. 128, p. 114.

**American European Securities Co.—Prof. Stock Offered.**—A new issue of 20,000 shares of \$6 cum. pref. stock (no par) is being offered by A. Iselin & Co., and Jackson & Curtis, at \$99 a share and divs. to yield over 6%.

Cum. dividends being paid Q.—F. Preferred as to assets and dividends over the common stock. In case of liquidation, whether voluntary or involuntary, the preferred stock is entitled to \$100 per share and divs. before any distribution is made on the common stock. Red. as a whole or in part on any div. date at \$110 per share and divs. Transfer agent, Registrar and Transfer Co., Jersey City, N. J. Registrar, Corporation Trust Co., Jersey City, N. J.

**Data from Letter of Ernest B. Tracy, President of the Company.**

Company.—Organized in October, 1925, in Delaware, to take over the assets and business of the "Investment Company for Electrical Enterprises in the United States," a Swiss corporation which was established in 1910 and had a successful record. The company is empowered to acquire, hold and deal in securities of all kinds and to take part in financial transactions. It has acquired for long term investment chiefly securities in well established light and power companies.

**Capitalization.**—Authorized. Outstanding. Coll. trust 30-yr. sink. fund 5% gold bonds \$4,000,000 \$4,000,000 Preferred stock, \$6 cum., no par value, (incl. this issue) 60,000 shs. 50,000 shs. Common stock, no par value 200,000 shs. 130,000 shs.

\* There are also issued and outstanding option warrants entitling the holders to purchase at any time, without limit, 20,000 shares of common stock at a price of \$25 a share.

**Earnings.**—Net earnings of company after expenses, interest charges, and taxes available for preferred dividends for the 11 months ended Nov. 30 1928 amounted to \$1,708,206, or at the rate of over six times the dividend requirements on the preferred stock, including the amount to be presently issued. No credit for increased earnings to be derived from the investment of the proceeds of this issue of preferred stock has been made.

**Investments.**—Company owns substantial interests in the following companies:

- American & Foreign Power Co., Inc.
- Electric Bond & Share Secur. Corp.
- American Gas & Electric Co.
- General Electric Co.
- American Power & Light Co.
- Gulf Oil Corp. of Pa.
- Commonwealth Power Corp.
- National Power & Light Co.
- Consolidated Gas Co. of New York.
- United Gas Improvement Co.

In addition to the above, the company has important investments in numerous other companies.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds from the sale of this issue of preferred stock will be used to provide funds for the acquisition of additional securities and other corporate purposes.

**Assets.**—As of Nov. 30 1928, the net assets of the company, after giving effect to the present financing, were as follows:

Cash	\$1,948,679
Investments (at book values which were below market values)	13,177,941
Miscellaneous	676
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$15,127,296</b>
<b>Deduct—</b>	
Current and accrued liabilities	\$330,980
Reserve for contingencies	316,616
Collateral trust 30-yr. sinking fund 5% gold bonds	4,000,000

Balance available for capital stock \$10,479,700  
**Equity.**—At current market prices the common stock represents an equity junior to the preferred stock of over \$9,500,000.—V. 127, p. 2531.

**American Founders Corp.—Rights to Stockholders.**—

The directors on Jan. 10 voted to give holders of common stock the right to subscribe, at \$65 per share, to one additional share of common stock for each eight shares of record Jan. 15. The rights must be exercised not later than Feb. 7. It is expected that warrants will be mailed to common stockholders about Jan. 19.—V. 128, p. 114.

**American Locomotive Co.—New Director.**—

Oscar B. Cintas, a director of the American Car & Foundry Co. has been elected a director.—V. 128, p. 114.

**American Motor Transportation Co.—Listing.—**

The San Francisco Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 20,000 shares of class "A" cum. conv. pref. stock, no par value. See also V. 127, p. 2822, 1105.

**American Railway Express Co.—Obituary.—**

J. Horace Harding, chairman of the board and member of the executive committee, died in N. Y. City on Jan. 4.—V. 127, p. 2231.

**American Stores Co., Philadelphia.—Expansion.—**

The company has acquired a chain of 62 stores of the Cupp Grocery Co. in Johnstown, Pa. The acquisition was an outright cash purchase, but no statement of the price paid was made by the company. Inventory of stock in the stores and in the Cupp company warehouse was taken over as of Jan. 1 1929 and the stores were opened Jan. 2 under American Stores Co. management.

The Cupp company chain of stores was started about 15 years ago and present gross business of the group is about \$2,000,000 annually. In addition to covering the city of Johnstown, the stores are situated in a fairly wide area surrounding Johnstown.

The purchase brings the American Stores Co. chain to well over 2,600 stores.—V. 127, p. 2532.

**American Surety Co.—To Split Up Stk.—New Trustee.—**

The stockholders on Jan. 8 voted to change the authorized capital stock from 100,000 shares, par \$50, to 200,000 shares, par \$25, and approved the issuance of two new shares in exchange for each \$50 par share.

Jeremiah T. Mahoney, former Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, has been elected a trustee.

**Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
\$	\$	\$	\$
Real estate.....	8,539,225	Capital stock.....	5,000,000
U. S. bonds.....	3,207,515	Sur. & undiv. prof.	6,037,831
Other bonds.....	3,999,865	Res. unearn. prem.	6,944,386
Stocks.....	4,445,787	Res. contin. claims	3,785,094
Cash.....	1,173,725	Exp. & tax reserve	1,110,725
Premium in course		Volun. special res.	100,000
of collection.....	2,106,031	Res. outst. prem.—	450,000
Accr. int. & rents..	93,467	Accts. pay., &c.—	210,237
Reinsur. & other			
accts. receivable	57,660	Tot. (each side)	23,628,273
—V. 127, p. 3543.	103,220		22,260,236

**Amsterdam Trading Co. (Handelsverenigin "Amsterdam" Holland).—Dividend No. 3.—**

The directors have declared a dividend of 75 cents per share on the "American" shares, payable Jan. 21 to holders of record Jan. 15. A like amount was paid on Jan. 20 and July 20 1928.—V. 127, p. 109.

**Anchor Cap Corp.—Acquisition.—**

It was announced on Jan. 4 that negotiations are under way for the acquisition of the control by this corporation of the American Metal Cap Co. of Brooklyn, N. Y.—V. 127, p. 3543.

**Archer-Daniels-Midland Co.—Larger Cash Distribution on Common Shares—100% Stock Dividend Also Declared.—**

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the pref. stock (par \$100) and a quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, no par value, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 21. Heretofore, a quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share was paid on the common stock.

In addition, the company also declared a 100% stock dividend on the common stock, payable Mar. 1 to holders of record Feb. 19.—V. 127, p.3401.

**Art Metal Works, Inc.—Stock Sold.—Potter & Co., New York and Brokaw & Co., Chicago have sold at \$36 per share 70,000 shares common stock (without par value).**

This offering does not represent company financing, this stock being acquired from individuals.

Transfer agents: The New York Trust Co., New York and Harris Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago; registrars: Guaranty Trust Co., New York and Continental National Bank & Trust Co., Chicago.

**Capitalization—**Authorized—500,000 shs.\* Outstanding—225,000 shs. Common stock (without par value) \$37,500 shares reserved for issue under the terms of an agreement with the United Cigar Stores Co. of America.

**Data from Letter of Louis W. Aronson, Pres. of the Company.**

**History and Business.**—Company is engaged in the manufacture of ecclesiastical metal statuary, metal ornaments, toys, and novelties. Its complete line comprises over 12,000 different articles including the well-known "Ronson De-Light" pocket and desk lighters, lamps, chandeliers, smokers sundries, automobile ornaments, toilet articles, clock and desk sets, sparking toys and special advertising novelties. Business was established over 30 years ago with a small initial investment and has been built up to its present position, largely through reinvestment of earnings. Customers include leading department stores, chain stores, church goods houses, jobbers in art metal goods, toys and smokers' articles, gift shops and electrical supply companies throughout the country. Company has perfected several new lines, which will shortly be introduced to the public and which should substantially increase its business.

**United Cigar Stores Contract.**—Company has entered into a 10-year contract, which will add to its present sales outlets, whereby United Cigar Stores Co. of America is to purchase and sell smoker's sundries and other products of the company which may fit their trade. This will give to the company the additional marketing facilities of about 3,118 United Cigar Stores and agencies in this country which should add largely to its sales volume. A. C. Allen, Vice-President of United Cigar Stores Co. of America has been elected a member of the board of directors and executive committee of Art Metal Works, Inc.

**Capital Readjustment.**—Increase of common stock to 500,000 shares and split-up of outstanding 110,000 shares into 165,000 shares of common stock (new) has been authorized. Convertible preference stock has been called for redemption on May 1 1929 at \$35 per share and accrued dividend, the company's obligation in that respect having been underwritten. This stock is convertible until April 26 1929 on the basis of 1½ shares of common stock (new) for each share of convertible preference stock or a total of 60,000 shares of new common stock.

**Assets.**—A pro forma balance sheet after giving effect to capital readjustment, as at Oct. 31 1928, shows total net assets of \$2,205,003. Current assets, including \$501,588 in cash and Government securities amounted to \$1,445,937 while current liabilities amounted to \$259,767, a ratio of over 5½ to 1.

**Earnings.**—Net earnings of the company, and its predecessor for the periods indicated below, after adjustment for non-recurring income and expense items (amounting to \$48,759 in 1927 and \$28,691 in 1928) and after deduction of Federal income taxes at 12%, were as follows:

	Per Share Equivalent
Year ended Dec. 31 1927.....	\$365.885
Year ended Dec. 31 1928 (2 months est.).....	975.000
	\$1.82
	4.33

**Dividends.**—Company and its predecessor have an unbroken dividend record since 1917 on both preferred and common stocks. A dividend of 60c. per share has been declared payable Feb. 1 to holders of (new) common stock of record Jan. 15. On the basis of present earnings it is the policy of the management to continue this rate, amounting to \$2.40 per share per annum.

**Listing.**—Application has been made to list the new common stock on the Chicago Stock Exchange.

**Readjusts Capital Structure—Closes 10-Year Contract with United Cigar Stores Co. of America.—**

The directors recently approved a plan for a readjustment of the company's capital structure to provide for future expansion, which plan was ratified by stockholders at their meeting held Jan. 8. Co-incident with the capital readjustment announcement, it was also stated that Potter & Co., bankers for Art Metal Works, Inc., have successfully negotiated a 10-year contract under which the United Cigar Stores Co. of America will handle through its 3,118 stores and agencies several products manufactured by Art Metal Works, Inc. A. C. Allen, Vice-President of United Cigar Stores, has been elected a member of the executive committee of Art Metal Works.

The capital re-adjustment plan calls for an increase of the authorized common stock (no par value) from 150,000 to 500,000 shares, of which 225,000 shares will be presently outstanding. A total of 165,000 shares of new common stock will be exchanged for the 110,000 shares now outstanding. All of the outstanding conv. pref. stock has been called for redemption at 35 and divs. on May 1 1929. It is expected that all of this stock will be converted into common stock prior to the expiration of the conversion date which is April 26 1929.

President Louis W. Aronson announces that a dividend of 60 cents per share has been declared on the new common stock payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15, and that based upon present earnings it is the policy of the management to continue this dividend which is at the rate of \$2.40 per share annually. Earnings of the company for 1929 (two months estimated) approximate \$975,000, which is equal to \$4.33 a share on the 225,000 shares of new common stock to be presently outstanding.

Under the contract with the United Cigar Stores Co. of America, Mr. Aronson says the company will add a very wide field of distribution for its "Ronson De-Light" pocket and desk lighters, smokers, sundries and other products which may fit their trade. This outlet is in addition to the national and foreign distributing system which the company has already established through its various sales offices and selling organization.—V. 127, p. 2368.

**Auburn Automobile Co.—Acquires Body Plant.—**

The company has purchased the business and assets of the Central Manufacturing Co. at Connersville, Ind. The latter concern has been one of the principal sources for Auburn automobile bodies during the last 4 years.

The Central Manufacturing Co. body works are adjacent to the existing Connersville plants of Auburn and the entire properties will be consolidated, furnishing a total floor space of over 1,500,000 square feet and having a capacity of 250 cars a day.

The Auburn company has recently spent over \$750,000 for new buildings and equipment, including a new conveyor system over three miles long.

**Lycoming Mfg. Co., a Subsidiary, Enters Aircraft Engine Field.—**

The Lycoming Mfg. Co., a subsidiary, has entered the aircraft engine field after a year and a half of extensive experiment and tests. The company has on display at the New York Automobile Show a 185 h.p. nine cylinder radial air-cooled engine, which is attracting favorable comment in aeronautical circles. The company plans to be in production on a basis of 175 engines per month by April 1.—V. 127, p. 3708.

**Autosales Corp., New York.—To Recapitalize.—**

The stockholders will shortly vote on approving a plan to change the present authorized capitalization from 35,995 shares of 6% non-cumulative partic. pref. stock (par \$50 per share) and 80,592 shares of no par value common stock to 35,995 shares of 6% cum. pref. stock (par \$50) and 250,000 shares of common stock of no par value, each share of non-cum. pref. stock to be exchanged for one new share of cum. pref. stock.—V. 127, p. 3401.

**Baldwin Locomotive Works.—New Director.—**

George H. Houston has been elected a director succeeding Clarence Biting, resigned.—V. 128, p. 115.

**Beacon Oil Co.—Control Sought by Standard Oil Co. (of New Jersey).—Chairman Clifford M. Leonard makes the following announcement:**

The directors have authorized the sale of 350,000 shares of its authorized but unissued common stock to the standard Oil Co. (of New Jersey). The latter will offer to all of the holders of common stock of the Beacon Oil Co. an opportunity to exchange their shares for shares of the capital stock of Standard Oil Co. (N. J.) at a ratio of 2½ shares of Beacon for one share of Standard. The offer must be accepted by Jan. 19 1929.

The Beacon Oil Co. has authorized share capital of 1,500,000 (no par value) of which about 947,000 shares are outstanding.

**Acquisition of Webaco Oil Co.—**

The sale to this company of the retail distribution stations of the Webaco Oil Co. of Webster, N. Y., has been completed. The Webaco company will continue in the wholesale business. The Beacon company took possession of the stations as of Jan. 1 1929.—V. 127, p. 2369.

**Berland Shoe Stores, Inc.—Sales.—**

1928—December—1927.	Increase, 1928—12 Mos.—1927.	Increase
\$294,893	\$240,416	\$54,477
	\$2,587,372	\$1,938,999
		\$684,383

—V. 127, p. 2823.

**Bethlehem Milling Co.—Stocks Offered.—Higgins & Co., Inc., New York, are offering 20,000 shares, class "A" participating stock (without par value) at \$25 per share and 11,500 shares common stock (no par value) at \$10 per share.**

Transfer agent: Farmers Loan & Trust Co.; registrar: Central Union Trust Co., New York. Class A stock will be entitled to receive cumulative preferential dividends at the rate of \$1.50 per share per annum; thereafter the common stock will be entitled to \$1.50 per share dividend, and thereafter all surplus earnings will be applicable share for share to both classes of stock. Dividends on the Class A stock will be payable Q.-M. (cumulative from Dec. 1 1928). Class A stock will be callable as a whole, or from time to time in part, at any time on 60 days' notice at \$27.50 per share and div. Class A stock will have full voting rights with the common stock, share for share. Class A stock shall first receive \$27.50 and div. in event of voluntary liquidation, or \$25 and div. in event of involuntary liquidation, and after such preferential payment all remaining assets shall be distributed among the holders of the common stock.

**Conversion Privilege.**—Class A stock will be convertible into common stock, at any time upon demand, on the basis of 2 shares of common stock for each share of Class A stock. In the event of any redemption of Class A stock the right to so convert said shares into common stock shall exist up to 3 p. m. of the day preceding the day fixed for such redemption.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Class A stock (no par value).....	30,000 shs.	26,000 shs.
Common stock (no par value).....	*100,000 shs.	48,000 shs.

\* 52,000 shares reserved for conversion rights of Class A stock.

**Data from Letter of H. J. White, Pres. of the Company.**

**Company.**—Incorporated in Delaware. Is engaged in the manufacture of high quality cake, cracker and biscuit flour from soft wheat. Company acquired by purchase the plant, property and good-will of the Luckenbach Flour Mills, a co-partnership, and with its predecessor has been in continuous operation since 1751. Company continues to market its products under the well-known registered trade names "Anchor," "Kotarosa" and "Roller Star." Distribution of the company's products is effected through leading jobbers.

Company's property consists of over three acres of valuable real estate, located in the heat of Bethlehem, Pa.; water rights to Monocacy Creek, from which the company's mill is operated; and a modern flour mill with a present daily capacity of 250 barrels.

**Earnings.**—This business, in continuous operation since 1751 by the Luckenbach family, was operated as a co-partnership, accurate records of which are unavailable. Net earnings for 1929, based on capacity production and after depreciation and taxes, are estimated in excess of \$250,000 or over 6 times preference dividend requirement on Class A stock.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used to retire the present floating debt; to purchase and install additional machinery and equipment to increase the daily capacity of the plant to 500 barrels of soft wheat flour and 500 barrels of whole wheat flour; and to provided additional working capital.

**Management.**—G. G. Barber, H. J. White, C. W. Jewell, F. P. Snyder, and T. R. Van Boskerck.

**Listing.**—Company has agreed to make application to list both the Class A and common stock on the New York Curb Market.

**Borg-Warner Corp.—Proposed Financing—Acquisition.—**

The stockholders will shortly be offered stock subscription rights in connection with the purchase of the Long Mfg. Co. of Detroit, makers of automobile clutches and radiators, according to a Chicago dispatch. Sales of the Long company in 1928 approximated \$7,600,000 and net profits about \$800,000 after depreciation, taxes, &c., the dispatch adds.—V. 127, p. 3094.

**British Type Investors, Inc., N. Y.—Increases Div.—**  
The directors have declared a regular bi-monthly dividend of 45 cents per share on the class A stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15. This places the stock on a \$2.70 annual basis, which is an increase of 30 cents over the previous annual rate of \$2.40. This is the third increase within 10 months. See also V. 127, p. 2534.

**Brooklyn Building (45th & Brooklyn Investment Co.), Seattle.—Bonds Offered.—**An issue of \$245,000 1st mtge. leasehold 6½% gold bonds is being offered at par and interest by Seattle (Wash.) Title Trust Co.

Dated Dec. 15 1928; due serially 1931 to 1938. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at Seattle Title Trust Co., Seattle, Wash., trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500, \$250 and \$100 c\*. Callable on int. dates on or after Dec. 15 1929, upon 30 days' previous notice at 102 and int.

**Security.**—These bonds are a direct obligation of the 45th and Brooklyn Investment Co. and are secured by a closed 1st mtge. on the company's 99-year leasehold interest in Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 3, Brooklyn. Addition to the City of Seattle, together with an 8-story store and office building now being constructed thereon.

**Earnings.**—Four of the stores and 25% of the office space have already been leased from plans at a schedule of rentals which has averaged \$2.40 per sq. ft. for the office space, and which has been accepted by us as a basis for estimating the net income from the building as follows:

Gross annual income	\$95,100
Vacancies, 10%	9,510
Gross income after vacancies	\$85,590
Expenses	39,547

Net available for bonds \$46,043

This income is equal to about 3 times the maximum interest requirements under this loan and almost twice the average requirements for both principal and interest during the first nine years of the loan.

**(The) Brooklyn Daily Eagle.—New Control.—**  
This concern has been acquired by Frank E. Gannett, the owner of 15 other newspapers, all of which except two are published in New York State. The purchase was made from those who have been in active charge of the management of the "Eagle" under Herbert F. Gunnison, President and publisher. The sale is effective immediately.  
Frank E. Tripp, Vice-President of the Gannett-newspapers, who becomes acting publisher, states no changes are contemplated in personnel. Herbert F. Gunnison, who has been associated with the "Eagle" for 46 years, will remain as chairman of the board of trustees. Harris M. Crist will continue as managing editor.—V. 122, p. 1175.

**Budd Wheel Co., Philadelphia.—Stock Increased.—**  
The stockholders on Jan. 9 increased the authorized common stock (no par value) from 200,000 shares to 300,000 shares. This increase is in connection with the recent offering to common stockholders of additional stock at \$21 per share to the extent of 40% of their holdings.—V. 127, p. 3250, 2824.

**Bullard Co., Bridgeport, Conn.—Stock Offered.—**White, Weld & Co., New York, and McEldowney & Co., Inc., Bridgeport, are offering 80,000 shares capital stock (no par value) at the market. The offering does not represent new financing by the company.

Transfer agent, National Bank of Commerce in New York. Registrar, Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.

Capitalization—		
Capital stock (no par value)	300,000 shs.	276,000 shs.

**Data from Letter of Pres. E. P. Bullard, Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 5.**

**Company.**—Incorp. in Conn. in 1894 under the name of the Bullard Machine Tool Co. and is the outgrowth of a business originally established in 1880.  
The company has grown from a small beginning until to-day it occupies a leading position as a manufacturer of the heavier types of automatic labor saving and cost reducing machinery. In this connection, the company is perhaps most favorably known for its high speed automatic machines known as "Mult-Au-Matics" and "Contin-U-Matics," which are covered by valuable patents and adapted to a wide range of work requiring boring, drilling, turning, facing, reaming, threading and other kindred operations. A modern plant is owned at Bridgeport, Conn., where these high speed machines and an extensive line of vertical turret lathes are produced. The field for these machines is unusually broad and embraces practically every industry in which iron and steel products are made. Bullard products are now used by many of the foremost industrial organizations in this country where production in large volume has necessitated the use of the most efficient labor saving and cost reducing machinery.  
Bullard products are sold in all sections of the United States and Canada, and the company also does a substantial foreign business which is gradually expanding.

**Earnings.**—Net profits excluding (a) net profits or losses from operations of an automobile bumper division which was discontinued in Jan. 1928, and (b) interest and amortization charges on funded debt which has been retired, but after all other charges, including depreciation, and State and Federal income taxes at present rates, have been as follows:

Calendar Year—			
	1928.	1927.	1925.
Net profits (as above)	\$1,175,897	\$476,924	\$972,722
Per share of com. stock, x 10 months	\$4.26	\$1.72	\$3.52

The above net profits for the 10 months ended Oct. 31 1928, were the largest reported for the same period in any year in the history of the company and are at the annual rate of over \$5 per share on the 276,000 shares of common stock outstanding. With the plant operating at capacity and a volume of unfilled orders greatly in excess of a year ago, prospects appear favorable for satisfactory profits during the year.

**Dividends.**—For the last 28 years the company has reported a net profit in every year but four, and has paid dividends on its common stock in all but five years. In this entire period, approximately 38% of net profits have been disbursed in dividends, the balance having been reinvested in the business.

It is the intention of the management to inaugurate regular dividends at the annual rate of \$1.60 per share on the present common stock, beginning with the next quarterly dividend in March, and to distribute from time to time such extra dividends as the earnings, cash position and outlook for the business may warrant.

Balance Sheet, Oct. 31 1928 (after Present Capitalization).		
<b>Assets</b>	<b>Liabilities</b>	
Cash	Accounts payable	\$150,971
Call loans	Accr. payroll, local taxes	
Marketable securities	Insurance, &c.	169,525
Receivables, less reserves	Res. for Fed. income taxes	169,620
Inventories	Common stock (276,000 shares no par)	1,051,125
Prepaid expenses	Surplus arising from appraisal of certain fixed assets	659,288
Land, bldgs., mach. y. &c.	Earned surplus	2,559,193
Patents (net book value)		
Total	Total	\$4,759,724

**Bullard Machine Tool Co.—Name Changed.—**  
See Bullard Co. above. At suggestion of the directors, stockholders in Bridgeport, Jan. 4, voted to change the name of the company and to alter the capitalization to an authorized issue of 300,000 shares of common stock without par value, issuing 276,000 in exchange for the 92,000 of old stock outstanding on last Oct. 31.—V. 127, p. 1811.

**Burma Corp., Ltd.—Stock Introduced to New York Market in Form of American Shares.—**  
Introduction to the New York market of the shares of the corporation, said to be one of the largest lead-silver-zinc producers in the world, is being made by Colvin & Co., who have arranged for the issuance of American deposit receipts of the Guaranty Trust Co. on the ordinary shares and will make a market for the receipts on a when issued basis.

The capitalization consists entirely of common stock of 10 rupees (\$3.65) par value of which there are 13,541,689 shares outstanding of an authorized issue of 20,000,000 shares. The shares are traded in on the London Stock Exchange.

The corporation owns the famous Bawdwin Mine in the Northern Shan States, Upper Burma, which it holds under long-term lease from the Indian Government. The mine was worked by the Chinese from about 1412 to the time of the Mohammedan Rebellion, to be finally abandoned by them about 1868. They extracted high-grade lead-silver ore from the upper portion of the ore body, smelting it for silver alone, and leaving large quantities of rich lead-bearing slags. The Great Eastern Mining Co., subsequently taken over by Burma Mines, Ltd., was formed in 1903 to resmelt these slags and explore the property. Exploration in search for ore under the old Chinese workings proved to be successful in 1913.

Corporation is a producer of refined lead, refined silver, antimonial lead, zinc concentrates and copper matte. To date the company and its predecessors have produced 459,656 long tons of lead and 46,930,525 ounces of silver. The company's plant and metallurgical works are designed to treat over 1,000 tons of silver, lead and zinc ore and 100 tons of copper ore daily, or a total tonnage of about 400,000 tons per annum. In 1927, the corporation treated 429,845 tons of ore, and it is anticipated that approximately the same tonnage will be treated this year. The corporation owns a fully equipped railway 46 miles in length, connecting the mines with the Burma Railway System; a hydro-electric power plant located at Mansam Falls, and a concentrating mill, smelter, refiners and shops.

*Analysis of Profit and Loss Accounts as of June 30.*

	1926.	1927.	1928.
Metal sales	\$15,075,851	\$14,925,225	\$16,165,749
Expenses	8,459,656	9,320,075	10,373,854
Operating profit	\$6,616,195	\$5,605,149	\$5,791,895
Interest, &c.	428,131	248,146	275,868
Total income	\$7,044,327	\$5,853,296	\$6,067,763
Debiture interest	167,913		
Depreciation	1,079,721	1,154,075	1,196,308
Taxes	1,186,165	929,285	1,040,355
Net profit	\$4,610,526	\$3,769,936	\$3,831,099
Dividend	(8½%)4010457	(7½%)3701959	(7½%)3701959
Surplus	\$600,069	\$67,976	\$129,139

*Balance Sheet as of June 30.*

	1927.	1928.	1927.	1928.
<b>Assets</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>\$</b>
Property account	41,840,682	41,823,857	Capital (13,541,689	
Bldgs., equip., &c.	4,677,677	3,909,461	shs. of 10 Rs.)	49,359,457
Stores & plant	2,155,244	2,538,047	Sundry creditors &	
Furniture, &c.	65,444	47,380	credit balances.	3,764,244
Metals on hand	1,375,209	1,273,908	Dividend payable.	1,850,979
Sundry debtors &			Reserve funds	1,150,386
debit balances	2,008,881	2,094,212	Profit & loss appro-	
Investm'ts at cost	522,576	633,709	riation account	668,050
Balances at banks				797,190
& cash in hand	4,147,402	4,685,754		
Total	56,793,119	57,006,332	Total	56,793,119

Note.—Pounds Sterling have been converted into dollars at the rate of £1 equals \$4.86; Rupees have been converted into dollars at the rate of 1 Rupee equals \$0.365; Annas have been converted into dollars at the rate of 1 Anna equals \$0.02¼.

**(A. M.) Byers Co.—Rights.—**

The preferred and common stockholders of record Jan. 14 have been given the right to subscribe on or before March 1 for additional common stock (no par value), at \$100 per share in the ratio of one new common share for every 4 shares of common or preferred stock owned.—V. 128, p. 115.

**Calumet & Arizona Mining Co.—Copper Output.—**

Production (Lbs.)—				
	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
January	4,132,000	3,728,000	3,474,000	3,788,000
February	4,082,000	3,000,000	3,590,000	3,068,000
March	4,038,000	5,408,000	4,020,000	3,416,000
April	4,204,000	3,482,000	3,876,000	5,196,000
May	5,452,000	4,844,000	4,908,000	4,410,000
June	3,982,000	4,150,000	4,208,000	3,848,000
July	3,186,000	3,722,000	3,322,000	3,752,000
August	4,410,000	5,154,000	3,920,000	3,940,000
September	4,674,000	3,614,000	3,586,000	4,956,000
October	4,402,000	4,314,000	4,760,000	3,410,000
November	6,012,000	4,036,000	3,666,000	3,546,000
December	5,785,000	3,130,000	3,902,000	3,530,000

—V. 127, p. 3402.

**Canadian Brewing Corp., Ltd.—Acquisition.—**

The corporation announces that it had acquired all of the capital stock of Kiewit Brewing Co., Ltd., of St. Boniface, Winnipeg, Canada, and that the consolidation of the figures of its assets, liabilities and operations with those of the corporation would be effective from Oct. 1 1928.

The Kiewit company, through its subsidiary, Kiewit Ltd., operates at St. Boniface a plant of the most modern construction and an equipment erected in 1924, and having a present balanced brewing, fermenting and storage capacity of 30,000 barrels per annum.

In addition to its three plants in Ontario, the Dominion Brewery Co. of Toronto and the Hamilton Brewing Association and Grant's Spring Brewery, of Hamilton, the present purchase gives the Canadian Brewing Corp. two units in Manitoba in the Kiewit company of Winnipeg and the Empire Brewing Co. of Brandon, the latter of which was taken over from July 1 last year.

It is said that the consideration for the purchase of the shares of the Kiewit company was partly cash and partly the issuance of a further amount of the corporation's authorized capital stock and that no new public financing is contemplated.—V. 127, p. 1531.

**Canadian Dredge & Dock Co., Ltd.—Div. Rate Incr' sed.**

The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the no par value common stock, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 16. On Nov. 1 last, an initial quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share and an extra dividend of 25 cents per share were paid on this issue.—V. 127, p. 3250.

**Canadian Northern Coal & Ore Dock Co., Ltd.—**

**Tenders.**—The American Exchange Irving Trust Co., trustee, 60 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Jan. 22 receive bids for the sale to it of 5% 1st mtge. 20-year s. f. gold bonds due Jan. 1 1936 to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$52,122.—V. 124, p. 377.

**Cardiff Corp.—Formed to Deal in Real Estate and Finance New Enterprises.**

Announcement is made of the formation of this corporation under the laws of the State of New York for the purpose of (1) buying and selling real estate and real estate mortgages, (2) improving and developing real properties, (3) financing and underwriting real estate enterprises, (4) taking advantage of temporary or permanent investment opportunities in the real estate field.

Capitalization consists of 20,000 shares of no par value common stock and an issue of \$1,000,000 20-year gold notes, dated Jan. 1 1929, and bearing 6% interest.

The officers and directors of the company will be Aaron Rabinowitz, President; Robert M. Fullerton, V.-Pres., and George Goldson, Sec.-Treas.

**Carreras, Ltd., London, England.—Stock Distribution.**

It is proposed to capitalize £281,250, part of the undivided profits, and distribute, by way of bonus, two "B" ordinary shares for each ordinary and (or) "A" ordinary share and one "B" ordinary share for every four "A" ordinary shares held on Jan. 2 1929. (London "Stock Exchange Weekly Official Intelligence.")—V. 127, p. 3545.

**Celotex Co.—To Construct New Unit.—**  
 Immediate construction of an additional unit at the company's plant at Marrero, La., has been authorized by President B. G. Dahlberg. This will be the seventh unit and will increase production capacity to 1,500,000 feet daily. A hydraulic press for hard board from cane fibre is also being installed. Seven years ago the company operated but one unit. Its plant investment now is \$6,000,000.—V. 127, p. 3545.

**Century Shares Trust.—Initial Dividend.—**  
 Brown Brothers & Co. announce that the trustees of the Century Shares Trust have declared an initial dividend of \$2 per share on the partic. shares, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 2 1929. This dividend covers the period from the date of organization March 1 1928, to Dec. 31 1928. Future dividends will be payable semi-annually on Aug. 1 and Feb. 1.

**Certo Corp.—33 1-3% Stock Dividend.—**  
 The directors have declared a 33 1-3% stock dividend on the common stock, no par value, payable Feb. 28 to holders of record Feb. 1. The company announces that it is the intention to continue the present 3% rate on the increased stock. See also V. 127, p. 2961.

**Chapman Ice Cream Co.—New Interests.—**  
 It was announced on Jan. 4 by Reed, Adler & Co. that A. A. Comey and A. C. Jones have acquired control of the Chapman company. A. A. Comey was elected President and A. C. Jones Vice-President. F. C. Stevens, formerly President of the company, was elected Chairman of the Board.  
 A. A. Comey resigned as Vice-President of the California Consumers Co., as of Dec. 31 to take over the active management of Chapman's.  
 A. C. Jones was formerly President of Piggly Wiggly Western Co., the controlling interest of which he recently sold.—V. 128, p. 116.

**Chartered Investors, Inc.—Stocks Sold.—**Clark, Dodge & Co. have announced the sale of 51,000 shares \$5 cumul. pref. stock (no par) and 136,000 shares no par value com. stock. The stocks were offered in units of 3 shares pref. and 8 shares common stock at \$510 per unit.

Delivery to be made in the form of the company's interim receipts, representing one or more units, which will be ready on Jan. 14 1929 and which may be exchanged for certificates for preferred and common shares on and after June 1 1929. Payment to be made in New York funds at the office of Clark, Dodge & Co., 51 Wall St., N. Y. City, as follows: 50% against delivery of interim receipts; 25% on Feb. 1 1929; and 25% on Mar. 1 1929. On June 1 1929 holders of interim receipts, on which all instalments have been paid on the dates above specified, will be entitled to an adjustment of interest from such dates at the rate of 5% per annum on the amount received by the corporation for the pref. stock included in the units subscribed for.

Pref. stock has preference over the common as to dividends and assets. Entitled to dividends at the annual rate of \$5 per share, cumulative from June 1 1929, payable quarterly Sept. 1, &c. Entitled to \$100 per share in liquidation, plus a premium of \$5 per share in the event such liquidation be voluntary. Redeemable, in whole or in part, at \$105 per share and divs. Both classes of stock have equal voting power to the extent of one vote for each share. Pref. stock has no pre-emptive right to subscribe for additional stock of any class; common stock entitled to subscribe ratably for additional common stock, or other securities convertible into common stock, issued for cash, excluding the 240,000 shares now authorized. Transfer agent, Federal Trust Co., Newark, N. J. Registrar, Fidelity Union Trust Co., Newark, N. J.

<b>Capitalization—</b>	<b>Authorized.</b>	<b>Outstanding.</b>
\$5 cumul. pref. stock (no par)	60,000 shs.	51,000 shs.
Common stock (no par value)	*240,000 shs.	170,000 shs.

\* Of which 34,000 shares are reserved against the exercise of option warrants described below.

Of the common stock to be presently outstanding, Clark, Dodge & Co. will purchase 34,000 shares at \$25 per share with option warrants entitling them to subscribe to an equal number of additional shares, on or before Jan. 15 1934, at \$26.25 per share. Corporation will receive, as the proceeds from the sale of all stock presently to be issued, \$100, for each share of preferred and \$25 for each share of common stock, the total representing an initial paid-in capital of \$9,350,000.

**Organization.**—Organized under the laws of Delaware, as an investing corporation of the management type with powers to purchase, hold and sell securities of any and every nature, either foreign or domestic. It is designed to afford its security holders an opportunity to participate in a diversification of selected investments and in underwritings, and to obtain the benefit of constant supervision for their funds under experienced management.

**Management.**—The affairs of the corporation will be conducted by the board of directors composed as follows: Arthur O. Choate, George C. Clark Jr., Louis C. Clark, Stephen C. Clark, John A. Garver, Donald G. Geddes.

**Contract with Clark, Dodge & Co.**—Corporation has entered into a contract with Clark, Dodge & Co., by the terms of which that firm assumes the ordinary expenses of management in return for a fee equivalent to 1/2 of 1% per annum on the average amount of the aggregate investment funds for the corporation. The ordinary expenses of management will include statistical, bookkeeping and clerical services, office rent, &c., but will not include salaries of officers, directors' fees, brokers' commissions, taxes and charges for such outside services as counsel, auditor, custodian, transfer agent, &c. The management contract is terminable by either party on 30 days' notice in writing.

**Custodian.**—The Fidelity Union Trust Co., Newark, N. J., will act as custodian of the securities owned by the corporation.—V. 127, p. 3709.

**Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co.—Listing.**—  
 The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 188,000 shares of convertible preference stock (no par value) and 188,000 shares of common stock (no par value) on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding common stock (par \$100), with authority to add 200,000 shares of new common stock on official notice of issuance and payment in full, of which 188,000 shares may be required for conversion of convertible preference stock, and the remaining 12,000 shares or a part thereof may be issued for the purpose mentioned below, making the total amount applied for 188,000 shares of convertible preference stock and 388,000 shares of common stock.

In connection with the change in capitalization it was necessary to provide for the cancellation of contracts made by the company with certain of its employees, for the purchase by them of treasury stock of the company on installment payments. An offer has been made to such employees to repay to them in consideration of the cancellation of their contracts the amounts already paid by them thereon, with interest at the rate of 5% per annum, and to pay to them an additional amount equal to the difference between \$150 per share and the contract price of their stock, without the adjustments provided for in their contracts, such payment to be made to them in common stock on the basis of \$35 per share, and fractions to be adjusted in cash. Such stock payments would require a total of not more than 12,000 shares.

**Consolidated Income Account for Eleven Months Ended Nov. 30 1928.**

Manufacturing profits	\$4,402,177
Administrative, selling and general expenses	2,895,826
Operating profit	\$1,506,351
Miscellaneous income—Interest on bank deposits, &c.	77,719
Total income	\$1,584,071
Int. on borrowed money, incl. amort. of disct. on bonds	201,341
Provision for depreciation	174,929
Reserve for Federal taxes	110,500
Net profit	\$1,097,301
Common dividends	426,699
Surplus	\$670,602
Previous surplus	5,575,075
Premium on common stock purchased	Dr. 46,249
Balance, surplus	\$6,199,428
Earned per share on common stock outstanding	\$11.67

**Consolidated Balance Sheet as at November 30 1928.**  
 (After giving effect to the recently authorized recapitalization V. 128, p. 116.)

<b>Assets.</b>		<b>Liabilities.</b>	
*Land, bldgs., mach., good-will, &c., less depreciation	\$10,168,332	Conv. pref. stk. (188,000 shs.)	\$9,400,000
Inventories	5,365,868	Common stock (199,469 shs.)	1,994,690
Accts. & notes rec., less res'v'e	2,402,138	15-year 5 1/4% 1942	2,900,000
Cash in banks and on hand	994,198	Accts. pay. & accr. liab.	
Investment in affiliated co.	152,535	(incl. res. for Federal taxes)	950,627
Sinking fund—held by trustee	4,042	Bond interest accrued	26,583
Deferred charges	389,525	Surplus	4,204,738
Total	\$19,476,638	Total	\$19,476,638

\*This item includes \$5,465,653 good-will, but, on the other hand, also includes real estate carried on the books at amounts stated by the management to be substantially less than present actual values (after deducting depreciation of \$2,651,514). See also V. 128, p. 116.

**Childs Co., New York.—Sales.**—  
 1928—Dec.—1927. Decrease. 1928—12 Mos.—1927. Decrease.  
 \$2,369,168 \$2,490,415 \$121,247 \$26,381,514 \$28,804,419 \$2,422,905  
 —V. 127, p. 3403.

**City Stores Co., Phila.—Approve 4-for-1 Split-Up.**—  
 The stockholders have approved the proposal to create an issue of 2,000,000 shares of common stock and offer 4 shares of new stock in exchange for each share of present 172,518 outstanding B shares. The stockholders also voted approval of the plan to offer at \$20 per share 1 new share of common for each share of B stock now held.—V. 127 p. 3403

**Citizens' Necessities Co.—Bonds Called.**—  
 All of the outstanding 1st mtge. serial 6 1/2% gold bonds have been called for redemption Feb. 1 at 102 and int. Payment will be made at the Ohio Savings Bank & Trust Co., Toledo, Ohio.—V. 127, p. 3545.

**Coca-Cola Co.—Stockholders Given Privilege of Selling One-Fifth of Class A Stock Back to Company—Listing.**—  
 The directors on Jan. 3 authorized the company to issue, simultaneously with the issue of the class A stock previously authorized by the stockholders, warrants giving to stockholders the right to sell to the company one-fifth of the class A stock at \$50 per share.

According to the action of the recent stockholders' meeting, 1,000,000 shares of class A stock will be issued to the common stockholders of record Jan. 15 1929, such distribution to be made on Jan. 30 1929.

The warrants will be issued at the same time and will provide for the presentation of the class A stock for purchase by the company from time to time until the close of business March 16 1929.—V. 127, p. 3403.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after Jan. 15, of 1,000,000 shares of special stock known and designated as class A stock (no par value) on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend, making total amount applied for 1,000,000 shares of common stock (no par value) and 1,000,000 shares of class A stock.

Approval by the stockholders has been given to the declaration of a stock dividend of the 1,000,000 shares to the stockholders of record Jan. 15 1929, of one additional share of stock for each share held, the distribution to take place as soon after Jan. 15 as certificates of stock can be prepared. In declaring a stock dividend, \$5,000,000 has been charged against surplus and added to capital account. The charge is more or less arbitrary.

**Consolidated Statement of Operations 10 Months Ended Oct. 31 1928.**

Output (gallons)	21,215,346
Sales	\$30,405,430
Cost of goods sold, incl freight on sales, discts. & allowances	12,202,453
Selling, branch, adminis. & general expenses	6,546,089
Other deductions, net	1,341,417
Reserve for Federal income taxes	1,363,431
Net profit	\$8,952,040
Previous surplus	9,956,076
Total surplus	\$18,908,116
Common dividends	x5,750,000
Balance, surplus	\$13,158,116
x Including \$1,500,000 paid Dec. 29 1928.	

**Comparative Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheet.**

	Oct. 31 '28.	Dec. 31 '27.		Oct. 31 '28.	Dec. 31 '27.
<b>Assets—</b>	\$	\$	<b>Liabilities—</b>	\$	\$
Cash	9,210,358	9,766,174	Common stock	25,000,000	25,000,000
Govt. securities	6,062,257	4,104	Accounts payable	1,965,911	544,976
Notes receivable	7,950	404,701	Accrued accounts	2,497	
Accts. receivable	2,355,315	1,294,552	Dividends payable		1,500,000
Inventory	3,057,824	2,116,131	common	1,500,000	
Sundry notes and accts. receivable	532,263	245,972	Fed. income taxes, conting. & misc.		
Land, buildings, machinery, &c.	x5,931,874	6,127,579	oper. reserves	6,432,963	5,240,997
Formulae, trad. mark & good-will	20,823,531	20,745,677	Profit and loss—surplus	13,158,116	9,956,076
Unexpired insur. & prepaid exps.	75,618	39,745	Total (each side)	48,056,990	40,744,546
x After reserve for depreciation of \$2,322,443.—V. 127, p. 3403.					

**Collateral Bankers, Inc.—Loans, &c.**—  
 The corporation reports loans for November of \$1,329,536 and operating profits of \$146,876, compared with \$1,201,771 and \$90,312 respectively for Nov. 1927. For the 11 months to Nov. 30 1928, loans totaled \$13,411,762, compared with \$11,630,780 in the corresponding period of 1927. During the past year the company has opened 6 new offices, the total number now being 72. The new offices are in East Liberty, Pa., Haverhill, Mass., New Orleans, La., Pottstown, Pa., Shreveport, La., and Superior, Wis.—V. 126, p. 1986.

**College of St. Mary's of the Springs, Columbus, O.—Bonds Offered.**—Stix & Co., St. Louis, and The First Citizens Corp. of Columbus, O. are offering at 100 and interest, \$800,000 5 1/2% 1st mtge. serial bonds.

Guaranteed by endorsement by the Mother General of the Third Order of St. Dominic of the American Congregation of St. Mary's of the Springs. Approved by His Eminence, Camillus Cardinal Laurenti of the Congregation of Religious at Rome, Italy, and sanctioned by the Right Rev. James J. Hartley, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, O.  
 Bonds are dated Jan. 1 1929; due serially July 1 1932 through 1949. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at First Citizens Trust Co., trustee, Columbus, O. Redeemable as a whole or in part on any int. date on 45 days' notice at 102 1/2, provided further that any bonds so called having less than four years to run to maturity, shall be called at a prem. of 1/4% for each year or part thereof said bonds have to run.  
 College of St. Mary's of the Springs was established near Columbus, O., in 1868 by the Dominican Sisters of the Catholic Church as a boarding and day school for girls. Originally an academy, it has grown to include a full college curriculum, and attracts students from all sections of the country. This issue is a direct obligation of the College of St. Mary's of the Springs. This corporation owns in fee simple an academy building at 68th St. and Park Ave., N. Y. City, an academy and 100 acres at Eagle Park, Westchester County, N. Y., an academy property in New Haven, Conn., and the College of St. Mary's of the Springs in Columbus, O. The combined values of these properties are in excess of \$2,300,000, and this loan is the only outstanding indebtedness.

The proceeds of this loan will be used to refund the temporary financing, complete the construction of and furnish a new liberal arts building, new dormitory and chapel at the College of St. Mary's of the Springs.

**Collins & Aikman Corp. (Philadelphia).—Officers.**—  
 Charles B. Bennett has resigned as a Director and Chairman of the Board. M. G. Curtis, who was President, has been elected Chairman while W. G. McCullough, formerly Vice-President & Treasurer, has been elected President.—V. 128, p. 117.

**Community State Corp.—Class "A" and "B" Shares Placed on a 5% Annual Dividend Basis.**

The directors have placed both the class A and B stock, on a 5% annual dividend basis by the declaration of 4 quarterly dividends of 1 1/4% each, payable Jan. 15, May 15, Sept. 2 and Dec. 31 to holders of record Jan. 11, May 10, Aug. 28 and Dec. 20, respectively.

**Congress Cigar Co.—Earnings.**

The company reports for the 11 months ended Nov. 30 1928 net income after all charges of \$2,718,829. This is equivalent to \$7.76 a share on the 350,000 shares of common stock outstanding.—V. 127, p. 3096.

**Consolidated Instrument Co. of America, Inc.—Contract.**

See American Eagle Aircraft Corp. above.—V. 127, p. 2371.

**Consolidated Retail Stores, Inc.—Acquisitions.**

Announcement is made by the corporation of the purchase of the total outstanding capital stock of Paul's Shoe Stores, Inc. and the business of Paul H. Berwald Shoe Co. The two companies operate 8 stores, retailing ladies' footwear and hosiery. Three of the stores are located in Dallas, 2 in San Antonio, one each in Houston and Beaumont, Tex., and one in Atlanta, Ga. Paul H. Berwald, heretofore President and Gen. Mgr. of the 2 companies will continue in charge of the stores' operations. Estimated sales of the units for 1928 amount to approximately \$1,300,000, while estimated net profits for the same period are approximately \$65,000.

The corporation further announces the opening in San Antonio, Tex., of Byron's, a new store carrying women's and misses' ready-to-wear, millinery, shoes, hosiery, and accessories.—V. 127, p. 3403.

**Converse Rubber Shoe Co.—Sold.**

In accordance with a court order, the entire holdings, on Pearl St., Malden, Mass., were sold at auction Jan. 9. Mitchell B. Kaufman of Framingham, a rubber manufacturer, was the sole bidder. Representing the Converse Holding Co. he purchased the business for \$1,292,833, which price includes all the liabilities from the starting of the receivership.

Following the sale Mr. Kaufman, President of Hodgman Rubber Co., of Framingham, and Archer Straus Rubber Co. of New York, said that he expected to have the Converse plant running with a full force of workers within two weeks. It is understood that the stockholders committee has an arrangement with Mr. Kaufman whereby stockholders, through further investment, may be enabled to protect their present holdings.—V. 127, p. 3403.

**Crocker-Wheeler Electric Mfg. Co.—2% Back Div.**

The directors have declared a dividend of 2% on the pref. stock on account of accumulations, which after this payment will amount to 12%, and the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4%, both payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 5.—V. 126, p. 3598.

**Crown Zellerbach Corp.—Transfer Agent.**

The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed agent for voting trustees and transfer agent for common voting trust certificates.—V. 128, p. 118.

**Curtis Publishing Co., Phila.—Stock Split-Up.**

The stockholders on Jan. 4 increased the authorized common stock from 900,000 to 1,800,000 shares (no par value) so as to split up the common stock on the basis of 2 shares for 1, the additional stock to be issued to the holders of the present outstanding common stock of record Jan. 21.

The directors have declared the usual extra cash dividend of 50c per share and the regular monthly dividend of 50c per share on the common stock, both payable Feb. 2 to holders of record Jan. 19. Like amounts were payable on Jan. 2.—V. 127, p. 2536.

**Davega, Inc., New York.—Sales.**

1928.—Dec.—1927.	Increase.	1928.—12 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$703,561	\$504,516	\$199,045	\$4,091,993
		\$3,120,233	\$971,760

—V. 127, p. 3252.

**Davis Drug Stores Corp.—Listing.**

The Baltimore Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 50,000 shares (no par) convertible cumulative preference stock, and 100,000 shares (no par) common stock with authority to add 33,334 shares of common stock, as issued from time to time, upon conversion of the preference stock.

**Dictaphone Corp.—10% Stock Dividend.**

The directors have declared a 10% stock dividend and the regular quarterly cash dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, both payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 15. On Dec. 1 last, an extra cash dividend of 50c. per share was paid on this issue, which brought the total distribution made in 1928 to \$2.50 per share in cash, in addition to a 10% stock dividend paid on June 1 1928.—V. 127, p. 2690.

**Dominion Bridge Co.—Report.**

Years End. Oct. 31—	1927-28.	1926-27.	1925-26.	1924-25.
Total earnings	\$1,820,824	\$1,106,156	\$572,750	\$82,076
Depreciation	300,000	180,000	133,680	135,212
Res. for plant ext'n, &c.	313,296			
Net income	\$1,207,528	\$926,156	\$439,070	def.\$53,136
Dividends (\$2.60)	897,812 (4%)	260,000 (4%)	260,000 (4%)	260,000
Bonus paid (20c.)	73,125 (8%)	520,000		
Balance	\$236,591	\$146,156	\$179,070	def.\$313,136
Profit & loss, surplus	\$3,482,605	\$3,246,014	\$3,099,859	\$2,920,788
Sbs. of cap. stock outstanding (no par)	365,625	325,000	y65,000	y65,000
Earns. persh. on cap.stk	\$3.30	\$2.85	\$6.75	Nil
x Profits from contracts, interest and dividends received on investments and miscellaneous earnings, after allowing for Federal taxes.				
y Par \$100.				

**Comparative Balance Sheet Oct. 31.**

Assets—	1928.	1927.	Liabilities—	1928.	1927.
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Plant, machinery, equipment, &c.	4,903,568	4,903,568	Capital stock	2,853,250	6,500,000
Inv. in other cos.	1,917,041	1,589,226	Res. for deprec. & renewals	700,000	386,704
Cash	585,539	277,105	Res. acts. in erect.	181,358	181,358
Call loan	1,000,000	250,000	Res. act. ins. to employees	147,422	119,234
Victory bds., &c.	600,000	256,996	Divs. & bonus pay.	310,781	325,000
Depos. on tenders	662,714	563,354	Bank loan for tenders deposits	563,000	549,800
Exp. on uncompl. contracts	2,213,302	2,289,419	Sundry acts. pay. (incl. Fed. tax)	1,575,560	1,525,691
Accts. & bills rec.	1,337,191	983,229	Surplus	3,482,605	3,246,014
Inventories	1,656,485	1,648,073			
Sbs. for sale to empl	32,302				
Suspended assets	78,332	72,831			
Total	15,491,977	12,833,802	Total	15,491,977	12,833,802

x Real estate, plant, machinery and equipment, \$7,816,084 less depreciation reserve, \$2,207,014 y Expenditures on uncompleted contracts, \$12,450,215 less amounts received on account, \$10,436,913. z Represented by 365,625 shares of no par value.—V. 127, p. 2962.

**Dominion Textile Co., Ltd.—Stock Increase—Rights.**

The shareholders on Jan. 7 increased the authorized common stock, no par value, from 225,000 shares to 350,000 shares. Of this authorized increase it is proposed to issue immediately 45,000 shares to shareholders of record Jan. 15, on the basis of one new share for every five common shares then held, at \$7 a share, payable in cash at the office of the Royal Trust Co., transfer agents of the company, on or before Feb. 1.—V. 127, p. 3710.

**(E. I.) du Pont de Nemours & Co.—Listing.**

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 196,773,500 common stock (authorized, \$300,000,000), par \$20 each, on official notice of issuance and exchange for 2,811,050 shares of the common stock without par value on the basis of 3 1/2 shares of the \$20 par value stock for each share of no par value stock.—V. 127, p. 3547.

**Durant Motors, Inc.—W. C. Durant Retains Control.**

President W. C. Durant has issued the following statement: "The control of this corporation has been in the Durant family since the company was organized. Not a share of this stock has been sold, on the contrary, my personal holdings have been increased during the last 3 weeks by purchases in the open market and private sales upwards of 60,000 shares.

The arrangement with the new group, which will be announced within a few days was brought about by centralizing the operation at Lansing, Mich., as a contract for management, has nothing to do with control, and will give me an opportunity to devote a large share of my time to other extensive interests.

"My recent purchase of the entire stock of the Locomobile Co. of America and the fact that I am reorganizing that company and shall give my personal attention to the direction of its affairs, is evident that I am not retiring from the automotive industry."—V. 126, p. 3600.

**Electric Steel & Manufacturing Co.—Bonds Offered.**

The John M. C. Marble Co., Los Angeles, are offering at 100 and int., \$100,000 1st mtge. 7% serial gold bonds.

Dated Nov. 1 1928; due serially, Nov. 1 1930 to 1938. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Red. on any int. date upon 30 days' notice at 102 and int. in the reverse order of maturity. Interest payable M. & N. without deduction for the normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%. Principal and int. payable at Title Guarantee & Trust Co., Los Angeles, Calif., trustee. Authorized \$200,000.

Security.—Bonds constitute a first mortgage lien on the real and personal property of the company, appraised at \$236,852. In addition to the fixed assets, appraised at \$236,852, the company has net current assets amounting to \$19,433.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to provide additions to the plant, to retire outstanding indebtedness and for additional working capital.

Sinking Fund.—There will be a monthly deposit with the trustee of 1-6 of the next maturing installment of interest coupons. Beginning Nov. 1 1929 there will be a monthly deposit of 1-12 of the next maturing installment of bonds. A special sinking fund is provided in which a sum equal to any dividends paid must be deposited. This sinking fund will be used for the purpose of retiring bonds in the inverse order of maturity by purchase in the open market at or below the call price if obtainable or by call at 102 and accrued interest.

Company.—Incorp. in California under name of Warman Electric Foundry on Jan. 7 1926 to conduct a general foundry business. In April 1927 the name of the company was changed to Electric Steel & Manufacturing Co. and since June 1 1927 the company has been specializing in the manufacturing of steel castings of the following classes: Mild steel, stainless steel, heat-resisting steel and special alloy steel castings. At the present time the foundry has a capacity of 200 tons of steel castings per month.

**Elkhorn Piney Coal Mining Co.—Bonds Called.**

The company has called for redemption Feb. 1 \$117,000 1st mtge. coll. s. f. 7 1/2% gold bonds at 103 and int. Payment will be made at the Union Trust Co., Cleveland, Ohio.—V. 126, p. 111.

**Excess Insurance Co. of America.—Reports Profit for '28.**

According to an analysis made of the operations of the company for the first nine months in 1928, the company will enjoy an underwriting profit after writing off all extraordinary expenses of organization, &c. President James Gibbs announced on Jan. 7. The company began business in January 1927.

While the company's complete financial report for 1928 will not be available for some time on account of the nature of the business underwritten by the company, it is estimated that the entire year's operations of the company will be similarly profitable from an actual underwriting standpoint.

Because of the statutory requirements under which the company operates, which require the setting up of heavy reserves for both claims and unearned premiums, a diminution of the surplus is inevitable, but with the growth of the company these reserve funds are released and flow back into the surplus account. These legal requirements permit an insurance company to earn only a portion of its premium receipts from month to month, the entire premium for each risk not being credited to the company's assets until each policy has matured, whereas the expenses incurred by the company are immediately chargeable to profit and loss.

Mr. Gibbs announced that the premiums written by the company for the year just closed will be in excess of \$1,000,000, and that despite these heavy legal reserve demands it is felt by the officers and directors that the company has had a very satisfactory year.—V. 126, p. 1360.

**Federal Screw Works, Detroit.—Extra Dividend.**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25c. a share on the capital stock, no par value, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20. (See also offering in V. 127, p. 1682.)

President D. S. Diamond, said that shipments in 1928 amounted to \$2,075,372 greater than in any other year of the firm's existence. He added that with the acquisition of the Chelsea Screw Co. the outlook for 1929 is for even better records. The company's expansion program, started in 1928, which will approximately double production, is now practically completed.—V. 127, p. 2096.

**(Wm.) Filene's Sons Co.—Listing.**

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$6,000,000 6 1/2% cum. pref. stock (par \$100) and 500,000 shares of common stock (no par value).

**Comparative Statement of Income.**

	Years Ended Jan. 31—			
	6 Mos. End. July 31 '28.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Net sales	\$15,000,876	\$30,372,457	\$28,473,566	\$26,299,754
Cost of sales	9,934,781	19,829,259	18,718,484	17,422,351
Operating expenses	4,335,339	8,480,848	7,821,712	7,636,902
Depreciation—Real estate, fixtures & equip.	27,979	33,878	37,160	39,669
Net income from oper.	\$701,776	\$2,028,471	\$1,896,209	\$1,200,830
Other income	x183,965	x313,700	209,558	137,148
Total income	\$885,741	\$2,342,171	\$2,105,768	\$1,337,978
Miscellaneous expense	185	48,367		
Interest paid	10,486	17,051	42,257	7,281
Income taxes (estimated on basis of 12%)	88,017	212,462	202,335	139,624
Net profit for period	\$787,053	\$2,064,292	\$1,861,176	\$1,191,074
Divs. paid—1st pref. stk.	69,555	139,111	139,111	139,111
2d preferred stock	35,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
Com. stock—non-vot.	52,500	105,000	105,000	105,000

Profit avail. for divs. on 100 shares voting common stock \$629,997 \$1,750,181 \$1,547,065 \$876,963

The Year ended Jan. 31 1928 includes divs. from Freeland Loomis Co., amounting to \$7,245, and six months ended July 31 1928 includes divs. from the same company of \$3,780.

**Consolidated Balance Sheet July 31 1928 (After Giving Effect to Recapitalization).**

Assets—	Liabilities—
Securities of other companies	6 1/2% preferred stock
Land and buildings	Common stock
Fixtures and equipment	Notes payable
Improvements to leased premises, amortized	Accounts payable
Cash	Accrued payrolls, rentals, commissions, int. & divs.
U. S. Treas. bonds, Liberty bonds & municipal bonds	Federal and State taxes
Accts. and notes receivable	Res. for bonus to officers and employees
Merchandise inventory	Surplus
Prepaid insurance, leasehold premiums, &c.	
Good-will, trade-marks, &c.	

Total \$13,872,694 Total \$13,872,694

x Represented by 500,000 no par shares. y After reserve for depreciation of \$199,112. z After reserve for depreciation of \$58,111.—V. 127, p. 3097.

**Financial Investing Co. of New York, Ltd.—Registrar.**  
The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed registrar for an additional 300,000 shares of common stock, par \$10.—V. 127, p. 3404.

**Foltis-Fischer, Inc.—New Chain Cafeterias Formed.**  
Formation of a new chain of 29 popular-priced cafeterias, all of which operate within a radius of one mile of the most crowded section of Manhattan, with the exception of four in Newark, has been announced. The new group, known as Foltis-Fischer, Inc., will acquire the existing chains of restaurants previously operated as Foltis Food, Inc. and Fischer Food Co., Inc., and 15 independent established cafeterias, operating in the same territory as the other units. Through the consolidation it is expected that substantial economies in quantity buying, standardization, cash discounts will be effected. Financing for the new company is expected to be made by A. B. Leach & Co., Inc. Foltis-Fischer, Inc., is incorp. in Delaware, with an authorized capitalization of \$1,500,000 6½% sinking fund 10-year convertible gold notes, authorized and outstanding, 50,000 shares of preferred stock of no par value of which 13,815 are outstanding, and 350,000 shares of common stock, of which 30,000 shares are reserved for the conversion of the gold notes, 20,000 for the exercise of options, and 125,000 outstanding.

Net profits of the Foltis and Fischer chains and of each of the 15 independent units for the 12 months ended Aug. 31 1928, after all charges, and applicable to note interest and dividends totaled \$632,693.

**Foote-Burt Co.—Listing.**  
The Detroit Stock Exchange has approved the listing of 92,437½ shares common stock, no par value.—V. 127, p. 3711.

**Fox Theatres Corp.—To Expand.**  
The corporation has selected sites in key cities for construction of huge office buildings and super-type motion picture houses with 5,000 to 6,000-seat capacity. President William Fox announced on Jan. 8.

Mr. Fox stated that within a year buildings would be constructed in Boston, Los Angeles, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Baltimore and Chicago. The corporation recently opened office-theatre buildings in Brooklyn, Detroit and Washington, and buildings in St. Louis, San Francisco and Atlanta are nearing completion.—V. 127, p. 3405.

**Fuller Building (G. A. F. Realty Corp.).—Bonds Offered.**—The National City Co. and Blair & Co., Inc., are offering at 100 and int. \$5,000,000 1st (closed) mtge. sinking fund 5½% gold loan.

Dated Jan. 1 1929, due Jan. 1 1949. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Int. payable J. & J., without deduction for the normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Red. at the option of the corporation or through the operation of the sinking fund, as a whole or in part, on any int. date, upon 30 days prior notice, at 105 if red. on or prior to Jan. 1 1932, at 104 thereafter on or prior to Jan. 1 1935, at 103 thereafter on or prior to Jan. 1 1939, at 102 thereafter on or prior to Jan. 1 1944, and at 101 thereafter prior to maturity. Prin. and int. payable at the head office of National City Bank, New York, trustee. Legal for trust funds in the State of New York, in the opinion of counsel, upon completion of the building. Corporation will agree to reimburse to owners resident in the respective states, upon application in the manner to be specified in the mortgage, the following taxes paid with respect to these certificates or the interest thereon, the 4 mills tax in Penn., any Mass. income tax not exceeding in any year 6% of the interest on such certificates, any personal property or exemption tax in Conn. not exceeding 4-10% of the principal in any year, any security tax in Maryland not exceeding in the aggregate 45 cents on each \$100 of assessed value in any year, any ad valorem tax for State purposes in Kentucky not exceeding 50 cents on each \$100 of assessed value in any year, any intangible personal property tax in the District of Columbia, not exceeding ½% of assessed value in any year, and any property tax in Calif. not exceeding 55 cents on each \$100 of taxable value in any year.

**Data from Letter of H. S. Black, Chairman of U. S. Realty & Impt. Co., and George A. Fuller, President of G. A. F. Realty Corp.**

United States Realty & Improvement Co. owns the entire issued and outstanding pref. stock and over 86% of the issued and outstanding com. stock of the G. A. F. Realty Corp. The G. A. F. Realty Corp. has acquired title to a site at the northeast corner of 57th St. and Madison Ave. in N. Y. City, and is engaged in erecting thereon a 40-story building to be known as the "Fuller Building." The George A. Fuller Co. will occupy several floors as its home office.

**Security.**—The \$5,000,000 1st mtge. loan will be secured by a 1st closed mtge. on the land and building to be erected thereon. There will be deposited with the trustee funds which, it is estimated, will be sufficient to complete the construction of the building, said funds to be withdrawn, from time to time, in accordance with the provisions of the mortgage. On or prior to the execution of the mtge., the United States Realty & Improvement Co. will enter into a contract guaranteeing completion of the building in accordance with the architect's plans and specifications.

The actual investment in the mortgaged property will amount to approximately \$7,740,000, of which \$3,000,000 represents the cost of the land and approximately \$4,740,000 represents the estimated cost of the building, architect's fees, carrying charges during construction, &c. George R. Read & Co. have appraised the land and completed building at \$7,550,000. In addition, upon completion of the building, the corporation will have net current assets of approximately \$950,000.

**Earnings.**—The annual net earnings, upon completion of the building, after deducting operating expenses, depreciation in the amount of \$100,000, and taxes other than income taxes, are estimated at over \$600,000, equivalent to more than twice the maximum annual interest requirements on the 1st mtge. loan.

**Sinking Fund.**—The mtge. will provide for a sinking fund requiring the requirement of \$2,000,000, principal amount, of the loan prior to maturity. The first retirement is to be made on or before Jan. 1 1932, in the amount of \$37,500, principal amount, of certificates, with semi-annual retirements thereafter in progressively increasing amounts.

**Capitalization of the G. A. F. Realty Corp. upon completion of this financing.**

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st (closed) mtge. sink. fund 5½% gold loan...	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
15-yr. sink. fund 6% gold debts., due Jan. 1 1944	3,000,000	3,000,000
Preferred stock (par \$100).....	2,000,000	1,025,000
Common stock (without par value).....	20,000 shs.	20,000 shs.

**Purpose of Issue.**—The proceeds of this \$5,000,000 1st mtge. loan, \$3,000,000, 15-year 6% debentures, \$1,025,000 of pref. stock and 20,000 shares of common stock will provide for the cost of the land, the estimated cost of the building to be erected thereon, and working capital of approximately \$950,000.

**Garard Trust Co.—Notes Offered.**—Garard Trust Co., Chicago, is offering \$500,000 collateral secured discount and coupon gold notes at prices to yield 6%.

Dated May 1 and Nov. 1 1928, and Jan. 2 1929. Principal and int. payable at office of Garard Trust Co. or Chicago Title & Trust Co., Chicago, trustee. Redeemable on any int. date prior to maturity upon 30 days notice at 101. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%.

Discount notes mature monthly, July 1 1929 to Dec. 1 1929, and coupon notes mature semi-annually June 1 1920 to Jan. 1 1932.

These collateral secured gold notes are the direct obligation of Garard Trust Co., Chicago, and at all times will be secured by current collateral deposited with the trustee in the ratio of 133 1-3% of the total notes issued (\$1,333.33 collateral security for each \$1,000).

Subject to the right of Garard Trust Co. to deposit cash or bonds of the United States Government in amount equal to 104 1-6% of the principal amount of the collateral secured discount or coupon gold notes, collateral equal at all times to the total outstanding notes must consist of first mtge. securities on improved income-producing properties where the value of the property as reported by the appraisers is at least twice the amount of the first mortgage securities so deposited. All real estate bonds or notes so pledged must be issued against properties owned in fee simple.

The remaining or marginal deposited collateral may consist of subordinated first mtge. bonds or second mtge. bonds or notes, provided all such securities are confined to properties where Garard Trust Co. has underwritten the first mtge. financing, and where the same control exists over such junior loans, particularly with respect to such items as interest, monthly deposits, titles, taxes and inspections; or notes or bonds of going corporations secured by mortgages of industrial or public utility properties

or on fee simple titles to real estate on which note or bond interest shall have been paid continuously since the issuance thereof, and which bonds or notes shall have an actual value, in the opinion of the appraisers, of not less than the face principal amount thereof. Not more than 12½% of the total deposited collateral may consist of any one issue of securities other than the first mortgage securities above described.

Collateral may be withdrawn only upon deposit with the trustee of approved collateral, cash, or bonds of the United States Government.

**Gardner Motor Co.—Subsidiary Constructs Plant.**—The Parks Aircraft, Inc., controlled by the Gardner Motor Co. is constructing a plant adjacent to the Parks Air Port in the metropolitan St. Louis area at a cost of approximately \$250,000. The factory will be a modern aircraft plant having a production capacity of at least 50 planes per month.

The special stockholders' meeting has been adjourned from Jan. 8 to Jan. 15.—V. 128, p. 118.

**General Electric Co.—Orders Received.**

Period End.	Dec. 31—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
3 months.....	—	\$88,162,049	\$76,708,532	\$80,406,570	\$78,636,669
12 months.....	—	348,848,512	309,784,623	327,400,207	302,513,380

—V. 128, p. 119.

**General Mills, Inc.—Listing.**  
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 15,600 additional shares of 6% cumulative preferred stock (par \$100) and 61,286 shares of common stock without par value, upon official notice of issuance in exchange for the assets and businesses of the following companies, viz.: Wichita Mill & Elevator Co., Great West Mill & Elevator Co., Waco Mill & Elevator Co. and Kell Mill & Elevator Co., all Texas corporations; Oklahoma City Mill & Elevator Co., Perry Mill & Elevator Co. and El Reno Mill & Elevator Co., Oklahoma corporations and 9,193 additional shares of common stock upon official notice of issuance and payment in full; making a total amount applied for to date 185,600 shares of 6% cumulative preferred stock, and 456,129 shares of common stock.

By resolutions adopted Dec. 31 1928, the officers were authorized to issue shares of 6% cumulative preferred stock and common stock in consideration of the acquisition of the entire businesses and assets of the above mentioned companies as follows:

Not exceeding 9,292 shares of preferred stock and 36,505 shares of common stock upon the acquisition of the entire businesses and assets of Wichita Mill & Elevator Co., Great West Mill & Elevator Co., Waco Mill & Elevator Co. and Kell Mill & Elevator Co.

Not exceeding 3,232 shares of preferred stock and 12,697 shares of common stock upon the acquisition of the entire business and assets of Oklahoma City Mill & Elevator Co.

Not exceeding 943 shares of preferred stock and 3,703 shares of common stock upon the acquisition of the entire business and assets of Perry Mill & Elevator Co.

Not exceeding 2,133 shares of preferred stock and 8,381 shares of common stock for the entire business and assets of El Reno Mill & Elevator Co.

Not exceeding 9,193 shares of common stock to be issued to General Mills Securities Corp. (Del.) upon the payment therefor in cash at a price equal to 60% of the market price at the time of issue.

**Combined Earnings of Corporation and Predecessor Companies (not Including Companies about to be Acquired) Years Ended May 31.**

	y 1927-28.	1926-27.	1925-26.	x 1924-25.
Net sales.....	\$115,662,598	\$111,614,154	\$128,468,897	\$105,947,357
Cost of sales, incl. manufacturing, selling, admin. and other exp.....	110,915,617	106,785,547	125,658,461	102,508,866
Net operating profit.....	4,746,981	4,828,606	2,810,437	3,438,491
Miscellaneous income.....	125,401	65,962	75,717	64,492
Gross income.....	4,872,382	4,894,568	2,886,153	3,502,983
Interest charges.....	729,426	737,350	690,763	489,123
Depreciation.....	487,843	510,426	462,069	414,436
Res. for Fed. income tax.....	476,223	497,698	253,775	368,355
Net income.....	3,178,889	3,149,094	1,479,547	2,231,069

x 11 months for Washburn Crosby Co.; y 11 months for Washburn, Crosby Co. and the Red Star Milling Co.; 10 months for Royal Milling Co., the Rocky Mountain Elevator Co. and Kallspeck Flour Mill Co.

**Pro Forma Consolidated Balance Sheet May 31 1928.**

[After giving effect as at that date to the acquisition of the assets and assumption of liabilities of the predecessor companies (including the companies about to be acquired) and to transactions incident thereto.]	
Assets—	Liabilities—
Land, bldg. & equip., &c. \$17,490,686	Preferred stock..... \$18,560,000
Cash..... 3,905,516	Common stock..... x6,894,189
Drafts..... 1,608,543	Notes payable..... 5,158,500
Notes and accts. receivable..... 3,643,005	Savings accts. of officers and employees..... 2,224,695
Advances on grain..... 175,181	Accounts payable..... 817,993
Inventories..... 16,600,312	Accr. exp. local taxes, &c..... 278,788
Prepaid expenses..... 506,889	Prov. for Federal tax..... 614,516
Miscellaneous assets..... 221,956	Pref. divs. accrued (predecessor companies)..... 52,247
Water power rights, goodwill, &c..... 1	Reserve for organization expenses and conting. .... 200,000
	Special and conting. res..... 2,415,290
	Initial surplus..... 6,935,870
<b>Total..... \$44,152,089</b>	<b>Total..... \$44,152,089</b>

x Represented by 456,129 shs. of no par value. Pursuant to resolutions adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors held Dec. 31 1928, the corporation proposes to allocate a portion of the value of the assets to be acquired to capital account at the rate of \$15 per share of common stock to be issued therefor, and the balance of \$55 per share of common stock to surplus account.—V. 127, p. 3711.

**General Motors Corp.—New Shares on List.**  
The newly issued shares which will replace the old shares on a 2½-for-1 basis, and which have been selling on the Stock Exchange on a when issued basis, sold in the regular way beginning Jan. 10, the shares having been issued.

The old shares will not yet be stricken from the Exchange list and both the old and the new will continue to be traded in until the end of January, when the new shares will entirely supersede the old.—V. 127, p. 3548.

**Gillette Safety Razor Co.—Earnings.**

Years Ended Dec. 31—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Net earnings after taxes, deprec. & all oth. fixed charges.....	\$16,245,305	\$14,589,037	\$13,311,412	\$12,089,857
Earns. per sh. on 2,000,000 shs. capital stock.....	\$8.12	\$7.29	\$6.65	\$6.04

—V. 127, p. 3254.

**Germanic Fire Insurance Co.—New Directors.**  
James A. Beha, whose resignation as Superintendent of Insurance of New York took effect Jan. 1, was elected Chairman of the board of directors of the above company. Mr. Beha is also Chairman of the Board of the International Germanic Trust Co. and a director of International Germanic Co., Ltd. Julian M. Gerard, President of the International Germanic Trust Co. was also elected a director.

The board of directors, as now constituted, follows: C. E. Albright, Harold G. Aron, James A. Beha, William H. Brudi, H. E. Eckhoff, Julian M. Gerard, Charles H. Grinstead, Basil Harris, August Heckscher, Oscar Heyman, R. H. Johnston, Leo Kaufmann, Herman A. Metz, Rudolf Pagenstecher, A. Portfollo, Norman T. Robertson, Carl Schreiner, Jesse Spier, Mason B. Starring, Jr., Max L. Teich, and John W. Van Allen.—V. 128, p. 119.

**Gold Dust Corp.—Makes Offer to Standard Milling Co. Stockholders.**

The corporation announces it is making an offering to stockholders of the Standard Milling Corp. for an exchange of securities. For each share of 6% non-cumulative pref. stock of Standard, one share of new \$6 cumu-



conv. pref. stock of Gold Dust is offered, while holders of Standard com. stock may exchange their shares on the basis of one share of Standard for two shares of Gold Dust common stock.

The pref. stock of Gold Dust, which is entirely held by subsidiary companies, will be retired and new pref. stock issued. The new stock will be convertible until Dec. 31 1930 into 1 1/2 shares of Gold Dust com. stock, until Dec. 31 1932 share for share into Gold Dust com. stock. The new pref. stock will be non-callable prior to Jan. 1 1932, but on or after that date may be called on 60 days' notice at 115 and divs. The offer to Standard Milling stockholders will remain open until Feb. 1 1929.—V. 127, p. 2359.

**Gorham & Co.—Merger Negotiations.**

It is understood that Aldred & Co. are conducting negotiations with a view to the merger of Black, Starr & Frost and the retail store of the Gorham Co. at Fifth Ave. and 47th St. Nothing definite can be done until such time as the company closes its fiscal year, which ends on Jan. 31, and the resulting figures are available.

The Gorham Co. is a retail store of the Gorham Mfg. Co., silversmiths and goldsmiths.

The firm of Black, Starr & Frost dates back to 1810, when New York's population was less than 100,000. In that year, Isaac Marquand and Erastus Barton opened an unpretentious little shop at 166 Broadway, from which grew the present establishment.

The Gorham Mfg. Co. with general offices in Providence, R. I., was incorporated in May, 1863, having been in business since 1831. The company's products include sterling and silver-plated ware, statuary, architectural bronze and ecclesiastical ware. It owns the entire capital stock of the Gorham Co., its selling agents.

**(F. & W.) Grand 5-10-25 Cent Stores, Inc.—Sales.**

1928—Dec.—1927.	Increase.	1928—12 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$3,387,762	\$2,266,636	\$1,121,126	\$6,657,226
—V. 127, p. 3549.			\$5,609,947
			\$1,047,279

**(W. T.) Grant Co. (Del.)—Sales.**

1928—December—1927.	Increase.	1928—12 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$10,327,814	\$8,205,056	\$2,122,758	\$54,985,762
—V. 127, p. 3255.			\$43,324,888
			\$11,660,874

**Greater Buffalo Theatres, Inc., Buffalo, N. Y.—Earnings.**—(This corporation was formerly known as Loew's Buffalo Theatres, Inc.)

Year Ended Dec. 31—	1928.	1927.	1926.
Net income for year	def. \$64,399	def. 11,675	\$69,362
Previous surplus	146,503	114,178	136,416
Total surplus	\$82,105	\$102,504	\$205,779
Miscellaneous adjustments	Dr. 2,398	—	—
Organization expense	158,300	5,000	5,000
Dividend declared	—	—	130,600
Balance surplus	def. \$78,594	\$97,504	\$70,179
Discount on treasury stock	71,000	49,000	44,000
Profit & less surplus	def. \$7,594	\$146,504	\$114,179

Balance Sheet, December 31 1928.		1928.	1927.
Assets—	\$	\$	\$
Land, bldgs. & equip.	1,561,350	1,599,961	1,599,961
Cash	28,697	3,810	3,810
Cash adv. to thea.	700	—	—
Accts. receivable	490	—	—
Deferred charges	15,536	20,140	20,140
Goodwill, &c.	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Organ. fin. & prelim.	158,301	—	—
Total	3,105,583	3,283,401	3,283,401
x After reserve for depreciation of	\$280,549.		
Liabilities	\$	\$	\$
Preferred stock	1,036,000	1,036,000	1,036,000
Com. stk (par \$10)	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Notes payable	170,000	120,000	120,000
Accounts payable	10,250	5,474	5,474
Acer. int. on mtgcs etc.	5,652	5,573	5,573
Rent deposits	12,750	2,750	2,750
Mtg. on real estate	367,100	367,100	367,100
Conting. liabil.	11,424	—	—
Surplus	def. 7,594	146,504	146,504
Total	\$3,105,583	\$3,283,401	\$3,283,401

**Grigsby-Grunow Co.—Rights.—Earnings.**

The stockholders of record Jan. 18 will be given the right to subscribe on or before Jan. 30 for additional capital stock (no par value) at \$80 per share on the basis of one new share for each 5 shares owned.

Period Ended Dec. 31 1928—	Month.	7 Months.
Profit after all chgs. except Fed. taxes (estimated)	\$4,307,917	\$26,986,566
—V. 128, p. 119.	600,000	3,600,755

**Hahn Department Stores, Inc.—Listing.**

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$23,000,000 6 1/2% convertible preferred stock (par \$100) and 1,284,000 shares of common stock (no par value) with authority to add 460,000 shs. of common stock on official notice of issuance in conversion of preferred stock. Compare also V. 127, p. 3406, 3550.

**Shares Held by Over 16,800 Stockholders—New Director.**

The company, which announced recently the acquisition of 22 department store companies in various cities and was financed through preferred and common stock offerings totalling over \$40,000,000 last month by Lehman Brothers and Prince & Whitely, reports what is believed to be a record in the distribution of a new company's securities. As of Dec. 31 according to an investigation of the distribution, there were 9,603 individual holders of 445,705 of the publicly offered common shares, and 7,239 holders of 216,115 of the preferred shares, a total of 16,842 stockholders. On the common, the average holding figures out at 46.41 shares, and on the preferred at 29.85 shares.

By far the largest percentage of holders of the common stock are seen to have acquired the shares in lots of from one to one hundred, the total number of holders in this category being 8,776. By contrast there are only 34 holders of over 1,000 shares of common.

President Lew Hahn announces the following officers and directors of the company, the directors of the company, the directors including a number of executives of the stores acquired to date.

The list of officers follows: Lew Hahn, president and general manager; S. V. Dittenger, vice-president; Ralph C. Hudson, vice-president; Bert A. Polsky, vice-president; Louis Spitz, vice-president; Will I. Levy, operating vice president; Arthur Wiesenberger, operating vice president and secretary; Carl Antonsen, assistant treasurer and assistant secretary.

Following is the list of directors: George W. Mitton, Jordan Marsh Co., Boston; S. W. Dittenger, Golden Rule, St. Paul, Minn.; Adolph Ehrlich, C. F. Hovey Co., Boston; Lew Hahn, A. B. Herpolzheimer, Herpolzheimer Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.; Ralph C. Hudson, O'Neill & Co., Inc., Baltimore; H. H. Landauer, Tiche-Goettinger Co., Dallas, Tex.; Bert A. Polsky, A. Polsky Co., Akron, O.; Justin A. Rollman, the Rollman & Sons Co., Cincinnati, O.; Eustace Seligman, Sullivan & Cromwell, New York; Louis Spitz, Quackenbush Co., Paterson, N. J.; W. C. Cook, Prince & Whitely, New York; J. M. Hoyt, Prince & Whitely, New York; Harold Lehman, Lehman Bros., New York and Paul M. Mazur, Lehman Bros., New York. See also V. 127, p. 3550, 3406.

**Hartman Corp. (incl. Subs.), Chicago.—Net Sales.**

Period End. Dec. 31—	1928—Quarterly—1927.	1928—12 Mos.—1927.
Net sales	\$4,636,157	\$4,300,492
Net sales for the month of December were the largest for any December in the company's history.	\$18,431,632	\$17,678,535

The corporation has closed leases for additional stores in its chain at Elkhart, Ind., and South Bend, Ind. Other leases are in preparation.—V. 127, p. 3712.

**Hathaway Bakeries, Inc.—Proposed Acquisitions.**

According to a Boston dispatch the corporation will acquire for cash controlling interests in Wehle Baking Co., Inc., Rochester, N. Y., Wehle Brothers Baking Co., Milwaukee, Wis., and Wehle Baking Co., Youngstown, Ohio. To date, options have been taken on the entire interest in the Youngstown company and on 90% of the common stocks and 75% of the preferred stocks of the two first-named companies.

Financing of the acquisition will be effected through the issue of additional shares of Hathaway Bakeries, Inc., of which there are now out-

standing 15,000 shares of \$7 cumul. conv. pref. 30,000 shares of \$3 cumul. partic. class A and 125,000 shares of common class B stock. The last mentioned issue will be listed on the Boston Stock Exchange. A portion of proceeds will be employed, also, to construct additional plant facilities at Youngstown.—V. 127, p. 2693.

**Holdings Building (Bigelow Building Corp.) Minneapolis.—Bonds Offered.**

Peabody, Houghteling & Co., Chicago, are offering \$750,000 1st mtge. 6% serial gold bonds at par and int. except last maturity (Sept. 25 1940) which is offered at 99 and int.

Dated Sept. 25 1928; due in annual series 1930-1940. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Prin. & int. (M. & S.) payable at offices of Peabody, Houghteling & Co., Chicago. Red. upon 60 days' notice at 102 and int. on any int. date. Int. payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax net in excess of 2%. Certain State taxes payable to resident holders upon proper and timely application. First Minneapolis Trust Co., Minneapolis, trustee.

**Security.**—These bonds are the direct obligation of the Bigelow Building Corp. and are secured by closed first mortgage on a tract of land at the southwest corner of Second Avenue, South and Fourth Streets, Minneapolis Minn., together with the 12-story and basement, fireproof, reinforced concrete, brick and stone office building, occupying the entire land area, now being erected thereon.

The land and building upon completion have been valued by two independent appraisers thoroughly familiar with real estate values and rental conditions in Minneapolis conditions in Minneapolis. The following figures represent the lower of these appraisals: Land owned in fee, \$403,000; building (estimated cost, \$893,500; total, \$1,296,500.

**Earnings.**—Based on a careful estimate made by Edwin L. Somerville and Edward J. O'Brien of Minneapolis, income from the building will be as follows:  
Annual gross rental after due allowance for vacancies.....\$197,460  
Operating expenses, including taxes, insurance and maintenance..... 83,476

Net income.....\$113,984  
On this basis, therefore, the net income, available for interest and depreciation, will be over 2.5 times the maximum annual interest requirements for these bonds.

**Hupp Motor Car Corp.—Listing.**

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$2,550,000 additional common stock (par \$10) upon official notice of its issuance as follows: (a) 255,000 shares in the acquisition of all the assets of Chandler-Cleveland Motors Corp. and its subsidiary companies; (b) 255,000 shares in the acquisition of all the physical assets of Chandler-Cleveland Motors Corp. and the stocks of the subsidiary companies owned by Chandler-Cleveland Motors Corp.; (c) 175,000 shares in exchange for 350,000 shares of the preference stock of Chandler-Cleveland Motors Corp. and 80,000 shares in exchange for 280,000 shares of the common stock of Chandler-Cleveland Motors Corp., making the total amount applied for, 1,337,478.7 shares.

Comparative Consolidated Income Account 10 Months Ended Oct. 31 1928.	
Net sales	\$69,351,071
Cost of sales "Not incl. deprec. & Federal income taxes"	62,102,564
Operating income	\$7,248,507
Other income	1,308,896
Total income	\$8,557,403
Depreciation	393,226
Federal income taxes	979,702
Net income	\$7,184,481
Earnings per share on common stock	\$6.82
Earnings per share on com. stock after apply. Nov. 1 stk. div.	6.63

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.			
Oct. 31 '28.	Dec. 31 '27.	Oct. 31 '28.	Dec. 31 '27.
Assets—	\$	\$	\$
Land, buildings, mach'y, &c.	\$7,137,090	7,369,199	10,560,777
Investments	332,940	1,173,430	1,051,899
Good-will, trade names, &c.	1	1	1,695,670
Cash, U.S. cts., &c.	\$21,501,290	10,038,799	479,751
Accts. receivable	310,061	251,702	410,000
Inventory	5,769,235	5,142,292	264,019
Deferred charges	66,586	55,314	153,735
			111,182
			Res. unrealized prof capital assets..... 312,099
			Surplus..... 15,481,249
Total	\$35,717,203	\$24,030,739	\$35,117,203
x Land, \$661,017; buildings, \$6,318,307; machinery, \$2,076,231; equipment, \$2,303,943; furniture and fixtures, \$173,451; total, \$11,532,951; less reserve for depreciation, \$4,395,861.			\$24,030,739

**Plan Operative.**—Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co. and A. G. Becker & Co. as managers of the plan for exchange of Chandler-Cleveland Motors Corp. preference and common stock for the common stock of Hupp Motor Car Corp., announced that the plan has been declared operative.

The record date for the payment of 2 1/2% stock dividend and 50c. cash dividend on stock of Hupp Motor Corp., payable Feb. 1 has been changed from Jan. 15 to Jan. 21.

Additional deposits of preference stock and common stock of Chandler-Cleveland Motor Co. will be received until and including Jan. 21. The holders of certificates of deposit for preference stock and common stock of Chandler-Cleveland Motors of record Jan. 21, when the exchange of stock is made, will be entitled to receive in addition to the common stock of Hupp Motor called for by their certificates of deposit, the stock dividend and the cash dividend applicable to full shares of stock of Hupp Motor issued to them in exchange.—V. 128, p. 119.

**Income Producing Corp., New York.—New Director.**

William Kapp has been elected a director.—V. 127, p. 3100.

**Independence Indemnity Co., Phila.—Contract—Rights.**

Confirmation has been obtained of the execution of a contract between this company, its voting trustees and the Knickerbocker Equitable Securities Corp., the holding company of the Corroon & Reynolds insurance interests, whereby it is expected that Corroon & Reynolds, Inc., will join in the management and development of Independence Indemnity Co. The Independence company has offered 100,000 new shares to its stockholders, at \$25 per share. President Holland and the directors of Independence Indemnity Co. have joined in a recommendation to stockholders that their right to subscribe to these additional shares be waived to the end that the Corroon & Reynolds and associated interests may acquire the number of shares necessary to consummate the arrangement.

The proposed refinancing when completed will provide substantial reserves for the payment of potential losses and contingencies and for the development of the future business of the company in a sound and progressive manner, it was stated.

If the proposed arrangement is consummated, the directors, with the concurrence of the new interests, are of the opinion that the company should not pay any further dividends until consistent earning power has been demonstrated.

The negotiations for the purchase of this stock were carried on through the office of S. H. & Lee J. Wolfe, Lee J. Wolfe acting as intermediary.—V. 126, p. 3459.

**Industrial Banking Corp. of America.—Pref. Stock Offered.**

National Management Corp., New York, is offering 40,000 shares 6% cumulative convertible preference stock at par (\$50 per share).

Transfer agent, Bank of the Manhattan Co. Registrar, Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. Preferred as to assets in the event of involuntary dissolution or liquidation up to \$50 per share and divs. Preferred as to divs., cumulative at the rate of 6% per annum, payable semi-annually. Convertible into common stock, class A, at any time up to and incl. Jan. 1 1935, share for share. Callable at any time after Jan. 1 1935 at \$55 per share, plus dividends.

Capitalization Authorized.

Cumulative preference stock (par \$50)----- 40,000 shs.  
Common stock, class A (no par)----- 50,000 shs.  
Common stock, class B (no par)----- 10,000 shs.  
a Of the class A common stock, 40,000 shares have been reserved for the conversion of the preference stock. b All of the class B common stock has been subscribed for by the officers and directors of the corporation.  
**Business.**—Corporation has been organized, under the laws of Maryland, for the purpose (besides others) of holding, buying, selling and trading in securities and stocks of companies engaged in industrial banking, but is not by its charter powers limited to such investments. While the corporation has unrestricted power to buy and sell, its primary purpose is to make permanent investments in industrial loan banks and companies, in the various states, and in many cases these investments will represent a control of the voting stocks.  
Through its affiliation with National Management Corp., New York, corporation is also interested in organizing industrial banks and loan companies, over the operations of which National Management Corp. exercises general supervision; thus ensuring uniformity of operation and efficiency of management.  
Also, through its subsidiary, National Management Corp., Industrial Banking Corp. of America undertakes to furnish to such industrial loan banks and companies facilities for the rediscount of their notes receivable where the demand for loans exceeds their own respective capital resources.  
**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used to organize and invest in new industrial loan banks and companies; to purchase stocks of such banks and companies already in profitable operation; and for other corporate purposes.  
**Directors.**—James V. Barry, Thomas B. Boss, Benjamin S. Catts, Ellis P. Earle, William A. Gray, Edgar F. Hazleton, James A. Hoyt, H. R. Johnston, Stuart G. Johnstone, Raymond E. Jones, Col. Hugh A. Kelly, Fred E. Linder, Wallace T. Stock, Samuel M. Stone, Albert T. Tamblin, Harrell S. Tenney and John T. Whalen.

**International Combustion Engineering Corp.—Subsidiary's Name Changed.**  
The corporation announces that its subsidiary, the F. J. Lewis Mfg. Co., producers of coal tar products since 1887, will henceforth be known as the International Combustion Tar & Chemical Corp. Extensions and improvements to manufacturing facilities, which will permit production of the highest quality on an efficient basis, are now under way. The large tar requirements of the company's six plants will be met in part by low temperature tar produced by the low temperature coal carbonization plants now being built by the parent company. The first of these, which will be rated as the largest of its kind in the world, will shortly be placed in operation at New Brunswick, N. J.  
In announcing the change of name, President George E. Larnard stated that this move indicates a closer linking together of the organization's activities, following the basic principles underlying the business. It is not generally known that coal distillation now results in large quantities of moth balls, road tar, disinfectants and a substance which is replacing basic metals for numerous kinds of molded products.—V. 127, p. 3712.

**International Nickel Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Preferred Issue Approved.**  
The shareholders on Jan. 3 approved the issue of 3,750,000 new shares of 7% pref. stock with a par value of \$5 a share. The new issue will be used to carry out a part of the exchange of stock called for by the International-Mond merger arrangements. One share of International Nickel common will be exchanged for one common share of Mond and one share of Nickel pref. stock (new) for one share of Mond pref. of £1 par value. A cash payment of 2s. 6d. will be made for Mond's 1st 7% cum. pref. stock. The time for deposit of the Mond shares expires on Jan. 18.  
An initial quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% has been declared on the new Nickel 7% pref. stock payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 18.—V. 128, p. 120.

**International Safety Razor Corp.—Earnings.**  
Earnings 11 Months Ended Nov. 30 1928.  
Gross profits-----\$604,794  
Reserve for depreciation----- 12,740  
Reserve for Federal income taxes----- 70,046  
Available for distribution-----\$522,007  
—V. 127, p. 2966.

**International Securities Corp. of America.—Stock Offered.**—American Founders Corp. and Bond & Goodwin, Inc. are offering a block of allotment certificates representing units of cumulative preferred shares, 6% Series and Class A common stock. The units are priced at \$153 each, and consist of one share of 6% preferred stock, \$100 par value and one share of Class A common stock. The allotment certificates may be exchanged for common and preferred certificates on Jan. 1 1931 or earlier at the option of International Securities Corp. The offering of securities does not represent new financing on the part of the company.  
**Increases Dividend Rate on Class A Common Stock.**  
The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the class "A" common shares, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 15. The stock is thus placed on an annual dividend basis of \$3, as compared with a previous annual rate of \$2.20. The regular preferred dividends were declared.

Earnings Years Ended Nov. 30.		1928.	1927.
Income from int., divs. & realized invest. profits		\$6,081,737	\$4,105,681
Operating expenses		376,752	262,748
Operating income		\$5,704,985	\$3,842,933
Interest, incl. amortization of discount		1,536,703	596,845
Taxes		743,848	426,080
Net income		\$3,672,056	\$2,820,008
Pref. dividend		1,382,099	944,702
Class A com. div.		300,033	595,559
Class B com. div.		300,033	150,000
Balance, surplus		\$1,246,076	\$1,129,747
Reduction of bond int. res.		Cr. 146,972	
Approp. for pref. div. res.		304,616	219,730
Approp. for bond int. res.			117,464
Balance to undivided profits		\$1,088,431	\$792,552

Balance Sheet November 30.		1928.	1927.
<b>Assets—</b>			
Investments		\$54,175,492	\$40,056,273
Securities sold but not del.		930,757	20,709
Cash & call loans		10,138,295	5,086,576
Accrued interest & items in course of collection		877,226	754,413
Unmort. debt dis. & exp., & def'd charges		2,951,694	1,626,404
Total		\$69,073,463	\$47,544,376
<b>Liabilities—</b>			
Cum. pref. stock (\$100 par)		\$23,923,800	\$20,054,200
Common class A (no par)		6,325,049	5,725,049
Common class B (no par), 60,000 shares		2,222,220	2,222,220
5% gold debentures		31,000,000	15,000,000
Secured gold bonds		985,300	1,432,700
Due for sec. purch. not rec.		121,210	16,558
Accrued taxes & expenses		545,815	485,851
Miscellaneous res.		952,020	794,375
Surplus		2,998,049	1,813,422
Total		\$69,073,463	\$47,544,376

x Cash including proceeds of new financing. y Comprising 114 shares 7% series; 174,793 shares 6% series; 64,331 shares 6 1/2% series; total 239,238 shares. z Represented by 341,859 shares.

**Intertype Corp., Brooklyn, N. Y.—Extra Dividend.**  
The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents on the common stock, both payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 1. Extras of like amount were paid in cash in Feb. and Aug. since and incl. 1924, and in addition a 10% stock div. was paid on Nov. 17 1924 on the common stock. V. 127, p. 2240.

**Investment Managers Co.—Report.**  
A preliminary statement of income covering the operation of Investment Trust Fund A for the year 1928 has just been issued. The figures are subject to revision and restatement in connection with the annual audit. The aggregate net value per 100 shares represented by Investment Trust Certificates, series A, outstanding Dec. 31 1927, was \$1,244.53. At Dec. 31 1928 it was \$1,393.09.

Investment Trust Fund and Comparative Statement of Income.  
[Figures for year ended Dec. 31 1928, subject to Annual Audit.]

Cal. Yrs.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Income	\$2,152,325 14.83%	\$1,478,139 12.76%	\$ 686,845 9.78%
Mgt. charges	82,963 .57%	66,855 .58%	39,954 .57%
Net inc.	\$2,069,361 14.26%	\$1,411,284 12.18%	\$ 646,890 9.21%
Dist'n's:			
At rate of 5% p.a. on face value	\$725,430 4.00%	\$579,185 5.00%	\$350,959 5.00%
Extra (est. prov.)	94,500 .65%	98,000 .84%	40,000 .57%
Balance	\$1,249,431 9.61%	\$734,099 6.34%	\$255,931 3.64%
Less pay. in respect of undist. inc. applic. to cfs. red.	462,815 3.19%	87,753 .76%	1,770 .02%
Balance	\$786,616 6.42%	\$646,345 5.58%	\$254,161 3.62%
Deduct:			
Pay. in resp. offn. real. b. apprec. in mkt. val. of sec. applic. to cfs. red.	272,575 1.88%	(b)	(a)
Undis. inc.	\$514,040 3.54%	\$646,345 5.58%	\$254,161 3.62%

a Reflected in (cost of) securities owned. b Carried, as at Dec. 31 1927, as a deferred charge to future income; charged off in 1928.

The percentage figures above rates % per annum on the average face value of certificates outstanding during the respective periods. It should, therefore, be borne clearly in mind that these percentages relate only to a theoretical average certificate.  
Inasmuch as Investment Trust Certificates, series A, may be issued on any business day, the proportionate part in the net income of the fund applicable to one certificate will differ from that applicable to another certificate issued as of a different date, even though their face values be the same, by reason of the dissimilar periods during which the respective certificates will have been outstanding, and for that same reason may represent a higher or lower rate % per annum upon face value than is shown by the above stated percentages.  
Unrealized profits in securities owned, not reflected in the above, amounted as at Dec. 31 1928 to \$1,380,229 or to \$109.94 per 100 shares in the fund.—V. 126, p. 3459; V. 127, p. 2966.

**Investment Trust of New York, Inc.—New President.**  
A. H. Scoville, formerly Vice President of the Union Trust Co. of Cleveland, has been elected President, succeeding James H. Lang. At the same time R. V. Mitchell, head of R. V. Mitchell & Co. of Cleveland, has been elected a director of the company and will become associated with its management.—V. 127, p. 1956.

**(Byron) Jackson Pump Co.—Listing.—Acquisitions.**  
In connection with the listing on the Los Angeles Stock Exchange of 168,000 shares of common stock of no par value, the listing circular states: In Aug. 1928, the properties of the Rotary Disc Bit Co., the Rotary Disc Bit Co. Inc., Petroleum Engineering Corp., U. S. Tool Co., and Craig Oil Tool Co. were acquired, and also the outstanding stock of the Wilson & Willard Mfg. Co. and Wilson Oil Tools Corp. In addition to manufacturing centrifugal pumps, in the future the company will also manufacture bits and other tools used in connection with the drilling of oil wells.  
The manufacturing establishments of the present company are located at Berkeley, Los Angeles and Visalia, Calif. The company owns 7 1/2 acres in Berkeley, located at the West end of Carlton St.; three acres of land in Los Angeles; and two acres of land in Visalia. All of this property is owned in fee. The buildings are all factory buildings adjusted to the manufacture of pumps and pumping supplies. The company also owns certain real property acquired from the Rotary Disc Bit Co.; this, however, will in the future be non-operating property.  
All of the Capital Stock of the Byron Jackson Pump Mfg. Co. of Texas is owned by the Byron Jackson Pump Co. The Texas corporation was organized and is kept in existence due to the complications arising when the former attempt to do business in Texas.  
Gross sales of Byron Jackson Pump Co. and its predecessors for the last five years have been approximately as follows: 1923, \$3,345,031; 1924, \$3,023,469; 1925, \$2,835,737; 1926, \$5,320,267; 1927, \$5,100,422. For the year ended Dec. 31 1928, the gross sales are estimated at \$6,000,000. The company has approximately 500 employees.—V. 128, p. 120.

**Jaeger Machine Co., Columbus, Ohio.—Extra Cash and Stock Dividends—Acquisition Approved.**  
The directors have declared a 6 1/4% stock dividend and an extra cash dividend of \$2.50 per share on the capital stock (no par value), both payable Jan. 28 to holders of record Jan. 18.  
The stockholders on Jan. 18 increased the authorized no par value stock from 100,000 shares to 200,000 shares, and (b) approved a proposal to acquire all the property and assets of the Lakewood Engineering Co. of Lakewood, Ohio, and the issuance thereof of not to exceed 49,500 shares of no par value stock of the company. See also V. 127, p. 3551.

**Justice Credit Corp., New York.—Stock Offered.**—An issue of 1,000 shares capital stock (par \$100) is being offered for public subscription by the corporation with offices at 420 Lexington Ave., N. Y. City.

All of the 3,000 shares capital stock of the corporation has been subscribed for by the incorporators and their friends but it is believed that the interests of the corporation will be best served by a broader distribution of ownership; it has been determined therefore, to make an offering of one-third of the entire issue. The 1,000 shares to be released by the incorporators for this purpose is being offered at a price identical with that paid by them, viz., \$190 a share.  
The terms of the offering require that subscriptions be accompanied by 25% of the purchase price and the balance upon call not later than 10 days thereafter.  
Of the subscription price of \$190 per share \$100 per share will be applied to capital and \$66.66 2-3 per share to surplus. The remainder will be allocated to a special reserve fund controlled by the organizers from which all costs and expenses of the organization of a banking office will be paid. These expenses will include such large banking equipment as vaults, safes, office furniture, &c. All of such fund not so expended will be turned over to the company and set up as a special reserve available for contingencies at the discretion of the directors. The entire capital and surplus will thus be free for investment as earning assets.  
The corporation whose principal business is industrial banking will open for business about Feb. 1 1929. Temporary offices are at Suite 1758, Graybar Building, 420 Lexington Ave., New York City.  
The incorporators who will constitute the board of directors are Karl T. Frederick, Frank Lord, John H. Marchmont, Luther G. McConnell, Clarence G. Michalis, Robert E. Miller, John B. Niven, D. Basil O'Connor, Willard U. Taylor.

(Julius) Kayser & Co.—Merger Denied.—

Henry L. Van Praag, Vice-President and General Manager, made absolute denial of a report that this company and the Gotham Silk Hosiery Co. have any plans looking toward a merger.—V. 127, p. 3713.

Kelvinator Corp. (& Subs.).—Annual Report.—

Table with columns: Period, Year Ended (Sept. 30 '28, '29, '30), 9 Mos. End. (Sept. 30 '26, '27, '28). Rows include Net sales, Cost of sales, Selling, adv. & admin. expenses, Operating profits, Other deductions (net), Profit before int. & Federal taxes, Interest, Provision for Federal taxes (est.), Amt. applicable to min. stockholders, Net loss.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

Table with columns: 1928, 1927, 1928, 1927. Rows include Assets (Cash, Notes, Inventories, etc.), Liabilities (Capita stock, Accounts payable, etc.), and Totals for each side.

a Paid-in value, including that of shares subscribed but not issued.—Authorized, 2,000,000 shares; issued, 1,126,820 shares; unconverted scrip, 873 shares. b After deducting allowance for doubtful accounts and for quantity discounts. c After deducting allowance for depreciation.—V. 127, p. 3408.

Kings County Real Estate Corp., Brooklyn, N. Y.—Initial Preferred Dividend.—

The directors have announced that the first dividend on the pref. stock has been declared. Announcement was made in connection with the annual meeting and two special meetings of stockholders to be held Jan. 15. The dividend declaration calls for a payment at the rate of 7% per annum on all pref. stock issued prior to July 15 1926, from the date of issuance of each share to July 15 1926, and thereafter at the rate of 3 1/2% per annum to Jan. 15 1927. On all pref. stock issued after July 15 1926 and prior to Jan. 15 1927, a dividend at the rate of 3 1/2% per annum from the date of issuance of each share to Jan. 15 1927, will be paid. The dividends are payable on Jan. 15 to holders of record Dec. 31. At one special meeting stockholders will be asked to approve a reduction in the number of directors from 18 to 15, and at another they will be asked to appoint three persons to consent for stockholders to the mortgaging of properties of the company.

Kinnear Stores Co.—Proposed Consolidation with National Bellas Hess Co.—

The stockholders' committee, consisting of Erle S. Kinnear (President of Kinnear Stores Co.), Chairman, Noble Crandall (of George H. Burr & Co.), and J. W. Stephenson (a director of Kinnear Stores Co.), with S. R. Harley as Secretary, in a letter to the holders of 8% cumul. convertible pref. stock, series A, and common stock, says:

Deeming it to the advantage of all stockholders and for the best interests of the company, the holders of substantial amounts of 8% cumul. conv. pref. stock, series "A," and common stock, including the President and Vice-President and a majority of the directors, have entered into an agreement, dated Jan. 3, with National Bellas Hess Co., Inc., contemplating the exchange of common stock of the Kinnear Stores Co. for common stock of National Bellas Hess Co., Inc. This exchange is planned on a basis of one share of National common stock for each five shares of Kinnear common stock, or, in the event that prior to the consummation of the plan, the National Co. subdivides its outstanding shares of common stock into three times the present number, on a basis of three shares of National common stock for each five shares of Kinnear common stock. The committee are informed that National Bellas Hess Co., Inc. has already proposed such subdivision to its stockholders.

Should the plan become operative, Erle S. Kinnear will continue his association with the enterprise in an important executive capacity. George H. Burr & Co., who originally offered and are holders of substantial amounts of both classes of stock of the Kinnear company and have taken an active part in the negotiations leading up to said agreement, have approved and agreed to the plan, and join with the committee of stockholders composed of Erle S. Kinnear, Noble Crandall and J. W. Stephenson (who have been named to act under a deposit agreement to effectuate the plan), in inviting and advising all holders of both 8% cumul. conv. pref. stock, series "A," and common stock of the Kinnear company to deposit their stock under the plan.

Holders of 8% cumul. conv. pref. stock, series "A," who deposit their stock under the plan will not thereby lose their right of converting their stock into certificates of deposit for common stock of the Kinnear company upon the present basis of 3 1/2 shares of common for each share of 8% cumul. convertible preferred stock, series "A."

Holders of 8% cumul. conv. pref. stock, series "A," and of common stock of the Kinnear company desiring to make this exchange should immediately deliver, or forward by registered mail insured, their stock certificates to Bankers Trust Co., Re-organization Dept., 16 Wall St., New York City.

The committee will endeavor to arrange an immediate market in these certificates of deposit for both classes of stock, and application will be immediately made for the admission of the certificates of deposit for com. stock to trading privileges upon the New York Curb Market.

The agreement with National Bellas Hess Co., Inc. provides, in effect, that said company may withdraw its offer unless at least 85% of the com. stock of the Kinnear company outstanding or to be outstanding shall have been deposited under the plan. In order, therefore, that the benefits of the plan may be realized, it is urgently requested that stock be deposited immediately, and in an amount on or before Jan. 21 1929.

The Bankers Trust Co. is depositary; the Chase National Bank, of the City of New York, registrar; Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, counsel.

Table with columns: 1928—Dec.—1927, Increase, 1928—12 Mos.—1927, Increase. Rows include Net sales, Cost of sales, Selling, adv. & admin. expenses, Operating profits, Other deductions (net), Profit before int. & Federal taxes, Interest, Provision for Federal taxes (est.), Amt. applicable to min. stockholders, Net loss.

(G. R.) Kinney Co., Inc.—Sales.—

1928.—Dec.—1927. Increase. 1928—12 Mos.—1927. Increase. \$2,603,379 \$2,582,586 \$20,803 \$19,237,603 \$17,667,077 \$1,570,526 —V. 127, p. 3257.

(A. A.) Kirschbaum Co.—Pref. Stock Redeemed.—

The Philadelphia Stock Exchange has stricken from the regular list the 7% cumul. pref. stock, which has been redeemed.—V. 127, p. 1685.

Kirsch Co., Sturges, Mich.—Offering Oversubscribed.—

Offering of 50,000 shares of convertible preference stock of the company at \$28 per share by Baker, Simonds & Co., Inc., was heavily oversubscribed. Convertible preference and no par common stocks were this week listed and admitted to trading on the Chicago Stock Exchange. These securities are now listed on both the Detroit and Chicago Stock Exchanges.—V. 128, p. 121.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—Sales.—

Table with columns: 1928—December—1927, Increase, 1928—12 Mos.—1927, Increase. Rows include Net sales, Cost of sales, Selling, adv. & admin. expenses, Operating profits, Other deductions (net), Profit before int. & Federal taxes, Interest, Provision for Federal taxes (est.), Amt. applicable to min. stockholders, Net loss.

(S. H.) Kress & Co.—Sales.—

Table with columns: 1928—Dec.—1927, Increase, 1928—12 Mos.—1927, Increase. Rows include Net sales, Cost of sales, Selling, adv. & admin. expenses, Operating profits, Other deductions (net), Profit before int. & Federal taxes, Interest, Provision for Federal taxes (est.), Amt. applicable to min. stockholders, Net loss.

Kroger Grocery & Baking Co.—Sales—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 83,071 additional shares of common stock without par value, on official notice of issuance, in exchange for the 100,000 outstanding shares of the common stock without par value of Consumers Sanitary Coffee & Butter Stores, and the assets and businesses of Piggly Wiggly Ellis Co. and Three Rivers Grocery Co., making the total amount applied for to date 1,631,516 shares. Consumers Sanitary Coffee & Butter Stores was incorporated in 1901 in Illinois. Company at the present time is operating 297 stores in and around the City of Chicago. It owns a warehouse and bakery in Chicago containing 250,000 square feet of floor space. This investment represents approximately \$1,000,000. As shown on the balance sheet of Oct. 31 1928, the outstanding preferred and common stocks of the company as of that date were capitalized respectively at \$365,350 and \$943,934.

Piggly Wiggly Ellis Co. was incorporated on Dec. 29 1927 in Indiana, with an authorized capital stock of \$100,000 of 7% cum. pref. stock and 5,000 shares of common stock without par value, of which there are issued and outstanding 550 shares of preferred stock and 200 shares of common stock. Company has eight stores in the City of Indianapolis, all of which are operated on leased premises.

Three Rivers Grocery Co. was incorporated on Sept. 1 1927 in Indiana. The total authorized capital stock consist of 500 shares of 7% cum. pref. stock and 250 shares of common stock without par value. As of Oct. 21 1928 there were issued and outstanding 440 shares of preferred stock and 250 shares of common stock. This company is operating in Fort Wayne, Ind.—V. 127, p. 3551.

Lakewood (Ohio) Engineering Co.—Sale.—

See Jaeger Machine Co. above.—V. 127, p. 3552.

Lambert Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 90,656 additional shares of common stock (no par value) upon official notice of issuance, making the total amount applied for 571,906 shares.

The directors on Dec. 27 1928 authorized the issue of the 90,656 additional shares of common stock and the payment of \$158,648 in cash, as consideration for the acquisition by the company of 91,652 shares of the capital stock of Lambert Pharmaceutical Co. (par \$1 each).

Lambert Pharmaceutical Co. is a Delaware corporation with a capital consisting of 678,000 authorized and outstanding shares of stock of the par value of \$1 each, of which the Lambert company in Dec. 1927 owned 437,875 shares, or approximately 64.5%. In Dec. 1928, 120,313 additional shares were purchased by the Lambert company. Upon the acquisition of the 91,652 additional shares above referred to, the Lambert company will own 649,750 shares, or approximately 95.8% of the capital stock of Lambert Pharmaceutical Co.

Offering to Stockholders Underwritten.—

The directors announce an offering to stockholders of 127,090 shares of new capital stock at \$105 per share at the rate of two additional shares for each nine shares held at the close of business on Jan. 21 1929. As a result of recent acquisitions of additional shares of Lambert Pharmaceutical Co., capital stock, the Lambert Co. now owns more than 95% of the outstanding capital stock of Lambert Pharmaceutical Co. Arrangements have been made with Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Bond & Goodwin, Inc., for the underwriting of the offering of these additional shares.

Table with columns: Earnings 9 Months Ended Sept. 30 1928. Rows include Net earnings, Depreciation, Federal and state income taxes (estimated), Net profit, Net profit applicable to minority interest, Net profit applic. to stock of subs. owned by Lambert Co., Capital and surplus, beginning of period, Sundry adjustments (net), Total surplus, Dividends, Surplus, end of period, Earnings per share on 481,250 shares stock.

Pro Forma Consolidated Balance Sheet September 30 1928.

After giving effect to the following transaction not then consummated: Acquisition by Lambert Co. of 91,562 add'l shares of Lambert Pharmaceutical Co. capital stock in consideration for 90,656 shares of capital stock of Lambert Co., and \$158,648 cash but not incl. the purchase in Dec. 1928 of 120,313 shares of Lambert Pharmaceutical Co. cap. stock by Lambert Co.]

Table with columns: Assets, Liabilities. Rows include Cash, Accts. receiv., cust. (less res.), Inventories, Land, bldgs., mach. & equip., Investments, foreign branches and agencies, Other assets, Prepaid adv. & sundry exp., Deferred charges, Goodwill & trade name, Accounts payable, Res. for estimated Federal & state income taxes, Lambert Pharmaceutical Co., represented by 148,563 shares of capital stock (par \$1), Capital stock, Surplus.

x After allowance for depreciation of \$196,772. y Represented by 571,906 no par shares.—V. 127, p. 3408.

Lambert Pharmaceutical Co.—Lambert Co. Owns 95.8% of Capital Stock.—

See Lambert Co. above.—V. 125, p. 3207.

Lane Bryant, Inc. (& Sub.)—Earnings.—

Table with columns: 6 Months Ended Nov. 30—, 1928, 1927. Rows include Net sales, Cost of sales, operat., admin. & selling exp., Operating profit, Dividends received, Total income, Provision for Federal income tax, Net income, Preferred dividends.

Balance available for common stock—\$314,318 \$101,990 Earnings per share on 76,167 shares of com. stock—\$4.13 \$1.34 The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent for 6,000 additional shares of common stock, no par value. (See V. 126, p. 3460).—V. 127, p. 3409.

Lawbeck Corp.—Establishes New York Office.—

An important step by Wall Street banking interests which, it is expected, will result in reductions in the cost of financing for New York builders, has been announced by the Lawbeck Corp., which has established offices at 15 Broad Street.

It was stated that the new corporation, which was formed by A. G. Becker & Co., and Lawrence Stern & Co., New York and Chicago investment bankers (see offering of stocks in V. 127, p. 2543) will engage in the extension of short-term credit, at moderate rates, on construction projects which, upon completion, would be suitable for permanent financing by insurance companies and other investing institutions.

Ralph D. Kaufman, Vice-President and New York Manager of the corporation, said that he believed the corporation was the first instance of a large and well-financed organization especially formed to undertake this service to builders. He stated that upwards of \$50,000,000 would be available during 1929 for the carrying out of this short-term financing plan in the metropolitan district. It is believed that the larger part of this sum will go toward the more outstanding type of building operation, representing amounts larger than could be readily obtained through other channels of short-term financing.

"Our plan," said Mr. Kaufman, "represents what we believe to be an important progressive step toward further reducing the cost of building financing. There have been marked improvements recently in the reduction of costs for long-term realty financing, but builders with well-located properties have at certain times found themselves without adequate means of obtaining temporary loans at moderate costs for projects which, upon completion, would be suitable for insurance company loans. The source for such funds has been intermittent, and those making such loans have been frequently out of the market. Therefore, the builder has often been compelled to resort to a long-term construction bond issue, paying liberal commissions and interest charges on unused funds during the construction stage."

The new corporation is under the direct management and supervision Lawrence Stern & Co.—V. 127, p. 2967.

**Lawyers Mortgage Co., N. Y.—Mtge. Cfs. Offered.—**

The company is offering a total of \$1,330,000 of 5 1/2% guaranteed mtge. certificates, secured and maturing as follows: (a) \$400,000, secured by land and building at Pinehurst Ave., west of 181st St., Manhattan, total valuation \$600,000, matures Mar. 1 1934; (b) \$400,000, secured by land and building at Montgomery St., Brooklyn, N. Y., total valuation \$600,000, matures Oct. 1 1933; (c) \$270,000, secured by land and building on Guerlain St. and Beach Ave., Bronx, New York, total valuation \$405,000, matures April 15 1934; (d) \$260,000, secured by land and building on Frankling Ave. and 168th St., Bronx, New York, total valuation \$390,000, matures April 15 1934.—V. 127, p. 3713.

**Lehigh Portland Cement Co.—Annual Report.—**

	1928.	1927.
Sales, less discounts, allowances, etc.	\$23,522,906	\$27,647,843
Manufacturing & shipping cost	13,108,687	16,701,564
Prov. for deprec., obsolescence & accr. renewals	2,271,848	2,222,740
Selling, administrative & general expenses	3,866,982	4,221,719
Net profit from operations	4,275,389	4,496,820
Miscellaneous income	405,319	274,148
Total income	\$4,680,709	\$4,770,969
Prov. for Federal income taxes	556,318	652,125
Net income carried to surplus account	\$4,124,391	\$4,118,844
Earns. per sh. on 450,348 shs. com. stk. (par \$50)	\$5.79	\$5.64

**Surplus Account November 30 1928.**

Balance at November 30 1927	\$29,123,004
Net income for the year 1928 (as above)	4,124,391
Adjust. of unrealized apprec. for stone removed	21,486
Total surplus	\$33,268,880
Div. on com. stock paid in 7% cum. pref. stock	22,517,400
Applicable to stock in treasury	Cr. 24,100
Preferred dividends	1,537,433
Common dividends	842,025
Prem. paid on 8,207 shares of 7% cumul. pref. stock retired	71,992
Surplus carried to bal. sheet	\$8,324,131

**Comparative Balance Sheet Nov. 30.**

	1928.		1927.	
	Assets—	Liabilities—	Assets—	Liabilities—
Land, build., mach & equip	\$30,326,321	\$21,696,700	\$32,009,712	\$22,517,400
Mineral deposits, less deplet.	1,729,808	775,059	1,676,699	672,947
Invest. in & adv. to affil. cos. & subs. not consol.	3,114,481	316,952	3,024,619	357,183
Workmen's compen. ins. fund invest. in U. S. Govern. oblig.	314,729	556,318	204,482	652,125
Treasury stock—com. at par	30,750	662,137	23,500	562,935
Miscell. stocks & bonds	107,520	226,813	123,379	332,694
Cash	5,057,285	429,161	5,527,034	450,646
Demand loans	2,500,000	429,161	4,000,000	450,646
Liberty loan bonds & U. S. Treas. certificates	5,158,500	8,324,131	258,550	29,123,004
Work funds & adv.	166,191		188,817	
Accts. & bills rec., less res. for disc. & doubt. accts.	1,745,377		1,711,269	
Inventories	4,645,452		5,281,255	
Unabsorbed stripping chgs., &c.	1,041,282		1,020,367	
Prepaid insurance	56,638		57,105	
Tot. (each side)	\$55,994,335	\$55,994,335	\$55,106,789	\$55,106,789

**Lehigh Valley Coal Co.—New Company.—**

See Lehigh Valley Coal Corp. below.—V. 128, p. 112.

**Lehigh Valley Coal Corp.—Organized.**—The corporation has been incorporated with capitalization of 1,447,394 shares of stock without par value and 235,234 shares of pref. stock of \$50 par value, under the plan and agreement for the unification of the businesses of the Lehigh Valley Coal Co. and Lehigh Valley Coal Sales Co., according to a statement issued by the committee of which Thomas W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Co. is Chairman.

The committee states that over 89% of the certificates of interest of the Lehigh Valley Coal Co. and over 89% of the stock of Lehigh Valley Coal Sales Co. have been deposited in assent to the plan and agreement.

Under the control of the new corporation, Lehigh Valley Coal Corp., this unification brings together the Lehigh Valley Coal Co., which for years has been the only large anthracite mining company without a selling organization, either of its own or under contract, and Lehigh Valley Coal Sales Co., which for years has been the only nationwide anthracite selling organization without sources of supply, either of its own or under contract.

The President of the newly organized Lehigh Valley Coal Corp. is Richard F. Grant, formerly Vice-President of the M. A. Hanna Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, and President of the Susquehanna Collieries Co., and, in 1924 and 1925, President of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. John M. Humphrey, President of the Lehigh Valley Coal Co., and George N. Wilson, President of Lehigh Valley Coal Sales Co., have been elected Vice-Presidents, and William J. Burton, Secretary of Lehigh Valley Coal Sales Co., has been elected Sec. & Treas. The following directors also have been elected: Thomas W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Co.; Paul Moore; George N. Wilson; Theodore S. Barber; William H. Conyngham; John M. Humphrey and Richard F. Grant.

All holders of certificates of deposit issued under the plan and agreement are requested by the committee to forward their certificates of deposit to J. P. Morgan & Co. on and after Jan. 29 1929, to be exchanged for the shares in the new corporation. Application will be made to the New York Stock Exchange for the listing of the stock without par value and preferred stock of Lehigh Valley Coal Corp., which will be issued to all depositors under the plan.

The committee announces that, in order to effect the exchange of stock, the books of the committee for the transfer of certificates of deposit shall be permanently closed against the making of transfers on and after the close of business on Jan. 16 1929.

Certificates of interest and stock not yet deposited will be received up to and including Jan. 31 1929 by J. P. Morgan & Co., New York City; Girard Trust Co. of Philadelphia, and Miners Bank of Wilkes-Barre, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. For all such deposits non-negotiable receipts will be issued in exchange for which certificates for shares of Lehigh Valley Coal Corp., the new corporation, will be issued when ready for delivery on the same basis of exchange as provided in respect of depositors under the plan and agreement.—V. 127, p. 693.

**Lehigh Valley Coal Sales Co.—New Company.—**  
See Lehigh Valley Coal Corp. above.—V. 127, p. 2100

**Liquid Carbonic Corp.—Acquisition.—**

The corporation has acquired the business of the O. & J. Machine Co., of Worcester, Mass., the largest manufacturer of bottle labeling machines in the world. Acquisition of the property, according to the management, fits in well in rounding out the business of the parent organization. The O. & J. Machine Co., which does a large business in the export field, will in the future be operated as a division of the Liquid Carbonic Corp., thus completing its line of bottling machinery. The acquisition involves no public financing as payment is being made out of surplus funds of Liquid Carbonic Corporation.—V. 127, p. 3713.

**McCrorry Stores Corp.—Sales.—**

1928—December	1927.	Increase.	1928—12 Mos.	1927.	Increase.
\$7,215,955	\$6,857,307	\$358,648	\$41,103,418	\$39,336,101	\$1,767,317

—V. 127, p. 3258.

**McGraw-Hill Publishing Co.—Stock Sold.**—Common stock of the company, the leading company in the field of business journalism, was made available to the public for the first time Jan. 7 when Goldman, Sachs & Co. offered at \$41.75 a share 60,000 shares common stock. The financing which is designed to create a broader market for the stock, until now held exclusively by the executives and employees of the business, will not result in any change in control, management or policies of the McGraw-Hill organization.

The bankers announce that because of the limited number of shares available and the great demand for the stock, the offering was made on the basis of firm allotments to dealers. Transfer agent, Bankers Trust Co., New York.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
6% preferred stock (par \$50 per share)	150,000 shs.	none*
Common stock (no par value)	600,000 shs.	600,000 shs.

\* All that have been issued have been reacquired by the company.  
Listing.—Company has agreed to make application to list its common stock on the New York Stock Exchange.

**Data from Letter of James H. McGraw, Chairman of the Board.**

**History and Properties.**—Company is a New York corporation, successor to the McGraw Publishing Co. founded in 1899 and the Hill Publishing Co. founded in 1902, whose merger in 1917 combined a group of nine well-established engineering, industrial and business publications. The further expansion of the company, through the purchase and creation of additional properties, has brought together 24 publications. Company has always enjoyed the leading position in the field of business journalism.

The company and its subsidiaries now publish the following papers, including those recently acquired from A. W. Shaw Co.

Weeklies—	Est.	Monthlies—	Est.
American Machinist	1877	Magazine of Business	1900
American Machinist (Europ. Edit.)	1899	Bus. Transportation	1922
Electric Railway Journal	1894	Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering	1902
Electrical World	1872	Coal Age	1881
Engineering and Mining Journal	1866	Construction Methods	1919
Engineering News Record	1874	Electrical Merchandising	1907
Power	1882	Electrical West	1887
Textile World	1868	Factory and Industrial Management	1891
Quarterly—	Est.	Food Industries	1928
Harvard Business Review*	1922	Industrial Engineering	1882
		Radio Retailing System	1900

\* Published without profit for the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration.

In addition, through an associated company which is owned jointly by the company and United Publishers Corp., there are published three monthlies for circulation in foreign countries, "The American Automobile," "Ingenieria Internacional" and "El Automovil Americano". In association with its papers, the company publishes 12 catalogs and directories as a collateral service to the industries served by its papers and it furnishes an extensive list and mailing service. The McGraw-Hill Book Co., in which the company owns a substantial majority interest including all of the voting stock, is the largest publisher of technical, scientific and business books in the world; it also continues the book business of A. W. Shaw Co. This is a logical supplement to its magazine publishing. By putting into the form of a permanent record the best current thought and experience, it renders a far reaching service to industry and business. Company owns a one-half interest in Newton Falls Paper Co., Inc., which furnishes its magazine paper requirements.

More than 600,000 industrialists, engineers and business executives subscribe regularly to the company's publications, exclusive of its books, catalogs and directories; there are more than 5,000 advertisers using these papers.

The main office and publishing house of the company are located in its own 14-story building in New York City, which contains every modern facility for printing, binding and the complete publishing operation, all within the company's control. Branch offices are maintained in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Washington, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco and London. The Chicago office, including the activities of the recently acquired properties of A. W. Shaw Co., will shortly move into a new McGraw-Hill Building on Michigan Boulevard. One paper is published in London, one in San Francisco and five in Chicago.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds from the sale of these shares of common stock have been used in connection with the acquisition or redemption of the company's preferred stock and certain outstanding stocks of subsidiaries, and to provide additional working capital.

**Earnings.**—The consolidated net profits of the company and its subsidiaries (not including results, other than dividends received, of Business Publishers International Corp., Newton Falls Paper Co., Inc., of whose voting stocks the company owns 50%, and McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., Ltd., a foreign subsidiary) after providing for Federal income taxes at the present rate of 12% and deducting profits accruing to the minority interests now outstanding in capital stocks of subsidiaries and including results for the full period of companies acquired during the period (or predecessors thereof), for the two years ended Dec. 31 1924 as per the company's books and for the three years ended Dec. 31 1927 as certified by Price, Waterhouse & Co. are stated below. The figures stated below do not include the results prior to acquisition of the properties acquired from A. W. Shaw Co. (of Ill.); as the company at the time of the acquisition of "Magazine of Business" and "System" determined to invest a substantial amount in their development and set aside a reserve therefor out of surplus, the results of A. W. Shaw & Co. (of Del.), which was formed in August, 1928 to acquire and publish them, have been charged to this reserve.

Yrs. Ended Dec. 31 1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Net Profits as defined above	\$1,428,858	1,642,877	1,354,049	1,312,683
Per share on 600,000 shares	\$2.38	2.73	2.25	2.18
Such net profits for the 9 months ended Sept. 30 1928 amounted to \$1,373,657 or \$2.29 per share. Based thereon and on the figures as shown by the company's books for the months of Oct. and Nov. 1928, net profits on a similar basis for the full year 1928 (estimated) were over \$1,800,000 or over \$3.				

**Dividends.**—The common stock is on an annual dividend basis of \$2 per share; a quarterly dividend of 50¢ per share was paid on Jan. 2 1929 and one of like amount has been declared, payable April 1 1929.

Consolidated Balance Sheet—Sept. 30 1928 (after Present Financing).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$1,035,459	Accounts payable	\$508,121
Marketable securities	1,139,949	Accrued liabilities	305,287
Accounts & notes rec., less res.	1,917,425	Provision for taxes	409,156
Inventories	626,654	Res. for unfilled subscriptions	1,200,000
Post office deposits, misc. & adv to officers, empl. & authors	119,401	Res. for development of New Publications	425,549
Due from empl. on stk subscr.	86,247	Purchase money obligation	200,000
Deferred charges	27,352	Mortgage on real estate	300,000
Real estate, mach.	1,264,538	Minority stockholders' Int.	1,108,670
Inv. in and adv. to assoc. cos.	1,099,928	Common stk. (600,000 shs. no par)	10,517,925
Magazine titles, copyrights	10,660,537	Surplus	3,272,793
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,247,501</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,247,501</b>

Note: There are authorized 150,000 shares of 6% preferred stock of the par value of \$50 per share, all that have been issued have been required by the company and none are outstanding.—V. 128, p. 122.

**McLellan Stores Co.—Sales.**

1928—December—1927.	Increase.	1928—12 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$2,977,081	\$2,648,759	\$328,322	\$13,940,852
—V. 128, p. 122.			\$11,940,327
			\$2,000,525

**Melville Shoe Corp., N. Y.—Sales.**

1928—Dec.—1927.	Increase.	1928—12 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$2,619,954	\$2,155,699	\$464,255	\$22,436,557
—V. 128, p. 123.			\$17,799,953
			\$4,636,604

**Mengel Company.—Listing.**

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 80,000 additional shares of common stock without par value, on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied for 320,000 shares.

**Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.**

Sept. 30 28	Dec. 31 '27	Sept. 30 '28	Dec. 31 '27
<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Cash	539,210	485,929	3,360,300
Notes receivable	47,232	90,949	6,000,000
Accounts receiv.	1,386,188	887,961	200,000
Inventories	5,420,593	6,339,433	Notes pay. for tim-ber'd & stump'e
Other assets	511,944	624,698	52,137
Timber'd & timber	935,021	1,000,450	Accounts payable
Mengel Mah. Log. Co. (cap. stock, surp. & openacct)	275,461	175,781	836,232
Lands, buildings, mach., &c.	7,689,038	7,888,239	Accrd. real & pers. taxes & Int., &c.
Good will	1	1	83,349
Deferred, prepaid insur., taxes, &c.	126,134	96,742	Prov. for Federal tax 1927
			27,108
			57,000
			1st mtge. ser. gold bonds 7%
			3,400,000
			3,800,000
			Deferred notes payable, &c.
			56,013
			101,485
			Res. for conting. insurance, &c.
			307,363
			109,947
			Minority shareh'ds Int. In sub. co.
			16,625
			14,099
			Special reserve due to appreciat'n of plant account.
			145,196
			Surplus
			2,591,697
			2,002,221

x When all of the 60,000 shares of common stock of the par value of \$100 per share have been exchanged there will be outstanding 240,000 shares of common stock without nominal or par value.—V. 127, p. 3553.

**Metropolitan Chain Stores, Inc.—Sales.**

1928—December—1927.	Increase.	1928—12 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$2,773,611	\$2,346,971	\$426,640	\$13,545,753
—V. 127, p. 3410.			\$12,262,174
			\$1,283,569

**Mid-Continent Petroleum Corp.—Subscriptions.**

Subscriptions to the new 447,912 shares of common stock, no par value, offered to the common and pref. stockholders of record Jan. 10, are payable either at the United States Mortgage & Trust Co., 55 Cedar St., N. Y. City, or at the Equitable Trust Co., Baltimore, Md. See further details—V. 128, p. 124.

**Midland Steel Products Co.—Increased Capacity.**

The company has increased the production capacity of its steel freight car door division by 50%, it is announced. A new panel press has been installed and a third production line has been added at the Cleveland plant. The expansion was made necessary by heavily increased buying of equipment by the railroads. During the last two months of 1928 Midland's car door bookings were fully equal to the total number manufactured during the preceding 10 months, the announcement adds.—V. 127, p. 3410.

**Missouri-Kansas Pipe Line Co.—Contract.**

President Frank P. Parish announces that under the terms of a five-year contract just made between this company and the Jackson County Light & Heat & Power Co. of Independence, Mo., the former company will supply an estimated total of 1,500,000 cubic feet of natural gas for distribution to a population of 25,000 during the coming year, and increasing quantities in ensuing years.

Returns from this contract will increase the net earnings of the Missouri-Kansas company by approximately \$101,000 for the year 1929, Mr. Parish said. It is estimated that with this contract in force, the net earnings of the company for next year, after all charges, will be equivalent to 25% of the par value of the common stock.—V. 127, p. 3410.

**Monroe Chemical Co.—Preferred Stock Sold.**

Shields & Co., Inc., have sold 30,000 shares preference stock (with warrants) in units of 1 share of preferred and 1/2 share of common stock at \$60 (and div.) per unit.

Preference stock (no par) is preferred as to cumulative dividends at the rate of \$3.50 per share per annum, and upon dissolution or liquidation, whether voluntary or involuntary, as to assets up to \$55 per share and divs. Dividends payable Q.-I., accruing from Jan. 1 1929. Red. all or part on any div. date on 60 days' notice at \$55 per share and divs. Dividends exempt from present normal Federal income tax. Transfer agents, Commercial National Bank & Trust Co., New York, and First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. Registrars, The National City Bank, New York, and Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago.

**Data from Letter of Mr. E. N. Monroe, Pres. of the Company.**

**Business and History.**—Company has been organized in Maryland to acquire the business and properties of the company of the same name incorp. in Illinois. Company manufactures "Putnam Fadeless Dyes," "Putnam Dry Cleaners", and related products. "Putnam Fadeless Dyes" are distributed by more than 100,000 drug, department and general stores throughout the United States and in many foreign countries. The company is estimated to be the largest manufacturer of package dyes for household use in the United States. Package dyes make up approximately 75% of its aggregate sales.

Until three years ago the business of the company had been built up solely on the quality of its products, a nation-wide distribution being created with little advertising. Having laid a sound foundation for national advertising, it was undertaken on a moderate scale in 1925. Company now makes substantial appropriations for this purpose each year, and the results are apparent in the increase of over 200% in earnings during the period. The products of the company are now nationally advertised in magazines of general circulation, women's magazines and newspapers. It is anticipated that the company will increasingly profit from this advertising as it becomes effective in familiarizing a larger number of potential customers with the merits of the company's products.

The business of the company was established in 1876, and was incorp. in 1891 with original paid-in capital of \$15,000. The business has been built up from this point to its present position entirely by the reinvestment of earnings. The plant of the company is located at Quincy, Ill. It consists of a modern five-story reinforced concrete building, erected about five years ago, conveniently situated as to transportation facilities. Company owns additional land sufficient for any major expansion.

**Earnings.**—The business has shown a profit from operations in every year since incorporation. Net earnings, after adjustment of salaries to the present basis, the elimination of non-recurring charges and income, and the adjustment of Federal income taxes to the current rate, for the three years ended June 30 1928, have been as follows:

Year Ended June 30—	1926.	1927.	1928.
Net earnings as above	\$100,187	\$222,094	\$309,463
Per share preference stock	\$3.33	\$7.40	\$10.31

Net earnings, as above, for the year ended June 30 1928, amounted to \$309,463, equivalent to 2.94 times annual dividend requirements on the 30,000 shares of preference stock presently to be outstanding, and after provision for such dividend requirements, to \$2.04 per share on the 100,000 shares of common stock presently to be outstanding.

Such net earnings for the four months ended Oct. 31 1928, amounted to \$127,714, equivalent to 3.64 times dividend requirements for the period on the preference stock, and after provision for such requirements, to 92c. per share of common stock, or at the annual rate of \$2.76 per share.

**Capitalization.**—Authorized, Outstanding, Preference stock (no par value) 30,000 shs. 30,000 shs. Common stock (no par value) \$130,000 shs. 100,000 shs. \* 30,000 shares reserved for exercise of common stock purchase warrants accompanying preference stock.

**Balance Sheet.**—The balance sheet as at Oct. 31 1928, as adjusted and as certified by Haskins & Sells, shows current assets of \$423,279, current liabilities of \$85,552, and net working capital of \$337,727. The ratio of current assets to current liabilities was 4.9 to 1.

**Purpose.**—All of the preference stock and common stock to be presently outstanding will be issued in payment for the acquisition of the business and property of the existing company, and will not provide additional capital for the conduct of the business by the new company. This offering is the result of the sale of part of the holdings of stockholders.

**Common Dividends.**—Directors have stated their intention of placing the common stock upon an annual dividend basis of \$1.50 per share, payable quarterly.

**Sinking Fund.**—The certificate of incorporation provides that, on July 15 1930, and annually thereafter, an amount equal to whichever is greater (a) 10% of the net earnings of the company, as defined in the certificate of incorporation, in the preceding fiscal year, or (b) a sum sufficient to redeem 2% of the aggregate amount of preference stock previously issued, shall be set aside as a sinking fund for the redemption of this preference stock at not exceeding \$55 per share and accrued dividends. Company will have the privilege of surrendering preference stock to the sinking fund in lieu of cash.

**Common Stock Purchase Warrants.**—Each share of preference stock will be accompanied by a non-detachable warrant entitling the holder to purchase one share of stock at any time on or before July 1 1934, at \$25 per share if purchased on or before July 1 1931; at \$30 per share if purchased thereafter but on or before July 1 1933, and at \$32.50 per share if purchased thereafter but on or before July 1 1934. In case the company issues additional shares of common stock as a stock dividend or on a division of shares, warrant adjustments will be made as provided in the certificate of incorporation, in the number of shares called for by the warrant and (or) in the subscription price per share, and in case the company offers the holders of common stock the right to subscribe for stock or securities of any class, each warrant holder shall be given the same subscription right to which he would be entitled if he were the holder of record of the number of shares of common stock at the time called for by his warrant.

**Moody's Investors Service, N. Y. City.—Div. Agent.**

The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed dividend disbursing agent for the participating preference stock, no par value. See offering in V. 127, p. 2833.

**Mortgage Corp. of Virginia, Richmond, Va.—Bonds Offered.**

—Scott & Stringfellow, Richmond, Va. are offering \$106,000 1st mtge. real estate collateral trust 6% gold bonds (series 6) at 100 and int.

Dated Jan. 2 1929; due serially Oct. 1929-1933. Int. payable A. & O at the Industrial Bank of Richmond, Richmond, Va. Denom. \$1,000; \$500, and \$100 c\*. Red. in whole or in part on any int. date at 101 and int. First & Merchants National Bank, Richmond, Va., trustee.

These bonds are secured by pledge with the trustee of \$106,000 1 t mtge. rea estate notes secured by improved income-producing City real estate conservatively appraised at \$230,030, or more than twice the total amount of this issue. This collateral consists of 21 different first mortgages, giving an average loan of \$5,047.61. The largest single loan in the collateral is for \$16,000.—V. 127, p. 1817.

**Moth Aircraft Corp.—Establishes American Factory.**

President Minton D. Warren late in 1928 announced that the corporation had signed a lease on the buildings at the United States Cartridge Co. plant at South Lowell, Mass., which the Wamesit Power Co. has been occupying.

This lease was made with an option to buy the property. The factory is on the Lowell Airport with over 80,000 square feet of floor area. The plant has its own private railroad siding and is served by trolley direct from the center of the City of Lowell as well as by the South Lowell Railroad station.

It is planned to have the first complete planes ready for shipment in the spring. Thereafter the production will be one plane a day, with provisions for doubling the capacity if necessary. See also V. 127, p. 2242, 2100

**Municipal Service Corp. of New York.—Contract.**

A contract has been ratified between the above company and the Richfield Oil Co. of California, according to William H. Lyons, President of the Municipal Service Corp., which provides that a controlling stock interest in Malburn Petroleum Corp., formerly held by the Municipal corporation, has passed to the ownership of Richfield. The initial compensation to municipal is a net cash profit of \$430,000, equivalent to approximately \$1.10 per share. Net earnings of Municipal have been currently running at the rate of about \$3 per share. The contract between the two companies further provides that for a term of years, Municipal will store and handle for the account of the Walburn Petroleum Corp. at the Municipal's Bayone, N. J. terminal and storage tank farm, a minimum quantity of gasoline, which, under the contract, will assure Municipal of a profit of at least \$125,000 per annum. Mr. Lyons estimates that the contract, which takes effect immediately, will result in the Municipal Service Corp. receiving an extra income of \$250,000 per annum the first year of the contract. The Walburn Petroleum Corp. has been engaged in the distribution of Walburn Ethyl Gasoline.—V. 127, p. 2969.

**Munson Steamship Line.—Listing.**

There have been placed on the Boston Stock Exchange list \$2,500,000 6 1/2% gold debentures, dated Jan. 1 1929 and due Jan. 1 1937. See offering in V. 128, p. 124.

**(G. C.) Murphy Co.—Sales.**

1928—Dec.—1927.	Increase.	1928—12 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$2,449,581	\$2,063,586	\$385,995	\$12,118,187
—V. 127, p. 3259.			\$10,233,507
			\$1,884,680

**Nash Motors Co.—Dividend Rate Increased.**

The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the outstanding 2,730,000 shares of common stock, no par value, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 21. From Aug. 1 1927 to Nov. 1 1928 incl., quarterly payments of \$1.50 per share (incl. \$1 regular and 50 cents extra) were paid. In February and May 1927 the company paid regular quarterly dividends of \$1 per share with no extras.

**Earnings For 3 and 12 Months Ended Nov. 30.**

	1928—3 Mos.—1927—	1928—12 Mos.—1927—
Net inc. after expenses deprec. & Fed. taxes	\$8,780,381	\$6,880,486
Earns. per sh. on 2,700,000 shs. cap. stk. (no par)	\$3.21	\$2.52
—V. 127, p. 2100.		\$7.62
		\$8.30

**National Acme Co.—Listing.—**

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$2,400,000 1st mtge. 15-year 6% sinking fund coupon gold bonds, due Dec. 1 1942.

*Earnings Nine Months Ended Sept. 30 1928.*

Net sales	\$7,394,227
Cost of goods sold, incl. material, labor and factory expense	5,707,914
Administrative expenses	202,714
Selling expenses	358,453
Operating profit	\$1,125,145
Interest received	6,921
Other credits	49,228
Gross income	\$1,181,294
Bond interest and expense	121,235
Other debits	300,772
Provision for Federal income tax	94,000
Net income	\$665,287
Earnings per share common stock	1.33

*Comparative Balance Sheet.*

Assets—	Sept. 30 '28.		Dec. 31 '27.		Liabilities—	Sept. 30 '28.		Dec. 31 '27.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
Land, bldgs., mach.					Capital stock	5,000,000	5,000,000		
Accts. receivable	4,342,064	4,210,385			Accounts payable	301,489	104,396		
Patents	2,000,000	2,000,000			Accrued real and personal taxes	101,686	94,066		
Good-will	1	1			Accrued bond int.	48,008	12,500		
Accts & notes rec.	1,405,716	812,855			Accrued payrolls	151,223	66,069		
Cash	506,706	390,458			1st Mtge. 6% gold bonds	2,400,000	2,500,000		
Inventory	3,921,012	3,439,621			Reserves for gen'l contingencies	304,153	22,128		
Misc. notes & accts' receivable	54,627	80,111			Surplus	4,238,558	3,447,983		
Investments	102,925	89,155							
Deferred charges	212,065	224,551							
Total	12,545,116	11,247,136			Total	12,545,116	11,247,136		

x After allowance for depreciation amounting to \$1,602,151. y After \$68,584 reserve for doubtful accounts.

Note.—The balance sheet as of Sept. 30 1928, is subject to adjustment at end of fiscal year.—V. 127, p. 2969.

**National Bellas Hess Co., Inc.—To Split Up Shares—**  
Proposes to Acquire Kinnear Stores Co.—The stockholders will vote Feb. 5 on increasing the authorized common stock, 10 par value, from 200,000 shares (all outstanding) to 1,000,000 shares, three new shares to be issued in exchange for each old share held. See also Kinnear Stores Co. above.

*Net Cash Receipts for Month and 12 Months Ended Dec. 31 of National Bellas Hess Co., Inc.*

1928—Dec.—1927.	Increase.	1929—12 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$4,985,767	\$4,165,337	\$820,430	\$44,532,698
Note.—Month of December 1928 includes Charles William Stores. Twelve months ended December 1928 includes Charles William Stores receipts for October, November and December only.			
1927 figures include \$1,451,452 unprofitable non-textile lines of merchandise which were discontinued in 1928. 1927 figures also include net cash receipts of Bellas Hess & Co. for period from Apr. 1 to Aug. 31 1927, only as Bellas Hess & Co. was discontinued Sept. 1 1927.—V. 127, p. 3714.			

**National Biscuit Co.—Listing.—**

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$4,762,000 common stock (par \$25) on official notice of issuance in connection with acquisition of stock of the Shredded Wheat Co., making the total amount applied for \$60,000,000.

Directors on Dec. 18, authorized the issuance of 190,480 shares of com. stock in connection with acquisition of all the issued and outstanding capital stock, without par value, of Shredded Wheat Co. The basis of exchange is one share of National Biscuit Co. common stock for each two shares of Shredded Wheat Co., and this privilege of exchange is extended to all stockholders of the Shredded Wheat Co.

*Earnings 11 Months Ended Nov. 30 1928.*

Gross earnings	\$20,410,714
Reserve for Federal taxes	2,257,500
Depreciation	1,874,223
Net earnings	\$16,278,991
Surplus beginning of period	22,083,473
Adjustment due to acquisitions	3,558,076
Total surplus	\$41,920,540
Preferred dividends	1,736,315
Common dividends	11,576,882
Subsidiary dividends	1,361

Surplus at end of period \$28,605,983  
Earnings per share on 2,207,634 shares common stock \$6.59  
\*Includes Christie, Brown & Co., Ltd., since date of acquisition Aug. 1 1928 and Iten Biscuit Co. since date of acquisition Sept. 1 1928.

*Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.*

Assets—	Nov. 30 '28.		Dec. 31 '27.		Liabilities—	Nov. 30 '28.		Dec. 31 '27.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash	5,564,485	6,872,534			Notes payable	1,000,000			
U. S. Lib. bonds	168,978	965,590			Accts. payable	819,239	807,578		
U. S. treas. cfts.		500,000			Com. div. pay.	3,069,780			
Municipal bonds					Reserve for taxes	3,018,914	2,500,000		
N. Y. C.	12,313,375	12,313,375			Ins. & cont. res.	6,049,823	6,000,000		
Stocks & secur.	3,058,019	559,873			Preferred stock	24,804,500	24,804,500		
Accts. receivable	5,907,172	3,483,208			Common stock	55,238,000	51,163,000		
Raw mat., supp. finish. prod.	10,238,040	9,319,866			Surplus	28,605,983	22,083,473		
Plant, real est. machinery	81,286,359	77,413,886							
Total	118,536,459	111,428,331			Total	118,536,459	111,428,331		

x Balance sheet Nov. 30 1928 includes Christie, Brown & Co., Ltd., and Iten Biscuit Co. y After depreciation of \$1,874,223.

**Acquires Shredded Wheat Co.—**

The directors have authorized the issuance of 190,480 shares of common stock, no par value, in connection with the acquisition of the outstanding stock of the Shredded Wheat Co. The basis of exchange is one share of National Biscuit common for each two shares of Shredded Wheat stock.—V. 128, p. 124.

**National Cash Register Co. (Md.)—Employees' Distribution.—**

More than 7,000 employees of the company this month share in the distribution of more than \$1,000,000, it is announced. The amount is about equally divided between checks for the class A, B and C shareholders and a stock distribution to the class D employees. This is the largest amount distributed under the present plan in three years.—V. 127, p. 3715.

**National Dairy Products Corp.—To Increase Stock.—**

The stockholders on Jan. 10 increased the authorized common stock (no par value) from 2,000,000 shares to 6,000,000 shares.—V. 127, p. 3715.

**National Family Stores, Inc.—Sales.—**

1928—Dec.—1927.	Increase.	1928—12 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$475,915	\$143,787	\$332,128	\$3,208,035
			\$1,612,076
			\$1,595,959

—V. 127, p. 3259.

**National Liberty Insurance Co.—New Directors.—**

The following new directors have been elected: Charles L. Tyner, Pres. Home Insurance Co.; Wilfred Kurth, Vice-Pres. Home Insurance Co.; Clarence A. Ludlum, Vice-Pres. Home Insurance Co.; Henry C. Von Elm, Chairman Executive Committee, Manufacturers Trust Co. and Frank B. McElhill, Vice-Pres. Financial & Industrial Securities Corp. Sumner Ballard, President of the International Insurance Co., was elected a director about two months ago. Other directors are Alfred J. Barrett, Alfred M. Barrett, Charles H. Coates, Edwin G. Forster, Daniel J. Leary, Henry B. Nickerson, Arthur S. Somers, George U. Tompers, and Benjamin B. Weaver.

It has been definitely learned that the Financial & Industrial Securities Corp. is still the largest stockholder despite the fact that a very substantial distribution of stock of National Liberty Insurance Co., Baltimore American Insurance Co. and Peoples National Fire Insurance Co. has been made to Home Insurance stockholders, agents and employees. The underwriting policy will henceforth be in charge of officials of the Home Insurance Group in co-operation with National Liberty officials, but the financial policy of the National Liberty Group will remain in charge of a finance committee composed of the directors representing the Financial & Industrial Securities Corp. Group.—V. 127, p. 2546.

**National Screen Service Corp.—Listing.—**

The Detroit stock exchange has approved the listing of 110,000 shares common stock, no par value.—V. 127, p. 3259.

**National Tea Co., Chicago.—Recapitalization—Rights—Offering Underwritten.—**

The directors will recommend shortly to stockholders a plan of recapitalization and refinancing.

In a statement issued on Jan. 10, President George Rasmussen stated as follows:  
"The company has just closed a year of remarkable progress. Preliminary figures indicate that consolidated net sales for the year 1928 amounted to approximately \$85,883,000, as compared with \$58,801,376 in 1927, while net profits are estimated at approximately \$2,750,000, as compared with \$2,046,000 for 1927. The final figures for 1928 will be set forth in the annual report, which will be mailed to stockholders prior to the annual meeting in March. The increased prosperity of the company has been reflected by a rise in the price of the common stock on the New York Stock Exchange to a point where the present shares have become somewhat unwieldy. Therefore, a plan will be submitted to stockholders at a meeting to be held on Feb. 9 1929 to consider amendments in the articles of incorporation which will provide for the following:

"The present 150,000 shares of common stock outstanding will be split on a 4-to-1 basis into 600,000 shares of common, without par value, an additional 200,000 shares of new common stock will be authorized, of which 60,000 shares will be presently offered for subscription by the common stockholders, while the remaining 140,000 shares will be available for future issuance in connection with the acquisition of additional chains of stores and other properties and for other corporate purposes.

"A new class of preferred stock will be created in the amount of \$2,000,000 par value, consisting of 200,000 shares of \$10 par value each, which stock will be junior in all respects to the present preferred stock. The new preferred stock will be available for future issuance in connection with the acquisition of additional chains of stores and other properties, and for other corporate purposes. It will bear cumulative dividends of 5½% per annum and will be redeemable at \$10 per share and accrued dividends. The entire issue will be offered for subscription by common stockholders.

"The offering of the 60,000 shares of new common and the \$2,000,000 par value of new preferred has been underwritten. From the proceeds of the sale of these shares the present outstanding preferred stock will be retired and the balance of the proceeds will be available for additional working capital.

"The directors have declared their intention to place the new common stock upon a quarterly dividend basis at the rate of \$1.50 per share per year.  
Upon adoption by the stockholders of the plan of recapitalization, transferable warrants evidencing the subscription rights will be mailed on Feb. 11 to common stockholders of record Jan. 21. Each share of the present common stock of record on the latter date will entitle the record holders to the right to subscribe to two-fifths of a share of new common stock (as constituted after the 4-to-1 split-up) and the right to subscribe for 1-1-3 shares of the new 5½% preferred stock. The warrants for the new common stock will be separate from the warrants for the new preferred stock and stockholders may exercise or transfer either or both of these warrants, as they may desire. The subscription price for the new common stock will be \$87.50 per share and for the preferred stock will be \$10.03 2-3 per share, which includes accrued dividends. All subscription rights for both preferred stock and common stock will expire on Feb. 25 1929.  
No fractional shares of either new common stock or new preferred stock will be issued and fractional warrants must be combined.

*Sales for Month and 12 Months Ended Dec. 31.*

1928—Dec.—1927.	Increase.	1928—12 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$8,190,681	\$6,925,996	\$1,264,685	\$85,881,211
			\$58,797,675
			\$27,083,536

—V. 127, p. 3411.

**Neisner Brothers, Inc.—Expansion in British Chain Store Field.—**

President A. H. Neisner sailed for Europe on Jan. 5 to complete arrangements for the expansion of the company's business in the British chain store field, where the corporation recently acquired a substantial interest in British Home Stores, Ltd., of England.

"The entrance of Neisner Bros., Inc., in the British field," Mr. Neisner said upon sailing, "will result in a sharp increase in the number of future openings by British Home Stores, Ltd., as well as the introduction of chain store policies which have been so successful in the United States. British Home Stores, Ltd., will form the nucleus of a larger chain operating throughout Great Britain."

Commenting upon domestic conditions, Mr. Neisner said "the company should have a record year in 1929 with sales approximating \$16,000,000 compared with over \$10,250,000 reported for 1928. Net profits for 1928 should approximate \$5 per share on the common stock. At the close of 1928 Neisner was operating 36 stores and plans for the current year call for the opening of about 19 new units including the J. A. Roberts Department Stores in Utica, which the company acquired recently."

**Denies Impending Acquisition of Isaac Silver & Brothers.—**

Reports that Neisner Bros., Inc. was conducting merger negotiations with Isaac Silver & Bros. were denied by Pres. A. H. Neisner on Jan. 4. "The company has taken a 50-year lease on the six-story building occupied by the J. A. Roberts Department Store in Utica which will be liquidated between now and July 11.—V. 128, p. 125.

**Neve Drug Stores, Inc.—Extends Date of Deposit.—**

Announcement is made that the date under which shares of this corporation may be exchanged for shares of the United Retail Chemists Corp. has been extended until Jan. 15 1929. The United Retail Chemists Corp., a subsidiary of the United Cigar Stores Co. of America, was organized for the purpose of acquiring control and operation of Neve Drug Stores, Inc. Lage & Co. and Peabody, Smith & Co., bankers for Neve Drug Stores, Inc., who have already deposited their stock holdings under the plan, announce in their official statement that all stock deposited prior to Jan. 14 1929 will be entitled to the current dividend on the new stock of United Retail Chemists if the plan is declared operative.

Depositors appointed under the plan to receive deposits of stock are the Equitable Trust Co. of New York City and the Continental National Bank & Trust Co. in Chicago. (See also United Cigar Stores Co. of America in V. 127, p. 3418).—V. 127, p. 3554.

**(J. J.) Newberry Co.—Sales.—**

1928—Dec.—1927.	Increase.	1928—12 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$4,461,595	\$3,233,512	\$1,228,083	\$20,524,729
			\$15,069,158
			\$5,455,571

—V. 127, p. 3715.

**New Cornelia Copper Co.—Production.—**

Output (Pounds)—	1928.		1927.	
	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
January	7,345,020	5,540,400	7,328,420	6,906,512
February	6,534,480	4,746,920	5,972,400	6,063,428
March	6,633,620	6,895,000	7,281,560	6,489,000
April	6,448,740	5,258,694	7,268,300	6,335,821
May	5,847,360	5,552,080	7,446,190	6,691,648
June	6,990,740	5,789,380	7,086,640	6,230,956
July	5,978,480	4,991,560	6,931,600	5,667,435
August	7,346,280	6,077,960	6,389,880	4,919,599
September	6,459,080	6,274,420	6,582,660	4,920,120
October	6,380,200	7,437,308	7,112,680	6,226,340
November	6,680,500	7,425,100	3,455,200	5,514,580
December	8,286,700	7,214,900	6,693,720	5,856,640

—V. 127, p. 2695.

New Jersey Zinc Co.—To Split-Up Shares.—

The stockholders will vote Feb. 27 on splitting up the present capital stock on a basis of 4 new shares of \$25 par value for each \$100 par value share held.—V. 127, p. 2835.

New York & Foreign Investing Corp.—Dividend No. 2.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.62½ per share on the pref. stock, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 11. An initial quarterly dividend of like amount was paid on Oct. 15 last.—V. 127, p. 3411.

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 Jan. 26 to holders of record Jan. 16. An extra dividend of like amount was paid in each of the previous 16 quarters and also on Dec. 24 1928.—V. 127, p. 3411.

North American Mining & Smelting Corp.—To Launch Canadian Subsidiary.—

The corporation, recently organized on the Pacific Coast as an investment trust in the mining and smelting industries, has announced plans for launching a Canadian subsidiary. E. Marshall Young, Vice-President of the corporation, stated that heavy subscriptions were being received for 500,000 shares of no par value common stock recently placed on the market by the company in the State of Washington.—V. 127, p. 3715.

Northam Warren Corp.—Preferred Stock Offered.—Bond & Goodwin, Inc., New York, and Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., San Francisco are offering 50,000 shares conv. pref. stock at \$42.50 per share to yield 7.05%.

Preferred as to dividends, payable quarterly, cumulative from Dec. 1 1928, at the rate of \$3 per annum and as to assets in case of liquidation to the extent of \$50 per share and div. Convertible share for share into com. stock at any time (or if called for redemption, through the third day before redemption date). Red. all or part at any time at \$50 per share and divs. on not less than 60 days' notice. Charter provides for the retirement, in respect of each year beginning 1930, out of earned surplus after dividends on preference stock, of 3% of the largest number of shares of preference stock at any one time outstanding. Transfer agent, National City Bank, New York. Registrar, Guaranty Trust Co., New York.

Capitalization—Authorized. Outstanding.

Convertible preference stock (no par) 50,000 shs. 50,000 shs. Common stock (no par) \*250,000 shs. 192,500 shs.

There are outstanding real estate mortgages amounting to \$107,000. \*50,000 shares reserved for conversion of convertible preference stock, and 7,500 shares against an option.

Company.—Incorp. in New York in March, 1915. Has recently acquired the businesses of the Olorono Co. and the Glazo Co. It manufactures and distributes several well known proprietary articles under the trade marks, "Cutex", "Olorono" and "Glazo".

Corporation is engaged in the manufacture and distribution of manucure specialties, distributed under the trade mark "Cutex." The business was started 16 years ago. The first "Cutex" product was a liquid cuticle remover for simplifying the most difficult part of manicuring, namely, the removal of rough, surplus cuticle. This was followed by the introduction of a complete line of manucure preparations and implements. Later these were assembled into Cutex manucure sets, ranging in price from 25c. to \$5.

"Cutex" to-day occupies a position of leadership in its field and is undoubtedly the standard brand of manucure specialties. "Olorono" is a liquid deodorant and perspiration corrector. "Glazo" is a liquid nail polish that was introduced to the market about 10 years ago and since has become one of the largest-selling items in its specific field.

The consolidation of these businesses under one management is expected to effect substantial savings in expense, and create additional opportunities for profits through increased sales. It is planned very shortly to centralize these businesses in one plant in New York City.

Purpose.—This convertible preference stock has been issued in connection with the acquisition of the businesses of The Olorono Co. and The Glazo Co.

Profits.—The combined net profits of Northam Warren Corp., The Olorono Co., The Glazo Co. and their subsidiary companies, after excluding income, profits and losses from such marketable securities and the excess of premiums over cash surrender values on such life insurance policies as were not retained, and an executive salary (averaging \$37,333 per annum) to be discontinued and after deducting depreciation and Federal income tax at 12%, as certified by Price, Waterhouse & Co., were as follows:

Table with columns: Year Ended Dec. 31, 1926, 1927, 1928 (10 Mos.). Rows: Combined net profits as above, Earned per share preference stock, Number of times div. req. on pref. stk.

Profits of the subsidiary company of The Olorono Co. are included on the basis of the fiscal years ended the following April 30, and for the period ended Oct. 31 1928, are for six months.

The estimated amount of such net profits for the year ended Dec. 31 1928, will be approximately \$630,000, which is equal to 4.2 times the annual dividend requirement on the convertible preference stock. On such basis, after deducting this dividend, net profits available for the 192,500 shares of common stock now outstanding will amount to \$2.49 per share.

Assets.—The consolidated balance sheet as at Oct. 31 1928, after giving effect to the various transactions involved in this financing, shows net tangible assets of more than \$786,000. In addition, the valuable goodwill, trade-marks, trade-names and formulae are carried on such balance sheet at \$500,000. In the last 10 years over \$7,250,000 has been spent in advertising the products owned and recently acquired by this corporation.

Northeastern Surety Co., New York.—Capital Stock Offered.—E. H. Rollins & Sons are offering 25,000 shares capital stock (par \$10) at \$16 per share.

Transfer agent, Fidelity Trust Co. of New York. Registrar, Liberty National Bank & Trust Co.

Company.—Incorp. in July 1927 in New York with authority to transact all classes of fidelity, surety, liability and compensation business in accordance with the Insurance Law of New York State.

Capital.—Upon completion of the present financing and proposed changes in capitalization, the paid-in capital and surplus of the company will be as follows: Capital stock (\$10 par value), \$1,100,000; surplus, \$345,736; total, \$1,445,736.

Earnings.—Company has been in actual operation since Jan. 1 1928. It operates and functions under the supervision of the Insurance Department of the State of New York and in accordance with the New York State Insurance Law.

Alfred M. Best, insurance adviser, has recently completed an examination of the condition, affairs and general practices of the company and analyzed its operating results for the 11 months' period ended Nov. 30 1928, and he estimates that the net earnings as shown by the books, without giving effect to unrealized gains or losses on account of investments and adjusted to give effect to the increase in equities in the reserves, were at the rate of \$82,824, or 12.4% per annum on the \$667,867 of capital and surplus which it had at the beginning of the period.

Dividends.—Company is now paying dividends at the rate of 60c. per share per annum and the directors have expressed their intention of continuing dividends at the present rate on the increased capitalization.

Balance Sheet Nov. 30 1928.

After giving effect to the present financing and to the sale of 30,000 shares of stock already subscribed by the stockholders.]

Table with columns: Assets, Liabilities. Rows include Bonds, Stocks, Collateral loan, Cash on hand, Premiums, Northeastern General Agency, Furniture and fixtures, Deposit Surety Assoc., Adv. cash tax/acc prem's, Interest accrued, Reserve for losses, Special reserve, Unearned premiums, Com'n on uncollec. prems., Sundry expenses, Reserve for taxes, Capital paid up, Surplus.

—V. 127, p. 2244.

Northern Securities Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns: Calendar Years—1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows: Total receipts, Taxes, Administration expenses, Interest and exchange, Net income, Dividends.

Table with columns: Balance, surplus; Earnings per sh.; sbs. stock (par \$100). Rows: Balance, surplus; Earnings per sh.; sbs. stock (par \$100); Total receipts in 1928 include divs. from C. B. & Q. RR., \$230,630 divs. from Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., Ltd., \$171,342, and int., \$3,674.

Table with columns: Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Rows: Assets—1928, 1927; Liabilities—1928, 1927. Rows include Cost of charter, Cash, C. B. & Q. stock, Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. stock, Fractional scrip, U. S. bonds, Suspense acct., Capital stock, Divs. unclaimed & unpaid, Balance, surplus.

Note.—The company on Dec. 31 1928 owned of C. B. & Q. RR. stock 23,063 shares of \$100 each, shown in balance sheet as \$2,858,810. Company also owned on Dec. 31 1928 of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. stock 28,557 shares of \$100 each, carried in the balance sheet at \$3,808,945.—V. 126, p. 261.

Oliver-Cadillac Co., St. Louis.—Bonds Offered.—Love, Bryan & Co., St. Louis, are offering at 100 and int. \$200,000 1st mtge. 6% real estate gold bonds.

Dated Dec. 1 1928; due Dec. 1 1933. Principal and int. (J. & D.), payable at the offices of Love, Bryan & Co., Inc. St. Louis. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Red. as a whole at 102 and int., and in part through sinking fund provision at 101 and int. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%.

Data from Letter of Guy W. Oliver, President of the Company.

Building.—The property securing these bonds is owned and occupied in its entirety by the Oliver-Cadillac Co., distributors of Cadillac-La Salle cars in the St. Louis territory, and is located at the southwest corner of Laclede Avenue and Sarah Street. The building consists of a 3-story reinforced concrete and brick building of heavy construction. Extensive alterations and improvements in the building will provide a large display of salesroom, general offices for the company and complete service and repair facilities of the best and latest type. For the convenience of patrons parking space is provided at the rear of the building.

The property is valued by the company at \$400,000, but for the purposes of the loan the banker's appraisal is \$370,000 upon completion of new improvements.

Sinking Fund.—Company has agreed to pledge for the service of this loan not less than \$35,000 per annum for the payment of semi-annual interest and principal sinking fund requirements, which will reduce this loan by maturity to approximately \$70,000, an amount less than the value of the land alone.

Beginning Jan. 1 1930 and on the first day of each month thereafter, the company will deposit with the trustee 1-12th of the annual sinking fund requirements to the effect that all such payments are deposited in full upon their becoming due.

(The) Oliver Hotel and the Oliver Hotel Apartments, South Bend, Ind.—Land Trust Certificates Offered.—

Citizens Trust & Savings Bank, South Bend, Ind. and Fletcher American Co., Indianapolis, are offering land trust certificates representing 600 equal undivided parts of the equitable ownership in the fee simple title to land constituting the site of the Oliver Hotel and the Oliver Hotel Apartments at South Bend, Ind., under 99-year lease to Oliver Hotel Corp. at a net rental yielding 5½% on \$600,000 to Dec. 20 1958, 5¾% thereafter.

Certificates issued by Citizens Trust & Savings Bank, South Bend, Ind., trustee, holding legal title to the land. Certificates dated as of Dec. 2 1928. Rental under the lease is payable monthly in advance and as received by the trustee is payable quarterly by check to the registered holders of the certificates on the 20th day of March, June, September and December of each year in the annual amount of \$55 for each share up to and including Dec. 20 1958, and \$57.50 for each share thereafter. Citizens Trust & Savings Bank, South Bend, registrar.

These certificates represent interest in real property located in Indiana, the taxes on which are to be paid by the lessee and, therefore, are not required to be listed in Indiana for personal property tax.

Property.—The property conveyed in fee simple to the trustee, consists of two pieces of real estate in South Bend, Ind. The larger piece comprises approximately 26,670 square feet of ground fronting 132 feet on North Main St. and 165 feet on West Washington Ave. and includes the entire quarter block with the exception of a lot 66 by 100 feet at the northeast corner. On this site is located the Oliver Hotel. Across the alley to the west is the second piece, fronting 65 feet on Washington Ave. with a depth of 198 feet, comprising approximately 12,870 square feet of ground upon which is situated the Oliver Hotel Apartment Building and hotel power house.

The Oliver Hotel Building is a well planned six-story hotel and store building of stone, concrete and brick fireproof construction, built in 1900 by J. D. Oliver. It contains 251 guest rooms, 200 baths, dining room, tea room, cafeteria, four banquet rooms, and other usual facilities together with nine storerooms and shops and is one of the best known hotels in this country. The hotel apartment building, directly connected with the hotel building by enclosed passageways on each floor, contains 19 completely furnished kitchenette apartments and three storerooms.

Security.—The land has been independently appraised at \$685,000 as of Dec. 11 1928 and at \$675,000 as of Dec. 31 1927. The improvements, consisting of the hotel, the hotel apartment building, and the hotel power house, have been appraised at a reproduction cost, less depreciation, of \$1,060,700 as of Dec. 31 1927, exclusive of furnishings and movable equipment.

The ownership of the land, together with the fixed improvements thereon, will be vested through the trustee in the holders of these certificates, subject to a lease for 99 years, renewable forever, dated Dec. 20 1928, to the Oliver Hotel Corp. Under the terms of the lease the lessee agrees to pay all taxes, assessments and charges on the leased premises, the administration fees and expenses of the trustee and, in addition, an annual rental of \$33,000 until Dec. 19 1958 and of \$34,500 annually thereafter, payable in monthly installments in advance, which will be distributed quarterly to the registered certificate holders.

Purchase Option.—Under the terms of the lease the lessee will have an option, at any time, upon 60 days' written notice, to purchase the entire property by the payment to the Citizens Trust & Savings Bank, trustee, of all accrued rentals and the sum of \$660,000 (or \$1,100 for each undivided part represented by these certificates) if the option is exercised prior to Dec. 20 1958, and upon payment of all accrued rentals and the sum of \$690,000 (or \$1,150 for each undivided part represented by these certificates) if the option is exercised on or after Dec. 20 1958.

Overseas Securities Co., Inc.—Larger Regular Dividend.

The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of \$1 per share on the capital stock, no par value, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 1. On Aug. 15 1928 an extra dividend of 50 cents per share and a regular semi-annual dividend of 50 cents per share were paid. It is stated that the company has no fixed dividend policy.—V. 127, p. 1262.

(The) Outlet Co., Providence, R. I.—Reduces Pref. Sk.—

The stockholders Jan. 5 authorized a reduction in the 1st pref. stock from \$3,500,000 to \$2,150,000, and in the 2d pref. stock from \$500,000 to \$425,000. The capitalization also consists of 100,000 shares of no-par common stock.

Reduction in the preferred issues follows the purchase or redemption by the company of 13,500 shares of 1st pref. stock (redeemable at \$115 a share) and 750 shares of 2d pref. stock (redeemable at \$105 a share).—V. 127, p. 272.

Pan-American Western Petroleum Co. (& Subs.)—Period End. Sept. 30—1928—3 Mos.—1927—1928.—9 Mos.—1927. Gross sales \$7,688,437 \$8,774,517 \$28,046,083 \$23,623,082 Operating costs, &c. 6,318,119 6,901,360 24,235,945 18,340,685 Deprec. & depl. 921,074 958,359 2,751,361 2,958,850 Other income Cr113,420 Cr334,991 Expenses 147,403 455,251 Interest 461,839 465,058 1,354,934 1,385,540 Net profit. \$100,825 \$302,337 \$38,832 \$482,756 Earnings per share on 500,010 shs. (no par) combined cl A & B stocks. \$0.20 \$0.60 \$0.08 \$0.96 —V. 126, p. 2837.

Paramount Cab Mfg. Corp.—W. C. Durant Acquires Int. W. C. Durant has acquired a substantial interest in this corporation, which operates a fleet of taxicabs in New York, President A. S. Freed announced on Jan. 8. Mr. Freed stated that negotiations had been going on for about three weeks and that Mr. Durant was expected to be on the Paramount's board of directors in a short time. "While Mr. Durant's interest was substantial, Mr. Freed said, "it was not large enough to gain entire control. —V. 127, p. 3412.

Parker Pen Co., Janesville, Wis.—New Directors.—Charles S. Pearce and Howell W. Murray have been elected directors. —V. 127, p. 3412.

(D.) Pender Grocery Co.—Sales.—1928.—Dec.—1927. Increase. 1928.—12 Mos.—1927. Increase. \$1,439,864 \$1,357,595 \$82,269 \$14,521,147 \$12,599,161 \$1,921,986 —V. 127, p. 3716.

(J. C.) Penney Co., Inc.—Gross Sales.—1928.—Dec.—1927. Increase. 1928.—12 Mos.—1927. Increase. \$25,103,925 \$21,799,521 \$3,304,404 \$176,697,622 \$151,957,865 \$24,739,757 Note.—At Dec. 31 1928 the company had in operation 1,023 stores, as compared with 891 a year ago.

In commenting on the year's increase, President E. C. Sams said: "We feel that the increased sales over last year to the amount of \$24,739,757, or 16.28%, is a splendid showing for our 1,023 stores in operation at the close of 1928. While the sales for the year were less than the quota, we believe this fact may be attributed to the unseasonable weather. The increases made by the stores in operation for a year or more reflect a satisfactory condition throughout the country. Due to the broad scope of our store units, which are located in every State but Delaware, the picture presented is a good cross-section of the economic situation.

"In line with our program to open 500 new stores in the next 12 months, as recently announced, the company expects to do well in excess of \$200,000,000 in sales in 1929."—V. 127, p. 3716.

Peoples Drug Stores, Inc., Wash., D. C.—Sales.—1928.—Dec.—1927. Increase. 1928.—12 Mos.—1927. Increase. \$1,355,658 \$927,415 \$428,243 \$11,348,645 \$8,142,241 \$3,206,404 —V. 128, p. 125.

Petroleum & Trading Corp.—Registrar.—The Bank of America National Association has been appointed registrar for 400,000 shares of class A and 10,000 shares of class B stock.

Piggly Wiggly Western States Co.—Consolidation.—A report that this company is negotiating with Safeway Stores, Inc., for a consolidation involving the transfer of the assets and business of the former company, subject to its liabilities, to the Safeway system, in consideration of Safeway Stores, Inc., issuing shares of its common stock to Piggly Wiggly Western States Co., has been confirmed by bankers identified with the situation. The negotiations involve the issue of an amount of Safeway common stock sufficient to enable Piggly Wiggly company to distribute to its stockholders 1-6 of a share of Safeway common for each share of class A, and 8-100 of a share of Safeway common for each share of class B stock.—V. 127, p. 2972.

Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Co.—Changes.—This company, fabricators of elevated steel water tanks, oil tanks, plate work, and also active in the construction of water works, highway bridges and municipal incineration, announce the following changes in their organization:

J. E. O'Leary, who has been in charge of sales at the New York office since its opening in 1914, has been promoted to general sales manager of the company and will assume his new duties at the home office in Pittsburgh about Feb. 1. H. W. Ford succeeds Mr. O'Leary as manager of the New York office. G. A. Smith will direct the construction and erection activities of the company. W. E. R. Moore, formerly with the American Locomotive Co., has been engaged as export manager. The export department will be located in the New York office, 50 Church St., N. Y. City.—V. 121, p. 2050

Polymet Manufacturing Corp.—Acquisition.—The corporation has acquired the plant of the Colton Electric Mfg. Co. at Easton, Pa., according to an announcement. Through the acquisition of this company since 1916 has been engaged in producing coils, the Polymet concern adds to its present line of filter blocks, condensers and resistances, a complete line of power transformer coils, audio transformer coils, transformers and power packs for radio sets.—V. 127, p. 3555.

Postal Service Building Corp.—Bonds Offered.—Robert Garrett & Sons, Baltimore, are offering at par and int. \$490,000 Postal Service Building Corp. New York and Chicago Series A 1st mtge. coll. trust 5½% sinking fund gold bonds at 100 and int.

Dated Oct. 1 1928; due Oct. 1 1934. Interest payable A. & O. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at a premium of ¼ of 1% of the principal amount for each year or fraction thereof between the redemption date and the maturity date, but in no event to exceed 102 and interest. Corporation agrees to refund to holders of these bonds, upon proper and timely application, all State, county and municipal taxes which such holder may pay up to ¼ of 1% per annum. Interest payable without deduction of that portion of the normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Principal and interest payable at the office of Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Baltimore, trustee.

Data from Letter of R. D. Brown, President of the Corporation. Location.—The properties comprise three completed and occupied Post Office buildings and the parcels of fee simple land upon which they are erected. These properties, one of which is in New York and the other two in Chicago, represent an integral part of the Post Office systems of these cities. The buildings are of substantial brick and steel construction, being designed and erected in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the United States Post Office Department. All of these properties have been under lease by the Post Office Department for a number of years.

Security.—These bonds are secured by deposit with the trustee of first mortgage notes on the above mentioned properties. Adequate fire, tornado and rent insurance is carried for the benefit of the bondholders. The corporation also carries liability and boiler insurance. The titles to the properties in Chicago are guaranteed by the policy of the Chicago Title & Trust Co. and the title to the New York property is guaranteed by the Lawyers Title & Guarantee Co. The land improvements have been appraised by independent appraisers, selected by the bankers, at a minimum sound value of over \$681,442. The Government rentals are payable at the end of each month. The trustee holds powers of attorney from the mortgage corporation authorizing said trustee to receive payments direct from the Government if for any reason the corporation should fail to pay promptly the monthly requirements of interest and sinking fund.

Earnings.—The United States Government is now leasing all of these properties for a period extending beyond the maturity of these bonds. The leases are in the form designated as non-cancellable by the Post Office Department. The aggregate annual rentals from the Government leases amount to \$54,028, and the maximum annual interest charge on this issue of bonds is \$26,950. In addition to regular rentals, the Government pays all heat, light, janitor and other operating expenses.

Sinking Funds.—Mortgage provides for monthly payments to the trustee for sinking fund to begin Feb. 15 1929. The operation of this sinking fund, through purchase in the open market or by redemption, is calculated to

retire approximately \$112,000 principal amount of bonds during the life of the loan. This reduces the amount of the loan to \$378,000, or about 55% of the present value of the properties, of which value \$334,114 is for land alone.

Prairie Pipe Line Co.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 4,050,000 shares of common stock (par \$25).

Of the above 4,050,000 shares, 3,240,000 shares are to be issued in exchange for and in place of \$10,000 of the outstanding shares of the old common stock, par \$100 per share, to be issued to stockholders of record Jan. 8 on the basis of four \$25 par value shares in exchange for each one \$100 par value share; the remaining \$10,000 shares par value \$25 each are to be issued as a stock dividend to be distributed to stockholders of record Jan. 8 on the basis of one \$25 par value share in respect of each one \$100 par value share then held.

Earnings 10 Months Ended Oct. 31 1928. Operating revenue \$28,864,937 Miscellaneous revenue 60,895 Total revenue \$28,925,832 Operating expenses 12,456,210 Taxes, except income tax 932,568 Interest earnings Cr. 2,112,181 Income deductions 45,982 Income tax 2,008,000 Net income \$15,535,253 Dividends declared \$8,505,000 Balance, surplus \$7,070,253 Earnings per share \$19.18

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet. Assets— Oct. 31 '28. Dec. 31 '27. Property \$105,416,382 102,266,173 Gov't securities 23,402,328 50,799,087 Current assets 43,180,403 10,137,054 Deferred assets 53,567 59,418 Unadjust. debits 877,608 822,271 Liabilities— Oct. 31 '28. Dec. 31 '27. Capital stock 81,000,000 81,000,000 Current liab'l's 600,272 2,434,881 Res' for taxes 3,825,508 3,548,333 Ac'd depre. 38,316,301 35,597,912 Oth. unadj. cred. 74,661 21,899 Corporate surp. 49,113,545 41,480,983 Total 172,930,287 164,084,003 Total 172,930,287 164,084,003 —V. 128, p. 125.

Propper Silk Hosiery, Inc.—Sales Increase.—The company reports an increase of 25% in sales for the first four months of the current fiscal year, as compared with the corresponding period of the preceding fiscal year, the total for the four months ended Dec. 31 1928 being \$1,087,979, against \$869,948 for the same four months a year ago. Book inventory figures for the current period, it is stated, are increasing in at least a large ratio as sales, pointing to earnings in the neighborhood of \$5 a share for the current fiscal year ending Aug. 31 1929. Earnings last year were \$3.85 a share.—V. 127, p. 2548.

Realty Associates, Brooklyn, N. Y.—To Increase Common Stock—900% Stock Dividend Proposed.—The stockholders will vote Jan. 19 (a) on increasing the authorized common stock (no par value) from 100,000 shares to 1,400,000 shares, and (b) on approving the distribution of a 900% stock dividend on the common stock.

The 400,000 shares not distributed by way of dividend are to be placed in the treasury of the company and are to be reserved for the exercise of 200,000 bearer warrants, these warrants to be issued to common holders in the proportion of two warrants for each share of present common stock. These warrants will entitle the holder to exchange each single warrant, together with either one share of preferred stock of Realty Associates, or one share of pref. stock of the Prudence Co., Inc., or in multiples of \$100, any bond of any issue of Realty Associates Securities Corp. now outstanding, for two shares of the stock reserved by the company. The maximum effect of these warrants to the company would be the retirement of \$20,000,000 of pref. stock or bonds, paying dividends or bearing interest at the rate of at least 6%. Warrants will expire Dec. 31 1929, and any stock not taken up by the exercise thereof will remain in the treasury of the company to be disposed of at the discretion of the directors.

In a letter to the stockholders, President William M. Greve states:

Our charter now provides that the duration of Realty Associates shall be 50 years. The officers and directors believe that the duration of our corporation should be perpetual, and it is desired to amend the charter of the corporation so to provide.

The company has been doing not alone a real estate business, but a real estate financing business. These operations have been very successful. We are planning to engage more extensively in general financing in the future and with this in view it is recommended that the name of the company be changed.

It is proposed to protect the name of Realty Associates by the incorporation of a new company of the same name and this new Realty Associates, all the stock of which will be held by the present parent company, will carry on our real estate business. One of the valuable assets of the company is the entire common stock of the Prudence Co., Inc., which is earning (without reserves) about \$1,500,000 per annum. We think a proper valuation of our interest in the Prudence Co., Inc., would be \$20,000,000. Substantial recurring earnings of the Prudence Co., Inc., are assured from premiums on outstanding guarantees.

An appraisal of the company's holdings (including appraisement of syndicate real estate and other assets) is in our opinion, \$19,000,000 in excess of their book value, and in addition there are realized profits not taken up on the books of \$13,000,000 including reserves. From this amount there must be deducted some income tax (part has been paid).

Using the above figures, should the company revalue its assets to an amount at which they would be fairly appraised, the liquidating value of the company would be over \$40,000,000, or more than \$400 a share of common stock. See also V. 127, p. 3717.

Richfield Oil Co. of California.—Bonds Called.—All of the outstanding 1st mtge. & coll. trust gold bonds, series A convertible, aggregating \$367,000, have been called for redemption Feb 15 at 102½ and int. Payment will be made at the Bank of America of California, Seventh and Spring Sts., Los Angeles, Calif.

Acquires Controlling Stock Interest in Walburn Petroleum Corp. See also Municipal Service Corp. above.—V. 127, p. 2837.

Richmond Dairy Co.—Bonds Offered.—J. A. W. Iglehart & Co. are offering at 99 and int. \$500,000 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds (with stock purchase warrants).

Dated Feb. 1 1929; due Feb. 1 1944. Int. payable (P. & A.) at principal office of the Baltimore Trust Co., Baltimore, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c\*. Red. all or part on any date upon 60 days' notice at 105 and int. until Feb. 1 1934, thereafter at par and int. plus a premium of ¼ of 1% for each year from redemption date to Feb. 1 1934, thereafter at par and int. plus a premium of ¼ of 1% for each year from redemption date to maturity. Refund of state, county and municipal tax not exceeding 5 mills in the aggregate. Baltimore Trust Co. and G. Roy Mueller, Baltimore, Md., trustees.

Stock Purchase Warrants.—These bonds will be delivered with stock purchase warrants entitling the holder to purchase class B common stock of the corporation in the ratio of 5 shares of stock for each \$100 of bonds at the following prices: \$17.50 per share from Feb. 1 1929 to Dec. 31 1929; \$20 per share from Jan. 1 1930 to Dec. 31 1930; \$22.50 per share from Jan. 1 1931 to Dec. 31 1931; \$25 per share from Jan. 1 1932 to Dec. 31 1932. Data from Letter of O. Scott, President of the Company.

Company.—Has been incorp. in Virginia and will acquire the physical assets, business and good-will of the present operating company of similar name. The operating company for the past 35 years has been engaged in the collection, pasteurization and distribution of milk, cream, butter and other dairy products in the City of Richmond, Va., as well as substantial wholesale distribution of dairy products to other Southern communities. At Waynesboro and Lexington, Va., the company manufactures ice cream which is distributed locally. The Richmond Dairy Co. will be the



largest distributor of fluid milk and cream in Richmond, with a daily production of 40,000 quarts. Company's main plant located at Richmond has a production capacity of 60,000 quarts per day. Additional plants include creamery and ice cream manufacturing plant at Waynesboro, Va., a condensing and collection creamery at Staunton, Va., and an ice cream manufacturing plant at Lexington, Va.

**Purpose.**—To provide part of the funds required to purchase the plants, business and good-will of the present operating company.

**Security.**—Secured by a first mortgage on all plants, property, real estate and fixed assets now owned or hereafter acquired. Based on an appraisal by the American Appraisal Co. of June 30 1928, plus subsequent additions at cost and less subsequent depreciation, the total value of the assets covered by this mortgage as of Sept. 30 1928, was over \$845,305. This is equivalent to approximately \$1,700 for each \$1,000 bond.

<b>Capitalization.</b>		<i>Authorized.</i>	<i>Issued.</i>
1st mtge. 15-yr. 6% gold bonds, due 1944	-----	\$500,000	\$500,000
7% preferred stock	-----	250,000	250,000
Common stock (no par value)	-----	1,000 shs.	1,000 shs.

The additional bonds authorized may be issued for additions and betterments to property under the conservative restrictions of the indenture.

**Earnings.**—A. M. Pullen & Co., certified public accountants, have certified that the average net earnings (after deduction of depreciation and taxes other than income taxes) adjustment of salary contracts to present basis, and the elimination of non-recurring charges and income) for the three years and nine months ended Sept. 30 1928, have averaged \$113,283 per year, which is equivalent to 3.75 times the annual interest requirements on this issue of bonds.

**Sinking Fund.**—Indenture provides for a sinking fund payable semi-annually, equal to 20% of the net earnings applicable for dividends on preferred stock, with a minimum of \$17,000 per annum; such minimum to be increased at the rate of \$1,000 per annum for each \$30,000 of additional bonds issued under this indenture. It is estimated that these minimum sinking fund payments will retire over 50% of this issue prior to maturity.

**Control.**—All of the common stock will be owned by the United States Dairy Products Corp., excepting the directors' qualifying shares.

**Listing.**—Application will be made to list these bonds on the Baltimore and Richmond Stock Exchanges.

**Rich Tool Co.—Consolidation Ratified.**

See Wilcox-Rich Corp. below.—V. 127, p. 3104.

**Roovers Bros., Inc.—Stock Offered.**—An issue of 40,000 shares of 7% cumulative preferred stock, priced at \$4.50 per share to yield over 7 3/4% was recently offered by Joseph M. Lotsch, George B. Hooley Co., Goodwin, McGovern & Co. and Henry Repard.

Preferred shares will be entitled to a cumulative dividend of 35c. per share, payable semi-annually, in installments of 17 1/2c. per share, beginning Feb. 1 1929. In the event of liquidation or sale of corporation assets, the preferred shares shall receive \$5 per share. The preferred shares shall have no voting rights unless dividends shall be in arrears four consecutive periods, in which event the preferred shares shall have a right to vote in the same manner as the common shares. Callable upon 30 days' notice, on or before Aug. 1 1932, at \$10 per share, on or before Aug. 1 1934 at \$8 per share; after Aug. 1 1934 at \$6 per share.

**Data from Letter of Joseph M. Lotsch, Pres. of the Company.**

<b>Capitalization Authorized and Outstanding.</b>	
7% preferred stock (\$5 par)	\$300,000
Common stock (\$5 par)	300,000

Transfer agent, Manufacturers Trust Co., New York. Registrar, Midwood Trust Co., Brooklyn.

**History and Business.**—Roovers Bros., Inc., was incorporated in New York, in 1928, succeeding the original partnership of Roovers Brothers, founded by Alexander H. Roovers and Alfred W. Roovers in 1893. From a modest beginning of a nominal capital, company has in the intervening 35 years established a wide reputation in the manufacture of tools, dies, notarial and corporation seals and metal embossing presses.

**Earnings.**—Since its inception, this business has been in a very prosperous condition. From Jan. 1 1918, to July 1 1928, the net earnings have amounted to \$444,681. In addition, large sums have been charged off to depreciation and liberal replacements made during this period. The average net annual earnings for the past 10 years, up to July 1 1928, have been far in excess of the sum required to pay the dividend on the entire issue of preferred stock. For the past five years, the dividend has been earned approximately 2 1/2 times in each and every year. Three new machines that have been in process of completion for the past year are now ready for the market and the earnings of the past five years should be multiplied considerably with the addition of these much needed improvements in the metal embossing press field. The management feels confident that in three years' time the earnings should equal \$100,000 net per year.

**Dividends.**—Directors have declared the semi-annual dividend on the preferred stock on Feb. 1 next, at the rate of 35c. per share per annum to stockholders of record Jan. 10 1929.—V. 128, p. 125.

**Rossville Commercial Alcohol Corp.—Stock Sold.**

Financing connected with the merger of five industrial alcohol companies into this newly organized corporation was completed this week through the sale of 27,500 shares of convertible preferred stock by Bauer, Pogue, Pond & Vivian. The stock was marketed in units of one share of \$7 dividend cumulative preferred stock and one-half share of common stock at \$108.50 per unit.

Preferred stock will be convertible until five days before redemption into 2.2 shares of common stock, with protection against certain dilutions; will carry cumulative annual dividend of \$7 per share, payable Apr. 1 1929, and quarterly thereafter; will be redeemable after 60 days' notice at \$110 per share, plus divs.; will be entitled on involuntary distribution of assets to \$100 per share, plus divs., and will have the right to elect a majority of the directors if dividends aggregating \$7 per share be in arrears, until such arrears have been paid. Transfer agent, National City Bank, New York. Registrar, Guaranty Trust Co., New York.

<b>Capitalization.</b>		<i>Authorized.</i>	<i>Outstanding.</i>
20-year sinking fund 6% convertible debentures	-----	\$5,000,000	\$3,250,000
Convertible preferred stock, \$7 dividend (no par)	-----	35,000 shs.	27,500 shs.
Common stock (no par)	-----	*300,000 shs.	120,000 shs.

\*Including 85,000 shares reserved for conversion of authorized debentures and 77,000 shares for conversion of authorized preferred stock.

Corporation will acquire the properties utilized by the Rossville Co., Orange Grove Refining Co., Inc., Federal Products Co., Seaboard Chemical Co., and Industrial Chemical Mfg. Co., Inc., in manufacturing industrial alcohol, a commercial solvent used in the production of rayon, lacquers, paints, varnishes, &c., as well as an anti-freeze mixture for automobile radiators.

The combined net earnings of the predecessor companies for the 10 months ended Oct. 31 1928 (five months only for one of the companies), after depreciation but before deducting interest, Federal income taxes and \$39,885 of non-recurring charges, amounted to \$501,874, as certified by Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery. Such net earnings for the calendar year 1928 are estimated at not less than \$785,000, equivalent, after deducting annual debenture interest and Federal income taxes at 12%, to over \$18.85 per share of this preferred stock. Compare also V. 127, p. 125.

**Russell Manufacturing Co.—Balance Sheet Nov. 30.**

<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Real estate, mach. & equip.	\$2,033,681	Capital stock	\$2,000,000
Cash	116,812	Notes payable	800,000
Notes receivable	19,833	Accounts payable	240,002
Accts. receivable	1,486,371	Employees pay	38,044
Advances to sales	16,004	Salaries & wages accrued	28,132
Life Ins. (sur. val.)	207,700	Unclaimed wages	2,381
Mortgages receiv.	11,938	Surplus	3,349,584
Inventories	2,441,883	Res. for Fed. Inc. taxes	41,541
Securities owned	100,000		47,142
Prepaid ins. (prems.)	10,248		
Accts. rec. in susp.	55,213		
Patents & tr. mks.	1		
Good-will	1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,499,684</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,499,684</b>

x After reserve for depreciation of \$1,690,857.—V. 126, p. 426.

**Safeway Stores, Inc. (Md.)—Sales.**

1928—Dec.—1927.	Increase.	1928—12 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$10,055,368	\$7,606,539	\$2,448,829	\$104,615,824

To Acquire Piggly Wiggly Western States Co.—See latter company above.—V. 127, p. 3718.

**Second International Securities Corp.—Larger Div.**

A quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the class A common shares was declared by the directors on Jan. 9, payable April 1 to holders of record March 15. This places the stock on an annual dividend basis of \$2 as against the previous rate of \$1.50 per annum. The regular preferred dividends were also declared.—V. 127, p. 2104.

**Securities Management Corp.—Proposed Stock Split-Up.**

At a special meeting of the directors held Jan. 7, it was decided to split the B and C stocks 3 for 1 instead of 2 for 1 as agreed at the meeting held last month.—V. 127, p. 3262.

**Seeman Brothers' Inc.—Earnings.**

Results of operations of the company, proprietors of "White Rose" tea and other "White Rose" food products, for the 5 months ended November 30 1928, indicate a net profit of \$375,257, after all charges including Federal income taxes, equivalent to \$3 per share on the 125,000 shares of no par value common stock outstanding. This is equivalent to the dividend requirements, regular and extra, for the full year, and represents an increase of 23 1/2% over the same period of 1927, when such earnings amounted to \$303,757, or \$2.43 per share. The outlook it is stated is favorable for the remainder of the year, and it is anticipated that earnings for the full year will exceed by a comfortable margin earnings for the fiscal year ended June 30 1928, which were the largest in the company's history and amounted to \$5.24 per share.—V. 127, p. 1117.

**Sheffield Steel Corp.—Earnings.**

<b>Earnings 10 Months Ended Oct. 31 1928.</b>	
Net profit after depreciation, int. amortization and Federal taxes	\$893,440
Preferred dividends	122,485
<b>Balance, surplus</b>	<b>\$770,955</b>
Earnings per share on 179,780 shares common stock (no par)	\$4.29

**Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.—Dividend.**

The Equitable Trust Co. of New York, as depositary of certain ordinary shares of the above company, under an agreement dated Aug. 28 1919, has received a dividend of 2s. per ordinary share, par £1 sterling each; the equivalent thereof distributable to holders of "American shares" under the terms of the agreement is \$0.964 on each "American share." This dividend will be distributed by the trust company on Jan. 22 1929 to the registered holders of "American shares" of record Jan. 15 1929. A distribution of 3s. per ordinary share, equivalent to \$1.455 on each "American share" was made on July 23 last. See also V. 127, p. 2838.

**Signode Steel Strapping Co.—Reorg. Plan Announced.**

Reorganization of the Consolidated Steel Strapping Co., of Chicago, was recently announced by New York and Chicago bankers to provide increased funds for the new company and to insure a wider field of operations. The new concern, known as the Signode Steel Strapping Co., has been incorporated in Delaware and the same management will be continued.—See also V. 127, p. 3917.

**(Isaac) Silver & Bros. Co., Inc.—Sales.**

1928—December—1927.	Increase.	1928—12 Mos.—1927.	Increase.
\$1,304,989	\$1,064,796	\$240,193	\$6,657,226

**Southern Sugar Co.—To Open First Unit.**

The first complete unit of the company's present \$10,000,000 development will begin operation this month with the opening of its \$2,000,000 mill at Clewiston, Fla.

The company plans a series of sugar mill units to extend around the south shore of Lake Okechobee from Clewiston to Canal Point, which will have a daily grinding capacity of 30,000 tons of cane, capable of producing approximately 450,000 tons of sugar per year, Pres. Bror G. Dahlberg states.

On a tract of 125,000 acres of rich Everglades land, 40,000 acres of which has been put under complete water control, the company will raise "P. O. J." cane to supply these mills. The entire bagasse by-product from these mills will be consumed by the Celotex Co., which will erect a plant shortly at Clewiston.

The first Southern Sugar units at Clewiston will have a daily grinding capacity of 1,500 tons of cane, and can be enlarged to handle 7,500 tons daily. Another 2,500-ton capacity mill will be built at Canal Point during 1929 in time to handle the new growth of cane now under cultivation on the company's land.—V. 127, p. 1820, 1690.

**Southwest Dairy Products Co.—Bonds Offered.**

George H. Forman & Co., and Moore, Leonard & Lynch are offering at 99 1/2 and int., yielding about 6.55%, \$1,500,000 10-year 6 1/2% gold deb. bonds (with stock purchase warrants).

Dated Nov. 1 1928; due Nov. 1 1938. Int. payable M. & N. at Central Trust Co. of Ill., Chicago, trustee, and National City Bank, New York, without deduction for normal Federal income tax, now or hereafter deductible at the source not in excess of 2%. Upon the terms provided in the indenture the company will reimburse any holder or registered owner for any personal property tax not exceeding 5 mills, and any income tax not in excess of 6% of the interest levied by a State or Possession of the United States on resident holders. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c's. Red. upon 30 days' notice on any int. date at 105 and int. to Nov. 1 1929, this premium decreasing 1/2 of 1% each May 1 thereafter. Additional bonds may be issued subject to the conservative restrictions of the indenture.

**Stock Purchase Warrants.**—Each holder of a \$1,000 10-year 6 1/2% gold debenture bond will be entitled to purchase 10 shares of common stock of the company, now without par value, at \$12 per share on or before Nov. 1 1930; thereafter on or before Nov. 1 1932, at \$17 per share; thereafter on or before Nov. 1 1934, at \$22 per share; thereafter on or before Nov. 1 1936, at \$27 per share; and thereafter on or before Nov. 1 1938, at \$32 per share, unless such bond has been previously called for redemption, in which case stock purchase warrants must be exercised on or before the redemption date at the then existing stock purchase price. These stock purchase warrants are non-detachable except upon exercise of the warrant. Holders of \$500 bonds will have a proportionate purchase privilege.

**Data from Letter of C. M. Conway, President of the Company.**

Company.—Upon completion of this financing, company will operate the business and properties of certain outstanding companies engaged in the milk, ice cream, butter and ice business in the States of Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas. All of these properties will be owned directly by the company except in the case of the Terry Dairy Co. and the Shaw Brothers properties which will be owned and operated by subsidiary companies, all of whose capital stock is being acquired by the company under contracts of purchase securing purchase money obligations. (See also V. 127, p. 3415).

**Listing.**—Application will be made to list these debentures on the Chicago Stock Exchange.

**Purpose.**—These bonds together with \$1,317,500 7% cum. pref. stock and 125,187 shares of common stock will be used in connection with the retirement of existing funded indebtedness of the company and the acquisition of a part of the above described properties.

**Security.**—The physical properties have recently been appraised by Hazenah & Dorsey as having a sound depreciated value, plus subsequent additions at cost, of \$4,771,157, and the same engineers report that the plants, which are of modern design and adequate for a liberal expansion of the business, are well maintained and in excellent operating condition.

The value of the company's tangible assets, including net current assets of \$525,115, after providing for the outstanding \$1,000,000 purchase money obligations, available for payment of these \$1,500,000 6 1/2% gold deb. bonds is thus shown as \$4,300,472 which is equal to \$2.866 for each deb.

**Earnings.**—Net earnings available for interest and Federal taxes for the year ended Dec. 31 1927 was \$538,287 or 4.91 times the annual interest charge of the bonds to be presently outstanding and the balance available for interest for the first 9 months of 1928 was \$434,668.

**Sinking Fund.**—Indenture provides that the company shall pay to the trustee on Sept. 1 1929, and on Sept. 1 in each succeeding year to and including 1937, a sum equal to 3% of an amount sufficient to redeem on

the next interest date all of the bonds issued hereunder and outstanding on Aug. 15 preceding each such sinking fund payment date, such sinking fund payment to be applied to the purchase and (or redemption of bonds) issued hereunder at not exceeding the current redemption price under the terms and upon the conditions specified in such indenture. (Compare also V. 127, p. 3415.)—V. 128, p. 126.

**Southwestern Stores, Inc.—Acquires Blue Front Chain in Oklahoma.**

This corporation, operating a chain of grocery stores with meat markets in Oklahoma and surrounding territory, has acquired the Blue Front group of stores in Seminole, Shawnee and Maud, Okla., which will increase annual sales by approximately \$1,000,000; bringing the total business of the organization to approximately \$7,000,000 annually.—V. 127, p. 3416.

**(A. G.) Spalding & Bros.—Annual Report.**

Period—	—Years End. Oct. 31—		10 Mos. End.		Cal. Yr. 1925.
	1928.	1927.	Oct. 31 '26.	1925.	
Net sales	\$26,024,700	\$23,961,319	\$19,713,230	\$20,810,182	
Cost of sales	16,068,492	15,161,813	12,763,041	13,412,659	
Admin. & selling exps.	7,226,106	6,655,557	5,181,331	5,424,163	
Depreciation	559,007	542,504	481,824	609,648	
Royalties	90,566	74,488	61,640	70,176	
<b>Net Operating Profit</b>	<b>\$2,080,530</b>	<b>\$1,526,957</b>	<b>\$1,253,395</b>	<b>\$1,293,535</b>	
Other income	271,210	264,583	192,078	209,724	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,351,740</b>	<b>\$1,791,540</b>	<b>\$1,445,473</b>	<b>\$1,503,259</b>	
Interest paid	242,192	224,239	209,236	172,702	
U. S. and foreign taxes	266,100	234,000	162,900	188,600	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$1,843,447</b>	<b>\$1,333,301</b>	<b>\$1,075,337</b>	<b>\$1,161,957</b>	
7% 1st pref. dividends	282,963	287,703	221,128	300,852	
8% 2d pref. dividends	80,000	79,990	59,970	80,000	
Common dividends	356,424	296,945	386,029	477,750	
Prov. for red. 1st pref.	150,000	150,000	125,000	150,000	
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$974,060</b>	<b>\$518,662</b>	<b>\$253,211</b>	<b>\$153,356</b>	
Sbs. com. stk. outstand. (par \$100)	59,822	59,822	59,822	59,822	
Earns. per sh. on com.	\$24.75	\$16.14	\$12.77	\$13.01	

**Comparative Balance Sheet Oct. 31.**

	1928.		1927.		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Assets—</b>					
Land, bldgs., &c.	4,290,584	4,199,889	3,885,000	4,083,700	
Leaseholds, bldgs., & impts.	1,231,796	1,219,251	1,000,000	1,000,000	
Patent rights	5,230	8,330	5,982,200	5,982,200	
Cash	1,321,861	956,630	1,800,000	1,800,000	
Accts. receivable	3,653,036	3,318,485	633,879	544,184	
Notes rec., cust./r's	175,726	207,897	759,200	637,224	
Notes & accts. rec. employes	37,425	47,973	421,511	331,618	
Inventories	9,349,555	8,686,603	270,332	234,695	
Def'd charges, &c.	170,072	258,786	25,748	19,027	
Investments	588,931	624,999	378,605	383,449	
Treasury stock	60,995	43,300	4,488,822	3,514,762	
Cash in sink. fund.	1,269	75,714	Surp. approx. for red. of 1st. pref.	1,240,565	1,115,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,886,481</b>	<b>19,645,858</b>	<b>20,886,481</b>	<b>19,645,858</b>	

x After reserve for depreciation of \$3,619,665. y Leaseholds, building and improvements thereon, after depreciation and amortization, \$1,331,796, less mortgage (payable \$25,000 annually), \$100,000. z After provision for loss on uncollectible amounts of \$164,453.—V. 127, p. 2551.

**Spicer Manufacturing Co.—Preferred Stock Sold.**

Merrill, Lynch & Co. and Cassatt & Co. have sold \$5,000 shares cum. pref. stock, conv. \$3 div., series "A" (no par value) at \$51 per share flat. Entitled to preferential dividends at the rate of \$3 per share per annum, and no more, cumulative from Jan. 15 1929, and payable (Q. J.); and preferred as to assets in the event of any liquidation at \$57.50 per share and divs. Red. as a whole or from time to time in part at the option of the corporation at any time on at least 30 days' notice at \$57.50 per share and div. Non-voting except under certain conditions to be set forth in the certificate of incorporation, as amended. Dividends exempt from present normal Federal income tax.

**Convertible.**—At the option of the holders into common stock at the rate of four shares of cumulative preference stock, convertible \$3 dividend, Series A, for three shares of common stock, at any time prior to Jan. 1 1933, unless called for redemption, and then up to five days prior to the redemption date.

**Capitalization.**—Authorized 150,000 shs. Outstanding 100,000 shs. Cum. pref. stock (no par value) 600,000 shs. Common stock (no par value) 600,000 shs. b 570,000 shs. a Series A.—15,000 shares have been sold for account of employees. b 12,250 shares reserved for sale to executives and employees. c 75,000 shares reserved for conversion of cumulative preference stock, convertible \$3 dividend, Series A.

**Data from Letter of C. A. Dana, Pres. of the Corporation.**

**History and Business.**—Corporation, incorporated in Virginia in 1916, is directly or through wholly owned subsidiaries, the largest independent manufacturer in the United States of universal joints and propeller shafts for motor vehicles and an important factor in the manufacture of axles, frames, shock absorbers, gears and transmission devices, drop forgings and screw machine parts.

The wholly owned subsidiaries are the Parish Pressed Steel Co., the Salisbury Axle Co. and the Brown-Lipe Gear Co. The plants of the corporation and of its subsidiaries are located at South Plainfield, N. J.; Syracuse and Jamestown, N. Y.; Pottstown and Reading, Pa., and Toledo, Ohio.

The products manufactured by the corporation and its subsidiaries are sold to many of the leading manufacturers of motor vehicles in this country. The corporation also owns a substantial interest in Hardy-Spicer Co., Ltd., of Birmingham and Coventry, England, which manufactures universal joints and propeller shafts for the English and Continental trade.

**Earnings.**—The combined profits of the corporation and its subsidiaries, available for dividends, after deducting all charges and after providing for Federal income taxes at the present rate of 12%, as certified by Price, Waterhouse & Co., for the two years and 11 months ended Nov. 30 1928, including profits of Brown-Lipe Gear Co., as certified by Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery, and including the month of December 1928, as estimated by the corporation, were as follows:

Cal. Year—	Earnings as Above.	Times Ann. Dividend on Series A Pref.
1928	\$1,542,324	5.14
1927	1,358,975	4.52
1928 (December estimated)	2,600,000	8.66

The earnings, as above, for the year ended Dec. 31 1928, are equivalent to \$6.20 per share on 370,000 shares of common stock, after deducting therefrom the annual dividend requirement on the 100,000 shares of cum. preference stock, conv. \$3 div., series A, to be presently outstanding.

**Balance Sheet.**—The pro forma consolidated balance sheet as of Nov. 30 1928 shows total net tangible assets of \$10,821,500, equivalent to \$108 per share of cum. preference stock, conv. \$3 div., series A, to be presently outstanding; also current assets of \$6,079,269, as compared with current liabilities of \$1,721,895, a ratio of over 3½ to 1.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the corporation for the purchase of the entire outstanding capital stock of Brown-Lipe Gear Co. and for other corporate purposes.

**Listing.**—Common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and the corporation will make application to list this preference stock.—V. 128, p. 126.

**Standard Milling Co.—Offer to Stockholders.**

See Gold Dust Corp. above.—V. 128, p. 126.

**Standard Oil Co. of California (Del.)—Decision.**

The following statement was issued on Jan. 4 by Pres. K. R. Kingsbury: "The recent decision of the U. S. Supreme Court with respect to Standard

Oil Co. Section 36 in the Elk Hills does not deprive the company of its right or title to the land. The decision determines nothing with respect to the merits of the title.

"The decision concerns a part of a section of land in Naval Reserve No. 1 on which the company has a few small producing wells. The Naval Reserve was established in 1912. The Standard Oil Co. has held the land under patent from the State of California since 1908, or for more than 20 years. In 1916, the land was still unproven and the company offered to donate it to the U. S. Navy, an offer which the Navy declined on the advice of its geologists that the property was worthless for oil. Two years later the company drilled a wildcat well on the land and in January of 1919 discovered oil. The Secretary of the Interior in 1921 held that the company had good title to the land because it was not known mineral land in 1903, the date at which the State of California took the title which subsequently passed to the company.

"A few years ago Congress directed a re-investigation of the title on the theory that the land might have been known mineral land in 1903, notwithstanding the action of the Navy Department in 1916. The company brought suit to enjoin such re-investigation on the ground that the matter was closed by the decision of the Secretary in 1921. Two lower courts sustained the company's right to the injunction. The Supreme Court has reversed this ruling and holds that the present Secretary of Interior may inquire into the title to the land. This leaves the company's title in the same situation in which it was at the time of the hearing before the Secretary of Interior in 1921."—V. 127, p. 2698.

**Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey)—Seeks Control of Beacon Oil Co.**—See latter company above.—V. 127, p. 3416.

**Standard Oil Co. of N. Y.—Acquisition.**

The company is reported to have purchased the Flint Oil Co. of Providence, R. I. The sale includes 37 gasoline stations in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, tank barges, storage tanks to the capacity of several million gallons and an office building in Providence.—V. 127, p. 2698.

**Standard Oil Co. of Ohio.—Acquires Refinery.**

The company has acquired the refinery of the Petroleum Refining Co. at Latonia, Ky. The plant is within switching limits of Cincinnati, O. and will be operated by Standard Oil Co. of Ohio through a subsidiary called the Latonia Refining Corp. and will be served by a 105 mile pipeline connecting with the Illinois Pipe Line Co. in Indiana. The refinery occupies 26 acres of land and has a storage capacity of 50,000 barrels, 5 crude stills, one cross cracking unit and other equipment. It will be converted into a modern type refinery with fractionating equipment and a capacity of 5,000 barrels of crude oil daily. The reconstruction of the plant will require four or five months and when completed its output will be marketed in the Cincinnati district.

**Changes in Personnel.**

A. J. Millins, Vice-President and sales manager has retired. Directors have elected Howard G. Jones as Vice-President in charge of accounting and finance, George A. Burke Vice-President in charge of special lubricating sales, and J. S. Harrison Vice-President in charge of manufacturing. A. A. Stambaugh, formerly in charge of the industrial relations department, has been appointed general sales manager.—V. 127, p. 562.

**Standard Textile Products Co.—November Earnings.**

Earnings of the company for the four weeks' period of November were the largest for that period in the history of the company and earnings for the present year give convincing evidence of equalling 1927 earnings, President J. T. Broadbent announced. Stating that there is no doubt but that dividends will be earned on both the "A" and "B" stocks this year, Mr. Broadbent said that the considerable amount of advanced styling the company has done is directly responsible for the present sound position.—V. 127, p. 3105.

**Stanley Co. of America.—New Directors, &c.**

Harry M. Warner, Albert Warner, W. Stewart McDonald, Henry Rudkin, Abel Cary Thomas and George E. Quigley have been elected directors to fill the terms of John J. McQuirk, Louis J. Kolb, Etta V. Mastbaum, Clifford B. Hawley, Harry Crandall, Jacob Fabian and James B. Clark, resigned.

Harry Warner has also been elected Chairman of the board, Albert Warner as a Vice-President, and Samuel Carlisle, as Comptroller.

**Consolidated Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1928.**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Properties owned	\$71,406,152	Capital stock	\$37,571,362
Properties leased	10,528,069	Bonds, mort. & notes	37,473,028
Investments	6,391,263	Notes payable	6,846,610
Cash	1,981,440	Accounts payable	1,041,029
Cash approx. for construc.	963,948	Deferred & accrued items	8,664,489
Loans, notes & accts. rec.	1,566,732	Reserves	565,170
Inventories	11,221	Minority int. in assoc. cos.	2,057,025
Advance deposits	780,280	Surplus	—
Deferred & prepaid items	2,428,719		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$96,057,824</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$96,057,824</b>

—V. 127, p. 3416, 3558.

**State Bancshares Holding Corp.—Stocks Offered.**

The company with offices located at 420 Lexington Ave., N. Y. City., in Nov. last offered 100,000 shares 7% cum. redeemable preferred stock and 100,000 shares class A common stock in units of one share of each at \$15 per unit.

**Capitalization.**—Authorized 200,000 shs. Outstanding 100,000 shs. 7% cum. pref. stock (par \$10) \$2,000,000 \$1,000,000 Class A com. stock (no par value) non-voting 150,000 shs. 100,000 shs. Class B com. stock (no par value) voting 25,000 shs. 25,000 shs.

**Organization.**—The corporation was organized in Delaware to establish, or acquire as a holding company, directly, or through subsidiaries, equities in, or control of banks, trust, title, mortgage, surety and insurance companies, as well as other financially sound corporations.

Corporation plans to originate and participate in underwritings of bond and security issues on both wholesale and retail basis.

**Preferred Stock.**—The preferred stock is entitled to dividends of 70 cents per share per annum, cumulative from date of issue and has preference over other classes of stock as to capital and dividends, and is entitled to \$11 per share and divs. in the event of liquidation. Pref. stock is callable as a whole or in part on any dividend date on 50 days' notice at \$11 per share and dividends.

**Common Stock.**—Class "A" and Class "B" common stock enjoy the same rights and benefits that class "B" stock has the voting power. No dividends can be paid to Class "B" stock without first paying the same to class "A" stockholders; dividends can be paid, however, on class "A" stock without paying the same on class "B" stock.

**Officers.**—Edwin F. Howell, Pres.; Marshall S. Reeves, Treas.; Clarence Blakely, Sec.; and Paul L. Troast, Vice-Pres.

**Directors.**—E. T. Bedford, 2nd, Clarence Blakely, Edwin F. Howell, Stephen U. Hopkins, William E. Kennedy, Charles B. Molepinski, Daniel Noble, Charles Augustus Post, Marshall S. Reeves, W. H. Ross, M. D., James G. Shaw, Paul L. Troast, John J. Watts and P. H. Woodward.

**State Bankers' Financial Corp.—Advisory Board.**

Samuel Echelman of Echelman & Brinker, Barney Kernzer, President of the Firedoor Contracting Co., Inc., and Dr. Benjamin Dubovsky have been elected to the advisory board of the State Bankers' Financial Corp.—V. 127, p. 2551.

**Strand Building Co., Middletown, O.—Bonds Offered.**

The Title Guarantee & Trust Co., Cincinnati, recently offered \$270,000 1st (closed) mtge. (fee) 6¾% serial gold bonds at 100 and interest.

Dated Nov. 15 1928; due serially Nov. 15 1930-1940. Principal and int. (M. & N.) payable at Title Guarantee & Trust Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, trustee.

**Security.**—An absolute closed first mortgage (in fee) on the entire property, building and equipment of the Strand Theatre, office and store building and additional real estate in Middletown, Ohio, and a first lien on the incomes of the Strand and Sorg Theatres and an aggregate of \$100,000 life insurance on the lives of Theodore and Gust Chifos. The Title Guarantee

& Trust Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio, insures the mortgage of this property as a valid first lien.

**Earnings.**—The income applicable for the payment of the principal and interest of this issue is estimated by the management, in addition to the \$15,000 average net income of the Sorg Theatre, at \$125,000, after allowing for operating expenses, taxes, insurance and vacancies. This income is based upon previous experience of the management and on other buildings of a similar character. This total estimate of income of \$140,000 is seven times the greatest annual interest charge and approximately four times the greatest annual principal and interest charge, exclusive of 1940.

**Sinking Fund.**—Trust deed provides that the company shall deposit monthly with the Title Guarantee & Trust Co. 1-12th of the annual sum of principal and interest, maturing during the ensuing year up to 1940 and the company agrees that it will not pay dividends on the common stock until a reserve has been set aside equal to the principal and interest maturing during the ensuing year.

**(S. W.) Straus & Co. of Del.—Executive Committee Etc.—**

The company announces the election of the following additional officers for their various operating companies:

**Vice-Presidents,** W. C. Clark, H. R. Daniel and J. S. Reitenbaugh, New York; Assist. Vice-Presidents, L. J. Batzle, R. M. Horner, C. C. Irwin and S. H. Ross, New York; H. R. Baker, Pittsburgh; H. W. Solomon and Robert Stronago, Assistants, Secretaries, Frank Kridner, New York; R. C. Baker, Philadelphia; and P. W. Straus, Chicago. The company also announces the election of an executive committee composed of the following members of the board of directors of the parent corp. (Delaware): Nicholas Roberts, H. R. Amott, S. H. Kahn, W. S. Klee, John L. Laun and A. W. Straus.—V. 127, p. 3558.

**Suburban Electric Development Co.—Earnings.—**

The company reports gross sales of \$3,893,235 for the 9 months ended Sept. 30 1928, with net profits of \$187,050. This compares with gross sales of \$2,570,131 and net profits of \$141,000 for the entire calendar year 1927. During the past 4 years sales of the company have shown an increase of approximately 400%, rising from \$986,825 in 1925 to a current rate of approximately \$5,000,000 per year.—V. 127, p. 3417.

**Superheater Co.—New Vice-President.—**

Robert M. Gates has been elected Vice-President.—V. 127, p. 3558.

**Sutherland Paper Co.—Extra Dividend.—**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 30c per share, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 30c, per share on the common stock par \$10, both payable Jan. 31 to holders of record Jan. 20. A 20% stock dividend was paid on Jan. 3 of this year.—V. 127, p. 3720.

**Tobacco & Allied Stocks, Inc.—Tobacco Investment Company Formed.—**

Tobacco and Allied Stocks, Inc. is the name of the first company of its kind, formed for the primary purpose of investing and trading in securities of companies engaged in the tobacco and allied industries. The organizers are prominent in the industry or in the investment banking field and their close connection and familiarity with the tobacco business is seen as assuring both industrial and geographical diversification through investments not only in American cigarette, tobacco, snuff, and cigar manufacturing companies, but also in companies operating in foreign countries and in equipment, raw material, and tobacco distributing agencies. There should be opportunities for profitable investments not available heretofore to individual investors.

The new company has been incorporated under the laws of Delaware, and its certificate also permits it to sell, purchase, trade in, underwrite and participate in syndicate offerings generally. The company will begin business with a simple capital structure, without funded debt or preferred stock. Financial details are being worked out by a group headed by Colvin & Co.

The organizers include the following, who will also serve as directors: William A. Willingham, (Chairman of the board of directors of Universal Leaf Tobacco Co.) Chairman of the Board of Directors; Joseph F. Cullman, Jr., (President of Cullman Brothers, Inc.); President; Howard S. Cullman, (Vice-President of Cullman Brothers, Inc.); Vice-Pres. & Sec.; Fletcher L. Gill, (Vice-Pres. of International Acceptance Bank.); Treas.; J. Taylor Foster (of Field, Gloré & Co.); Edgar B. Bernhard (of Colvin & Co.); Ross E. Young (of Edward B. Smith & Co.); and John F. Wharton (of Cohen, Cole, Weiss & Wharton.) Counsel.

**Thompson's Spa, Inc.—New Director.—**

James P. Hale has been elected a director.—V. 127, p. 3720.

**Truax Traer Coal Co.—Listing.—**

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$3,000,000 15-year 6½% convertible debentures due Nov. 15 1943; 245,000 shares of common stock (no par value) with authority to add 90,000 shares of common stock or any part thereof upon official notice of issue on conversion of the 6½% convertible debentures.

**Earnings for Year Ended April 30 1928.**

Sales, less allowances	\$853,153
Mine operating expenses	488,034
Selling expenses	29,617
Administrative expenses	74,748
Operating income	\$260,755
Other income	17,795
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$278,550</b>
Income charges	73,824
<b>Net profit</b>	<b>\$204,726</b>

**Consolidated Balance Sheet April 30 1928.**

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash	\$608,373	Accounts, wages & royalties payable	\$285,305
Notes & accounts rec.	279,656	Res. for Fed. & state income taxes	80,918
Inventories	227,656	Purchase money 6% notes	160,000
Coal properties & equip.	6,129,053	15-yr. 6½% conv. debentures	3,000,000
Miscellaneous investments	52,560	Common stock & surplus	3,802,769
Deferred charges	32,287		
Good-will, trade names, &c.	1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,328,992</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,328,992</b>

x Represented by 245,000 no par shares.  
The above balance sheet is after giving effect to the following transactions: (1) acquisition of the entire capital stock of Cabin Creek Consolidated Coal Co. and certain properties of Black Servant Coal Co. and W. G. Hartshorn, Jr., Trustee, and of Forsyth Coal Co; (2) retirement of the then outstanding preferred stock; (3) the sale of \$3,000,000 15-year 6½% convertible debentures and 134,834 shares of common stock and the application of the proceeds thereof to the discharge of obligations incurred in connection with (1) above, to the redemption of certain funded indebtedness and to the increase of working capital; (4) the issuance of 60,666 shares of common stock without par value in connection with the acquisition of properties and the retirement of preferred stock; and (5) the charge to capital surplus of discount and expense incurred in connection with the sale of the debentures.—V. 127, p. 3263.

**Tri-Continental Corp.—J. & W. Seligman & Co. Announce Formation of New Investment Co.—**Formation of an investment corporation with an initial paid in capital of \$50,000,000 was announced Jan. 11 by J. & W. Seligman & Co., one of the oldest international banking firms in the country. The new organization, which will be known as the Tri-Continental Corp. (incorp. in Maryland), is sponsored by the banking firm, which will make a substantial investment in its securities, maintain a close association with it and participate actively in its management. The announcement given out by the bankers further states:

Establishment of Tri-Continental Corp. is in line with the recently developed tendency of investment banking firms to create affiliations with

large accumulations of capital brought together for investment. Tri-Continental will be the newest name on a roster of investment corporations which has already reached impressive proportions, but in point of initial capital resources the new corporation will be one of the largest of such companies to be organized in the United States, while the capital set-up is so arranged as to make expansion possible as rapidly as the corporation's activities require.

Five partners of J. & W. Seligman & Co. will serve on the corporation's board of directors, which will consist of not less than eleven members. The other directors will be selected with a view to giving the corporation the benefit of the judgment of men of wide experience and success in business and investment. Under a broad charter, the directors will have extensive powers in conducting the affairs of the corporation, which will specialize in investments in securities and participations in syndicates and underwritings, both domestic and foreign.

The firm of J. & W. Seligman & Co. was founded in 1848 and started its banking career a few years later. Among its accomplishments are a series of successful railroad reorganizations, notably St. Louis-San Francisco in 1916, Pere Marquette in 1917, Missouri-Kansas-Texas in 1921 and International-Great Northern in 1922. These systems now have aggregate assets of more than \$1,000,000,000.

During the past few years, the firm has been a large underwriter and distributor of corporate and foreign Government bonds and of industrial stock issues, its flotations aggregating hundreds of millions of dollars. It also acts as bankers or fiscal agent for several foreign Governments and many banking institutions. In the foreign field, a notable recent accomplishment of J. & W. Seligman & Co. was the Peruvian National Loan which created a new financial structure for the Republic of Peru. Of this loan, \$85,000,000 of bonds have been sold.

Two years ago J. & W. Seligman & Co. brought out at \$38 a share the common stock of the Victor Talking Machine Co., which is now being unified with Radio Corp. of America on a basis indicating a value for the Victor stock of around \$160 a share.

**United Cigar Stores Co. of America.—Personnel.—**

Axel Stall and Jesse R. Taylor have been elected Vice-Presidents, Alexander Goanet a director and J. H. Stockton as controller.

**Contract.—**

See Art Metal Works, Inc., above.—V. 128, p. 126.

**United Electric Coal Cos.—Earnings.—**

Three Mos. End. Oct. 31—1928.		1927.		1926.		1925.	
Profit from oper.	\$373,237	\$487,866	\$343,850	\$251,752			
Royal., deple. & deprec.	103,552	116,272	86,088	74,717			
Int. on mort. bonds	68,628	74,185	54,753	51,202			
Fed. tax & other deduc.	34,848	49,124	33,887	16,579			
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$166,209</b>	<b>\$248,285</b>	<b>\$169,122</b>	<b>\$109,254</b>			

**Balance Sheet Oct. 31 1928.**

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash	\$282,385	8% 1st pref. stock	1,135,000
Accts. & notes rec.	303,989	8% 1st pref. stock sold	350,000
Inventories	244,901	7% gen. pref. stock	255,600
Coal on hand	123,042	Common stock	1,230,913
Bal. due from oper.	450,000	Notes payable	130,000
of 1st pref. stock	450,000	Purchase money notes	26,696
Deposits as contracts guar.	117,550	Accts. & w'es payable	214,830
Securities owned	70,000	Unmat. int. accrued	115,456
Invest. in Elec. Coal Co.	58,077	Accruals	40,889
Special cash deposits	115,459	Reserve for income taxes	72,716
Com. stk. in treas.	30,000	Res. for royalty pay.	118,877
Coal prop. land bldg. equip., etc.	9,162,368	Bonded debt	4,858,500
Ammort. bond disc. & def. exp.	510,792	Other long term debt	73,075
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,468,563</b>	Earned surplus	2,763,431
		Capital surplus	82,580
		<b>Total</b>	<b>11,468,563</b>

x Represented by 140,000 (no par) shares.—V. 127, p. 3722.

**United Equities, Inc. (Mass.)—Rights.—**

The directors have voted to offer shareholders the right to buy 5,000 additional shares of common stock at \$100 per share, in the ratio of one new share for each 3 shares held as of Jan. 15. Rights expire Feb. 5. This company was organized last June to utilize borrowed funds in the purchase of Incorporated Investors' shares. Shares were issued at \$100 per share. The present book value of each share is given as \$160.

**United Fruit Co.—Earnings.—**

Years End. Dec. 31—		1928.		1927.		1926.		1925.	
Net income from oper'n.	Not Avail.	\$21,058,013	\$21,099,514	\$21,723,704					
Interest, dividends, &c.	Avail.	1,806,596	1,930,969	4,494,312					
<b>Total net income</b>	<b>\$24,072,016</b>	<b>\$22,864,609</b>	<b>\$23,030,483</b>	<b>\$26,218,016</b>					
Estimated taxes		3,465,623	3,243,269	3,519,012					
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$20,606,393</b>	<b>\$19,621,340</b>	<b>\$19,511,471</b>	<b>\$22,546,880</b>					
Dividends	a 13,749,762	b 13,748,204	b 11,998,254	c					
Rate per annum	(\$5.50)	(\$5.50)	(\$7.50)						
Bal., profit for year	\$6,856,629	\$5,873,136	\$7,513,217	\$22,546,880					
Accum. profit Jan. 1	\$1,028,727	\$7,155,591	\$72,629,266	\$7,737,562					
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$87,885,356</b>	<b>\$81,028,727</b>	<b>\$80,124,483</b>	<b>\$73,284,442</b>					
Insurance reserve			4,986,893	x655,175					
<b>Profit &amp; loss balance</b>	<b>\$87,885,356</b>	<b>\$81,028,727</b>	<b>\$75,155,591</b>	<b>\$72,629,266</b>					

Shares capital stock outstanding (no par) 2,500,000  
Earnings per share \$8.24  
Amount charged to reduce book cost of securities to market value or below. a Includes \$1.50 extra div. paid in April 1928 and 1927 out of surplus. b As follows \$4.50 per share on old stock (par \$100) and \$5 per share on no par value stock. c Directors took no action on dividends at their meeting on Dec. 8 1925. Heretofore at the December meeting dividends were declared a year in advance. A quarterly basis was adopted beginning with the Feb. 1926 declaration. d Par \$100.—V. 128, p. 126.

**United States Cartridge Co.—Plant Leased.—**

See Moth Aircraft Corp. above.—V. 123, p. 856.

**United States Dairy Products Corp.—New Sub. Co.—**

See Richmond Dairy Co. above.—V. 127, p. 3418.

**United States Express Co.—Liquidating Dividend.—**

The directors have declared the 10th liquidating dividend amounting to \$1.75 per share, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 18.—V. 116, p. 833.

**United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co.—Listing.—**

The Baltimore Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$10,000,000 capital stock (par \$10).  
The stockholders on Oct. 8 approved a change in the par value of the stock from \$50 per share to \$10 per share, and authorized an increase in the authorized capital to \$25,000,000. The new shares have been exchanged upon the ratio of five shares of the new stock for one share of the old stock.—V. 127, p. 3107.

**United States & Foreign Securities Corp.—Annual Report.—**

Calendar Years—	1928.	1927.	1926.
Gross income	\$8,611,595	\$3,490,007	\$3,340,318
Expenses	144,010	261,324	153,872
Provision for taxes	814,697	241,377	284,952
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$7,652,888</b>	<b>\$2,987,304</b>	<b>\$2,896,494</b>
Div. on 1st & 2nd pref. stocks	1,797,450	1,602,177	1,334,592
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$5,855,438</b>	<b>\$1,385,127</b>	<b>\$1,561,901</b>
Earns. per sh. on 1,000,000 shs. com. stock (no par)	\$5.85	\$1.39	\$1.56

—V. 127, p. 969.

**United States Steel Corp.—Recovers \$26,000,000.—**

A check for \$26,000,000 was received Jan. 7 at the office of the corporation, 71 Broadway, N. Y. City, from the United States Treasury Department in payment of the tax refund recently allowed the corporation. This is equivalent to \$3.65 a share on the 7,116,235 shares of common stock of the corporation outstanding. Other refunds are expected as the corporation last July made a claim for \$101,582,180 with interest from 1917 amounting to \$9,359,862, making a total of \$110,942,042.

**Unfilled Orders.—**

See under "Indications of Business Activity" on a preceding page.—V. 127, p. 3418.

**United States Smelting, Refg. & Mining Co.—Listing.**

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$10,972,350 common stock (par \$50) on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied \$28,528,100.

The 219,447 additional shares of common stock was offered for subscription at \$55 per share to the holders of the 351,115 shares of common stock outstanding, in the proportion of  $\frac{1}{3}$  of a share of new stock for each share of common stock sold. The purpose of this issue is to provide funds for the retirement of the \$8,000,000  $5\frac{1}{2}$ % debentures now outstanding and which constitute the only funded debt of the company, and for general corporate purposes.

*Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.*

Assets—	Oct. 31 '28.		Dec. 31 '27.		Liabilities—	Oct. 31 '28.		Dec. 31 '27.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
Property investm't account.....	x62,160,049	61,637,068			Common stock.....	y17,555,887	17,555,887		
Options and other deferred charges	3,678,436	3,395,381			Preferred stock.....	z24,317,775	24,317,775		
Inventories.....	8,930,595	9,587,201			Cap. stock of sub. cos. not held.....	1,780,974	1,917,650		
Stocks and bonds.....	1,044,222	1,115,204			10-yr. $5\frac{1}{2}$ % g. notes	8,000,000	8,000,000		
Notes receivable & loans.....	196,278	147,640			Bonds of sub. cos.	91,200	92,200		
Accts. receivable.....	1,736,447	1,946,733			Notes payable.....	1,500,000	2,400,000		
Cash.....	993,137	1,257,100			Accts. payable, &c.	1,221,870	1,599,623		
					Drafts in transit.....	494,460	593,261		
					Reserve for taxes, interest, &c.....	1,651,991	1,187,360		
					Divs. declared.....		732,781		
					Res've for conting.	3,385,180	3,060,545		
Total (each side)	78,739,164	79,086,327			Profit & loss acct.	18,739,825	17,629,242		

x Property and investment account as at Dec. 31 1927 \$87,288,590; additions during year \$2,322,341 total, \$89,610,731; deduct reserves for depreciation, depletion and amortization, \$27,450,882; capital assets at net book values \$62,160,048. y Including \$137 scrip. z Including \$275 scrip.—V. 128, p. 126.

**United Verde Extension Mining Co.—Copper Output.—**

Production (lbs.)—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
January.....	3,265,898	3,405,972	3,974,110	3,739,542
February.....	3,247,052	2,303,758	3,528,765	3,631,638
March.....	3,397,172	2,622,908	3,557,064	3,308,904
April.....	3,208,628	3,261,292	3,461,786	3,810,358
May.....	3,448,223	4,102,776	3,995,488	3,625,252
June.....	3,340,316	3,537,228	3,818,540	3,130,812
July.....	3,585,742	3,735,848	3,475,936	3,861,794
August.....	4,054,080	3,810,180	3,529,876	3,855,742
September.....	3,513,882	3,626,830	3,511,966	3,730,994
October.....	4,129,520	3,885,500	3,803,688	3,593,899
November.....	4,265,734	3,397,360	3,354,004	3,261,818
December.....	4,688,274	3,859,318	3,173,480	3,479,770

—V. 127, p. 3559.

**Universal Aviation Corp.—Acquires Control of Continental Air Lines, Inc.—**

President Louis H. Piper announces the acquisition of control by the corporation of the complete system of Continental Air Lines, Inc., operating mail planes on a long government contract between Cleveland and Louisville. The purchase was negotiated by John Love of St. Louis, and gives Universal an important new link traversing one of the most intensive industrial sections of the United States.

The system will form the first unit in the proposed Southern Cross Continental air mail route, which the post office department is planning for Cleveland, Louisville, Nashville, Memphis, Dallas and El Paso through to the West coast. Cities on the Continental Line are Cleveland, Akron, Columbus, Dayton, Cincinnati and Louisville. The post office department has promised service also for Springfield, O.

The price paid for the Continental system which has general offices in Cincinnati, was not made public. "In line with Universal policy," Mr. Piper said, "the new unit will be operated in the future both for air mail and passengers, using the new equipment of the Fokker planes now ordered for all its routes. Auxiliary features, such as aerial photography, taxi service and flying schools, also will be added."

Continental Air Lines, Inc., has operated since last August, its chief revenue being from mail contracts. N. P. Jacomini is President, E. L. Schueren, Vice-President, P. S. Vondersmith, Secretary and Treasurer, and K. Griffin, Assistant Secretary.

Col. Halsey Dunwoody, formerly Vice-President and assistant to the president of Gardner Motor Co., has been elected executive Vice-Pres. and a director of the Universal Aviation Corp.—V. 127, p. 3559.

**Vadco Sales Corp.—Listing, &c.—**

The name of V. Vivaudou, Inc., was changed to Vadco Sales Corp., effective Jan. 9.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$2,857,800 pref. stock (par \$100) and 351,018 shares of common stock (no par value) upon official notice of issuance in exchange for the present outstanding certificates for such stock bearing the name V. Vivaudou, Inc., and also 555 shares of common stock on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding scrip certificates for fractions of a share of common stock which were issued on Mar. 31 1928 as a stock dividend, and also \$4,000,000 pref. stock and 600,000 shares of common stock on official notice of issuance in payment for property acquired from American Druggists Syndicate, and also \$800,000 pref. stock and 40,000 shares of common stock on official notice of issuance in payment of property of the Kay-Scheerer Corp. of America, and also 306,312 shares of common stock on official notice of issuance in exchange for and upon conversion of outstanding pref. stock, making the total amount applied for \$7,657,800 pref. stock and 1,327,855 shares of common stock.

On Dec. 11 1928 the stockholders of V. Vivaudou, Inc., voted to increase the authorized preferred stock from \$3,000,000 to \$12,500,000 and the authorized common stock from 500,000 shares to 2,000,000 shares and to change the conversion privilege on the preferred stock from three shares of common for each share of preferred to four shares of common for each share of preferred and to extend the conversion privilege until any time prior to Jan. 1 1934 and to defer the sinking fund to same date and to change the corporate title from V. Vivaudou, Inc., to Vadco Sales Corp.

On Dec. 18 the directors adopted resolution authorizing issuance of \$4,000,000 preferred stock and 600,000 shares of common stock in payment for all the property of American Druggists Syndicate subject to its liabilities, and directly pursuant to the instructions of the stockholders and directors of American Druggists Syndicate that said stock be issued directly to the stockholders of American Druggists Syndicate pro rata upon surrender of their certificates of American Druggists Syndicate for exchange and cancellation, so that each share of American Druggists Syndicate stock shall receive 1-25 of a share of the preferred stock of this company and 3-5 of a share of its common stock. The resolution directed that certificates for fractions of a share of preferred stock and or common stock shall not be issued but that scrip certificates shall be issued representing fractions of a share, which when surrendered on or prior to Jan. 31 1931 with other scrip certificates of the same class of stock in amounts aggregating full shares, shall be exchanged for certificates of stock for the number of full shares of the class of stock represented by the scrip certificates so surrendered, and that the holders of such scrip certificates shall have no right to vote in respect thereof and shall not be entitled to the payment of dividends thereon, and unless so surrendered and exchanged on or prior to Jan. 31 1931 said scrip certificates shall be and become wholly void.

On Dec. 18 the directors adopted resolution authorizing issuance of \$800,000 preferred stock and 40,000 shares of common stock in payment for all the property of the Kay-Scheerer Corp. of America subject to its liabilities, and directing pursuant to the instructions of the stockholders and directors of the Kay-Scheerer Corp. of America that the holder of each share of

its preferred stock shall receive one share of preferred stock of this company and the holder of each share of its common stock shall receive one share of the common stock of this company.

The company has organized the following subsidiaries with a capitalization of 1,000 shares each allowed by the parent organization:

V. Vivaudou, Inc., organized in New York Dec. 20 1928 for the purpose of continuing the trade name V. Vivaudou, Inc. and also for the purpose of taking over the manufacture of all merchandise heretofore manufactured directly by the company and also to take over all trademarks used upon the merchandise so manufactured.

Vadco Sales Corp. organized in New York Dec. 20 1928 for the purpose of conducting the New York business of the company. It is contemplated that the company in due course after completing the proceedings to change its name, may apply for direct authority to do business in the State of New York as a foreign corporation, in which event the New York subsidiary under the name Vadco Sales Corp. will be either merged or dissolved.

Vadco Realty Corp. organized in New York Dec. 20 1928 for the purpose of holding title to real estate in the State of New York owned by the company or its subsidiaries.

American Druggists Syndicate, Inc. organized in New York Dec. 31 1928 for the purpose of taking over the business and property acquired from American Druggists Syndicate.

Kny-Scheerer Corp. organized in New York Dec. 31 1928 for the purpose of taking over the business and property acquired from the Kny-Scheerer Corp. of America.

The company has previously been a holding and operating company. It directly manufactured and sold its own merchandise and it also owned subsidiary companies which individually manufactured and sold other merchandise. Upon the acquisition of the business and properties of American Druggists Syndicate and the Kny-Scheerer Corp. of America and the organization of V. Vivaudou, Inc. in New York, and the change of name of the company to Vadco Sales Corp. the various subsidiaries of the company will each manufacture its own lines of merchandise and the company will do no direct manufacturing but the company will do all the selling of all merchandise manufactured by its manufacturing subsidiaries, except that in some jurisdictions it will cause subsidiaries to be organized under the name Vadco Sales Corp. for the purpose of conducting sales in those particular jurisdictions. Company will continue to be a holding and operating company, but its operations will not include manufacturing, but will be limited to the selling of merchandise.

	V. Vivaudou.	Kny-Scheerer.
Net sales.....	\$4,611,676	\$1,283,148
Earnings before depreciation and taxes.....	415,784	6,381
Depreciation.....	35,267	21,708
Federal taxes.....	45,662	-----
Net profit after depreciation and taxes.....	\$334,854	def.\$15,327

*Income Account (American Druggists Syndicate)*

	6 Mos. Ended June 30 '28.
Net sales.....	\$1,756,998
Cost of sales, expenses, &c., less offsets.....	1,378,390
Profit before depreciation and taxes.....	\$378,608

**Valvoline Oil Co.—6% Stock Dividend.—**

The directors have declared a 6% stock dividend on the common stock payable Feb. 14 to holders of record Feb. 9. A 6% stock dividend was also paid on Jan. 17 1928.—V. 127, p. 1961.

**Victor Talking Machine Co.—Plan of Unification with Radio Corp. of America Announced—Terms of Exchange for Common Stock—Preferred Issue to be Redeemed.—See Radio Corp. of America under "Public Utilities" above.—V. 128, p. 126.**

**Webster Coal & Coke Co.—Tenders.—**

The Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until Jan. 14 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, due Mar. 1 1942, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$55,631 at a price not exceeding 110 and int.—V. 77, p. 513.

**Wedgwood Investing Corp.—Initial Dividend.—**

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of  $1\frac{1}{2}$ % on the 6% cummul. pref. stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15. See offering in V. 127, p. 2555.

**Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.—Bonds Called.—**

All of the outstanding 5% gold bonds due Sept. 1 1946 have been called for redemption Mar. 1 at 105 and int. Payment will be made at the Chase National Bank, Nassau and Pine Sts., N. Y. City.

President E. M. Herr on Jan. 8 announced that the company has taken over the assets of the R. D. Nuttall Co. as of Jan. 1.—V. 127, p. 3723.

**Westvaco Chlorine Products Corp.—Definitive Certificates.—**

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York is prepared to deliver definitive certificates for common stock without par value upon surrender for cancellation of bearer interim receipts.—V. 128, p. 127.

**Wickwire Spencer Steel Co.—Stockholders Protective Committee.—**

The stockholders are in receipt of the following letter signed by Alexander Guttman, Chairman:

On Oct. 22 1927 a receiver was appointed for the properties of the Wickwire Spencer Steel Co. The first mortgage bondholders have formed a protective committee. The personnel of this committee are men who were connected with the flotation of the securities of the corporation. The note holders have also formed a protective committee.

The bankers connected with the company have expressed themselves to a number of stockholders to the effect that there would be no equity left for the common stock in the coming reorganization, and that the likelihood was that the common stock would be entirely eliminated—in plain language, it would be wiped out.

Unless the stockholders unite to protect their interest, it is very likely that they will lose their entire equity in the company.

The undersigned have consented to act as a protective committee for the common stockholders of the Wickwire Spencer Steel Co. and every member of this committee is free from any connection with the present or past management of this company. Every member is a substantial stockholder.

The time is fast approaching when action will be taken by the bondholders' committee to foreclose the properties of the Wickwire Spencer Steel Co. and reorganize the same.

The present financial position of the company is strong. An analysis of the last statement issued by the receiver, as of Dec. 31 1927, does not justify the elimination of the common stock as contemplated by the bankers and original promoters of the Wickwire Spencer Steel Co. This statement shows a very strong current asset position of \$8,932,283 against current liabilities of \$1,337,431, leaving net current assets of \$7,594,851. After deducting all liabilities, including interest charges accrued on the bonds defaulted, there remained an asset value for the common stock of \$5,662,122, or about \$6 per share. This does not include anything for good will. Since this statement was issued the situation has been further improved.

Company is a going concern and is not being liquidated. It is now doing a gross business at the rate of over \$20,000,000. Earnings are reliably informed that the earnings for the first nine months of 1928 have been very favorable. The general steel situation is far better than for some time past.

The condition of the company is good. It fully justifies the participation of the common stockholders in the coming reorganization. It is the aim of the committee to defend the rights of the stockholders in the coming reorganization and demand a fair equity for the common stock. With a proper reorganization and under normal business conditions, there should be a good chance of recovering a great deal of value for the stockholders.

To enable the committee to succeed, they must receive the backing of a very substantial amount of stock. Unless the committee receives the necessary support of the stockholders to carry on their plans of defense, it will be forced to abandon its efforts and that means that stockholders will likely lose their equity in the company.

The committee has received pledges for the deposit of a very substantial amount of stock; but needs a great deal more to acquire proper strength in order to function effectively. Stockholders are asked to deposit their stock with the committee immediately and in any event on or before Jan. 17.

**Committee.**—Alexander Guttman, Chairman; Rudolph Gutfman, Louis Levy, E. Kerman, with L. Knust, sec., 111 Broadway, N. Y. City.

**Depository.**—The Bank of America National Association, 44 Wall St., N. Y. City.—V. 127, p. 3109.

**Widlar Food Products Co.—Expansion Planned.**—This company, which is the outgrowth of a business established in 1855, is completing negotiations for the acquisition of additional companies engaged in the manufacture of food products, according to advices received from Cleveland, where two of its principal plants are located. These developments, announcement of which is expected shortly, is in line with a program announced a short time ago in connection with a public offering of the company's stock.

The same advices indicate that the directors will shortly declare an initial dividend on the common stock.—V. 127, p. 3723.

**Wilcox-Rich Corp.—Merger Approved.**—Final approval was placed on the consolidation of this corporation and the Rich Tool Co. under the name of the former, when stockholders of both ratified the plan on Jan. 3. Class A and B stocks of both corporations are to be exchanged share for share for the similarly designated issues of the new corporation.

The new concern, which will supply a considerable portion of the valve and tappet equipment used by the automotive trade of the country and in addition to the recently established piston-ring business, will have outstanding 167,000 shares of conv. non-par class A stock, entitled to \$2.50 a share annually in cumulative dividends, and 210,000 shares of class B common stock.

Figures on the combined companies were made public incident to the ratification of the consolidation, the net earnings for the 10 months to Oct. 31 amounting to \$1,019,057 after all charges, including depreciation, patent amortization and estimated Federal taxes. This is equivalent, after deduction of the dividend requirements on the class A stock for the period, to \$3.19 a share on the common stock. Such earnings are at the rate of approximately \$3.80 a share for the year on the B stock on the basis of combined operations.

The balance sheet as of Oct. 31 last, giving effect to the consolidation, shows total current assets of \$2,999,477, including \$1,275,202 in cash, against total quick payables of \$896,221, a ratio of better than 3 to 1, while net working capital was \$2,103,256. While funded debt of \$90,000 was shown in the balance sheet as of Oct. 31, these bonds have already been retired and canceled.

The class A stock of the new corporation is identical in its provisions to that of Wilcox-Rich prior to the consolidation. It is convertible on a share-for-share basis at any time into the class B stock, is redeemable as a whole or in part at \$35 a share, and is entitled to that amount in event of dissolution of the corporation.

A program of plant expansion involving the expenditure of half a million dollars is about half completed, according to C. H. L. Flinterman, President of the corporation, while the combination of the plant facilities of the merged companies allows for additional efficiency and saving in operating costs. "We have already been able to shift some business from the Battle Creek to the Detroit plant," he said. "This not only enables us to lighten the load on the former, but to cut down the overhead at Detroit as well. Thus the benefits of consolidation are already being felt, and by the end of February we expect to be experiencing a substantial part of the potential savings made possible by consolidation." On the basis of orders on hand it is conservatively estimated that the net sales of the two merging companies in 1929 will run from 40 to 50% ahead of the business done by both in 1928. January business alone is expected to comprise better than one-tenth of the total which we have now set for the year's goal. As we have allowed for our peak month's constituting about that proportion of the year's total business heretofore, it seems that our expectations for 1929 should easily be realized.—V. 127, p. 3110.

**Virginia Hardwood Lumber Co., Inc., Tazewell, Va.**  
**Bonds Offered.**—Baker, Fentress & Co., Chicago, are offering \$750,000 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds at prices ranging from 99 and int. to 100 and int. according to maturity.

Dated Dec. 1 1928, due serially 1929-1941. Callable all or part on 30 days' notice, on any int. date, at 100 and int. plus a premium of ¼ of 1% for each year or fraction thereof of unexpired term, which premium shall in no event be less than ½ of 1% nor more than 2%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Authorized \$1,250,000; to be previously issued, \$750,000. Principal and int. (J. & D.) payable at Continental National Bank & Trust Co., Chicago, without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Company agrees to reimburse the holders of the bonds, if requested within 60 days after payment, for the Penna. 4 mill tax. Continental National Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago and Calvin Fentress, Chicago, trustees.

**Data from Letter of C. W. Boyd, President of the Company.**

**Business and History.**—Company is engaged in the manufacture and sale of hardwood lumber. Company's plant is located at Bastian, Va., readily accessible to which it owns a large and well-selected body of timberlands opened up by its own logging railroad. This business was begun in 1921 at South Clinchfield, Va., where it operated until the latter part of 1927, when it finished cutting its available timber. Its present operation was started Sept. 1927 and enjoys the same special advantages as to proximity and favorable freight rates to large consuming markets possessed at its previous location.

**Ownership and Management.**—Those associated in the ownership and management of the company include some of the wealthiest and most successful business men in Virginia and West Virginia, being identified as officers and directors in banks and other commercial enterprises in these States, and whose outside net worth is many times the amount of this bond issue.

**Financial Condition.**—The balance sheet of the company, after giving effect to present financing, shows net tangible assets of \$2,424,900, after deducting all indebtedness except this issue, or \$3,233 for each \$1,000 bond outstanding.

**Security.**—Bonds are the direct obligation of company, and are specifically secured by direct first lien on the company's properties conservatively valued as follows:

Timber lands.....	\$1,233,512
Plants, railroad, equipment, &c.....	581,200
Stockholders' subscriptions (demand).....	200,000

Total.....\$2,014,712

**Operations and Earnings.**—Net earnings before depletion and depreciation, but after Federal taxes, available for payment of interest and debt principal, for the three years and eight months ended Aug. 31 1928, averaged yearly \$109,267. Average annual production of lumber during this period was 12,340,000 feet as compared with present output of 20,000,000 feet, and until late in 1927 operations were confined to company's old mill. Based upon the same realization per M feet, but without having effect to greater efficiency and lessened cost of production of present plant, company estimates that income available for interest and debt principal will average annually in excess of \$177,000. After deducting maximum annual interest of \$45,000 on outstanding bonds and estimated interest on current debt of \$6,000, this should leave over \$126,000 available yearly for the retirement of principal.

**(V.) Vivaudou, Inc.—Name Changed to Vadscio Sales Corp.**  
**Acquisitions, &c.**—See Vadscio Sales Corp. above.—V. 127, p. 3560.

**(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—Dividend Rate Increased.**—The directors on Jan. 9 declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the outstanding \$97,500,000 common stock, par \$100, payable Mar. 1 to holders of record Feb. 9. This compares with quarterly dividends of \$1.25 per share paid from Mar. 1 1927 to Dec. 1 1928, incl. In addition, the company paid a 50% stock dividend on Feb. 1 1927. For record of dividends paid since and incl. 1915, see "Railway

and Industrial Compendium" of Dec. 12 1928, page 177.  
 —V. 128, p. 127.

**Zenith Radio Corp.—New Stock Placed on a \$2 Annual Dividend Basis.**—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50c. per share on the new stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 29. This compares with 62½c. per share paid quarterly previous to the distribution of the 300% stock dividend on Nov. 18 last.

President McDonnell, after the meeting stated that while the company, is in a strong cash position and earnings might justify a larger distribution to stockholders the board decided to adopt a conservative policy in order to take care of the greatly increased volume of business already booked for 1929, and because of necessary plant expansion to handle it. See also V. 127, p. 2556, 2385.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—On or about Feb. 1 1929 Charles Head & Co. of Boston will consolidate with the New York firm of Gray & Wilmerding under name of the latter. The resident partners in Boston of Gray & Wilmerding will be the present general partners of Charles Head & Co., namely Walter F. Wyeth, Nelson S. Bartlett and Francis A. Howard, James A. Parker becomes a special partner. The firm of Gray & Wilmerding will transact a general commission business with membership on the New York Stock Exchange, the Boston Stock Exchange and the New York Curb Market. The firm will continue in its present location at Charles Head & Co., 84 State Street, Boston, and the New York office will be at 5 Nassau Street as heretofore.

—Gillet & Co., Baltimore Bankers, have published a sixteen page "January Investment Guide," which contains summarized information on American States Public Service Co., Standard Public Service Corp., Gillet Realty Corp., The Greenway Apartment Co., Tampa Union Terminal Co., and Western Maryland Dairy Corp. The booklet is attractively prepared and contains illustrations and recent photographs of some of the properties financed. Gillet & Co. is also offering an Income Tax Service to all investors and will have in their home office in Baltimore from about February 15 to March 15 a tax expert from a well known firm of Certified Public Accountants.

—From a compilation of selected industrial common stocks and high grade bonds, Mackay & Co., 14 Wall St., New York, in a special analysis issued to-day, point out that the dividend yield from 33 such stocks at the current prices at the beginning of 1927 averaged about 5.64% compared with a return from 45 bonds of 4.70%, a difference of about 1% in favor of the former. "At the present time," says the analysis, "these same stocks yield at current prices less than 4% while the same group of bonds now yield an average of about 4.70%, or a gain of about ¾%."

—Charles Sincere & Co., one of the oldest established brokerage houses of Chicago, are now occupying their new quarters on the 9th floor of the Illinois Merchants Bank Building. The new offices are a model of comfort and convenience and include many innovations. The board room contains the largest board to be seen in the stock brokerage business, having 800 stocks listed. The partners are Charles Sincere, Ben. E. Sincere and Thomas E. Hosty.

—Announcement has been made in Philadelphia of the formation of Bank and Insurance Shares, Inc., with offices in the Lewis Building, to originate investment trust issues on bank and insurance stocks. The officers are Henry G. Pearce, President, James D. Campbell, Vice-Pres. and R. C. Glen, Sec. and Treas.

—Announcement is made to-day of the formation of Geo. C. Jennings & Co., investment bankers, with offices at 25 Broad St. The new firm, headed by Geo. C. Jennings, President, will specialize in the shares of soundly financed and well-managed corporations which have demonstrated their earning power and possibilities of future growth.

—A new analysis of National Family Stores, Inc., a national chain store system, discussing the present position of the company and the outlook for future appreciation in the value of its common stock, has been prepared for distribution by F. A. Brewer & Co., 42 Broadway, New York.

—Jones, Miller & Co., Commercial Trust Building, Philadelphia, have prepared an analysis on Consolidated Theatres, Ltd. The Co. operates a chain of moving pictures and vaudeville theatres in Montreal and adjoining towns and Toronto, Canada. Copies will be mailed on request.

—Hardy & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, 50 Broad St., New York, announce that John Charles Curran is now associated with them in charge of the Bank and Insurance Stock Department.

—Campbell, Starring & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, 52 Wall St., New York, have opened a branch office in Aiken, South Carolina, under the management of E. N. Potter, Jr.

—J. F. Park, Jr., former partner in Cowen & Co., announces the formation of J. F. Park, Jr. & Co., with offices at 150 Broadway, New York, for the transaction of a general brokerage business.

—W. W. Sutton, formerly Vice-Pres. of W. W. Townsend & Co., Inc., has joined the firm of E. H. Holmes & Co., specialists in aircraft securities, 60 Wall St., New York, as a special partner.

—Harris, Winthrop & Co. have prepared for distribution an analysis to ten listed common stocks which they regard as having possibilities of substantial returns over a period of time.

—Keith A. Handyside has been admitted into partnership in the firm of Mathewson, McLennan & Molson, members Montreal Stock Exchange and Montreal Curb Market.

—Paul C. Dodge & Co. Inc., investment bankers, announce the opening of a branch office in the Landreth Building, St. Louis, in charge of Charles Kauffman.

—Mendes, Bell & Whitney, Inc., 20 Pine St., New York, have issued for distribution to investors a review of the investment market in prospect and retrospect.

—Salmon, Weed & Co., Inc., 39 Broadway, New York, have prepared a January analysis of 75 bank stocks and 75 insurance stocks.

—A. M. Lamport & Co., Inc., 44 Pine St., New York, have issued their annual Bond Quotation Record for the year 1928.

—Guttag Bros., 16 Exchange Pl., New York, have issued their January, 1929, analysis on New York banks and trust companies.

—Field, Glore & Co., Inc., announce the opening of a Philadelphia office in the Packard Building, in charge of Philip Bryden.

—G. M.-P. Murphy & Co., 52 Broadway, New York, are distributing an analysis of Bancomit Corporation.

—Lage & Co., 160 Broadway, New York, have issued a special analysis of Pillsbury Flour Mills, Inc.

—Outwater & Wells, Jersey City, New Jersey, have issued a list of New Jersey investment suggestions.

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## GENERAL PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION

### THIRD ANNUAL REPORT—1928.

Wilmington, Delaware, January 9 1929.

To the Stockholders of

General Public Service Corporation:

Your Corporation was organized on December 17, 1925, as an investment company, and shortly thereafter acquired, under a reorganization plan, all the assets of Public Service Investment Company, a corporation of similar nature which had been in successful operation since 1909. In connection with this reorganization, \$2,500,000 of new money was raised through the sale of Common Stock for cash; and in February, 1928, additional new money was obtained through the sale of \$5,000,000 of 5% Convertible Debentures.

All net earnings of the Corporation after payment of current operating expenses and taxes accrue direct to the Corporation without participation in profits by managers, officers or Directors. There are outstanding no profit-sharing contracts and (except for the conversion privileges of the outstanding Debentures and Convertible Preferred Stock) no options for purchase of stock.

The results of the year's operations are set forth in the earnings statement, balance sheets and analyses which follow.

#### COMPARATIVE INCOME STATEMENT.

	1928.	1927.
Income from Stocks	\$577,934.75	\$356,232.37
Income from Bonds, Notes and Cash	95,417.78	151,119.78
Profit on Sale of Securities after Deducting all Federal Taxes	*621,649.76	*754,196.47
Total	\$1,295,002.29	\$1,261,548.62
Expenses	75,420.80	59,612.61
Taxes (Other than Federal Taxes)	2,931.25	2,800.00
Interest and Amortization Charges	233,242.92	-----
Balance	\$983,407.32	\$1,199,136.01
Dividends:		
Preferred, \$6	147,744.00	147,744.00
Preferred, \$5.50	1,348.12	-----
Convertible Preferred, \$7	192,490.59	218,750.00
Common (in Stock, 40,445.12 Shares)	404,451.20	-----
Balance	\$237,373.41	\$832,642.01

\* Includes profits from stock dividends received only in cases where stock dividends were sold. The market values, at end of the respective periods, of unsold stock dividends received during the periods but not included in income were as follows:

\$207,123.00      \$101,094.94

#### COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS.

Assets—	Dec. 31, 1928.	Dec. 31, 1927.	Increase.
Investments:	\$	\$	\$
Stocks	16,247,542.51	10,478,924.30	5,768,618.21
Bonds and Notes	400,815.00	298,440.00	102,375.00
Cash Items:			
U. S. Bonds and Notes	-----	1,000,000.00	*1,000,000.00
Cash (Including call money)	494,788.58	158,068.46	336,720.12
Interest and Accounts Receivable	18,728.33	26,475.56	*7,747.23
Special Deposits	3,659.60	-----	3,659.60
Unamortized Debt Discount and Expense	333,827.59	-----	333,827.59
Unadjusted Debits:			
Redemption Fund for Public Service Investment Co. Stock	2,619.50	2,619.50	-----
Miscellaneous	3.00	3.00	-----
Total	17,501,984.11	11,964,530.82	5,537,453.29
Liabilities—			
Gold Debentures 5% Convertible Series, 1953	4,973,000.00	-----	4,973,000.00
Accounts Payable	7,702.17	6,841.07	861.10
Accounts not yet Due:			
Tax Liability	59,087.71	125,826.28	*66,738.57
Dividends Declared	54,280.50	91,623.50	*37,343.00
Unadjusted Credits:			
Reserve for Unacquired Public Service Investment Co. Stock	2,619.50	2,619.50	-----
Miscellaneous	1,398.90	611.40	787.50
Common Stock Scrip	52,850.00	-----	52,850.00
Book Value of Assets for 24,624 Shares \$6 Preferred, 279 Shares \$5.50 Preferred, 960 Shares \$7 Convertible Preferred and 542,539 Shares Common Stock (All Without Par Value) including Earned Surplus of \$1,779,013.31 (1927 was \$1,541,700.50)	12,351,045.33	11,737,009.07	614,036.26
Total	17,501,984.11	11,964,530.82	5,537,453.29

\* Decrease.

Note.—Outstanding shares of stock December 31, 1927, were as follows:  
24,624 shares \$6 Preferred.  
31,250 shares Convertible Preferred.  
399,624 shares Common.

#### ANALYSIS OF ASSETS DECEMBER 31 1928.

The division of the Corporation's investments between various investment fields and types of securities, and the income to be expected from each category, using present rates of dividends or interest, is given below:

	Cost.	Percentage of Total Cost.	Annual Cash Income.	Percentage of Total Income.
Common Stocks:				
Steam Railroads	\$2,062,512	12.03%	\$105,600	15.20%
Utilities (Holding)	4,791,700	27.95%	185,959	26.77%
Utilities (Operating)	4,551,258	26.55%	231,378	33.30%
Industrials	2,280,000	13.30%	87,120	12.54%
Banks	820,212	4.78%	23,406	3.37%
Investment Companies	1,359,441	7.93%	13,934	2.00%
	\$15,865,123	92.54%	\$647,397	93.18%
Preferred Stocks:				
Investment Companies	48,625	.28%	3,000	.43%
Bonds and Notes	400,815	2.34%	29,385	4.23%
Non-Income Investments (Common Stocks and Warrants)				
Utilities (Holding)	283,483	1.65%	-----	-----
Utilities (Operating)	50,312	.30%	-----	-----
Total Investments	\$16,648,358			
Cash	494,789	2.89%	15,000	2.16%
Total	\$17,143,147	100.00%	*\$694,782	100.00%

\* In addition regular stock dividends are paid on certain stocks. On the basis of present holdings of securities of these companies and current dividend rates the annual values of such stock dividends, at market prices December 31, 1928, are as follows:

Utilities (Holding)	\$128,975
Utilities (Operating)	74,775
Industrials	4,775
Investment Companies	54,450
Total	\$262,975

From the foregoing table it will be seen that the largest investment in any field is in common stocks (including about \$100,000 in option warrants) of utilities amounting to \$9,676,753, which is equivalent to 58.1% of the total investment in securities and which contributes 60.1% of the income. These figures compare with 60.5% so invested in utilities as of December 31, 1927, yielding 51.9% of the total income.

The following table shows the holdings segregated in regard to dividend record, etc.:

	Market Value.	Percentage of Total Investments.	Percentage of Total Assets.
Common stocks with unbroken dividend record of 15 years or longer	\$11,460,703	48.17%	47.19%
Other common stocks paying dividends	11,568,211	48.63%	47.63%
Preferred stocks paying dividends	50,000	.21%	.21%
Bonds and Notes	378,405	1.59%	1.56%
Non-dividend securities (common stocks and warrants)	333,830	1.40%	1.37%
Total Investments	\$23,791,149	100.00%	
Cash	494,789		2.04%
Total Assets	\$24,285,938		100.00%

#### GROWTH OF ASSETS.

The progress made by the Corporation is indicated by the following comparative statement:

	Dec. 31 1928.	Dec. 31 1927.	Dec. 31 1926.
Book Value (cost) of Assets*	\$16,918,444.00	\$11,737,009.00	\$10,889,864.00
Market Value of Assets*	24,061,235.00	13,540,599.00	11,337,687.00
Excess of Market Value over Book Value	7,142,791.00	1,803,590.00	447,823.00
Earned Surplus	1,779,013.31†	1,541,700.50	704,926.48
Asset Value per \$100 of Debentures*	483.84		
Asset Value per share of Preferred Stock*	766.78	549.89	462.22
Asset Value per share of Convertible Preferred Stock*	1,711.40†	354.50	284.36
Book Value per share of Common Stock*	15.64	15.39	13.30
Asset Value per share of Common Stock*	28.81	19.90	14.42
Asset Value of Common in Per Cent of Total Asset Value	64.95%	58.74%	50.81%

\*Values shown represent net assets, after deduction of current liabilities, and asset values are based on market prices at end of period. In determining asset values for Preferred Stock an allowance equal to the face value of the Debentures has been made; for the Convertible Preferred Stock an additional allowance of \$100 per share has been made for the Preferred Stocks; and in obtaining the asset values for Common Stock, face value of Debentures and \$100 per share for each class of Preferred Stock has been allowed.

†The large increase in the asset value per share of the Convertible Preferred Stock is due to the conversion of 21,551 shares during 1928, leaving 9,699 such shares outstanding December 31, 1928.

‡After payment of a total of 8% stock dividend on Common Stock, charged to surplus at \$404,451.20.

INVESTMENT LIST.

The following is a complete list of all the 58 companies in which your Corporation has investments. Common stocks (including 0.63% in option warrants) represent 98.2%, and bonds, notes and preferred stocks represent the remaining 1.8% of the total market value of its investments as of December 31, 1928. The largest investment in any one company amounted to 4.23% of the total assets based on market values. These securities represent progressive and well managed companies, doing business throughout the country and in a few cases abroad; this gives stability to your investment through diversity, as well as the prospect of enhanced earning power arising from the growth and development of the businesses represented.

INVESTMENT LIST AS OF DECEMBER 31 1928.

- American Gas and Electric Company
- American Power & Light Company
- American Superpower Corporation (The)
- American Telephone & Telegraph Company
- Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company (The)
- Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company
- Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company (The)
- Bohemian Discount Bank and Society of Credit, Prague, Czechoslovakia
- Buffalo, Niagara and Eastern Power Corporation
- Cape Breton Electric Company, Limited
- Central Union Trust Company of New York
- Columbia Gas & Electric Corporation
- Columbus Electric and Power Company
- Commercial Solvents Corporation
- Commonwealth Edison Company
- Commonwealth Power Corporation
- Consolidated Gas Company of New York
- Corn Products Refining Company
- Detroit Edison Company (The)
- Duke Power Company
- Eastman Kodak Company
- Electric Bond and Share Securities Corporation
- Electric Investors Inc.
- Electric Power & Light Corporation
- Engineers Public Service Company
- First National Bank of Chicago (The)
- First National Bank of the City of New York (The)
- Fleischmann Company (The)
- General Electric Company
- General Stockyards Corporation
- Insuranshares Trust Certificates
- International Harvester Company
- International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation
- Jacksonville Traction Company
- Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company (The)
- Middle West Utilities Company
- National Power & Light Company
- New York Central Railroad Company (The)
- North American Company (The)
- Northern States Power Company
- Northern Texas Electric Company
- Pacific Gas and Electric Company
- Philadelphia National Bank (The)
- Public Service Company of Northern Illinois
- Public Service Investment Company
- Reading Company
- Southeastern Power & Light Company
- Southern California Edison Company
- Southern Railway Company
- Standard Gas and Electric Company
- Tampa Electric Company
- Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation
- Union Pacific Railroad Company
- United Gas Improvement Company (The)
- United Fruit Company
- United States Steel Corporation
- Ways & Freytag A. G. and Polenski & Zoellner (Nordsuedbahn A. G.)
- Woolworth Company, F. W.

QUARTERLY REPORTS.

In order to keep stockholders and the public fully advised in regard to the position of the Corporation, condensed financial statements are issued quarterly. These reports are sent out regularly to Stockholders and to others desiring the same.

The wide interest in General Public Service Corporation is indicated by the fact that it now has 3,360 Stockholders.

By order of the Board of Directors,

C. W. KELLOGG,  
*President.*

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

We have examined the accounts of the GENERAL PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION as at December 31, 1928, and we have verified by actual inspection and count the stocks and bonds owned at that date and we certify that in our opinion the balance sheet and related income statement shown on pages 4 and 5 [pamphlet report] fairly set forth the financial position of the Corporation at that date and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY,

*Accountants and Auditors.*

New York, N. Y., January 9, 1929.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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- HOWARD F. NEILL, *Treasurer*
- FREDERICK T. PRATT, *Secretary*

CURRENT NOTICES.

—A. D. Mendes & Co., Inc. has augmented its organization by the entrance into the firm of John Whitney and E. H. Englehorn. The name of the firm has been changed to Mendes, Bell & Whitney, Inc., and it will be engaged, as heretofore, in corporation financing and as dealers in general investment securities. Mr. Whitney was formerly associated with Calvin Bullock in charge of distribution. Mr. Englehorn was also associated with Calvin Bullock in the new business department, and prior to that was an officer of the Union Trust Company of Cleveland. A. D. Mendes, formerly President, has been elected Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Victor C. Bell, formerly Vice-President, has been elected President of the new organization. The other officers are: John Whitney, Senior Vice-President; E. H. Englehorn, Vice-President; Benjamin N. Lesk, Vice-President; Lee Wingate Carroll, Assistant Vice-President; and Earnest H. Rice, Assistant Vice-President.

—Announcement is made of the dissolution of the firm of McClure & Madden effective January 7. R. H. McClure and R. A. Cunningham both of the dissolved firm have formed the firm of R. H. McClure & Co. to take over all the assets and assume all the obligations of McClure & Madden, continuing that company's business at the same offices at 44 Wall St., New York. W. M. Madden and C. W. Tracy, both formerly of McClure & Madden, announce the formation of W. M. Madden & Co. to do a general investment business at 44 Wall St., New York.

—Wm. Neely and Stuart K. Parry have formed a co-partnership under the firm name of Neely & Co. for the transaction of a general investment business, with offices at 9 Broadway, New York. Mr. Neely was for many years connected with the National City Company, and until recently a partner of Bauer, Pogue, Pond & Vivian and Mr. Parry was for over seven years with J. P. Morgan & Co.

—Frederick Peirce & Co., Philadelphia, announce the following appointments: John L. Hugg, heretofore manager of the Baltimore office, to be vice-president and manager of their New York office; S. Alan Sloan Jr. to be assistant Treasurer and assistant to the manager of the New York office and J. Claire Sowers, formerly manager at Harrisburg, to succeed Mr. Hugg as manager of the Baltimore office.

—Kenneth A. Christian, formerly of the Financial department of the Continental Insurance Company, has become associated with Ingalls & Snyder, members New York Stock Exchange, 100 Broadway, New York, in charge of their statistical department. William R. Roberts, has become associated with B. J. Van Ingen & Co., 57 William St., New York.

—Clarence Hodson & Co., Inc. announces that Henry Beyer has been made an Assistant Vice-President, in charge of sales in the metropolitan division; Frank J. Reichart, an assistant Vice-President, in charge of advertising and sales promotion and Edward M. Harrigan, an Assistant Vice-President in charge of sales for the New England Division.

—Hemphill, Noyes & Co., investment bankers with headquarters in New York City and offices throughout the Eastern part of the United States, have opened their first Canadian office in the Toronto General Trust Building. Ian G. Cassils, formerly associated with Livingston & Company in Montreal, has been appointed resident manager.

—Luke L. Goff, formerly of H. L. Nason & Co., Boston, has become associated with Howe, Snow & Co., Inc., as New England representative with headquarters at 5 Congress St., Boston. Main offices of the firm are in New York, with branches in Chicago, San Francisco, Grand Rapids, Minneapolis, Detroit, and Philadelphia.

—A. Ransaville Frome, Jr. is now associated with Holman, Watson & Rapp, 1120 Walnut St., Philadelphia, in their sales department and will co-operate with George F. Dobson, of their organization, in the purchase and sale of bonds and investment stocks, in Camden, N. J. and vicinity.

—The Investment Registry of America, Inc., 1515 Locust St., Philadelphia, a statistical and investment organization for security holders, has just issued its current comment letter for the first of the New Year.

—M. A. Haas, formerly manager of the bond department of the Garfield National Bank, has become associated with the Central National Corporation, Broadway at 40th St., New York, as a Vice-president.

—Redmond & Co. announce that T. Parkman Battelle who was formerly with the Guaranty Company of New York, has become associated with them at their uptown office, 341 Madison Ave., New York City.

—Kendrick W. Taylor, formerly with the Journal of Commerce's financial advertising department, has become associated with the Financial Advertising Agency of Rudolph Guenther-Russell Law, Inc.

—The firm of Charles E. Doyle & Co., for many years specialists in over-the-counter securities, has moved to larger quarters in The Chase National Bank Building at 20 Pine St., New York.

—J. Roy Prosser & Co., 52 William St., New York, have issued for distribution to investors a circular on Aeronautical stocks with their quotations and additional data on aviation securities.

—Gruntal, Lillenthal & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, announce the opening of a branch office at 631 Main Ave., Passaic, N. J., under the management of Abram Preiskel.

—T. D. Richardson, 3d, who has been associated with Robinson & Co. in their 44th St. office, has been appointed manager of their office at 475 Fifth Ave.

—E. H. Holmes & Co. announce that W. W. Sutton formerly vice-president of W. W. Townsend & Co. Inc., has joined their firm as a special partner.

Pask & Walbridge, members New York Stock Exchange 14 Wall St., New York, have issued a descriptive circular on Imperial Oil Limited.

—Lilley, Blizzard & Company of Philadelphia, announce that Henry C. Welsh, Jr. has again become associated with their firm.

—Hoit, Rose & Troster, 74 Trinity Place, New York, have issued a special circular on bank and insurance stocks.

—Hornblower & Weeks have prepared for distribution an analysis of New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad.

—John M. Bennett has been elected as Assistant Secretary of James Talcott, Inc., 225 Fourth Ave., New York.

—Murray D. Blum, formerly with F. J. Lisman & Co., has become associated with Newman Bros. & Worms.

—Gustave A. John has been elected a Vice-President of W. W. Townsend & Co., Inc., 7 Wall St., New York.

—Ovid L. Meyer & Co., Inc. announce the removal of their offices to 34 Pine St., New York.

—Lee Tolk & Co., Inc., announce the removal of their offices to 32 Broadway, New York.

—A. O. Allyn and Co., Inc. announce that W. E. De Bary has become associated with them.

## The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS  
PETROLEUM—RUBBER—HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

### COMMERCIAL EPITOME

The introductory remarks formerly appearing here will now be found in an earlier part of this paper, immediately following the editorial matter in a department headed "INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY."

*Friday Night, Jan. 11 1929.*

**COFFEE**—Sport trade was moderate with prices barely steady at times with Rio 7s 18c. and Santos 4s 23½ to 24c. Late last week there were few cost and freight offers received. They were unchanged to slightly lower and included Santos Bourbon 4s at 22.80c.; 4-5s at 22c. to 22.45c.; 5-6s at 20.90c.; 6s at 19.55c.; part Bourbon 2-3s at 23.85c.; 3-5s at 22.35c.; Peaberry 4s at 22.20 to 22¼c.; 5-6s at 21¼c.; Rio 7s at 16.25c.; 7-8s at 16.05c. to 16.40c. and Victoria 7-8s at 15.70c. On the 9th inst. early cost and freight offers were generally lower. For prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2-3s were here at 24.15c.; 3s at 23.65c. to 23¾c.; 3-5s at 22.80 to 23¼c.; 4-5s at 22¼ to 22.65c.; 5s at 21.85 to 22.45c.; 5-6s at 21.15 to 21¾c.; 6-7s at 21c.; 7-8s at 17½ to 18¼c.; 8s at 16c.; part Bourbon 3-4s at 22¼c.; 4-5s at 22c.; 6s 20¾c.; peaberry 4-5s at 22.35c.; Rio 7s at 16.30c.; 7-8s at 15.85c. to 16.15c.; rain damaged 7s and 7-8s combined are offered at 16¼c.; 7-8s at 16.10c. to 17.90c. and 8s at 15.85c.

Spot prices on the 9th inst. were steady though trade was small. Santos 4s were 23½ to 24c.; Rio 7s 18c. and Victoria 7-8s 16¾ to 17c. On the 10th inst. firm cost and freight offers from Santos were generally 10 to 25 points higher, some of the previous day's highest, being unchanged. They included for prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 3s at 23½ to 23 7/16c.; 3-4s at 23 9/16c.; 3-5s at 22.80 to 23.10c.; 4-5s at 22.60c.; 5s at 21.85 to 22¼c.; 6s at 20.85c.; 6-7s at 21.05c.; 7s at 19.70 to 19¾c.; 7-8s at 16 to 17.70c.; part Bourbon 3-4s at 23.15c.; 3-5s at 22.55c. to 22¾c.; 4-5s at 22¼ to 22.65c.; 6s at 20¾c. There were no reported offers from Victoria and but one from Rio which was of 7s minus 15, at 16¼c., an advance of 35 points. To-day early cost and freight offers were unchanged to 5 points higher and included for prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 3s at 23.50c.; 4s at 23 to 23.20c.; 4-5s at 23c.; part Bourbon 3-4s at 22.70c.; 4-5s at 22.60 to 22.65c.; 5s at 21.25c. to 22.25c.; 5-6s at 21 to 22c.; 6s at 20.85c.; 6-7s at 20c.; Peaberry 5-6s at 20.90c.; 6s at 19.50c.; Rio 7-8s at 16.20c. Spot Rio 7s 18c. Santos 4s 23½c. to 24c. A project is on foot to add Mild coffee to the list of commodities traded in on the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange. Some traders have been buying on the theory that there was too much bear talk and that the decline was being overdone. On the 7th inst. Rio was reported to have advanced 300 reis and private cables stated that the market was excited and advancing. Rio terms closed on that day 150 to 450 reis higher than the opening prices. It helped to stir up the shorts. Futures here on the 7th inst. advanced 8 to 24 points following early selling for American and European account. Later with Rio sharply higher the New York market was found to be short. The technical position of the market has improved following a fairly heavy volume of realizing or liquidation which appeared to be caused principally by lower foreign markets. A better inquiry for actual coffee was reported at times.

Trading in coffee futures in 1928 increased nearly 50 per cent here. Contracts representing a total of 12,720,000 bags of coffee, of which 7,462,500 were on the old A contract and 5,257,500 bags on the "D" (Santos) contract, were traded in. This total exceeded 1927 by approximately 4,000,000 bags. Coffee delivered on contract also showed a large increase last year, the total being 297,750 bags against 44,750 bags in 1927. Of the 1928 deliveries, 270,000 were on "A" contracts and 27,750 bags on "D" contracts. The lateness of Venezuela's coffee crop, which is expected to be large and of good quality, has not had as strong an effect on business as anticipated, according to the Department of Commerce. In general, business conditions in the interior of the country are better than in Caracas where December sales in most lines are no better than last year. Stocks of textiles are low with a fair demand for such merchandise. Rio receipts, January 9th, 8,000 bags against 5,000 last year; clearances to Europe 1,000 against 15,000 last year; clearances elsewhere 4,000; stock 353,000 bags against 350,000 last year. Santos receipts 35,000 bags against 29,000 last year; stock 1,017,000 bags against 960,000 last year. Sal Paulo receipts 34,000 bags against 30,000 last year. Jundiahy receipts 16,000 against 22,000 last year. Today Rio and Santos futures closed 5 to 15 points higher on the firmness of Brazilian cables and buying by Europe and Brazil. Choice Santos grades were scarce in New York and Brazil. Sales of Rio were 16,000 bags and of Santos 25,000 bags. Final prices on Rio show an advance for the week of 34 to 40 points and on Santos of 40 to 49 points.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot (unofficial).....	18	May.....	14.80	September.....	13.85
March.....	15.54	July.....	14.25	December.....	13.51

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot (unofficial).....	21.23	May.....	21.24	September 19.86@	---
March.....	22.10@22.12	July.....	20.50@20.51	December 19.48@	---

**COCOA** ended today 2 points lower to 1 point higher with sales of 136 lbs. January closed at 9.89c., March at 10.02c., May at 10.27c. and July at 10.46 to 10.48c.

**SUGAR**—Prompt Cuban raws sold to the extent of 75,000 bags at 2 1/16c. Later 100,000 bags of Cuba and futures on the 7th inst. advanced 1 to 3 points with aggressive buying, it was said, by leading Cuban interests covering hedges against sales to Europe. Refined sold more freely at 5c. for cane and 4.80c. for beet and later cane was advanced to 5.15c. It is believed that on the 9th inst. local and outport refiners bought fully 100,000 bags of Cuba and a small quantity of Porto Ricos for prompt shipment and 3,000 tons of Philippines for January-February shipment all at 2 1/32c. c.&f. for Cubas. On the 9th inst. futures were dull and 2 points off with prompt raws apparently weak freely offered at 2 1/16c. There was a report that Europe would take 100,000 tons of Cuba for February-March shipment at 9s 7 1/2d c.i.f. equal to about 1.84c. f.o.b. Cuba. The Central News Cabled a report of sales of 350,000 tons of 1929 crop Superior Java sugars of which, it said, 300,000 tons went to London at a firm price of 13 florins per quintal, is said to refer to business done about the middle of December and already fully reported here. Havana reported that a cargo of 21,000 tons new crop Cuban raws was loading and was expected to be ready for clearing by the 9th. If so it will arrive here at least four days earlier than any previous vessel with new crop sugar. Refined is now 5.05c. Philadelphia it appears, bought 6,000 tons of Philippines at 3.80c. on the 9th inst. Two cargoes of Cuban for January shipment to New Orleans sold later at 2 1/32c. c.&f. a decline of 1/32c.

Some refiners kept their price at 5.15c in all territories. According to Willett & Gray, the consumption of sugar in Continental United States for the calendar year 1928 was 5,542,636 tons, expressed in tons of refined sugar. This compares with the consumption of 1927 of 5,297,050 tons, or an increase of 245,586 tons or 4.636%. This increase of 4.636% in the consumption for 1928 is contrasted with an increase over a long period of 5.114%. The per capita consumption in the United States for 1928 increased to 104.27 pounds. There are three important points noticed in 1928 consumption, the first being the large increase ranging from 780,362 tons in 1927 to 1,037,241 tons in 1928. The second is the large increase in the consumption of white sugars that went directly into consumption. This class of sugar increased to 342,955 tons compared with 135,130 tons the previous year. Thirdly, was the important decrease in the total melt of all the regular United States refiners. This latter decrease totals 218,799 tons, but, as there was a slight increase in the consumption of refined sugar through San Francisco the decrease in consumption is particularly applicable to refiners in the eastern and southern parts of the United States. Deliveries of raw sugar last year were 197,850 tons against 163,100 in 1927. The licensed warehouse stock of raw sugar in 1928 reached the highest figure recorded in many years—2,367,218 bags compared with 1,089,573 in 1927 and 154,754 in 1923. Trading in futures decreased last year 7 per cent. owing to Cuban restriction measures, it is said. To-day London cabled that there were sales afloat at 9s 7 1/2d. February shipment offered at 9s 8 1/4d buyers at 9s 7 1/2d. British Board of Trade figures for December are as follows: Importers 173,000 tons against 156,000 last year consumption 115,000 tons against 115,000 last year; stock 267,000 tons against 263,000 last year. To-day futures closed 1 to 3 points higher with Cuba, Wall Street and outsiders buying. There was talk of the possibility of a Cuban single selling commission. Raws were firmer at 2 1/32c. with less offering. Europe was reported bidding equal to 1.85c. f.o.b. The number of Cuban centrals grinding was said to be 141. Sales today were 49,000 tons. Final prices show an advance for the week of 5 to 7 points.

Spot (unofficial).....	2 1-32	May.....	2.15@	September ..	2.25@2.26
January .....	2.01@nom	July.....	2.21@	December .....	2.30@
March.....	2.05@				

**LARD** on the spot was steady late last week with prime western 12.05 to 12.15c.; refined Continent 12¼c.; South America 13c.; Brazil 14c. On the 5th inst. prime western was 12 to 12.10c. Futures on the 5th inst. were rather irregular but ended 2 to 8 points lower in the face of a rise of 10c. in hogs, choice 180 to 210 pounds selling at \$9. Lard took its cue from some decline in grain markets though corn was a fraction higher. Liverpool lard was unchanged.



Deliveries on January lard contracts at Chicago were 250,000 lbs. and of bellies 200,000 lbs. Hog receipts at Western points were 51,800 against 69,400 on the same day in the previous week. Chicago expected 60,000 on Monday and 230,000 for the entire week. To-day futures ended 2 to 7c. higher with the cottonseed oil firmer and less pressure to sell. Final prices show an advance for the week of 12 to 18 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO-

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
January delivery	11.60	11.60	11.62	11.67	11.75	11.80
March delivery	11.77	11.80	11.77	11.82	11.92	11.97
May delivery	12.02	12.05	12.05	12.10	12.20	12.22

PORK lower. Mess \$29.25 to \$29.50; family \$32.25 to \$34; fat back \$25 to \$28. Ribs, Chicago cash \$12, basis 50 to 60 lbs. average. Beef dull. Mess \$26 to \$27; packet \$28 to \$30; extra India mess \$44 to \$46; No. 1 canned corned beef \$3.10; No. 2, six pounds, South America \$16.75; pickled tongues \$75 to \$80 per bbl. Cut meats steady; pickled hams 10 to 20 lbs. 18 1/4c.; pickled bellies 6 to 12 lbs. 16 1/4 to 17 1/4c.; bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, 18 to 20 lbs. 14 1/4c.; 12 to 14 lbs. 14 1/2c. Butter, lower grades to high scoring 43 to 49 1/2c. Cheese, flats, 25 1/2 to 29c.; daisies 24 1/2 to 28c. Eggs medium to extras 26 to 44c.; premium marks 45c.

OILS—Linseed was steady at 10c. for carlots but there were intimations that 9.8c. would be accepted on a firm bid. For single barrels 10.8c. was asked. Most of the business is in small lots, very few carlot orders being reported. A better demand for spring deliveries was noted. Coconut, Manila, Coast tanks, 7 1/2c.; spot N. Y. tanks 8 1/4 to 8 3/8c. Olive, Den. \$1.35 to \$1.50. China wood, N. Y. drums, carlots, spot 14 1/2c.; futures 14 1/4c.; Pacific Coast, tanks December 13 1/2c. Soya bean, bbls., N. Y. 12 1/2c.; tanks coast 10c. Corn, crude bbls. 10 1/2c.; tanks f.o.b. mill 8 1/2c. Lard prime 15 1/2c.; extra strained winter, N. Y. 13 1/2c. Cod, Newfoundland 67c. Turpentine 63 1/4 to 68 1/2c. Rosin \$9.10 to \$12.45. Cottonseed oil sales to-day including switches 6,900 bbls. P. Crude S.E. 8 3/4c. bid. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	10.10@10.50	March	10.27@10.28	June	10.50@10.65
January	10.21@10.27	April	10.39@10.48	July	10.66@
February	10.10@10.25	May	10.49@10.50	August	10.70@10.80

PETROLEUM.—Gasoline was reduced 7 cents by the Warner-Quinlan Co. early in the week. It is now selling high compression at 14 cents retail. The Utilities Oil Corporation reduced the price of high compression gasoline 2c. to 19c. and white gasoline 3c. to 15c. delivered to consuming public. These cuts were taken by many in the trade to mean a price war, and not the forerunner of a general reduction in prices. Yet there were those who believe that the recent downward revisions indicate that consumption is falling off. Most refiners quoted 10 1/2c. refinery and 11 1/2c. in tank cars delivered to nearby trade. Miranda crude was cut 20 cents by the Humble Pipe Line Co. and the Magnolia Petroleum Co. announced a similar reduction. Bunker oil was in good demand and firm at \$1.05 for grade C. at refineries and \$1.10 f.a.s. New York harbor. Diesel oil was moving quite freely against standing contracts at \$2. Gas oil demand has picked up a little. Furnace oil was in better demand and firm at 6 1/2c. at nearby refineries. Kerosene is gradually improving. Water white 43-45 was held at 9c. refinery and 10c. in tank cars delivered to nearby trade. Production is large however, and stocks are said to be rather heavy. Mineral spirits met with a better demand at 12 1/2 to 13c. in tank cars at local refineries. Pennsylvania lubricating oils were more active.

[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—On the 5th inst. New York prices advanced 10 to 20 points with London up 1/16d and regardless of predictions that 50,000 tons or more will arrive at American ports in January and that the London stock would show an increase for the week of 2,000 tons. Outside prices were stronger though business lagged and may not at once revive. Singapore advanced 1/16d to 3/8d. New York closed on the 5th inst. with January 17.90 to 18.10c.; February 18 to 18.10c.; March 18.20 to 18.30c. On the 7th inst. prices advanced 10 to 20 points in some cases, but lost some of this rise later, as realizing set in and factory demand failed to appear. New York ended with January 18c.; March 18.20 to 18.30c.; May 18.60c.; July 18.80 to 18.90c. Outside prices: Ribbed smoked sheets, spot and January 18 to 18 1/4c.; February-March 18 1/2 to 18 3/4c.; April-June 18 1/2 to 18 3/4c.; July-Sept. 18 1/2 to 19 1/8c. Spot, first latex crepe 18 1/2 to 18 3/4c.; clean thin brown crepe 17 to 17 3/8c.; specky brown 16 7/8 to 17 1/8c.; rolled 13 to 13 1/4c.; No. 2 amber 17 1/4 to 17 3/8c.; No. 3 17 to 17 3/8c.; No. 4, 16 3/4 to 17 1/8c. London advanced 1/16d on the 7th inst. ending with spot and January 8 3/4 to 8 15/16d; February 8 13/16d; March 8 7/8d; April-June 9 1/16. No. 3 amber crepe 7 11/16d. London's stock increased last week 2,226 tons to 21,953 tons against 19,727 tons in the previous week, 16,855 a month ago, 63,793 a year ago and 48,918 two years ago. In Liverpool on the 7th the total stocks were 2,953 tons against 2,854 tons in the previous week, an increase of 99 tons. Singapore on the 7th was unchanged to 1/8d higher; January 8 7/16d; April-May-June 8 3/4d; July-August-September 8 15/16d. On the 9th inst. New York suddenly shot up 20 to 50 points on big transactions that is 2,727 tons led by London with a rise of 1/4d on near deliveries where important plantation inter-

ests were, it is said, bidding up prices. New York ended with January 18.30 to 18.40c.; February 18.30 to 18.40c.; March 18.50c.; May 18.90c.; July 19.10 to 19.20c.; August 19.20c.; September 19.30 to 19.40c.; October 19.50c. Outside prices: Smoked sheets, spot and January 18 3/4c. to 18 5/8c.; February-March 18 1/2 to 18 3/4c.; April-June 18 7/8 to 19 1/8c.; July-September 19 to 19 3/4c. Spot, first latex crepe 18 3/4 to 19c.; clean thin brown crepe 17 1/2 to 17 3/4c.; specky 17 1/4 to 17 1/2c.; rolled 13 1/2 to 13 3/4c.; No. 2 amber 17 3/4 to 18c.; No. 3 17 1/2 to 17 3/4c.; No. 4 17 1/4 to 17 1/2c.; Paras, Upriver fine spot 20 to 20 1/4c. London on the 9th inst. ended with spot and January 9 7/8d; February 9 7/8d to 9 3/16d; March 9 3/16d to 9 1/4d; April-June 9 3/8d, July-Sept. 9 3/8d. No. 3 amber crepe 7 3/4d. Singapore up 1/16 to 1/8d; January 8 5/8; April-May-June 8 15/16d; July-September 9 3/16d.

On the 10th inst. London closed quiet and unchanged to 1/16d higher with spot-January 9 7/8d; February 9 3/16d; March 9 7/8d; April-June 9 7/16d and July-September 9 11/16d. Talk to the effect that the merger of large rubber companies is under consideration here including the Goodyear, United States Rubber Co. and the Sieberling Co. has had the effect of putting up prices for rubber securities of late. And today crude rubber opened at the exchange 90 to 150 points higher, partly in response to an advance in London of 7/8d to 1s; spot January was quoted there at one time today 10d; February 10 1/8d; March 10 1/4d; April-June 10 3/8d and July 10 5/8d. Singapore closed 1/16d net higher with No. 3 amber crepe on the spot quoted at 8d, or 1/8d higher. There is a more confident tone in the trade. Of course if there is a merger it will mean large savings in costs of operation and a better state of things generally in the trade. To-day prices advanced 120 to 140 points. Outside and foreign buying was heavy to cover. The transactions reached a new high record, i. e., 3,887 lots. Heavy realizing and a reaction at London caused a setback of 50 to 100 points from the top at one but later came another rally and prices closed at near the high of the day. Final prices were 180 to 200 points higher than a week ago. London closed 5/8 to 1d higher with spot-January ending at 9 3/4d; February 9 13/16d; March 9 7/8d; April-June 10d and July-September 10 1/4d.

HIDES—Frigorifico have been less active of late. Common dry have been quiet. City packers have been in rather better demand at some decline. Country hides have been slow of sale. Common dry, Cucutas 32c.; Orinocos 31c.; Maracaibo 30 1/4c.; La Guayra and Savanilas 30c.; Central America and Santa Marta 31c. Packer, native steers 22 1/2c.; butt brands 20 1/2c.; Colorados 19 1/2. Frigorifico steers nominally 24 1/2c. New York City calf skins 5-7s 2.45; 7-9s 2.87 1/2; 9-12s 5.70.

OCEAN FREIGHTS—Some are looking for lower rates. Later there was rather more demand for grain tonnage.

CHARTERS included sugar, part cargo, January, south side Cuba to Havre, Antwerp or London, one port 20s 6d; Grain, Halifax, February, to Antwerp or Rotterdam 13 1/2c.; 35,000 qrs. Gulf, January 20-February 2, to Antwerp or Rotterdam 18 1/2c., Hamburg 19 1/2c., Bremen 20c.; 35,000 qrs. Batimore, Marseilles, Genoa, Naples, February 5-25, 18c.; Gulf, February, 10-28, Antwerp or Rotterdam 18 1/2c., Hamburg 19 1/2c.; St. John, Jan., to Constantinople 26c.; 25,000 qrs. New Orleans-Galveston, Jan. 18-28, Antwerp or Rotterdam 18c.; Halifax, January to Continent 18 1/2c. Tankers:—Gulf, January, fixed December 21, to Boston 18c.; Curacao, January, to north of Hatteras 16c.; case oil, Gulf oil, Gulf, January, to E. Coast South America 28c.; Gulf or Venezuela, January to North of Hatteras 15c.; January, to North of Hatteras, Gulf 16c., Tuxpan 18c., Tampico 19c.; Gulf, February, clean, to French Atlantic 13s 3d. Petrol cake, January, Gulf to Rotterdam-Hamburg \$7.50 to \$7.75. Rice, February, Guaymas to Continent \$10. Coal Hampton Roads, West Italy, February \$2.50; Time: West Indies round, prompt \$1.25.

COAL.—Prompt delivery steam sizes of anthracite have been it is said none to plentiful. Stove does not sell so well as chestnut to consumers. Consumption is on a fair scale. In the East colder settled weather would be a highly desirable condition. Domestic screened is selling to the Central West generally at unchanged prices for the best grades but 25c. lower for the less desirable grades. Bituminous New York tidewater at piers, navy standard \$5.25 to \$5.50; high volatile steam \$4.30 to \$4.50; high grade medium volatile \$5. to \$5.20. At Hampton Roads, navy standard, pure r.o.m. f.o.b. piers \$4.25 to \$4.50; pool 1 mixed \$4.15 to \$4.25; Nut and slack 3.80 to \$3.90; Kanawha screened \$4.50 to \$4.75; run of mine \$4.30 to \$4.55. Anthracite coal, per long ton, f.o.b. mines company, grate \$8.25; stove \$9.10 to \$9.25; pea 4.06 to \$5.00; rice \$1.50 to \$2.25; egg 8.75; nut \$8.75; Buckwheat \$2.75 to \$3.25; Barley \$1. to \$1.75.

TOBACCO.—The New Year opened in a manner encouraging to leaf tobacco importers and packers in this and other markets. Shipments of Sumatra and Java tobacco during the week were good and while a number of sales of these types of wrapper material were also recorded. As had been expected, manufacturers came into the market immediately after the turn of the year to replenish sadly depleted stocks. Some activity is looked for in the Hartford market during the next fortnight. Shade has been moving briskly, but there are still some more or less important users of this type who have not yet made their commitments. The 1927 Connecticut broadleaf is commanding attention among manufacturers, with at least one very large buyer ready to load up for the coming year's requirements of his factories. There has also been activity in 1927 Havana Seed. Meanwhile some buyers are scouring the Connecticut Valley for good tobaccos out of the 1928 crop. Buying here,

however, has not reached large proportions as yet as this tobacco it seems, has turned out to be a disappointment. Several packers of Wisconsin making their headquarters in New York, are now without a pound of binder tobacco. Manufacturers were very tardy in taking the 1927 Wisconsin until they learned that the new crop was heavily damaged in the sheds.

COPPER was firm, but quiet, at 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. delivered to Connecticut Valley and 17c. c.i.f. European ports. Export buying was mostly for March shipment. April was the most wanted by domestic buyers. In London on the 9th inst. spot standard advanced 15s and futures 7s 6d; sales 100 tons spot and 900 futures. Electrolytic was unchanged at £78 5s for spot and £78 15s for futures. Later Connecticut Valley delivery was firm at 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. and export 17c. with good shipments but little new business. In London on the 10th inst. spot standard advanced 5s to £75 5s; futures up 3s 9d to £73 11s 3d; sales 200 tons spot and 600 futures. Electrolytic £78 5s spot and £78 15s futures.

TIN for a time was quiet, later it became more active. Yet the sales on the 9th inst. were the smallest seen for some time past. They established a new low record at 5 tons on the National Exchange as contrasted with the high record of 705 tons for one day. A fair business was done in London. The outside market was virtually at a standstill. Sellers generally quoted 49 $\frac{5}{8}$ c. for all positions. On the local exchange prices declined 15 to 20 points on the 9th inst. In London on the 9th inst. spot standard rose 2s 6d but futures fell 10s in the first session; sales 80 tons spot and 320 futures; Spot Straits declined 2s 6d to £227 12s 6d; Eastern c.i.f. London closed at £229 2s 6d on sales of 250 tons. At the afternoon session spot standard advanced 2s 6d and futures 5s; total sales 590 tons. Later trading was brisk at the Exchange. At one time prices had advanced sharply. Tin plate mills are running at full capacity. On the 10th inst. futures here in sympathy with a decline in London closed 35 to 40 points lower; January and most other months 49 to 49.05c.; March 49c. In London on the 10th inst. spot standard fell £2 17s 6d to £223 5s; futures off £1 15s to £223 5s; sales 100 tons spot and 350 futures; Spot Straits off £2 17s 6d to £224 15s; Eastern c.i.f. London closed at £227 2s 6d on sales of 400 tons. In the second session futures fell 10s; total sales 710 tons. Today prices closed unchanged to 15 points higher on the local exchange with sales of 285 tons. January ended at 49.15 to 49.20c. Today London spot was 15s higher at £224; futures up 12s 6d to £223 17s 6d; sales 50 spot and 130 futures; Straits £225 10s, or 15s higher; Eastern price still £227 2s 6d; sales 150 tons.

LEAD was in fair demand and higher at 6.50c. East St. Louis and 6.65c. New York. There was more buying of prompt than of futures. Most of the sales were for January and February delivery. In London on the 9th inst. spot dropped 2s 6d and futures 1s 3d; sales 250 tons spot and 800 futures. Later trade was of only moderate size at 6.65c. New York and 6.50c. East St. Louis. In London on the 10th inst. spot advanced 1s 3d to £22 2s 6d; futures unchanged £22 10s; sales 50 tons spot and 350 futures.

ZINC was rather quiet and easier. Western slab zinc was said to be available under the 6.35c. East St. Louis price, or at 6.32 $\frac{1}{2}$ c especially from smaller producers. In London on the 9th inst. spot advanced 5s to £26 12s 6d; futures up 2s 6d; sales 175 tons futures. Later the East St. Louis quotation was weaker at 6.35c.; some trade at 6.32c.; possibly at 6.30c. In December surplus stocks of zinc were reduced 1,101 tons and the stock at the close of the year was 45,441 tons against 40,751 tons a year previously. Consumption in both the steel and brass industries is greater than then. In London on the 10th inst. spot fell 5s to £26 7s 6d; futures off 2s 6d to £26 11s 3d; sales 150 tons spot and 650 futures.

STEEL scrap is up 50 to \$19.25 the highest in three years. Mills are buying moderately and of course the rise is not exactly welcome to them. Meantime business has been fair considering the time of year. Production is hampered here and there by the influenza epidemic. Chicago's output however is put at 87%, an increase of 2%. Buffalo is also up 2%. Youngstown and Pittsburgh districts are 80 to 85 per cent. The Steel Corporation subsidiaries average 86 per cent. Sheets, hot-rolled strip, tin plate and wire products, which were advanced for the current quarter are quieter as regards new business. Steel scrap specialties were well sustained at \$19.50 to \$20 and blast furnace material at \$12.50 to \$13. Compressed sheets continued scarce and were quoted at \$18.50 to \$19. At Youngstown auto body sheet makers are working at capacity and it looks as though this state of things might continue for some time. It is stated too that at Youngstown first quarter shipments of highly finished auto sheets will be quoted at 4.10c. against 4c. for the final quarter, 1928. Sales of freight cars are said to be many. Shipbuilding steel has been, it is said, in good demand. For two coastwise steamers along the Atlantic 10,000 tons of steel was just bought and 85,000 tons additional are wanted. Ship work at Chicago for inland waterways involves 18,000 tons. Later the demand for plate was the main feature.

PIG IRON has been quiet and it is said the Central West is somewhat overbought. Complete returns for pig iron pro-

duction in December showed that 201 furnaces were in blast on January 1st as against 194 stacks a month previous. These 201 furnaces have a capacity of 110,675 tons daily as against 108,575 tons capacity on December 1st. Prices are nominal in the absence of business to try out the market. Foundry No. 2 plain Eastern Pennsylvania \$19.50 to \$20.50; Buffalo \$17.50 to \$18.; Virginia \$20.75; Birmingham, \$16.50 to \$17.; Chicago \$19.50 to \$20.; Valley \$17.50 to \$18.; Cleveland delivered \$18. to \$19. Basic Valley \$17.50 to \$18.; Eastern Pennsylvania \$19.50 to \$19.75. Steel scrap at Pittsburgh at \$19.25 is a new high for three years past and may help pig iron very noticeably. Birmingham reports large iron deliveries.

WOOL.—A government report on January 8th said of the Boston Market: "Interest is being shown in Ohio and Michigan 56s and 45-50s wools. Bids are inclined to be under current asking prices and consequently sales are slow. The sale was closed on a sizeable volume of Ohio 48-50s strictly combing at 55c. in the grease. According to private reports, approximately 20,000,000 lbs., were shipped to the United States from Montevideo and the Argentine during the last two months of 1928. This is considerably more than twice the quantity shipped during the corresponding period of the previous year." The first series of London Colonial auctions this year will open Tuesday next with net total offerings of 103,200 bales. They will include 73,250 bales of Australian wool; 23,750 from New Zealand; 4,300 from South Africa; 1,200 from South America and 700 sundries. According to present arrangements the auctions will close January 29th.

SILK closed 2 points lower to 2 points higher with sales of 300 bales. January ended at 5.01 to 5.04c., March at 5.02c. and May at 5.02c.

## COTTON

Friday Night, Jan. 11 1929.

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 172,340 bales, against 188,298 bales last week and 255,661 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1928, 7,227,074 bales, against 6,291,541 bales for the same period of 1927-28, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1927 of 935,533 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	8,010	7,643	14,539	9,005	5,214	4,094	48,505
Texas City	---	---	---	---	---	2,683	2,683
Houston	9,875	15,030	13,347	9,604	8,425	7,378	63,653
New Orleans	12,131	3,802	7,943	6,416	7,167	1,643	39,102
Mobile	805	265	1,539	1,692	1,178	1,129	6,608
Savannah	474	570	444	255	620	235	2,598
Charleston	597	369	331	100	154	---	956
Wilmington	379	184	169	100	88	---	1,140
Norfolk	---	---	227	241	---	768	1,887
New York	1,809	---	978	191	---	---	2,978
Boston	---	---	10	---	---	---	10
Baltimore	---	---	---	---	---	2,220	2,220
Totals this week.	34,080	27,952	39,521	27,504	23,102	20,181	172,340

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 Jan. 11.	1928-29.		1927-28.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1928.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1927.	1929.	1928.
Galveston	48,505	2,299,447	30,106	1,631,693	593,569	511,826
Texas City	2,683	143,136	1,615	75,345	39,368	40,458
Houston	63,653	2,441,756	26,740	2,162,870	944,629	950,804
Corpus Christi	---	252,823	5,943	178,570	---	---
Port Arthur &c.	---	3,650	---	---	---	---
New Orleans	39,102	1,087,570	35,449	1,031,188	330,004	526,498
Gulfport	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mobile	6,608	198,304	2,279	210,647	43,566	16,101
Pensacola	---	7,837	---	10,788	---	---
Jacksonville	---	120	---	8	733	592
Savannah	2,598	290,256	5,945	475,064	49,967	56,211
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	---	---
Charleston	956	142,735	3,581	206,279	41,446	34,301
Lake Charles	---	5,505	---	200	---	---
Wilmington	1,140	106,438	1,455	81,459	39,094	23,348
Norfolk	1,887	191,803	2,192	180,344	107,560	87,839
N'port News, &c.	---	92	---	---	---	---
New York	2,978	25,534	76	4,748	57,904	196,289
Boston	10	1,698	102	3,994	2,981	4,818
Baltimore	2,220	28,370	1,848	38,279	1,078	1,663
Philadelphia	---	---	---	155	4,631	9,074
Totals	172,340	7,227,074	117,331	6,291,541	2,256,530	2,459,822

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1928-29.	1927-28.	1926-27.	1925-26.	1924-25.	1923-24.
Galveston	48,505	30,106	85,041	57,473	95,674	60,589
*Houston	63,653	26,740	76,955	35,961	36,097	38,810
New Orleans	39,102	35,449	56,303	52,373	56,269	40,765
Mobile	6,608	2,279	4,286	2,357	2,258	1,725
Savannah	2,598	5,945	21,325	13,181	12,687	13,020
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	---	---
Charleston	956	3,581	5,766	4,497	5,859	959
Wilmington	1,140	1,455	2,492	954	7,228	600
Norfolk	1,887	2,192	1,796	5,167	7,313	7,338
N'port N., &c.	---	---	---	---	---	---
All others	7,891	9,584	5,815	---	8,199	5,642
Tot. this week	172,340	117,331	264,749	178,734	231,584	169,448
Since Aug. 1	7,227,074	6,291,501	9,060,858	6,912,470	6,636,834	5,110,578

\*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 223,786 bales, of which 62,275 were to Great Britain, 24,709 to France, 52,077 to Germany, 17,235 to Italy, nil to Russia, 51,176 to Japan and China, and 16,314 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 134,849 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 5,062,132 bales, against 4,121,942 bales in the same period of the previous season.

Below are the exports for the week:

Week Ended Jan. 11 1929. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	5,181	8,370	32,134	5,446	---	25,270	10,006	86,407
Houston	2,906	8,875	2,540	---	---	16,140	1,400	31,861
Texas City	3,811	1,721	1,061	1,054	---	802	250	8,699
New Orleans	32,969	4,057	3,269	4,935	---	7,614	3,593	56,437
Mobile	8,255	---	3,878	---	---	---	550	12,683
Savannah	1,692	---	1,175	---	---	---	390	1,565
Charleston	---	---	1,599	---	---	---	---	3,391
Wilmington	5,800	---	---	5,800	---	---	---	11,600
Norfolk	---	638	2,221	---	---	---	---	25
New York	1,127	48	---	---	---	---	100	1,275
Los Angeles	200	1,000	3,000	---	---	500	---	4,700
San Francisco	334	---	1,200	---	---	750	---	2,284
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,275</b>	<b>24,709</b>	<b>52,077</b>	<b>17,235</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>51,176</b>	<b>16,314</b>	<b>223,786</b>
Total 1928	26,653	12,734	28,008	17,796	---	37,233	12,425	134,849
Total 1927	69,341	13,372	46,597	19,476	---	35,215	33,011	217,012

From Aug. 1 1928 to Jan. 11 1929. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	264,803	208,235	438,468	103,344	15,798	432,144	229,448	1,692,240
Houston	298,134	205,071	386,488	133,149	20,458	293,554	102,372	1,448,226
Texas City	21,924	8,451	28,466	1,054	---	7,213	6,027	73,135
Corpus Christi	44,243	41,659	87,712	21,807	4,904	55,086	27,812	283,223
Port Arthur	---	550	2,250	200	---	---	650	3,650
New Orleans	254,738	59,588	147,318	63,665	68,440	109,261	63,149	766,159
Mobile	52,280	871	61,389	3,198	---	4,500	3,710	125,948
Pensacola	3,340	---	2,947	750	---	700	100	7,837
Savannah	110,641	24	94,473	1,200	---	10,500	2,051	218,889
N'port News	92	---	---	---	---	---	---	92
Charleston	46,062	777	48,126	---	---	850	8,843	104,658
Wilmington	28,800	---	5,300	27,050	---	---	2,500	61,650
Norfolk	46,759	638	15,589	---	---	2,300	1,245	66,531
Lake Charles	1,296	---	1,511	3,250	---	---	330	6,027
New York	12,469	5,456	24,872	12,234	---	5,809	10,462	71,302
Boston	330	---	441	---	---	---	1,575	2,346
Baltimore	---	1,525	---	519	---	---	---	2,044
Philadelphia	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	1
Los Angeles	22,565	11,424	24,502	2,000	---	21,572	106	82,169
San Diego	2,700	1,948	4,296	---	---	---	600	9,544
San Francisco	3,831	250	4,958	---	---	11,120	329	20,488
Seattle	---	---	---	---	---	15,973	---	15,973
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,213,007</b>	<b>546,467</b>	<b>1,378,747</b>	<b>373,420</b>	<b>118,600</b>	<b>970,582</b>	<b>461,309</b>	<b>5,062,132</b>
Total 1927-28	601,334	587,199	1,390,466	332,699	101,126	663,822	445,296	4,121,942
Total 1926-27	1,541,415	668,159	1,676,234	450,266	117,973	851,451	603,921	5,909,419

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 November the exports to the Dominion in the present season have been 30,590 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 29,923 bales. For the four months ended Nov. 30 1928 there were 81,518 bales exported, as against 65,883 bales for the corresponding four months of 1927.

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:

Jan. 11 at—	On Shipboard Not Cleared for—						Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign.	Coastwise.	Total.	
Galveston	11,000	9,100	11,500	36,000	6,500	74,100	519,469
New Orleans	4,728	4,236	10,226	12,283	300	31,773	298,231
Savannah	---	---	700	---	500	1,200	48,767
Charleston	---	---	---	---	700	700	40,746
Mobile	3,209	262	---	6,350	2,039	11,860	31,706
Norfolk	---	---	---	---	---	---	107,560
Other ports*	7,000	6,500	10,000	24,000	2,500	50,000	1,040,418
<b>Total 1929</b>	<b>25,937</b>	<b>20,098</b>	<b>32,426</b>	<b>78,633</b>	<b>12,539</b>	<b>169,632</b>	<b>2,086,897</b>
Total 1928	21,076	14,444	31,133	56,130	7,830	130,613	1,329,209
Total 1927	38,222	24,383	41,890	95,184	13,324	213,003	2,735,779

\* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery was in general quiet, and early in the week prices declined moderately owing to "stale" long liquidation which was large enough to impel prices downward. Such selling came from all parts of the country, from Texas, from New Orleans, the South generally, Wall Street and the West. Bearish local professionals were selling. The expectation was that the next report of the Association of Textile Merchants would show a falling off in unfilled orders for standard cloths of 10 to 15%. Also it was believed that the domestic consumption in December would exhibit a distinct decrease from that of November partly owing to the prevalence of influenza in parts of the South; 550,000 to 600,000 bales was the general expectation—some said 510,000 to 525,000—against 610,884 bales in November and 538,786 in December, 1927. Moreover, the trade demand was smaller. Mills had bought freely in the last two months. Their needs were correspondingly lessened. Goods, too, were quiet and print cloths and sheetings declined 1/8c. Second hands cut prices; first hands had to follow suit. Yarns were quiet. Liverpool prices at times came lower than due, what with London or Continental selling. The spot basis in Texas was said to be lower; spot sales fell off. Worst of all, so far as New York was concerned, was the lack of new life and snap in the cotton speculation with stocks, its competitor, at times higher and showing new activity with Stock Exchange seats rising again to \$600,000. Stocks were a

strong competitor for outside business all over the country not excepting every nook in the South. There were suggestions that the next acreage might be nearly 50,000,000 acres. Recent rains at the South had put a good "season" in the ground. Winter rains are well known to be especially important in Texas.

The production of standard cloths in December (four weeks), according to the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants was 279,207,000 yards against 341,841,000 in November (five weeks); sales in December 225,139,000 against 375,163,000 in November; ratio of sales in December to production, 80.7% against 109.7 in November; ratio of shipments to production, 98.9% against 101.8 in November; stock on hand on Dec. 1, 388,634,000, against 394,742,000 on Nov. 1; stock Dec. 31 391,743,000 against 388,634,000 on Nov. 30; change in stocks in December: increase .8 of 1% against a decrease in November of 15%; unfilled orders Dec. 1, 519,770,000 against 492,556,000 on Nov. 1; unfilled orders December 31 468,861,000 against 519,770,000 on Nov. 30; change in unfilled orders in December: decrease 9.8% against an increase in November of 5.5%.

On the other hand, prices showed something of a tendency to rally late on the 7th inst. as the decline tapped covering and mill calling. Offerings died down especially on the 8th when Liverpool recovered somewhat and the trade and shorts continued to buy. Besides, the technical position was stronger. Quietly but persistently within a week a great deal of long liquidation had been done. It lessened the tension. The trade bought more freely. A little new outside buying appeared. The West and the Continent bought; also Wall Street; if Liverpool sold it also bought. The spot basis was said to be higher at Dallas on the 7th and generally firm the next day. Japan and Europe, including France, Italy and Spain were reported to be buying spot cotton more freely. Memphis wired that latterly the basis had advanced 25 to 75 points on the better grades, especially on one inch and upward. Even 3/8 to 15/16 inch was noticeably firmer and for the superior grades there was a persistent demand. In Manchester, the demand for Ind'a was larger. The general situation in Lancashire was improving. Some Maine and New Hampshire mills were working nights. It was felt by some that not improbably the total consumption in December in the United States would approximate 600,000 bales. That would exceed the total in most recent years for December by considerable. One report suggested that an increase in acreage was not likely to be more than 1,000,000 acres; others said very little increase. But 1,000,000 increase would mean about 47,700,000 acres planted, not 50,000,000. Some complaints of the results of last year's planting have been received from parts of the belt, notably from its eastern section, though they have not been lacking from sections of Texas, as to yields per acre. As regards the mills, it is said that they have much fixing of prices still to do. The general trend of the textile industry at home and abroad was believed to be upward. Mill calling was a daily feature in Liverpool. The fundamentals of the raw cotton business were felt by many to be sound.

On Thursday, early prices were 10 to 20 points lower with indifferent cables and some selling on the monthly figures of the textile cotton trade as well as general liquidation. Goods were quiet and spot prices were sluggish, while the demand was nothing very brisk. Fears were expressed that next Monday's statement of the consumption in the United States in December might be some 60,000 bales less than the November total of some 610,000 bales, partly owing to the influenza among the operatives at the South as well as to some extent in New England. Later in the day, however, came a sharp upturn, owing to a falling off in the offerings and rumors that the consumption in this country last month was more like 580,000 bales than 550,000, still less anything under that figure. The West and Wall Street, moreover, bought cotton as the stock and grain markets advanced. Manchester reported a better demand for cloths from China and Egypt and also a larger sale of yarns. The Shanghai auctions were more active. In Liverpool, covering and fixing offset Bombay and London selling in the end. The spot basis was reported firmer in Texas and the demand better in Georgia. The National Fertilizer Association's report showed fertilizer sales for five months ended December, to be 618,679 tons against 710,917 a year ago and 606,774 in 1926. This is a decline for the five months of 13%. Sales in December show a decline of 28.5%. The Association thinks the decline in December indicates a curtailed use of fertilizer for cotton crop in 1929.

To-day prices were irregular, opening lower by some 10 to 15 points, then rallying to a net rise of something similar and then reacting and ending a few points net higher for the day. An estimate of 532,000 bales as the December home consumption was disappointing to many. It caused selling, until it was explained that there were three working days less in December than in November, and that the daily consumption of 26,000 bales was the same as in November, thereby largely depriving the report of its seemingly bearish significance. Moreover, the mills were calling on a larger scale. Wall Street and Chicago bought. Shorts covered. Contracts at times were scarce. Spot markets

were a little more active at a slight advance in some cases. The basis if anything was steadier. For the first time this season, moreover, the world's visible supply of American cotton showed a decrease for the week. Spinners' takings made a better showing. The basic position in the cotton trade is considered by many to be strong. Final prices show a net rise for the week of 16 to 27 points. Spot cotton ended at 20.25c. for middling, an advance for the week of 5 points.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the Jan. 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 Jan. 17:

Middling fair	White	.77 on middling
Strict good middling	White	.57 on middling
Good middling	White	.39 on middling
Strict middling	White	.25 on middling
Middling	White	Basis
Strict low middling	White	.78 off middling
Low middling	White	1.63 off middling
*Strict good ordinary	White	.39 off middling
*Good ordinary	White	3.29 off middling
Good middling	Extra white	.39 on middling
Strict middling	Extra white	.25 on middling
Middling	Extra white	Even on middling
Strict low middling	Extra white	.78 off middling
Low middling	Extra white	1.63 off middling
Good middling	Spotted	.23 on middling
Strict middling	Spotted	.03 off middling
Middling	Spotted	.78 off middling
*Strict low middling	Spotted	1.55 off middling
*Low middling	Spotted	2.34 off middling
Strict good middling	Yellow tinged	.04 off middling
Good middling	Yellow tinged	.44 off middling
Strict middling	Yellow tinged	.39 off middling
*Middling	Yellow tinged	1.35 off middling
*Strict low middling	Yellow tinged	2.16 off middling
*Low middling	Yellow tinged	2.94 off middling
Good middling	Light yellow stained	1.02 off middling
*Strict middling	Light yellow stained	1.55 off middling
*Middling	Light yellow stained	2.23 off middling
Good middling	Yellow stained	1.33 off middling
*Strict middling	Yellow stained	2.05 off middling
*Good middling	Gray	.67 off middling
Strict middling	Gray	1.08 off middling
*Middling	Gray	1.45 off middling
*Good middling	Blue stained	1.58 off middling
*Strict middling	Blue stained	2.22 off middling
*Middling	Blue stained	2.97 off middling

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Jan. 5 to Jan. 11	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland	20.00	19.95	20.00	20.25	20.20	20.25

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Jan. 11 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1929	20.25c.	1921	17.50c.	1913	13.10c.	1905	7.15c.
1928	19.50c.	1920	39.25c.	1912	9.65c.	1904	13.95c.
1927	13.35c.	1919	39.85c.	1911	14.80c.	1903	8.90c.
1926	20.55c.	1918	32.60c.	1910	15.30c.	1902	8.75c.
1925	24.10c.	1917	18.15c.	1909	9.50c.	1901	10.12c.
1924	33.35c.	1916	12.50c.	1908	11.55c.	1900	6.06c.
1923	27.20c.	1915	8.05c.	1907	10.80c.	1899	6.06c.
1922	18.20c.	1914	12.60c.	1906	11.80c.	1898	5.94c.

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Jan. 5.	Monday, Jan. 7.	Tuesday, Jan. 8.	Wednesday, Jan. 9.	Thursday, Jan. 10.	Friday, Jan. 11.
Jan.—						
Range	19.72-19.88	19.53-19.74	19.67-19.80	19.67-19.99	19.78-20.08	19.84-20.10
Closing	19.72-19.74	19.64-19.65	19.77-19.79	19.98-19.99	19.95-19.97	19.99
Feb.—						
Range						
Closing	19.76	19.68	19.81	20.00	19.99	20.01
Mar.—						
Range	19.80-19.96	19.60-19.81	19.74-19.86	19.75-20.05	19.85-20.15	19.89-20.18
Closing	19.80-19.82	19.72-19.73	19.85-19.86	20.04	20.02-20.04	20.04-20.05
Apr.—						
Range	19.81	19.72	19.85	20.04	20.04	20.05
Closing	19.81	19.72	19.85	20.04	20.04	20.05
May—						
Range	19.82-19.98	19.62-19.84	19.75-19.88	19.77-20.07	19.86-20.16	19.91-20.20
Closing	19.82-19.83	19.73-19.75	19.86-19.88	20.04-20.06	20.05-20.06	20.06-20.07
June—						
Range	19.65	19.55	19.67	19.85	19.85	19.87
Closing	19.65	19.55	19.67	19.85	19.85	19.87
July—						
Range	19.46-19.60	19.25-19.44	19.38-19.50	19.40-19.70	19.52-19.78	19.53-19.83
Closing	19.46-19.47	19.37	19.49-19.50	19.67-19.69	19.66-19.67	19.68-19.69
Aug.—						
Range	19.37	19.28	19.42	19.62	19.58	19.61
Closing	19.37	19.28	19.42	19.62	19.58	19.61
Sept.—						
Range	19.28	19.20	19.35	19.55	19.50	19.54
Closing	19.28	19.20	19.35	19.55	19.50	19.54
Oct.—						
Range	19.19-19.32	19.02-19.16	19.17-19.28	19.24-19.48	19.28-19.53	19.31-19.58
Closing	19.19	19.12	19.28	19.48	19.42-19.45	19.47-19.48
Oct. (new)						
Range	19.05-19.20	18.87-19.02	19.00-19.10	19.03-19.25	19.08-19.34	19.15-19.39
Closing	19.05	18.96-18.98	19.08	19.23	19.25	19.27
Nov.—						
Range	19.22	19.15	19.31	19.51	19.45	19.50
Closing	19.22	19.15	19.31	19.51	19.45	19.50
Nov. (new)						
Range	19.08	18.99	19.11	19.26	19.28	19.30
Closing	19.08	18.99	19.11	19.26	19.28	19.30
Dec. (new)						
Range	19.09-19.12	18.89-19.02	19.00-19.07	19.02-19.25	19.15-19.30	19.25-19.48
Closing	19.07	18.96-18.97	19.09	19.25	19.32	19.37

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Jan. 11 1929 and since trading began on each option:

Option for	Range for Week.	Range Since Beginning of Option.
Jan. 1929	19.53 Jan. 7 20.10 Jan. 11	17.00 Feb. 2 1928 22.45 June 29 1928
Feb. 1929		18.68 Aug. 21 1928 20.07 Dec. 24 1928
Mar. 1929	19.60 Jan. 7 20.18 Jan. 11	17.20 Sept. 19 1928 22.36 June 9 1928
Apr. 1929		18.58 Aug. 18 1928 22.06 July 9 1928
May 1929	19.62 Jan. 7 20.20 Jan. 11	17.72 Sept. 19 1928 22.30 June 9 1928
June 1929		18.00 Aug. 13 1928 20.43 Nov. 26 1928
July 1929	19.25 Jan. 7 19.83 Jan. 11	17.12 Sept. 19 1928 20.57 Nov. 27 1928
Aug. 1929		
Sept. 1929		
Oct. 1929	18.87 Jan. 7 19.58 Jan. 11	18.08 Nov. 5 1928 20.02 Nov. 27 1928
Nov. 1929		19.45 Dec. 15 1928 19.60 Dec. 18 1928
Dec. 1929	18.89 Jan. 7 19.48 Jan. 11	18.89 Jan. 7 1929 19.53 Jan. 2 1929

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks as well as afloat are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. 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.

Jan. 11—		1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Stock at Liverpool	.....bales.	893,000	842,000	1,255,000	881,000
Stock at London					
Stock at Manchester		91,000	77,000	155,000	155,000
Total Great Britain		984,000	919,000	1,410,000	967,000
Stock at Hamburg					
Stock at Bremen		717,000	587,600	613,000	344,000
Stock at Havre		253,000	337,000	262,000	214,000
Stock at Rotterdam		11,000	13,000	11,000	3,000
Stock at Barcelona		83,000	121,000	94,000	93,000
Stock at Genoa		45,000	30,000	53,000	49,000
Stock at Ghent					
Stock at Antwerp					

Total Continental stocks	.....	1,109,000	1,088,000	1,033,000	703,000
Total European stocks	.....	2,093,000	2,007,000	2,443,000	1,670,000
India cotton afloat for Europe	.....	178,000	60,000	49,000	119,000
American cotton afloat for Europe	.....	614,000	443,000	747,000	417,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat for Europe	.....	92,000	80,000	87,000	103,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	.....	481,000	443,000	431,000	324,000
Stock in Bombay, India	.....	925,000	596,000	438,000	676,000
Stock in U. S. ports	.....	2,256,530a2	459,822a2	948,782	1,639,845
Stock in U. S. interior towns	.....	1,203,459a1	261,688a1	509,833	1,999,693
U. S. exports to-day	.....	1,300	1,465	800	9,927

Total visible supply 7,844,289 7,351,975 8,654,415 6,958,465

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:					
American					
Liverpool stock	.....bales.	612,000	562,000	894,000	569,000
Manchester stock		65,000	60,000	138,000	70,000
Continental stock		1,049,000	1,033,000	995,000	667,000
American afloat for Europe		614,000	443,000	747,000	417,000
U. S. port stocks		2,256,530a2	459,822a2	948,782	1,639,845
U. S. interior stocks		1,203,459a1	261,688a1	509,833	1,999,693
U. S. exports to-day		1,300	1,465	800	9,927

Total American 5,801,289 5,820,975 7,233,415 5,372,465

East Indian, Brazil, &c.—					
Liverpool stock	.....	281,000	280,000	361,000	312,000
Manchester stock		26,000	17,000	17,000	16,000
Continental stock		60,000	55,000	38,000	36,000
Indian afloat for Europe		178,000	60,000	49,000	119,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat		92,000	80,000	87,000	103,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt		481,000	443,000	431,000	324,000
Stock in Bombay, India		925,000	596,000	438,000	676,000

Total East India, &c. 2,013,000 1,531,000 1,421,000 1,586,000

Total American 5,801,289 5,820,975 7,233,415 5,372,465

Total visible supply	.....	7,844,289	7,351,975	8,654,415	6,958,465
Middling uplands, Liverpool		10.581.	10.904.	7.16d.	10.84d.
Middling uplands, New York		20.25c.	19.45c.	13.50c.	21.05c.
Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool		20.30c.	19.05d.	15.15d.	20.06d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool		14.50d.	12.25d.	11.50d.	23.90d.
Bracon, fine, Liverpool		9.00d.	9.80d.	6.45d.	9.60d.
Tinnevally, good, Liverpool		10.25d.	10.50d.	6.90d.	10.00d.

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 155,000 bales. The above figures for 1929 show an increase over last week of 25,834 bales, a gain of 492,314 over 1928, a decrease of 810,126 bales from 1927, and a gain of 885,824 bales over 1926.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year, is set out in detail below:

Towns.	Movement to Jan. 11 1929.			Movement to Jan. 13 1928.		
	Receipts.		Shipments, Week.	Receipts.		Shipments, Week.
	Week.	Season.		Week.	Season.	
Ala., Birmingham	1,284	48,613	1,504	8,893	286	77,773
Birmingham	10	12,743	85	6,333	27	18,045
Montgomery	268	50,202	1,154	26,100	487	68,459
Selma	189	42,442	1,408	24,386	79	54,878
Ark., Blytheville	2,247	74,790	1,606	22,423	1,580	68,422
Forest City	1,032	23,942	860	10,858	183	33,934
Helena	646	51,834	1,799	19,907	298	44,070
Hope	246	53,972	1,501	10,548	111	42,519
Jonesboro	743	30,374	1,285	5,349	938	28,632
Little Rock	1,312	101,687	2,952	27,487	1,044	93,074
Newport	931	44,221	2,015	10,993	1,006	44,700
Pine Bluff	1,552	119,242	4,413	39,476	1,189	109,821
Walnut Ridge	1,832	31,229	1,099	10,717	1,649	30,762
Ga., Albany	2	3,558	15	1,933	6	4,945
Athens	75	27,378	1,800	14,087	450	47,204
Atlanta	1,859	98,284	2,672	59,136	2,847	92,196
Augusta	2,571	177,154	4,739	75,943	2,585	218,102
Columbus	1,341	36,747	416	5,961	450	47,967
Macon	483	47,378	1,295	8,679	327	48,519
Rome	750	31,731	350	29,265	345	31,073
La., Shreveport	1,347	136,183	2,803	68,124	237	90,307
Miss., Clarksdale	785	136,694	7,781	53,812	458	144,711
Columbus	54	28,636	1,052	13,621	25	32,220
Greenwood	746	182,034	10,442	76,931	520	161,228
Meridian	286	43,442	517	10,583	102	3

The above totals show that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 37,172 bales and are to-night 58,229 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all the towns have been 54,734 bales more than the same week last year.

**MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.**

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader, we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr't.	Total.
Saturday	Quiet, unchanged	Barely steady			
Monday	Quiet, 5 pts. decline	Steady		900	900
Tuesday	Quiet, 5 pts. adv.	Steady	100	1,000	1,100
Wednesday	Steady, 25 pts. decl.	Firm	400	300	700
Thursday	Quiet, 5 pts. decl.	Steady		1,000	1,000
Friday	Quiet, 5 pts. adv.	Steady	100		100
Total			600	3,200	3,800
Since Aug. 1			116,178	113,700	229,878

**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:

	1928-29		1927-28	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Shipped—				
Via St. Louis	18,664	228,319	12,581	219,415
Via Mounds, &c	5,432	41,373	5,610	168,264
Via Rock Island	557	3,329	1,167	7,762
Via Louisville	1,740	23,964	1,356	19,683
Via Virginia points	5,220	112,050	5,932	131,664
Via other routes, &c	15,584	293,629	9,145	163,951
Total gross overland	47,197	702,664	35,791	712,739
Deduct Shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	5,208	55,045	2,026	48,652
Between interior towns	457	9,597	518	11,153
Inland, &c., from South	12,064	306,173	11,824	364,967
Total to be deducted	17,729	370,815	14,368	424,772
Leaving total net overland*	29,468	331,849	21,423	287,967

\* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 29,468 bales, against 21,423 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits an increase over a year ago of 43,822 bales.

	1928-29		1927-28	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
In Sight and Spinners' Takings				
Receipts at ports to Jan. 11	172,340	7,227,074	117,331	6,291,541
Net overland to Jan. 11	29,468	331,849	21,423	287,967
Southern consumption to Jan. 11	1,106,000	2,481,000	1,100,000	2,861,000
Total marketed	307,808	10,039,923	248,754	9,260,508
Interior stocks in excess of 37,172		885,990	*33,844	888,836
Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to Dec. 1		597,368		236,744
Came into sight during week	270,636		214,910	
Total in sight Jan. 11		11,523,281		10,386,088
North spinn's takings to Jan 11	47,316	686,787	39,310	833,175

\* Decrease.

Week	Bales.		Bales.	
	Since Aug. 1	1927	Since Aug. 1	1926
1927-Jan. 15	429,329	1927	13,545,828	
1926-Jan. 16	264,759	1926	12,189,603	
1925-Jan. 17	326,701	1925	11,182,728	

**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 Jan. 11.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday, Jan. 5.	Monday, Jan. 7.	Tuesday, Jan. 8.	Wednesday, Jan. 9.	Thursday, Jan. 10.	Friday, Jan. 11.
Galveston	19.25	19.20	19.25	19.45	19.45	19.45
New Orleans	18.92	18.89	Holiday	19.17	19.17	19.22
Mobile	18.60	18.50	18.65	18.85	18.85	18.85
Savannah	19.05	18.98	19.11	19.29	19.29	19.29
Norfolk	19.06	19.00	19.13	19.31	19.31	19.31
Baltimore	19.45	19.45	19.45	19.40	19.55	19.60
Augusta	18.81	18.75	18.88	19.06	19.06	19.06
Memphis	18.30	18.20	18.35	18.55	18.55	18.55
Houston	19.05	19.00	19.10	19.25	19.25	19.25
Little Rock	18.35	18.22	18.35	18.50	18.50	18.50
Dallas	18.50	18.35	18.50	18.65	18.65	18.70
Fort Worth		18.35	18.50	18.65	18.65	18.70

**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, Jan. 5.	Monday, Jan. 7.	Tuesday, Jan. 8.	Wednesday, Jan. 9.	Thursday, Jan. 10.	Friday, Jan. 11.
January	19.12	19.02		19.31	19.33	19.34
February						
March	19.14-19.15	19.07-19.09		19.37-19.38	19.40-19.41	19.42-19.43
April						
May	19.19-19.21	19.13-19.14	HOLIDAY	19.41-19.43	19.43-19.44	19.45-19.46
June						
July	19.10	19.01-19.03		19.30	19.34	19.33-19.34
August						
September						
October	18.69-18.71	18.66		18.98-19.00	18.98-19.00	19.00
Tone—						
Spot	Quiet	Quiet		Steady	Steady	Steady
Options	Barely st'y	Steady		Steady	Steady	Steady

**WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.**—Reports to us by telegraph this evening denote that the weather during the early part of the week was very cold, with snow in many

sections. The latter part of the week the weather moderated somewhat, but little work has been accomplished.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer
Galveston, Tex.	3 days	1.32 in.	high 61 low 33 mean 47
Arlene, Tex.	1 day	0.38 in.	high 64 low 28 mean 46
Brownsville, Tex.	4 days	0.32 in.	high 80 low 48 mean 64
Corpus Christi, Tex.	4 days	0.20 in.	high 74 low 44 mean 59
Dallas, Tex.	2 days	1.60 in.	high 66 low 32 mean 49
Del Rio, Tex.	2 days	0.37 in.	high 70 low 34 mean 52
Palestine, Tex.	3 days	2.82 in.	high 66 low 30 mean 48
San Antonio, Tex.	3 days	2.10 in.	high 74 low 34 mean 54
New Orleans, La.	2 days	4.04 in.	mean 52
Shreveport, La.	3 days	2.05 in.	high 64 low 21 mean 43
Mobile, Ala.	3 days	2.45 in.	high 72 low 28 mean 52
Savannah, Ga.	2 days	1.39 in.	high 71 low 30 mean 50
Charleston, S. C.	7 days	1.88 in.	high 65 low 32 mean 49
Charlotte, N. C.	7 days	0.88 in.	high 62 low 23 mean 43

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

	June 11 1929.	Jan. 13 1928.
	Feet.	Feet.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge—6.1	10.8
Memphis	Above zero of gauge—11.8	18.2
Nashville	Above zero of gauge—19.4	12.0
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge—21.5	11.1
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge—20.9	32.2

**RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.**—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Week Ended	Receipts at Ports.			Stocks at Interior Towns.			Receipts from Plantations		
	1928.	1927.	1926.	1928.	1927.	1926.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Oct.									
5	532,796	421,802	622,656	602,945	742,848	869,793	661,488	517,045	748,126
11	621,837	391,639	618,810	706,536	869,297	975,402	625,428	518,088	724,419
18	558,699	389,720	587,297	847,112	974,900	1,076,125	696,281	495,323	688,020
25	550,877	424,130	535,376	953,520	1,101,815	1,166,683	657,285	551,145	625,934
Nov.									
2	538,822	438,156	508,763	1,034,049	1,199,935	1,264,450	616,351	536,276	606,530
9	396,001	390,293	488,446	1,050,545	1,260,956	1,340,950	412,497	451,314	573,946
16	351,467	341,143	517,711	1,099,921	1,290,409	1,415,095	400,843	370,596	583,298
23	351,505	257,764	470,442	1,155,884	1,307,971	1,456,381	406,993	275,326	511,728
30	365,189	284,933	482,959	1,215,753	1,329,900	1,490,161	425,558	306,862	516,739
Dec.									
7	388,988	233,588	451,084	1,223,573	1,342,508	1,528,555	396,808	246,196	489,478
14	311,736	199,962	400,731	1,232,683	1,331,182	1,552,303	320,846	188,636	424,479
21	265,750	180,499	339,577	1,232,436	1,308,770	1,561,460	265,543	158,087	345,938
28	255,661	159,069	323,796	1,255,901	1,328,743	1,562,861	279,131	179,042	325,197
Jan.									
4	188,298	110,324	238,809	1,240,631	1,295,532	1,529,304	173,028	77,113	205,252
11	172,340	117,331	264,749	1,203,459	1,261,688	1,509,833	135,168	83,487	284,220

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1928 are 7,999,403 bales; in 1927-28 were 7,168,403 bales, and in 1926-27 were 9,840,807 bales. (2) That, although the receipts at the outports the past week were 172,340 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 135,168 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 37,172 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 83,487 bales and for 1927 they were 284,220 bales.

**WORLD'S 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.	1928-29.		1927-28.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Jan. 4	7,818,455		7,420,759	
Visible supply Aug. 1		4,175,480		4,961,754
American in sight to Jan. 11	270,636	11,523,281	214,910	10,386,088
Bombay receipts to Jan. 10	111,000	908,000	137,000	1,110,000
Other India ship'ts to Jan. 10	25,000	237,000	12,000	238,500
Alexandria receipts to Jan. 9	33,000	1,162,200	28,000	869,860
Other supply to Jan. 11(*)	10,000	409,000	8,000	363,000
Total supply	8,268,091	18,414,961	7,820,669	17,929,202
Deduct—				
Visible supply Jan. 11	7,844,289	7,844,289	7,351,975	7,351,975
Total takings to Jan. 11 a	423,802	10,570,672	468,694	10,577,227
Of which American	341,802	7,863,472	322,694	7,954,867
Of which other	82,000	2,707,200	146,000	2,622,360

\* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 2,481,000 bales in 1928-29 and 2,681,000 bales in 1927-28—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 8,089,672 bales in 1928-29 and 7,896,227 bales in 1927-28, of which 5,382,472 bales and 5,273,672 bales American.

**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, Jan. 9.	1928-29.		1927-28.		1926-27.	
	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts (cantars)—						
This week	165,000		140,000		225,000	
Since Aug. 1	5,795,000		4,148,785		5,092,156	
Export (bales)—						
To Liverpool	6,000	93,702	5,000	70,741		108,718
To Manchester, &c	6,000	99,395	7,250	73,447		85,418
To Continent & India	13,000	237,215	15,500	199,016	13,000	176,683
To America	1,000	73,887	7,500	70,619		60,827
Total exports	26,000	504,299	35,250	413,823	13,000	431,646

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Jan. 9 were 165,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 26,000 bales.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

Table with columns for January 10 Receipts at, 1928-29, 1927-28, 1926-27, and Exports from. Rows include Bombay, Other India, and Total all.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 26,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 25,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an increase of 343,500 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market for both cloths and yarns is steady. Demand for both India and China is good. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison.

Table comparing 1928 and 1927 market data for 32s Cop Twist, 8 1/4 Lbs. Shrt-ings, and Cotton Midd'g Upl'ds. Includes columns for Oct., Nov., and Dec. with sub-columns for d., s., and d. values.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 223,785 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic reports, are as follows:

Shipping news table listing destinations like NEW YORK, GALVESTON, NORFOLK, and HOUSTON with ship names, dates, and bale counts.

Table listing various international routes and destinations such as MOBILE, CHARLESTON, WILMINGTON, and SAN PEDRO with associated bale counts.

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

Table of cotton freight rates for various ports including Liverpool, Manchester, Antwerp, and Genoa, with columns for High Density and Stand-ard.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

Table showing Liverpool market statistics for Dec. 21, Dec. 28, Jan. 4, and Jan. 11, including sales of the week, actual exports, and total stocks.

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Table of Liverpool market prices for various grades of cotton (Market, Mid. Upl'ds, Sales, Futures) from Saturday to Friday.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Table of Liverpool futures prices for months from January to January, with columns for Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Fri.

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Jan. 11 1929.

FLOUR.—Recent prices are lower in conformity with a decline in wheat to new low levels for this season, an influence reinforced by the unsatisfactory trade. Mills have felt constrained to lower quotations, although the decline has not materially stimulated business.

Wheat advanced sharply in an oversold market stimulated also by a better export demand and a broadened speculation. On the 5th inst. prices fell about 1c. net after

an early advance of 1/2 to 5/8c. due to a rise in Liverpool of 1/8d. whereas a decline was due of 1/8 to 1/4d. and covering. But Winnipeg fell 1 1/8 to 1 3/8c. and this had a depressing effect in Chicago. General liquidation followed. Stop orders were caught. Export demand was poor and the export sales in all positions were stated at only 100,000 bushels. The immense visible supply was an incubus that the market did not seem to be able to shake off. It is true that the world's disappearance of wheat is large and the big weekly shipments to Europe make relatively and perhaps significantly little impression on European stocks. But nothing for the moment had the power to galvanize the speculation into new life and snap and set prices moving upward. On the 7th inst. prices ended about 1c. net higher with export sales of about 1,000,000 bushels, of which 600,000 at Winnipeg mostly to Shanghai, China. Liverpool closed 1/4 to 3/8d. higher with a better demand for Manitoba and smaller Argentine offerings. Buenos Aires ended 1/2c. higher at 1.12 3/4 for May. Intensely cold weather in the winter wheat belt caused fears of damage to the next crop, none too well protected by snow covering. It was remarked that though the statistical position is called the most bearish within living memory, wheat does not decline as might be expected. The world's consumption acts in some degree as a buffer against big supplies. The United States visible supply decreased last week 652,000 bushels against a decrease in the same week last year of 1,618,000 bushels. Total now is 138,091,000 bushels against 84,019,000 a year ago. Duluth stocks were 22,702,000 bushels against 22,095,000 a week ago; Minneapolis 32,372,000 bushels against 32,237,000 last week; Kansas City 20,162,000 bushels against 20,252,000 a week ago; Canadian at Port Arthur 48,233,000 bushels against 42,361,000 last week.

On the 10th inst. trading was very active and prices ran up 2 cents with export sales estimated at 1,000,000 bushels. The rise was about 6 cents from the low point of the year. The East bought freely in Chicago. The Northwest and the Southwest also bought. Reports that a leading grain operator was buying both wheat and corn had their effect. To-day prices fell 3/4 to 7/8c. in the various markets on disappointing cables, and a small export business. Sales for foreign account were estimated at 300,000 bushels. Argentina was offering more freely at lower prices. Yet European markets were said to be underbought and there was some late buying on the unfavorable weather conditions in the winter wheat belt. Bradstreet's exports were somewhat larger than expected. They pointed to a world movement of nearly 20,000,000 bushels. Final prices are 3% to 3 3/4c. higher than a week ago.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 red.....	151	151 1/2	152 3/4	154 1/4	156 1/4	155 3/4

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
March delivery.....	112 3/4	113 3/4	114 3/4	116 3/4	118 3/4	117 3/4
May delivery.....	115 3/4	116 3/4	117 3/4	119 3/4	121 3/4	120 3/4
July delivery.....	116 3/4	117 3/4	119	120 1/2	122 3/4	121 3/4

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery.....	118 3/4	120 1/4	121	122 1/2	123 3/4	122 3/4
July delivery.....	120 1/4	121 3/4	122 3/4	124 1/4	125 1/4	124 3/4
October delivery.....	119 3/4	120 3/4	121 3/4	123 3/4	124 3/4	124

Indian corn advanced very materially under the influence of heavy buying, talk of exports, bad weather and heavy covering. On the 5th inst. prices ended 3/8 to 1/2c. higher, owing to rain and snow storms at the West bad for marketing, and reports of an export inquiry. There were reports, it is true, that exporters were reselling and on the advance on this side offerings were larger. But new buying appeared. Many think well of the prospects of higher prices for corn. Exports for the week were over 2,000,000 bushels. On the 7th inst. prices ended generally 1/4c. lower after an early advance of 1/2 to 5/8c. Country offerings at one time were small. A moderate export business was said to be under way. A larger feeding demand was re-

ported. Both Illinois and outside points were paying more than Chicago. But later with cold weather country offerings increased and there was selling of corn against buying of wheat and prices fell 3/4c. from the early high. It was asserted that there was some reselling by exporters. The United States visible supply increased last week 1,713,000 bushels to 18,853,000 bushels against 28,673,000 last year. A bullish foreign situation is said to be developing. Supplies on ocean passage of 25,000,000 bushels are estimated by a leading European authority as equal to only one month's European requirements. Argentine exports are decreasing rapidly. Offers of old Argentine grain abroad for December-January shipment were six cents a bushel higher than American. Lack of subsoil moisture in the Argentine is creating much apprehension as the new crop is now at the critical stage of its development and rain is needed over a wide area.

On the 10th inst. prices advanced 2 cents with some reports of export business. The weather was not good for marketing. In parts of Argentine rain was needed. Outside cash markets were overbidding Chicago. Rain was forecast. On the 10th inst. prices touched new highs for the season. Leading operators were credited with buying. Scattered buying due to an unfavorable weather forecast and the firmness of cash trade told. So did a stronger technical position. To-day prices closed unchanged to 1/8c. lower. Early prices declined with wheat and disappointing cables. Argentine markets were lower and offerings from that country abroad fell off. Export cancellations were again reported. The exports for the week, however, reached the unexpectedly large total of 3,100,000 bushels. It looks as though more corn will go out this month than people have been expecting. Interior cash markets were firm, though Gulf premiums were off. Final prices are 4 3/4 to 5c. higher as compared with last Friday.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 yellow.....	105 1/2	106	106 3/4	109 1/4	111 1/4	111 1/4

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
March delivery.....	88 3/4	88	88 3/4	91	92 3/4	92 3/4
May delivery.....	91	90 3/4	91	94	95 3/4	95 3/4
July delivery.....	92 3/4	92 3/4	92 3/4	92 3/4	97 1/4	97 1/4

Oats followed other grain upward though not so rapidly. The brisk cash demand was an outstanding feature. Some export inquiry for oats and barley was noted. On the 5th inst. prices ended 1/8c. higher after being at one time 1/4 to 3/8c. higher early in the day. The cash demand was good if speculation was confined to very small limits. On the 7th inst. prices closed unchanged to 1/8c. higher with only a small increase in the country movement. The United States visible supply decreased last week 502,000 bushels to 13,468,000 bushels against 21,672,000 a year ago. On the 10th inst. prices advanced 1/2 to 5/8c. with a little export business reported, and the effect of the advance in wheat and corn was apparent. There was an excellent cash demand. To-day prices declined 1/8 to 1/4c. with a light trade. Export business was small. A small export demand for barley was reported. Winnipeg was lower. Final prices, however, show an advance for the week of 1 1/8 to 2c.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 white.....	59	59	59	60	61	61

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
March delivery.....	47 3/4	47 3/4	48	49 1/4	49 3/4	49 3/4
May delivery.....	48 3/4	48 3/4	48 3/4	49 3/4	50	49 3/4
July delivery.....	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 3/4	47 3/4	48 3/4	48 3/4

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery.....	55 3/4	56 3/4	56 3/4	57	57 3/4	57 3/4
July delivery.....	54 3/4	55 3/4	56 3/4	56 3/4	56 3/4	56 3/4
October delivery.....	53	53 3/4	53 3/4	53 3/4	53 3/4	53 3/4

Rye responded though only moderately to an advance in wheat. On the 5th inst. prices ended 3/8 to 5/8c. lower under the influence of a greater decline in wheat. No export business was reported. The market is in more or less

of a rut. On the 7th inst. prices ended ½ to 1c. higher despite an absence of export business, rye taking its cue from the rise of 1c. in wheat. The United States visible supply increased last week 122,000 bushels to 6,281,000 bushels against 3,194,000 a year ago. On the 10th inst. prices advanced ½ to ¾c. but trading was slack. To-day prices ended ½ to 1c. lower in sympathy with other grain. Export sales were small. Final prices show an advance as compared with a week ago of 1 7/8 to 2 5/8c.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
March delivery	101 ¼	102 ¼	102 ¾	104 ¼	105	104 ½
May delivery	104	105	105 ½	106 ¾	107 ¾	107
July delivery	102 ¾	102 ¾	103 ¾	104 ¾	105 ¼	104 ½

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN.	
Wheat, New York— No. 2 red, f.o.b.-----	1.55 ½
No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b.-----	1.31 ½
Corn, New York— No. 2 yellow-----	1.11 ½
No. 3 yellow-----	1.08 ¾
Oats, New York— No. 2 white-----	61
No. 3 white-----	60
Rye, New York— No. 2 f.o.b.-----	1.17
Barley, New York— Malting-----	87 ¾

FLOUR.	
Spring patents-----	\$5.90 @ \$6.25
Clears, first spring-----	5.60 @ 5.90
Soft winter straights-----	6.10 @ 6.50
Hard winter straights-----	5.75 @ 6.00
Hard winter patents-----	6.00 @ 6.35
Hard winter clears-----	5.15 @ 5.70
Fancy Minn. patents-----	7.55 @ 8.40
City mills-----	7.70 @ 8.40
Wheat, flour, patents-----	\$6.60 @ \$6.90
Semolina No. 2, pound-----	3 ¼
Corn flour-----	2.70 @ 2.75
Barley goods-----	2.50 @ 2.55
Coarse-----	3.60
Fancy pearl Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4-----	6.50 @ 7.00

All the statements below regarding the movement of grain—receipts, exports, vis'le 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 ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
Chicago-----	228,900	188,000	3,129,000	691,000	175,000	93,000
Minneapolis-----	979,000	423,000	235,000	304,000	83,000	83,000
Duluth-----	891,000	131,000	20,000	23,000	58,000	58,000
Milwaukee-----	23,000	14,000	619,000	95,000	170,000	8,000
Toledo-----	68,000	78,000	77,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Detroit-----	26,000	25,000	32,000	-----	-----	-----
Indianapolis-----	73,000	555,000	110,000	-----	-----	-----
St. Louis-----	125,000	497,000	702,000	314,000	49,000	-----
Peoria-----	71,000	18,000	620,000	124,000	304,000	83,000
Kansas City-----	1,033,000	1,176,000	52,000	-----	-----	-----
Omaha-----	331,000	574,000	70,000	-----	-----	-----
St. Joseph-----	187,000	521,000	22,000	-----	-----	-----
Wichita-----	157,000	169,000	10,000	-----	-----	-----
Sioux City-----	25,000	330,000	52,000	2,000	-----	-----
Total wk. '29-----	447,000	4,487,000	9,052,000	1,904,000	1,030,000	328,000
Same wk. '28-----	403,000	4,558,000	5,353,000	1,815,000	862,000	286,000
Same wk. '27-----	493,000	4,690,000	5,566,000	2,982,000	646,000	302,000
Since Aug. 1-----						
1928-----	11,743,000	330,531,000	123,288,000	80,739,000	70,426,000	18,543,000
1927-----	11,120,000	299,971,000	116,339,000	79,078,000	47,858,000	27,871,000
1926-----	11,012,000	217,093,000	105,980,000	77,801,000	24,634,000	20,310,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Jan. 5, follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
New York-----	301,000	387,000	95,000	114,000	267,000	-----
Portland, Me.-----	13,000	136,000	-----	-----	9,000	-----
Philadelphia-----	35,000	548,000	250,000	22,000	116,000	-----
Baltimore-----	19,000	292,000	549,000	17,000	83,000	4,000
Newport News-----	-----	144,000	346,000	-----	183,000	-----
Norfolk-----	40,000	186,000	717,000	29,000	-----	-----
New Orleans*-----	-----	82,000	409,000	-----	-----	-----
Galveston-----	10,000	65,000	5,000	23,000	3,000	-----
Montreal-----	50,000	1,035,000	178,000	19,000	336,000	153,000
St. John, N. B.-----	40,000	-----	1,000	10,000	-----	-----
Boston-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total wk. '29-----	508,000	2,875,000	2,576,000	234,000	997,000	157,000
Since Jan. '29-----	508,000	2,875,000	2,576,000	234,000	997,000	157,000
Week 1928-----	468,000	2,727,000	277,000	187,000	610,000	218,000
Since Jan. '28-----	468,000	2,727,000	277,000	187,000	610,000	218,000

\* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports or through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Jan. 5 1929, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
New York-----	1,313,469	25,703	74,117	-----	-----	369,513
Portland, Me.-----	136,000	-----	13,000	-----	-----	9,000
Boston-----	-----	-----	15,000	-----	-----	-----
Philadelphia-----	464,000	201,000	1,000	-----	-----	272,000
Baltimore-----	684,000	195,000	10,000	-----	-----	118,000
Norfolk-----	144,000	346,000	-----	-----	-----	183,000
Newport News-----	-----	26,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Mobile-----	-----	215,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
New Orleans-----	42,000	835,000	28,000	-----	-----	43,000
Galveston-----	202,000	193,000	5,000	-----	-----	-----
St. John, N. B.-----	1,035,000	178,000	50,000	19,000	153,000	336,000
Houston-----	-----	155,000	-----	-----	-----	200,000
Halifax-----	-----	-----	2,000	-----	-----	-----
Total week 1929-----	4,020,469	2,369,703	198,117	19,000	153,000	1,530,513
Same week 1928-----	2,884,501	148,500	266,112	5,000	41,000	1,087,699

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 Jan. 5. 1929.	Since July 1 1928.	Week Jan. 5. 1929.	Since July 1 1928.	Week Jan. 5. 1929.	Since July 1 1928.
United Kingdom-----	77,012	1,968,651	960,406	50,047,396	712,703	3,318,508
Continent-----	101,105	3,124,199	3,018,063	137,074,014	1,640,000	4,421,609
So. & Cent. Amer.-----	3,000	196,000	41,000	216,000	-----	131,000
West Indies-----	17,000	264,000	1,000	34,000	17,000	557,000
Brit. No. Am. Cols.-----	-----	1,000	-----	20,000	-----	-----
Other countries-----	-----	612,998	-----	2,303,094	-----	2,250
Total 1929-----	198,117	6,166,849	4,020,469	189,694,504	2,369,703	8,430,367
Total 1928-----	206,112	6,561,139	2,884,501	161,903,281	148,000	1,643,739

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Jan. 5, were as follows:

United States—	Wheat.		Corn.		Oats.		Rye.		Barley.	
	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
New York-----	1,230,000	167,000	120,000	173,000	170,000	319,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Boston-----	-----	-----	17,000	2,000	-----	133,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Philadelphia-----	539,000	276,000	93,000	6,000	177,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Baltimore-----	2,127,000	645,000	113,000	5,000	292,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Newport News-----	8,000	144,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
New Orleans-----	707,000	1,398,000	127,000	51,000	523,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Galveston-----	1,429,000	456,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Fort Worth-----	3,496,000	225,000	208,000	6,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Buffalo-----	5,493,000	802,000	1,206,000	486,000	411,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
" afloat-----	9,519,000	-----	608,000	-----	594,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Toledo-----	2,300,000	34,000	238,000	6,000	28,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
" afloat-----	600,000	-----	500,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Detroit-----	252,000	8,000	29,000	10,000	102,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Chicago-----	12,581,000	7,666,000	2,952,000	2,277,000	1,146,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Milwaukee-----	405,000	1,767,000	890,000	549,000	589,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Duluth-----	22,702,000	630,000	267,000	1,662,000	709,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
" afloat-----	418,000	-----	-----	-----	278,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Minneapolis-----	32,372,000	651,000	2,096,000	961,000	3,060,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Sioux City-----	536,000	782,000	284,000	-----	39,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
St. Louis-----	4,005,000	940,000	468,000	3,000	158,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Kansas City-----	20,102,000	793,000	90,000	30,000	140,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Wichita-----	5,289,000	20,000	3,000	-----	2,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
St. Joseph, Mo.-----	2,200,000	158,000	-----	-----	2,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Peoria-----	13,000	27,000	643,000	-----	96,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Indianapolis-----	815,000	463,000	1,490,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Omaha-----	8,950,000	801,000	1,026,000	52,000	139,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

Total Jan. 5 1929-----	138,091,000	18,853,000	13,468,000	6,281,000	9,229,000
Total Dec. 29 1928-----	138,743,000	17,140,000	13,970,000	6,159,000	9,212,000
Total Jan. 7 1928-----	84,019,000	28,673,000	21,672,000	3,194,000	2,493,000

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 40,000 bushels; Philadelphia, 9,000; Baltimore, 5,000; Buffalo, 573,000; Buffalo afloat, 229,000; Duluth, 12,000; total, 868,000 bushels, against 544,000 bushels in 1928. Barley, New York, 776,000 bushels; Boston, 304,000; Philadelphia, 114,000; Baltimore, 549,000; Buffalo, 2,394,000; Buffalo afloat, 813,000; Duluth, 92,000; total, 5,042,000 bushels against 2,246,000 bushels in 1928. Wheat, New York, 4,963,000 bushels; Boston, 1,368,000; Philadelphia, 2,722,000; Baltimore, 4,681,000; Buffalo, 11,059,000; Buffalo afloat, 11,807,000; Duluth, 269,000; Toledo afloat, 1,470,000; total, 38,339,000 bushels, against 34,861,000 bushels in 1928.

Canadian—	
Montreal-----	9,160,000
Fr. William & Pt. Arthur-----	48,233,000
Afloat-----	7,782,000
Other Canadian-----	11,156,000
Total Jan. 5 1929-----	76,331,000
Total Dec. 29 1928-----	70,384,000
Total Jan. 7 1928-----	56,092,000

Summary—	
American-----	138,091,000
Canadian-----	76,331,000
Total Jan. 5 1929-----	214,422,000
Total Dec. 29 1928-----	209,327,000
Total Jan. 7 1928-----	140,111,000

Total Jan. 5 1929-----	94,430,000	18,853,000	21,433,000	8,902,000	17,397,000
Total Dec. 29 1928-----	209,327,000	17,140,000	21,944,000	6,693,000	



central portions of Indiana and Illinois, northern Missouri, and southern Nebraska. Temperatures as low as 20 deg. to 26 deg. below zero were reported from first-order stations in Minnesota, northeastern South Dakota, and in North Dakota, the lowest of the week being minus 26 deg. at Devils Lake, N. Dak., on the 7th. Freezing, or lower, covered the entire country, except the Florida Peninsula, the more southern portions of Texas, and a narrow strip along the Pacific coast. While minimum temperatures were low quite generally, they did not nearly approach the low January record for previous years, as heretofore readings down to from 40 deg. to more than 50 deg. below zero have occurred in Central-Northern States and 10 deg. below as far south as Tennessee, central Arkansas, and Oklahoma. The lowest temperature ever recorded at a first-order Weather Bureau station in January was 57 deg. below zero in northern Montana.

The table on page shows also that considerable precipitation occurred during the week over the eastern half of the country, the amounts being rather heavy in parts of the Gulf area, the Northeast, and at many places in the interior valleys. Over the western half the amounts were generally light, ranging in most cases from 0.1 to about 0.3 inch, with a number of stations reporting no precipitation for the period. There was considerable snow in the central and upper Mississippi Valley and Lake region.

A marked disturbance, central over the north Pacific coast on Jan. 2, made a wide sweep southeastward to New Mexico and Texas and thence northeastward across the Lake region to the lower St. Lawrence Valley on the 6th. This storm was attended by widespread precipitation, with considerable snow in parts of the interior valleys, and was succeeded by a cold wave, which brought the lowest temperatures for the winter so far to much of the country. This made a week generally unfavorable for outside operations and rather hard on livestock in some of the western grazing districts. Attending the storm a generous snow cover was deposited in several interior areas, including the western Lake region, the upper Mississippi Valley, and the eastern Great Plains, which was beneficial in protecting winter crops against the cold that followed. Other sections, however, received little or no snow.

Rains relieved the droughty conditions in most Southeastern States though they were insufficient in a few localities, especially in southern Florida. Moderate freezes occurred in most southern winter trucking districts, but no severe damage has been reported. Lower temperatures in the far Southwest were beneficial for lettuce and citrus fruits, and no damaging frosts occurred in south Pacific districts. Increased feeding of livestock was necessary because of the cold and snow in parts of the great western grazing area.

**SMALL GRAINS.**—Toward the close of the week a rather severe cold wave overspread the entire Winter Wheat Belt. Preceding it there was a light snow deposit in northern Indiana and a rather generous fall in the western Lake region, northern and western central Illinois, Iowa, most of Missouri, and from eastern Kansas northward, which afforded a protection against the cold weather. In Nebraska the snow drifted badly, which left an insufficient covering, and northwestern Kansas was bare, with wheat frozen down. Conditions were also rather precarious in those parts of the Ohio Valley not sufficiently protected, including Ohio, Kentucky, and the southern portions of Indiana and Illinois, while there was a lack of covering in the middle Atlantic area.

In Montana and the Rocky Mountain districts, as well as in much of the Great Basin, most wheat fields had some protection, which was also the case in the wheat area of Oregon. In eastern Washington there was some snow, with the deposit deficient in the southeast, but ample in the Yakima and Wenatchee Valleys where the coldest weather occurred. In the southern States the growth of winter grains was retarded by the prevailing cold weather.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

**Virginia.**—Richmond: Temperatures somewhat below normal and precipitation light to moderate, generally favorable for outdoor work. Winter grains in fair to good condition, also truck crops.

**North Carolina.**—Raleigh: Temperatures varied above to below normal, with hard freeze in north and west at close of week, rainfall moderate in west and central and heavy near coast. Lettuce, cabbage, and other hardy truck doing well in southeast. Some improvement in small grains. Considerable outdoor work done.

**South Carolina.**—Columbia: Nights mostly cold and raw. Winter cereals made fair growth and general rains beneficial. Truck on coast doing well. Much hog butchering.

**Georgia.**—Atlanta: General rains broke drought in southeast and were generally beneficial, soil in excellent condition and plowing for spring crops advancing rapidly. Week mostly cold, but without injury to vegetation. Seeding tobacco beds continues. Peach orchards being thinned by removal of many trees. Winter truck and cereals thriving.

**Florida.**—Jacksonville: Cold and sunny most of week, continued dry, except Saturday and Sunday, when moderate, locally heavy rains ended drought on uplands of north and central divisions, light, insufficient showers in south. Soil improved and oats, seed beds, truck, citrus fruits, strawberries, and ranges benefited. Land prepared for melons and tobacco and some local planting. Potato planting advanced. Fertilizing groves and strawberries and shipping citrus continued. Low temperatures delayed truck.

**Alabama.**—Montgomery: Temperatures normal, or somewhat above, middle of week, otherwise considerably below, with freezing to coast on four days, rains quite general and locally heavy middle of week. Little farm work accomplished. Winter truck in coast sections and some sections of northwest, and oats generally, in fair condition, but cold retarded growth. In coast section planting cabbage continued. Vegetation subject to injury from frozes remained protected, satsuma orange trees dormant.

**Mississippi.**—Vicksburg: Mostly fair, except moderate to heavy precipitation Saturday, moderate temperatures Friday and Saturday, but unseasonably cool other days, with cold wave Sunday morning. Farm work and truck generally poor progress.

**Louisiana.**—New Orleans: Farming operations progressed satisfactorily the first part of week, heavy rains Friday night, followed by freezing to coast, caused temporary suspension of activity. Freeze damage generally slight and mostly confined to young truck. Cane grinding again proceeding and nearing completion, except in a few areas, sucrose content holding well. Plowing generally resumed at end of week.

**Texas.**—Houston: Cold, with freezes to upper coast on 2d and 6th. Precipitation heavy in eastern half, little or none in western. Growth of pastures, winter wheat, oats and winter truck slow, condition fair to good, wheat and oats needing moisture in portions of west and southwest where stock water scarce. Early strawberries injured by recent freezes. Citrus shipments increasing. Winter truck backward and shipments light. Wet soil delayed field work in eastern half.

**Oklahoma.**—Oklahoma City: Cold and mostly cloudy, moderate to heavy precipitation, snow in north and rain in south. Some plowing done, but farm activities mostly suspended. Some little corn and cotton still in fields. Winter grains, wheat, barley, and rye generally in good condition. Pastures short in west, fair in east portion.

**Arkansas.**—Little Rock: Low temperatures all week. Rain and wet soil in south and central portions and frozen ground in north unfavorable for farm work. Little cotton and corn gathered, some of both still in fields. Snow cover in north favorable for wheat, winter oats damaged by freeze.

**Tennessee.**—Nashville: Light snow first of week, followed later by warm rain, temperatures and precipitation much below seasonal average. Wheat and oats progress fair to good, although wheat retarded somewhat by recent cold, while rye and barley continue more advanced than other grains. Clover looks well, but at standstill. Livestock in good condition.

**Kentucky.**—Louisville: Moderate precipitation, variable temperatures, with deep freezes. Some lifting of wheat, but condition mostly good. Dry, with cold winds, unfavorable for livestock and handling tobacco.

## THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Jan. 11 1929.

The textile trades are now on the eve of the expected expanded business, which, according to opinion and tradition, should begin to manifest itself shortly after the middle of January. The cotton goods division, where rather unsatisfactory conditions prevail in some quarters, are relying on the resumption of active trading, after a trying period of holiday quiet, to relieve pressure of over-production in

such lines as print cloths and sheetings, and to generally act as a stabilizing influence on prices which continue to show a discouraging tendency to "wobble"—witness the effect on grey goods of the decline in raw cotton after the opening of the new year. Conditions in the woolen and worsted markets are very favorable and a sound statistical position, coupled with the high quality and styling of products, which are being progressively improved, seems to point to a very good year's business. Linens do not show any very marked improvement, but some houses are receiving more orders, particularly for fancy lines, and many factors see encouragement in the future. Silk manufacturers are anticipating a turn-over of a large part of their spring goods before long, with buyers ready to do business at this time. Some fear was felt that the decline in raw silk toward the end of the week might, if a real indication of the trend of value, force lower prices on finished products. However, the Silk Association of America's report on consumption for 1928 shows a visible supply of 11% less at Dec. 31 1928, than at the end of last year, and an increase in consumption of 3½%, figures which should influence an upward trend in quotations rather than a recession.

**DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.**—While the second week of the new year has not ushered in a greatly expanded demand for cotton goods, there is a measurable improvement in some lines, and generally good prospects for others, and factors with long experience in the trade remain undisturbed. On the other hand, the unexpected break in raw cotton after New Year's day has made for considerable uncertainty among finished goods factors, and has been a decided hindrance to the resumption of business. However, according to precedent, trading during the first half of January may be expected to be fairly quiet, and there are indications that activity will soon increase. The chief source of danger continues to be overproduction. The statistics for December issued on Wednesday by the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants, show the ratios of stocks on hand to production, and of production to unfilled orders, to be less satisfactory than was the case in the November report. The healthy position at the end of October has been considerably modified during the past two months, and with competition increasing in quarters where it is already nearly intolerable, a further movement toward co-operative curtailment is coming into being. Another factor in the situation is the lack of uniformity of cost accounting in mills. The wide diversity of costs, as computed by various mills, on certain given fabrics, is beginning to be regarded as one of the important reasons for killing competition, and it may be that, as times goes on, the Textile Institute's efforts to establish efficient cost accounting in mills will be generally fruitful—in which case a fundamental trade-evil will have been eliminated. Print cloths 28-inch 64 x 60's construction are quoted at 6c., and 27-inch 64 x 60's at 5½c. Grey goods in the 39-inch 68 x 72's construction are quoted at 8½c. and 80 x 80's at 10½c.

**WOOLEN GOODS.**—It was disclosed at a meeting of manufacturers of women's wear fabrics during the week that primary stocks are very low, and with distributors only moderately well supplied for the spring season, it is more than possible that the latter will experience considerable difficulty in securing immediate delivery of wanted goods after retail spring business is under way. Woolens and worsteds generally, are in an excellent statistical position, with prospects bright, stocks low, and co-operative policies in actual and apparently permanent effect. In the men's division, in view of the more or less complete clean-up in overcoatings, it is expected that the present winter's trade may eat into offerings which will be made shortly for the next season. The possibilities which the forthcoming wool pageant envisages are regarded as far greater in scope than the usual fashion show, and it is expected that general public attention will be drawn to woolens and held there by the unprecedented beauty and intrinsic value of the fabrics exhibited. The volume of orders on the market during the past week, although somewhat modified by a "between season" cautiousness on the part of buyers, is steadily growing into what is expected to be a very satisfactory spring business.

**FOREIGN DRY GOODS.**—The demand for linens, according to some factors, is showing a somewhat broader tendency. There have been less complaints of late, that, while some lines are selling satisfactorily, others do not intrigue buying interest. Certain houses are experiencing satisfactory business and prospects for total spring business are considered comparatively promising. Attention has been drawn to the burlap trade lately, where certain interests are advocating an Exchange for burlaps. Merchants here, led by the bigger houses, are united in resistance to this plan, and its protagonists are, for the time being, unable to make any headway in their ambition. The former are endeavoring to maintain an unbroken front of opposition, in the conviction that the latter will not, in that case, be able to make any progress in their project as time goes on. This has been a quiet week in burlaps with little trading interest in evidence. Light weights are quoted at 6.70-75c., and heavies at 9.20-25.

## State and City Department

## NEWS ITEMS

**Connecticut (State of).—Changes in List of Savings Bank Legals.**—The State Bank Commissioner has issued a bulletin dated Jan. 4, showing the following changes in the list of legal investments for savings banks and trust funds, effective as of that date:

Additions.	
N. Y. Chicago & St. Louis RR.:	
First mortgage 4s.....	1937
Debenture 4s.....	1931
Second and Improvement 6s.....	1931
Refunding mtge., series "A," 5 1/4s.....	1974
Refunding mtge., series "B," 5 1/4s.....	1975
Refunding mtge., series "C," 4 1/4s.....	1978
Lake Erie & Western 1st 5s.....	1937
Lake Erie & Western 2d 5s.....	1941
Toledo St. L. & West. 1st 4s.....	1950
Pere Marquette Ry. Co.:	
First mtge., series "A," 5s.....	1956
First mortgage, series "B," 4s.....	1956
Baltimore & Ohio System:	
B. & O. RR. 1st 4s and 5s.....	1948
B. & O. RR. convertible 4 1/4s.....	1933

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—	
Series "A" ref. & gen. mtge. 5s.....	1995
Series "B" ref. & gen. mtge. 6s.....	1995
Series "C" ref. & gen. mtge. 6s.....	1995
Series "D" ref. & gen. mtge. 5s.....	2000
Southwestern division 5s.....	1950
Central Ohio RR. 1st 4 1/4s.....	1930
Cleveland Lorain & Wheeling Ry.—	
Consolidated 5s.....	1933
General 5s.....	1936
Refunding 4 1/4s.....	1930
Cleveland T. & V. RR. 1st 4s.....	1995
Ohio River RR. 1st 5s.....	1936
Ohio River RR. general 5s.....	1937
Pitts. L. & E. & W. Va. ref. 4s.....	1941
West Va. & Pitts. RR. 1st 4s.....	1990

## Deduction.

Troy, N. Y.

**Culver City, Calif.—Suit Filed Against Bond Issue.**—W. Brier Schorr, suing as a taxpayer of the city, has brought proceedings to enjoin this municipality from issuing \$75,000 in bonds to fund outstanding indebtedness. In filing his suit in the Superior Court on Jan. 4, the complainant asserted that the Council failed to comply with the State law in voting to issue the bonds.

**Delaware, State of.—Legislature Convenes.**—On Jan. 1 following the requirement of the State Constitution, both houses of the Legislature convened, enacted preparatory measures and then adjourned until Jan. 7. The following detailed account of the proceedings is taken from the Baltimore "Sun" of Jan. 2:

Both houses of the Delaware Legislature, according to the caucus decisions of last night, ratified the selection of several officers of the two houses when they convened here at noon to-day in accordance with the State Constitution.

After a few preliminary resolutions, necessary for the selection of some of the clerks, and providing for a joint committee to prepare plans for the inauguration of Governor-elect C. Douglass Buck on Jan. 15, both houses took an adjournment until next Monday, at which time it is expected both presiding officers of the two houses will have their list of standing committees ready for announcement.

## To Prepare Resolution.

The President of the Senate appointed a committee of two—Senators Veasey and Hall—to prepare a resolution on the death of Senator Reeves, a holdover Senator, who died since the last session of the Senate.

The House organization includes the following: Speaker, Charles W. Messick, Sussex County; parliamentarian, William Wintrun; Chief Clerk, Thomas Hickman; Assistant Clerk, Clarence S. Foster; Reading Clerk, Marble C. Dayer; Assistant Reading Clerk, Harry Ellingsworth; Chanlain, the Rev. W. E. Matthews, and Sergeant at Arms, Nathaniel W. Vanhorn.

## Rule Committee Named.

By resolution adopted in the House, the rules of the last House will govern that body until a committee of five, to be appointed by the Speaker, of which he is to be chairman, will present new rules at the reconvening of the two houses on Monday, when Governor Robinson will read his annual message.

**Detroit, Mich.—Supreme Court Decision Mates City Debtor on Lincoln Park Bonds.**—The State Supreme Court ruled on Jan. 7 that the city of Detroit must pay the interest on a \$90,000 issue of school bonds that was outstanding when the Ecorse Township School District was jointly annexed by Detroit and Lincoln Park. The school for which the bonds were issued is now within the Detroit city limits. The city had endeavored to make Lincoln Park bear the burden of the bonds. We quote from the Detroit "Free Press" of Jan. 8, as follows:

Detroit's endeavors to have Lincoln Park assume the debt for a school which now is within the former city's boundaries were dashed yesterday by the supreme court in Lansing. The school known as the Strowig, at Fort street and Pepper road, and costing \$120,000, was built by Ecorse township in 1921. The district later was annexed, part by Detroit and part by Lincoln Park. Just before the annexation the school was built.

Detroit took the school, but when Lincoln Park handed over with it a bill for interest on the \$90,000 bond issue outstanding, Detroit refused to pay. The refusal was based on the act of the legislature providing that when a part of a school district is annexed by a city, the remaining section must take over all of the debts.

The supreme court yesterday ruled this act unconstitutional. The justices pointed out that when bonds are issued against a school district a contract is made which cannot be impaired by the legislature. The lawmakers have not the power to break the agreement, the court said, as the bonds were issued against the property owners of the whole district. The court offered a solution to the problem whereby the debt should be divided between the two cities according to the assessed valuation of the property each acquired.

The attorneys representing Lincoln Park were Frank G. Mixer and Floyd W. Cone. Clarence Page represented Detroit.

**Ohio, State of.—State Treasurer Indicted on Bribery Charge.**—An indictment charging conspiracy to bribe a Federal prohibition officer has been brought against State Treasurer Bert B. Buckley and two co-defendants by the Federal grand jury. The trial of the state treasurer was set for Jan. 21, after he had entered a plea of not guilty. "He was held in bail of \$10,000 to await trial. We quote in part from the Ohio State "Journal" of Jan. 6:

Bert B. Buckley, state treasurer, will go on trial alone on Jan. 21 in Federal court under the conspiracy indictment which charges him with attempting to bribe a Federal prohibition official and to defraud the Government by offering the bribe.

Immediately after Buckley pleaded not guilty when arraigned before Judge Benson W. Hough Saturday noon, his two co-defendants, a Cincinnati lawyer and a Cincinnati brewmaster, sprang a surprise by entering guilty pleas to all 10 counts of the joint indictment.

## Move Is Surprise.

Sentence was deferred in the cases of John L. Schrimper, the lawyer and former state legislator, and Joseph Sperber, the brewmaster, until after the Buckley trial, and they were released under bond of \$5,000 each. Buckley's bond was fixed at \$10,000.

Sperber pleaded not guilty to the perjury charge contained in another indictment returned against him by the Federal grand jury last Monday after he had testified before it.

Buckley and his counsel, as well as the courtroom crowd were surprised at the guilty pleas entered by Schrimper and Sperber, who, it was supposed, would elect to plead not guilty and go on trial.

Buckley, shortly after his indictment last Monday, gave out a statement charging he is "the victim of cold-blooded frame-up."

**Oklahoma, State of.—Legislature Acts to Impeach Governor.**—On the opening day of the regular biennial session, the House of Representatives opened a campaign for the impeachment of Governor Henry S. Johnston, Democrat, charging general incompetence and misconduct. A coalition between the Republicans and the Democratic opponents of the Governor was effected. The following article on the action is taken from the New York "World" of Jan. 9:

The campaign for impeachment of Oklahoma's Klan-elected Governor, Henry S. Johnston, gained fresh impetus to-day at the opening session of the State Legislature when the insurgent Democrats formed a coalition with the House Republicans which gives them the power to investigate his official conduct and that of other members of his Administration. His official incompetence is the ground on which Gov. Johnston's removal is sought. His opponents charge he consulted the stars before making executive decisions, and permitted himself to be unduly influenced by his confidential secretary, Mrs. O. O. Hammonds, described by the anti-Johnston faction as a "female Rasputin."

The coalition's first act to-day was to have a resolution adopted providing for a committee to name House committees, among those created immediately being one empowered to conduct a sweeping investigation into State departments.

The way for reopening of the warfare on the Governor was cleared by the resignation of Allen Street as Speaker of the House an hour after he had been elected by acclamation. His resignation was precipitated by creation of the committee on Committees, by which he was shown of appointive powers. Street, a Democrat, regarded as favorable to the Johnston administration, was succeeded by James C. Nance of Cotton County, also a Democrat, but an avowed opponent of Gov. Johnston.

Since the swift move of the anti-Johnston coalition, investigation on State Departments, with the biggest guns trained on the Governor and the Highway Department, is taken for granted.

The Committee on Committees consists of three Democrats and two Republicans.

Indications are that little, if any legislation will be taken up before investigations are out of the way. Some members predict that this will take thirty days or more. The session is expected to last three months at least.

Should Gov. Johnston be impeached and suspended, Lieut.-Gov. W. J. Holloway would succeed to his office.

The long fight to remove Gov. Johnston was productive of a melodramatic incident in December, 1927. A special session of the House of Representatives called here for the express purpose of impeaching the Governor, was prevented by armed force. When the legislators arrived at the Capitol they found every entrance barred by National Guardsmen armed with rifles and backed by machine gunners.

The Governor denied the right of the Legislature to convene itself in special session without his call, and the State Supreme Court supported his position. Later these obstructionist tactics were abandoned and the legislators were allowed to meet; but no impeachment resulted.

## BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

**ALPINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Alpine) Brewster County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.**—At the special election held on Jan. 5 the voters authorized the issuance of \$90,000 in bonds for school construction by a count of 347 to 156, thus consummating the pre-election sale of the bonds.—V. 127, p. 3574—to the J. E. Jarratt Co. of San Antonio.

**ANADARKO, Caddo County, Okla.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$110,000 refunding bonds has recently been purchased by the American First Trust Co. of Oklahoma City.

**ASHEVILLE, Buncombe County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 4 p. m. on Jan. 15 by J. E. Gibson, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners, for the purchase of five issues of bonds aggregating \$2,590,000 as follows:

\$1,232,000 water bonds. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1934 to 1938; \$25,000, 1939 to 1943; \$30,000, 1944 to 1948; \$35,000, 1949 to 1953; \$40,000, 1954 to 1958; \$43,000, 1959 to 1963; \$50,000, 1964 to 1968 and \$17,000 in 1969.

890,000 street improvement bonds. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$40,000, 1934 to 1938; \$60,000, 1939 to 1943 and \$65,000 from 1944 to 1949, all incl.

250,000 city hall bonds. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000, in 1934 and \$7,000 from 1935 to 1969 incl.

175,000 city market bonds. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1934 to 1938 and \$5,000, 1939 to 1969 incl.

43,000 sewer bonds. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1934 to 1962 and \$2,000, 1963 to 1969.

Int. rate is not to exceed 5% and is to be stated in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. All issues are to bear the same int. rate and bids are to be for all of the bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in gold at the U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co. in New York City. Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of New York City will furnish the legal approval. A \$51,800 certified check must accompany the bid.

**ASOTIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 304 (P. O. Asotin), Wash.—BOND SALE.**—The \$3,280 issue of school bonds that was unsuccessfully offered for sale on Dec. 6—V. 127, p. 2988—has since been purchased by the State of Washington, as 5% bonds, at par. Due in from 2 to 23 years.

**BALTIMORE, Md.—BOND SALE.**—The \$3,955,000 4% registered harbor bonds offered on Jan. 10—V. 127, p. 3431—were awarded to a syndicate composed of Estabrook & Co., and the Old Colony Corp., both of New York, and Hambleton & Co., of Baltimore, at a price of 99.20, a basis of about 4.06%. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$95,000, 1933, \$98,000, 1934, \$103,000, 1935, \$107,000, 1936, \$111,000, 1937, \$116,000, 1938, \$120,000, 1939, \$125,000, 1940, \$130,000, 1941, \$135,000, 1942, \$141,000, 1943, \$146,000, 1944, \$152,000, 1945, \$158,000, 1946, \$165,000, 1947, \$171,000, 1948, \$178,000, 1949, \$185,000, 1950, \$192,000, 1951, \$200,000, 1952, \$208,000, 1953, \$217,000, 1954, \$225,000, 1955, \$234,000, 1956, and \$243,000, 1957.

**BONDS RE-OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.**—Obligations are being re-offered by the successful syndicate for investment, at a price of 100 and interest.

Other bidders were:

Bidder	Rate Bid.
Union Trust Co., Maryland & Associates.....	98.319
Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co., Baltimore & Associates.....	97.65
Kountze Bros. of New York & Associates.....	97.49
Robert Garrett & Sons, Baltimore and Associates.....	97.45
Alex Brown & Sons, Baltimore and Associates.....	97.312
First National Securities Corp. and Associates.....	97.14

**BATESVILLE, Ripley County, Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The \$9,500 refunding bonds, bearing interest at the rate of 4 1/2%, offered on Dec. 31—V. 127, p. 3431—were awarded to the Batesville Bank and the First Savings & Trust Co., both of Batesville, at a premium of \$10.00 equal 100.10. Dated January 1 1929. Due in from 1 to 10 years.

**BAYARD, Morrill County, Neb.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.**—The \$16,500 issue of intercession paying bonds that was purchased by the Omaha Trust Co. of Omaha—V. 127, p. 3738—bears interest at 4 1/4% and is due from Dec. 1 1933 to 1938 incl.

**BENJAMIN, Knox County, Tex.—BOND SALE.**—The \$50,000 issue of 6% water works bonds offered for sale on Dec. 12—V. 127, p. 2989—was awarded at par to Garrett & Co. of Dallas. Dated Sept. 20 1928. Due on Apr. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1930 to 1957 and \$2,000, 1958 to 1968, all incl. There were no other bidders.

BIBB COUNTY (P. O. Macon), Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on Feb. 5, by P. H. Watson, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners...

BOWLING GREEN, Warren County, Ky.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Jan. 21, by J. Q. Kirby, City Clerk...

BRADNER, Wood County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,080.30 6% improvement bonds offered on Dec. 5—V. 127, p. 2989—were awarded to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo...

BRIDGEPORT, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 4 1/2% "Series F" coupon or registered school bonds offered on Jan. 7—V. 128, p. 141—were awarded to a syndicated composed of H. L. Allen & Co., Gibson, Leeds & Co., both of New York...

BRIGHTON (P. O. Bessemer) Jefferson County, Ala.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held on Jan. 2, the voters authorized the issuance of \$13,000 in bonds to pay off the indebtedness of the city by a count of 70 for and 14 against.

BROCKTON, Plymouth County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Plymouth County Trust Co., was awarded on Jan. 8, a \$300,000 temporary loan on a discount basis of 4.764%. Loan is dated Jan. 9 1929 and is due on Nov. 6 1929.

BROCKTON National Co. Disc. Basis. 4.825%
Home National Bank 4.83%
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler (Plus \$3.00) 4.84%
F. S. Moseley & Co. 4.86%
S. N. Bond & Co. (Plus \$13.00) 4.88%
Harris, Forbes & Co. 5.00%

CALDWELL COUNTY ROAD DISTRICTS, (P. O. Lockhart), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The following four issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$380,000, were registered on Jan. 4, by the State Comptroller. \$150,000 serial road district No. 3 bonds.

CALVIN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Winnfield), Winn Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—The \$55,000 issue of semi-annual school bonds offered for sale on Jan. 4—V. 127, p. 3277—was awarded to R. H. Oliver of Monroe as 5 1/2% bonds, for a \$900 premium, equal to 101.634, a basis of about 5.25%.

CARBON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 34, (P. O. Belfry), Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$11,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Sept. 20—V. 127, p. 1281—was awarded to the Bank of Belfry, as 5 1/2% bonds, at par.

CASCADE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Great Falls), Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 issue of high school bonds offered at public auction on Jan. 7—V. 127, p. 3432—were awarded to the State Board of Land Commissioners, as 4.40% bonds at par.

CHATTANOOGA, Hamilton County, Tenn.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$57,249.40 issue of paving bonds that was purchased by Little, Wooten & Co. of Jackson at a price of 102.18—V. 127, p. 3739—bears interest at 6%. Coupon bonds in various denominations. Dated Dec. 1 1928. Due from Dec. 1 1929 to 1937, without option. Int. payable on Dec. 1. Basis of about 5.50%.

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. New Baltimore), Macomb County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$22,250 school bonds offered on Jan. 2—V. 127, p. 3739—were awarded to the Detroit & Security Trust Co., Detroit, as 4 1/2%, at a price of par. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Due May 1, as follows: \$1,250, 1930; \$1,500, 1931 and 1932; \$2,000, 1933 and 1934; \$2,500, 1935 to 1937 incl.; \$3,000, 1938; and \$3,500, 1939.

CHICOPEE, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Third National Bank & Trust Co. of Springfield, was awarded on Jan. 7, a \$100,000 temporary loan on a discount basis of 4.735%. Dated Jan. 7 1929. Due on Nov. 20 1929. A list of the other bids submitted follows:

Commercial Trust Co., Springfield 4.75%
Springfield National Bank 4.77%
S. N. Bond & Co., Boston 4.81%
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, Boston 4.90%
F. S. Moseley & Co., Boston 4.92%
4.98%

CINCINNATI SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hamilton County, Ohio.—OFFER \$690,000 SCHOOL BOND ISSUE.—Stranahan, Harris & Oatis of Toledo, are offering for public subscription, a \$690,000 issue of 4 1/2% school bonds, priced to yield 4.15%. According to the offering circular, they are payable from ad valorem taxes on all the property of the city school district, which is co-extensive with the city of Cincinnati.

CLAIBORNE COUNTY (P. O. Tazewell), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—A \$40,000 issue of 5% highway bonds has been purchased by Caldwell & Co. of Nashville. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1928. Due on June 1 1918. Prin. and int. (J. & D. 1) payable at the Hanover National Bank in New York City. Legality to be approved by B. H. Charles of St. Louis.

CLALLAM COUNTY (P. O. Port Angeles), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 issue of road bonds offered for sale on Jan. 7—V. 127, p. 3574—was awarded to the State of Washington as 4 1/2% bonds at par.

CLAYTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Clayton), St. Louis County, Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on Jan. 21 by Mrs. Victor W. Kern, Secretary of the Board of Education, for the purchase of a \$300,000 issue of 4 1/2 or 4 3/4% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1 1929 and due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1930 to 1934; \$12,000, 1935 to 1939; \$18,000, 1940 and 1941; \$20,000, 1942 to 1944; \$21,000, 1945 to 1948 and \$10,000 in 1949. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at a place to be determined. Benjamin H. Charles of St. Louis will furnish the legal approval. A \$3,000 certified check must accompany the bid. Bonds will be printed and registered by the State Auditor at the expense of the district. A complete transcript of the preliminary proceedings will be furnished.

CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—S. G. Rusk, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Feb. 1, for the purchase of the following 4 1/2% coupon bonds aggregating \$3,300,000: \$2,500,000 stadium construction bonds. Due October 1, as follows: \$108,000, 1930 to 1936, incl., and \$109,000, 1937 to 1952 inclusive.

CLOVIS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (P. O. Clovis), Curry County, N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$100,000 6% improvement bonds has been purchased by the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 15 1928 and due on Nov. 15, as follows: \$9,500 in 1930 and 1931, \$14,000, 1932, \$12,000, 1933, \$10,000, 1934 and \$9,000, 1935 to 1939 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N. 15) payable at the office of the City Treasurer.

COQUILLE, Coos County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 5 p. m. on Jan. 21, by F. G. Leslie, City Recorder, for the purchase of a \$5,000 issue of coupon city bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Denom. \$500. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer. A \$250 certified check must accompany the bid.

CORAOPOLIS, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 4 1/2% borough bonds offered on Jan. 7—V. 127, p. 3433—were awarded to H. Holmer & Co. of Pittsburgh, at a premium of \$1,220, equal to 102.44, a basis of about 4.20%. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Due as follows: \$5,000, 1932, 1934, 1936, 1938, 1940, 1942, 1944, 1946 and 1948.

CORNING, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$72,000 water system bonds, bearing interest at the rate of 5 1/2%, offered on Jan. 5—V. 127, p. 3574—were awarded to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati, at a premium of \$4,321, equal to 106. Bonds mature serially on Sept. 1 from 1930 to 1953 incl. Int. payable semi-annually.

CYNTHIANA, Harrison County, Ky.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by John M. Cromwell, Mayor, until Jan. 22 for the purchase of a \$50,000 issue of 4 1/2% semi-annual building bonds.

DEPEW, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following coupon or registered bond issues aggregating \$101,000 offered on Jan. 7—V. 128, p. 141—were awarded to the Manufacturers & Traders-Peoples Trust Co., Buffalo, as 4 1/2%, at 100.32, a basis of about 4.46%: \$88,000 paving bonds. Due Jan. 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1930 to 1941 incl.; and \$5,000, 1942 to 1949 incl.

CRANSTON, Providence County, R. I.—NOTE SALE.—S. N. Bond & Co. of Boston, were awarded on Jan. 3 a \$600,000 issue of notes, on a discount basis of 5.37%. The issue matures in about seven months. First National Bank of Boston, offered to discount the notes on a 5.92% basis. The Old Colony Corporation of Boston offered to discount the loan on a 5.97% basis.

DONNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Donna) Hidalgo County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—A \$300,000 issue of 5% school bonds will be offered for sale at public auction by J. E. Wier, Secretary of the Board of Education, at 7:50 p. m. on Jan. 21. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 10 1928 and due on Aug. 10, as follows: \$5,000, 1932 to 1948, \$10,000, 1949 to 1965 and \$15,000, 1966 to 1968, all incl. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable in New York. Chapman & Cutler of Chicago will furnish the legal approval. A \$10,000 certified check must accompany the bid.

EAST CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$84,000 4 1/2% coupon street opening bonds offered on Jan. 4—V. 127, p. 3575—were awarded to the First National Co. of Detroit, at a premium of \$112, equal to 100.13, a basis of about 4.49%. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1930 to 1945 incl.; and \$5,000, 1946 to 1949 incl.

ERIE, Erie County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by T. Hanlon, City Clerk, until 10 a. m. (Eastern standard time) Jan. 15 for the purchase of the following 4 1/2% coupon bonds aggregating \$423,000: \$205,000 railroad crossing elimination bonds. Due Jan. 15 as follows: \$5,000, 1930, and \$8,000, 1931 to 1955 incl.

ERIE, Erie County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by T. Hanlon, City Clerk, until 10 a. m. (Eastern standard time) Jan. 15 for the purchase of the following 4 1/2% coupon bonds aggregating \$423,000: \$205,000 railroad crossing elimination bonds. Due Jan. 15 as follows: \$5,000, 1930, and \$8,000, 1931 to 1955 incl.

ERIE, Erie County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by T. Hanlon, City Clerk, until 10 a. m. (Eastern standard time) Jan. 15 for the purchase of the following 4 1/2% coupon bonds aggregating \$423,000: \$205,000 railroad crossing elimination bonds. Due Jan. 15 as follows: \$5,000, 1930, and \$8,000, 1931 to 1955 incl.

ERIE, Erie County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by T. Hanlon, City Clerk, until 10 a. m. (Eastern standard time) Jan. 15 for the purchase of the following 4 1/2% coupon bonds aggregating \$423,000: \$205,000 railroad crossing elimination bonds. Due Jan. 15 as follows: \$5,000, 1930, and \$8,000, 1931 to 1955 incl.

ERIE, Erie County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by T. Hanlon, City Clerk, until 10 a. m. (Eastern standard time) Jan. 15 for the purchase of the following 4 1/2% coupon bonds aggregating \$423,000: \$205,000 railroad crossing elimination bonds. Due Jan. 15 as follows: \$5,000, 1930, and \$8,000, 1931 to 1955 incl.

FAIRCHANCE, Fayette County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 4 1/2% coupon municipal building bonds offered on Dec. 28—V. 127, p. 3433—were awarded to Prescott, Lyon & Co. of Philadelphia, at a premium of \$57.00, equal to 100.57, a basis of about 4.445%. Dated Nov. 1 1928.

Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1938. and \$2,500, 1943 and 1948. Other bidders were:

Table with columns: Bidder, National Bank of Fayette County, J. H. Holmes & Co., Price Bid, Par

FORT LAUDERDALE, Broward County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$100,200 6% refunding bonds has recently been purchased at par by Spitzer, Korick & Co. of Toledo. Dated Dec. 15 1928 and due on Dec. 15 as follows: \$4,000, 1931 and 1932; \$5,000, 1933 and 1934; \$6,000, 1935 and 1936; \$7,000, 1937 and 1938; \$8,000, 1939 and 1940; \$10,000, 1941 to 1943, and \$10,200 in 1944.

FORT MYERS, Lee County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the City Treasurer until Jan. 11 for the purchase of a \$50,000 issue of paving bonds.

FOSTER TOWNSHIP (P. O. Bradford), McKean County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 5% road bonds offered on Dec. 26—V. 127, p. 3434—were awarded to E. H. Rollins & Sons of Philadelphia, at a premium of \$903.50, equal to 101.813. Due serially in from 1 to 9 years. Other bidders were:

Table with columns: Bidder, J. H. Holmes & Co., Prescott, Lyon & Co., Commercial National Bank, Premium, \$600.00, \$315.00, Par

FREMONT SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Steuben County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Lonnie M. Sailor, Township Trustee, until 10 a. m. Feb. 2, for the purchase of \$6,000 5% township bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, July 1, from 1950 to 1935 incl. Int. payable on January and July 1.

FROSTBURG, Allegany County, Md.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 refunding water bonds, bearing interest at the rate of 5% offered on Dec. 20—V. 127, p. 3434—were awarded to the Citizens National Bank, Frostburg. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Due \$5,000 on Jan. 1 from 1930 to 1935 inclusive.

GAGE, Ellis County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The \$26,000 issue of sanitary sewer system bonds offered for sale on Jan. 4—V. 128, p. 141—was purchased by an unknown investor.

GARY, Lake County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Lloyd B. Snowden, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Jan. 21, for the purchase of the following 4 1/2% bonds aggregating \$152,000: \$92,000 bonds. Due Dec. 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1934 to 1936 incl.; \$3,000, 1937; \$2,000 1938 and 1939; and \$5,000, 1940 to 1951 incl. 60,000 bonds. Due \$5,000, Dec. 1, 1943 to 1954 incl. Dated Dec. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Interest payable on June and Dec. 1. A certified check for 2 1/2% of the bonds bid for is required.

GASSAWAY, Braxton County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.—A \$25,000 issue of street improvement bonds has been purchased by the State Sinking Fund Commission.

GREATER PEORIA SANITARY DISTRICT (P. O. PEORIA), Peoria County, Ill.—BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—A syndicate composed of Ames, Emerich & Co., Illinois Merchants Trust Co., William R. Compton Co., First Trust & Savings Bank and the Northern Trust Co., all of Chicago, is offering for public investment, \$2,415,000 4 1/2% district bonds, priced to yield from 4.50 to 4.25%. These are the bonds reported sold to the H. C. Speer & Sons Co., of Chicago—V. 127, p. 3126.

GREENBURGH COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Scarsdale), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Louis M. Keeler, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Jan. 23, for the purchase of \$112,000 coupon or registered school bonds—rate of interest not to exceed 6%. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1932 to 1941 incl.; \$4,000, 1942 to 1946 incl.; \$6,000, 1947 to 1951 incl.; and \$7,000, 1952 to 1957 incl. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the Scarsdale National Bank & Trust Co., Scarsdale. A certified check payable to the order of the District Clerk, for 2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality to be approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City.

GUNTER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gunter), Grayson County, Tex.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$15,000 issue of 5% school bonds that was purchased by the State of Texas at a price of 101.33—V. 127, p. 3740—is due on June 20 as follows: \$500, 1933 to 1946, and \$1,000 in 1947, 1949, 1951, 1953, 1955, 1957, 1959 and 1961, giving a basis of about 4.89%.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Findley), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—G. R. Morehart, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 M., Jan. 24, for the purchase of \$7,425 5 1/2% road bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000, one bond for \$425. Due as follows: \$1,425, 1930, and \$2,000, 1931 to 1933, incl. Principal and interest payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for \$250 is required. Legality to be approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland.

HANGING ROCK VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lawrence County, Ohio.—NO BIDS.—W. C. McKee, Clerk Board of Education, states that no bid was submitted on Jan. 7 for the \$2,500 issue of 5 1/2% school improvement bonds scheduled for sale—V. 127, p. 3740—dated June 1 1927. Due \$250, on Sept. 1 from 1927 to 1933 incl.

HARLEM, Blaine County, Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 issue of coupon water bonds offered for sale on July 17—V. 126, p. 3806—has been purchased by Benwell & Co. of Denver, as 6% bonds, at par. Due \$1,000 from 1929 to 1938 and \$1,500 from 1939 to 1948, all incl.

HARRIMAN, Orange County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Elwood F. Fowler, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 6:30 p. m. Jan. 14, for the purchase of \$13,000 5% coupon water bonds. Dated July 1 1927. Denoms. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1954; and \$3,000, 1955 to 1958 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the Monroe National Bank, Monroe. A certified check payable to the order of the Village for 10% of the bonds offered is required.

HARRIS COUNTY (P. O. Houston), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—G. N. Holton, State Comptroller, registered a \$326,725 5 1/2% West University Place funding bonds on Jan. 4.

HARTSDALE WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Tarrytown), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$22,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered water bonds offered on Jan. 9—V. 127, p. 3740—were awarded to Rutter & Co. of New York City, at 100.693, a basis of about 4.41%. Dated Dec. 1 1928. Due \$2,000, Dec. 1, from 1933 to 1943, incl.

HAXTUN, Phillips County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of semi-annual coupon bonds aggregating \$33,000, offered for sale on Jan. 7—V. 127, p. 3740—were awarded to the United States Bond Co. of Denver as follows: \$18,000 revenue bonds, as 6s, at a price of 92.21 and \$15,000 water extension bonds, as 4 1/2s, at 93.70. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1 1929.

HENNEPIN COUNTY (P. O. Minneapolis), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$40,625, offered for sale on Dec. 31—V. 127, p. 3434—were awarded to the county sinking fund, as 4 1/2s, at par. The issues are divided as follows: \$35,000 ditch No. 6 bonds. Due \$1,750 from Jan. 1 1939 to 1958 incl. 5,625 ditch No. 42 bonds. Due \$375 from Jan. 1 1934 to 1948 incl. There were no other bidders for the bonds.

HIGGINSPORT, Brown County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—G. W. Koefler, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 M., Jan. 19, for the purchase of \$4,000 5% fire apparatus equipment bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Denom. \$200. Due as follows: \$200, July 1 1929; \$200, Jan. and July 1, from 1930 to 1938, incl.; and \$200, Jan. 1 1939. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for \$400, is required.

HILDRETH, Franklin County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—A \$3,500 issue of well bonds has been purchased at par by the Commerce Trust Co. of Lincoln. Due in 20 years and optional in 10 years.

HOLLAND, Ottawa County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$16,309 street improvement bonds offered on Jan. 2—V. 127, p. 3740—were awarded

as 5 1/2s, to the City Board of Public Works at par. Bonds mature serially from 1930 to 1938 incl.

HOPKINSVILLE, Christian County, Ky.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 issue of 5% coupon funding bonds offered for sale on Jan. 4—V. 127, p. 3740—was awarded to Caldwell of Nashville for a premium of \$730, equal to 101.622, a basis of about 4.75%. Dated Dec. 1 1928. Due \$3,000 from 1929 to 1943 incl. The other bidders and their bids were as follows:

Table with columns: Bidder, Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati, Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Cincinnati, Well, Roth & Irving Co., Cincinnati, Walter, Woody & Helmerding, Cincinnati, Taylor, Wilson & Co. Cincinnati, Premium, \$293.00, 135.00, 15.00, 15.00, 5.00

HOXIE, Lawrence County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—An \$11,500 issue of 6% funding bonds has been purchased at par by M. W. Elkins & Co. of Little Rock. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Due from 1929 to 1943 incl.

IRONDEQUOIT (P. O. Rochester), Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Earl A. Partridge, Town Clerk, received sealed bids until 2 p. m. Jan. 12, for the purchase of \$256,000 5% coupon or registered bonds. Dated Jan. 15 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1, as follows: \$9,000, 1933; and \$13,000, 1934 to 1952 incl. Principal and int. payable at the Union Trust Co., Rochester, or at the American Exchange-Irving Trust Co., New York City. Legality to be approved by Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of New York City.

IRWIN, Westmoreland County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—A. J. Zetter, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Jan. 28, for the purchase of \$75,000 4 1/2% borough bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1935; \$3,000, 1937; \$4,000, 1939; \$3,000, 1940; \$4,000, 1942; \$3,000, 1943; \$5,000, 1945; \$3,000, 1946 to 1949 incl.; \$4,000, 1950 to 1955 incl.; \$5,000, 1956 and 1957; and \$3,000, 1958. A certified check payable to the order of the Borough Treasurer, for \$1,000 is required.

JACKSONVILLE, Duval County, Fla.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held in the near future, according to newspaper reports, in order to pass upon the proposition of issuing bonds aggregating \$2,100,000 as follows: \$1,500,000 sewer and drainage bonds; \$300,000 paving intersection and \$300,000 street and highway improvement bonds.

KANSAS CITY, Jackson County, Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Jan. 15, by Ben Jandon, Director of Finance, for the purchase of two issues of bonds aggregating \$1,500,000 as follows:

\$1,000,000 4 1/2% airport bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Due \$40,000 from Oct. 1 1930 to 1954, incl. 500,000 4 1/2% dock and wharf bonds. Dated July 1 1928. Due \$20,000 from July 1 1930 to 1954, inclusive.

Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-annual int. is payable in gold at the City Treasurer's office or at the Chase National Bank in New York City. Separate bids will be received on either issue. No bid which is in whole or in part, less than par, will be considered. Benjamin H. Charles of St. Louis will furnish the legal approval. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable at the office of the Director of Finance, is required.

KING COUNTY (P. O. Seattle), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$400,000 issue of airport bonds offered for sale on Jan. 7—V. 127, p. 3127—was awarded to the State Finance Committee, as 4.15% bonds, at par. Due as follows: \$7,000, 1931 to 1933; \$8,000, 1934 to 1936; \$9,000, 1937 and 1938; \$10,000, 1939 and 1940; \$11,000, 1941 and 1942; \$12,000, 1942 and 1943; \$13,000, 1945 and 1946; \$14,000, 1947; \$15,000, 1948 and 1949; \$16,000, 1950; \$17,000, 1951; \$18,000, 1952; \$19,000, 1953; \$20,000, 1954 and 1955; \$21,000, 1956; \$22,000, 1957; \$23,000, 1958 and \$25,000 in 1959. The second highest bid was an offer of 101.739 for 4 1/2s, made by the Bankers Co. of New York, and the third highest, 101.079 for 4 1/2s, was tendered by the National City Co. of New York.

KLAMATH FALLS, Klamath County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 issue of semi-annual sewer bonds offered for sale on Jan. 7 (V. 127, p. 3740) was awarded to the American National Co. of San Francisco as 5% bonds for a \$3,000 premium, equal to 102, a basis of about 4.82%. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Due from Jan. 1 1939 to 1950 incl.

KOOCHICHING COUNTY, (P. O. International Falls), Minn.—BOND SALE.—A \$10,000 issue of county bonds has recently been purchased by John Nueven & Co. of Chicago.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Lewisville) Ark.—BOND SALE.—A \$15,300 issue of 5 1/2% funding bonds has been purchased at par by W. J. Herring & Co. of Little Rock. Dated July 16 1928. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$500 in 1929; \$1,000, 1930 to 1936 and \$2,000, 1937 to 1940, all incl.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Crown Point) Ind.—BOND SALE.—The following bond issues aggregating \$595,000 offered on Jan. 2—V. 127, p. 3435—were awarded to the Continental National Co. of Chicago, as below: \$200,000 4% Superior Court, building bonds at a price of par. Issues below were sold at a premium of \$12,345, equal to 103.12, a basis of about 4.37%.

\$150,000 5% road improvement bonds. Due semi-annually from 1929 to 1939 inclusive. 125,000 5% court house equipment bonds. Due annually from 1929 to 1949 inclusive. 120,000 5% bridge construction bonds. Due as follows: \$6,000, July 1 1929; \$6,000, Jan. and July 1 1930 to 1938 incl., and \$6,000, Jan. 1 1939.

Dated Jan. 2 1929. No other bid was received for the 4% issue. The Meyer-Kiser Bank of Indianapolis, offered a premium of \$6,465 for the three 5% issues, and the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, offered a premium of \$5,116.00.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Crown Point) Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—H. K. Groves, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. Jan. 16, for the purchase of \$120,000 5% highway bonds. Bonds are to mature in from 1 to 10 years. Interest payable semi-annually.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Crown Point), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—William E. Whitaker, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Feb. 15, for the purchase of \$25,000 5% Circuit Court Bldg., improvement bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Denom. \$500 and \$250. Due semi-annually from 1929 to 1939 incl. A certified check for 3% of the bonds offered is required.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Crown Point), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—William E. Whitaker, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Feb. 15 for the purchase of \$25,000 5% Circuit Court, building bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Denominations \$500 and \$250. Due as follows: \$1,250, July 1 1929; and \$1,250, Jan. and July 1 1930 to Jan. 1 1939, incl. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for 3% of the bonds offered is required. Legality to be approved by Matson, Carter, Ross & McCord of Indianapolis.

LAKE COUNTY, (P. O. Painesville), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—L. J. Spaulding, Clerk Board County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (eastern standard time) Jan. 16, for the purchase of \$80,000 5% road improvement bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on April and October 1, from 1929 to 1935 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the County Auditor, for \$1,000 is required.

Financial Statement.

Table with columns: Estimated value of taxable property, Last assessed valuation for taxation, Total bonded debt including this issue, Water works debt (included in total bonded debt), Special assessment debt (included in total bonded debt), Total Floating (General Obligation) Debt, \$190,000,000.00, 126,454,810.00, 4,139,487.24, 1,95,493.86, 748,159.88, 1,995,833.50

LAKE NORDEN, Hamlin County, S. Dak.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$30,000 issue of not to exceed 4 1/2% semi-annual refunding bonds offered on Dec. 28 (V. 127, p. 3435) has not as yet been sold. Dated Jan. 1 1929 and due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1935, and \$20,000 in 1940.

LANCASTER COUNTY (P. O. Lancaster), S. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 issue of semi-annual highway bonds offered for sale on Jan. 8—V. 128, p. 142—was awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc. of Toledo, as 5s, for a premium of \$2,000, equal to 100.80, a basis of about 4.84%. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Due \$50,000 from Feb. 1 1933 to 1937 incl.

LARCHMONT, Westchester County, N. Y.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—The Central Union Trust Co. of New York was awarded on Jan. 7 a \$35,500 issue of certificates on an interest rate basis of 4.90%. Dated Jan. 10 1929. Due Jan. 10 1930. Principal and interest payable at the First National Bank, New York.

LAUREL SPRINGS, Camden County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The Laurel Springs National Bank is reported to have purchased an issue of \$7,200 5% fire apparatus bonds, at a price of par. Due as follows: \$800, 1929 and 1930; and \$700, 1931 to 1938 inclusive.

LEOMINSTER, Worcester County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles D. Harnden, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 1 a. m. Jan. 16, for the purchase of \$75,000 4 1/4% coupon street widening bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1, as follows: \$8,000, 1929 to 1933 incl.; and \$7,000, 1934 to 1938 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the First National Bank, Boston. The above-mentioned bank will also supervise the preparation of the bonds, and will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures, and the seal impressed thereon. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

Financial Statement, Jan. 4 1929.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Net valuation for year 1928 (\$22,630,930.00), Debt limit (\$54,492.65), Total gross debt including this issue (\$1,335,200.00), Exempted debt, Water bonds (\$380,000.00), School bonds (\$408,000.00), Sewer bonds (\$50,000.00), Net debt (\$497,200.00), and Borrowing capacity Jan. 1 1929 (\$57,292.65).

LIBERTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Liberty) Amite County, Miss.—MATURITY—BASIS.—The \$12,500 issue of school building bonds that was purchased by Xavier A. Kramer of McComb, as 5 1/2%, at 100.24—V. 127, p. 3740—is due from Jan. 1 1930 to 1954, giving a basis of about 5.47%.

LINDEN, Union County, N. J.—BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—B. J. Van Ingersoll & Co. of New York, are offering for public investment, \$464,000 4 1/2% general improvement bonds, priced to yield 4 1/2%. The bonds, according to the offering circular, are a legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in the State of New Jersey. Linden reports an assessed valuation of \$57,163,228 compared with a total bonded debt (including this issue) of \$4,144,725. Population for 1928 is estimated at 20,000.

LINDDALE, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Ann C. Lakawitz, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Jan. 28, for the purchase of \$1,500 5 1/2% coupon sewer and water service connection bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Denoms. \$150. Due \$150, April and Oct. 1, from 1930 to 1934 inclusive. Principal and interest payable at the United Banking & Trust Co., Cleveland. A certified check payable to the order of the Village treasurer, for 10% of the bonds offered is required.

LIVONIA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Hemlock) Livingston County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank R. Connor, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Jan. 14, for the purchase of \$90,000 4 1/4% coupon or registered school bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1931 and 1932; \$2,000, 1933 to 1938 incl.; \$3,000, 1939 to 1946 incl.; \$4,000, 1947 to 1954 incl.; and \$5,000, 1955 to 1958 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the Livonia State Bank, Livonia. A certified check payable to the order of B. R. Beach, District Treasurer, for \$2,000 is required. Legality to be approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

LOGAN COUNTY (P. O. Russellville), Ky.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$116,000 5% semi-annual county bonds has been purchased by Assel, Goetz & Moerlein of Cincinnati for a premium of \$1,375, equal to 101.18, a basis of about 4.85%. Due in from 2 to 20 years.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 79, (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,485.39 issue of district bonds offered for sale on Dec. 17—V. 127, p. 3435—was awarded to G. W. Bond & Son of Santa Ana, as 7% bonds, for a premium of \$11, equal to 100.115, a basis of about 6.97%. Dated Nov. 19 1928. Due \$1,000 from Nov. 19 1930 to 1938 and \$485.39 on Nov. 19 1939. No other bids were submitted.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 60 (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$175,000 issue of 5 1/4% improvement bonds that was purchased on Dec. 27 by Dean Witter & Co. of San Francisco at a price of 101.364—V. 128, p. 142—is dated Jan. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer, or in New York City. O'Melveny, Fuller & Myers of Los Angeles will furnish the legal approval.

LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The Gatzert Co. of Los Angeles has recently purchased at private sale a \$600,000 issue of 5 3/4% street improvement bonds. Dated Mar. 1 1929. Due from Mar. 1 1930 to 1939 incl.

LOWELL, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Salomon Bros. & Hutzler of Boston, were awarded on Jan. 8, a \$325,000 temporary loan, dated Jan. 8 1928 and payable on Nov. 8 1929, on a discount basis of 4.87%, plus a premium of \$3.00. A list of the other bids received follows:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Discount Basis. Rows include Middlesex National Bank, Lowell (4.875%), S. N. Bond & Co. (Plus \$12.00) (4.89%), First National Bank, Boston (4.91%), and F. S. Moseley & Co. (4.97%).

LUBBOCK, Lubbock County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Jan. 24, by W. H. Rogers, City Secretary, for the purchase of three issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$150,000 as follows: \$85,000 sewer; \$40,000 water extension and \$25,000 paving bonds.

LYNBROOK, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$138,000 general improvement bonds offered on Jan. 7—V. 128, p. 142—were awarded to Lehman Bros. of New York, and the Manufacturers & Traders-Peoples Trust Co., Buffalo, as 4.40s, at 100.189 a basis of about 4.37%. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Due Jan. 1, as follows: \$8,000, 1931; \$7,000, 1932 to 1939 inclusive; and \$1,000, 1950 to 1953 inclusive.

MCCAMEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. McCamey), Upton County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 issue of 6% semi-annual serial school bonds that was registered on Dec. 19—V. 127, p. 2741—has since been purchased at par by D. E. Dunne & Co. of Wichita.

MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 127 (P. O. Granite City), Madison County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 5% school bonds offered on Dec. 10—V. 127, p. 3279—were awarded to the Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis, at a premium of \$1,300, equal to 105.20, a basis of about 3.825%. Dated Nov. 1 1928. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1935, and \$2,000, 1936 to 1947, incl.

MANHEIM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lancaster County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—A. B. Leach & Co. of Philadelphia, are reported to have purchased an issue of \$400,000 4 1/4% school bonds, maturing annually on Jan. 1, from 1930 to 1949, incl.

MARION, Marion County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following 5% bond issues aggregating \$51,502.36 offered on Jan. 3—V. 127, p. 3435—were awarded to the First Citizens Corp. of Columbus, at a premium of \$395.00 equal to 100.766 a basis of about 4.75%.

\$27,369.24 street improvement bonds. Due as follows: \$1,269.24, March 1 and \$1,500, Sept. 1 1930; \$1,500, March and Sept. 1 1931; and \$2,000, March and Sept. 1 1932 and 1933. 12,861.92 property owners portion st. imp. bonds. Due as follows: \$361.92, March and \$500, Sept. 1 1930; \$500, March and Sept. 1 1931 to 1934 inclusive; and \$1,000, March and Sept. 1 1935 to 1938 incl. 9,852.48 paving bonds. Due as follows: \$852.48, March 1, and \$1,000, Sept. 1 1930; and \$1,000, March and Sept. 1 1931 to 1938 inclusive.

1,418.62 sewer improvement bonds. Due Sept. 1, as follows: \$418.62, 1930; and \$500, 1931 and 1932. Dated Dec. 1 1928.

MAYNARD, Fayette County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$1,130.28 5% annual street improvement bonds has recently been purchased at par by L. D. Rawley of Maynard. Due from 1929 to 1938, incl.

MELROSE, Middlesex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—S. Homer Buttrick, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m., Jan. 14, for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$250,000 temporary loan. Dated Jan. 15 1929. Denom. \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Due \$100,000, July 17 and Oct. 15, and \$50,000, Nov. 15 1929. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

MEMPHIS, Shelby County, Tenn.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by D. C. Miller, City Clerk, until 2:30 p. m. on Jan. 22, for the purchase of an issue of \$1,250,000 4 1/4, 4 1/2, 5, 5 1/2 or 5 3/4% coupon revenue notes. Dated Jan. 1, 1929. Due on Sept. 6, 1929. The bidder is required to state in his proposal the place of delivery as point of delivery may determine award of notes. Prin. and int. is payable in lawful money at the city's fiscal agency in New York or at the city hall in Memphis, provided, however that the holders of the notes and coupons desiring local payment shall give ten days written notice to the City clerk of such desire. The Union & Planters Bank & Trust Co. of Memphis will supervise and certify the bonds. Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City will furnish the legal approval. Notes will not be sold for less than par and accrued int. to date of delivery, except by four fifths vote of the Board of Commissioners. A \$12,500 certified check, payable to the City, must accompany the bid.

MINNEAPOLIS, Hennepin County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$880,978.22 issue of coupon special street improvement bonds offered for sale on Jan. 7—V. 127, p. 3577—was jointly awarded to Kalman & Co. of St. Paul, E. H. Rollins & Sons of New York and Howe, Snow & Co. of Grand Rapids, as 4 1/4% bonds, for a premium of \$510, equal to 100.057, a basis of about 4.24%. Of this \$91,546.69 will be payable in 5 years, \$383,697.12 in 10 years and \$405,734.41 in 20 years—as follows: \$19,546.69, Feb. 1 1930 \$18,000.00 in each of the years 1931, 1932, 1933 and 1934, \$38,697.12 Feb. 1 1930, \$38,000.00 in each of the years 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1938 and 1939; \$39,000.00 in each of the years 1935, 1936 and 1937; \$20,734.41, Feb. 1 1930; \$20,000.00 in each of the years 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949; \$21,000.00 in each of the years 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943 and 1944.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The above bonds are now being offered for public subscription by the successful bidder at prices to yield, according to maturity, from 4.25% to 4.05%. The bonds are reported to be legal investment for New York and New England savings banks.

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Price Bid. Lists various bidders for Minneapolis bonds, including Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., The National City Co., Illinois Merchants & Trust Co., Merchants Trust Co., Roosevelt & Son, First Minneapolis Trust Co., Wm. R. Compton & Co., Lane, Piper & Jaffray, White, Weld & Co., with their respective bid amounts and interest rates.

MOBILE, Mobile County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 issue of 5% water works, series "A" bonds offered for sale on Jan. 8—V. 127, p. 3435—was awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo, at a price of 104.15, a basis of about 4.63%. Dated Jan. 1 1929 and due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1932 to 1955 and \$15,000, 1956 to 1959, all inclusive.

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Price Bid. Lists bidders for Mobile bonds, including Mobile National Bank, Taylor, Wilson & Co., Inc., First National Bank, Well, Roth & Irving, C. W. McNear & Co., Steiner Brothers, Merchants National Bank, Birmingham & Caldwell, Ward, Sterne & Co., with their respective bid amounts and interest rates.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Mt. Sterling), Ky.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 issue of 5% semi-annual refunding bonds offered for sale on Jan. 8—V. 127, p. 3741—was awarded to James C. Wilson & Co. of Louisville, for a premium of \$615, equal to 103.075, a basis of about 4.62%. Dated Feb. 1 1929. Due \$1,000 from Feb. 1 1920 to 1949, incl. The other bidders and their bids were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Premium. Lists bidders for Montgomery County bonds, including Traders National Bank, Taylor, Wilson & Co., Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, N. S. Hill & Co., Bank of Commerce & Trust Co., The Tillo son & Walcott Co., Walter, Woody & Heimerdinger, Seasongood & Mayer, The Hanchett Bond Co., Seipp, Princell & Co., with their respective bid amounts and interest rates.

NEW ORLEANS, Orleans Parish, La.—CERTIFICATES OFFERED FOR PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION.—The two issues of 6 1/4% certificates, aggregating \$1,748,500, awarded on Dec. 27 to a syndicate headed by E. W. Pressprich & Co. of New York, at a price of 99.01, a basis of about 4.85%—V. 127, p. 3741—are now being offered for investment by the purchasers, priced at par, to yield 4.50%. Due from Jan. 1 1930 to 1939, incl.

These certificates, issued to pay the cost of paving public streets are reported to constitute general obligations of the City of New Orleans. Special assessments in the like sum levied upon property especially benefited are pledged to the payment thereof in the first instance, and in addition the revenues of the City derived from taxation for general municipal purposes are applicable to their payment.

NEW ULM, Brown County, Minn.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$200,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon sewer bonds that was purchased on Dec. 7 by V. W. Brewer & Co. of Minneapolis at par—V. 127, p. 3741—is dated Dec. 1 1928. Denoms. \$50 and \$1,000. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$6,500, 1929 and 1930; \$7,000 in 1931 and \$7,500, 1932 to 1955 incl. Optional on any int. paying date after 30 days published notice. Int. payable on June & Dec. 1.

NIOBRARA COUNTY (P. O. Lusk), Wyoming.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 issue of 4 1/4% coupon refunding bonds offered for sale on Jan. 3 V. 127, p. 3578—was again awarded at par to the Lusk State Bank of Lusk. Dated Feb. 1 1929. Due \$4,500 from Feb. 1 1930 to 1939, incl. This sale was for the purpose of legalizing the issue.

NORMAN, Cleveland County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 issue of 5% public library bonds offered for sale on Dec. 31—V. 127 p. 3741—was awarded at par to the Sinking Fund.

OAKWOOD, Paulding County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following bond issues aggregating \$160,133.30 offered on January 4—V. 127,

p. 3280—were awarded to the Well, Roth & Irving Co., and Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, both of Cincinnati, as 4 3/4%, at a premium of \$719.59, equal to 100.449, a basis of about 4.66%.

\$125,485.91 special assessment, sanitary sewer construction bonds. Dated November 1 1928. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$485.93, 1930; \$12,000, 1930; \$13,000, 1932; \$12,000, 1933; \$13,000, 1934; \$12,000, 1935; \$13,000, 1936; \$12,000, 1937; and \$13,000, 1938 and 1939.

34,647.37 special assessment, street improvement bonds. Dated June 1 1928. Due June 1, as follows: \$3,500, 1929 to 1937, incl.; and \$3,147.37, 1938.

**OSBORNE SCHOOL DISTRICT, (P. O. Osborne), Osborne County Kan.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.**—The \$160,000 issue of 4 1/2% school construction bonds that was reported sold—V. 128, p. 143—was awarded at par to the Central Trust Co. of Topeka. Due in from 1 to 20 years.

**PARKE COUNTY, (P. O. Rockville), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—Mr. Roy E. Adams, of Indianapolis, purchased during January, \$33,800 6% road bonds at a price of par. The bonds are dated Nov. 21 1928 and mature on May and Nov. 15, from 1931 to 1943 incl. These are the bonds offered unsuccessfully on Dec. 17—V. 127, p. 281.

**PALISADES PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE NOT CONSUMMATED.**—The sale of \$352,000 5% school bonds to Morris Mather & Co. of New York, at 102.31, a basis of about 4.77%, reported in—V. 127, p. 3281—we are now informed, was not consummated.

**BOND OFFERING.**—William R. Romaine, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Jan. 18, for the purchase of the above-mentioned 5% coupon or registered school bond issue. Dated Feb. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1929 to 1958, incl.; and \$6,000, 1959 to 1968, incl. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the Morsemore Trust Co., Palisades Park. Authorized amount of issue \$360,000. No more bonds will be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$360,000. A certified check payable to the order of the Board of Education, for 2% of the bonds bid for is required. Legality to be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York City.

**PEABODY, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—The Central National Bank of Lynn, was awarded on Jan. 9, a \$65,000 temporary loan on a 4.875% discount basis. Loan is dated Jan. 9 1929, and is payable on Nov. 12 1929. Other bidders were:

Bidder	Discount Basis.
Warren National Bank, Peabody	4.89%
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler	4.92%
Bank of Commerce & Trust Co.	4.93%
S. N. Bond & Co.	5.00%

**PEEKSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$575,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered on Jan. 7—V. 127, p. 3578—were awarded to Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc., and Dewey, Bacon & Co., both of New York, as 4 3/4%, at 101.91, a basis of about 4.38%. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1934 to 1938 incl.; and \$20,000, 1939 to 1963 incl. These are the bonds offered unsuccessfully on Dec. 10—V. 127, p. 3129. At that time bids were requested for 4, or 4 1/4 bonds. Other bidders for this issue were:

Bidder	Price Paid.
George B. Gibbons & Co.	\$585,971.00
Rutter & Co.	585,879.58
Lehman Bros.	584,200.00
Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co.	582,521.00
Harris, Forbes & Co.	581,664.25

**PERRYSBURG, Wood County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$30,000 water works system bonds offered on Dec. 18—V. 127, p. 3129—were awarded to W. K. Terry & Co. of Toledo, as fs, at a premium of \$1,121, equal to 103.736, a basis of about 4.65%. Dated Dec. 1 1928. Due Sept. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1930 to 1949, incl.; and \$2,000, 1950 to 1954, incl.

**PITTSFIELD, Berkshire County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.**—F. M. Platt, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11:30 a. m. Jan. 16 for the purchase of \$157,000 4% coupon school bonds. Dated Dec. 15 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 15, as follows: \$8,000, 1929 to 1947, incl.; and \$5,000, 1948, prin. and int. payable at the First National Bank, Boston. The above-mentioned bank will also supervise the preparation of the bonds and will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures and the seal impressed thereon. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

*Financial Statement, Dec. 27 1928.*

Net valuation for year 1927	\$57,579,565.00
Debt limit	401,515.20
Total gross debt, including this issue	2,165,400.00
<i>Exempted Debt—</i>	
Water bonds	\$675,000
Sewer bonds	103,000
Paving bonds	125,000
School bonds	121,000
Playground bonds	4,000
	\$1,028,000.00
Net debt	\$1,137,400.00
Borrowing capacity	\$264,115.20

**PLAIN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Jefferson), Jackson County, Ga.—BOND SALE.**—A \$7,500 issue of 6% school bonds has recently been jointly purchased by J. H. Hillsman & Co., Inc. and the Citizens & Southern Co., both of Atlanta. Denom. \$500. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Due \$500, from Jan. 1 1931 to 1959 incl. Int. payable annually on Jan. 1.

**PLEASANT HILL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Crosbyton), Crosby County, Tex.—BOND SALE.**—An \$8,000 issue of school bonds has recently been purchased by the State Department of Education.

**PONTIAC SCHOOL DISTRICT, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.**—The \$500,000 coupon school bonds offered on Jan. 8—V. 127, p. 3742—were awarded to the Detroit & Security Trust Co., Detroit, at a premium of \$107.00, equal to 100.021, an interest cost basis of about 4.20%, taking \$331,000 bonds as 4 1/4%, maturing Jan. 1, as follows: \$9,000, 1930; \$10,000, 1931 to 1933, incl.; \$11,000, 1934; \$12,000, 1935; \$13,000, 1936; \$14,000, 1937; \$15,000, 1938 to 1943, incl.; \$16,000, 1944; \$17,000, 1945; \$18,000, 1946; \$19,000, 1947 and 1948; \$20,000, 1949; \$21,000, 1950 and \$22,000, 1951; and \$169,000 bonds as 4s, maturing Jan. 1, as follows: \$23,000, 1952 to 1954, incl.; \$24,000, 1955; \$25,000, 1956 and 1957; and \$26,000, 1958.

**PORT ARTHUR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Port Arthur), Jefferson County, Tex.—BOND SALE.**—The \$200,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Jan. 4—V. 127, p. 3742—was awarded to the Roger H. Evans Co. of Dallas, as 4 3/4% bonds, for a \$540 premium, equal to 100.27, a basis of about 4.73%. Due \$5,000 in from 1 to 40 years.

The other bidders and their bids were as follows:

Bidder	Rate	Premium.
Ryan, Sutherland & Co.	4 3/4%	\$312.50
Well, Roth & Irving Co.	4 3/4%	127.50
First National Bank of Port Arthur	4 3/4%	Par
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis	4 3/4%	disc't 1,880.00
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis	5%	3,820.00
Stifel, Nicolaus & Co.	5%	5,080.00
First National Co. of St. Louis	5%	4,469.00
Mercantile Trust & Savings Co.	5%	4,415.00
C. W. McNear & Co.	5%	3,620.00
C. W. McNear & Co.	4 3/4%	disc't 2,860.00
Mercantile Trust & Savings Co.	4 3/4%	75.00
B. F. Dittmar Co.	5%	2,797.65
Braun, Bosworth & Co.	5%	2,822.00
Assel, Goetz & Moerlein	5%	2,455.00

**PORTLAND, Cumberland County, Me.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—The \$400,000 temporary loan offered on Jan. 7—V. 128, p. 143—was awarded to S. N. Bond & Co. of Boston, on a discount basis of 4.89%. Dated Jan. 10 1928. Payable on Oct. 7 1929 at the First National Bank, Boston.

**PORT NECHES, Jefferson County, Tex.—BOND SALE.**—The two issues of bonds aggregating \$125,000, that were unsuccessfully offered for sale on Dec. 14—V. 127, p. 3578—have since been awarded at par to the Mercantile Trust & Savings Bank of Dallas. The issues are divided as follows: \$70,000 water and \$55,000 sewer bonds.

**PORTO RICO (Government of)—BIDDERS.**—The following is a complete list of the bidders for the \$320,000 issue of 4 1/2% San Juan Harbor improvement bonds awarded on Jan. 4—V. 128, p. 143—to the Old Colony Corp. and associates, at 101.099, a basis of about 4.39%:

Name of Bidder	Price Bid.
*Barr Bros. & Co., Inc., New York, N. Y.; Old Colony Corp., Boston, Mass.; Fletcher American Co., Indianapolis, Ind.; By Barr Bros. & Co.	\$101.099
Braun, Bosworth & Co., Toledo, Ohio	\$322.469
	100.771
Guaranty Company of N. Y.	100.633
Harris, Forbes & Co., New York	100.561
The Well, Roth & Irving Co., Cincinnati, Ohio; Title Guarantee & Trust Co., Cincinnati, Ohio	\$321.792
White, Weld & Co., New York; Fletcher Savings & Trust Co., Indianapolis, Ind.; By Crane Farris & Co., Washington, D. C.	\$321.760
100.55	
Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati, Ohio	\$320.406
City Nat. Bank, Fort Smith, Ark.	100.126 3/4
	100
* Successful bid.	

**PROSPECT, Marion County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$10,007.97 fire equipment bonds offered on Dec. 28—V. 127, p. 3742—were awarded as fs, to the First Citizens Corp. of Columbus, at a premium of \$41.00. Dated Dec. 1 1928. Due as follows: \$1,007.97, March and \$1,000, Sept. 1 1930; \$1,000, March and Sept. 1 1931; and \$500, March and Sept. 1 1932 to 1937, incl. Other bidders were:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Price Bid.
Prospect-Citizens Bank	6%	\$10,057.97
Ryan, Sutherland & Co.	5 1/2%	10,015.38

**QUAKER CITY, Guernsey County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$2,642.64 special assessment, improvement bonds offered on Dec. 21—V. 127, p. 3281—were awarded to the Quaker City National Bank, at a price of par. Dated July 1 1928. Due serially on July 1, from 1930 to 1940 inclusive.

**RANDALL, Jewell County, Kan.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.**—The \$21,000 issue of water works bonds that was purchased by the Central Trust Co. of Topeka—V. 127, p. 3742—bears interest at 4 1/2% and was awarded at par.

**RAHWAY, Union County, N. J.—BONDS RE-OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.**—The \$277,000 4 1/2% bond issue awarded to a syndicate composed of H. L. Allen & Co., and C. A. Freim & Co. both of New York, and the Rahway National Bank, Rahway—V. 128, p. 143—at 100.02, is now being reoffered by the successful bidders for investment, priced to yield 4.40 to 4.35%. According to the offering circular, the bonds are direct general obligations of Rahway, which reports assessed valuation of all property as \$18,385,410, against net bonded debt, including this issue, of \$1,755,015. The bonds are legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in the States of New York and New Jersey.

**RICHLAND, Lexington and Saluda Counties, (Joint County Obligations) (P. O. Columbia), S. C.—BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.**—The \$700,000 issue of coupon highway bonds awarded on Jan. 3 to a syndicate composed of the Guaranty Co. of New York, Hannahs, Ballin & Leo of New York, and the Peoples Securities Co. of Charleston, as 4 3/4%, at 100.346, a basis of about 4.71%—V. 128, p. 143—is now being offered for public subscription at prices to yield, according to maturity, from 4.80% to 4.50%. Due from Jan. 15 1930 to 1945, incl. According to the offering notice, these bonds are direct, general and joint obligations of the three Counties, payable primarily from unlimited ad valorem taxes against all taxable property therein, and further secured by a reimbursement agreement with the State Highway Commission, which is to receive the proceeds of the issue. Reimbursement is to be made out of the State Highway Fund, through installments paid to the State Treasurer and applied by him to the payment of the bonds.

**RICHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Mansfield), Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The following 5 1/2% bonds aggregating \$171,700 offered on Dec. 31—V. 127, p. 3579—were awarded as below:

\$106,000 road bonds to Spitzer, Rorick & Co. of Toledo, at a premium of \$1,446, equal to 101.36, a basis of about 5.115%. Due \$10,600 April and October 1 1930 to 1934, incl.

To the Citizens National Bank of Mansfield:

\$30,000 Madison Twp. road bonds at a premium of \$722.00, equal to 102.40, a basis of about 5.07%. Due as follows: \$1,500, April and Oct. 1 1930; \$1,500, April and \$1,700, Oct. 1 1931; and \$1,700, April and Oct. 1 1932 to 1938, incl.

7,000 Washington Twp. road bonds at a premium of \$111.00, equal to 101.58, a basis of about 5.06%. Due \$700, April and Oct. 1 1930 to 1934, incl.

To the Richland Savings Bank of Mansfield:

\$22,200 Cass and Jackson Twps. road bonds at a premium of \$533.60, equal to 102.40, a basis of about 5.07%. Due as follows: \$1,200, April and Oct. 1 1930 to 1937, incl.; \$1,500, April and Oct. 1 1938.

6,500 Cass Twp. road bonds at a premium of \$103.00, equal to 101.58, a basis of about 5.06%. Due \$650, April and Oct. 1, from 1930 to 1934, incl.

Dated Dec. 31 1928.

**RIDGEWOOD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ridgewood), Bergen County, N. J.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.**—The statement below has been forwarded to us for publication in connection with the proposed sale on Jan. 15 to \$35,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds (V. 127, p. 3742):

*Financial Statement.*

Gross debt—Bonds	\$895,000.00
Floating debt	28,400.00
	\$923,400.00
Deductions—Sinking funds	23,003.96
Net debt	\$900,396.04
Bonds to be issued—School district bonds	\$35,000.00
Floating debt to be funded by such bonds	28,400.00
	6,600.00
Net debt, including bonds to be issued	\$906,996.04

**ROCKY MOUNT, Edgecombe County, N. C.—BOND SALE.**—The \$225,000 issue of coupon or registered water and electric light system bonds offered for sale on Jan. 3—V. 127, p. 3437—was awarded to Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo, as 4 3/4% bonds, for a premium of \$769, equal to 100.341, a basis of about 4.72%. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Due from Jan. 1 1931 to 1957, incl. The following is a complete list of the bidders:

Name and Address	Per Cent	Premium.
*Braun, Bosworth & Co, Detroit	4 3/4%	\$769.00
N. S. Nill & Co., Cincinnati	4 3/4%	680.60
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Toledo	4 3/4%	675.00
1st Nat'l Co. & A. T. Bell & Co., Detroit	4 3/4%	643.50
Taylor, Wilson & Co., Inc., Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Cincinnati	4 3/4%	502.00
Caldwell & Co., Nashville, Tenn.	4 3/4%	382.50
The Well, Roth & Irving Co.; Provident Svgs & Tr. Co., Cincinnati	4 3/4%	160.00
American Trust Co., Charlotte, N. C.	5%	5,197.50
Ryan, Sutherland & Co, Toledo	5%	4,933.00
Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati	5%	4,818.00
Northw't'n. Trust Co and Kalman & Co, St. Paul, Minn.	5%	3,961.00
C. W. McNear & Co, Trinity, N. C.	4 3/4%	3,487.89
Walter, Woody & Heimerdinger, Cincinnati	5%	3,487.50
Durfee & Marr, Bankers Co, New York	5%	3,057.75
* Successful Bid.		

**ROCHESTER, Monroe County, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.**—The following note issues aggregating \$2,310,000 offered on Jan. 8—V. 128, p. 143—were awarded to Salomon Bros. & Hutzler of New York, on a 5.44% basis, plus a premium of \$7.00:

\$1,110,000 (1928) overdue tax notes.  
250,000 school construction notes.  
125,000 local improvement notes (general).  
30,000 Winton Road subway notes.  
550,000 general revenue notes.  
150,000 land notes.  
100,000 transit subway notes.  
5,000 Elmwood Ave. subway notes.  
Notes dated Jan. 11 1929 and payable on Mar. 11 1929, at the Central Union Trust Co. New York City.

One other bid submitted by S. N. Bond & Co. of New York, offered to take the entire offering on an interest rate basis of 5.875%.

**ROYAL OAK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Hazel Park), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—Lottie S. Thibos, Secretary Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Jan. 15, for the purchase of \$350,000 school bonds—rate of interest not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 30 years. A certified check payable to the order of the District Treasurer, for 2% of the bonds bid for is required. Legality to be approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit.

**SACRAMENTO SCHOOL DISTRICT, (P. O. Sacramento), Calif.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.**—The \$666,000 issue of 4 1/4% coupon or registered school bonds that was jointly awarded on Dec. 23 to the Bank of America of California and Weedon & Co. of Los Angeles, at 102.008, a basis of about 4.32%—V. 128, p. 143—was dated July 1 1928. Due on July 1, as follows: \$15,000, 1932 to 1939. \$20,000, 1940 to 1943. \$25,000, 1944 to 1947. \$35,000, 1948 to 1955 and \$43,000 in 1956 and 1957. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 1) payable at the office of the County Treasurer in Sacramento. Legality approved by Orrick, Palmer & Dahlquist of San Francisco.

Financial Statement.

Assessed Valuation, 1928	\$89,495,335
Outstanding bonded debt	\$3,527,000
Population (1920 census)	65,857
Population (present estimate)	100,000

**SAINT CHARLES, Saint Charles County, Mo.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**—The \$50,000 issue of sewer bonds that was purchased by the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. of St. Louis at a price of 102.20—V. 128, p. 143—bears interest at 4 1/4%. Due as follows: \$2,000, 1934 to 1936. \$3,000, 1937 to 1944 and \$4,000 from 1945 to 1949, all incl., giving a basis of about 4.30%.

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY, (P. O. Port Huron), Mich.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**—The \$123,500 5% road bonds awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc. of Toledo—V. 128, p. 143—at 101.99, mature annually from 1930 to 1938 incl. Dated Nov. 1 1928 coupon bonds in denom. of \$1,000 and \$500. Interest payable on May and November 1.

**SAINT LANDRY PARISH SUB ROAD DISTRICT NO. 6 OF WARDS 1, 5 and 6, (P. O. Opelousas), La.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by W. C. Dejean, President of the Parish Police Jury until 11 a. m. on Feb. 4, for the purchase of a \$200,000 issue of 6% road bonds. Denoms. \$500 and \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Due from Jan. 1 1930 to 1958, incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 1) payable at the office of the parish treasurer or at the National Park Bank in New York City. Right reserved by police jury to select its own depository. Purchaser to defray cost of legal examination if required by him. A certified check for 2 1/2% par of the bonds, is required.

**SAINT PAUL, Ramsay County, Minn.—BIDDERS.**—The following is an official tabulation of the bidders for the \$1,000,000 issue of coupon or registered sewer bonds awarded on Jan. 2 to White, Weld & Co. of New York—V. 128, p. 143—as 4 1/4s, at 101.10, a basis of about 4.16%:

Bidder	Rate	Premium
*White, Weld & Co.	4 1/4%	11.000
R. M. Schmidt & Co.; Dewey, Bacon & Co.; Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc.	4 1/4%	8.505
Stern Brothers & Co.; Lehman Brothers and Kean, Taylor & Co.	4 1/4%	1,015
Old Colony Corporation	4 1/4%	7,002
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler	4 1/4%	7,410
Arthur Sinclair, Wallace & Co.; The Minnesota Co.	4 1/4%	4,500
Guaranty Co. of New York; Bankers Co. of New York and First Minneapolis Trust Co.	4 1/4%	2,299
Lane Piper & Jaffray, Inc.; Detroit & Security Trust Co., E. H. Rollins and Sons and Stone, Webster & Blodgett Co.	4 1/4%	1,990
Eldredge & Co.; Wells-Dickey Co.	4 1/4%	3,590
Northwestern Trust Co. of St. Paul; Barr Brothers & Co., Inc.; N. Y. Chase Securities Corp., N. Y.	4 1/4%	1,970
The National City Company	4 1/4%	7,290
R. L. Day & Co.; Phelps, Fern & Co.; Kalman & Co.	4 1/4%	2,089
Estabrook & Co.; Kountze Bros. and Merchants Trust Co.	4 1/4%	4,099
Roosevelt & Son and Metropolitan National Co.	4 1/4%	6,280
The Equitable Trust Co.; Ames, Emerich & Co. and Hannah, Ballin & Lee	4 1/4%	3,699
A. B. Leach & Co., Inc.; F. L. Putnam Co., Inc.	4 1/4%	23,540
Illinois Merchants Trust Co.; Harris Trust & Sav'gs Bank	4 1/4%	3,379

\*Successful Bidder.

**SALEM, Marion County, Ore.—BOND SALE.**—The \$100,000 issue of 4 1/4% bridge bonds offered for sale on Jan. 7—V. 127, p. 3742—was awarded to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, for a premium of \$333, equal to 100.333, a basis of about 4.46%. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Due \$5,000 from Jan. 1 1930 to 1949 incl.

**SALUDA, Saluda County, S. C.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Jan. 14, by O. C. Gunter, Town Clerk and Treasurer, for the purchase of two issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$175,000, as follows:  
\$100,000 water bonds. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1933 to 1942; \$4,000, 1943 to 1952 and \$5,000, 1953 to 1958, incl.  
75,000 sewer bonds. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1933 to 1942; \$4,000, 1943 to 1952 and \$5,000, 1953 to 1958, incl.  
Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Principal only of bonds may be registered. Int. rate is to be stated in multiples of 1/4 of 1% and is to be the same for all the bonds. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in gold coin, or equivalent, in New York. Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of New York City will furnish legal approval. A \$3,500 certified check, payable to the Town, must accompany the bid.

**SAN PATRICIO COUNTY (P. O. Sinton), Tex.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$150,000 road bonds has been purchased by the Well, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati.

**SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Feb. 8 by H. W. Carroll, City Comptroller, for the purchase of an issue of \$1,500,000 light and power bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%. These bonds are a part of an authorized issue of \$4,500,000. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

**SHAKER HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cleveland) Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$78,375 4 1/2% serial A coupon school bonds offered on Jan. 7—V. 127, p. 3579—were awarded to the Detroit & Security Trust Co., Detroit, at a premium of \$213.00, equal to 100.27, a basis of about 4.47%. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$3,375, 1930; \$3,000, 1931; and \$4,000, 1932 to 1949 inclusive.

An official list of the bids submitted follows:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Premium
*Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Toledo	4 1/2%	\$939.60
Detroit and Security Trust Co., Detroit	4 1/2%	213.00
Braun, Bosworth & Co., Toledo	4 1/2%	138.00
Seasonood & Mayer, Cincinnati	4 1/2%	81.00
Well, Roth & Irving Co., Cincinnati	4 1/2%	71.00
First National of Detroit, Detroit	4 1/2%	1,019.00
Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Cincinnati	4 1/2%	1,005.00
First Citizens Corp., Columbus	4 1/2%	850.00
W. K. Terry Co., Toledo	4 1/2%	507.00
Otis & Co., Cleveland	4 1/2%	251.00
The Herrick Co., Cleveland	4 1/2%	26.00

\* Bid withdrawn.

**SHELBY, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bert Fix, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Jan. 16, for the purchase of \$20,000 5% park improvement bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1929. Denom. \$500. Due \$2,000, Feb. 1, from 1931 to 1940, incl. A certified

check payable to the order of the Director of Finance, for 5% of the bonds offered is required.

**SHELDON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 32, (P. O. Houston), Harris County, Tex.—BOND SALE.**—A \$20,000 issue of school bonds has recently been purchased by the county sinking fund.

**SOUTH BEND, St. Joseph County, Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, was awarded on Jan. 8, an issue of \$200,000 school building construction and equipment bonds, bearing interest at the rate of 4 1/4%, at a premium of \$8,676, equal to a price of 104.33. Other bidders were:

Bidder	Premium
Union Trust Co., Indianapolis	\$7,060.00
Illinois Merchants Trust Co.	8,600.00
C. W. McNear & Co.	4,444.44

**SOUTHPORT, Brunswick County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on Jan. 21, by J. H. Russ, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$7,500 issue of 5% hospital bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Due \$500 from Jan. 1 1932 to 1946, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the Hanover National Bank in New York City. Bonds are issued under the provisions of Chap. 106 of the Laws of North Carolina of 1921, Extra Session. A certified check for 2% par of the bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

**SPRUCE PINE, Mitchell County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by A. W. Phillips, Town Clerk, until Feb. 5 for the purchase of a \$12,000 issue of semi-annual public improvement bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%.

**STARKE COUNTY (P. O. Knox), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Orin S. Schuyler, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Jan. 12: for the purchase of the following issues of 6% bonds aggregating \$12,792.71; \$2,410.00 drain construction bonds. Due \$241.00, December 1 1929 to 1938 inclusive.

7,816.55 drain construction bonds	Due annually on December 1
2,566.16 drain construction bonds	Due annually on December 1

Dated December 1 1928.

**STEPHENVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Stephenville), Erath County, Tex.—BOND SALE.**—The \$45,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Jan. 3—V. 127, p. 3579—was awarded to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville.

**STOWE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND ELECTION.**—An election will be held on February 5, to allow the electors to pass on a proposed increase of \$150,000 to the existing indebtedness, by means of a bond issue.

The amount of the last assessed valuation of taxable property to said school district is \$9,572,170,000. The total amount of the existing debt of said school district is \$401,500,000.

**THREE OAKS, Berrien County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.**—At an election held on Jan. 2 the electors approved the issuance of \$15,000 bonds. Of the votes polled, 142 favored the proposal and 55 opposed it. A previous election, held on Dec. 4, resulted in the project being defeated by a margin of 15 votes.

**TIGNAL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Tignall), Wilkes County, Ga.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$6,000 issue of school building bonds that was reported sold—V. 127, p. 3580—is more fully described as follows: 5% coupon bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due from Sept. 1 1938 to 1949, incl., without option. Purchased by the National Bank of Wilkes County, of Washington.

**TONAWANDA, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 7 p. m. Jan. 18, for the purchase of the following bond issues aggregating \$565,000—rate of interest not to exceed 4 3/4%. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the order of Matthew D. Young, Town Supervisor, for \$11,000. These are the bonds scheduled to have been sold on Jan. 4, full description of which was published therein—V. 127, p. 3742.

\$218,000 paving bonds. Dated Dec. 30 1928. Due Dec. 30, as follows: \$24,700, 1929 to 1933, incl. and \$18,000, 1934 to 1938, incl.	
127,000 Kenmore Boulevard paving bonds. Dated Dec. 30 1928. Due as follows: \$4,000, 1930 to 1942, incl., and \$5,000, 1943 to 1957, inclusive.	
95,000 sewer bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Due \$5,000, Dec. 1 1929 to 1947, incl.	
46,000 water bonds. Dated Dec. 30 1928. Due Dec. 30, as follows: \$3,000, 1933 to 1946, incl., and \$4,000, 1947.	
29,000 lateral sewer bonds. Dated Dec. 30 1928. Due Dec. 30, as follows: \$6,000, 1929 to 1932, incl., and \$5,000, 1933.	
18,000 series 4, water bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Due \$1,000, Dec. 1 1929 to 1946, incl.	
15,000 series 2, water bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Due \$1,000, Dec. 1, from 1929 to 1945, incl.	
12,000 series 2, lateral sewer bonds. Dated Dec. 30 1928. Due Dec. 30, as follows: \$3,000, 1929 and 1930, and \$2,000, 1931 to 1933, incl.	
5,000 sewer bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Due Dec. 1 1948.	

**TOPEKA, Shawnee County, Kan.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.**—The following detailed statement is furnished in connection with the offering or Jan. 15 of the \$194,911.61 issue of 4 1/4% internal revenue, series No. 412 bonds.—V. 128, p. 144:

	Assessed Valuation August 25 1928.
Total tangible	\$87,828,205.00
Total intangible	5,854,855.00
Total	\$93,683,060.00

Bonded Indebtedness.		
Term Bonds.—	When Due	Amount
A. T. & S. F. Ry. Co.	1-1-31	\$59,000.00
Refunding Bonds (1910)	7-15-30	50,000.00
Shunganunga Creek	3-1-30	4,101.00
Melan Bridge Extension	4-1-30	39,411.41
City Crematory	4-1-30	17,700.00
Refunding Elec. Light (1912)	8-10-32	75,000.00
Water Dept. Bonds	July to Dec. 1941	535,000.00
		\$780,212.41

Serial Bonds (including this issue)	
Street & Alley Paving Bonds	\$2,275,107.09
Sewer Bonds	374,103.31
Water Main Extension Bonds	235,960.78
Special Illuminating Bonds	24,450.00
Biddle Creek Drain Bonds	25,500.00
Sewage Disposal Plant Bonds	55,000.00
Melan Bridge Repair Bonds	35,000.00
Fire Headquarters Station No. 2 Bonds	78,000.00
Fire Station Nos. 2 & 4 Bonds	34,500.00
Branner St. Viaduct Bonds	63,000.00
Water Refunding Bonds	100,000.00
Remodel City Adminis. Bldg	49,986.45
Fairchild St. Pumping Station	22,968.92
East Side Sewage Disp. Plant	175,883.55
East 6th Ave. Viaduct Repair	162,000.00
Sewer Headwalls	2,971.61

Floating indebtedness temporary bond notes	\$3,714,371.71
Total	11,433.22
Total	\$4,506,017.34

Sinking Fund Assets.	
Water sinking fund	\$71,249.13
General sinking fund	172,255.60
City tax rate 1928 per \$1,000—\$14.35.	

**TUPPER LAKE, Franklin County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—B. N. Sparks, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. Jan. 21 for the purchase of \$12,000 coupon fire apparatus bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000, Aug. 1 1930 to 1935, incl. Award to be made on lowest interest rate obtainable; said rate to be named by bidder in a multiple of 1/4 or 1/10th of 1%. Prin. and int. payable at the Tupper Lake National Bank, Tupper Lake. A certified check payable to the order of the Village for \$500 is required. Legality to be approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

**UTICA, Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—According to the Utica "Press" of Jan. 8, sealed bids will be opened on Jan. 22, for the purchase of \$351,845 bonds. Of this amount \$330,000 bonds are to be issued for public construction purposes, and \$21,000 for deferred assessments.

**VALLEY VIEW, (P. O. South Park), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—T. C. Land, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (eastern standard time), Jan. 12, for the purchase of \$8,000 5½% "Bus Bonds." Dated Jan. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due \$1,000, April and \$500, Oct. 1, from 1930 to 1934, incl. Principal and int. payable at the Pearl Street Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for 10% of the bonds offered is required. Legality to be approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland. Bonds were authorized by the elections on Nov. 6.

**WAKE COUNTY (P. O. Raleigh), N. C.—NOTE OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Jan. 15 by Hunter Ellington, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase of three issues of tax anticipation notes aggregating \$310,000, as follows: \$50,000 general county fund; \$235,000 general road fund and \$25,000 general school fund notes. Dated Jan. 23 1929. Due in three months.

**WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Glens Falls), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Beecher Sprague, County Treasurer, will sell at public auction on Jan. 14, at 10 a. m. \$100,000 4½% coupon or registered highway bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000, Feb. 1, from 1930 to 1939, incl. Prin. and int. payable at the First National Bank, Glen Falls. A certified check payable to the order of the County Treasurer, for \$2,000 is required. Legality to be approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY, (P. O. Granville), N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$270,000 coupon or registered, highway and bridge improvement bonds offered on Jan. 4—V. 127, p. 3580—were awarded to Lehman Bros. of New York, and the Manufacturers & Traders-Peoples Trust Co., Buffalo, as 4½s, at a price of 101, a basis of about 4.36%. Dated Feb. 15 1929. Due \$15,000, Feb. 15, from 1930 to 1947 incl.

**WATERTOWN, Middlesex County, Mass.—BONDS OFFERED.**—Harry W. Brigham, Town Treasurer, received sealed bids until 3.30 p. m. Jan. 11 for the purchase of \$60,000 coupon sewer bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1928. Denoms. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1, as follows: \$7,000, 1929; \$6,000, 1930 to 1937, incl; and \$5,000, 1938. Bidders to name rate of interest. Prin. and int. payable in Boston. Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, will supervise the preparation of the bonds and will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures, and the seal impressed thereon. Legality to be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

**WATERTOWN, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—The Union Market National Bank of Watertown, was awarded on Jan. 4, a \$300,000 temporary loan, on a discount basis of 4.69%. The loan which matures in about 11 months, elicited the following other bids:

Bidder	Discount Basis
First National Bank, Boston	4.876%
S. N. Bond & Co., Boston	4.95%

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY (P. O. White Plains), N. Y.—DATE MATURITY.**—The \$2,200,000 certificates of indebtedness awarded to R. W. Pressprich & Co. of New York—V. 128, p. 144—are dated Jan. 7 1929, and mature on June 5 1929. Interest rate 5.26%.

**WEST POINT, Clay County, Miss.—BOND SALE.**—Two issues of 5½% bonds have been purchased by the Bank of Commerce & Securities Co. of Memphis, for a premium of \$55, equal to 100.13, a basis of about 5.22%. The issues are divided as follows: \$28,642 special street improvement and \$11,745 street intersection bonds. Dated July 1 1928. Due from 1929 to 1938, incl.

**WESTPORT, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND SALE.**—The following issues of 4½% coupon bonds aggregating \$206,000 offered on Jan. 10—V. 128, p. 144—were awarded to R. L. Day & Co., Boston, at 100.119, a basis of about 4.49%:

- \$107,000 road bonds. Due Jan. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1930; and \$5,000, 1931 to 1951 inclusive.
- 99,000 school bonds. Due Jan. 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1930; and \$4,000, 1931 to 1954 inclusive.

Dated Jan. 1 1929.

Financial Statement December 10 1928.

Last grand list, 1927	\$22,105,701.00
Tax exempt property	1,492,536.00
Total debt (not including these issues):	\$744,500.00
Bonds	10,000.00
Floating debt (to be paid from proceeds of road bonds offered above)	734,500.00
Total debt	754,500.00
Borrowing capacity	425,411.85
Sinking fund	10,189.19
Population, 1925, estimated, 6,000.	

**WILLOUGHBY, Lake County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$66,000 4½% water works bonds offered on Jan. 7—V. 127, p. 3580—were awarded to the Weil, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati, at a premium of \$179.00 equal to 100.26, a basis of about 4.70%. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Due \$6,000, Oct. 1 1929 to 1939 incl. Other bidders were:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Premium.
Ryan, Sutherland & Co.	4¾%	\$92.00
Title Guarantee & Trust Co.	4¾%	33.00
Chanter Securities Corp.	4¾%	25.00
Seasongood & Mayer	5%	728.00

**WILMINGTON, New Hanover County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by B. H. Dewey, City Clerk and Treasurer, until 10 a. m. on Jan. 23, for the purchase of a \$250,000 issue of public improvement bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Coupon bonds registerable as to both principal and interest. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1929 and due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1930 to 1937; \$10,000, 1938 to 1946; \$12,000, 1947 to 1955, and \$12,500 in 1956. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 1) payable in gold coin at the National City Bank in New York City. No bid for less than par will be considered. Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York will furnish legal opinion free of charge to purchaser. A certified check for 2% par of the bonds bid for, payable to the above City Clerk and Treasurer, is required.

**WILSON, Wilson County, N. C.—BOND SALE.**—The four issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$70,000, offered for sale on Jan. 8—V. 127, p. 3743—were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo, as 4¾% bonds, for a premium of \$259, equal to 100.37, a basis of about 4.72%. The issues are divided as follows: \$30,000 water works extension; \$15,000 surface drainage extension; \$15,000 sanitary sewer extension and \$10,000 fire fighting apparatus bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Due from Jan. 1 1932 to 1959, incl.

**WINCHESTER, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.**—H. Y. Nutter, Town Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. Jan. 16, for the purchase of \$40,000 4¾% coupon school house bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1928. Denominations \$1,000. Due \$4,000, Dec. 1 1929 to 1938 inclusive. Prin. and interest payable at the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

**WISE COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 4, (P. O. Decatur), Tex.—PURCHASER.**—The \$145,000 issue of road bonds that was purchased subject to an election held on Dec. 31 at a price of 101.25—V. 127, p. 3581—was awarded definitely after the bonds has been voted to the Roger H. Evans Co. of Dallas.

**WOODVILLE, Wilkinson County, Miss.—BOND SALE.**—The \$222,500 issue of coupon natural gas system bonds offered for sale on Jan. 2—V. 127, p. 3581—was awarded to the Whitney Central Trust & Savings Bank of New Orleans, as 5½s, for a premium of \$420, equal to 101.866. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Int. payable on Jan. and July 1.

**WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—The Worcester County National Bank, on Jan. 9, was awarded a \$600,000 revenue note issue, on a discount basis of 4.74%, plus a premium of \$5.00 Dated Jan. 10 1929. Denom. \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$50,000. Payable July 19 1929, at the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston or at the Bankers Trust Co., New York City. Legality to be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston. Other bidders were:

Bidder	Discount Basis
First National Bank, Boston	4.92%
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler (plus \$4.00)	4.94%
S. N. Bond & Co.	4.94%

**YONKERS, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Joseph F. Loehr, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Jan. 22, for the purchase of the following issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$2,050,000:

- \$1,400,000 4¾% local improvement bonds. Due \$70,000, Feb. 1 1930 to 1949 inclusive.
- 400,000 4¾% water bonds. Due \$20,000, Feb. 1 1930 to 1949 incl.
- 250,000 4¾% refunding bonds. Due Feb. 1, as follows: \$15,000, 1930 to 1939 inclusive; and \$10,000, 1940 to 1949 inclusive.

Dated Feb. 1 1929 Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (April and Oct. 1) payable in gold at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check payable to the order of the above-mentioned official, for 2% of the bonds offered is required. Legality to be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York City.

**YUMA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 (P. O. Somerton), Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Clara A. Smith, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, until 10 a. m. on Jan. 21, for the purchase of a \$75,000 issue of 5% school building bonds. Due in from 5 to 20 years. A certified check for 5% must accompany the bid.

**CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.**

**GASPE, Que.—BOND OFFERING.**—W. Boyle, Secretary-Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until Jan. 15, for the purchase of \$9,000 improvement bonds, to bear interest at the rate of 5%, and to mature serially in 19 years.

**MIDLAND, Ont.—BY-LAWS APPROVED.**—The "Monetary Times" of Toronto, in its Jan. 4 issue, reported the approval by the rate-payers, of a \$60,000 high school debenture by-law, and a \$15,000 sidewalk debenture by-law. Both issues aggregate \$75,000.

**NORTH BAY, Ont.—BIDS.**—The following is a list of the bids submitted on Dec. 29, for the \$241,572.73 5½% permanent paving debentures, awarded to A. E. Ames & Co. of Toronto—V. 128, p. 144—at 101.63 a basis of about 5.30%:

Bidder	Rate Bid.
A. E. Ames & Co.	101.63
Wood, Gundy & Co.	101.59
C. H. Burgess & Co.	101.31
Bell, Gouinlock & Co.	101.27

**PETERBOROUGH, Ont.—BY-LAW APPROVED.**—According to the Jan. 4, issue of the "Monetary Times" of Toronto, the rate-payers have approved a \$335,000 gas plant debenture by-law.

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[Seal] witness my hand and Seal of Office  
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