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The Financial Situation.

The uppermost topic in financial circles the present week, in fact the only topic, has been the probable course of the Federal Reserve with reference to the present and the future. Last week's warning of the Reserve Board against excessive borrowing by the member banks at the Federal Reserve Banks and especially against borrowing for the purpose of carrying on and maintaining speculation in the stock market, has been viewed and discussed from every standpoint, and its import weighed and pondered. Every one has been concerned to know what was to follow this action of last week. Would the Federal Reserve Bank of New York make a further advance in its rate of rediscount, now 5%? What was to be its policy with reference to the purchase of acceptances? Would the bills it now holds be allowed to run off and not replaced by the purchase of other acceptances?

At the end of the week the community is no wiser than it was at the beginning. It is still in the dark on all the mooted points. The special meeting of the directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which had been called for Monday of this week and advance notice of which had been given on Thursday of last week, was the matter of chief interest and of more or less anxiety as the week opened. The meeting was held as scheduled, but what was discussed and what took place no one knows except those in attendance. The session was a long one and the directors evidently deliberated earnestly, but after adjournment the representatives of the press were simply told that the board had no announcement to make. Thereby the mystery created by the original announcement of last week that this special meeting was to take place was simply deepened and prolonged.

Interest then centered on the probable action of the board at its regular meeting on Thursday. This,

too, proved fruitless of tangible results, as far as the knowledge of outsiders is concerned. The Board was in session from 2.30 in the afternoon until 6:50 in the evening. When the meeting broke up the waiting representatives of the press were again met with the cryptic statement, "No announcement." No intimation was given of what had been the subject of the deliberations or what had taken place. It would probably be going too far to say that nothing had been accomplished. Manifestly, the meeting would not have been so prolonged if there had not been weighty discussions and deliberations of an important character. The public has simply not been let into the secret of what went on behind closed doors or what was under consideration. Perhaps there was design in this and perhaps that was the best course to pursue in the existing situation. Lack of knowledge and uncertainty tend to keep things unsettled, and in the extraordinary circumstances of today, unsettlement may be more effective than anything else in achieving the aim and end which are in view.

It is a time to go slow and the whole community will be inclined to go slow when it is seen that the Reserve directors are deeply concerned about the situation and are studying the problem from every angle, with a view of determining what steps it is best to take. The Board is faced by a difficult and trying situation. Its easy money policy of the summer and autumn of 1927 was plainly a mistake and for this it must accept full responsibility. That unfortunate policy has had serious consequences which cannot now be readily dealt with. It is impossible to undo what has been done in that respect. There has been no further advance the present week in the rate of re-discount of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York or of any other Federal Reserve institution. That much is known with reference to this week's two Board meetings, because no notice of any advance has gone out.

The acceptance business has come up as a new difficulty which must be kept in mind in any action taken. Up until now, the Federal Reserve Banks have been the main prop in support of the acceptance business. The events of the last few months have made it plain that the banks and acceptance houses have been presuming too much upon Federal Reserve aid and have loaded up the Reserve institutions with too large a volume of acceptances. That is a state of things, of course, that must be remedied, but the Federal Reserve cannot suddenly withdraw all support and let the acceptance business flounder by itself. This week's further advances in acceptance rates have made it palpably evident how deeply disturbed the acceptance business is. No one seems to know precisely what to do about it. The situation is the same with reference to brokers' loans and excessive borrowing. Having allowed bor-

rowing to reach its present proportions, the Federal Reserve authorities cannot all of a sudden ban all borrowing, since that would have serious consequences. In like manner the member banks on their part cannot deny the use of their credit facilities entirely on behalf of stock speculation and the Stock Exchange, for that would lead to a veritable panic, the end of which it would be impossible to foresee. Therefore we repeat it is a time to go slow. It is a time to view things calmly and dispassionately and, above all, it is a time not to act hastily and without due caution, but to proceed with the utmost deliberation. That will be the wisest and best policy in the end—in fact, it is the only policy that can be pursued without making the last stage worse than the first.

With reference to the protracted nature of the session of the New York Reserve's directors on Thursday, it is quite possible that not a little of the time of the board was taken up with consideration of another matter. Different members of Congress have shown an insistent desire to know whether the Board in issuing its warning last week was prompted to that end by the conferences which it had with Montagu Norman, the Governor of the Bank of England. Some of these conferences took place in New York and others with members of the Federal Reserve Board at Washington. They were presumably largely confidential. How much information regarding them should be disclosed in a desire to satisfy the quest of Congress—how much indeed *could* properly be disclosed with due observance of the ordinary rules of courtesy when discussions take place with a distinguished foreigner of the eminence of Governor Norman and without violating the implied confidential character of discussion of that nature. The Board may have found that a hard nut to crack.

Then, also, the Senate has adopted a resolution requesting the Federal Reserve Board "to give the Senate any information and suggestions that it feels would be helpful in securing legislation necessary to correct the evil complained of and prevent illegitimate and harmful speculation." In any such advice or suggestions the Federal Reserve Board would of course want first of all to consult with and obtain the views of the directors of the New York Reserve institution. As a matter of fact, newspaper accounts tell us that the Federal Reserve Board was in session in Washington during the whole of the time that the directors of the New York Reserve institution were in session here and that the two bodies were in constant telephone communication with each other. Altogether, it will be seen, a whole variety of matters may have occupied the attention of the New York Reserve directors, accounting for the length of the session.

This week's returns of the Federal Reserve Banks and of the member banks show no great changes as a result of last week's pronouncement of the Federal Reserve Board except that the total of brokers' loans has been reduced to a moderate extent, and not further expanded, which, of course, is a highly desirable accomplishment. The grand total of these loans on securities to brokers and dealers by the reporting member banks in New York City has fallen from \$5,669,000,000 Feb. 6 to \$5,568,000,000 Feb. 13. This is a shrinkage of \$101,000,000 for the week and is of course a step in the right direction. May it be

a prelude to similar decreases for many weeks to come. That, however, may be too much to expect at this stage. This week's decrease of \$101,000,000 does not even cancel the whole of last week's increase, which was \$110,000,000, and leaves the total of these loans the largest on record excepting only that of last week. For the present, there is nothing to do except to record and watch the changes from week to week. In view of the tremendous antecedent expansion, this week's decrease, if unattended by further decreases in succeeding weeks, would be a mere drop in the bucket, as will be evident when we say that even after the decrease this week's total of \$5,568,000,000 compares with \$3,819,000,000 a year ago on Feb. 15 1928. To the decrease of the week, the loans under all the different categories have contributed. The loans made by the reporting member banks for their own account have fallen from \$1,116,000,000 to \$1,097,000,000; the loans for account of the out-of-town banks from \$1,931,000,000 to \$1,859,000,000 and the loans for account of others from \$2,621,000,000 to \$2,612,000,000.

In their own returns, the Federal Reserve Banks show some moderate changes which may or may not be significant. The 12 Reserve institutions have reduced their holdings of acceptances somewhat, the amount of such holdings, the present week, being 391,058,000 against \$410,742,000 a week ago, but on the other hand, the member banks have enlarged their borrowings at the Reserve Banks with the result that the discount holdings of the 12 Reserve institutions now stand at \$903,949,000 as against \$851,621,000 a week ago. The Reserve banks have also reduced their holdings of U. S. Government securities, these being down the present week to \$177,170,000 as against \$200,089,000 last week. The result, altogether, is that total bill and security holdings are only slightly larger, standing now at \$1,481,252,000 against \$1,471,527,000 last week. The amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation increased from \$1,646,308,000 to \$1,659,777,000 during the week and gold reserves have risen from \$2,663,920,000 to \$2,686,221,000. It deserves to be noted that as a partial offset to the diminution of their own holdings of bank acceptances, the 12 Reserve Banks report an increase during the week from \$306,111,000 to \$312,893,000 in the bills purchased for foreign correspondents.

For the stock market, the week was a short one. On Saturday last the Stock Exchange was closed by its own voluntary action. Tuesday was Lincoln's Birthday and a legal holiday. On Monday the disposition was to take a bright view of things, after the gloom engendered last week by the warning of the Federal Reserve Board and the action of the Bank of England in raising its rate of discount from 4½% to 5½%. Consequently the stock market showed recovery all around, the upward reaction reaching large proportions in the case of a number of the market leaders. On Wednesday, after the Tuesday holiday, the market again showed decided unsteadiness. The meeting of the directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on Monday having resulted in nothing definite, as far as the public was advised, anxiety began to develop as to the probable action at the regular meeting of the Board on Thursday.

It so happened, too, that a number of Stock Exchange houses were advising their clients to reduce

their market commitments, or to get out of the market entirely for the time being, in view of the uncertainties prevailing. As a result, many of the gains established in the recovery on Monday were lost on Wednesday. On Thursday a drive was made against the market by operators for a decline, the copper stocks, which had been especially strong, being made special objects of attack and yielding very readily. But as the day progressed the copper shares enjoyed quick recoveries, due to the fact that reports of several of the copper companies appeared for the December quarter or for the last half of 1928, and showed surprisingly large earnings. The market was quick to perceive that as these satisfactory income returns covered a period when the price of copper was not nearly so high as it is at present, even better earnings might be counted on for the current quarter. The upward reaction in the copper shares carried the whole market along in an upward direction, though the volume of trading was greatly reduced and the close was quite irregular and uneven.

On Friday the substantial reduction in brokers' loans during the week and the fact that the Federal Reserve Board at its protracted meeting on Thursday afternoon and evening, had made no move towards another advance in its rediscount rate, were considered favorable factors and the market at the opening responded with a slight upward surge. Soon, however, worry developed regarding the probable action of the Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve, which was holding one of its quarterly meetings, besides which call money on the Stock Exchange advanced to 10%. Accordingly the market again moved sharply downward. Trading was of moderate volume as compared with other recent weeks, the sales on the Stock Exchange having been 3,889,100 shares on Monday; 4,528,210 shares on Wednesday; 3,726,050 shares on Thursday; and 3,902,450 shares on Friday. On the New York Curb Market, the dealings aggregated 1,417,200 shares on Monday; 1,664,500 shares on Wednesday; 1,332,300 shares on Thursday, and 1,248,400 shares on Friday.

On the whole, the distinctive feature of the market the past week has been its unsteadiness after the recovery which ensued on Monday. It follows from this that closing prices yesterday in the great majority of instances are irregularly changed from those on Friday of last week, with the general trend, however, towards lower levels. General Electric closed yesterday at 228 against 233 on Friday of last week; Amer. Tel. & Tel. closed at 209 against 209½; National Cash Register at 124 against 123¼; Inter'l Tel. & Tel. at 208½ against 208½; Union Carbon & Carbide at 208 against 209; Radio Corporation of America at 356 against 352; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 125 against 127; Victor Talking Machine at 146¾ against 145; Wright Aeronautic at 265¼ against 265; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at 155¾ against 157½; International Nickel at 60¾ against 57½; A. M. Byers at 138½ against 140½; American & Foreign Power at 119 against 93¾; Brooklyn Union Gas at 175 against 180; Consolidated Gas of New York at 106½ against 109; Columbia Gas & Electric at 147½ against 143½; Public Service Corporation of N. J. at 84¼ against 85½; American Can at 110¾ against 110½; Allied Chemical & Dye at 282 against 279¼; Timken Roller Bearing at 75½ against 75; Warner Bros. Pictures at 125¾ against 121½; Commercial Solvents at 230 against 227; Mack Trucks at 106¼ against 108; Yellow Truck &

Coach at 37 against 36¾; National Dairy Products at 125½ against 126½; Western Union Tel. at 188 against 190; Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. at 148½ against 148; Johns-Manville at 202 against 208; National Bellas Hess at 198 against 199½; Associated Dry Goods at 61 against 59¾; Commonwealth Power at 115 against 115½; Lambert Co. at 130 against 131; Texas Gulf Sulphur at 73¼ against 74½; and Kolster Radio at 58 against 58¼.

The copper stocks give an unusually good account of themselves for the reason mentioned above. Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at 131¼ against 125½ last Friday; Kennecott Copper at 156½ against 154¼; Greene-Cananea at 174½ against 170; Calumet & Hecla at 55½ against 55; Andes Copper at 54½ against 50; Chile Copper at 96 against 91½; Inspiration Copper at 52½ against 50; Calumet & Arizona at 129¼ against 127¾; Granby Consol. Copper at 89½ against 88½; Amer. Smelting & Rfg. at 113 against 114¾, and U. S. Smelting Rfg. & Min. at 66 against 65½. In the oil group Atlantic Ref. closed yesterday at 55½ against 55¾ on Friday of last week; Phillips Petroleum at 37¾ against 38; Texas Corp. at 57¾ against 59½; Richfield Oil at 41¾ against 42¾; Marland Oil at 36½ against 37; Standard Oil of Ind. at 89 against 92¾; Standard Oil of N. J. at 48¾ against 48½; Standard Oil of N. Y. at 39½ against 40, and Pure Oil at 23½ against 23¾.

In the steel group U. S. Steel closed yesterday at 171¾ against 173½ on Friday of last week; Bethlehem Steel at 89¼ against 87¼; Republic Iron & Steel at 84½ against 80, and Ludlum Steel at 70¾ against 75. In the motor group General Motors closed yesterday at 79¾ against 80¾; Nash Motors at 105 against 105¾; Chrysler Corp. at 100 against 102½; Studebaker Corporation at 86½ against 86¾; Packard Motor at 130½ against 131½; Hudson Motor Car at 83¾ against 84½; and Hupp Motor at 71¼ against 73½. In the rubber group Good-year Tire & Rubber closed yesterday at 122½ against 118 the previous Friday, and B. F. Goodrich at 90¾ against 91½, while U. S. Rubber closed at 48 against 49 and the pref. at 85 against 82¾.

In the railroad group New York Central closed yesterday at 188½ against 190¾ the previous Friday. Del. & Hudson at 192½ against 193; Baltimore & Ohio at 120¾ against 123; New Haven at 88¾ against 89¾; Union Pacific at 220½ against 224; Canadian Pacific at 244 against 246¾; Atchison at 198 against 201¾; Southern Pacific at 130¾ against 133; Missouri Pacific at 71½ against 71; Kansas City Southern at 88½ against 88¼; St. Louis Southwestern at 104 against 104; St. Louis-San Francisco at 117½ against 117½; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at 47½ against 48; Rock Island at 130½ against 132; Great Northern at 107 against 107½; Northern Pacific at 106 against 106½, and Chicago Mil. St. Paul & Pac. pref. at 57½ against 58.

Merchandise exports and imports from the United States in January were again higher. Interest now shifts to the increase in the value of imports, the movement last month being considerably in excess of that for any month back to April of last year and being larger than the amount for January in both preceding years. Exports in January this year were also heavy, exceeding the value for the corresponding month for each year back to 1924. Exports in January were \$491,000,000 and imports \$371,000,-

000. These figures, as to exports compare with \$475,602,000 for December and with \$410,778,000 for January of last year, while imports in December were valued at only \$339,024,000 and in January 1928, \$337,943,000. There were only four months in 1928 in which imports made a gain in the comparison with the corresponding months of 1927 and these four months were in the early part of that year, except one month and that was December. Since May last there has been a substantial reduction in the value of merchandise imports and this continued right up to the end of the year. On the other hand, exports have shown an almost constant increase, especially since September.

For the seven months of the current fiscal year, merchandise exports from the United States were valued at \$3,242,745,000 against \$2,909,861,000 for the corresponding period of the preceding fiscal year, a gain of 11.4%. The value of merchandise imports for the same period covering the current fiscal year was \$2,375,995,000 and for the corresponding time in 1927-28 \$2,399,511,000, a small decrease, amounting to less than one per cent. For the last six months of 1928, a period included in the above comparisons, merchandise imports showed a decline of \$56,573,000 from the amount reported for the same time in 1927, but the increase of \$33,000,000 in the imports for January cut that loss down very materially as is shown in the comparison for the seven months. The excess in the value of exports over imports in January was \$120,000,000—for December it was \$136,578,000, but for January 1928 \$72,835,000. For the seven months of the current fiscal year, the excess value of exports has been \$866,750,000, while for the corresponding period of the preceding fiscal year it was \$510,350,000.

It has previously been shown in these columns that the growth in the value of our export trade, particularly in the three or four closing months of 1928, was the result of the larger movement of our manufactured products, machinery lines, industrial machinery of all kinds, agricultural implements, motor cars and other iron and steel products. In all probability much the same movement has continued in January. Cotton exports last month were also larger than in January 1928, but the increase in this movement for the month just closed in comparison with the same period of the preceding year was not nearly so great as was the heavy movement abroad of cotton in October, November and December last. Total merchandise exports last month were practically 20% higher in value than they were in January 1928, but cotton exports, which for the month just closed were valued at \$84,881,000, show a gain over January 1928 of only 11%; for December the increase in value of cotton exports was 41.2%. As to quantity, the increase in exports of cotton last month was practically the same as that shown above for the value.

The foreign movement of gold to and from the United States in January again shows much the same variation, as it did in December, reflecting conditions in the local money market. Exports of gold in January were low as they were in December, being valued at \$1,378,000, while gold imports increased considerably, amounting to \$48,577,000, being the largest reported for any month since January two years ago. Gold exports for the six months since July last, when the heavy export movement of gold, which had continued for ten months, ceased,

have amounted to \$32,430,000 in contrast with \$221,867,000 for the corresponding time of the preceding year. Imports of gold for the same period of the current fiscal year, have been \$124,157,000 against \$73,745,000 for the same time in the preceding year. There has been an excess of gold imports for the last six months included in this comparison of \$91,727,000, whereas for the corresponding six months of the preceding year there was an excess of gold exports amounting to \$148,122,000. Exports of silver in January this year were \$8,264,000 and imports \$8,260,000.

All European securities markets moved about in irregular fashion this week, with credit developments one of the main influences. The London market over the last week-end began to discuss the possibility of still another rise in the Bank of England discount rate. Nervousness was apparent Monday in London, Paris and Berlin because of the special meeting on that day of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, which had been heralded the previous week. Uneasiness over the money situation was again noted Thursday. In all sessions of the important European markets the action of the New York market was carefully followed and was a primary influence. The London Stock Exchange opened the week with a distinct trend toward lower levels. Gilt-edged securities continued heavy and both home and foreign rails were easy. Industrials, mines and oils also showed the effects of the sharply higher money charges. Tuesday's market in London was notable chiefly for a widespread recovery in international stocks based on the unchanged rediscount rate at New York. In a comparatively quiet session Wednesday, home rails were in the forefront because of better dividend announcements than had been expected. British funds remained under the influence of tight money, while the industrial market was ragged. Gilt-edged securities finally hardened somewhat Thursday on retention of the 5½% Bank of England rate, but selling was pronounced in other departments and the market generally declined to lower levels. Price movements yesterday were narrow and uncertain. Home rails turned easier, while some of the industrial specialties attracted a small following in a moderate upturn.

The Paris Bourse was decidedly weak in the opening session of the week, with uncertainty regarding the measures intended by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York generally given as the cause of the sharp decline. An equally abrupt recovery followed on Tuesday, all sections of the list moving ahead, presumably in sympathy with the recovery in the New York market the day before. These movements were followed Wednesday by a good deal of hesitation, with trading falling off to very light proportions. Dealings were again highly restricted Thursday, with share prices rather weak. The offerings on the floor of the Bourse were attributed largely to Paris Curb traders. Price changes in yesterday's market were irregular. The Berlin Boerse also developed a bearish tendency at the start of the week, with rumors of increasing discount rates in almost all markets unsettling the price structure. Only one or two issues moved upward in the face of the general decline. As in other European markets, Tuesday was a period of recovery on the Boerse owing to the failure of the pessimistic rumors to materialize. The opening Wednesday was again

firm with mining shares especially in demand, but a weaker tendency developed later in the day and the highest prices were not maintained. Prices were again firm on Thursday, however, owing to reports from the Paris reparations conference which traders in Berlin found satisfactory. Virtually the entire list moved upward and prices were at the highest levels at the close. The firmness was maintained in yesterday's session and further advances were recorded in a number of issues.

The committee of fourteen experts appointed to revise or complete the Dawes Plan and determine the total of German reparations and the scale of annuities met for the first time in Paris last Saturday at an unofficial gathering at the Bank of France, after which they were the guests at luncheon of Emile Moreau, Governor of the Bank. M. Moreau presided at this first meeting, at which, according to a communication issued later, "practical questions" concerning future meetings were discussed. Dispatches indicated that the experts of the five former Allied Governments and of Germany joined in offering the chairmanship of the committee to Owen D. Young, notwithstanding Mr. Young's previously expressed belief that it would be most fitting to have a European serve in this capacity. It became virtually certain over the week-end that Mr. Young would consent to serve as chairman, and that President Coolidge had waived all objections and there was no surprise, therefore, when the committee, at the first formal meeting at the Hotel George V, Monday, nominated him to this office with his own consent. In a special cable to the New York Times it was remarked that "the unanimity with which Mr. Young has been designated to preside over the efforts to reach a final settlement of reparations is, of course, a tribute to his own personality and to the leading part he played in the work of the Dawes committee. But it is also a tribute to his nationality."

With the formal meeting definitely under way Monday, and Mr. Young in the chair, the second act of the gathering was to send a telegram to Vice President Charles G. Dawes, who acted as chairman of the first experts' committee in 1924. This step was proposed by Governor Moreau and seconded by Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, head of the Reichsbank. The telegram said: "The second committee of experts at the inception of its first meeting in Paris addresses to General Dawes the homage of its respect and the expression of its hope of accomplishing work as useful as that which was realized under the chairmanship of General Dawes in 1924." Mr. Dawes's reply, read at a subsequent session, said: "I gratefully acknowledge the message from the committee of experts. The world is confident of their high purpose and competency and awaits hopefully the consummation of their great work, so vital to its welfare."

It was decided at the first meeting that no detailed minutes would be kept and that only conclusions would be recorded. It was further voted not to have a formal secretariat, although Frederick Bate, formerly of Chicago, was appointed as secretary to the chairman. Next it was voted that communications to the press should be confined to such joint statements and formal explanations as would be agreed upon. This gave point to the communication issued later in the day on behalf of the com-

mittee, as follows: "Following the completion of preliminaries, Governor Moreau was recognized and presented briefly the French view as to the work of the committee. In turn, the observations of the other delegations were presented by Sir Josiah Stamp for Great Britain, Signor Pirelli for the Italians, M. Francqui for the Belgians, Kango Mori for the Japanese, Mr. Morgan for the Americans, and finally Dr. Schacht for the Germans." Mr. Morgan, according to the reports, said in very few words that the American members were present to lend their services to the effort to find a solution of the great problem in hand. The other delegates were represented as having outlined the views of their respective governments. The committee also decided to sit each week day, until further notice, at 11 A. M. and at 3 P. M.

Although no communication was issued Tuesday covering the two meetings held on that day, it was understood that Dr. Schacht, as the first German delegate, occupied the time almost entirely by a presentation of the situation in Germany. He emphasized, a special cable to the New York Times said, that German industry, and especially agriculture, were still far from being on a normal basis and that the burden now laid upon Germany to produce the Dawes annuity within Germany was very heavy. As for payments outside Germany, the head of the Reichsbank was said to have made the point he has made often before, that these transfers have been made largely through the use of credits obtained in foreign loans and that if it should be decided, as has been proposed, that the transfer clause should be abolished, most careful and expert study should be given to the problem of Germany's ability to transfer wealth abroad. Dr. Schacht's contentions dealt also with the real wages prevalent in Germany, as measured by their purchasing power, and with the relative burdens of taxation borne by Germans and by citizens of other countries. Other delegates commented on the observations and asked many questions, dispatches said.

At the conclusion of the two meetings on Wednesday, a formal statement was issued which said: "At the morning session, in response to the committee's request, Dr. Hjalmar Schacht and his colleagues of the German delegation presented certain observations upon various points as to Germany's economic situation as set forth in the recent report of the Agent General for Reparations. The discussions, which continued throughout the two sessions, touched upon questions of living standards in Germany, upon certain features of the Reich's budget position, upon the comparative yield of German industry, upon Germany's trade balance, &c." On behalf of the American delegation it was intimated later, according to a dispatch to the New York Herald Tribune, that the viewpoint which Dr. Schacht presented was not necessarily in opposition to the spirit of Mr. Gilbert's report, but that the head of the Reichsbank brought forth figures which "interpreted" certain parts of the Agent General's document without contrasting with them any specifically contradictory conclusions. The spokesman for the Americans was represented as saying "there has been such a spirit of co-operation manifested that more has been achieved in three days than it was thought would have been done in ten."

Only the morning session was held Thursday, the occasion apparently marking something like the com-

pletion of the preliminary statement of position by the German delegates. Dr. Karl Melchior, one of the German alternates, expounded in this session on Germany's unfavorable trade balance, citing numerous figures. It was officially stated, according to a dispatch to the New York Times, that the reason for the adjournment was to give the experts time to examine and check the mass of figures and of arguments presented by the German members of the committee. Yesterday's sessions were given over to a general discussion of Germany's economic status, according to Paris reports, with Governor Moreau, M. Francqui, and Signor Pirelli asking many questions. Dr. Schacht led the discussion for Germany, it was said, although he was joined by his colleagues in replying to the crossfire of questions. There were indications that the experts will discontinue plenary sessions beginning Monday, the conference to proceed thereafter in a series of private meetings in different salons of the Hotel George V.

Small as the likelihood is of Congressional acceptance of the Capper and Porter resolutions in support of the Kellogg peace pact and supplementing the international effort to outlaw war, these two suggested instruments were hailed in Europe with quite unusual fervor and enthusiasm. Senator Capper's resolution would empower the President to place an embargo on the export of munitions of war to any belligerent nation which violated the multilateral pact renouncing war as an instrument of national policy, the decision as to such violation to rest with the President. Representative Porter proposed a resolution of the same general intent as Senator Capper's, but giving the President even broader authority to declare that it shall be unlawful to export munitions of war to "any country," where "conditions of domestic violence or of international conflict exist or are threatened." The Porter resolution is intended as an extension of the legal authority at present conferred on the President to stop shipment of munitions of war to any American country where disorders prevail. It appears improbable that the resolutions will be even considered by Congress before the regular session next December. Moreover, Senate leaders like Mr. Borah, whose aid was indispensable in securing ratification of the Kellogg pact by the Senate, have already voiced opposition to the resolutions.

Notwithstanding the great uncertainty surrounding eventual acceptance of these resolutions in the United States, Europe as stated greeted them with unaccustomed warmth. No official comment was obtainable in London over the week-end, but a London dispatch to the New York Times made it clear that "the British Government is not only favorable but enthusiastic about the proposal." If the United States really commits herself to forbid trading with an aggressor state, England believes, the dispatch added, that the world has reached a point which would have been reached ten years ago if the United States had then entered the League of Nations and accepted her share of responsibility under Article XVI of the Covenant. "That lack is now met by the Capper resolution, according to opinion here," the report said, "because it is impossible for any nation to violate the Locarno treaties or League Covenant without also violating the Kellogg pact. Therefore, if the United States functions under the Capper

resolution, it will be doing practically the same thing at the same time against the same aggressor as other nations will be doing in accordance with their League obligations."

In a Paris report to the same journal it was stated that in Europe generally the Capper resolution "would be received as a great step toward bridging the gap between the United States and the League of Nations, a gap which was not closed by the Kellogg treaty." It was argued that every meeting of the League of Nations which has tried to plan definite measures to apply to a breaker of world peace has been up against the danger that an economic blockade would result only in trade being shifted from League members to America, and also up against the danger that in the case of a blockade of peace breaking nations, America's doctrine of freedom of the seas might result either in making that blockade ineffective or precipitating a crisis between the United States and the nation carrying out the blockade on behalf of the League. "If Senator Capper's idea goes through," the Times dispatch added, "this trouble would be largely removed. America would be committed not to supply nations breaking the peace and that would make us parties, in effect, to any economic blockade, and as for a naval blockade, we would scarcely be expected to use our fleets to enforce rights to carry on a trade we had already branded as illegal." League of Nations officials, although declining to be quoted on the matter, also greeted the Capper resolution with a good deal of enthusiasm.

Indications that proposals regarding the limitation of naval armaments will be made by Great Britain to the United States later this year were contained in London reports of the last two days, and they gained a measure of confirmation last evening at the hands of Sir Esme Howard, the British Ambassador to Washington. Such proposals have been discussed informally on many occasions as it is considered that the way for further discussion was left open by the American reply to the Franco-British provisional accord. Attempts in the House of Commons in London to elicit a statement on the question from Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, have invariably drawn the reply that the British Government was unable to discuss the matter.

In a statement issued to the press correspondents in Washington, yesterday, Sir Esme said: "There would seem to be every reason to believe that, now that the Fifteen Cruiser Bill has become law, a further effort before long will be made to reach an agreement between the principal naval powers of the world for limitation of naval armaments. As long as that bill was under discussion any proposal to renew conversations on this vital subject might have been interpreted in the United States as an attempt to interfere with passage of the bill. By its passage the ground is cleared and any discussions that take place will certainly proceed on the assumption that these ships will be built. The English elections this summer may, however, postpone discussion for some months longer. The disarmament clause of the Covenant of the League of Nations (Article 8) makes it practically imperative that all members of the League should make further efforts toward restriction of armaments. The United States has hitherto shown itself favor-

able to the idea of continuing negotiations for an agreement in this sense. It would therefore seem that everything points toward an early resumption of negotiations, and, with a far better understanding of the needs of the respective parties than existed at Geneva in 1927, there should be a very good prospect of their being brought to a satisfactory conclusion."

All of Europe with the exception of Spain has been shivering this week in the coldest weather experienced in many decades, with the result that several hundred deaths have been caused, communications disrupted by land and sea and intense suffering brought to wide sections of the populations. The "Siberian cold" was first reported from Central Europe in the first days of this month, with sub-zero temperatures freezing rivers that normally remain open. All Balkan countries reported great difficulty in running trains, while from peasant villages reports of attacks by wolves were frequent. At one point in Russia the mercury froze in the thermometers. The cold extended to Constantinople and was accompanied in near-by Thrace by a heavy snowfall which trapped the Simplon-Orient express for ten days. Water-supplies began to fail and food to run out in cities, towns and villages which were isolated by the break-down of railway service. In Vienna the need of conserving water supplies resulted in a ukase against bathing. Dozens of ships were imprisoned in the ice in the Baltic, while skaters managed to cross on the ice from Denmark to Sweden. Automobiles were able to cross parts of the Zuyder Zee of Holland. Snow fell at Rome and on the Riviera early this week, while ice choked the canals of Venice. The cold gradually covered Britain as well, although it was less rigorous than on the Continent. Berlin reported the coldest day Monday in 200 years, while in Silesia all records were broken as far back as 1690. Coal shortages, reported from innumerable places, made the suffering intense. Meteorologists explained the situation as due to the formation of three low pressure areas over the Middle Atlantic, the Mediterranean and Iceland, combined with very high pressure areas over Continental Europe and Russia. Relief will come only with the shifting of these areas, it was said, and no predictions could be ventured as to when that will occur.

Representatives of five Governments in Eastern Europe met in Moscow last Saturday and signed the "Litvinoff Protocol" agreeing to put the Kellogg treaty outlawing war into immediate operation after ratification by their respective Parliaments, without waiting for the international enforcement of the treaty, which may require several months. The signatory States were Soviet Russia, Poland, Roumania, Latvia and Estonia. Signing of this regional application of the Kellogg treaty was regarded as a highly important step toward continued peaceful relations in Eastern Europe, where a number of troublesome questions have recently threatened an outbreak of hostilities. The proposal for such a protocol was first made by Russia to Poland in the first days of this year. Other nations were invited at the instance of Poland, and the signature took place after several postponements occasioned by diplomatic difficulties. At the signature ceremony, which took place in the Soviet Foreign Office, the

Soviet Union was represented by M. Litvinoff as Assistant Commissar for Foreign Affairs; Poland by her Ambassador, Stanislaus Patek; Roumania by Carl A. Davila; Latvia by Minister Karl Osols, and Estonia by Minister Seljamaa. M. Litvinoff made a brief speech emphasizing the protocol's importance. He called it the "latest link in a long chain of Soviet efforts toward disarmament and peace." It was noted in a Moscow dispatch to the New York Times that the Roumanian delegate signed jointly with Poland in the absence of diplomatic relations with the Soviet. "It was noticeable," the report said, "that M. Litvinoff took care to remark, in welcoming the adherence of Roumania, that it was 'a country with which we had serious old difficulties—difficulties not settled by this protocol.'" It was noted in subsequent reports, however, that the tone of comment in Moscow regarding Poland and Roumania had already begun to change because of the signature of the protocol.

Mysterious plottings and counter-plottings in Soviet Russia, centering chiefly about the person of Leon Trotsky, the former Minister of War, have brought a flood of reports but very little enlightenment from Russia and the neighboring countries during the last several weeks. It was indicated late in January that Soviet police had arrested 150 adherents of Trotsky on charges of an alleged anti-Soviet plot. Although linked with this alleged plot, Trotsky was at the time a political prisoner in a small city in Russian Turkestan. It appeared subsequently that Trotsky was to be banished from Russian territory and with his actual whereabouts at no time definitely known, he has since been reported in half the countries of Europe. Germany was said on Feb. 5 to have refused him a visa, and then for a time dispatches made it appear that he was to remain in Russia after all. All reports agreed finally that he had arrived in Constantinople on Feb. 13 aboard the Soviet steamship Illitch with his wife and two children. The exile's ultimate destination is the subject of much conjecture.

Treaties in settlement of the Roman Church question were formally signed at noon Monday in the Lateran Palace, Rome, by Premier Benito Mussolini, who acted as Foreign Minister of the Italian Government, and Cardinal Gasparri, the Papal Secretary of State. Three separate documents were signed, putting an end to the anomalous state of official strife that has lasted almost sixty years between united Italy and the Holy See. The arrangement will become effective when the treaties are ratified by the Italian Parliament, which will hold its next meeting in April, and until then the official texts of the documents will not be published. It is understood, however, that the three documents comprise a treaty mutually recognizing the Holy See and the Kingdom of Italy as independent sovereignties, a concordat regulating the future activities of the Roman Catholic Church in Italy, and a financial convention granting to the Papacy an indemnity of \$87,500,000 for the losses entailed through the events of 1870, when the temporal power of the Church was lost.

Only eight persons, including the two signatories, attended the meeting in the Lateran Palace which finally disposed of the Roman question. The indemnity was placed in early reports at 2,000,000,000 lire (about 105,000,000), but this was subsequently

reduced to 1,750,000,000 lire (about \$87,500,000), of which 750,000,000 lire will be paid in cash and the rest in Government bonds. A lengthy official communication summarizing the agreement was issued Tuesday. This document was in substantial accord with the previous intimations given in the copious Associated Press dispatches from Rome. Pope Pius XI, in referring to the new arrangement Monday, said he had asked from his "Italian children" only the minimum required for visible temporal power of the Papacy. He wished to demonstrate, he added, that the Vatican had no territorial ambitions. The Fascist press, which had previously maintained virtually complete silence on the negotiations, announced the signature of the treaties to the Italian people Monday afternoon.

On the following day Pope Pius signalized the settlement of the Roman question as well as the seventh anniversary of his coronation as Pontiff by appearing on the balcony outside of the Basilica of St. Peter's and blessing a great crowd which had assembled in the square underneath. In Catholic countries generally the reconciliation of the Vatican and the Italian State was celebrated by Church observances early this week. Congratulatory statements were also made by high officials of many world powers. In a speech at Birmingham, Monday, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary of the British Government, said: "We, a Protestant nation, cannot but remember that among the subjects of His Majesty are many Roman Catholics to whom this news will be tidings of great joy. For myself, I offer my respectful congratulations, alike to His Holiness the Pope, and Signor Mussolini, on this happy close to the quarrel." It was stated in London, Tuesday, however, that no change is expected in British diplomatic relations as a result of the new treaty and concordat. Rumors circulated recently that the new "Vatican City" will join the League of Nations received little encouragement, and it now appears from Geneva reports that there is little likelihood that the Papal State will apply for admission to the League and even less likelihood of a favorable vote in case such application is made. In 1920 admission was denied the principality of Liechtenstein because it was considered too small, and this ruling was applied also against the principality of Monaco. The new Papal city could apply for admission only as a temporal power, it is pointed out, and as such it is smaller than either of the two principalities mentioned.

Hopes for an early settlement of the Sino-Japanese difficulties centering around the Tsinan incident of May, last year, were again dashed when it was reported late last week that Dr. C. T. Wang, the Chinese Foreign Minister, and Kenkichi Yoshizawa, the Japanese Minister to China, had found themselves unable to sign the modus vivendi reached earlier last week. Both sides had agreed to submit the claims resulting from the Tsinanfu clash to an impartial commission, a Shanghai report to the New York "Herald Tribune" said. This was apparently not satisfactory to Tokio, which was represented as desiring both sides to waive claims for damages. "As the damage to Chinese lives and property was said to be probably fifty times greater than to Japanese, Mr. Wang was unable to consent to that settlement, and therefore the parleys were suspended," the dispatch added.

There have been indications from Washington, meanwhile, that the United States Government is considering the abolition of American extraterritorial privileges in China. Conferences with this end in view have been held between Secretary of State Kellogg and Dr. C. C. Wu, who is to become the new Minister of the Chinese Government to the United States. The present treaty of extraterritoriality does not expire until 1934, it is pointed out, giving the United States ample time to negotiate, but the expiration of the treaty may be anticipated. Several plans for the progressive abolition of extraterritoriality are under consideration. With these negotiations in progress, the Senate in Washington ratified last Monday the treaty between the United States and the Nationalist Government of China, recognizing the right of that Government to complete control of its customs tariff. A further development of profound significance to China was noted in the arrival at Shanghai last Saturday of the Kemmerer commission of sixteen American economic experts which is to seek means for stabilizing and unifying the varied currencies of the nation.

Several events in Mexico over the past week-end gave emphatic evidence of the continued unsettlement in that country. The first of these occurrences was the execution in Mexico City last Saturday of Jose de Leon Toral, who shot and killed President-elect Alvaro Obregon on July 17, last year. The acknowledged aim of the murderer was to avenge what he considered the wrongs of the Church in Mexico, where priests have refused to comply with the regulations of the Government and where religious services, in consequence, have been virtually suspended. Toral was regarded by the civil authorities in Mexico as a religious fanatic. When he was executed before a firing squad, he attempted to shout "Viva Cristo Rey"—"Long live Christ the King"—but he fell unconscious before finishing the sentence. When Toral's body was removed to the Spanish cemetery on the following day, a crowd estimated at 100,000 lined the streets and edifices along the way. During the entire march, the hearse was subjected to a bombardment of flowers.

This incident was followed within less than 24 hours by an attempt upon the life of President Emilio Portes Gil, which proved entirely unsuccessful. The President, with his immediate family and an entourage of officials, was returning to the capital early Sunday morning from the State of Tamaulipas, in the Presidential special train. When the train was within 150 miles of the capital, a terrific explosion of dynamite threw the locomotive and several forward coaches off the track, killing the fireman. The private car of Senor Gil was farther back and was not derailed, nor was any member of his party injured. Concurrently, it developed that threatening letters had been received by President Gil and ex-President Calles. Three unexploded bombs were found in residences of prominent members of the National Revolutionary Party, which is dedicated to preserve the policies of Senor Calles and of General Obregon. President Gil issued a signed statement on the following day saying that the Government was convinced that the authors of the bomb attempt against his life Sunday morning were "elements who undoubtedly obeyed exalted, fanatical Catholics." President Coolidge last Sun-

day sent a personal message to President Gil congratulating him on his escape.

Death this week claimed two old-world rulers whose renown far exceeded their domains. Prince Johann II, ruler of the tiny principality of Liechtenstein, which perches up in the Alps between Austria and Switzerland, died Monday at one of his castles in Czechoslovakia in his eighty-ninth year. Liechtenstein has an area of 65 square miles and a population of 11,000. Prince Johann was considered a survival of the almost forgotten days of personal rule. He succeeded his father at the age of 18, making his rule one of the longest in history. Strict adherence to medieval traditions earned him the title of the last Grand Seigneur in Europe. He is succeeded by his brother, Prince Franz von Paula. Dispatches which reached Paris on Feb. 11 from Tunis reported the death of Sidi Mohammed Ben-el-Habib, Bey of Tunis, at the age of 71. The Bey had been ill for some time. He ascended the throne of Tunis in 1922 on the death of his cousin and reigned under the protection of France, which he visited first in 1923 and later in 1926. Another cousin, Sidi Ahmed Bey, succeeds him.

The Imperial Bank of India on Thursday raised its rate of discount from 7% to 8%. There have been no changes this week in the rediscount rates of any of European central Banks. Rates continue at 6½% in Germany and Austria; 6% in Italy; 5½% in Great Britain, Norway and Spain; 5% in Denmark; 4½% in Holland and Sweden; 4% in Belgium, and 3½% in France and Switzerland. London open market discounts for both short bills and long bills are now up to 5 5-16% against 5 1/8@ 5 3-16% for short bills on Friday of last week, and 5 3-16% for three months bills. Money on call in London was 5¼% on Wednesday and Thursday but 4¾% yesterday. At Paris open market discounts remain at 3 7-16% but in Switzerland there has been an advance from 3 3-16% to 3 5-16%.

The Bank of France, reporting for the week ending as of Feb. 14, shows a decrease in note circulation of 766,000,000 francs, reducing the total to 63,100,593,305 francs, as against 63,866,593,305 francs last week and 62,152,593,305 francs the week before. On the other hand, creditor current accounts rose 952,000,000 francs, and current accounts and deposits 771,000,000 francs. Gold holdings aggregate 34,018,098,489 francs, an increase of 14,076,411 francs having occurred during the week. French commercial bills discounted rose 740,000,000 francs, and bills bought abroad 74,000,000 francs, while credit balances abroad dropped 132,852,480 francs, and advances against securities 25,000,000 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	
	Feb. 14 1929.	Francs.	Feb. 7 1929.	Jan. 26 1929.
Gold holdings.....Inc.	14,076,411	34,018,098,489	34,004,022,078	33,995,440,752
Credit bals. abr'd.....Dec.	132,852,480	12,302,943,167	12,435,795,647	11,789,204,404
French commercial bills discounted.....Inc.	740,000,000	4,910,886,525	4,170,886,525	5,051,886,525
Bills bought abr'd.....Inc.	74,000,000	18,144,244,173	18,070,244,173	18,631,244,173
Adv. agt. securs.....Dec.	25,000,000	2,314,407,276	2,339,407,276	2,198,407,276
Note circulation.....Dec.	766,000,000	63,100,593,305	63,866,593,305	62,152,593,305
Cred. curr. acct.....Inc.	952,000,000	19,366,629,928	18,414,629,928	20,206,629,928
Curr. acct. & dep.....Inc.	771,000,000	6,429,613,248	5,658,613,248	7,154,613,248

The weekly statement issued by the Bank of England on Thursday shows an increase in gold of

£236,929 bringing the total amount held up to £150,154,375. Circulation decreased £4,821,000 and this item together with the increase in gold brought about an increase of £5,058,000 in reserve. The total loan account was reduced £4,620,000. Loans on government security declined £7,510,000 while those on other security increased £2,890,000. This latter includes "Discounts and Advances" and "Securities" which increased £1,732,000 and £1,158,000 respectively. Total deposits rose £417,000; the decrease in "Other Deposits" of £10,867,000 being offset by the increase in "Public Deposits" of £11,284,000. Of the decrease in "Other Deposits" £10,301,000 was in "Bankers Accounts" and £566,000 to "Other Accounts." The Bank's rate of discount remains at 5½%. Proportion of reserve to liabilities stands at 50.2% as against 46% last week and 38.09% a year ago. We show below the detailed statement of several years.

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
	Feb. 14	Feb. 15	Feb. 16	Feb. 17	Feb. 18
Circulation.....	£ 134,282,000	£ 136,187,880	£ 140,448,135	£ 124,232,200	£ 124,232,200
Public deposits.....	19,635,000	12,970,000	17,507,674	23,582,893	13,705,282
Other deposits.....	94,636,000	101,138,000	102,282,388	106,917,556	111,243,895
Bankers' accounts.....	58,199,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Other accounts.....	36,437,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Govt. securities.....	47,876,000	36,295,000	29,812,691	43,782,247	43,941,830
Other securities.....	27,132,000	52,507,000	74,428,607	80,884,205	75,044,583
Disc't & advances.....	10,446,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Securities.....	16,686,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Reserve notes & coin.....	57,456,000	43,464,000	33,738,531	23,972,421	24,097,030
Coin and bullion.....	150,154,375	157,996,582	150,176,411	144,670,556	128,579,230
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	50.2%	38.09%	28.16%	18½%	19¼%
Bank rate.....	5½%	4½%	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 as of Feb. 7 the Bank of Germany reports a decrease in note circulation of 217,769,000 marks, reducing the total to 4,236,113,000 marks, as against 3,983,848,000 marks last year and 3,273,692,000 marks the year before. Other daily maturing obligations rose 78,385,000 marks, while other liabilities dropped 45,933,000 marks. On the assets side of the account gold and bullion decreased 71,000 marks, reserve in foreign currency 11,921,000 marks, bills of exchange and checks 75,872,000 marks, silver and other coin 1,844,000 marks, investments 148,000 marks, advances 57,459,000 marks, and other assets 11,374,000 marks. Notes on other German banks increased 8,775,000 marks, while deposits abroad remained unchanged. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items of the Bank's return for the past three weeks:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.			
	Feb. 7 1929.	Feb. 7 1928.	Feb. 7 1927.	Feb. 7 1926.
Assets—	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.
Gold and bullion.....Dec.	71,000	2,729,111,000	1,886,620,000	1,834,601,000
Of which depos. abr'd.....	Unchanged	85,626,000	83,532,000	107,472,000
Res'v'n in for'n curr.....Dec.	11,921,000	140,296,000	292,851,000	293,419,000
Bills of exch. & checks.....Dec.	75,872,000	1,942,858,000	2,243,589,000	1,378,338,000
Silver and other coin.....Dec.	1,844,000	129,634,000	67,374,000	125,422,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bks.....Inc.	8,775,000	17,052,000	18,862,000	13,467,000
Advances.....Dec.	57,459,000	44,395,000	22,776,000	47,833,000
Investments.....Dec.	148,000	93,208,000	93,124,000	88,885,000
Other assets.....Dec.	11,374,000	470,981,000	571,291,000	598,118,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation.....Dec.	217,769,000	4,236,113,000	3,983,840,000	3,273,692,000
Oth. daily mat. oblig.....Inc.	78,385,000	501,314,000	508,999,000	543,355,000
Other liabilities.....Dec.	45,933,000	142,428,000	278,807,000	203,163,000

Money in the New York market again moved uncertainly this week, high call loan rates of the early sessions giving way to more moderate quotations in the mid-week market, but these were superseded in turn yesterday by a sharp advance to the highest level in some weeks. A hardening of time loans and

several advances in bankers' acceptances were more significant features of the market. Demand loans renewed at 8% Monday, but outside trades were reported at 7%, and the official rate finally dropped to this figure, whereupon another concession was made in the outside market to 6½%. After the holiday Tuesday, renewals Wednesday morning were fixed at 7½%, but successive reductions brought the rate down to 6% at the close. The official rate Thursday was 6½% throughout, with outside loans reported at 6%. In yesterday's market the renewal rate was again 6½%, but withdrawals which finally totaled \$65,000,000 caused a quick tightening in the afternoon, the rate rising to 10% at the close. Brokers' loans against stock and bond collateral, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for the week ended Wednesday night, declined \$101,000,000. This reduction was viewed as a very moderate one both in consideration of the extremely great total of such loans outstanding and of the drastic reaction in stock prices on Thursday of last week. Gold movements reported for the week ended Wednesday reflected the heavy engagements of gold in the London market for shipment to New York previously reported. The imports aggregated \$22,076,000, of which \$22,007,000 came from Great Britain, while exports were \$313,000.

Dealing in detail with the call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, renewals on Monday were at 8%, but with the rate for new loans 7%. Tuesday was Lincoln's birthday and a holiday. On Wednesday with the renewal rate still at 7½%, new loans were put through at 6%. On Thursday all loans were at 6½% but on Friday after renewals had again been effected at 6½%, there was an advance to 10%. Time loans have advanced to 7¾% for all maturities. On Monday the range was 7½@7¾% for all maturities. On Wednesday 30, 60 and 90 day maturities were quoted at 7¾% and loans for four, five and six months at 7½%. On Thursday and Friday the rate for all maturities was 7¾%. The commercial paper market continues unchanged, but with nothing doing, and rates purely nominal. Names of choice character maturing in four to six months remain quoted at 5½%, with a few names of exceptional character selling at 5¼%. For names less well known the figure is 5¾%. New England mill paper sells at 5½@5¾%.

Chief interest has again centered on the market for banks' and bankers' acceptances which has continued deeply disturbed. Rates have been repeatedly marked up and are now at the highest figures on record. On Wednesday the American Acceptance Council raised its rates for all maturities ⅛ in the bid column, and also raised its rate ⅛ in the asked column except in the case of 60 day bills and 90 day bills in which no change was made. Some dealers had been quoting the new rates on some maturities as early as the previous Friday and one large bank had been quoting 30 day paper at the new rate for more than a week. On Friday the Council made another advance of ⅛ in the bid column for all maturities and also an advance of ⅛ in the asked column except that now the 60 day and the 90 day rate was advanced ¼. Accordingly the posted rates of the Council yesterday were 5¼% bid and 5⅛% asked for bills running 30 days, 5⅜% bid and 5¼% asked for bills running 60 and 90 days,

5½% bid and 5¼% asked for 120 days, and 5⅝% bid and 5⅜% asked for 150 and 180-days. The Acceptance Council on longer gives the rate for call loans secured by bankers' acceptances, the rates varying widely. Open market rates for acceptances have also been advanced and are as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.						
—180 Days—		—150 Days—		—120 Days—		
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	
Prime eligible bills.....	5¼	5½	5¼	5½	5¼	5½
—90 Days—		—60 Days—		—30 Days—		
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	
Prime eligible bills.....	5¼	5¼	5¼	5¼	5¼	5¼
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.						
Eligible members banks.....						5¼ bid
Eligible non-member banks.....						5¼ bid

It should be added that the Federal Reserve Bank on Friday raised its buying rate for bills running from 1 to 45 days from 4⅞% to 5%, its rate for bills running from 46 to 90 days from 5% to 5⅞% and its rate for bills running from 91 to 180 days from 5% to 5¼%.

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 Feb. 15.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston.....	5	July 19 1928	4¾
New York.....	5	July 13 1928	4¾
Philadelphia.....	5	July 26 1928	4¾
Cleveland.....	5	Aug. 1 1928	4¾
Richmond.....	5	July 13 1928	4¾
Atlanta.....	5	July 14 1928	4¾
Chicago.....	5	July 11 1928	4¾
St. Louis.....	5	July 19 1928	4¾
Minneapolis.....	4¾	Apr. 25 1928	4
Kansas City.....	4¾	June 7 1928	4
Dallas.....	4¾	May 7 1928	4
San Francisco.....	4¾	June 2 1928	4

Sterling and the leading European exchanges this week have been dull, irregular and inclined to ease owing very largely to the continued firmness of money in New York. The increase in the Bank of England rediscount rate last week to 5½% and the seasonal circumstances favoring sterling were the only factors which kept the rate from moving on average much lower. However, the tone is sufficiently firm to preclude any possibility of further gold exports from London to New York and many foreign exchange traders feel that there will be a gradual firming up of the rate until cable transfers may be quoted around 4.86, within probably a month or so. The range this week has been from 4.84⅞ to 4.85 3-16 for bankers' sight, compared with 4.84⅞ to 4.85 9-16 last week. The range for cable transfers has been from 4.85 5-16 to 4.85½, compared with 4.84 11-16 to 4.85 13-16 the previous week. On Friday sterling cables opened at 4.85 5-16, which was the lowest point reached since the Bank of England raised its rediscount rate a week ago. Whenever firmness has appeared in the rate during the past few days bankers have been inclined to ascribe it to official support under the guidance of the Bank of England. It was also stated in foreign exchange circles that the Federal Reserve banks were buying sterling bills with a view to steadying the quotations and assisting in the arrest of the gold movement from London to New York. However, there are no means of actually confirming central bank open market operations, especially at this time, until long after they have any practical interest for the market. The further increase in bankers' acceptance rates in New York to the point where yields are from 5⅛ to

5 $\frac{3}{8}$ %, depending upon maturity is a bearish factor on exchange, as dollar acceptances are powerfully attractive to European short-term funds at current rates.

The advance in the Bank of England rate last week came as a shock to the London market. The business world had hoped that the advance might be avoided. Present opinion in banking circles here and abroad is that there will be a general hardening of money rates at all centres if the firmness continues in New York. The London "Economist" says that the advance in the Bank of England rate comes as a definite signal to America and that it must not be supposed that the Continental States will remain indifferent to London's lead, and its cumulative effect may well be a definite pronouncement that Europe is not prepared to stand idly by and see the world's gold stock swept into the maelstrom, meaning New York. It advocates the establishment of European interest rates on a higher level, expressing the belief that such a course will draw gold back from New York before long. This week the Bank of England shows an increase of £236,929 in gold holdings. On Tuesday the Bank of England sold £37,881 in gold bars and on Wednesday £53,136 in gold bars. No gold was available in the London open markets on Tuesday but approximately £920,000 are expected to reach London next week and £707,000 the following week. London bankers hope that the Bank of England will receive £1,000,000 in the next two weeks. On Thursday the Bank sold £35,906 in gold bars and exported £4,000 in sovereigns; on Friday the Bank sold £8,652 in gold bars.

At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week Feb. 7-Feb. 13, inclusive, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$22,076,000, of which \$22,007,000 came from Great Britain and \$69,000 from Latin America. Gold exports consisted of \$313,000, of which \$260,000 were shipped to Java, and \$53,000 to Germany. The Federal Reserve Bank reported no change in gold earmarked for foreign account. Canadian exchange continues at a discount, Montreal funds ranging this week from 7-16 to $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% discount. The economic situation of Canada is more prosperous than ever in its history, and the discount on Montreal is due to the combined influences of an adverse commodity trade balance with respect to the United States and of the heavy transfers of Canadian funds to the New York security markets.

Referring to day-to-day rates sterling on Saturday last sold off from the high quotations of Friday. Bankers' sight was 4.84 31-32@4.85 $\frac{1}{8}$, cable transfers 4.85 11-32@4.85 7-16. On Monday the market was quiet and steady. Bankers' sight was 4.84 15-16 @4.85 $\frac{1}{8}$, cable transfers, 4.85 5-16@4.85 $\frac{1}{2}$. On Tuesday, Lincoln's Birthday, there was no market in New York. On Wednesday sterling showed a firmer tone. The range was 4.85@4.85 3-16 for bankers' sight and 4.85 $\frac{3}{8}$ @4.85 15-32 for cable transfers. On Thursday sterling was under pressure. The range was 4.84 $\frac{7}{8}$ @4.85 $\frac{1}{8}$ for bankers' sight and 4.85 11-32@4.85 7-16 for cable transfers. The range on Friday was 4.84 $\frac{7}{8}$ @4.85 1-16 for bankers' sight and 4.85 5-16@4.85 $\frac{3}{8}$ for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were 4.84 15-16 for demand and 4.85 5-16 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4.84 13-16; 60-day bills at 4.80 5-16; 90-day bills at 4.78 3-16; documents for payment (60 days)

at 4.80 5-16, and seven-day grain bills at 4.84 1-16. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4.84 13-16.

The Continental exchanges have ruled lower, largely in sympathy with the easier tone in sterling exchange, and bankers believe that many of the European exchanges were influenced by transfers of funds to New York money market, for as a seasonal matter the trend of exchange should be steadily firmer from now until toward autumn, although, of course, at the present stage it is too early to observe the effects of seasonal influences on quotations. It must therefore be taken for granted that there is a greater demand for dollars in the European centres than for foreign currencies on this side. German marks have been noticeably weak. This is taken to indicate a reduction in borrowing requirements in New York by German interests, and it is generally believed that a considerable volume of German surplus funds has been transferred to the New York market. Business in Europe is still seasonally dull, a circumstance which also affects the exchanges adversely. A few weeks ago it was believed that the Reichsbank would make a further reduction in its rediscount rate, as money was steadily becoming more plentiful, while money rates were declining in the German centres. Now, however, since the Bank of England has increased its rate of rediscount Berlin dispatches state that there is no prospect of a further reduction in the Reichsbank rate. At the present quotations for the mark the normal expectation is that gold would move presently from Berlin to New York, but bankers state that under the circumstances governing the German financial situation no gold would be permitted to move out, however low the mark rate might go with respect to the dollar. Present quotations also preclude the possibility of Germany's taking gold from either London or Paris. This week, as noted above, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reports another small shipment of \$53,000 in gold to Germany. This brings the total of these small shipments to Germany to \$1,295,000 in a period of 25 weeks. It is hardly possible that these shipments are made on an exchange basis. They are probably special transactions.

French francs have moved slightly lower, due in large measure to transfers of funds from Paris to other centers, including New York, for temporary employment at more attractive rates than obtained at home, without a corresponding demand anywhere for francs. It may be asserted, however, that the rate is permitted to move down with the sanction of the Bank of France, as its gold holdings are not threatened from any quarter. Were there a chance of an important seepage of gold from Paris to Berlin, it may be safely asserted that the Bank of France would increase the franc rate through foreign exchange operations to any point it might desire, regardless of the outflow of temporary French funds to other centers. Paris dispatches state that it is considered certain by all well informed bankers that the Bank of France will refrain from withdrawals of gold from foreign markets if it is found that such operations will increase the difficulties which already exist on such markets with respect to money rates. This policy is particularly applicable to London. This week the Bank of France shows an increase in gold holdings of 14,000,000 francs and its ratio of

gold reserves to liabilities stands at 41.25%, against the 35% legal requirement.

Italian lire have been decidedly weaker this week, and this condition is attributed largely to a temporary cessation in transfer of funds from New York to the Italian markets, as well as to a considerable diminution of immigrant remittances. Both developments are believed to have been due largely to continued firmness of money rates in New York and to activity in securities here. On Jan. 7 the Bank of Italy rate of rediscount was increased to 6%. While this advance met with some slight criticism in Italian quarters as unnecessary, there is nevertheless some discussion at this time in Rome as to the possibility of another upward revision of the rate in the near future.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 124.28 on Friday of this week, against 124.31 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 3.90 $\frac{3}{8}$, against 3.90 7-16 a week ago, cable transfers at 3.90 $\frac{5}{8}$, against 3.90 11-16, and commercial sight bills at 3.90, against 3.90 $\frac{1}{8}$. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.89 $\frac{3}{4}$ for checks and 13.90 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, as against 13.90 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 13.91 $\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.71 $\frac{1}{2}$ for checks and 23.72 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.72 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 23.73 $\frac{1}{4}$ a week earlier. Italian lire closed at 5.23 $\frac{1}{8}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 5.23 $\frac{3}{8}$ for cable transfers, as against 5.23 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 5.23 $\frac{1}{2}$. Austrian schillings closed at 14.07 on Friday of this week, against 14.07 on Friday of last week. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 2.96 $\frac{1}{8}$, against 2.96 3-16; on Bucharest at 0.59 $\frac{3}{4}$, against 0.60 $\frac{1}{4}$; on Poland at 11.25, against 11.25, and on Finland at 2.52, against 2.52. Greek exchange closed at 1.29 for checks and 1.29 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers against 1.29 and 1.29 $\frac{1}{2}$.

The exchanges on the countries neutral during the war have been quiet and have ruled on average slightly lower than last week. This situation was to be expected, in view of the general trend of European rates, as discussed above. Holland guilders have been especially weak, with cable transfers around 40.05, which compares with dollar parity of 40.20. Relatively there is a money stringency in Holland created very largely through the transfer of funds from Amsterdam to other markets, which has been going on for some time owing to more active and profitable opportunities for the employment of Dutch funds away from home. The Bank of Netherlands rate of rediscount has been at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % since Oct. 13 1927. The Amsterdam market is expecting an increase in the rate. Foreign exchange traders say that London is exerting a powerful pull on Amsterdam, bringing guilders close to the gold point. It seems almost certain that the rates will be increased as a defensive move to keep the bank's gold holdings as nearly intact as possible. This is all the more necessary since the legal ratio of gold reserve was recently increased from 20% to 40%. The metallic cover of the bank has been between 50% and 55% during the past few years. Spanish pesetas have averaged slightly lower than last week; nevertheless the peseta has fluctuated within extremely narrow limits and seems no longer subject to shock from the attempted revolution. No official support appears to have been given to the peseta and the task of bringing the rate back to the

point where it was before the political imbroglio has been made more difficult. The Scandinavian currencies have been steady, although ruling fractionally lower than a week ago. In view of the import surplus in the foreign trade of Sweden, the comparative steadiness of Swedish exchange is significant. During 1928 Swedish imports amounted to 1,710,000,000 krona, and exports to 1,567,000,000 krona, leaving an import surplus of 143,000,000 krona, against an export balance of 36,000,000 krona in 1927. The flow of funds has been an offsetting factor. Exports of capital from Sweden in 1928 are estimated at 190,000,000 krona and imports at 125,000,000 krona, giving an export balance of 65,000,000 krona, compared with an export balance on capital movements in 1927 of 47,000,000 krona. Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.02 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 40.03 $\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.04 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 40.05 $\frac{1}{4}$, and commercial sight bills at 39.99, against 40.00. Swiss francs closed at 19.22 $\frac{1}{4}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 19.23 $\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers, in comparison with 19.23 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 19.24 $\frac{1}{2}$ a week earlier. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.66 and cable transfers at 26.67 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 26.68 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 26.70. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.71 $\frac{1}{2}$, and cable transfers at 26.73, against 26.74 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 26.76, while checks on Norway finished at 26.66 and cable transfers at 26.67 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 26.67 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 26.69. Spanish pesetas closed at 15.62 for checks and 15.63 for cable transfers, which compares with 15.69 and 15.70 a week earlier.

The South American exchanges have been quiet. Argentine pesos have ruled lower, although the business and economic situation of the Southern republic is steadily improving. Exports in December from Argentina to the United States totaled \$6,708,000, an increase of 10% over the figure for December 1927. Total exports to the United States during 1928 were \$99,902,000, or 3.4% higher than in 1927. However, the strength in Argentina at any time arises chiefly from its trade with European countries, as it imports a great deal more from the United States in the form of manufactured goods than it exports in raw materials. The total value of the imports from the United States in 1928 was \$178,708,000, which compares with a total of \$162,790,000 in 1927. The weakness in Brazilian exchange continues to arise, as during many weeks past, from the comparatively depressed state of trade in Rio de Janeiro and other Brazilian cities. Argentine paper pesos closed on Friday at 42.10 for checks, as compared with 42.21 and at 42.16 for cable transfers, against 42.27. Brazilian milreis finished at 11.91 for checks and 11.94 for cable transfers, against 11.91 and 11.94. Chilean exchange closed at 12 1-16 for checks and at 12 $\frac{1}{8}$ for cable transfers, against 12 1-16 and 12 $\frac{1}{8}$, and Peru at 4.00 for checks and 4.01 for cable transfers, against 4.00 and 4.01.

The Far Eastern exchanges are lower, owing chiefly to the lower ruling rates on silver. On Wednesday the Imperial Bank of India raised its rediscount rate to 8% from 7%. This was largely due to the heavy demands for money from agricultural sources. The adoption of China's new tariff on Feb. 1 is seen by both Chinese and foreigners in China as the beginning of a new era of sharply increased living costs. Although there has not been time to determine the

result accurately, increased levies are applied to virtually every commodity. This will, of course, have an effect on Chinese exchanges later on, and may, it is believed, cause a rise in silver prices. Another item of importance bearing on Far Eastern exchanges is the arrival on Feb. 9 at Shanghai of Professor Kemmerer and his advisers, who have been invited by the Nationalist Government to make suggestions for reform in Chinese financial set-up and to help establish a central bank somewhat along the lines of the Bank of England, so that an end to the tael system may be expected ultimately. It is believed that when these measures become fully effective foreign exchange quotations on China will become of dominating importance. Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 45 3-16@45 3/8, against 45 7-16@45 3/4 on Friday of last week. Hong Kong closed at 48.70@48 15-16, against 49.15@49 1/4; Shanghai at 61 7/8@62 1/4, against 62 3/8@62 3/4; Manila at 50 5/8, against 50 5/8; Singapore at 56 1/4@56 5-16, against 56 1/4@56 5-16; Bombay at 36 1/2, against 36 1/2, and Calcutta at 36 1/2, against 36 1/2.

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

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACTS OF 1922. FEB. 9 1929 TO FEB. 15 1929, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers to New York, Value in United States Money.					
	Feb. 9.	Feb. 11.	Feb. 12.	Feb. 13.	Feb. 14.	Feb. 15.
EUROPE—						
Austria, schilling	1.40575	1.40586		1.40534	1.40548	1.40508
Belgium, belga	1.39028	1.39004		1.39013	1.38969	1.38943
Bulgaria, lev	0.07212	0.07205		0.07200	0.07167	0.07200
Czechoslovakia, krona	0.29595	0.29593		0.29590	0.29591	0.29590
Denmark, krone	2.66730	2.66721		2.66764	2.66694	2.66691
England, pound sterling	4.853505	4.853057		4.854203	4.853164	4.853372
Finland, marka	0.25169	0.25168		0.25171	0.25171	0.25168
France, franc	0.39049	0.39046		0.39049	0.39047	0.39049
Germany, reichsmark	2.37269	2.37244		2.37226	2.37194	2.37220
Greece, drachma	0.12918	0.12917		0.12919	0.12916	0.12916
Holland, guilder	4.00442	4.00495		4.00480	4.00460	4.00474
Hungary, pengo	1.74303	1.74296		1.74265	1.74281	1.74268
Italy, lira	0.52322	0.52318		0.52312	0.52291	0.52305
Norway, krone	2.66695	2.66719		2.66754	2.66681	2.66697
Poland, zloty	1.11968	1.11986		1.11925	1.12015	1.11800
Portugal, escudo	0.04210	0.04210		0.04135	0.04170	0.04409
Rumania, leu	0.06010	0.06013		0.05998	0.05999	0.05994
Spain, peseta	1.56588	1.56468		1.56409	1.56929	1.56339
Sweden, krona	2.67395	2.67384		2.67369	2.67261	2.67266
Switzerland, franc	1.92327	1.92312		1.92320	1.92282	1.92298
Yugoslavia, dinar	0.17578	0.17580		0.17577	0.17575	0.17572
ASIA—						
China—						
Cheloo tael	6.45208	6.45416		6.43750	6.45000	6.41666
Hankow tael	6.38437	6.38437		6.36250	6.37916	6.35000
Shang tael	6.21964	6.22142		6.21160	6.20714	6.18928
Tientsin tael	6.57708	6.57916		6.57708	6.60625	6.55416
Hong Kong dollar	4.89464	4.88750		4.88303	4.87857	4.86428
Mexican dollar	4.47750	4.47500		4.47250	4.47000	4.46500
Tientsin or Peking dollar	4.48750	4.49166		4.49166	4.48750	4.48333
Yuan dollar	4.44583	4.44583		4.44516	4.44516	4.43750
India, rupee	3.63535	3.63392		3.63364	3.63507	3.63756
Japan, yen	4.53175	4.53225		4.52500	4.52093	4.52206
Singapore (S.S.) dollar	5.58791	5.58625		5.58958	5.58958	5.58958
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar	9.97597	9.97460		9.97014	9.96775	9.96594
Cuba, peso	1.000370	1.000088		1.000216	1.000216	1.000276
Mexico, peso	4.85750	4.85666		4.84166	4.81833	4.81333
Newfoundland, dollar	9.94875	9.94812		9.94595	9.94312	9.93922
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	9.58494	9.58038		9.58570	9.58013	9.57755
Brazil, milreis	1.19163	1.19185		1.19166	1.19065	1.19070
Chile, peso	1.20531	1.20361		1.20370	1.20318	1.20343
Uruguay, peso	1.027161	1.027161		1.026161	1.026749	1.026249
Colombia, peso	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, Feb. 9.	Monday, Feb. 11.	Tuesday, Feb. 12.	Wednesday, Feb. 13.	Thursday, Feb. 14.	Friday, Feb. 15.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 129,000,000	\$ 109,000,000	\$ Holiday	\$ 168,000,000	\$ 143,000,000	\$ 151,000,000	Cr. 700,000,000

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	Feb. 14 1929.			Feb. 16 1928.			
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	
England	£ 150,154,375	£	£ 150,154,375	£ 157,996,582	£	£ 157,996,582	
France a	173,712,846	d	173,712,846	221,753,269	13,717,023	235,470,292	
Germany b	136,455,550	c	994,600	137,450,150	94,331,000	c994,600	231,781,150
Spain	102,370,000		28,398,000	130,768,000	104,287,000	27,769,000	132,056,500
Italy	54,640,000		54,640,000	49,288,000			49,288,000
Netherlands	36,213,000		1,874,000	38,087,000	36,268,000	2,354,000	38,622,000
Nat. Belg.	25,860,000		1,270,000	27,130,000	21,217,000	1,243,000	22,460,000
Switzerland	19,281,000		1,819,000	21,100,000	17,400,000	2,490,000	19,890,000
Sweden	13,095,000		13,095,000	12,991,000			12,991,000
Denmark	10,112,000		491,000	10,603,000	10,109,000	641,000	10,750,000
Norway	8,159,000		8,159,000	8,180,000			8,180,000
Total week	730,052,771		34,846,600	764,899,371	733,820,851	49,208,623	783,029,474
Prev. week	821,496,923		34,746,620	856,243,523	731,515,369	52,957,623	784,472,992

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.

The Capper and Porter Resolutions.

Seldom, if ever, has a proposal seriously to alter the foreign policy of the United States been brought to public notice under circumstances so extraordinary as those which attended the introduction in the Senate, on Monday, of Senator Capper's resolution for the enforcement of peace. The text of the resolution, with its long preamble, was first made public by the New York "Times" on Sunday, together with an explanatory statement by Senator Capper and the announcement that the resolution would be introduced the following day. Under ordinary circumstances, the resolution would have been regarded as an interesting piece of news, and readers of the "Times" or other papers would have waited until Monday before learning what distinguished citizens or publicists thought about it. Not so in this case. The same Sunday edition that carried the text of the resolution carried also a half-column statement by President Butler of Columbia University, taking to task "the cynics and the legalists, both in the Senate and out of it, who do not seem to understand in the least what has happened in the world," warmly praising the resolution, and declaring that it "should be adopted as speedily as may be." President Butler, apparently, had had an opportunity to study the resolution before it appeared in print. Professor Shotwell of Columbia, leader of the champions of peace and the League of Nations in this country, and Director of the Division of Economics and History of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace of which Dr. Butler is President, was ready in the same issue with about a third of a column of commendation. Professor Manley O. Hudson of the Harvard University Law School, a trustee of the World Peace Foundation and for several years a member of the legal section of the Secretariat of the League, was a little more noncommittal than President Butler or Professor Shotwell, but he, too, was ready with three paragraphs of

friendly opinion. Some eight other more or less prominent persons were also quoted, to an extent sufficient to show that they had either seen the resolution in advance or had been told of its nature.

This was not all. Europe, too, had apparently been prepared for the great event. The Geneva correspondent of the "Times" cabled that League officials "who have learned of the proposal" "welcome it with much the same joy as scientists would have at the discovery of 'the missing link'." Immediately following this was the statement that "responsible officials of the League such as Sir Eric Drummond, its Secretary General" (the only official, it would seem, who could with propriety have spoken for the League in the absence of a meeting of the Council), "naturally declined to comment one way or another," but others in Geneva were quoted as giving expression to such paeans of praise as "the end of war," "the one thing needed," "extraordinarily helpful," "of the highest importance," and "bravo." "A spokesman for the French Government" was reported, also on Sunday, as saying that the Capper resolution "was of transcendent importance"; Ramsay MacDonald pronounced it "a most interesting and significant resolution," and Wickham Steed, formerly foreign editor of the London "Times" and recently a visitor to this country, exclaimed "God bless Senator Capper!" "when a copy of the resolution was shown to him."

All this, it is to be noted, appeared on the day on which the resolution was first made known to the American public, whom, presumably, it first concerned, and before the resolution itself had been offered in the Senate. Whether President Coolidge had seen the resolution at the time when the proponents of the League were preparing to cheer for it is not certain, but he was quoted unofficially as saying, as late as Tuesday, that he had not read it, but had "perused comments on it." The conclusion is inescapable. The text of the Capper resolution, or so much of it as to indicate its import, had evidently been circulated about Europe and America before either the American public or Congress knew anything about it, to the end that when the news came it might "break big." It would be putting the matter mildly to say that the affair was well buttressed with propaganda.

What, now, is the purport of the Capper resolution, and of the supplementary resolution which Representative Porter of Pennsylvania, chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, introduced in the House on the same day that the Senate received the Capper document?

The Capper resolution, after reciting the declaration of Congress on Aug. 29, 1916, in favor of the settlement of international disputes by arbitration, rehearsing the declarations of the Pact of Paris, and asserting that the Governments which have associated themselves in the Paris treaty "should not permit their nationals to encourage a breach of the obligations of the treaty by exporting to a Government which has committed such breach, arms, ammunition, or implements of war or other articles for the support of such Government," proposes "that whenever the President determines and by proclamation declares that any country has violated the Multilateral Treaty for the Renunciation of War, it shall be unlawful, unless otherwise provided by act of Congress or by proclamation of the President, to export to such country arms, munitions, implements of

war or other articles for use in war until the President shall by proclamation declare that such violation no longer exists." It is further declared "to be the policy of the United States that the nationals of the United States should not be protected by their Government in giving aid and comfort to a nation which has committed a breach of the said treaty," and the President is requested to enter into negotiations with the Governments that sign or ratify the treaty with a view to securing an agreement for similar action on their part. The only qualification is that the declaration of policy just quoted "shall apply only in case of a breach of the said treaty by war against a Government which has declared its adherence to a similar policy."

The Porter resolution, in turn, after alluding to the multilateral treaty and declaring that "no agency is more potent for promoting and encouraging war than traffic in arms, munitions of war," proposes to amend Section 1 of the joint resolution of Jan. 31, 1922, prohibiting the exportation of arms or munitions of war from the United States to certain countries, to read as follows: "That whenever the President finds that in any American country, or in any country in which the United States exercises extraterritorial jurisdiction, conditions of domestic violence or of international conflict exist or are threatened which are or may be promoted by the use of arms or munitions of war procured from the United States, and makes proclamation thereof, it shall be unlawful to export, except under such limitations and exceptions as the President prescribes, any arms or munitions of war from any place in the United States to such country until otherwise ordered by the President or by Congress."

The purpose of the Capper resolution, as explained by Senator Capper in the statement which accompanied the publication of the resolution (before, that is, the resolution had actually been introduced), is "to put the Government of the United States on record, in response to an insistent and well-nigh unanimous public demand, by taking the first step toward safeguarding international peace, following the ratification of the Pact of Paris." "I believe," said Senator Capper, "the adoption and effectuation of this resolution will tend to make the peace pact effective. It will in a measure underwrite the peace pact without compelling us to police the world." Representative Porter, on the other hand, in a prepared statement given to the New York "Times," explained that his own resolution "amends the existing law by extending the power of the President to lay embargoes not only in cases of domestic violence in the Americas, but to all the countries of the world where domestic violence or international conflict exists or is threatened This resolution is intended to put the control of the munitions traffic in the hands of the President, who is fully informed as to conditions in foreign countries and can exercise this power with all the facts before him, as there are no two cases alike."

A casual reading of these two resolutions might leave the impression that they were not only harmless, but probably useful. They wear an exceedingly plausible look and are most appealing. But for that very reason they should receive the closest scrutiny and study. As it is, they will not bear examination at all. The truth is there are weighty objections to both of them. The adoption by Congress of the Capper resolution would seriously impair the efficacy

of the Kellogg pact, and almost certainly make many nations hesitate to ratify it. The great virtue of the Kellogg pact is its simple declaration of a principle of international conduct—the renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy and resort to arbitration or conciliation in its stead—to which the nations of the whole world are asked to agree. The Capper resolution would inject into the pact what has thus far been scrupulously kept out, namely the designation and imposition of sanctions. No stronger argument in support of the pact was brought forward, in answer to critics who doubted if it were practical, than the fact that the agreement carried no sanctions either expressed or implied, but rested solely upon the good faith of the nations in observing the high principle to which they subscribed. Moreover, the Capper resolution, if adopted, would leave the United States in the anomalous position of framing for itself, without consultation with the other signatory Powers, a particular form of sanction to which it not only proposed to adhere as a matter of national policy, but which it was also bound to urge upon other nations; and this, notwithstanding that the Kellogg pact is a multilateral treaty which is to be changed, if it is changed at all, only with the consent of the other parties to it. There is more than one nation, we may be sure, that would hesitate a long time before ratifying the pact if the United States, following the proposal of Senator Capper, were suddenly and of its own motion to adopt a program of sanctions which finds no support in the treaty itself or in the discussions which preceded its signing or ratification.

There is a weightier objection than this, however. If the Capper resolution were adopted, the President of the United States would be called upon to pass judgment, presumably forthwith if the mischief which the resolution aims to prevent were to be prevented, upon every international dispute in which war was threatened or had actually broken out, and announce which of the contending parties was in the right. No matter how remote from any American interest the controversy might be, no matter how complicated the situation or how wide its ramifications, the President must promptly take a hand. It is no answer to the objection to say that the arms embargo for which the resolution provides is to become effective only “whenever the President determines and by proclamation declares,” and that the President might, if he found the problem too knotty, merely do nothing and let the export of arms go on. The resolution announces a national policy, intended as a support to the Kellogg pact, and the President would be morally bound to give effect to the policy if the dispute were one in which he could find any ground for rendering an opinion. The whole spirit of American foreign policy is against such intermeddling, and the intermeddling itself would be pernicious. No wonder that League officials at Geneva, only too well aware of the vexation which the question of sanctions under the Covenant has been to the League, should have exclaimed “Bravo!” when they learned of the Capper proposal to have the President of the United States take the whole responsibility off the League’s shoulders, and announce decisions which, backed by the weight of the United States, the League Council would probably lose not one moment in accepting.

The Porter resolution, if it were adopted (and Mr. Porter has announced that he intends “to make

every effort to secure action on the resolution before the adjournment” of the present session, while Senator Capper proposes to wait until the new Congress meets), would go far to perpetuate and enlarge a situation which has long been a subject of serious criticism, in Congress and out, and which ought, if possible, to be remedied rather than consecrated. Presidents Taft, Wilson and Coolidge, acting upon the authority vested in them by Congress, have imposed embargoes upon the shipment of arms to Mexico, but there has been an increasing volume of criticism of the policy which makes the United States, by act of the President and without the approval of Congress, a party to armed conflicts in Latin-American countries. The recent American intervention in Nicaragua, undertaken by the President without consulting Congress, while it resulted in an election carried through without bloodshed, is not an experience which the American people care to see repeated. The Porter resolution imposes upon the President, not only in every American country but in any other country in which the United States exercises extraterritorial jurisdiction, a duty of inquiry and decision similar to that which the Capper resolution imposes upon him with regard to every other country on the globe. Such a grant of authority goes much too far. The Constitution confers upon Congress alone the right to declare war. Precedent has allowed the President to bring about a situation in which war was inevitable, as Polk did in the war with Mexico, and to make the United States virtually a party to a domestic conflict without first consulting Congress. It is desirable that this power should be curtailed rather than enlarged, and the more because of the likelihood that it will be exercised, if at all, only against countries too weak to resist. The Constitution is still the supreme law of the land, and there is nothing but danger in departing from it.

It is earnestly to be hoped that the Capper and Porter resolutions will get no further than the committee rooms to which they will be consigned. Instead of widening the influence of the United States, they would unquestionably weaken it. They would alienate our friends and multiply our enemies. It is not for the United States to pull the League chestnuts out of the fire, or to force upon a multilateral treaty, out of hand and before the treaty itself has been generally ratified, a program of sanctions which the treaty sedulously avoids. No nation can mix in the affairs of other nations without courting for itself endless trouble, and the Capper and Porter resolutions would plunge the United States into the thick of the most difficult and vexatious controversies which international rivalry or national bad faith can stir up. The resolutions should be allowed to die.

The Totals of Taxation.

According to a report of the Tax Division of the National Industrial Conference Board, the total taxes collected by the Federal, State and local governments in the United States in the fiscal year ended in 1927 amounted to \$9,074,000,000. This astounding sum is taken from the people before they are allowed to retain anything for themselves. It is said to amount to 12% of the national income “having risen almost steadily since 1923, when it was 10.1%.” Again, divided per capita among the population it amounts to \$76.50. Nor is this all. Total gross expenditures by all government agencies,

Federal, State and local, are estimated (complete data for which are not yet available) for 1927 at approximately \$12,000,000,000. There has also been an increase in expenditures since 1923, Federal expenditures for 1926 showing a net increase, however, of only \$51,000,000, amounting to \$3,936,000,000 for 1926 as against \$3,885,000,000 in 1923. Fees, rents, interest and other miscellaneous income and borrowed funds make up the excess of expenditures over taxes collected. "Nearly half of the excess of total public expenditures over tax collections in 1927, about \$3,000,000,000, was made up of new borrowings incurred by the State and local governments, which in 1927 borrowed \$1,500,000,000 against \$1,300,000,000 in the previous year," says the New York "Times" epitome of the Conference report, from which we take the above figures.

A tentative estimate of total taxes collected in the United States for the year 1928 (for which complete returns are not available) is placed at, approximately, \$9,169,000,000. Perhaps the most telling contrast in figures is found in the per capita tax which was in 1913 pre-war total of \$22.73 as against the 1927 total, \$76.50. Another revealing contrast is in the 1921 peak of war taxation, a total of \$8,838,000,000 including heavy war expenditures as against the total collected in 1928 (estimated) \$9,169,000,000, showing that with our national debt materially decreased, though with our State and subdivisional debts increased, we are still collecting more taxes than we did in the peak year nearest the war, 1921. From all these figures, which more particular analyses and comparisons would naturally qualify to some extent, certain general deductions are permissible. The first leads us in the direction of cause. With increase of population a rising cost of government in a democracy is inevitable. But it should on this basis be moderate as well as gradual. Take our elections for an example. With the same machinery it takes more men to register and count the vote. Representation based on population must continually cost more, though we have had little in the way of reapportionment as far as the nation is concerned. But the ratio of taxation has increased more rapidly than population.

We must look to the machinery of government, therefore, for a large part of the increase. And is it not to be found in what we term bureaucracy? We govern more, not less. Bureaus, Commissions and agencies, have multiplied since the war inordinately. More are coming. Every one of the thousand and one petty statutes continually brought forth by Congress and the Legislatures adds to the cost of government. There is, it is true, an effort made to make some of these agencies pay their way, as for instance a gasoline tax to be expended on road building. But in few of these instances of inspection and supervision do we escape without some increase, not thus to be covered. Governmental machinery, whatever may be the truth about physical machinery, does make more jobs for men. And it is not too much to say that some of these government machines are created with the prime motive of making more holes for pegs. And it all costs money that can come only from taxation. And taxes can only come from the earnings of the people. The root cure, then, lies in the simplification of rule. We must get rid of the cause by reducing the offices created. We must economize in the structure and operation of government itself. We must govern less, not more.

It has been the fond hope that budgets would restrict expenditures. And in some ways they have done so. But a more effective means, if it can be established, and it can be in some way, is to place restrictions and limitations upon the power of legislative bodies to appropriate. As long as this power is unrestricted, the budget will be amenable to it. In the Constitutions of the States there were placed limits upon the objects of taxation. But in the growing complications of government these have not proved sufficiently effective. An urge for more and ever more appropriations is chargeable to the people themselves in that they are asking services from the government that do not belong to it. Paternalism is a progenitor of both laws and appropriations to execute them. Fewer services by government, fewer laws, fewer appropriations—and consequently fewer taxes. If we will apply this remedy, the economy will surely follow. But as long as we ask for Boards, Commissions, agencies, we must expect to pay for them. And as long as appropriations can be made for independent services not found in current budgets they will be compelled to appear in subsequent ones. Putting a clamp on the power to appropriate must reduce taxation.

And the holding in check of this growing drain upon the energies and resources of the people is vital to the perpetuity of republics. The power to tax is the power to destroy. Governments that oppress the people, themselves breed revolutions. Whether true or false in essence and reality the people of the United States have been made to believe that they are passing through an era of unprecedented prosperity. They have not pondered the question of taxation. Small corporations have denounced the iniquities of an unjustly graduated income tax. Hundreds of thousands under the exemption clause in the Federal income tax pay nothing. And the large corporations that *are* prosperous have been so prosperous that they have been able to pay taxes based on war needs without serious interference with their earnings. Such conditions are not healthy. When the time comes, and it is surely coming, when the pendulum of general profits swings in the opposite direction, the "fixed charges" of government will bear heavily on *all* business. Then will come protests. Then, the false theories of socialism and communism will gain recruits from the "well-to-do" as well as from the proletariat. The present murmurings will become loud outcries. And government will be held accountable for its extravagant expenditures.

Twelve per cent. of the national income is an enormous tax. In certain States on certain classes of business the rate on incomes runs far higher than this. And while the national or Federal taxation has been reduced, that of the States has shown alarming increase. This fact reveals a fault in our dual system of government. Independent autonomies voting taxes tend to lull the people to the constant taking away of their labor and property. It were better if the total of all governmental taxes could be bulked against the individual, corporation or unit of assessment. It does not seem possible, for some pay one tax and do not pay another. The country school district that at its annual meeting votes a building tax is not conscious that this adds to the grand total. The county that votes a road tax does not consider that this becomes a part of the general road tax voted by the State and duplicated by the

national government. A merchant's license tax levied by a town or city seems something apart from all other taxes. But all of these various forms come from the earnings of the people and are tributes upon toil and trade by means of inconsiderate if not extravagant or profligate governments.

We will not be able to lower taxation as a whole until the people resolve collectively to live more economically. We will not be able to rationally consider the subject until we get rid of the idea that government is the protector and progenitor of prosperity. A "Little Father" able and willing to collect funds for all public enterprises is not consonant with a representative democracy. That government rules best which first rules through its component parts, through individuals that first rule themselves. We can not have, in any one decade, the best of everything man can devise. Not only does collective extravagance breed personal extravagance but the fine things bought and builded by the government are reflected in the tastes and desires of the citizens. Frugality is the tape line by which to measure a normal and equable taxation. And it is high time to think on these things. Everyone knows the proportion of taxes caused by war—past, present, future. Somehow, we cannot escape from this burden as far as the past is concerned. We *can* escape present and future if we *will*. But surely, while in debt, we can check the governmental cost increase!

Fashions In Finance—The Merger.

Virgil Jordan, chief economist of the National Industrial Conference Board, addressing the annual convention of the Northeastern Retail Lumbermen's Association in this city, recently, talked at length on mergers and consolidations. In the course of his remarks, he said: "They have not proved, and are not likely to be, a cure-all for excess capacity, over-production or cut-throat competition, or a royal road to exceptionally large profits in any field. The courts and the government are no longer the most important check upon the merger movement. The best safeguard against the acquisition of monopoly power lies in the definite economic limits that exist to undue increase in the scale of business consolidations. . . . Mergers have to depend to-day mainly upon their potential superiority in efficiency to control or dominate the market. While such superior efficiency has been achieved in some fields, it has not been demonstrated in every instance, and in most cases it is clear that the benefits of consolidation have accrued chiefly to the consumer through lower prices. This is the most striking effect in the whole experience of American consolidations, that not the investor, or promoter, but the consumer should have benefitted most by mergers." He further said, and it is very plain language: "Many mergers that have been promoted by financial interests in recent years have been based upon exaggerated hopes or uninformed calculations of cost reduction and market control, and have disappointed investors. . . . If the merger movement is going on so strongly to-day, it is chiefly because the widespread ignorance of fundamental business conditions and the fantastic security market based upon this ignorance have offered an exceptional opportunity to unload contingent securities upon the general public. . . . Consolidation in itself has nowhere guaranteed success or obviated the necessity for hard work and good judgment on the part of the

management or fair dealing toward its public and toward its competitors. . . . It is being realized more and more clearly that the essential requirement for industrial and business success to-day is not size, but flexibility of adjustment to changing market conditions."

While there is abundant truth in these statements, it is pertinent to say that enterprises represented by consolidated corporations have come to stay because they are founded in need. Saving in operation, reductions in selling prices, more compact industrial organizations, more efficient powers of distribution of finished products, are benefits quite apart from the elimination of competition or domination of the market, and they are sufficient causes for the present trend. Yet it is proper to add that this trend has undoubtedly gotten out of hand. A noticeable fact not to be forgotten at this point is that the people are no longer afraid of size in industries—a marked change from the years when the trust-busters were beseeching Congress to curb and control by law the "blood-sucking monopolies" that were destroying the people. And this, we hold, to prove that corporate consolidations have in many ways proved their worth. But to fully appreciate the present standing of these combinations we must consider first the integral causes which drew them together. Fundamentally they were not the mere product of promoters, they were the result of genius in business expansion and organization. They served the public better than the segregated corporations that were combined.

Proof of this also is found in the fact that they have survived political onslaught and continued even in the face of adverse and restrictive laws. That form of progress which meets the demands of a growing and expanding population will always continue. In one way the bigger these industrial integers, the bigger the competition which is the safeguard of the people. As an example, the United States Steel did not prevent the growth and flowering of the Bethlehem Steel. Nor did the unscrambling of the original Standard Oil prevent the growing of present units almost or quite as large. As the speaker above quoted indicates, it is the economic conditions in which the consolidation appears which direct its destiny. Neither prejudice nor passion, neither Federal law nor financial manipulation, can prevent the unfolding of business as a natural result of the wants and needs of the people.

It is indubitably true, however, that when a people becomes mad for sudden wealth, the best of business devices and the most worthy of industrial enterprises will feel the pull and push of unbridled ambition. Have we not in many ways reached that condition in the present time? There is little doubt, as Mr. Jordan so plainly points out, that many of the mergers now being made have yet to prove their ability to stand the test of profitable operation. In the last twenty-five years, particularly in the last ten years, we have been rushing too fast into what is known as "big business." It had to come; and it will grow bigger. Where the industries knitted together by consolidations and mergers are basically sound and necessary, unless they have been carelessly joined, they will stand. But where they have been financially forced into existence without regard to essential qualities to meet imperative demands, where they have been thrown together without power to sustain themselves in competitive mar-

kets, where they have united discordant factors primarily in opposition to each other, they will fall. Sometimes mere apparent opportunity invites to disaster. New inventions have brought into existence business enterprises that have not yet found their strength, form, or ability to fill a need. No ability in construction or management can make these succeed.

And, if we pause to reflect, flexibility to meet a flexible market does not in itself augur safety and stability. A concern that must keep shifting to meet unestablished currents of trade, or variable fancies of the people, or even the researches and inventions constantly producing changes of form and service, or new and obliterating machines, cannot build wisely and solidly. The mere combination of small integers that appear to give this scope to meet all comers, and all opposition, all advance and improvement, is not an assurance of success. The cost of abandoned machinery, practices, and plants, may prove too great. And this discloses, we think, the chief danger in this haste we now witness to effect mergers. By the time the market demands over wide and dissimilar territory are met, the needs and especially the wants may have changed, and the process must be repeated.

Let us see what industrial factors can be safely merged. First, are the banks—these confront the whole of a changing business world, and in the very diversity of their loans lies a prime element of their safety and their enlarged and continued success. Second, the public utilities—for though they must meet all unforeseen improvements, the market demand is inevitably and always growing, and they will be able by slow and controllable changes to meet the costs of improvement and abandoned machinery out of normal profits. Third, the railroads—these have elements of new competition that are disheartening, but these elements of themselves constitute departures from the basic law that brought the roads into existence—the transportation of necessary and perennial products over long distances in obedience to seasonal demands—services which motor lines and air lines will never be able to perform adequately. We might inject here as an aside that the railroads are worth preserving and that public opinion and private favor should nourish their continuous success by public good-will and private patronage.

We have now developed the striking truth—that the big mergers, if they follow the laws indicated, are the best mergers. Banks may sin by trying to run branches in straight lines from coast to coast over diverse and contradictory territory. Public utilities may sin by trying to consolidate small plants scattered in shoe-string fashion, regardless of centralized power development and population—spread over too wide a scope of country. And the railroads may sin by failing to foresee the reciprocal relations between, say, agriculture and manufacture, or the trend of population movement, the growth of cities, the cross currents of trade, and the integral resources and compelling energies of established territory, or by a failure to unite the small ends of opposition (weak roads) that sometime may be powerful.

These are but a few of the elements that may be mentioned in a huge panorama of growth, development, change, and diversification of commingling industries, which sound mergers must meet. The future is hard to map. And for this reason to rush

into these consolidations because they are the fashion, because they offer a way to make money fast, is unwise. In this very rush, though it is unpleasant to say so, there is opportunity for manipulation by the issuance of securities on expectations. There is chance for what we call the unloading of undesirable properties. There is a chance, in the purchase of seemingly necessary integers, to pay too dear for the whistle. And yet, we repeat, the merger has come to stay. A large number of competing companies, and we do not mean cut-throat competition rather than the necessity by small concerns to too strenuously seek for business, is an expense that cannot long be borne. They all grow up naturally, and just as naturally (to give the greatest service at the least cost) they swing together—not into one dominating monopoly able to cover all markets, but into strong, able, capable, industries, builded to sustain themselves and to make a reasonable and continuous profit. If in the rush and heat of battle we make mistakes we will be compelled to correct them later. And if prosperity should lag correction will add to our burdens.

China and America.

A cultured Chinese gentleman, speaking here recently, introduced his address with this story: An American lady employing a Chinese butler in her suburban home told him to be very courteous in receiving her visitors. He was to open the door wide, bow, hear their requests, take their cards and show them to a chair in the parlor. He said he understood. When he had turned away she thought she would try him. Going to the back door she went around to the front and rang the bell. He answered promptly, opened the door and bowed profoundly, took the card she offered and led her into the parlor. All was satisfactory. Later the door bell rang. A lady had called, extending her card and asking to be received. He took the card, fumbled in his pockets, drew out the card the hostess had given him, held the cards together, scrutinized them carefully, and then shaking his head said "No good! No come in!" and turned his back to close the door.

This he said described China's attitude to America. She holds our card in her hands and other nations must present one like it to be welcomed. For many years America has shown herself China's friend and has taught her what she ought to expect in others.

We remember that when a century or more ago our representative sought recognition, he was told that we were not wanted and should go and stay away. The English had established relations by a show of force some time before, and our ships and traders were finding protection under their flag. The opium war came on in 1839 and others have followed; and without active participation, we have shared in all the advantages they secured. We have joined in the long list of "unequal treaties" and little regarded engagements which have accumulated since.

Following the Boxer outbreak, under the lead of Secretary Hay, we inaugurated a new policy. The "open door" was proclaimed; the bulk of the indemnity was returned; we have sought no "concessions" and have signed new treaties disclaiming extra-territoriality and recognizing China's right to control her tariff and trade. With Jan. 1 of this year these new relations went into effect, and we are foremost

in pledging ourselves to their continued recognition in spirit as in word.

This then is the situation: We have shown ourselves friendly, and a new door of opportunity and of friendly helpfulness is open. China needs primarily an established government; and wants recognition by the nations, of her national equality. Her union with us in the future in any purpose will embrace one-third of the world's population with practically incalculable resources. This at the moment is unattainable, but it presents a vision of vast possibilities. It would represent a union of the civilization of the West with that of the East, hitherto separated as by a gulf, but once united, making a union of the forces of the past with those of the present which would be a contribution to the evolution of humanity such as has never existed. Visible contact is pitifully slight. According to the customs reports of 1925 there were only 337,000 foreigners in China, of whom only 15,000 were British and 9,800 Americans. Of the rest 218,000 were Japanese, and 79,000 Russians, a total penetration of foreigners of less than one-tenth of one per cent of China's population, and about the same ratio as the Orientals in the United States bear to our total population. But how far beyond comparison is the effect of our diminutive migration! Western civilization has carried with it germs that have penetrated the entire structure and are beginning to disturb and to a degree recreate a cultural system that has stood the shock of foreign invasion for centuries. This is already the testimony of men best acquainted with the situation.

Great changes are already begun. China has definite aims. She wants a settled government as we have said. The Kuomintang created to carry out the conceptions of Sun Yat Sen, its revered leader, dominates the Government now established in Nanking, the ancient capital. It holds that democracy is not a cure-all, and that Parliamentary Government is not successful in China because the people are not ready for it. Its problem is to hold together long enough to establish new conditions. It has created a Central Executive Committee to run the State, embracing men of every class, with a Cabinet of 10, six of whom are graduates of schools in America, and four of these are Christians. Other leading men in business and industry are graduates of American universities.

Politically they aim to secure four results: There shall be no more war; China shall be one nation; a strong Government shall be established; and the people shall assume responsibility. Every effort is making to secure unity among the leaders, and that is accomplished in all but a few provinces. Soviet troops are being disbanded and work found for former soldiers. The Nation shall be consolidated and democracy on the pattern of the United States shall be striven for.

Three revolutionary attempts have been tried and failed since the overthrow of the Empire. One was, Government, as that of Napoleon, founded on bayonets, that of Chang Su Ling set up in Manchuria and extended over North China. Another that of the Soviets directed from Russia, which has been freed of its early control, and its military force reorganized for the present Administration. The third was a republic set up in Nanking founded on bayonets; and that also has passed. Assuming that the political system is in the way of being estab-

lished, the next step is the recreation of the inner life of the Nation. The years have been full of war, brigandage, plunder and ruin of homes, even of pestilence and famine, and old evils still exist in persistent force.

There is a new spirit. Sun Yat Sen's son-in-law, director of the new Bureau of Propagation of the Kuomintang, pressed three leading principles. These are: Abandon the selfish impulses of the "youth movements." Keep out of arenas of strife, conserve youth by keeping the peace. Make education productive. With the advance of the Southern army, Nanking became the headquarters of the Kuomintang, and now that the new Government has moved there from Peking it remains to be seen how thoroughly its principles will be carried out.

The desire for education seems to have taken hold of the Nation. The first step toward literacy made 10 years ago by selecting some 1,300 of the 24,000 Chinese characters and using them in an effort to teach the people to read, has advanced so rapidly by volunteer aid of hundreds of young people giving themselves to teaching the villagers, that already one great province has been covered, and the movement is set for reaching the entire population. Four simple text books are provided, costing 3 cents each. While the schools are open for every one, male and female, the chief purpose is to reach the young people. When it is remembered that the only education offered in the past has been the historic Mandarin schools for the select few whom the Government sought and taught for its own higher uses, it will be seen how great the change is and how it appeals to the people as a new privilege offered to all. It accounts in large part for the enthusiasm for education. The Government recognizes the change, has closed the former system entirely, and has moved in the new direction, ordering all schools to complete their registration by Jan. 1, 1929. Religion is to be made voluntary; and this is generally accepted by the missionary schools on the ground that Christianity is to be presented in daily life rather than by academizing it. The transformation they seek is to be individual, and to begin in a sense of need which has to be awakened.

This native educational movement links in with the new economic and social conditions. New roads are opening in all directions. Railroads and machinery will come later, by degrees, as the people are accustomed to heavy physical labor and make it productive. As money is relatively scarce, foreign merchandise chiefly available is that of small inexpensive articles, which explains the sudden popularity of cigarettes, matches, kerosene, and in lesser extent sewing machines. A marked effect of Western contact is the strong new movement of the country to the city. Hong Kong, formerly an uninhabited island has 625,000 people, of whom 95% are Chinese. Shanghai, a little over a generation ago a small fishing village, is now a city of a million and a half. The International Settlement, only a part of the metropolitan area, held 345,000 Chinese in 1910, and has 810,000 now, an increase mainly of peasants from adjoining villages. Manchuria, the former home of the Manchus, the Chinese are determined to hold as a part of their empire, is being flooded with Chinese countrymen, seeking new homes on its rich arable lands, swelling the population from twelve to twenty-five millions within the last 20 years.

The larger cities everywhere, from Hankow to Dairen, are beginning to play important roles. Old forms of finance and of business are passing; international trade demands international usage. Modern banks are appearing and foreign nations are rapidly following America's lead in abandoning the claim of extra-territoriality and recognizing China's right to fix and control her customs.

China is taking up the torch of her own advance. She is modernizing with all haste; but with Western culture "only touching the hem of her garments" and with a rooted appreciation of her own culture, cherished through long centuries, she will advance slowly and in her own way to take her part in contributing to the progressive culture of the new age—incomplete as it still is.

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

The earnings of United States railroads for the month of December make an unusually good comparison with the results for the corresponding month of the previous year. This is particularly true in the case of the net earnings where the increases in both absolute amount and in ratio are the largest of any month of the year 1928. To say this is of course the same as saying that reductions in expenses growing out of greater efficiency of operations and the development of new economies have played an important part in the improvement shown. The satisfactory nature of the comparisons is the more noteworthy inasmuch as the month had one less working day than that of the previous year, December 1928 having contained five Sundays, whereas December 1927 had only four Sundays. Stated in a nutshell, our tabulations record \$27,178,944 increase in the gross earnings, or 5.80%, and \$48,444,421 in the net earnings (before the deduction of the taxes), or 54.43%, expenses having been reduced in amount of \$21,265,477, as will appear from the following comparison of the grand totals.

Month of December—	1928.	1927.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (—).	
Miles of road (184).....	240,337	239,286	+1,051	0.04%
Gross earnings.....	\$495,574,485	\$468,395,541	+\$27,178,944	5.80%
Operating expenses.....	357,281,040	378,546,517	—21,265,477	5.62%
Ratio of expenses to earnings..	72.09%	80.81%		8.72%
Net earnings.....	\$138,293,445	\$89,849,024	+\$48,444,421	54.43%

In explanation of the improvement here disclosed, it need only be said that virtually all the conditions were favorable during the month in 1928, while on the other hand, in the previous year virtually all the leading conditions and circumstances affecting the results were unfavorable. This latter statement with reference to the results the previous year deserves to be emphasized. In reviewing the figures for December 1927 we pointed out that our compilation for that month was a duplicate of that for the month of November in the unfavorable showing it made, the two months together ranking among the very poorest of the year. Trade depression then was the common cause responsible for the unsatisfactory nature of the showing in all parts of the country, accentuated by certain special adverse circumstances and conditions. The coal carrying roads, we added, had suffered most of all, in part by reason of the mild winter weather prevailing, but even more because of the absence of certain special favoring circumstances, which had served in 1926 greatly to swell traffic and revenues.

In the remarks then made we have the clue to the great change for the better revealed by the returns for December 1928. Trade and industry were experiencing a veritable slump at the close of 1927. Contrariwise, the country's industries enjoyed great and growing activity in the closing month of 1928, as indeed they had been enjoying during virtually the whole of the year 1928. In addition, coal mining proceeded on a much larger scale than in the

previous year, even if it did not show a complete recovery. The statistics are absolutely conclusive on all the points mentioned. The increase in coal production was perhaps of most general application, since coal traffic constitutes such a universal item of traffic. Statistics just published by the United States Bureau of Mines show that 43,380,000 tons of bituminous coal were produced in the United States in December 1928, as against 41,114,000 tons in December 1927, though comparing with no less than 57,180,000 tons in 1926. The anthracite produced in December 1928 was 6,226,000 tons, as against 5,990,000 tons in December 1927 and 7,478,000 tons in December 1926.

As regards the revival of general trade, this found its manifestation in various directions, but especially in the automobile industry, and in the iron and steel trades. The production of motor vehicles in the United States in December 1928 is reported at 233,135 passenger cars and trucks, against only 133,571 in December 1927, and 167,924 in December 1926, but 316,572 in December 1925. In other words, nearly 100,000 more cars were turned out in the month under review than in the same month of the previous year. The improvement here very naturally was reflected in the iron and steel trades. According to the "Iron Age," the make of iron in the United States in December 1928 aggregated 3,369,846 tons, as against 2,695,755 tons in December 1927, and according to the American Iron & Steel Institute, the production of steel ingots aggregated 4,019,432 tons in December 1928 in comparison with only 3,175,484 tons in December 1927. It only remains to add that the carloadings, comprising freight of every kind, reveal a similar recovery, a total of 4,413,778 cars having been moved by the railroads of the United States in the five weeks of December 1928 as compared with 4,175,277 cars handled in the corresponding five weeks of 1927 and 4,490,391 in the five weeks of 1926.

In another direction there was also improvement—virtually for the first time, it may be said, during 1928. We allude to the improvement disclosed by the railroads of the Southern States. Evidently business prostration in that part of the country, which for over two years had been playing havoc with the traffic and revenues of Southern roads, has at length run its course, thereby presenting a new and brighter outlook for the future. One or two of the Florida roads, or those serving Florida, are still obliged to report some loss, at least in the gross earnings, but otherwise the larger railroad systems have escaped further losses and reductions in expenses have tended still further to improve the showing as far as the net is concerned. Thus the Atlantic Coast Line reports \$338,367 decrease in gross with \$672,627 increase in net; the Florida East Coast \$198,740 falling off in gross with \$61,-

603 gain in the net. The Seaboard Air Line, on the other hand, shows improvement in gross and net alike—\$140,718 in the former, and \$455,795 in net. The Louisville & Nashville shows \$123,884 gain in gross and \$807,309 in net. The Southern Railway on its part is able to show \$440,478 addition to gross and \$544,668 addition to net. This last is for the Southern Railway proper. For the Southern Railway system (including the Alabama Great Southern, the Cincinnati New Orleans & Texas Pacific, the New Orleans & Northeastern, the Georgia Southern & Florida and the Northern Alabama), the improvement reaches \$615,149 in the gross and \$724,068 in the net.

Elsewhere than in the South gains are nearly everywhere the rule, though there are, as is always the case, a few exceptions to the rule, such as in the case of Western Maryland, whose coal traffic is still falling below that of the preceding year, and one or two of the railroad systems in the territory gridironing the spring wheat territory of the Northwest, like the Milwaukee & St. Paul, where there was some falling off in the movement of spring wheat to market, though the spring wheat harvest in that part of the country was abundant in 1928 just as it had been in 1927. On the other hand, other systems in the Northwest are able to submit very favorable statements, which is the more significant inasmuch as in their cases comparison, as a rule, is with good results in the previous year, the roads in that territory having then been an exception to the general rule of shrinking revenues because favored by an exceptionally heavy movement of spring wheat to market. The Milwaukee & St. Paul itself, though showing a loss of \$310,143 in gross, reports a gain in the net of no less than \$1,998,314, owing to reduced expenses. The Great Northern adds \$1,045,848 to gross, but only \$274,904 to net. The Northern Pacific has enlarged gross by \$35,465 and net by \$329,623, while the Chicago North Western reports an increase of \$679,527 in gross and of \$294,906 in net. The Chicago Burlington & Quincy falls behind \$411,994 in gross, but through reduced expenses has converted this into \$1,461,590 gain in net. The Rock Island has bettered its gross by \$724,493, but shows a decrease of \$197,538 in net. The Atchison reports 1,192,744 increase in gross and \$2,077,119 increase in net, and the Union Pacific \$421,001 in gross and \$328,093 in net, but the Southern Pacific, though having enlarged its gross by \$450,646, has \$119,583 decrease in net.

The great East-and-West trunk lines all give a good account of themselves and show large gains which is natural, considering the extent of their losses in the previous year. The Pennsylvania Railroad reports \$4,927,160 increase in gross and \$5,544,906 increase in net, and the New York Central \$2,308,190 in gross and \$3,558,409 in net. This last is for the Central proper. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, the whole going to form the New York Central Lines, the result is \$3,132,185 increase in gross and 6,012,163 increase in net. The Erie reports \$1,175,536 gain in gross and \$2,530,217 in net; the Baltimore & Ohio \$940,350 in gross and \$2,808,230 in net, and the Wabash \$1,135,738 in gross and \$1,167,795 in net. In New England the New York New Haven & Hartford has to its credit a gain of \$365,504 in gross and of \$1,030,564 in net. Perhaps the most noteworthy showing of all is that of the Central Vermont which is comparing

with the period of the flood disaster in the previous year and reports \$361,232 gain in gross and no less than \$2,936,522 gain in net, it having been operated at a heavy deficit in December 1927. In the following we show all changes for the separate roads for amounts in excess of \$100,000, whether increases or decreases, and in both gross and net:

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

	Increase.		Increase.
Pennsylvania.....	\$4,927,160	Central of New Jersey..	\$270,323
New York Central.....	2,308,190	Yazoo & Mississippi Val.	265,078
Norfolk & Western.....	1,507,189	Colorado & Southern (2)	228,792
Atch Top & Sante Fe (3)	1,192,744	Chic Ind & Louisville....	221,239
Erie (3).....	1,175,536	Lehigh Valley.....	180,578
Wabash.....	1,135,738	Elgin Joliet & Eastern...	149,172
Great Northern.....	1,045,848	Cin New Ori & Tex Pac...	142,236
Chesapeake & Ohio.....	957,048	Seaboard Air Line.....	140,718
Reading.....	940,350	Union RR (Penn).....	139,718
Chic Rock Is & Gulf (2)	881,243	Galveston Wharf.....	137,862
Chicago & North Western	724,493	Det Grand Haven & Mil.	125,612
Texas & Pacific.....	679,527	Louisville & Nashville...	123,884
Missouri Pacific.....	652,774	Ann Arbor.....	108,628
Grand Trunk Western...	639,682	Indiana Harbor Belt...	107,617
Michigan Central.....	557,411	St Louis Southw (2)....	104,481
Missouri Kans Tex Lines	551,457		
Detroit Toledo & Ironton	534,373	Total (57 roads).....	\$28,302,295
Southern Pacific (2)....	486,892		Decrease.
Illinois Central.....	450,646	Chic Burl & Quincy.....	\$411,994
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie.	477,355	Kansas City, Mexico &	
Southern Railway.....	449,371	Orient of Texas.....	339,375
Union Pacific (4).....	b440,478	Atlantic Coast Line....	338,367
Hocking Valley.....	421,001	Chic Mil St Paul & Pac.	310,143
N Y N H & Hartford.....	375,616	Clev Cin Chic & St Louis	251,514
Central Vermont.....	365,504	Western Maryland.....	218,687
Wheeling & Lake Erie...	361,232	Florida East Coast.....	198,740
Del Lack & Western.....	355,382	Atlantic & St Lawrence.	169,571
Western Pacific.....	331,083	Terminal Railroad Asso-	
Pere Marquette.....	305,943	ciation of St Louis....	160,892
Bessemer & Lake Erie...	299,910		
	294,951	Total (9 roads).....	\$ 2,429,283

a These figures merely cover the operations of the New York Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the result is an increase of \$3,132,185.

b This is the result for the Southern Railway proper. Including the Alabama Great Southern, the Cincinnati New Orleans & Texas Pacific, the Georgia Southern & Florida, the New Orleans & Northeastern and the Northern Alabama, the whole going to form the Southern Railway System, the result is an increase of \$615,149.

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

	Increase.		Increase.
Pennsylvania.....	\$5,544,906	Chic Ind & Louisville....	\$301,238
New York Central.....	3,558,409	Chicago & North West.	294,906
Central Vermont.....	2,936,522	Illinois Term nal.....	284,225
Baltimore & Ohio.....	2,808,230	Wheeling & Lake Erie...	281,147
Erie (3).....	2,530,217	Great Northern.....	274,904
Atch Top & Sante Fe (3)	2,077,119	Detroit & Mackinac...	273,146
Chic Mil St Paul & Pac.	1,998,314	Pere Marquette.....	250,571
Chesapeake & Ohio.....	1,985,148	Denver & Rio Grande	
Boston & Maine.....	1,852,667	Western.....	248,834
Chic Burl & Quincy.....	1,461,590	Indiana Harbor Belt...	236,981
Wabash.....	1,167,795	Lehigh Valley.....	219,792
Missouri Pacific.....	1,100,421	Western Pacific.....	210,490
Illinois Central.....	1,069,664	Elgin Joliet & Eastern...	198,234
Clev Cin Chic & St Louis	1,050,178	West Jersey & Seashore.	188,826
N Y N H & Hartford.....	1,030,564	Chicago & Eastern Ill...	170,394
Norfolk & Western.....	971,162	Chicago River & Ind...	166,691
Reading.....	864,805	Texas & Pacific.....	163,481
Louisville & Nashville...	807,309	Central of Georgia.....	160,944
Atlantic Coast Line....	672,627	Chicago Great Western	157,841
Michigan Central.....	622,926	Det Gr Haven & Mil....	132,158
Southern Railway.....	b544,668	Los Angeles & Salt Lake	130,444
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie.	531,142	Kansas City, Mexico &	
Detroit Toledo & Ironton	462,166	Orient of Texas.....	114,216
Grand Trunk Western...	462,166	Midland Valley.....	114,189
Seaboard Air Line.....	455,795	Kansas City Southern..	101,481
Yazoo & Mississippi Val.	449,494		
Bessemer & Lake Erie...	444,493	Total (69 roads).....	\$47,562,309
Del Lack & Western.....	428,087		Decrease.
Hocking Valley.....	377,173	Chicago St Paul Min-	
New Or Tex & Mex (3)	350,898	neapolis & Omaha....	\$254,960
Colorado & Southern (2)	339,175	Western Maryland.....	202,232
Union RR (Penn).....	338,810	Chic Rock Is & Pacific (2)	197,538
Northern Pacific.....	329,623	St Louis San Fran (3)...	158,960
Missouri Kan Tex Lines	329,186	Los Angeles & St Lawrence	130,076
Union Pacific (4).....	328,093	Southern Pacific (2)...	119,583
Minneapolis St Paul & Sault Ste Marie.....	317,206	Terminal Railroad Asso-	
Kansas City, Mexico & Orient.....	305,328	ciation of St Louis....	104,423
		Total (7 roads).....	\$ 1,167,772

a These figures merely cover the operations of the New York Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the result is an increase of \$6,012,163.

b This is the result for the Southern Railway proper. Including the Alabama Great Southern, the Cincinnati New Orleans & Texas Pacific, Georgia Southern & Florida, the New Orleans & Northeastern, and the Northern Alabama, the whole going to form the Southern Railway System, the result is an increase of \$724,068.

Speaking once more of the roads collectively, it has been indicated above that comparison is with notably unfavorable results in the previous year. Only part of the loss then sustained in the gross has been recovered in the month under review, but more than the whole amount of the loss in net. In other words, while we have for December 1928, as noted at the outset of this article, \$27,178,944 gain in gross and \$48,444,421 gain in net, in December 1927 the falling off in the gross was no less than \$59,294,705, though the falling off in the net was only \$28,169,018. Even the showing in 1926 was a poor one, there having then been only \$2,943,972 gain in gross and \$15,267,349 loss in net. In the years prior to 1926, likewise the December showing did not come fully up to expectations. In December 1925 the exhibit

Parkersburg, W. Va., and a line thence to the southwestern corner of Maryland and by the Potomac River to its mouth.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Pocahontas Region.—This region comprises the section north of the southern boundary of Virginia, east of Kentucky and the Ohio River north to Parkersburg, W. Va., and south of a line from Parkersburg to the southwestern corner of Maryland and thence by the Potomac River to its mouth.

Southern Region.—This region comprises the section east of the Mississippi River and south of the Ohio River to a point near Kenova, W. Va., and a line thence following the eastern boundary of Kentucky and the southern boundary of Virginia to the Atlantic.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

Northwestern Region.—This region comprises the section adjoining Canada lying west of the Great Lakes region, north of a line from Chicago to Omaha and thence to Portland and by the Columbia River to the Pacific.

Central Western Region.—This region comprises the section south of the Northwestern region, west of a line from Chicago to Peoria and thence to St. Louis, and north of a line from St. Louis to Kansas City and thence to El Paso and by the Mexican boundary to the Pacific.

Southwestern Region.—This region comprises the section lying between the Mississippi River south of St. Louis and a line from St. Louis to Kansas City and thence to El Paso and by the Rio Grande to the Gulf of Mexico.

Western roads in December (taking them collectively) suffered a contraction in their grain traffic, and with the single exception of corn, which showed a slight increase, the falling off extended to all the different cereals. Thus the receipts of wheat at the Western primary markets for the four weeks ended Dec. 29 1928 were 30,352,000 bushels, as against 31,144,000 bushels in the corresponding period of 1927; the receipts of corn 39,944,000 bushels, as compared with 39,296,000 bushels; the receipts of oats 11,240,000 bushels, as against 12,084,000 bushels; of barley 5,599,000 bushels, as against 6,178,000 bushels, and the receipts of rye 1,603,000 bushels, against 2,772,000 bushels. At all the Western primary markets combined the receipts for the five cereals (wheat, corn, oats, barley and rye) for the four weeks ended Dec. 29 aggregated 88,702,000 bushels, as against 91,474,000 bushels in the corresponding period of 1927. In the following table we give the details of the Western grain movement in our usual form:

WESTERN FLOUR AND GRAIN RECEIPTS.

4 Weeks Ended		Flour (bbls.)	Wheat (bush.)	Corn (bush.)	Oats (bush.)	Barley (bush.)	Rye (bush.)
Dec. 29	Chicago						
1928	1927	935,000	1,542,000	16,721,000	4,010,000	969,000	493,000
		1,180,000	1,233,000	9,477,000	5,584,000	900,000	428,000
<i>Madison</i>							
1928	1927	145,000	76,000	3,232,000	684,000	1,039,000	43,000
		243,000	77,000	1,474,000	375,000	961,000	88,000
<i>St. Louis</i>							
1928	1927	498,000	2,713,000	3,732,000	1,471,000	206,000	1,000
		540,000	2,373,000	2,589,000	1,508,000	160,000	41,000
<i>Toledo</i>							
1928	1927	-----	540,000	284,000	359,000	9,000	3,000
		-----	1,017,000	493,000	484,000	1,000	13,000
<i>Detroit</i>							
1928	1927	-----	121,000	88,000	86,000	6,000	13,000
		-----	448,000	78,000	179,000	2,000	41,000
<i>Peoria</i>							
1928	1927	263,000	133,000	2,747,000	766,000	250,000	-----
		304,000	152,000	2,255,000	691,000	120,000	-----
<i>Duluth</i>							
1928	1927	-----	7,316,000	439,000	153,000	793,000	589,000
		-----	7,777,000	25,000	139,000	2,086,000	1,756,000
<i>Minneapolis</i>							
1928	1927	-----	8,110,000	2,121,000	1,741,000	2,320,000	461,000
		-----	8,903,000	1,187,000	1,585,000	1,930,000	358,000
<i>Kansas City</i>							
1928	1927	-----	5,428,000	3,732,000	346,000	-----	-----
		-----	4,789,000	9,664,000	198,000	-----	-----
<i>Omaha and Indianapolis</i>							
1928	1927	-----	1,789,000	4,055,000	1,208,000	-----	-----
		-----	1,936,000	8,116,000	1,044,000	10,000	-----
<i>Stout City</i>							
1928	1927	-----	166,000	1,756,000	278,000	7,000	-----
		-----	227,000	1,629,000	266,000	4,000	1,000
<i>St. Joseph</i>							
1928	1927	-----	816,000	666,000	64,000	-----	-----
		-----	458,000	2,137,000	120,000	-----	-----
<i>Wichita</i>							
1928	1927	-----	1,602,000	371,000	38,000	-----	-----
		-----	1,898,000	89,000	25,000	-----	-----
<i>Total All</i>							
1928	1927	1,842,000	30,352,000	39,944,000	11,204,000	5,599,000	1,603,000
		2,267,000	31,144,000	39,296,000	12,084,000	6,178,000	2,772,000

The Western livestock movement, on the other hand, was larger than in December of the previous year. At Chicago the receipts comprised 22,133 carloads in December 1928, against 20,640 carloads in December 1927; at Kansas City 7,286 carloads, against 7,059 carloads, but at Omaha 5,206 carloads against 6,146 cars.

Coming now to the cotton movement in the South this was on a greatly increased scale as compared with December 1927, in which latter year the crop was very small. Gross shipments overland in December 1928 were 171,900 bales as against 138,903 bales in December 1927, but comparing with 229,232 bales in December 1926; 245,888 bales in December

1925, and 285,573 bales in December 1924. Receipts of the staple at the Southern outports in December 1928 aggregated 1,260,645 bales, as against only 695,985 bales in December 1927, 1,606,850 bales in December 1926, 1,313,425 bales in December 1925, and 1,376,675 bales in December 1924, as will be seen by the subjoined table.

RECEIPTS OF COTTON AT SOUTHERN PORTS IN DECEMBER FOR SIX YEARS, 1923 TO 1928, INCLUSIVE.

Ports.	Month of December.					
	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.	1923.
Galveston	421,172	206,941	483,603	517,655	557,021	374,594
Texas City, &c.	384,668	234,110	492,227	235,124	257,278	192,047
New Orleans	281,217	152,908	338,823	330,280	359,485	243,334
Corpus Christi	8,337	1,423	-----	-----	-----	-----
Mobile	41,393	16,841	44,975	29,604	25,907	11,874
Pensacola, &c.	143	633	990	3,254	2,250	519
Savannah	40,097	29,465	102,091	84,892	67,181	43,827
Brunswick	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	489
Charleston	16,071	13,624	56,003	31,876	37,610	28,284
Wilmington	24,991	12,358	19,555	14,683	37,610	17,657
Norfolk	40,522	27,682	68,583	66,057	32,333	70,361
Lake Charles	2,034	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total	1,260,645	695,985	1,606,850	1,313,425	1,376,675	982,986

Different Types of Investment Trusts.

[From an address delivered on Dec. 20 by Jerome Thralls before the Cincinnati Association of Credit Men.]

During the last five years, there have been several outstanding examples of value given to the American investors and the investment banking world by several types of investment trusts. Barely a half dozen trusts formed in this country have a record of five years management behind them. These half dozen trusts, however, have records of outstanding successes. They embrace a management trust of the purely British type, which includes in its portfolio chiefly American bonds and stocks, and international investment companies which diversify their resources equally between European and American securities, and participate in underwritings with originating investment banking houses; and investment companies specializing in public utilities; and another specializing in stocks of insurance companies.

Broadly speaking, the investment trust idea as devised to meet conditions in the United States has resulted in the formation of four different types of trusts.

Numerically the largest is the "Unrestricted Management" type, which perhaps may more properly be called an "Investment Company." This type sells its own securities to the investing public, usually through the medium of underwriting by a banking group. The securities so offered follow the accustomed pattern of first mortgage bonds, debentures, preferred stocks and capital stock. The senior securities usually are underlaid by bonds or stocks purchased by the trust in the open market. The portfolio of underlying stocks and bonds generally represent in dollar market value, from 110 to 125% the par of the senior securities offered to investors. It has been estimated that over 80% of the trusts formed in this country are of this broad general type. There are no restrictions as to the operations of the management, except that the policy of the management is usually defined as placing a certain proportion of the funds of the company in bonds and other senior securities, and a limited amount in common stocks, with perhaps a restriction that not more than 5% of the funds may be placed in the securities, senior or junior, of any given corporation.

Of the remaining classifications, numerically the largest is the management company which specializes in the securities of a given industry. Some notable successes have been made by management companies specializing in public utility securities alone, others in insurance securities solely. These are called "Specialized Trusts," and their appeal has been that a management trained for a business life-time in one specific field prima facie can make a wiser selection of securities in that field than can the average investor, or even the average investment banker.

The third class is known as the "Fixed Trust." This type is what the Courts have declared to be a true "Trust." The management of such a trust purchases a designated list of securities, usually comprised of the issues of from thirty to fifty corporations. A list of the securities is printed in the offering circular, and the combined financial statements of the corporations in the trust are also submitted to the investor before he invests in the shares of the Trust. The securities are placed, as purchased, in trust, either with a trust company or the trust department of a

bank. Against the securities there is issued what is known as "Collateral Trustee Shares," instruments patterned somewhat after the well known "Collateral Trust Bond." The trustee bank is a party to a deed of trust or Trust Indenture, under the terms of which the deposited securities are held in trust, and under the terms of which there is issued series of Collateral Trustee Shares authenticated by the bank and sold by the management company to the investing public. The term of these "fixed trusts" is usually 20 years and at the termination of the trust, the trustee bank liquidates the securities and turns the proceeds over to the investors who then own the collateral trustee shares. In the meantime, the trustee bank collects all dividends, exercises or sells all rights, warrants and other accumulations originating from the securities held in the portfolio, and pays the proceeds in dividends semi-annually to the holders of the collateral trustee shares. A security, once placed in the portfolio of the "fixed trust," cannot be sold but must be held in the trust for the full twenty years or other designated term of the trust.

During the last 18 months, there has arisen a modification of the fixed trust, known as the "Designated Trust." This type of trust has been a product of the demand by investors for a type of trust which designates in advance exactly what corporate securities the investors' funds may be placed in at the time of his investment or at any future time during the life of the trust. It is intended to give the investor opportunity to analyze the statements, and asset and earning power of each security in the trust, or which in the future can be placed in the trust, before he purchases its Collateral Trust Shares. The "designated trust" may be regarded as a true "trust." Its securities are also deposited under a trust indenture with a bank or trust company, which acts as Trustee for the term of the trust. The "designated trust" differs chiefly from the "fixed trust" in that it has a primary list and a reserve list, each designating certain securities. The primary list sets forth the securities owned by the trust, at the time its shares are first offered to the public. The reserve list designates exactly which securities can be purchased by the trust in the event that it sells, for any reason, a security held in its primary list. This type of trust has certain limited freedom of management, while a fixed trust has no freedom of management or need for management once the securities in the trust are decided upon.

A number of trusts of the "designated" type have issued more than one series of "Collateral Trustee Shares." A start has been made in what might be termed an experimental way, by a few trusts of this character to issue series of collateral trust shares based on the ownership of bank stocks. These bank stock series have sold more readily than most any other type that has been brought out in America.

There has not yet been offered to the public an opportunity to invest in the shares of a trust or investment company formed exclusively for the purpose of specializing in shares of financial institutions and managed by men who have had a business lifetime of experience in all branches of commercial banking. The demand for such a trust has been definitely suggested by the unusual success of the bank trust shares or series brought out by trusts originally organized for a general investment purpose.

The American public has definitely turned toward a desire to own common stocks. An interesting example of the way investors have turned from bond investment alone to a combination of bonds and stocks is illustrated by the announcement of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company that its stockholders' list has reached the amazing total of 300,000 people. A number of our leading railroads and public utilities have more than 50,000 stockholders on their books.

The popularity of well selected investment securities is largely based on the desire of the investing public to diversify the placement of their funds between the conventional pattern of first mortgage bonds and a selection of common stocks which can reasonably be expected to grow in value with the prosperity of the United States. The investor realizes that the selection of these common stocks so as to secure first of all, safety; second, a reasonable yield and third, opportunity for consistent and considerable growth, is a job for the specialist, and is beyond the capacity in training, time and experience of the average in-

vestor. Hence, the willingness of the investor to purchase securities of an investment trust or company managed by bankers and business men with years of experience and perhaps of personal acquaintance with the leading corporations in the essential industries in the country. The investor realizes although he may have purchased a common stock, well protected at the time of purchase by large assets, accumulated surplus and liberal earnings, that in order to be assured of the continued safety of his holding, someone, either the investor or a delegated authority, must constantly watch the earning position of the corporation and the position of the industry it serves in order to be assured of the continued safety of the investment.

In these days of intensive competition in all branches of industry the business man of substantial affairs finds his day entirely filled with the pressure of his own business. Success means constant application. Growth brings increasing problems. Business men of large affairs realize that they cannot successfully specialize in more than one industry and do justice to each. The study of the shifting positions of many corporations is too great a task for a mind already intensively engaged in private business. Therefore, a proven management of an investment trust or company finds many investors willing to delegate to it the task of selecting securities of unquestioned safety and of constantly scrutinizing the selection to the end that it remains first of all safe, and second, the best selection that can be made from the standpoint of yield and possibilities of growth of the investor's principal.

Another factor in the rapid growth in popularity of the investment trust idea in the United States is the result of the creed of diversity, preached for years by investment bankers in relation to bond investment. It has become recognized by investors at large that the first mortgage bond of a single corporation must be less safe than is a selection of twenty first mortgage bonds issued by twenty leading corporations located in different sections of the country.

This acceptance of the idea of great safety of principal obtained through wide diversity coupled with the desire of the American people to own common stocks and thus share in the growth of corporations of issue and the industries they serve, has created an ever increasing demand for securities of investment trusts and investment companies.

No individual investor can begin to exercise the requisite care and close scrutiny that are necessary to maintain selections of widely diversified securities of unquestioned safety. The responsibility for such selection can be entrusted to experienced and competent management of highly reputable investment companies.

In selecting the company that is to serve him, the investor should bear in mind the fact that a company to be strong and highly reputable must have first of all men of experience, ability and good reputation in its management.

This new idea of investment operation has many good features to commend it to the American investor. It is expanding rapidly. It has already absorbed investment capital in excess of a billion dollars. Any branch of business that engages so much of the country's investment and credit resources deserves the watchful consideration of every credit man.

The investment trust, or investment company, as it is more appropriately styled here, is an instrumentality of tremendous value in times of peace. It is also a most helpful factor in times of war.

When England was struggling in her effort to finance the World War, she found in the holdings of her investment trusts huge lots of foreign securities which proved to be one of that country's most helpful and most valuable resources.

Like the Federal Reserve system and the open discount market, these new investment facilities that we are developing here are not only a valuable device in our domestic progress, but one that is essential in carrying on the work of a world banker and a creditor nation.

Report on Hoch-Smith Inquiry.

Washington advices published in the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 14 stated:

A readjustment of inter-State rates on sand and gravel, crushed stone and related commodities in Southwestern territory is urged on the Inter-State Commerce Commission in a report by Examiner E. H. Waters.

The report, made under the Commission's general investigation of these rates pursuant to the Hoch-Smith Resolution, also recommends a basis of rates for intra-State application between Louisiana points.

B. H. Meyer of Inter-State Commerce Commission Finds Hoch-Smith Edict Unworkable—Holds Resolution Attempts to Balance Prosperity Through Railroad Rates.

The Hoch-Smith Resolution "attempts to make the railroads in the United States the shock absorber and balance wheel for the entire economic life of the country to the extent to which this may be accomplished through the instrumentality of railroad rates," according to Inter-State Commerce Commissioner B. H. Meyer, in a recent address before the Traffic Club of Milwaukee. In fact, he maintained (we quote from "Railroad Data," Feb. 1), literal and complete execution of all its provisions is probably beyond the power of any body of men, for the program would keep a "hundred Solomons busy for a hundred years."

His address in part is taken as follows from "Railroad Data":

"From the time of its creation to the passage of the Hoch-Smith Resolution, the Inter-State Commerce Commission had said hundreds, and probably thousands, of times in its official reports that its duty under the law was to deal with transportation conditions and not with commercial conditions. The dividing line between transportation conditions and commercial conditions is often difficult to draw, and overlapping of the two domains is common. In a certain sense, the Commission had always given consideration to commercial conditions, but this was rather in an incidental and indirect way by giving weight to such well-known factors as value, risk, competitive articles, and other considerations known to every experienced traffic man.

Law Has Revolutionary Effect.

"The Hoch-Smith Resolution changed all this. It not only authorizes but it directs us to take into consideration commercial conditions. This

in a word is what may be termed the revolutionary effect of that piece of legislation.

"Please note that two great considerations pointed out in this language are that we shall weigh the conditions which at any given time prevail in our several industries and further that we shall do whatever it may be possible for us to do to promote the free movement of commodities. Here we have a general legislative mandate which is not confined to a limited group of commodities but it embraces all commodities. It embraces everything which the railroads carry, everything contained in our classifications with their more than 10,000 items.

Outlines Duty of the Commission.

"The second paragraph of the resolution is long, and contains provisions of the highest significance. It authorizes and directs the Commission to make a thorough investigation of the rate structure of common carriers subject to the Inter-States Commerce Act. We are to study the character of all of these rates and subject them to the tests laid down in the law. We are to measure the burdens which existing rates impose upon different commodities, to study the advantages and disadvantages of various localities and parts of the country, to apply the tests of the law to all classes of traffic and to all kinds of commodities; and then, having done all these things, we are to make changes, adjustments, and redistributions of the burden of transportation wherever our investigations suggest such changes should be made. In making these changes, adjustments and redistributions of the transportation burden we are to keep in view three leading factors: (1) the general and comparative levels in market value of the different classes and kinds of commodities through a period of years; (2) a natural and proper development of the country as a whole; and (3) the maintenance of an adequate system of transportation.

"Please reflect upon the scope and meaning of these instructions from Congress. The men present in this room are nearly all engaged in industry and commerce. Will you please tell me whether the manner in which you are conducting your industry and the places in which you have located them indicate that you are contributing your share to a natural and proper development of the country as a whole? I assume that you are, but how can we know? What tests are to be applied in order to determine whether national development is proceeding along sound lines or along lines that should be diverted or obliterated? What is a natural and proper development of the country? These are mighty questions of the highest importance and the Commission must answer them."

The New Capital Flotations during the Month of January

New financing in this country during January, the opening month of the new year, reached an imposing aggregate. The amount of the new issues brought to market during the month was not quite as large as that for December, when a new high record for any month of any year was established, but nevertheless the total ran well in excess of a billion dollars, which surely must be considered a notable achievement in view of the continued tension in the money market and the high rates of interest prevailing there for all classes of loans.

Our compilation, as always, includes the stock, bond and note issues by corporations and by States and municipalities, foreign and domestic, and also farm loan emissions. The grand total of the offering of securities under these various heads during January reached in exact figures \$1,063,012,703. In December the offerings aggregated \$1,178,859,551, or far in excess, as already stated, of any previous monthly total. In November 1928 the offerings were \$961,566,999. In October before full recovery had occurred from the mid-summer slump which was such a conspicuous feature of the 1928 financing, the new emissions were \$797,508,691. As against these amounts, the aggregate of the new issues brought out during September was only \$543,095,069 and that for August no more than \$267,001,422, this last standing as the smallest amount of new financing done in any month of any year since July 1923. In the diminutive figures just given, we see reflected the very pronounced slowing down which occurred during the summer of last year in the bringing out of new stock and bond issues for public subscription because of the money tension and the readjustment of security values that this made necessary.

In July, also, of last year, the money situation, along with the congested condition of the bond market, operated to hold down the appeals to the money and investment markets and as a consequence the aggregate of the new capital issues brought out in that month reached no more than \$446,542,439. On the other hand, during June the grand total of the offering of new securities ran above a billion dollars, the same as now for the month of January, the precise amount for June 1928 having been \$1,029,567,131. In May 1928 the total of new financing also exceeded a billion dollars, the exact amount being \$1,033,438,110. In April the new offerings aggregated \$1,057,531,542, this having been the largest amount ever recorded for any month of any year up to that time. In March of last year the new issues totaled \$970,625,316; in February they were \$879,530,021.

The present total of \$1,063,012,703 for January 1929 compares with only \$762,967,579 in January of last year. The municipal awards during the month were relatively small owing to the difficulty of effecting sales of municipal securities because of the relatively low return which these yield, even though this yield now is vastly higher than it was prior to last July, and the grand total of the municipal securities brought out during January 1929 was no more than \$72,916,565. This compares with \$99,246,627 in January 1928 when the municipal disposals were also relatively light. The new corporation issues again hold the center of the field, these accounting for \$970,276,138 out of the grand total of \$1,063,012,703. In January of last year, the new corporation emissions footed up no more than \$577,072,952. The characteristic of these new corporation issues noted in all other recent months, is again in evidence in the figures for January. We refer to the fact that the bulk of the financing consisted of new stock issues rather than new bond issues. The offering of common stock reached \$495,720,388 and the offering of preferred \$128,117,750. The total for the two classes of stock, it will be seen, is \$623,838,138. This compares with only \$136,769,952 in January of last year. In this we are speaking of the domestic corporation issues. The foreign corporate issues were relatively small. The corporate bond issues aggregate \$306,878,000 in January 1929, against \$337,042,000 in January 1928, and the amount of short term issues \$15,560,000 against \$16,980,000.

An analysis of the corporate offerings during January shows that industrial and miscellaneous corporations continue to account for the bulk of the financing credited to corporations. They aggregated \$706,528,662, or more than 72% of the total corporate offerings. In December they totaled \$714,141,555 and comprised nearly 72% of the corporate aggregate that month. Public utility issues during January totaled \$202,134,476, exceeding by a bare 2 million the total of \$199,707,527 during December. Railroad financing during January amounted to \$61,613,000 against \$79,479,000 for the previous month.

Total corporate offerings, foreign and domestic, during January were, as already stated, \$970,276,138 and of this amount stock issues, foreign and domestic, comprised no less than \$632,738,138, long-term issues totaled \$321,978,000, while short-term obligations aggregated only \$15,560,000. The portion devoted to refunding was \$142,547,192, or nearly 15% of the total. In December the amount which went into refunding was only \$61,654,750, or about 6¼% of the total while in January a year ago \$165,028,100, or almost 29% of the total, was used for this purpose. The more prominent issues brought out during January of this year

for refunding purposes were as follows: 296,252 shares of Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co. common stock (par \$50), offered at \$105 per share, involving \$31,106,460 to be used entirely in retiring 5% notes due Sept. 1 1946, and 447,912 shares of Mid-Continent Petroleum Corp. common stock offered at \$31 per share, involving \$13,885,272 to be used in retiring bonds and preferred stock.

The total of \$142,547,192 used for refunding in January (1929) comprised \$35,203,500 new long-term to refund existing long-term, \$8,500,000 new long-term to refund existing short-term, \$13,000,000 new long-term to retire existing stock, \$4,726,000 new short-term to refund existing short-term, \$55,377,560 new stock to retire existing long-term, \$3,362,000 new stock to retire existing short-term and \$22,378,132 new stock to replace existing stock.

Foreign corporate securities floated here during January aggregated \$24,000,000 as against \$56,211,000 in December. The January offerings were as follows: Canadian: \$4,000,000 Dominion Tar and Chemical Co. Ltd., deb. 6s "A" 1949, priced at par; \$4,500,000 of the same company's 6½% cum pref. offered at \$100 per share with a bonus of 5 shares of common on every 10 shares of preference; \$2,500,000 Montreal Tramways Co. gen. and ref. 4½s "C" 1955, offered at 90½, to yield about 5.15%; \$1,400,000 Standard Fuel Co. Ltd. 6½% cum pref. offered at \$100 per share, a bonus of ½ share of common accompanying each preferred share: \$1,600,000 United Securities Ltd. coll tr 5½s "B" 1952, offered at 100½, yielding 5.46% and \$3,000,000 Western Grain Co. Ltd. 1st mtge 6s A 1949, sold at par. Other foreign offerings comprised: 50,000 American shares of Pirelli Company of Italy offered at \$60 per share and \$4,000,000 Prussian Electric Co. (Germany) deb. 6s 1954, priced at 91, to yield 6.75%.

Among the domestic issues during January, the largest was 3,250,000 shares Petroleum Corp. of America capital stock offered at \$34 per share, involving \$110,500,000. Other industrial and miscellaneous issues of exceptional size comprised: \$35,000,000 Allegheny Corp. coll. tr conv. 5s 1944, offered at par; 296,252 shares Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co. common stock (par \$50) offered at \$105 per share, involving \$31,106,460; \$25,000,000 Tri-Continental Corp. 6% cum pref. offered at \$104 per share; 1,000,000 shares of common stock of the same company, offered at \$27 per share, involving \$27,000,000; \$25,000,000 American International Corp. conv. deb. 5½s 1949, priced at 105, yielding 5.10%; 750,000 shares Prudential Investors, Inc. common stock, offered at \$27 per share, involving \$20,250,000; \$20,000,000 Pittsburgh Coal Co., deb. 6s 1949, offered at par; 150,000 shares The Winslow Lanier International Corp., common stock offered at \$100 per share, involving \$15,000,000 and 1,500,000 shares International Paper & Pr. Co., class C common stock offered at \$10 per share, involving \$15,000,000.

Public utility financing during January was featured by the following: 257,162 shares Middle West Utilities Co. common stock offered at \$130 per share, involving \$33,431,060; \$25,000,000 Associated Gas & Electric Co. conv. deb. 4½s 1949, offered at 95, yielding 4.90%; 814,832 shares of United Corp. common stock offered to stockholders of American Superpower Corp. at \$25 per share, involving \$20,370,800; 800,000 shares United Corp. common stock which, with option warrants for 2,000,000 shares of common stock, were purchased by organizers of the corporation for \$20,000,000 cash; \$10,000,000 The Milwaukee Electric Ry. & Lt. Co. ref. & 1st mtge. 5s "B" 1961, offered at 100¼; \$8,150,000 Kentucky Utilities Co. 1st mtge 5s series I, 1969, offered at 99, to yield 5.06% and \$8,000,000 Penn-Ohio Edison Co. deb. 5½s "B" 1959, offered at 96½, to yield 5.75%.

Railroad financing during January included \$32,000,000 Railway Express Agency, Inc. serial 5s "A" due 1929-48, all maturities priced at par, excepting those prior to Sept. 1, 1931, which were not publicly offered and \$24,784,000 The Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. Co. ref. and imp. mtge. 4½s "A" 1993, offered at 95, to yield 4.74%.

Three foreign government loans aggregating \$15,750,000 were sold here in January as against \$13,000,000 in December. The new offerings were: \$1,750,000 Dept. of Antioquia (Colombia) ext. secured 7s "D" 1945, issued at 93, to yield 7.75%; \$10,000,000 Republic of Cuba public works 5½% serial cdfs. due 1932-33, offered at par and \$4,000,000 Province of Hanover (Germany) Harz Water Works Loan second series 6½s 1949, priced at 94½, to yield 7.00%.

There were no farm loan offerings during January.

Offerings of various securities during the month, which did not represent new financing by the companies them-

selves, and which, therefore, are not included in our totals, embraced the following: 31,250 shares (J. D.) Adams Mfg. Co. common stock, offered at \$40 per share; 43,800 shares American Commercial Alcohol Corp. common stock price on application; 70,000 shares Art Metal Works, Inc. common stock, priced at \$36 per share; 300,000 shares Automatic Registering Machine Co. Inc., conv. prior participating stock, offered at \$31 per share, every 3 shares carrying 1 share of common; \$2,500,000 Brown Durell Co. 6½% cum. conv. pref. priced at \$100 per share; 12,500 shares of the same company's common stock offered at \$30 per share; 80,000 shares The Bullard Co. common stock, priced at the market; 20,000 shares Campe Corp. (Del.) common stock offered at \$27 per share; 40,000 units Canal Construction Co. (Del) priced at \$27½ per unit of one share convertible pref. and ½ share common stock; 100,000 shares Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co. \$3½ cum. div. conv. pref. offered at \$55 per share; 25,000 shares Compo Shoe Machinery Corp. (Del) common stock, price on application; 82,175 shares Consolidated Aircraft Corp. (Buffalo, N. Y.) common stock, offered at \$25 per share. 10,000 shares Consolidated Instrument Co. of America, Inc. common stock offered at \$12½; block of Consolidated Steel Corp. \$1.75 cum. pref. offered at \$25½ per share; 70,000 shares Fabrics Finishing Corp. common stock, offered at \$22½ per share; 100,000 shares Federal Water Service Corp. class "A" stock, priced at \$57½ per share; 25,000 shares Grand Rapids Varnish Corp. common stock offered at \$14½ per share; 20,000 shares Guardian Fire Assurance Corp. of N. Y. capital stock, marketed at \$58½ per share; block of units of International Securities Corp. of America at \$153 per unit, each unit comprising one share of 6% pref. and one share of class A common stock; 50,000 shares Kirsch Co. (Sturgis, Mich.) conv. pref. priced at \$28 per share; 74,077 shares Link-Belt Co. (Chicago) common stock, offered at \$48 per share; 26,000 shares Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corp. common stock, offered at \$26 per share; 37,500 units of Muncie Gear Co. offered at \$37½ per unit, comprising one share of class A stock and ½ share of common stock; 20,000 shares New York Investors, Inc. (formerly Realty Associates) common stock sold at 48½ per share; 8,870 shares Ohio Wax Paper Co. common stock priced at \$22½ per share; 65,000 shares Patterson-Sargent Co. common stock offered at \$38 per share and 955,000 shares United States Electric Light & Power Shares Inc. trust certificates, series A, priced to yield about 6%.

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

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

1929.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$
MONTH OF JANUARY—			
Corporate—			
Domestic—			
Long term bonds and notes.....	250,174,500	56,703,500	306,878,000
Short term.....	10,834,000	4,726,000	15,560,000
Preferred stocks.....	105,638,850	22,478,900	128,117,750
Common stocks.....	437,081,596	58,638,792	495,720,388
Canadian—			
Long term bonds and notes.....	11,100,000	-----	11,100,000
Short term.....	-----	-----	-----
Preferred stocks.....	5,900,000	-----	5,900,000
Common stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Other foreign—			
Long term bonds and notes.....	4,000,000	-----	4,000,000
Short term.....	-----	-----	-----
Preferred stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Common stocks.....	3,000,000	-----	3,000,000
Total corporate.....	827,728,946	142,547,192	970,276,138
Foreign Government.....	15,750,000	-----	15,750,000
Farm Loan Issues.....	-----	-----	-----
War Finance Corporation.....	-----	-----	-----
Municipal.....	71,357,965	1,558,600	72,916,565
Canadian.....	-----	3,750,000	3,750,000
United States Possession.....	320,000	-----	320,000
Grand total.....	915,156,911	147,855,792	1,063,012,703

In the elaborate and comprehensive tables on the succeeding pages we compare the foregoing figures for 1929 with the corresponding figures for the four years preceding, thus affording a five-year comparison. We also furnish a detailed analysis for the five years of the corporate offering, showing separately the amounts for all the different classes of corporations.

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

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$	Land, Buildings, &c. (Concl.)			
1,500,000	Acquisition of properties.....	99½	6.00	Merchants National Properties, Inc. 6s, 1958. Offered by Merrill, Lynch & Co.
1,000,000	Extension of business.....	97½	6.25	Metropolitan District Finance Co. Coll. Tr. 6s A, 1943. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.
550,000	Improvements to property.....	100	6.00	Montgomery (Ala.) Memorial Hospital, Inc. 1st Mtge. 6s, 1932-49. Offered by Marx & Co., Birmingham.
2,000,000	Provide funds for loan purposes.....	---	6.00	Mortgage Guarantee Associates 1st Mtge. Coll. 5s and 5½s A, 1930-38. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.
500,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100e	7.00	National Jewelers Board of Trade Building (26 West 48th St. Corp.) N. Y. City Gen. Mtge. 7s, 1944. Offered by Robjent, Maynard & Co., N. Y.
3,000,000	Acquisitions; other corp. purp.....	107½	5.55	Neisner Brothers Realty, Inc. Conv. Deb. 6s, 1948. Offered by Geo. H. Burr & Co., N. Y.
500,000	Furnish & equip. building.....	100	5.50	Newman Foundation at the University of Illinois Direct Obligation 5½s, 1929-38. Offered by Lafayette South Side Bank & Trust Co., St. Louis
1,000,000	Complete financing of club-house.....	100	7.00	New York Athletic Club (N. Y. City) Second Mtge. 7s, 1938. Offered by S. W. Straus & Co., Inc.
600,000	Improvements to property.....	100	6.25	North Chicago Hospital, Inc. 1st (closed) Mtge. 6½s, 1931-38. Offered by Lackner Butz & Co., Chicago.
1,100,000	Finance constr. of building.....	98½	6.60	Ocean Center Bldg. Co. 1st (closed) Mtge. 6½s, 1948. Offered by Blyth & Co., and Anglo-California Trust Co.
800,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100	6.00	Park Royale (Chicago) 1st Mtge. 6s, 1930-38. Offered by Cochran & McCluer Co., Chicago.
490,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100	5.50	Postal Service Bldg. Corp. of N. Y. and Chicago) 1st Mtge. & Coll. Tr. 5½s, 1934. Offered by Robert Garrett & Sons, Baltimore.
1,100,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100	6.00	(The) Powhatan (Chicago) 1st Mtge. 6s, 1930-41. Offered by Chicago Trust Co.
175,000	Real estate mortgage.....	Price on application		Ravenwood Court Apts. (Chicago) 6½s, 1939-45. Offered by Ritchie Bond & Mortgage Co., Chicago.
500,000	Provide funds for loan purposes.....	---	5.75-6.25	Republic Realty Mortgage Corp. (Chicago) Direct Obligation Coll. Tr. 6s, 1930-39. Offered by co.
1,000,000	Acquire land; construct building.....	100	5.00	St. Joseph's Hospital (Milw.) 1st Mtge. 5s, 1931-43. Offered by Second Ward Securities Co., First Wisconsin Co. and Paine, Webber & Co.
70,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100	6.00	Second Church of Christ Scientist (Grand Rapids, Mich.) 1st Mtge. 6s, 1938. Offered by Union Trust Co., Detroit.
525,000	Refunding; other corp. purp.....	Price on application		Security Realty Co. (Cedar Rapids, Ia.) 1st & Ref. Mtge. 6s, 1930-38. Offered by First National Co., St. Louis.
1,070,000	Provide funds for loan purposes.....	100	6.00	Standard Mortgage Co. (Asheville, N. C.) 6s H, 1939. Offered by Baltimore Trust Co.
600,000	Refunding; imp'ts. & betterments.....	100	6.50	(Chas.) Stern & Sons, Inc. (Wineville, Calif.) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1938. Offered by Alvin H. Frank & Co., and Drake, Riley & Thomas, Los Angeles.
500,000	Provide funds for loan purposes.....	100	6.00	Straus Bros. Investment Co. (Chicago) Junior Mtge. 6% Partic. Cfts. A, 1938. Offered by co.
285,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100	5.50	Tacoma (Wash.) Masonic Corp. 1st Mtge. 5½s, 1929-48. Offered by Peirce, Fair & Co.
475,000	Finance construction of building.....	100	6.00	Terminal Arcade Bldg. (Terminal Arcade, Inc.) Highland Park, Mich. 1st Mtge. 6s, 1940. Offered by S. W. Straus & Co., Inc.
200,000	Finance constr. of church building.....	100	5.50	Third Church of Christ Scientist 1st Mtge. 5½s, 1931-44. Offered by Meyer-Kiser Bank, Ind.
350,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100	6.50	1223 Spring Street Apts. (Seattle) 1st Mtge. 6½s, 1931-39. Offered by Wm. D. Perkins & Co., Seattle.
540,000	Finance construction of building.....	100	6.50	Wells-Jackson Bldg. (Chicago) 1st Mtge. Leasehold 6½s, 1932-39. Offered by Leight & Co., Chi.
61,065,000				
	Rubber—			
1,000,000	New plant, working capital, &c.....	100	6.50	Samson Tire & Rubber Corp. Conv. Deb. 6½s, 1939. Offered by Geo. H. Burr, Conrad & Broom, Inc., Hunter, Dulin & Co., Inc., and Banks, Huntley & Co., Los Angeles.
	Shipping—			
4,500,000	Refunding, working capital.....	98	6.30	Munson Steamship Line Secured 6s, 1937. Offered by Harris, Forbes & Co., Kidder, Peabody & Co., Brown Bros. & Co. and Otis & Co.
2,500,000	Refunding, working capital.....	98	6.83	Munson Steamship Line Deb. 6½s, 1937. Offered by Brown Bros. & Co. and Otis & Co.
7,000,000				
	Miscellaneous—			
35,000,000	Acquisition of securities.....	100	5.00	Alleghany Corp. Coll. Tr. Conv. 5s, 1944. Offered by J. P. Morgan & Co., Guaranty Co. of New York, First National Bank, New York, and The National City Co.
3,000,000	Reduce temporary debt, add'l cap.....	99	5.08	Alliance Investment Corp. Deb. 5s, 1949. Offered by Howe, Snow & Co., Inc.
1,500,000	Acquisition of stores.....	102½	5.78	American Department Stores Corp. of Penna. Conv. Deb. 6s, 1948. Offered by Schuler & Co., Inc.
25,000,000	Additional working capital.....	105	5.10	American International Corp. Conv. Deb. 5½s, 1949. Offered by Lazard Freres, Lehman Brothers, Chase Securities Corp., W. A. Harriman & Co., Inc., Scott & Stringfellow, Cassatt & Co., Tucker, Anthony & Co. and International Acceptance Bank, Inc.
100,000	General corporate purposes.....	100	7.00	Appalachian Publishers, Inc. (Johnson City, Tenn.) 1st Mtge. 7s, 1931-39. Offered by Grace Securities Corp., Richmond, Va.
1,000,000	Acquire predecessor co., expansion.....	99	6.12	(Isaac) Benesch & Sons Co. (Baltimore) Conv. Deb. 6s, 1939. Offered by Baker, Watts & Co. and Hambleton & Co.
1,600,000	General corporate purposes.....	100½	5.46	United Securities, Ltd., Coll. Tr. 5½s "B," 1952. Offered by Aldred & Co. and Chase & Co.
750,000	Development of property.....	100-99	6-6.12	Virginia Hardwood Lumber Co., Inc., 1st Mtge. 6s, 1929-41. Offered by Baker, Fentress & Co., Chicago.
67,950,000				

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

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$	Public Utilities—			
540,000	Acquisitions, capital expenditures.....	98½	6.50	American Union Telephone Co. 1-Year 5% Notes, Jan. 1 1930. Offered by Troy & Co., Lawrence Regan & Co. and David F. Thomas & Co., Chicago.
350,000	Acquisitions, improvements, &c.....	98½	6.30	Mississippi Utilities Co. 1-Year Secured 5s "A," Sept. 15 1929. Offered by R. E. Wilsey & Co., Inc., Chicago.
5,500,000	Refunding, add'ns, imp'ts, &c.....	99	5.73	Montana-Dakota Power Co. 1st Mtge. 5½s, Jan. 1 1934. Offered by The Minnesota Co., Illinois Merchants Trust Co. and First Wisconsin Co.
6,390,000				
	Land, Buildings, &c.—			
120,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100	5.50	Congregation of St. Ann Roman Catholic Church (New Orleans) 1st Mtge. 5½s, due to 1934. Offered by Hibernia Securities Co., Inc., New Orleans.
2,000,000	Provide funds for loan purposes.....	98½	5.40	Conveyancers Title Insurance & Mortgage Co. 1st Mtge. 5s, Jan. 15 1934. Offered by Kidder, Peabody & Co., The Shawmut Corp., Jackson & Curtis and Conveyancers Title Ins. & Mtge. Co. Davenport Hotel, Inc. (Spokane) 1st & Gen. Mtge. 6s, 1930-34. Offered by Ferris & Hargrove, Seattle.
319,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100	6.00	Garard Trust Co. (Chicago) Coll. Secured Discount & Coupon Notes, 1929-32. Offered by co.
500,000	Provide funds for loan purposes.....	---	6.00	Michigan-Delaware-Chestnut Realty Trust (Chicago) 1st Mtge. 3-Year 6s, Jan. 1 1932. Offered by Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago.
1,600,000	Acquisition of property.....	100	6.00	Missouri Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church Direct Oblig. 6s, Jan. 1 1934. Offered by Oliver J. Anderson & Co., St. Louis.
100,000	Refund indebtedness.....	Price on application		Mortgage Corp. of Virginia (Richmond, Va.) 1st Mtge. Coll. Tr. 6s, 1929-32. Offered by Scott & Stringfellow.
106,000	Provide funds for loan purposes.....	100	6.00	1024 Avenue N (Brooklyn, N. Y.) 1st Mtge. 5½s, Jan. 1 1932. Offered by National Title Guaranty Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.
175,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100	5.50	
4,920,000				
	Miscellaneous—			
3,000,000	Refunding, acquisitions, imp'ts.....	99½	6.60	American Service Co. 5-Year Conv. Deb. 6½s, Jan. 1 1934. Offered by A. B. Leach & Co., Inc.
750,000	Acquisitions, additions, &c.....	100	6.50	Southern Utilities Service Co. 1st Mtge. 6½s "A," Dec. 1 1933. Offered by Paul C. Dodge & Co., Inc., Chicago.
500,000	Acquisitions, additions, &c.....	99	7.00	Southern Utilities Service Co. 1-Year 6s, Dec. 1 1929. Offered by Paul C. Dodge & Co., Inc., Chi.
4,250,000				

STOCKS.

Par or No. of Shs.	Purpose of Issue.	a Amount Involved.	Price Per Share.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$	Public Utilities—				
*60,000 shs	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes.....	1,620,000	27	---	American States Public Service Co. Common Class A. Offered by Pynchon & Co.
4,000,000	Acquisition of securities.....	4,000,000	1 share A and 1 share B for \$20	---	American Utilities & General Corp. Conv. Class A stock. Offered by G. E. Barrett & Co., Inc.
*200,000shs	Acquisition of securities.....			---	American Utilities & General Corp. Class B stock. Offered by G. E. Barrett & Co., Inc.
*82,976 shs	Retire notes.....	2,074,400	25	---	Associated Telephone Utilities Co. Common. Offered by Paine, Webber & Co., New York.
2,500,000	Retire 7% & 8% pref.; add'ns, &c.....	2,500,000	100	6.00	Birmingham (Ala.) Water Works Co. 6% Cum. Pref. Offered by company.
6,000 shs	Extensions and betterments.....	450,000	75	---	Charlestown (Mass.) Gas & Elec. Co. capital stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
*25,000 shs	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes.....	737,500	29½	---	Community Telephone Co. Cum. Partic. stock. Offered by P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc.
*25,000 shs	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes.....	2,475,000	99	6.06	Federal Water Service Corp. \$6 Cum. Pref. Offered by Bonbright & Co., Inc.
*55,000 shs	Retire funded debt.....	5,225,000	95	6.32	Field, Glore & Co., Janney & Co. and Graham, Parsons & Co.
*60,000 shs	Acquisition of securities, &c.....	6,000,000	Placed privately	---	Insull Utility Investments, Inc., \$5½ Prior Pref. Offered by Utility Securities Corp.
*15,000 shs	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes.....	1,485,000	99	7.07	Intercontints Power Corp. \$7 Cum. Pref. Offered by Stroud & Co., Inc., and E. H. Rollins & Sons.
*50,000 shs	Acquisitions of securities.....	2,575,000	51½	---	International Superpower Corp. capital stock. Offered by Calvin Bullock and Hincks Bros. & Co.
*92,993 shs	General corporate purposes.....	2,882,783	31	---	Louisville Gas & Electric Co. (Del.) Class A common. Offered by company to stockholders.
*42,993 shs	General corporate purposes.....	1,332,783	31	---	Louisville Gas & Electric Co. (Del.) Class B common. Offered by company to stockholders.

<i>Par or No. of Shs.</i>	<i>Purpose of Issue.</i>	<i>a Amount Involved.</i>	<i>Price Per Share.</i>	<i>To Yield About.</i>	<i>Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.</i>
Public Utilities (Concl.)—					
\$257,162shs	General corporate purposes	33,431,060	130	%	Middle West Utilities Co. Common. Offered by company to stockholders.
2,435,150	Extensions, additions, &c.	2,435,150	50	---	Rockland (N. Y.) Light & Power Co. Common. Offered by company to stockholders.
*800,000shs	Acquisitions of securities	20,000,000	25f	---	United Corporation (Del.) Common. Purchased by organizers of corporation.
*814,832shs	Acquisition of securities	20,370,800	25f	---	United Corporation (Del.) Common. Offered by American Superpower Corp. to holders of its common stock.
*50,000 shs	Acquisitions, construct'n, &c.	5,000,000	100	7.00	United Gas Co. (Del.) \$7 Cum. Pref. A. Offered by G. E. Barrett & Co., Inc.
Iron, Steel, Coal, Copper, &c.					
*66,635 shs	Expansion of business	6,663,500	100	---	A. M. Byers Co. Common. Offered by company to stockholders.
*45,000 shs	Retire bonds and pref. stock	4,567,500	101½	6.40	Ludlum Steel Co. \$6½ Cum. Conv. Pref. Offered by Edward B. Smith & Co., Gurnett & Co. and Jesup & Lamont.
1,400,000	Acquisition of property	1,400,000	100g	6.50	Standard Fuel Co., Ltd., 6½% Cum. Pref. Offered by Wood, Gundy & Co., Inc.
Motors and Accessories—					
235,000	Retire notes and other debt	4,230,000	90	---	Bendix Corp. capital stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
*60,000 shs	Expansion; working capital	3,300,000	55	---	Marmor Motor Car Co. Common. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
*85,000 shs	Acquire Brown-Lipe Gear Co., &c.	4,335,000	51	---	Spicer Mfg. Corp. (Va.) \$3 Div. Cum. Conv. Pref. A. Offered by Merrill, Lynch & Co. and Cassatt & Co.
Other Industrial & Mfg.—					
*43,750 shs	Working capital	1,750,000	40	---	J. D. Adams Mfg. Co. Common. Offered by Otis & Co.
2,600,000	Expansion	3,640,000	140	---	Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co. capital stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
*80,000 shs	Acquisitions; working capital	1,200,000	15	---	American Beverage Corp. capital stock. Offered by Samuel Ungerleider & Co. and Hambleton & Co., Inc.
*62,199 shs	Retire \$7 prior pref. stock	2,487,960	40	---	American Chicle Co. Common. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
*34,952 shs	Retire bonds; acquisitions	2,796,160	80	---	American Commercial Alcohol Corp. common. Offered by company to stockholders.
4,935,000	Expansion of business	4,935,000	20	---	American Cyanamid Co. Class B common. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
*150,000shs	Expansion of plant capacity	9,000,000	60	---	American Glanzstoff Corp. Class B common. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
*60,000 shs	Acquire predecessor company	1,620,000	27	---	Binks Mfg. Co. \$2.20 Cum. Conv. Pref. A. Offered by Geo. M. Forman & Co.
*80,000 shs	Retire bonds; additions, &c.	2,000,000	25	---	Consolidated Chemical Industries, Inc. (Del.) Class A Partic. Pref. Offered by Dean, Witter & Co.
*45,000 shs	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes	562,500	12½	---	Consolidated Instrument Co. of America, Inc., Common. Offered by Marlon S. Emery & Co., Inc.
*60,000 shs	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes	5,700,000	95	6.32	Crown Zellerbach Corp. \$6 Div. Conv. Series B Pref. Offered by Blyth & Co., Blair & Co., Inc., and J. Barth & Co.
*200,000shs	Acquire plant; development, &c.	2,500,000	12½	---	Curtiss-Caproni Corp. capital stock. Offered by G. M-P. Murphy & Co., James C. Willson & Co., Bancorith Corp. and National Aviation Corp.
4,500,000	Acquisition of predecessor company	4,500,000	100h	6.50	Dominion Tar & Chemical Co., Ltd., 6½% Cum. Pref. Offered by Wood, Gundy & Co., Inc., and Greenshields & Co.
*50,000 shs	Additional capital	2,500,000	50	---	Dunhill International, Inc., Common. Offered by company to stockholders.
300,000	Acquisitions; reduce bank debt, &c.	300,000	100	7.00	Eljer Company % Cum. Conv. Pref. Offered by Glover & MacGregor, Pittsburgh.
*50,000 shs	Expansion of business	500,000	10	---	E. Z. E. Cushion Corp. Common. Offered by Traver & Dugan, New York.
*72,840 shs	Expansion of business	5,827,200	80	---	Grigsby-Grunow Co. capital stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
*24,400 shs	Expansion of sales organiza'n, &c.	366,000	15	---	Innovation Trunk Co., Inc., Common. Offered by Alliston, Charles & Co., Inc., N. Y.
*1500000 sh	General corporate purposes	15,000,000	10	---	International Paper & Power Co. Class C common. Offered by company to stockholders.
*30,000 shs	Working capital	375,000	12½	---	Kelvinator Corp. Capital stock. Placed privately with bankers.
*7,500 shs	Retire bds. & pref. stk.; wkg. cap.	375,000	1 sh. pref. and ½ sh. com. for \$50	---	Knapp-Monarch Co. (St. Louis) \$3.25 Cum. Pref. Offered by McMurray, Hill & Co., Inc., Des Moines, Iowa, and Hawes & Co., Inc., St. Louis.
*3,750 shs	Retire bds. & pref. stk.; wkg. cap.	375,000	1 sh. pref. and ½ sh. com. for \$50	---	Knapp-Monarch Co. (St. Louis) Common stock. Offered by McMurray, Hill & Co., Inc., Des Moines, Iowa, and Hawes & Co., Inc., St. Louis.
*127090 shs	Repay loans made in acquiring cap. stock of Lambert Pharm. Co.	13,344,450	105	---	Lambert Co. Common. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
*75,000 shs	Expansion of business	1,275,000	17	---	Likly Luggage, Inc. (Fitchburg, Mass.) Common. Offered by Bennett, Converse & Schwab, Inc., New York.
*30,000 shs	Acquire predecessor company	1,800,000	1 sh. pref. and ½ sh. com. for \$60	---	Monroe Chemical Co. Preferred. Offered by Shields & Co., Inc.
*15,000 shs	Acquire predecessor company	785,750	50	---	Monroe Chemical Co. Common. Offered by Shields & Co., Inc.
*15,715 shs	Acquire English subsidiary	785,750	50	---	Monsanto Chemical Works of St. Louis Capital stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
*15,680 shs	Acquire predecessor company	196,000	12½	---	Maud Muller Candy Co. Common. Offered by Huffman Co., Dayton, Ohio.
*20,000 shs	Development of business	600,000	2 shs. A and 1 sh. B for \$60	---	Must Hatch Incubator Co. Class A stock. Offered by Duisenberg-Wichman & Co., San Francisco.
*10,000 shs	Development of business	600,000	2 shs. A and 1 sh. B for \$60	---	Must Hatch Incubator Co. Class B stock. Offered by Duisenberg-Wichman Co., San Francisco.
*66,000 shs	Retire 7% pref. stk.; oth. corp. pur.	6,534,000	99	6.06	Oxford Paper Co. Series A \$6 Cum. Pref. Offered by Lee, Higginson & Co.
50,000 shs	Acquired from abroad	3,000,000	60	---	Pirelli Co. of Italy American Shares representing Common stock. Offered by the National City Co.
12,500,000	Retire 6% pref.; new plant, &c.	12,500,000	100	5.00	(The) Procter & Gamble Co. 5% Cum. Pref. Offered by First Investment & Securities Corp., Cincinnati; the National City Co., Bankers Co. of N. Y.; Guaranty Co. of N. Y.; W. E. Hutton & Co., and Hayden, Miller & Co.
*27,500 shs	Acquire predecessor co.; wkg. cap.	2,983,750	1 sh. pref. and ½ sh. com. for \$108½	---	Rossville Commercial Alcohol Corp. (Md.) \$7 Conv. Pref. Offered by Bauer, Pond, Pogue & Vivian.
*13,750 shs	Acquire predecessor co.; wkg. cap.	2,983,750	1 sh. pref. and ½ sh. com. for \$108½	---	Rossville Commercial Alcohol Corp. (Md.) Common stock. Offered by Bauer, Pond, Pogue & Vivian.
6,497,100	Retire funded debt	6,497,100	100	---	Standard Milling Co. Common. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
*22,500 shs	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes	900,000	1 sh. pref. and ½ sh. com. for \$40	---	Stein Cosmetic Co., Inc. Conv. Pref. Offered by Moses & Co., New York.
*22,500 shs	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes	900,000	1 sh. pref. and ½ sh. com. for \$40	---	Stein Cosmetic Co., Inc. Common stock. Offered by Moses & Co., New York.
*50,000 shs	Acquisitions; wkg. capital, &c.	1,575,000	31½	---	Time-O-Star Controls Co. Conv. Class A \$2 Cum. Pref. Offered by Lane, Roloson & Co., Inc.; Thompson, Ross & Co., and Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc.
7,500,000	Expansion; working capital	15,000,000	10 shs. pref. and 4 sh. com. for \$1,000	---	United Aircraft & Transport Corp. 6% Cum. Pref. A. Offered by the National City Co.
*60,000 shs	Expansion; working capital	15,000,000	10 shs. pref. and 4 sh. com. for \$1,000	---	United Aircraft & Transport Corp. Common stock. Offered by the National City Co.
*14,000 shs	Consolidation of properties	322,000	23	---	United Paper Box Co. Conv. Class A stock. Offered by de Fremery & Co., San Fran.
*30,000 shs	Acquire constituent companies	1,230,000	1 sh. pref. and ½ sh. com. for \$41	---	Warchell Corp. \$2½ Conv. Pref. Offered by Bard & Co. and R. P. Minton & Co., Inc., Chicago.
*15,000 shs	Acquire constituent companies	1,230,000	1 sh. pref. and ½ sh. com. for \$41	---	Warchell Corp. Common stock. Offered by Bard & Co. and R. P. Minton & Co., Inc., Chicago.
*50,000 shs	Acquisition of properties	2,125,000	42½	7.05	(Northam) Warren Corp. Conv. Pref. Offered by Bond & Goodwin, Inc., and Bond & Goodwin and Tucker, Inc.
14,812,600	Retire bonds	31,106,460	105	---	Wessinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co. Common. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
Oil—					
*350,000sh.	Retire real estate oblig.; wkg. cap.	6,685,000	19.10	---	Beacon Oil Co. Common. Sold to Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey).
*100,000sh.	Retire real estate oblig.; wkg. cap.	1,500,000	15	---	Beacon Oil Co. Common. Sold to Clifford M. Leonard.
*447,912sh.	Retire bonds and preferred stock	13,885,272	31	---	Mid-Continental Petroleum Corp. Common. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
*3250000 sh	Acquire oil securities	110,500,000	34	---	Petroleum Corp. of America Capital stock. Offered by Blair & Co., Inc.; Hayden, Stone & Co.; Hallgarten & Co.; Hemphill, Noyes & Co.; E. H. Rollins & Sons; E. F. Hutton & Co.; E. A. Pierce & Co.; J. S. Bache & Co.; Jas. C. Willson & Co.; Kalman & Co.; Bond & Goodwin and Tucker Inc.; Hunter, Dulin & Co., and Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc.
Land, Buildings, &c.—					
408,500	Retire preferred stock	408,500	100	7.00	American Town Lot Co. (Indianapolis) 7% Pref. Offered by company.
100,000	Expansion of business	100,000	99½	7.03	Central Bond & Mortgage Co., Inc. (Richmond, Va.) 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by Walter W. Craig & Co., Inc., Richmond, Va.
1,000,000	Finance operation of trust	1,100,000	1 sh. pref. and 1 sh. com. for \$110	---	Chain Realty Trust (Chicago) 7% Cum. Pref. Trust shares. Offered by Prudential Co., Chicago.
*10,000 shs.	Finance operation of trust	1,100,000	1 sh. pref. and 1 sh. com. for \$110	---	Chain Realty Trust (Chicago) Class A Common Trust shares. Offered by Prudential Co., Chicago.
250,000	Provide funds for loan purposes	250,000	100	7.00	Continental Bond & Investment Co. (Baltimore) 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by co.
600 cts.	Finance lease of property	600,000	1,000	5½-5¾	(The) Oliver Hotel and the Oliver Hotel Apartments (South Bend, Ind.) Land Trust certificates. Offered by Citizens Trust & Savings Bank, South Bend, Ind., and Fletcher American Co., Indianapolis.
2,500 cts.	Finance lease of property	250,000	100	5.00	131-139 West 50th St. (Cincinnati) Land Trust certificates. Offered by W. E. Fox & Co., Cincinnati.
630 cts.	Finance lease of property	315,000	500	5.50	Walgreen Bldg. Site (Columbus, Ohio) Land Trust certificates. Offered by Drollas-Scott Co., Columbus, Ohio.
Shipping—					
*450,000sh.	Acquisitions; working capital	9,900,000	22	---	United Dry Docks, Inc., Common. Offered by Hayden, Stone & Co.; Minseh, Monell & Co., Inc., and Pyncheon & Co.
Miscellaneous—					
*20,000 shs	Provide funds for invest. purposes	500,000	25	---	All-American Shares Corp. Common. Offered by A. L. Chambers & Co., Inc.
240,000 shs	Additional capital	1,320,000	5½	---	Almar Stores Co. (Phila.) capital stock. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
*20,000 shs	Acquire add'l securities, &c.	1,980,000	99	6.06	American European Securities Co. \$6 Cum. Pref. Offered by A. Iselin & Co. and Jackson & Curtis.
*199,000shs	Provide funds for invest. purposes	12,935,000	65	---	American Founders Corp. (Md.) Common. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten by Founders General Corp., Ames, Emerich & Co., Inc., Bond & Goodwin, Inc., and Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc.
12,000 shs	Expansion of business	150,000	2 shs. A and 1 sh. B for \$25	---	American-Pacific Sales Corp. Class A stock. Offered by Chester C. Terrill & Co., San Francisco.
6,000 shs	Expansion of business	150,000	2 shs. A and 1 sh. B for \$25	---	American-Pacific Sales Corp. Class B stock. Offered by Chester C. Terrill & Co., San Francisco.
*100,000shs	Acquisitions; expansions	1,525,000	15¼ (approx.)	---	American Service Co. Common. Offered by A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., and Paul H. Davis & Co.

Par or No. of Shares.	Purpose of Issue.	a Amount Involved.	Price per Share.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
*51,000 shs	Miscellaneous (Concl.)— Provide funds for invest. purposes.	\$ 8,670,000	3 shs. pref. and 8 shs. com. for \$510	%	Chartered Investors, Inc. (Del.) \$5 Cum. Pref. Offered by Clark, Dodge & Co.
*136,000 shs	Provide funds for invest. purposes.	850,000	25	---	Chartered Investors, Inc. (Del.) Common stock. Offered by Clark, Dodge & Co.
*34,000 shs	Provide funds for invest. purposes.	3,450,360	20	---	Chartered Investors, Inc. (Del.) Common stock. Purchased by Clark, Dodge & Co.
*172,518 shs	General corporate purposes.	10,400,000	40	---	City Stores Co. Common. Offered by company to stockholders.
*260,000 shs	Expansion of business.	2,124,950	50 (par)	---	Commercial Credit Co. (Balt.) Common. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
2,124,950	Improvts., construction, &c.	750,000	30	---	Cudahy Packing Co. Common. Offered by company to stockholders.
500,000	Expansion of operations.	1,325,250	45	---	Federal Land Value Insurance Co. (San Francisco) capital stock. Offered by Mysell, Moller & Co., Inc., San Francisco.
29,450 shs	Expansion of business.	2,268,750	37½	---	Federal Surety Co. capital stock. Offered by P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., Chas. D. Robbins & Co. and Throckmorton & Co.
*60,500 shs	Acquisition of constituent cos.	525,000	26¼	---	Foltis-Fischer Inc. Common. Offered by A. B. Leach & Co., Inc.
500,000	Provide funds for invest. purposes.	975,000	32½	---	Founders Securities Trust Partic. Pref. Series AA. Offered by H. G. Lea & Co., Inc., N. Y., and Lea, Sheeran & Co., Boston.
*30,000 shs	Provide funds for invest. purposes.	1,200,000	20	---	The Granger Trading Corp. capital stock. Offered by Sulzbacher, Granger & Co., N.Y. (W. F.) Hall Printing Co. (Chicago) capital stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
600,000	Plant expansion.	2,000,000	50 (par)	---	Industrial Banking Corp. of America 6% Cum. Conv. Pref. Offered by National Management Corp., New York.
2,000,000	Provide funds for invest. purposes.	300,000	100	---	Jackson & Curtis Investment Associates Beneficial Interest shares. Offered by company to shareholders.
*3,000 shs	Provide funds for invest. purposes.	570,000	190	---	Justice Credit Corp. (N. Y.) capital stock. Offered by company.
300,000	New capital.	295,000	5 shs. A & 2 shs. B	---	Keystone Investing Corp. Class A stock. Offered by B. H. Roth & Co.
*10,000 shs	Additional working capital.	400,000	16	---	Keystone Investing Corp. Class B stock. Offered by B. H. Roth & Co.
*4,000 shs	Additional working capital.	750,000	100 for \$147½	6.50	Lincoln Loan Corp. (Indianapolis) 6½% Pref. Offered by Meyer-Kiser Bank, Indianapolis.
750,000	Working capital.	2,505,000	41½	---	McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., Inc., Common. Offered by Goldman, Sachs & Co.
*60,000 shs	Acq. or redeem pref. of subs., &c.	624,000	26	---	Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corp. Common. Offered by Hemphill, Noyes & Co., Lage & Co. and Peabody, Smith & Co., Inc.
*24,000 shs	General corporate purposes.	312,500	1 sh. Pref. and 1 Common for \$25	---	Nathan Hale Investing Co. 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by company.
250,000	Provide funds for invest. purposes.	1,160,000	1 sh. Pref. and 1 sh. Com. for \$58	---	Nathan Hale Investing Co. Common stock. Offered by company.
*12,500 shs	Provide funds for invest. purposes.	400,000	16	---	National Industrial Bankers, Inc. \$3 Cum. Pref. Offered by Clarence Hodson & Co.
*20,000 shs	Working capital.	1,125,000	22½	---	National Industrial Bankers, Inc., Common stock. Offered by Clarence Hodson & Co.
*20,000 shs	Working capital.	20,250,000	27	---	Northeastern Surety Co. (N. Y.) capital stock. Offered by E. H. Rollins & Sons.
*250,000 shs	Additional capital.	6,000,000	30	---	Pittsburgh Investment Securities Corp. capital stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
*50,000 shs	Working capital.	1,250,000	100	7.00	Prudential Investors, Inc., common. Offered by Tucker, Anthony & Co., J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp. and Laird, Bissell & Meeds.
*750,000 shs	Provide funds for invest. purposes.	2,800,000	28	---	Reliance Management Corp. Common. Offered by Ames, Emerich & Co., Inc., and F. A. Willard & Co.
*200,000 shs	Provide funds for invest. purposes.	105,000	21	---	Seaboard Dairy Credit Corp. 7% Cum. Pref. Series A. Offered by Banks, Huntley & Co. and Blankenhorn & Co., Los Angeles.
1,250,000	Retire bank loans; working capital.	105,000	21	---	Seaboard Fire & Marine Insurance Co. capital stock. Offered by Rutter & Co., N. Y.
1,000,000	Working capital.	300,000	30	---	Shares in Maine, Inc., capital stock. Offered by H. M. Payson & Co., Portland, Me.
100,000	Provide funds for invest. purposes.	5,200,000	1 sh. Pref. & ¼ sh. Com. for \$52	---	Stouffer Corp. Class A Common. Offered by Borton & Borton, Cleveland.
*10,000 shs	Expansion of business.	675,750	26½	---	S. W. Straus Investing Corp. 6% Cum. Pref. Series A. Offered by S. W. Straus & S. W. Straus Investing Corp. Common stock. Offered by S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., and Love, Macomber & Co.
5,000,000	Provide funds for loan & inv. purp.	2,943,000	54½	---	Taubman Stores Corp. \$2 Cum. Partic. Pref. B. Offered by Aubrey Harris & Co. and Frothingham, Kelly Co., New York.
*50,000 shs	Provide funds for loan & inv. purp.	25,000,000	104	5.76	(John R.) Thompson Co. (Chicago) Common. Offered by company to stockholders.
*25,500 shs	Expansion of business.	27,000,000	27	---	Tobacco and Allied Stocks, Inc. (Del.) capital stock. Offered by Colvin & Co.
1,000,000	Acquisitions, improv'ts, &c.	500,000	100	---	Tri-Continental Corp. 6% Cum. Pref. Offered by J. & W. Sellman & Co.
*54,000 shs	Provide funds for invest. purposes.	325,000	4 shs. Pfd. & 2 shs. Com. for \$130	---	Tri-Continental Corp. Common stock. Offered by J. & W. Sellman & Co.
*25,000 shs	Provide funds for invest. purposes.	2,000,000	102	5.88	United Equities, Inc. (Mass.) Common. Offered by company to stockholders.
*100,000 sh	Provide funds for invest. purposes.	2,745,000	30½	---	Westchester First National Corp. (White Plains, N. Y.) 7% Cum. Pref. Offered by F. B. Wilcox & Co., Inc., New York.
5,000 shs	Provide funds for invest. purposes.	2,310,000	55	---	Westchester First National Corp. (White Plains, N. Y.) Class A Common. Offered by F. B. Wilcox & Co., Inc., New York.
250,000	Provide funds for invest. purposes.	1,050,000	25	---	Western Reserve Investing Corp. 6% Cum. Partic. Pref. Offered by Hayden, Miller & Co., Cleveland.
*10,000 shs	Provide funds for invest. purposes.	15,000,000	100	---	Wextark Radio Stores, Inc., capital stock. Offered by Mitchell, Hutchins & Co., Chicago.
2,000,000	Provide funds for invest. purposes.	178,444,560			Wil-Low Cafeterias, Inc., Conv. Pref. Offered by Goddard & Co., Inc., and Jackson, Storer & Schwab.
*90,000 shs	Expansion of business.				Wil-Low Cafeterias, Inc., Common. Offered by Goddard & Co., Inc., and Jackson, Storer & Schwab.
*42,000 shs	Acquisitions; work. capital, &c.				The Winslow Lanier International Corp. Common. Offered by Winslow, Lanier & Co.
*42,000 shs	Acquisitions; working capital, &c.				
*150,000 shs	Provide funds for invest. purposes.				

FOREIGN GOVERNMENT LOANS.

Amount.	Issue and Purpose.	Price.	To Yield About.	Offered by.
\$ 1,750,000	Department of Antioquia (Colombia) Ext. Secured 7s, D 1945 (new construction on Antioquia Ry.)	93	7.75	Blair & Co., Inc.; E. H. Rollins & Sons and Chase Securities Corp.
10,000,000	Republic of Cuba 5½% Public Works Serial certificates 1932-33 (refund indebtedness incurred for work completed and accepted in accordance with provision of Public Works Law)	100	5.50	Chase Securities Corp.; Blair & Co., Inc.; the Equitable Trust Co. of New York, and Continental National Co.
4,000,000	Province of Hanover (State of Prussia, Germany), Harz Water Works Loan, Second Series 6½s, 1949 (construction of waterworks system)	94½	7.00	Lee, Higginson & Co.; Illinois Merchants Trust Co., and White, Weld & Co.
15,750,000				

* Shares of no par value. a Preferred stocks of a stated value are taken at par, while preferred stocks of no par value and all classes of common stock are computed at their offering prices. b Bonds maturing prior to Sept. 1 1931 not publicly offered. c Per unit of \$1,000 debenture and voting trust certificates, representing 5 shares of common stock. d Price per \$1,000 note and 10 shares of common stock. e Bonus of 8 shares of capital stock and option warrants for 2,000,000 shares of common stock. f Bonus of ½ share of common stock with each share of preferred stock. g Bonus of 5 shares of common stock with every 10 shares of preference stock. h The 60,000 shares of common stock comprising part of this unit offering does not represent new financing by the company. i These shares acquired partially from the corporation and partially from individuals.

Public Utility Gross and Net Earnings for December and the Calendar Year.

Gross earnings of public utility enterprises in December, exclusive of telephone and telegraph companies, as reported to the Department of Commerce by 95 companies or systems operating gas, electric light, heat, power, traction and water services and comprising practically all of the important organizations in the United States, were \$198,000,000 as compared with \$193,000,000 in November, and \$194,985,134 in Dec. 1927. Gross earnings during 1928 totaled \$2,214,700,000, an increase of 4.8% over 1927, while net earnings amounted to \$857,040,000, an increase of 10.6% over those of the previous year. Gross earnings consist, in general, of gross operating revenues, while net earnings in general represent the gross, less operating expenses and taxes, or the nearest comparable figures. In some cases the figures for earlier years do not cover exactly the same subsidiaries, owing to acquisitions, consolidations, &c., but these differences are not believed to be great in the aggregate. This summary presents gross and net public utility earnings by months from Jan. 1925, the figures for the latest months being subject to revision.

	PUBLIC UTILITY EARNINGS.			
	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928
Gross Earnings—	\$	\$	\$	\$
January	163,500,133	177,473,781	191,702,022	196,573,107
February	151,639,283	165,658,704	177,612,648	187,383,731
March	151,583,666	167,642,439	179,564,670	187,726,994
April	147,841,101	166,927,022	176,467,900	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
December	172,488,624	188,146,705	194,985,134	198,000,000
Total (year)	1,827,124,618	1,995,415,364	2,113,074,302	2,214,724,307
Net Earnings—	\$	\$	\$	\$
January	58,671,777	66,974,941	73,746,891	79,013,279
February	54,102,576	61,555,164	66,907,757	74,296,576
March	52,475,643	60,696,920	65,412,739	72,811,146
April	51,016,359	59,471,359	64,907,729	68,971,324
May	48,972,398	54,993,907	61,194,779	67,732,911
June	47,777,644	55,699,751	59,167,096	67,537,149
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
December	65,414,632	73,023,848	78,937,417	85,000,000
Total (year)	632,220,190	715,152,609	775,177,254	857,399,89

MONTHLY RANGE OF PRICES ON THE CLEVELAND STOCK EXCHANGE.

On this and the following pages we furnish a complete record of the high and low prices for both stocks and bonds made on the Cleveland Stock Exchange for each month of the last three years. The compilation is the work of the Cleveland Exchange itself and is, of course, based on actual sales, and covers these and nothing else.

MONTHLY RANGE OF PRICES ON CLEVELAND STOCK EXCHANGE FOR 1928.

Table with columns for months (January to December) and rows for various stock categories (BANKS, MISCELLANEOUS, etc.) showing high and low price ranges.

MONTHLY RANGE OF PRICES ON CLEVELAND STOCK EXCHANGE FOR 1927 (Continued)

Table with columns for months (January to December) and rows for various stock categories (Miscellaneous, Bessemer Limestone, Cleveland Akron Bag, etc.). Each cell contains price ranges for High and Low values.

* No par value.

MONTHLY RANGE OF PRICES ON CLEVELAND STOCK EXCHANGE FOR 1927—(Concluded).

Table with columns for months (January to December) and rows for various stock categories including MISCELLANEOUS, BONDS, and specific stock names like Paragon Refining, Peerless Motor, etc.

MONTHLY RANGE OF PRICES ON CLEVELAND STOCK EXCHANGE FOR 1926.

Table with columns for months (January to December) and rows for various stock categories including BANKS, MISCELLANEOUS, and specific stock names like Amer Savings Bank, Cleveland National Bank, etc.

* No par value.

MONTHLY RANGE OF PRICES ON CLEVELAND STOCK EXCHANGE FOR 1926 (Concluded).

Table with columns for months (January to December) and rows for various stock categories (Miscellaneous, Bonds, etc.) with sub-columns for High, Low, and Par values.

* No par value.

RECORD OF PRICES ON CINCINNATI STOCK EXCHANGE (Concluded).

LISTED SECURITIES.	Calendar Year 1928.			Calendar Year 1927.			Calendar Year 1926.			Calendar Year 1925.		
	High.	Low.	Close.	High.	Low.	Close.	High.	Low.	Close.	High.	Low.	Close.
Putman Candy.....	17	12½	14	20	13½	15	24½	20	22	23	22	22
Preferred.....	101½	90	90	92	88	88	100	95	95	100½	90	100
Queen City Petroleum pref.....	103	100	103	275	275	275	---	---	---	110	100	110
Printing Machinery.....	---	---	---	270	270	270	---	---	---	---	---	---
Preferred.....	75¾	34	64	38	25	35¾	---	---	---	---	---	---
Rapid Electrottype.....	230	172	230	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Richardson.....	104	97	103½	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Rollman Sons pref.....	107	97	99¾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sabin-Robbins Paper pref.....	254	241	255	240	218	240	224	210	224	191	165	190
Second National.....	150	114	150	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sparks-Withington Co. pref.....	27¾	25	25	31	29½	31	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sycamore-Hammond.....	101¾	100	100	102	100	101½	---	---	---	---	---	---
Preferred.....	---	---	---	14	11	11	24	13	13	---	---	---
Standard Drug A.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
United Milk Crate A.....	37½	26½	36½	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U S Playing Card.....	136¾	109½	111	146	86	137	187	135	178	155	107½	143
U S Printing & Lithographing.....	85¾	62	85¾	80	55	80	95	74	77	84½	59	81½
Preferred.....	103	100	100	101	87½	101	100	91	92	98	77½	94
U S Shoe.....	9½	5½	8	9	5	6½	8½	5½	5½	10½	5½	6½
Preferred.....	72½	45	66	62½	35	58	56½	42½	42½	66½	47	62½
Western Paper A.....	26¾	20	20	29	20	20	31½	27½	28½	38	30	32½
Warren Ohio Telephone pref.....	100	100	100	312	312	312	312	310	312	291½	291	291½
Preferred.....	76	52	76	65	51	57½	56	43	50	59	16½	54
Whitaker Paper.....	108½	102¾	108	104	95½	102	109¾	98	102¾	100¾	43	100¾
Preferred.....	---	---	---	400	210	216	---	---	---	---	---	---
Wurlitzer.....	---	---	---	118	115	118	115½	107	114¾	112½	105	108
Preferred.....	119¾	116	117	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Cleveland Is Confident.

By Leonard P. Ayres, Vice-President of the Cleveland Trust Co.

Clevelanders made twenty million more local telephone calls, and one million more long distance calls in 1928 than they did in 1927. They founded one thousand new businesses. They ran their fountain pens across 400 million dollars more of bank checks than they had in the preceding year. They increased their new building construction by nine million dollars, and loaded thirty thousand more freight cars, and almost doubled the trading on their local stock exchange. Cleveland was a busy town in 1928, and it expects to be still busier in 1929.

The three basic industries of the Cleveland district are iron and steel, and automotive products, and tires. All three of these industries made new high records for production in 1928, so it was inevitable that the district should be prosperous. Most of the shipping on the Great Lakes is owned in Cleveland, and the boats always operate at a profit during the big iron and steel years. Aside from these great lines of activity the industries of the Cleveland district are extraordinarily diversified. Most lines of industry and trade did well last year, and even coal mining increased its output steadily from month to month, although its total production is still below that of recent earlier years. Industrial employment in Ohio reached new high levels.

The cash income from agriculture was almost the same in the State in 1928 as it had been in 1927. That it did not increase was due to a decline of almost 30% in the income from corn and other grains, for nearly all other products yielded larger money returns. This was particularly true of dairy products which increased in value by some 15%.

Iron and steel, the automobile industry, and the tire industry are entering 1929 with a running start. In 1928 for the first time the automobile industry displaced the railroads as the best customer of the iron and steel industry. The automobile manufacturers have planned production schedules that would, if carried through, make 1929 by far the greatest automobile year we have ever had. In any event, it is probable that the output during the first half year will reach new high records. This prospect, together with the probability that there will be increased activity among the makers of railroad equipment, renders it likely that the producers of iron and steel will make generous profits during a number of months to come.

The prospects for the tire industry are even brighter, for the prices of cotton and crude rubber are relatively low and well stabilized, and the industry is becoming steadily more nearly independent of changes in general business, for its output is going in ever-increasing proportion to supply the needs of old cars, and in less measure to equip new ones. So long as a car is in use it is wearing out tires, and its owner can do little to economize in this respect. The tire industry has become pretty nearly independent of the business cycle.

In general the Cleveland district is optimistic about 1929. Its industries are active, and its securities are quoted at high prices. Business men are critical about prevailing high money rates, but they have not been much hampered by them except that stiff rates have probably had some real effect in slowing down new construction. The course of prices on the New York Stock Exchange is of general interest, and a cause of some apprehension, but few people are either analytical or really worried about it. The interests of this district are centered on industrial production and on the doings of the Van Sweringen brothers rather than on problems of economic theory. Confidence prevails.

Review of the Cleveland Stock Exchange—1928.

By Francis J. Smith, Secretary.

Sharing in the effects of country-wide interest in the securities market in 1928, which resulted in new records for transactions on practically every stock exchange in the country, the Cleveland Exchange enjoyed the most successful year in its history. Both volume of sales and the market value of transactions were greater than ever before.

During the year 222 separate issues were traded in representing a turnover of 2,122,685 shares having a market value of \$114,366,462. This was an increase over 1927 of 861,259 shares with a market value of \$48,120,733. Twenty-seven new issues were approved for listing in 1928 and five additions to capital already listed representing par value stocks totaling \$29,566,478 and 2,315,450 no par value shares. These new listings brought to market the stocks of several old and established Ohio corporations of national prominence whose common stocks had never been listed and made available for public participation. The aggregate market value of securities listed on the Cleveland Exchange as of December 31 1928 was approximately one and one-half billion dollars. Although price enhancement was

distributed pretty well throughout the list, there were quite a number of market favorites among local stocks which responded exceedingly well to reports of improved conditions and increased earnings. Heading the list of stocks with the widest price range for the year were the following:

	Low.	High.
Dow Chemical.....	112½	225
City Ice & Fuel.....	36½	62½
Cleveland-Cliffs Iron.....	104	147
Firestone Tire & Rubber.....	168	253
General Tire & Rubber.....	165	283
Goodyear Tire & Rubber.....	70	133
Interlake Steamship.....	123	190
Mohawk Rubber.....	29¾	246
National Acme.....	7½	32½
Ohio Seamless Tube.....	38	78
Packard Electric.....	47	125
Richman Brothers.....	256	400
Seiberling Rubber.....	33½	67
Union Trust.....	285	341

Ten memberships changed hands during the year at prices ranging from \$3,400 to \$6,500. That seats on the Cleveland Exchange did not sell at prices comparable with those on some of the other exchanges was due to the fact that a part of the demand for seats was satisfied by the issuance of treasury seats by the Governing Committee, there being no others available for purchase. While the prices placed on such seats were comparatively low, the Committee had in mind the broadening of the scope of membership rather than the realization of record prices.

Cleveland is still a "cash market." Early in 1928 steps were taken toward the establishment of call money in Cleveland but with the advent of increasingly high money rates the actual placing of the plan into operation was deferred until more stabilized conditions in the money market warranted.

With the large increase in transactions officials of the Exchange took steps to facilitate the handling of large orders. Now it is possible to buy or sell in lots of 1,000 shares or more, while formerly transactions were handled on the basis of the unit of trading, 100 shares. This is regarded as an important move and business is expected to develop on a larger scale.

The Record of the Cincinnati Stock Exchange.

By Kenneth P. Hill, President Cincinnati Stock Exchange.

During 1928 nearly every group of stocks listed on the Cincinnati Stock Exchange showed an upward trend. The Cincinnati security market also participated in and received its proportionate share of the increased activity and buoyancy which has been noted in other investment centers throughout the nation. This is evident by the increased volume of business transacted on the Cincinnati Stock Exchange during the year 1928. All previous year records for volume of trading were shattered. The turnover of securities aggregated 1,591,832 shares, representing in dollars and cents a market value of the stupendous sum of \$150,000,000. This shows an enlargement of public interest in the stock market, and that security ownership has been distributed on a scale which has not been paralleled in the history of the local market.

There has been a steady and gradual climb in the number of shares traded in during the past five years—the period of time in which the local exchange has become an important and an indispensable part in the "building up" of the wealth in this community. The records of the local institution reveal that in 1924 the total volume of shares traded in amounted to 488,740; in 1925, 873,506 shares; 1926, 665,350 shares, and in 1927 1,157,399 shares,

from which there has now been a further increase to 1,591,832 shares in 1928.

Two outstanding features of the year's activity have been the remarkable increase in the number of "individual" trades recorded on the Exchange, and the generally enhanced values of securities. Other conspicuous features of the year were the trading list, materially strengthened by new listings, and the extensive distribution of new securities.

All previous year records for new listings were surpassed. There were nineteen corporations approved for listing, representing twenty-two separate classes of securities, which shows that corporations are recognizing the advantages to be gained by having their securities admitted to the Exchange.

The investing public also is becoming educated more and more to the advantages of securities that are listed on a recognized stock exchange. They appreciate the potentialities of the sound and well-managed corporations whose shares are publicly available, through the trading channels of a stock exchange. When the securities of a corporation are listed, an open market is provided, whereby the public, through its brokers, is free to buy and sell under conditions of perfect equality. Further, when listed, the borrowing, or collateral value is better regarded by the banking institutions. In addition to this, full statistical data is also available to the investing public when securities are admitted to trading on an Exchange.

The new securities listed during 1928 totaled 1,228,592 shares, as contrasted with 427,337 shares listed in 1927. The new listings during the year 1928 also had a combined market value of more than \$70,000,000, as compared with a market value of \$19,000,000 for the ten new listings during the year 1927. The following shows the number of shares of companies listed and their total market value:

	Number of Shares Listed.	Market Value.
Ahrens-Fox Fire "A".....	25,000	\$450,000
"B".....	30,000	450,000
American Products common.....	80,000	2,480,000
Carthage Mills common.....	15,000	750,000
Preferred.....	5,000	490,000
Central Brass & Fixture "A".....	25,000	750,000
Champ. Coated special preferred.....	10,000	1,050,000
Cincinnati Ball Crank preferred.....	63,500	2,095,500
Cincinnati Land Shares.....	10,000	1,250,000
Crosley Radio common.....	250,000	23,750,000
Egry Register "A".....	21,000	735,000
Goldsmith Sons common.....	60,000	1,440,000
Griess Pflieger preferred.....	10,000	1,000,000
International Printing Ink.....	276,022	14,629,166
Preferred.....	70,000	7,000,000
Julian & Kokenge common.....	182,070	6,372,430
Meteor Motor common.....	42,000	1,344,000
Ohio Shares preferred.....	6,000	630,000
Queen City Petroleum preferred.....	3,000	309,000
Sabin Robbins preferred.....	5,000	500,000
Sparks Withington preferred.....	10,000	1,500,000
United Milk Crate "A".....	30,000	1,050,000
Total.....	1,228,592	\$70,025,096

There were more than two dozen new securities that were publicly offered during the year, and an oversubscription was noted in practically every one of the new issues. There are at present a total of 207 separate classes of securities listed on the Cincinnati Stock Exchange, representing a market value of more than two billions of dollars. Of the total of 207 issues listed, 166 were traded in during the year, which evidences the wide diversification of trading on the exchange.

More than three-fourths of the securities that have been traded in during the year 1928 have shown an enhancement of values over that of the close of 1927. In many instances, new high peaks were attained during the year.

Increased trading and increased importance of Cincinnati as a security market has had its effect on the value of seats on the local exchange during the year. During the year 1928 a sale of a "seat" was made at \$25,000, a new high record. During January of this year a "seat" on the Exchange sold up to \$31,000. Only half a dozen years or so ago seats sold as low as \$2,500. While the Cincinnati Stock Exchange is undergoing a normal and healthy growth, the Governors see the necessity of further work if the Exchange is to keep pace with the rapid growth of this community. The organization at present has under consideration many important and constructive plans to inaugurate during the new year.

Many listed corporations are now preparing to "check" their actual inventory to arrive at their earnings for the year. The earnings for 1928 of many of the local industrial enterprises are expected to show substantial increases over 1927. The security market outlook for 1929 is very promising. During January of this year a marked increase in the

volume of trading was noted. Many of the standard group of stocks also reached new high record prices for all time.

Extra cash and stock dividend distributions were numerous during the year 1928, which shows that practically all of the industrial corporations are in a healthy financial shape.

Monthly Record of Sales on Cincinnati Stock Exchange for Four Years.

The following shows the comparisons of shares traded in on the Cincinnati Stock Exchange by months during the years 1925, 1926, 1927 and 1928. Compiled by Richard Seving, Secretary Cincinnati Stock Exchange.

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
January	162,809	65,000	88,226	73,246
February	141,868	70,634	76,732	68,721
March	144,922	81,132	86,684	67,095
April	168,477	99,395	47,232	52,299
May	187,821	82,690	36,397	85,580
June	130,670	84,955	41,449	57,395
July	75,989	102,188	60,979	61,150
August	77,409	76,527	43,337	63,200
September	117,912	91,697	35,183	98,912
October	125,403	104,256	48,270	107,350
November	124,832	137,653	48,311	73,130
December	126,224	165,322	52,550	65,225
Total	1,591,832	1,157,399	665,350	873,506

RECORD OF PRICES OF TOLEDO STOCKS FOR 1928.

There is no Stock Exchange in Toledo, but we have obtained from Bell & Beekwith the following list of high and low prices for the calendar year 1927 on the stocks which are traded in more or less actively in the Toledo market. Important Toledo stocks, such as Owens Bottle, common, National Supply common and preferred, Willys-Overland common and preferred, and Electric Auto Lite are listed on the New York Stock Exchange and appear in our records regularly for the New York market. Libbey Owens Sheet Glass common, also City Machine and Tool, is traded in on the New York Curb, and appears in our regular records for that Exchange.

STOCKS.	Low.	High.	BONDS—Continued.	Low.	High.
Airway Electric Appliance, common	36½	46	Scott Realty 6s, serial	100	102
Preferred	100	106	Toledo Gas, Electric & Heating 5s, 1935	100	105
Fifty Associates, common	102	105	Waldorf Realty 6s, serial	100	101
Preferred	102	104			
Houghton Elevator, preferred	100	102	BANK STOCKS.		
Harris Auto Press	See Cleveland Exchange		American Bank	125	125
Larrowe Milling	25	30½	Bankers Trust Co.	125	150
La Salle & Koch, preferred	110	110	Commerce Guardian Trust & Savings Bank	200	225
Toledo Scale Co., preferred	110	111	Commercial Savings Bank & Trust Co.	200	225
Toledo Edison, 6% preferred	100	105	First National Bank	400	450
7% preferred	108	110	Home Bank & Trust Co.	170	180
Woolson Spice, preferred	100	102	Ohio Savings Bank & Trust Co.	300	325
			Security Savings Bank & Trust Co.	280	300
BONDS.			Spitzer Rorick Savings Bank & Trust Co.	220	220
La Salle & Koch 6s, series	98	102	Toledo Trust Co.	210	215
Secor Hotel 6½s, 1932	95	99	Union Trust & Savings Bank	240	250

RECORD OF PRICES FOR TOLEDO STOCKS FOR 1927.

STOCKS.	Low.	High.	BANK STOCKS.	Bid Dec. 31 1926.	Bid Dec. 31 1927.
Air-Way Electric Appliance, common	43	124	American Bank	125	125
Preferred	100	103½	Bankers Trust Co. a,b	---	145
Fifty Associates, common	101	105	City Savings Bank g	130	140
Preferred	102	102	Commerce Guardian Trust & Savings Bank	195	220
Houghton Elevator, preferred	100½	101	Commercial Savings Bank & Trust Co. g	340	400
Harris Automatic Press	(See Cleveland and Exch.)		Time Saving Bank e	275	275
Harbauer Co.	18	27½	First National Bank f	350	400
Larrowe Milling, common	110	110	Home Bank & Trust Co.	150	180
La Salle & Koch, preferred	116	110	Ohio Savings Bank & Trust Co. c	400	450
Libbey Owens, preferred *	115	117	Peoples Bank & Trust Co. b	150	---
Owens Bottle, preferred *	109	110½	Security Savings Bank & Trust Co.	250	285
Toledo Scale, preferred	94	103	Spitzer Rorick Savings Bank & Trust Co.	220	220
Toledo Edison, 6% preferred	101	110½	Toledo Trust Co. d	190	207
7% preferred a	101	110½	Union Trust & Savings Bank	250	250
8% preferred a	---	---			
U. S. Sheet & Window Glass, common	40	60			
Preferred a	118½	122½			
Woolson Spice, preferred	100	100			

* Balance of outstanding preferred to be called on July 1 1928 at 115 and accrued dividends (50% called April 1 1927).
 a Entire issues called on Oct. 1 1927 at 115 and accrued dividends.

a Opened for business April 2 1927.
 b Consolidation Bankers Trust Co. and Peoples Bank & Trust Co. as of Dec. 1 1927
 c Extra dividend of 4%.
 d Extra dividend of 3%.
 e Extra dividend of 2%.
 f Extra dividend of 4%.
 g Consolidation Commercial Savings Bank & Trust Co. and City Savings Bank; to be effective Feb. 1 1928. Exchange on basis of five City for three Commercial and a cash consideration of \$25.

RANGE OF PRICES ON COLUMBUS (OHIO) STOCK AND BOND EXCHANGE DURING 1928.

We are indebted to Stevenson, Vercoe, Fuller & Lorenz of Columbus, Ohio, for the following compilation, showing the range of prices during the calendar years 1928 and 1927 on the Columbus Stock and Bond Exchange. It includes the principal securities traded in during the year, as also the active unlisted issues.

STOCKS.	High.	Low.	STOCKS.	High.	Low.
Buckeye Steel Casting common	52½	47	Keever Starch preferred	50½	39
Preferred	108	105	Maramor 8% preferred	104	101
Central Brass & Fixture "A"	29¾	22½	Marion Steam Shovel preferred	104	96
Columbus Dental common	54	53	Common	82½	42
Columbus Mutual Life	221	218	Moores & Ross preferred	103½	97
Columbus RR., Power & Light common	125	115	Ohio Power preferred	108	103
First preferred	109½	103¾	Ralston Steel Car common	15	8½
Second preferred	107	102¾	Preferred	43¾	41
Columbus Union Oilcloth preferred	107½	104	Scioto Valley common	10	4¾
Franklin Mortgage	71	70	First preferred	72½	45
Godman second preferred	106½	104	Second preferred	32½	17½
Gordon Oil	150	2	Smith Agricultural Chemical preferred	102	98
Huber Manufacturing common	150	120	Troy Laundry	109½	85½
Preferred	103	102	Tracy Wells preferred	98	94
Jeffery Manufacturing preferred	107	101			

RANGE OF PRICES ON COLUMBUS (OHIO) STOCK AND BOND EXCHANGE DURING 1927.

STOCKS.	Low.	High.	STOCKS.	Low.	High.
Akron Guarantee Mortgage	3 3/4	Nov	3 3/4	June	
Brown Manufacturing	4 1/2	Apr	9	Dec	
Buckeye Steel Castings common	45	Sept	60	Jan	
Preferred	105 1/2	Dec	107 1/2	Apr	
Cities Mortgage units	85	Dec	107 1/2	Jan	
Claycraft Mining & Brick, preferred	99	Dec	100	Mar	
Columbus Dental common	49 3/4	Mar	51	Mar	
Preferred	111	Apr	112 1/2	Dec	
Columbus Mutual Life Insurance	195	Jan	225	Nov	
Columbus, Ry., Power & Light common	80	Apr	125	Dec	
First preferred	99 3/4	Mar	107	Dec	
Second preferred	98 3/4	Feb	105	Dec	
Columbus Union Oilcloth preferred	100	Jan	103	Mar	
Franklin Mortgage	103	Mar	71	Oct	
Godman Shoe second preferred	103	Mar	105 3/4	Nov	
Gordon Oil	2 3/4	Aug	3	Feb	
Huber Manufacturing Co. common	120	Sept	140	Feb	
Preferred	100	Mar	104	Sept	
Jeffrey Manufacturing Co. preferred	101 1/2	Sept	105 3/4	Nov	
Keever Starch preferred	50	Aug	58	Dec	
Maramor 8% preferred	96	Oct	101	Dec	
Marion Steam Shovel units	102	Dec	115	July	
Moores & Ross preferred	82	Jan	100	Dec	
Morehouse-Martins preferred	91	Jan	95	Apr	
Neil House common	1	Dec	6	Jan	
Preferred	6	Dec	35	Jan	
Ohio Power preferred	97 1/2	Jan	105	Dec	
Ralston Steel Car common	8	Jan	11	Dec	
Preferred	41	Jan	45	Dec	
Riley Shoe preferred	80	Aug	90	Apr	
Scioto Valley Ry., Power & Light common	9 1/2	Mar	17 1/2	Apr	
First preferred	58	Feb	73 1/2	Dec	
Second preferred	27	Feb	38 1/2	July	
Seaboard Oil common	5	Dec	17	Mar	
Preferred	45	Dec	92	Mar	
Smith Agricultural Chemical preferred	94 1/2	June	98 1/2	Dec	
Smith Scale	85	Jan	200	Nov	
Troy Laundry preferred	105	June	110	Dec	
Tracy-Wellis preferred	92	Jan	98	Oct	
Wolfe Bros. Shoe Co. preferred	80	Jan	90	Aug	

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Feb. 15 1929.

Some increase has taken place in wholesale and jobbing trade, but not in retail business. That if anything is rather smaller than it was recently. Prices have risen in grain, rubber, and cotton, as well as butter, eggs and hogs. Rubber has had a sensational rise. Grain markets have also been strong under the stimulus of extraordinary weather in Europe, the coldest for several centuries which may have had a damaging effect on European winter crops. Lower prices have prevailed for cattle, hides and sugar. There has been very severe weather in vast areas of the United States militating against retail business. Freezing temperatures have even penetrated as far south as the Gulf of Mexico. They have given rise to some fears of damage to the winter wheat crop. They are supposed to have been more or less destructive to the hibernating boll weevil in the south-western cotton region. Rains and snows have in parts of the country made the roads impassable and naturally this halted trade for the time being. But taking business and industry as a whole, conditions are better than they were a year ago. The steel industry is operating at the rate of 85 to 92%. Strips and sheets are said to have risen about \$2 a ton. There has been a good business in anthracite coal. Heavy leather has declined. In some branches of the shoe manufacturing trade the output is larger than a year ago. Some damage has been threatened to the fruit crops in southern California by the coldest weather in five years. Copper mining has been active in Montana and south to Arizona. Coarse yarn cotton cloths have been in rather better demand. The sales of print cloths as a rule have been in small lots, but in the aggregate they have made a better showing than the totals of recent weeks. Print cloths have been firm. Rather larger sales have been made of sheetings and also fine and fancy cloths. Finished cottons and new lines of washed fabrics have sold very well. A larger trade has been done in some branches of woolen and worsteds goods for spring wear, though others have been quiet, notably men's wear. Broad silks have been in good demand especially crepes and similar fabrics. Raw silk has been steady, but quiet. Good beef cattle are \$4 to \$5 lower than last summer. Higher prices for eggs and butter have been due to cold weather.

Detroit employment continues to gain. The increase this week is some 2,700; that is, the total is 294,903 against 292,228 a week ago, 229,797 last year, 219,338 in 1927 and 267,486 in 1926, keeping in mind that the peak was reached in September 1928, when it was 300,739. In other words the present total is not very much below the high record point. Lumber prices have been noticeably strong. Production has been reduced, partly voluntarily and partly because of severe weather necessitating the closing of logging camps. Fir, spruce and hemlock lumber advanced \$1. Refined sugar declined to 4.90c. Wheat advanced 4 to 6c. on reports of the coldest weather in Europe in 200 years and fears of damage to the winter crops. Speculation increased and it is noticed that on any small decline new buying enters the market. Some of the Russian crop news was unfavorable. Corn has followed wheat at a distance, rising 1 to 1 1/2c. Export business has been lacking but country offerings have continued small. Rye advanced 3 to 5c. in response to the advance in wheat. Eastern interests and seaboard houses bought. Besides the crop news was less favorable and the firmness of wheat counted in favor of rye.

Cotton advanced for a time on large estimates of the consumption of American cotton in this country, but when the Census Bureau stated the total for January as 668,389 bales it was found to have been discounted and prices dropped 25 to 30 points on the 14th inst. from the early high on that day. Then followed heavy liquidation from all directions and the catching of stop orders. Wall Street, the South, if not the West, sold. Today there was some recovery on better technical position and for the most part what were considered bullish weekly statistics.

Rubber was active and advanced 3 to 3 1/4 cents on big consumption, decreased exports and rumors of a strike in the Far East which may restrict production, all capped by a sharp rise in London. Coffee advanced owing to big storms in Brazil tending to delay the forwarding of coffee, if they do no worse. Besides, Brazilian and European markets have advanced and here Europe and Brazil have been buying. Sugar futures have declined a little under the influence of sales of prompt Cuban at 1 31-32c. on a large scale. Provisions have been rather irregular, but the later months have advanced.

The stock market has been irregular, up for a time when money was easy, say at 6 1/2%, and no change made in the rediscount rate by the New York Federal Reserve Bank, and then down this afternoon, when money rose to 10% and the bill market also became stronger. There is a disposition among some operators to go a little slow on the idea that the Federal Reserve authorities, whatever the appearances to the contrary, may be considering if they have not actually decided upon some plan to apply an effective curb on inordinate speculation in stocks. Acceptance rates are the highest on record.

At New Bedford, Mass. the operations of the mills are said to have been increased as regards fine goods, but output of plain goods outruns the demand. In the Greenville, S. C. and the Piedmont section cotton mills are still operating day and night. While many officials do not approve of night work there has apparently, been no concerted effort to stop it. Charlotte, N. C. reports cotton yarn mills running full time with orders coming in better than for the past 18 months. Manchester cabled that spinners of Egyptian cotton have agreed to curtail production by 33 1-3% during the next two months. The automobile factories probably will turn out more cars and trucks this month than in any previous February in the history of the industry, according to Automotive Industries, despite the fact that a new record for January production was established this year.

On the 13th inst. New York temperatures were 22 to 26 degrees overnight. Boston had 14 to 30; Chicago 16 to 18; Cincinnati 18 to 28; Cleveland 16 to 20; Detroit 12 to 18; Kansas City 12 to 32; Milwaukee 12 to 18; Philadelphia 22 to 32; Portland, Me., 6 to 26; San Francisco 48 to 56; Seattle 26 to 42; St. Louis 26 to 34; St. Paul 4 to 18. On the 13th inst. it was 20 degrees below to 16 above in the far West. Chicago reported 18 degrees above with light snow, and New York had 22 degrees. At Van Buren, Me., on Feb. 13 the temperature was 36 degrees below zero, the coldest of the winter. Tupper Lake, N. Y., wired Feb. 13 that a cold wave engulfed the Adirondacks region last night, sending the thermometer readings below the zero mark. The lowest recorded there was 28 below zero. To-day it was 27 to 38 degrees here.

Department store sales of January showed an increase of 5% over last year, according to reports to Federal Reserve by 430 stores, but actual increase reported to be but 1%, as January this year has one more business day.

On Feb. 11 the cables reported the coldest day in Berlin in 200 years, 22 degrees Fahrenheit below zero at Breslau, schools closed in Bulgaria, the Rhine and the Danube both frozen, the coldest in Silesia since 1690, with 49 degrees Fahrenheit below zero, London and Liverpool the coldest in years, and a heavy toll of life. On the 13th inst. France and England were still very cold. In France there was a heavy snowfall even in the Riviera, and it was feared the Marne and Seine would freeze over. Continued distress was reported from Germany, Holland, Scandinavia, Austria and the Balkan countries. Warsaw, Poland, reported an entire gypsy band of 34 men, women and children, frozen to death in their camp near Lublin. Paris shivered in 5 degrees above zero Fahrenheit. Eastern France had weather well under zero Fahrenheit. The Weather Bureau predicted continued severe cold for as long as even a week. Sofia, Bulgaria, reported the Black Sea ports of Varna and Burgas closed, with ice for the first time since 1849. Later in the week the deaths from the abnormal cold in Europe rose to 300 as cities faced a shortage of food and fuel. The intense cold has given rise to fears of serious damage to the winter grain crops of Europe and has caused a sharp rise in American wheat markets, making it something that trenced closely on great business interests in the United States.

Preliminary Report of Federal Reserve Board on Retail Trade Shows Gain in January as Compared with Same Month Last Year.

Sales of department stores showed an increase of 5% in January over the corresponding month last year, according to reports made to the Federal Reserve system by 430 stores. After allowance is made for the fact that January of this year contained one more business day, the increase was about 1%. The Board's preliminary survey Feb. 9 adds:

Of the 430 reporting stores, 228 showed increased sales over January of last year. The largest increases were reported by stores in the Chicago, Kansas City and San Francisco Federal Reserve districts, while there were decreases in the Boston, St. Louis and Minneapolis Federal Reserve districts.

Sales of two mail order houses were 26.5% larger, and those of eight 5-and-10-cent chain stores 7.6% larger, than in January 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.

Percentage changes in dollar sales between January 1928 and January 1929 are given in the following table:

Federal Reserve District	Percentage of Increase or Decrease in Sales January 1929 Compared with January 1928.	Number of Stores		
		Total Reporting	Number Reporting	
			Increase	Decrease
Boston	-0.6	79	42	37
New York	+6.1	47	19	28
Philadelphia	+5.1	32	17	15
Cleveland	+6.1	32	20	12
Richmond	+1.3	37	17	20
Atlanta	+3.6	30	11	19
Chicago	+11.2	46	24	22
St. Louis	-0.5	13	8	10
Minneapolis	-5.6	13	3	10
Kansas City	+8.7	16	11	5
Dallas	+0.9	18	10	8
San Francisco	+8.7	62	46	16
Total	+5.0	430	228	202

Industrial Activity Based on Consumption of Electricity Higher in January.

Manufacturing operations of the country in January, based on consumption of electrical energy, were 4.1% greater than in December and 11.9% higher than in January 1928 according to reports received from more than 3,600 industrial plants by "Electrical World." The increase in activity reflects record rate of operations for January in the rolling mills and steel plants, and in the automotive industry. The month also witnessed high activity in the textiles division, says the "Electrical World," which adds:

Consumption of electricity by the rolling mills and steel plants was on a plane 8% greater than that for December, and 16.9% above the January level of last year. Metal-working plants, taking the country as a whole, reports a rate of operations in January that was 15.7% greater than in the same month last year.

In the automotive industry, including production of parts for replacement, the rate of operations in January was 14.6% above that of December and 10.5% higher than in January 1928. The high mark in this industrial group was established in September last year.

The rate of activity in textiles for January was slightly higher than in the preceding month, the gain amounting to 2.5%. Compared with January a year ago, however, the increase amounted to 10.9%.

With the exception of the Southern States, all sections of the country reported a higher rate of operations than in January last year. Increases over January of last year were: New England, 10.8%; Middle Atlantic, 9%; North Central, 18.6%, and Western States, 20.3%. General manufacturing activity in the South was 0.7% under last year.

The rate of manufacturing activity in January compared with December 1928 and January 1928, all figures adjusted to 26 working days and based on consumption of electrical energy as reported to "Electrical World" (monthly average 1923 25 equals 100), follows:

	Jan. 1929.	Dec. 1928.	Jan. 1928.
All industrial groups	132.5	127.3	118.4
Metal industries group	142.6	139.2	124.4
Rolling mills and steel plants	153.5	142.2	131.3
Metal working plants	135.8	137.5	117.4
Leather and its products	94.3	93.7	112.2
Textiles	129.4	126.3	116.7
Lumber and its products	107.4	107.3	107.7
Automobiles and parts	149.4	130.0	135.2
Stone, clay and glass	137.4	136.6	150.2
Paper and pulp	126.2	127.4	121.3
Rubber and its products	148.2	124.8	120.4
Chemicals and allied products	129.2	132.8	124.2
Food and kindred products	128.0	113.7	102.4
Shipbuilding	108.2	91.8	94.2

Continued Gain in Detroit Employment.

The Detroit Employers' Association reports for the week ended Feb. 12, 294,903 employed, an increase of 2,675 over the previous week and an increase of 65,106 over the corresponding week last year.

Electric Output by Light and Power Industry Increased 10% During 1928—Between 6½ and Seven Billion Kilowatt Hours Produced Monthly in Year.

The electric light and power industry in the United States during 1928 increased its monthly production about 10% over 1927, according to the W. B. Foshay Co. in its weekly report on the public utility industry issued Jan. 5. The report follows:

Between 6,500,000,000 and 7,000,000,000 kilowatt hours of electrical energy were produced monthly by the electric light and power plants of the United States during 1928, according to figures of the United States Geological Survey.

The average increase in output over the previous year was about 10%, a remarkable showing because of the fact that industrial conditions, while generally good throughout the year, were spotty. Some industrially quiet sections used less electrical energy than during the preceding year.

Of the total energy generated an average of 1,325,000,000 kilowatt hours was used for lighting, about 3,600,000,000 kilowatt hours for power and the remainder was consumed for other general purposes. The figures do not include energy generated by electric railway companies, reclamation service or manufacturing plants.

During this year utility companies purchased an average of about 1,300,000,000 kilowatt hours monthly for resale purposes, as compared with a total of about 1,200,000,000 kilowatt hours monthly in 1927.

Energy used in inter-company business, including line losses in transmission, also reached a high monthly figure during the year with an average of about 1,175,000,000 kilowatt hours, as compared with an average of about 1,080,000,000 kilowatt hours monthly in 1927.

Monthly Index of Real Estate Activity—December Figures 85.6.

Real estate activity for the month of December 1928 is indicated by the index figure 85.6, according to the statistics compiled by the National Association of Real Estate Boards from the number of deeds recorded in 63 cities from which the Association draws its data for this new series, using 1926 as a base year upon which to compare activity from month to month. This is the fourth index figure to be computed by the Association in the new series. The figure for November was 89.9.

Index figures formerly compiled by the Association were based not on deeds alone, but on all transfers and conveyances recorded in the cities reporting, so that the series now being issued monthly is not comparable with the figures which have preceded it. The Association's revised monthly index from January 1924 to date is as follows:

	1924.	1925.	1926.*	1927.	1928.
January	97.9	97.7	100	91.3	89.6
February	94.6	95.7	100	90.5	92.7
March	88.6	98.0	100	91.7	85.2
April	99.8	102.4	100	90.6	82.6
May	100.9	107.9	100	91.2	90.2
June	88.2	97.4	100	87.8	84.2
July	94.4	106.8	100	94.1	84.3
August	96.3	107.0	100	96.1	91.3
September	96.0	109.0	100	91.2	83.8
October	103.0	112.6	100	94.7	95.0
November	92.5	105.7	100	96.9	89.9
December	99.9	109.6	100	95.7	85.6

*Activity for each month of 1926 is taken as the norm of activity for that month.

January Construction Contracts Show Moderate Decline—F. W. Dodge Corporation's Review of Building and Engineering Activity.

Total construction contracts awarded during January in the 37 states east of the Rocky Mountains amounted to \$409,967,900, according to F. W. Dodge Corporation. These states include about 91% of the total construction volume of the country. When the above figure was compared with the total for the corresponding month of last year there was a decrease of 4% and when compared with the total for December 1928 there was 5% decrease. Analysis

of the January contract total showed the following important classes of work: \$138,068,600, or 34% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$100,378,000, or 25%, for commercial buildings; \$66,522,000, or 17%, for public works and utilities; and \$63,108,900, or 16%, for industrial projects.

During the month of January there was \$818,284,000 worth of new projects reported in contemplation in the 37 Eastern States. The above figure was 13% ahead of the amount reported in December 1928, but there was a drop of 10%, from the amount reported in January of last year. Further details are furnished as follows:

New York State and Northern New Jersey.

New building and engineering work started in New York State and Northern New Jersey during the month of January amounted to \$101,684,200. This figure was 26% less than the total for December of last year and there was a decrease of 22% from the January 1928 total.

Included in last month's contract total were the following important classes of work: \$45,770,000, or 45% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$20,827,500, or 20%, for commercial buildings; \$20,492,100, or 20%, for public works and utilities; and \$5,941,800, or 6%, for educational projects.

During the past month there was \$162,308,900 worth of new contemplated projects reported in this area. The above figure was 17% under the amount reported in the preceding month and it was 47% less than the amount reported in January of last year.

New England States.

January construction contracts let in the New England States amounted to \$29,318,400. This figure exceeded the December 1928 record by 4%, but it was 19% less than the total for January of last year.

The following were the most important items in the January building and engineering record: \$11,894,900, or 41% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$10,088,200, or 34%, for commercial buildings; \$1,641,500, or 6%, for educational projects; and \$1,495,800, or 5%, for industrial projects.

New contemplated work reported last month in the New England States reached a total of \$54,348,300. This figure represents an increase of 43% over the amount reported in December 1928, but there was a loss of 2% from the amount reported in January 1928.

Middle Atlantic States.

The Middle Atlantic States (Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia and Virginia) had \$49,083,400 in contracts for new building and engineering work during January. Last Month's total was 6% less than that for December 1928 and it was 4% below the total for January of last year.

Analysis of the January contract record showed the following items of note: \$20,473,100, or 42% of the total, for residential buildings; \$16,803,000, or 34%, for commercial buildings; \$3,631,900, or 7%, for industrial projects; and \$2,819,400, or 6%, for public works and utilities.

Contemplated new work reported in January in the Middle Atlantic States reached a total of \$134,296,600, being a gain of 19% over the amount reported in the corresponding month of a year ago, but a loss of 1% from the amount reported in December 1928.

The Pittsburgh District.

January construction contracts awarded in the Pittsburgh District (Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky) amounted to \$57,108,300. This is the largest amount ever recorded in this district for the month of January. It was more than double the January 1928 total and it was 46% ahead of the total for December 1928. The awarding of a large contract for a power plant to be constructed in the state of Pennsylvania helped to make the above record.

Last month's contract total included the following important items: \$24,870,000, or 44% of all construction, for industrial projects; \$11,832,300, or 21%, for residential buildings; \$10,245,800, or 18%, for public works and utilities; and \$4,729,200, or 8%, for commercial buildings.

The Pittsburgh District had \$139,418,000 worth of reported contemplated work during the past month. This figure was more than three times greater than the amount reported in the preceding month and it was 50% ahead of the total for January of last year.

The Central West.

The Central West (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Southern Michigan, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska) had \$113,171,000 in contracts for new construction work during the past month. The above figure was almost the same as the January 1928 record, but there was a loss of 6% from the December 1928 total.

Included in the January building and engineering record were the following classes of importance: \$37,555,600, or 33%, for commercial buildings; \$33,966,100, or 30%, for residential buildings; \$18,026,200, or 16%, for public works and utilities; and \$13,877,700, or 12%, for industrial projects.

New projects reported as contemplated during the past month in the Central West amounted to \$214,107,000. There was a drop of 1% from the amount reported in the preceding month and there was a 4% decrease from the amount reported in January of last year.

The Northwest.

Building and engineering contracts were let last month in the Northwest (Minnesota, the Dakotas and Northern Michigan) to the amount of \$6,220,900. This figure was the second highest January contract total on record for this district. It was more than double the amount contracted for in January of last year and it was 63% ahead of the amount contracted for in December 1928.

The following were the most important items in the January contract record: \$4,457,800, or 72% of all construction, for commercial buildings; \$798,200, or 13%, for public works and utilities; \$483,400, or 8%, for residential buildings, and \$250,000, or 4%, for social and recreational projects.

New contemplated projects reported last month in the Northwest reached a total of \$12,430,500. There were increases of 36% over the December 1928 total and of 78% over the January 1928 total.

Southeastern States.

January construction contracts let in the Southeastern States (the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana) amounted to \$37,482,400. There was an increase of 11% over the total for the preceding month, but there was a drop of 20% from the January 1928 total.

Analysis of last month's building and engineering record showed the following items of note: \$8,520,700, or 23% of all construction, for public

works and utilities; \$8,441,800, or 23%, for residential buildings; \$14,145,500, or 38%, for industrial projects, and \$4,182,400, or 11%, for commercial buildings.

Contemplated new work reported last month in the Southeastern States reached a total of \$63,182,400. This figure was 10% ahead of the amount reported in December 1928, but there was a 3% decrease from the amount reported in January of last year.

Texas.

The State of Texas had \$15,899,300 in contracts for new building and engineering work during the past month. The above figure was 6% below the total for December 1928 and there was a drop of 4% from the total for January 1928.

Included in the January construction records were the following items of interest: \$5,207,000, or 33% of the total, for residential buildings; \$4,710,700, or 30%, for public works and utilities; \$2,669,900, or 17%, for industrial projects, and \$1,734,300, or 11%, for commercial buildings.

New contemplated projects reported during January in this State amounted to \$38,192,300. There was an increase of 17% over the amount reported in December 1928, but there was a loss of 6% from the amount reported in January 1928.

Saturation Point Not in Sight for Construction According to A. E. Dickinson of Indiana Limestone Co.

There is no saturation point in sight for new construction. A seven billion dollar building year has just closed. Signs all indicate another record program for the current year, says A. E. Dickinson, President of the Indiana Limestone Co. He adds:

New economic conditions, new architectural tastes and new popular demands are being met steadily by increased programs of construction and reconstruction. A stable population requires replacement of obsolete structures and maintenance of existing ones. And a growing population must have more building to accommodate its new peoples.

In all metropolitan centers, land values have risen to such phenomenal heights it is only a question of time when most pre-war low structures will be replaced with monumental ones. To realize a fair return on the investment, every possible dollar must be extracted from the plot of ground. Maintaining the upkeep of the building at a minimum by building artistically and with substantial materials is another means of getting the most out of the money invested. But to build these cities in the clouds will require years of construction activity. Thousands of tons of stone from the Indiana Limestone Co. quarries have been shipped each year for these towering structures as well as buildings of less size. And there is sufficient stone to carry on this gigantic program indefinitely.

As long as prosperity continues the nation will express its wealth in improved comfort in living and that means more and newer homes, offices, churches, theaters and schools.

Henry Ford Says Falling Values Hurt Business—By-Products from Ford Plants Reach Huge Totals.

Discussing business just before his departure from Detroit for Florida on Feb. 4, Henry Ford said:

"The only thing that hurts business is falling values. Keep value up to prices, and you have beaten all chances of slump or panic. It is when the balance between these is disturbed that the country senses trouble."

A dispatch from Detroit to the New York "Journal of Commerce" quoting Mr. Ford to the foregoing effect, stated:

The Ford company is at present employing 135,000 men in Detroit alone. The world employment is close to 200,000. Soon there will be 150,000 men at work in Detroit plants.

"At the same time our men are trying to do away with the midnight shift," Ford said. "And probably before long it will be practically abolished. I never believed it right for men to work at that unnatural hour of the day."

Ford By-Products.

By-products derived from manufacturing in Ford Motor Co. plants during 1928 reached astounding totals. From the coking process of coal alone was produced at the rouge plant the following:

13,552,394 gallons of coal tar.
17,238 tons of ammonium sulphate.
13,661,595 gallons of motor benzol.
16,845,232,000 cubic feet of gas.
1,101,689 tons of coke.

The coal tar was burned as fuel; the ammonium sulphate sold for fertilizer; many motorists bought Ford benzol in Detroit and vicinity; the Ford Motor Co. consumed part of the gas, the remainder being disposed of to a Detroit gas company. The coke was consumed or sold.

Lumber District Report.

By-products derived from the northern Michigan hardwood lumbering district near Iron Mountain comprised, in part:

15,898 tons of charcoal briquets.
2,827,237 pounds of hardwood pitch.
197,406 gallons of wood alcohol (known under the trade name of C P methanol).

853 tons of calcium acetate.
550,408 gallons of ethyl acetate.
By-products in the rouge plant include:
80,075 barrels of portland cement.
283,210 net tons of slag (used in the manufacture of portland cement).
Square feet of plate glass was manufactured as follows:

Rouge, 5,399,773 square feet.
Twin Cities, St. Paul-Minneapolis, 2,240,526 square feet.
Glass Mere, Pa., 6,515,208 square feet.
The paper production for the same period amounted to 4,443½ tons.
Rouge produced 304,191 gross tons of pig iron in the blast furnaces and 321,476 gross tons of ingots in the open hearth.

2,884,728 tons of coal were mined by the company in 1928.
Production of the new Ford reached the first million this afternoon, when Model A, Engine 1,000,000, came off the assembly line in the Motors Building at the Rouge plant of the Ford Motor Co. The occasion was marked by the gathering of officials of the company who have been active in the production of the new car since its inception.

Gain in Factory Employment in Pennsylvania—Wages Drop—Delaware Employment Conditions Unchanged.

Factory employment in Pennsylvania showed a gain of 1 1/2% between December and January and was 2.2% larger than in Jan. 1928, according to figures received by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia from 790 manufacturing firms.

Wage disbursements, on the other hand, showed a drop of 2.6% in the month, reflecting the year-end let down in operation, mainly on account of inventory taking and overhauling of plant equipment.

The compilations of the Bank follow:

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN PENNSYLVANIA.

[Compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and the Department of Labor and Industry, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.]

Index Numbers, 1923-1925 Average=100.

Table with 6 columns: Group and Industry, No. of Plants Reporting, Employment January 1929, Per Cent Change Since Dec. 1928, Payrolls January 1929, Per Cent Change Since Dec. 1928. Rows include All manuf. Industries (51), Metal products, Blast furnaces, etc.

*Preliminary figures.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN DELAWARE.

[Compiled by Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.]

Table with 4 columns: Industry, Number of Plants Reporting, Increase or Decrease, Jan. 1929 Over Dec. 1928. Rows include All Industries, Foundries and machinery products, etc.

EMPLOYEE-HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY WAGES IN PENNSYLVANIA

[Compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and the Department of Labor and Industry, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.]

Table with 6 columns: Group and Industry, No. of Plants Reporting, Employee-Hours Change Jan 29 from Dec. '28, Average Hourly Wages (Jan, Dec), Average Weekly Wages (Jan, Dec). Rows include All manuf. Industries (46), Metal products, Blast furnaces, etc.

*These figures are for the 790 firms reporting employment and wages.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN CITY AREAS.

[Compiled by Department of Statistics and Research of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.]

Index Numbers—1923-1925 Average=100.

Table with 5 columns: No. of Plants Reporting, Employment Percentage Change Jan. 1929 Since Dec. 1928, Payrolls Percentage Change Jan. 1929 Since Dec. 1928. Rows include Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, Altoona, Erie, etc.

Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight Ahead of 1928, But Not Up To 1927.

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on Feb. 2 totaled 946,892 cars, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced on Feb. 12.

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week totaled 332,339 cars, an increase of 13,676 cars above the corresponding week last year and 4,446 cars over the same week in 1927.

Coal loading totaled 211,094 cars, an increase of 30,438 cars over the same week in 1928 but 7,982 cars under the same period two years ago.

Grain and grain products loading amounted to 49,718 cars, a decrease of 4,201 cars below the same week in 1928 but 2,838 cars above the same week in 1927.

Livestock loading amounted to 27,508 cars, a decrease of 7,754 cars under the same week in 1928 and 220 cars under the same week in 1927.

Loading of merchandise less-than-carload-lot freight totaled 245,630 cars, a decrease of 3,464 cars below the same week in 1928 and 6,606 cars under the corresponding week in 1927.

Forest products loading amounted to 59,453 cars, 9,959 cars below the same week in 1928 and 8,544 cars below the same week in 1927.

Ore loading amounted to 8,669 cars, 781 cars over the same week in 1928, but 2,957 cars below two years ago.

Coke loading totaled 12,481 cars, 1,113 cars above the same week last year and 233 cars over the corresponding week two years ago.

All districts except the Southern and Northwestern reported increases in the total loading of all commodities compared with the same week in 1928, while all except the Eastern, Centralwestern and Southwestern districts reported decreases compared with the same period in 1927.

Loading of revenue freight in 1929 compared with the two previous years follows:

	1929.	1928.	1927.
Four weeks in January-----	3,570,978	3,448,895	3,756,660
Week ended Feb. 2-----	946,892	926,262	965,664
	4,517,870	4,375,157	4,722,324

Annalist's Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices.

There has been a further small decline this week in the "Annalist" weekly index of wholesale commodity prices. The "Annalist" says:

Sizable declines in the food and miscellaneous groups combined with a lesser decline in the fuel group were for the most part, however, balanced by higher prices of farm products, fuels and building materials. The index of all commodities stands at 146.2 this week and compares with 146.5 a week ago.

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

	Feb. 11 1929.	Feb. 5 1929.	Feb. 14 1928.
Farm products-----	145.4	144.8	148.1
Food products-----	145.3	146.8	150.9
Textile products-----	154.9	154.9	152.2
Fuels-----	162.6	163.0	154.4
Metals-----	126.9	125.9	120.7
Building material-----	154.1	153.7	150.3
Chemicals-----	134.6	134.6	134.0
Miscellaneous-----	128.0	129.6	125.2
All commodities-----	146.2	146.5	146.4

Seasonal Decrease in New York Factory Employment.

Factory employment in New York State decreased somewhat less than 1% between Dec. 15 and Jan. 15. This decrease in the number of people at work in our factories represents a usual seasonal tendency, according to Industrial Commissioner Frances Perkins, neither larger nor smaller than might be expected at this time of year. According to Miss Perkins' statement, which is based on monthly reports from about 1,500 manufacturing concerns employing approximately one-third of the factory workers in the State, and which was issued Feb. 11, these firms constitute a fixed list of manufacturers representing a wide range of products and located in various parts of the State. Continuing, the statement says:

Automobile Factories Busy.

The only conspicuous gains reported for the month of January were in the automobile industry. Practically all of the larger concerns making either automobiles or automobile parts showed good increases in employment. Among the smaller factories there was some irregularity but no large decreases. The repair shops in New York City were not as busy as in December.

Heating Apparatus Dull.

There seems to be a fairly general slackening of activity in the heating apparatus industry. Several factories were closed for inventory or repairs and most of the others were employing fewer workers than in December. The plants which were closed the previous month had reopened in January but even these concerns were, in most cases, employing fewer workers than in November.

Small Decreases in Machinery.

Manufacturers of machinery and electrical apparatus generally reported small decreases in both the number of employees and the amount of payroll. A few concerns had taken on employees since December but changes in either direction were not large. The same thing is true of the brass and copper industry, no big increases or decreases, but the majority of firms reporting slightly reduced activity. Iron and steel mills had laid off about 3% of their workers since December.

Men's Clothing Factories Busier.

Reports from clothing firms reflected a good deal of uncertainty. In the men's furnishings and women's underwear industries both increases and decreases were reported, but the general tendency was downward. In the women's coat, suit and dress industries additions to forces in some factories nearly balanced reductions in others. Some of the men's clothing and women's millinery firms also reported dull business but in these industries enough concerns had begun work on spring orders to show a fairly good net gain for the month.

Decreases Irregular in Other Industries.

Among the food industries, canneries and tobacco factories reported the largest decreases in employment, the decreases amounting to 13 and 7%, respectively. None of the food industries had increased the number of their employees. Makers of flour and cereals, meat packers and makers of dairy products retained practically all of their December forces, while candy and beverage factories were laying off workers.

Most shoe factories both in Brooklyn and in the up-State districts had taken on employees since December, although in some cases payrolls had been reduced. Firms making leather were more active but the fur shops reported a seasonal drop in employment.

Fewer workers were needed this month in most chemical industries and in paper goods factories. Increases in employment which occurred occasionally in drug and industrial chemical factories and in some of the photographic chemical factories were irregular. There was a small net increase in the paper mills and a decrease in the printing shops but within these industries some firms were taking on workers while others were laying them off.

Industrial Situation in Illinois During December and 1928—Analysis by Cities.

Supplementing the item appearing in our issue of Jan. 19, page 329, presenting a survey of the industrial situation in Illinois during December and 1928, we give herewith the analysis by cities of industrial conditions in the State, as made available by Sidney W. Wilcox, Chief of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Illinois Department of Labor:

With the closing of 1928, it is possible to note improvements in employment condition that have taken place in many Illinois cities. Cicero has become the centre of the vitaphone industry which is responsible for the employment of hundred of additional workers. Communities in which agricultural implements are manufactured, notably Moline, Rock Island, Chicago and Peoria, have also received increased payrolls from the industry. The furniture industry, which is centralized in Rockford, has recently shown indications of improvement. A corn products concern has recently been started in Danville and beginning with September placed 500 workers on its payroll. The revival of the coal industry has been very helpful to a number of centres, especially Springfield, which has been enjoying increased industrial activity in recent months.

AURORA.

The past year has witnessed a steady decline in the extent of unemployment in spite of general reductions of forces which have taken place in factories. While no definite indications have been received, it seems highly probable that laid off factory hands have been absorbed in trade or road building or by some new industry. Of the established industries in Aurora, metals show the greatest amount of improvement, a number of payrolls showing 100 additional names. Textile and clothing factories failed to show a decided movement, although at the close of the year fewer people were employed in this group than in the preceding year. Building has continued to increase in 1928 during which permits were issued for the construction of buildings to the amount of \$2,967,772.

BLOOMINGTON.

The general movement of factory employment in Bloomington has been upward during 1928, with the majority of manufacturing establishments showing more names on payrolls than in the preceding year. The extent of unemployment as indicated by the free employment office ratio has reflected these improved conditions with a steady decline, and in December there were only 106 applications received for every 100 jobs, as compared with 116 in December 1927. Building has been going on at a very rapid rate and this year permit totals reached \$1,382,800, as compared with \$924,200 in 1927.

CHICAGO.

Conditions of employment in the Chicago area have improved during 1928 and are now decidedly better than they were in 1927. The outlook for further improvement in 1929 is unusually good. Because of an expanding market for agricultural implements and a continued improvement in the electrical products line indications are that a further upswing will be experienced. Since a number of printing houses have also been adding to their plant it is entirely probable that Chicago printers will send in reports of increased employment. The meat packing industry has been experiencing a downward movement, as is the case of men's clothing factories. According to the free employment office ratio the extent of unemployment is less than it was at the close of last year, the figure for December 1928, showing only 138 applicants per 100 openings as compared with 192 for the same month of a year ago.

CICERO.

The industrial situation in Cicero has been unusually promising during 1928. According to all indications the coming year will witness even greater improvement. The outstanding gains have occurred in the electrical products line which has now undertaken the manufacture of the vitaphone. Hundreds of workers have already been added to the payrolls of this industry, which, according to current reports, will continue to increase its forces at a more rapid rate in future months. A number of other metal factories have also been increasing their forces. Building has been maintained at a high level, but the total amount of money expended on construction was less than a year ago.

DANVILLE.

According to all available information employment conditions in Danville have remained practically unchanged throughout the past year. The free employment office ratio has, with three exceptions, remained near 145, and very few changes are apparent in the yearly payrolls of 15 reporting manufacturers who employed over 50% of the factory workers in Danville. The amount expended on building has been less than in 1927, \$915,348 comparing with \$1,036,791 expended a year ago. Danville has been particularly fortunate in obtaining a new industry which promises to be very significant in this community. In September a corn products factory was put into operation giving employment to approximately 500 men. While some reductions are to be expected in this industry during the coming months, the outlook is said to be very favorable.

DECATUR.

Employment conditions in Decatur have been much better than they were a year ago. Total employment has increased in the 19 factories which employ approximately 50% of all factory workers in the city, and the free employment office ratio has declined steadily. Of the industries represented by the reporting manufacturers textiles show the greatest improvement, although a number of large gains appear in the payrolls of metal factories. One manufacturer of automobile equipment reports that 140 workers have been taken on during the past year, and the statement of a clothing manufacturer indicates an increase of 100 names on his payroll. According to permit totals the volume of building has declined, the 1928 figure of \$4,169,345 contrasting with \$5,790,000 in 1927.

EAST ST. LOUIS.

Manufacturers who employed over 30% of all East St. Louis factory workers have closed the year with smaller forces. Meat packing plants have been a dominating influence in the downward movement, although metal factories also showed a tendency to reduce forces. As indicated by the free employment office ratio the amount of unemployment is less than it was last year, although no very marked changes have taken place. Building has declined from \$5,597,943 in 1927 to \$2,729,766, in 1928.

JOLIET.

While a number of increases appear in the employment reports of Joliet manufacturers the year has been marked by very few changes. Steel plants have slightly more workers, but in chemicals the course of employment has been downward. The extent of unemployment as reflected by the free employment office ratio is less than it was last year, although conditions

continue to be rather unfavorable for the job-seeker. Building has been going ahead rapidly according to building permits which indicate that the estimated cost of construction during 1928 was \$3,095,320 as compared with \$2,793,000 in 1927.

PEORIA.

That more workers are now employed in Peoria than was the case a year ago is indicated by both the free employment office and the reports of 33 manufacturers. An outstanding industry in this community has been agricultural implements, represented by an establishment that is now offering employment to twice as many men as it ever included in its forces. Building has also been well sustained and has passed its 1927 record by \$542,000. According to press information, trade has also been unusually active, reflecting the increasing payrolls in this community.

QUINCY.

Employment conditions have remained practically unchanged in Quincy during the past year. With only two exceptions the number of workers employed by 15 reporting manufacturers during December compared very closely with the number employed at the beginning of the year. The free employment office ratio has also remained relatively constant throughout 1928. Building has increased slightly over 1927.

ROCKFORD.

Rockford continues to report a shortage of skilled metal workers. Conditions are unusually promising with prospects for improvement in the metal and furniture industries, both of which have been moving ahead steadily. One implement factory closed the year with 76 more workers than it has ever had before, and in another 140 additional names appear on the payroll. Furniture factories generally report more workers than in January, but their forces continue to be somewhat lower than in the two previous years. Additional evidence of improved conditions comes in the form of the free employment office ratio of unemployment, which has declined steadily. The volume of building, however, was less than it was last year.

ROCK ISLAND—MOLINE.

This district has passed an unusually active year. Beginning near the first month of the year, the agricultural implement industry began an expansion program which has continued throughout the past year. Automotive equipment factories have also supported an upward movement. In both centres, however, the volume of building has declined. The amount of unemployment in this district has remained constant according to the free employment office, which reports that the existing labor supply is sufficient except in the skilled lines.

SPRINGFIELD.

Springfield continued to report improved industrial conditions. Coal mining activities are now much improved and have stimulated other lines, notably trade and manufacturing of food products consumed in this locality. Electrical products and agricultural implements both report increased working forces. The volume of building is close to that of a year ago. During the past 12 months permits have been issued for the construction of buildings whose estimated cost is \$3,786,000.

STERLING—ROCK FALLS.

Conditions of employment have improved very rapidly during the past year. A number of agricultural implement factories have increased their forces, as was also the case in a number of other metal lines. Employment in food industries has remained relatively constant.

Business Conditions in St. Louis Federal Reserve District—Resumption of Activities at Industrial Plants After Christmas Holidays More Rapid Than Is Usual.

Stating, in its Monthly Review issued Jan. 31, that "reports relative to business and industry in this district during the past thirty days developed rather sharp contrasts" the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis adds:

Relatively most satisfactory results were achieved in the manufacturing lines, notably in iron and steel, packing and food products generally. Resumption of activities at industrial plants after the holidays and inventorying interruption was more rapid than is ordinarily the case. In the distribution of merchandise, the retail section made a better exhibit than was the case in wholesaling and jobbing, though despite a heavy volume of Christmas buying, retail sales in December were slightly below the volume of the corresponding month in 1927. Of the wholesale lines investigated, a large majority showed decreases in sales both under the preceding month and the same period a year earlier.

Throughout December the movement into consumption of seasonal merchandise, particularly apparel, fuel, boots and shoes, sporting goods and certain lines of hardware, was restricted by unseasonably warm weather. Reordering of commodities in these classifications was disappointingly small, and some cancellations were reported. Since the first of January, however, the spell of low temperatures has materially stimulated the demand for cold weather goods, and in all parts of the district merchants have been able to measurably reduce their stocks. A further stimulus to retail distribution since the turn of the year has been the holding of numerous special sales, which have met with excellent response.

Inventory taking has disclosed almost universally small stocks, both in wholesale and retail establishments. The same is true of raw materials held by manufacturers in important lines, who during the past year have adhered to the policy of purchasing principally on an actual requirement basis. For the most part orders booked by manufacturers and jobbers for future delivery are below those of the corresponding period last year, and this is accountable in a large degree for the decrease in sales reported in December as contrasted with that month in 1927. In the case of certain wholesale and jobbing lines, the seasonal decline from November to December was more pronounced than the average during the past half decade. Employment conditions influenced mainly by seasonal considerations, showed little change from the preceding month, and were on the whole satisfactory. Savings accounts in December decreased slightly as compared with November, but were 3.5% larger on January 4 than a year earlier. Building contracts let in the Eighth Federal Reserve District in December exceeded the November total, and the total for 1928 was 10.8% larger than in 1927.

Freight traffic of railroads operating in this district attained high levels during the past 30 days, the volume reported by several important trunk lines being the largest on record for that particular period. The traffic decrease incident to the holidays was less marked than is ordinarily the case, and increases were shown in virtually all classifications, with merchandise and miscellaneous freight making a particularly good

exhibit. The movement of coal and coke was considerably above that of a year ago.

Collections during the past 30 days developed some irregularity, both with reference to different localities and the several lines investigated. The average, however, was about even with the preceding month, and slightly lower than during the corresponding period a year earlier. In sections where cotton is the principal crop, liquidation both with merchants and the banks continued on a liberal scale, and payments in the tobacco areas showed favorable response to heavy marketings of that crop. December payments to retailers in the country showed the usual seasonal slump, but since the first of this month results have been more satisfactory. In the large cities unevenness was reported by retailers. For the most part wholesalers report Jan. 1 settlements up to expectations, with some lines, notably boots and shoes, hardware and dry goods, making a particularly good showing. Questionnaires addressed to representative interests in the several lines throughout the district showed the following results.

	Excellent.	Good.	Fair.	Poor.
December 1928.....	2.8%	57.8%	33.8%	5.6%
November 1928.....	1.4%	34.2%	52.1%	12.3%
December 1927.....	4.0%	36.4%	54.7%	5.3%

Commercial failures in the Eighth Federal Reserve District in November, according to Dun's, numbered 103, involving liabilities of \$1,477,305, against 125 defaults in November with liabilities of \$5,740,158, and 84 failures for \$2,923,187 in December 1927.

Consumption of Rubber in January Reached New High Level, Totalling 43,002 Tons—Imports Increase—Stocks Higher.

The consumption of rubber during January exceeded all previous months when 43,002 tons were used states the F.R.Henderson Corp. in its weekly market review to be issued to-day. This compares with 31,232 tons during December and 34,403 tons during Jan. 1928. This increase of nearly 40% was unexpected, as estimates made previously averaged 39,000 tons. The review continues:

The Department of Commerce has issued a revised figure for net imports United States of America during 1928 which is 407,573 tons. The previous figure, 404,356 tons, as well as the figure for 1927, 398,483 tons, which appeared in our "Monthly Market Digest" of Feb. 2 1929, should not have appeared under the heading of Rubber Association Statistics, as the source was the U. S. Dept. of Commerce.

The imports during January at all ports United States of America amounted to 52,305 tons, a compared with 46,840 tons the previous month, and 46,200 tons during Jan. 1928.

The arrivals from Feb. 1 to Feb. 15, incl., we estimate to be 34,100 tons. The stocks on hand and afloat at the end of January have each increased about 10,000 tons over those existing the end of December.

	Jan. 1929.	Dec. 1928.	Jan. 1928.
Stocks on hand.....	76,342	66,166	110,244
Stocks afloat to United States.....	78,596	68,764	41,256

The world stocks at the end of January we estimate at 225,000 tons, an increase during the month of about 18,000 tons.

The London stocks were increased last week by 24 tons to a total of 25,413 tons. It is estimated that there will be a decrease this week of 700 tons.

The F. R. Henderson Corp. in reviewing the activities during the week ended Feb. 15 on the Rubber Exchange, says:

The market closed strong after very active sessions on Thursday and Friday. Prices advanced over 3c. during the week, the greatest advances taking place on Friday, when the opening prices were 60 points above the previous closing. During the first hour prices advanced another 60-70 points and transactions reached a record volume, for any first hour of trading, of 1,679 lots equivalent to 4,197½ tons. The advance continued during the day to new highs for all positions showing increases of 220 to 230 points over the previous close.

The volume of transactions was 3,762 lots equivalent to 9,405 tons, second only to the record day, Jan. 11 1929, when 3,887 lots changed hands.

The sharp move upwards in the last few days was largely the result of an unexpected consumption in January. Interests who expected a further reaction downwards were caught unawares, and short-covering plus a very definite trade demand provided the necessary buying to carry the market to a strong close.

Prices for the Week.

	—The Week—		Feb. 15. Close.
	High.	Low.	
February.....	24.70	21.80	25.20 N ---
March.....	25.20	21.90	25.20 T ---
May.....	25.70	22.40	25.60 T ---
July.....	25.90	22.70	25.70 T ---
September.....	26.00	22.90	25.90 T 26.00
October.....	25.70	23.10	26.00 N ---
December.....	26.20	23.20	26.20 T ---

Prospective Softwood Demand in 1929 Greater Than in 1928.

Preliminary summaries from a nation-wide survey of the lumber demand situation being made by the National Lumber Manufacturers Association indicate that demand for softwoods in 1929 will be slightly heavier than in 1928. The "Association" states:

These summaries so far cover railroad, millwork and box business. An extended survey of prospective demand from retailers is nearing completion. This will cover practically every State and is carried on with the co-operation of the large retail dealers' associations. Detailed results will be published at an early date. Reports so far received indicate an estimated increase in retail lumber demand of 3.6% during the first half of 1929 and 5.7% during the second half of the year. Widespread inquiry from the furniture, casket, automobile, farm implement and wood-turning industries has been made but present returns are not sufficiently representative to warrant estimates.

Reports from the railroads of the country, representing 58% of the total mileage of Class I roads, indicate decrease in demand of 2.5%

Crude petroleum price changes recorded this week follow: Feb. 15—South Penn Oil Co. reduces Somerset grade crude in Cumberland pipe lines, 15 cents a barrel to \$1.60.

Prices are:

Table listing various petroleum products and their prices, including Pennsylvania, Bradford, Illinois, and others.

REFINERY PRODUCTS—WHOLESALE MARKETS FOR GASOLINE AND KEROSENE SEE ONLY SLIGHT SHADING OF PRICES—TANKWAGON GASOLINE OUT ON WEST COAST.

Gasoline is easier but without change of open prices in the various important consuming markets. Consumption is holding up remarkably well for the worst month in the year from the standpoint of sales.

Kerosene is firm at New York at 8 1/2 cents per gallon, tankcar, f. o. b. refinery. The corresponding Chicago price is 5 1/2 cents. Price shading is slight.

Pennsylvania refiners reduced gasoline 1/8 cent per gallon on Feb. 9, but this had no apparent effect on consuming markets.

The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey this week withdrew prices on export gasoline in cases and on export gas oil.

Representatives of marketers of refined petroleum products throughout the country, this week adopted the American Petroleum Institute code of marketing ethics at a trade practice conference in St. Louis under the auspices of the Federal Trade Commission.

The matter of training gasoline station attendants in the rudiments of real salesmanship is also receiving attention from oil marketers.

Stronger support of suggestions for uniform State legislation on gasoline tax matters is expected to come from the deluge of bills introduced in the legislatures of more than thirty States.

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

Feb. 9—Pennsylvania refiners reduce gasoline in tankcars at refinery, 1/8 cent per gallon.

Feb. 15—Texas Co. cuts tankwagon and service station gasoline 2 cents per gallon throughout Pacific Coast territory except in Arizona.

Prices are:

Table listing gasoline prices in various cities like New York, Chelsea, Tiverton, Boston, etc.

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.

Gasoline (Service Station).

Table listing gasoline prices at service stations in cities like New York, Boston, Baltimore, etc.

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

Outside of Metropolitan New York the quotation is 1c.

Kerosene.

Table listing kerosene prices in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, etc.

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.

Table listing bunker fuel oil prices in New York, Norfolk, New Orleans, etc.

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

Gas and Diesel Oil.

Table listing gas and diesel oil prices in New York, Diesel oil, etc.

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

Export Quotations.

Table listing export quotations for Gasoline, Navy, New York, cases, etc.

Tank Wagon Prices.

Table listing tank wagon prices for Gasoline, New York City, etc.

Crude Oil Production in United States Higher.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States, for the week ended Feb. 9 1929 was 2,693,550 barrels, as compared with 2,680,050 barrels for the preceding week.

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION.

Table showing daily average production of crude oil by state for various weeks.

The estimated daily average gross production for the Mid-Continent field, including Oklahoma, Kansas, Panhandle, north, west central, west, east central and southwest Texas, north Louisiana and Arkansas, for the week ended Feb. 9 1929 was 1,577,550 barrels.

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

Table showing production figures of various oil pools in different districts.

Senator Pine Declines to Agree to Plan to Prorate Oil in Oklahoma.

According to Associated Press advices from Tulsa, Okla., on Feb. 11, a flat refusal to subscribe to an agreement to prorate oil production in Oklahoma has been received from United States Senator W. B. Pine.

Steel Output Sustained—Prices Unchanged.

Production is sustained, following January records in both pig iron and steel output, and prices of rolled steel are gaining in strength, says the "Iron Age" in its weekly review of iron and steel conditions. The "Age" continues:

Mill operations find their main support in the demands of the automobile industry and the railroads. Motor car output last month was the largest for any January and is still expanding. Freight cars ordered during the week numbered 4,300, making a total of more than 22,000 bought since Jan. 1.

Heavier specifications are also coming from the farm equipment industry, which is placing into operation recently added manufacturing capacity. The excellent prospects in the canning industry are reflected in tin plate output, which continues at a 90% rate.

Last month's production of steel ingots, calculated at 4,489,391 gross tons, was not only the greatest for any January, but was the fourth largest monthly total on record, having been exceeded only by October and March 1928, and March 1927. In view of such a high rate of output, the Steel Corporation's gain in unfilled tonnage in January—132,775 tons—is impressive.

Mill activity thus far in February has shown no signs of letting up. Ingot production at Chicago remains at 92% of capacity, while output at Pittsburgh is estimated at 85% and in the Youngstown and Wheeling districts at 90%.

The price situation, although not without irregularities, appears to be hardening. The decline in scrap prices has been halted, heavy melting steel at Pittsburgh remaining unchanged at \$18.75 a ton, after having receded \$1 a ton in the preceding fortnight. Furnace coke at Connellsville has advanced 10c. a ton to \$2.85, partly because of extra demands from steel companies but mainly on account of severe weather in the Central West, which has created a larger market for domestic fuel than by-product ovens are able to satisfy.

Pig iron prices are largely untested, in view of a lack of interest in second quarter requirements except at Chicago and Cleveland, where the growing needs of automotive foundries are felt.

The finished steel market is strongest in products used by motor car builders. Makers of hot-rolled strip have advanced prices \$2 a ton to 1.90c. a lb., Pittsburgh, for wide sizes and 2c. for narrow material. Chicago base prices have been raised proportionately.

The advance in hot strip has prompted a producer of blue annealed sheets to take similar action, and a \$2 a ton increase in quotations is also contemplated for black and galvanized, despite recent weakness in both of those finishes, particularly the latter. No price change is expected in automobile body sheets. Most mills making sheets for the motor car industry have specifications to keep them running full for the rest of the quarter.

Plates show strength at Chicago, where the requirements of a maker of electrically welded pipe have been added to the demands of railroad car builders and tank fabricators. Plates for a pipe line, placed during the week, total 25,000 tons. In other districts both plates and shapes have been irregular. In the determination to swell bookings late last year, some producers shaded prices to secure the large tonnages then offered. The present prospect is for higher realized prices for the second quarter, through stricter adherence to present quotations rather than through an advance.

The tendency to make concessions on track supplies, especially tie plates and track spikes, has not yet disappeared.

Fabricated structural steel awards, at 18,000 tons, were the smallest since the first of the year, but the list of pending projects was swelled by inquiries for 33,000 tons, of which 10,000 tons is for a railroad office building at Philadelphia.

Machine tool demand continues to mount, with business coming from nearly all industries and with orders from motor car builders conspicuously large. Deliveries have become a major problem, ranging from six to ten weeks in extreme instances extending through the first half of the year. A feature of the market is a revival of buying in New England, where manufacturers of textile machinery are placing orders for shop equipment for the first time in a number of years.

Copper has registered further advances, reaching 18c. a lb., delivered Connecticut Valley, the highest price for electrolytic metal since 1920. Accompanying the rise in domestic prices were two advances by Copper Exporters, Inc., lifting the market to 18 1/4 c., c.i.f. European ports.

Pig iron prices in Great Britain, according to our London cable, have advanced 6d. to 1s. (12 to 24c.) a ton, reflecting a scarcity of supplies and an unwillingness to light additional furnaces.

Both of the "Iron Age" composite prices are unchanged, that for pig iron at \$18.38 a ton and that for finished steel at 2.391c. a lb., as the following table shows:

Finished Steel.			Pig Iron.		
Feb. 5 1929, 2.391c. a lb.			Feb. 5 1929, \$18.38 a Gross Ton.		
One week ago.....	2.391c.		One week ago.....	\$18.38	
One month ago.....	2.391c.		One month ago.....	18.46	
One year ago.....	2.350c.		One year ago.....	17.67	
10-year pre-war average.....	1.689c.		10-year pre-war average.....	15.72	

Based on steel bars, beams, tank plates, wire nails, black pipe and black sheets. These products make 87% of the United States output of finished steel.

High.			Low.						
1928.....	2.391c.	Dec. 11	2.314c.	Jan. 3	1928.....	\$18.59	Nov. 27	\$17.04	July 24
1927.....	2.453c.	Jan. 4	2.293c.	Oct. 25	1927.....	19.71	Jan. 4	17.54	Nov. 1
1926.....	2.453c.	Jan. 5	2.403c.	May 18	1926.....	21.54	Jan. 5	19.46	July 13
1925.....	2.560c.	Jan. 6	2.396c.	Aug. 18	1925.....	22.50	Jan. 13	18.96	July 7
1924.....	2.789c.	Jan. 15	2.460c.	Oct. 14	1924.....	22.88	Feb. 26	19.21	Nov. 3
1923.....	2.824c.	Apr. 24	2.446c.	Jan. 2	1923.....	30.86	Mar. 20	20.77	Nov. 20

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

February's steelmaking rate indicates not only another monthly record but also brings within reach the highest daily ingot rate in history, says the "Iron Trade Review," Feb. 14, in its weekly summary of steel and iron markets. January's daily ingot basis, which is now disclosed as a record for that month, was 4% greater than December's and if February can maintain this rate of increase even last October's alltime ingot record will fall, adds the "Review," which we further quote:

Thus far in the month the trend of operations in all districts except Birmingham, where two steelworks stacks have been banked, has been upward. For the first time since the war a scarcity of semifinished steel at Pittsburgh, Youngstown and Chicago—particularly the latter two districts—is handicapping finishing mills. Delivery of steel generally has fallen farther behind this week despite record-breaking production.

Bar and plate mills at Chicago are scheduling desired sizes for rolling every 30 days. All plate mill capacity at Chicago is engaged for the first time since the armistice. In the Pittsburgh and Youngstown district important makers cannot promise cold strip short of 6 to 8 weeks and hot

strip 4 to 5 weeks. On highly finished sheets some makers are booked into April. In the East, bar and sheet deliveries are also receding.

This tight delivery situation so closely engages both producers and consumers of finished steel that bookings have been subordinated. This apparent indifference to future requirements has caused less distress within the industry than without. Specifications, not contracts, are the measure of steelworks activity, and since Jan. 1 specifications have exceeded shipments.

Their improved position prompts steelmakers to attempt to put prices on a more remunerative basis. Hot strip, following the lead of cold rolled, has been advanced \$2 per ton. Some independent sheetmakers are asking \$2 per ton more for all grades save autobody for the remainder of the quarter. Other sheetmakers, most of whom are booked up for the quarter, have taken no action. There is further talk of a rise in steel bars, plates and shapes, and at least one interest may make an announcement in 10 days. Semifinished steel prices are tighter, and coke is firmer.

Railroad equipment buying still provides the spectacular phase of market activity and insures a flow of steel specifications for some time to come. Already in February freight car awards exceed 10,000, which with the 13,196 bought in January bring the year's business past 23,000, compared with only 44,763 cars ordered in all 1928. In the past week the Illinois Central has distributed 2,950 and the Pere Marquette 1,400 cars. The Pennsylvania will buy 1,000 bodies, while a New York Central inquiry is expected.

Automotive steel requirements, while spotty, continue considerably heavier than a year ago. Some Steel producers evidence a tendency to corral the entire requirements of large automotive interests, a process in which prices have suffered. Farm implement and tractor works, as a whole, are in the best February in their history. Typical of the widespread distribution of business at Chicago, orders for steel bars, which go into more metalworking plants than any other finished product, are running 15% ahead of 1928.

Pig iron sales and shipments in most districts show a slightly rising tendency. Automobile users are pressing for delivery. Second quarter selling at Chicago, St. Louis and Boston is heavier.

With a daily rate of 166,274 gross tons, January easily set a new ingot production record. In only 3 months of 1928 was the output higher. Compared with the 160,777-ton rate of December, the increase is 4%. Since the February record—reached in 1928—is only 161,812 tons, a recession from January would still leave February a record. But to pass the alltime peak of 172,144 tons of October 1928, the increase of January need only be duplicated this month.

This week, like last week, Steel corporation subsidiaries are operating at 88%. Independents continue at 83 to 84%, with the entire industry not far under 88%. Chicago holds to a 92% rate. The lighting of two steelworks blast furnace stacks at Pittsburgh will better the 85-87% steel-making rate there. In the Mahoning Valley one open hearth furnace has been dropped, but finishing operations are unchanged.

For the third consecutive week the "Iron Trade Review" composite of 14 leading iron and steel products continues unchanged at \$36.25, which is one point above the average for January and three points above the average for last December.

The "Wall Street Journal" Feb. 13 says:

With only a brief pause over the year-end, steel mill operations in this district consistently have maintained the high rate of production prevailing in the last quarter of 1928. Ingot production here is at 85% of capacity. Sheet mills are particularly busy. Orders for some types of sheets, particularly full finished automobile sheets, are 5 or 6 weeks ahead of production.

The American Sheet & Tin Plate Co. is operating its sheet mills at 96% of capacity. From the standpoint of shipments, January was the biggest month in the company's history. Two war years, 1916 and 1917, came the closest to the record just made.

The weakness in the quotations of galvanized sheets which prevailed a few weeks ago has disappeared.

The wide strip mills, which a few years ago threatened to unsettle the sheet trade, have not come fully up to expectations. The American Rolling Mill Co. still has much work to do in ironing out the troubles of the wide strip mill at Butler, Pa., which was bought from the Columbia Steel Co. A total of \$3,000,000 is being spent to rehabilitate this plant which has been in operation only a year.

The American Rolling Mill Co. has had good results from its wide strip mill at Ashland which has been in operation about four years. A good product has been obtained with some reductions in costs. The company is building an additional mill of similar type.

In the old method of making sheets, short lengths of material are rolled. The new types of mills have increased the widths of strips beyond the old limit of 20 inches, making it possible to roll some types of sheets in a long continuous ribbon.

Tin plate production is at 85% of capacity. This rate of output is expected to continue for the next two months. Considerable curiosity has been aroused in the trade over the new method of making tin plate in strips. This is being tried by the Republic Iron & Steel Co. According to present plans the entire Trumbull plant is to be devoted to tin plate production. No large orders have been booked for the new type of tin plate although several sales of trial lots have been made.

The "Daily Metal Trade" says:

Sheet steel and hot rolled strip prices have been raised \$2 a ton by Republic Iron & Steel Co. and Sharon Steel Hoop Co. effective immediately on all business not covered by contracts. American Rolling Mill has advanced \$2 a ton on blue annealed sheets only. No increase in full finished or auto body prices appears likely for the present.

Black sheets will be quoted 2.95 cents, blue annealed 2.20 cents and galvanized 3.70 cents, all base Pittsburgh; hot rolled prices are 1.90 cents for 6 1/2-16 inch to 24 inch and 2 cents for widths from 3/8 to 6 in. hes.

Plates are strong in New York market with talk of a \$2 advance in near future likely.

Increase in Unfilled Tonnage of United States Steel Corporation During January.

The United States Steel Corp., in its monthly statement issued Feb. 9 1929, reported unfilled tonnage on the books of subsidiary corporations as of Jan. 31 1929 at 4,109,487. This is an increase of 132,775 tons above the orders on Dec. 31 1928, but a decrease of 166,460 below the figures for the same period last year. On Jan. 31 1928 orders on hand stood at 4,275,947 tons and at the same period in 1927 at 3,800,177 tons. In the following we show the amounts back to 1924. Figures for earlier dates may be found in our issue of April 17 1926, page 2126.

UNFILED ORDERS OF SUBSIDIARIES OF U. S. STEEL CORPORATION.

Table with columns for months from January to December 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925, and 1924, showing numerical values for each month.

Production of Coal in 1928 Estimated at 569,489,000 Net Tons, a Decrease of 28,370,000 Net Tons as Compared with the Preceding Year.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, the production of coal during the year ended Dec. 31 1928 amounted to 569,489,000 net tons, as compared with 597,859,000 net tons in 1927, a decrease of 28,370,000 net tons.

Among the States which showed large decreases for 1928 as compared with the previous year are Alabama, Indiana, Kansas, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and western Kentucky. The only State which showed a large increase in 1928 was Illinois, in which 55,640,000 net tons were produced, as compared with 46,848,000.

ESTIMATED PRODUCTION OF COAL IN 1928, BY STATES, WITH FINAL FIGURES FOR EARLIER YEARS (NET TONS).

(The estimates for 1928 are based upon reports of shipments of coal and beehive coke by originating railroads and waterways, and are subject to revision on receipt of complete detailed reports from the producers.)

Table showing estimated production of coal by state for 1928, 1927, 1926, 1923, and 1913. Includes a 'Grand total' row at the bottom.

Compared with the revised estimate for the preceding week, this shows a decrease of 96,000 tons, or 0.8%. Production during the week in 1928 corresponding with that of Feb. 2 amounted to 10,105,000 tons.

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

Table comparing coal production for 1928-1929 and 1927-1928, with columns for 'Coal Year' and 'Week'.

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

The total production of soft coal during the coal year 1928-29 to Feb. 2 (approximately 258 working days) amounts to 418,198,000 net tons.

As shown by the revised figures above, the total production of soft coal for the country as a whole during the week ended Jan. 26 is estimated at 11,771,000 net tons.

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

Table showing weekly production of coal by state for 1929, 1928, and 1927, with columns for 'State', 'Week', and 'Average'.

Total bituminous 11,771,000 11,686,000 10,121,000 13,483,000 11,850,000

Pennsylvania anthracite 1,667,000 1,789,000 1,236,000 1,658,000 1,968,000

Total all coal 13,438,000 13,475,000 11,357,000 15,141,000 13,818,000

ANTHRACITE.

The total production of anthracite during the week ended Feb. 2 is estimated at 1,718,000 net tons, an increase of 51,000 tons, or 3.1% over the output in the preceding week.

Estimated United States Production of Anthracite (Net Tons).

Table showing estimated production of anthracite for 1928-1929 and 1927-1928, with columns for 'Week' and 'Coal Year'.

a Minus two days' production in April to equalize number of days in the two coal years. b Revised. c Subject to revision.

BEEHIVE COKE.

The total production of beehive coke for the country during the week ended Feb. 2 is estimated at 105,100 net tons. Compared with the output in the preceding week, this shows a decrease of 3,700 tons or 3.4%.

Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

Table showing production of beehive coke by state for 1929 and 1928, with columns for 'State', 'Week', and 'Date'.

Daily average 17,517 18,133 14,750 17,728 14,514

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

Preliminary car loading reports indicate that in the week ended Feb. 9 1929, the total output of bituminous coal exceeded 12,000,000 net tons for the first time since March, 1927.

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on Feb. 13, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the results for the 12 Reserve banks combined, shows an increase for the week of \$52,300,000 in holdings of discounted bills and decreases of \$19,700,000 in bills bought in open market and of \$22,900,000 in Government securities.

bills and securities were \$9,700,000 above the amount held on Feb. 6. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

The principal changes in holdings of discounted bills were increases of \$57,600,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, \$11,700,000 at Chicago, \$9,900,000 at Philadelphia and \$8,800,000 at Cleveland, and decreases of \$8,100,000 at Boston, \$6,700,000 at St. Louis and \$6,000,000 at Kansas City.

Federal Reserve note circulation was \$13,500,000 larger than a week ago, increases of \$10,200,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, \$9,700,000 at Philadelphia, and \$1,800,000 at Chicago, being partly offset

by decreases of \$2,900,000 at Boston, \$2,500,000 at New York, and \$1,700,000 at Richmond.

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 1020 and 1021. A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks, together with changes during the week and the year ended Feb. 13 is as follows:

	Feb. 13 1929.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)	
		Week.	Year.
Total reserves.....	\$ 2,848,149,000	+17,544,000	—132,662,000
Gold reserves.....	2,686,221,000	+22,301,000	—127,411,000
Total bills and securities.....	1,481,252,000	+9,725,000	+236,442,000
Bills discounted, total.....	903,949,000	+52,328,000	+422,859,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obliga'tns.....	617,744,000	+78,282,000	+299,563,000
Other bills discounted.....	286,205,000	—25,954,000	+123,296,000
Bills bought in open market.....	391,058,000	—19,684,000	+36,271,000
U. S. Government securities, total.....	177,170,000	—22,919,000	—231,263,000
Bonds.....	51,592,000	—23,000	—5,842,000
Treasury notes.....	96,843,000	—1,026,000	—116,861,000
Certificates of indebtedness.....	28,735,000	—21,870,000	—108,560,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	1,659,777,000	+13,469,000	+73,582,000
Total deposits.....	2,421,522,000	—16,618,000	—22,241,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	2,372,622,000	—13,662,000	—18,532,000
Government deposits.....	20,862,000	—3,180,000	—5,595,000

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 commenced 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 in 101 cities cannot be got ready.

Below 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 show a decline from last week of \$101,000,000. Although this week's reduction is substantial, it leaves the grand aggregate of these loans the highest in all time with the single exception of last week. This week's decrease of \$101,000,000 follows an increase of \$110,000,000 last week, \$116,000,000 increase the previous week, \$48,000,000 increase three weeks ago, and \$82,000,000 increase four weeks ago. The total of these loans now stands at \$5,568,000,000, as compared with \$5,669,000,000 on Feb. 6 and with but \$3,819,000,000 on Feb. 15 1928.

CONDITION OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES.

	New York.		
	Feb. 13. 1929.	Feb. 6. 1929.	Feb. 15. 1928.
(In Millions of Dollars)—			
Loans and investments—total.....	\$7,187	\$7,227	\$6,838
Loans—total.....	\$5,304	\$5,321	\$4,959
On securities.....	\$2,817	\$2,857	\$2,498
All other.....	2,487	2,464	2,461
Investments—total.....	1,883	1,905	1,878
U. S. Government securities.....	\$1,128	\$1,140	\$1,087
Other securities.....	755	765	791
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	740	751	751
Cash in vault.....	61	54	53
Net demand deposits.....	5,294	5,357	5,422
Time deposits.....	1,182	1,201	1,095
Government deposits.....	12	14	11
Due from banks.....	95	102	107
Due to banks.....	943	970	1,077
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank.....	174	114	123
Loans on securities to brokers and dealers:			
For own account.....	1,097	1,116	1,152
For account of out-of-town banks.....	1,859	1,931	1,531
For account of others.....	2,612	2,621	1,136
Total.....	\$5,568	\$5,669	\$3,819
On demand.....	\$4,984	\$5,081	\$2,898
On time.....	584	588	922
Loans and Investments—total.....	\$2,076	\$2,066	\$1,942
Loans—total.....	\$1,617	\$1,613	\$1,439
On securities.....	\$899	\$889	\$792
All other.....	718	724	647
Investments—total.....	459	453	502
U. S. Government securities.....	\$200	\$199	\$234
Other securities.....	259	254	268
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	179	182	185
Cash in vault.....	18	16	18
Net demand deposits.....	1,261	1,243	1,271
Time deposits.....	682	675	645
Government deposits.....	1	1	2
Due from banks.....	165	150	167
Due to banks.....	330	328	383
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank.....	81	7	11

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, in 101 cities, cannot be got ready.

Beginning with the statement of Jan. 9 1929, the loan figures exclude "Acceptances of other banks and bills of exchange or drafts sold with endorsements," and include all real estate mortgages and mortgage loans held by the banks; previously acceptances of other banks and bills sold with endorsement were included with loans, and some of the banks included mortgages in investments. Loans secured by U. S. Government obligations are no longer shown separately, only the total of loans on securities being given. Furthermore, borrowings at the Federal Reserve are not now subdivided to show the amount secured by U. S. Government obligations and those secured by commercial paper, only a lump total of the two being given. The figures have also been revised to exclude a bank in the San Francisco district, with loans and investments of \$135,000,000 on Jan. 2, which recently merged with a non-member bank.

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 Feb. 6:

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in 101 leading cities on Feb. 6 shows an increase for the week of \$133,000,000 in loans and a decline of \$12,000,000 in investments. Borrowings from Federal Reserve banks increased \$39,000,000 and net demand deposits \$20,000,000, while Government deposits declined \$34,000,000.

Loans on securities were \$112,000,000 above the Jan. 30 total at all reporting banks, the principal changes in this item by districts being increases of \$63,000,000 in the New York district, \$18,000,000 in the Chicago district, \$15,000,000 in the Cleveland district, and \$13,000,000 in the Philadelphia district, and a decline of \$12,000,000 in the Boston district. "All other" loans increased \$22,000,000 at reporting banks in the New York district and \$21,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Holdings of U. S. Government securities increased \$2,000,000, while holdings of other securities declined \$11,000,000 in the New York district and \$14,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Net demand deposits, which at all reporting banks were \$20,000,000 above the Jan. 30 total, increased \$18,000,000 each in the New York and Chicago districts and \$8,000,000 in the Philadelphia district, and declined \$17,000,000 in the Cleveland district. Time deposits increased \$26,000,000 in the Cleveland district and declined \$7,000,000 and \$6,000,000, respectively, in the San Francisco and New York district, and \$2,000,000 at all reporting banks.

The principal changes in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks for the week comprises increase of \$28,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, \$15,000,000 at Chicago, \$8,000,000 at Cleveland, and \$6,000,000 at Kansas City, and decreases of \$16,000,000 at the New York bank and \$11,000,000 at Boston.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of weekly reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ended Feb. 6 1929, follows:

	Feb. 6 1929.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)	
		Jan. 30 1929.	Feb. 8 1928.
(In Millions of Dollars)—			
Loans and investments—total.....	\$22,296	*+\$121	+\$963
Loans—total.....	\$16,255	*+\$133	+\$1,008
On securities.....	\$7,555	*+\$112	+\$921
All other.....	8,700	*+\$21	+\$86
Investments—total.....	6,041	—12	—45
U. S. Government securities.....	\$3,103	+\$2	+\$93
Other securities.....	2,938	—14	—137
Reserve with Federal Reserve banks.....	1,751	—8	—22
Cash in vault.....	237	—7	—14
Net demand deposits.....	13,415	+20	—240
Time deposits.....	6,891	—2	+265
Government deposits.....	50	—34	+7
Due from banks.....	1,154	+33	+6
Due to banks.....	3,006	+142	—345
Borrowings from Federal Reserve banks.....	619	+39	+280

*Jan. 30 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 Feb. 16 the following summary of market conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and radio:

ARGENTINA.

The weather throughout the week was normal; rains were general but came too late to be of great help to the corn crop. Economic and business conditions were good. January failures resulted in liabilities amounting to 13,800,000 paper pesos, a decrease of 4,200,000 paper pesos from the previous month. As contrasted with the previous year, building permits in Buenos Aires increased 6.9%.

AUSTRALIA.

General trade conditions in New South Wales continue steady but quiet, due largely to lack of rainfall, although in the past week the outlook in some sections has improved. Prices at Melbourne and Sydney wool sales

have remained firm, with good clearances. Competition between Japanese and German buyers is reported to have been keen. The lumber trade is being adversely affected by a strike of lumber workers in New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.

BRAZIL.

The Bank of Brazil has been making heavy purchases of foreign bills for loan services with the result that exchange weakened 60 reis to the dollar between Tuesday and Friday, the sight rate on Feb. 8 standing at \$42 milreis to the dollar. The coffee market has been quiet and unchanged, and the textile industry continue depressed. The favorable foreign trade balance for last year is estimated at £8,000,000. There is a general feeling of uneasiness over the credit situation.

BRITISH MALAYA.

Bazaar goods are moving favorably due to the approaching Chinese New Year season. Business in staple lines, however, is expected to continue dull until after the Chinese New Year which began Feb. 10, the celebrations lasting about 10 days.

CANADA.

A fair volume of retail business is moving, with an active spring forecast by the high level of production in most lines of manufacture, and the number of orders being placed by wholesalers. A feature of the grocery market is the strength in cereal products due to advances in the price of coarse grains. The market for canned vegetables is also firm. Hardware retailers continue to do above average business for this season, and stocks of winter sport goods are now moving more freely under the stimulus of favoring weather conditions. Advancing copper prices have raised quotations on brass wood screws, tubing, fittings, and similar lines. Garment business, particularly in women's wear, has improved in recent weeks. Mills manufacturing cotton goods are reported to be fully employed and liberal deliveries of spring prints are being made. Shoe factories are also busy on spring merchandise. Production of automobile accessories is high and the rubber manufacturers are increasing schedules. Primary steel producers look forward to capacity production for several months, although structural steel demand has fallen off with colder weather. Heavy snowfalls have facilitated the woods operations of the lumber companies. Carloadings remain below the high level registered last year but the decline is largely in the Western division, although not entirely accounted for by the earlier movement of the grain crop to market in 1928. Collections are fair to slow.

CHINA.

Headquarters of the entire Peking-Mukden railway line are being re-established at Tientsin, which means the abolishment of its partial control by Mukden authorities and its reversion to full control of the Ministry of Railways. After an interruption of eight months, through freight service between Mukden and Tientsin was resumed on Feb. 5, with expectations that such service will be continued daily. It is reported that Mukden authorities will return all extra railway rolling stock exclusive of that required by the Three Eastern Provinces, and that daily through express service will soon be resumed between Tientsin and Mukden. Canton conditions are quiet, with the crop situation remaining unchanged from last month. Imposition of the new tariff schedule on Feb. 1 considerably stimulated import business during January, and exports of merchandise to the United States, chiefly raw silk, were higher during January than in any month of the preceding year.

General business conditions in the Shanghai area are quiet, and while trade optimism prevails, actual transactions are practically at a standstill because of Chinese New Year.

FRANCE.

Conditions in France favor further business expansion and despite seasonal dullness in some lines the general situation is highly satisfactory. The textile industries which have constituted an exception to the generally pronounced industrial activity, made further progress during January and their prospects are good. However, cotton and wool spinning establishments have been calm, although the situation in the weaving industry is better. The iron and steel industry during January maintained the former high production level. There has been a marked improvement in the coal trade. In the engineering industries the factories are fully occupied. Automobile manufacturers are planning for higher production and dealers are optimistic regarding future market requirements. The retail shoe trade is very dull, the crude rubber market is unusually animated and the lumber market is strong. A beginning is being made on the huge program involving the construction of 200,000 low priced dwellings with Government aid. As a result prices of building materials tend to increase and labor shortage is feared. Production of potash during 1928 reached a record figure. The money market has been easy. There was great activity and a marked increase in quotations on the Bourse during January, followed by weakness. The low interest rates favor speculation but pending relief from the excessive tax burden the condition of the permanent investment market is still unsatisfactory. Keen interest is displayed in the conference for final settlement of the reparations question and the opinion is optimistic regarding its outcome and the definite liquidation of the remaining war problems. With the proceeds from the important French share of the Roumanian stabilization loan large purchases of railway equipment and other goods will be made in France which will further stimulate local industry. Conditions governing the issue of the new conversion loan are indicative of the strong credit position of the Government.

GERMANY.

The early part of 1929 finds German industry in general, maintaining its gains but handicapped by taxation, exceptionally high cost of money, wage increase agitation, and the continued inadequacy of the domestic market's support. The slight improvement in the latter's condition, as a consequence of wages rising faster than living costs, is somewhat impeded by the burden of a large group of unemployed. The continued progress of German export trade is indicated by the revised export figures of 11,640,000,000 marks in 1928 or a 14% increase over 1927; this figure is, however, 2,355,000,000 marks below imports which total 13,995,000,000 marks; this marks, however, a slight decrease, owing to improved bread grain harvests. The Reichsbank has strengthened its position by increasing its gold holdings throughout the year and there is a reasonable probability of a further reduction in the bank rate from the present figure of 6.5%. The stock market in January reflected the seasonal industrial decline with the stock index at 130, or 6 points below the figure of a year ago.

GREECE.

Customs receipts during 1928 amounted to \$31,300,000, or \$5,700,000 more than in the previous year. The ratification of the Greek debt to the United States by the United States Senate has had a favorable influence on the financial program of Greece. American automobiles continue to lead in this market, imports from the United States during November representing 89% of total. The recent telephone adjudication has been cancelled and new terms are now planned.

INDIA.

Trading conditions in India are characterized by dullness in most lines of import and export business, due largely to labor riots in Bombay, reports from northern India that crops have been damaged by frosts, and by the political situation in Afghanistan. It is reported that the shellac crop has been damaged by exceptionally cold weather and that as a result there is good demand and a fairly large business is being done on a rising market.

JAPAN.

Improvement in the stock market is noticeable as a result of reduced interest rates, and the reported Chinese agreement has slightly strengthened the Japanese yen. No Diet legislation of importance is yet reported. Strong opposition is shown in the Diet to the proposal to transfer the collection of taxes from national collecting agencies to those of prefectures and municipalities. It is reported that the interest rate on postal savings deposits may be reduced to 4.30%. The Daido Denryoku Electric Power Co. has secured a domestic 5% loan of 20,000,000 yen. Reports are circulating to the effect that the South Manchuria Railway Co. will make a call for 30,000,000 yen of unpaid capital. (Average value of yen, approximately \$0.455.)

PANAMA.

The carnival season has been on in the Republic of Panama and retail sales should continue favorable. Imports into Panama during January amounted to \$1,632,000, of which 69% came from the United States. It is reported that the town of San Miguel, located in the Pearl Islands, has been destroyed by fire.

PERU.

The consensus of local opinion is that present business and economic conditions in Peru and the prospects of successful crop returns justify the prevailing optimism. Seventy per cent of available labor is now employed in harvesting the crops and other agricultural activities. Merchandise purchases are being confined to bare necessities, but sales are expected to increase on an expanding scale of credit until August. Thirty per cent of all productive workers are earning wages which provide them with funds for a normal scale of expenditures with no curtailment threatened. Luxury buyers are contributing their steady quotas to the merchandise turnover. Reserve bank figures as of Jan. 31 1929, show the total gold reserve at Lp. 5,606,440, note circulation amounting to Lp. 5,953,138, and bank clearings totaling Lp. 6,749,430.

UNITED KINGDOM.

Although the advance in the Bank of England's minimum rate of discount is seen as disadvantageous to trade and industry, the change is considered by British business interests as unavoidable in view of rates in other financial centers. General improvement in the coal trade continues and is resulting in some shortage of coal for bunkers and for export. Additional supplies are being obtained through the reopening of pits and collieries in various districts. The Yorkshire production quota for February is set on a 70% basis with a probable additional lump allowance for bunkers. Proposed alterations in the Yorkshire-Midland marketing scheme include the inauguration of minimum price schedules with appropriate penalties for violations and provision for interchange of production quota allocations and closer control of output regulation. Steadily improving conditions in the Scottish coal mining industry are indicated by the December trading returns which show a profit of nearly 2d. per ton, following a long period of trade losses. The latest weekly production report for Great Britain showed the output at 5,251,500 tons.

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

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

The abaca market is very dull with practically no buying inquiry. The arrivals of abaca at Manila were extremely heavy last week, amounting to 51,000 sales. Estimates for the current week place arrivals at 34,000 bales. The heavy supplies at Manila are due partly to a temporary dislocation of inter-island shipping on account of a recent typhoon in northern Mindanao. Receipts of high grades of abaca are under the average of last year. Current prices are nominal with no sellers. Grade F is quoted at from 28 to 29 pesos per picul of 139 pounds; I, 26; JUS, 20c. JUK, 15.50, and L, 14. (One peso equals 50 cents.) Arrivals of copra are good but reports indicate decreasing production as the supply of nuts which fell during the November typhoon is rapidly being consumed and the normal season of low copra output is approaching. F. o. b. prices are 12.50 pesos per picul, Manila; Cebu, 12.125; Legaspi, 12, and Hondagua, 11.875. The First National Conference of Philippine business men opened a 4-day session in Manila Feb. 6, with about 500 delegates from all parts of the Philippines in attendance. One of the main purposes of the convention was to form a national Chamber of Commerce to bring about organization and co-operation in developing industry and trade of the islands.

PORTO RICO.

Business has shown the usual post-holiday decline since the first of the year, but to a degree much less marked than in previous years. Building construction is slower, but with some prospects of an early improvement. Banks report collections as rather slow with no improvement over last month. The sugar cane crop has been late in maturing and the sucrose content is still reported low, owing to the setback from the storm of last September, but more especially to the unusual amount of rainfall. Only a few mills have started grinding. With the recent diminution of the rainfall, cane is now making good progress and with another week of favorable weather it is expected that the condition of the cane will permit of harvesting operations. Sugar shipments to date are reported at less than 25,000 short tons. As a result of late plantings, the tobacco acreage is much greater than anticipated earlier in the season. Both early and late tobacco presents a fine appearance and, with the continuance of present favorable weather, the quality of early plantings now being picked is dependable only on curing results. Grapefruit prospects for the next four months indicate shipments of approximately 45,000 boxes and the delivery of a like amount to the canneries. This is only about 20 and 25%, respectively, of the corresponding figures for last year. The pineapple acreage is approximately the same as last year, but the anticipated production is somewhat less, owing in a large part to the heavy rains which interfered with proper fertilizing in the fall.

Bank of England Did Not Seek Authority to Increase Fiduciary Issue Prior to Raising Bank Rate.

The "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 13 reported the following advices from London:

Chancellor Winston Churchill, in reply to a question in the House of Commons, stated that Bank of England had not applied to the treasury for authority to increase the fiduciary issue above £260,000,000 prior to raising the bank rate. "Such an increase," he said, "would

only have had the effect of stimulating transfer of funds to New York for speculative purposes."

Senate Passes Bill Authorizing Secretary of Treasury to Conclude Agreement for Settlement of Greek Debt—Additional Advance of \$12,167,000 Proposed.

The U. S. Senate on Feb. 9 passed the bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to conclude an agreement for the settlement of the indebtedness of the Greek Government to the United States. The bill, which, as noted in our issue of Dec. 29, page 3,628, passed the House Dec. 10, provides for a further loan of \$12,167,000, to be secured by twenty-year Grecian gold bonds bearing 4% interest. Regarding the legislation, Senator Smoot, in addressing the Senate Feb. 9, said:

The basis of the settlement with Greece under this bill is 34½% of the present cash value of the debt. With Italy the basis was 26½%; with Yugoslavia it was 33%. So this is a better settlement than that with either one of those countries.

Furthermore, I wish to say that the bill proposes to carry out the agreement between France, Great Britain, and America with the Greek Government. Under that agreement we were to advance money to Greece, and a certain sum was advanced, but not our full proportion. England advanced her full proportion. Under this bill we will advance \$12,167,000 to make the amount advanced by the United States equal to that advanced by Great Britain and to carry out our contract, just as England has carried out her contract.

The settlement will be on the identical basis as England has settled with Greece for the money advanced by her in order that Greece might provide an army to co-operate with England and America during the war.

I think that the settlement is all that we could possibly ask under the conditions, and the bill merely carries out on our part a solemn agreement signed and delivered. If the bill shall pass, it will simply mean that we are doing just what England has done in the case of Greece under the agreement.

2,000,000 Unemployed in Germany Drawing Doles. From Berlin Jan. 30 advices to the New York "Times" said:

There are more than 2,000,000 unemployed now drawing doles in Germany, according to the latest statistics. The total has increased rapidly in the past few weeks, partly owing to the severe weather, which has compelled many outdoor undertakings to shut down. During the last two weeks 300,000 have been added to the jobless.

The closing down of the Gera Greizer textile plants in Thuringia, which employ 30,000, on account of lack of orders, has added to the difficulties. There are 35,000 already out of work through a wage lockout in the textile industry in Saxony.

Germans Receive \$2,000,000 for North German Lloyd Piers at Hoboken Seized by U. S. during War.

The first large amount of money which the United States has sent to Germany in payment for sequestered German property arrived at Bremen on Jan. 22, it is learned from Berlin advices to the New York "Times." The account further said:

The North German Lloyd steamship line received \$2,000,000 for its confiscated Hoboken piers.

In this sum is included \$500,000, representing interest for the total period. According to law, 20% is retained in United States.

Negotiations over Lloyd's total demand of 120,000,000 marks (about \$28,440,000) for sequestered ships continue and are not affected by this payment. Although \$2,000,000 is only a trifle compared to the aforementioned sum, it nevertheless is greatly welcomed by the North German Lloyd in view of its extensive building program and the fact that its two ocean greyhounds will not be ready for the busy season on account of the three months' strike of the shipyard workers. Dividends will now be paid fully.

Drawing of Bonds of Saxon State Mortgage Institution.

The National City Bank of New York, as trustee, has issued a notice to holders of Saxon State Mortgage Institution mortgage collateral sinking fund 6% guaranteed bonds, due September 15 1947, to the effect that \$14,000 aggregate principal amount of the bonds has been called by lot for redemption at par on March 15 1929. Payment on the drawn bonds will be made upon presentation and surrender with subsequent coupons attached on March 15 at the head office of the National City Bank of New York, 55 Wall Street, after which date interest on the drawn bonds will cease.

German Reparations Receipts and Transfers During December.

Total transfers of 180,834,344 gold marks during December are reported in the statement issued Jan. 9 at the office of the Agent-General for Reparations Payments. The total available funds for distribution during the month were \$184,877,104. The report for the month follows:

STATEMENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS AND TRANSFERS FOR THE FIFTH ANNUITY YEAR TO DEC. 31 1928. (On Cash Basis, Reduced to Gold Mark Equivalents)		
	Month of December 1928. Gold Marks.	Fifth Annuity Year—Cumulative Total to Dec. 31 1928. Gold Marks.
Available Funds—		
Balance as at Aug. 31 1928.....	189,488,944.86	
Receipts in completion of the fourth annuity:		
Transport tax.....	24,174,000.00	
Interest and amortization on railway reparation bonds.....	55,000,000.00	
Receipts on account of the fifth annuity:		
Budgetary contribution.....	104,166,666.67	416,666,666.67
Transport tax.....	24,166,666.66	72,499,999.98
Interest and amortization on railway reparation bonds.....	55,000,000.00	165,000,000.00
Interest and exchange differences.....	2,345,606.74	2,865,979.21
	185,678,940.07	925,695,590.72
Less discount on advance payments for service of railway bonds.....	801,835.85	3,197,919.20
Totals.....	184,877,104.22	922,497,671.52
Transfers—		
In foreign currencies:		
Service of the German External Loan 1924.....	7,514,143.79	28,035,132.68
Reparation Recovery Act.....	35,358,833.63	137,445,329.79
Deliveries under agreement.....	3,274,628.20	13,192,056.21
Transferred in cash.....	64,065,490.95	214,891,669.47
Costs of Inter-Allied Commissions.....	286,433.79	1,160,564.20
	110,499,530.36	394,724,752.35
By reichsmark payments for:		
Deliveries in kind.....	65,264,951.87	305,457,657.76
Armies of Occupation.....	4,474,296.77	17,722,085.73
Costs of Inter-Allied Commissions.....	489,521.34	1,947,194.94
Miscellaneous objects.....	106,044.63	419,839.81
	70,334,814.61	325,546,778.24
Total transfers.....	180,834,344.97	720,271,530.59
Cash balance as at Dec. 31 1928.....	202,226,140.93	
Distribution of Amounts Transferred—		
To the Powers—		
France—Army of Occupation.....	3,848,698.19	12,069,467.31
Reparation Recovery Act.....	5,579,723.31	20,458,854.82
Coal, coke and lignite (including transport).....	15,489,850.20	65,195,789.29
Dyestuffs and pharmaceutical products.....	884,163.36	4,297,763.95
Chemical fertilizers and nitrogenous products.....	1,739,708.17	20,755,048.93
Coal by-products.....	141,063.27	1,659,270.34
Refractory earths.....	23,019.11	267,101.70
Agricultural products.....	Dr. 85.75	242,537.54
Timber.....	567,270.70	1,905,720.02
Sugar.....		3,330,864.25
Miscellaneous deliveries.....	21,806,756.86	108,747,419.79
Miscellaneous payments.....	75,000.00	300,000.00
Cash transfers.....	40,347,448.44	125,250,281.43
	90,502,645.86	364,478,119.37
British Empire—Army of Occupation.....	612,312.74	5,027,812.11
Reparation Recovery Act.....	29,779,110.32	116,988,474.97
Cash transfers.....	9,059,057.54	42,331,888.37
	39,450,480.60	164,348,175.45
Italy—Coal and coke (including transport).....	9,228,122.24	34,233,626.98
Dyestuffs and pharmaceutical products.....	218,580.01	951,109.08
Coal by-products.....	23,113.33	651,818.05
Miscellaneous deliveries.....		1,520.57
Cash transfers.....	5,813,744.57	17,983,861.69
	15,283,560.15	53,821,936.37
Belgium—Army of Occupation.....	13,285.84	624,806.31
Coal and coke (including transport).....	906,983.69	4,070,809.90
Dyestuffs and pharmaceutical products.....	837,157.08	2,667,937.10
Chemical fertilizers and nitrogenous products.....	392,485.71	1,480,242.67
Coal by-products.....	236,260.03	779,564.06
Miscellaneous deliveries.....	3,696,420.60	17,768,576.79
Cash transfers.....	3,003,005.42	9,340,225.17
	9,085,598.37	36,732,162.00
Serb-Croat-Slovene State—Pharmaceutical products.....		204,843.52
Miscellaneous deliveries.....	5,980,994.58	21,289,256.85
Miscellaneous payments.....	30,114.28	116,449.90
Cash transfers.....	1,101,098.88	3,303,299.40
	7,112,207.74	24,913,849.67
United States of America—Deliveries under agreement.....	3,274,628.20	13,192,056.21
Cash transfers in liquidation of priority for Army costs in arrears.....	4,005,400.00	14,201,300.00
	7,280,028.20	27,393,356.21
Rumania—Miscellaneous deliveries.....	1,335,621.83	7,320,256.43
Japan—Miscellaneous deliveries.....	323,025.13	2,193,859.13
Cash transfers.....	475,402.04	1,470,331.49
	798,427.17	3,664,190.62
Portugal—Miscellaneous deliveries.....	707,336.50	3,302,000.77
Cash transfers.....	80,154.70	371,446.73
	787,491.20	3,673,447.50
Greece—Miscellaneous deliveries.....	681,004.90	1,978,398.26
Cash transfers.....	180,179.36	626,535.50
	861,184.26	2,594,933.76
Poland—Agricultural products.....	46,070.32	172,321.79
Miscellaneous payments.....	930.35	3,389.91
Cash transfers.....		12,499.69
	47,000.67	188,211.39
Total transfers to Powers.....	172,544,246.05	689,128,638.77
For Prior Charges—		
Service of the German External Loan 1924.....	7,514,143.79	28,035,132.68
Costs of Inter-Allied Commissions.....	775,955.13	3,107,759.14
Total transfers.....	180,834,344.97	720,271,530.59

Resignation of Charles Rist as Deputy Governor of Bank of France—Appointed Foreign Technical Advisor to Rumania.

As we noted Feb. 9, page 816, Charles Rist, who recently played an important role in negotiations with Federal Re-

serve Bank officials in New York in connection with the support of gold reserves of central banks, has resigned as Deputy Governor of the Bank of France. Mr. Rist has been appointed foreign technical advisor to the National Bank of Rumania, which has undertaken to maintain the stability of leu exchange with the aid of an international loan of \$102,000,000, the major part of which is about to be floated, and a large credit in which the central banks of fourteen countries will participate. An announcement issued in this city regarding Mr. Rist's new duties says:

Mr. Rist will undertake his important task in Rumania well equipped by past experience of this character. His first notable accomplishment in international finance was a study of the economic situation in Austria as one of a Committee of Experts appointed by the League of Nations. It was on the strength of this Committee's report that the League launched its plan of stabilization. Mr. Rist also prepared the report on which the Council of the League of Nations subsequently decided that Austrian stabilization was successfully terminated and that international control could be suspended.

In the following year he was called upon to collaborate with a committee of experts in the preparation of a plan for stabilizing the currency and exchange of his own country and was then made Deputy Governor of the Bank of France. This put him in a position to carry out the plan. In 1927 and 1928 Mr. Rist came to this country several times on financial missions, conferring with the Federal Reserve system authorities and with the American fiscal agents of the French Government.

In his new post at Bucharest, Mr. Rist will be a representative not only of the Bank of France but also of the other thirteen central banks participating in the exchange credit that has been established for the National Bank of Rumania. The bank's statutes have been amended to require maintenance against demand liabilities of a minimum reserve of 35% in gold or gold exchange, at least five-sevenths of which must be in gold. The bank's notes will be exchangeable for gold or gold exchange drafts. The entire amount of foreign exchange realized from the \$102,000,000 loan will be put at the disposal of the bank.

After execution of all the measures provided in the plan, the State's debt to the Bank will be reduced to about 11% of the assets of the Bank and less than 20% of its outstanding notes. It is further provided that equilibrium of the budget will be strictly maintained. The plan embraces other measures which have been adopted and found efficacious in stabilizing the currency of other European countries in recent years.

Economic and Industrial Conditions in Denmark.

Surveying banking and financial conditions in Denmark during December, the statement issued by the National Bank of Copenhagen and the Danish Statistical Department, made available Jan. 31, says:

Concerning banking and financial conditions the following should be noted: In the three private principal banks the outstanding loans increased in December with about 12 mill. kr., the deposits with 2 mill. kr. The other fluctuations are mostly due to the new year. Thus the banks' cash deposits from ultimo November to ult. December have been increased with about 34 mill. kr. This has—in spite of the increase in the outstanding loans—been possible, partly because the banks have increased their debt to domestic banks and savings banks (altogether especially the National Bank) with about 15 mill. kr., partly by their decreasing their foreign credits with about 23 mill. kr.

Also the outstanding loan of the National Bank—as a result of the private banks' increased loan from same—has increased during the past month, namely with 20 mill. kr., and at the same time its stock of currency, on account of the private banks sale of foreign currency, has increased with 18 mill. kr. This increase in the assets is counter-balanced by the fact that the three principal private banks have deposited the greater part of the amounts by which their cash deposits are increased on the folio account of the National Bank, which during the month has been increased by 26 mill. kr. At the same time the banks' amount of bills in circulation has during the month of December increased from 353.9 to 360.2 mill. kr. For settling of accounts at the check-clearing undertaken by the banks and savings banks through the National Bank checks to an amount of 576.0 mill. kr. were delivered in December against 458.2 mill. kr. in November and 535.0 mill. kr. in December 1927. The average weekly transactions on the Copenhagen Stock Exchange for bonds and stocks amounted in December to 4.3 mill. kr. for bonds and 1.6 mill. kr. for stocks (November 3.0 and 1.9 mill. kr.); in December 1927 the corresponding figures were 4.1 and 1.2 mill. kr.

In the previous month's statement of the Bank and the Danish Statistical Department, bearing on conditions in November, the summary of the banking situation, contained the following:

At the close of November the accounts for outstanding loans in the three leading private banks have been somewhat influenced by the fact that there on the balance of the Landmandsbank has been opened up a new account, namely, a settlement department, which has been established in accordance with the law concerning the adjustment of the Landmandsbank of April 1928, and to which in accordance with this law such engagements, which on account of their special characteristics are not found to be adapted to remain in the active part of the bank, must be transferred. To this department, whose administration is appointed by the government, 99,700,000 kr. have been transferred from the current account.

In addition to the extract given above as to conditions in December, the review for the month says:

The Danish export of agricultural products was in December 1928 somewhat larger than during the corresponding month last year for butter and eggs, but slightly smaller for bacon and meat; the average weekly exportations amounted to: Butter, 2,685,200 kilos (December 1927, 2,524,000 kilos); eggs, 693,900 scores (551,000 scores); bacon, 4,888,900 kilos (5,595,300 kilos); beef and cattle, 1,238,700 kilos (1,268,900 kilos).

The prices of the exported products were considerably higher for butter and bacon and somewhat lower for the other products than in December 1927. The average weekly notations were: Butter, 349 kr. (December 1927, 308 kr.) per 100 kilo; eggs, 2.20 kr. (2.63 kr.) per kilo; bacon 1.46 kr. (1.15 kr.) per kilo; meat, 52 ore (57 ore) per kilo on the hoof.

The trade balance with foreign countries in November amounted to 137 mill. kr. for imports and 147 mill. kr. for exports, so that there was an export surplus of 10 mill. kr., while in November 1927 was an import surplus of 7 mill. kr. For the first 11 months of the year the import surplus in 1928 was 82 mill. kr., in 1927, 83 mill. kr.

The Statistical Department's wholesale index was in December as in November 151. Of fluctuations of consequence for the individual groups should be noted that animal food stuffs increased 6 points, which brought about a considerable improvement in the relationship of the prices for export and import articles; the import index for December was thus 146, the export index 154 and the index for domestic products 157.

The freight rate figure increased in December from 114.6 to 115.6, in December 1927 the figure was 101.8.

In the index for stock exchange quotations there was in December an increase for bonds as well as for stocks, as the bond index rose from 94.9 to 95.6 and the stock index from 96.0 to 97.5. Compared to December 1927 there was a decrease for all stock groups, as the bank index was 83.4 (December 1927: 86.3) shipping stocks 114.8 (117.9), industrial stocks 91.7 (94.5), other companies 93.9 (101.9) and the complete index 97.5 against 100.8 in December 1927.

The unemployment was in December, as during the preceding months, considerably lower than during the corresponding month last year, as the percentage of unemployed at the end of December was 25.0 against 31.6 ult. December 1927. When the percentage increased comparatively much from November to December, it was among other things due to the fact that a number of activities, as in preceding years, closed up between Christmas and New Year's. In the real industrial professions the percentage in December 1928 was 21.4 against 26.5 in 1927.

The Government's revenue from consumption taxes was in December 11.3 mill. kr. of which 4.4 mill. kr. were custom revenue taxes proper; in December 1927 the corresponding figures were 11.3 and 4.5 mill. kr.

Roumanian Stabilization Loan of \$101,000,000—\$10,000,000 Offered in American Market—Offerings Abroad—Stabilization Plan.

The largest group of bankers ever banded together to carry out an exchange stabilization loan are participants in the \$101,000,000 public loan to Roumania (Kingdom of Roumania Monopolies Institute), the American portion of which was offered Feb. 14 by a syndicate headed by Blair & Co., Inc., the Chase Securities Corporation, Dillon, Read & Co., and the International Acceptance Bank, Inc. German bankers have a part in this operation, making this the first time for the investors of that country to have a hand in helping a former enemy country back to financial stability. Hungary and Austria, also opposed to Roumania in the late war, also have a part in distributing the bonds. Germany has subscribed to exchange credits in the past but not to a bond issue for public distribution. Of \$12,000,000 allotted to the American syndicate, \$2,000,000 were withdrawn for sale in Sweden by Skandinaviska Kreditaktiebolaget. The American portion of (\$10,000,000) of the Kingdom of Roumania Monopolies Institute 7% guaranteed external sinking fund gold loan, which represents an important part of the plan for insuring stabilization of leu exchange at the rate prevailing since 1927, was offered at 88 and interest, to yield 8.07% to maturity. A cumulative sinking fund payable semi-annually commencing August 1, 1929, will be applied to the purchase or redemption of bonds by lot at par, the amounts being calculated sufficient to retire the entire issue by maturity, Feb. 1, 1959.

The new loan was referred to in these columns Feb. 9, page 814. The arrangements for placing the bonds here and abroad are indicated as follows in the official announcement:

The total principal amount of the Loan of 1929 will be \$101,000,000 or its approximate equivalent in other currencies. Of this amount the Swedish Match Company has agreed to purchase \$30,000,000 at par. Arrangements have been completed for placing the balance as follows: £2,000,000 in England by Hambros Bank, Limited; Lazard Brothers & Co., Limited; Higginson & Co.

Fcs. 561,638,000 in France by Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas and a group of French Banks.

\$1,000,000 in Austria by Niederösterreichische Escompte-Gesellschaft.

\$3,000,000 in Belgium by Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; Banque de Bruxelles; Societe Generale de Belgique; Banque Belge pour l'Etranger; Banque Centrale Anversoise.

\$1,000,000 in Czechoslovakia by Zivnostenska Banka.
\$5,000,000 in Germany by Directio der Disconto Gesellschaft; Deutsche Bank; Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft; S. Bleichroder; Commerz- und Privat-Bank A. G.; Darmstadter und National Bank K. A.; J. Dreyfus & Co.; Simon Hirschland; A. Levy; Norddeutsche Bank in Hamburg; Sal Oppenheim, Jr., & Cie.; Reichs-Kredit-Gesellschaft A. G.; A. Schaaffhausen'scher Bankverein A. G.; M. M. Warburg & Co.

\$3,000,000 in Holland by Mendelssohn & Co. Amsterdam; Nederlandsche Handel-Maatschappij; Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; Pierson & Co., Amsterdam.

\$8,000,000 in Italy by Banca Commerciale Italiana.
\$2,000,000 in Roumania by Banca de Credit Roman; Banque Mar-morosch, Blank & Co.; Banca Romaneasca.

\$4,000,000 in Switzerland by Credit Suisse and associates.

\$12,000,000 in the United States of America by the undersigned of which \$2,000,000 have been withdrawn for sale in Sweden by Skandinaviska Kreditaktiebolaget.

The bonds are guaranteed unconditionally by endorsement by the Kingdom of Roumania. They will be dated Feb. 1, 1929, and will mature Feb. 1, 1959. They will be redeemable in whole or in part at the option of the Institute (other than for the sinking fund) at 100 and accrued interest, on 30 days published notice on Feb. 1, 1937, and on any interest date thereafter. Principal and semi-annual interest (February 1 and August 1) will be payable in New York City at the principal offices of the Fiscal Agents, in United States gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness without deduction for any taxes or imposts now or hereafter levied by or within the Kingdom of Roumania; also payable at the option of the holder in pounds sterling, French francs, German reichsmarks, Swedish kronor, Swiss francs, Dutch florins, Belgian belgas, Italian lire, Czechoslovakian kronen, Austrian schillings or Roumanian lei at the rates of exchange and at the places specified in the Bonds.

It was announced on Feb. 9 that the English portion of the loan would be offered at 88. London advices to the "Wall Street Journal" Feb. 14 stated:

Lists on the portion of the Rumanian loan, amounting to £2,000,000, offered here, closed at 10 a. m.

The American banking group offering the new loan announced on Feb. 12 the receipt of the following dispatch from their banking associates in Europe:

"Lists for the French portion of the Rumanian stabilization loan opened this (Tuesday) morning in Paris and the volume of applications has exceeded all expectations.

"In the other European markets lists do not open until Thursday, but advices from all centres declare underwriting arrangements have been successful and all factors point to satisfactory reception from the public. In London the fact that the Swedish Match Co. guarantees royalty to the Rumanian Government of \$3,000,000 annually on the match monopoly representing about 36% of service of the entire loan is viewed as a strong point."

Regarding the purpose of the loan, etc., advices received by the American group from Mihai Popovici, Finance Minister of the Kingdom of Roumania, and by M. D. Gusti, President of Kingdom of Roumania Monopolies Institute, under date of February 9, 1929, are summarized as follows:

Monopolies Institute. The Kingdom of Roumania by virtue of the law of February 7, 1929, has created the Monopolies Institute for the purpose of acquiring under an exclusive concession, irrevocable until all the Bonds of this issue are retired, all the monopolies now operated by the Kingdom including the tobacco, salt and match monopolies. The Kingdom has transferred irrevocably to the Monopolies Institute for the duration of the concession and free of all mortgage or lien, all the fixed assets used in connection with the various monopolies. The net proceeds of this loan are to be paid to the Government as part of the purchase price of the concession. The Monopolies Institute has agreed with the Swedish Match Company for the operation of the Match Monopoly for a period of 30 years from July 1, 1929, by a corporation to be organized by the Swedish Match Company and the Roumanian Government, under a contract by which the Swedish Match Company guarantees to the Monopolies Institute a minimum annual royalty payment equivalent to \$3,000,000.

Purpose. The Government will use the net proceeds of the loan to put into effect a plan for the stabilization of the currency and the economic development of the country. The net proceeds are to be deposited with the National Bank of Roumania to be withdrawn for the purposes of the plan which include: (A) the creation of working funds for, and the discharge of floating indebtedness of, the State Treasury and the State Railways; (B) the strengthening of the liquid position of the National Bank; (C) the improvement of the State Railways and their equipment, by double-tracking certain lines, constructing new lines, etc., in accordance with the program recently prepared by the Railway Administration in conjunction with M. Gaston Leverve, Commissioner for the German State Railways under the Dawes Plan; and (D) other productive public works authorized by Parliament.

In furtherance of the plan for stabilization of the currency, the National Bank of Roumania will have at its disposal credits arranged by the following Central and Reserve Banks:

Austria, Oesterreichische Nationalbank; Belgium, Banque Nationale de Belgique; Czechoslovakia, Narodni Banka Ceskoslovenska; Finland, Finlands Bank; France, Banque de France; Germany, Deutsche Reichsbank; Great Britain, Bank of England; Hungary, Magyar Nemzeti Bank; Italy, Banca d'Italia; Netherlands, Nederlandsche Bank; Poland, Bank Polski; Sweden, Sveriges Riksbank; Switzerland, Banque Nationale Suisse; United States, Federal Reserve Banks.

Security. These Bonds will constitute the direct obligations of the Institute, and are to be unconditionally guaranteed as to principal, interest and sinking fund, by endorsement by the Kingdom of Roumania. They will be secured, in the opinion of counsel, by a direct first charge on the gross receipts of the monopolies (except beginning July 1st, 1929, the gross receipts of the Match Monopoly) and on all other revenues of the Institute, including royalty payments received under the agreement for the operation of the Match Monopoly. No other bonds, ranking equally with this issue in respect of such first charge, shall be issued unless the net receipts from the monopolies, during the preceding fiscal year, shall have been at least equal to twice the maximum annual service charges on all the bonds of the Institute entitled to the benefit of such charge, to be outstanding upon issuance of such additional bonds. The Institute covenants to pay each month into a special account with the National Bank two-thirds of the gross receipts of the monopolies operated by the Institute and in addition to pay into such special account the above mentioned royalty payments (which are payable quarterly) until in each month the accruals of interest and sinking fund for such month shall have been provided for.

Revenues. The gross receipts and the net receipts (after deduction

for operating expenses) from the monopolies acquired by the Institute, adjusted to give effect to the minimum royalty payments to be made under the contract with the Swedish Match Company (converted at the average rates of exchange for the respective years), have been as follows:

Year	Gross Receipts	Net Receipts
1924.....	\$19,210,000	\$13,300,000
1925.....	24,304,000	16,826,000
1926.....	28,949,000	20,791,600
1927.....	39,222,900	25,391,500

For the year 1927, such gross receipts were equal to approximately $5\frac{1}{2}$ times the maximum annual interest charges on these Bonds, and to over $4\frac{3}{4}$ times maximum annual interest and sinking fund charges. For the same year net receipts after all expenses were equal to approximately $3\frac{1}{2}$ times such interest charges and over 3 times interest and sinking fund charges.

The gross and net receipts for the year 1928 on the same basis are estimated at \$43,848,000 and \$28,303,000, respectively, or substantially in excess of such receipts for any of the four preceding years.

Stabilization Plan. The Stabilization Plan has been prepared by the Roumanian Government in association with its bankers and international experts, and with the cooperation of the National Bank of Roumania. This plan which has been approved by law, provides among other things for the following:

(A) The gold value of the Leu has been fixed at an amount corresponding to 167.18 lei to the dollar, approximately equivalent to the exchange rate that has prevailed without substantial change since the middle of 1927.

(B) The National Bank will continue to have the exclusive right of issuing currency notes and its statutes, as amended to conform to the Plan, will require it to maintain against all demand liabilities a minimum reserve of 35% in gold or gold exchange, at least $\frac{5}{7}$ ths of which must be in gold. The entire amount of foreign exchange realized from the present loan will be put at the disposal of the Bank.

(C) The equilibrium of the Budget will be strictly maintained and the authorized expenditure for all services will be limited in each month in conformity with a monthly Budget issued by the Minister of Finance.

(D) For a period of three years, a Foreign Technical Adviser designated by the National Bank with the approval of the Minister of Finance shall advise with its Board in carrying out the plan. M. Charles Rist, member of the Transfer Committee under the Dawes Plan, has agreed to accept the National Bank's invitation to act as such adviser.

Fiscal Data. The total public debt of the Kingdom on December 31, 1928, did not exceed the equivalent of \$739,000,000, or approximately \$42 per inhabitant, after giving effect to the issue of the Stabilization and Development Loan and the application of the Stabilization Plan, and also after giving effect to the various settlements affecting pre-war loans, and war debt and other debt annuities discounted at 5%.

Government revenues for the years 1924-1927 inclusive have exceeded expenditures for said years. Provision has been made in the Plan for meeting the deficit in the 1928 budget, which was due to poor crops and to reduced returns from the export taxes on grain and from the alcohol tax. The Government has taken steps to assure the equilibrium of the budget for 1929 by increasing taxation.

Federal Reserve Banks to Purchase \$4,500,000 Commercial Bills from National Bank of Roumania—Part of Credit Arrangements.

With regard to the agreement by the Federal Reserve Banks to purchase \$4,500,000 commercial bills from the National Bank of Roumania, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York issued the following announcement Feb. 14:

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in association with other Federal Reserve Banks, has agreed, if desired, to purchase from the National Bank of Roumania up to a total of \$4,500,000 of prime commercial bills. The agreement of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York was made in co-operation with other banks of issue as a part of the credit arrangements aggregating in all \$25,000,000, or its equivalent, which the banks of issue have entered into with the National Bank of Roumania in furtherance of the plans which have been completed for stabilizing the Rumania currency on a gold exchange basis.

Arrangements whereby the Central Banks of fourteen countries including the Federal Reserve Banks, will place credits at the disposal of the National Bank of Roumania, were referred to in our issue of Feb. 9, page 816. The credits, it is reported, will aggregate \$25,000,000 or their equivalent. The official circular, offering the American portion of the Rumanian stabilization loan of \$101,000,000, to which we refer elsewhere to-day, contains the following relative to the credit arrangements:

In furtherance of the plan for stabilization of the currency, the National Bank of Roumania will have at its disposal credits arranged by the following Central and Reserve Banks: Austria, Oesterreichische Nationalbank; Hungary, Magyar Nemzeti Bank; Belgium, Banque Nationale de Belgique; Italy, Banca d'Italia; Czechoslovakia, Narodni Banka Ceskoslovenska; Netherlands, Nederlandsche Bank; Finland, Finlands Bank; Poland, Bank Polski; France, Banque de France; Sweden, Sveriges Riksbank; Germany, Deutsche Reichsbank; Switzerland, Banque Nationale Suisse; Great Britain, Bank of England; United States, Federal Reserve Banks.

The working agreement reached by central banks of issue to guarantee stability in the exchange of countries participating in the late war is the strongest endorsement that could be given to the League of Nations, according to an opinion expressed by Prince Sturdza, Charge d'Affaires of the Roumanian Legation in Washington, at a luncheon given in his honor this week at the Broad Street Club by Blair & Co., Inc., the bankers who head the group which offered the American portion of the Roumanian bond issue. The luncheon was in connection with the signing of the contract for the Roumanian Stabilization Loan. In-

roduced by Elisha Walker, President of Blair & Co., Prince Strudza said in part:

"I want to express the appreciation of the Roumanian people for the confidence implied in the plans now completed for extending to our Government a loan and credit in connection with the stabilization of the lei exchange and the economic rehabilitation of our country. International bankers, under the leadership of the American group, representatives of which I am happy to greet to-day, were quick to recognize in the present government all the factors of stability requisite to Rumania's restoration to the gold standard. In M. Maniu, the leader of the National Peasant Party, we have a man eminently qualified to solidify the various elements of our people and to open the way for the development of the country's vast natural resources.

"Rumania offers splendid investment opportunities for American capital, not only through the medium of the gold basis now being prepared for public sale, but also through direct commitment in mining and industrial enterprises.

"It may interest you to know that, from news just received from Europe, European banking groups report a very genuine response from the investors, and successful issues with substantial over-subscription are expected in France, England, Switzerland and Holland.

"The policy of an open door and equal opportunity to all foreign capital, recently pronounced by our government, has contributed much to the gratifying response that has been given to our invitation to the world to share in the development of Rumania's great resources. The scars of war have not entirely disappeared from our oil fields, but the damage yet to be repaired is insignificant when one realizes the enormous wealth stored beneath the earth's surface in our country. For the development of these resources foreign capital will now be heartily welcome and assured of fair treatment and reward. The laws governing exploitation of Rumania's oil resources are being stripped of every discriminatory feature. Equal opportunity for all capital is assured in other fields that our country has thrown open to foreign investment.

"The overwhelming majority given to the Government formed by the National Peasant Party gives assurance to the world that Rumania has decidedly entered upon a new era of political stability and economic development.

"I also want to thank heartily, in the name of our country, the central banks of fourteen countries, which have agreed, under the leadership of the Bank of France, the Federal Reserve Banks and the Bank of England, to extend to our National Bank of Roumania the necessary credits to secure the stability of our currency."

\$15,000,000 Loan Offered for Berlin City Electric Co.

A \$15,000,000 loan for the Berlin City Electric Co., in the form of an issue of 30 year 6½% sinking fund debentures, is being offered by Dillon, Read & Co., Hallgarten & Co., Bankers Company of New York, Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., International Acceptance Bank, Inc., E. H. Rollins & Sons and Mendlessohn & Co., Amsterdam. The debentures are priced at 93½ and interest, yielding to maturity 7.02%, while the average yield, based upon retirement through the sinking fund is 7.16%. Proceeds of the offering will be used, it is stated, to liquidate all current borrowings of the company with the exception of about \$3,900,000 due this year, to make extensions to leased properties and for other corporate purposes.

The Berlin City Electric Co., Inc. was organized in 1923 to operate, under lease from the city, the electric works which since 1915 had been operated directly by the city. The company sells about 90% of the electric current supplied in Berlin, providing service to many large industrial enterprises. The City of Berlin, which owns all of the company's capital stock, has entered into an agreement, the bankers say, with the company, extending beyond the maturity of the debentures, empowering the company to fix rates for the sale of electricity adequate to cover all operating expenses, interest and amortization of loans, depreciation and all proper reserves. Upon termination of the agreement it is provided that the city shall assume all obligations of the company, including interest and amortization of loans.

Offering of \$10,000,000 Harpen Mining Corp. Bonds.

The National City Co. offered Feb. 11 at 90 and accrued interest to yield 6.93% \$10,000,000 Harpen Mining Corp. (Harpen Bergbau Aktiengesellschaft) gold mortgage 6% bonds, series of 1929, due Jan. 1 1949, with stock purchase warrants. The issue has been oversubscribed. A substantial portion of this issue was taken in the European market including \$2,500,000 issued publicly in Amsterdam by Hope & Co. The corporation, founded 73 years ago, is, it is stated, the largest independent enterprise in Germany devoted to the production of coal and its by-products and the manufacture of coke and briquettes. The properties are located in the Ruhr district, the largest producing coal field in Europe.

Each bond will carry a stock purchase warrant entitling the holder to purchase on or after July 1 1929, and on or before Apr. 30 1932, for each \$100 principal amount, either one "American share", to be issued against the deposit in Berlin of 100 Reichsmark (about \$23.81) par value of the corporation's common stock at \$36 per American share, or at the option, 100 Reichsmark par value, stock itself, at \$36 for each 100 Reichsmark par value. The common shares of the

corporation are purchasable only in multiples of 1,000 Reichsmark, par value.

The corporation's coal reserves comprise more than 37,000 acres of coal lands with many seams and reserves estimated to contain 529,000,000 metric tons above the lowest level of present mining operations and with reserves above the depth of 1,500 meters estimated to total 3,700,000,000 metric tons. The bonds will be secured by mortgages, subject only to the charges securing \$5,861,310 of industrial debentures, on the operating properties of the corporation and its subsidiary, Gewerkschaft Victoria Luenen, with a reproduction value, exclusive of coal in ground, of not less than \$60,000,000.

Net earnings of the corporation in 1927, after expenses, maintenance, renewals, replacements, taxes and depreciation, amounted to \$2,562,027, while for the first half of last year such net was \$796,805. Aggregate annual interest charges on the present issue, on the 7% convertible debentures and on present annual fixed charges on the industrial debentures are \$1,002,412. The pro forma consolidated balance sheet of the corporation and subsidiaries, adjusted to present financing, shows current assets of more than 2.2 times current liabilities, after allowing \$4,520,476 of the proceeds of this issue which may be invested in fixed assets.

Offering of \$7,000,000 Copenhagen Telephone Co. Bonds.

Guaranty Company of New York and Dillon, Read & Co. are offering \$7,000,000 Copenhagen Telephone Co. 25-year sinking fund external 5% gold bonds due Feb. 15 1954, at 94¾% and interest, to yield over 5.38%. The proceeds of the issue will be used to retire \$2,000,000 25-year sinking fund external 6% gold bonds, to be called for redemption on April 15, and to provide funds for capital expenditures and other corporate purposes. The Kingdom of Denmark owns, it is stated, Kr. 9,000,000 of the Kr. 50,000,000 capital stock of the company and has the right to purchase half of any future stock issued, as well as to purchase in 1939 all of the outstanding stock.

Copenhagen Telephone Co., established in 1882, operates the bankers say, under an exclusive Danish Government concession and under close Government supervision, and serves without competition the Islands of Amager and Zealand, which include the City of Copenhagen. Net earnings, after depreciation, taxes, &c., for four years ended Dec. 31 1928, averaged more than 3.20 times the annual interest requirements on the company's funded debt to be outstanding after the completion of this financing. For 1928 net earnings, it is reported, amounted to more than 3.65 times such interest requirements. Annual dividends of 6% or more have been paid on the company's stock since 1866, and at the rate of 8% since 1917. At present quotations, the stock has an indicated market value, it is figured, of more than \$17,800,000, as compared with \$10,500,000 in April 1925.

Definitive Bonds of State of Sao Paulo Ready for Delivery.

Speyer & Co. announce that definitive bonds of the State of San Paulo 40-year 6% sinking fund gold bonds external loan of 1928 are now ready for delivery at their office, 24 and 26 Pine St., New York, in exchange for and upon surrender of their interim receipts.

Annual Report of Ohio-Pennsylvania—Joint Stock Land Bank.

In his annual report to the stockholders of the Ohio-Pennsylvania Joint Stock Land Bank, presented under date of Jan. 11, Samuel L. McCune, President of the Bank, states that "the growth of the Farm Loan Banks (Federal and Joint) during the year 1928, while not as extensive as in previous years, indicates conservative progress." "Decided improvement," he says, "has been brought about in the system as a whole. The Federal appraisers are more conservative in their work and every effort is being made by the different Banks to limit accommodations to deservicing farmers in conformity with present day values." In supplying the report of the bank for the year ended Dec. 31, 1928. President McCune states that "our operating profits were approximately \$100,000 after the creation of certain minor reserves." "This result," he says, "compares very favorably with the preceding years." We also take from the report the following extracts:

Since the organization of this Bank we have made over 4,100 loans to farmers in Ohio and Pennsylvania, the average loan at present

being less than \$3,800.00. The security for these loans is represented by 414,715 acres of improved farm land, together with the improvements thereon, plus the financial responsibility of the signer of the notes.

The average amount loaned per acre in Ohio (improvements included) is \$36.20, in Pennsylvania \$27.42. The United States Census Report for 1925 gives the average value per acre of farm land in Ohio as \$87.57, in Pennsylvania \$71.81. Our borrowers have made semi-annual payments of principal, the aggregate of which approximates 5% of the amounts originally loaned. These payments (close to \$700,000) are reflected in a corresponding increase in the equity of the security back of our bonds.

The \$13,922,000 of loans shown in the balance sheet are secured in the aggregate by over \$40,000,000 of farm property, based upon the reports of independent Federal Appraisers. This would indicate that our loans have close to 300% of appraised value back of them as security. Every loan deposited with the United States Government as collateral for our bonds, carries not only the approval and recommendation of a Federal Appraiser, but that of the Farm Loan Board and the Executive Committee of this Bank as well.

Out of over 4,100 loans submitted since organization to the Farm Loan Board to be approved for collateral, we have in our files but six that have not met the rigid requirements of the Board in every respect, so far as eligibility is concerned. We are endeavoring to adjust these in conformity with the Board's requirements. We feel that this record indicates that our loans are made on a most conservative basis and in strict accordance with the provisions of the Act and the regulations of the Farm Loan Board.

Farm Loan Bonds Outstanding—\$13,000,000

Those interested will readily appreciate that the most important item in the Liabilities is the account representing outstanding bonds. These bonds are the direct obligation of this Bank. They are in no way guaranteed, either as to principal or interest, by the United States Government under which authority they are issued. The bonds of this Institution are collateralized by 100% of first mortgages on farms in the two States in which we operate; they bear 5% interest; are tax exempt in every respect except inheritance tax; are legal investments for Savings Banks, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies, etc., in practically every State; and compare very favorably with United States bonds in eligibility as collateral.

The \$13,000,000.00 bonds outstanding have been well sold by a strong syndicate of Bankers and occupy a favored position in all listings of this class of securities. Every \$1,000.00 bond has over \$3,000.00 of tangible security back of it and should prove a most attractive investment at present market prices. We are emphatic in our assertion that from the standpoint of merit these bonds should command a higher rating today than ever before.

Net Worth—(Including Real Estate)—\$1,127,372.48.

The Net Worth of the Bank was increased in 1928 over \$250,000.00, out of which \$53,900.00 of dividends were paid in cash. This increase is accounted for by the sale of 1100 shares of new Capital, which produced \$137,500.00, the balance being represented by earnings from operation and bond premium. Based upon this showing your Directors were prompted to pay the extra dividend of 1% on December 31st, in addition to the regular dividend.

The Bank has sufficient Capital and established Surpluses to permit the issuance of another \$1,000,000.00 of bonds when needed. We feel that the Net Worth accounts are well balanced and that our established business assures the stockholders of an annual gross return in earnings of at least \$180,000.00 over a long period of years. This established earning ability should serve to materially increase the potential value of your stock.

F. W. Blair Re-elected to Board of Governors Representing Joint Stock Land Banks.

Frank W. Blair, President of the Union Trust Co. of Detroit, has been re-elected a member of the Board of Governors representing all the Joint Stock Land banks in the United States at a meeting held in Washington Feb. 6. Mr. Blair is President of the Union Joint Stock Land Bank of Detroit. At the election of officers the Board of Governors elected Governor A. W. McLean, President of the Atlantic Joint Stock Land Bank of Raleigh, N. C., President of the Board and Mr. Blair First Vice-President.

Bank of America N. A. Finds Credit Situation and High Interest Rates Without Effect on Economic Situation.

The credit situation and the relatively high commercial interest rates which it involves have thus far cast no shadow upon economic conditions, according to the review of business by the Bank of America N. A., which notes also that the bright prospects for trade and industry indicated in year-end reviews have been strengthened during the past month. Practically all leading industries are operating at a high rate and report forward contracts in sufficient volume to promise a continuance of such satisfactory conditions for some months to come, the review adds. It says:

"The credit situation, and the relatively high commercial interest rates which it involves have thus far cast no shadow upon economic conditions. Whether they have been a factor in reducing future commitments in the building industry it is yet too early to decide. Building contracts awarded during the past six weeks have fallen below the level of awards made a year ago. Numerous large construction projects are being planned, however, and these may offset any decline in other types of building."

Discussing the money market, the review states:

"International gold movements attracted more than their usual share of attention during January. Gold shipments to this country from Canada are apparently due in large measure to Canada's unfavorable

balance in trade with the United States. They may also be attributed to the placing of a considerable volume of Canadian funds in the New York collateral loan market.

"Sterling exchange was under pressure during January, with quotations showing a consistently downward trend. The advance in acceptance rates here, which increased the foreign demand for dollar acceptances, may well have been a contributing factor in the decline in sterling. The possibility of any important movement of gold to this country could hardly be regarded with equanimity in the London market. Since the end of last August the Bank of England has lost about \$115,000,000 gold. About a third of this amount was shipped to the United States, and most of the remainder to France and Germany.

"In the past two months net imports of gold into the United States have amounted to about \$70,000,000, but in that same time approximately \$80,000,000 of gold has been added to the amount earmarked. The result of these operations, therefore, has been a loss of about \$10,000,000 gold."

Survey by George H. Burr & Co. of Changing Conditions in Investment Market—Larger Offerings of Convertible Securities—Offerings of Latter Exceeded \$1,000,000,000 in Past Four Years.

More than \$1,000,000,000 of bonds and preferred stocks carrying the privilege of conversion into common stocks have been offered to investors in the United States during the past four years. Approximately 70% of the total have been in the form of bonds and the balance in preferred stocks, according to George H. Burr & Co. who have just completed a survey of changing conditions in the investment market in recent years. The survey states:

In securities, as in merchandise, those styles achieve the greatest vogue which fulfill the conditions of public demand. During the past few years, there has been a decided trend toward securities of the convertible type. The conditions bringing this about have been many in number. Chief among them, however, has been the desire of the investor in fixed income securities, such as bonds and preferred stocks, to share in some measure with the common stockholders in the future growth and prosperity of the issuing corporations.

Numerous convertible issues have recorded phenomenal gains since originally offered. Brooklyn Union Gas convertible 5½% debentures, sold originally at 100, were recently quoted at 350. Equitable Office Building convertible 7% preferred advanced from 100 to 250. Public Service of New Jersey convertible 4½% debentures from 98 to 195; Neisner Brothers 7% convertible preferred from 115 to 205 and the Schiff Co. 7% convertible preferred from 100 to 260. The survey points out that "the prospective purchaser of convertible securities, however, should bear in mind the fact that while their record on the whole is excellent, it does not necessarily follow that all convertible securities are desirable investments. In the final analysis, these securities (aside from the potentialities existent in the conversion feature) must be judged on their investment merits." It is added that the convertible security is by no means a new development in finance, but is one which is finding increasing favor with the investing public.

Cotton Co-operatives Using Improved Marketing Practices.

One of the most significant changes in co-operative cotton marketing in recent years is the change of emphasis from monopoly control to that of rendering the grower-members marketing services through a system of efficient merchandising, declared J. S. Hathcock, of the Division of Co-operative Marketing, United States Department of Agriculture, addressing the Co-operative Marketing School at Humboldt, Tenn., Feb. 8. During the present cotton marketing season, 1928-29, he stated, the cotton co-operatives are handling approximately 1,100,000 bales of cotton, or about 8% of the total United States production. "Co-operative cotton marketing associations," Mr. Hathcock said, "have made remarkable progress in recent years in the reduction of operating costs, including costs of storage, insurance, interest, and other items. They have made definite progress in the initial problems of developing efficient managerial services and working out operating and sales details and technique of pool payments; the establishment of satisfactory credit relations with banks and the building up of substantial reserves."

Last September, the Division of Co-operative Marketing of the United States Department of Agriculture called a conference of cotton co-operatives at Memphis, Tenn., to discuss past experiences, the current situation, and, so far as possible, future developments in the co-operative marketing of cotton.

At this conference the following economic services that cotton co-operatives can advantageously perform for the growers were subscribed to:

1. Grade and staple cotton accurately. (a) Classers licensed and supervised by the Government.
2. Make returns to growers on basis of grade and staple.
3. Sell direct to mills.
4. Provide an efficient selling agency for members using short-time pools.
5. Obtain highest possible average seasonal pool prices through: (a) Use of trained sales force; (b) Sales based on scientific analysis of market conditions.
6. Reduce market risks of individual growers by pooling.
7. Store and insure at minimum rates.
8. Obtain funds for commodity financing at low rates of interest.
9. Stimulate interest in better ginning.
10. Encourage the production of better staple.

Mr. Hathcock reported that a comprehensive survey of the cotton co-operatives by the Division of Co-operative Marketing is now in progress as a result of the conference that was held at Memphis. It is anticipated that this survey, which involves a searching analysis of various cotton co-operatives, he said, will throw a new light on the whole co-operative cotton marketing situation and provide information that will assist in more accurately charting the course of the cotton co-operatives in the future.

Agricultural Co-operatives in South Making Progress, According to J. E. Wells Jr. of Department of Agriculture—Development of Acceptances by Federal Reserve Bank.

Vast improvement in the organization and operation of co-operative marketing associations in the Southern States, as compared with earlier attempts at group action in marketing crops, was reported by J. E. Wells Jr., of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, addressing the Meeting of Southern Agricultural Workers at Houston, Texas, Feb. 6.

"The need for permanent farmer organizations with flexible set-ups," Mr. Wells said, "is becoming more widely appreciated and is being adopted by the most successful associations. Southern growers and farm leaders have become more discriminating and insistent upon helpful services from the marketing associations, and from State and Government educational agencies. Both short-term operating and longer-time storage credit," he said, "have become more readily available for present associations. The development of the use of acceptances by the Federal Reserve Banks and member banks, and of marketing credit through original advances to co-operatives by the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, have been of the utmost assistance to Southern marketing groups."

Mr. Wells reported a steady increase in the proportion of direct-to-mill sales of cotton by the cotton co-operatives. A recent survey showed that direct-to-mill sales with one association increased from 53% of total sales made in 1921-22 to 92% of total made during 1924-25. The association sells on buyers' call when necessary, as contrasted with earlier efforts to dispose of practically all cotton on sellers' call. The futures market is used, and subsidiary sales corporations have been formed to handle these transactions. Mr. Wells added:

"All the cotton associations have made important progress in understanding better the growers' problems and service requirements. Several of the associations are successfully operating finance subsidiaries to provide growers with production credit. Supply corporations have been formed for supplying producers with seed, fertilizers and other commodities. Group life insurance is also being provided by one association with apparent appreciation on the part of members.

"The inclusion of optional price fixation pools in addition to the seasonal pools, and an annual withdrawal privilege, have been outstanding steps toward making the associations more flexible. These changes have been made to meet growers' economic conditions as they actually exist, in contrast to some of the original inflexible provisions which were included to match situations as one might like them to be. A large percentage of the cotton received the past year by all associations has been placed in short-time rather than seasonal pools."

Senate Votes Down Curb on Cotton Futures—Caraway Plan to Require the Actual Delivery Defeated.

Proposals to curtail trading in futures on cotton and grain exchanges were defeated in the Senate on Feb. 14 when a bill sponsored by Senator Caraway of Arkansas was rejected by a vote of 47 to 27. A Washington dispatch Feb. 14, to the New York "Times" from which we quote, say:

Eleven Republicans, fifteen Democrats and Senator Shipstead, Farmer-Labor, supported the bill against twenty-eight Republicans and nineteen Democrats. A similar measure, offered by Representative Vinson of Georgia and passed by the House, was considered unlikely to reach a vote in the Senate.

Under the Caraway bill, trading in futures on cotton and grain exchanges would have been prohibited unless the contracts contemplated actual delivery of the commodity. Both buyer and seller would be required to make affidavit of intention to receive grain or cotton.

Senator Caraway challenged a statement that the New York Cotton Exchange had eliminated all existing evils. He said the effect of the action was to make it "more advantageous to the man who wants to gamble."

Robert Lehman Elected Member of Governing Committee of New York Stock Exchange.

Robert Lehman of Lehman Bros. has been elected a member of the Governing Committee of the Exchange to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Edwin A. Seasongood.

W. S. Muller Re-Elected President New York Curb Exchange.

William S. Muller was unanimously re-elected President of the New York Curb Exchange on Feb. 13. George Scott Whiting was re-elected Vice-President and Mortimer Landsberg Treasurer. Mr. Whiting was also re-appointed Assistant Treasurer. Eugene R. Tappen was re-elected Secretary, while James S. Kenny, Charles E. McGowan, Martin J. Kenna, William B. Byrne and James R. Murphy were appointed Assistant Secretaries.

Mr. Muller, who is now serving his second term as President of the New York Curb Exchange, is a charter member and started in the "Street" in 1902, and as a member of the Board of Governors has served on many committees. As chairman of the Committee on Clearing House, which position he held before succeeding David U. Page as President in February, 1926, he fostered the growth of that department from its inception in April, 1923, when there was but twelve stocks on the list. The present number is approximately 475 issues.

The total par value of securities traded in on the Curb Exchange to-day is reported as approximately \$15,000,000,000 and includes some 2,000 stocks and bonds of which about 600 issues are traded in during the course of a daily session. During Mr. Muller's regime, the price of memberships on the Curb Exchange has more than doubled in value to a record high of \$185,000.

New York Stock Exchange Firms Plan Sweeping Trade Changes—"Skip Delivery" System and Increase in Minimum Commission Favored.

Regarding increased commission charges and a move toward the adoption of a plan, sponsored by the Association of Stock Exchange firms, for a change in the rules of the Stock Exchange so as to permit deliveries of stock two days after the execution of orders, instead of on the succeeding day as at present, the "Herald-Tribune" of Feb. 12 said:

Several sweeping changes in trading routine are now being pushed in Wall Street, it developed yesterday. Of greater interest to the general public is the move, rapidly gaining headway and becoming more inclusive, of marking up margin requirements and minimum commissions to be charged in odd-lot transactions. But of paramount interest to Wall Street and its workers is the project to adopt a "skip delivery" system for clearing securities.

The raising margin requirements has been going on ever since the present bull market got itself fairly launched in 1924. The requirements of Hornblower & Weeks, one of the largest commission houses in the Street, is typical of the trend.

In 1924 the firm required a deposit of 25% of the debt balance. In other words, if a customer bought 100 shares of stock for \$10,000 on a deposit of \$2,000, his debit balance would be \$8,000; his deposit, therefore, is one-fourth of his debit balance, or 25%. In 1926 the minimum was raised to 30% of the debit balance; in 1927 to 35%; last year to 40%, and on March 1 will be increased again to 50%.

Other firms figure their margin requirements in a different way. E. F. Hutton & Co., for instance, has a sliding scale for margins, which requires that stocks under \$10 a share be bought for cash only; that stocks between \$10 and \$20 a share have a 50% margin; stocks between \$20 and \$40 have a margin of 10 points, and so on up to stocks between \$150 and \$200 a share, for deals in which a margin of 40 points is required. Fifty per cent is required on stocks between \$200 and \$300 a share.

Forty Per Cent Is Required

E. A. Pierce & Co., a large wire house, requires for brokers' wire accounts 35% of the debit balance. For individual customers' accounts a margin of 10 points is demanded on stocks below 30; 12 points between 30 and 34½; 14 points between 35 and 39½, and 35% of the market price on 40 and upward.

On the following issues, however, the firm demands a margin of 40% of the market price: Allied Chemical, American Can, Chrysler, Coty, Electric Auto-Lite, General Electric, General Motors, Goodyear, International Combustion, International Harvester, International Nickel, Packard, etc.

Fifty per cent margin is required for, among others, American International, Byers, Case Threshing, du Pont, Kolster, Mexican Seaboard, Montgomery Ward, National Bellas Hess, Radio, Victor Talking, Warner Brothers, Wright Aero and Yellow Truck.

Among the firms which have recently adopted a minimum charge of \$5 for handling any single item are Post & Flagg, Livingston & Co., Chishoim & Chapman, E. A. Pierce & Co., Harris, Winthrop & Co., Thomson & McKinnon, Hornblower & Weeks, E. F. Hutton & Co., Clark, Childs & Co., Cassatt & Co. and Otis & Co.

The motive prompting the increase in the minimum charge is set forth as follows by E. A. Pierce & Co.: "The result of extensive study and painstaking analysis by several representative houses would indicate that under current conditions the unit cost of effecting security transactions ranges between four and five times our present minimum charge. In our opinion this condition is economically indefensible, and, to the end that needed reform be made effective, so far at least as we are

concerned, we hereby give notice that on and after the 1st proximo (Feb. 1) our minimum commission charge on security transactions of every description, excepting rights and partial executions of round lot orders, will be \$5 per item."

"Skip Deliveries" Urged

Meetings have been held by brokers in various large cities in the last week to consider adopting similar measures on minimum charges. Such conferences have been held in Cleveland, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia and other cities.

Partners of several Exchange firms met at a dinner last Thursday night and formulated plans for furthering a proposal to have the "skip delivery" system adopted. E. A. Pierce, President of the Association of Stock Exchange Firms, has been fostering the move, and firms are now being solicited to sign a petition on the subject, which will be handed to governors of the Exchange. It is understood that firms are most favorably disposed to the plan and, in practically every case; are signing readily.

The petition has not yet been filed with the Exchange, but a spokesman for the Exchange stated yesterday that Governors knew such a petition was being circulated.

Petition Gives Plan

The petition being circulated sets forth the advantages of the plan as follows:

"It would give more time for the preparing of the clearing house sheet, resulting in fewer transactions being cleared ex-clearing house."

"It would do away with a large percentage of the fail-to-deliver items, which items largely increase the amount of work to firms which fail to deliver, and also to firms who fail to receive."

"It would do away with a great number of buy-in notices due to securities sold by out-of-town firms."

"It would allow all the securities going from one house to another to be delivered by one messenger, obviating the necessity of making many deliveries from one house to another during the course of the day."

"It would enable firms to arrange for the clearance of their transactions ahead of time, and to have substitution of stocks in loans prepared in advance, and would permit firms to be able to make fewer substitutions at each lending institution."

"It would also give sufficient time to various houses to prepare for their banking arrangements as each firm would know the day ahead how much money they would have to borrow, or how much money they would be paying off on the following day."

"It would be of advantage to customers who sell securities as they would have sufficient time to deliver them in time to the firm to make delivery."

"It would also allow sufficient time for customers who buy for cash to receive bills and send in their checks covering their purchases without any additional charges for interest."

"It would be of advantage to the Stock Clearing Corporation as it would mean that all the daily settlements would be made much earlier in the day than at the present time."

"This plan would unquestionably help the odd lot houses very much as the odd-lot business cleared by many firms has become so very large that it is a very serious factor in their clearance day owing to the transfer details and the figuring of odd amounts on such a large number of items."

"There is a special advantage to the odd lot houses in having Thursday's transactions cleared on Monday and the double clearance of Friday and Saturday coming on Tuesday. Monday is now a difficult day for the odd lot houses owing both to the double clearance and to the accumulation of orders to be executed on that on the Exchange."

"It would be of advantage to the banks and trust companies inasmuch as the substitutions, as previously stated, would be reduced in number and could be made earlier in the day."

"It would also be to the advantage of institutions now certifying checks as these checks would be presented earlier in the day for certification and not as in many cases at present sent to the bank well after the official closing time."

"It would also be to their advantage inasmuch as there would be less pressure on their transfer agencies to speed up the delivery of stocks in transfer."

Another change in the routine now being advocated by member firms is that of allowing a responsible employee to sign stock certificates for the firm. At present this signing can be done only by a partner, who usually takes no more time for the task than he can avoid. It is said that an employee would check the certificates more carefully and thus lessen errors. It is understood that this proposal is now before Exchange governors.

Stock Speculation Enriches "Odd-Lot" Stock Firms—\$25,000,000 Net Profit Made in Year by One House From Small Income Deals.

The following is from the New York "Herald-Tribune" of Feb. 12:

Enormous growth of speculation among persons of small income has brought tremendous prosperity to the "odd lot" brokerage firms in Wall Street. One of the largest of these concerns, which executes orders for less than 100 shares, was reliably reported to have made more than \$25,000,000 net profit last year. At the present time this firm is handling 500,000 shares a day for a net profit of about one-fourth of a point per share, or \$125,000.

Stock Exchange member houses handling ordinary business are not suffering. One of the larger brokerage houses yesterday let it be known that last year's profits on commissions alone were in excess of \$12,000,000, while total assets have grown to more than \$250,000,000, with \$100,000,000 in securities in the strong boxes at all times.

Because of the pressure of small-lot business 75 of the larger firms yesterday advanced their minimum commission to \$5 for each transaction, while brokerage houses generally announced an intention to advance average minimum margin requirements on March 1 from 40% of debit balance, as at present to 50%.

"New Eras" of 1896-1903 and 1921-1928 Compared by B. M. Anderson, Jr. of Chase National Bank.

In an address before the Connecticut State Bankers' Association at Hartford, Conn., on Feb. 9, Benjamin M. Anderson, Jr., Ph. D., Economist of the Chase National Bank of New York compared the two "new eras" of 1896-1903 and 1921-1928, declaring that "both periods exhibited an immense increase in bank loans against stock and bond collateral and a great growth in bank holdings of securities, chiefly bonds, with a relative decline in bank holdings of commercial paper, in the first "new era," and an absolute

decline in the second." He further observes that "both periods are characterized by rapidly rising prices in the stock market," his remarks being summarized as follows:

That we live in a "new era," in which the laws of economics are suspended, in which all financial records are broken, and in which an indefinite continuation of the breaking of financial records may be confidently looked forward to, is believed by a good many people. But veterans whose memories go back to the middle '90s remember another "new era," not less remarkable in its financial demonstrations, and a good deal more impressive on the side of the production, transportation and exchange of goods, running from 1896 to 1903, and continuing, after a violent setback, in security prices but not in business in 1903, until the panic of 1907. They also remember the quieter years, in which the breaking of financial records was less frequent, running from 1907 to 1914.

Gold and Bank Expansion.

Both "new eras" were inaugurated and accompanied by a rapid growth in the monetary gold stock of the country, and by a resultant rapid expansion of bank credit, as shown by the following table:

DEPOSITS AND MONETARY GOLD (IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS).

Year.	Monetary Gold Stock Beginning of Year.	Deposits.	Year.	Monetary Gold Stock Beginning of Year.	Deposits of All Commercial Banks June 30.	Net Demand and Time Deposits Reporting Member Banks Nearest June 30.
1896 ---	503	3,009.7	1921 ---	2,942	29,831.0	12,979
1903 ---	1,121	6,738.2	1928 ---	4,379	43,233.1	20,247
Increase	618	3,728.5	Increase	1,437	13,402.1	7,268
P.C. Inc.	122.9	123.9	P.C. Inc.	48.8	44.9	56.0

Uses of Expanding Bank Credit.

Both periods exhibited an immense increase in bank loans against stock and bond collateral and a great growth in bank holdings of securities, chiefly bonds, with a relative decline in bank holdings of commercial paper, in the first "new era" and an absolute decline in the second.

Combining stock and bond collateral loans and bank investments in securities, I estimate these to have been about 41% of the total loans and investments of National banks in 1896 and about 49% in 1903. For the National banks in 1921, the same figure would be 41.9 and for 1928, the figure is 55%. For the reporting member banks of the Federal Reserve System, bank investments in securities and loans against securities were 46.2% of total loans and investments in 1921 and this had risen to 60.3% in 1928.

NATIONAL BANKS—TOTAL OF LOANS ON STOCKS AND BOND PLUS INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES (IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS).

Date—		Date—	
Oct. 6 1896.....	1,090.3	June 30 1921.....	6,724.1
Sept. 9 1903.....	2,438.1	June 30 1928.....	12,261.1
Increase.....	1,347.8	Increase.....	5,537.0
Per cent increase.....	123.5	Per cent increase.....	82.3

NATIONAL BANKS—COMMERCIAL LOANS (IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS).

Date—		Date—	
Oct. 6 1896.....	1,249.5	June 30 1921.....	9,025.1
Sept. 9 1903.....	2,108.8	June 30 1928.....	8,745.3
Increase.....	859.3	Increase.....	-279.8
Per cent increase.....	68.7	Per cent decrease.....	-3.1

The Stock Market.

Both periods are characterized by rapidly rising prices in the stock market, the railroad stocks, however, monopolizing interest in the first "new era," whereas the industrial common stocks had the center of the stage in the second "new era."

STOCK PRICES.

New York "Times" Averages.		
Mitchell's Relative Prices of 40	50 Combined Stocks	
Transportation Stocks	25 Rails and 25 Industrials	25 Industrials
1896..... 61 low	1921..... 58.6 low	1921..... 66.2 low
1902..... 289 high	1929..... 251.5 high	1929..... 365.9 high
Increase..... 228	Increase..... 192.9	Increase..... 299.7
P.C. increase 373.8	P.C. increase 329.2	P.C. increase 452.7

RANGE OF PRICES FOR SEATS ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS).

1896.....	14 low	1921.....	77.5 low
1903.....	82 high	1928.....	595.0 high
Increase.....	68	Increase.....	517.5
Per cent increase.....	485.7	Per cent increase.....	668.0

TABLE OF SHARE SALES (IN MILLIONS OF SHARES).

1896.....	53.40	1921.....	171.60
1901.....	265.56	1926.....	449.04
1902.....	188.28	1927.....	576.96
1903.....	160.80	1928.....	920.52
Increase 1896-1901.....	212.16	Increase 1921-1928.....	748.92
Percentage increase (5 years).....	397.3	Percentage increase (7 years).....	436.4

Interest Rates and Bond Yields.

Both "new eras" were characterized by low interest rates, but, in general, interest rates went lower in the first period than in the second. This was particularly true of bond yields, the yield on 10 railroad bonds going well below 4% and remaining below 4% on annual averages from 1899 to 1906 inclusive, averaging 3.77% for the year 1902.

BOND YIELDS.

Year—	Average 10 RR. Bonds (Mitchell's Average).	Average 15 RR. Bonds (Standard Statistics Average).	Year—	Average 15 RR. Bonds (Standard Statistics Average).
1896.....	4.54		1921.....	5.57
1897.....	4.38		1922.....	4.85
1898.....	4.21		1923.....	4.98
1899.....	3.96		1924.....	4.78
1900.....	3.95	4.05	1925.....	4.67
1901.....	3.79	3.90	1926.....	4.51
1902.....	3.77	3.86	1927.....	4.31
1903.....	3.96	4.07	1928.....	4.34

COMMERCIAL PAPER, 4-6 MONTHS.

1896.....	5.82	1900.....	4.39	1921.....	6.53	1925.....	4.03
1897.....	3.53	1901.....	4.28	1922.....	4.43	1926.....	4.24
1898.....	3.83	1902.....	4.92	1923.....	4.98	1927.....	4.01
1899.....	4.12	1903.....	5.47	1924.....	3.91	1928.....	4.84

CALL LOANS AT NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Year.	Range.	Avg.	Year.	Range.	Avg.	Year.	Range.	Avg.	Year.	Range.	Avg.
1896...	1-127	4.21	1900...	1-25	2.93	1921...	3¼-9	5.95	1925...	2-6	4.18
1897...	1-5½	1.77	1901...	1-75	3.98	1922...	2¼-6	4.34	1926...	3½-6	4.51
1898...	¼-6	2.16	1902...	2-35	5.22	1923...	3¼-6	4.91	1927...	3½-5¼	4.05
1899...	1-186	5.04	1903...	1-15	3.79	1924...	2-5¼	3.08	1928...	3½-12	6.09

The Underlying Value-Stream.

In the matter of physical volume of production, the old "new era" substantially outstripped the new "new era," the increase for the former being 43% and that of the latter 35%. Measured in dollars rather than in physical volume, however, the percentage increase of production was far greater in the earlier "new era" because commodity prices at wholesale rose rapidly in the first period and have not risen at all in the second. The underlying value-stream, namely production multiplied by prices, increased 83% in the first period and only 35% in the second.

PHYSICAL AND PECUNIARY VOLUME OF PRODUCTION, 1896-1903 AND 1921-1928.

Year	Index of Physical Volume of Production Average for 1894-96=100.	Index of Wholesale Prices 1896=100.	Pecuniary Volume of Production Underlying Value-Stream.
1894	100	100	100
1895			
1896			
1897	121.3	100.1	121.4
1898	122.5	104.3	127.8
1899	121.0	112.3	135.9
1900	122.5	120.7	147.9
1901	125.3	111.9	149.0
1902	144.8	126.5	183.2
1903	143.1	128.2	183.5
Year	Index of Physical Volume of Production 1919-1921=100.	Index of Wholesale Prices 1921=100.	Pecuniary Volume of Production Underlying Value-Stream.
1919	100	100	100
1920			
1921			
1922	109.8	99.1	108.8
1923	121.1	103.1	124.9
1924	119.3	100.5	119.9
1925	124.4	106.0	131.9
1926	128.8	102.5	132.0
1927	129.0	97.7	126.0
1928	134.6	100.1	134.7

Some Differences Between the Two Eras.

The first "new era" grew out of a great increase in the world's production of gold. The whole world shared in the increase in gold, the United States being in fact somewhat late in beginning to get their share. The second "new era," that beginning in 1921, was due, not to an increase in world gold production, but rather to an abnormal concentration of gold in the United States alone. Gold, though superabundant here, was scarce and dear in the world outside.

The first "new era" was thus an era in which there was an actual depreciation of gold, which manifested itself in safely based rising commodity prices. The second "new era," as we have seen, has not been accompanied by rising commodity prices, or by a depreciation of gold.

Of course we have had the Federal Reserve System in the second "new era," and Federal Reserve credit, granted at discount rates below the market rates, and placed in the money market through open market purchases of government securities and acceptances, has intensified the influence of the excess gold. Moreover, the legal reserve requirements of the commercial banks under the Federal Reserve Act and its amendments have been much lower in the second period than in the first. Further, the ability of the Federal Reserve System to steady the money market during short periods of strain prevented our call money rates from going as high in the autumn and December of 1928 as they went in the autumn and December of 1902, and has greatly narrowed the range of fluctuation in call money rates. We have, finally, in the Federal Reserve System an insurance against currency panics which the old "new era" lacked, though practically the old "new era" escaped this evil until 1907.

Again, the first "new era" began at the end of a period during which the world had been moving to the gold standard, and during which there had been intense competition among the different nations of the world for their share of an inadequate gold supply. It was ushered in and accompanied by growing world gold production and by a cessation in the international scramble for gold. The present "new era" has already witnessed the beginning of a new international competition for gold, and it sees a world gold production, large to be sure, but still well below the figures from 1907 to 1915.

The earlier "new era" witnessed a prosperity, which was shared by all the major elements of American economic life, including very especially agriculture. Agricultural prices rose, farm lands rose, and although agricultural debt increased, the burden of agricultural indebtedness diminished.

The present "new era" has seen a great deal of agricultural distress.

The present era, to a much greater extent than the old "new era," has been financial rather than industrial or commercial. Brilliant industrial performance there has been. But the underlying value-stream has not increased nearly so much in proportion to the financial superstructure built upon it in the second "new era" as it did in the first.

What Follows "New Eras"?

"New eras" spend their force and things become humdrum again. We do not, in a growing country like the United States, cease to make the normal increase in volume of production and business activity, but we do cease to break financial records for a while and we have our problems of liquidation and readjustment when we correct our misconceptions, revise our plans, and consolidate our position. The pace slackened distinctly after the earlier "new era." The physical volume of production continued to move upward. The underlying value-stream grew from 1903 to 1910, though it slackened rather distinctly after 1910. But the rate of growth in such things as Stock Exchange prices, volume of share sales, prices of Stock Exchange seats, bank holdings of securities, stock and bond collateral loans, ad even bank deposits, slowed down a great deal, and some of them (notably volume of share sales and prices of Stock Exchange seats) actually declined.

The first "new era" was not ended by the great collapse in stock prices in 1903. Stocks rallied in 1904, and reached new highs in 1906. But the maximum of 1902 was very close to the maximum for the next nine years, and well above the average for any of the next nine years. The following figures exhibit this:

RELATIVE PRICES OF 40 TRANSPORTATION STOCKS (MITCHELL'S FIGURES)—AVERAGE ACTUAL PRICES 1890-1899=100.

Year	High	Low	Average
1896	90	61	77
1902	289	222	250
1903	260	159	201
1904	244	161	192
1905	278	220	250
1906	294	239	267
1907	270	183	204
1908	264	150	201
1909	307	240	277
1910	298	219	254
1911	271	224	248

^a These dates mark the extremes of the great down-swing in the "Rich Man's Panic"—130 points, or 45%.

Indeed, the average for 1902 was not reached again until 1905, and was moderately exceeded by the averages of only three years out of the next nine, namely 1906, 1909 and 1910.

It would be a mistake to try to draw any conclusions whatever from this parallel between the events of 25 or 30 years ago and those of to-day, with respect to the timing of future events, or the probable length of life of the present "new era." History repeats itself after a fashion, but with many differences, and, above all, with great variations in the amount of time required for particular phases to recur. It is sufficient for the present to conclude that our own "new era" is not, after all, so very new in principle, that like causes produce like results, that excessive gold and excessive bank reserves generate bank expansion, and that bank expansion running in excess of commercial needs will overflow into capital uses and speculative employments.

One further generalization may be ventured, namely: That eras of speculation are fond of developing theories which will justify their speculative activities, and that the theory that a "new era" has come, in which old economic laws are suspended, is as useful as any other for this purpose.

Comptroller of Currency Pole Says Scarcity of Trained Executives May Be Reason for Spread of Branch Banking.

In an address delivered under the title of "The Demand for Professional Bank Management," Comptroller of the Currency J. W. Pole made the statement that "the scarcity of trained executives—that is to say executives with that degree of managerial ability required by modern conditions—may be one of the underlying reasons for the rapid spread of branch banking and group or chain banking ideas among bankers and business men in this Country." Comptroller Pole added: "As the business of banking is growing at a more rapid pace than executives are being developed to operate each unit bank as a separate institution, it would seem to be an almost natural and logical outcome that this scarcity of talent will lead to a more centralized form of banking control."

Comptroller Pole's address was delivered at Columbus, O., on Feb. 12 before the Ohio Bankers' Association and his discussion dealt largely with modern banking, the development of fiduciary operations and other phases of banking. Leading up to that portion of his remarks which we have already quoted, Comptroller Pole expressed the view "that the large number of bank failures outside of the metropolitan centers during the past few years is an indication there are more banks than bankers." We likewise quote as follows what he had to say:

The last two decades have witnessed a remarkable development in the volume and in the variety of the banking business. Demands for financial services unheard of by the last generation are now required to be met by banking institutions. The old simple form of banking in which the banker relied almost entirely upon his personal knowledge of his customers is no longer adequate to meet the present day situation.

We need only refer to the history of banking in the State of Ohio for an illustration. In the year ending June 30 1908, there were 990 banks of all classes in operation in this State. These had total aggregate resources of about \$952,000,000. Twenty years later, for the year ending June 30, 1928, there were 1,051 banks of all classes but with aggregate resources of \$3,377,000,000. Thus while the number of banks in the State of Ohio has remained almost stationary the banking resources are nearly four times as great. This means that the officers of these banks have had nearly four times as much business thrust upon them as they had twenty years ago. Nor do these figures for resources tell the whole story because they do not take into account the tremendous growth of the trust business now in the hands of these banks nor of the investment securities which they buy for sale over their counters. The State of Ohio may be taken as an index of the development of banking throughout the United States, for here are represented every type of banking from those banks situated in the outlying agricultural districts to those in the most congested commercial and industrial centers.

Twenty years is an extremely short time in the history of a State or a nation. The remarkable increase in growth of the banking business within that time can be taken as an indication of the trend toward a future growth in even greater volume. Another twenty years should see the banking resources of this State exceed twelve billion dollars (\$12,000,000,000). It takes no gift of prophecy to make this prediction. We are still a very young country and the full force of our economic vitality has yet to be developed. Our population will greatly increase, our cities become larger and larger and our rural population denser than it is today. There will be further expansions and intensifications of industrial activity. Our world commerce, already at imposing figures today, must be regarded as almost in its infancy. The very economic necessity of the situation will bring agriculture up to a higher point of efficiency. And any statement as to the future of transportation and communication must seem extravagant beginning as we are with transportation by air at great speed over vast distances and communication through the air by radio.

All of these developments will be reflected in the expansion of banking resources for our banks are the hand maids of progress, supporting, sustaining and serving in an essential capacity every forward economic movement.

There was a time in this country when almost any person of average intelligence could aspire to become a banker without any special previous training. It may be said that it was the original theory of the law that any group of citizens had a right to form a banking corporation. The old-fashioned banker was primarily a custodian and a lender of money. If he possessed a natural shrewdness of mind and a strong character he was likely to succeed. In the local community he was the dominant financial figure. He had opportunities to make money outside of his banking business. He became

financially interested in the local street car company, in the light and power company, in the gas works, in the ice plant and in other such enterprises in which local capital participated. These opportunities are also fast disappearing not only because modern banking requires all of the energy and attention of the banker but also because these local forms of public utilities are fast giving way before the economy and efficiency of great central organizations operating through local branches and there is no local financing. Some banks of this old type still remain in existence but they must be regarded now as survivals of a financial era which has passed.

Modern banking is a highly complicated and technical business and it is exemplified primarily by the city banks which have been compelled to meet the varied financial demands of commerce and industry. It is in these commercial centers that the competition in all lines of business is so keen as to compel the utmost economy in operation and the most efficient management control. Out of the experience of these city banks there has developed in the United States a fairly definite opinion in financial circles as to what constitutes sound banking. This standard of bank management has not been theoretically arrived at by any manner of means. It has grown up through hard knocks until finally the best method has been found to meet a given situation.

Let us pass briefly in review some of the principal features of modern banking. First let us take the loans and discounts. The old fashioned character loans have almost disappeared. This does not mean that character is not a valuable asset in the transaction. It simply means we are no longer in the pioneer stage of our civilization. We have reached a stable development where the instrumentalities of credit are ample. Great emphasis now is laid upon adequate credit information and analysis. Nothing is left to chance, guess work or favoritism. This credit information is often obtained as a result of the most skillful scientific investigation, involving the study of plants, machinery, cost accounting, estimates of future operations, financial history, personal reports on management, personnel and the like. The bank must be in a position not only to acquire but to comprehend and digest the most technical information and data concerning its customers. In this country where every variety of business operation is carried on by corporations, the bank must be generally familiar with corporate organization and management in the field of production, manufacture, transportation and distribution, for the simple reason that it is to the banks that these corporations must turn for advice and assistance in financing their operations. Commercial banking therefore requires a fundamental knowledge of every process of commerce itself.

Now let us look at the business of buying and selling investment securities by banks. This is largely a post war development. It is well known that the Liberty Loan campaigns during the war served to educate the public at large in making small investments in sound securities. The tremendous commercial expansion in this country following the war has been financed in increasing volume through the issuance of investment securities in which the general public is invited to invest. It is natural that the banks should participate in this development because their customers turn to them for advice.

The amendment in the McFadden Bank Act of 1927 has added impetus to the movement to make the banks distributors of the best type of investment securities. This means that the modern bank must be equipped with the proper instrumentalities to deal with this new financial development. It imposes a grave responsibility upon the banks which in turn requires them to create the facilities for a comprehensive and accurate knowledge of the various issues of securities which from time to time come upon the market. Not only must they have adequate financial and statistical information with respect to each issue but they must be in a position to interpret this information and to apply it to the particular transaction in hand.

Turning now to the fiduciary operations of the modern bank we find a similar growth and development. Within our own time we have seen the banks gradually displace the old type of individual and personal trustee, executor, administrator, guardian and custodian. It has become a function of banking to administer the estates of deceased persons, many of which are of great magnitude. In addition, largely as a post war development, there has been a most remarkable growth in the creation of corporate trusts. For every issue of securities for Corporate Financing, whether in the form of stocks, bonds, debentures or notes, a bank is required to perform some ministerial or fiduciary function. The bank has thus become an essential factor in the procedure of corporate finance and must act as trustee of bond and debenture issues and of long term notes, as fiscal agent, as registrar, as transfer agent, as a participant in underwriting syndicates, as depository under plans of reorganization, as assignee and receiver, as custodian or trustee for investment trusts—in fact in every fiduciary capacity which may be required by the machinery of corporation finance.

The future of the trust business of banks in the United States would seem to make it one of the most important phases of banking business. On the other hand its proper administration makes it absolutely necessary that the bank equip itself with the most advanced facilities for discharging these fiduciary responsibilities and obligations.

The impressive growth of trust service in the banking field is illustrated by considering the expansion in recent years of the fiduciary activities of banks in the national banking system. The passage of the Federal Reserve Act made possible the further extension of corporate trust facilities to practically every section of the nation. Since Feb. 25 1915, when the first permit under this law was issued to a national bank, hundreds of banks throughout the United States have availed themselves of this opportunity to render additional service to their communities, until today 2,400 national banks have trust powers, representing 81% of the number and 73% of the capital of all banks in the national banking system. During 1928 these banks were administering 63,776 trusts, with individual trust assets aggregating more than \$3,000,000,000 and were acting as trustees for bond and note issues totaling close to \$8,000,000,000.

Compared with the year 1926, these figures represent an increase of 47% in the number of national banks administering trusts; an increase of 145% in the number of trusts being administered; an increase of 257% in the volume of assets of individual trusts, while the bond and note issues outstanding for which these banks are acting as trustees aggregate in amount four times that in 1926.

About one out of every three national banks has authority to administer trusts, while in the State of Ohio 21% of the number of national banks, representing 65% of all of the capital of the national banks in the State are authorized to act in fiduciary capacities. Since 1926 the number of trusts being administered by these banks in Ohio has increased 52%, while the volume of note and bond issues for which they have been named to act as trustees has doubled.

There is another phase of banking which has made remarkable strides within the last few years and that is the savings department. The great increase in individual wealth affecting every class of our population has put before the banks of the country a potential opportunity to build up a large savings business. Here again the bank must know how to cultivate habits of thrift in its community and to carry on extensively an intelligent campaign for savings deposits. That this is being done is evidenced by the remarkable increase in the aggregate total in the savings deposits in the country year by year. Taking the national banks alone, here in the State of Ohio these deposits have grown from \$20,700,000 in 1908 to \$269,000,000 in 1928, being an increase of over tenfold. There was an even greater increase in the State banks, although I have not the exact figures. For the country at large the ratio of increase is about the same as for the State of Ohio.

This brings me back to the subject of this address and that is that banking in the future will be in the hands of professional management. (I am using this term as opposed to amateur management). This applies to banks of all classes, whether city or small town because banking in its essence is the same whether the population served be large or small. The very nature of our economic life which expresses itself through corporate organizations and in mass production will naturally demand of the smaller banks the same standards and type of banking services which have been demonstrated as sound and efficient by the larger city banks.

While the need for a higher training is increasingly demanded for making commercial loans upon the proper credit basis it is in the newer fields of banking—the trust business and the securities business—where technical training and specialized experience are emphatically the essential requirements for success. It is in these two fields that there is likely to be the greatest future expansion in banking and those banks will maintain the largest growth which equip themselves technically to meet this opportunity. It would be worse than useless for a bank to embark upon them with an amateur management.

In general it must be said that old-fashioned business practices in banking must give way to scientific methods in the acquisition and the formulation of information, and in the application of the banking policies based thereon, by men who have acquired what might be called a professional knowledge of banking—a technical equipment to deal with method and policy.

I have in this address attempted to point out a practical condition which is facing the banking business to which remedial measures must be applied. I have also suggested the type of management personnel that will be necessary whatever form the remedy may take but I have not attempted to go further than that.

National City Bank On "Loans for Others"—Important Corporations Which Hold Aloof From Call Loan Market.

The fact that some of the larger corporations are not among the lenders in the call loan market is pointed out by the National City Bank of New York in its February Circular reviewing banking and business conditions, which we quote in part as follows:

The Broker's Loan Situation

The increasing volume of loans at the stock market made by and for account of lenders other than the New York banks, and in yet greater volume for the account of lenders outside of the country and outside the banking business, has been a subject of discussion throughout the past year, and one of growing importance. It is perhaps not strange that at first the popular idea should be that nobody was concerned in the situation but the New York banks, and they only because they were losing deposits and profits; but a credit situation of such magnitude as the call money market has assumed, and of such known instability, is a situation of great general importance.

The call money market is supplied with funds by thousands of scattered lenders, who are without contacts either with each other or the borrowers, and upon collateral which, whatever its ultimate value may be, is dependent for price stability upon a stable volume of loans, and there are no reserve resources but such as the New York banks may voluntarily furnish. No great body of credit, payable on demand, is safe without reserves of some kind, and there is room for question as to the degree of unanimity which the New York banks may manifest in an emergency.

The Federal Reserve System

The Federal Reserve system was established for the purpose of unifying the banking system and of giving leadership and supervision to it in the discharge of its functions in supplying and distributing credit. The intention was to make it strong where the old system was weak, to-wit: in an organized control which would protect the country from the errors and excesses of uninformed and ill-advised credit expansion.

The Reserve authorities, however, can perform their functions only through the banking system. Every dollar withdrawn from the administration of the banks and loaned outside of their direction weakens the authority, the policies and the resources of the Reserve system. It tends to throw the administration and distribution of credit back into the state of semi-anarchy which existed before the Reserve system was established.

Legislation in matters of this kind is useless without the co-operation of the public. A highly organized people must be capable of self-government, or at least capable of understanding the intent of the laws which they pass for their own government, and be willing to conform to them.

The fact that it is accepted and acted upon by some of the country's most important corporations gives evidence that this is not a fanciful or impracticable view. It is gratifying to be able to say that this co-operation is being given, on principle, by a list representing what

may be called the vary aristocracy of American industry, including the United States Steel Corporation, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, the General Electric Company, the American Radiator Company, General Motors Corporation, the National Biscuit Company, all of whom we understand have consistently abstained from the call loan market. No doubt there are others, but this list is a host in itself. It sets an example of sound business policy, considerate of the general interests.

New York Federal Reserve Bank Again Advances Buying Rates For Bills.

Noting action by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in advancing its buying rate for bankers' bills, the "Sun" of last night (Feb. 15) said:

Another chapter was written in money market history when rates on bankers' bills, which were raised for the third time this year only two days ago, were advanced 1/8% all around again.

This advance, which placed the asking rate on 90-day acceptances at 5 1/4% and the bid rate at 5 3/8% was accompanied by changes in rates in Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago, and in the buying rates for the Federal Reserve banks in all cities except New York. The local Reserve Bank, however, virtually did likewise by taking such offerings as it desired at 5 3/8%. This is an unprecedented situation—a buying rate above the discount rate. The local Bank, however, adjusts its rate to suit each individual transaction—in other words it follows the market.

While the acceptance market was being further demoralized, the effect of the Reserve policy of letting bill holdings run off and of sales of Government securities hit the call money market hard. Banks were forced to call \$65,000,000 to adjust reserves. This caused the money rate to go from 6 1/2% to 7%, to 8%, 9%, and finally to 10%.

With acceptances now quoted far above the discount rate, more talk was heard of the possibility of a change, but it was again pointed out on high authority that the rates on bills is not a guide to discount rate changes under present abnormal circumstances.

Bill dealers to-day explained the further advance as another effort to move bills, which are coming on the market faster than they can be absorbed. They intimated that rates would continue to rise until the market found a natural level.

One dealer was not even satisfied with the 5 3/8% asking rate on 90-day bills and boosted his offering rate to 5 1/4%, while bidding 5 1/8% for that maturity.

The buying rate of the New York Federal Reserve Bank for bills was yesterday (Feb. 15) raised an average of 1/4%, as follows: 1 to 45 days, 5%; 46 to 90 days, 5 1/8%, and 91 days to 180 days, 5 1/4%. The Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago Reserve Banks similarly increased their bill rates.

Action Toward Broad Broadening American Acceptance Market Urged by Bank of America, N. A.

The necessity of immediate action to broaden the American acceptance market raising the market from its present dependent position as an adjunct of Federal Reserve operations, is urged by The Bank of America N. A. in its February review of business and credit conditions. Among the benefits to be accomplished through such a step, the bank foresees a fuller realization of the advantages already evident from the efforts to develop the market, such as reduction in the credit strain place upon the money market through crop moving and seasonal trade demands; the distribution of credit from large financial centers to outlying districts; a favorable method of financing foreign trade transactions, at the same time eliminating the risks of exchange; and the creation of a market for dollar exchange abroad and the broadening of the foreign contacts of American banks. The bank in its discussion says:

The problem of making the acceptance a profitable investment for banks, without raising the discount rate to a prohibitive rate, has been discussed for many years. Recently, however, the problem has become so acute that some plan appears to be imperatively necessary. Several proposals have received serious consideration on the part of bankers, and a move is now on foot to bring the matter before the proper authorities in a formal manner. All proposals that have been seriously considered to date seem to require legislation, and, therefore, a considerable period of time would elapse before any of these plans could be put into action. It is believed, however, that banks would voluntarily contribute to the support of the acceptance market if they were to see some permanent remedy in sight.

The necessity of arriving at some plan for correcting the present situation is becoming daily more patent. The value of our foreign trade is steadily climbing to new high levels and an increasingly large volume of acceptances will be needed to finance it. As time goes on, there will be some lessening of competition now felt by these bills in the investment market, by the gradual reduction in the volume of Treasury notes outstanding. Demand for stock exchange loans moreover cannot always continue as urgent as at present, nor will the rates paid for collateral loans always hold to their present high level. These factors will doubtless in time have a favorable influence upon the acceptance business. The present situation, however, is one that seems to call for a more immediate cure.

The bank also says in part:

With about two-thirds of the total of \$1,284,000,000 acceptances outstanding held by the Federal Reserve Banks or their foreign correspondents, and holdings of such bills by accepting banks averaging only about \$25,000,000, the position of the acceptance business in this country resembles that of an industry whose development has been largely dependent upon a high protective tariff. The Reserve banks have hitherto borne the burden of this growth in the use of acceptances, but there is obviously a limit to the extent to which central banking credit can continue to be so employed.

When the use of bankers acceptances was first initiated in the United States, 14 years ago, they were intended to be a short time liquid investment, which would move freely at stable rates in a broad market, act as a cushion of credit in the portfolios of banks, and be a form of secondary reserve. It was intended that the acceptance market should have the backing of Federal Reserve credit, just as the commercial paper and United States Government securities markets have it, but that this aid should be

invoked only when banks might wish temporarily to liquidate their holdings because of increasing demand upon their credit facilities. How far from this ideal present practice has carried the acceptance, however, is evidenced by the large proportion of total bills carried by the Reserve banks, and by the lack of a real market for this type of investment.

Suggestions for correcting this situation have been numerous and varied, but in last analysis the matter boils down to the fact that banks will not hold any appreciable volume of acceptances unless they find it profitable to do so. A comparison of the return yielded by the principal form of investment indicates very plainly the reason for the relatively small volume of acceptances held by banks. This is shown in the following figures compiled by the American Acceptance Council, giving average daily rates for various classes of investments during the first ten months of 1928:

	Rate.
Prime 90 day bankers' acceptances.....	4.04
Stock Exchange call loan renewal rate.....	5.71
Prime 90 day commercial paper.....	4.75
Time money—90 day—mixed collateral.....	5.54

Since the recent advance in acceptance rates, the comparison is less marked than during the greater part of 1928, but dollar acceptances are not yet in a position to compete very actively with other forms of investment. The average yield on United States Treasury notes of 1929 maturity is now nearly 5% and these notes offer the additional advantage to corporations of being tax exempt; stock exchange call loans are ruling around 7% and have recently been much higher; best name commercial paper is quoted at 5 1/4 to 5 1/2% for 4 to 6 months. Prime 90 day bankers' acceptances, however, stand at 5 3/8% bid, 5% asked.

An attempt to secure a wider distribution of acceptances through further and more pronounced rate advances would obviously defeat its own ends. Not only would it in all probability serve to shift customers' requirements to some other method of financing, but unquestionably would also drive a very considerable amount of this business to London and continental European financial centers, where interest charges are lower. London market rates on 90 day bankers' acceptances have recently ruled at 4 5/16% and short-term money has been offered around 3% in London.

Fewer Sterling Bills.

The volume of sterling acceptances outstanding before the war has been estimated at about £325,000,000 or approximately \$1,560,000,000. It is generally believed that the total of sterling bills, outstanding has been reduced since that time to about £250,000,000 or about \$1,200,000,000. This reduction is attributed in large measure to the increasing volume of trade financed through dollar acceptances, although it has also been due in part to the larger amount of British treasury bills which are now competing for investment funds.

The rapid growth in the use of the bankers' acceptance in this country is shown by the following table. This gives estimates of the totals of acceptances outstanding at the close of each year from 1919 to date:

Bankers Acceptances.
(in million dollars)

Dec. 31 1919.....	\$1,000
Dec. 31 1920.....	1,000
Dec. 31 1921.....	600
Dec. 31 1922.....	600
Dec. 31 1923.....	650
Dec. 31 1924.....	821
Dec. 31 1925.....	774
Dec. 31 1926.....	755
Dec. 31 1927.....	1,081
Dec. 31 1928.....	1,284

The total amount of dollar bills outstanding on Dec. 31 1916 has been estimated as \$250,000,000. The total at the end of 1928 represents an increase of more than 400% over the 1916 total. As the later decline in volume proved, the expansion in total acceptances outstanding in 1919 and 1920 was to a large extent due to the inflation in commodity prices and to some extent to the fact that fairly heavy stocks of most classes of goods were being carried. Consequently, the figure for Dec. 31 1928 represents an even greater increase since 1920 than is indicated by a superficial comparison.

No Announcements Regarding Meetings This Week of Directors of Federal Reserve Bank of New York—Directors In Telephonic Communication With Washington.

Nothing whatever has been revealed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York relative to the discussions at the special meeting of its directors on Monday, Feb. 11, or the regular weekly directors meeting on Thursday, Feb. 14. The latter, which was an unusually long one, almost 4 1/2 hours—was expected to bring forth some announcement as to the credit situation, but as on Feb. 11, Deputy Governor Kenzel, of the Bank, at the conclusion of the meeting on Feb. 14 at 6:50 p. m. stated that there was no announcement to make. The directors had been in session from 2:30 p. m.; the meetings rarely last beyond an hour, and the customary time for making announcements to the press is about 3:30 p. m. Regarding the protracted meeting on Feb. 14, we quote the following from the New York "Journal of Commerce" of yesterday (Feb. 15):

A late meeting is generally held to be due to the inability of the directors to make their decisions coincide. Since no such message on rates had been given out during the meeting yesterday (Feb. 14) it was generally understood that the discussion was confined to the discount rate, and that it was on this issue that they could not agree.

Governor George L. Harrison, on leaving the building after the meeting was over, declared to those who attempted to interview him that there was absolutely nothing that he could say. This was his reply to the question of whether or not the rate had been discussed.

During the week several informed bankers had predicted that the rate would be advanced at yesterday's meeting. Some of the directors, especially business men on the Board, are believed to have been advocating advancing the rate for several weeks. Those who oppose changing the rate declare that it would interfere with business and also would draw more gold to the United States, injuring British bank reserves and inflating credit here. Advocates of a rate change declare that it is necessary to check the advance of loans to brokers, which, according to the published figures, exceed \$6,000,000,000.

Apparent further confirmation was given the view that the rediscount rate was the subject of the unprecedentedly lengthy discussions of the Board of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York by the fact that the Federal Reserve Board in Washington continued in session throughout this period and adjourned simultaneously with the close of the session here. The two groups were in direct communication by telephone with each other.

The same paper had the following to say in its issue of Feb. 12 regarding the meeting on Feb. 11:

The directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York met at 2 p. m., and at 3:30 p. m. it was announced that no statement was to be made. Previously, reports had circulated that Secretary Mellon would also make a statement on the credit situation, but Washington dispatches said that he also had nothing to say at the appointed time. These developments led to a widespread impression in the financial district that arrangements had been made for the issue of statements here and in Washington, and something unexpected had happened to change the plans. The passage by the Senate of an investigation resolution was regarded as a possible factor.

The meeting scheduled for Feb. 11 was referred to in these columns Feb. 9, page 825.

Quarterly Meeting in Washington of Federal Advisory Council—Indorses Reserve Board's Action to Curb Speculative Loans.

Following the quarterly meeting in Washington on Feb. 14 of the Federal Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve System the Council was in conference yesterday (Feb. 15) with the Federal Reserve Board. A statement was issued by the council yesterday approving last week's action of the board to curb speculative loans. This statement of the Council which is said to have been adopted by it on Feb. 14, is as follows:

The Federal Advisory Council approves the action of the Federal Reserve Board in instructing the Federal Reserve banks to prevent, as far as possible the diversion of Federal Reserve funds for the purpose of carrying loans based on securities.

The Federal Advisory Council suggests that all the member banks in each District be asked directly by the Federal Reserve Bank of the District to co-operate in order to attain the end desired. The Council believes beneficial results can be obtained in this manner.

According to the "Evening Post" of Feb. 14 those in attendance at the meeting of the Federal Advisory Council were:

John Poole, President, the Federal American Bank, Washington; W. C. Potter, President, the Guaranty Trust Co., New York; J. P. Butler, Jr., President, the Canal Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans; A. M. Heard, Minneapolis; L. L. Rue, Philadelphia; Harris Creech, Cleveland; P. W. Wetmore, Chicago; W. W. Smith, St. Louis; T. Wold, Minneapolis; P. W. Goebel, Kansas City; A. McKinney, Dallas, and L. F. Lipman, San Francisco.

As noted in another item in the current issue of our paper the meeting of the Advisory Council was held coincident with the protracted meeting of the directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, on Feb. 14.

U. S. Treasury Officials Doubt Legislation Would Curb Speculation.

From the "Wall Street News" of Feb. 15 we quote the following from Washington Feb. 14:

Legislation which might be passed by Congress would not curb speculation, in the opinion of high treasury officials, it was learned here today. Speculation is largely for some constructive purpose, and in the interest of the promotion of industry. In the opinion of these officials any legislation which might be passed to curb the marginal speculation would be disastrous to business as a whole. Such measures as have been proposed to curb activities on the exchanges would interfere with the establishment of values and would be more harmful to the producers of these commodities than it would be to the speculators. Speculation has caused some withdrawals from the banks in savings accounts and others, but has been used mostly, statistics show, for outright purchases, and not for marginal speculation.

It was also pointed out that the Federal Reserve Board cannot control call money, as this money is not being loaned by the banks, but is being furnished by large corporations and individuals who are desirous of taking advantage of the high rates. It was emphasized that the present speculative market is an actual result of the increase in values of various securities over a period of years. The rise in these securities has created a demand for stocks which caused their rise in value and nothing that Congress could do would remedy this situation, and in fact, it was said, it would have a contrary effect.

Report Regarding Brokers' Loan Ban by Minneapolis, Dallas and Kansas City Federal Reserve Banks.

The New York "Journal of Commerce" on Feb. 11 that "the Federal Reserve banks of three districts have already taken steps to compel member banks in those districts to withdraw loans made on call in the New York market if they wish to make active use of their rediscount privileges, it is learned here in informed quarters" The report in the paper quoted went on to say:

These districts are Minneapolis, Dallas and Kansas City. It is understood further that the other Federal Reserve banks will adopt a similar policy as the first attempt to carry out the drive against speculative loans which the Federal Reserve Board originated last Thursday.

A Minneapolis despatch Feb. 13 to the "Wall Street News" contained the following regarding the report:

Reports that the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank was taking action to compel member banks to withdraw loans made in the call money market of Wall Street were denied by William B. Geery, Governor of the Minneapolis bank, when shown a dispatch from New York to the effect that the Minneapolis, Dallas and Kansas City banks were taking such action in an attempt to carry out the Federal Reserve policy against speculative loans.

"This is the first that I have heard of it," Mr. Geery said when a New York dispatch was shown to him. "I cannot speak for the Dallas and Kansas City banks, but no such steps have been taken by this bank. There has been no abuse of the rediscount privilege in the Ninth Federal Reserve District.

Banks in this district which have made call loans in the Eastern market made the loans with surplus funds and were not borrowers from this bank. Banks which are borrowers from the Federal Reserve Bank in this district have no money loaned on call. No steps have been taken here to compel withdrawal by member banks of the loans made on call."

San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank Conference.

Under date of Feb. 14 the "Wall Street News" reports the following from San Francisco:

Directors of the five branches, Spokane, Seattle, Portland, Salt Lake City and Los Angeles, of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco with directors of the head office, met in regular stated conference here yesterday and will probably continue in session until noon to-day.

The conference, which was arranged early in January, was not called for any special purpose, but is a regular conference held for exchange of views and information in order to promote better understanding of conditions in the district and increased efficiency of operation of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

Senate Adopts Heflin Resolution Calling Upon Federal Reserve Board for Information Helpful in Enacting Legislation to Curb Speculative Loans.

In an amended form the U. S. Senate adopted on Feb. 11 the resolution introduced on Feb. 8 by Senator Heflin requesting the Federal Reserve Board to supply the Senate with information which would be helpful in preventing "illegitimate and harmful speculation." As originally introduced Senator Heflin's resolution also asked the Reserve Board for its reason for the last increase in the rediscount rate. On Feb. 11 in pressing his modified resolution for adoption by the Senate, Senator Heflin said:

When previously submitted it contained a provision asking the Federal Reserve Board its reason for increasing discount rate. The Senator from Virginia [Mr. Glass] who objected to the resolution on Saturday, came over and talked to me about it, and stated that if I struck out that part of the resolution and framed it as now modified, he would have no objection to it.

As agreed to by the Senate on February 11 the resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS in press dispatches recently, the Federal Reserve Board has complained that money is being drawn from the channels of business and used for speculative purposes, and that some of said speculation is illegitimate and harmful: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Federal Reserve Board is hereby requested to give to the Senate any information and suggestions that it feels would be helpful in securing legislation necessary to correct the evil complained of and prevent illegitimate and harmful speculation.

The following is the resolution as originally introduced by Senator Heflin:

Whereas, in press dispatches recently the Federal Reserve Board has complained that money is being drawn from channels of business and used for speculative purposes and that some of said speculation is illegitimate and harmful, and

Whereas, said Federal Reserve Board in its efforts to correct what it regards as an evil in this matter, has increased the rediscount rate, Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Federal Reserve Board is hereby requested to give to the Senate its reason for increasing the rediscount rate and to give any other information and suggestions that it feels would be helpful in securing legislation necessary to correct the evil complained of and prevent illegitimate and harmful speculation.

In referring to the introduction of Mr. Heflin's resolution Washington accounts Feb. 8 to the New York "Times" said:

Whatever the fate of the Heflin resolution, it was learned today that the Senate Banking Committee, through a subcommittee, is likely to make an independent inquiry into the speculative loan problem some time during the Summer. Mr. Heflin indicated that recent activities in the market probably would be discussed at length in the Senate in the near future. It was said that the subject probably would be brought up by Senator Brookhart of Iowa, among others. In discussing his resolution of inquiry, Senator Heflin said that he was not in any way opposed to legitimate activity in New York and other money centres, but that he was opposed to "gambling" with huge amounts of money that could more usefully be employed for industry and business.

The fact that Senator Heflin's resolution was similar to one sponsored by Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, which had been on the calendar of the Senate since May 12 1928, was noted by Senator Glass in the Senate on Feb. 9, the "Herald-Tribune" dispatch from Washington Feb. 9 reporting this as follows:

Senators Heflin and Glass have long had more or less of a feud over Federal Reserve matters, due to past attacks by Senator Heflin on the workings of the system which Senator Glass has defended. When Senator Heflin to-day sought to have his resolution, asking

the Federal Reserve Board why it raised the rediscount rate and what legislative suggestions or recommendations it had to offer to cure the speculative loan situation brought up, Senator Glass asked if the Alabama Senator knew the rediscount rate had not been raised since last July. Senator Heflin said he had learned that yesterday.

La Follette Resolutions

Senator Glass also wanted to know if Senator Heflin was aware there was pending on the calendar a resolution by Senator La Follette on Federal Reserve and speculative loan matters which was reported last May from the Banking and Currency Committee of the Senate, Senator Glass suggested the Heflin resolution was merely "a paraphrase" of the La Follette resolution. He thought courtesy to the Wisconsin Senator, who is absent, would require that the La Follette resolution be first considered.

Senator Heflin said he was not familiar with the La Follette resolution, but that his own "deals with the worst gambling scheme" in the history of the country that he was simply asking the reserve board for information as to what it had done and for suggestions as to legislation.

In addressing the Senate during the debate on the Heflin resolution on Feb. 11 Senator Glass further alluded to the La Follette resolution as follows:

I may say that no law is required to enable the Federal Reserve Board to preserve its facilities from that sort of transaction [speculative]. It may do it under existing law. I have pounded and pounded the Board for three years to have them do it. They may do it, and conscious of the fact, and only because conscious of the fact, they issued their declaration of three days ago, doing just exactly what would have been expressed as the sense of the Senate as to what ought to have been done if the La Follette resolution had been adopted last May. Yet every time that resolution was reached upon the calendar it encountered an objection here. We would hear several say "Over" and the resolution did go over. In this belated way, a year after the resolution was favorably reported from the Banking and Currency Committee, the Federal Reserve Board does precisely what that resolution would have asked them to do, but they have done it too late. If the Board had shown the vision and the firmness and the courage that it ought to have had, and ought to have exercised, we would never have gone to this startling peak of \$6,000,000,000 of loans to stock brokers.

In its account of the adoption of the Heflin resolution the Washington dispatch Feb. 11 to the "Times" said:

The Heflin resolution was adopted without a roll call after a debate in which Senators Glass, Thomas of Oklahoma, King, Brookhart, Heflin and others took part. "Stock gambling" was roundly denounced, and the hope expressed that ways could be found to check it.

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Rediscount Request is Dropped

The resolution, as adopted, left out a clause asking the Federal Reserve Board its reason for increasing the rediscount rate. The Senate did not act on the La Follette resolution which asked the Board to admonish member banks against speculative loans.

Senator Glass, former Secretary of the Treasury, said the Heflin resolution could do no harm.

"I venture to doubt whether it will do a great deal of good," Senator Glass said, "for the reason that the Federal Reserve Board is not charged by law with the supervision of stock exchange activities, except as speculative activities may relate themselves to the facilities of the Federal Reserve banks."

Senator Glass called attention to the "practice" of great corporations of "throwing their surplus funds into the vortex of spot speculation, instead of distributing them among their stockholders in the nature of dividends."

Says Banks Juggle Deposits

He said individuals are doing the same thing, and that member banks of the system have "manipulated their deposit accounts so as to transfer from the demand deposit account, requiring a reserve of 7% to the time deposit account, requiring a reserve of only 3%, transferring from one to the other, and thereby releasing enormous funds of the bank to be thrown into the maelstrom of stock speculation."

"To show how utterly unwilling some banks are to desist from this practice," Senator Glass continued, "when I presented a bill here last week to restore the reserve behind time deposits to the figure which obtained in the original set-up of the Federal Reserve System, banks all over the country began to write me letters of protest. That alone would withhold from these speculative activities at least \$300,000,000; but some of the banks are not willing to desist."

Budget Director is Criticized

Senator Glass criticized the appearance in the budget statement transmitted to Congress by President Coolidge last December of an item of \$2,700,000 for administration of the Reserve banking system, saying he could not comprehend how the Director of the Budget could have reported an item of that description to the President. He declared he supposed it was "to impress Congress with the fact that the Government is engaged in enormous expenditures, and that economy was very essential."

When told by Senator Overman that the item is not in any of the appropriation bills, Senator Glass continued:

"Oh, no. It was just in the budget estimate transmitted to the Congress by the President, and how the Director of the Budget could have made any such mistake is beyond my comprehension. Of course, the President is not to be censured for transmitting it. He does not know; but the Director of the Budget ought to have known."

"Unless some man be wise enough and have wit enough to give a statutory definition of 'investments' as distinguished from 'stock gambling,'" Mr. Glass added, "I do not see how we are to curb these gambling activities. That ought to be done."

Denounces "Gambling" in Stocks.

"If one invests \$10,000, for example, in General Motors, with a view of investment, with a view of deriving from the stock the dividends a prosperous company is supposed to pay annually, that is an invest-

ment; but if that person buys \$10,000 of General Motors, or any other stock, this hour, with a view of selling the same stock even before delivery physically can be made, the next hour, or with a view to anticipating the future of tomorrow or the next day thereafter, that is nothing in the world but pure gambling—just as much gambling as if Senators were to sit at a roulette table and bet on the point of the arrow.

"I have often pointed to the absurdity of States and communities and the nation enacting laws making it a criminal offense for a company of gentlemen to sit around the table and wager at poker, or to go to a race track and bet on a race, and then legalize a system of pure gambling that menaces the entire commercial and financial fabric of the nation. It is an absurdity, and there ought to be some statutory definition made of investment as contradistinguished from pure gambling, and laws should be enacted to put these people out of business.

"There is not a thing in the world constructive in their operation. It is a matching of the gambling wit against gambling wit. They do not produce a thing on earth that contributes either to the happiness or to the prosperity of legitimate business."

Comparison to Poker Drawn.

Senator Edge asked:

"Does not the Senator put the old-fashioned game of poker in rather a preferred class in comparison with the operations on the Stock Exchange, in the illustration he has just given?"

"I may say to the Senator that I do not know anything about poker," Senator Glass replied, "and I do not know anything about stock gambling. I keep out of both operations."

"At least it could be said for poker, that people bet their own money," Senator Caraway suggested. "But in stock transactions they are gambling in other people's wealth."

"They sell things they do not possess, and they buy things they never expect to get," Senator Glass said.

"And break people who are not concerned in their gambling," Senator Caraway added.

"And thereby disturb the whole commercial fabric of this country," Senator Glass said, "and it ought to be stopped."

Asserting that the Reserve Board has acted too late, Mr. Glass added: "If the Board had shown the vision and the firmness and the courage that it ought to have and ought to exercise, we would never have gone to this startling peak of \$6,000,000,000 of loans to stock brokers."

Heflin Explains His Purpose.

Senator Heflin explained that he is not trying to prevent the owners of real shares of stocks and bonds from selling them.

"That is legitimate business," he said. "But I am opposed to the sale in unlimited quantities of imaginary shares, fictitious values and watered stocks."

Mr. Heflin declared that "Wall Street has become the most notorious gambling centre in the universe," and is "the hot-bed and breeding place of the worst form of gambling that ever cursed the country."

The Louisiana State lottery "slew its hundreds," he continued, "but the New York State gambling Exchanges slay their hundreds of thousands." He pictured the "gambling monster" as destroying American homes and individuals.

"The government," he added, "owes it to itself and to its people to put an end to this monstrous evil."

Deplores Reserve Board Salaries.

Senator Thomas of Oklahoma described to the Senate the "changing conditions of corporate financing in the United States, in which companies are turning to stocks instead of bonds for their financing," and deplored the salaries paid to members of the Reserve Board. He characterized the Board as "more important" than the Supreme Court by virtue of its great powers over money. Membership on the Board "is only a stepping stone to some other position," Senator Thomas said.

The law forbids any member of the Board from going with a bank until two years after his retirement, Senator Glass pointed out.

"I call the attention of the Senator from Virginia to the fact," Mr. Thomas responded, "that within the past 30 days a member of that Board, the Comptroller of the Currency, Mr. McIntosh, resigned, and if press reports are true and published announcement are true, Mr. McIntosh is today a member of a brokerage firm in New York City."

Senator Thomas declared that membership on the Reserve Board should be "the end of a financial career rather than a stepping stone to a financial career."

Criticizes Foreign Loans

Declaring that newspaper accounts show that \$5,000,000,000 has been withdrawn from "productive purposes" and used for "speculative purposes," while some \$14,000,000,000 has been lent abroad by American financiers Oklahoma Senator continued:

"It occurs to me that if it is a bad policy to permit a banking institution to loan \$5,000,000,000 here at home for speculative purposes, it is many times worse to permit \$14,000,000,000 of America's money and credit to be loaned to foreign countries. This matter cannot be reached by the resolution proposed by the Senator from Alabama."

"I think the Senator will find that almost half of the \$5,000,000,000 referred to comprises loans made by others than banks, including corporations and private individuals," Senator Barkley interjected.

If \$5,000,000,000 has been lent, he added, it is "difficult to say what is purely speculative, and what is not."

"If a man goes into a bank with a perfectly good security and asks to borrow ten or twenty thousand dollars upon it," Senator Barkley continued, "I doubt whether the Federal Reserve System has the right to say to that bank that they must inquire what the man is going to do with the money before they allow him to borrow it."

Edge Points to Interest Rates

Senator Edge of New Jersey, said that so long as call money is averaging from 6 to 9 or 10%, individuals all over the country who happen to have money will take advantage of such a high rate of interest.

The present procedure in which banks can borrow money from the Federal Reserve System, lend it on call and make a substantial profit is a matter, Senator Thomas declared, which the Reserve Board should take under consideration.

"If it is true," he added, "that \$5,000,000,000 is now being loaned for speculative purposes, that is more money than there is in circulation."

"I wish to call attention also to the fact that at the present time the financial structure of America is undergoing a radical change. In former years, when companies and institutions desired to finance a proposition, they issued bonds and sold those bonds and raised the money to finance their institution.

That time, however, has largely passed. Today, companies are not floating bonds; they are issuing stocks. In place of constructing buildings with bond issues, as was done formerly, today institutions desiring to construct a building, in place of issuing bonds, issue stock and sell that stock to the public.

"Great companies heretofore with large bonded indebtedness and with preferred stock issues are retiring their preferred stock and retiring their bonds by the issuance of common stock without any special par value. So I say, today it is important to know and understand the transition in the financial structure of the country."

An item regarding the introduction of Senator Heflin's resolution appeared in our issue of Feb. 9, page 824. The Federal Reserve Board's warning against speculative loans appeared in the same issue page 822.

Representative Black's Resolution Proposing an Inquiry Into Reasons for Issuance of Federal Reserve Board's Warning Against Speculative Loans.

As indicated in these columns Feb. 9, page 824, Representative Loring M. Black (Democrat) New York, introduced in the House on Feb. 8 a resolution directing the House Banking and Currency Committee to seek information from the Federal Reserve Board as to the reasons for the issuance of its warning against speculative loans, given in our issue of Feb. 9, page 824. In discussing his resolution on Feb. 8, Representative Black, according to Washington advices to the "Times" said:

"The recent damaging warning as to brokers' loans by the Federal Reserve Board requires Congressional action. The securities markets are protected so closely by rules that quotations reflect present values and future values as definitely as ascertainable. The only element of speculation is in future earnings. The Federal Reserve Board has introduced a new and unhealthy element of speculation, probable public statements by the Federal Reserve Board.

Sees Danger to Prosperity.

"Such an element is fraught with great danger, not only to securities dealings, but also to the economic progress of the country. This is a great departure from the legislative conception of the Federal Reserve Board as a steady influence.

"If the Board is to exert such an influence on fluctuation in business it could absolutely control the elections in the country by issuing pronouncements timed in accordance with its political predilections.

"The credit situation is too delicate for such heavy-handed statements as the Board issued Wednesday.

"Its action represents a government thrust at American prosperity. The Committee on Banking and Currency should immediately call the Board before it and clear the air for American business.

"This recent action indicates clearly that the investment markets are best handled by the managements of the New York Stock Exchange, the New York Curb Market Association, and the various commodity exchanges, and that governmental agencies should refrain from interference.

"When the Board was given its tremendous power over the credit situation, it was hoped that it would afford facilities for a normal flow of money to reinforce the course of trade. It was not anticipated that it would so use its credit power as to accelerate or depress trade securities, which, after all, only represent the trend of all American business."

Representative Black's resolution reads as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Banking and Currency of the House of Representatives is hereby directed to summon before it officers and employees of the Federal Reserve Board and such other persons as the committee deems to have information concerning the causes and conferences leading up to the public warning issued by the Federal Reserve Board on Feb. 6, 1929 against brokers' loans;

And the Committee is further directed to make inquiries of such witnesses for the purpose of advising the Congress as to the necessity for legislation to prevent the Board using its power to artificially raise or lower the markets in securities.

Representative Black's Resolution Inquiring Whether Conferences Between Federal Reserve Board and Montagu Norman of Bank of England Had Any Bearing on Board's Warning Against Speculative Loans—Inquiry into Operations of Board Proposed by Representative McFadden.

Information as to the conferences a week ago of Governor Montagu Norman with the Federal Reserve Board is sought in a resolution introduced on Feb. 9 by Representative Loring M. Black (Democrat). The following is the text of the resolution:

Resolved, That the Federal Reserve Board be and is hereby directed to inform the House of Representatives, if not incompatible with the public interest, of the following facts:

1. Did the Federal Reserve Board confer with Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, during the month of Feb. 1929?
2. Were such conferences, if any, solicited by Montagu Norman or by the Federal Reserve Board?
3. What was the subject matter of such conferences, and what agreement, if any, was entered into by the Federal Reserve Board and Montagu Norman, and what was said at such conference?
4. Were notes made of such conferences and, if so, what were they?
5. Did the Federal Reserve Board confer with any individuals other

than Montagu Norman, prior to and concerning the public statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board on Feb. 7, 1929 and what was said at such conferences, if any?

It was stated in a despatch from Washington Feb. 11 to the "Times" that Representative McFadden has addressed a communication to Governor Young of the Federal Reserve Board asking whether the latter cared to reply to the queries in the Black resolution. We quote as follows from the despatch:

House Inquiry is Planned.

In the House (Feb. 11) Chairman McFadden of the Banking and Currency Committee revealed that before the Federal Reserve Board had issued its warning on speculation on Feb. 6, his Committee had laid the ground work for an investigation of operations of the Board, with special reference to its increases in rediscount rates designed to check brokers' loans. Representative McFadden said he will introduce a resolution before March 4 for such an inquiry.

A resolution was introduced today by Representative Brand of Georgia, calling for an investigation of loans "made by certain Federal Reserve banks," and proposing that the inquiry be conducted by members of the present Banking and Currency Committee who have been elected to the next Congress. The Senate Banking and Currency Committee, on its own account, has under advisement a proposal by some of its members for an inquiry.

Chairman McFadden also announced today that he had sent a letter to Roy A. Young, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, asking if the Board cared to reply to questions contained in a resolution by Representative Black of New York, on the alleged conferences between Governor Norman of the Bank of England and members of the Board prior to the warning of last week.

Mr. McFadden proposes that members re-elected to the new Congress may proceed with their investigation at such times as may be found convenient between adjournment on March 4 and the assembling of the 71st Congress in regular session in December.

For Investment Trust Inquiry.

"There are a number of trends in connection with our banking and financial system that should be scrutinized by the House Committee having jurisdiction," Chairman McFadden said. "The matter of loans advanced in the past year or so for purposes of speculation is only one of them.

"Among the developments that I think should come within the scope of our inquiry would be the so-called investment trusts that have grown in number and size during the past few years. Also, the ownership of bank shares through holding companies and other forms of corporate organization. Other financing institutions have been brought into being entirely outside of existing banking channels, and these should be made the subject of our inquiries.

"The whole trend of consolidation not only of banks, but of industry and the new methods of financing them, should have our attention. All these questions are directly related to banking. It is the duty of the House committee to study them in an effort to ascertain their precise influence on our Banking and Currency system. The inquiry should be undertaken in a spirit of building up instead of tearing down, and it is in that spirit that the committee will approach the problem."

Presses Question as to Norman.

Representative Black announced today that unless Governor Young made a satisfactory response to the letter addressed to him by Chairman McFadden, asking if he cared to state whether any members of the Board were in conference with Governor Norman, that he would demand immediate action by the House. Mr. Black contended that his resolution was privileged, and that under the rules he could call it up for a vote, in the absence of Committee action, ten days from the date of introduction. The ten-day period will expire on Feb. 17.

"I have received a great number of letters and telegrams of protest against the action of the Federal Reserve Board in its efforts to restrict stock market sales," Mr. Black said. "The public demand is for a full explanation of this arbitrary action of the Federal Reserve Board, and Congress will fail in its duty if it does not call the members of the Board before it to give all the circumstances involved. I think that the American people are entitled to know if there have been any co-operative efforts between the Bank of England and the Federal Reserve Board concerning discount rates.

"American investors should not be forced by Government action to suffer a depreciation in their securities to build up the gold Reserve of the Bank of England. Great Britain's shortage of gold is due to the increasing attractiveness of American business investments.

"The general public has been trying to get a share in the prosperity of the country through stock market purchases, and they should not be deprived of their increment of gain by any altruistic attitude of our Government officials toward other powers. It is highly unfair that certain individuals should be forced by Government pressure to contribute toward the financial stability of a foreign nation."

Representative Brand Seeks Investigation of Loans Made By New York and Other Federal Reserve Banks.

A resolution introduced in the House on Feb. 11 by Representative Brand (Democrat) of Georgia calls for an investigating by the House Banking and Currency Committee, of loans made by the Federal Reserve Banks of New York, Chicago and New Orleans since 1925 to brokers and others for speculation in cattle, cotton, tobacco, corn, wheat, &c.

The "Times" Washington advices Feb. 11 state:

The Committee would be asked to report on the amount, rates of interest and discount on loans made by banks to brokers and other persons for the purpose of speculating on cotton, tobacco, corn, wheat, swine and cattle. It also would be authorized to investigate the effect of the loans and the fluctuations in discount rates on prices.

The Committee also would investigate the activities of the Board since Jan. 1 1925, "with a view of determining whether, and in what instances, the policies of such Board have had the effect of decreasing prices of commodities."

Resolution of Senator Shipstead Seeking Information from Federal Reserve Board Regarding any Understandings with Foreign Central Banks Relative to Changes in Federal Reserve Rates.

In a resolution introduced in the Senate on Feb. 12 by Senator Shipstead of Minnesota (Farmer-Laborite) the Federal Reserve Board is asked to report to the Senate any information it may possess as to any agreements or understandings made by any Reserve Bank or officer of a Reserve Bank or of the Federal Reserve Board with the Bank of England, Bank of France, or other foreign bank relative to the raising or lowering of the Federal Reserve Bank rates since Jan. 1 1924. The following is the text of the resolution:

Resolved. (a) That the Federal Reserve Board be respectfully requested to report to the Senate as early as possible any information it may possess concerning any agreements or understandings, if any, made by any Federal Reserve Bank or any officer of any Federal Reserve Bank or the Federal Reserve Board, with the Bank of England, Bank of France, or any other foreign bank or foreign acceptance corporation relative to the raising or lowering of the Federal Reserve Bank rates since Jan. 1 1924 and report to the Senate the ostensible or admitted reasons given, if any, for such agreements or understandings.

(b) If such agreements were made and were effectuated, what, in the opinion of the Board, was the resulting effect upon the international shipments of gold.

(c) What, in the opinion of the Board, was the resulting effect upon the pyramiding of bank credit and the general credit structure, speculation and the price of stocks and bonds, commodity prices, including agriculture.

(d) What information, if any, does the Board possess in regard to the amount of foreign money or credit represented in the call loan report of the New York bank clearings within the last year.

Resolved. That the Federal Reserve Board be respectfully requested to give the Senate any other information and such suggestions as, in their opinion, may be helpful to enact legislation for the purpose of stabilizing the international exchange, the domestic price level and the value of the dollar as a medium of exchange.

The resolution went over under the rule.

Theodore Prince of Stock Exchange Firm of Theodore Prince & Co. Criticizes Federal Reserve Board—Says Time Has Not Yet Come When Any One Can Dictate Use of His Neighbor's Money.

Attacking the Federal Reserve board on its "futile" attempt to control the flow of credit into the stock market and charging that the Board has no more cause to be aroused over the purchase and sale of stocks than it has over the purchase and sale of real estate, Theodore Prince, head of the New York Stock Exchange firm of Theodore Prince & Company, says it is difficult to understand why the Federal Reserve Board should concern itself in an act of little or no consequence. "The time is still to come," declared Mr. Prince, "when this country by edict or commission has seen fit to dictate what anyone should do with his surplus money. The call rate of New York has been the financial power which will attract to it all the money that is not otherwise put into active use." Mr. Prince adds:

"If the Board is to oversee the use of our money and credit, why not make a good job of it and let us have the figures as to the amount of money that is loaned on real estate in proportion to its value, and how much it has risen during the last year, following this out in installment sales, municipal borrowings, etc. For them to regulate the purchase and sale of securities is as futile as for them to regulate the money that any one should loan in and to a business or upon real estate or in the commodity markets. They are all forms of economic enterprise that need money at some state or other.

"If the people of this country want to change their money surplus for securities, no power in the world can stop them so long as money is still available at reasonable rates for all commercial needs of the country. Even though money rates would become so high that commercial enterprises would be affected, I do not think that the Federal Reserve Board or any other board could regulate the allocation of credit or money. That depends upon the will of 15,000,000 people and if they make an error, they will have to pay the price, for speedily it brings about its own correction.

"The fact that the Federal Reserve Board has made these gestures during the past year and has raised the rate seems to me to indicate that they have no real control over the situation. It is not a situation that lies under their control. Their agitation has simply resulted in the rich man keeping his stocks and the man not so rich selling them to his loss.

"Our position to-day financially is infinitely superior to what it was in 1920 and 1921 where with approximately half the gold we had twice the amount of discounts and twice the amount of Federal Reserve notes outstanding with a legal reserve that was down to the minimum. Now our rediscounts have risen about to the point that represents the loss of gold added to the amount of discounts that were there before this loss of gold took place. This is perfectly normal. There is no way by which you can lose gold in this country, with conditions remaining the same, without rediscounts rising in approximately the same amount as the loss of gold.

"Another fact is the tremendous increase in investment trusts. Are they speculators or investors? How can anyone control the growth of legitimate investment trusts or, let us say, companies that are formed for the purpose of buying and selling securities? Whether the public buy and sell their own securities or buy into these so-called investment trusts that buy and sell securities makes little difference. The fact is that absorption of stocks in this country are going into hands which are far more stable

than formerly. The action of the market in the past year indicates the confidence that purchasers have in good securities. Why should the Federal Reserve Board seek to disturb this confidence? Does not the purchase of such securities, whether they be stocks or bonds and whether it be on an 80%, 60% or 40% margin, indicate an abiding faith in the growth of industries of this country? Again, why should the Federal Reserve Board seek to disturb this confidence?"

Senator Brookhart Declares Federal Reserve Act "Most Colossal Failure In all Legislative History."

The Federal Reserve Act was declared to be "the most colossal failure in all legislative history." by Senator Brookhart, in addressing the Senate on Feb. 12, a dispatch to the "Times" on that date, reporting this, and adding:

Senator Brookhart, in a speech, quoted Senator Glass, author of the Federal Reserve act, as saying the law was intended "to cut away the cancer of speculation."

Reserve Law Is Assailed.

"It is quite evident that the 'cancer of speculation' was to be cut out of American business by the law," Senator Brookhart said. "If it failed in this, it failed in its primary purpose. But what has come of the law's operation. During the past few months stock-gambling loans have run over \$6,000,000,000. The cancer is now nine times as large as before the operation. Therefore, upon the question of its primary purpose, as expressed by the authors of the law, the law is the most colossal failure in all legislative history."

The Senator said he had introduced a bill to stop any bank from making a speculative loan in the same way that the Federal Reserve banks are prohibited from rediscounting such a loan.

"Why should a speculative loan be outlawed in the Reserve Bank for rediscount and at the same time be legalized as an original loan by the member bank," he asked. "It should be outlawed all along the line. It is preposterous to claim that the Government of the United States or of the various States should be called upon to furnish a banking system to sustain an institution of stock gamblers.

"Another bill would prohibit one ordinary bank from paying another ordinary bank for redeposits, and turn this item of Reserve Bank business into the Reserve banks. It would require the Reserve Bank to pay a 2% interest rate. This would increase the volume of Reserve Bank business very greatly.

Proposes State Bank Measure.

"These provisions have been criticized by the statement that they would drive all the business into the State banks. I have anticipated that argument and offered another bill to require the State banks to comply with the same rules or be denied the use of the United States mails and the privileges of interstate commerce. This would put all the banks under the same system of rules.

Unless something of the kind is done, we are now headed for the greatest panic in the history of the world. The recent action of the Federal Reserve Board, while in the right direction, is powerless to actually stop this fabulous bubble of stock inflation. Perhaps it has gone too far already to be stopped by anything but a panic. In conclusion I want to ask:

"Shall the Congress of the United States remain an impotent onlooker in this ruthless destruction of the prosperity of the great masses of our people."

Representative Clarke of New York attacked the board in a speech in the House.

"If the Federal Reserve Board can continue to exercise arbitrary power and influence ups and downs in the market," he said, "it is the greatest get-rich body, in possibilities, in the world.

"If it is the Board's duty to intrude in Wall Street, it must also be its duty to stop speculation in Florida real estate that has left a trail of hardships to multitudes, and the boom in Texas real estate and oil. I believe we in Congress have erred in creating too many of these ultra-aristocratic bureaucracies."

Senate Adopts Resolution Providing for Winding Up of Affairs of War Finance Corporation.

On Feb. 9 the Senate passed a bill amending the War Finance Corporation Act so as to provide for the liquidation of the assets and the winding up of the affairs of the Corporation after April 4, 1929. The following is the text of the bill:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

That the War Finance Corporation Act of April 5, 1918, as amended, be, and the same is hereby further amended so that at the close of April 4, 1929, the liquidation of the assets remaining at that time and the winding up of the affairs of the Corporation thereafter shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Treasury, who for such purpose shall have all the powers and duties of the Board of Directors of the Corporation under said Act, as amended. For carrying out the provisions of this Act the Secretary of the Treasury may assign to any officer or officers of the United States in the Treasury Department the exercise and performance, under his general supervision and direction, of any such powers and duties. He shall from time to time pay into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts any moneys belonging to the Corporation which, in his opinion, are not required for carrying on and completing the liquidation of its remaining assets and the winding up of its affairs, including reasonable provision for the further expenses thereof.

Nothing in the said Act, as amended, or this Act, shall be construed to affect any right or privilege accrued, any penalty or liability incurred, any criminal or civil proceeding commenced, or any authority conferred thereunder, except as herein provided in connection with the liquidation of the remaining assets and the winding up of the affairs of the said Corporation, until the Secretary of the Treasury shall find that such liquidation will no longer be advantageous to the United States and that all of its lawful obligations have been met, whereupon he shall retire any capital stock then outstanding, pay into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts the unused balance of the moneys belonging to the Corporation, and make the final report of the Corporation to the Congress. Thereupon the Corporation shall be deemed to be dissolved.

B. M. Anderson Jr. of Chase National Bank on Federal Reserve Board's Warning Against Speculative Loans—Says Federal Reserve Authorities Can Control Money Market.

Addressing Group 3 of the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association on Feb. 12 on the warning against borrowings by member banks from Federal Reserve Banks for speculative loans, Benjamin M. Anderson Jr., Ph.D., Economist of the Chase National Bank of New York, declared that "the Federal Reserve authorities can control the money market if they will." Dr. Anderson contends that "the rise in the discount rate of the Bank of England has at last freed them [the Federal Reserve authorities] from their concern about British gold, and they have already taken steps toward lessening the dependence of the acceptance market upon the Federal Reserve system, so that they appear today to be a good deal freer to carry their policies through than was the case during 1928." The speaker notes that "the total of brokers' loans 'for account of others' as reported by the Federal Reserve Banks stood last week at \$2,621,000,000, while the Stock Exchange reports an additional \$939,000,000 in this category, which would run the total up to about \$3,600,000,000. This," says Dr. Anderson, "is the 'outside money' which the Federal Reserve authorities are supposed to be incapable of controlling. But the actual relief which this \$3,600,000,000 of 'outside loans' has given to the heart of the money market, namely, the member bank reserves, is very much less, say 10%, or \$360,000,000. If the Federal Reserve authorities should reduce the credit which they extend to the market by half of this amount, say \$180,000,000, the resultant effect upon money rates in the stock market would leave no doubt as to who is master of the situation." The Reserve Board's warning was published in these columns Feb. 9, page 822. Dr. Anderson's discussion thereon, before Group 3, on Feb. 12, took place at Allentown, Pa. His remarks, under the title "Some Side Lights on the Money Situation," follow:

The Federal Reserve Board's Warning.

The warning with respect to speculation, and the use of credit in speculation, issued by the Federal Reserve authorities on Feb. 7, has teeth in it. The heart of the matter, as an announcement of policy, appears to be contained in the following passages: "It is its [the Federal Reserve Board's] duty . . . in the immediate situation . . . to restrain the use, either directly or indirectly, of Federal Reserve credit facilities in aid of the growth of speculative credit. . . . A member bank is not within its reasonable claims for rediscount facilities at its Federal Reserve Bank when it borrows either for the purpose of making speculative loans or for the purpose of maintaining speculative loans."

The Federal Reserve authorities justify their attitude by saying that, although they do not assume the right to set themselves up as arbiters of security speculation or value, they are concerned when speculative demands for credit have reflected themselves in a 1 to 1½% increase in the cost of credit for commercial uses. The great central banks in Europe do not hesitate to go much further than this. They concern themselves about excessive speculation, whether in commodities or securities, and recognize a definite responsibility for protecting the quality of credit.

Federal Reserve Policy in 1928.

This is not the first warning which the Federal Reserve authorities have issued, and, indeed, the new policy implied in the statement quoted is not the first restraining policy which the Federal Reserve authorities have inaugurated. But, up to the time of this announcement, their measures have been inadequate, and it is worth while considering some of the unexpected developments which have made the measures which they employed in the first half of 1928 less effective than they were expected to be at the time.

In the first half of 1928, the Federal Reserve authorities sold Government securities, withdrawing reserve credit from the market, and raised their discount rates, increasing the expense of replenishing that reserve money by rediscounts. Between the high point of 1927 and the low point of 1928, we lost approximately \$500,000,000 of monetary gold, again cutting under bank reserves. Meanwhile, the demands of the securities market for credit increased very greatly.

The combination of these circumstances raised money rates substantially in the field of commercial loans and very sharply in the field of stock market loans. But the tightening of money has not been as decisive as might have been anticipated from forces of this magnitude, and I want to call attention to two or three circumstances which have delayed the full operation of the increased demand and the diminished supply, leading many people to the conclusion that the Federal Reserve authorities have lost control of the money market.

Federal Reserve Power over Money Rates.

It cannot be made too emphatic that this is an illusion. The Federal Reserve authorities can control the money market if they will. So far they have used their power cautiously and moderately, apparently influenced on the one hand by a reluctance to increase rates for ordinary business, and, on the other hand, by an apprehension of pulling in too much gold from England. They were restrained in the autumn also by a special situation in our acceptance market, which I shall discuss in a moment. The rise in the discount rate of the Bank of England has at last freed them from their concern about British gold, and they have already taken steps toward lessening the dependence of the acceptance market upon the Federal Reserve system, so that they appear today to be a good deal freer to carry their policies through than was the case during 1928.

In estimating the supply and demand of money, we must not look to the gigantic total of commercial bank deposits in the United States, which

amounts to over \$43,000,000,000. We must look to a much smaller figure, namely, the reserves of the member banks of the Federal Reserve system, which stood last week at \$2,388,000,000, this figure being the deposits which the member banks of the Federal Reserve system keep with the Federal Reserve banks. Here is the heart of the money market.

Indeed, the thing may be narrowed much more. The commercial banks use their funds closely, making new loans and investments when their reserves exceed legal requirements, and calling loans and even selling investments when their reserves are deficient. The real play in the money market is in a figure of \$50,000,000, plus or minus, around the required reserves. The power of the Federal Reserve authorities to increase or decrease reserves by fifty to one hundred million dollars through a more or less liberal policy in the matter of rediscounts, whether by discount rates or by other methods, or by a more or less liberal policy in buying or selling Government securities and acceptances, is unquestionably adequate.

Filling the Gap in Bank Reserves.

The \$500,000,000 of gold withdrawn by foreign countries from our bank reserves, and the reserve credit withdrawn by the sale of Government securities during the first half of last year, made a very big gap in the \$2,400,000,000 of member bank reserves, which had to be replenished, and which could only be replenished by methods which made rates move upward. The biggest single source was rediscounting by member banks, and the rediscounts stand on Feb. 6 at \$852,000,000 as against \$459,000,000 on Feb. 8 1928. Banks are properly reluctant to rediscount, and if rediscounting had been the only way in which the gap could be filled, money rates would have moved very much higher than they have moved.

But several circumstances have come in to make it unnecessary for the banks to resort to rediscounting on as great a scale as might have been expected. I shall refer to three factors, which either operated to diminish reserve requirements, and to increase reserves, or both.

Reduced Money in Circulation.

The first was an unexpected decrease in "money in circulation," that is to say, actual American currency outside the Treasury and outside the Federal Reserve banks. This figure stood on the average, \$110,000,000 less in 1928 than in 1927. It was lower during every month of the year, as shown by the following table:

UNITED STATES MONEY IN CIRCULATION.		
Daily Average—	1927.	1928.
January	\$4,903,000,000	\$4,785,000,000
February	4,843,000,000	4,709,000,000
March	4,856,000,000	4,710,000,000
April	4,880,000,000	4,730,000,000
May	4,860,000,000	4,722,000,000
June	4,831,000,000	4,736,000,000
July	4,851,000,000	4,746,000,000
August	4,849,000,000	4,738,000,000
September	4,917,000,000	4,804,000,000
October	4,934,000,000	4,837,000,000
November	4,936,000,000	4,860,000,000
December	5,049,000,000	5,008,000,000
Average for year	4,892,000,000	4,782,000,000

There is no clear reason to anticipate that "money in circulation" will continue to decline, and the money market cannot count with any confidence upon a continuance of this factor as operating to interfere with Federal Reserve policy.

Acceptances as a Substitute for Rediscounts.

The second factor operating to lessen the need for resort to rediscounting was the acceptance situation. The acceptance liabilities of American accepting banks stood at 1,080 millions on Dec. 31 1927 and at 1,284 millions on Dec. 31 1928, an increase of 204 millions for the year. The acceptance assets of the American accepting banks, however, averaged only 25 millions in 1928. The increase in their acceptance liabilities during this period, therefore, was really a substitute for 204 millions of rediscounting. In other words, they were able to take care of an increase of 204 million dollars in their commercial business by lending their credit instead of lending their money, letting the general discount market provide the funds.

The American Discount Market.

What is this general discount market? If American banks do not buy acceptances, who does buy them? Practically, the answer is that the Federal Reserve Banks and foreign banks constitute the discount market. Of the 1,284 millions of acceptances outstanding on Dec. 31 1928, approximately 484 millions were held by the Federal Reserve banks, and 325 millions were held by foreign banks with Federal Reserve banks' endorsement. This is a matter of public record in the combined balance sheet of the twelve Federal Reserve banks as of Jan. 2 1929. In addition, foreign banks are supposed to have held approximately 200 millions through American bank correspondents, making a total of a billion dollars held either by the Federal Reserve banks or by the foreign banks. American brokers and dealers in the acceptance market are supposed to hold between 60 and 100 millions of acceptances. American banks, for their own account, on the date in question, held approximately 48 millions, but their average through the year was about 25 millions. New York agencies of foreign banks hold an additional substantial block. American saving banks hold some. But, in general, the market for acceptances is largely foreign central banks and the Federal Reserve banks.

The figure of 852 million dollars for rediscounts of member banks in the Federal Reserve system, therefore, is very far from representing the dependence of commercial bank reserves upon the Federal Reserve banks, to say nothing of foreign central banks.

Acceptances and Commercial Bank Reserves.

If American banks generally held one another's acceptances—if their acceptance liabilities were offset in the aggregate by acceptance assets—the large volume of acceptances outstanding would have no special significance for the future of the money market. If bank A reduced its buying of acceptances of bank B, and bank B reduced its buying of acceptances of bank A, the commercial credits now handled by acceptances would be shifted to a loan basis without increasing the total of loans and discounts, or affecting the deposits and reserves of either bank. Bank A, instead of lending its customer credit, with which to get money from bank B, would simply lend its customer money directly; and so with bank B. Bank A would get the money to lend to the customer from the proceeds of bank B's maturing acceptance held by bank A, and bank B would get the necessary money in the same way.

If the acceptances were all held by American saving banks or private investors, the situation would be different, since the shifting of the acceptance credits to a loan basis would involve an expansion both of loans and deposits for the commercial banks, with an increase in reserve requirements. As the acceptance credits were shifted to a straight loan

basis, the lending bank would increase its loans and would give an additional deposit credit, requiring additional cash reserves.

When, however, the Federal Reserve banks reduce their holdings of acceptances, a new factor enters, not only are our reserve requirements increased if acceptances are shifted to a loan basis, but, in addition, reserves are cut under by the full amount of the acceptances which the Federal Reserve bank gets rid of. The Federal Reserve banks collect maturing acceptances, not in "clearing house funds," i. e., checks against commercial banks, but rather in "Federal funds," i. e., checks or other debits against member bank balances with the Federal Reserve banks. As the Federal Reserve banks dispose of acceptances, therefore, they tend to increase the reserve requirements of the member banks by say 10% of the amount involved, and they reduce the reserves of the member banks by 100% of the amount involved.

Foreign banks, in reducing their acceptance holdings, similarly increase the reserve requirements of the member banks, and they, if they take the proceeds out in gold, cut under the reserves of the banks by the full amount of the acceptances disposed of.

During 1928, however, precisely the reverse of all these things occurred. The acceptance liabilities of American banks increased, and the holdings of acceptances by foreign banks and by the Federal Reserve banks increased, delaying the tightening of money, retarding the growth of rediscounts, and, during the autumn, actually easing off money rates appreciably.

The Federal Reserve authorities were reluctant to buy acceptances during the autumn, but feeling a special concern for the acceptance market, they bought them. Late in the autumn, the Federal Reserve authorities definitely protested against having the acceptance market dependent upon them to such an extent as to compel a modification of their general credit policy, and they have, in recent weeks, been reducing the volume of acceptances held. The volume of acceptances held by foreign banks with Federal Reserve bank endorsement has also been reduced from its peak.

Brokers' Loans "For Account of Others," and Federal Reserve Control.

The third development which operated to retard the tightening of money has been the growth of brokers' loans "for account of others," as distinguished from brokers' loans held by American banks, and above all, by New York banks. This matter is now better understood than it was some months ago. When a corporation makes a broker's loan, it reduces its deposits with the banks, and it tends to take over loans which the banks are holding, or would otherwise have to hold. The result has been a tendency to reduce the reserve requirements of the banks. When the corporations call these loans, as was done on a considerable scale around the end of December, in preparation for dividend payments and in connection with the year-end settlements, the stock market is obliged to bid up sharply for funds to replace them, and the banks, in taking over the loan, are obliged to rediscount heavily at the Federal Reserve banks. At a price this can be done. It was done at 12% at the end of last December. But the experience of last December makes it very clear that the substitution of bank loans to brokers for loans by "others" to brokers involves a sharp increase in bank reserve requirements and a sharp tightening of money.

The total of brokers' loans "for account of others" as reported by the Federal Reserve Banks stood last week at \$2,621,000,000, while the Stock Exchange reports an additional \$939,000,000 in this category, which would run the total up to about \$3,600,000,000. This is the "outside money" which the Federal Reserve authorities are supposed to be incapable of controlling. But the actual relief which this \$3,600,000,000 of "outside loans" has given to the heart of the money market, namely, the member bank reserves, is very much less, say 10% or \$360,000,000. If the Federal Reserve authorities should reduce the credit which they extend to the market by half of this amount, say \$180,000,000, the resultant effect upon money rates in the stock market would leave no doubt as to who is master of the situation.

Report On Senate Resolution Calling for Inquiry Into Administration of Affairs of Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

A report on the resolution adopted by the Senate a year ago (Feb. 24, 1928), calling for an inquiry into the administration of the affairs of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank, was submitted in the Senate on Feb. 8 by Senator Glass for insertion in the Record. The text of the resolution was given in these columns March 3, 1928, page 1,296. It was stated in the *United States Daily* of Feb. 9 that an adverse report on the resolution was adopted on Feb. 8 by the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency—the Committee acting upon a recommendation of a subcommittee headed by Senator Glass. Senator Norbeck (Rep.), South Dakota, Chairman of the Committee, announced the action taken. The resolution was introduced by Senator Mayfield (Dem.), Texas. In the report presented Feb. 8 by Senator Glass, it was stated that the subcommittee found "that there had been an apparently exhaustive investigation of the charges in question by the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas in December, 1927." Senator Glass reported further that "no member bank or responsible person having responded to the invitation (pursuant to the resolution of February last year) to be heard in respect of the charges of alleged mismanagement and arbitrary actions of the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas" there seemed no necessity for him to go to Dallas for the proposed investigation. The report submitted to the Senate Feb. 8 by Senator Glass follows:

Pursuant to Senate Resolution 152, Mr. Mayfield, patron, passed February 24, 1928, directing the Committee on Banking and Currency, or a duly authorized subcommittee thereof, to make a full and complete investigation of the administration of the affairs of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Tex., responsive to charges that the affairs of the said Bank had been maladministered and that the Gov-

ernor of the institution had failed to co-operate with the member banks of the Eleventh Federal reserve district, the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency appointed Messrs. Glass, Sackett, and Steiwer as a subcommittee to make such investigation.

At the outset the subcommittee found that there had been an apparently exhaustive investigation of the charges in question by the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas in December, 1927, on which occasion public hearings were had and testimony given covering some thousand printed pages. A comprehensive digest of this testimony, covering 150 pages, was furnished the subcommittee, after which prompt notice was given of the readiness of the committee to hear additional testimony and included in the evidence taken by the Board of Directors of the Dallas Bank. It seemed to the Committee that it would be futile to have a repetition of the testimony given over a considerable period of time by scores of witnesses in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District, all of which testimony was available in printed form.

In response to the expressed readiness of the subcommittee to hear additional testimony there came an urgent request from the patron of Senate Resolution 152 to have the committee go to Dallas, Tex., for such additional hearings as the circumstances might seem to justify. The Committee did not deem it either necessary or desirable to pursue this course, whereupon repeated requests were made that the Chairman of the Subcommittee be authorized to go to Dallas and take evidence in the case.

This latter course was decided upon; and accordingly, the Chairman of the Committee, as of date June 15, 1928, sent the following dispatch to the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank at Dallas: Gov. Lynn P. Talley,

Federal Reserve Bank, Dallas, Tex.:

Please notify member banks of Dallas Federal Reserve District that, as Chairman of a subcommittee of the Banking and Currency Committee of the United States Senate, I shall go to Dallas immediately upon adjournment of convention at Houston to receive any documentary evidence or to hear any oral testimony from persons who may desire to prefer charges of mismanagement or maladministration against the Governor or Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank at Dallas. Have it distinctly understood that there will be no repetition of the testimony given before the Board of Directors of the Dallas bank. Only new and additional testimony will be received, as the Senate Subcommittee does not care to have a rehearsal of testimony already given. Please engage the services of a competent stenographer to take any testimony offered and acknowledge this communication.

Carter Glass.

To the foregoing telegram the following response was received on the same date:

Dallas, Tex., June 15, 1928.

Hon. Carter Glass,

Care Senate, Washington, D. C.

As requested in your telegram of this date, I will immediately notify member banks this District of your visit to Dallas and its purposes. I would appreciate telegraphic authority from you to quote your telegram in the notice. If there are any further arrangements which we could make in your behalf please advise us.

Lynn P. Talley, Governor.

In furtherance of this arrangement the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank at Dallas mailed to all member banks in the Eleventh Reserve District a circular letter notifying them of the appointed hearing of charges affecting the administration of the Federal Reserve Bank and the Chairman of the Subcommittee proceeded to Texas with a view to receiving the testimony of such member banks or responsible persons as might desire to be heard concerning the administration of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas where a competent stenographic reporter had been directed to hold himself in readiness to take testimony. While at Houston the Chairman of the Subcommittee received a dispatch from the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank as follows:

Dallas, Tex., June 28, 1928.

Hon. Carter Glass,

Care Rice Hotel, Houston, Tex.:

As requested in your telegram of June 18 and in connection with my circular letter of like date to all member banks of this Reserve District, I have to advise that up to date no replies have been received signifying a desire to be heard upon the occasion of your visit to Dallas. When you are able to advise date of your arrival I shall be glad to reserve accommodations for you.

Lynn P. Talley, Governor.

No member bank or responsible person having responded to the invitation to be heard in respect of the charges of alleged mismanagement and arbitrary actions of the governor of the Dallas bank, the Chairman of the Subcommittee wired Governor Talley as follows:

Houston, Tex., June, 29, 1928.

Hon. Lynn P. Talley,

Governor Federal Reserve Bank, Dallas, Tex.:

In view of the fact that no member bank of the Dallas Federal Reserve District has signified any desire to prefer charges of mismanagement or maladministration against the Governor or the Board of Directors of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank or any desire to be heard by the Subcommittee of the Banking and Currency Committee of the United States Senate empowered to investigate charges and to hear testimony, there seems to be no necessity for me to come to Dallas. Therefore, I am returning to Virginia to-night.

Carter Glass.

It should be stated that the officials of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas not only evinced entire willingness, but an obvious eagerness, for the proposed investigation of the Bank's affairs and its relations with member banks of that Federal Reserve District; and it should further be stated that information derived from authentic supervisory sources fully justifies the statement that, at the time of the proposed hearing at Dallas, the Federal reserve bank there and the member banks of the entire Eleventh Federal Reserve District were in a system was instituted.

Nomination of Roy O. West as Secretary of Interior Confirmed by Senate.

On Jan. 21, by a vote variously reported as 53 to 27, and 54 to 27, the U. S. Senate, confirmed the nomination of Roy O. West as Secretary of the Interior. Mr. West was named to the post by President Coolidge on July 20 1928, following the resignation of Hubert Work), the recess appointment of last July having been followed by the submission by the President of Mr. West's name to the Senate on Dec. 6, for confirmation. The Senate action on Jan. 21, said a Washing-

ton dispatch to the "Times," ended a contest which began behind closed doors on Friday and occupied between nine and ten hours. The dispatch went on to say:

Senators Nye, Norris, Blaine, King and others held that because of past affiliations Mr. West was not qualified to occupy a Cabinet post. The advocates of confirmation were led chiefly by Senator Deneen of Illinois.

The vote in detail on confirmation was not made public, but it was said that many "lame duck" Senators and a considerable number of Democrats voted for Mr. West, holding that the charges against him were not sustained.

After the roll-call there were votes to make it public, and also the majority and minority reports. Both motions were defeated.

Mr. West, a former Secretary of the Republican National Committee, obtained a recess appointment by President Coolidge last summer. He was attacked on the ground that he was once an attorney for Samuel Insull of Chicago. Before the Public Lands Committee he testified that he sold his original investments of \$67,000 for \$118,000 just before taking office. Another criticism was that he sat as a member of the Federal Power Commission in a case in which Insull interests sought a power lease of Cumberland Falls, Ky.

Mr. West volunteered to the Public Lands Committee to withdraw from any cases in which the Insull interests were involved. When notified of his confirmation this afternoon, he said:

"I am interested in the work of the Interior Department. For six months I have devoted myself to it with results which must speak for themselves. I am gratified with the Senate's action."

The United States Daily of Jan. 22, in noting the confirmation of the nomination said:

When the nomination of Mr. West was sent to the Senate at the beginning of the present session of Congress it was referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Surveys which held hearings during which testimony was taken concerning Mr. West's relationship with the utilities companies in which Samuel Insull of Chicago, is interested.

Two Reports Submitted.

As a result of these hearings two reports were submitted to the Senate; a majority report presented by Senator Glenn (Rep.), Illinois, favoring confirmation of the nomination, and a minority report filed by the chairman of the Committee, Senator Nye (Rep.), North Dakota, which opposed confirmation.

The Public Lands Committee reported 9 to 4 on Dec. 20, in favor of Mr. West's confirmation. On Jan. 19, when the Senate agreed to vote on Jan. 21 on the nomination, Associated Press advices from Washington said:

Again meeting in executive session, the Senate heard Senator Deneen, Republican, of Illinois, plead the cause of the Secretary to-day and listened to an attack by Senators Nye of North Dakota and Norris of Nebraska, both Republicans.

More than four hours were consumed in the second day of argument.

Senators Norris and Nye based most of their argument against West on his previous connection with the Samuel Insull power and utilities companies, pointing out that the Secretary of the Interior is a member of the Federal Power Commission, which must pass on all applications for licenses to develop water power.

In this connection they cited that he already had sat as a member of the Commission at a hearing on the petition of the Cumberland Hydro-electric Co., a subsidiary of the Insull concerns, for a power permit at Cumberland Falls, Ky.

A large bundle of protests against this application were presented by Senator Nye, including one from a mass meeting of organizations in Cincinnati, protesting against Mr. West's participation in the case.

Senator Deneen recalled the offer made by Mr. West before the Senate Lands Committee to withdraw from participation in any cases coming before his department involving the Insull companies.

He recalled also that Mr. West had invested about \$67,000 over a period of 26 years in stock of the Insull companies which he had sold for about \$118,000 at the time he became a member of the Cabinet. He said that the law business done by Mr. West for the Insull companies was only "casual."

Furthermore, he said that in virtually every political contest in Illinois in the Republican ranks in recent years Mr. West and himself had been on opposite sides from Insull.

While friends of the Secretary stood on their rights again to-day for the customary executive session for the consideration of nominations, so far as was learned, nothing new had developed since the public hearings on Mr. West by the Lands Committee. All of that testimony has been printed.

However, the two-thirds vote for an open session was lacking, and neither the minority report submitted by Senator Nye from the Lands Committee nor the majority report recommending confirmation, which was presented by Senator Glenn, Republican, of Illinois, was made public.

Mr. West's recess appointment was noted in our issue of July 28, page 496. In another item in this issue we refer to a move to end the Senate's secret rule, which developed following the vote on Mr. West's nomination behind closed doors.

Senator Curtis Blocks Move to End Senate's Secret Vote Rule—Action Follows Publication of Purported Ballot Confirming Nomination of R. O. West as Secretary of Interior.

A special dispatch Jan. 31 from Washington to the New York "World" said:

Publication last week by the United Press of the supposedly secret vote of the Senate in confirming the nomination of Secretary of the Interior Roy O. West brought on another flurry of debate in the Upper Chamber to-day when the Republican whip, Jones of Washington, called up his amendment to upset the 150-year-old secrecy rule which repeatedly fails to achieve secrecy.

The Republican leader, Vice-President-elect Curtis, who is Chairman of the Rules Committee, opposed the Jones amendment and prevented any action being taken on it.

Vice-President Dawes, champion of his own lost cause of rules revision, did what he could for Jones by brushing aside a mountain of precedent

and holding that a majority instead of two-thirds vote could amend the archaic secrecy rule. But the Curtis objection kept a majority of any other number from voting on the subject to-day.

For the better part of two hours, Senator Norris (R., Neb.), who has often fought to open up executive sessions to the public and others debated the ancient issue.

Senator Bingham (R., Conn.), said the President might "punish" Senators who voted against his nominees if the votes were made public. Norris replied that any Senator ought to be willing to risk that, and that anyway the President has access to executive sessions and to the roll call in secret sessions.

Norris denounced the action of the Senate in refusing to make public the roll call on West's confirmation.

The confirmation by the Senate on Jan. 21 of the nomination of Roy O. West as Secretary of the Interior is referred to elsewhere in our issue to-day. Following the reported publication of the vote, which was taken behind closed doors, the Senate's secrecy rules, came up in the Senate discussions on Jan. 23, an account of this from Washington on that date, having appeared as follows in the New York "Times":

The Senate was agitated to-day because a press association sent out the detailed vote of Senators in confirming the nomination of Roy O. West to be Secretary of the Interior. After three hours' debate last week the Senate decided that it would consider Mr. West's nomination behind closed doors and would not make public any other fact than that his nomination had been confirmed or rejected. To-day there was further discussion, this time in open session, over the publication of the roll call on the motion to confirm.

Another phase of the flurry was that Senator Curtis, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, which committee has charge of the press gallery, indicated that he might deprive all press association representatives of the right to the Senate floor. Later he intimated that disciplinary action might be confined to applying denial of the floor privilege to the correspondent who gave the detailed vote to his press association for publication.

Senator Dill of Washington started the discussion about the publication of the roll call. He was ironic and sarcastic in his references to the decision of the Senate to impose an injunction of secrecy on everything that pertained to the West nomination. Why the Senate should be so solicitous of keeping from the public its procedure on this subject was not disclosed.

A Century-Old Practice.

The hearings of the Committee which investigated statements as to Mr. West's alleged legal relations with the public utility interests headed by Samuel Insull of Chicago were held in public, but a majority of Senators decided that not even the names of those who voted for or against the confirmation of his nomination should be given to the press.

The situation revealed in the Senate's course in the West case is likely to attract attention to the practice of more than a century of discussing nominations for office behind closed doors. This state of affairs took on an exaggerated aspect in the West case on account of the measures adopted to prevent the public from knowing how any Senator voted.

There were ironic references to this secrecy during to-day's debate and this afternoon Senator Norris of Nebraska gave out a prepared statement which amounted to a protest against the extraordinary methods adopted to keep the country in the dark as to what was said by Senators when the nomination was being considered and how each Senator voted.

The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 53 or 54 to 27, but there has been no official disclosure of the exact figures.

Case Likened to Refunds.

Senator Dill brought up the subject in the Senate to-day during the debate on the proposal of Senator McKellar of Tennessee to take the disposition of tax refunds out of the hands of the Treasury Department, which acted on them secretly, and place refunds claims under the jurisdiction of the Board of Tax Appeals when the amount involved is in excess of \$10,000. Secretary Mellon, said Senator Dill, probably got his ideas of secrecy on tax refunds from the Senate's secret sessions.

Mr. Mellon, he said, was more successful than the Senate in keeping names secret. At this point a Senator advised Senator Dill to send to Mr. Mellon the newspaper man who published the secret roll call on the West nomination. This newspaper man, said the Senator, could ascertain the names of the taxpayers and how much money was refunded to them.

Holding up the roll call as printed in a newspaper, Senator Dill said: "I am recorded as against Mr. West, but under the rules of the Senate, I can neither deny nor affirm. I don't know if the roll call is correct, but if I did I could not say so."

Dill Stirs Senate Mirth.

Assuming an ironic tone, Mr. Dill asked if the desks of Senators were equipped with microphones or if dictaphones or hidden electrical devices for recording the human voice were in the Senate Chamber. Still ironical, he said that he did not believe that any Senator would break his oath not to reveal the Senate's secret proceedings.

"We have reached an awful time," he went on, "when men in politics can no longer get behind closed doors and keep their votes secret."

When Senator Bruce of Maryland interrupted, Senator Dill asked him if he would favor the expulsion of any Senator who disclosed what went on in the Senate's secret sessions, but Mr. Bruce was not prepared to reply, other than to say that expulsion was provided for by the Senate's rules.

"I can suggest a method by which the Senator can escape the disability under which he suffers," said Senator Norris, when Senator Dill complained that he was bound by his oath not to disclose whether he had been correctly represented or not in the published roll call.

"If he wants his vindication before the people, he can go into executive session and state the truth and the papers will print it the next day." Even some Senators laughed.

"Why men holding the high office of Senator want to keep their votes secret is beyond my imagination and a violation of the spirit of democracy," said Senator Dill.

Senator Norris's Statement.

In his prepared statement, Senator Norris argued that the question of Mr. West's nomination was in nowise a private matter. He contended that the transaction of public business in secret, where hundreds of millions of dollars of the people's money were involved and where the happiness and contentment of more than a hundred million people were directly con-

cerned, "is contrary to every fundamental principle underlying the perpetuation of a democracy," and continued:

"A Senator has the right to be for secret sessions and his constituency has the right to demand that he be for secret sessions, but certainly they have the right to know how he stands on this subject.

"It is as important to know this as to know whether he is in favor of a Federal inheritance tax or against it. It is as important to know this as to know whether the Senator is in favor of the peace treaty or whether he is against it. It is just as important to know this fact as to be informed as to how he stands on the big navy bill now pending in the Senate.

"The constituency of a Senator may be in favor of secret sessions. It may be an important issue in a Senatorial campaign, and yet the Senate has undertaken, by its secret action, to keep this knowledge from the people.

"Such action on the part of the Senate is contrary to the underlying principle of every free government. Public business should be transacted in public. Any other course, if followed to its logical conclusion, means the ultimate overthrow of every democracy in the world. No democratic government can continue to endure if its public business is transacted behind closed doors."

President Coolidge Signs Resolution Authorizing Extension of Invitation to Foreign Nations to Participate in World's Fair at Chicago in 1933.

On Feb. 5 President Coolidge signed a resolution authorizing the President to invite participation by foreign nations in a World's Fair at Chicago in 1933. The resolution was passed by the House on January 21, and by the Senate on January 26. In the House on January 21 Representative Chindblom, in response to a question as to who was to finance the undertaking, said:

The Chicago World's Fair Centennial Celebration Corporation, which has been organized under the laws of the State of Illinois as a corporation not for profit. The President, under the terms of the bill, will not invite nations to participate until \$5,000,000 has been actually paid into the capital of that corporation, and it is planned to raise a total of \$30,000,000 for the purpose of the exposition. The State government and the city of Chicago will participate in the plans for holding the fair. The bill even provides for the expenditure which the Government will undergo in the Customs Department by assigning men to handle the collection of customs duties upon goods brought in for exhibition and subsequently sold. It provides that the expenses for handling exhibits in bond shall be paid for by the corporation. It provides that the corporation will reimburse the Federal Government for every item of such expenditure. Some objection was raised in the Committee on Ways and Means on the ground that the Government should pay these expenditures but the committee was convinced that the plan proposed by this organization was feasible and proper.

Senator Deneen, in the Senate, on January 26 in a statement regarding the Exposition and its purpose, said:

It is proposed to celebrate the centennial of the organization of Chicago as a municipality in that year (1933). All that is asked in the matter is to have the President, by a proclamation or otherwise, invite the nations of the world to send exhibits to the fair. A provision has been made in the resolution itself whereby the city of Chicago will not ask for any appropriation from the Government, and that the Government hereafter shall be under no obligation whatever to make an appropriation.

Bill for Construction of Cruisers Signed by President Coolidge.

On Feb. 13 President Coolidge signed the bill for the construction of certain naval vessels—the so-called Cruiser Bill. The bill passed the House of Representatives a year ago, March 17 1928. In an amended form the Senate on Feb. 5 1929, passed the bill by a vote of 68 to 12, and the House on Feb. 7 1929, without a record vote, concurred in the Senate amendments. The newly enacted measure provides for the construction of 15 cruisers and one aircraft carrier prior to June 30 1931. The principal change made in the bill by the Senate, and which as we indicate, was accepted by the House, is the insertion of a provision stipulating that "the Congress favors a treaty, or treaties, with all the principal maritime nations regulating the conduct of belligerents and neutrals in war at sea, including the inviolability of private property thereon," and further "that such treaties be negotiated if practically possible prior to the meeting of the conference on the limitation of armaments in 1931." We give herewith the bill as enacted into law, the portion in italics (numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4) being the matter carried in the bill as it passed the Senate, and agreed to by the House:

AN ACT.

To authorize the construction of certain naval vessels and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is hereby authorized to undertake prior to July 1 1931, the construction of fifteen light cruisers and one aircraft carrier according to the following program:

(a) Five light cruisers during each of the fiscal years ending June 30 1929, 1930, and 1931, to cost, including armor and armament, not to exceed \$17,000,000 each.

(b) One aircraft carrier prior to June 30 1930, to cost, including armor and armament, not to exceed \$19,000,000: *Provided*, That if the construction of any vessel herein authorized to be undertaken in the fiscal year ending June 30 1929 or 1930, is not undertaken in that fiscal year, such construction may be undertaken in the next succeeding fiscal year: *And provided further*,

That the first and each succeeding alternate cruiser upon which work is undertaken, together with the main engines, armor, and armament for such eight cruisers, the construction and manufacture of which is authorized by this Act, shall be constructed or manufactured in the Government navy yards, naval gun factories, naval ordnance plants, or arsenals of the United States [1], *except such material or parts as are not customarily manufactured in such Government plants.*

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Navy is directed to submit annually to the Bureau of the Budget estimates for the construction of the foregoing vessels.

Sec. 3. The construction of the light cruisers and of the aircraft carrier herein authorized shall be subject to the limitations prescribed by the treaty limiting naval armament, ratified Aug. 17 1923, so long as such treaty shall remain effective.

Sec. 4. In the event of an international agreement, which the President is requested to encourage, for the further limitation of naval armament, to which the United States is signatory, the President is hereby authorized and empowered to suspend in whole or in part any of the naval construction authorized under this Act.

[2] Sec. 5. *First*. That the Congress favors a treaty, or treaties, with all the principal maritime nations regulating the conduct of belligerents and neutrals in war at sea, including the inviolability of private property thereon.

Second. That such treaties be negotiated if practically possible prior to the meeting of the conference on the limitation of armaments in 1931.

Sec. [3] 5 6. The Secretary of the Navy is hereby directed to present to the Congress on or before December 10, [4] 1928 1929, preliminary plans, specifications, and estimates of cost for the construction of two salvage vessels for use in ship disasters.

The "Herald Tribune" in reporting in a Washington dispatch, Feb. 5, the passage of the bill by the Senate, said:

Of the two amendments which the bill carries to the House, one relates to an international treaty on the freedom of the seas to be attempted in a conference which the President is authorized to call. This is the Borah amendment, as it was modified to-day by a substitute of Senator Reed, Democrat, of Missouri. The Borah-Reed proposal is for a treaty with the leading maritime powers on the freedom of the seas on the principles of the 1785 treaty between the United States and Prussia. Senator Borah accepted the Reed substitute and it was included in the bill by a vote of 81 to 1, Senator William Cabell Bruce, Democrat, of Maryland, alone voting no.

The other amendment is a provision accepted by the Senate Naval Committee intended to strengthen the Dallinger amendment for construction for eight of the cruisers in Government yards.

The House is expected to accept both amendments without sending the cruiser bill to conference.

Calls for Five Cruisers a Year.

The bill as passed contemplates that 15 modern 10,000-ton cruisers, at a maximum cost of \$17,000,000 each, and one airplane carrier to cost up to \$19,000,000 shall be undertaken before the end of the fiscal year, July 1 1931, and that five cruisers shall be laid down in each of the fiscal years 1929, 1930 and 1931.

President Coolidge came out flatly against the time limit feature of the bill on the ground that it might work hardship on the Treasury and that national financing could not be accurately foreseen. The President did not press his opposition to the time limit, however, and less than a week ago sent word indirectly to the Senate that if the time limit were dropped he would agree to send a budget estimate to Congress at once providing for a considerable number of cruisers immediately.

At the White House to-day the President's position was made clear. It was that he did not favor the bill as passed with the time limit.

The President, however, did not want to be understood as indicating that he would veto the bill. It was stated on his behalf that he had signed many bills which he had not favored in the exactitude of their enactment. The question of appropriations for the cruisers is still to be worked out and it was indicated to-day that the President will insist that there shall be no menace to the 1929 budget in the initial appropriation agreed on in Congress.

Noting the signing of the bill by the President on Feb. 13, the Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce" on that date, stated;

In signing the measure the President overlooked his objection to its time restriction clause. Before affixing his signature, he conferred with leaders of both parties in Congress on means of providing money for beginning the construction and of preventing the enactment of other measures for expenditures in the present fiscal year.

The Budget Bureau has recommended that \$35,000,000 to \$40,000,000 be appropriated under the bill for use in the 1929-30 fiscal year, with a small amount, as yet unspecified, available for the current year.

Sees Appropriation Forthcoming.

Senator Hale, Chairman of the Senate Naval Committee, who attended to-day's conference at the White House, predicted that the appropriation would be included in the annual Navy Department supply bill, which is now in conference.

Besides Senator Hale those who attended the conference with the President were Senators Curtis and Robinson, the Republican and Democratic leaders in the Senate; Representatives Tilson of Connecticut and Garrett of Tennessee, majority and minority leaders of the House; Speaker Longworth and Representative Snell of New York, Chairman of the House Rules Committee.

Following the Presidential action, Chairman Britten of the House Naval Committee, in a statement at the Capitol, said that "no false economy should be permitted by the Navy Department, the Bureau of the Budget or the appropriating committee in Congress," to interfere with the construction. He asserted the ships were needed because the "accepted principle of the Washington conference has been violated by each of its signatories excepting the United States."

As to appropriations for the building of the new cruisers a Washington dispatch, Feb. 14, to the "Times," stated:

President Coolidge and naval leaders in the Senate to-day clashed again over the cruiser program, when the President sent to the Senate an estimate of \$12,370,000 to apply to cruiser construction in the fiscal year 1930 and a subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee, three hours afterward, voted to make \$770,000 of that sum available for starting construction in the present fiscal year.

Under the bill authorizing cruiser construction signed by the President yesterday five ships are to be started before the end of this fiscal year, on June 30, and five each in the two succeeding fiscal years. One airplane carrier is to be constructed in the fiscal year ending June 30 1930.

President Coolidge included no estimate for the remaining 4½ months of this fiscal year. On the other hand, his letter to the President of the Senate and an accompanying document from Brig.-Gen. H. M. Lord,

Director of the Budget, specified that the money was for the fiscal year 1930, which does not begin until July 1.

The estimates were as follows:

Construction and machinery-----	\$5,800,000
Armor, armament and machinery-----	6,000,000
Improving and equipping navy yards for construction of ships --	570,000
Total-----	\$12,370,000

Understanding that the Navy Department has asked the Budget Bureau for about \$21,000,000, and wondering why the President had declined to include money for the present fiscal year, the subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee, which is in charge of naval affairs, called Secretary Wilbur before it. His testimony was not disclosed, but a short time later the subcommittee voted to make \$200,000 of the \$6,000,000 item immediately available, as well as the \$570,000 for navy yard improvement.

An amendment was drafted and will be submitted to the Appropriations Committee to-morrow with a recommendation that it be included in the naval supply bill now before the committee.

It is expected that the bill will be reported to the Senate to-morrow afternoon, with the amendment included, and perhaps another amendment to make \$500,000 of the \$5,800,000 item for construction and machinery available on July 1 for work on the second group of five ships.

Secretary of Agriculture W. M. Jardine Announces His Retirement from Cabinet—To Become Counsel for Federated Fruit and Vegetable Growers.

W. M. Jardine, Secretary of Agriculture, will retire from the Cabinet on March 4 and give his time to agricultural activities with particular emphasis to the co-operative marketing movement, according to an announcement made at his office on Feb. 13. Secretary Jardine has accepted a position as Counsel for the Federated Fruit and Vegetable Growers, with his offices in Washington, D. C. This is a co-operative organization with headquarters in New York City and reaches into many states in its business dealings. In accepting the position with the Federated organization, Secretary Jardine has an understanding that he will give to it only such time as may be necessary for the conduct of its business, thus leaving him free to participate in other agricultural activities. Arthur R. Rule, Executive Vice-Pres. of the Federated Fruit and Vegetable Growers, in carrying on the negotiations with Secretary Jardine, said:

The Federated has no desire to monopolize your time or your effort. We want you to have unlimited freedom in giving to the co-operative marketing movement as a whole, the results of your experience and the benefits of the constructive policies which you have so strongly advocated.

In making this announcement on Feb. 13 Secretary Jardine said:

I have held the hope that four years in public life is all that would be expected of one who must make a personal sacrifice to perform Federal service.

During the past four years I have consistently held that the stabilization of agricultural production and prices is our most urgent economic problem; that sound co-operative marketing associations and stabilization corporations must be the basis of aid extended by the Federal Government; that we should greatly increase our agricultural research, and that we must keep the domestic market for the American farmer.

I have fought for these principles. Even those who have differed with me on the fundamentals of the farm problem, know I have been sincere, consistent, and determined in my stand. I believe that the bill introduced in Congress by Senator McNary will serve as a basis for solving many of the ills which have confronted the farmers of the nation since the war.

While I appreciate deeply the confidence so generously expressed in me, I wish it known that because of obligations to my family and for my own personal interest, I feel I must retire to private life.

I have repeatedly discussed with Mr. Hoover my desire to retire from public service and I have advised with him in my business negotiations. In considering the many proposals which have been presented to me I have expressed the wish to remain in Washington in order that I might give to Mr. Hoover and his administration every possible aid.

Proposal to Stabilize Employment Through Creation of Reserve Fund Not Favored in Canada—Spreading Out of Shop Work on Canadian National System.

The proposal for an immense government fund to "stabilize prosperity," whatever its merits in the United States, has no present value in Canada, says Sir Henry Thornton, President of the Canadian National Railways. The plan which is said to be looked upon with favor by President-elect Hoover was recommended to the consideration of Canada's rail executives by C. E. Neill, General Manager of the Royal Bank at the recent annual meeting of that institution. "It would not be necessary," states Sir Henry. "It strikes me that if a country's tariff policy, immigration policy and railway policy are sound, prosperity should follow under normal conditions. To devise a special remedy for Canada such as the fund suggested for the United States seems like offering medicine to a man who needs nothing more than a little advice about his diet."

Canada's "problem of prosperity," continued the Canadian railroad executive, is a special one, distinct from that of the United States. It depends largely upon the solution of the question of seasonal employment occasioned by the northern winter. Public works, which in the United States might be started to give work and which could draw their funds from the "prosperity reserve," could be carried on

all the year around. In Canada this might not always be possible. Sir Henry explains how, within the Canadian National system, steps have already been taken to spread shop work out during the four seasons. This has been accomplished largely through consultation with the road's employees' representatives. "We even built some locomotives in Winnipeg," he adds, "which we could probably have bought at less cost. The advantage to us in doing this is that we do not lose men who, if we laid them off temporarily, might take jobs elsewhere and not return. It is investment in man power."

Bill Embodying Proposal for Creation of Reserve Fund to Stabilize Employment Introduced in Massachusetts—Under Secretary of Treasury Mills Said to Doubt Feasibility of Plan.

It was stated in Associated Press dispatches from Boston Nov. 24 that a bill embodying the plan for the stabilization of prosperity with a \$3,000,000,000 reserve construction fund proposed at the recent Governors' Conference at New Orleans by Governor Brewster of Maine was filed with the clerk of the Senate on Nov. 24 by Senator Henry L. Kincaide of Quincy. The Boston dispatches added:

Under its provisions, a State reserve fund would be established and cities and towns would be authorized to appropriate and borrow money for reserve funds for employing citizens on public works in times of business depression.

The State fund would be controlled by the State Treasurer and would be set up through appropriations by the Legislature. The Governor and Council would be authorized to expend the money when they deemed it advisable.

The proposal, which was reported as having the approval of President-elect Hoover, was referred to in these columns Nov. 24, page 2905.

As to the views of Under-Secretary of the Treasury Mills regarding the proposal, we quote the following Washington advices Nov. 26 published in the "Wall Street News":

Such suggestions as that of Gov. Ralph A. Brewster of Maine for the creation of a \$3,000,000,000 construction program of public projects to check depression and provide employment are based on an "excellent theory," the main difficulty in which would be to put it into practice, Ogden L. Mills, Under-Secretary of the Treasury, said to-day.

Considerable thought has been given to this matter by economists recently, Mr. Mills said, and the theory has been well worked out, in fact is "very fine" as respects logical reasoning as to its possible success.

"But somebody must work out the mechanics of the proposition," he said. He added that he would like to see this done, and that some practical application must be made of it before it would be possible to express definitely an intelligent opinion of its merits.

Mr. Mills pointed out that William Trufant Foster and Waddill Catchings, writers on economics, had done noteworthy work in evolving this theory. He thought that Governor Brewster had drawn on Foster and Catchings for his suggestion of a \$3,000,000,000 construction "reserve" rather than on President-elect Hoover, who, Governor Brewster said, had given his approval of the plan. Apparently, therefore, the President-elect had merely looked over the proposition, and was favorably impressed with its practical possibilities.

There are two main difficulties presented by the plan, Mr. Mills said. First, the question of when the "reserve" or any portion of it would be released and who would make the decision as to the expenditure; and, second, the problem of providing the money for financing the construction.

Mr. Mills did not consider the latter insuperable, although it involved large difficulties. As to the accumulation of a fund of money by previous taxation, however, for financing a construction program on such a scale as would check depression and relieve a condition of unemployment, he considered that out of the question. It would be strongly objected to, and rightly so, because it would involve the keeping on hand for uncertain periods of time of a large amount of idle funds. On the other hand, the money might be provided by bond issues. Yet, Mr. Mills pointed out, unless some arrangement were made for the early retirement of these bonds the remedy would bring new burdens.

Mr. Mills considered the co-operation of business very important in any move made by public authority for accumulating and releasing at opportune times a program of construction. One of the main factors of the theory is that business would fall in line with government action to check depression; that, in fact, the knowledge that the government stood ready to take such action would cause business to anticipate it, and make it unnecessary for the government to provide the means of relief. This feature Mr. Mills regarded as another problem of the general plan. He gave no opinion as to business falling in line with the government under circumstances of this nature.

It should be pointed out that Governor Brewster's version of the Foster and Catchings plan is only half the plan. His idea was to check deflation, whereas the plan of the economists conceives the employment of means to check both deflation and inflation. This would be administered by a Federal board which as regards steps taken to prevent deflation would be a complement to the Federal Reserve Board, and in any efforts made to check inflation would have powers reaching beyond those of the Federal Reserve Board, and more effective.

The plan, as far as it concerns the prevention of depression is described by Foster and Catchings in their book entitled "The Road to Plenty" as follows:

"Our plan calls for a separate Federal board which shall gather and measure the data best adapted to show the adequacy of the flow of consumer income, using, however, for its own purposes the wealth of data gathered by other agencies. Having thus collected the needed information, the board shall advise the government how to use it as a guide in all fiscal matters. The board itself, guided in the same way, shall determine when certain expenditures are to be made, which already have been provided for by Congress under a policy of long-range planning of public works. Thus the board, both through its own acts and its published reasons for its acts, will provide private business with the needed leadership."

The chief function of the board would be to gather data and to interpret it in indexes to be made public, and to advise government departments of the effects on economic welfare under existing conditions of taxes, tax rebates, refunding operations, payment of public debts, increase of wages and salaries, and other fiscal matters. Through the exercise of these functions, it is believed, the board would provide a leadership for business. However, as an extra function it would order expenditures on certain construction projects for which Congress had made appropriations over a period of years in accordance with business needs as shown by the indexes.

In this latter respect it would be an agency for the regulation of government expenditure as the general business condition required, and it is in the exercise of this function that it is believed business could be induced to follow.

On the other hand, under the plan, the board would prevent inflation by withholding expenditures for public works, opposing reduction in taxes, encouraging Treasury surpluses, and taking money out of circulation by borrowing it, and retaining it until business indexes showed the need of putting it back.

Western Trainmen and Conductors Accept 6½% Wage Increase Proposed by Emergency Board—Text of Report of Emergency Board.

The conductors and trainmen employed on Western roads have decided to accept a 6½% wage increase, retroactive to May 1, 1928, the date when their former agreement with the railroads expired. As we indicated in these columns Nov. 3, page 2456, the Emergency Board named in September by President Coolidge to investigate the wage dispute on the Western roads, proposed increased wages of 6½% to the conductors and trainmen on these roads, provided no change be made in the existing working rules, or an increase of 7½% with the elimination of the "double-header" and tonnage limitation rules. Announcement of the decision of the men to agree to the 6½% wage advance was made as follows in Chicago on Nov. 23 by J. W. Higgins, Chairman of Conference Committee of Western Railway Managers.

The wage controversy between the Western railways and their conductors and trainmen was settled through the granting of a 6½% per cent wage increase to these men retroactive to May 1, 1928. No changes were made in any working rules or conditions.

The wage settlement arose out of the report of the Emergency Board appointed by President Coolidge to investigate the situation. This board reported, in effect, that either a wage increase of 6½%, with no change in working rules, or an increase of 7½%, with the elimination of certain restrictive rules limiting the length and tonnage of double-header trains, would constitute a fair settlement of the dispute. The conductors and trainmen, through their Brotherhood officials, chose to accept the 6½% wage increase without any rule changes.

The decision arrived at affects approximately 42,000 road train service employes on the fifty-five of the principal Western railways. The wage increase will amount to approximately \$6,500,000 annually. In this connection it must be remembered that the railways' original offers of wage increases to the conductors and trainmen, in response to their demands, were made solely because of the fact that the Western firemen, by arbitration, and the western engineers, by mediation, had previously received wage increases of 6½%. Under these circumstances it was considered unjust to deny corresponding increases to the conductors and trainmen who work with the engineers and firemen.

A statement as follows was also issued Nov. 23 by A. F. Whitney, President of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen:

We have signed for an increase in wages of 6½%. We believe this advance is discriminatory in view of the fact, that it is lower than prevailing rates of pay in the East and the South.

We decided to accept this rate of increase because we reached the conclusion that there was no other possible means of settlement of the dispute and because we did not wish to be a party to any step which might endanger the normal movement of traffic over the territory served by our employes.

We were also moved to accept these terms to comply with the findings and suggestions of the Emergency Board of Mediation which so readily and patiently endeavored to compose the difficulty. At the hearings before the Emergency Board we presented evidence which we believed proved the unsafeness of long train operation resorted to by the carriers.

While no immediate action to correct this situation appears eminent, we propose to continue our efforts to obtain legislation which will require the railroads to limit the number of cars carried in any train."

According to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" the text of the agreement is as follows:

1. Effective May 1, 1928, the standard rates of pay per mile, per day and per month for conductors, assistant conductors and ticket collectors, train baggagemen, train flagmen and brakemen, in passenger service; the standard rates of pay per mile and per day for conductors and brakemen in through freight service shall be increased 6½%.

The existing rates per mile and per day for conductors and brakemen in work train service, shall be increased 6½%.

In applying the 6½% increase, the daily rates will be used as bases. Mileage rates will be determined by dividing the new daily rates by 150 and 100 for passenger and freight service, respectively. The new monthly rates in passenger service will be thirty times the new daily rates.

Applies to All Classes.

The same increases shall apply to milk, mixed, miscellaneous or any service not enumerated as are applied to the service in which they are now classified. Where there is a separate rate for milk, mixed, miscellaneous or other service, it shall be increased in the same amount of money compared with rates in effect this date, as the freight or passenger rate, according to the overtime basis on which it is calculated.

All rates in excess of standard rates, including daily and monthly guarantees, and all mountain, desert or other differentials to be maintained;

that is, the same amount of money now paid in excess of standard rates to be paid in excess of the standard rates which are herein agreed upon.

2. Effective May 1, 1928, train baggagemen required to handle United States mail shall be paid 34 cents per day more than the standard rate per day herein fixed for train baggagemen.

"Handling" of Mail.

The extra allowance for baggagemen handling United States mail will not apply when the amount of such mail handled does not exceed in volume, between any two points, that provided for the minimum space that can be authorized by the postoffice department, viz., three feet or its equivalent, 54 sacks or pieces. Loading United States mail into car, storing it in car, sorting it en route, or unloading it at intermediate or terminal points will constitute "handling" under this rule. The extra allowance for handling United States mail will not apply when "storage" mail is in charge of the baggageman, provided he is not required to "handle" it. The extra allowance for handling United States mail by train baggagemen will apply to other trainmen who may be assigned regularly or temporarily to that work.

3. This agreement shall not be so applied as to reduce compensation now paid to any of the employes covered by this agreement.

4. This agreement shall remain in effect for one year from May 1, 1928, and thereafter subject to thirty days' written notice by any individual management or committee desiring change.

The Chicago "Journal of Commerce" added:

Yesterday's settlement brought to a close one of the hardest fought controversies over railroad wage matters the country has yet witnessed. Both parties attempted to arbitrate their differences in the ordinary arbitration proceedings, but failed to meet a satisfactory agreement. In their original demands, the man had asked increases ranging from 12 to 18%.

We take occasion here to give the text of the Emergency Board's report to President Coolidge as published in the "United States Daily."

The Chairman of the board, James R. Garfield, in a letter to President Coolidge which accompanies the report, states that the board has not finally adjourned and awaits the President's further pleasure in the matter. The letter follows in full text:

"Mr. President: The emergency board appointed by you on Sept. 29 1928, pursuant to the provisions of the Railway Labor Act, to investigate and report its findings upon a dispute between certain western railways and certain of their employes, officers and members of the Order of Railroad Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, has completed the consideration of all matters presented to it and therewith presents its report and transmits the transcript of all proceedings had before it. The board has not formally adjourned and its members await your further pleasure."

The report in full text follows:

Emergency Board Met in Chicago.

The Emergency Board appointed by the President pursuant to the provisions of the Railway Labor Act, and in accordance with the Executive Proclamation of September 29 1928, to investigate and report its finding upon a dispute between certain western railroads, and certain of their employes, officers, and members of the Order of Railroad Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, such disputes theretofore not having been adjusted under the provisions of the Railway Labor Act, met at the Congress Hotel, Chicago, Ill., on October 2, 1928. All the members of the board were present: George T. Baker, David R. Dewey, James R. Garfield, Chester H. Rowell, and Walter P. Stacy. The board was organized, James R. Garfield chosen Chairman, and Frank M. Williams appointed Secretary.

The board was in session from October 2 to October 24, inclusive. The hearings were public, and held in Kimball Hall.

The employes, members, and officers of their respective organizations, hereinafter called the employes, were represented by E. P. Curtis, President of the Order of Railroad Conductors, and A. F. Whitney, President of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. The appearance of the general officers and general chairmen of the railway systems in the western district were entered.

The western railroads, hereinafter called the carriers, were represented by counsel, Kenneth F. Burgess and J. Carter Fort.

The appearance of the railroads were entered.

The lists of all appearances follow the report.

In pursuance of an announcement by the board that persons other than representatives of the carriers and their employes, acting in the public interest, would be heard upon the questions in issue, the representatives of the following organizations appeared and were heard: The Chicago Association of Commerce and allied associations; The Illinois Manufacturers Association; The American Farm Bureau Federation.

Oral evidence, explanatory tabular and statistical exhibits were received and arguments heard. The board having fully considered all the facts connected with the dispute between the employes and carriers now submits its report and transmits a complete transcript of its proceedings, the evidence, and exhibits.

The two organizations appearing represent, approximately, 42,000 men, conductors, baggagemen and brakemen, in both passenger and freight service; and approximately 24,000 yardmen.

The total railroad mileage of the United States is 237,054. The mileage involved in this matter, represented by the carriers, is 138,672.

The engineers and firemen running on this mileage number approximately 53,000. This fact is mentioned because those men operate the engines which haul the trains operated by the men involved in this dispute, and special reference to them is frequently made in this proceeding.

In order to understand the dispute brought before this Board it is necessary to review briefly the efforts made by employes engaged in railway service to secure an increase of wages beginning with 1926.

In the eastern district conductors and trainmen obtained an increase of 7½% by arbitration in the latter part of 1926; the firemen received a like increase by mutual agreement through mediation early in 1927, and the engineers by the same procedure received an advance of 7½% in August.

In the southeastern district conductors and trainmen obtained an increase of 7½% by mediation in 1927, granting certain modifications of rules; engineers an increase of 6½% by arbitration, and the firemen an increase of approximately 7%, also by arbitration.

In the western district there was greater delay in arriving at settlements. The conductors and trainmen made demands for increases early in 1926. Subsequently, on February 23 1927, their demands were defined as follows:

A. The application of principles and conditions as put in effect recently in the Eastern and Southeastern Territories as applied to the

schedules in effect on the railroads herein represented; except that on roads where the employees prefer their present pick-up and drop or conversion rules to the rules awarded by arbitration board, Eastern Territory, that they be permitted to keep the pick-up and drop or conversion rule they now have.

B. Settlement which may be negotiated to be effective as of Dec. 1 1926.

This proposal was declined by the carriers February 27 1927, largely on the ground that its acceptance would "seriously impair" their credit "and indeed be fatal to the credit of some of those lines now barely earning operating expenses and fixed charges. To grant the increases would certainly require curtailment of improvements essential to the development of the property in the interest of the employees as well as the owners."

Subsequently, on April 27 1927, wage demands of the conductors and trainmen of the western district, larger than those mentioned above, were brought before a board of arbitration which rendered an adverse decision on June 25, refusing an increase except to yardmen.

The demands of the firemen in this district were submitted to arbitration resulting in an increase of 6½%, finally allowed in June 1928; the engineers were then granted a similar increase effective May 1 1928.

As a result of these various negotiations and settlements, we find that the several classes of employees in the three districts have received an increase of pay, with the exception of the conductors and trainmen in the western district who are parties to the present dispute. With approximate uniformity the increases made in the foregoing negotiations ranged from 6½% to 7½%.

The conductors and trainmen in the western district who lost in the arbitration of 1927, even before the advances were made to the engineers and firemen in this district, took prompt action to reopen their application for an increase to take effect in the following year. On Nov. 1 1927 they renewed their demands for an increase to become effective March 1 1928, and in addition, they demanded a change in the pick-up and drop rule.

Increases in pay were demanded for conductors, baggagemen, brakemen, flagmen, and yardmen in both passenger and freight service. The amount of increases requested varied in the different classes of employees, ranging from 50 cents per day for foremen in yard service to \$1.84 per day for assistant conductors in passenger service. For the largest classes of employees the advances proposed meant an increase in wages of from 16 to 27% over existing rates of pay. If these increases were granted the wages of conductors would be brought nearer to the existing level of wages of engineers, and the wages of brakemen nearer to the wage level of firemen.

No immediate action was taken upon these demands owing to the still pending settlement of the demands of the firemen and engineers. It was not, therefore, until the end of June 1928, that active negotiations were entered into in regard to the demands of conductors and brakemen which had been made in the previous November.

Conference Begun to Settle Dispute.

Conferences between the employees and the carriers began July 16 1928, in the course of which the carriers also asked for certain changes in rules, among which was the elimination of the double-header rule and rules restricting tonnage and car limits. The controversy was, therefore, broadened by a counter-proposition over rules. As the pick-up and drop rule and the double-header rule played a large part in subsequent negotiations, their significance requires explanation.

With respect to the double-header rule, which the carriers wish to have eliminated, it may be stated that the employees prevailed upon the railroads in the western district to adopt this rule as early as 1903 (modified to some extent by agreement of the parties in 1924) but the same has not been adopted generally in the other divisions of the United States, the eastern and southeastern districts. The rule is somewhat different on different roads, but its purpose is to prohibit the operation of long or heavy freight trains with two or more engines except on certain grades where helper engines are used, more particularly in mountain regions, and, in the main, this is accomplished by placing a limitation on the tonnage or number of cars that may be handled in such trains.

It is the contention of the employees that the double-header rule makes for safety of the employees and for better working conditions, while the carriers contend that under present conditions it only hampers efficient and economical operation and that its entire elimination would not add to the hazards of the men engaged in train and engine service.

Generally speaking, the pick-up and drop rule provides that the higher scale of local and way freight wages shall be paid to through freight conductors and trainmen when they are required to do a certain amount of local work by picking up or setting out cars at more than a given number of stations, usually four, though this number varies on some of the roads.

Mediation Asked of Federal Board.

The conferences extending from July 16 to July 19 1928 proved fruitless in securing a settlement, and on the latter date the carriers applied to the United States Board of Mediation for its services in mediation; and, if this failed, suggested that the matters in dispute be submitted to arbitration. Mediation proceedings began July 23. On July 26 the carriers offered an increase of 6½% subject to changes in the restrictive rules affecting the use of double-headers and limiting tonnage. On July 27, the employees proposed an increase of 7½% to conductors and trainmen and certain increases for trainmen handling Government mail, and that all changes in rules submitted by either party be withdrawn from the controversy. In effect, therefore, the demand of the employees was reduced to a simple proposal of a percentage increase in wages, 1% higher than that already awarded the firemen and engineers in the same district. It was, however, no greater than the increase which had already been granted to conductors and trainmen in the eastern and southeastern districts.

The carriers on July 28 1928 refused this proposal on the ground that they could not agree to any increases in rates of pay unless they were relieved from the restrictive rules relating to the use of double headers and tonnage limitation.

On Aug. 1 1928 the carriers withdrew their demand for a change in rules and offered a percentage increase to conductors and trainmen similar to that already given to the engineers and firemen, viz: 6½%, and submitted at the same time an alternative offer of an increase of 7½% if the doubleheader, tonnage, and car-limit rules were eliminated from the schedules. On the same date the employees rejected these proposals, declaring that they were discriminatory and unfair.

"We feel," they said, "that the western carriers could well afford to raise the percentage increase offered, in view of the fact that they have had the advantage of lower wage rates for the past 20 months than those which obtain in the eastern district and 18 months than those which

obtain in the southern district. Moreover, the proposals do not take care of the fixing of rates requested for trainmen handling United States mail, nor do they deal with a situation which exists on a certain road represented in this proceeding."

No Solution Found Through Mediation.

Mediation was not successful in bringing the parties to a satisfactory settlement. Under the railway labor act, if mediation fails, the next step is arbitration, if both parties agree. In this instance, the officials of the Order of Railway Conductors and Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, under date of Aug. 8, declined arbitration. They stated, however, that their associations would be reconvened and would be ready to reopen negotiations, if agreeable to the carriers, on Sept. 4.

On Aug. 1 the practical net result of the negotiations, ignoring minor matters, was:

The employees proposed 7½% increase on standard rates for conductors and trainmen; no change of the rules; the new rates to be effective March 1 1928.

The carriers proposed 6½% increase on standard rates for conductors and trainmen; no change of rules; or 7½% increase and the elimination of the double-header, tonnage, and car-limit rule; new rates to be effective July 16 1928.

On Aug. 8 a strike ballot was issued in which the employees withdrew their previous proposals for modifications of their original demands. The result of the strike ballot by 90% of the vote cast gave the officers and committees of the employees plenary power to settle the matters in dispute in whatever manner they might deem proper.

Thereafter negotiations were renewed and the so-called "Washington Agreement" was executed, it being subject to and dependent upon the approval of the associations of the general committees of the employees. The essential provisions of the Washington Agreement were an increase of 7½% on the standard rates for conductors and trainmen, and a procedure, including arbitration under the Railway Act, under which the double-header, helper district, car limit, and tonnage limit rules might be taken up by each carrier in special cases where a carrier claimed such rules produced burdensome or objectionable conditions.

The new rates under the Washington Agreement were to be effective May 1 1928.

Employees Declined to Approve Terms.

The employees decided to approve the Washington Agreement. Thereafter they submitted a proposal for the modification of the Washington Agreement, by limiting the extent to which and time within which cases arising under the double-header, helper, and tonnage rules might be considered, and further introducing the right of the employees to bring up the consideration of a pick-up rule. The carriers refused to entertain that proposal.

Throughout all negotiations the carriers have insisted that both wage increases and change of rules are proper questions for arbitration in the event the parties fail to agree; on the other hand, the employees insist that this wage increase is not a proper question for arbitration, because arbitrations and agreements resulting in increases had been made for conductors and trainmen, engineers, and firemen in the eastern and southeastern districts, and for engineers, firemen, and yardmen of the western district, hence another arbitration would be a useless expenditure of money and time.

A difficulty with that argument is that while the other train-service men had received increases, yet these particular men had been denied any increase under the arbitration award of June 1927. However, an adverse discriminatory condition did result, which was recognized by the carriers in their offer of a 6½% increase.

Evidence was presented by the employees tending to show that the increase of wages of railroad employees since the pre-war period has not been so great as in some other industries, and the conclusion was drawn that for this reason the classes represented in this dispute should receive increases greater than 7½%.

Evidence on the same subject was introduced by the carriers from which they drew conclusions adverse to the conclusions drawn by the employees. Likewise the representatives of the Chicago Association of Commerce presented evidence and statements on this subject.

Partial View Given of Wage Changes.

The industries selected for comparison, however, were but few and presented only a partial view of wage changes which have taken place in all branches of employment. Apart from this we have felt that it would not be helpful in the present dispute to enter into a general wage inquiry to determine whether the wage level in any industry was equitably balanced with levels in other industries.

The question of change of rules presents another problem. The employees recognized the right of the carriers to present changes in rules for consideration of the joint conference between themselves and the carriers, but they insisted that this question of the elimination of working rules of long standing and general application ought not now be subject to arbitration; however, they later suggested the limited arbitration of certain rules as evidenced by their latest proposal.

The board finds—

1. Considering the increases granted to other train service employees in the eastern, southeastern and western districts, and despite the award of June, 1927, the carriers would not have been justified in refusing an increase similar to that granted the engineers and firemen of the western district.

2. Considering the evidence regarding rates of pay and different working conditions of train service employees in the eastern and southeastern districts, and the rates of pay to engineers and firemen in the western district where working conditions are identical with working conditions of the employees in the case at issue, the carriers were justified in offering an increase of 6½% to the standard rates, containing, in addition to the rates so increased, the existing differentials for mountain and other special service.

3. Considering that the increase to engineers and firemen in the western district took effect on May 1 1928, it is thought by this board any increase granted to the employees in this dispute should take effect on the same date.

4. Considering the purpose and intent of the Railway Labor Act and the evidence presented, the question of the wage increase demanded and the differences arising thereon during the negotiations are proper questions for arbitration, if the spirit of the law is to guide the actions of carriers and employees.

However, it is difficult to see why this controversy should have arrived at a stage where it could not be settled by mutual negotiations. At one stage or another of this long-protracted dispute, the carriers have offered 6½% increase, with no change in rules; and at one stage or another the employees have expressed a willingness to accept 7½% increase, with

no change in rules. The difference between these offers, expressed in cents per basic day, amounts to from 5 to 7 cents per day. The board regards this difference as too small to justify an interruption of transportation in the territory affected.

Efforts to Change Rules Caused Disagreements.

Apparently the obstacle to a successful settlement has been the introduction, first by one side then by the other, of certain controversies in regard to rules; and the effort of each party to change rules, as a basis of settlement, has somewhat befogged the wage issue.

In view of the fact that the conductors and trainmen have at least once, if not twice during the negotiations agreed to accept a flat percentage increase of wages, irrespective of any vital change in rules; and that the engineers and firemen in this same western district received an increase of but 6½% (instead of 7½% as in the east and 6½ and 7%, respectively, as in the southeast), we have not given serious attention to the specific demands of the conductors and trainmen for increases amounting to from 15 to 27%.

If conductors and trainmen are to receive wages which are to place them on a nearer level to those of engineers and firemen, such a change should be divorced from the present controversy and considered on its own merits, entirely apart from the present dispute.

5. Considering the evidence presented regarding the origin of the double-header and tonnage limitation rule in 1903, and its modification, affecting changes in equipment, road construction, operation, tonnage, working conditions, and hazards, the problem presented is not free from the difficulty.

A large part of the evidence at the hearings before the board related to rules. On the other hand, the employees wish a change in the pick-up and drop rule; on the other, the carriers wish the elimination of modification, through arbitration, of the double-header and tonnage limitation rules. These rules, however, involve technical questions affecting working conditions, over a wide range of territory, which cannot be adequately understood or appraised in the brief time open to this board in making its report. The carriers express a willingness to leave the entire settlement of double-header rules to arbitration, but the employees object to signing an agreement which would involve them in a commitment to arbitrate new and uncertain demands which are not specified at the present time.

It is not the purpose, as we understand it, of the railway labor act to impose compulsory arbitration either upon the employees or on the carriers, and in this respect the position of the employees refusing to agree in advance to arbitrate all cases which might come under the double-header rule is not without merit. We were, however, impressed by the statements made by the carriers, that if such changes in double-header rules were submitted to arbitration, no sweeping changes would be asked for; and that the apprehension of the employees as to the effect of such changes was exaggerated.

The board recognizes that arbitration does involve a certain amount of risk to the employees in the protection of fair and reasonable conditions of employment, but on the other hand the perpetuation of rules, adopted many years ago, may become an obstacle to economical operation.

Inasmuch as contractual agreements between the carriers and the employees usually run for but one year, it is to be hoped that the principle of arbitration may be given a wider use, in the expectation that from such experience an orderly method of procedure may be developed for the settlement of disputes.

In particular, it appears to us that the rules limiting the use of doubleheaders deserve a thorough investigation. There is also involved the question of the operation of long trains which the employees maintain increases the hazard of employment. The employees were insistent that the hazard was increasing; the carriers were equally insistent that train operation under current practice shows a decreasing hazard. We believe that this phase of the controversy can be settled only after an investigation by men skilled in technical and practical operation of railroads and suggest that the matter be laid before the Inter-State Commerce Commission for their advice and report.

6. In regard to the pick-up and drop or conversion rule, conditions of operation vary on different roads. We believe that controversies on this subject be settled by negotiations on the individual roads, or by adjustment boards, or through the services of the United States Board of Mediation when negotiations fail.

In conclusion, the board suggests that the following proposals and counterproposals be submitted to the employees for their election, and that the carriers abide by such election:

1. 6½% increase without change of rules.
2. 7½% increase and the elimination of the double-header and tonnage limitation rules.

Each of the above includes the continuation of existing differentials for mountain and other special service, and the addition of the requested increase to baggagemen for mail, express and dynamo service.

3. The Washington agreement, providing for an increase of 7½% on the standard rates for conductors and trainmen, and a procedure, including arbitration under the railway labor act, under which the double-header, helper district, car limit, and tonnage limit rules might be taken up by each carrier in special cases where a carrier claimed such rules produced burdensome or objectionable conditions.

4. That whatever proposal is accepted should be made effective May 1 1928.

Respectfully submitted: James R. Garfield, Chairman; Geo. T. Baker, Davis R. Dewey, Chester H. Rowell, W. P. Stacy.

Declining Trend of Anti-Trust Prosecutions Noted by National Industrial Conference Board—Law Viewed as Needed Instrument to Protect Individual Business.

The Federal anti-trust law is upheld as a needed and effective instrument of protecting the individual business concern against "aggressive and predatory attacks and interference from outsiders," in a report dealing with the legal aspects of consolidations, completed by the National Industrial Conference Board, 247 Park Avenue, New York. The Conference Board, moreover, sees no serious barrier in extending Federal anti-trust legislation to mergers of business enterprises but, as the result of its study of decisions in cases

predicated upon the provisions of the Sherman and Clayton acts, finds that "the law provides the possibility of ultimate legal vindication for every species of corporate expansion which has economic warrant." The Board also points out that despite the increasing number of mergers, occasions for prosecution of consolidations evidently are growing less frequent. Making known the results of its study, the Board on Jan. 21 stated:

Complaints against interference with the business rights by others and collusive agreements among competitors have played a considerably greater part in the actions brought under the anti-trust law than complaints against consolidations as such, according to the analysis of court cases and decisions predicated upon the provisions of the law. During the first 37 years since anti-trust legislation went into effect, 436 decisions were rendered in cases invoking the Sherman and Clayton acts. Of these, however, 262 were private suits, most of which were actions for damages under section 7 of the Sherman act; a considerable number were brought under the Clayton act under the section providing injunctive relief against aggressive invasion of private rights. The remaining 174 cases were governmental actions to curb aggressive interference with the business rights of competitive enterprise, in about half of which injunctions were sought by the government against labor organizations to protect employers from impairment of their property rights by strikes or organized boycotts. In all, 75% of all cases instituted since the anti-trust law has been on the statute books, have been cases in which the "liberty of the trader" and not mergers as such has been the primary issue, the Board finds.

Of the 174 governmental actions invoking the anti-trust law, only 38 were found to have been "predicated primarily upon consolidation"; in less than 9% of all cases, including private suits, were the defendants attacked simply as mergers. It is the Board's conclusion that "in not more than 10% of the cases in which the penalties of the anti-trust acts have been invoked in the courts have industrial mergers as such been the occasion of complaint."

Even greater significance is seen in the declining trend of anti-trust prosecutions during recent years. Only 7 of the total of 38 merger cases were instituted during the decade 1917-1927, while out of a total of 53 government prosecutions of collusive agreements 34, and out of 66 prosecutions of interference with the business rights of others, 42 were brought during that period. While this record is not advanced as proof of the absolute extent of the protection from economic oppression afforded or of the relative need for continued protection from each of these three possible sources of economic evil, the data cited are declared relevant to the consideration of projects to modify the anti-trust law. In its study of how the anti-trust law works, the Board comes to the following conclusions:

(1) The restrictions upon the merging of competing enterprises are not as drastic as those imposed upon interference with the business rights of others or upon collusive trade agreements.

(2) The appeals to the courts for relief against monopolization through merger have been fewer than appeals to the courts in the other distinctive types of anti-trust cases.

(3) There is a pronounced tendency in recent years for the proceedings involving alleged interference with business rights and those involving concerted action or trade agreements to increase, while occasions for legal attack upon business mergers are diminishing.

The Conference Board admits that confusion and controversy occasioned by conflicting court decisions under the anti-trust law has created much uncertainty among business men as to what policy to pursue in respect to contemplated mergers. It emphasizes the difficulties existing in this respect in the field of railroad transportation, where consolidation in principle has official sanction by special Congressional enactment. Existing anti-trust legislation, however, as interpreted and administered by the courts, is declared as neither excessively severe nor repressive. It is pointed out that "the evils which might come from an inflexible and inelastic rule, either of narrow restriction or of broad license, would certainly outweigh any ill effects that may attend the operation of the anti-trust law as now enforced."

Myron T. Herrick Appointed Honorary Vice-President of Stable Money Association—Ex-Gov. Brewster of Maine In Letter to Association Discusses "Prosperity Reserve" and Strong Bill To Stabilize Prices Through Federal Reserve System.

It was announced at the office of The Stable Money Association on Jan. 7 that Myron T. Herrick, American Ambassador to France and Chairman of the Board of the Society for Savings of Cleveland, Ohio, has accepted appointment as an Honorary Vice-President.

It was also announced that a letter had been received from Ralph O. Brewster, former Governor of Maine, commenting on a recent discussion in The Stable Money Association's Bulletin of Governor Brewster's plan for a "Prosperity Reserve," as announced at the Conference of Governors at New Orleans last November, (referred to in the Chronicle of Nov. 24, page 2905), and that a reply had been forwarded to Governor Brewster by Norman Lombard, Executive Director.

These two letters follow in full:

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUGUSTA

Dec. 28 1928.

Dr. Edwin W. Kemmerer,
President, The Stable Money Association,
104 Fifth Ave. N. Y. C.

Dear Sir:

Your kind invitation to me to address a meeting of your Association; and the discussion in your December "Bulletin" of the proposals I made at the Conference of Governors at New Orleans, lead me to make these comments.

In the first place, I am glad to say that I agree with virtually all you say about the importance of the control of the price-level, through control of

credit conditions. Your account of my proposal, however—no doubt because you had no adequate statement at hand is quite misleading. You make it appear, as did most of the newspaper reports, that I had nothing to suggest but the old idea of the so-called "Prosperity Reserve." Nothing could be further from the truth. I tried to make that clear by stating explicitly, in my address to the Governors at New Orleans, that the economic foundations of my proposal, and the specific means of putting it into effect, are expounded in "The Road to Plenty" by Foster and Catchings. In fact, Dr. Foster went to New Orleans with the New England Governors, at my request, in order to assist in expounding the plan before Conference. Now anyone, who is familiar with "The Road to Plenty" knows how carefully the authors differentiate their proposed program from a mere "Prosperity Reserve," and how explicit they are in pointing out the inadequacies of the prosperity reserve idea, as embodied in the Jones bill, now before Congress.

It goes without saying that credit conditions are of great importance in both the ups and downs of the business cycle, so that a basic method of preventing excessive movements of the price-level is found in the fundamentals of our banking situation. In the last four or five years, the Federal Reserve System has been a powerful influence in the right direction, and the Federal Reserve System will have just as important functions after the plan which I advocated at New Orleans goes into effect, as before.

What I especially object to in the recommendations of many advocates of a stable price-level is their assumption that the Federal Reserve Board actually has the power to stabilize the price-level. Some of the most widely-quoted advocates of the Strong Bill are mistaken on this very point. They assume, incorrectly, that the Federal Reserve System has power to control the gross volume of money in circulation. They further assume, also incorrectly, that the Reserve System, by controlling the gross volume of money in circulation, could keep prices on a dead level. The fact is that unless the Reserve Banks were aided by important influences over which they have no control, and by some such plan as I proposed at New Orleans, the most that the Federal Reserve System could do at certain times would be insufficient to curb a sharp movement of prices upward or downward. There are times when the leaders of the Reserve System is all that is necessary. But there are times when the most that the System can possibly do, through its rediscount rates and its open-market operations and its advice to the banks, will not cause enough money to be spent for commodities to sustain the price-level.

All this is explained in Chapter IX of "Business Without a Buyer," by Foster and Catchings. In this chapter the authors go on to explain why the Reserve System, under the existing law, cannot permanently stabilize the price-level, unless its efforts are reinforced by some such means of sustaining consumer purchasing power as that advocated at the New Orleans conference.

The main point is this; without further means than we now have of adjusting the flow of consumer income, the time is sure to arrive when the flow of goods to market so far exceeds the flow of money to consumers that a depression of business ensues. Under present conditions, in other words, the time is sure to come when the only way surplus stocks can be moved is by a fall in the price-level. To attempt to fix prices at such a time would be "like fastening down the safety valve of a boiler and piling on coal." At present, when business gets under full steam, the dropping of the price-level is like opening a safety-valve. Why this is so is explained at length in "Profits," under the discussion of the Dilemma of Thrift.

I believe that Governor Harding of the Boston Reserve Bank is right when he says that there is no way in which Congressional laws or the rulings of the Federal Reserve Board can prevent changes in the price-level, with any advantage to the country, except insofar as such laws or rulings "may be able to promote better marketing methods or to encourage a more scientific adjustment of production to consumption." It will become clear when my proposals are fully understood—when it becomes clear how far they go beyond a mere prosperity reserve—that what I am advocating is, in effect, a more scientific adjustment of production to consumption.

Many of the advocates of price stabilization bills seem to me to ignore fundamentals. They assume that their purpose can be achieved merely by putting money into circulation at times, and taking money out of circulation at other times, regardless of what the money does. In particular, they make the mistake of thinking that stable prices can be achieved through the control of currency and credit issues, regardless of the effect of such issues on the relation between the flow of goods and the flow of incomes. They cling, implicitly at least, to the old fallacy of the automatic consumption of goods, the mistaken idea that the production of goods in itself yields people enough money to buy goods.

That is why all the proposed plans for stabilizing the price-level, as they stand—whatever their merits as part of a complete program—seem to me inadequate. These plans leave out of account important complications of the subject. Without far better measurements than we now have of certain factors—especially of changes in employment, in retail prices, and in projected capital expenditures—nobody can tell just what measures to take, or when to take them, in order to stabilize prices and prosperity.

The main point which many advocates of a stable price-level overlook, and which Foster and Catchings have emphasized repeatedly in one book after another, is that a stable price-level is not an end in itself, but merely one means of attaining the end of sustained prosperity for all people, especially those who need it most. It is possible to have stable prices in China while the people starve. It is just as possible to have stable prices in a nation where poverty has been virtually abolished.

We can and must prevent extreme fluctuations in the price-level. That goes without saying. The Stable Money Association and various other agencies have so effectively promoted public education on this subject that inflation and deflation are now understood, throughout this country at least, to be twin evils. Both must be prevented.

But the only method of prevention which will sustain employment and bring about a wider distribution of the fruits of prosperity is one which does more than deal merely with money and credit conditions. It must go to the root of the problem. It must bring about a flow of money to the people who want to buy goods, which keeps pace with the increased flow of goods to market. Any other method of stabilizing prices may do more harm than good.

Since you conclude your discussion of my New Orleans address with a quotation from the eminent British statistician, Sir Josiah Stamp, let me conclude by quoting this same authority; "The Road to Plenty," says Sir Josiah Stamp, "ought to impress many people upon its main thesis, and the plan, if put into execution—like all concerted action based upon knowledge—ought to be an important contribution to the solution of our economic troubles."

Very truly yours,
RALPH O. BREWSTER

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Mr. Lombard replied as follows:

Jan. 4 1929.

My dear Governor Brewster:

Your letter of Dec. 28 1928, addressed to Dr. Edwin W. Kemmerer, as President of this Association, has been received, and I am taking the liberty of replying to it, without referring it to Dr. Kemmerer, who is on the point

of sailing for China, and exceedingly busy organizing the Commission which will assist him in connection with his important work there.

This same preoccupation will no doubt also have precluded his reading the discussion of your proposal for a "Prosperity Reserve," which appeared in our December Bulletin, and for which I alone am responsible.

As I note your letter has appeared in the press, I am taking the liberty of giving this reply to the newspapers, as well.

We are still hoping to have you address a meeting of our members, and I greatly regret that the meeting proposed for December 20 has to be abandoned, largely because of reasons personal to myself.

You are quite right in assuming that we had no adequate statement of your proposal at hand. My telegram to you at New Orleans requesting it has brought only a brief "newspaper release" as yet. We hope for a fuller statement as I personally find the exposition in Chapter IX of *Business without a Buyer* and in *The Road to Plenty* quite inadequate and entirely too much "popularized" to afford the thoroughgoing and scientific consideration I should like to give the proposal.

You refer to the Strong Bill, now pending before Congress. Possibly, you do not realize that, as a research and educational organization, this Association is not advocating the Strong Bill, nor taking any position with respect to it—favorable or unfavorable. In fact, we have no pet plan for so controlling the monetary circulation relative to the needs of business that the purchasing power of money will be stabilized, and we have no pet scheme for measuring fluctuations in the purchasing power of money. We encourage discussion of all such plans and schemes, in the hope that public opinion itself will decide on what it wants to have adopted in this matter.

Thus, our attitude toward your proposal is entirely one of inquiry. We are sympathetic toward your obvious aims, open minded as to your proposed method, and critical only as to its economic implications. This is our attitude toward all the other plans and schemes.

With this understanding, may I ask you four leading questions, the answers to which, I hope, will tend to clear up doubts in the minds of economists and others concerning your proposal.

1. Who are those "most widely quoted advocates of the Strong Bill" who, you say, assume "that the Federal Reserve Board actually has the power to stabilize the price level?"

Every competent authority I have read has readily admitted the existence of limitations on such power, while asserting that the powers of the Federal Reserve System to influence the price level are very large.

2. What are the times "when the most that the System can possibly do . . . will not cause enough money to be spent for commodities to sustain the price level," and are those not just the times when the prosperity reserve scheme will not accomplish the purposes for which it is designed?

3. How will a fall in the price level cause "surplus stocks" to be moved, remembering that, if one has wheat and wants corn, for example, a fall in the price of corn relative to wheat may cause him to give up wheat, because it will enable him to get more corn for his wheat, but, if both fall together, there will be no increased incentive to the owners of either wheat or corn to effect an exchange, and, on the other hand, remembering that, the surplus stock of particular commodities will be readily moved by lowering their prices if the general price level is stabilized through proper control of the monetary circulation.

4. How are you going to prevent the "Prosperity Reserve" from being used for the political advantage of the party in control of the mechanism for the time being?

I hope there will be released to the public, at an early date, a complete and detailed outline of your plan and an exposition of the mechanism proposed to be devised to put the plan into operation, together with answers to these questions which are being asked by earnest students.

\$73,125,000 Apportioned to States by Secretary of Agriculture as Federal Aid in Road Construction.

The Secretary of Agriculture on Dec. 29 apportioned \$73,125,000 to the States as Federal aid in road construction for the fiscal year which begins on July 1 next. This apportionment has been authorized by Congress for continuing the Federal-aid program, and the funds will be expended according to the same provisions which have governed past expenditures. In general the States pay half the cost of Federal-aid construction. Federal-aid funds are administered by the Bureau of Public Roads and are available only for routes on the Federal-aid system which includes the main highways of the nation. During the last fiscal year improvements were completed on 8,184 miles of Federal-aid road which had not previously been improved with Federal assistance, and advanced stages of improvement were completed on 2,014 miles. The apportionment is as follows:

APPORTIONMENT OF \$73,125,000 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30 1930.

Alabama	\$1,554,221	Nevada	\$960,375
Arizona	1,061,111	New Hampshire	365,625
Arkansas	1,284,382	New Jersey	937,434
California	2,495,345	New Mexico	1,189,085
Colorado	1,388,755	New York	3,617,748
Connecticut	477,110	North Carolina	1,716,919
Delaware	365,625	North Dakota	1,197,586
Florida	909,235	Ohio	2,754,446
Georgia	1,980,443	Oklahoma	1,748,857
Idaho	365,625	Oregon	1,191,989
Illinois	933,902	Pennsylvania	3,325,854
Indiana	3,118,949	Rhode Island	365,625
Iowa	1,917,036	South Carolina	1,061,447
Kansas	2,020,861	South Dakota	1,229,282
Kentucky	2,058,305	Tennessee	1,609,662
Louisiana	1,417,634	Texas	4,531,162
Maine	1,026,696	Utah	848,592
Maryland	678,501	Vermont	365,625
Massachusetts	633,615	Virginia	1,433,405
Michigan	1,090,077	Washington	1,149,489
Minnesota	2,204,966	West Virginia	796,408
Mississippi	2,108,104	Wisconsin	1,854,580
Missouri	1,311,391	Wyoming	939,536
Montana	2,392,021		
Nebraska	1,554,060		\$73,125,000
	1,586,299		

Return on Railroad Property Investment During Calendar Year 1928.

Class I railroads in 1928 had a net railway operating income of \$1,193,133,741 which was a return of 4.71% on their

property investment, according to complete reports for the year just filed by the carriers with the Bureau of Railway Economics and made public on Feb. 15. Their net railway operating income in 1927 was \$1,085,141,596 or 4.38% 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 1928 is based on reports from 184 Class I railroads representing a total mileage of 240,243 miles.

The effect of increased economies and efficiencies in operation which have been inaugurated by the railroads of this country is reflected in the reports from 1928. This is probably best illustrated by the fact that the ratio of expenses to gross revenues during the past year was the lowest of any year since 1917. In 1928 the ratio was \$72.40 per every hundred dollars of gross revenues compared with \$74.54 in 1927 and \$73.14 in 1926.

In the face of an increase over 1927 of five-tenths of 1% in the volume of freight traffic carried by the railroads in 1928 compared with a similar percentage of decrease in gross revenues, reports for 1928 show a decrease of 3.4% in operating expenses. The effect of increased economies that have come about from improved operating methods, the more prompt movement of freight, fuel conservation, better physical condition of equipment and operation of longer trains due to installation of more powerful locomotives is reflected especially in the reduction in the transportation expense. Such expense in 1928 amounted to \$2,097,151,101, a reduction of \$70,415,146 or 3.2% compared with the preceding year.

Expenditures for maintenance of way and structures in 1928 amounted to \$845,612,454, a decrease of \$33,883,739 or nearly 4% compared with 1927 while expenditures for maintenance of equipment amounted to \$1,174,424,259 which was a decrease of \$54,795,143 or 4.5%.

Passenger traffic in 1928 was the smallest of any year in the past twenty. Passenger revenue in 1928 amounted to \$900,326,854, which was a decrease of \$75,858,762 or 7.8% compared with 1927.

Gross operating revenues of the Class I railroads in 1928 amounted to \$6,177,761,036 compared with \$6,210,029,786 in 1927 or a decrease of five-tenths of 1%. Operating expenses in 1928 totaled \$4,472,480,262 compared with \$4,628,725,903 in 1927 or a decrease of 3.4%. Class I railroads in 1928 paid \$395,066,480 in taxes, an increase of \$13,467,890 or 3.5% over the total tax bill of the Class I railroads in 1927. Thirteen Class I railroads operated at a loss in 1928, of which six were in the East, two in the Southern and five in the Western District.

Net railway operating income by districts in 1928 with the percentage of return based on property investment follows:

New England Region	\$47,462,038	5.22%
Great Lakes Region	208,296,512	4.88%
Central Eastern Region	259,334,660	5.00%
Poehontas Region	79,635,584	7.57%
Total Eastern District	\$594,728,794	5.21%
Total Southern District	133,803,577	4.14%
Northwestern Region	142,243,041	4.05%
Centralwestern Region	217,122,430	4.53%
Southwestern Region	105,235,899	4.47%
Total Western District	\$464,601,370	4.36%
United States	\$1,193,133,741	4.71%

For the month of December, the net railway operating income of the Class I railroads amounted to \$94,385,667 which was at the annual rate of 4.44% on their property investment. In Dec. 1927, their net railway operating income was \$54,264,574 or 2.61% on their property investment.

Gross operating revenues for the month of December amounted to \$495,815,838 compared with \$467,727,020 in December 1927 or an increase of 6%. Operating expenses in December totaled \$357,570,262 compared with \$378,128,502 in the same month the year before or a decrease of 5.4%.

Eastern District.

The net railway operating income for the Class I railroads in the Eastern District in 1928 totaled \$594,728,794 which was at the rate of return of 5.21% on their property investment. In 1927, their net railway operating income was \$540,045,026 or 4.84% on their property investment. Gross operating revenues of the Class I railroads in 1928 totaled \$3,033,516,264, a decrease of 1.5% under 1927 while operating expenses totaled \$2,198,501,984, a decrease of 4.8% under 1927.

Class I railroads in the Eastern District for the month of December had a net railway operating income of \$50,796,488 compared with \$22,372,038 in Dec. 1927.

Southern District.

Class I railroads in the Southern District in 1928 had a net railway operating income of \$133,803,577 which was at the rate of return of 4.14% on their property investment. In 1927, the net railway operating income amounted to \$136,662,857 which was a return of 4.33%. Gross operating

revenues of the Class I railroads in the Southern District in 1928 amounted to \$773,417,477, a decrease of 5.1% under 1927 while operating expenses totaled \$583,120,579, a decrease of 6%.

The net railway operating income of the Class I roads in the Southern District in December amounted to \$12,560,962 while in the same month in 1927 it was \$8,377,257.

Western District.

Class I railroads in the Western District in 1928 had a net railway operating income of \$464,601,370 which was a return of 4.36% on their property investment. In 1927, the railroads in that District had a net railway operating income of \$408,433,713 or a return of 3.90% on their property investment. Gross operating revenues of the Class I railroads in the Western District in 1928 amounted to \$2,370,827,295, an increase of 2.4% over the year before, while operating expenses totaled \$1,690,857,699, a decrease of five-tenths of 1% compared with 1927.

For the month of December, the net railway operating income of the Class I railroads in the Western District amounted to \$31,028,217. The net railway operating income of the same roads in Dec. 1927 totaled \$23,515,279.

CLASS I RAILROADS—UNITED STATES.

Month of December.

	1928.	1927.
Total operating revenues	\$495,815,838	\$467,727,020
Total operating expenses	357,570,262	378,128,502
Taxes	35,107,571	26,665,012
Net railway operating income	94,385,667	54,264,574
Operating ratio—%	72.12	80.84
Rate of return on property investment	4.44%	2.61%

Twelve Months Ended Dec. 31st.

Total operating revenues	\$6,177,761,036	\$6,210,029,786
Total operating expenses	4,472,480,262	4,628,725,903
Taxes	395,066,480	381,598,590
Net railway operating income	1,193,133,741	1,085,141,596
Operating ratio—%	72.40	74.54
Rate of return on property investment	4.71%	4.38%

Additional Railroad Consolidation Legislation Unnecessary, Says F. J. Lisman—Holds New York Central Decision Has Cleared Path for Consolidations During Next Two Years.

Railroad consolidation made material progress with the handing down of the New York Central Decision by the Interstate Commerce Commission, and it now looks as though additional legislation for this purpose might be unnecessary, in the opinion of F. J. Lisman, railroad authority, who has analyzed the decision with particular reference to its effect on the numerous small railroads of the country. Mr. Lisman says:

"The Transportation Act intended that all people of the United States should be assured of approximately equal transportation facilities, the same as they are assured of practically equal mail facilities. The people resident along the short and weak lines are actually desirous of being permanently assured of proper transportation facilities, and their interests must be protected. This the commission has done.

"This does not mean that the owners of the short or weak lines are entitled to get physical value for their properties. They are only entitled to the fair commercial value of their property, as the Commission states, and only insofar as their lines are a public necessity and convenience.

"Quite a number of short lines intervened in the petition of the New York Central to permanently lease, and in effect merge with, its most important subsidiary corporations. It is very interesting to note how the Commission dealt with these various applications.

"In the case of the Ulster & Delaware; the steam railroad of the Fonda, Johnstown & Gloversville; part of the Owasco Southern, a switching road at Auburn, N. Y.; the Federal Valley, a coal road in Ohio; the Boyne City, Gaylord & Alpena, a Michigan Line and the Chicago, Attica & Southern, an Indiana road, it held that these roads were naturally tributary to the New York Central and should be taken over within six months at their 'commercial value.'

"In the case of the other roads, that is the Southern New York Railroad; Delarawe & Northern; Kansas & Sidell, the latter a little Illinois line, it held that these roads should not be allotted to the New York Central System because this system was not their natural connection. There are many other short lines connecting with the New York Central System which did not appear in the proceedings.

"This decision definitely fixes the status of the short lines and this situation is about to be accepted by an application which is nearly ready to be submitted to the Commission by the B. & O. and the Van Sweringen interest, in which the New York Central will undoubtedly join and in which the Pennsylvania Railroad will, by necessity of circumstances, be compelled to join. This application will be to the effect that all the railroads west of the Hudson River, east of Chicago and St. Louis and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers, and the lines running westerly from Hampton Roads, be merged into four systems. The application will contain a provision that each one of these systems will acquire all the short lines found by the commission to be tributary to them, at a price to be arbitrated or fixed by the Commission.

"There are a number of important railroads in this trunk line territory, the owners of which may or may not be willing to sell. Quite likely the owners of these lines may not be willing to join in any arbitration. Included among these lines are such important properties as the Delaware & Hudson, Pittsburgh, Bessemer & Lake Erie, owned by the U. S. Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh & West Virginia and the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western.

"When the trunk lines' application comes before the commission, that body will cite before it the owners of all these railroads and representatives of the adjacent communities for the purpose of ascertaining the natural routes of traffic and the interests of the public. To work out all the details of this will easily take two years."

The Trans-America Corporation Spreading Out

Stockholders of the Trans-America Corporation at their annual meeting in Wilmington, Del., on Feb. 9 approved an increase in the authorized capital to \$1,250,000,000, to be represented by 50,000,000 shares of capital stock. It

was also announced that the company intends to form a British company with headquarters in London to take over the activities of the parent institution in foreign enterprises, its investment in foreign securities and foreign banks, including the Bank of America and Bank of Italy as well as its affiliated Amer-Italia Corp. As a result of the stockholders' action the directors are authorized to issue and distribute any portion of the increased capital stock as dividends from time to time and also to use part of the stock for the purchase of stocks in banks or other enterprises. In connection with the stockholders' action, L. M. Giannini, Executive Vice-President of the corporation, said:

"We are also in a position when called upon to provide for increase in the capital of affiliated and auxiliary companies of institutions controlled by Trans-America Corporation. More and more attention is being paid to the subsidiary companies particularly since they have extended the scope of their activities to include participation on a larger scale in underwritings and distribution of high grade stocks as well as dealing in bonds. Continued widening of the field in which our affiliated organizations are interested requires constant enlargement of their capital structures, so that they may be placed on a basis comparable to other similar metropolitan organizations."

In regard to future dividends of the Trans-America Corp., Mr. Giannini stated:

"Action will have to await the Feb. 15 meeting of the board and while we believe it is appropriate to refer to our general plans in order that we may set at rest the rumours as to the likelihood of an immediate stock split-up, it would be premature to anticipate what the board may do at that time as several proposals have been suggested for consideration."

"Since Trans-America is a holding company whose function is to control and direct operation of subsidiaries, it is essential that our plans should be formed with intention of building up and strengthening the working capital of these affiliations. We are prepared to proceed with the establishment of our British company and will have our Vice-President John M. Grant in charge of the London office."

"Trans-America corporation now owns 1,979,512 shares of Bank of Italy, 1,291,692 Bankitaly Co. of America, \$100 par representing 5,166,768 shares Bancitaly Corp., \$25 par, also 9,105 shares California Joint Stock Land and 43,293 shares of Pacific National Fire Insurance Co., 9,993 shares of Bankitaly Agricultural Credit Corp., 9,995 shares of Bankitaly Mortgage Co., 82,457 shares of Bank of America of California, 59,470 shares Bank of America, New York, and 13,491 shares of the Oakland Bank, Oakland, Cal. This means Trans-America Corp. owns over 99% of stock of Bank of Italy and 99-1/3% of Bancitaly Corp."

Arrangements are now being concluded to acquire remaining shares of both institutions.

"Ownership of Trans-America Corp. at present is lodged in hands of more than 110,000 stockholders."

The election of W. V. Garthwaite, President of the Oakland Bank, Oakland, as a member of the board of directors was announced at the stockholders meeting. This would seem, it is said, to point to closer relationship between the interests controlled by Trans-America Corporation and the institution of which Garthwaite is head. Other directors are:

A. P. Giannini, President, Trans-America Corp., James A. Bacigalupi, President, and A. J. Mount, Senior Vice-President, Bank of Italy; P. C. Hale and A. Pedrini, Vice-Presidents, Bankitaly Co. of America, L. M. Giannini, President and A. E. Sbarboro, Vice-President, Pacific National Fire Insurance Co.; W. E. Blauer, Vice-President, Bankitaly Mortgage Co., and California Joint Stock and Land Bank; Dr. A. H. Giannini, Chairman of the Board, and Edward C. Delafield, President, the Bank of America, New York; L. V. Belden, President, and J. E. Rovensky, Vice-President, the Bankamerica Corp., N. Y.; Leon Bocqueraz, Chairman of the Board and E. J. Nolan, President, Bank of America of California; N. C. Hawkins, Vice-President, Bankitaly Agricultural Credit Corp., W. H. Snyder, Vice-President, Commercial Holding Co.; W. F. Morrish and C. R. Bell, Vice-Presidents, Corporation of America.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

The New York Stock Exchange membership of Robert L. Leeds was reported posted for transfer this week to J. A. Straus for \$625,000. This is an unchanged price from the last preceding sale. This membership was reported to have sold with "rights" the Stock Exchange having voted recently to increase its membership. Trading was reported in the rights when it was announced that four applications for membership had been received the prospective new members having each purchased four fractional memberships for a nominal consideration, the following are the new applicants: Joseph A. Fitzpatrick, Robert E. Eising, William D. Stevens and H. Guron Bender.

New York Curb Market memberships have advanced steadily in price this week arrangements having been made early in the week for the sale of a seat at \$180,000 a new high record up to this time and an advance of \$5,000 over the preceding sale. Later two memberships were sold for \$185,000 each and to-day announcement was made for the transfer of a membership for \$187,000 this last being the highest at which a membership was ever sold.

Memberships on the New York Cotton Exchange advanced \$1,000 yesterday (Saturday), Simon J. Shlenker of E. A. Pierce & Co., selling an extra seat for \$40,000. The purchaser was John H. McFadden, Jr. of Geo. H. McFadden & Bros., for another.

A New York Cocoa Exchange membership was reported sold this week for \$5,300 an increase of \$300 over the last preceding sale.

New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange memberships reached a new high record this week (Monday) when the seat of Andre Leon Clere of Paris was purchased by W. R. Craig & Co. for \$29,500. On Saturday last Carl H. Stofregen purchased the membership of Robert Zunz for \$29,000.

The sale of a Toronto Stock Exchange membership was reported this week for \$200,000 a new high record.

Vice-Presidents James Bruce and Arthur W. McCain of the National Park Bank of New York returned this week from a business trip to France, Switzerland, Spain and Italy.

The newly organized Gotham Loan Company of this city opened for business on February 6 at 206 Broadway, as an industrial banking concern specializing in loans of \$5,000 or less. The institution has a capital of \$500,000 (par value \$100) and a surplus of \$150,000, and is under the supervision of the State Banking Department. The stock of the company was disposed of at \$130 a share. The following information comes to us from the company:

A new feature in industrial banking which this company has inaugurated is that interest and the fee allowed by law are not deducted from the loan in advance. In a loan of say \$100, the borrower receives \$100 and pays the interest and fee in installments over the period of the loan, usually one year.

"James A. Hoyt, formerly President of the Morris Plan Corp. of America is President of the new company. Other officers are: A. T. Tamblin, Chairman of the Board; H. H. Riddleberger, Vice-President and Secretary; Fred Billman, Vice-President and Treasurer. The following are the directors of the company:

James V. Barry, Vice-President, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.
 Fred Billman, Treasurer.
 Thomas B. Boss, President, American Reserve Insurance Co.
 Benjamin S. Catts, real estate.
 Ellis P. Earle, President, Nipissing Mines Co., Ltd.
 William A. Gray, President William A. Gray & Co., Inc.
 Edgar F. Hazleton, President, Queensboro Savings Bank.
 James A. Hoyt, President.
 Henry R. Johnston, Vice-President and Cashier, Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co.
 Raymond E. Jones, First Vice-President, Bank of the Manhattan Co.
 Fred E. Linder, Vice-President, Edmund Seymour & Co., Inc.
 Eugene T. McQuade, Lewis, Garvin & Kelsey.
 Wallace T. Stock, Lewis, Garvin & Kelsey.
 A. T. Tamblin, President, Lincoln Fire Insurance Co.
 Harral S. Tenney, Vice-President, New York Trust Co.
 John T. Whalen, President, J. T. Whalen Co., Inc.

The Irving Trust Company of New York announced on February 13 the appointment of Sidney H. Scheuer, of Louis Lowinson & Company, 72 Leonard St., as a member of the Advisory Boards of its Eight Street Office, Broadway at Eighth St., and of its Pacific Office, 470 Broadway.

The City Trust Company of this city was taken over by the State Banking Department on Monday Feb. 11, the following notice signed by State Superintendent of Banks, Frank H. Warder, having been tacked on its doors, according to the "Herald Tribune":

"The Superintendent of Banks took charge of the City Trust Company to-day. Its capital was \$1,225,000, book surplus \$965,712 and deposits \$7,347,550.

"The trust company represents the combination of the F. M. Ferrari private banking business and two other private banking establishments and a corporate bank doing a so-called Italian business.

"The officers and directors at the time of the closing were: Dr. A. H. Giannini, President; James F. Cavagnars, Vice-President; Frederick Ferrari, Executive Vice-President; Louis Tavormina, Vice-President; Anthony Di Paolo, Treasurer. Directors: Francis X. Mancuso, Chairman; A. Di Paolo, Louis Tavormina, Salvatore Soraci, Isidore Siegeltuch, Francis A. Sasso, Joseph F. Saphir, Gennaro Ascione, Francis S. Paterno, Frederick Ferrari, William Balley, H. H. Butler, H. Waren Hubbard, Benjamin E. Weeks, J. Vincent Labate, Henry H. Lazarus, Leonard Rose, Alexander Meyer, Julius Sakolsky, Charles I. Rockmore.

Giannini's Connection Explained.

In fairness to Dr. Giannini and his associates it should be stated that he was not affiliated with the institution prior to the death of Mr. Ferrari but came in at the request of the directors and signed what he regarded as an optional agreement to purchase the stock. On the date fixed in the agreement for the payment of the stock Dr. Giannini did not wish to make the payment for the stock and continue in charge of the institution because of the losses it is believed will be sustained in the liquidation of the assets.

Conferences looking to a solution of the problem were started a week ago, at which time one other institution was apparently prepared to take over its affairs but the directors felt that Dr. Giannini's intimate

knowledge of the Italian communities and banking promised better results. The condition of the institution and the withdrawal of Dr. Giannini made it necessary for the Department to take charge of its affairs.

Frank M. Ferrari, who had been President of the City Trust Company died the present month, Feb. 1. The "Herald Tribune" of Feb. 12 in its reference to the action of the Banking Department had the following to say:

It was recalled that upon the death of Commendatore Ferrari, Dr. A. H. Giannini was reluctant to accept the Presidency of the City Trust Co., as he was said to have been in ignorance of its actual financial condition. However, he finally consented to do so because of his respect for the late banker.

However, when he assumed the office as head of the City Trust Co. he wished it to be definitely understood that the bank was in no manner affiliated with the Bank of America and that his acceptance of the executive post could not be construed as indicating the possibility that the bank would be merged, eventually, with the Bank of America. It is believed that he made this stipulation because of the international reputation of his brother, A. P. Giannini, who has become one of the most powerful and influential bankers on the Atlantic as well as the Pacific Coast.

The only disorder created at the main office of the company was an attempt by a score of boys to force a side door to the bank late yesterday afternoon. The group insisted that they had sums ranging from \$1 to \$20 deposited in the bank and that they wanted to get their money before the heavy depositors. They finally were dispersed by the police.

The notices of the closing of the City Trust were pasted on the doors of the main office, at 2118 Second Ave., at 109 to St; and its branches at 2,109 First Avenue, 431 Third Avenue; 594 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, and 182 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn. Samuel Rauch, an examiner of the State Banking Department, was appointed on Feb. 13 a Special Deputy Superintendent of Banks to conduct the liquidation of the assets of the institution. On Feb. 14, the "Times" stated:

Meanwhile examiners were still at work on the books of the trust company, but to date no estimate of probable losses to depositors and stockholders has been forthcoming. As on the previous two days patrolmen were on guard before each of the branches and small groups of persons clustered around the entrances through most of the day.

Stockholders and directors have been holding informal meetings, but so far there has been no general call for a meeting of either stockholders or directors to take steps to conserve their interests. Apparently they, as well as depositors, are waiting for some announcement from the Banking Department.

Most of the directors were business men in the neighborhood of the bank or its branches, brought in through the personal efforts of Frank M. Ferrari, the former President, whose death precipitated the crisis in the bank's affairs.

From the "Herald Tribune" of Feb. 13 we take the following:

Late last night, Francis S. Paterno, builder of numerous Park Avenue apartments and structures throughout the city, said that he was a director of the company, but had never been active in its affairs. He had attended the business meetings and said that the last directors' meeting held prior to the death of Commendatore F. M. Ferrari had indicated that the business of the company was increasing rapidly.

He emphatically denied the report that there had been no inspection or examination by the State Banking Department within the last six months. Mr. Paterno said that to the best of his knowledge the last examination of the bank was either in the latter part of November or the early part of December, 1928. Although no report of the State officials' inspection was made at the subsequent directors' meeting, the directors were informed that the State Department at that time found the affairs of the bank in good condition, according to Mr. Paterno.

According to the "World" of Feb. 13 the family of the late F. M. Ferrari came to the rescue of the institution on Feb. 12. The account in the "World" added:

The office building at Nos. 13 and 15 Park Row, and a farm in Hightstown, N. J., now owned by the family of the late banker, are to be placed at the disposal of the creditors, who feared they had lost money in the collapse of the bank, which held the funds of thousands of Italian depositors.

The loss is estimated by several men connected with the institution at about \$3,000,000.

James Raymond Boyce, a member of the New York Curb Market and a partner in the New York Stock Exchange firm of Eastman, Dillon & Co. died on Feb. 13 at his home in Englewood, N. J. Mr. Boyce was in his 55th year.

According to the "Sun" of last night (Feb. 15), negotiations are proceeding for the acquisition of the Traders National Bank of Brooklyn by the Bank of America N. A. The account further said:

Both banks were non-committal on the question, but it was not denied that a deal was under way.

Should the merger take place it would expand the activities of the Bank of America in Brooklyn. The Traders National, organized in November 1926, has resources of about \$3,500,000 and deposits of about \$2,500,000. Capital is \$500,000 and surplus is \$250,000. B. P. Van Benthysen is President. He was not at his office to-day.

The acquisition of the Brooklyn institution indicates that the Bank of America's expansion has not yet ended. The present Bank of America is the result of a merger last year under Giannini control of the Bank of America, the Bowery and East River National and the Commercial Exchange Bank. The institution as been in Brooklyn for many years, having taken over the Franklin Trust Co. there many years ago.

Willis McDonald, Jr., Vice-President of the Brooklyn Trust Co. of Brooklyn was elected President of the Brooklyn City Safe Deposit Co., subsidiary of the Brooklyn Trust Co., on Feb. 6 to succeed David H. Lanman who resigned to become President of the Brooklyn Savings Bank. Charles

A. Cole was elected a director succeeding Mr. Lanman on the board and Willard P. Schenck, Vice-President and Secretary of the trust company was elected Vice-President (a newly created office) of the safe deposit company.

A proposed amalgamation of the Third National Bank of Syracuse, N. Y., with the First Trust & Deposit Co. of that city, under the title of the latter, was approved at special meetings of the respective directors of the institutions on Feb. 8, according to the Syracuse "Post" of the following day. The merger, which when consummated will form one of the largest banks, it is said, between New York and Buffalo, is subject to the approval of the State Superintendent of Banks and the respective stockholders of the two banks. The enlarged First Trust & Deposit Co. will have deposits of approximately \$65,000,000 and resources of more than \$75,000,000. The present capital of the First Trust & Savings Bank is \$2,500,000 and its authorized capital \$3,000,000. Concerning the stock basis on which the union will be effected, the Syracuse paper said:

The basis of the merger will be a share-for-share exchange of capital stock of First Trust & Deposit Co. with that of the Third National Bank. The Third National Bank has a capital of 3,000 shares. The book value of the stock is \$205 a share and that of First Trust is \$230 a share. The new institution will be called First Trust & Deposit Co. . . .

Quotations on First Trust yesterday (Feb. 8) were at \$495 a share, with \$505 asked for the stock in several instances, without offers. The stock of Third National has risen substantially in the last four weeks and yesterday was quoted at \$350 a share. The difference on the total number of shares in the transaction, 3,000, amounts to \$435,000.

The interests of the Lacy family, which controls the Third National Bank, it is said, will be closely identified with the enlarged institution. Lucius G. Lacy, President of the Third National Bank, will be made a Vice-President of the new organization. The present banking quarters of the Third National Bank will become a branch of the First Trust & Deposit Co. and its personnel will remain unchanged, according to present plans. The First Trust & Deposit Co. at present maintains five branch offices in different sections of Syracuse and is about to open another in West Onondaga St., it is said. The size of the main office at South Warren and East Washington Sts. was practically doubled last year. The Third National Bank, which is one of the oldest banks in Syracuse, began business Feb. 1 1864 with a capital of \$150,000. It was organized the previous year (1863) by owners of the Bank of Salina (which it succeeded), an institution dating back to 1832 and the second bank to be organized in Syracuse. The First Trust & Deposit Co. was formed in January 1919 by the consolidation of the Trust & Deposit Co. of Onondaga and the First National Bank of Syracuse. The Trust & Deposit Co. of Onondaga had a corporate existence dating back to May 4 1866, although its founders did not effect an organization until Mar. 28 1868, and it was not until a year later that the institution started business, while the First National Bank of Syracuse was organized on April 11 1863. According to an announcement by Albert B. Merrill, President of the First Trust & Deposit Co., the proposed merger will become effective on April 1 or shortly thereafter.

The Hartford "Courant" of Feb. 8 stated that Webster D. Copp of Norwich, Conn., an examiner for the Connecticut State Banking Department, was appointed Treasurer of the newly organized Wethersfield Bank & Trust Co. of Wethersfield, Conn., at a meeting of the directors on Feb. 7. Mr. Copp, who has been a bank examiner for the past three years, was formerly with the Chelsea Savings Bank of Norwich, Conn. It is expected the new bank will open for business about May 1.

Stockholders of the West Philadelphia Title & Trust Co., Philadelphia, on Feb. 11 approved the proposed merger of the institution with the Integrity Trust Co. of that city, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Feb. 12. A meeting of the stockholders of the Integrity Trust Co. will be held on Feb. 20 to consider the proposal, and if approved, the consolidation will become effective Mar. 1. The approaching merger of these companies was indicated in the "Chronicle" of Jan. 19, page 364.

At a special meeting of the directors of the National Bank of Olney, (Philadelphia Co.) Pa., it was decided to reduce the par value of the stock from \$100 to \$10, issuing ten new shares to every one now held by the stockholders, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Feb. 11. A meeting of the stockholders will be called within the next 30 days to vote upon the proposition.

At special meetings on Feb. 14 the respective stockholders of the Ninth Bank & Trust Co. and the Northern National Bank of Philadelphia, unanimously ratified the proposed union of the institutions, according to the Philadelphia "Record" of Feb. 15. It is expected the merger will become effective Mar. 1. The stockholders of the Ninth Bank & Trust Co. at their meeting also approved an increase (under the merger plan) in the bank's capital from \$1,000,000 to \$1,300,000. Three shares of the new stock will be exchanged for four shares of Northern National Bank stock with a cash adjustment of \$24 for each four shares of the latter institution. The new bank will be known as the Ninth Bank & Trust Co. and will have resources of more than \$30,000,000. Business will be conducted from four offices: Front and Norris Sts., Allegheny and Kensington Aves., Seventh and Dauphin Sts. and Chelton Ave. near Chew St. The approaching merger of these banks was indicated in our issues of Dec. 1 and Dec. 29, 1928, pages 3043 and 3652, respectively.

E. H. Matthews, President of the Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. of Cincinnati, died at Christ Hospital that city on Feb. 9, following an emergency operation for appendicitis the previous Tuesday. The deceased banker was born at New Vienna, Ohio, but went to Cincinnati as a boy where he received his early education in the public schools. Later he was graduated from the Yale Law School. Together with his brother, Councilman Stanley Matthews, former Judge, he founded the law firm of Matthews & Matthews, of which he was a partner at the time of his death. For many years Mr. Matthews took an active part in politics. In 1926 he was elected Chairman of the Hamilton County Democratic Central Committee. He was a member of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.

The Midland Bank and Midland Corporation of Cleveland, recently organized by a group of Cleveland capitalists headed by C. L. Bradley, President of the Cleveland Union Terminals Co. (noted in our issues of Dec. 8 and 29 1928, pages 3191 and 3652, respectively) will open Mar. 1 with a total capital and surplus of \$9,000,000. The Midland Bank will have a capital and surplus of \$6,000,000, while the Midland Corporation, its securities underwriting and distributing subsidiary, will have a capital and surplus of \$3,000,000. The institution will specialize in a complete financial service to business and industry. John Sherwin, Jr. will be President and E. E. Barker, First Vice-President of both the bank and the corporation. The head of the new institution bears a name long identified with finance and industry of Cleveland. His father, John Sherwin, Sr., until recently was Chairman of the Board of the Union Trust Co., Cleveland, and is a director of many corporations. John Sherwin, Jr. entered the employ of the Union Trust Co. in 1923 following his graduation from Yale. He later became a Vice-President of that institution. M. Barker has been Vice-President of the Continental National Bank & Trust Co., Chicago, since 1926. Other officers will be:

A. F. Reed, Vice-President; I. B. Root, Vice-President and Cashier; Willard W. Wilson, Trust Officer; Thomas E. Hann, Assistant Trust Officer; C. S. Sprung, Auditors; C. C. Sigmier, E. H. Dickerson, Robert Bandlow and A. J. Stiver, Assistant Cashiers.

The closing of several State banks in Indiana this week was reported in the following advices by the Associated Press from Bluffton, Ind., on Thursday, Feb. 14, appearing in yesterday's New York "Times":

The Union Savings & Trust Co., the only remaining bank in Bluffton, closed its doors this morning after a \$50,000 run yesterday.

The Farms, Deposit Bank of Montpelier, on the Wells-Blackford County line, with deposits of \$500,000, also closed this morning due, it was said, to an \$18,000 run yesterday. Four banks in Wells County closed yesterday.

Fred J. Tangeman, President of the Union Savings & Trust Co., and Thomas Barr, State Bank Examiner, said the bank was solvent. Officers said they expected to take advantage of the 60 days permitted by law to effect a reorganization and then hoped to reopen. The bank had deposits of about \$800,000.

Yesterday the Wells County Bank (also in Bluffton) with deposits of \$1,250,000, was closed. A few hours later the State Bank of Uniondale closed. Petitions were filed in Circuit Court here asking for receivers for both institutions, alleging they were "in a failing and insolvent condition."

The Bank of Petroleum and the Liberty Centre State Bank also closed yesterday. The three smaller banks cleared through the Wells County bank.

Directors of the American State Bank of Detroit on Feb. 6 announced the acquisition of the National Bank of Commerce Building, on West Ford Street, between Shelby and Griswold Streets, that city, for approximately \$1,500,000, as reported in the Detroit "Free Press" of Feb. 7. Extensive

alteration and renovations were ordered to be made immediately by the directors. Under existing plans, the American State Bank will vacate its present home and occupy the new banking rooms by May 1. The new quarters will be adjacent to the Federal Reserve Bank and will have a frontage of 50 feet on Fort Street, extending to a depth of 130 feet. The paper mentioned quoted Gordon Fearnley, a Vice-President of the institutions, as saying:

"Our growth has been so phenomenal that we have been obliged to enlarge our quarters. As a result of the merger of the National Bank of Commerce with the Union Trust Company, modern working banking quarters in the National Bank of Commerce Building have become available. We have 26 branches in operation in Detroit and now have more than 100,000 depositors with deposits totaling \$40,000,000."

The American State Bank began business in 1927 as the Fairview Savings Bank and for the past five years has been occupying space in the American State Bank Building at Griswold and State Streets. Its officers include the following: Robert M. Allan, President; Gordon Fearnley, Charles P. Larned, Frank E. Doremus, A. J. Maynard, and Joel Stockard, Vice-Presidents; Oscar L. Green, Cashier, and R. W. Slayton, William R. Botsford, Walter Van Goethem, H. Runnels, Stanley M. Davis and J. F. McDonald, Assistant Cashiers.

Consolidation of the First National Bank of Chicago (including its affiliated institution the First Trust & Savings Bank) and the Union Trust Co. of that city, giving Chicago a bank with resources of more than \$600,000,000, was formally approved by the stockholders of the involved institutions on Feb. 11. As a part of the plan, the stock of the First National was increased to \$24,000,000, of which 40,000 shares, par \$100, was allotted to Union Trust stockholders, share for share. The transfer of trust securities, amounting to upwards of \$150,000,000, and cash and securities of current business, which amount to more than \$100,000,000, has been completed; the consolidation having been effected as of the close of business, Feb. 11. The Board of Directors, elected at the same meeting, includes all of the directors of both banks, with the addition of James B. Forgan Jr., Vice-President of the First National Bank, of which his father was so long chief executive.

A comparison of the ten largest banks of the United States, according to deposits as of Dec. 31 1928, sent us by the First National Bank, is as follows:

1—National City Bank, New York	\$1,349,024,386
2—Chase National Bank, New York	1,126,781,646
3—Guaranty Trust Co., New York	842,358,215
4—Irving Trust Co., New York	734,455,423
5—Bank of Italy, N. T. & S. A., San Francisco	698,435,840
6—National Bank of Commerce, New York	672,943,890
7—Bankers Trust Co., New York	584,088,640
8—Continental National Bank & Trust Co., Chicago	536,634,830
9—Equitable Trust Co., New York	530,843,927
10—First National Bank of Chicago	509,655,015

Figures given for the First National Bank of Chicago include those of the First Trust & Savings Bank and the Union Trust Co., merged at close of business, Feb. 11 1929.

In commenting on the merger, Melvin A. Traylor, President of the First National Bank and the First Trust & Savings Bank, said:

Until recent years middle western enterprise was still in some measure dependent upon outside capital. With this consolidation, Chicago takes another important forward stride in meeting the increasing financial requirements of the Middle West. The physical merger was completed yesterday and the \$600,000,000 institution is ready to transact business today.

The Middle West has achieved an independent position financially, and has met its own increasing capital requirements out of its own prosperity. Capital is being supplied from the Middle West for business and government enterprises in all of the states of the nation and many foreign countries.

This consolidation, which places the bank among the ten largest in the United States, is typical of the remarkable development which has characterized the financial, industrial and commercial progress of the Middle West.

What the Middle West is doing in the creation and accumulation of wealth is an epoch in our national growth and development. From 1860 to the present, the value of Chicago's manufactured products has increased approximately 25,000%; her wholesale trade approximates \$5,000,000,000, and her retail trade, \$2,000,000,000. This great area, of which Chicago is the center, produces 80% of the iron ore of the country, 75% of the motor vehicles, 67% of the meat packed, 57% of the flour mill products, 85% of the agricultural implements, 38% of the bituminous coal, and 42% of the steel rolling mill products. More than 9,000 domestic banks, one-third of the banks in the country, now keep balances with Chicago banks.

With these important developments and the rapid integration of industry into larger units of control, there has been an increasing demand for banking facilities on an even greater scale. The consolidation will make available to the great Central West—the new center of American industry and commerce—a bank whose resources and facilities will be more than ample to care for every need of industry, commerce and agriculture.

The following officers were chose for the new First National Bank on Wednesday, Feb. 13:

Frank O. Wetmore, Frederick H. Rawson, Co-Chairman; Harry A. Wheeler, Vice-Chairman; Melvin A. Traylor, President; E. E. Brown, John P. Oleson, Craig B. Hazlewood, Bentley G. McCloud, B. C. Hardenbrook, Frank M. Gordon, Charles R. Holden, Arthur W. Newton, John F. Hagey, R. Frank Newhall (and Cashier), C. V. Essroger, William J. Lawlor, H. H. Heins, George H. Dunscomb, A. N. Cordell, John S. Gleason, Harry Salinger, James B. Forgan Jr., Walter M. Heymann, Hugo A. Anderson, Herbert P. Snyder, Emil A. Stake and A. B. Johnston, Vice-

Presidents; John J. Anton, H. Lynn Benson, O. C. Brodhay, James L. Nuchanan, Claude B. Carter, Chester E. Herrod, Fred W. Loco, Thomas J. Nugent, R. K. O'Hara, Fred B. Tedford, E. M. Tourtelot, Edward M. Warner and H. Lindsay Wheeler, Asst. Vice-Presidents; Walter Lichtenstein, Executive Secretary; W. G. Strand, Manager Foreign Banking Dept.; G. P. Allmendinger, Thomas J. Butler, Clarence E. Carlson, Richard S. Carr, Ephraim S. Clark, Guy W. Cooke, A. V. Dillon, M. J. Hardacre, Paul L. Hardesty, Leland L. Hobbs, Edward A. Hoeft, Edward J. Jennett, Albert G. Keck, Charles J. Maurer, P. M. Reisterer, Alexander C. Miskelly, H. R. Ross, Carl E. Schiffner, E. E. Schmus, Norman G. Stockdale, Melvin H. Thies, Charles H. Wood Jr. and William A. Zimmermann, Asst. Cashiers; G. F. Richards, Asst. Manager Foreign Banking Dept.; William Rosbe, Asst. Mgr. Discount and Collateral Dept.; H. L. Droege Mueller, Auditor; J. P. McElherne, Julius J. Buechner, Asst. Auditors; Harold V. Amberg, General Counsel; John N. Ott, Attorney; O. Edward Dahlin, Asst. Attorney.

Officers appointed the same day (Feb. 13) for the First Trust & Savings Bank are:

Frank O. Wetmore and Frederick H. Rawson, Co-Chairmen; Harry A. Wheeler, Vice-Chairman; Melvin A. Traylor, President; Edward E. Brown, John P. Oleson, Craig B. Hazlewood, B. C. Hardenbrook, Frank M. Gordon, Roy C. Osgood, Louis K. Boysen, James B. Kaine, Vice-Presidents. Banking Department: B. C. Hardenbrook, Vice-President; Arlan W. Converse, Vice-President and Cashier; William K. Harrison, Roy R. Marquardt, Frederick G. Murbach, Asst. Vice-Presidents; Robert D. Forgan, Treasurer; C. George Fleager, W. Potter Holst, Thomas S. McCarth, Edward Robyn, Daniel W. Westervelt, Asst. Cashiers. Bond Department: Frank M. Gordon, Irvin L. Porter, Albert C. Koch, Vice-Presidents; Alfred T. Sihler, Asst. Vice-President; James P. Feeley, John H. Grier, Austin Jenner, Walter G. Kropp, Louis H. Northrop, Julius O. Serg, J. H. C. Templeton, Asst. Cashiers. Trust Department: Roy C. Osgood, John C. Mechem, Charles E. Holden, Rufus F. Chapin, Vice-Presidents; Oliver A. Bestel, Raymond J. Darby, Asst. Vice-Presidents; Joseph R. Julin, Secretary; Robert L. Grinnell, Corporate Trust Officer; Henry H. Benjamin, Walter S. Davis, Coll Gillies, John H. Hamel, Charles W. Johnson, Emerson R. Lewis, William W. O'Brien, Louis R. Rochetto, Frank J. Shannon, Forrest Williams, Asst. Secretaries. Real Estate Loan Department: Louis K. Boysen, Charles P. Kenning, Vice-Presidents; Walter L. Cohrs, Frank G. Guthridge, George Hill, Clarence B. Jennett, John D. Pollock, Roy W. Thies, Asst. Managers. Real Estate Department: James B. Kaine, Vice-President; Emil O. Grunwald, Fred L. Kriz, Asst. Managers; H. L. Droege Mueller, Auditor; J. P. McElherne, Julius J. Buechner, Asst. Auditors; Harold V. Amberg, General Counsel; John N. Ott, Attorney; O. Edward Dahlin, Asst. Attorney; Walter Lichtenstein, Executive Secretary.

The Argyle State Bank of Kansas City, Mo.—an institution capitalized at \$100,000 and with deposits of approximately \$400,000—was closed by its directors on Feb. 1. Some 800 depositors, it is stated, are affected. The Kansas City "Star" of that date stated that S. L. Cantley, State Finance Commissioner, who had been in Kansas City for two days previous to the closing of the bank, watching the efforts being made to maintain its solvency, placed State Bank Examiner L. J. Milligan in charge of the bank's affairs. J. Herbert Smith, President of the institution, was reported as saying that deposits were sufficient to save the depositors from loss, and that he was "very hopeful" the bank could be reorganized as a going concern within the ten days allotted by law. The following day (Feb. 2) Associated Press advices from Jefferson City, Mo. (printed in the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of Feb. 3) reported that Mr. Cantley charged on Feb. 2 that questionable paper accepted by the bank from Alva E. Smith and J. C. Harper, both listed as incorporators of the suspended Kansas City Bond & Mortgage Co., was responsible for the closing of the institution. This dispatch went on to say in part:

Cantley said depositors faced a loss of \$70,000 and, in addition, there were questionable notes amounting to \$46,580. The Finance Commissioner listed as "bad paper" \$10,000 in notes he said were placed in the bank by Smith and Harper.

Harper recently has acted as promoter of the Roosevelt Hunting Club in New Mexico. The club was represented by him as having 1,000,000 acres of virgin hunting land in New Mexico. Some of the club's paper was found in the Argyle Bank.

Smith said he had deposits in the Argyle Bank more than sufficient to cover a \$3,000 note in his name, and denied he was associated with Harper in the hunting club, the Kansas City Bond and Mortgage Company or any other venture.

Investigation of the bank was started last November, Cantley said.

A proposed merger of the First National Bank of St. Louis and the Liberty Central Trust Co. of that city, with combined capital resources of \$20,000,000, was approved by the directors of both banks on Feb. 11, according to the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of Feb. 12. The new organization, which will retain the name of the First National Bank of St. Louis, "again becomes the largest bank in the city by a wide margin both in point of capital and surplus and total resources." Combined deposits of the two banks, it was stated, as shown by their latest statements, Dec. 31 1928, are \$177,281,025, and their combined resources, as of the same date, are \$213,750,408. Stockholders of the Liberty Central Trust Co., it was said, will retain their equity in the building at the southwest corner of Olive Street and Broadway, and as a result of this, the combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of the institutions, which are \$21,597,866, are reduced to the \$20,000,000 figure mentioned above,

indicating the trust company's equity in the building is carried on its books at the difference between these figures, or \$1,597,866. We quote from the paper mentioned as follows:

Liberty Central stockholders, therefore, will receive a book equity in the building of \$53.29 for each share of stock now held, and also \$60.60 of book value in the consolidated bank, or one share of new stock for each three shares now held, and \$4.24 book value in the First National Co. (an auxiliary of the First National Bank).

The latter is a subsidiary of the First National Bank. Present book value of Liberty Central Trust is \$147.61.

First National stockholders, whose shares have a book value of \$171.69 at present, will receive one share of new stock for each share now held. The new book value will be \$181.81.

They will have their present equity of \$14 the share in First National Company reduced to \$12.72 on each share of new stock, because of the additional shares of stock to be issued.

This circumstance results from the fact that the consolidated bank will have 110,000 shares, as compared with present 100,000 shares of First National and 30,000 shares of Liberty Central Trust Co.

The entire assets of the First National are being taken into the merger, or \$10,000,000 capital, and \$7,169,309 of surplus and undivided profits, while those of Liberty Central, which are \$3,000,000 of capital and \$1,428,557 of surplus and undivided profits, will be turned over after deduction of the \$1,597,866 figure, representing the building.

Stock of Liberty Central was quoted across the counter recently at \$145 bid, while that of First National Bank sold on the local exchange yesterday at \$400 to \$420, closing at \$405.

The present quarters of the First National Bank will be the home of the new institution. F. O. Watts and W. W. Smith, Chairman of the Board and President, respectively, of the First National Bank, will continue in the same capacities with the enlarged bank, while Felix E. Gunter, President of the Liberty Central Trust Co., will become Vice-Chairman of the Board. All the directors of the First National Bank and thirteen of the present 22 directors of the Liberty Central Trust Co. will become members of the new Board of Directors, while all officers and employees of both banks will be retained "in keeping with the custom of bank mergers." The new capitalization figures will be as follows: \$11,000,000 capital, \$5,000,000 surplus, and \$4,000,000 undivided profits. Stock in the First National Co., it was said, will be prorated among the shares in the consolidated bank, as they are now owned by the stockholders of the present First National Bank. According to a joint statement announcement by Mr. Smith and Mr. Gunter the physical consolidation of the institutions will be effected next month.

George E. Patterson, former Executive Vice-President of the Fourth National Bank of Macon, Ga. (which closed its doors on Nov. 26 and since that time has been in the hands of a receiver), was charged on a federal warrant issued Feb. 2 with the "misapplication of the institution's money, funds and credits" aggregating \$50,000, according to a dispatch by the Associated Press from Macon on Feb. 2, appearing in the Atlanta "Constitution" of Feb. 3. The warrant alleges the offense was committed over a period of approximately eight months, beginning in April of last year and terminating when the bank was closed on Nov. 26. Mr. Patterson posted a bond for \$25,000, returnable to the May term of the Federal Court. We quote from the dispatch as follows:

Friends of Mr. Patterson said to-night that there will be no loss to the receiver, nor to the depositors of the bank, through the transactions. It was also ascertained that the alleged misapplications had no connection with events leading up to the closing of the bank. Mr. Patterson said that the entire affair will be cleared up within a few days to the satisfaction of his friends and the public. Beyond that, he had no statement to make. It is understood that loans from outside banks to personal friends were involved.

Proposed consolidation of three Charleston, West Va. banks with combined resources of \$17,000,000 was announced recently, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Feb. 11. The institutions are the Charleston National Bank, the Union Trust Co. and the Citizens' National Bank. The new organization, which will continue the name of the Charleston National Bank, will have a capital of \$1,000,000 and surplus and undivided profits of \$2,000,000. The proposed union (which is subject to ratification by the respective stockholders) will become effective Apr. 1.

Col. T. B. Burbridge, director of the American National Bank of Denver and President of the American Agency & Investment Co., a subsidiary of the bank, died in Santa Barbara, Calif., Feb. 7, where he recent went in search of health. Besides his banking interests Colonel Burbridge was largely interested in mining and was a pioneer of the Cripple Creek gold camp. This is the third director of this bank to die in three months. The other two were President Godfrey Schirmer and John A. Kufe.

The following news item was received last week from the Marine Bancorporation of Seattle, Wash. (the holding company of the Marine National, Marine Central and Marine State Banks, the National City Bank and the National Bank of Commerce, all of Seattle, as well as several other Washington banks):

When the Marine Bancorporation was organized, its Board was made up of representatives of the Boards of the various banks and companies comprising the Marine Bancorporation. According to announcement made by Andrew Price, President of the Corporation, at the first annual election following the acquisition of some of the corporation's most important present banking units, the presidents of these organizations were added to the board, namely: M. F. Backus, President of the National Bank of Commerce; C. J. Lord, President of Capital National Bank of Olympia; J. W. Maxwell, President of the National City Bank of Seattle and E. K. Bishop, President of the Grays Harbor National Bank of Aberdeen. In addition to their banking connections, these gentlemen have broad affiliations with the outstanding industrial and business activities of the Pacific Northwest.

Mr. Backus has long been known as the dean of Seattle bankers. He is a member of the Federal Reserve Board of San Francisco. By virtue of his broad connections and large personal interest in Seattle real estate and business activities, he has been closely associated with Seattle's development throughout the past 40 years.

Mr. Lord is known throughout the State of Washington on account of his large banking interests located in Olympia, Seattle and other principal Washington cities. In 1890 he founded the Capital National Bank and has contributed much to the upbuilding of the business and industrial development of Olympia, which, in proportion to its size, is said to have the largest payroll and greatest diversity of commercial activities of any city in the State.

Mr. Maxwell is founder of the National City Bank of Seattle, a member of the Board of Directors of the Northern Life Insurance Company, and has been conspicuously identified with activities which have contributed to the upbuilding of Seattle. Long a believer in the business advantages and benefits of good roads, he was one of the founders and for several terms the president of Automobile Club of Washington. Mr. Maxwell has just been re-elected to a second term as President of the Seattle Clearing House Association.

Mr. Bishop, in addition to being one of the outstanding lumbermen and loggers of Grays Harbor, is actively identified with the aircraft business, being one of the joint owners of the Continental Aircraft Corporation of Buffalo, which has been one of the outstanding organizations in this field for the successful manufacture of airplanes for Government and commercial use.

It is announced that F. A. Beane and G. F. Abell, formerly Joint General Managers, have been appointed Chief General Managers of the Lloyd's Bank, Ltd. of London. Mr. Beane became a General Manager in 1923, after occupying important positions in the Bank in London and Newcastle-upon-Tyne and also in Lloyds & National Provincial Foreign Bank, Ltd. at Paris. Mr. Abell, before he became a General Manager, was for some years Manager of the City Office. Following these appointments it is announced that R. A. Wilson and S. Parkes, formerly Assistant General Managers, and S. P. Cherrington, formerly a Manager of the city office, have been appointed Joint General Managers of the Bank. The city office will in the future be under the joint management of G. L. Potter, G. D. Gold and E. J. Sawtell.

The directors of the Midland Bank Limited (head office, London) report that, full provision having been made for all bad and doubtful debts, the net profits for the year ended Dec. 31 1928, amount to £2,656,554 which, with £835,798 brought forward, makes £3,492,352, out of which the following appropriations amounting to £1,676,614 have been made: £965,614 to pay an interim dividend for the half-year ended June 30 last, at the rate of 18% per annum, less income tax; £500,000 written off bank premises, and £220,000 contributed to officers' pension fund, leaving a sum of £1,815,738 from which the directors recommend the payment of a dividend calling for £967,174 for the six months ended Dec. 31 1928 at the rate of 18% per annum, less income tax, payable Feb. 1 1929, leaving a balance of £848,564 to be carried forward to the current year's profit and loss account. For the year 1927 the dividend was at the same rate, £500,000 was placed to bank premises redemption fund, £220,000 to officers pension fund and £835,798 was carried forward.

The total of the current, deposit and other accounts of the Midland Bank as of Dec. 31 1928, was £394,591,227 and, we are informed, is the highest ever published by any commercial joint stock bank in Great Britain or any other country, while the total assets of the institution (£497,714,034) and its affiliations amount to £575,000,000, a figure considerably in excess of any similar aggregation of funds. The bank's paid-up capital is £13,432,968 and its reserve fund the same amount. The Midland Bank now operates over 2,010 branches in England and Wales, and together with its affiliations has more than 2,450 offices in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The Right Hon. Reginald McKenna is Chairman of the Board of Directors.

The 28th annual report of the Provincial Bank of Canada (head office Montreal) covering the fiscal year ended Nov. 30 1928, was presented to the bank's shareholders at their recent annual meeting and makes a very satisfactory showing. Net earnings for the period, after deducting charges of management, interest due to depositors, rebate on current discounts (\$84,989) and provision for losses and doubtful debts, were \$534,248, and when added to \$310,410, the balance to credit of profit and loss brought forward from the preceding twelve months, made \$844,659 available for distribution. Out of this amount the following allocations were made: \$360,000 to pay four quarterly dividends at the rate of 9%; \$65,000 to take care of Dominion Government taxes on banknote circulation and provision for income tax, and \$53,818 for amortization in full of the cost of installation and maintenance of new branches and written off "bank premises," other "real estate" and "furniture and fixtures" accounts, leaving a balance of \$365,841 to be carried forward to the current year's profit and loss account. Total assets are shown in the statement at \$55,865,809, of which \$32,160,539 are liquid assets, or 64% the bank's total liabilities to the public, while total deposits are given at \$43,832,532, an increase of \$3,547,903 over the previous fiscal year. The bank's paid-up capital is \$4,000,000 and its reserve fund \$1,500,000. At present 135 branches and 191 sub-branches are being operated by the institution. Sir Hormisdas Laporte is President, and Charles A. Roy General Manager.

Barclays Bank Limited, London, one of the big five banks in England, has reached a new high record in resources which now total \$1,930,318,782, an increase of more than \$140,000,000 over the amount reported a year ago. Details of the balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1928, have just been received by the representative's office of the bank at 44 Beaver Street, New York, and the changes as compared with a year ago are a clear index of improved trade conditions. Deposits now stand at \$1,675,406,113, an addition of some \$83,000,000 to the previous total. The total amount of outstanding acceptances has almost doubled itself during the past year and now stands at the record figure of \$124,371,584. Advances to customers and bills discounted show an aggregate increase of \$62,000,000 totaling \$1,034,395,222. All figures have been converted at the rate of \$5 to the £. According to advices received by the bank's representative in New York, net profit of Barclay's Bank for the year 1928 including the amount brought forward from the previous year, amounted to £2,853,550. Of this amount, some \$650,000 has been set aside to contingency and other accounts. There have been no changes in the dividend rates which remain at 10% on the "A" shares and 14% on the "B" and "C" shares. These rates were first put into effect in 1920.

The ninety-sixth annual statement of the National Provincial Bank, Ltd. (head office London) was submitted to the proprietors at their annual general meeting on Jan. 31. The report which covers the year ended Dec. 31, 1928, shows net profits after making provision for all bad and doubtful debts and rebate of discount on current bills, of £2,108,664, which when added to £863,476, the balance to credit of profit and loss brought forward from the preceding twelve months, made £2,972,140 available for distribution. From this total appropriations were made as follows: £853,147 to pay an interim dividend of 9%, subject to deduction of income tax (£170,629); £853,147 to pay a further dividend of 9%, subject to deduction of income tax (£170,629), making 18% for the year; £100,000 contributed to pension fund; £100,000 written off bank premises account, and £200,000 transferred to contingencies account, leaving a balance to be carried forward to the present year's profit and loss account of £865,845. Total resources of the institution are shown in the statement as £329,698,671, of which advances to customers and other accounts amounted to £150,523,520; investments to £36,975,699; bills discounted to £43,547,739, and coin, Bank of England and currency notes in the United Kingdom and balances with the Bank of England; balances with, and checks in course of collection on other banks, etc.; money, at call and short notice to £70,091,842. On the liabilities side of the statement the bank's paid-up capital is given as £9,479,416, with a reserve fund of like amount, and total deposits as £290,310,253. During the year 42 new branches and agencies were opened, increasing the total number of the bank's offices to 1,262.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Interest in the stock market this week again centered largely around the copper stocks. Price movements have been more or less irregular and the market has slowly drifted downward, despite the occasional rallies. The weekly report of the Federal Reserve Bank made public after the close of the market on Thursday showed a decrease in brokers' loans amounting to \$101,000,000, leaving a balance of \$5,568,000,000 still outstanding in this district. Call money slipped back from 8% on Monday to 6% on Wednesday, 6½% on Thursday and advanced to 10% on Friday. The New York Stock Exchange was closed on Saturday last.

The market opened somewhat irregular on Monday, many of the more active stocks showing moderate gains while others slipped back to lower levels. As the day advanced, buying orders came into the market in considerable volume and the main body of stocks moved briskly forward, several of the more prominent issues closing with gains ranging from 1 to 7 points. Copper shares were the strong feature of the day, Anaconda assuming the leadership with a gain of 7 points, followed by Chile Copper with a similar advance. Kennecott improved five points and Greene Cananea was up about 10 points for the day. General Electric was one of the spectacular features as it recovered its early losses and sped upward with a gain of 10 points and closed at 204½. Johns-Manville was up about 5 points at the close, and National Cash Register had gained 7 points at 130½. Some of the railroad issues were in good demand at improving prices, especially Pere Marquette which ran ahead 6 points to 170 and Del. & Hudson which moved ahead 3 points to 196. Chicago Great Western pref. also was a strong favorite at higher prices. United States Steel common rallied a point or two and so did Bethlehem Steel. Consolidated Gas held its ground and the motor stocks were fairly steady with the possible exception of Studebaker and Chrysler both of which slipped back a point or more. Radio Corporation was moderately higher but Columbia Graphophone was inclined to sag. The New York Stock Exchange and other local exchanges were closed on Tuesday in observance of Lincoln's Birthday. Copper stocks continued in the forefront as the market opened on Wednesday and several of the leaders forged ahead into new high ground. Anaconda shot upward in the early trading to 136, but dipped to 134½ and closed unchanged with a gain of 1¾ points. Kennecott advanced into new high ground at 165¼ and Greene Cananea sold up to 182½ at its top for the day. Some of the railroad shares moved ahead against the trend, New York Central for instance shooting upward 2 points to 193¾ and St. Louis Southwestern which was up nearly 2 points to 106¾. United States Steel common opened at 180 on a block of 7,500 shares and International Nickel, in a 10,000 share sale moved ahead nearly 2 points to 65. Montgomery Ward also advanced and gained 3½ points to 134. Columbia Graphophone again attracted considerable speculative attention by its strong tone and moved steadily upward to 74, but dropped back later in the day and closed at 73¾ with a gain of 1¾ points. Warner Bros. Pictures and Loews, Inc. were the strong features of the amusement group the former gaining a point and a quarter to 127 while Loews advanced 4 points to 77.

The wave of selling that came into the market in the early trading on Thursday carried the list sharply downward. There were occasional rallies and some of the more active speculative stocks displayed moderate improvement at the close through the entire list was slightly below Wednesday's closing figures. International Combustion Engineering was one of the strong features and surged upward into new high ground at 101 with a gain of 2½ points on the day. Chrysler was under pressure and dipped to a new low at 98½, General Motors was fractionally higher at the close, but most of the independent motors were down from 1 to 3 points. Copper shares after selling off sharply, in the early trading, again assumed the leadership of the market on the afternoon rally, Anaconda closing at 134½ and Greene Cananea making a net gain of 1½ points. Calumet & Arizona improved nearly 2 points and Andes Copper did the same, Case Threshing Machine advanced 20 points on sales amounting to 400 shares. United States Steel common closed at 175 and Radio Corporation was down about 4 points.

The market opened strong on Friday and many of the speculative favorites among the copper stocks and utilities moved ahead from 1 to 5 points, but as the day advanced considerable liquidation appeared, due in a measure to the jump in the call money rate from the renewal figure of 6½%

to a high rate at 10%. United States Steel common continued heavy and was down about 20 points from its high for the year. Oil shares and motor issues were practically at a standstill and railroad securities dragged along without noteworthy movement. International Combustion Engineering was one of the strong stocks of the day and again moved into new high ground and new tops were recorded by Andes Copper, American & Foreign Power and Penick and Ford.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended Feb. 15.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, etc., Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
Saturday		HOLIDAY		
Monday	3,889,100	\$7,027,000	\$3,360,000	\$670,500
Tuesday		HOLIDAY		
Wednesday	4,528,210	6,877,000	3,347,000	481,000
Thursday	3,726,050	6,388,000	3,358,000	967,500
Friday	3,902,450	5,650,000	2,122,000	774,000
Total	16,045,810	\$25,942,000	\$12,187,000	\$2,893,000

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended Feb. 15.		Jan. 1 to Feb. 15.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Stocks—No. of shares.	16,045,810	10,128,580	156,720,790	88,208,055
Bonds.				
Government bonds	\$2,893,000	\$5,958,500	\$20,193,500	\$30,965,000
State and foreign bonds	12,187,000	15,599,625	88,345,550	130,670,625
Railroad & misc. bonds	25,942,000	34,593,000	235,289,000	280,084,300
Total bonds	\$41,022,000	\$56,151,125	\$343,828,050	\$441,719,925

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended Feb. 15 1929.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	HOLIDAY		HOLIDAY		2,016	\$11,000
Monday	*70,115	\$49,000	a89,366	\$26,500	22,648	21,000
Tuesday	HOLIDAY		HOLIDAY		HOLIDAY	
Wednesday	82,049	61,000	a94,419	31,000	64,989	50,600
Thursday	65,004	45,000	a54,934	22,500	64,370	66,300
Friday	39,765	43,000	a19,810		64,690	28,900
Total	256,933	\$198,000	258,529	\$80,000	18,713	\$177,800
Prev. week revised	464,982	\$254,500	495,901	\$209,700	25,293	\$349,500

* In addition, sales of rights were: Monday, 50.
 a In addition, sales of rights were: Monday, 6,000; Wednesday, 5,200; Thursday, 15,500; Friday, 6,000.
 b In addition, sales of rights were: Saturday, 6,318; Monday, 7,959; Wednesday, 17,533; Thursday, 9,192; Friday, 2,252.
 c In addition sales of warrants were: Monday, 8; Friday, 3.
 d In addition, sales of scrip were: Saturday, 12-20; Wednesday, 8-20; Thursday, 15-20.

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings the present week will again show a substantial increase compared with a year ago. Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ended to-day (Saturday, Feb. 16) bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 35.1% larger than for the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$12,023,222,340, against \$10,118,163,383 for the same week in 1928. At this centre there is a gain for the five days ended Friday of 35.1%. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended Feb. 16.	1929.	1928.	Per Cent.
New York	\$6,394,000,000	\$4,732,000,000	+35.1
Chicago	602,209,191	542,716,248	+11.0
Philadelphia	425,000,000	387,000,000	+9.8
Boston	362,000,000	373,000,000	-2.9
Kansas City	108,636,171	*115,000,000	-5.5
St. Louis	117,000,000	124,000,000	-5.6
San Francisco	152,227,000	176,689,000	-13.8
Los Angeles	181,239,000	169,780,000	+6.7
Pittsburgh	155,020,668	127,188,797	+6.2
Detroit	159,652,806	140,294,358	+13.8
Cleveland	117,013,701	111,765,915	+4.7
Baltimore	77,246,555	81,944,669	-5.7
New Orleans	48,369,301	56,275,316	-14.0
Thirteen cities, 5 days	\$8,879,714,393	\$7,137,654,303	+24.4
Other cities, 5 days	\$1,056,804,224	\$984,522,212	+7.3
Total all cities, 5 days	\$9,936,518,617	\$8,122,176,515	+22.3
All cities 1 day	\$2,087,203,723	\$1,995,986,868	+4.6
Total all cities for week	\$12,023,222,340	\$10,118,163,383	+18.8

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot furnish them to-day, inasmuch as the week ends to-day (Saturday) and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon to-day. Accordingly, in the above the last day of the week has in all cases had to be estimated.

In the elaborate detailed statement, however, which we present further below, we are able to give final and complete results for the week previous—the week ended Feb. 9. For that week there is an increase of 41.3%, the 1929 aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$14,789,785,760, against \$10,462,726,389 in the same week of 1928. Outside of this city the increase is only 18.2%. The bank exchanges at this centre record a gain of 57.9%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they

are located, and from this it appears in the New York Reserve District (including this city) the expansion reaches 58.1%, in the Boston Reserve District the increase is 14.9% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District 25.2%. The Cleveland Reserve District shows a gain of 11.1%, the Richmond Reserve District of 1.9% and the Atlanta Reserve District of 4.0%. In the Chicago Reserve District the totals are larger by 22.4%, in the St. Louis Reserve District by 6.1% and in the Minneapolis Reserve District by 4.8%. The Kansas City Reserve District has suffered a trifling loss (0.7%), while the Dallas Reserve District registers an increase of 8.1% and the San Francisco Reserve District of 12.1%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Week End. Feb. 9 1929, 1929, 1928, Inc./Dec., 1927, 1926. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (1st Boston, 2nd New York, 3rd Philadelphia, etc.), Total, 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 February 9, 1929, 1928, Inc./Dec., 1927, 1926. Rows include various Federal Reserve Districts such as First Federal Reserve District (Maine-Bangor, Portland, etc.), Second Federal Reserve District (New York, Albany, etc.), Third Federal Reserve District (Philadelphia, Altoona, etc.), Fourth Federal Reserve District (Cleveland, Akron, etc.), Fifth Federal Reserve District (Richmond, Va., etc.), Sixth Federal Reserve District (Atlanta, Knoxville, etc.), and Total (13 cities).

Large table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended February 9, 1929, 1928, Inc./Dec., 1927, 1926. Rows include various Federal Reserve Districts such as Seventh Federal Reserve District (Chicago, Mich.-Adrian, etc.), Eighth Federal Reserve District (St. Louis, Evansville, etc.), Ninth Federal Reserve District (Minneapolis, Duluth, etc.), Tenth Federal Reserve District (Kansas City, Fremont, etc.), Eleventh Federal Reserve District (Dallas, Austin, etc.), Twelfth Federal Reserve District (San Francisco, Seattle, etc.), and Total (129 cities).

* Estimated.

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

APPLICATION TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED WITH TITLE REQUESTED.

Feb. 5—The First National Bank of Sayreville, N. J. Capital, \$100,000. Correspondent, Fred S. Davis, 394 Main St., Sayreville, N. J.

APPLICATION TO CONVERT APPROVED.

Feb. 6—The Citizens Nat'l Bank & Trust Co. of Everett, Wash. Conversion of The Citizens Bank & Trust Co., of Everett, Wash.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Feb. 4—First National Bank in Georgetown, Del. President, Landreth L. Layton. Cashier, E. B. Green. Succeeds Branch of Delaware Trust Co. at Georgetown; Main Office at Wilmington, Del.
Feb. 5—The Kosse National Bank of Kosse, Texas. President, J. J. Suttle. Cashier, W. A. Jones.

CHANGE OF TITLE.

Feb. 5—The City National Bank of Gloversville, N. Y. to "City National Bank & Trust Co. of Gloversville."

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION.

Feb. 5—The First National Bank of Berthoud, Colo. 25,000. Effective Jan. 21 1929. Liquidating Agent, J. G. Doherty, Berthoud, Colo. Absorbed by The Berthoud National Bank, No. 7995.
First National Bank of Olyphant, Pa. 250,000. Effective Feb. 4 1929. Liquidating Agent, P. J. McGinty, Olyphant, Pa. Absorbed by Miners Savings Bank of Olyphant, Pa.
The Pacific National Bank of Boise, Ida. 300,000. Effective Jan. 30 1929. Liquidating Agent, First Security Bank of Boise, Ida. Succeeded by First Security Bank of Boise, Ida.
Feb. 6—The First National Bank of Detroit, Texas. 100,000. Effective Jan. 14 1929. Liquidating Agent, W. E. Holloway, Detroit, Texas. Succeeded by The Planters National Bank of Detroit, Tex., No. 13259.

BRANCH AUTHORIZED UNDER THE ACT OF FEB. 25 1927.

Feb. 6—The National Bank of Washington, D. C. Location of Branch—1121-1123 Water St., Southwest, Washington, D. C.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Buffalo on Wednesday of this week:

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table listing securities sold at auction by R. L. Day & Co., Boston, including Federal National Bank, Merchants Nat. Bank, Boston National Bank, etc.

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table listing securities sold at auction by Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston, including State Nat. Bank, First Nat. Bank, Whitman Mills Corp., etc.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing securities sold at auction by Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia, including United Firemen's Ins., Overbrook National Bank, etc.

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Table listing securities sold at auction by A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo, including Buffalo Steel Car, Night Hawks, Ketter Qualltol, etc.

By Adrian H. Muller & Son, New York:

Table listing securities sold by Adrian H. Muller & Son, New York, including Great Basin Oil Co., Low Volatile Coal 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:

Large table listing dividends for various companies, including Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, Banks, and Miscellaneous, with columns for Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed Days Inclusive.

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes various company names and their dividend details.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Contains sections for Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, and various utility and industrial companies.

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.

INSTITUTIONS NOT IN CLEARING HOUSE WITH CLOSING OF BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK ENDED FRIDAY, FEB. 8 1929.

NATIONAL AND STATE BANKS—Average Figures.

Table with 6 columns: Institution, Loans, Gold, Oth. Cash, Res. Dep., Dep. Other, Gross Deposits. Includes Manhattan, Nassau, Peoples, Traders, etc.

TRUST COMPANIES—Average Figures.

Table with 5 columns: Institution, Loans, Cash, Res'te Dep., Depos. Other, Gross Deposits. Includes American, Bk. of Europe & Tr., Central Union, etc.

* Includes amount with Federal Reserve Bank as follows: Central Union, \$33,661,000, Empire \$3,715,000, Fulton \$2,182,500.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Lists various companies like U.S. Realty, United States Steel, Vacuum Oil, etc.

* 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.

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.

n Coty, Inc., declared a stock dividend of 6%, payable in quarterly installments. o Kennebec Copper stock dividend is one share for each share held.

p Payable in class A stock. q New York Stock Exchange rules Archer-Daniels-Midland shall not be quoted ex- the 100% stock dividend until March 4.

r Federal Water Service dividend payable in cash or class A stock at rate of one-fifth of a share for each share held. s Engineers Public Service Co.'s stock dividend is two-one hundredths share common stock.

t New York Stock Exchange rules Certo Corp. be not quoted ex the stock dividend until March 1. u Byron Jackson Pump stock dividend subject to authorization by Corporation Department.

v Payable also to holders of coupon No. 17. w Less deduction for expenses of depositary. z National Bellas Hess dividend is two additional shares for each share held.

y Niles-Bement-Pond voted to distribute 2 1/2 shares common stock of United Aircraft & Transport Corp. for each share Niles-Bement-Pond stock held.

z Stewart-Warner Speedometer dividend subject to stockholders' meeting Apr. 2.

Weekly Return of New York City Clearing House.

Beginning with Mar. 31 '28 the New York City Clearing House Association discontinued giving out all statements previously issued and now makes only the barest kind of a report.

STATEMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION FOR THE WEEK ENDED SATURDAY, FEB. 9 1929.

Table with 4 columns: Clearing House Members, *Capital, *Surplus & Undivided Profits, Net Demand Deposits Average, Time Deposits Average. Lists Bank of N. Y. & Trust Co., Bank of the Manhattan Co., etc.

* As per official reports: National, Dec. 31 1928; State, Dec. 31 1928; Trust Companies, Dec. 31 1928.

Includes deposits in foreign branches: a \$21,481,000; b \$14,061,000; c \$69,820,000; d \$109,551,000; e \$6,320,000; f \$124,611,000.

Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

Table with 4 columns: Feb. 13 1929, Changes from Previous Week, Feb. 6 1929, Jan. 30 1929. Includes Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, etc.

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Feb. 9, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below.

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.

Table with 5 columns: Two Cities (00) omitted, Week Ended Feb. 9 1929, Feb. 2 1929, Jan. 26 1929. Includes Members of F.R. System, Trust Companies, Total, etc.

* Cash in vault not counted as reserve to Federal Reserve members.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Feb. 14 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 929, 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 FEB 13 1929.

Main table showing combined resources and liabilities of the Federal Reserve Banks at the close of business Feb 13 1929. Columns include dates from Feb. 13 1929 to Feb. 15 1928. Rows are categorized into RESOURCES (Gold with Federal Reserve Agents, Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes, Total gold reserves, etc.) and LIABILITIES (F. R. notes in actual circulation, Deposits, Total deposits, etc.).

NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 1925, two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption, "All other earning assets," previously made up of Federal Intermediate Credit Bank debentures, was changed to "Other securities," and the caption, "Total earning assets" to "Total bills and securities." The latter item was adopted as a more accurate description of the total of the discounts, acceptances and securities acquired under the provision 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 FEB. 13 1929

Table showing the weekly statement of resources and liabilities of each of the 12 Federal Reserve Banks at the close of business Feb. 13 1929. Columns represent different banks: Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran. Rows are categorized into RESOURCES (Gold held excl. agst. F. R. notes, Total gold reserves, etc.) and LIABILITIES (F. R. notes received from Comptroller, Issued to Federal Reserve Banks, etc.).

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, Feb. 15 1929.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 1011.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week Ended Feb. 15, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest). Rows include Albany & Susq, Beech Creek RR, Canada Southern, etc.

Industrial & Miscell.

Table with columns: Company Name, Par. Shares, \$ per share. Rows include Alleghany Corp w.l., Allis-Chalmers rights, Am For & Pow pf (6), etc.

Bank, Trust & Insurance Co. Stocks.

Table with columns: Company Name, Sales, Range. Row: Equit Tr Co of N Y.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfs. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked. Rows: Mar. 15 1929, Jun 15 1929, Sept. 15 1929, Dec. 15 1929.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Company Name, Bid, Ask. Rows: Alliance R'ty, Amer Surety, Bond & M. G., etc.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

(All prices dollars per share.)

Table with columns: Banks-N.Y., Bid, Ask, Banks-N.Y., Bid, Ask, Tr. Cos.-N.Y., Bid, Ask. Rows: America, Amer Union, Bryant Park, etc.

*State banks. † New stock. ‡ Ex-dividend. § Ex-stock div. ¶ Ex-rights.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.

Below we furnish a daily record of the transactions in Liberty Loan bonds and Treasury certificates on the New York Stock Exchange. The transactions in registered bonds are given in a footnote at the end of the tabulation.

Table with columns: Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices, Feb. 9, Feb. 11, Feb. 12, Feb. 13, Feb. 14, Feb. 15. Rows: First Liberty Loan, 3 1/2% bonds of 1923-47, etc.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Table with columns: Bond Description, Sales. Rows: 49 4th 4 1/2s, 1 Treasury 4 1/2s.

Foreign Exchange.—

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4.84 1/2 @ 4.85 1-16 for checks and 4.85 5-16 @ 4.85 3/4 for cables.

Today's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 3.90 1/2 @ 3.90 3/4 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 124.28 francs; week's range, 124.32 francs high, and 124.28 francs low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

Table with columns: Sterling, Actual, Checks, Cables. Rows: High for the week, Low for the week, Paris Bankers' Francs, Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders, Germany Bankers' Marks.

The Curb Market.—The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 1013.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 1041.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see second page preceding.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and 'Sales for the Week'. It lists various stock prices and sales volumes.

Main table listing 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1.', 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928', and 'Sales for the Week'. It includes numerous stock names like Railroads, Industrial & Miscellaneous, and various companies.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. s 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); STOCK NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscel. (Con.) Par); PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Art Metal Construction, Associated Dry Goods, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sale on this day. † Ex-dividend of 100% in com. stock. ‡ Ex-dividend. § Ex-rights. ¶ Shillings. ¢ Ex-div. and ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see fourth page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Feb. 9-15); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Consolidated Textile, Continental Baking, etc.

* Bkd and asked prices; no sales on this day. z 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, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1.; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928. Rows list various stocks like Indus. & Miscel. (Con.), Loose-Woods Biscuit, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights. b Ex-dividend and ex-rights

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For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see seventh page preceding.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Main table listing stock sales with columns for date, price, and volume. Includes sub-sections for 'NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots'.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see eighth page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Shares for the Week); STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscel. (Con.) Par); PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Tenn Copp & Chem, Texas Corporation, etc.

* Bid and asked prices: no sales on this day. Ex-dividend. Ex-rights. * No par value. Ex-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.

BONDS										BONDS									
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE.										N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE.									
Week Ended Feb. 15.										Week Ended Feb. 15.									
Interest Period.	Price Friday Feb. 15.	Week's Range or Last Sale.		Bonds Sold.	Range Since Jan. 1.		Interest Period.	Price Friday Feb. 15.	Week's Range or Last Sale.		Bonds Sold.	Range Since Jan. 1.							
		Bid	Ask		Low	High			Low	High		Bid	Ask	Low	High				
U. S. Government.																			
First Liberty Loan																			
3 1/2 % of 1932-1947	J D	97 1/2	Sale	97 1/2	98 1/2	551	97 1/2	99 1/2	97 1/2	99 1/2	551	97 1/2	99 1/2						
Conv 4 % of 1932-47	J D	99 1/2	Sale	99 1/2	100 1/2	305	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	305	99 1/2	100 1/2						
Conv 4 1/4 % of 1932-47	J D	99 1/2	Sale	99 1/2	100 1/2	305	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	305	99 1/2	100 1/2						
2d conv 4 1/4 % of 1932-47	J D	99 1/2	Sale	99 1/2	100 1/2	305	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	305	99 1/2	100 1/2						
Fourth Liberty Loan																			
4 1/4 % of 1933-1938	A O	99 1/2	Sale	99 1/2	99 3/4	633	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	633	99 1/2	100 1/2						
Treasury 4 1/4 % of 1933-1947	A O	103 1/2	Sale	103 1/2	104 1/2	105	103 1/2	104 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2	105	103 1/2	104 1/2						
Treasury 4 1/2 % of 1933-1947	A O	103 1/2	Sale	103 1/2	104 1/2	105	103 1/2	104 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2	105	103 1/2	104 1/2						
Treasury 3 1/2 % of 1933-1947	M S	100 1/2	Sale	100 1/2	101 1/2	58	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	58	100 1/2	101 1/2						
Treasury 3 3/4 % of 1933-1947	J D	97	Sale	97	97 1/2	189	97	97 1/2	97	97 1/2	189	97	97 1/2						
Treasury 3 1/2 % June 15 1940-1947	J D	97	Sale	97	97 1/2	88	97	97 1/2	97	97 1/2	88	97	97 1/2						
State and City Securities.																			
N Y C 3 1/2 % Corp st. - Nov 1954																			
M N	87	87	88 1/2	Jan '29	88 1/2	88 1/2	87	87	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	87	87						
3 1/2 % Corporate st. - May 1954																			
M N	87	87	88 1/2	Jan '29	88 1/2	88 1/2	87	87	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	87	87						
4s registered - 1936																			
M N	95	95	95	Jan '29	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95						
4s registered - 1956																			
M N	95	95	95	Jan '29	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95						
4 1/2 % corporate stock - 1957																			
M N	95	95	95	Jan '29	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95						
4 1/2 % corporate stock - 1957																			
M N	101 1/2	101 1/2	104 3/4	Nov '28	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	104 3/4	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2						
4 1/2 % corporate stock - 1957																			
M N	101 1/2	101 1/2	104 3/4	Nov '28	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	104 3/4	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2						
4 1/2 % corporate stock - 1958																			
M N	95	95 1/2	97 1/2	Jan '29	97 1/2	97 1/2	95	95 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	95	95 1/2						
4 1/2 % corporate stock - 1958																			
M N	95	95 1/2	98	Jan '29	97 1/2	97 1/2	95	95 1/2	98	98	98	95	95 1/2						
4 1/2 % corporate stock - 1960																			
M S	90 3/4	100	99 3/4	Jan '29	99 3/4	99 3/4	90 3/4	100	99 3/4	99 3/4	99 3/4	90 3/4	100						
4 1/2 % corporate stock - 1964																			
M S	98 1/4	100	99 3/4	Jan '29	99 3/4	99 3/4	98 1/4	100	99 3/4	99 3/4	99 3/4	98 1/4	100						
4 1/2 % corporate stock - 1966																			
M S	98 1/4	100	99 3/4	Jan '29	99 3/4	99 3/4	98 1/4	100	99 3/4	99 3/4	99 3/4	98 1/4	100						
4 1/2 % corporate stock - 1972																			
A O	98 1/4	100 3/4	101 1/2	Nov '28	101 1/2	101 1/2	98 1/4	100 3/4	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	98 1/4	100 3/4						
4 1/2 % corporate stock - 1971																			
J D	102	105 1/2	108 1/2	June '28	102 1/2	102 1/2	102	105 1/2	108 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102	105 1/2						
4 1/2 % corporate stock - 1963																			
M S	101 1/4	108 3/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	4	101 1/4	108 3/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	4	101 1/4	108 3/4						
4 1/2 % corporate stock - 1965																			
J D	101 1/4	105	107	June '28	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4	105	107	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4	105						
4 1/2 % corporate stock - July 1967																			
J D	101 1/4	105	104 1/4	Jan '29	101 1/4	104 1/4	101 1/4	105	104 1/4	101 1/4	104 1/4	101 1/4	105						
New York State Canal 4s - 1960																			
J D	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	Aug '28	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2						
4s Range Canal - 1942																			
J S	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	Dec '29	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2						
4s Highway - Mar 1962																			
M S	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	June '28	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2						
Foreign Govt. & Municipals.																			
Agric Mtge Bank s f 6s - 1947																			
F A	86 1/2	88 3/4	87	88 1/4	13	87	86 1/2	88 3/4	87	88 1/4	13	86 1/2	88 3/4						
Sinking fund 6s A - Apr 15 1948																			
F A	86 1/2	88 3/4	86 1/2	86 1/2	1	86 1/2	86 1/2	88 3/4	86 1/2	86 1/2	1	86 1/2	88 3/4						
Akershus (Dept) extl 5s - 1963																			
M N	88 1/4	87 1/2	88 3/4	36	88 1/4	88 1/4	88 1/4	87 1/2	88 3/4	36	88 1/4	87 1/2	88 3/4						
Antioquia (Dept) extl 7s A - 1945																			
J J	93	93	93	93 3/4	26	93	93	93	93 3/4	26	93	93	93 3/4						
External s f 7s ser B - 1945																			
J J	93	93 1/2	93	93 1/2	18	93	93 1/2	93	93 1/2	18	93	93 1/2	93 1/2						
External s f 7s ser C - 1945																			
J J	93	93 1/2	93	93 1/2	7	93	93 1/2	93	93 1/2	7	93	93 1/2	93 1/2						
External s f 7s ser D - 1945																			
J J	93	93	93	93 3/4	37	93	93 3/4	93	93 3/4	37	93	93 3/4	93 3/4						
External s f 7s 1st ser - 1957																			
A O	91	94 7/8	92 1/2	92 7/8	8	91	95	92 1/2	92 7/8	8	91	95	92 1/2						
Extl sec s f 7s 2d ser - 1957																			
A O	90 3/4	94	90 3/4	94	7	90 3/4	94	90 3/4	94	7	90 3/4	94	94						
Extl sec s f 7s 3d ser - 1957																			
A O	91	92 1/2	91 1/2	92 1/2	9	91	92 1/2	91 1/2	92 1/2	9	91	92 1/2	92 1/2						
Argentine Govt Wks 6s - 1960																			
A O	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	46	99 3/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	46	99 3/4	100 1/4	100 1/4						
Argentine Ation (Govt) of																			
J D	100	100	100	100 3/4	75	99 3/4	100	100	100 3/4	75	99 3/4	100	100 3/4						
Sinking fund 6s of June 1925-1959																			
J D	99 3/4	100	99 3/4	100 1/2	34	99 3/4	100	99 3/4	100 1/2	34	99 3/4	100	100 1/2						
Extl s f 6s of Oct 1925 - 1959																			
A O	99 3/4	100	99 3/4	100 1/2	103	99 3/4	100	99 3/4	100 1/2	103	99 3/4	100	100 1/2						
Sinking fund 6s series A - 1957																			
M S	100	100	100	100 1/2	58	99 3/4	100	100	100 1/2	58	99 3/4	100	100 1/2						
External 6s series B - Dec 1958																			
J D	100 1/4	100	100	100 3/4	26	99 3/4	100	100	100 3/4	26	99 3/4	100	100 3/4						
Extl s f 6s of May 1926 - 1960																			
M S	99 3/4	100	99 3/4	100 1/4	85	99 3/4	100	99 3/4	100 1/4	85	99 3/4	100	100 1/4						
External s f 6s (State Ry) - 1960																			
M S	100 1/4	100	99 3/4	100 1/4	63	99 3/4	100	100 1/4	100 1/4	63	99 3/4	100	100 1/4						
Extl 6s Sanitary Works - 1961																			
F A	100 1/4	100	99 3/4	100 1/4	63	99 3/4	100	100 1/4	100 1/4	63	99 3/4	100	100 1/4						
Ext 6s pub wks (May '27) - 1961																			
F A	100 1/4	100	99 3/4	100 1/4	63	99 3/4	100	100 1/4	100 1/4	63	99 3/4	100	100 1/4						
Public Works extl 5 1/4s - 1962																			
F A	96 3/4	96 1/4	96 1/4	96 3/4	65	94 3/4	97 1/4	96 1/4	96 3/4	65	94 3/4	97 1/4	96 1/4						
Argentina Treasury 5s E - 1945																			
M S	91 1/8	92	92	92 1/8	3	91	92 1/8	92	92 1/8	3	91	92 1/8	92 1/8						
Australia 30-yr 5s - July 1945																			
J J	95 5/8	95	95	96	103	95	97	95	96	103	95	97	96						
External 5s of 1927 - Sept 1957																			
M S	94 1/4	94 1/4	94 1/4	95	139	94 1/4	96 1/2	94 1/4	95	139	94 1/4	96 1/2	95						
Extl g 4 1/4s of 1928 - 1956																			
M N	87 3/4	87 3/4	87 3/4	87 3/4	128	87	88 1/4	87 3/4	87 3/4	128	87	88 1/4	87 3/4						
Austrian (Govt) s f 7s - 1943																			
J D	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	103	38	102	103	102 1/2	103	38	102	103	103						
Bavaria (Free State) 6 1/4s - 1945																			
F A	95 5/8	95 5/8	95 5/8	96	16	95	96 1/2	95 5/8	96	16	95	96 1/2	96						
Belgium 25-yr extl s f 7 1/4s - 1945																			
J D	115 5/8	114 3/4	115 5/8	115 5/8	44	114 1/2	115 5/8	115 5/8	115 5/8	44	114 1/2	115 5/8	115 5/8						
20-yr s f 8s - 1941																			
F A	109 1/4	109 1/4	109 1/4	109 3/4	30	108	110 1/2	109 1/4	109 3/4	30	108	110 1/2	109 3/4						
25-yr external 6 1/2s - 1949																			
M S	106 1/4	106 1/4	106 1/4	106 1/2	42	105 1/2	107	106 1/4	106 1/2	42	105 1/2	107	106 1/2						
External s f 6s - 1955																			
J D	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/2	83	100	100 1/2	100 1/4	100 1/2	83	100	100 1/2	100 1/2						
External 30-year s f 7s - 1955																			
J D	108 1/4	108 1/4	108 1/4	108 1/2	149	107 3/4	109	108 1/4	108 1/2	149	107 3/4	109	108 1/2						
Stabilization loan 7s - 1956																			
M S	105 1/4	105 1/4	105 1/4	105 1/2	83	105 1/4	106 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2	83	105 1/4	106 1/2	105 1/2						
Bergen (Norway) s f 8s - 194																			

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE. Week Ended Feb. 15.

Table of bond listings for the first section, including Railroad, General, and various municipal bonds. Columns include description, interest, price, and range.

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE. Week Ended Feb. 15.

Table of bond listings for the second section, including various municipal and corporate bonds. Columns include description, interest, price, and range.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Feb. 15.', 'Price Friday Feb. 15.', 'Week's Range or Last Sale', 'Range Since Jan. 1.', and 'Bonds Sold.' Includes sub-sections for 'Louisville & Nash' and 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Feb. 15.' with various bond titles and prices.

Due Feb. 1.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range (Low/High), Range Since Jan. 1., and various other market data. Includes sections for N.Y. STOCK EXCHANGE and BOND EXCHANGE.

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BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week End Feb. 15.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Low, High, No., Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries for Wilk & East, Adams Express, and various industrial bonds.

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week End Feb. 15.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Low, High, No., Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries for Cuba Cane Sugar, Dery Corp, and various municipal bonds.

BONDS				Week's				Range		BONDS				Week's		Range			
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE				Range or				Since		N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE				Range or		Since			
Week Ended Feb. 15.				Last Sale.				Jan. 1.		Week Ended Feb. 15.				Range or		Since			
Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High	Jan. 1.	Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High	Jan. 1.	Low	High		
Lower Austrian Hydro El Pow																			
1st s f 6 1/2s	1944	F A	85 1/4	86 1/2	85 1/4	Jan '29	17	85 1/4	87 3/4	Purity Bakeries s f deb 5s	1948	J J	94	94	93 1/2	95	95		
McCrorry Stores Corp deb 5 1/2s '41	1942	J D	98	98	98 1/2		17	98 1/2	99	Remington Arms 6s	1937	M N	99 1/2	99	100	45	99	101	
Manhat Sugar 1st s f 7 1/2s	1942	A O	100	100	100		18	100	100	Rep Rand deb 5 1/2s with war	1947	M N	94 1/2	94	94 1/2	48	93 1/2	95 1/2	
Manhat Ry (N Y) cons g 4s	1930	A O	66 1/4	66 1/4	67		18	66 1/4	67 1/2	Rem U & S 10-30-yr 5s s f	1940	A O	100	102 3/4	103 1/4	Feb '29	102	103 1/4	
2d 4s	1913	A D	60	60	60		20	60	60	Ref & gen 5 1/2s series A	1963	J J	102 1/8	102	102 1/2	16	101 1/2	103 1/2	
Manila Elec Ry & Lt s f 5s	1933	M S	100 1/8	100 1/8	100 1/8		30	97 1/2	100 1/2	Rheinland 5 1/2s with war	1946	J J	103 1/8	103 1/4	104 1/2	40	103 1/4	104 1/2	
Marion Steam Shove s f 6s	1947	A O	97 1/2	99	98		5	98	99 1/2	Without stk purch war	1946	J J	96 1/4	96	96 1/4	13	96	98	
Mfrs Tr Co cts of partie in										Rhine-Main-Danube 7s A	1950	M S	102	102	102 1/2	27	100	102 3/4	
A I Namm & Son 1st 6s	1943	J D	102	102	102		12	102	105	Rhine-Westphalia Elec Pow 7s	1950	M N	100 1/2	100 1/8	101	11	100 1/2	102	
Market St Ry 7s ser A April	1940	Q J	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2		24	88 1/2	97 3/8	Direct mtge 6s	1952	M N	88 1/2	88 1/2	92 1/2	52	88 1/2	93 3/8	
Meridional El 1st 7s	1967	A O	96	96	96 1/2		8	94 3/4	97 1/2	Cons m 6s of 1928	1953	F A	93 3/4	93 3/4	93 3/4	42	93 1/8	95 1/2	
Metr Ed 1st & ref 5s ser C	1963	J J	102 1/4	102	102 1/4		8	101 1/2	103	Rima Steel 1st s f 7s	1955	F A	94 1/4	93 3/4	94 3/4	26	91	94 3/8	
Metr West Side El (Chic) 4s	1938	F A	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2		78	78	80 1/4	Roehster Gas & El 7s ser B	1946	M S	108 3/8	108 3/8	108 3/8	1	108 1/2	110	
MIag Mill Mach 7s with war	1926	J D	95 1/4	98	93 1/2	Feb '29	93	93 1/2	94 3/4	Gen mtge 5 1/2s series C	1948	M S	106 1/4	106 1/4	106 1/4	1	106	106 1/4	
Without warrants										Gen mtge 4 1/2s series D	1977	M S	99	100 1/2	100 1/2	Jan '29	100 1/2	100 3/4	
Mid-Cont Petrol 1st 6 1/2s	1940	M S	104	104	104		2	104	105 1/4	Ro & Pitts C & P m 5s	1946	M N	90	90	90	Dec '28	90	90	
Midvale Steel & O conv s f 5s	1936	M S	100	100	100		93	99 1/8	100 1/8	St Jos Ry Lt & Pr 1st 5s	1937	M N	96	98 1/4	95 3/4	6	95 3/8	96	
Murw El Ry & Lt ref & ext 4 1/2s	1931	J J	98 1/4	98 1/4	98 1/4		13	97 1/2	99 1/8	St Joseph Stk Yds 1st 4 1/2s	1930	J J	78 1/2	99	99	5	99	99	
General & ref 6s series A	1951	J D	102 3/4	102 3/4	102 3/4		3	102 3/4	103	St L Rock Mt & P 5 stmpd	1955	J J	95	95	75	6	75	77	
1st & ref 5s series B	1961	J D	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4		19	100	101 1/4	St Paul City Cable cons 6s	1937	J J	97	97 1/4	97 1/4	Jan '29	97	92	
Montana Power 1st 6s A	1943	J J	102 1/4	102	102 1/2		19	102	104	San Antonio Pub Serv 1st 6s	1952	J J	103 1/2	105	104 1/2	105	4	103 1/2	105
Deb 5s series A	1962	J D	99 1/2	99 1/2	100		18	99 1/4	101	Saxon Pub Wks (Germany) 7s	1945	F A	99 1/4	99	99 3/4	36	98 1/2	100	
Montecatini Min & Agric										Gen ref guar 6 1/2s	1951	M N	93 1/2	93	94 1/8	49	93	94 1/2	
Deb 7s with warrants	1937	J J	120	120 3/4	120 1/2		18	118	127	Schulco Co guar 6 1/2s	1946	F A	100	99 1/2	100 1/8	9	99 1/2	101	
Without warrants										Guar s f 6 1/2s series B	1946	M N	99 1/2	99	99 1/2	7	98 3/4	99	
Montreal Tram 1st & ref 6s	1941	J J	98 3/8	98 3/8	98 3/8		3	98 1/4	98 3/4	Shell Petrol Line s f deb 5s	1952	M N	95 3/4	95 3/4	95 3/4	150	95	97	
Gen & ref s f 6s series A	1955	A O	96 3/4	96 3/4	96 3/4	Jan '29	96 3/4	96 3/4	96 3/4	Shell Union Oil s f deb 5s	1947	M N	96 3/8	96 3/8	96 3/8	72	96 3/8	97 1/2	
Series B	1955	A O	96 3/8	97 3/8	98 3/8	Sept '28	31	87 1/2	88 1/2	Shinyetsu El Pow 1st 6 1/2s	1952	J D	91 1/4	90 1/2	91 1/4	13	90 1/4	91 1/2	
Morris & Co 1st s f 4 1/2s	1939	J J	88 3/8	88 3/8	87 3/4	Jan '29	87 3/4	87 3/4	88 1/2	Shubert Theatre 6s June 15	1942	J D	87	87	87	5	87	91 1/2	
Mortgage-Bond Co 4s ser 2	1966	A O	80	81 1/2	81 1/2	Jan '29	7	80	81 1/2	Siemens & Halske s f 7s	1935	J J	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	5	102	105	
10-25-year 5s series 3	1932	J J	96 3/4	97	97		5	97	97 1/2	Deb s f 6 1/2s	1951	M S	102 1/8	103	105 1/4	3	105	108	
Murray Body 1st 6 1/2s	1934	J D	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4		4	99 3/4	102	S f 6 1/2s allot cts 50% pd	1951	M S	103	103	102 1/4	69	102 1/2	106	
Mutua Fuel Gas 1st gu g 5s	1947	M N	102 3/8	104	104	Jan '29	1	102 3/8	104	Sierra & San Fran Power 5s	1949	F A	99 1/2	100 1/2	99	100	99	101	
Mut Un Tel gtd 6s ext at 5s	1941	M N	98	104 3/4	104 3/4	July '28	1	98	104 3/4	Silesia Elec Corp s f 6 1/2s	1946	F A	87 1/2	87 1/2	89	17	88 1/2	89	
Namm (A D) & Son—See Mfrs Tr										Silesian-Am Exp coll tr 7s	1941	A O	98 3/8	98 3/8	99	15	97 3/8	99	
Nassau Elec guar 4s	1951	J J	62	62	61 7/8	62 1/2	23	55	64	Simms Petrol 6% notes	1929	M S	103 1/4	103	103 1/2	114	101 1/2	103 1/2	
Nat Amer 1st s f 6s	1942	J D	101 1/4	102	101 1/4	102 1/4	197	101 1/4	102 1/4	Sinclair Cons Oil 15-year 7s	1930	M S	99 3/8	99 1/2	99 3/8	26	98 3/4	100	
Nat Dairy Prod deb 5 1/2s	1948	F A	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2		13	94	98	1st gen coll 6s series D	1938	J D	100 1/2	100	100 1/2	58	100	101 1/4	
Nat Enam & Stamp 1st 5s	1929	J D	101	101	101	Jan '29	13	97	98	Sinclair Crude Oil 5 1/2s ser A	1938	J J	97	97	96	27	95 3/4	97 1/4	
Nat Radiator deb 6 1/2s	1947	F A	81 1/4	81	82 1/4		13	78	82	Skelly Pipe Line s f 5s	1942	A O	94 1/4	94 1/8	95	27	93	95	
Nat Starch 20-year deb 5s	1930	J J	98	100	98	Jan '29	29	102 1/4	104 5/8	Skelly Oil deb 5 1/2s	1939	M N	92 1/4	92 1/4	93 1/4	8	92 1/4	93 1/4	
National Tube 1st s f 5s	1952	M N	102 3/8	102 3/8	102 3/8		11	102 3/8	103 1/2	Smith (A O) Corp 1st 6 1/2s	1933	M N	102	102	102 1/2	11	102	102 3/8	
Newark Consol Gas cons 5s	1945	J D	103 1/2	105 1/4	106	106 1/4	11	105 1/4	107	South Porto Rico Sugar 7s	1941	J D	105 1/2	107	105 1/2	2	103 1/2	107	
New England Tel & Tel 5s A	1952	J D	106 1/4	106	106 1/4		11	106 1/4	107	South Bell Tel & Tel 1st s f 5s	1941	J J	103	103	103 1/2	6	103	104 1/4	
1st g 4 1/2s series B	1961	M N	99 1/2	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	57	99 1/2	100 1/4	Southern Colo Power 6s A	1947	J J	103	103	103 1/4	7	103	104 1/4	
New Oril Pub Serv 1st 6s A	1955	A O	95 1/4	95 1/4	96 1/4	14	95	96 3/4	96 1/4	S'west Bell Tel 1st & ref 5s	1954	F A	104 1/4	104 1/4	105 1/4	63	103 1/4	105 1/4	
First & ref 5s series B	1952	J D	95 3/4	95 3/4	95 3/4	56	94 7/8	96 1/2	96 1/2	Spring Val Water 1st g 5s	1943	M N	99 3/4	100 1/8	99 3/4	1	98 3/4	100 1/8	
N Y Dock 50-year 1st g 4s	1951	F A	83 3/4	83 3/4	83 3/4	17	82 1/2	87 3/4	88	Standard Milling 1st 5s	1930	M N	99 3/4	100 1/8	100 1/8	3	99 3/4	100 1/8	
Serial 5% notes	1938	A O	87 3/8	87 3/8	87 3/8		8	87 3/8	88	1st & ref 5 1/2s	1945	F A	102	102	101 3/4	67	101 3/4	103 3/8	
N Y Edison 1st & ref 6 1/2s A	1941	A O	113 3/4	113 3/4	115 3/4	52	113	115 3/4	116 1/2	Stand Oil of N J deb 6 1/2s	1946	F A	102	102	102 1/2	67	101 3/4	103 3/8	
1st lien & ref 5s series B	1944	A O	104 3/8	105	104 1/4	104 3/8	7	103 7/8	105	Stevens Hotel 1st 6s series A	1945	J J	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	123	95 1/2	98	
N Y Gas El Lt H & Pr g 6s	1948	J D	106 3/4	110	106 3/4	107	3	106 1/2	107 1/2	Sugar Estates (Oriente) 7s	1942	M S	92	92	94 3/4	7	92	98	
Registered										Superior Oil 1st s f 7s	1929	F A	99 1/2	99 1/2	100	Nov '28	99 1/2	100	
Purchase money gold 4s	1949	F A	92 3/4	92 3/4	92 3/4	17	92 3/4	94	94	Syracuse Lighting 1st g 5s	1951	J D	105	105 3/4	105 3/4	Feb '29	105	106	
N Y L E & W C & RR 5 1/2s	1942	M J	100 1/2	101 1/2	100	Aug '28	1	100	100 1/8	Tenn Coal Iron & RR gen 5s	1951	J J	102 1/8	102 1/8	102 1/8	1	101 5/8	103 1/2	
N Y L E & W D S 6s	1943	J J	99 1/4	100	99 1/4	Jan '29	1	99 1/4	100 1/8	Tenn Coal & Chem deb 6s	1941	A O	107	110	107	13	104	114	
N Y & Q El L & P 1st g 6s	1930	F A	56	60	56	Jan '29	1	56	58	Tennessee Elec Pow 1st 6s	1947	J D	106 3/8	106 3/8	107	47	106	107	
N Y Rys 1st R E & ref 4s	1942	J J	56	56	56	Jan '29	1	56	58	Third Ave 1st ref 4s	1960	J J	62 1/2	62 1/2	63 1/2	5	60	66	
Certificates of deposit																			

Outside Stock Exchanges

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Stocks (Continued) Par.		Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.		Stocks (Concluded) Par.		Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.		
			Low.	High.		Low.	High.				Low.	High.		Low.	High.	
Commonwealth Edison	100	241	235	241 3/4	1,025	209	Jan 250	Jan	Quaker Oats Co com	100	365	365	367	35	350	Jan 367
Commonwealth Tel Corp	40	39	39	40 3/4	400	35	Jan 43 1/4	Jan	Preferred	100	117	117	117	111	115 1/4	Jan 120
Community Tel Co cum pt	30	30	30	32	1,500	29 1/2	Jan 35 1/2	Feb	Raytheon Mfg Co	100	62	56 3/4	65	3,200	55	Jan 70
Construction Material	38	34	34	38	4,600	34	Feb 38	Feb	Reliance (Mfg) com	10	25	25	26 1/2	3,950	25	Feb 30 1/2
Preferred	52	52	52	55	4,000	52	Feb 55	Feb	Richards (Elmer) Co pref.	25	28	28	28	550	28	Jan 28 1/2
Consumers Co common	5	11 1/4	11 1/4	11 3/4	700	11	Feb 13 1/4	Jan	Ross Gear & Tool com	50	52	53 1/2	63	450	45	Jan 57
Warrants	5	4 3/4	4 3/4	5	500	4 1/2	Feb 6 1/4	Jan	Ryan Car Co (The) com	25	15	15	15	50	8	Jan 18
Crane Co. common	25	47	47	47 1/4	347	46	Jan 48	Feb	Ryerson & Son Inc com	41 1/2	41 1/4	43 1/4	53	3,150	38	Jan 46
Preferred	100	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2	65	117	Jan 119	Jan	Sangamo Electric Co	100	40 1/4	40 1/4	40 1/2	50	35 1/2	Jan 48 1/4
Curtis Mfg Co	5	36	36	36 1/4	1,200	36	Feb 37	Jan	Saunders class A com	50	63	58 3/4	63	1,350	58	Jan 48
Davis Indus Inc "A"	14	14	14	14 3/4	500	14	Feb 17 1/2	Jan	Preferred	50	50	47	51	800	47	Feb 51 1/2
Decker (Alf) & Cohn Inc	20	20	20	20	150	20	Feb 27	Jan	Shaboard Pub Serv pref	100	95	95	95	25	95	Jan 100
El Household Util Corp	10	42	41	44	13,900	30	Jan 44	Feb	Sheffield Steel com	100	78	78	80 1/4	90	95	Jan 100
Ellec Research Lab Inc	5	16 1/4	16 1/4	17 1/4	6,200	14 1/4	Jan 22 1/2	Jan	Signode Steel Strap Co	30	18 1/4	18	19	1,150	17 1/4	Jan 20 1/4
Empire C & P Co	100	94 3/4	94 3/4	94 3/4	150	94 3/4	Feb 97	Jan	Preferred	30	30	28 1/2	31	750	28 1/4	Jan 32 1/4
7% preferred	100	96 3/4	96 3/4	98	400	96 3/4	Feb 98	Feb	Purchase warrants	3	3	3	3	400	3	Feb 4 1/4
Fabrics Finishing com	24	23 3/4	23 3/4	24 1/2	2,850	23 1/2	Jan 25	Jan	Union Tube Co com	37	36 3/4	40 3/4	40 3/4	31,350	31 1/4	Jan 44 1/2
Federated Public's \$2 pref	100	27	27	27	50	25	Jan 27 1/2	Jan	So Colo Pow El A com	25	25	26 1/4	26 1/4	800	24	Jan 26 1/4
Fitz Simmons & Connell Dk & Dredge Co	20	65 1/4	65	65 3/4	200	60	Jan 83 3/4	Feb	Southwest Lt & Pow pld	50	90 3/4	90 3/4	93 1/4	45	87 1/2	Jan 90 3/4
Foot Bros G & M Co	20	26	26	27	1,650	24	Jan 30	Jan	Standard Dredge com pf	38 1/2	37 1/2	40 3/4	40 3/4	8,200	35 1/4	Jan 40 1/4
Gen Spring Bumper A	42 1/2	42	42	49 1/2	4,050	42	Feb 49 1/2	Feb	Stand Serv "A"	31 1/2	29 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	3,700	27	Jan 31 1/2
Class B	42 1/2	41 1/4	41 1/4	49	2,670	41 1/4	Feb 49	Feb	Steelite Radio Co	40 1/2	40	40	44	3,050	38 1/2	Jan 49
Gerlach Barklow	24	23 1/4	23 1/4	26	2,900	23 1/4	Feb 26	Feb	Sterling Motor, pref	34	34	35	35	1,450	34	Feb 36
Preferred	29	28 1/2	28 1/2	30	4,350	28 1/2	Feb 30	Feb	Storkline Fur conv pref	25	27 1/4	28 1/4	28 1/4	500	27	Jan 30
GheanComHarves rCorp	108	108	111	111	550	108	Jan 125	Jan	Studebaker Mail Or com	5	18 1/2	17	19 1/4	7,800	13 1/4	Jan 20
Goldhaus Sugar, Inc, cl B	33 3/4	31	31	32 3/4	8,600	24	Jan 38	Feb	Super Maid Corp com	25	28	27	28	2,050	27 1/2	Jan 30
Goldblatt Bros Inc com	31	31	31	32 3/4	500	31	Jan 36	Jan	Sutherland Pap Co, com	10	18 3/4	18 3/4	19	500	18 1/4	Feb 21
Great Lakes Aircraft A	26	25	25	28	6,850	25	Feb 32	Jan	Swift & Co	100	134	134	135	1,350	134	Feb 140
Great Lakes D & D	100	227	227	255	2,900	227	Feb 275	Feb	Swift International	15	33 3/4	33 3/4	34 3/4	2,750	33 3/4	Feb 37 1/2
Greif Bros Cooper A com	5	39 1/4	39 1/4	40	165	39 1/4	Feb 42	Jan	Tenn Prod Corp com	25	25	25	26 1/4	600	25	Jan 28 1/4
Grigsby-Grunow Co	Common (new)	167	154	178 1/4	81,650	140 1/4	Jan 179	Feb	Thompson (J R) com	25	53	53	53 3/4	700	53	Feb 62
Hahn Dept, Store, com	49	49	49	50 1/4	900	46 1/4	Jan 54 1/4	Jan	Rights	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1	5,350	1 1/2	Jan 1 1/2
Hall Printing Co com	10	30	30	31	950	29 1/4	Jan 35 1/4	Jan	Time-O-St Controls "A"	33 1/4	33 1/4	35	35	1,250	33 1/4	Jan 39 1/4
Hart-Carter Co conv pf	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	31 1/4	1,900	29 1/2	Feb 34 1/4	Jan	12th St Store (The) pfd A	24	24	24	24 1/4	250	24	Jan 26
Hart Schaffer & Marx	100	183	183	188	75	175	Jan 190	Feb	Unit Corp of Am pref	33	32 1/4	32 1/4	32 1/4	2,900	32 1/4	Jan 37 1/4
Hershey Corp, conv pt A	100	54 1/4	54 1/4	58 1/4	500	54 1/4	Feb 60 1/4	Jan	United Dry Dks, Inc com	22	22	22	22 1/2	5,050	22	Jan 23
Class "B"	100	56	56	59	450	50 1/4	Feb 67	Jan	United Gas Co com	34	34	35 1/4	35 1/4	2,250	34	Jan 39 1/4
Hib-Spen-Bart & Co com	25	54	54	56	2,050	53 1/4	Jan 57 1/4	Jan	United Paper Corp part B	35	35	35	38	2,650	35	Feb 42 1/4
Hormell & Co (Geo) com A	50	53 1/4	53 1/4	59 1/4	3,850	52	Feb 66 1/4	Jan	United Pub Util S6 pref	5	81 1/2	82	100	80	Jan 82	
Houdaille Corp cl A com pt	50	52	52	59 1/4	5,300	51 3/4	Jan 66 1/4	Jan	Univ Theatres conv cl A	5	13	13	15	110	10	Jan 15 1/2
Class B	50	53 1/4	53 1/4	59 1/4	1,950	51 1/4	Feb 59 1/4	Feb	U S Gypsum conv cl A	2	64 3/4	63	64 3/4	2,700	63	Feb 72 1/4
Houdaille-Hershey Corp A	50	51 1/4	51 1/4	56	2,000	51 1/4	Feb 59	Feb	25% rald	48	48	50	200	45 1/4	Jan 53	
Class B	50	36 1/4	36 1/4	38 1/4	450	36 1/4	Feb 41	Jan	U S Radio & Telev com	114 1/2	104	125	125	26,950	44 1/4	Jan 141
Illinois Brick Co	25	80 1/4	78	84	5,300	71	Jan 84	Jan	Utah Radic Products com	44	43	50	50	4,210	41 1/4	Jan 56
Indep Pneu Tool v t e	25	46 1/4	46	53	39,500	30	Jan 53	Feb	Ut & Ind Corp	21 1/2	21	21	31	54,900	21	Feb 31
Inland Wl & Cable com	10	80 1/4	78	84	5,300	71	Jan 84	Jan	Preferred	25	25	25	31	23,750	25	Feb 31
Insull Util Invest Inc	46 1/4	241	220	250	1,752	125	Jan 230	Feb	Van Sickenl Corp part cl A	14	34	34	35	1,250	34	Feb 36 1/4
5 1/4% prior preferred	241	32 1/4	30	34 1/4	13,900	24 1/4	Jan 34 1/4	Feb	Vesta Battery Corp com	10	15	14	15	525	13 1/4	Jan 15
Iron Fireman Mfg Co v t e	115	115	112	122	4,550	115	Jan 131	Jan	Vogt Mfg com	34 1/4	33 3/4	35	35	450	32	Jan 35
Kalamazoo Stove com	10	15 1/4	15	17	3,000	15	Feb 19 1/4	Jan	Vorlone Corp part pref	52 1/2	48 1/2	54	54	5,850	45	Feb 57 1/4
Kellogg Switchboard com	10	15 1/4	15	17	3,000	15	Feb 19 1/4	Jan	Wahl Co com	22	22	22	24	1,450	22	Feb 27
Preferred	10	17	17	17	71	71	Feb 74	Jan	Walgreen Co, com pur war	100	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	100	104 1/2	Feb 104 1/2
Ken-Rad Tube & Lamp A	36	36	36	42	7,900	36	Feb 42	Feb	6 1/4% preferred	100	21	21	23	940	21	Feb 26
Kentucky Util Jr com pf	50	52	51 1/2	52	120	50 1/4	Feb 52 1/4	Jan	Warchel Corporation	21	21	21	23 1/2	1,300	21	Feb 36
Keystone St & Wl com	50	51 1/4	49	52	2,050	49 1/4	Feb 58	Jan	Preferred	31 1/4	31	31 3/4	31 3/4	1,800	31	Feb 36
Kirsch Co com	22	21 1/2	21 1/2	23 1/4	2,600	21 1/2	Feb 29 1/2	Jan	Ward (M) & Co, class A	132	131 1/4	132	132	750	131	Jan 132 1/4
Lane Drug com v t e	22	21 1/2	21 1/2	23 1/4	2,600	21 1/2	Feb 29 1/2	Jan	Waukesha Motor Co com	171	170	171	171	405	170	Feb 175 1/4
Cum preferred	22	25	25	27 1/4	1,860	25	Feb 32	Jan	Wayne Pump Co	40 1/4	40 1/4	40 1/4	40 1/4	300	40 1/4	Feb 46
La Salle Ext Univ com	10	5	4 1/4	5	850	4	Jan 5 1/4	Jan	Convertible preferred	40 1/4	40 1/4	40 1/4	40 1/4	300	40 1/4	Feb 46
Leath & Co com	5	18 1/2	18 1/2	20	1,050	17	Jan 21	Jan	Wextark Rad Sts Inc com	56	51	60 1/4	60 1/4	11,900	38	Jan 65 1/4
Cumulative preferred	45 1/4	13	13	13 1/4	3,300	13	Feb 15 1/4	Jan	West P L & T pt pfd A	34	34	34 3/4	34 3/4	1,200	34	Feb 35 1/4
Libby McNeill & Libby	10	44 1/4	43 1/4	44 1/4	150	42	Jan 45 1/4	Jan	Weboldt Stores, Inc	51	51	51 1/4	51 1/4	256	50 1/4	Feb 57
Lincoln Ptg Co 7% pref	50	5 1/2	5	5 1/2	60	5	Jan 8 1/2	Jan	Wilcox-Rich conv pf A	47 1/4	47	47	47 1/4	1,700	37	Jan 49
Purchase warrants	5 1/2	4	4	4 1/4	850	3 1/4	Jan 5	Feb	Class B	44	44	47 1/4	47 1/4	2,200	39 1/4	Jan 49
Lindsay Light, com	10	4	4	4 1/4	2,650	29	Feb 34	Jan	Williams Oil-O-Matic com	26	25 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	5,400	20	Jan 29 1/4
Lion Oil Ref Co com	10	49	49	50	650	43	Jan 50	Feb	Wiblow Cafeter Inc com	25	24 3/4	25	25	900	24 1/4	Feb 27
Loudon Packing Co	40	26 1/4	26 1/4	28 1/4	600	26	Jan 30	Jan	Winton Engine com pref	78	78	85	85	1,600	70	Feb 94
Lynch Glass Mach Co	20	26 1/2	26 1/2	28 1/4	600	26	Jan 30	Jan	Wisconsin Parts com	62	62	62	100	55	Jan 72	
McQuay-Norris Mfg	42 1/2	61	62	62	200	57 1/2</										

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*No par value.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, Feb. 9 to Feb. 15, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Stocks with columns for Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Amer States Pub Ser pref., Atlantic Coast L (Conn), and various bond issues.

Table of Bonds (Concluded) with columns for Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Baltimore City Bonds, 4 1/2 Sewer Loan, and various municipal bonds.

*No par value.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, Feb. 9 to Feb. 15, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Stocks with columns for Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Aluminum Goods Mfg, Amer Wind Gl Mach pf 100, and various industrial stocks.

*No par value.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, Feb. 9 to Feb. 15, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Stocks with columns for Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Aetna Rubber com, Air-Way El Appl pref, and various industrial stocks.

Stocks (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.	
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Greif Bros Coop'ge com..*	40	40	40 1/2	180	40	Jan 43
Guardian Trust.....100	394	394	400	39	376	Jan 500
Rights.....	32	30	32	98	30	Jan 37
Halle Bros.....	44 1/4	44 1/2	44 3/4	270	44	Feb 46 1/2
Preferred.....100	105	105 1/2	105 1/2	10	103 1/2	Jan 105 1/2
Harbauer com.....	-----	23 1/2	23 1/2	15	21	Jan 25 1/2
India Tire & Rubber com..*	66	65	69 1/2	3,934	39	Jan 73
Interlake Steamship com..*	145	150	150	17	149	Jan 155
Jaeger Machine com.....	36 1/2	36 1/2	37 1/2	471	36 1/2	Jan 45 1/2
Kaysee pref.....100	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	50	29	Jan 33
Kelley Isl Lime & Tr com..*	60	58 1/2	60	735	56 1/2	Feb 59
Lamson Sessions.....	43	43 1/2	43 1/2	195	43	Jan 45 1/2
Loew's Ohio Thea pref 100	96	96	96	48	-----	-----
McKee Arth G & Co com..*	40 1/2	40 1/2	41	185	39 1/2	Jan 43 1/2
Marion Steam Shovel pref.	102	102	102 1/2	109	102	Feb 105
Met Paving Brick com.....	-----	48 1/2	48 1/2	100	44	Jan 52
Preferred.....100	-----	104 3/4	104 3/4	2	104 1/2	Feb 115 1/2
Miller Wholesale Drug com..*	-----	27 1/2	27 1/2	10	27	Jan 31
Miller Rubber pref.....100	80	80	81 1/2	358	78	Jan 83
Mohawk Rubber pref.....100	87 1/2	88	88	34	81	Jan 90 1/2
Murray Ohio Mig com.....*	35	37	37	30	34	Jan 43
Myers Pump com.....	35 1/2	35 1/2	36	552	35 1/2	Jan 37 1/2
National Acme com.....100	-----	34 3/4	34 3/4	100	29 1/2	Feb 34
National Carbon pref.....100	130	130	130	118	130	Feb 130 1/2
National Pump.....	31 1/2	32	32	150	36	Jan 38
National Refining com.....25	37	37 1/2	37 1/2	518	36	Jan 38
Preferred.....100	-----	134	134	24	134	Feb 138
National Tile com.....	37	35	37 1/2	1,850	34	Jan 38
National Tool com.....50	-----	17	17	20	15	Jan 17
Nestle-LeMur com.....*	25	25	25 1/2	643	25	Feb 29 1/2
Nor Ohio P&L 6% pref.100	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	130	98	Jan 99 1/2
Ohio Bell Telephone pf.100	-----	114	114	68	112 1/2	Jan 115 1/2
Ohio Brass B.....	84 1/2	84 1/2	86	997	85	Feb 92
Preferred.....100	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	20	106 1/2	Jan 116 1/2
Ohio Seamless Tube, com..*	69	69	69	60	69	Jan 75 1/2
Packard Electric com.....*	-----	120	120	26	116	Feb 126 1/2
Packer Corp com.....	-----	30	30	20	29 1/2	Jan 33 1/2
Paragon Refining com.....*	25 1/2	25	26 1/2	2,288	22 1/2	Jan 27 1/2
Voting trust etcs.....	-----	25 1/2	25 1/2	770	21	Jan 26
Patterson Sargent.....	38	38	38 1/2	4,000	38	Feb 38
Reliance Mfg com.....	49	49	52 1/2	3,275	48	Jan 52 1/2
Richman Bros com.....*	355	350	360	455	350	Feb 390
Sandusky Cement com.....*	260	260	260	45	260	Jan 260
Selberling Rubber com.....*	52	52	55 1/2	1,645	52	Feb 65
Preferred.....100	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	57	105 1/2	Jan 107 1/2
Selby Shoe com.....	31	31 1/2	31 1/2	540	31	Feb 35
Sheriff St Mkt com.....100	-----	20 1/2	20 1/2	35	20	Jan 20 1/2
Sherwin-Williams com.....25	86	85	86	180	85	Jan 88
Smallwood Stone com.....	-----	27	27	50	25	Jan 28
Std Textile Prod com.....100	-----	13 1/4	14	250	11	Jan 14
A preferred.....100	83	83	85	51	71	Jan 89
B preferred.....100	47	47	50	555	33	Jan 50
Stearns Motor com.....*	5 1/2	5	5 1/2	700	5	Feb 6 1/2
Stouffs Corp A.....	30	30	30	470	30	Feb 30 1/2
Thompson Products com.....*	-----	63	63	100	46 1/2	Jan 68
Trumbull-Clifts Furn pf 100	104 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2	55	104	Jan 105 1/2
Union Bank.....	295	296	50	295	296	Feb 296
Union Metal Mfg com.....*	51	53	55	350	52	Jan 60
Union Trust.....100	337	330	337	300	307	Jan 337
Weinberger Drug.....	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	1,050	24	Jan 33
Wildlar Food Products.....	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	120	-----	-----
White Motor Secur pf.100	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	14	102	Jan 104 1/2
Wood Chem Prod com.....*	-----	23	23 1/2	50	28	Jan 29
A.....	28	28	28	100	-----	-----
Youngstown St & Tube pf.	102	103	-----	258	101	Jan 102 1/2

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Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.	
			Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Ahrens-Fox A.....*	19	19	19 1/2	263	18 1/2	Jan 20	
B.....	15	15	15	1	15	Jan 15 1/2	
Am Laundry Mach com..25	90	90	92 1/2	2,245	90	Feb 96	
Amer Products com.....	30 1/2	32	32	147	30	Jan 34	
Preferred.....	27 1/2	28	28	105	27 1/2	Jan 30	
Amer Rolling Mill com.....25	95	94 1/2	98	867	94	Jan 105	
Amer Thermos Bottle A.....*	17 1/2	17	17 1/2	244	16 1/2	Jan 18	
Preferred.....50	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	30	47	Jan 49	
Baldwin com.....	27	27	27	60	25	Jan 29	
Buckeye Incubator.....	17	15	18 1/2	1,150	10	Jan 18 1/2	
Burger Bros, pref.....50	-----	49	49	5	49	Feb 49	
Carey (Philip) com.....100	330	325	330	7	230	Jan 330	
Central Brass A.....	24	24	27	145	24	Feb 27 1/2	
Champ C'ted Pap spf pf 100	-----	106	106	35	105 1/2	Jan 106	
Champ Fibre pref.....	108	-----	-----	2	108	Feb 108	
Chunggold Corp.....	33	33	33 1/2	125	33	Jan 37	
Cin Gas & Elec pref.....100	98	98	98 1/2	322	98	Jan 99	
Cin Land Shares.....100	-----	125	125	5	129	Feb 125	
C N & C Lt & Trac com 100	97 1/2	97 1/2	98	65	97 1/2	Feb 98 1/2	
Preferred.....100	75	-----	-----	35	70 1/2	Jan 77	
Cin Ball Crank pref.....	27	37	37 1/2	417	33 1/2	Jan 40	
Cin Street Ry.....50	53	51 1/2	53	862	49 1/2	Jan 55 1/2	
Cin & Sub Tel.....50	126 1/2	126	126 1/2	46	119	Jan 130	
Cin Union Stock Yards.....100	-----	40 1/2	41 1/2	310	35 1/2	Jan 44 1/2	
Cin Postal Term pref.....100	85	85	85 1/2	25	83 1/2	Jan 85 1/2	
Cooper Corp New pref.....100	93	88	88	10	68	Jan 80	
Crosley Radio A.....	92	90	97 1/2	7,415	90	Feb 127	
Crown Overall pref.....100	106	106	108	105	106	Feb 108	
Dow Drug com.....100	37	37	38	115	37	Feb 41 1/2	
Eagle-Picher Lead com.....20	20	20	20 1/2	1,370	19 1/2	Jan 21 1/2	
Preferred.....100	102	102	102	10	102	Feb 102	
Early & Daniel com.....*	75	75	75	4	69	Jan 75	
Preferred.....100	107	107	107	103	107	Feb 107	
Egry Register A.....*	35 1/2	34	35 1/2	110	34	Feb 37	
Fay & Egan com.....100	-----	15	15	36	15	Feb 16	
Preferred.....100	40	40	40	10	40	Feb 40	
Fifth-Third-Union Tr.....100	336	336	336	5	335	Feb 350	
Formica Insulation.....*	32 1/2	32 1/2	35 1/2	712	26 1/2	Jan 36	
Frytler A.....	27 1/2	28	28	1,010	27 1/2	Feb 28 1/2	
Gibson Art com.....	58	54 1/2	58	753	48 1/2	Jan 58	
Globe-Wernicke com.....100	-----	89 1/2	89 1/2	3	89 1/2	Feb 97	
Goldsmith Sons.....	29	29	30	209	24	Jan 36 1/2	
Goodyear Tire pref.....100	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	43	103	Jan 103 1/2	
Gruen Watch com.....	56 1/2	56 1/2	58 1/2	841	50	Jan 58 1/2	
Preferred.....100	114 1/2	114 1/2	115	36	114 1/2	Jan 115	
Hobart Mfg.....	68	68	69 1/2	131	68	Jan 70	
Int Print Ink.....	-----	59 1/2	59 1/2	5	58 1/2	Jan 63 1/2	
Preferred.....100	30	105	105 1/2	125	103	Jan 108	
Julien Kokenge.....*	30 1/2	30	30 1/2	922	30	Feb 36	
Kahn Ist pref.....100	100	-----	-----	10	99 1/2	Jan 101	
Kahn participating.....40	40	40	40	186	36 1/2	Jan 42	
Kodel Elec & Mfg A.....*	20	20	23 1/2	79	15	Jan 29	
Little Miami special.....50	-----	48 1/2	48 1/2	5	48 1/2	Feb 48 1/2	
Manischewitz com.....*	36 1/2	35 1/2	36 1/2	475	33	Feb 36	
McLaren Cons A.....*	17	70	71	504	68 1/2	Jan 71	
Special pref.....100	108	108	108	33	105	Jan 108 1/2	
Meteor Motor.....	28	28	30	86	28	Feb 36	
Nash (A).....100	170	170	170	81	150	Jan 175	
Nat Recording Pump.....*	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	130	30	Jan 32 1/2	

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		Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Ohio Bell Tel pref.....100	113	114 1/2	114 1/2	10	113	Feb 114 1/2
Ohio Shares pref.....100	104	104	104	10	104	Feb 104
Paragon Refining new.....	26	26	26 1/2	322	22 1/2	Jan 27
Voting trust etcs.....	25 1/2	25 1/2	26	283	20	Jan 26 1/2
Procter & Gamble com.....20	369	355	370	1,001	279	Jan 375
5% preferred.....100	103 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	359	102 1/2	Feb 109
Pure Oil 6% pref.....100	102	101	102	341	101	Feb 103 1/2
8% preferred.....100	114	113	114	36	112	Jan 114
Putnam Candy com.....*	10	-----	-----	20	4	Jan 10
Rapid Electrotyp.....*	60	-----	-----	60	59 1/2	Feb 64
Richardson com.....100	275	280	280	4	235	Jan 280
United Milk Crate A.....*	34	34 3/4	34 3/4	120	109	Jan 37
U S Playing Card.....10	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	120	109	Jan 115
U S Print & Litho com 100	95	97	97	48	85 1/2	Jan 97
Preferred.....100	101	101	101	1	101	Jan 101 1/2
U S Shoe pref.....100	61 1/2	61	61	56	60	Feb 65
Whitaker Paper com.....*	81	81	81	55	74 1/2	Jan 87

*No par value.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, Feb. 9 to Feb. 15, 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.	High.		Low.	High.
Bank Stocks—							
First National Bank.....100	410	376	420	183	342 1/2	Jan 420	
Nat Bank of Commerce.100	-----	186	191 1/2	199	175	Jan 210	
Trust Company Stocks							
Mercantile Trust.....	610	610	612	63	575	Jan 628	
St Louis Union Trust.....100	-----	530	530	100	500	Jan 530	
Miscellaneous Stocks—							

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Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, Feb. 9 to Feb. 15, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

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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 (Feb. 9) and ending the present Friday (Feb. 15). It is compiled entirely from the daily reports of the Curb Market, itself, and is intended to include every security, whether stock or bonds, in which any dealings occurred during the week covered:

Table of New York Curb Market transactions, including columns for Week Ended Feb. 15, Friday Last Sale Price, Weeks' Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), Stocks (Continued) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Stocks (Continued) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.		Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.				
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.		Low.	High.						
City Sav Bank (Budapest)	55	55	55 1/2	400	54	Jan 56 1/2	Feb	Imperial Chem Industries—	10 3/4	10 3/4	1,500	10	Jan 11 1/2	Feb	
Clark Lighter conv A	12	12	12 3/4	200	11 1/4	Jan 24 1/2	Feb	Am dep rets ord shs reg. £1	10 3/4	10 3/4	200	10 1/2	Jan 11 1/2	Feb	
Club Aluminum Utensil	32	30 1/2	32 1/2	2,000	29 1/2	Jan 33 1/2	Feb	Imperial Tob of Canada	46	46	1,600	46	Feb 91	Jan	
Cohn-Hall-Marx Co	37	37	39 1/2	1,000	37	Feb 45	Jan	7% cum preferred	86	86	2,500	86	Feb 58 1/2	Jan	
Colgate Palmolive Peet	75	74 1/2	75 1/2	3,000	74 1/2	Feb 80 1/2	Jan	Indus Finance com v t c	80	78 1/2	900	77 1/2	Feb 90 1/2	Jan	
Colombian Syndicate	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	2,800	1 1/2	Jan 2	Jan	Insur Co of North Amer	10	31 1/2	9,300	30 1/2	Feb 33 1/2	Jan	
Consol Automatic—								Insurance Securities	21	21	400	21	Feb 24 1/2	Jan	
Merchandising v t c	13 1/2	13	14 1/2	8,400	13 1/2	Jan 17 1/2	Jan	Internat Perfume com	11 1/2	11 1/2	300	11 1/2	Feb 14 1/2	Jan	
\$3.50 preferred	35	35	36	1,900	35	Jan 35	Jan	Internat Products com	100	82	200	82	Feb 83 1/2	Jan	
Consol Cigar warrants	11	11	10 1/2	100	9 1/2	Jan 13 1/2	Feb	\$6 cum pref	24 1/2	20	6,800	12 1/2	Jan 20 1/2	Jan	
Consol Dairy Products	44 1/2	44 1/2	46 1/2	3,200	41	Jan 50 1/2	Feb	Internat Safety Razor B	65	65	800	65	Feb 73 1/2	Jan	
Consol Film Indus com	23 1/2	23 1/2	25	29,000	18	Jan 25 1/2	Jan	Internat Shoe com	231 1/2	31 1/2	3,400	30 1/2	Feb 33 1/2	Jan	
Consol Laundries	18 1/2	17	18 1/2	5,300	17	Feb 19 1/2	Jan	Iron Fireman Mfg v t c	19	17 1/2	9,300	17 1/2	Jan 14 1/2	Jan	
Cons Ret Stores Inc com	33 1/2	33 1/2	35 1/2	2,100	32 1/2	Feb 36 1/2	Jan	Isotta-Fraschini common	54 1/2	52 1/2	3,900	52 1/2	Feb 55	Feb	
Coon (W B) Co com	32 1/2	32 1/2	35 1/2	600	32 1/2	Feb 43 1/2	Jan	Jonas & Naumburg com	43	41 1/2	1,100	38	Jan 44	Jan	
Copeland Products Inc—								3 cum conv pref	21 1/2	21 1/2	1,500	21	Jan 23 1/2	Jan	
Class A with warr	16 1/2	16 1/2	17	1,200	15 1/2	Jan 17 1/2	Feb	Keystone (Rudolph) Am shs	41 1/2	41 1/2	4,400	41 1/2	Feb 50	Jan	
Courtauld Ltd Amer dep	20 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2	4,600	20 1/2	Feb 25 1/2	Jan	Kimberly-Clark Corp com	49 1/2	49 1/2	3,600	49 1/2	Jan 52	Jan	
rects for ord stk reg. £1	22 1/2	21 1/2	25 1/2	525	127 1/2	Jan 28 1/2	Feb	Kluge com	29 1/2	29 1/2	200	28 1/2	Jan 33	Jan	
Crock Wheel El Mfg com 100	20 1/2	21 1/2	25 1/2	525	127 1/2	Jan 28 1/2	Feb	Preferred	25 1/2	25 1/2	200	28 1/2	Jan 30 1/2	Feb	
Crosse & Blackwell—								Klein (D Emil) Co com	25 1/2	25 1/2	700	24 1/2	Jan 28 1/2	Jan	
Pref with warrants	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	100	52 1/2	Jan 56	Feb	Klein (H) & Co part pref 20	21	20 1/2	700	19 1/2	Jan 21 1/2	Jan	
Crowley Milner & Co com	55 1/2	54 1/2	57 1/2	1,000	55	Jan 62 1/2	Jan	Knott Corp com	34	34 1/2	700	32	Jan 34 1/2	Feb	
Cuban Tobacco Co v t c	23 1/2	23 1/2	24	2,000	20	Feb 25	Jan	Kobacher Stores com	51	51	100	44	Jan 51 1/2	Feb	
Cuneo Press common	45	45	45	100	44	Jan 47 1/2	Jan	Lackawanna Securities	40	42	400	40	Feb 45 1/2	Jan	
Curtis Publishing com new	117	115	119 1/2	900	115	Jan 120 1/2	Feb	Lake Superior Corp 100	33 1/2	31 1/2	5,500	16 1/2	Jan 41 1/2	Jan	
\$7 cumulative preferred	116	116	116	200	113 1/2	Jan 121	Jan	Lakey Foundry & Mach	33	33	6,400	30 1/2	Jan 35 1/2	Jan	
Curtiss Aeroplane Corp	45 1/2	45	51 1/2	41,100	26 1/2	Jan 51 1/2	Feb	Land Co of Florida	9 1/2	10 1/2	600	9 1/2	Feb 13	Jan	
Curtiss Flying Exp Inc	23 1/2	23	24 1/2	13,500	21 1/2	Jan 25	Feb	Landover Holding cl A 10	2	2	100	2	Feb 2	Feb	
Davega Inc	32 1/2	32 1/2	33 1/2	600	32 1/2	Feb 36 1/2	Jan	Lane Bryant Inc—							
Davenport Hosiery Co	27	26 1/2	27 1/2	1,100	18 1/2	Jan 29	Jan	Common	77 1/2	78	200	75	Feb 81 1/2	Jan	
Davis Drug Stores alt cot	57	57	57	500	56 1/2	Jan 57	Jan	Laroux Millig	28 1/2	28	1,600	28	Feb 32 1/2	Jan	
Deere & Co common	620	617	624 1/2	800	597	Jan 642	Jan	Lazarus (F & R) & Co com	34 1/2	34 1/2	6,700	34 1/2	Feb 39	Feb	
De Forest Radio v t c	23 1/2	20 1/2	23 1/2	29,300	20 1/2	Feb 26 1/2	Jan	Lefourt Realty Preferred	38	38	100	38	Feb 39	Jan	
Dinkler Hotels—								Lehigh Coal & Nav	162 1/2	155 1/2	4,700	150	Jan 172	Jan	
Class A with warrant	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	100	22	Feb 22 1/2	Feb	Lehigh Val Coal (new cor)	24 1/2	24 1/2	1,500	23 1/2	Feb 26 1/2	Jan	
Dixon (Jas) Cuckible Co 100	168	168	168	20	160 1/2	Jan 170	Jan	Leonard, Fitzpatrick &							
Doehler Die-Casting	36	35 1/2	36	1,000	35 1/2	Jan 42	Jan	Mueller Stores com	34 1/2	33	35 1/2	4,500	30 1/2	Feb 37	Jan
Dominion Stores Ltd	158	158	161	700	159 1/2	Jan 165	Jan	Libby Owens Sheet Glass 25	22 1/2	200	220 1/2	3,600	179	Jan 220 1/2	Feb
Donner Steel new com	27	26 1/2	27 1/2	800	21	Jan 32	Feb	Lit Brothers Corp	23	23	1,500	22 1/2	Jan 26 1/2	Jan	
8% cum prior pref 100	102	102	102	10	98 1/2	Jan 103 1/2	Jan	Manning Bowman cl A	19 1/2	20	200	17 1/2	Jan 20 1/2	Jan	
Douglas Aircraft Inc	25 1/2	25 1/2	26 1/2	6,100	25	Jan 30 1/2	Jan	Class B	12 1/2	12 1/2	300	12 1/2	Jan 13 1/2	Jan	
Draiser Corp	66	66	66	150	65	Jan 66	Feb	Mapes Consol Mfg	39	40 1/2	600	39	Feb 42	Jan	
Dresser (S R) Mfg class A	47 1/2	48	50	47 1/2	48	Jan 48 1/2	Jan	Margarine Union Ltd Am							
Dubiller Condenser Corp	9	9	9 1/2	1,900	8 1/2	Jan 11 1/2	Jan	dep rets for ord stk. £1	50	50	900	48 1/2	Jan 56 1/2	Jan	
Durant Motors Inc	15 1/2	15 1/2	17 1/2	5,200	13 1/2	Jan 19 1/2	Jan	Marion Steam Show com	8 1/2	8 1/2	6,900	8 1/2	Jan 9 1/2	Jan	
Durham Duplex Razor								May Hos Mills \$4 pref	38	38	100	38	Feb 38 1/2	Jan	
Prior pref with warr	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	100	40 1/2	Feb 45	Jan	McGraw-Hill Pub	45 1/2	47 1/2	3,700	45	Feb 49 1/2	Jan	
Dux Co Inc class A	5	5	5	300	4 1/2	Jan 7	Jan	McLellan Stores class A	53 1/2	53	2,100	50 1/2	Feb 59	Jan	
Class A with warr	4	4	4	10	4	Feb 4 1/2	Jan	Mead Johnson & Co com	65	65	1,200	61	Jan 67 1/2	Jan	
Eastern Rolling Mill	29 1/2	30	40	27	30	Feb		Meadows Mfg common	21	21	800	20 1/2	Feb 24	Feb	
Educational Pictures—								Mercantile Stores	108	108	108	100	105 1/2	Feb 119 1/2	Jan
8% Cura pf with war 100	95	95	95	300	75	Jan 79 1/2	Jan	Merritt Chapman & Scott	226 1/2	26	26 1/2	1,700	26	Jan 28 1/2	Jan
Elec Shovel Coal par pref	57	57	58 1/2	900	57 1/2	Jan 61	Jan	6 1/2% pref with war 100	100	100	600	100	Jan 100 1/2	Feb	
Evans Auto Loading cl B 5	49 1/2	49	51 1/2	9,600	49	Feb 61 1/2	Jan	Mesabi Iron	2 1/2	2 1/2	400	2 1/2	Feb 3	Jan	
Fabrics Finishing com	24 1/2	24	25 1/2	7,000	23 1/2	Jan 25 1/2	Jan	Metropol Chain Stores	74 1/2	74 1/2	1,000	74	Feb 80 1/2	Jan	
Fageol Motors com 10	6	5 1/2	6 1/2	1,400	5 1/2	Jan 6 1/2	Jan	Metrop 5 & 60 Sts cl B	3	3	100	3 1/2	Feb 4 1/2	Jan	
Fairchild Aviation class A	27 1/2	27 1/2	33 1/2	8,200	23	Jan 34 1/2	Feb	Michigan Steel Corp	85	85	100	62 1/2	Jan 8 1/2	Jan	
Fajardo Sugar	119	119	120	2,050	117	Jan 124 1/2	Jan	Mid-Continent Laundry A	34	34	400	34	Feb 34 1/2	Jan	
Fandango Corp com	5	4 1/2	5	200	4 1/2	Feb 6 1/2	Jan	Milgrim (H) & Bros com	17 1/2	17 1/2	800	17 1/2	Jan 18 1/2	Jan	
Fan Farmer Candy Shops	35	35	35 1/2	600	31 1/2	Jan 40 1/2	Jan	Miller (L) & Sons com	40	39 1/2	600	39	Jan 43 1/2	Jan	
Fansteel Products Inc	44	44	45 1/2	1,200	41 1/2	Jan 41 1/2	Jan	Minneapolis-Honeywell							
Fedders Mfg Inc class A	30	30	30	200	27 1/2	Jan 32	Jan	Regulator common	62 1/2	61 1/2	2,400	55 1/2	Jan 67 1/2	Jan	
Federal Mogul Corp	30	30	30	200	27 1/2	Jan 32	Jan	7% conv pref	100	145	100	144	Jan 165	Jan	
Federated Metals tr etf	33 1/2	32 1/2	34	500	32 1/2	Feb 36	Jan	Mock, Judson Voehringer	34	34	36	1,100	28	Jan 36	Feb
Ferro Enameling cl A	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	600	69 1/2	Jan 70	Jan	Mond Nickel Am dep rets	61	62	600	46	Jan 70	Jan	
Firemen's Fund Ins 100	143 1/2	145	300	127	Jan 155	Feb	Monroe Chemical Co com	24	24	24 1/2	200	24	Jan 27	Jan	
Firestone Tire & R com 10	223 1/2	223	235 1/2	625	222	Feb 250	Jan	Montecatini Min & Agri							
7% preferred	108	108	200	108	Feb 110 1/2	Jan		Warrants	5 1/2	5 1/2	4,400	5	Jan 6 1/2	Feb	
Fokker Air Corp of Amer	23 1/2	23	25	6,900	18 1/2	Jan 27 1/2	Feb	Mody's H part pref	48	47 1/2	500	47 1/2	Jan 52 1/2	Jan	
Foltis-Fischer Inc com	38	37 1/2	38 1/2	2,600	37 1/2	Jan 38 1/2	Jan	Muskogee Mt Specialties							
Ford Motor Co Ltd—								conv class A	69 1/2	69 1/2	6,500	63 1/2	Jan 72 1/2	Jan	
Amer dep rets ord reg. £1	16 1/2	16 1/2	17 1/2	41,300	15 1/2	Jan 20 1/2	Jan	Nat Aviation Corp	69 1/2	69 1/2	300	69	Feb 75 1/2	Jan	
Ford Motor Co of Can 100	630	630	637	280	626	Feb 818	Jan	Nat Bellas-Hess new com	65 1/2	65 1/2	800	65 1/2	Feb 82	Jan	
Foundation Co—								Nat Dairy Prod pref A 100	105 1/2	105 1/2	11,200	103	Feb 106 1/2	Jan	
Foreign shares class A	14	13 1/2	14 1/2	900	13 1/2	Feb 19 1/2	Jan	Nat Family Stores com	41	40 1/2	43	11,200	30 1/2	Jan 48 1/2	Feb
Fox Theatres Class A com	29	28 1/2	31	40,500	28 1/2	Feb 35 1/2	Jan	Preferred with warr 25	42 1/2	46	900	32 1/2	Jan 48	Feb	
Franklin (H B) Mfg com	33														

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Phil Morris Con Inc com.	3 1/2	3 1/4	3 3/4	1,800	3 1/4	Feb	4 3/4	Jan	United ProfitShare com.	9 1/2	9 1/4	9 3/4	800	9 1/4	Feb	10 1/4	Jan
Class A	25	9	9	1,200	8 3/4	Jan	9 1/2	Feb	United Shoe Mach com.	25	79 1/2	80 3/4	1,000	74 1/4	Jan	85 1/4	Feb
Pick (Albert), Barth & Co	104 1/2	1	1 1/2	300	1	Feb	8	Jan	U S Asbestos com.	25	49	49 3/4	200	47 1/4	Jan	51 1/4	Feb
Pref class A (partic) pd.	18	18	18 1/2	6,600	18	Jan	19	Jan	U S Dairy Prod class A.	100	90 1/2	95 1/2	200	48 1/2	Jan	50 1/4	Feb
Pierce Governor Co com.	32 1/2	32 1/2	35	800	32	Jan	38 1/4	Jan	U S Foll class B new.	50	59 1/2	62 1/2	4,600	57	Jan	68 1/4	Feb
Pitney Wiggy Corp com.	45	45	45	200	45	Feb	52	Jan	U S & Foreign Sec com.	60	60	62 1/2	6,800	59 1/4	Jan	65 1/4	Feb
Pitney Bowes Postage Meter Co.	48	45	50 1/4	5,600	15 1/4	Jan	51 1/4	Feb	S6 preferred.	50	93 1/2	93 1/2	600	93 1/4	Jan	95 1/4	Jan
Pitts & L Erie RR com.	50	147 1/2	147 1/2	50	145	Jan	156 1/4	Feb	U S Freight.	101 1/2	101 1/2	109 1/2	12,200	91 1/4	Jan	109 1/4	Feb
Pittsb Plate Glass new.	25 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	200	64	Jan	76 1/4	Jan	U S Gypsum common.	20	63 1/4	66	400	62 1/4	Feb	73	Jan
Pittsb Screw & Bolt new v 1.	25 1/2	25	26	2,400	25	Feb	26	Feb	U S Radiator common.	20	54 1/2	57 1/2	1,700	43 1/4	Jan	62 1/4	Jan
Potrero Sugar common.	79	7	7	200	5 1/4	Jan	7	Feb	Common v t c.	20	50 1/2	52	200	50 1/2	Feb	54	Feb
Pratt & Lambert Co.	363	352 1/2	367	925	281	Jan	367	Feb	U S Rubber Reclaiming.	25	17 1/2	20 1/2	600	16	Jan	24 1/4	Jan
Procter & Gamble com.	37	37	37 1/2	400	37	Feb	43	Jan	Universal Aviation.	25	24 1/2	26	14,700	17 1/2	Jan	26	Feb
Propper Silk Hosiery Inc.	104 1/2	103 3/4	104 1/2	50	102	Jan	104 1/4	Feb	Universal Insurance.	25	75	74 1/2	75	74 1/2	Jan	75	Feb
Pryden Co 7% pref.	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	1,000	18 1/2	Jan	18 1/2	Jan	Van Camp Milk pref.	100	100	100	500	100	Jan	101	Jan
Pyrene Manufacturing.	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	200	8 1/2	Jan	9 1/4	Jan	Van Camp Pack new com.	25	36 1/2	38 1/2	13,400	28	Jan	38 1/4	Feb
Rainbow LuminousProd A.	54 1/2	54 1/2	58 1/2	3,700	47 1/4	Jan	65	Jan	New preferred.	25	34	34 1/2	7,900	28	Jan	38 1/4	Feb
Raybestos Co common.	25	72	72	1,200	69 1/4	Jan	78 1/4	Jan	West Mfg Corp.	34	34	34 1/2	7,900	28	Jan	34 1/4	Feb
Reeves (Daniel) common.	38 1/2	38	40	800	38	Feb	45 1/4	Jan	Wahl Co common.	34	22	24 1/2	400	22	Feb	26 1/4	Jan
Republic Brass common.	50	50 1/2	52 1/2	1,200	42	Jan	53 1/2	Feb	Walt & Bond class A.	20	25 1/2	25 1/2	200	25	Jan	26 1/4	Jan
Class A.	103	103	107 1/2	1,000	90	Jan	110	Feb	Class B.	20	20 1/2	20 1/2	200	20	Feb	22 1/4	Jan
Republic Motor Tr v t c.	37	37	38	2,800	31 1/2	Jan	39 1/2	Jan	Walgreen Co common.	20	84	80	12,000	80	Feb	91	Jan
Reynolds Metals common.	66 1/2	64 1/2	67 1/2	2,800	63	Jan	68 1/4	Jan	Warrants.	25	61 1/2	64 1/2	1,800	58	Jan	65	Jan
Preferred.	22	21	22 1/2	1,000	21	Feb	24 1/4	Jan	Walker (Hiram) Gooderham & Worts common.	84 1/2	83	90 1/2	24,100	80	Jan	93 1/4	Feb
Rice-Stix Dry Goods com.	19 1/2	15 1/2	19 1/2	2,800	10 1/4	Jan	19 1/2	Feb	Watson (John Warren) Co.	28	28	28 1/2	900	28	Jan	32	Jan
Richmond Radiator com.	36 1/2	34 1/2	36 1/2	1,100	29	Jan	36 1/2	Feb	Wayne Pump common.	50	50	50	100	50	Jan	53 1/4	Feb
7% cum conv pref.	48 1/2	48	50	47	53 1/2	Jan	55	Jan	Webb Stores com.	75	68	75 1/2	2,600	46 1/4	Jan	59 1/4	Jan
Ritter Dental Mfg com.	18	18	18	100	18	Feb	20 1/4	Jan	Western Auto Supply cl A.	58	58	59 1/2	13,800	47 1/2	Jan	57 1/2	Jan
Rolls Royce of Amer pf.	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	100	48 1/2	Jan	48 1/2	Jan	Westvaco Chlorine Prod.	75	70	75 1/2	500	35 1/2	Feb	43 1/4	Jan
Ross Stores Inc.	18	18	20	300	18	Feb	20 1/4	Jan	Wheatworth Inc com.	75	53	56	200	53	Feb	59	Jan
Royal Typewriter com.	93 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2	400	92 1/2	Feb	108 1/2	Jan	Wheeling Steel pref A.	100	135	135	10	131 1/2	Jan	141	Feb
Ruberoid Co.	18 1/2	17	25	8,500	17	Feb	29 1/4	Jan	Whelanights Inc com.	20	15 1/2	15 1/2	1,000	14 1/4	Jan	18	Jan
Safe-T-Stat Co common.	214	206	220	800	157	Jan	229 1/2	Jan	Wildar Food Products.	25	22 1/2	22 1/2	6,400	25	Feb	28 1/2	Feb
Safety Car Heat & Ltg.	575	575	576	20	575	Feb	626	Jan	Wilcox-Rich com B.	25	44 1/2	45	400	42 1/2	Jan	47 1/2	Feb
Safety Stores.	133 1/2	133 1/2	141 1/2	6,200	127	Jan	145 1/2	Feb	Class A conv stk.	25	45 1/4	46 1/2	300	43 1/4	Jan	49 1/2	Feb
2d series warrants.	31 3/4	31 3/4	32 1/2	900	31 3/4	Feb	39 1/4	Jan	Williams (R C) & Co Inc.	36 1/2	36 1/2	38 1/2	300	35 1/4	Jan	41 1/2	Feb
Schulte Res Co Estate Co.	19 1/2	18 1/2	20 1/4	2,600	18 1/2	Feb	26	Jan	Will-Low Cafeterias Com.	25	25	25 1/2	6,200	25	Feb	25 1/2	Feb
7% pref part pd rcts.	77	75	77	1,200	75	Feb	89	Jan	Preferred.	55	55	55	900	55	Feb	55	Feb
Second Gen'l Amer Inv Co.	29 1/2	29 1/2	30 1/2	2,500	28 1/2	Jan	35 1/4	Jan	Winter (Ben) Inc com.	13 1/2	13 1/2	14 1/4	1,700	12 1/2	Jan	16 1/4	Jan
Common.	114 1/2	114 1/2	116 1/2	700	114 1/2	Jan	125	Jan	Wire Wheel Corp new.	33	32 1/2	35 1/2	14,000	29 1/4	Jan	36	Feb
6% pref with warrants.	76	76	77	1,700	70	Jan	80	Jan	Woodworth Inc common.	35 1/2	35 1/2	40	500	35 1/2	Feb	43 1/4	Jan
Seaman Bros common.	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	200	10 1/2	Feb	13 1/4	Jan	Worth Inc conv class A.	53	52	61	6,700	50	Jan	61 1/4	Jan
Segal Lock & Hardw com.	52 1/2	52 1/2	55	500	52 1/2	Feb	65 1/4	Jan	Zenith Radio new.	37 1/2	33 1/2	38 1/2	2,600	31 1/4	Jan	44 1/4	Jan
Seiberling Rubber com.	27 1/2	27 1/2	29 1/2	42,700	18 1/2	Jan	31 1/2	Feb	Zonite Products Corp com.	40c	40c	42c	6,300	40c	Feb	2	Jan
Selected Industries com.	101	101	102 1/2	10,800	100	Jan	106	Jan	Amer Comm'l Alcohol.	1 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	10,600	1 1/2	Feb	2 1/4	Jan
Allot cfts lst paid.	27 1/2	27 1/2	29 1/2	42,700	18 1/2	Jan	31 1/2	Feb	Amer Rolling Mill.	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	10,900	1 1/2	Jan	3	Jan
Selfridge Provincial Stores Ltd ordinary.	51	3 1/4	3 1/4	500	3 1/4	Jan	3 1/4	Feb	Am States Securities cl A.	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3,500	1 1/2	Jan	4 1/4	Jan
Sentry Safety Cont com.	16	12 1/2	12 1/2	400	12 1/2	Jan	15 1/2	Jan	Class B.	12 1/2	11 1/4	11 1/4	58,000	11 1/4	Jan	21	Jan
Servel Inc (new co) v t c.	64	64	66 1/2	500	61	Jan	71 1/2	Jan	Amer Superpower w l.	8	8	12 1/2	46,800	8	Feb	12 1/2	Feb
Preferred v t c.	40 1/2	30	30 1/2	700	28	Jan	32 1/2	Jan	Associated G & E deb rts.	14 1/2	14	16 1/2	11,800	14	Feb	17 1/4	Jan
Seton Leather com.	58 1/2	57	60 1/2	1,500	35 1/2	Jan	44 1/2	Feb	Golden Center Mines.	30c	30c	15c	162,500	30c	Feb	1	Feb
Sharon Steel Hoop.	58 1/2	57	60 1/2	1,500	35 1/2	Jan	44 1/2	Feb	Granite City Steel.	39 1/2	34	41 1/2	1,300	28	Jan	44	Jan
Sheaffer (W A) Pen.	39	39	41 1/2	5,600	20 1/4	Jan	44	Feb	Loew's Inc.	4 1/2	6 1/2	8 1/2	6,000	6	Jan	8 1/2	Jan
Sherwin-Wms Co com.	27 1/2	26 1/2	27 1/2	9,200	23 1/2	Jan	28 1/2	Jan	Warner Bros.	4 1/2	4 1/2	5	84,200	4	Jan	5 1/2	Feb
Sikorsky Aviation com.	76 1/2	70	76 1/2	1,800	67 1/2	Jan	76 1/2	Feb	White Sewing Mach deb rts.	9 1/2	9 1/2	10 1/2	700	9 1/2	Feb	14 1/4	Jan
Silica Gel Corp com v t c.	116	116	116	25	115 1/2	Jan	120	Jan	Public Utilities.	25 1/2	25 1/2	26 1/2	9,000	22	Jan	27 1/2	Jan
Silver (Isaac) & Bro.	50	49 1/2	50 1/2	1,600	49 1/2	Feb	52 1/4	Jan	Am Com w'th P com A.	29 1/2	29 1/2	31 1/4	600	26 1/2	Jan	37 1/4	Jan
Preferred.	170	170	170 1/2	1,700	170	Jan	170 1/2	Jan	Common B.	9 1/4	9 1/4	9 1/2	1,500	8	Jan	10 1/2	Feb
Simmons Boardman Publishing 3d pref.	37	37	37	200	33	Jan	43 1/2	Feb	Warrants.	93	68	100 1/2	124,200	52 1/4	Jan	103 1/4	Feb
Singer Mfg Ltd.	26	26	26	300	26	Jan	26 1/2	Feb	Amer & Foreign Pow warr.	151	150 1/2	161 1/2	8,100	128	Jan	192 1/4	Jan
Smith (A O) Corp.	41 1/2	41 1/2	46 1/2	4,500	41 1/2	Feb	49 1/2	Feb	Amer Gas & Elec com.	247 1/2	244	249 1/2	400	106	Jan	109 1/2	Jan
Sonatron Tube common.	36	35 1/2	36	200	32 1/2	Jan	36	Feb	Preferred.	112	112	115	212	112	Feb	115 1/2	Feb
Southern Asbestos.	28 1/2	27 1/2	28 1/2	300	27 1/2	Feb	30 1/2	Feb	Amer Lt & Trac com.	100	17 1/2	17 1/2	5,000	17	Jan	18 1/2	Jan
Sou Coast Co common.	36	35 1/2	36	200	32 1/2	Jan	36	Feb	Preferred.	100	93	90 1/2	26,500	62 1/4	Jan	134 1/4	Jan
Southern Asbestos.	36	35 1/2	36	200	32 1/2	Jan	36	Feb	Amer Superpower Corp A.	96	96	106	3,700	68	Jan	133	Jan
Sou Groc Stores common.	15	15	15 1/2	800	15	Jan	17 1/2	Jan	Class B common.	99 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	1,600	99 1/2	Jan	100 1/2	Feb
Class A.	16 1/2	15	15 1/2	1,900	12 1/2	Jan	21										

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		Low.	High.		Low.	High.			Low.	High.					
Penn-Ohio Ed com	61 1/2	61 1/2	64	3,800	55	Jan	Enginer Gold Min Ltd	22 1/2	22 1/2	24 1/2	400	3 1/2	Feb		
7% prior preferred	103 3/4	102	105 1/2	270	102	Feb	Evans Wallowee Lead com	300	300	350	40,000	100	Jan		
\$6 preferred	95 3/4	94 1/2	95 3/4	110	93 1/2	Jan	Preferred	88	88	88	100	81	Jan		
Option warrants	38	38	39 1/2	500	32	Jan	Falcon Lead Mines	1	1	1 1/2	7,500	200	Jan		
Pa Gas & Elec class A	23 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2	500	22 1/2	Jan	First National Copper	5	1	1 1/2	3,000	21	Jan		
Penn Pr & Lt \$7 pref	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	25	108	Jan	Gold Coln Mines	5	45	55	26,300	16	Jan		
Peoples Light & Pow cl A	57 1/2	53	58 1/2	15,400	47 1/2	Jan	Golden Centre Mines	5	9 1/2	9 1/2	11,000	7 1/2	Feb		
Portland Elec Pow com 100	35	35	35	100	35	Feb	Goldfield Consol Mines	1	50c	55c	26,300	16	Jan		
Power Corp of Can com	118	113	122	925	97 1/2	Jan	Hecla Mining	25c	21 1/2	21 1/2	8,700	16	Jan		
Power Securities com	17	17	17	100	17	Jan	Hollinger Consol Mines	5	8 1/2	8 1/2	500	8 1/2	Feb		
Preferred	67	67	68	300	65	Jan	Hud Ray Min & Smelt	5	21 1/2	23	45,000	19 1/2	Jan		
Puget Sd P&L 6% pref. 100	98	98	98 1/2	60	98	Jan	Iron Cap Copper	10	4 1/2	5 1/2	11,200	3 1/2	Jan		
Radio Corp of Amer	75 1/2	74 1/2	76 1/2	17,900	72 1/2	Jan	Jerome Verde Develop	50c	50	69	4,100	20c	Feb		
New class B pref	43 1/2	42 1/2	44 1/2	2,500	41	Jan	Kennecott Copper new w	75 1/2	77 1/2	82 1/2	10,100	70 1/2	Jan		
Rochester Central Power	103	103	103 1/2	100	103	Feb	Kerr Lake	52c	50c	72c	1,600	45c	Jan		
Rochester G&E 6% pfD 100	58 1/2	58 1/2	59 1/2	1,600	51	Jan	Kirkland Lake Gold Min.	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	700	1 1/2	Jan		
Sierra Pacific Elec com 100	82	77 1/2	85 1/2	8,100	71 1/2	Jan	Mason Valley Mines	5	1 1/2	1 1/2	8,600	1 1/2	Jan		
Southeast Pow & Lt com	82	82	82	900	73	Jan	Mining Corp of Canada	5	5 1/2	5 1/2	5,600	4 1/2	Jan		
Common w t c	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	100	87 1/2	Jan	New Cornelia Copper	5	42 1/2	45 1/2	15,100	40	Jan		
Participating preferred	40 1/2	38 1/2	42 1/2	10,400	27 1/2	Jan	New Jersey Zinc	100	310	306 1/2	210	279 1/2	Jan		
Warr'ts to pur com stk	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	100	28 1/2	Jan	New	79 1/2	79 1/2	80 1/2	600	75 1/2	Jan		
Sou Calif Edison pref A. 25	26	26	26 1/2	400	26	Feb	N Y & Honduras Rosario	10	16 1/2	16 1/2	17	400	15 1/2	Jan	
Preferred B	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	200	24 1/2	Feb	Newmont Mining Corp	10	193	193	200	191 1/2	Jan		
5 1/2% preferred C	44	44	45	700	40	Feb	Nipissing Mines	5	3 1/2	3 1/2	3,200	3	Feb		
So Cities Util cl A com	50 1/2	48 1/2	50 1/2	50	55 1/2	Jan	Noranda Mines, Ltd	5	60 1/2	64	12,400	59 1/2	Jan		
Preferred	126	119	126	1,300	109 1/2	Jan	Ohio Copper	1	3 1/2	3 1/2	61,200	1 1/2	Jan		
Sou Colorado Pow cl A	25	25	27 1/2	150	118 1/2	Jan	Red Warrior Mining	1	20c	21c	2,000	11c	Jan		
Sou west Bell Telep pf 100	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	100	109 1/2	Jan	Roan Antelope C Min Ltd	44	44	47	5,600	38 1/2	Jan		
Stand Gas & El 7% pf. 100	103 1/2	103 1/2	105 1/2	500	102 1/2	Jan	St Anthony Gold Min	86c	70c	91c	35,700	46c	Jan		
Standard Pow & Lt pref 100	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	100	97	Jan	San Toy Mining	12c	12c	15c	72,000	5c	Jan		
Swiss-Amer Elec pref	71	70 1/2	72 1/2	2,000	64 1/2	Jan	Shattuck Denn Mining	22 1/2	21 1/2	23	15,700	21 1/2	Jan		
Tampa Electric Co	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	100	36	Feb	So Amer Gold & Plat	1	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,700	2 1/2	Feb		
Union Natural Gas Can	4	3 1/2	4 1/2	38,700	2 1/2	Jan	Standard Silver Lead	18c	18c	20c	4,000	15c	Jan		
United Elec Serv warrants	3	3	3 1/2	29,600	25	Jan	Teck Hughes	9	8 1/2	8 1/2	500	8 1/2	Jan		
United Gas Improvem't	173 1/2	175	183 1/2	24,100	161 1/2	Jan	Tonopah Belmont Devel	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	200	1	Jan		
United Lt & Pow com A	36	35 1/2	39 1/2	67,900	31 1/2	Jan	Tonopah Extension	1	15c	16c	12,000	8c	Jan		
Common class B	99	99	99 1/2	200	97	Jan	United Eastern Min	1	91c	91c	800	86c	Jan		
Preferred class A	43 1/2	40 1/2	46 1/2	10,700	37	Jan	United Verde Extension	50c	20 1/2	22 1/2	20,700	20c	Jan		
Util Pow & Lt class B	32 1/2	29 1/2	33 1/2	700	18 1/2	Jan	United Zinc Smelt Corp	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	2,900	1 1/2	Jan		
Utility Shares com	71	70 1/2	72 1/2	2,000	64 1/2	Jan	Utah Gold Mines	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	300	1 1/2	Jan		
Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries	17	16	17 1/2	7,100	14 1/2	Jan	Utah Metal & Tunnel	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	500	95c	Jan		
Anglo-Amer Oil (vot sh)	17	15 1/2	17	500	15	Jan	Walker Mining	1	2 1/2	2 1/2	2,300	2 1/2	Feb		
Vot stk cts of dep	15 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/2	1,500	14 1/2	Jan	Wenden Copper Mining	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	10,700	1 1/2	Jan		
Non-voting shares	46	46	46 1/2	150	40 1/2	Jan	Yukon Alaska Trust Cts	33 1/2	33	33 1/2	200	33	Feb		
Borne-Scrymser Co	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	200	67	Jan	Yukon Gold Co	5	90c	90c	800	90c	Feb		
Buckeye Pipe Line	140 1/2	140 1/2	140 1/2	100	140 1/2	Jan	Bonds								
Chesbrough Mfg	22 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2	86,700	17 1/2	Jan	Abitibi P & P 5s A	1953	86 1/2	87 1/2	\$84,000	86	Jan		
Continental Oil w t c	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	50	62 1/2	Jan	Alabama Power 4 1/2 s	1956	94 1/2	94 1/2	77,000	93 1/2	Feb		
Eureka Pipe Line	83	83	83	40	80	Jan	Allied Pk 1st col 8s	1939	53 1/2	54 1/2	23,000	45	Jan		
Galea Signal new pref 100	83	83	83	40	80	Jan	Certificates of deposit		51	51	4,000	46	Jan		
Humble Oil & Refining	25	91	92 1/2	10,700	91	Feb	Debutene 6s	1939	54	54 1/2	25,000	48	Jan		
Illinois Pipe Line	300	300	300 1/2	350	285	Jan	Certificates of deposit		49	49	6,000	45 1/2	Jan		
Imperial Oil (Canada) com	89	89	96	4,300	89	Feb	Aluminum Co s f deb 5 1/2	1942	100 1/2	101	35,000	100	Feb		
National Transi	12.50	23	24 1/2	2,000	22 1/2	Jan	Aluminum Ltd 5s	1948	97	97	79,000	97	Feb		
Ohio Oil	25	65 1/2	67 1/2	2,400	64 1/2	Jan	Amer Aggregates 6s	1943	113 1/2	113 1/2	13,000	111	Jan		
Penn-Mex Fuel	25	33 1/2	38	3,100	33 1/2	Feb	Amer Comm'l Alcohol 6s	1943	124 1/2	125 1/2	27,000	115 1/2	Jan		
Southern Pipe Line	10	15	15	100	14	Jan	Amer G & El deb 5s	2028	95 1/2	95 1/2	57,000	95 1/2	Feb		
Southern Pipe Line	25	64	65 1/2	1,400	63 1/2	Jan	American Power & Light		105 1/2	105 1/2	86,000	105	Feb		
Sou West Pa Pipe Lines	100	88 1/2	100	65	88 1/2	Jan	6s, without warr	2016	97 1/2	97 1/2	10,000	97	Feb		
Standard Oil (Indiana)	25	89	93 1/2	48,400	85	Jan	1st & ref 5 1/2 deb	1947	97 1/2	97 1/2	7,000	95 1/2	Jan		
Standard Oil (Kansas)	25	19 1/2	19 1/2	1,600	18	Jan	Amer Roll Mill deb 5s	1948	96	96	7,000	95 1/2	Jan		
Standard Oil (Ky) new	25	40 1/2	41 1/2	11,000	39 1/2	Jan	Amer Seating 6s	1936	97	97	2,000	95 1/2	Jan		
Standard Oil (Neb)	25	48	48 1/2	600	45 1/2	Feb	Amer Solv & Chem 6s	1936	117 1/2	117 1/2	43,000	114	Jan		
Standard Oil (Ok) com	25	115	115 1/2	300	115	Jan	Without warrants		95 1/2	95 1/2	4,000	95	Jan		
Preferred	100	120 1/2	120 1/2	100	116 1/2	Jan	Appalachian El Pr 5s	1956	98 1/2	98 1/2	109,000	98	Feb		
Vacuum Oil new	100	116 1/2	121	8,000	105 1/2	Jan	Arkansas Pr & Lt 5s	1956	95 1/2	95 1/2	66,000	95	Feb		
Other Oil Stocks							Arnold Print Wks 6s	1941	95	95 1/2	10,000	95	Feb		
Amer Contr Oil Fields	1	61c	60c	64c	7,100	60c	Jan	Asso Dye & Press 6s	1938	92	92	6,000	92	Jan	
Amer Maracaibo Co	5	6 1/2	6	6 1/2	15,700	5 1/2	Jan	Associated G & E 5 1/2 s	1977	113 1/2	112	121 1/2	957,000	98 1/2	Jan
Argo Oil Corp	10	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,400	2 1/2	Jan	Con deb 4 1/2 w war	1948	128	123	142	100,000	99 1/2	Jan	
Arkansas Gas Corp com	10	4 1/2	4 1/2	5,500	3 1/2	Jan	Without warrants		110 1/2	106 1/2	118	652,000	94 1/2	Jan	
Preferred	10	8 1/2	8 1/2	1,300	8 1/2	Jan	Asso'd Sln Hard 6 1/2 s	1943	86 1/2	86 1/2	20,000	86 1/2	Jan		
Atlantic Lobos Oil Co	5	53	53	200	53	Jan	Atch Top & S P 4 1/2 s	1948	116	115 1/2	118 1/2	901,000	114	Jan	
British Amer Oil Co	5	2	2	100	2	Jan	Atlantic Fruit 8s	1949	90	20	14,000	19 1/2	Jan		
Carib Syndicate new com	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	1,800	3 1/2	Jan	Atlas Plywood 5 1/2 s	1943	95	94	95	21,000	95	Feb	
Colon Oil	11	10 1/2	11 1/2	1,700	10 1/2	Feb	Bates Valve Bag 6s	1942	106 1/2	105	108 1/2	36,000	105	Jan	
Consol Royalty Oil	1	9	8 1/2	400	6 1/2	Jan	With stock purch warr		112 1/2	112 1/2	6,000	110 1/2	Jan		
Creole Syndicate	1	9 1/2	9 1/2	10,800	9	Feb	Beacon Oil 6s, with warr	36	101 1/2	101 1/2	26,000	101 1/2	Jan		
Crown Cent Petrol Corp	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	100	1 1/2	Jan	Bell Tel of Canada 5s	1955	102	102 1/2	13,000	101 1/2	Jan		
Darby Petrol Corp	1	21 1/2	24	3,600	21	Feb	1st 5s series B	1957	101 1/2	102 1/2	8,000	101 1/2	Jan		
Derby Oil & Ref com	1	3 1/2	3 1/2	100	2	Jan	Boston & Maine RR 6s	33	101 1/2	102 1/2	8,000	101 1/2	Jan		
Gulf Oil Corp of Penna	25	147 1/2	145	160 1/2	5,000	142 1/2	Jan	Buffalo Gen El 5s	1956	103 1/2	104 1/2	2			

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		Low.	High.		Low.	High.				Low.	High.
Ereole Marel Elec Mfg 6 1/2% with warrants 1953	96 1/2	96 1/2	97	31,000	96	Jan	98 1/2	Jan			
EuropMtg&Inv75serC 1907 7 1/2%	91 3/4	91	91 3/4	25,000	91	Jan	92	Jan			
Fabrics Finishing 6s. 1939	100 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	2,000	97 1/2	Feb	99 1/2	Jan			
Fairb's Morsing & Co 5s '42	100 1/2	100 1/2	101	58,000	100 1/2	Feb	101 1/2	Feb			
Farmers Nat Mtge Inst in Hungary 7s. 1903	92	96 1/2	96 1/2	37,000	95	Jan	96 1/2	Jan			
Federal Sugar 6s. 1933	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	1,000	92 1/2	Jan	92 1/2	Jan			
Finland Residential Mtge Bank 6s. 1961	88	88	89	19,000	88	Feb	91 1/4	Jan			
Firestone Cot Mills 5s. 1948	93	93	94	38,000	93	Jan	94	Jan			
Firestone T&R Cal 5s. 1942	94	94	95	12,000	94	Jan	95	Jan			
First Bohemian Glass Wks 30-yr 7s with warr. 1957	86 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	8,000	84	Jan	88	Feb			
Flak Rubber 5 1/2s. 1931	94	94	94 1/2	15,000	89 1/2	Jan	96	Jan			
Florida Power & Lt 5s. 1954	91	91	92	90,000	89 1/2	Jan	92 1/2	Feb			
Galena Signal Oil 7s. 1930	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	4,000	100 1/2	Jan	101 1/2	Feb			
Gatineau Power 5s. 1956	96 1/2	96 1/2	97	129,000	95 1/2	Jan	97 1/2	Feb			
Genl Amer Invest 6s. 1952	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	26,000	99 1/2	Jan	100 1/2	Jan			
Gelsenkirchen Min 6s. 1934	91	89 1/2	91	83,000	89	Jan	91 1/2	Jan			
Genl Amer Invest 6s. 1952	86	85	86 1/2	20,000	84 1/2	Jan	86 1/2	Feb			
Gen Laund Mach 6 1/2s 1937	101 1/2	100	102 1/2	60,000	100	Jan	102 1/2	Jan			
General Rayon 6s ser A '48	93 3/4	93 3/4	93 3/4	18,000	93 3/4	Jan	95	Jan			
General Vending Corp— 6s with warr Aug 15 1937	85 1/2	85	86 1/2	34,000	81	Jan	87 1/2	Feb			
Gas & Elec 6s. 1946	66 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/2	3,000	65	Jan	70 1/2	Jan			
Georgia Power Ref 5s. 1947	98	97 1/2	98	114,000	97 1/2	Feb	98 1/2	Jan			
Goody'r T&R (Cal) 5 1/2s '31	100	100	100	3,000	99	Jan	100	Feb			
Grand Truck Ry 6 1/2s. 1936	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	2,000	106 1/2	Jan	106 1/2	Jan			
Guantanamo & WRY 5s 1958	85	85	85	14,000	85	Jan	85	Jan			
Gulf Oil of Pa 5s. 1937	99 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	57,000	99 1/2	Feb	101 1/2	Jan			
Sinking fund deb 5s. 1947	100 1/2	100	100 1/2	31,000	100	Feb	102	Jan			
Gulf States Util 5s. 1956	96 1/2	96	96 1/2	17,000	96	Jan	99 1/2	Jan			
Hamburg Elec 7s. 1935	100	102	110	100	Feb	103	Jan				
Hamburg El & Ind 5 1/2s '38	86 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	7,000	86	Jan	88	Jan			
Hanover Cred Inst 6s 1931	96	96	96 1/2	25,000	93 1/2	Jan	96 1/2	Feb			
Hood Rubber 7s. 1936	95	95	95	6,000	93 1/2	Jan	97	Jan			
10-yr conv 5 1/2s. 1936	80	80	80 1/2	16,000	80	Feb	84 1/2	Jan			
Houston Gulf Gas 6 1/2s '43	90	90	90 1/2	21,000	90	Jan	92 1/2	Jan			
6s. 1943	92	90	92	25,000	90	Jan	92 1/2	Jan			
Illinois Pow & Lt 5 1/2s. 1957	95	95	95	1,000	94 1/2	Jan	95 1/2	Jan			
5 1/2s series B. 1964	100	100	100	3,000	99 1/2	Jan	100 1/2	Jan			
Indep Oil & Gas deb 6s 1939	105 1/2	104	105 1/2	55,000	102 1/2	Feb	110 1/2	Jan			
Ind'polls P & L 5s ser A '57	99 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2	35,000	98 1/2	Feb	99 1/2	Jan			
Int Pow Secur 7s ser E 1957	95 1/2	95 1/2	96 1/2	13,000	94 1/2	Jan	96 1/2	Feb			
Internat Securities 5s. 1947	90 1/2	90	91	61,000	90	Jan	92	Jan			
Interstate Power 5s. 1957	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	22,000	95	Jan	96 1/2	Jan			
New Debenture 6s. 1952	95 1/2	95	95 1/2	10,000	95	Feb	96 1/2	Jan			
Invest Bond & Share Cor. deb 6s series A. 1947	109	109	109	5,000	109	Feb	110	Jan			
Invest Co of Am 5s A. 1947	100 1/2	102	102	29,000	98	Jan	107	Jan			
Without warrants.	80 1/2	81	81	4,000	78	Jan	83	Jan			
Investors Equity 5s A 1947	105	105	105	105	Jan	110	Feb				
With warrants.	94	93	94	5,000	93	Feb	94 1/2	Jan			
Iowa-Neb L & P 5s. 1957	88	86 1/2	88	16,000	86 1/2	Feb	91 1/2	Jan			
Isarco Hydro-Elec 7s. 1952	100	100	102	3,000	100	Feb	106 1/2	Jan			
Isotta Fraschini 7s. 1942	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	5,000	87	Jan	88	Jan			
Italian Superpower 6s. 1963	79 1/2	79	79 1/2	63,000	79	Feb	82	Jan			
Without warrants.	104	104	104	5,000	104	Jan	104	Jan			
Jeddo Highland Coal 6s '41	76	76	77	2,000	73 1/2	Jan	79	Jan			
Kelvinator Co 6s. 1936	96 1/2	96 1/2	97 1/2	28,000	96 1/2	Feb	98 1/2	Jan			
Without warrants.	98 1/2	98 1/2	99	24,000	98 1/2	Feb	99 1/2	Jan			
Kendall Co 5 1/2s. 1948	100	100	102	3,000	100	Feb	106 1/2	Jan			
Koppers G & C deb 5s. 1947	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	5,000	87	Jan	88	Jan			
Laclede Gas Light 5 1/2s '35	99 1/2	100	100	14,000	99 1/2	Jan	100 1/2	Jan			
Lehigh Pow Secur 6s. 2026	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	65,000	104 1/2	Jan	106	Jan			
Leonard Tietz Inc 7 1/2s '46	102	102	102	18,000	101	Jan	102 1/2	Jan			
Without warrants.	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	2,000	92 1/2	Feb	94	Jan			
Libby, McN & Libby 5s '42	97 1/2	97 1/2	98	6,000	97 1/2	Feb	99	Jan			
Lone Star Gas Corp 5s 1942	105 1/2	106	106	6,000	103 1/2	Jan	106	Feb			
Long Island Ltg 6s. 1945	95 1/2	95 1/2	96 1/2	2,000	95 1/2	Jan	96 1/2	Jan			
La Power & Light 5s. 1957	96	95	96	21,000	95	Feb	97	Jan			
New Manitoba Power 5 1/2s. 1951	100	100	100 1/2	12,000	99	Jan	101	Jan			
Mansfield Min & Smelt 7s with warrants. 1941	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	1,000	100	Feb	101 1/2	Jan			
Mass Gas Cos 5 1/2s. 1946	102 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	31,000	102 1/2	Feb	104 1/2	Feb			
McCord Rad & Mfg 6s 1943	95 1/2	95 1/2	97 1/2	11,000	95 1/2	Feb	99 1/2	Jan			
Memphis Nat Gas 6s. 1943	100	100	100 1/2	55,000	96 1/2	Jan	100 1/2	Feb			
With warrants.	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	24,000	97 1/2	Jan	99	Jan			
Metrop Edison 4 1/2s. 1968	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	8,000	98	Jan	100	Jan			
Milwaukee G L 4 1/2s. 1967	90 1/2	91 1/2	92	2,000	90 1/2	Feb	92 1/2	Jan			
Minn Pow & Lt 4 1/2s. 1978	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	4,000	101 1/2	Jan	102 1/2	Jan			
Montgomery Ward 5s 1946	99 1/2	99 1/2	101	39,000	99 1/2	Feb	101 1/2	Jan			
Montreal L H & P col 5s '41	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	14,000	100 1/2	Jan	101	Jan			
Morris & Co 7 1/2s. 1937	98 1/2	98	99	3,000	98	Jan	99	Feb			
Munson SS Lines 6 1/2s. 1930	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	8,000	99 1/2	Jan	100 1/2	Jan			
With warrants.	105	105	105 1/2	52,000	104	Jan	105 1/2	Jan			
Nat Power & Lt 6s A. 2026	82 1/2	82 1/2	83 1/2	67,000	81	Jan	83 1/2	Feb			
Nat Public Service 5s. 1978	137	135	142	22,000	135	Feb	163	Jan			
Nat Rub Mach'y 6s. 1943	93	91 1/2	93	22,000	91 1/2	Feb	98 1/2	Jan			
Nat Trade Journal 6s. 1938	109	109	109	1,000	107 1/2	Jan	109	Jan			
Nebraska Power 6s A. 2022	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	13,000	107 1/2	Jan	108 1/2	Jan			
Neisner Realty deb 6s. 1948	96 1/2	95	96	19,000	95	Feb	97 1/2	Feb			
New Eng G & El Assn 5s '47	95	95	97	18,000	95	Feb	97 1/2	Jan			
6s. 1948	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	200	94	Jan	96 1/2	Jan			
New Oil P&S Serv 6s B '50	92 1/2	92	92 1/2	176,000	92	Jan	94	Feb			
N Y & Foreign Invest. 5 1/2s A with warr. 1948	91 1/2	91 1/2	92	90,000	91 1/2	Feb	93 1/2	Jan			
N Y P & L Corp Ist 4 1/2s '47	106 1/2	106 1/2	108 1/2	11,000	104 1/2	Jan	108 1/2	Feb			
Niagara Falls Pow 6s. 1950	102	102	102	1,000	102	Jan	102 1/2	Jan			
Nichols & Shepard 6s. 1937	91	90 1/2	91 1/2	18,000	90	Jan	92	Jan			
Without warrants.	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	23,000	100 1/2	Jan	101 1/2	Jan			
Nippon Elec Pow 6 1/2s 1953	102 1/2	102 1/2	104	37,000	102 1/2	Jan	104	Feb			
North Ind Pub Serv 5s 1966	99	99 1/2	99 1/2	18,000	99	Feb	101	Jan			
Nor States Pow 6 1/2s. 1933	92 1/2	92	92 1/2	58,000	92	Feb	93 1/2	Jan			
Ohio Power 6s ser B. 1952	101	101	102	12,000	100	Jan	102 1/2	Feb			
4 1/2s series D. 1956	97	96 1/2	97 1/2	106,000	96 1/2	Feb	98 1/2	Jan			
Osgood Co with warr 6s '38	95 1/2	95 1/2	96 1/2	43,000	95 1/2	Feb	98 1/2	Jan			
Pac Gas & Lt 5 1/2s. 1957											

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "f".

Main table containing financial data for Public Utilities, Railroad Equipments, Chain Store Stocks, Investment Trust Stocks and Bonds, and Tobacco Stocks. Each section lists various securities with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial metrics.

*Per share. †No par value. ‡Basis. § Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. ¶ Nominal. †† Ex-dividend. ‡‡ Ex-rights. ††† Canadian quotation. ‡‡‡ Sale price.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we complete our summary of the earnings for the first week of February. The table covers 9 roads and shows 2.59% decrease over the same week last year.

First Week of February.	1929.	1928.	Increase.	Decrease.
Canadian National.....	\$4,375,872	\$4,409,566	-----	\$33,694
Canadian Pacific.....	3,312,000	3,613,000	-----	301,000
Duluth South Shore & Atlantic.....	83,974	90,382	-----	6,408
Georgia & Florida.....	26,050	29,100	-----	3,050
Mineral Range.....	5,618	5,805	-----	187
Mobile & Ohio.....	309,220	341,883	-----	32,663
St. Louis Southwestern.....	498,000	511,417	-----	13,417
Southern Railway System.....	3,712,713	3,633,323	79,390	-----
Western Maryland.....	359,431	385,504	-----	26,073
Total (9 roads).....	\$12,682,878	\$13,019,930	\$79,390	\$416,442
Net decrease (2.59%).....	-----	-----	-----	337,052

In the following table we show the weekly earnings for a number of weeks past:

Week.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Increase or Decrease.	%
4th week May (12 roads).....	\$15,007,030	\$14,264,043	+742,987	5.21
1st week June (12 roads).....	13,673,411	13,394,869	+278,542	2.08
2d week June (12 roads).....	14,229,434	13,551,112	+678,341	5.01
3d week June (11 roads).....	19,250,486	18,541,992	+708,494	3.82
4th week June (11 roads).....	14,126,722	13,318,138	+808,584	6.07
1st week July (12 roads).....	14,366,775	13,648,978	+717,797	5.26
2d week July (12 roads).....	14,611,038	14,078,523	+532,435	3.78
3d week July (12 roads).....	20,725,170	19,038,584	+1,686,586	8.84
4th week July (12 roads).....	14,966,919	13,605,103	+1,361,816	10.00
1st week Aug (12 roads).....	15,193,245	14,211,656	+981,589	6.91
2d week Aug (12 roads).....	15,501,891	14,278,486	+1,223,405	8.57
3d week Aug (12 roads).....	22,607,809	21,421,180	+1,186,629	5.54
4th week Aug (12 roads).....	14,814,631	14,510,064	+304,567	2.09
1st week Sept. (12 roads).....	15,852,576	14,614,550	+1,238,046	8.28
2d week Sept. (11 roads).....	16,081,361	14,445,792	+1,635,569	11.32
3d week Sept. (12 roads).....	23,120,234	20,831,363	+2,288,871	10.98
4th week Sept. (12 roads).....	14,138,958	16,045,279	-1,906,321	-11.88
1st week Oct. (12 roads).....	19,183,201	16,492,870	+2,690,331	16.31
2d week Oct. (12 roads).....	18,436,901	15,578,335	+2,858,566	18.33
3d week Oct. (11 roads).....	27,286,800	23,795,760	+3,491,040	14.66
4th week Oct. (11 roads).....	17,315,911	15,854,197	+1,461,714	9.21
1st week Nov. (12 roads).....	17,765,764	17,485,732	+280,032	1.60
2d week Nov. (12 roads).....	17,507,170	15,790,861	+1,716,309	10.86
3d week Nov. (12 roads).....	21,857,099	20,637,770	+1,219,329	5.91
4th week Nov. (12 roads).....	15,877,441	14,501,895	+1,375,546	9.49
1st week Dec (12 roads).....	15,642,128	14,280,804	+1,361,324	9.53
2d week Dec (12 roads).....	15,776,100	14,365,208	+1,410,892	9.82
3d week Dec (12 roads).....	12,177,506	12,061,018	+116,488	0.96
4th week Dec (12 roads).....	11,317,960	11,212,753	+105,207	0.94
1st week Jan. (11 roads).....	12,137,810	12,721,605	-583,795	-4.60
2d week Jan. (11 roads).....	12,780,980	12,905,285	-124,303	-0.97
3d week Jan. (10 roads).....	19,172,402	18,074,047	+1,098,355	6.07
4th week Jan. (11 roads).....	12,682,878	13,019,930	-337,052	-2.59
1st week Feb. (9 roads).....	-----	-----	-----	-----

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 1 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.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	1927.	1926.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).
Dec.	\$466,526,003	\$525,820,708	-\$59,294,705	\$90,351,147	\$118,520,165	-\$28,169,018
Jan.	456,520,897	486,722,646	-30,161,749	93,990,640	99,549,436	-5,558,796
Feb.	455,681,258	468,532,117	-12,850,859	108,120,729	107,579,051	+541,678
Mar.	504,233,099	530,643,758	-26,410,659	131,840,275	135,874,542	-4,034,267
April.	473,428,231	497,865,380	-24,437,149	110,907,453	113,818,315	-2,910,862
May.	509,746,395	518,569,718	-8,823,323	128,780,393	126,940,076	+1,840,317
June.	501,576,771	516,448,211	-14,871,440	127,284,367	129,111,754	-1,827,387
July.	512,145,231	508,311,786	+3,833,449	137,412,487	125,700,631	+11,711,856
Aug.	556,908,120	556,743,013	+165,107	173,922,684	164,087,125	+9,835,559
Sept.	554,440,941	564,421,630	-9,980,689	180,359,111	178,647,780	+1,711,331
Oct.	616,710,737	579,954,887	+36,755,850	216,522,015	181,084,281	+35,437,734
Nov.	530,909,223	503,940,776	+26,968,447	157,140,516	127,243,825	+29,906,691
Dec.	495,574,485	468,395,541	+27,178,944	138,293,445	89,849,024	+48,444,421

Note.—Percentage of increase or decrease in net for above months has been: 1927—Dec., 23.76% dec.; 1928—Jan., 5.58% dec.; Feb., 0.50% inc.; March, 2.96% dec.; April, 2.56% dec.; May, 0.66% inc.; June, 1.41% dec.; July, 9.32% inc.; Aug., 5.99% inc.; Sept., 0.96% inc.; Oct., 19.56% inc.; Nov., 23.49% inc.; Dec., 5.43% inc.

In the month of Dec. the length of road covered was 238,552 miles in 1927 against 237,711 miles in 1926; in Jan., 239,476 miles in 1928 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; in Oct., 240,661 miles against 239,602 miles in 1927; in Nov., 241,138 miles against 239,982 in 1927; in Dec., 240,337 miles against 239,286 in 1927.

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.—The table following shows the gross and net earnings for STEAM railroads reported this week:

	Gross from Railway—		Net from Railway—		Net after Taxes—	
	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Central of Georgia—	1,996,812	2,027,202	474,795	321,752	386,552	222,846
From Jan 1. 25,132,967	27,641,310	5,924,180	6,695,684	4,405,520	5,128,413	
Chesapeake & Ohio—	10,151,588	9,164,540	4,564,444	2,596,296	3,429,317	1,875,574
From Jan 1. 124,825,172	133,673,506	42,281,923	43,552,617	33,774,428	34,724,711	
Elgin Joliet & Eastern—	1,851,550	1,702,378	427,780	274,804	394,726	78,554
From Jan 1. 24,602,240	24,281,541	7,782,180	7,281,233	5,616,329	5,900,859	
Illinois Terminal—	573,945	570,265	-14,747	-298,972	-37,252	-332,298
From Jan 1. 6,717,136	6,809,030	1,616,056	1,714,452	1,310,648	1,285,729	
Pullman Company—	6,528,651	6,411,455	1,177,488	347,314	1,039,594	66,301
From Jan 1. 80,846,043	80,952,208	14,367,856	14,610,273	10,938,058	11,360,097	

* Corrected.

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:

American Railway Express Co.

	—Month of December—		—11 Mos. End. 1928.	Nov. 30—1927.
	1928.	1927.		
Revenues—				
Express.....	\$24,670,538	\$24,670,577	\$255,717,044	\$258,622,187
Miscellaneous.....	873	733	9,882	9,421
Charges for transportation.....	24,693,412	24,671,311	255,726,926	258,631,608
Express privileges—Dr.....	12,910,823	12,572,339	127,846,380	126,150,492
Rev. from transporta.....	11,782,588	12,098,971	127,880,545	132,481,116
Oper. other than trans.....	310,849	327,305	3,277,330	3,378,204
Total oper. revenues.....	12,093,438	12,426,277	131,157,876	135,859,321
Expenses—				
Maintenance.....	717,123	717,925	7,790,214	7,599,098
Traffic.....	20,776	20,849	235,434	241,314
Transportation.....	10,471,867	10,785,280	113,441,974	117,895,815
General.....	605,079	645,038	6,781,915	7,138,943
Operating expenses.....	11,814,847	12,169,093	128,249,539	132,875,171
Net oper. revenue.....	278,591	257,183	2,908,336	2,984,149
Uncollec. rev. from trans.....	1,167	1,751	15,817	14,833
Express taxes.....	171,415	171,819	1,868,053	2,016,891
Operating income.....	106,007	83,612	1,024,465	952,424

El Paso Electric Co. (Delaware).

	—Month of December—		—Jan. 1 to 1928.	Dec. 31—1927.
	1928.	1927.		
Gross earnings.....	\$293,968	\$271,545	\$3,195,133	\$2,998,271
Operation.....	124,674	130,254	1,444,079	1,428,984
Maintenance.....	17,524	19,511	191,926	182,774
Taxes.....	20,338	19,425	269,562	251,644
Net operating revenue.....	131,430	102,354	1,289,565	1,134,867
Income from other sources.....	-----	-----	-----	8,623
Balance.....	-----	-----	1,289,565	1,143,490
Interest and amortization.....	-----	-----	219,075	182,232
Balance.....	-----	-----	1,070,489	961,257

Galveston Electric Co.

	—Month of December—		—Jan. 1 to 1928.	Dec. 31—1927.
	1928.	1927.		
Gross earnings.....	\$117,011	\$115,768	\$1,333,182	\$1,369,327
Operation.....	56,475	58,891	654,130	675,522
Maintenance.....	10,191	12,123	126,304	123,717
Taxes.....	4,855	3,586	71,465	82,029
Net operating revenue.....	45,489	41,166	481,281	488,057
Interest and amortization (public).....	-----	-----	113,357	116,139
Balance.....	-----	-----	367,924	371,917
Interest and amortization (G.-H. E. Co.).....	-----	-----	161,830	152,579
Balance.....	-----	-----	206,093	219,338

Galveston-Houston Electric Co.

	—Month of December—		—Jan. 1 to 1928.	Dec. 31—1927.
	1928.	1927.		
Gross earnings.....	\$448,824	\$438,287	\$5,248,416	\$5,052,637
Operation.....	211,563	204,569	2,448,896	2,462,052
Maintenance.....	59,854	53,946	696,971	633,949
Taxes.....	24,463	26,355	397,589	383,518
Net operating revenue.....	152,942	153,416	1,704,959	1,573,116
Income from other sources.....	-----	-----	837	1,529
Balance.....	-----	-----	1,705,797	1,574,646
Interest and amortization.....	-----	-----	881,650	863,004
Balance.....	-----	-----	824,146	711,641

Gulf States Utilities Co.

	—Month of December—		—Jan. 1 to 1928.	Dec. 31—1927.
	1928.	1927.		
Gross earnings.....	\$392,112	\$316,800	\$4,490,812	\$4,029,819
Operation.....	159,570	150,995	1,835,120	1,886,447
Maintenance.....	17,283	16,038	193,911	191,615
Taxes.....	38,236	26,543	386,373	317,304
Net operating revenue.....	177,021	123,223	2,075,407	1,634,451
Income from other sources.....	-----	-----	83,795	-----
Balance.....	-----	-----	2,159,202	1,634,451
Interest and amortization (public).....	-----	-----	485,608	454,438
Balance.....	-----	-----	1,673,594	1,180,013
Interest (E. T. E. Co. Del.).....	-----	-----	109,519	204,369
Balance.....	-----	-----	1,564,074	975,644

Haverhill Gas Light Co.

	—Month of December—	
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The Nevada-California Electric Corp.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

	—Month of December— 1928.	1927.	—Jan. 1 to Dec. 31— 1928.	1927.
Gross operating earnings	370,703	350,666	5,461,340	5,102,728
Oper. & gen. exp. & taxes	166,329	154,050	2,341,230	2,309,112
Operating profits	204,373	196,615	3,120,109	2,793,615
Non-oper. earns. (net)	45,248	20,911	133,119	84,649
Total income	249,622	217,527	3,253,228	2,878,265
Interest	122,058	122,734	1,473,199	1,374,394
Balance	127,563	94,792	1,780,028	1,503,871
Depreciation	47,196	48,307	602,750	563,196
Balance	80,367	46,484	1,177,278	940,675
Disc't & exp. on secur. sold	7,958	8,268	97,146	92,497
Miscellaneous additions and deductions (net credit)	29,047	*1,273	44,480	24,775
Surplus avail. for redemp. of bonds, divs., &c.	101,456	36,943	1,124,612	872,952

* Net debit.

New Orleans Public Service Inc.

(Electric Power & Light Corp. Subsidiary)

	—Month of November— 1928.	1927.	—12 Mos. End. Nov. 30— 1928.	1927.
Gross earnings from oper.	1,434,240	1,553,398	18,204,339	18,390,754
Oper. expenses and taxes	918,287	948,048	11,288,681	11,423,155
Net earnings from oper.	515,953	605,350	6,915,658	6,967,599
Other income	2,585	9,842	42,225	278,293
Total income	518,538	615,192	6,957,883	7,245,892
Interest on bonds	226,135	227,377	2,723,087	2,652,768
Other int. and deductions	16,278	13,802	167,927	185,165
Balance	276,125	374,013	4,066,869	4,407,959
Dividends on preferred stock			554,243	554,243
Balance			3,512,626	3,853,716

Northern Texas Electric Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

	—Month of December— 1928.	1927.	—Jan. 1 to Dec. 31— 1928.	1927.
Gross earnings	250,276	260,933	2,857,639	2,707,486
Operation	128,244	134,727	1,473,495	1,391,507
Maintenance	36,472	33,010	423,236	372,249
Taxes	16,916	17,848	209,936	217,321
Net operating revenue	68,643	75,347	750,970	726,407
Income from other sources	12,500	12,500	150,000	150,000
Balance	81,143	87,847	900,970	876,407
Interest and amortization			442,801	364,961
Balance			458,168	511,445

Pacific Northwest Traction Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

	—Month of December— 1928.	1927.	—Jan. 1 to Dec. 31— 1928.	1927.
Gross earnings	70,366	73,819	881,076	878,482
Operation	47,519	45,617	525,240	499,274
Maintenance	11,644	12,908	157,551	143,091
Depreciation of equipment	4,820	4,134	53,985	46,465
Taxes	4,043	3,593	51,644	45,420
Net operating revenue	2,338	7,566	92,654	144,231
Interest and amortization (public)			119,388	122,584
Balance			26,734	21,647
Int. & amort. (Pug. Sd. Power & Light Co.)			35,867	47,773
Balance			62,601	26,126

Pere Marquette.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

	—Month of December— 1928.	1927.	—Jan. 1 to Dec. 31— 1928.	1927.
Gross earnings	3,366,939	3,067,029	45,761,568	44,744,593
Net from railroad	971,267	720,696	14,725,220	13,104,728
Net after taxes	363,370	248,117	4,128,363	3,313,061
Net after rents	269,033	177,422	2,725,028	2,491,073
Total net income	680,961	525,320	11,065,376	9,741,069
Fixed charges	73,064	52,740	468,979	449,401
Balance	607,896	472,579	10,596,357	9,291,667
Surplus	465,138	305,518	8,466,971	7,176,924

Puget Sound Power & Light Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

	—Month of December— 1928.	1927.	—Jan. 1 to Dec. 31— 1928.	1927.
Gross earnings	1,411,233	1,416,178	15,141,395	14,925,481
Operation	654,137	563,440	6,375,872	6,029,699
Maintenance	82,600	99,570	1,080,895	1,255,499
Depreciation of equipment	14,500	8,788	176,945	101,789
Taxes	59,062	80,693	825,436	1,177,698
Net operating revenue	719,057	663,684	6,682,246	6,330,815
Income from other sources	44,885	41,675	513,527	507,041
Balance	763,943	705,359	7,195,774	6,867,857
Interest and amortization			3,075,201	3,349,626
Balance			4,120,573	3,518,230

Western Public Service Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

	—Month of December— 1928.	1927.	—Jan. 1 to Dec. 31— 1928.	1927.
Gross earnings	246,329	180,837	2,706,295	2,464,275
Operation	139,872	122,605	1,625,318	1,512,186
Maintenance	9,648	7,445	112,613	111,903
Taxes	4,791	6,807	101,251	97,697
Net operating revenue	92,017	43,978	867,112	742,488
Income from other sources			16,112	
Balance			883,224	742,488
Interest and amortization (public)			320,224	361,634
Balance			563,000	380,854
Interest (E. T. E. Co. Del.)			179,864	85,215
Balance			383,135	295,639

The Pullman Company.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

	—Month of December— 1928.	1927.	—Jan. 1 to Dec. 31— 1928.	1927.
Sleeping Car Operations—				
Berth revenue	6,050,891	5,960,449	76,352,088	76,782,999
Seat revenue	833,919	846,605	9,930,763	10,206,218
Charter of cars	106,053	99,239	1,972,248	1,680,872
Miscellaneous revenue	14,770	14,726	169,882	158,113
Car mileage revenue	87,088	98,591	1,024,977	1,030,448
Contract revenue	564,072	608,157	8,603,916	8,906,443
Total revenues	6,528,651	6,411,455	80,846,043	80,952,208
Maintenance of cars	2,170,114	2,632,298	28,211,357	27,867,518
All other maintenance	42,116	48,577	526,659	566,459
Conducting car operations	2,786,574	2,914,101	34,935,421	36,847,722
General expenses	351,785	482,671	2,982,092	3,220,882
Total expenses	5,350,592	6,077,648	66,655,530	66,502,582
Net revenue (or deficit)	1,178,058	333,806	14,190,513	14,449,625
Auxiliary Operations—				
Total revenues	109,828	110,032	1,403,083	1,298,731
Total expenses	110,400	96,523	1,225,740	1,138,083
Net revenue (or deficit)	—571	13,508	177,342	160,647
Total net rev. (or deficit)	1,177,486	347,314	14,367,856	14,610,273
Taxes accrued	137,892	281,013	3,429,797	4,250,176
Operating income or loss	1,039,594	66,301	1,938,058	10,360,097

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 Feb. 2. The next will appear in that of March 2.

Pennsylvania Water & Power Co.

(19th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)

The remarks of President Chas. E. F. Clarke, together with an income account and balance sheet for the year ended Dec. 31 1928, will be found in the advertising pages of today's issue. Our usual comparative tables were published in V. 128, p. 876.

Gillette Safety Razor Co.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)

The remarks of J. E. Aldred, Chairman of the Board, will be given fully another week.

SALES—NET EARNINGS WITHOUT RESERVE FOR TAXES.

(The sales include the sales of subsidiaries in England, France and Canada.)

	Total Sales (Incl. Sub. Cos.)	Net Earns.	c Earn'gs
1928	a \$16,244,429	b \$8,121,412	d \$8.12
1927	Not available.	a14,580,902	a7.29
1926		13,311,412	a6.66
1925	14,862,098	b52,983,533	a12,089,857
1924	8,438,576	b42,604,498	a10,122,473
1923	7,798,781	29,061,634	8,411,776
1922	3,420,895	24,082,970	7,602,939
1921	4,248,069	19,531,861	7,008,564
1920	2,090,616	19,051,268	6,803,407

a After reserves for taxes, &c. b Packets of 10 blades. c Based on present 2,000,000 no par shares outstanding. d Based on the 2,000,000 shares outstanding for 11 months of 1928.

[Record of Dividends Paid Inserted by Editor.]

	'18.	'19.	'20.	'21.	'22.	'23.	'24.	'25.	'26.	'27.	'28.
Cash (regular)	\$7½	\$9	\$10	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$12	\$2.75	\$3.25	\$4.00	\$5.00
Cash (extra)	—	2	1	2	—	—	—	.75	1.25	1	—
Stock	—	—	—	—	10%	10%	10%	—	—	—	5%

* The shareholders on Oct. 6 1924 increased the authorized capital stock from 500,000 shares to 2,000,000 shares of no par value. Stockholders of record Nov. 1 1924 received on Dec. 1 1924, 4.7 additional shares of stock for each share held, making 2,000,000 shares outstanding.

EARNINGS FOR CALENDAR YEAR (INCLUDING SUBSIDIARIES).

	1928.	1927.
Operating profit	\$19,920,203	\$16,674,559
Other income	855,530	—
Total income	\$20,775,733	\$16,674,559
Deductions	1,972,495	312,096
Depreciation	669,419	—
Federal taxes	1,889,390	1,781,561
Net profit	\$16,244,429	\$14,580,902
Dividends (\$5)	10,000,000	10,000,000
Balance	\$6,244,429	\$4,580,902

Balance Sheet December 31.

	1928.	1927.		1928.	1927.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Real est. & bldgs.	6,012,998	10,102,311	Capital & surplus	a52,162,615	43,760,162
Mach. & tools	4,679,727	—	Accounts payable	93,517	48,533
Patents	1	1	Reserves	3,259,772	2,754,581
Patents (Can. sub.)	3,616,230	—	Acceptances disct.	312,732	1,132,345
Cash	8,338,018	5,754,011			
Accts. receivable	19,669,647	13,867,593			
Accept. rec. (cont.)	457,995	1,176,098			
Notes receivable	267,727	270,122			
Inventories	6,006,651	6,946,259			
Investments	6,779,642	9,579,226	Total (each side)	55,828,637	47,695,622

a Capital stock and surplus represented by 2,100,000 shares common stock having no par value.—V. 128, p. 256.

Baldwin Locomotive Works.

(18th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)

President S. M. Vauclain says in brief:

The foreign business is gradually increasing and results are satisfactory. The transfer of all equipment to Eddystone was completed June 30, and is operating to our satisfaction. Many economies in operation are being made possible by this concentration.

The Philadelphia property has been placed in the hands of our agents for sale. An agreement of sale approved by the board of directors has been entered into for that portion west of 26th Street.

The result of operations for the year, owing to the meager shipments, was more favorable than had been anticipated.

The business outlook is more promising than it was at this time last year.

ANNUAL RESULTS BALDWIN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, CAL. YEAR

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross sales	\$22,531,349	\$32,901,143	\$47,891,669	\$27,876,064
Cost	22,960,832	30,853,796	44,080,416	30,235,689
Mfg. profit	def\$429,482	\$2,047,346	\$3,811,253	loss\$235,9625
Other income	2,044,507	2,337,315	3,857,661	3,373,262
Gross profit	\$1,615,025	\$4,384,662	\$7,668,914	\$1,013,637
Deduct accr. int., &c.	682,814	679,215	1,176,492	817,073
Res. for depr. & adj.	600,000	1,000,000	---	---
Res. for tax & remov'ls.	---	225,000	455,000	---
Deferred profits	---	38,247	153,515	---
Net profit	\$332,211	\$2,442,200	\$5,883,907	\$196,564
Div. on pref. stk. (7%)	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000
Div. on com. stk. 7%	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000
Surplus	def\$2,467,787	df\$357,800	\$3,083,907	df\$2,603,436
Sur. brought forward	15,852,059	18,847,740	15,763,833	18,367,269
Accum. deprec., &c.	274,377	2,637,881	---	---
Total prof. & loss surp.	\$13,109,892	\$15,852,059	\$18,847,740	\$15,763,833

Shares of common stock outstanding (par \$100) 200,000 200,000 200,000 200,000
 Earn. per sh. on common Nil \$5.21 \$22.42 Nil
 y Being dividend for the following year transferred from dividend reserve.

Note.—Report is subject to revision to meet any changes in interpretation of Federal tax laws, regulations or rulings.

BALDWIN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Real estate, machinery, &c.	\$35,670,220	33,013,147	---
Stand. St. Wks. Co 9,041,501	9,041,501	---	---
Chicago plant	474,216	461,334	---
Dwelling house	5,880	---	---
Inventories	3,338,609	3,941,703	---
Accts. receivable	6,321,140	8,218,866	---
Bills receivable	534,296	1,143,976	---
For'n Govt. sec.	4,203,514	5,699,179	---
Miscell. securities	3,096,221	4,447,220	---
Cash	2,567,403	3,457,176	---
Deferred charges	125,728	180,516	---
1st mortgage bond sinking fund	4,024,150	3,641,600	---
Total	69,402,882	73,252,099	---

x Includes Republic of Poland 5% bonds, \$980,000; Rumanian Treasury 7% notes, \$287,138; Mexican Government Ry. notes, \$1,317,326; Chinese Government (Kihnan Ry.), \$1,485,000; Republic of Colombia (notes), \$134,053. y Land and buildings, \$21,774,564; machinery and fixtures, \$13,895,655.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 (INCL. STANDARD WHEEL WORKS CO.)

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Plant, equip., &c.	\$4,591,995	42,331,713	---
Investments, real estate, &c.	480,096	467,214	---
Current assets	22,116,961	29,402,300	---
Deferred charges	125,728	180,516	---
Sinking fund	4,024,150	3,641,600	---
Total	71,338,931	76,023,433	---

STANDARD STEEL WORKS CO. BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Plant, equip., &c.	\$8,921,775	9,318,566	---
Inventories	1,257,522	1,845,746	---
Accts. receivable	505,235	460,505	---
Bills receivable	2,473	3,786	---
Marketable secur.	203,639	203,640	---
Cash	133,407	247,382	---
Total	11,524,051	12,079,625	---

—V. 128, p. 252.

Continental Can Co., Inc. (of New York).

(16th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)

Carle C. Conway, President, Feb. 9, said in part:

During the year, one manufacturer of can-making and can-closing machinery and seven can manufacturing companies were acquired. These were the Seattle-Astoria Iron Works, the United States Can Co., the Pasmic Metal Ware Co., the Southern Can Co., the New Orleans Can Co., the Bedford Can Co., the Wheeling Can Co. and the can manufacturing business of the R. Hardesty Manufacturing Co. Since the beginning of the current year, the Manufacturer's Can Co. and the Manhattan Can Co. have been acquired. Through these acquisitions the business has been further diversified and the facilities of the company have been extended to all sections of the country. Full benefits from the earnings of these properties and from economies to be effected are not reflected in the results of the year.

With a normal production of canned foods in 1928, the canning industry will start the current season in a health condition. Demand for general line cans has also shown steady improvement.

RESULTS FOR YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31.

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Net earnings	\$8,858,691	\$6,093,423	\$5,146,989	\$7,097,736
Depreciation	1,267,895	977,802	\$30,014	776,343
Res. for taxes & conting.	900,000	676,975	582,792	781,660
Net income	\$6,690,797	\$4,438,646	\$3,734,184	\$5,539,733
Pref. dividends (7%)	346,036	363,778	371,828	387,116
Common dividends	3,243,276	2,568,950	2,947,056	1,875,725
Surplus	\$3,101,485	\$1,505,918	\$415,299	\$3,276,892
Previous surplus	7,239,410	6,052,602	5,849,695	3,946,236
Surplus applic. to red. of preferred stock net.	2,387,500	2,207,000	2,026,500	1,846,000
Total surplus	\$12,728,395	\$9,765,519	\$8,291,494	\$9,069,128
Non recurring charges	303,268	37,618	---	---
Res. for pref. stockholders	150,000	---	---	---
Write off book value of patents and good-will	146,148	---	---	67,833
Deprec. on patents	15,537	100,992	31,893	---
Com. stock divs. 100%	b3,550,000	---	---	---
Profit & loss, surplus	\$8,563,440	\$9,626,910	\$8,259,602	\$7,876,195
Shares com. stk. outstdg. (no par)	1,459,991	540,000	500,000	476,552
Earned per share	\$4.35	\$7.54	\$6.72	\$10.81
a Being 22,502 shares of no par value. b Being 710,000 shares of no par value.				

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Real estate, bldgs., mach., &c.	\$35,968,726	23,093,729	---
Pat. & good-will	2,744,441	---	---
Investments	399,332	258,020	---
Inventories	13,678,074	7,883,323	---
Accts. & bills rec.	7,388,557	4,976,576	---
Cash	4,027,183	5,381,283	---
Accr. int. & disc.	62,795	23,202	---
Empl. subs. to stk.	1,350,947	259,007	---
Prepaid insurance	284,994	199,480	---
Total	63,160,907	44,819,064	---

a Less reserve for depreciation of \$10,317,419. b Represented by 1,459,991 shares no par value.—V. 128, p. 407.

American Republics Corporation & Subs.

(Annual Report Years Ended Dec. 31 1928.)

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT (CORP. & SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES) FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Sales	\$33,876,331	\$26,199,160	\$32,315,145	\$29,897,648
Cost of sales	30,210,709	23,341,637	27,441,335	24,145,032
Gross prof. from oper's	\$3,665,622	\$2,857,522	\$4,873,810	\$5,752,615
Gen., adm. & misc. exp.	2,569,994	2,034,148	2,033,499	2,127,180
Other charges (net)	990,036	969,571	Cr.239,012	713,687
Res. for Fed. taxes	---	---	179,700	54,700
Net income	\$105,590	def\$146,197	\$2,899,623	\$2,857,048
Pref. dividends	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000
Balance, surplus	def.594,410	df.\$846,197	\$2,199,623	\$2,157,049
Com.stk.outs'd'g (no par)	209,180	209,180	200,000	200,000
Earns. per sh. on com.---	Nil	Nil	\$10.99	\$10.79

INCOME STATEMENT YEARS ENDED DEC. 31 (COMPANY ONLY.)

	1928.	1927.	1926.
Dividends of subsidiaries	\$900,000	\$3,288,000	\$1,768,000
Dividends of other securities	97,728	33,228	1,163,826
Interest and discount	6,041	32,194	11,346
Miscellaneous income	14,922	106,095	13,127

	1928.	1927.	1926.
Total income	\$1,018,691	\$3,459,517	\$2,958,300
General expenses	414,241	348,545	531,450
Interest and discount	345,168	380,491	420,644
Miscellaneous	40,138	40,397	23,829

	1928.	1927.	1926.
Net income	\$219,143	\$2,690,084	\$1,982,386
Preferred dividends	700,000	700,000	700,000
Other deductions	412,612	8,182	59,513

	1928.	1927.	1926.
Surplus	def\$893,469	\$1,981,902	\$1,222,873
Previous surplus	4,439,690	2,437,864	1,206,559
Other credits	2,014	19,925	8,433

	1928.	1927.	1926.
Profit and loss surplus	\$3,548,235	\$4,439,691	\$2,437,864
Shars. com. stk. outstanding (no par)	209,180	209,180	200,000
Earnings per share	Nil	\$9.51	\$6.41

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 (CO. & SUBS.)

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Lands, buildings & equipment	\$10,779,655	10,507,738	---
Rolling stock	e 4,840,729	5,617,494	---
Property & mineral equities	20,000,000	20,000,000	---
Oil properties	e 3,187,754	2,543,865	---
Car Serv. contracts	500,000	500,000	---
Cash	1,336,156	6,934,381	---
Accts. & bills rec.	2,504,432	5,221,920	---
Inventories	5,112,013	5,477,331	---
Marketable secur.	5,919,144	5,853,583	---
Other notes & ac- counts rec.	d14,426,282	13,307,027	---
Bonds, inter-co	800,000	800,000	---
Deferred charges	1,214,908	914,357	---
Def. pay. notes & cont. interest	2,205,522	84,617	---
Accrued funds	30,000	---	---
Total	72,856,596	77,762,317	---

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 a Pennsylvania Tank Line. b Pennsylvania Car Co. c209,180 shares no par value. d Intercompany and officers and employees. e After deducting depreciation.

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 (COMPANY ONLY.)

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Prop. & min. equ'ies	20,000,000	20,000,000	---
Off. & other equip.	40,622	43,880	---
Cash	983,420	603,493	---
Accounts rec.	1,464	3,697	---
Inventories	2,631	1,440	---
Marketable secur.	5,594,943	5,647,584	---
Notes & accts. rec.	---	---	---
Inter-com'ny.	5,614,081	7,892,688	---
Stocks of subs.	15,679,124	13,639,124	---
Deferred charges	97,080	406,563	---
Total	48,013,367	48,238,419	---

—V. 127, p. 2368.

Pacific Lighting Corporation.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT—CALENDAR YEARS.

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross revenues	\$30,350,631	\$28,052,546	\$24,390,865	\$21,945,160
Oper. exp. & taxes	16,202,255	14,492,605	13,940,549	13,668,630
Interest	3,179,015	3,368,054	3,407,790	2,925,234
Deprec. & amortizat'n.	4,291,040	3,863,598	3,311,554	2,429,062
Subsidiary pref. divs.	1,312,482	1,323,897	1,297,429	---
Net profit	\$5,365,839	\$5,004,392	\$2,433,543	\$2,925,234
Pref. dividends	599,069	599,353	523,293	208,100
Common dividends	3,889,108	1,640,000	1,639,856	949,997

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Surplus	\$1,377,662	\$2,765,039	\$270,394	\$1,767,137
Shares com. stock out- standing, no par	1,250,000	1,127,389	x102,500	x65,000
Earnings per share	\$3.81	\$3.90	\$18.63	\$26.05
x Par \$100.				

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Plant, properties & franchises	\$127,166,504	116,857,139	---
Inv. in securities	4,143,251	4,655,528	---
Cash & secs. in sinking fund.	278,605	277,117	

Commercial Credit Company of Baltimore.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross rec'bles purchased	265,833,746	204,518,462	254,074,662	262,838,157
Avg. stockholders invest. (capital and surplus)	30,318,644	29,354,733	29,724,779	19,007,198
Gross earnings from operns	13,688,977	12,332,899	15,787,339	13,821,197
Sundry income	Cr. 243,833			
Management expenses	5,913,212	5,507,711	7,187,745	5,757,852
Net losses over reserves	Cr. 235,588	1,285,164	2,832,874	1,144,384
Int. and disc't. charges	3,570,438	3,161,165	4,206,835	3,252,510
Res. for Fed. inc. taxes	552,356	310,972	217,101	463,783
Consolidated net income on capital stk.	4,132,392	2,067,888	1,342,783	3,202,668
Net income Balt. Co.	2,162,615	937,179	Dr. 26,177	1,470,793
Net income N. Y. Co.	621,511	560,678	632,652	535,296
Net income Canadian Co.	180,624	224,349	212,142	161,452
Net income Chicago Co.	769,110	161,854	289,664	760,355
Net income New Ori. Co.	398,531	183,827	234,502	274,771
Cons. net inc., as above	4,132,392	2,067,888	1,342,783	3,202,668
Dis. Paid on Preferred Stock of Subs.—				
Commercial Credit Trust Chicago	160,000	160,000	160,000	112,833
Commercial Credit Co., Inc., New Orleans	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
Commercial Credit Co., Roanoke, Va.			2,157	9,131
Divs. received on stocks in treasury	Cr. 250	Cr. 583		
Net inc. on capital stk. of parent company	3,892,642	1,828,471	1,100,626	3,000,704
Divs. paid on 6½% and 7% pref. stock	800,000	800,000	756,667	280,000
Divs. paid on 8% class B pref. stock	320,000	320,000	320,000	320,000
Divs. received on pref. stock in treasury	Cr. 159	Cr. 3,586		
Divs. paid on com. stock (cash)	702,740	680,000	1,190,000	720,000
Divs. rec'd on com. stock in treasury	Cr. 17,427	Cr. 2,967	Cr. 7,503	
Furn. & fixt. charged off		11,768	80,571	165,643
Surp. items—parent co.	Cr. 267,948	600,000		
Consol. surplus profit for period	2,314,057	def 576,742	def 1,239,108	1,515,061
Previous surplus	2,328,242	2,904,985	4,752,845	3,312,093
Paid in surplus			578,601	578,601
Surplus adjustments				Dr. 74,309
Transfer paid in surp. to no par com. stock			Dr. 516,000	
Paid in surp. used to apply against underwriters' fees for sale of cap. stock			Dr. 62,601	
Earned surplus applied against underwriters' fees, for sale of capital stock			Dr. 608,752	
Sur. bal. close of period	4,642,299	2,328,242	2,904,985	5,331,445
Earns. per sh. on com. stk.	\$4.01	\$1.05	\$0.04	\$5.00

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

(Commercial Credit Co. of Baltimore and Subsidiaries.)

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Furn. & fixtures	\$ 44	7% 1st pref. stk.	12,000,000
Motor lien time notes	75,525,514	Cl. B. pref. stock	4,000,000
Cash	17,313,854	Pref. stk. affil. cos.	3,000,000
Open accounts, notes, &c.	29,939,385	Common stock	9,906,300
Sundry notes and accts. receiv.	474,771	Unsec. short term gold notes	73,446,500
Repossessed cars	97,999	Col. notes pay	8,002,500
Stocks and bonds	11,000	Notes payable	2,484,827
Other invests.	4,684,936	Accts. payable	684,468
Mtge. & Accep. Corp.		Acct. taxes and reserves	664,072
Due from empl.		Res. for losses	3,970,627
Treasury stock		Contingency res.	2,664,835
Sink. fund notes		Deferred charges	3,744,086
Prepd. int. & dis.		Surplus	4,642,299
Total	129,810,516	Total	129,810,516

a Cost \$979,832. b Represented by 774,231 no par shares.—V. 128, p. 733.

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STEAM RAILROADS.

Beaver Meade & Englewood RR.—Securities.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Jan. 29 authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$605,700 capital stock, consisting of 6,057 shares of (par \$100) and \$591,000 of first-mortgage 6% gold bonds, to be disposed of at not less than par and int. on the bonds to finance the cost of constructing an extension of its railroad from Hooker to Keyes, Okla., a distance of approximately 59.11 miles.—V. 126, p. 1975.

Boston & Maine RR.—Clears Up 1st Dividend Arrearages.

The directors on Feb. 13, announced the clearing up of accruals on the unstamped 1st pref. stocks by the declaration of the following dividends: Class "A" \$21.50, class "B" \$34.40, class "C" \$30.10, class "D" \$43, and class "E" \$19.35 per share. All the dividends are payable Feb. 28 to holders of record Feb. 15.

The directors voted to apply to the I. S. C. Commission for the approval of an issue of \$2,400,000 of three-year 5% general mortgage bonds, to reimburse the treasury for capital expenditures.

The divs. bonds are to be dated March 1 1929. The company has received subscriptions for this entire issue, at par, and purposes issuing interim receipts for the bonds, when, as and if issued, and subject to the approval of the Commission and the stockholders.

The holders of the unstamped first preferred stock affected by this dividend action, together with holders of small amounts of the common and preferred shares, had refused to join in the Boston & Maine plan of reorganization which became effective on Sept. 1 1926, reserving their legal rights to full payment of accrued dividends. Those stockholders who participated in the reorganization, surrendering one-half of their back dividends, reserved their right to the other half under a provision by which they may share equally with common stockholders in any dividends that may be declared after 6% has been paid on the common in any one year.—V. 127, p. 2812.

Chicago & Western Indiana RR.—Bonds.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Jan. 30 authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$186,000 of consolidated 4% mortgage bonds to be delivered to its tenants in respect of sinking fund payments.—V. 126, p. 2305.

Missouri Southern RR.—Construction of Extension.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Jan. 31 issued a certificate authorizing the company to construct an extension of its line of railroad from a point near milepost 50, in section 33, township 32 north, range 2 west, southwesterly to a point on the north bank of Current River, in section 29, township 30 north, range 3 west, approximately 18 miles, all in Reynolds and Shannon Counties, Mo.—V. 123, p. 2257.

New York New Haven & Hartford RR.—\$1 Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, and the usual quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the pref. stock, both payable on and after April 1 1929, to holders of record Feb. 28. Similar distributions were made on Jan. 2 last.—V. 128, p. 724.

Pennsylvania Railroad.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$17,500,000 capital stock (par \$50) on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied for \$579,173,950. This additional stock was offered at par, to officers and employees of the company and its subsidiaries, on a monthly installment basis, under the plan approved by the stockholders at a special meeting on June 29 1928.—V. 128, p. 554, 724.

St. Louis Brownsville & Mexico Ry.—Construction.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Jan. 29 issued a certificate authorizing company to construct an extension of its line of railroad from its present terminus at a point south of Edcouch in a general southerly direction to a connection with its Mission branch at a point at or near Weslaco, a distance of approximately 10 miles, all in Hidalgo County, Tex.—V. 126, p. 407.

Sardis & Delta RR.—Abandonment of Line.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Jan. 29 issued a certificate authorizing the company to abandon, as to inter-State and foreign commerce, its line of railroad, extending from a connection with the Illinois Central RR. at a point approximately one-half mile south of the corporate limits of Sardis, to Baptist, a distance of 13.6 miles, all in Panola County, Miss.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.—Bonds—Earnings.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Jan. 26 authorized the company to issue \$1,295,000 of first and consolidated mortgage gold bonds, series A, said bonds to be pledged and repledged from time to time as collateral security for short-term notes.—V. 128, p. 724.

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross earnings	\$57,245,207	\$61,790,150	\$67,024,854	\$62,864,710
Oper. expenses	42,902,964	46,873,315	49,253,002	46,733,363
Taxes, &c.	3,557,155	3,600,485	3,490,954	3,045,984
Equipment rents, &c.	729,671	927,590	2,266,720	2,262,632
Net oper. income	\$10,055,417	\$10,388,760	\$12,014,178	\$10,822,731
Other income	2,408,433	2,235,531	1,899,944	1,100,397
Total income	\$12,463,850	\$12,624,291	\$13,914,122	\$11,923,128
Interest, rents, &c.	11,283,567	11,342,715	9,485,452	8,088,153
Balance	\$1,180,283	\$1,281,576	\$4,428,670	\$3,834,975
Adj. bond interest		1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000
Net income	\$x1,180,283	\$31,576	\$3,178,670	\$2,584,975

x Exclusive of interest on adjustment mtge. bonds.—V. 128, p. 724.

Toledo Terminal RR.—Bonds.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Feb. 5 authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$500,000 1st mtge. 4½% gold bonds; said bonds to be sold to the highest bidder upon competitive bidding, but at not less than 92% and int., and the proceeds used in reimbursement of its treasury for capital expenditures heretofore made.—V. 127, p. 2524.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of Feb. 9.—(a) Production of election power in the United States in 1928 increased approximately 10% over the preceding year, p. 802.

Allegheny Gas Corp.—Transfer Agent.—

The Equitable Trust Company of New York has been appointed Transfer Agent for stock of the above corporation.—V. 127, p. 3538, 2954.

American Cities Power & Light Corp.—Sells Additional Stock Issue to Dillon, Read & Co.—

The corporation announces the sale to Dillon, Read & Co. of an additional 25,000 units of its convertible Class A stock, optional dividend series, and Class B stock. Each unit represents one share of class A and one share of class B stock. The outstanding stock of the company after this issuance will be \$21,250,000 optional dividend series—convertible class A stock and 2,055,062 shares of no par value class B stock. This entire additional amount has been placed privately.—V. 127, p. 2814, 2681.

American States Public Service Co.—Debentures Offered.—

Pynchon & Co., Peabody, Smith & Co., Inc., L. L. Davis & Co. and Gillet & Co. are offering at 97½ and int. \$2,000,000 10-year 6% convertible gold debentures, series A. Dated Dec. 1 1938; due Dec. 1 1948. Interest payable (J. & D.) at Chase National Bank, New York and National Bank of the Republic of Chicago, trustee, without deduction for Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Company will refund upon proper notice within 60 days after payment, any personal property tax, security tax and (or) income tax not exceeding 5 mills to the dollar of principal amount per annum, or any income tax not exceeding 6% of the interest per annum, as now or hereafter imposed by any State or the District of Columbia. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. in whole or in part on 30 days' notice at 103 on or before Dec. 1 1931; thereafter at 102 on or before Dec. 1 1934; thereafter at 101 on or before Dec. 1 1937; and thereafter at 100 with accrued int. added in each instance.

Convertibility.—Debentures will be convertible at any time prior to maturity, and at the option of the holder, into the common stock, class A, of the company at the rate of 30 shares of such common stock, class A, for each \$1,000 of debentures. In the event of redemption of these debentures prior to maturity, such conversion privilege may be exercised up to and including, but not after, the tenth day prior to the call date.

Data from Letter of William E. Vogelback, Pres. of the Company.

Business.—A Delaware corporation. Through its subsidiaries, owns and operates properties supplying water and (or) artificial gas to 38 cities and towns in California, including certain parts of the City of Los Angeles, a substantial part of the City of Sacramento, Calif., and the City of Kellogg, Idaho. The total population served is estimated in excess of 260,000 including approximately 48,500 customers, a portion of which are large industrial consumers. Over 77% of the company's gross revenue is derived from the sale of water, the balance being derived from electric, gas and other utility services.

Company will also own all of the outstanding common stock of American States Electric Co. which will own and operate (through wholly-owned subsidiaries) properties furnishing electric light and power to the City of Sault Ste. Marie and surrounding communities in Michigan and water and electric services in Indiana. The total population to be served by this system is approximately 19,000 and the customers served will total about 4,200.

Capitalization—	Authorized	Outstanding
First lien 5½% gold bonds series A due 1948	x	\$5,550,000
10-year 6% convertible gold debentures, series A	x	2,000,000
\$6 cumulative preferred stock (no par)	20,000 shs.	16,000 shs.
Common stock class A, no par	y250,000 shs.	60,000 shs.
Common stock class B, no par	100,000 shs.	100,000 shs.

x Issuance of additional bonds and (or) debentures restricted by the conservative provisions of the respective trust indentures. y 60,000 shares of common stock, class A, reserved for conversion of the debentures, series A.

Earnings.—The combined earnings of the properties to be owned or controlled upon completion of this financing for the year ended Oct. 31 1928 are as follows:

Gross revenue	\$1,487,229
Operating expenses, maintenance & taxes	713,772
Net income from operations before interest, depreciation, &c.	\$773,457
Annual int. requirements on 1st lien 5½% gold bonds, ser. A	305,250
Balance	\$468,207
Annual interest requirements on \$2,000,000 10-year 6% convertible gold debentures	120,000
Earnings reported are historical except for certain adjustments amounting to \$71,014 submitted by company's engineers as non-recurring for properties already owned and operated.	

Valuation.—Based on independent appraisals the combined properties upon the completion of this financing will have a reproduction cost new, less depreciation, of approximately \$11,600,000 after giving effect to going concern and water rights value and working capital. Deducting from this valuation, the amount of the company's outstanding first lien 5½% gold bonds, the balance is equivalent to more than \$3,000 for each \$1,000 principal amount of 10-year 6% convertible gold debentures outstanding.

Purpose.—These bonds and other securities of the company have been issued in connection with the retirement of underlying securities of subsidiary companies, the acquisition of additional properties and for other corporate purposes.

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—New Directors.—It is announced that William S. Barstow and William Buchsbaum have become members of the board of directors.—V. 128, p. 882.

Bangor (Me.) Hydro Electric Co.—Stock Split-Up.—The stockholders have authorized a four-for-one split-up of the new common stock, reduction of the par value from \$100 to \$25 per share and an increase of the capitalization from \$13,000,000, to \$15,500,000, it is reported. Net income for the past year was \$691,235 compared with \$568,611 the previous year.—V. 126, p. 2146.

Baton Rouge (La.) Electric Co.—Bonds Sold.—Stone & Webster and Blodgett Inc., Chase Securities Corp., Blair & Co. Inc. and Brown Brothers & Co. have sold at 97½ and int., to yield 5.16%, \$1,000,000 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, series B.

Dated Feb. 1 1929; due Feb. 1 1959. Principal and int. (F. & A.) payable at Boston at Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, trustee; int. payable also at Bankers Trust Co., New York, paying agent. Int. payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Denom. \$1,000 c*. Red. as a whole on 30 days' notice at 105 prior to Feb. 1 1939; at 104 on Feb. 1 1939, and thereafter prior to Feb. 1 1944; at 103 on Feb. 1 1944 and thereafter prior to Feb. 1 1949; at 102 on Feb. 1 1949 and thereafter prior to Feb. 1 1954; at 101½ on Feb. 1 1954 and thereafter prior to Feb. 1 1955; at 101 on Feb. 1 1955 and thereafter prior to Feb. 1 1956; at 100½ on Feb. 1 1956 and thereafter prior to Feb. 1 1957; at 100 on Feb. 1 1957 and thereafter to maturity; plus accrued interest in each case.

Data from Letter of George H. Clifford, President of the Company.

Capitalization—	Authorized	Outstanding
1st mtge. gold bonds, 5½% series A, due 1954	\$15,000,000	\$990,000
5% series B, due 1959 (this issue)		1,000,000
Preferred stock, 7% series A	425,000	425,000
Common stock, without par value	65,000 shs.	41,041 shs.

*Includes \$1,000 subscriptions.

Company.—Does the entire electric lighting and power, gas, electric lighting and bus business in Baton Rouge, La., and the electric lighting and power business in Port Allen, La., and 7 other communities north of Baton Rouge. The total population served with electricity is 53,900 and with transportation and natural gas 49,100.

The generating capacity of the company's steam turbine power station is 6,500 k.w., and there is a transmission line connection, practically completed, with the Louisiana transmission system of the Gulf States Utilities Co. (an affiliated company) which will afford additional capacity. The pipe line company supplying natural gas to the Standard Oil refinery wholesales gas to the company for distribution to its customers and for fuel in its power plant. Passengers carried during 1928 totaled 3,499,023, including bus passengers.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for the payment of floating debt incurred for additions to properties, to provide funds for further construction, and for other corporate purposes.

Earnings for 12 Months Ended December 31.

	1927.	1928.
Gross earnings	\$1,017,109	\$1,111,802
Oper., maint. and taxes (not incl. Federal)	611,690	668,566
Net earnings	\$405,419	\$443,236
Income from other sources		1,817
Net income	\$405,419	\$445,053
Annual int. requirements on the co's bonds, incl. this issue		104,450

Management.—More than 99.3% of the common stock of company is owned by Engineers Public Service Co.—V. 125, p. 2933.

Bell Telephone Co. of Penn.—Earnings.

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Operating revenues	\$65,830,679	\$60,357,442	\$56,340,022	\$50,630,200
Operating expenses	45,144,683	42,351,124	39,729,151	36,563,079
Taxes & uncollectibles	3,256,726	2,977,435	2,774,054	2,449,250
Operating income	\$17,429,270	\$15,028,882	\$13,836,818	\$11,617,871
Non-oper. revenue (net)	941,390	1,410,910	1,941,324	1,987,505
Gross income	\$18,370,661	\$16,439,792	\$15,778,143	\$13,605,376
Interest charges, &c.	6,508,538	6,455,178	6,393,557	5,318,417
Net income	\$11,862,123	\$9,984,613	\$9,384,585	\$8,286,959
Preferred dividends	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,813	1,282,341
Common divs. paid	6,400,000	6,400,000	6,400,000	6,400,000
Other deductions	24,639		350,000	
Balance, surplus	\$4,137,484	\$2,284,613	\$1,333,773	\$604,619
Shares of common stock				
outstanding (par \$100)	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000
Earned per sh. on com.	\$13.20	\$10.86	\$10.10	\$8.75

—V. 127, p. 3539.

Berlin City Electric Co. (Berliner Staedische Elektricitaetswerke Akt.-Ges.).—Bonds Offered.—Dillon, Read & Co., Hallgarten & Co., Bankers Company of New York, Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., International Acceptance Bank, Inc., E. H. Rollins & Sons and Mendelssohn & Co., Amsterdam, are offering \$15,000,000 30-year 6½% sinking fund gold debentures at 93½ and interest, to yield to maturity 7.02% (average yield, based upon retirement through sinking fund, 7.16%). A substantial amount of these debentures has been withdrawn for offering in Europe, including offerings in Holland by Mendelssohn & Co., Amsterdam, Nederlandsche Handel-Maatschappij and others.

Authorized and presently to be issued \$15,000,000. Denom. \$1,000 c*. Interest payable F. & A. Principal and int. payable in United States gold coin at the principal office of Dillon, Read & Co., New York, without deduction for any taxes, present or future, levied by German governmental authorities. Holders may, at their option, collect principal and interest in London at the office of Guinness, Mahon & Co., in pounds sterling; in Amsterdam at the office of Mendelssohn & Co., in guilders; in Zurich and Basle at the offices of Credit Suisse and Société de Banque Suisse, in Swiss francs; or in Stockholm at the office of Skandinaviska Kreditaktiebolaget, in Swedish kronor; in each case at the buying rate for sight exchange on New York on the date of presentation for collection. In addition to being redeemable for the sinking fund at 100% and interest,

debentures are to be redeemable as a whole, or in part by lot, on 30 days' notice, on any interest date, at the following prices and int.: to and including Feb. 1 1934, at 102½%; thereafter to and including Feb. 1 1939, at 101%; and thereafter at 100%. Central Union Trust Co. of New York, American trustee. Deutsche Kreditversicherung A. G., Berlin, German trustee.

Dated Feb. 1 1929; due Feb. 1 1959.

The city of Berlin owns all of the company's capital stock and has entered into an agreement with the company, extending beyond the maturity of these debentures, empowering the company to fix rates for the sale of electricity adequate to cover all operating expenses, interest and amortization of loans, depreciation and other proper reserves, and providing that, upon termination thereof, the city shall assume all obligations of the company, including interest and amortization of loans.

Sinking Fund.—The indenture is to provide for a sinking fund, calculated on an accumulative basis, sufficient to retire the entire issue by maturity, to operate by semi-annual call by lot (first redemption Aug. 1 1929) at 100% and interest.

Listing.—These debentures are listed on the Boston Stock Exchange and the company has agreed to make application in due course to list them on the New York Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of Dr. Lange, Treas. of the City of Berlin, and Dr. Kauffmann and Dr. Adolph, Managing Directors.

Business.—Company was organized by the city of Berlin in 1923 to operate, under lease from the city, the electric works which since 1915 had been operated directly by the city. The company sells about 90% of the electric current supplied in Berlin, which, with a population of more than 4,000,000, is the third city in size in the world. Customers, numbering approximately 700,000, include the surface and underground railway systems of Berlin and German National Railways, as well as purchasers of current for domestic and industrial purposes. A large majority of the industrial concerns in Berlin are customers of the company, including the Siemens concern and Allgemeine Elektrizitaets Gesellschaft (General Electric Co., Germany). In 1928 the company produced more than 68% of the current sold by it.

Purpose.—The proceeds of the sale of these debentures are to be used to liquidate all current borrowings of the company except approximately \$3,900,000 due during 1929, to make extensions to the leased properties and for other corporate purposes.

Capitalization (Upon Issuance of These Debentures)

30-year 6½% sinking fund debentures, due 1959 (this issue)	\$15,000,000
25-year 6½% sinking fund debentures, due 1951	20,000,000
8% Swiss franc loan, due 1940	5,731,521
7% goldmark credit, due serially 1932 to 1935	5,997,600
Capital stock (15,000,000 Reichsmarks par value)	3,570,000

In addition, in consideration of the extension to the leased properties of the proceeds of approximately 72% of the 6½% external loan of 1925 of the city of Berlin (\$13,909,000 now outstanding) and of approximately 39% of the 6% external loan of 1928 of the city of Berlin (\$14,908,000 now outstanding), the company has obligated itself to pay to the city of Berlin interest and amortization upon such proportions, respectively, of these loans.

Earnings.—Net earnings of the company after rentals, taxes not based on profits, depreciation and payments under the Dawes plan, but before deducting interest and appropriations junior thereto, for the four-year period ended Dec. 31 1928 (Dec. 1928 estimated), have been as follows:

	Net Earnings	Net Earnings	
1925	\$6,379,599	1927	\$7,492,081
1926	6,563,383	1928	8,266,565

The maximum annual interest requirement of the company as of Jan. 31 1929, but adjusted to give effect to this financing, including \$264,834 of interest on current borrowings, but excluding interest payments ranking junior to interest on these debentures, was \$3,772,934. This interest requirement includes interest on more than \$24,000,000 of indebtedness from the proceeds of which no substantial benefits are reflected in the above earnings.

Conversions of German and Swiss currencies into United States currency have been made at par of exchange (one Reichsmark equals 23.8 cents; one Swiss franc equals 19.3 cents).—V. 128, p. 724.

Boston Elevated Ry.—Earnings.

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Calendar Years—				
Total revenue	\$34,843,148	\$35,193,410	\$35,481,313	\$34,547,380
Operating Expenses—				
Wav & struc. (maint.)	2,663,665	2,610,830	2,764,921	2,865,886
Removal of snow & ice	57,279	154,856	484,165	102,010
Equipment (maint.)	2,963,457	2,868,226	3,054,504	2,752,796
Power (operating)	1,783,480	1,755,115	1,826,409	1,720,239
Power (maintenance)	297,725	335,892	316,668	266,770
Transportation (operat.)	11,167,506	11,436,060	11,924,518	11,567,233
Traffic (operating)	33,309	31,862	6,139	3,240
General & miscel.	3,262,626	3,115,301	2,857,724	2,631,562
Depreciation	2,671,142	2,824,220	2,841,722	2,496,000
Total	\$24,000,189	\$25,132,332	\$26,076,268	\$24,405,736
Operating ratio	71.46%	71.41%	73.49%	70.64%

—V. 127, p. 3241.

Brooklyn City RR.—Merger with Surface Lines of Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp. Proposed.—See latter company below.—V. 128, p. 398.

Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp.—To Merge Surface Lines with Brooklyn City RR.

The directors of the B. M. T. and the Brooklyn City RR. authorized Feb. 13, the merging of the surface car lines of the two corporations, comprising about 500 miles of single track in Queens and Brooklyn, into a single system. The merger, if approved by the stockholders and the Transit Commission, will, it is said, result in a consolidated company, which is prepared either to take over the Brooklyn and Queens bus routes of the Equitable Coach Co. or to deal directly with the city for a bus franchise.

The approval of the merger is considered merely a matter of form. The B. M. T. is the holder of all the shares of its constituent companies and the largest stockholders of the Brooklyn City are represented by the directors who approved the consolidation.

The consolidated company, shares of which will be issued to stockholders of the merged companies in exchange for their holdings, will have 283,250 shares of preferred stock, 820,000 shares of common, all without par value, and the funded debt of the existing companies, aggregating about \$31,105,528. The preferred stock will be entitled to cumulative dividends at \$4 a share for the first year, \$5 for the second and \$6 thereafter, and is redeemable at \$110 per share and accrued dividends.

The combined capitalization of the companies in the merger consists of \$36,000,000 par value of capital stocks and \$58,000,000 in bonded debt principal. Indebtedness of more than \$27,600,000 will be canceled and turned into the treasury of the consolidated company.

Basis of Share Exchange.—Holders of the \$16,000,000 outstanding \$10 par shares of Brooklyn City are to receive 160,000 shares of preferred stock of the new corporation and 400,000 shares of common, on the basis of one share of preferred and 2½ shares of common for each 10 shares of outstanding stock. The B. M. T. will receive 123,250 preferred shares and 400,000 common shares of the new company in exchange for or cancellation of about \$20,000,000 in par value of stocks and \$27,000,000 in debt principal of the B. M. T. surface line companies and in settlement of a \$13,000,000 construction account claim against the Brooklyn City, now in litigation.

The merger plan reserves 20,000 shares of common stock in the treasury as the maximum which may be issued should the Board of Estimate approve the Equitable's pending application and make possible the merger of its Brooklyn and Queens bus routes with B. M. T. surface lines.

The directorate of the new company, it was announced, would be representative of Brooklyn and Queens and the corporation hopes to be able with co-operation of the public authorities to furnish improved service and to finance the development of its properties to meet the existing and future traffic demands.—V. 128, p. 725.

Burlington (Vt.) Light & Power Co.—To Retire Pref. Stk.—The Seaboard National Bank of the City of New York has been appointed agent to redeem the outstanding shares of 7% preferred stock of the Burlington company on March 1 1929 at 105 and divs.—V. 126, p. 3296.

Chicago South Shore & South Bend RR.—Initial Div.—The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 1½% on the 6½% class A pref. stock, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 15. See offering in V. 127, p. 3241.

Cities Service Co.—Sub. Completes Transmission Line.—

Subsidiaries of this company have completed a 220-mile transmission line linking into one system properties extending across the State of Ohio which the organization has been gradually welding together since 1912. The completion of this project will facilitate the handling of a rapidly increasing load in these properties which in January established new output records greatly exceeding any previous peak load.

The new line traverses the heart of the Ohio industrial territory, and in addition to connecting the several generating plants of the two Cities Service subsidiaries—Toledo Edison Co. and Ohio Public Service Co.—is tied in at Canton with the system of the Ohio Power Co.; at Lorain with the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co., and at Warren with the Pennsylvania-Ohio Power Co. It also ties in at Canton and Shelby with the lines of the American Gas & Electric Co., which permits an interchange of power between the Cities Service properties and this system.

The new line is of standard 132,000-volt double circuit, steel tower construction with one 4-0 copper and aluminum circuit strung, the other to be installed as load conditions demand. It extends from the Ironville sub-station of the Toledo Edison Co. to Cities Service properties at Sandusky, Lorain, Ashland, Massillon, Alliance and Warren.—V. 128, p. 882, 725.

Columbus Electric & Power Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—		1928.	1927.
Total gross earnings		\$4,310,372	\$4,200,699
Operation		1,293,810	1,301,594
Maintenance		253,609	203,521
Taxes		432,139	375,565
Net earnings		\$2,330,813	\$2,320,019
Income from other sources		16,117	15,200
Total		\$2,346,930	\$2,335,219
Interest and amortization charges		873,546	894,519
Balance		\$1,473,384	\$1,440,700
Prior earned surplus		\$1,133,199	\$1,112,641
Total		\$2,606,584	\$2,553,341
Retirement reserve		374,533	380,338
Balance		\$2,232,051	\$2,173,003
Net direct credits		7,563	147,298
Balance		\$2,239,613	\$2,320,301
Preferred series B dividends		292,838	287,086
Preferred series C dividends		129,208	75,046
Second preferred dividends		22,162	27,884
Common cash dividends		557,872	531,383
Common, stock dividends		278,967	265,701
Earned surplus		\$958,565	\$1,133,199

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

1928.		1927.		1928.		1927.	
Assets—		Liabilities—		Assets—		Liabilities—	
Prop., plant, &c.	\$30,833,471	29,346,722	2d pref. stock	\$305,100	334,600		
Cash	241,683	351,604	Pref. stock B	4,194,900	4,165,400		
Accts. receivable	531,129	499,385	Pref. stock C	1,995,200	1,935,900		
Mat'ls & supplies	333,312	336,332	Pref. stk. C subse.	1,800	64,100		
Prepayments	52,132	71,563	Funded debt	16,242,300	16,284,300		
Miscell. investm'ts		194,417	Notes payable	950,000			
Subscr. to pref.	840	33,263	Accts. payable	58,058	79,165		
Sinking funds, x	172,766	117,132	Accts. not yet due	332,975	337,380		
Unamort. deb't dis-			Retirem't reserve	1,763,135	1,491,818		
count & exps.	477,082	440,660	Appr. res. for retire	33,412			
Unadj. debits	96,014	35,716	Contrib. for exts.	22,329	13,711		
			Operating reserves	36,945	33,715		
			Unadjusted credits	45,792	42,464		
			Book val. of assets y	6,753,473	6,649,141		
Total (each side)	\$32,738,419	\$31,431,695					

x Includes \$78,000 of the Columbus Power Co. 5% bonds held in sinking fund uncancelled as to principal. y Showing book value of assets for 289,733 shares of no par common stock (including earned surplus of \$958,565).—V. 128, p. 882.

Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co., Baltimore.—Rights.—

The directors have voted to apply to the Maryland P. S. Commission for authority to issue 105,570 shares of common stock and 10,000 shares of 5% series A preferred stock of \$100 par value and to offer 95,570 shares of the new common stock to common holders of record March 8 at \$60 a share in the ratio of one new share for each 10 shares held. The other 10,000 shares will be offered to employees at \$70 a share on an installment basis. The new preferred stock will be offered to customers of the company on a deferred payment basis which the company has had in effect for a number of years.

The proceeds of the above sales will be used to finance extensions to plants necessary to meet the increased demand for the company's products.

Years Ended Dec. 31—		1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross operating revenue	\$26,126,194	\$24,657,000	\$24,710,603	\$22,746,142	
Operating expenses	17,341,149	16,757,025	16,579,837	14,611,054	
Operating revenue	\$8,785,045	\$7,899,975	\$8,130,766	\$8,135,088	
Other income	436,117	347,528	378,614	346,066	
Total revenue	\$9,221,162	\$8,247,503	\$8,509,380	\$8,481,154	
Fixed charges	3,047,520	3,070,133	2,929,771	3,036,391	
Dividends	3,816,764	3,314,887	2,955,904	2,348,899	
Surplus	\$2,356,876	\$1,862,483	\$2,623,705	\$3,095,863	
Shares com. stock out-					
standing (no par)	947,443	940,954	841,545	825,500	
Earns. per share	x\$5.49	\$4.58	\$5.60	\$2.85	

x Figured on an average amount outstanding during year.—V. 128, p. 883.

Copenhagen Telephone Co. (Kjobenhavns Telefon Aktieselskab).—Bonds Offered.— Guaranty Co. of New York and Dillon, Read & Co. are offering \$7,000,000 25-year sinking fund external 5% gold bonds at 93¼ and int., to yield over 5.38%. Approximately \$3,000,000 bonds of this issue have been withdrawn by European bankers. The company's 25-year sinking fund external 6% gold bonds, to be called for redemption on April 15 1929, will be accepted in payment for the above bonds on a 5% discount basis to April 15 1929.

Dated Feb. 15 1929; due Feb. 15 1954. Sinking fund, commencing in 1930, of \$280,000 per annum, sufficient to retire entire issue by maturity; to operate by purchase at not exceeding 100% or annual redemption by lot at 100%, first redemption to take place Feb. 15 1931. Guaranty Trust Co., New York, paying agent. Authorized and presently to be issued, \$7,000,000. Interest payable F. & A. Principal and interest payable in New York at Guaranty Trust Co. of New York in United States gold coin or of equal to the standard of weight and fineness existing Feb. 15 1929, without deduction for any tax or taxes now or hereafter imposed by the Kingdom of Denmark or by any taxing authority thereof or therein. Denom. of \$1,000. Red. as a whole or in part, at par and int., on any int. date on 60 days' notice.

Data from Letter of Frederik Johannsen, Managing Director of the Company.

Company.—Established in 1882. Operates under an exclusive 20-year concession granted by the Danish Government in July 1919, under the terms of which the company provides telephone service without competition on the Islands of Amager and Zealand, which include the City of Copenhagen. The territory served has a population estimated at 1,357,300 and the company's subscribers on Jan. 1 1929 numbered 148,009, of which 111,867 are in the City of Copenhagen and suburbs.

The company's plant and equipment are thoroughly modern and its service is of a very high standard. A large part of its equipment, particularly that for its automatic centrals, has been purchased in the United States. A considerable part of the company's lines is underground.

Telephone development in Denmark as a whole ranks fourth among the nations of the world, with 9.2 instruments per 100 population as of Jan. 1

1927, as compared with 15.3 in the United States and 12.6 in Canada. In the area served by the company the development is about 12.7 telephones per 100 inhabitants.

Purpose.—The proceeds of these bonds are to be used to retire \$2,000,000 25-year sinking fund external 6% gold bonds, to be called for redemption on April 15 1929, and to provide funds for capital expenditures and other corporate purposes.

Relations with Government.—Under the terms of the concession the operations of the company are closely supervised by the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark. The accounts and accounting methods are in accordance with regulations established by the Government, which require proper provisions for maintenance and depreciation. Rates are regulated through the Minister of Public Works and these rates are subject to revision when the profits realized, after depreciation, are not suitable to current conditions. Installation of new equipment and any development or change in equipment already installed are subject to the approval of the Government. There is also provided Government inspection of the company's equipment, operation and personnel. All questions between the company and its employees concerning wages, pensions or working conditions are to be taken up under the terms approved by the Minister of Public Works, and in the event of failure to reach a settlement the matter is to be arbitrated. Two members of the board of directors are appointed by the Minister of Public Works.

Any issuance of loans or stock by the company must have the approval of the Government, and total funded debt may not exceed the amount of stock capital. The present issue has been approved by the Government.

The Government owns Kr. 9,000,000 of the Kr. 50,000,000 capital stock of the company and has the right to purchase half of any future stock issued. Upon the expiration of the present concession in 1939, the Government has the right to buy, on one year's notice, at the rate of Kr. 125 for each Kr. 100 of such stock to be purchased the shares are to be drawn by lot. In case the Government does not purchase all of the stock by 1939, the concession will automatically be extended for five years more, at the end of which period the Government again has the right to purchase the stock as above, this process to be repeated until all of the stock has been purchased.

The Minister of Public Works officially agrees that if the Government should purchase all or substantially all of the stock or assets of the company, the Government will thereupon redeem, or guarantee, the payment of the principal and interest of, all of these bonds outstanding.

Security.—These bonds are to be direct obligations of the company. They will rank equally with the company's outstanding kroner bonds, equivalent to about \$3,367,956, bearing 5% coupons, none of which is secured by mortgage. The company's properties, carried Dec. 31 1928 on its books at approximately \$26,371,000, after deducting depreciation reserve, have a conservative value in excess of this amount and are free from mortgage except for \$571,376 real estate mortgages.

The company agrees that if in the future it shall give a lien on any of its assets or revenues in favor of any loan, these bonds shall be equally and ratably secured on such assets or revenues; provided, however, that this provision shall not prevent the company's incurring (1) current indebtedness maturing not later than one year in the general conduct of its business, which may be secured by pledge of accounts receivable or other liquid assets; (2) obligations not exceeding Kr. 5,000,000 (\$1,340,000 at par of exchange) aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding (including, while outstanding, the \$571,376 real estate mortgage loans mentioned above), which may be secured by mortgage on its real estate; and (3) indebtedness secured by purchase-money mortgages created by the company, or existing local estate hereafter acquired.

Earnings.—The growth and earnings of the company are shown by the following figures taken from reports prepared by Danish independent chartered accountants and approved by the Government (1928 figures are subject to approval of Government):

Year Ended Dec. 31—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross revenues	\$6,914,400	\$7,081,099	\$7,319,574	\$5,789,322
Net (after deprec., taxes, &c.)	2,010,000	1,709,200	1,827,359	1,581,360
Int. & commission (net)	268,000	246,365	224,672	180,303
Net income	1,742,000	1,462,835	1,602,687	1,401,057
Number of subscribers	148,009	143,492	140,495	136,891

The above figures represent conversions into dollars at average exchange rates for 1925 and 1926 and at par of exchange for 1927 and 1928.

Net earnings (after depreciation, taxes, &c.) for the four years, as shown above, averaged \$1,781,979, or more than 3.20 times the annual interest requirements on the company's funded debt to be outstanding after completion of this financing. For 1928, net earnings as shown above amounted to more than 3.65 times such requirements.

Equity.—Dividends at the rate of 6% per annum or more have been paid on the company's capital stock without interruption since 1886, the rate since 1917 being 8% per annum. At present quotations the stock has an indicated market value of more than \$17,800,000.

Listing.—Application will be made to list these bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.

Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding 25-year s. f. external 6% gold bonds due April 15 1950, have been called for redemption April 15 next at par and int. Payment will be made at the Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 127, p. 1524.

Denver Tramway Corp.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1928.—

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Property, equip. & franchises	\$26,476,668	Preferred stock	\$10,441,200
Real estate not used	565,788	Common stock & surplus	x7,722,469
Sinking funds	82,185	Funded debt	9,697,900
Investment & securities	621,559	Accounts & wages payable	111,772
Material & supplies	357,051	Matured int. & div. unpaid	246,571
Insurance prem. & taxes paid in advance	18,761	Accrued int. payable	48,254
Cash	813,276	Accrued taxes	507,375
Accrued int. on accts. receiv.	112,877	Service liabilities	93,665
Def. & suspended debit items	181,082	Operating & other reserves	349,481
		Def. & susp. credit items	11,329
Total	\$29,229,317	Total	\$29,229,317

a After deducting depreciation. x Represented by 61,240 no par shares. Our usual comparative income account was published in V. 128, p. 725

Eastern States Power Corp.—Pref. Stock Offered.— F. L. Carlisle & Co., Inc., Schoellkopf, Hutton & Pomeroy, Inc., E. H. Rollins & Sons and Hornblower & Weeks are offering at \$100 per share and div. 60,000 shares preferred stock series B, \$6 cumulative dividend (with common stock purchase warrants).

Preferred stock series "B" ranks equally with the preferred stock series "A." It is preferred over the common stock as to cumulative dividends at the rate of \$6 per share per annum, payable Q.-F., and as to assets upon liquidation to the extent of \$100 per share and divs.; and is red. all or part on any div. date on 30 days' notice at \$110 per share and divs. Preferred stock has no voting power except upon default in four quarterly dividends, in which case it has equal voting power, share for share, with the class "B" common stock so long as such default continues. Transfer agent, Equitable Trust Co., New York. Registrar, National Bank of Commerce, New York.

Capitalization.—Authorized, Outstanding.
Series "B" \$6 dividend (this issue) 100,000 shs. 40,000 shs.
Common stock (no par) class "A" 60,000 shs. 60,000 shs.
Class "B" 750,000 shs. 539,234 shs.

* Including 60,000 shares reserved for exercise of common stock purchase warrants to be attached to preferred stock series "B."

Common Stock Purchase Warrants.—Preferred stock series "B" will carry common stock purchase warrants entitling the holder to subscribe for one share of class "B" common stock for each share of preferred stock series "B" at \$45 per share and including Aug. 1 1929; at \$50 per share thereafter, to and incl. Feb. 1 1930; and at \$55 per share thereafter, to and incl. Feb. 1 1931, on which date, at the close of business, they will expire. These warrants will be exercisable prior to Feb. 1 1930 only if attached to certificates for a like number of shares of preferred stock series "B" bearing the same serial number, unless such shares of preferred stock shall theretofore have been redeemed.

Data from Letter of F. L. Carlisle, Pres., New York, Feb. 11.

Business.—Corporation was organized in Maryland, Oct. 23 1925 principally for the purpose of acquiring and holding securities of public utility, industrial and other companies. Corporation is also empowered to underwrite issues of securities, to act as fiscal agent and to deal generally in

securities, especially those of companies interested in the development of the electric light and power industry.

Holdings.—Corporation holds as its principal investment 187,500 shares of the common stock of St. Regis Paper Co., which holding represents 25% of the total amount of common stock at present outstanding. Corporation also owns stock in Buffalo, Niagara and Eastern Power Corp., Niagara Share Corp., Mohawk Hudson Power Corp. and other companies.

Earnings.—The sources of the corporation's earnings are income from investments, underwriting fees and profits realized from the sale of securities. For the year ended Dec. 31 1928, the actual earnings from all sources were as follows:

Gross income from all sources	\$2,049,567
Expenses, taxes, interest paid, &c.	78,725
Net earnings	\$1,970,842
Reserve for Federal taxes	56,289

Net income available for dividends	\$1,914,552
Div. require. on pref. stock, including this issue	640,000

The net income available for dividends for the three years ended Dec. 31 1928 averaged \$1,094,306. These earnings do not reflect any income to be derived from the proceeds of this issue. Adding 4% interest on such proceeds, the above average net income would exceed \$1,320,000 or more than twice the total dividend requirements on the preferred stock including this issue. The above net income for the year ended Dec. 31 1928, likewise adding 4% interest, would exceed \$2,100,000, equal to over three times the above dividend requirements. The income derived by the corporation from dividends on securities now owned and from interest on loans (if continued at present rates) without any benefit from the use of proceeds of this issue, would be equal to more than the total dividend requirements on the preferred stock including this issue.

Purpose.—The proceeds from the sale of this issue of 60,000 shares of preferred stock series "B" are to be used to acquire additional public utility and industrial securities and for other corporate purposes.—V. 127, p. 1524.

Electric Bond & Share Co.—Merger of Electric Bond & Share Securities Corp.—At meetings of the boards of directors of Electric Bond & Share Co. and Electric Bond & Share Securities Corp. held Feb. 11, resolutions were adopted authorizing the officers of said companies to enter into an agreement for consolidation under the laws of the State of New York, subject to the approval of stockholders of both companies at meetings which were called to be held at No. 2 Rector St., New York City, on March 12 1929. An official announcement further states:

The consolidated company will be known as Electric Bond & Share Co. It will have an authorized capitalization of 14,500,000 shares, divided into 1,000,000 shares of \$6 preferred stock, 1,000,000 shares of \$5 preferred stock and 12,500,000 shares of common stock, all without par value and with equal voting rights.

In exchange for each share of the present 6% preferred stock of Electric Bond & Share Co. the consolidated corporation will issue one share of its \$6 preferred stock, entitled to cumulative dividends from Feb. 1 1929. The holders of the common stock of Electric Bond & Share Securities Corp. will receive three shares of common stock of the consolidated corporation for each share of their present stock. None of the \$5 preferred stock will be issued to consummate the consolidation.

The \$6 preferred stock will be entitled to preferred cumulative dividends at the rate of \$6 per share per annum. The \$5 preferred stock when issued will be entitled on a parity with \$6 preferred stock to dividends at the rate of \$5 per share per annum. Both classes of preferred stock will be redeemable at \$110 per share. Dividends may be paid on the common stock only when cumulative dividends on all the outstanding preferred stock have been paid and, except upon the vote of two-thirds of the preferred stock, only when after the payment of the proposed dividend on the common stock the capital and surplus of the consolidated corporation shall be at least equal to \$200 per share of all preferred stock then outstanding and in addition thereto the surplus of the consolidated corporation shall be at least equal to three years dividends on all outstanding preferred stock.

The consolidated corporation shall never, except with the written consent of two-thirds of the preferred stock, issue any preferred stock (in addition to the shares of \$6 preferred stock of Electric Bond & Share Co.) in exchange for the present 6% preferred stock of Electric Bond & Share Co., unless upon the issuance of such additional shares the capital and surplus of the corporation as shown by its books of account shall be equal to at least \$200 per share of all preferred stock then outstanding (including the additional shares then being issued) and in addition thereto such surplus shall be at least equal to three years dividends on all outstanding preferred stock, including such additional shares.

In addition to the present large assets of Electric Bond & Share Co., Electric Bond & Share Securities Corp. itself has substantial assets which as a result of the consolidation will materially increase the equity junior to the preferred stock of Electric Bond & Share Co. which is to be exchanged share for share for \$6 preferred stock of the consolidated corporation. As of Dec. 31 1928, the assets of Electric Bond & Share Securities Corp., included cash and call loans receivable of \$69,697,423, notes and loans receivable of \$6,634,000, accrued interest receivable of \$214,492, miscellaneous investments (carried at cost) of \$22,910,560, in addition to the following securities of Electric Bond & Share Co.—300 shares of 6% preferred stock and 350,000 shares of common stock (being the entire amount of outstanding common stock of Electric Bond & Share Co.), Electric Bond & Share Securities Corp. as of Dec. 31 1928, had no debt except \$3,246 representing sundry accounts payable, taxes accrued of \$238,109 and dividends payable Jan. 15 1929, of \$801,272.

Stockholders of record at the close of business Feb. 21 1929, will be entitled to vote on the proposal to consolidate. Formal notice of such meetings will be mailed to stockholders on or shortly after Feb. 21 1929.—V. 128, p. 112.

Engineers Public Service Co., Inc.—Rights.—The rights of the common and \$5.50 cum. pref. stockholders of record Feb. 14 to subscribe for additional common stock will expire on March 15. See details in V. 128, p. 884.

Consolidated Income Statement 12 Mos. Ended Dec. 31.

	1928.	1927.
Gross earnings	\$32,864,658	\$29,453,595
Operation	14,013,452	13,337,479
Maintenance	2,469,510	2,399,640
Depreciation of equipment	14,500	
Taxes	2,505,995	2,375,189
Net operating revenue	\$13,861,200	\$11,346,336
Income from other sources	175,683	32,536
Total income	\$14,036,883	\$11,378,872
Interest and amortization	4,119,516	3,457,049
Balance	\$9,917,367	\$7,921,823
Divs. on pref. stock of sub. companies (accrued)	2,153,632	1,609,548
Amount applic. to com. stk. of subs. in hands of public	68,694	52,751
Bal. applic. to res. & to Engineers Pub. Serv. Co.	\$7,695,041	\$6,259,524

Consolidated Surplus Statement Dec. 31 1928.

Prior earned surplus	\$12,207,717
Puget Sound Power & Light Co. charges applic. to 1928 prior to acquisition	Dr. 933,167
Balance after interest & amortization charges (as above)	9,917,367
Total	\$21,191,918
Retirement reserve x	3,709,333
Net direct charges	645,711
Dividends paid or declared: Subsidiaries, preferred	2,532,610
Subsidiaries, common	55,075
Engineers Public Service Co., preferred	1,958,903
Common	251,887
Earned surplus	\$12,038,399
x Amount set aside by the directors of subsidiary companies during the 12 months' period.	

The statements given here reflect results of operations, preferred dividends and provisions for retirements of Puget Sound Power & Light Co. only from date of acquisition, Dec. 1 1928.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1928.

Assets—	1928.	1927.	Liabilities—	1928.	1927.
Property, plant, &c.	\$254,783,050		Preferred stock	\$43,208,804	
Excess of book value of sec. subs. as of date of acquis. over par or stated value thereof	9,277,931		Preferred stock scrip	12,189	
Investments	15,888,443		Common stock	\$34,712,099	
Cash	10,362,413		Common stock scrip	9,990	
Notes receivable	249,472		Preferred stock (subs.)	64,375,752	
Accounts receivable	6,578,606		Premium on stock (subs.)	134,919	
Materials & supplies	3,043,681		Stock subscrib. for (subs.)	12,114	
Prepayments	1,062,014		Bonds (subsidiaries)	120,349,500	
Subscribers to stock	5,528		Coupon notes (subs.)	6,059,500	
Sinking funds	\$11,042,417		Notes payable	9,395,369	
Special deposits	903,304		Accounts payable	1,458,358	
Unamort. debt disc. & exp.	4,797,030		Accts. not yet due	3,858,156	
Unadjusted debits	930,866		Dividends declared	600,254	
Total	\$318,924,755		Retirement reserve	20,353,901	
			Operating reserves	394,487	
			Unadjusted credits	696,532	
			Minority int. in cap. & surp. of subsidiaries	1,470,858	
			Earned surplus	\$11,821,985	
			Total	\$318,924,755	

a Includes \$10,778,500 bonds of subsidiaries held in sinking funds, uncancelled. b Represented by 254,820 shares \$5 dividend convertible preferred and 197,993 shares \$5.50 cumulative dividend preferred of no par value. c Represented by 1,270,621 shares of no par value; average number of common shares outstanding in 1928 was 930,828. d Surplus of subsidiary companies at date of acquisition by Engineers Public Service Co. was \$9,277,931.—V. 128, p. 884.

Electric Bond & Share Securities Corp.—Merger with Electric Bond & Share Co.—See full details under letter company above.—V. 127, p. 1805.

Grand Rapids RR.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1927.	1928.
Passenger revenue	\$1,627,157	\$1,551,679
Revenue from special cars, etc.	1,894	1,012
Rent of equipment tracks, etc.	44,376	18,678
Non-operating revenue	1,925	2,801
Total revenues	\$1,675,352	\$1,574,171
Operating expenses	1,005,643	957,625
Taxes	133,496	133,617
Gross income	\$536,213	\$482,929
Interest on funded debt		236,274
Interest on unfunded debt		4,640
Net income		\$242,014
Dividends on preferred stock		10,276
Provision for retirements		122,748
Balance surplus		\$108,989

Hartford Electric Light Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Year	1928.	1927.	1926.
Sales, electric current	\$6,179,100	\$5,515,400	\$5,341,400
Expenses	2,841,700	2,655,200	2,468,500
Taxes	494,000	430,200	420,000
Operating income	\$2,843,400	\$2,430,000	\$2,452,600
Other income	155,900	3,650	179,500
Total income	\$2,999,300	\$2,776,500	\$2,632,100
Retirement reserve	584,600	533,100	505,700
Net income	\$2,414,700	\$2,243,400	\$2,126,400
Interest & preferred divs.	24,500	285,600	312,100
Customers' dividend	333,000	185,000	284,000
Common dividend	1,785,900	1,436,400	1,146,200
Balance to surplus	\$271,300	\$336,400	\$384,100

Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1928.	1927.	Liabilities—	1928.	1927.
Fixed capital	\$21,326,300	\$18,775,200	Common stock	\$18,000,000	\$14,000,000
Cash	1,166,800	2,163,200	Notes payable	—	4,000,000
Other assets	3,610,000	4,055,000	Other liabilities	1,424,800	\$63,300
Total	\$26,103,100	\$24,998,400	Retirement reserve	4,475,700	4,173,200
			Surplus	2,202,600	1,961,900
			Total	\$26,103,100	\$24,998,400

—V. 127, p. 1947.

Hingham (Mass.) Water Co.—New Control.—See Scituate Water Co. below.—V. 120, p. 1881.

Illinois Bell Telephone Co.—Rights.—The stockholders of record Dec. 31 have been given the right to subscribe on or before March 1 for 400,000,000 additional capital stock, at par (\$100 per share), on the basis of one new share for each 2 1/2 shares held. Subscriptions are payable as follows: 50% on July 1 1929, 25% on Jan. 1 1930 and 25% on July 1 1930.

Calendar Years—

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Total revenues	\$81,463,545	\$73,367,325	\$67,560,467	\$61,436,229
Total exp., incl. taxes	66,622,779	60,489,488	55,640,574	50,260,964
Interest	3,051,161	3,670,944	3,049,211	2,938,839
Net income	\$11,789,605	\$9,206,893	\$8,870,682	\$8,236,426
Dividends (8%)	8,800,000	7,000,000	6,400,000	5,600,000
Misc. appr. of income	2,956		600,000	900,000
Surplus	\$2,986,649	\$2,206,893	\$1,870,682	\$1,736,426
Shares outstg. (par \$100)	1,100,000	1,100,000	800,000	800,000
Earned per share	\$10.71	\$8.37	\$11.08	\$10.29

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31

Assets—	1928.	1927.	Liabilities	1928.	1927.
Land & bldgs. & teleph. plant	\$246,976,355	\$225,729,337	Capital stock	\$110,000,000	\$110,000,000
General equip't.	4,105,788	3,708,295	Frem. on cap. stk.	4,168	4,168
Investments	1,981,741	1,020,472	Funded debt	49,101,900	49,139,400
Cash & deposits	1,193,024	1,276,301	Advances	12,400,000	—
Marketable sec.	22,273	15,456	Notes	5,218,237	—
Bills receivable	11,356	53,349	Acct's payable	6,474,575	7,425,300
Accts. receivable	7,392,568	7,514,369	Bills payable	115,000	745,387
Mat'l's & suppl's	903,468	822,067	Acct. liabilities, not due	8,205,273	6,998,870
Accrued income	6,459	10,299	Empl. ben. fund	—	3,465,847
Deferred debits	4,754,506	4,657,923	Other def'd cred.	198,240	66,795
Total	\$267,347,088	\$244,807,870	Res'vs for accrd depreciation	59,224,824	53,982,291
			Other reserves	254,217	—
			Approp. surplus	9,293,614	7,480,867
			Corporate surp.	6,857,040	5,498,945
			Total	\$267,347,088	\$244,807,870

—V. 127, p. 3705.

International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchanges has authorized the listing of \$57,000,000 10-year convertible 4 1/2% gold debenture bonds, due Jan. 1 1939. Stockholders of record, Dec. 31 1928, were entitled to subscribe for the bonds at 98 in the proportion of \$100 of bonds for each 2 1/2 shares of stock, then held. The subscription privilege expired Jan. 21 1929. All the bonds were taken by stockholders. The proceeds of these bonds will

be used chiefly to reimburse the corporation's treasury for expenditures made for recently acquired properties, and to provide funds to be made available to Associated companies, principally for additions and betterments to their properties.—V. 128, p. 399.

Laclede Gas Light Co.—Annual Report.—Calendar Years a1928, a1927, b1926, b1925. Oper. revenues, Operating expenses, Taxes, Retirement reserve, etc.

Long Island Lighting Co.—Stock Increased.—The stockholders on Feb. 5 approved the issuance of 200,000 shares of \$100 par value new preferred stock, of which 100,000 shares shall be known as series "B" 6% cum. pref. 50,000 shares as series "C" 5 1/2% cum. pref. and 50,000 shares as series "D" 5% cum. pref. stock all of which will have the same privileges as the present series "A" 7% preferred stock.—V. 128, p. 556.

Milwaukee Electric Railway & Light Co.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$10,000,000 additional refunding and 1st mtge. gold bonds, 5% series B, due June 1 1961, making the total amount applied for to date \$39,119,000.

Income Account for Calendar Years. 1927, 1928. Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Int. charges, Appropriations for depreciation reserves, Balance for dividends and surplus, Surplus, Jan. 1 1928, Total surplus, Dividends on preferred stocks, Dividends on common stock, Other charges to surplus—net, Surplus, Dec. 31 1928.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31. 1928, 1927. Assets—Prop. & plant, Cash with trustees, Sundry invest'ns, Due from affil. companies, Cash, Notes & bills rec., Accts. receivable, Mat'ls & supplies, Prepaid accts., Open accounts, Rescquired secs., Discount and expense on secs., Total.

—V. 128, p. 557.

National Public Service Corp.—Stock Increased.—The Virginia State Corporation Commission has approved an amendment to the charter of the corporation, which increases the common stock (classes A and B) from 1,000,000 shares to 2,000,000 shares, no par value.—V. 127, p. 2818.

Nevada-California Electric Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—12 Months Ended Dec. 31—1928, 1927. Gross operating earnings, Operating & General expenses & taxes, Operating profits, Non-operating earnings (net), Total income, Interest, Depreciation, Discount & expense on securities sold, Miscellaneous additions & deductions (net credit), Surplus avail. for redemp. of bonds, divs., &c.—

New England Power Association.—Pref. Stock Offered.—The Harris Forbes Corp., Old Colony Corp., Lee, Higginson & Co., Chase Securities Corp., Bankers Company of New York and Baker, Young & Co. are offering an additional issue of \$20,000,000 6% (\$100 par) cumulative pref. stock at 97 per share and dividend.

Data from Letter of Frank D. Comerford, President of Company. Business.—New England Power Association is a Massachusetts voluntary association formed under a declaration of trust containing provisions designed to confine liabilities and obligations to the assets of the Association. Its operating companies constitute the largest power system in the New England States. During 1928 the sales of electrical energy exceeded 1,080,000,000 k.w.h. The system serves directly and through contracts with local distributing companies a population of more than 2,500,000 in over 250 communities in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Connecticut.

The properties of the operating companies include 11 hydro-electric stations with an aggregate generating capacity of 171,000 k.w. and six steam electric stations with an aggregate generating capacity of 285,000 k.w. Capitalization (Upon Completion of this Financing, Incl. Subsidi.). New England Power Association: Common shares (no par value) 849,773 shs., Preferred shares 6% (\$100 par) cumulative a\$54,826,400, 5% gold debentures due 1948 25,000,000. Subsidiary companies: Subsidiaries' bonds and preferred stocks (held by public) b90,403,155, Subsidiaries' common stocks (held by public) c4,489,312, a \$102,824,800 par value authorized, b This item includes 495,486 no par value shares of preferred stock and 16,368 no par value shares of

class A stock of Rhode Island Public Service Co. which are taken at liquidation value of \$33 and \$100 respectively, other preferred stocks and all bonds taken at par. c Taken at par and including \$1,777,562 surplus and paid-in premiums applicable thereto.

Earnings.—The consolidated earnings of the Association and its controlled operating companies for the year ended Dec. 31 1928 were as follows: Gross earnings, including other income \$31,829,615, Operating expenses, maintenance, all taxes and minority com. stock interest in subsidiaries' earnings 17,405,921.

Net earnings \$14,423,694. Int. on funded debt of Association and subsidi., dividends on subsidiaries' pref. and class A stocks and all other int. charges 6,098,739.

Balance of net earnings before pref. divs., depreciation, &c. \$8,324,955. For the year ended Dec. 31 1928 balance of net earnings as shown above was 4.04 times the dividends on the preferred shares actually outstanding during the year. Such earnings less depreciation of \$2,289,002 were 2.93 times such actual preferred dividends.

The annual dividend requirement of the preferred shares presently to be outstanding including this issue, is \$3,289,584, and such balance of net earnings was 2.53 times such requirement before such depreciation and 1.83 times such requirement after such depreciation. Such balance of net earnings does not reflect any income from the proceeds of this issue of 200,000 preferred shares.

Operating Properties.—The properties of New England Power Association include the following:

New England Power Co., Bellows Falls Hydro-Electric Corp., The Connecticut River Power Co. of New Hampshire, Rhode Island Power Transmission Co., Fall Mountain Electric Co., The Rhode Island Public Service Co., The Narragansett Electric Co., United Electric Railways Co., Lawrence Gas & Electric Co., The Lowell Electric Light Corp., Quincy Electric Light & Power Co., Seekonk Electric Co., South County Public Service Co., The Mystic Power Co., Grafton Electric Light & Power Co., Hartford Water Co., Webster & Southbridge Gas & Electric Co., a Owned by Rhode Island Public Service Co. b Owned directly or indirectly by Narragansett Electric Co.

The electric properties form a complete physically interconnected system, with the exception of Quincy Electric Light & Power Co. and Grafton County Electric Light & Power Co. Purpose.—The proceeds of this offering of preferred shares are to be used for additions and improvements to the properties, and for other proper purposes.—V. 128, p. 247.

New Haven Water Co.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Income from operation, Operation & maintenance, General expense, Taxes paid, Reserve for income tax, Bond and other interest, Depreciation, Net income, Non-operating income, Total income, Dividends, Balance, —V. 127, p. 3244.

New York State Railways.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.—Assets—Road & equip., &c., Sinking funds, Inv. in affil. cos., Cash, Other investments, Special deposits, Accts. &c. rec., Mat'ls & supplies, Other curr. assets, Unadjusted debits, Total. Liabilities—Preferred stock, Common stock, Funded debt, Real estate mtges., Accrued interest, Current liabilities, Deferred liabilities, Tax liability, Accrued deprec'n., Tickets in hands of public, Other unadj. cred., Sinking fund reserves, Profit & loss surp., Total.

Total 59,692,144 60,118,771. Total 59,692,144 60,118,771. Our usual comparative income account was published in V. 128, p. 726.

Northern States Power Co.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1928, 1927, 1926. Gross earnings, Operating expenses, maint. & taxes, Net earnings, Other income, Net earnings including other income, Int. charges (net) & amort. of debt discount & expenses, Balance, Preferred dividends, Balance, Appropriations for retire. (deprec.) & reserves, Balance, Common dividends (8%), Balance, Earnings per share on common, x Interest on securities converted into common stock in 1927 included in common dividends.—V. 128, p. 400.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—Proposed Expansion.—The "P. G. & E. Progress," published by the above company, contains the following:

Engineers are now making preparations to build in the metropolis the largest electric generating plant on the company's system. It will be operated by steam and will cost more than \$11,000,000. The new plant will go into Station "A" in the Potrero, which will be rebuilt and converted from 85,000 into 300,000 h.p. At the present time the largest plant on the P. G. & E. System is Pit No. 3 on the Pit River in Northern California, rated at 109,000 h.p. The new station "A" will be almost 3 times as large. The plant will be built in units and will take 5 years to complete. Work on the first units, two 70,000 h.p. steam turbine generators, will begin at once. Three of the largest boilers ever built are being designed for these units. The boilers will operate at 1,400 lbs., the highest pressure yet applied on the Pacific Coast. It will take a smokestack 24 feet in diameter and 200 feet high to carry off gases from the boilers. Combustion will be so complete that there will be no noticeable smoke. The first unit will be placed in operation early in 1930. The second unit, another 70,000 h.p. will be ready 6 months later. Combined, the 2 units will cost \$5,500,000. When this work is completed the station, with changes in some of the old machinery, will have a capacity of 175,000 h.p. Other units will go in as fast as needed and at the end of 1934 the station will measure up to 300,000 h.p.—V. 128, p. 727, 400.

Peoples Light & Power Corp.—Debentures Offered.—A new issue consisting of \$6,000,000 5% convertible gold debentures, series of 1979, was offered Feb. 14 at 98 and int. by G. L. Ohrstrom & Co., Inc., Brown Brothers & Co. and Coffin & Burr, Inc.

Dated Jan. 1 1929; due Jan. 1 1979. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable in N. Y. City. Denom \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red., all or part, on any int. date upon 30 days' notice to and incl. Jan. 1 1954 at 105; thereafter to and incl. Jan. 1 1965 at 103; and thereafter at 100; in each case with accrued int. to date of redemption. Int. payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2% per annum. Refund of certain Penna., Conn., Minn., Kan. and Calif. taxes not to exceed 4 mills. Maryland tax not to exceed 4 1/2 mills. Ky. and Dist. of Col. taxes not to exceed 5 mills. Mich. exemption tax not to exceed 5 mills and Mass. income (or corporation or savings bank) tax not to exceed 6% to resident holders upon written application within 60 days after payment, all as will be provided in the agreement under which these debentures will be issued. Central Union Trust Co. of New York, trustee.

Convertible.—Debentures are convertible into class A common stock at \$58 per share to and incl. Jan. 1 1932 and at \$65 per share thereafter to and incl. Jan. 1 1937; adjustment in cash to be in excess of accrued interest, dividends and fractional parts of a share. Class A common stock is listed on the Chicago Stock Exchange and on the New York Curb Market.

Data from Letter of E. C. Deal, President of the Corporation. Business.—Corporation, through its subsidiaries, including properties under contract of purchase, supplies public utility service in territories having an aggregate population estimated to be in excess of 520,000. Over 66% of the net operating income is derived from the electric properties, which are, for the most part, hydro-electric systems, over 14% from the gas properties and over 13% from the water properties.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding. 1st lien 5 1/2% gold bonds, series of 1941... 7,800,900 5% conv. gold debts., series of 1979 (this issue)... 6,000,000 Cumulative pref. stock (no par value)... 300,000 shs. c63,000 shs. Class A common stock (no par value)... 600,000 shs. d171,769 shs. Class B common stock (no par value)... 600,000 shs. 68,125 shs.

Restricted by restrictions of the 1st lien indenture and the agreement, respectively, providing for the issuance thereof of 163,448 shares reserved for conversion of these debentures and for stock purchase options and warrants. c 4,724 shares are of 7% series, 18,276 shares of 6.50 series and 40,000 shares of 6% series. d Giving effect to the conversion of all outstanding 35-year 6% convertible gold debentures, series of 1962, of the corporation, except certain thereof the holders of which have agreed to surrender the same for redemption.

The subsidiaries of the corporation have \$17,047,000 of funded debt and \$7,386,900 of pref. stock outstanding in the hands of the public. Pref. stocks are stated at par or \$100 per share if without par value.

Earnings.—The consolidated earnings of the corporation, including earnings from properties now under contract of purchase, are officially reported as follows:

Table with 3 columns: 12 Months Ended Dec. 31—, 1927., 1928. Rows include Gross revenues, Oper. exp., maint. & deprec., Balance, Annual int. requirements, etc.

The above earnings statement does not fully reflect the increased net income which will result from the extensive additions and betterments to the properties made and to be made from the proceeds of financing already completed, for which the annual interest and dividend requirements are included above.

Physical Properties.—The physical properties include the following: The electric properties include 61 fully equipped power generating plants, of which 35 are hydro-electric generating stations. The total installed capacity is in excess of 77,000 h.p., of which over 44,500 h.p. is hydro-electric.

The gas properties include 421 miles of transmission and distribution mains and are supplying about 33,350 customers. The water properties include 228 miles of transmission and distribution mains and have an aggregate estimated daily pumping capacity of 282,440,000 gallons.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of these debentures will be used to redeem the outstanding 35-year 6% convertible gold debentures, series of 1962, of the corporation and to retire obligations incurred by the corporation in connection with the acquisition of properties now owned by subsidiaries.—V. 128, p. 727.

Public Service Coordinated Transport—1929 Budget.—

In the 1929 budget, there is provision for the purchase during the year of 267 buses for replacements, extensions of existing lines and for increased business. Of the new buses, it is the present intention to buy 161 of the gas-electric drive type and 106 of the gas-mechanical type, all six cylinder equipment.

The company has also appropriated \$130,000 for street car improvement including installation of the de luxe type of seats on lines to be selected, in addition to reconditioning the operating equipment where necessary.

Nearly \$500,000 will be spent on buildings and real estate. This item provides for new garages and extensions to some others already in service. Close to \$1,000,000 has been appropriated for track reconstruction on various lines throughout New Jersey, and \$65,000 will be used for reinforcement of feeder lines.—V. 127, p. 683.

Public Utilities Consolidated Corp.—Acquisition.—

The W. B. Poshay Co. has added Niles, Calif., to its other California interests by purchasing the Citizens Water Co. which will be grouped with the Public Utilities California Corp., a subsidiary of the Public Utilities Consolidated Corp.—V. 128, p. 113.

Rochester Central Power Corp.—Definitive Bonds Ready.—

The definitive 5% gold debentures, series A, due Sept. 1 1953, are ready for exchange for temporary bonds at the Manufacturers' Trust Co., 141 Broadway, N. Y. City. (See offering in V. 127, p. 1527.)—V. 127, p. 2366.

Savannah Electric & Power Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with 3 columns: 1928., 1927., 1926. Rows include Total gross earnings, Operating expenses, Taxes, Interest & amortization charges, Balance, Prior earned surplus, Total surplus, Retirement reserve, etc.

—V. 126, p. 1199.

Situate Water Co.—New Control.—

Control of the capital stock of this company has been acquired by F. L. Putnam & Co., Inc., of Boston and New York. This investment banking house already controls and operates a number of public utility properties, recently having acquired control also of the Hingham Water Co and the Cohasset Water Co.—V. 116, p. 2267.

Sierra Pacific Electric Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with 4 columns: 1928., 1927., 1926., 1925. Rows include Total earnings, Oper. exp. and taxes, Int. & amortiz. charges, Net income, Pref. dividends paid, Common dividends, Balance, surplus, etc.

Southern New England Telephone Co.—Report.—

Table with 4 columns: 1928., 1927., 1926., 1925. Rows include Calendar Years, Total op. rev., Net oper. revenues, Uncoll. oper. revenues, Taxes, Oper. income, Other income, Total income, Rents, Interest, Other deductions, Net income, Dividends (8%), Approp. empl. fund, Balance, surplus, Shares outstg. (par \$100), Earnings per share, Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Texas Cities Gas Co.—Ordinance Passed.—

The City of Galveston (Tex.) has passed an ordinance embodying the result of negotiations under way for several months with the company in regard to rates covering the distribution of natural gas, according to dis-patches. The new rates provide for a service charge of 75 cents per meter per month, a form of rate not heretofore enjoyed by the company, as well as a scale of prices based on amounts of gas consumed. The gas is purchased from the Houston Pipe Line Co.—V. 126, p. 2965.

Twin City Rapid Transit Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with 4 columns: 1928., 1927., 1926., 1925. Rows include Calendar Years, Rev. from transporta'tn., Other revenue, Total oper. revenue, Way & structures, Equipment, Conduct'g transpat'n., Traffic, Motor bus exp., General & miscel., Total oper. expenses, Net operating revenue, Taxes, Operating income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Int. on funded debt, Miscellaneous, Net income, Pref. dividends (7%), Common dividends, Balance, surplus, Shares of common out-standing (par \$100), Earnings per sh. on com., Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Utilities Power & Light Corp.—Corporation Announces Acquisition of Controlling Interest in Seven Large British Operating Companies—Earl of Birkenhead Accepts Chairmanship of Greater London & Counties Trust, Ltd., Controlling Vehicle for Broad-Scale Expansion Program in City of London and Vicinity.—Probably the most significant tie-up of American and British capital since the war is made known in an official

Table with 4 columns: 1928., 1927., 1928., 1927. Rows include Assets, Road & equipm't, Misc. phys. prop., Other inv'tm'ts, Dep. in lieu of mtgd. property sold, Special deposits, Loans & notes rec., Int. & div. rec., Misc. assets, Material & supplies, Injuries & damages, reserve fund, Rents & ins. paid in advance, Disc. & exp. on fded debt amort, Total, Liabilities, Common stock, Preferred stock, Fund. debt unmat., Audited accts. & wages payable, Miscel. accts. pay., Accr. int. (not due), Tax liability, Res. for injuries & damages, Res. for deprec., Unadj. credits, Profit & loss, Total.

—V. 128, p. 401.

announcement Feb. 14 that the Utilities Power & Light Corp. one of the major public utility systems of this country, headed by Harley L. Clarke, has acquired, through the Greater London & Counties Trust, Ltd., the entire capital stocks of seven of the principal British power companies and a substantial interest in others. In the announcement made by Mr. Clarke from his office in New York, it was stated that the Earl of Birkenhead, late Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and Secretary for India, would head the British company as Chairman of the board of directors of the Greater London & Counties Trust, Ltd. Mr. Clarke's announcement was made immediately following a transatlantic telephone conversation with the Earl of Birkenhead.

According to the information made public by Mr. Clarke, the entire common or ordinary shares of the Greater London & Counties Trust, Ltd., have been acquired by Utilities Power & Light Corp. The former has among its principal subsidiaries the Bedfordshire Cambridgeshire & Huntingdonshire Electricity Co., the Cookham & District Electricity Corp., Ltd., East Anglian Electric Supply Co., Edmundsons Electricity Corp., Ltd., Oxford Electric Co., Ltd., Wessex Electricity Co., and the Western Electricity Supply Co. It is these seven enterprises which Utilities Power & Light Corp. now indirectly controls through the Greater London & Counties Trust, Ltd.

The Bedfordshire Cambridgeshire & Huntingdonshire Electricity Co. was incorporated in December 1925 by an Act of Parliament authorizing the company to provide, without competition, a supply of electrical energy for all purposes in an area of about 1,200 square miles situated in the counties of Cambridge, Huntingdon, Bedford and the Isle of Ely. The company's powers under Act of Parliament are held for a period of 50 years and under certain conditions may be extended for additional periods of 50 years each.

The Cookham & District Electricity Corp., Ltd., is a private company operating under Special Orders which give the company the right to supply electricity in the parishes of Woburn, Little Marlow and Hedsor in the rural district of Wycombe and the urban district of Marlow, all in the County of Buckingham, and parts of the parishes of Cookham and Bisham in the rural district of Cookham in the County of Berks. The towns in this area are suburbs of the City of London.

The East Anglian Electric Supply Co. operates under an Act of Parliament dated July 29 1927, which gives it the right to supply electricity for all public and private purposes and authority to supply electricity wholesale to any authorized undertakers, in a large area in the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk. An important scheme of development in these counties based upon wholesale supplies from the Central Electricity Board under the Electricity Act of 1926 has been prepared and submitted to the Electricity Commissioners for approval. The area controlled by this company contains manufacturing towns, agricultural districts and pleasure resorts.

Edmundsons Electricity Corp., Ltd., was registered April 7 1897 and this corporation has acquired concessions for central station lighting in 45 cities and towns. It also does the electric light and power business in the Isle of Wight and Isle of Guernsey. Subsidiaries operate in highly diversified districts including manufacturing, agricultural, large private estates and summer and winter resorts.

The Oxford Electric Co., Ltd., was registered Aug. 24 1891 and receives its power under various electric lighting orders which authorize a supply of electricity in the City of Oxford and a number of parishes in the rural districts of Culham, Heddington and Woodstock. This company has entered into an agreement to furnish energy wholesale to the Wessex Electricity Co., which was incorporated by an Act of Parliament July 29 1927 and received further powers by an Act of Parliament Aug. 3 1928, which authorizes the company to generate and supply electricity within defined area in the counties of Oxford, Bucks, Berks, Southampton, Wilts and Gloucester and in certain cases beyond those areas. Western Electricity Supply Co., another of the companies under control of the Greater London & Counties Trust, Ltd., was registered as a private company Nov. 5 1903 and converted to a public company in January 1923. It owns or controls electric lighting companies operating in 16 cities and towns in the counties of Oxford, Berks, Wilts and Gloucester.

Briefly these subsidiaries furnish electricity without competition in three large areas adjoining the City of London and extending east, west, south, and north. The extensions and developments necessary in these areas will require, it is stated, in the next five years a minimum expenditure of over £10,000,000 or \$50,000,000. The importance of these improvements is manifest among the power interests of both this country and Great Britain, where the need for private development of power resources has been most keenly felt since the war. Much of Great Britain's economic troubles have been imputed to the lack of properly co-ordinated and privately conducted public utility companies, through which cheap and adequate power may be supplied to both industries and homes.

The British companies and their subsidiaries serve exclusively 95 cities and towns in England and Scotland. This 100% electric service is increasing at double the rate of corresponding American cities and towns. The territory served includes large manufacturing centres and lies largely within a 100-mile radius of the City of London. The areas controlled include approximately 9,300 square miles with a population in excess of 2,000,000 and the Greater London & Counties Trust is co-operating with several Government bodies and industrial associations in furthering the enlargement of labor and the electrification of industry. This company owns a substantial interest in one of the largest statutory companies supplying electricity in the metropolitan and suburban area of London.

There have been several rumors that an American company had arranged to acquire control, directly or indirectly, of important British utilities. This announcement by Mr. Clarke clears up the matter and also emphasizes the true state of affairs. Many improvements are planned by the British subsidiaries to develop the business of these companies and that of the industries which they serve in very important sections of England.

The Earl of Birkenhead's acceptance of the Chairmanship of the Greater London & Counties Trust, Ltd., carries with it the following statement which Mr. Clarke gave out at his office here as part of the announcement:

Statement by Earl of Birkenhead.

For some time I have been giving my attention to the possibilities of the development of the use of electricity in England and in consequence I have become aware of the beneficial effect which a cheap and abundant supply will have upon increased productivity, employment, and wage-earning capacity and general improvement in prevailing trade conditions, and will tend to place Great Britain in a better position to compete in the markets of the world.

Available data show that the consumption of electrical units in Great Britain per capita is very low when compared with other countries, a circumstance which demonstrates the enormous scope for development.

It seems clear that industrial prosperity in a manufacturing country bears a definite relation to the cost of electrical energy.

The Electricity Commissioners and the Central Electricity Board have accomplished much, but there is still a tremendous amount to be done.

I propose to make a complete analysis of the Acts pertaining to the electrical industry, with a view to simplifying the conditions relating to the supply of electrical energy on uniform and standardized lines throughout the country.

I am impressed with the importance of the subject generally and its value to the community and I have decided to devote the greater portion of my time and energies to these interests.

The organization with which I have decided to associate myself is British, although associated with the Clarke interests in the United States. Its board of directors is and will remain British and it is not tied to any manufacturing organization.

It is not interested in any respect in the purchase of American or other foreign materials or machinery and its purchases will result in the employment of British material and labor and its entire staff is and will remain British.

So far as finance is concerned, this has been found, up to the present, almost entirely through the Clarke interests in America, but the broad policy of the Trust is to obtain money in the cheapest market and it is within its province to obtain funds in Great Britain if it is possible to do so at a cheaper rate than elsewhere.

The question as to the desirability of the use of American capital in England has been traversed by Parliamentary committees, which have

approved of the principle and those competent to judge have invariably expressed the opinion that the use of such funds in the manner indicated is in the best national interests.

[It is stated that the acquisition by Utilities Power & Light Corp. of a substantial interest in these British public utility companies, through the Greater London & Counties Trust, Ltd., will give the American company gross earnings of approximately \$43,000,000, and makes Utilities Power & Light Corp. a \$400,000,000 industry from the standpoint of asset values.]

Additional Class A Stock Listed.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 150,000 additional shares of Class A Stock without par value on official notice of issuance and payment in full making the total amount applied for 1,070,000 shares of Class A stock.

On Feb. 4 1929, the directors approved the sale of the 50,000 shares for cash. 25,000 shares of said stock have been firmly underwritten at a price in excess of \$39 per share, and the remaining 125,000 shares of stock is covered by a 60 days' option to bankers at a price in excess of \$41 per share. The proceeds from all of this stock are to be used by the corporation for the purpose of acquiring additional subsidiaries and/or acquiring additional securities of its presently owned subsidiaries. This stock will be capitalized by the corporation at the actual consideration received therefor. The corporation has sold and will issue prior to the issuance of said additional Class A stock 150,000 shares of Class B stock at a price in excess of \$30 per share.

Of the 150,000 shares of Class A stock covered by the option mentioned in V. 127, p. 3542, 117,500 shares have been taken up. The option on the remaining 32,500 shares has been extended to Mar. 1 1929.—V. 128, p. 402.

Washington Gas Light Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Operating revenues	\$5,532,371	\$5,354,427	\$5,283,010	\$4,916,550
Operating expenses	3,772,863	3,703,046	3,607,061	3,504,789
Net operating revenue	\$1,759,508	\$1,651,381	\$1,675,948	\$1,411,761
Other income	49,870	45,612	54,533	57,136
Total income	\$1,809,378	\$1,696,993	\$1,730,482	\$1,468,897
Taxes & uncollectibles	461,412	462,887	409,864	363,825
Interest	663,453	628,660	571,616	526,034
Amort. of debt disc. & exp.	1,206	18,112	17,645	17,645
Other deductions	7,537	4,246	5,314	3,120
Net income	\$658,769	\$583,088	\$726,044	\$558,273
Dividends (\$3.60)	468,000	468,000	468,000	468,000
Net corporate income	\$190,769	\$115,088	\$258,044	\$90,273
Shares of cap. stk. outstanding (par \$20)	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000
Earn. per sh. on cap. stk.	\$5.07	\$4.48	\$5.58	\$4.29
x After setting up \$70,000 to apply on income tax for the year 1925.—				

Youngstown & Ohio River RR.—Protective Committee.—Company having defaulted on the interest due April 1 1927, on its first mortgage bonds, and upon all subsequent interest payments, the following have consented to act as a protective committee for the bondholders: Charles Delany, Charles E. Denison and Francis Ralston Welsh. Girard Trust Co. of Philadelphia, depository.—V. 125, p. 249.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Refined Sugar Reduced.—The following companies Feb. 13, each reduced the price of refined sugar 20 points to 4.90c. a lb.: American, Arbuckle, Federal, McCahan, National, Pennsylvania and Revere.

Lead Priced Advanced.—American Smelting & Refining Co. Feb. 11, advanced the price of lead 10 points to 6.55c. a lb.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of Feb. 9.—(a) Further increase in copper prices, p. 805. (b) Business transacted by Farmers Co-operative Associations in 1927 over \$2,000,000,000, p. 817. (c) Corporation formed to finance settlers in three Prairie Provinces of Canada, p. 817. (d) Banks for farmers is Canadian issue, p. 817. (e) Possible congressional inquiry into investment trusts and group banking, p. 817. (f) Less rigid rules planned for listing foreign shares, p. 820. (g) Additional issues dealt in on securities market of N. Y. Produce Exchange, p. 821. (h) Representative McFadden holds Federal Reserve Board should not concern itself about condition of Stock Markets or Security Loan Market, p. 823.

Air Reduction Co., Inc.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 15,000 shares of common stock without par value, on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied for 726,292 shares. The company proposes to issue up to 15,000 shares of its capital stock on account of the purchase of assets of other companies for which it is now negotiating and which may be acquired prior to June 30 1929.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1928.	1927.		1928.	1927.
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$
Land, bldgs., &c.	9,150,637	8,817,464	Common stock	403,165	14,255,365
Misc. Investments	3,562,296	3,533,221	Accounts payable	463,623	414,048
Patents & licenses	1	1	Res. payable, b	348,395	280,744
Cash	3,391,330	3,076,369	Res. for local taxes, acruals, &c.	342,808	253,408
Accts. & notes rec. (less res.)	2,492,121	1,929,404	Federal tax reserve	499,565	297,292
Inventories	1,354,026	1,376,117	Res. for contng.	1,283,434	691,224
Other curr't assets	4,306,192	2,877,230	Surplus	6,087,037	4,928,442
Deferred charges	135,424	110,700			
Total	24,429,028	21,220,524	Total	24,429,028	21,220,524

x After deducting \$9,243,045 deprec. reserves. y After deducting \$150,644 reserve. z Represented by 696,793 shares of no par value. a Includes reserve for additional compensation to officers and employees, since paid b Since paid.

Pres. C. E. Adams, Feb. 8, wrote in part:

In July 1928, the company acquired the assets and business of the Ohio Oxygen Co., with an oxygen manufacturing plant at Niles, O. In Sept. 1928, it acquired the business and assets of the Wall Bros. Co. and the Wall Bros. Oxygen Co., with oxygen plants at Detroit and Flint, Mich., and an acetylene plant at the latter point.

In Oct. 1928, it acquired the business of the National Oxygen Co. in the Erie, Pa. district, and the oxygen manufacturing plant of the National Oxygen Co. located at that point. In the same month it acquired the business, the fixed assets and certain of the current assets of the Acme Oxy-Acetylene Co., the latter company having an oxygen plant in Chicago and an acetylene plant in South Chicago. The oxygen manufacturing plant, assets and business of the Bettendorf Oxygen Hydrogen Co., located at Bettendorf, Ia., were acquired in the same month.

In Dec. 1928, the business and certain of the fixed assets of the Industrial Gas Co., having an oxygen and an acetylene plant at Toledo, O., were acquired.

During 1928 the California Cyanide Co. entered into a satisfactory license arrangement with a strong German group of chemical manufacturers and merchandisers under which arrangement that group will manufacture calcium cyanide by the processes and under the patents owned by the California Cyanide Co. and will sell that product throughout the world, except in the United States and Canada, paying royalties to the California Cyanide Co. on the product so manufactured.—V. 128, p. 887.

Allegheny Steel Co.—Listing.

The Pittsburgh Stock Exchange has approved for listing 500,000 additional shares of common stock (no par value).

Upon the issuance of this additional stock, the authorized capitalization of the company will be 600,000 shares of common stock, of no par value, and 35,000 shares of 7% cumulative preferred stock, par value \$100. The outstanding capitalization will consist of 33,366 shares of preferred stock and 539,262 shares of common stock.

On Nov. 19 1928, directors recommended and on Jan. 22 1929, the stockholders approved the change and conversion of 300,000 shares of no par value common stock into 600,000 shares of no par value common stock and the reduction in the stated value of the shares from \$12.50 to \$6.25. It

was then decided to issue one additional share of common stock to each holder of record on Feb. 15 1929, for each share then held by the stockholders.—V. 127, p. 1529.

Alliance Realty Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 12,000 additional shares (no par value) capital stock to be issued as a stock dividend making the total amount of capital stock applied for 132,000 shares. Compare also.—V. 128, p. 558.

Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 26,000 additional shares of common stock (par \$100) making the total amount applied for 286,000 shares (par \$100). Common stockholders of record Jan. 25, are given the right to subscribe to the additional stock at the rate of one share for each 10 shares held at \$140 per share, payable in full at the time of subscription on or before Feb. 20.—V. 128, p. 887,250.

Aluminum Goods Mfg. Co.—Listing.—

The Pittsburgh Stock Exchange has approved for listing 1,200,000 shares of common stock, of no par value.—V. 127, p. 3707, 3543.

American Brake Shoe & Fdy. Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
* Net profits	\$3,108,121	\$2,794,851	\$3,029,217	\$2,786,607
Preferred dividends	(7%)667,695	667,695	667,695	667,695
Com. dividends—(\$1.60)	1,092,522(\$2.70)	1,009,445	(\$6)947,137(5½)	829,900
Divs. paid by sub. co.'s	150	150	130	300

Balance, surplus	\$1,347,754	\$1,117,711	\$1,414,235	\$1,288,712
Shares of com. outstanding (no par)	684,096	648,124	156,928	156,093
Earn. per share on com.	\$3.57	\$3.28	\$15.05	\$13.57

x Being \$1.50 on 158,854 shares (old capitalization) and 3 quarterly divs. of 40c. each on the new capitalization, consisting of 648,124 shares.

* Net profits from operation of plants are shown after deducting manufacturing, administration and selling expenses and depreciation of plants and equipment and including dividends received on stocks of associated companies whose earnings are not incorporated herein and other net income less estimated Federal taxes.

Balance Sheet December 31.

1928.		1927.		1928.		1927.	
Assets—		Assets—		Liabilities—		Liabilities—	
Capital assets	\$18,523,398	\$18,224,410	Preferred stock	\$9,538,500	\$9,538,500	Common stock	\$8,101,550
Cash	1,890,911	1,600,174	Common stock	28,548,075	8,101,550	Stock of sub. co.'s	21,665
Market loans, &c.	4,773,846	3,697,897	Accounts payable	1,173,072	1,691,282	Res. for cont., &c.	864,878
Accts. rec., less res.	2,732,559	2,908,607	Res. for cont., &c.	864,878	869,719	Fed. taxes (est.)	301,096
Notes & mtge. rec.	1,064,931	613,800	Surplus	11,960,379	10,669,024		
Inventories	3,270,033	3,754,199					
Deferred assets	152,187	354,122					
Total	32,407,666	31,153,209	Total	32,407,666	31,153,209		

x Land, buildings, machinery and equipment, patents, &c. (after deducting depreciation of \$3,057,895), \$8,049,525; patents and good-will, \$2,790,853, and investments in associated companies (American Brake Shoe & Foundry Co. of Calif., American Manganese Steel Co., Ramapo Ajax Corp. and National Bearing Metals Corp.). y Marketable loans and investments, \$4,210,560; U. S. Govt. securities, \$563,086. z Represented by 684,096 no par value shares.—V. 127, p. 108.

American, British & Continental Corp.—Report.—

Calendar Years—	1928.	1927.
Gross income from interest and dividends	\$1,256,427	\$1,132,222
Realized profits on sales of investments & commissions	631,506	388,403
Total gross income	\$1,887,934	\$1,520,625
Interest paid & amortization of disc't on debentures	318,429	295,780
Expenses, incl. legal, auditors' & trustees' fees & taxes	131,869	92,706
Provision for Federal income taxes	132,868	121,567
Net income	\$1,304,769	\$1,010,573
Earnings per share on common stock	\$1.33	\$1.03

Statement of Surplus for Calendar Year 1928.

Balance at Dec. 31 1927	\$449,201
Net income for the year ended Dec. 31 1928	1,304,769
Total surplus	\$1,753,969
First preferred dividends	507,951
Second preferred dividends	233,333
Balance at Dec. 31 1928	\$1,012,685

Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1928.

Assets.		Liabilities.	
Cash	\$211,577	Accounts payable	\$9,474
Investments	18,963,459	Debt interest accrued	104,167
Accounts receivable, accrued		Federal income taxes accrued	132,868
Interest, &c.	283,284	5% gold debentures	5,000,000
Deferred charges, including unamortized debt discount	388,349	Capital stock	13,587,475
		Surplus	1,012,685
Total	\$19,846,668	Total	\$19,846,668

x Represented by 100,000 no par shares of \$6 cumulative 1st pref. stock and 600,000 no par shares of common stock having a value of \$13,600,000 from which is deducted \$12,525 for calls in arrears.—V. 128, p. 729.

American Department Stores Corp.—Sales.—

January sales, which were \$1,517,167, include the Eisenberg Co., a recently acquired store, are 92% above those of last year. Excluding the Eisenberg Store, which will be liquidated, sales of \$1,200,463 represent an increase of 51% over Jan. 1928. See also V. 128, p. 887.

American Eagle Aircraft Corp.—Contracts.—

The corporation has closed contracts for 200 Wright Whirlwind Motors and 300 Kinner Motors, according to an announcement by President E. E. Porterfield. At present the company reports on hand 190 Curtiss OX 5 Motors and 33 Hispano Suiza Motors. Production is scheduled to start on March 1 on the Hudson Hawk 6 cylinder radial motor to be manufactured by the company in its new plant at Kansas City, with an output of 2,000 motors planned for 1929. The company expects to produce approximately 1,500 planes during the present year.—V. 128, p. 887.

American International Corp.—New Stock Placed on an Annual Dividend Basis of \$2 in Cash and 4% in Stock.—

The directors on Feb. 14 declared a semi-annual dividend of \$1 per share in cash and 2% in stock on the outstanding 980,000 shares of capital stock, no par value, both payable Apr. 1 to holders of record Mar. 12. Prior to the recent 2-for-1 split-up, the company paid semi-annual dividends of \$1 per share.—V. 128, p. 888, 559, 552.

American Mfg. Co. (Mass.)—Smaller Common Dividend.

The directors have declared four quarterly dividends of ¼% on the outstanding \$8,800,000 common stock, par \$100, for the year 1929, placing the issue on a \$3 annual basis against \$4 per share paid in 1928 and \$6 per share previously. Four regular quarterly dividends of ¼% were also declared on the preferred stock for 1929.

The dividends are payable March 31, July 1, Oct. 1 and Dec. 31 holders of record March 15, June 15, Sept. 15 and Dec. 15, respectively.—V. 128, p. 1509.

American Radiator Corp.—Consolidation Plan.—

A letter to the preferred and common stockholders of this company and the Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Co. says in substance: The directors of the American and Standard companies have unanimously approved a plan for the union of the interests of the two companies through the organization of a new holding company, to be known as American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corp., and the issue of stock of the new company in exchange for stock of American Radiator Co. and of Standard

Sanitary Manufacturing Co. on the basis outlined below, and have recommended to the stockholders of their respective companies that such exchange of shares be made. The following committee has been organized to carry the plan into effect. Clarence M. Woolley, Theodore Ahrens, Chas. H. Hodges, H. M. Reed and Chas. M. Parker.

Pursuant to the plan the new company, organized in Delaware, will issue its stock in exchange for pref. and common stock of the American Radiator Co. and of Standard Sanitary Mfg. Co. on the following basis.

Holders of—	New Co. Will Issue in Exchange—
For 1 sh. of pref. stk. of Am. Rad. Co.	4 shs. of new no par value com. stk.
For 1 sh. of pref. stk. of Standard Sanitary Mfg. Co.	1 sh. of new preferred stock.
For 1 sh. of com. stock of American Radiator Co.	4 shs. of no par value common stock.
For 1 sh. of common stock of the Standard Sanitary Mfg. Co.	1.09043 shs. of no par value com. stk.

The American Radiator Co. now has outstanding 30,000 shares of 7% cum. pref. stock (non-callable) and 1,322,620 shares of common stock; and Standard Sanitary Co. has outstanding 47,864 shares of 7% non-cum. pref. stock and 3,234,486 shares of common stock. On the basis of complete exchange of the foregoing shares, the American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corp., the new company, will have outstanding 47,864 shares of pref. stock and 8,937,460 shares of no par value common stock, these being the only shares to be issued in the effectuation of the plan. Upon completion of the plan the new company will have no funded indebtedness; but there will remain outstanding as an obligation of American Radiator Co. the \$10,000,000 of 4½% gold debentures of that company due in 1947. The pref. stock of the new company will have a par value of \$100 per share and will be entitled to dividends at the rate of 7% per annum, payable quarterly, cumulative from Feb. 25 1929, and will be subject to redemption at \$175 per share.

The directors of American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corp. will be chosen from members of the boards of the two merging companies with such additional members, if any, as may be chosen by such members. It is expected that Clarence M. Woolley will be elected Chairman of the board and Theodore Ahrens, President of the new company.

These companies were each organized in the year 1899 and have pursued paths of progress that are practically parallel. The American Radiator Co. is said to be the leading manufacturer of heating apparatus, with upwards of 35 factories in the United States, Canada and Europe and representation in most of the leading cities of the world. The Standard Sanitary Mfg. Co. is one of the leading manufacturers of plumbing goods in the United States and Canada, with offices and warehouses in the leading cities. The latter company is now erecting a factory in Germany. The principal products of manufacture of these two companies are closely allied, inasmuch as the products of both companies enter into building construction and are subject to specification by the same interests. These products are distributed for the most part through the same group of wholesalers, and an increasing number of installing contractors are engaged in both heating and plumbing lines. Branch selling house and warehouse distribution of the directors of the two companies that the bringing together of these related businesses should result in real economies, vital sales stimulation and expansion possibilities which should add materially to earnings and to the intrinsic values of the securities of the new corporation.

The combined net profits of American Radiator Co. and Standard Sanitary Mfg. Co. for 1928 were approximately \$21,300,000, equivalent after preferred dividends to about \$2.32 per share on the proposed outstanding common stock of the new company. The expectation is that the common stock of the new company will be placed on a \$1.50 annual dividend basis.

Stock of the American and Standard companies to be exchanged under the plan for stock of the new company must be deposited under the deposit agreement, dated Feb. 11 1929. The First National Bank of the City of New York, will act as depository and receive deposits of stock under the plan and issue to depositors its transferable certificates of deposit therefor. Arrangements have also been made whereby stockholders who may find it more convenient to do so may deposit their stock either with the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, or Liberty Bank & Trust Co., at Louisville, Ky., who will act as sub-depositaries under the plan.

Application will be made to list the certificates of deposit on the New York Stock Exchange, and when the plan is consummated application to list both the preferred and common stock of the new company upon the New York Stock Exchange will be made.

The deposit of two-thirds of each class of stock of the American Radiator Co. and Standard Sanitary Mfg. Co. will be required as a condition to consummation of the plan. All expenses involved in connection with the plan will be borne by the new company.

The committee is advised by counsel that the exchange of stock under the plan as proposed will involve no tax under the U. S. income tax laws.

The regular quarterly dividend on the pref. stock of the Standard company will be payable Feb. 25 1929 to pref. stockholders of record Feb. 11 1929, and in order that dividends may be fully provided for such stock, the pref. stock of the new company to be issued in exchange will bear dividends cumulative from Feb. 25 1929. Common stockholders of the Standard company of record Feb. 11 1929, will receive directly from that company the regular quarterly dividend payable Feb. 25 1929, on the common stock of the Standard company. Inasmuch as the next regular quarterly dividend on common stock of the American Radiator Co. will be payable Mar. 30 1929 to its common stockholders of record Mar. 11 1929, provision will be made for the payment of such dividend to the holders of record at Mar. 11 1929 of certificates of deposit for common stock of the American Radiator Co.

Under the plan the time within which deposits may be made expires Apr. 1 1929. The plan may, however, be declared operative by the committee at any earlier date when the required two-thirds has been deposited.—V. 128, p. 730.

American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corp.—Organized.—

See American Radiator Co. above.

American Republics Corp.—Earnings.—

Quarters End. Dec. 31—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Sales	\$8,856,491	\$6,309,513	\$9,923,891	\$6,586,821
Cost of sales	8,010,604	5,724,190	8,777,260	5,416,400
Gen., admin. & misc. exp.	653,987	515,561	532,051	491,123
Net profit	\$191,899	\$69,762	\$614,580	\$679,298
Other charges (net)	165,683	451,817	Cr. 90,411	Cr. 484,392
Net income after deduc. res. for Fed'l taxes	x \$26,215	x\$224,129	\$791,134	\$478,234
x Before Federal taxes.				
See annual report for 1928 under "Financial Reports" above.—V. 127, p. 2368.				

Atlantic Securities Corp.—Increase in Capital.—

The stockholders Feb. 15 approved the creation of 120,000 shares of serial pref. stock. A. Iselin & Co., and F. S. Smithers & Co., who sponsored the company made a public offering last week of 60,000 shares of \$3 cumulative preferred and 60,000 shares of common stock in units of one share of preferred and one share of common. Each share of preferred will be accompanied by a warrant entitling the holder to purchase one half share of common stock at \$35 a share on or before March 1 1930 and at prices scaling upward during the succeeding four years. The warrants will expire March 1 1934. Compare V. 128, p. 888.

American Service Co.—Bonds Offered.—

Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., are offering at 99 and int., yielding about 6.10%, an issue of \$7,000,000 1st mtge. 15-year 6% gold bonds, series A (with stock purchase warrants attached). An issue of \$3,000,000 6½% debentures and 100,000 shares of common stock was recently offered in this market (V. 128, p. 403, 560).

Dated Jan. 1 1929; due Jan. 1 1944. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. all or part on any int. date upon 30 days' notice at following prices and int.: to Jan. 1 1933 at 107½%; on and from Jan. 1 1933 to Jan. 1 1938 at 105; on and from Jan. 1 1938 to Jan. 1 1943 at 102½%; and thereafter to maturity at 100.

Int. (J. & J.) payable in New York or Chicago without deduction for any normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2% per annum. Company will refund upon proper notice within 60 days' after payment, any personal property tax not exceeding 5 mills to the dollar per annum, or any income tax not exceeding 6% of the interest per annum, as now or hereafter imposed by any State.

Company.—A Maryland corporation. Owns and operates, including properties to be acquired, under centralized management ice utility properties located in 13 adjoining southern and south-central States. The aggregate population of communities served is about 2,270,000, while the entire territory served by the plants has a population of approximately 4,600,000. The properties include 72 ice manufacturing plants having a total daily capacity of approximately 4,402 tons of ice, in addition to car icing, cold storage and other service facilities. These properties include land owned in fee, substantial buildings, complete ice-making machinery of standard types, delivery equipment, and cold storage buildings and equipment. The plants are without competition in supplying ice in 20 communities, and in the other cities the plants rank as important units in the ice business.

The company owns all outstanding common stock of Community Ice Co., which owns and operates, including properties to be acquired, ice properties located in North Carolina, serving 8 communities having a population of about 120,000. This subsidiary has 11 ice manufacturing plants with daily capacity of 475 tons.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st mtg. 15-year 6% gold bonds, series A (this issue)	a	\$7,000,000
5-year 6 1/2% convertible debentures	\$3,000,000	3,000,000
7% preferred stock (\$100 par)	b7,500,000	3,500,000
Common stock (no par)	c500,000 shs.	d225,000shs.

a As restricted in the indenture. b 24,000 shares reserved for conversion of debentures. c 200,000 shares reserved for exercise of warrants and for conversion of debentures. d 105,000 shares will be placed in escrow for exercise of warrants.

Stock Purchase Warrants.—The first mortgage bonds will carry non-detachable stock purchase warrants, void after Dec. 31 1933, entitling the holder to purchase common stock of the company, subject to indenture provisions, at the rate of 30 shares for each \$1,000 principal amount of first mortgage bonds at \$16 per share. If the bonds are redeemed prior to Jan. 1 1934, the warrants thereupon become detachable.

Earnings.—The properties have been independently audited for the 12 months ended Aug. 31 1928, except certain properties for the 12 months periods ended June 30 and Oct. 31 1928. The combined revenues, expenses and earnings are certified as follows:

Gross revenue, excluding subsidiary company operations	\$4,579,601
Operating costs and expenses, incl. maintenance & local taxes	3,117,425
Net earnings before interest, depreciation, income taxes	\$1,462,176
Net earnings from subsidiary company, after all charges	25,491

Total earnings \$1,487,667
Maximum annual interest upon these series A bonds 420,000

The balance after deducting interest, depreciation, Federal and State income taxes, and preferred dividends, including American Service Co. equity in wholly-owned subsidiary company earnings after all charges, is equal to more than \$1.55 per share on 225,000 shares of common stock outstanding.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of these first mortgage bonds, together with the proceeds from the sale of \$3,000,000 5-year 6 1/2% convertible debentures, additional 7% preferred stock, and 100,000 shares of common stock, will be applied towards the retirement of \$3,150,000 first mortgage notes now outstanding, the acquisition of additional properties, the completion of extensions and improvements, and other corporate purposes. Compare also V. 128, p. 403, 560, 730.

Notes Called.—All of the outstanding 1st mtg. 2-year 6% gold notes, dated April 1 1928, aggregating \$3,150,000, have been called for redemption March 15 at 101 and int. Payment will be made at the office of A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., 39 South La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.—V. 128, p. 730.

American Solvents & Chemical Corp.—Preferred Div.—The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend on the convertible participating preference stock of 75c. per share payable April 1 1929 to stockholders of record March 12 1929.

This dividend is in addition to the special declaration of \$1.50 per share payable May 1 1929 to stockholders of record April 10 1929, against reduction of accumulated dividends of \$6 per share on the preference stock. See V. 128, p. 560.

American Stores Co., Philadelphia.—Sales.	1929.	1928.	Increase.
First 5 Weeks of—			
Sales	\$13,097,326	\$12,074,238	\$1,022,789

American Snuff Co.—Annual Report.	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Net earnings	\$2,178,535	\$1,973,917	\$1,673,450	\$1,640,158
Prof. dividends (6%)	237,168	237,168	237,168	237,168
Com. dividends (14%)	1,540,000	(12)1,320,000	(12)1,320,000	(12)1,320,000

Balance, surplus	\$401,367	\$416,749	\$116,282	\$82,990
Previous surplus	4,745,396	4,328,647	4,212,365	4,129,375
Surp. res. for wk. cap.	698,273	698,273	698,274	698,274
Transfer to surp. from deprec. funds now deemed excessive	500,000			
Profit & loss surplus	\$6,345,037	\$5,443,669	\$5,026,920	\$4,910,638
Shares of common outstanding (par \$100)	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000
Earns. per share on com.	\$17.65	\$15.78	\$13.06	\$12.75

Balance Sheet December 31.			
1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Real estate, machinery & fixt., trade mks., &c.	12,290,759	12,290,692	
Supplies, &c.	5,932,753	5,885,226	
Securities	1,763,105	1,706,437	
Cash	3,038,639	1,531,021	
Bills & accts. rec.	1,657,311	2,485,059	
Total (each side)	24,682,567	23,898,431	

Archer-Daniels-Midland Co.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 240,426 additional shares of common stock without par value, upon official notice of issue as a 100% stock dividend on or about March 1 1929, making the total amount applied for 482,140 shares of common stock.—V. 128, p. 888,404.

Arctic Dairy Products Co.—Control, &c.—See National Dairy Products Corp. in V. 127, p. 3554.—V. 124, p. 3499.

Atlas Stores Corp.—Annual Report.	
Earnings for 12 Months Ended December 31 1928.	
Net sales	\$7,191,971
Cost of sales, operating, selling, administrative and financial expense including 1928 income tax	6,481,592
Net income	\$710,378
Earnings per share on 100,000 shares com. stock (no par)	\$7.10

Balance Sheet December 31.	
1928.	1927.
Cash	\$158,442
Accts. & notes receivable	1,170,521
Inventory	942,689
Other current assets	26,345
Deferred & miscellaneous	37,706
Furniture, fixtures, &c.	98,643
Leaseholds	80,000
Good-will	1
Total (each side)	\$2,514,347

x Represented by 100,000 no par shares.—V. 128, p. 560.

Aviation Corporation of California.—Stock Offered.—A banking group headed by Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., Hemphill, Noyes & Co., and James C. Willson & Co.

is offering a new issue of 100,000 shares of capital stock of this company, which is to operate on the general principles of an investment trust in the aviation field. The shares are priced at \$25 each.

Transfer Agent, Crocker First Federal Trust Co., San Francisco. Registrar, Bank of America of California, San Francisco.

Data from Letter of Nion R. Tucker, President of the Company.

Business.—Corporation has been organized under the laws of Delaware, with broad powers, by a group of business men closely associated with aviation, to acquire, hold, buy, sell and trade in securities of aviation companies for profit; to deal in aviation securities to the end that it may acquire for more or less permanent investment, securities of those companies which in the judgment of the management seem to have prospects of becoming the leaders in their respective fields; to enter into such underwritings as appear to it to be sound, either alone or as a member of a syndicate or otherwise; to develop such new aviation projects as in the opinion of the best technical advisors available merit assistance, and in general to further the development of commercial aviation. Aviation Corp. of California, however, is not limited to aviation investments exclusively.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Capital stock (no par)	*300,000 shs.	100,000 shs.

Of this amount 100,000 shares are under option during 1929 at 22, during 1930 at 25 and during 1931 at 30. These options are held by the underwriters, who are represented on the board of directors, and others identified with the management.

Management.—The management of the corporation will be in the control of a board of directors which will include many of the prominent figures in the aviation industry of the United States, as well as nationally known bankers and business men desirous of furthering its development. The board of directors will function through an executive committee, which will have active charge of operations and will have available to it the services of the research department of National Aviation Corp., as well as the legal counsel of Cuthell, Hotchkiss & Mills of New York.

Directors will include: F. J. Belcher, Jr., *George T. Cameron, E. H. Clark, Jr., *J. Cheever Cowdin, Chester W. Cuthell, Donald W. Douglas, *Thomas B. Eastland, R. E. Fisher, Paul Henderson, Carey S. Hill, Richard F. Hoyt, D. C. Jackling, Charles S. (Casey) Jones, Fred E. Keeler, C. M. Keys, F. W. Leadbetter, J. L. Maddux, Walter S. Marvin, Wm. B. Mayo, C. O. G. Miller, John J. Mitchell, Jr., E. J. Nolan, Horace D. Pillsbury, James A. Talbot, *Nion R. Tucker, Walter T. Varney, and *James C. Willson.

*Members of the Executive Committee.
Listing.—Application will be made to list this stock on the San Francisco and Los Angeles Stock Exchanges.

Backstay Welt Co.—Operations.—

Despite recent additions to plant and equipment, the company is now operating practically full in all its domestic plants, according to President R. C. Schemmel. Some departments, he added, are working a night shift.

In recent months the company invested about \$100,000 in additional machinery and plant expansion in order to increase capacity to meet growing business. Through these investments 28,000 square feet were added to the main plant at Union City, Ind. Other plants are operated in Detroit, Chicago and Windsor, Canada.—V. 127, p. 2960.

Bankers Securities Corp.—Second Installment.—

The Philadelphia Stock Exchange was recently notified that the second payment of 25% on subscription to stock of this corporation (\$15 per share) was due not later than the close of business Feb. 15 1929, at the office of the corporation, 1232 Bankers Trust Building, Philadelphia.—V. 128, p. 404.

Bayuk Cigars, Inc.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross earnings	\$3,501,584	\$3,466,680	\$2,564,442	\$2,122,188
Other income	30,684	67,062	60,632	58,323
Total income	\$3,532,268	\$3,533,742	\$2,625,074	\$2,180,511
Exp., int., deprec., &c.	2,086,933	1,938,111	1,517,563	1,453,236
Federal taxes	185,449	222,668	153,861	93,224
Net profit	\$1,259,886	\$1,372,963	\$953,650	\$634,050
1st pref. dividends	318,031	225,827	134,267	129,717
2d pref. dividends	44,955	84,581	86,750	86,963
Common dividends	98,855			
Surplus	\$798,065	\$1,062,555	\$732,633	\$417,371
Shs. of com. outst. (no par)	98,842	78,106	77,121	77,121
Earns. per sh. on com.	\$9.08	\$13.60	\$9.50	\$5.41

Balance Sheet December 31.				
1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.	
Cash	727,682	569,774	4,449,800	4,064,800
Trade accounts receivable	1,989,375	1,899,524	8% 2d pref. stock	3,500
Inventories	8,338,637	8,676,909	7% 2d pref. stock	1,178,300
Revenue stamps	46,599	38,924	Common stock	3,015,369
Due from officers and employees	2,511	5,911	Mortgage payable	44,000
Investments	1,712,565	760,417	Notes payable	2,850,000
Land, buildings, equipment, &c.	1,600,343	1,414,361	Trade creditors	135,133
Prepaid insurance, taxes, &c.	675,913	555,210	Reserves	15,009
Reorganization &c., expenses	185,208	150,046	Sundry accts. pay.	10,206
	100,772	105,642	Accrued wages, &c.	41,726
			Prov. for Federal, &c., tax	185,440
			Reserves	100,499
			Res. for roy'ties, &c.	27,097
			Sink. id. pref. stk.	124,786
			Div. dividends payable	127,292
			Surplus	4,290,643
				3,728,409

Total (each side) 15,379,707 14,176,718
a Represented by 98,842 no par shares and includes \$578 for non-interest bearing common scrip.—V. 127, p. 2369.

Bethlehem Milling Co.—Stock Offered.—An issue of 30,000 shares of class A cumulative participating stock is being offered by Strabo V. Clagget & Co., Inc., Boston; Warren A. Tyson & Co., Inc., Philadelphia, and Higgins & Co., New York, at \$25 per share. This offering supersedes that mentioned in our issue of Jan. 12, p. 252. Compare also V. 128, p. 889, 252.

Bristol-Myers Co.—25c. Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly cash dividend of \$1 per share and an extra dividend of 25c. per share, both payable March 30 to holders of record March 20. The company has been paying dividends without interruption since 1904.—V. 127, p. 3250.

(A. M.) Byers Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 66,635 additional shares of common stock without par value on official notice of issue and payment in full making the total amount applied for 266,635 shares.

The issuance of warrants evidencing rights of stockholders to subscribe pro rata to 66,635 additional shares of common stock in the ratio of one share for each four shares of preferred or common stock held and the issuance of the shares upon the exercise of the warrant rights was authorized by the directors Dec. 27 1928.

Under the terms of the resolutions the preferred and common stockholders of record at the close of business Jan. 14 1929, will be entitled to receive warrants evidencing their rights to subscribe, on or before March 1 1929, according to their respective interests, for the additional shares of common stock at a price of \$100 per share in the ratio of one share of common stock for each 6 shares of capital stock (either common or preferred) held.

The right to so subscribe will expire March 1 1929, after which time unexercised warrants will be void.

The proceeds of this issue, together with other funds now in the treasury, will be used for the purpose of building a new plant for the manufacture of wrought iron by the new process developed by the company and fully covered by patents now owned by the company, and for general corporate purposes.—V. 128, p. 732.

Calumet & Hecla Consol. Copper Co.—Earnings.—

Period	End. Dec. 31—1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—12 Mos.—1927.	1928—12 Mos.—1927.
Receipts—			
Copper sales	\$6,033,093	\$3,112,801	\$20,036,879
Custom milling & smelt.	—	—	7,936
Dividends	39,618	28,853	39,618
Interest	150,489	128,568	62,059
Miscellaneous	25,463	13,340	20,481
Total receipts	\$6,248,664	\$3,283,562	\$20,159,038
Disbursements—			
Copper on hand	\$3,002,191	\$3,041,329	\$ 3,650,171
Prod., sell., adm. & taxes	2,888,491	2,773,244	11,353,420
Deprec'n and depletion	1,226,809	721,581	4,189,011
Miscellaneous	40,234	87,061	157,964
Total expenditures	\$7,157,725	\$6,623,215	\$19,350,566
Less copper on hand	2,115,276	3,650,171	2,115,276
Net expenditures	\$5,042,449	\$2,973,044	\$17,235,290
Gain for period	1,206,214	310,518	2,923,748
—V. 128, p. 562.			

Canadian Car & Foundry Co., Ltd.—To Increase Stock.
A special meeting of the stockholders will be held Feb. 27 for the purpose of taking action on a proposal to increase the authorized number of com. shares (par \$100) from 50,000 to 100,000. The directors plan to issue additional shares to provide for the retirement of outstanding bonds of the company and its subsidiaries, at a cost of approximately \$4,500,000. The new shares are to be offered to both common and pref. shareholders. —V. 127, p. 2810.

Cardiff Corp.—Securities Offered.—Spear Securities Corp., New York, recently offered \$1,000,000 6% 20-year, gold notes and 10,000 shares of common stock priced at \$1,025 per unit. Each unit consists of one \$1,000 gold note and ten shares of stock.

The note issue was authorized in lieu of preferred stock, for taxation reasons. Under its charter the Cardiff Corp. is authorized to buy and sell real estate and real estate mortgages and securities, to improve and develop real properties, to underwrite enterprises in that field and in general to take advantage of what appear to be attractive opportunities for temporary or permanent investment. —V. 128, p. 253.

(A. M.) Castle & Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1928.	1927.
Net earnings after oper. exp., repairs & maint.	\$848,140	\$533,074
Other income	30,535	84,058
Total income	\$878,675	\$617,132
Depreciation	70,039	—
Miscellaneous deductions	—	133,666
Federal taxes	97,294	64,051
Net income	\$711,341	\$419,415
Dividends	270,000	184,980
Surplus	\$441,341	\$234,435
Earns. per sh. on 120,000 shs. com. stk. (par \$10)	\$5.92	\$3.49

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1928.	1927.	Liabilities—	1928.	1927.
Land, buildings, equip., &c.	\$1,600,561	\$1,434,219	Common stock	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
Investments	7	7	Unconv'd notes	150,000	150,000
Employes & sundry accounts	39,971	76,452	Reserve for eting.	24,791	27,903
Prepaid accounts	27,560	16,625	Capital surplus	1,194,843	1,206,399
Cash	126,503	168,989	Earned surplus	2,063,332	1,622,295
Notes & accts. rec.	98,916	133,100	Notes payable	225,000	—
Accts. receivable	1,103,406	1,028,863	Accounts payable	540,413	307,933
Cash sur. value ins.	123,049	107,647	Accrued tax, &c.	142,735	119,643
Inventories	2,421,140	1,820,271	Mortgage	—	150,000
—V. 127, p. 264.			Total (ea. side)	\$5,541,115	\$4,784,173

Caterpillar Tractor Co. (& Sub. Co.)—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1928.	1927.
Net sales	\$35,071,600	\$26,928,089
Net profit before Federal tax	9,299,639	6,910,327
Dividends paid	4,225,000	2,681,249

Consolidated Balance Sheet December 31.

Assets—	1928.	1927.	Liabilities—	1928.	1927.
Plant, equip., &c.	\$15,175,513	9,081,935	Capital stock	\$8,555,635	8,125,000
Cash in banks and bank time cts., of deposit.	1,487,824	1,353,447	Notes payable	7,975,000	—
Inventories	14,505,207	8,465,911	Accounts payable	2,776,133	1,677,349
Notes & accts. rec.	9,434,592	5,874,971	Prov. for Federal income tax	1,246,174	916,069
Patents	278,308	278,308	Capital surplus	8,146,188	6,058,407
Investments	8,498	2,176	Earned surplus	12,291,926	8,357,088
Deferred charges	101,115	77,165	Total (each side)	40,991,058	25,133,913

* After deducting \$4,333,163 reserve for depreciation. y Represented by 1,711,127 shares of no par value. —V. 128, p. 891.

CeCo Manufacturing Co.—Earnings.—

Earnings for Month and 11 Months Ended Nov. 30 1928.

	Month.	11 Mos.
Net sales	\$190,545	\$856,262
Cost of sales, &c.	57,594	280,149
Gross profit on sales	\$132,952	\$576,113
Other miscellaneous income	1,367	9,122
Total income	\$134,318	\$585,236
Total oper. expenses (incl. income tax)	55,317	336,229
Net income	79,002	\$249,007

Balance Sheet November 30 1928.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Land, bldgs., mach., equip., furniture & fixtures, &c.	Capital stock and surplus
Cash	Accounts payable
Accounts receivable	Accrued expenses, salaries, commissions, &c., including Federal income tax
Inventories	Divs. & miscell. contingencies
Pat., processes, trademarks, good-will, &c.	Total (each side)
Prepaid exps., insurance, &c.	

—V. 127, p. 3402.

Central National Corp.—Elects.—

The corporation announces the election of E. A. McQuade as secretary and W. E. Chamberlain as Assistant Vice-President. —V. 127, p. 3402.

Chain & General Equities Inc.—Stocks Sold.—Initial financing for this company, a new investment trust organized to specialize in chain store securities, is being carried out by Childs, Jeffries & Co. with the offering of \$4,000,000 convertible cumulative 6½% preferred stock and 160,000 shares of no par value common, for which applications have already been received in excess of the amounts offered. The preferred shares are priced at \$106, to yield 6.13%, and the common shares at \$26.50.

Exempt from normal Federal income taxes. Mass. or Wis. income tax on prof. dividends or Penna. 4 mills tax refunded on request. Custodian, Commercial Trust Co., Jersey City, N. J.; transfer agent, International Acceptance Trust Co., New York; registrar, Bank of New York & Trust Co., New York.

Capitalization to Be Presently Outstanding.

Conv. cum. 6½% pref. stock, series A (\$100 par) \$4,000,000
Common stock (no par value) \$160,000 shs.
a Authorized amount pref. stock, \$10,000,000. b Authorized amount common stock, 400,000 shares, of which 80,000 reserved for preferred conversion and 32,000 reserved for purchase at \$25 a share by Childs, Jeffries & Co. and the management, who will also have an option to purchase an amount not exceeding 20% of all further issues of common stock at the amount received by the corporation therefor, or if issued on conversion of pref. stock, then at the then liquidating value. All options run for 5 years.

Arrangements have been made whereby the company will not bear any of the organization expenses so that the par value of the pref. stock and \$25 per share of common stock (of which \$5 will be allocated to surplus) to be presently outstanding, amounting in all to \$8,000,000, will be available for investment.

Convertible.—The holder of one share of this pref. stock may convert, up to three days prior to redemption, at any time on or before Aug. 1 1931 into two shares of common stock of the company, thereafter into 1½ shares of common stock until Aug. 1 1933, and from then on share for share. Provision has been made to protect the preferred holder against dilution of this privilege through stock dividends.

Directors.—Hugh Bancroft (director Atlantic National Bank), Winthrop H. Battles (Battles & Co.), Gerald F. Beal (Vice-Pres. J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp.), Paul Dudley Childs (Pres. Childs, Jeffries & Co.), J. Amory Jeffries (Vice-Pres. Childs, Jeffries & Co.), Gilbert King (Wm. A. Russell & Bro.), Hugh Knowlton (Vice-Pres. International Acceptance Bank, Inc.), George A. Morison (Vice-Pres. & Treasurer Bucyrus-Erie Co.), William B. Nichols (Vice-Pres. Childs, Jeffries & Co.), Donald C. Watson (with Brown Brothers & Co.).

Business.—Corporation has been organized in Delaware to acquire, hold and sell securities and obligations of a diversified nature, participate in the underwriting of securities, and act as manager of funds placed in its care for investment. The primary purpose of the corporation is to provide investment safety based upon broad diversification of security holdings, chiefly in chain stores, &c., and safeguarded by constant watchfulness. In addition, the corporation affords to its security holders a means of participation in profitable underwritings to an extent and in a manner not ordinarily available to the investor as an individual. The corporation will have four principal sources of income: (1) Interest and dividends on investments; (2) profits from the sale of investments; (3) profits on underwriting participations; (4) management fees on funds placed in its care.

Operation.—The directors are financially interested in the company, and have subscribed \$1,000,000 for common stock of the company. Under an existing contract the cost of ordinary operation (salaries of officers, office rent, statistical, clerical and accounting services, and all other office expenses) will be not more than ½ of 1% of the net liquidating value annually.

Pref. Stock Provisions.—The dividends on pref. stock will be payable Q-F. It will be preferred as to cumulative dividends at the rate of 6½%, and as to assets in the case of involuntary liquidation of \$100 a share, and in the case of voluntary liquidation at \$115 a share. It will be callable at \$115 and divs. on 60 days' notice. Additional pref. stock of this or any other series can only be issued when the net assets including the proceeds of stock then to be issued are equal to at least \$200 per share of preferred outstanding and about to be issued. No pref. stock having priority over this pref. stock can be created. The preferred will have one vote per share. Corporation may voluntarily create indebtedness only to an amount not in excess of one-half of its gross assets including therein the proceeds of the transaction. No common dividends shall be paid until a reserve is set up equal to one year of pref. dividends. Corporation, upon request, will repurchase out of surplus pref. stock at par less \$1 and common at its liquidating value less 1%, provided it shall never be required to repurchase in any one month more than 1% of par of preferred outstanding, nor more than 1% of liquidating value of common outstanding. The common, except that issued on conversion or as a stock dividend, is to be sold at not less than liquidating value. The pref. stock provisions may be changed by vote of two-thirds of preferred and two-thirds of common stock outstanding, but the rate of dividends and amount payable on call or in liquidation or dissolution on any pref. stock shall not be reduced without consent of the holder.

Chainstores Trading Corp.—Preference Shares Offered.—Morand & Co., Inc., New York, are offering at \$15 per share, 20,000 shares Class A preference stock.

Class A Stock is entitled to a preference dividend of \$1 in each year, payable quarterly. After class A and B stocks have received an annual dividend of \$1 each, all dividends above this amount are to be divided between the class A and B stocks on the basis of 66 2-3% to class A and 33 1-3% to class B. In the event of liquidation of the assets of the corporation holders of class A stock shall receive \$20 per share before any payments are made to the holders of class B stock. Class A stockholders having voting rights at all stockholders' meetings.

Capitalization.—Class A preference stock (no par) 20,000 shs. 20,000 shs.
Class B common stock (no par) 10,000 shs. 4,000 shs.

The Anglo-South American Trust Co., transfer agent.
Corporation.—Has been organized primarily to buy, sell, trade and deal in stocks of corporations engaged in the operation of chain stores and allied industries; to sell entire or additional issues of stocks, participate in reorganization, form consolidations, participate in syndicate offerings and to do all and everything pertaining to the financing of corporations engaged in merchandising by chain store methods.

Officers.—Howard P. Taylor, Pres.; J. F. Millet, Sec. & Treas.; Allen S. Pitcher, V-Pres.

Directors.—Howard P. Taylor, J. F. Millet, Fred W. Rockwell, Allen S. Pitcher, E. H. Flood, Americus J. Leonard.

Chedmer Building Corp. of East St. Louis, Ill.—Bonds Offered.—Real Estate Mortgage & Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo., are offering at par and int. \$135,000 1st mtge. serial 6% real estate gold bonds.

Dated Jan. 2 1929; due serially 1931 to 1939. Principal and int. payable at office of Real Estate Mortgage Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo. Callable on 60 days' notice at 103 and int. if called for payment on or before Jan. 1 1932; and at 102 and int. if called after Jan. 1 1932, and on or before Jan. 1 1935; and at 101 and int. if called thereafter. Notes shall be called in their inverse numerical order. St. Louis Union Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo., trustee.

The bonds of this issue are a direct obligation of the Chedmer Building Corp. and are secured by a closed first mortgage on the ground owned in fee and the improvements erected thereon, located at 130-132-134-136 Collinsville Avenue, East St. Louis, Ill. The ground fronts 69.47 feet on Collinsville Ave., extending through to Fourth St., where the frontage is 68.02 feet. The depth on the north side of the lot is 161.73 feet and on the south side 176.19 feet.

The improvements consist of a recently completed 2-story and basement, reinforced concrete brick building. On the ground floor there are 3 stores and an entrance to the second floor; one large store occupies the entire second floor. The entrance to the second floor is 18 feet wide, extends back 60 feet in a series of steps, and is used for display purposes.

The entire second floor is leased for a period of 15 years, on a percentage basis, to Golde Clothes Shop, Inc., a New York corporation, and S. Golde & Sons, who operate 40 cash clothing stores in the East and Middle West. One of the stores on the first floor is leased to M. Samuels & Co., of Baltimore, operating a number of chain shoe stores. This lease is for 6 years at an average rental of \$2,000 per year. These leases have been assigned to the trustee for the protection of the bondholders.

(The) Chicago Corp.—Stocks Offered.—Field, Gloré & Co. are offering 750,000 shares \$3 convertible preference stock and 750,000 shares common stock in units of 1 share of each at \$66 per unit.

Convertible Preference Stock.—Without par value; preferred as to assets in liquidation up to \$55 per share; entitled to cumulative annual dividends at the rate of \$3 per share, payable Q-M.; redeemable as a whole or in part at \$65 per share on 60 days' notice.

Each share of convertible preference stock will be convertible into one share of common stock with adjustment of cash dividends. The corporation's certificate of incorporation will contain provisions designed to safeguard the conversion privilege against dilution. The conversion privilege on preference stock called for redemption will remain in force up to and in-

cluding the day before the of such redemption. The convertible preference stock will have equal share voting rights with the common stock.

Transfer agent, Continental National Bank & Trust Co., Chicago. Registrar, First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. Capitalization—

Convertible preference stock (no par value) 750,000 shs. Authorized. Outstanding 750,000 shs. Common stock (no par value) 3,500,000 shs. 1,750,000 shs.

* 750,000 shares reserved for the conversion of the authorized and outstanding preference stock. Remaining 1,000,000 shares to be issued for such purposes and on such terms as the Directorate in its discretion may determine.

Company—Has been organized in Delaware to buy, sell and trade in stocks and securities of any kind, to participate in underwritings and syndicates, and to engage in such other investment activities as its board of directors may determine.

Directorate.—The investment policies and practices of the corporation will be under the supervision of a board of directors comprising the following: Sewell L. Avery, Edward F. Carry, B. A. Eckhart, George B. Everitt, Marshall Field, Stanley Field, Charles F. Glone, Robert P. Lamont, D. R. McLennan, George A. Ranney, James Simpson, Silas H. Strawn, Edward F. Swift, and P. Edgar White.

The directors of the corporation, Field, Glone & Co. and certain other interests will subscribe for 1,000,000 shares of the common stock of the corporation for \$12,500,000 cash.

Childrens Co., New York.—Annual Report.—(Including Childrens Dining Hall Co., Childrens Co. of Providence and Boos Bros. Cafeteria Co. in 1928)

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Restaurant sales, Building rentals, Miscellaneous Sales, Total sales, Cost of restaurant sales, etc.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. (Including Childrens Dining Hall Co., Childrens Co. of Providence and Boos Bros. Cafeteria Co. in 1928)

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Assets (Estab. & plants, Real estate, etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, etc.)

Mr. Childs' letter answering the inquiries of a stockholder regarding the \$210,000 fee received in the Savoy-Plaza deal by William A. Barber, who on Jan. 30 was removed as legal counsel and member of the executive committee of the company, follows:

Mr. Barber never submitted to us any itemized bill covering his \$210,000 fee, and the bill of which you already have a copy is the only bill we ever had covering this charge.

Luther Childs, at the time Barber's bill was presented and paid, was only a director of the company. I was in Europe at that time, and the bill was paid upon the O. K. of S. Willard Smith, who as Senior Vice-President was, in my absence, the chief executive of the company.

Regarding this Barber bill and this Savoy-Plaza deal, I can only say what I have already said in my letter to all stockholders of Childs Co., dated Feb. 8 1929, of which you already have a copy, namely: "For years, Mr. Barber as my personal counsel and as counsel for the company, has had my implicit confidence, and his assurances to me regarding the propriety of this legal charges have been accepted by me at face value, but independent counsel now advise me that it is my duty, as Chairman of the board, to lay the above facts before you, the management from the influence of Mr. Barber and his pool."

I am more sorry than I can express that Mr. Barber so long received my implicit confidence. Confidence in human nature is all that makes life worthwhile, but sometimes as in this case, it leads to the bitterest disappointments that life can bring to a man.

All that I can do now is what I am doing, namely, under the advice of independent counsel, laying the entire situation before all the stockholders,

so that whatever legal proceedings the stockholders desire to have taken may be ordered by the stockholders at their Annual Meeting on March 7, and be thereafter promptly instituted in behalf of the company.

I hope that I have your support in the fight I am now making in behalf of all the stockholders, and if you desire any additional proxies or additional copies of my letter to all stockholders of Childs Co. dated Feb. 8, I will be glad to send them to you.—V. 128, p. 891.

Chicago Towel Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with 3 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Gross revenues, Expenses, Operating profit, Total income, Depreciation, Federal taxes, Net income, etc.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1928. Assets—Property, plant, equipment, Service equipment, Contracts & good-will, Cash, Accounts receivable, Inventories, Notes receivable, United States certificates.

Liabilities—Preferred stock, Common stock, Surplus, Accts. pay. & accr. expenses, Dividends payable, Federal taxes. Total (each side) \$2,950,330

x Represented by 80,000 shares of no par value. y Represented by 20,000 shares of no par value. z After depreciation.—V. 127, p. 1680.

(D. L.) Clark Co.—Stock Offered.—K. W. Todd & Co., Inc., Pittsburgh and New York, are offering 90,000 shares common stock (no par) priced on application.

Transfer agents, Diamond National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Farmers Loan & Trust Co., New York. Registrars, Dollar Savings & Trust Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., and Commercial National Bank & Trust Co., New York. Dividends exempt from present Pennsylvania four-mills tax.

Data from Letter of D. L. Clark, President of the Company.

Capitalization—Authorized. Outstanding. First mtge. 15-year 6% gold bonds, 1944—\$1,175,000 \$1,175,000

History.—The business of the company was founded in 1887, and incorporated in 1902 under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, and has had 42 years of constant rapid growth, until at present it is the second largest manufacturer of bulk candy in the world.

The company is a wholesale manufacturer of hard candies and copy-righted candy specialties which are sold to 8,000 dealers and chain stores located in 39 States in the Union.

This company manufactures a line of specialties such as "Clark bar" and "Zig-Zag," nationally known and advertised products. An average of over 1,000,000 Clark bars are manufactured and sold daily, which is a consistent growth over the last nine years.

The company is constantly introducing new products. During 1928 a pineapple bar and orange bar were introduced to the trade and are meeting with an exceptionally good demand, which should reflect in increased volume and earnings for 1929.

Earnings.—The following statement shows net earnings of the company, after depreciation and Federal taxes and after deducting interest on the first mortgage bonds to be outstanding.

Table with 3 columns: 1926, 1927, 1928. Rows include Earnings, Per Share.

Balance Sheet.—Company's balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1928, shows net tangible assets of \$2,263,253.

Dividends.—The management has announced its intention of placing this stock on a \$1.25 annual dividend basis, to be paid quarterly. Dividends paid by the company in 1927 were \$300,000 and in 1928 were \$500,000.

Listing.—Company agrees to make application to list this stock on the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange and New York Curb Market.

Claude Neon Electrical Products, Inc., Arizona.—Earnings (Incl. Electrical Products Corp. of California).

Table with 3 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Gross profit on rentals, sales, royalties, &c., Selling, admin. & general expenses, Operating profit, etc.

Unmat. monthly install. of Neon Sign rental contracts, less sign costs, unamort. Res. for maint., comm., royalties & losses

Est. def. gross profits from contracts \$2,065,762 \$1,284,462

Commercial Credit Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 273,365 additional shares of common stock without par value on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied for 1,083,365 shares of common stock.

The 273,365 shares of common stock are offered for subscription to common stockholders of record Jan. 25, in the proportion of one additional share for each three shares then held. The subscription price for the additional shares is \$40 per share, payable in full before Feb. 14, when right to subscribe expires.

In addition to the shares offered for subscription, the sale has been authorized as may be determined from time to time by the board of directors, of not exceeding 15,000 shares of common stock, at not less than \$0 per share, to Commercial Credit Management Co., the employees of Commercial Credit Co. and other companies in which it may have an interest, and to others.

The proceeds from the sale of all the above shares will be used for general corporate purposes, and especially to take care of the increased business expected by the company as a result of an exclusive contract recently arranged with the Chrysler Corp. for financing retail sales of Dodge Brothers' product, which is in addition to its present exclusive contract covering the sale of Chrysler motor cars, beside the business expected from similar exclusive contracts with Willys-Overland, Peerless, Thomas A. Edison, Inc., Kolster Radio, Williams Oil-O-Matic Heating, Gainaday Electric, Seegar

Refrigeration, and others. Also to furnish additional operating capital to its affiliates, especially to Kemsley, Millbourn & Co., Ltd. to provide for its increasing business in foreign countries.—V. 128, p. 733, 406.

Commercial Investment Trust Corp.—Stock Div.—
The directors on Feb. 14 declared regular quarterly dividends of \$1 in cash and 1% in stock on the common stock, both payable April 1 to holders of record March 5. Like amounts were paid on Jan. 1 last. Previously the dividends at the rate of \$3.60 per annum were paid in cash on the common stock.—V. 128, p. 892.

Consolidated Creameries, Ltd., Toronto.—Preferred Stock Offered.—J. P. Johnstone & Co. Toronto, recently offered \$250,000 class A 7% redeemable pref. shares at par (\$25), carrying a bonus of 1 common share to each 4 shares of pref. stock purchased.—

Capitalization.
7% redeemable preferred, class A stock (par \$25)..... \$250,000
7% red. preferred, class B stock (par \$25)..... 100,000
Common shares (no par value)..... 20,000 shs.
Company was formed for the purpose of acquiring and operating creameries located at Palmerston, Seaford, Drayton, Meaford, Paisley and Underwood, and such other creameries as the directors deem advisable to acquire.

Earnings.—The combined earnings of the units forming this consolidation for the year 1927, were as follows: Gross, \$50,947; net before depreciation and interest, \$26,455. Under joint management it is estimated that savings effected, &c., annually, based on an audit over a three-year period, will amount to \$32,500 without assuming that the butter-make will be increased as a result of this merger. Substantial earnings should be available for distribution on the common shares after the preferred dividend has been appropriated.

Consolidated Investment Corp. of Canada.—Bonds Offered.—Wood, Gundy & Co., Inc., are offering \$15,000,000 30-year 1st coll. trust gold bonds, 4½% series A, at 100 and int. (with non-detachable warrants as outlined below).

Dated Feb. 15 1929; due Feb. 15 1959. Principal and int. (F. & A.) payable in United States gold at the agency of the Royal Bank of Canada in New York or at the holder's option, in Canadian gold coin at any branch in Canada of the Royal Bank of Canada, or in gold coin of the Kingdom of Great Britain at the Royal Bank of Canada, London, England, at the fixed rate of \$4.86 2-3 to £1 sterling. Denom. \$1,000* and \$1,000r and authorized multiples thereof. Red. at the option of the corporation, in whole or in part at any time, on 60 days' notice, at 105 and int. Montreal Trust Co., trustee.

Legal Investment for life insurance companies in Canada under the Insurance Act, 1917, Canada.

Listing.—Application will be made in due course to list the preferred and common shares on the Montreal and Toronto Stock Exchanges.

Data from Letter of Pres. J. H. Gundy, Montreal, Feb. 13.

Corporation.—Has been incorporated under the laws of the Province of Quebec, with powers to invest and re-invest its resources in government, municipal, public service and industrial bonds and shares, to participate in underwritings, to organize or assist in organizing companies and syndicates, to act as managers, and to engage in public service, financial commercial and other undertakings. The policy of the corporation will be to distribute its investments and operations over a broad range of enterprises, both domestic and foreign.

The corporation's assets will consist mainly of cash and securities. Its revenues will include interest and dividends upon its holdings, as well as earnings that may be realized from other sources.

It is expected that the corporation, through its facilities for the study of economic and business conditions, will benefit from the security and profit resulting from investment in widely diversified enterprises in Canada and abroad. It will enjoy opportunities to participate in underwritings and other activities not usually available to individual investors.

Directors.—Sir Herbert S. Holt, J. H. Gundy, George H. Montgomery, K. C., C. B. McNaught, W. E. Wilder.

Assets.—The \$15,000,000 principal amount of bonds and the \$10,000,000 preferred shares and the common shares now to be issued, have been underwritten on terms which will provide the corporation with not less than \$32,000,000 in cash. All expenses of organization of the corporation, including legal fees, &c., are to be assumed by the underwriters.

Security for Bonds.—Under the terms of the trust deed, and prior to the certification by the trustee of this issue of bonds of series "A" there will be pledged with the trustee under the first specific lien of the deed, marketable securities (or cash) having a current market value of not less than \$18,750,000. The bonds will be additionally secured by a floating charge on all other assets of the corporation now owned or hereafter acquired, and before certification of this issue of bonds, the floating charge will cover marketable securities (or cash) of a current market value of not less than \$13,250,000.

Total assets initially to be available as security for the first collateral trust bonds, therefore, will be not less than \$32,000,000—equal to over \$2,130 for each \$1,000 principal amount of first collateral trust bonds now to be issued.

Management Expenses.—The by-laws will provide that the directors will serve the corporation without remuneration until such time as a dividend is declared and paid on its outstanding common share capital, and that the management expenses, including directors' fees, in any fiscal year will in no event exceed ¼ of 1% of the corporation's total funds.

Common Share Warrants and Share Purchase Right.—Warrants will be attached to bonds of this issue entitling the holder to receive, without additional cost, on surrender of such warrant, from Montreal Trust Co. (on the record date of the first dividend on the common shares declared by the directors of the corporation, or, at the option of the corporation, at an earlier date) 10 fully paid common shares for each \$1,000 principal amount of bonds then held by them respectively. In the event that the warrants become exercisable, by reason of declaration of such dividend, the shares represented by such warrants will carry the dividend so declared. If any bond of this issue is called for redemption, but not otherwise, the holder will have the right to detach the share warrant.

Holders of bonds of series "A" will be given the right to purchase, on or before Feb. 15 1934, five fully paid common shares, without nominal or par value, for each \$1,000 principal amount of bonds held by them respectively, at \$30 per share. If any bond of series "A" is redeemed on or prior to Feb. 15 1934, the holder thereof will be entitled, notwithstanding the call for redemption, to exercise this right in respect of such bond at any time before the redemption date.

An appropriate adjustment in the number and price of shares purchasable as aforesaid and in the number of common shares represented by warrants shall be made in case the corporation's common shares shall be sub-divided or combined into a different number of shares.

In the event of the reconstruction of the corporation (otherwise than by the increase in the amount or number of its authorized or outstanding preferred or common shares, or by subdividing or combining the common shares, which the corporation will reserve the right at any time to effect or in the event of the merger or amalgamation of the Corporation or the sale of its assets as an entirety, the corporation shall be entitled, on not less than 60 days' notice, given as provided in the trust deed, to terminate the share purchase right, but this right may be exercised at any time prior to such termination.

Capitalization.—(Upn Compl. of this Financing) Authorized. Outstanding.
1st collateral trust bonds..... \$30,000,000 \$15,000,000
5% cummul. pref. shares (par \$100)..... 25,000,000 10,000,000
Common shares (no par)..... 15,000,000shs *137,500,000shs.

* Corporation will reserve an additional 125,000 common shares for issue from time to time to holders of bonds of series "A" and of preferred shares exercising common share purchase rights attaching thereto.

Restrictions.—Corporation will covenant that the market value of all cash, securities and other assets pledged with the trustee under the first specific lien of the trust deed shall at all times equal at least 125% of the principal amount of the bonds then issued and outstanding.

The trust deed will provide that assets held by the trustee under the first specific lien of the trust deed may be released by the trustee only provided that the market value of the assets remaining under the first specific lien is not thereby reduced to less than 125% of the principal amount of the first collateral trust bonds at the time outstanding.

Continental Securities Corp. in Zurich.—Div. of 5½%

Holders of certificates of deposit for capital stock have been notified that funds have been received in New York covering a dividend of 5½%

on the corporation's shares. Holders of certificates of record Feb. 11 will receive \$5.01354 per share.—V. 126, p. 2153.

Crosley Radio Corp.—Listing—Dividends, &c.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 520,000 shares of common stock (no par value).

The stockholders Jan. 29 1929 voted to change the authorized and issued capital stock, consisting of 300,000 common shares without par value, into 600,000 common shares without par value. Two new shares are being exchanged for each old share outstanding.

A quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share has been declared on the new common stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 20. This is equivalent to 50 cents per share on the old common stock outstanding prior to the split-up. On the latter issue, dividends of 25 cents per share were paid in each of the 4 preceding quarters.

The Equitable Trust Co. of New York has been appointed New York registrar for the common stock.

Powel Crosley Sr., has been elected a director.

Income Account for Calendar Years.

	1928.	1927.
Gross sales.....	\$17,489,309	\$8,045,520
Less, allowances.....	28,479	53,854
Net sales.....	\$17,460,829	\$7,991,936
Cost of goods sold.....	10,520,797	4,938,579
Royalties.....	1,006,370	488,302
Gross profit.....	\$5,933,662	\$2,565,055
Expenses (excl. of depreciation).....	1,517,047	1,501,899
Profit from operation.....	\$4,416,615	\$1,063,155
Other income.....	150,893	123,336
Total income.....	\$4,567,508	\$1,186,491
Deductions from income.....	381,559	174,659
Net profit before deprec. & prov. for reserves.....	\$4,185,948	\$1,001,832
Depreciation.....	95,845	59,895
Provision for price reductions.....	—	126,000
Provision for Federal income tax.....	484,129	89,775
Net profit after Federal income tax.....	\$3,605,974	\$736,162
Net worth at beginning of year.....	2,668,150	3,084,896
Total.....	\$6,274,124	\$3,821,058
Dividends.....	250,000	—
Surplus adjustments.....	59,233	1,152,908
Net worth at Dec. 31.....	\$5,964,891	\$2,668,150

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Asset—	1928.	1927.	Liabilities—	1928.	1927.
Real estate & bldgs.....	\$1,018,893	\$677,237	Stated com. cap.....	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Liberty bonds.....	126,544	127,994	Notes payable.....	5,000	—
Other Govt. bonds.....	1,926,310	1,042,850	Accts. pay.—com.....	1,839,884	792,343
U. S. Treas. notes.....	2,073,469	—	Accr. taxes & pay.....	57,601	19,635
Accrued int. rec.....	14,651	16,524	Spclal funds.....	359	2,077
Accts. & notes rec.....	1,909,661	727,476	Res. for price reduc.....	—	126,000
Adv. to salesmen.....	4,240	6,735	Res. for div.....	62,500	—
Inventories.....	1,169,213	1,007,288	Reserves.....	584,129	89,836
Material in transit.....	210,241	6,354	Surplus.....	4,464,891	1,168,150
Deferred assets.....	12,594	63,438			
Patent rights.....	29,547	22,145	Tot. (each side).....	\$8,514,363	\$3,698,041

* Represented by 260,000 shs. no par value.—V. 126, p. 4087.

Distributors Group, Inc.—New Trust Formed.

See North American Trust Shares below.

Dolphin Paint & Varnish Co.—Stocks Sold.—Hendrie Hall & Murphy, Detroit, recently sold 10,000 units of stock consisting of 1 share of class A and 1 share of class B common no-par stock, at \$26.20 per unit.

Class A common stock is entitled to cumulative preferential dividends at the rate of \$2 per share per year, payable Q.—F.; redeemable at \$27.50 a share plus divs. on any div. date, on 30 days notice. Class B common stock has full and exclusive voting power except as noted. Dividends exempt from present normal Federal income tax. Exempt from present Ohio personal property tax. Transfer agent: Guardian Trust Co., Detroit, Mich.; registrar: Detroit & Security Trust Co., Detroit, Mich.

Capitalization.—Authorized Outstanding
Class A common stock (no par)..... 25,000 shs. 25,000 shs.
Class B common stock (no par)..... 50,000 shs. 50,000 shs.

Company.—Incorporated in 1917 in Ohio as successor to a business originally established in 1885. Manufactures a variety of products marketed under the trade name of "Dolfinite" and "Auto-Stik." These products include paints, varnishes, enamels, special pastes, water and gas resisting cements, water and rustproof cements, etc., and have been marketed for many years to automobile body builders, boat builders, railroads, and manufacturers of various items. Recently many uses have been found for the company's products in the aeronautical industry. Among recently developed products are adhesive cement, used in laying linoleum on concrete, steel, and other hard surfaces, and a special paint, called "King's Damp Proof Paint."

Earnings.—Net earnings of the company after taxes as adjusted to the current rate of 12% are as follows:

Year—	Net Earnings	Net Per Share	Net Per Share
		Class B Com.	Class B Com.
1925.....	\$55,789.00	\$2.23	\$0.12
1926.....	\$1,840.00	3.27	0.64
1927.....	101,466.00	4.02	1.03
1928.....	176,098.44	7.04	2.59

Dominion Stores, Ltd.—New Officers.

W. P. Pentland was recently elected Chairman of the Board to succeed Robert W. Jameson. W. Morley Smith was elected a Vice-President and will also continue in the office of Treasurer.

(S. R.) Dresser Mfg. Co.—Initial Dividends.

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the class A stock, and an initial quarterly dividend of 37½ cents per share on the class B stock, both payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 21. (See offering in V. 127, p. 3253).—V. 128, p. 736.

Dryden Paper Co., Ltd.—Annual Report.

Years End. Sept. 30—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross earnings.....	\$400,015	\$345,744	\$292,093	\$123,667
General expense.....	74,308	69,709	66,997	68,924
Interest.....	115,454	117,272	128,223	132,561
Net earn. before depr.....	\$210,253	\$158,763	\$96,873	def. \$77,818

Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1928.

[After giving effect to issuance of \$1,500,000 bonds and 50,000 shares common stock.]

Assets—	Liabilities—	
Cash.....	Accounts payable.....	\$62,475
Accounts receivable.....	Accrued charges.....	24,058
Inventories.....	6% 1st mtge. bonds.....	1,500,000
Deferred charges.....	Common stock and surplus.....	6,206,402
Mills, bldgs., mach. & plant, real estate, timber limits, & water powers.....		
		6,858,589
Total.....	Total.....	\$7,792,935

—V. 128, p. 893.

Early & Daniel Co., Cincinnati, O.—Larger Div.

The directors have declared regular quarterly dividend of 75c. a share on the common stock, payable March 30, to holders of record March 20. Previously, the company paid quarterly dividends of 62½c. a share on this issue.—V. 126, p. 2798.

Eastman Kodak Co.—Extra Dividend of 75c.—

An extra dividend of 75 cents a share has been declared on the common stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 a share. Like amounts were paid on the common stock in the previous ten quarters. The dividends just declared are payable April 1 to holders of record Feb. 28.—V. 127, p. 2962.

Edmund Francis Court, N. Y. City.—Certificates Offered.—The Prudence Co. is offering \$525,000 5½% guaranteed Prudence certificates.

Legal for trust funds in the State of New York. Interest payable F & A. The purchase of one of these certificates makes the holder the owner of a participation equal to the amount of his subscription in a first mortgage made by the Nor-Nor Realty Co., Inc., on the land and 10-story elevator apartment located at 423 West 120th Street, Manhattan, known as Edmund Francis Court and situated on the northeast corner of 120th Street and Amsterdam Avenue. It occupies a plot fronting 125 feet on West 120th Street and 100 feet 11 inches on Amsterdam Avenue.

Eitingen Schild Co., Inc. (& Subs.).—Report.—

Years End. Nov. 30—	1928.	1927.	1926.
Net income after all chgs. incl. Fed. taxes and after allowing for minority int. in subs.	\$2,131,254	\$1,912,310	\$1,818,614
Dividends paid	1,500,917	1,260,400	1,266,400
Shares com. stk. outstanding. (no par)	452,930	400,000	400,000
Earns. per share.	\$3.62	\$4.12	\$3.89

The net profits for 1928 are equivalent to 6.62 times dividend requirements on the 6½% convertible first preferred stock for the year and after deducting dividend requirements on all preferred stocks for the periods outstanding are equivalent to \$3.62 per share on the 452,930 1-7 shares of common stock outstanding.—V. 127, p. 415.

Electric Auto-Lite Co.—Acquires Battery Unit.—

The Company has acquired the electric storage battery division of the Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co. at East Pittsburgh, Pa. and the capacity of the newly acquired plant is being increased from 300 batteries a day to 8,000,000 batteries which will represent nearly 50% of the entire electric battery output of the entire industry.

In addition to the plant just acquired in East Pittsburgh, Electric Auto-Lite has factories in Toledo and Pistoria (O.), Adrian and Muskegon (Mich.), Indianapolis, Niagara Falls, Brooklyn, Oakland (Calif.), Toronto and Australia.—V. 127, p. 3547.

Electrographic Corp.—Further Expansion.—

Acquisition of four other companies is announced by the corporation for the purpose of extending its electrotyping and art divisions in Western cities.

The acquisitions include control of the Independent Ad-Plate Co. of Chicago, the Advance Electrotype Co., Inc., of Indianapolis, and the Ford Electrotype Co. of Detroit. A new subsidiary, the Reilly Electrotype Co. of Detroit, Inc., has been organized to carry on the Detroit end of the business. The corporation has also extended its art division by taking over control of Vogue Studios, Inc., of Chicago.—V. 127, p. 3547.

Eureka Vacuum Cleaner Co.—Annual Report.—

Years Ended Dec. 31—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Net sales to customers and dealers.	\$10,099,713	\$12,780,161	\$12,023,484	\$10,090,152
Manuf., adm. and selling costs.	8,871,982	10,551,345	9,604,933	8,150,936
Miscell. charges against income.	228,704	141,118	244,154	81,614
Provision for Fed. inc. tax and res.	131,300	281,500	295,000	231,000
Net income.	\$867,727	\$1,806,198	\$1,879,397	\$1,626,602
Dividends paid.	1,240,291	1,112,663	1,000,000	856,720
Premium on preferred stock retired.				21,894
Net add't'n for the yr. def.	\$372,564	\$693,534	\$879,397	\$747,988
Profit and loss surplus.	\$4,866,991	\$5,239,556	4,648,494	3,769,098
Shares of capital stock outstanding.	275,618	275,618	250,000	250,000
Earnings per share.	\$3.14	\$6.55	\$7.52	\$6.50

x After deducting \$102,472 paid as stock dividends amounting to 10%.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1928.	1927.	Liabilities—	1928.	1927.
Cash	\$492,836	\$563,220	Accts. payable for purch., &c.	\$277,164	\$671,294
Marketable secur.	208,246	217,324	Royalties		96,000
Notes & accts. rec.	3,300,001	4,148,621	Prov. for est. Fed. tax & for res'ves	131,300	281,500
Inventories	1,362,360	1,386,298	Def. royalty pay'ts	90,000	90,000
Misc. accts. & adv.	34,222	63,156	Res. for cont'g.	301,999	296,100
Real est., equip., &c.	1,224,970	1,258,308	Capital stock—	1,102,472	1,102,472
Prepaid ins., exp., &c.	125,852	113,772	Surplus	4,866,991	5,239,556
Imp't. to leased prop., less amor.	21,438	26,223			
Total.	\$6,769,926	\$7,776,922	Total.	\$6,769,926	\$7,776,922

a Represented by 275,618 shares of no par value.—V. 127, p. 958.

Evans-Wallower Lead Co.—Acquires Zinc Process.—

Company has obtained complete control of the Tainton process for the manufacture of superfine electrolytic zinc in the principal producing sections of the United States through acquisition of the rights formerly held by the Eastern Electrolytic Zinc Co., it was announced early this week.

Contracts have been executed which will give the Evans-Wallower Lead Co. greatly extended territory and considerably more favorable terms for their use of the process. The new territory includes all of the United States east of the Mississippi River, Tri-State district, the southwest and practically all of the western states. In addition the company has obtained rights for the new process to recover lead from electrolytic zinc plant residues.

Five new directors will be added to the board of the Evans company as a result of its expansion program. They are: U. C. Tainton, Victor Rakowsky, William McClellan, William B. Given and Milton Lloyd-Smith.—V. 127, p. 2962.

(The) Fair, Chicago, Ill.—Sales for Year.—

Years Ended Jan. 31—	1929.	1928.	Increase.
Sales	\$28,013,875	\$26,760,029	\$1,253,846

Note.—Does not include sales of Iverson & Co., recently acquired.—V. 127, p. 2962, 1955.

Federal Surety Co. of Davenport, Ia.—Expands.—

This company is doing a general multiple line casualty insurance business, has been licensed to do business in New York State and has been granted permission to sell 29,450 shares of its capital stock. P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., C. D. Robbins & Co. and Throckmorton & Co. have purchased the entire amount.—See V. 128, p. 566.

Federated Metals Corp. (& Subs.).—Annual Report.—

Years Ended Nov. 30—	1928.	1927.
Net sales	\$45,864,658	\$46,508,857
Cost of sales	42,984,506	44,151,975
Selling, administrative & general expenses	1,476,283	1,543,011
Net operating profit	\$1,403,869	\$813,870
Interest & dividends received & miscell. income	93,814	130,990
Total income	\$1,497,683	\$944,860
Interest on bonds	\$263,997	\$280,000
Other interest	45,775	91,072
Disc. on bonds written off	22,538	23,280
Miscellaneous		4,769
Bonus to officers & employees	56,883	
Depreciation	206,377	196,570
Federal income tax	90,864	
Net income	\$811,249	\$349,169
Earns. per share on 245,843 shs. com. stk. (no par)	\$3.29	\$1.42

Consolidated Balance Sheet Nov. 30.

Assets—	1928.	1927.	Liabilities—	1928.	1927.
Real est. plant & equip.	\$4,752,238	4,825,829	Capital stock	\$29,161,495	9,161,495
Cash	1,219,910	1,277,942	15-yr. 7% conv. bds. fund gold		
Notes & accts. rec.	256,423	319,103	4,000,000	4,000,000	
Accounts reciv.	4,093,120	3,574,962	Mtge. payable	30,000	50,000
Due from officers & employees	44,954		Purch. money mtg. install. pay.	10,000	
Treasury bonds		179,297	Prov. for Fed. inc. tax	90,864	
Sundry receivable	181,552		Notes payable	750,000	750,000
Inventories	4,615,688	5,029,702	Accts. & acsr. liab. payable	990,937	1,398,490
Sinking fund	713,285	393,405	Surplus	1,262,456	636,189
Invest. in other cos	178,721	131,571			
Deferred charges	239,857	264,363			
Total (each side)	\$16,295,753	\$15,996,174			

x After deducting \$828,880 reserve for depreciation. y After deducting \$166,479 reserve for doubtful accounts. z Represented by 245,843 shares of no par value.—V. 127, p. 3710.

Financial & Industrial Securities Corp.—Terms of Merger with Goldman Sachs Trading Corp. Announced.—See full details under latter company below.—V. 128, p. 894.

Financial Investing Co. of New York, Ltd.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross earnings	\$406,321	\$174,223	\$90,107	\$49,375
Interest & amortization	117,271	50,649	33,272	17,527
Operating expenses	58,079	32,564	22,824	14,373
Taxes	26,450	10,554	3,418	1,682
Net to stock	\$204,521	\$80,456	\$30,593	\$15,793
Net per share (\$10 par)	\$1.84	\$1.63	\$1.42	\$1.17

First Investment Co. of N. H.—Earnings.—

Years Ended Dec. 31—	1928.	1927.
Net income	\$215,669	\$114,713
Dividends paid and reserved	125,475	68,304
Surplus	\$90,194	\$46,408

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1928.	1927.	Liabilities—	1928.	1927.
Cash	\$43,004	\$64,562	Class A stock	\$1,000,000	\$831,150
Call loans	250,000		Class B stk. & sur.	188,900	78,718
Securities owned	935,896	936,306	Notes payable		58,000
			Res. for dividends	40,000	33,000
Total	\$1,228,900	\$1,000,868	Total	\$1,228,900	\$1,000,868

—V. 126, p. 7234.

First National Corp. of Portland (Ore.).—Stock Offered.—

Schwabacher & Co.; Dean Witter & Co.; Wm. Cavalier & Co.; Geo. H. Burr, Conrad & Broom, Inc.; Freeman, Smith & Camp Co., and Drumbheller, Ehrlichman & White, are offering 70,000 shares (no par value) class A stock (non-callable-participating) at \$48 per share.

Preferentially entitled in liquidation to \$60 per share and dividends. Also entitled to participate share for share in the distribution of the balance of assets remaining after the class B stock has also received \$60 per share. Preferentially entitled to cumulative dividends of \$2 per share per annum. Also entitled to participate share for share in any further dividends after the class B stock has received non-cumulative dividends of \$2 per share per annum. Dividends payable Q.-J. Dividends free from the present Federal normal income tax. Security Savings & Trust Co., Portland, Ore., and the Anglo & London Paris National Bank, San Francisco, Calif., transfer agents; First National Bank of Portland, Portland, Ore., and Anglo-California Trust Co., San Francisco, Calif., registrars.

Capitalization— Authorized. Outstanding.
Class A stock 300,000 shs. 70,000 shs.
Class B stock 13,333 shs. 13,333 shs.

Upon completion of this financing all of the class B stock except directors' qualifying shares will be held in trust for the beneficial interest of the subscribing stockholders of the First National Bank of Portland.

Data from Letter of C. F. Adams, President of the Company.
Business.—The corporation has been organized in Delaware for the purpose of supplementing and extending the facilities and service to the public of the First National Bank of Portland (the oldest National Bank west of the Rockies) and its affiliated institutions, and to invest the resources of the corporation in pivotal businesses located in the territory tributary to Portland.

It is expected that the activities of the corporation will have a favorable effect on the earnings of the institutions in which it invests and should result in an increased return to the corporation.

Assets.—Corporation will acquire in the first instance (a) all of the capital stock of the Bank of East Portland, except directors' qualifying shares. This holding will be acquired at its cost to the present holders, \$215,000. (b) 6,250 shares (25%) of the capital stock of the First National Bank of Portland, at a cost of \$300 per share. (This stock was bought and sold at materially higher prices during 1928.) Upon completion of this financing the balance sheet of the corporation will show total assets, including cash, of approximately \$3,780,000, or \$54 per share of class A stock.

The capital stock of The First National Bank of Portland carries with it a pro rata interest in the Security Savings & Trust Co. and an indirect pro rata interest in the Security Safe Deposit Co. As of Dec. 31, 1928, combined resources of First National Bank of Portland and the Security Savings & Trust Co. were \$53,387,816, and combined capital, surplus and undivided profits were \$5,091,993.

Earnings.—The current dividend return from the securities to be initially acquired by the corporation, plus an assumed rate of 5% per annum on the remaining cash is approximately \$166,000 per annum or \$2.38 per share of Class A stock, without giving effect to the undistributed balance of earnings attributable to the securities held. The earnings attributable to these securities are considerably in excess of the current dividend return from said securities.

Management.—Directors of the corporation will include C. F. Adams E. R. Corbett, E. A. Wyld, E. B. MacNaughton, C. C. Colt, Henry F. Cabell, H. F. Corbett, H. L. Corbett, Ben C. Dey, H. B. Dickson, H. H. Newhall, Joseph Simon, and Myron C. Woodard.

Listing.—Application will be made in due course to list this stock on the San Francisco Stock Exchange.

Fitz Simons & Connell Dredge & Dock Co.—Rights.—

The stockholders on Feb. 14 authorized an increase in the capital stock from 50,000 shares of \$20 par value to 100,000 shares of no par value. The directors propose to declare an extra dividend of one-tenth of a share of common stock, payable in four quarterly installments of one-fourth of a share each, the first to be paid March 1 to holders of record Feb. 23 and the other installments to be paid on or about June 1, Sept. 1 and Dec. 1 1929.

The directors also proposed to offer the common stockholders of Feb. 23 the right to subscribe on or before March 15 to 5,000 shares of new stock at \$40 a share in the ratio of one new share for each 10 shares held. See also V. 128, p. 895.

Foltis-Fischer, Inc.—To Open New Unit.—

The company, it is announced will open shortly a new unit on Broadway between 103d and 104th Streets, N. Y. City. The opening of this new restaurant will give the consolidated organization 30 units.—See also V. 128, p. 895.

(Fred F.) French Operators, Inc.—Stocks Offered.—

Fred F. French Investing Co., Inc., New York, is offering in units of 10 shares 6% pref. stock and 2 shares common stock at \$1,000 per unit, \$5,000,000 6% non-cum. pref. stock (par \$100).

The preferred stock is preferred as to dividends and assets and is callable, at the option of the company, in whole or in part, at any time on 30 days

notice at \$110 per share. Upon any liquidation or distribution of capital assets, the preferred stock shall be entitled to receive \$110 per share before any distribution shall be made to the common stock, which common stock shall be entitled to receive all the remainder of such capital assets so distributed.

Authorized Capitalization.

Preferred stock 6% non-cumulative (par \$100)-----500,000 shs.
Common stock (without par value)-----500,000 shs.

Company.—The Fred F. French Operators, Inc., has been organized for the purpose of conducting a general real estate business. Its charter gives broad powers including the right to purchase, hold, sell, improve and operate improved and unimproved real estate; to develop, underwrite and construct all classes of real estate operations; to make loans on and deal in mortgages, and to buy and sell securities including those of the various Fred F. French companies.

The company is controlled, through ownership of its common stock, by the Fred F. French Investing Co., Inc. Its policies and activities are directed by Fred F. French and his associates so that it benefits directly by their knowledge of real estate values and trends.

Fruehauf Trailer Co.—Pref. Stock Offered.—First National Co. of Detroit recently offered 10,000 shares class A convertible 7% preferred stock at par (\$50).

Redeemable at par and div. Feb. 21 1948. Preferred as to cum. div. of \$3.50 per share per annum, payable Q. beginning Jan. 1 1929. Also preferred as to assets in the event of voluntary liquidation up to \$52.50 per share and divs. In the event of involuntary liquidation, preferred as to assets up to \$50 per share and div. Red on any div. date upon 30 days' notice at \$53.75 per share and div. up to Sept. 1 1933, and at \$52. and div. thereafter. Convertible at the rate of two shares of common stock for each share of Class A preferred stock at the option of the holder. The conversion privilege extends up to and including any redemption date. Transfer agent, Detroit & Security Trust Co., Detroit, Mich.; Registrar, Guardian Trust Co., of Detroit, Detroit, Mich.

Capitalization.—

Preferred stock (\$50 par value)-----	Authorized.	Issued.
No par value stock-----	200,000 shs.	a10,069 shs.
a Class A 7% convertible preferred stock.	*200,000 shs.	153,369 shs.

Company.—Established as a co-partnership in 1916 with a capital of approximately \$32,000. In 1918 the company was incorp. in Mich. Since that time, it has grown to its present size solely by reinvestment of earnings. The sale of this Class A 7% convertible pref. stock being the first public financing which has ever been undertaken by the company. Company manufactures and distributes Fruehauf four-wheel trailers, semi-trailers, and carryalls, which are used throughout the United States and in foreign countries for transportation purposes in conjunction with motor trucks. Company is reported to be the largest manufacturer of trailer equipment for motor trucks and motor tractors in the United States, and has recently undertaken an expansion program to meet the growing demand for its products. The principal plant of the company is located on Harper Avenue in Detroit, Mich.

Assets.—The balance sheet as of July 31 1928 after giving effect to the sale of 10,000 shares of 7% class A preferred stock, shows: Total assets of \$2,014,501; current assets of \$1,531,283, as compared with current liabilities of \$404,190, a ratio of over 3 3/4 to 1. Net current assets amount to \$1,127,093, which is equivalent to more than \$112 per share of class A preferred stock to be presently outstanding. Net tangible assets exclusive of patents and good-will amount to \$1,344,949, which is equivalent to more than \$134 per share of class A preferred stock to be presently issued.

Earnings.—For the period of four years and seven months ended July 31 1928, the net profits of the company after depreciation, Federal taxes and reserves for contingencies, were as follows:

	Profits before Reserves for Contingencies	Net Profits After Resv's	Number of Times Prof. Div.
1924-----	\$68,707	\$55,707	1.59
1925-----	118,846	111,846	3.25
1926-----	126,490	102,490	2.92
1927-----	188,628	160,628	4.58
1928 a (estimate)-----	270,000	270,000	7.74

a Company's profits for the year 1928 (based upon seven months actual \$145,747 and five months estimated) are estimated at \$ 70,000 after provision for contingencies. Such estimated profits are equivalent to \$27 per share of Class "A" Preferred Stock to be outstanding, or over 7.71 times the dividend requirements on such stock and equivalent, after allowing for the \$3.50 dividend on the Class "A" preferred stock to over \$1.53 per share on the 153,369 shares of common stock outstanding.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for additional plant facilities to meet the increasing demands for the company's product.

General Realty & Utilities Corp.—Warrant Agent.—The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed warrant agent for the common stock subscription warrants attached to the \$6 preferred stock. See V. 128, p. 737.

Georgia-Carolina Brick Co.—Bonds Offered.—Wm. E. Bush & Co., Augusta, Ga., and Baker, Watts & Co., Baltimore, recently offered \$350,000 1st (closed) mtge. 7% serial gold bonds at 100 and int.

Dated Dec. 1 1928; due serially 1929-1943. Int. payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2% Principal and int. payable at Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co. of Baltimore. Denom. \$1,000cs. Red. on any int. date after 30 days' notice as a whole or in part, in lots of not less than \$20,000, at 103 1/2 and int. Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co. of Baltimore and Wm. E. Bush, of Augusta, Ga., trustees.

Company.—Incorporated in Georgia in 1902. Is now the largest manufacturer and distributor of clay products in the Southeast, shipping common brick into Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, and North Carolina, and tile and face brick into Virginia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Kentucky, in addition to the above mentioned States. Company is now acquiring all of the following properties: Augusta (Ga.) Clay Products Co.; Augusta Face Brick Co., North Augusta, S. C.; Hagler Brick Co. (2 plants), Augusta, Ga. and Hankinson Brick Co., North Augusta, S. C. In addition, company will act as the sales agent for the Dunbar Brick Co., Augusta, Ga., and the Darlington Clay Products Co., Society Hill, S. O., both of which manufacture common brick.

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be devoted to the retirement of bank loans and other indebtedness of the several companies whose properties are being acquired, to furnish the company with working capital, and to make additions and betterments to the physical properties by the expenditure of \$55,000, most of which sum will be used for the construction at the Augusta Clay Products Co. of an additional plant for the manufacture of face brick.

Earnings.—The net earnings for the 5 years ended Dec. 31 1927, applicable to interest but before depreciation and Federal taxes, averaged \$156,441 or more than 6 times the interest on these bonds, and about 3 1/2 times the interest plus the annual serial maturity requirement. For the year ended Dec. 31 1927, they amounted to \$31,679. These earnings are after giving effect to executive salaries of \$30,000 per annum, which the company agrees not to exceed without the written permission of the corporate trustee. The profits as defined above for the first 9 months of 1928 were approximately \$75,000.

Capitalization.—

Preferred stock, 7% cumulative-----	\$771,500
Common stock-----	307,300

Sinking Fund.—Company has agreed to pay to the trustee each month in advance one-twelfth of the amount required to pay the interest and the serial maturity of these bonds during each and every year they are outstanding.

(The) Goldman Sachs Trading Corp.—Merger Plans Announced.—Declares Special Dividend of \$2 per Share.—Plans for effecting the merger between Goldman Sachs Trading Corp. and the Financial & Industrial Securities Corp. were announced Feb. 11, to include purchase of the Financial & Industrial by the Goldman Sachs Trading Corp. for 2,500,000 shares of Goldman Sachs Trading Corp. stock, to be distributed to shareholders of the Financial & Industrial Securities Corp. in the ratio of 1 11-34 shares for each

share held; increase of the capital stock of Goldman Sachs Trading Corp. to 10,000,000 shares, and the payment of a dividend of \$2 on the 2,500,000 shares of Goldman Sachs Trading Corp. now outstanding.

The official announcements follow:

Goldman Sachs & Co. announced Feb. 11 that in connection with the consolidation with the Financial & Industrial Securities Corp., there will be distributed to stockholders of the Goldman Sachs Trading Corp. the sum of \$2 per share on the 2,500,000 shares of the new stock in view of the fact there was paid to the stockholders of Financial & Industrial Securities Corp. \$2 per share in Jan. 1929.

Waddill Catchings, President of The Goldman Sachs Trading Corp., in a letter to stockholders of the corporation said:

At a meeting of the board of directors of the corporation held on Feb. 7 1929, a stock dividend of 100% was declared, payable on Feb. 25, to holders of record at the close of business on Feb. 15. By reason of the payment of this stock dividend, there will be outstanding 2,500,000 shares of the capital stock of the corporation out of its total authorized capital stock of 2,500,000 shares.

The board of directors of the corporation has authorized the execution of a contract between the corporation and Financial & Industrial Securities Corp., a Maryland corporation, whereby the assets of the two companies in their entirety will be combined, in consideration of the issue by the corporation of 2,500,000 shares without par value of its capital stock. In order to carry out the terms of this agreement, it will be necessary to increase the authorized capital stock of the corporation and it is proposed that the total authorized capital stock of the corporation be increased to 10,000,000 shares, thereby providing not only for this acquisition but for the future growth of the corporation and other corporate purposes.

A letter to stockholders of The Goldman Sachs Trading Corp. from Sidney J. Weinberg, Secretary, reads as follows:

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of The Goldman Sachs Trading Corp. has been called to be held at the office of the corporation, 67 Wall St., New York, Feb. 21, for the following purposes:

(1) To consider and act upon a proposed amendment to the certificate of incorporation of the corporation, heretofore approved and declared advisable by the board of directors of the corporation to increase the authorized capital stock of the corporation from 2,500,000 shares without par value to 10,000,000 shares without par value.

(2) To approve a contract between the corporation and Financial & Industrial Securities Corp., a Maryland corporation, providing for the acquisition by the corporation of all the property, and assets of said Financial & Industrial Securities Corp., subject to its liabilities, in consideration of the issue by the corporation of 2,500,000 shares without par value of its capital stock.

February 16, has been fixed by the board of directors as the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting.

Following is the text of the letters which have gone forward to stockholders of Financial & Industrial Securities Corp.:

Enclosed please find notice of special meeting of stockholders called for the purpose of acting, among other things, upon a proposal whereby the assets of your company as entirety are to be combined with the assets of The Goldman Sachs Trading Corp. in consideration of 2,250,000 of the latter company's shares.

If the proposal is accepted these 2,250,000 shares are to be distributed among the holders of the 1,700,000 outstanding shares of this company, so that each stockholder will on liquidation receive 1 11-34 of the new stock in exchange for each share now held. Upon the conclusion of the transaction the aggregate outstanding shares of the combined company will be 4,500,000. The assets of The Goldman Sachs Trading Corp. are approximately \$122,000,000 and the company is to have the right to distribute to its stockholders \$2 per share, your company having paid \$2 a share to its stockholders on Jan. 1 1929. Our assets are to be accepted at approximately \$117,500,000.

It is proposed that the total authorized capital stock of The Goldman Sachs Trading Corp. is to be increased to 10,000,000 shares, thereby providing not only for this plan but also for the further growth of the corporation and other corporate purposes.

The plan will combine our organization and experience with the extensive organization and long and valuable experience of Goldman, Sachs & Co., one of the leading banking houses of the world. The undersigned is to be chairman of the executive committee of The Goldman Sachs Trading Corp.

Your officers and directors confidently believe that the resulting consolidation of resources and management will, from every viewpoint, prove of great advantage to our stockholders.

We appreciate the confidence and cooperation which you have so fully accorded in the past to the officers of your company and hope for ourselves and our new associates to command this confidence and cooperation hereafter in even greater measure.

(Signed) RALPH JONAS, Chairman.

The enclosed notice of special meeting of stockholders reads as follows:

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of Financial & Industrial Securities Corp. will be held on Feb. 21, at the principal office of the corporation, 11 East Baltimore St., Baltimore, Md., for the purpose of considering and acting upon: (a) the sale and exchange of all the property and assets of the corporation, as an entirety, including its good will and business as a going concern, subject to its liabilities, to the Goldman Sachs Trading Corp., a Delaware corporation, for the aggregate price of 2,250,000 full-paid and non-assessable shares of the capital stock without par value of said The Goldman Sachs Trading Corp.; (b) the dissolution of the corporation, to take effect as soon as may be after the effecting of such sale and exchange; (c) the distribution of the proceeds of such sale and exchange to the stockholders of the corporation as a final liquidating dividend; all pursuant to the agreement between the corporation and said The Goldman Sachs Trading Corp. containing the terms and conditions of the proposed sale and exchange, which will be submitted for the approval of the stockholders at said meeting; and (d) in general for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

Feb. 16 1929 has been fixed by the board of directors as the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting.—V. 128, p. 897.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.—Rights.—

The common stockholders of record Feb. 21 will be given the right to subscribe on or before March 16 for approximately 323,000 additional shares of common stock (no par value) at \$80 per share on the basis of three new shares for each 10 shares owned.

The proceeds will be used to increase working capital to meet expanding business, both foreign and domestic, and make possible larger investments in raw materials.

P. E. H. Leroy, has been elected treasurer, succeeding P. S. Hart.—V. 127, p. 3406.

Gould Coupler Co.—Earnings.—

Period—	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—12 Mos.—1927.		
x Net profit-----	\$29,027	loss \$39,061	\$255,516	\$317,254
Other income-----	25,207	8,942	81,879	21,256
Net income-----	\$54,234	def\$30,119	\$337,395	\$338,510
Interest charges-----	69,436	70,983	280,003	286,391
Net profit-----	def\$15,202	def\$101,102	57,392	\$52,119

Earns. per share on 175,000 shs. class A stk. outside of (no par)----- Nil Nil \$0.32 \$0.30
x After depreciation, selling and general expenses, provision or reserves and for State and Federal taxes.—V. 127, p. 2829.

Granite City Steel Co.—Rights.—

The common stockholders of record Feb. 6 have been given the right to subscribe on or before Feb. 28 for 58,470 additional shares of common stock (no par value) at \$35 per share on the basis of one new share for each 4 shares owned. The entire issue has been underwritten by Hayden, Stone & Co. Subscriptions are payable at the Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., 149 Broadway, New York City.—V 128 p 898.

Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.—Expansion.—

A published statement, understood by the "Chronicle" to be correct, says:
The company has made entry to the Minneapolis field and the first of several local stores will be open shortly. Up to this time the company has kept out of the Twin Cities, although operating at smaller points in Minnesota for the past several years.
Minneapolis will be the district center for Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and part of Wisconsin. A. G. Hoadley, president of the Middle Western Division of the company, commenting upon Minneapolis and Minnesota, said the company feels that it ought to do well in this field. Last year he said, A. & P. bought \$56,000,000 of dairy products from Minnesota and Iowa, of which \$35,000,000 was spent in Minnesota.—V. 127, p. 2829.

Great Northern Iron Ore Properties.—\$1.25 Dividend.

The trustees have declared a distribution of \$1.25 a share on the certificates of beneficial interest, payable April 30 to holders of record April 5. During 1928, the following distributions were made: 75c. a share on April 30, and \$2 a share on Dec. 28.—V. 127, p. 2375.

Greenway Apartment Co., Baltimore.—Bonds Offered.

Gillet & Co., Baltimore, recently offered at 100 and int. \$550,000 gen. closed mtge. 6 1/2% convertible gold bonds.
Dated Jan. 1 1929; due Jan. 1 1938. Principal and int. payable at Union Trust Co. of Maryland, Baltimore trustee. Interest payable (J. & J.) Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red. in whole or in part on any int. date upon 30 days' notice at 105 and int. Company agrees to pay interest without deduction for any Federal income tax not exceeding 2% per annum and to reimburse the holders of these bonds as provided in the indenture, District of Columbia, any state, county or municipal personal property taxes not exceeding in the aggregate 5 mills per annum, on each dollar of principal of bonds.
Convertible.—Each bond is convertible into the 7% cumulative preferred stock of the company at the rate of ten shares of stock for each \$1,000 of bonds with adjustment as to interest and dividends at the time of conversion.
Property.—Company has owned and successfully operated apartment houses in Baltimore for the past 10 years. Company now owns in fee simple the property located at the northeast corner of Charles and Thirty-fourth streets, known as the Greenway Apartments, and the property on Park Heights Avenue and Charlesworth Road, known as the Green Spring Manor. It has also contracted to purchase in fee simple the Green Hall Apartments now being erected at the northeast corner of St. Paul and Thirty-third Streets, and will shortly begin the construction of a new apartment building, to be known as Ingram Hall, adjacent to its presently owned Green Spring Manor.
Security.—These bonds will be a direct obligation of the company, and will be secured by a general mortgage upon the four properties above mentioned, subject to an aggregate of \$1,100,000 first mortgages held by institutions on the various properties.
Earnings.—Net earnings from the two presently operated properties for twelve months ended Dec. 31 1928, after eliminating certain non-recurring items, were more than 1.55 times the interest requirements on the general mortgage bonds, after first deducting the interest requirements on all first mortgages to be outstanding upon completion of this financing; and estimated annual net earnings from the combined properties amount to over 4.35 times such interest requirements, after allowing for a 10% vacancy in each of the two new buildings.
Sinking Fund.—Indenture provides for an annual sinking fund of \$25,000, payable in equal semi-annual installments accounting from Jan. 1 1931.
Listing.—Application will be made to list these bonds on the Baltimore Stock Exchange.

Guantanamo Sugar Co.—Defers Preferred Dividend.

The directors have decided to defer the quarterly dividend of 2% usually due April 1 on the 8% cumul. pref. stock. This rate had been paid regularly since April 1 1922, incl.—V. 127, p. 3085.

(B. B.) Hail Building Corp., San Angelo, Texas.—Bonds Offered.

Mortgage & Securities Co., New Orleans, are offering \$350,000 1st mtge. 6% serial bonds at par and int.
Dated Aug. 1 1928; maturing annually March 1 1930-1939. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Maturing principal and int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of the Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis Mo., or acceptable for payment at the office of the Mortgage & Securities Co., New Orleans and St. Louis. Callable on any int. date in inverse of numerical order at 102 plus int. Fed. normal income tax not in excess of 2% payable at source. Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis, and Orville Grove, St. Louis, Mo., trustees.
Security.—These bonds are the direct obligation of the B. B. Hail Building Corp., a Texas corporation, having its domicile in the city of San Angelo, and are physically secured by the following described property: A corner plot of ground fronting 125 feet on East Twelfth St. by a depth of 137 ft. along South Oaks St., forming the southeast corner, together with the improvements now under construction consisting of a 14 story concrete, brick and steel fireproof hotel and store building, containing 235 guest rooms, all with bath, and five ground floor stores.
This loan represents but 42% of a conservative valuation of the land and minimum cost of the improvements and furnishings.
Income.—The entire completed property has been leased for a period of 15-years to The San Angelo Hilton Hotel Co., composed of C. N. Hilton of Dallas, Texas; and John Guitart of Abilene, Texas (lease beginning from date of completion of the building) for a net consideration of 6% of the ground value and 11% of the cost of the improvements. This amounts to approximately \$75,000 per year, or slightly in excess of 3 1/2 times the greatest interest requirement of this loan.

Hamilton Brown Shoe Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Assets—	\$	\$	\$	\$
Real est., bldgs. & machinery	969,349	1,006,943	Capital stock	5,000,000
Lasts & dies, y	1		Notes payable	2,452,500
Cash	522,086	675,636	Accounts payable	483,724
Due from cust's	2,962,601	3,658,889	Div. pay. Jan. 2	50,000
Accts & notes rec.	133,465	309,654	Due to off. & empl.	41,631
Co. stk. for empl.	29,550	29,790	Due to depositors	89,111
Inventories	4,624,758	6,185,927	Federal & State income taxes	25,000
Inv. in sub. cos.	2304,004	443,854	Other reserves	6,159
Securities owned	26,051	134,343	Surplus	1,620,869
Improv. to lease	44,183			2,472,681
Deferred charges	71,787	96,061	Total (each side)	9,687,836
				12,541,100

* Real estate, incl. buildings, \$1,884,113, less depreciation, \$1,231,029, machinery and fixtures, \$1,007,810, less depreciation, \$691,545. y Lasts and dies, \$152,646; less depreciation, \$152,645. z Comprising investment in and advances to subsidiary and affiliated companies.—V. 128, p. 898.

Harbison-Walker Refractories Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Net earnings	\$5,500,262	\$4,699,999	\$4,707,545	\$4,551,620
Deprec., deplet., &c.	1,087,729	687,730	708,167	704,127
Net income	\$4,412,534	\$4,012,269	\$3,999,378	\$3,847,493
Prof. dividends (6%)	176,424	177,369	179,090	164,435
Common dividends	3,015,911	2,776,438	2,765,651	2,444,131
Balance, surplus	\$1,220,199	\$1,058,462	\$1,054,638	\$1,238,927
Previous surplus	5,878,841	4,820,379	3,765,741	11,526,814
Com. stk. div. (33 1/3%)				9,000,000
Profit & loss surplus	\$7,099,040	\$5,878,841	\$4,820,379	\$3,765,741
Shares common stock outstanding (no par)	1,440,000	y360,000	y360,000	y360,000
Earned per share	\$2.94	\$10.65	\$10.61	\$10.22

x After deducting \$696,832 expenditures for ordinary repairs, also Federal axes in 1928 (1927, \$1,154,619; 1926, \$1,305,289). y Shares of \$100 par val.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1928.	1927.	Liabilities—	1928.	1927.
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Property account	27,071,575	27,453,003	6% preferred stock	3,000,000	3,000,000
Betterments completed	8,553,553	5,959,281	Common stock	336,000,000	36,000,000
Bt. uncompleted	173,652	517,720	Reserves	2,092,826	3,684,938
Deferred charges	1,053,664	998,014	Accounts payable	1,437,161	1,264,846
Inventories	2,721,492	3,329,776	Pay rolls	171,192	187,478
Accts. receivable	2,804,384	2,348,760	Surplus	7,099,040	5,878,841
Notes receivable	25,812	49,919			
Cash	1,239,369	2,435,216			
Invest. securities	6,154,715	6,924,414	Total (each side)	49,800,218	50,016,103

x Represented by 1,440,000 shares of no par value, the stock having been changed from shares of \$100 par value to shares of no par value Sept. 17 1928, and 4 no par shares issued for each \$100 par share.—V. 127, p. 2693.

Harmony Mills, Inc.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Net profit after deprec'n	\$109,069	\$207,528	loss \$106,817	loss \$223,504

Balance Sheet as of Dec. 31.

Assets—	1928.	1927.	Liabilities—	1928.	1927.
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Real estate and machinery	\$4,657,079	\$4,743,290	Preferred stock	\$1,314,400	\$1,345,700
Inventory	1,395,269	1,370,540	Common stock	4,196,400	4,196,400
Cash & accts. rec.	355,295	371,757	Notes & accts. pay.	362,510	441,171
Marketable secur.	2,700	4,028	General reserve	1,850	2,278
			Surplus	535,183	504,065
Total	\$6,410,343	\$6,489,615	Total	\$6,410,343	\$6,489,615

—V. 126, p. 1048.

Harpen Mining Corp. (Harpener Bergbau-Aktien Gesellschaft), Germany.—Bonds Sold.

The National City Co. offered Feb. 11 at 90 and int., to yield 6.93%, \$10,000,000 gold mortgage 6% bonds, series of 1929 (carrying stock purchase warrants). A substantial portion of this issue was taken in the European markets, including \$2,500,000 issued publicly by Hope & Co., Amsterdam. The issue has been oversubscribed.

Dated Jan. 1 1929; due Jan. 1 1949. Authorized issue limited to \$20,000,000, principal amount of bonds to be outstanding at any one time under the trust indenture. Int. payable J. & J. Principal, premium and int. payable at the head office of National City Bank, New York, in gold coin of the United States of America without deduction for any present or future German taxes. Principal, premium and int. also collectible at the option of the holder at the city office of the National City Bank of New York, London, Eng., in pounds sterling or at Hope & Co., Amsterdam, in Swiss francs, or at Stockholm Enskilda Bank, Zurich, Switzerland, in Swiss francs, or at Stockholm Enskilda Bank, Stockholm, Sweden, in kronor, in each case at the then current buying rate of the respective banks for sight exchange on New York. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*.
Redeemable, in whole or in part, at any time at the option of the corporation, or on any int. date, through the operation of the sinking fund, in each case upon 30 days' prior notice at the principal amount and accrued int., plus a premium equal to 3% of the principal, if redeemed on or before Jan. 1 1934, or 2% of such principal if redeemed after Jan. 1 1934 and on or before Jan. 1 1939, or 1% of such principal if redeemed after Jan. 1 1939 and on or before Jan. 1 1944. The National City Bank, New York, trustee. Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft, co-trustee.
Data from Letter of Messrs. Fickler and Meissner, Managing Directors, Dortmund, Germany, Feb. 9.

History and Business.—Corporation, founded in 1856, is the largest independent enterprise in Germany devoted to the production of coal and its by-products, and the manufacture of coke and briquettes. Corporation's output is exceeded in Germany only by the United Steel Works Corp., which consumes the major part of its production in its own industrial plants, and by the State-owned mines of the Free State of Prussia.

The mines and properties of the corporation centre at Dortmund, in the Rhenish-Westphalian industrial district of Germany, internationally known as the Ruhr. The coal produced by the corporation is uniformly of the highest quality mined in the entire district.

In addition to its mining operations, the corporation manufactures coke and briquettes, crude benzol, refined benzol products and coal tar. The corporation is a stockholder of the Ruhr Gas Corp., an organization formed by the important coal and steel companies of the Ruhr district to effect a more profitable utilization of coke-oven gas through pipe-line distribution to industrial plants and municipalities of a large section of western Germany, extending from Cologne to Hanover. Ownership of these shares will, it is estimated, result in a material increase in the corporation's income, as well as providing a market for its surplus of coke-oven gas, formerly a waste product.

Property.—The corporation's coal reserves, including those of two subsidiaries, consist of more than 37,000 acres of coal lands. There are many seams, the coal varying widely in character, though all grades are of a uniform high quality. The mineral lands are estimated to contain reserves of 629,000,000 metric tons (2,204.6 pounds equal 1 metric ton) of unmined coal above the lowest level of present mining operations. Estimated reserves above the depth of 1,000 meters (3,280 feet equal 1 meter) total 2,600,000,000 metric tons and those above 1,500 meters total 3,700,000,000 metric tons. The corporation's mines have a sales participation allotted by the Rhenish-Westphalian Coal Syndicate of 11,000,000 metric tons of coal and 3,210,000 metric tons of coke per annum. Production in 1927 was 8,021,000 metric tons of coal and 1,590,000 metric tons of coke.

The coal reserves have been developed by 15 modern and completely equipped mines, in which are included 37 shafts, 19 of which are now in operation. The corporation was the first of the coal producers of Germany to introduce machine mining and has consistently maintained the lead in the adoption of all practicable cost-saving methods and devices. In 1927 80% of the corporation's coal production was machine mined. The magnitude of the corporation's operations and a strict adherence to the policy adopted early in the corporation's history, confining operations to the mining of coal and the manufacture of its by-products, have enabled the corporation to acquire adjoining coal lands and, through consolidation and elimination of unprofitable mines, to maintain a high standard of efficiency with resultant low tonnage cost of production. In recent years the corporation has been able to reduce the number of its operating plants from 22 to 15, and during the current year this number is to be reduced to 10, through consolidation and the enlargement of existing facilities.

The corporation owns 7,421 acres of surface land. It has nine by-product coke plants, with a total of 785 ovens. Included in these are several newly completed plants which rank among the most modern and efficient in Germany. Test runs are being made on the newly completed plants, following which it is expected that the coke participation in the selling syndicate will be increased.

Purpose.—The proceeds from the sale of the bonds of this issue will be used to reimburse the corporation's treasury for expenditures incurred and to be incurred for improvements and for the consolidation of its plants, and for increasing the working capital.

Security.—The bonds will be the direct obligations of the corporations and will be secured by mortgages, subject only to the charges securing the industrial debentures referred to below, on the operating properties of the corporation and its present wholly owned constituent company, Gewerkschaft Victoria, zu. These properties include coal acreage and surface lands, leaseholds, mining machinery and equipment, by-product plants, electric generating stations, machine shops, steam railroad properties and other equipment.

In addition to the \$10,000,000 principal amount of bonds presently to be outstanding, bonds may be issued, from time to time, to the extent of the fundable portion of the cost (computed in the manner to be provided in the trust indenture) of the acquisition of new operating properties, or of additions, improvements, extensions, &c., or of operating properties, or of shares of stock of additional constituent companies; provided, in each case, that aggregate net earnings (as defined in the trust indenture) of the corporation and its constituent companies, after operating expenses, current maintenance, fixed minimum sinking fund payments and taxes (other than taxes based on income), but before interest charges or provision for depreciation, shall have been, for two periods of 12 consecutive months each, occurring within 42 consecutive months immediately preceding the issue of such additional bonds, not less than three times the sum of the annual interest charges on all debentures and bonds to be outstanding immediately after such issue, plus the maximum annual fixed charges

on any and all industrial debentures outstanding on the date of such issue, and provided further, in each case, that net current assets (as defined in the trust indenture) of the corporation and its constituent companies, as of a date not more than 150 days prior to the date of issue, after giving effect to the application of the proceeds of such additional bonds, shall be not less than 40% of the aggregate principal amount of debentures and bonds outstanding immediately thereafter. Bonds may also be issued subject to the restrictions above set forth as to aggregate net earnings and net current assets, against the deposit with the trustee of amounts of cash equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. The cash so deposited may in turn be drawn out to the extent of the fundable portion of the cost of acquisitions of the character above described. The fundable portion of the cost of acquisitions will be computed at approximately 75% of the cost thereof, until the aggregate principal amount of bonds issued, added to the aggregate amount of any cash drawn out with respect to such acquisitions, shall amount to \$5,000,000, and thereafter the fundable portion of the cost of acquisitions will be computed at approximately 50% of the cost thereof. The trust indenture will also provide for the issue of bonds for the purpose of refunding other series of bonds outstanding thereunder from time to time.

The trust indenture will also provide, among other things, that the corporation shall not declare or pay any cash dividends on its outstanding capital stock except out of surplus earned subsequently to Jan. 1 1929.

Sinking Fund.—The indenture will provide for a semi-annual sinking fund, calculated to retire this entire issue of bonds by maturity. During the years 1929, 1930 and 1931, payments to the sinking fund will be made in sums equal to three cents for each metric ton of coal mined or taken from any part of the mortgaged premises, with the proviso that the minimum semi-annual payment to the sinking fund shall be \$125,000, and after the year 1931, so long as any of the bonds remain outstanding and unpaid, payments to the sinking fund will be made in sums equal to five cents for each such ton, with the proviso that the minimum semi-annual payment to the sinking fund shall be \$275,000.

Stock Purchase Warrants.—Each bond will carry a stock purchase warrant, non-detachable before July 1 1929, entitling the holder to purchase after July 1 1929 and on or before April 30 1932, for each \$100 principal amount of such bond, either one "American share," to be issued against the deposit in Berlin of 100 reichsmark (approximately equivalent to \$23.81) par value of common stock of the corporation or, at his option, 100 reichsmark par value, of the common stock itself, fully paid and non-assessable; provided that such common stock will be purchasable only in multiples of 1,000 reichsmark par value. The price to be paid for each "American share" will be \$36, and for the common stock, \$36 for each 100 reichsmark par value thereof. The stock purchase warrants will be void after April 30 1932.

The common stock is currently quoted on the Berlin Stock Exchange at about 131% (equivalent to \$311.90 per 1,000 reichsmark share), indicating a market value for the American shares of approximately \$31.19 a share. During the last six months the price range of common stock of the corporation has been 129 1/4% of par low and 159% of par high. The approximate equivalent price range in dollars for the American shares would be, low \$30.77 a share, and high \$37.85 a share.

The capital stock of the corporation amounts to 100,300,000 reichsmark par value, of which 100,000,000 reichsmark par value is represented by common stock and 300,000 reichsmark par value by preferred stock. 85,000,000 reichsmark par value of common stock is now outstanding in the hands of the public, and the balance is held for conversion of the 7% convertible debentures and against the exercise of the stock purchase warrants hereinabove referred to. The American shares will be issued by the National City Bank of New York, as depository, pursuant to the terms of a deposit agreement; and such American shares will be entitled to all dividends and rights accruing from time to time upon the deposited shares. American shares (in multiples of ten American shares) will be exchangeable at any time, upon surrender to the depository and payment of the necessary charges, for the corresponding par value of deposited shares, deliverable at the office of the agent of the depository in Berlin.

Earnings.—The consolidated net earnings of the corporation and its subsidiaries after operating expenses, maintenance, renewals, replacements and taxes (other than taxes based on income) but before depreciation, depletion, industrial debenture charges and bond interest charges, for the year 1926 were \$5,071,160, for the year 1927 were \$4,998,252 and for the six months ended June 30 1928 were \$1,919,447. The corresponding net earnings after depreciation, as charged, were as follows: 1926, \$2,537,961; 1927, \$2,562,027; 1928 (six months), \$796,805. The amounts charged for depreciation, on the books of the corporation, are considered ample.

During the 2 1/2 years given above, the amount available for bond interest and industrial debenture charges, before charges for depreciation, depletion, &c., averaged \$4,636,102 per annum. The annual interest charges on the present issue and on 4,859,000 reichsmark (\$115,905) 7% convertible debentures in the hands of the public and the present annual fixed charges on the industrial debentures issued, aggregate \$1,002,412.

Pro Forma Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30 1928 [Adjusted to Give Effect to the Present Financing].

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash—	\$2,506,771	Accts. payable or accrued	\$3,765,489
Marketable securities—	470,868	Gold mtge. 6% bonds,	
Accounts receivable—	1,934,913	series of 1929	10,000,000
Inventories—	3,424,626	7% conv. debts. (5,000-	
Other receivable assets—	195,967	000 reichsmark of which	
Inv. in secs. & mtges—	109,878	141,000 reichsmark held	
Inv. in affiliated firms—	1,492,297	in treasury)	1,156,905
Plant prop. (less deprec.)	26,833,275	Loans, purchase money	
Part of proceeds of dollar		obligs. and mortgages—	1,692,863
bonds to be used for		Reserves for conting.	1,711,973
new construction—	4,520,476	Int. of others in capital	
Bond discount—	1,500,000	stock of subsid. cos.	22,667
Miscell. deferred charges	232,415	Net worth—capital stock,	
		reserves and surplus—	24,871,592
Total—	\$43,221,488	Total—	\$43,221,488

[Conversions into United States currency have been made at the rate of 4.2 reichsmark to the dollar.]

Hartman Corp., Chicago.—Buys 30th Store.—The corporation has purchased stock and certain fixtures of the Schwartz Furniture Co. at Waukegan, Ill. This will be the 30th store in the national chain retail furniture and house furnishing stores being established by the corporation.—V. 128, p. 411, 257.

Hawaiian Pineapple Co., Ltd.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—		1928.	1927.
Total cases packed—		3,246,952	3,156,227
Gross sales, less outward freight, &c.—		\$15,732,673	\$9,127,181
Expenses, except depreciation—		12,635,779	7,208,858
Depreciation—		504,322	490,819
Net profit on sales—		\$2,621,572	\$1,427,502
Other income—		381,614	349,695
Gross income—		\$3,003,085	\$1,777,197
Interest paid and accrued—		86,243	167,538
Net income—		\$2,916,843	\$1,609,661
Special credits—			37,802
Total—		\$2,916,843	\$1,647,463
Special charges—		88,606	47,289
Balance—		\$2,828,236	\$1,600,174
Accrued income taxes—		464,484	265,473
Net income to surplus account—		2,363,752	1,334,701
Balance at beginning of period—		5,289,135	5,794,201
Realization in excess of par value on sale of capital stock—		5,624	15,701
Profit on sale of real estate—		13,358	
Total—		\$7,671,869	\$7,144,603
Reserved for employes' pensions—			50,000
Total—		\$7,671,869	\$7,094,603
Cash dividend—		1,244,975	901,048
Stock dividend—			904,420
Balance at end of period—		\$6,426,894	\$5,289,135
Shares capital stock outstanding (par \$20)—		622,116	622,525
Earnings per share—		\$3.79	\$2.14

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.					
	1928.	1927.			
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—		
Cash—	1,253,098	728,145	Accounts payable—	574,294	465,627
Accts. & notes rec.	1,151,841	905,498	Due to customers—	21,177	6,333
Inventories—	3,033,704	5,506,612	Notes payable—		2,350,000
Securities—	17,354	30,355	Acct. Fed. & Terri-		
Growing crops—	4,608,521	3,982,380	torial taxes—	464,484	265,472
Prepaid rent, ins.,			Deferred liabilities—	562,813	536,100
taxes, &c.—	1,546,579	1,681,774	Capital stock—	12,454,320	12,450,500
Prop. & plant—			Reserves—	194,786	198,382
Real est. & bldgs.	7,021,253	6,732,006	Earned surplus—	6,210,685	5,091,909
Mach. & equip—	1,601,063	1,536,198	Capital surplus—	216,208	197,226
Office &c., furn. &					
fixtures—	115,853	79,080			
Good will, patent					
rights, &c.—	1	1			
Other assets—	349,501	379,501	Total (ea. side)—	20,698,770	21,561,551
—V. 128, p. 568.					

Hathaway Bakeries Inc.—Listed.—There have been placed on the Boston Stock Exchange list temporary voting trust certificates representing 121,721 shares, without par value, Class B capital stock, with authority to add thereto on notice of issue certificates representing 45,897 additional shares.

Certificates are issued under a voting trust agreement dated as of May 25, 1928, under which American Trust Co., is depository and Walter H. Dietz, Lyman B. Frasier, Arno Geiser, Alton B. Hastings, Jr., and Alton H. Hathaway are voting trustees. The voting trust will expire on June 1 1933 (or earlier) as provided in the agreement.

There are already listed on the Exchange Class A and preferred shares of this company.

Transfer Agent.—American Trust Co., Boston. Registrar, State Street Trust Co., Boston.—V. 128, p. 257.

(A) Hollander & Son, Inc.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		1928.	1927.	Liabilities—		1928.	1927.
Land, bldgs, mach.,		\$1,394,461	\$1,318,866	Prof. stk. B. J.		\$500,000	\$500,000
&c.				Goodman		21,500,000	2,624,596
Good-will, formu-		460,000	460,000	Capital stock—		20,184	104,734
lae, &c.		238,630	97,025	Federal taxes—		500,000	
Investments—		452,443	397,425	Notes payable—		1,000	2,125
Cash—		55,012	88,505	Deposits—		35,000	35,000
Notes receivable—		531,953	758,328	Prof. stk. div. res.		737,612	
Accts. receivable—		91,957	82,574	Surplus—			
Loans receivable—		60,340	63,732				
Inventories—							
				Total—		\$3,293,796	\$3,266,455

* After depreciation of \$545,497. y Good-will, &c. of B. J. Goodman, Inc., only. z Represented by 200,000 no par shares. a Includes surplus. Our usual income account was published in V. 128, p. 898.

Hollingsworth & Whitney Co.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		1928..	1927.	Liabilities		1928.	1927.
Real est., mach',		\$7,944,984	\$8,329,596	Capital stock—		20,000,000	20,000,000
tools, &c.		3,323,027	4,331,598	Accts. payable—		967,246	1,447,308
Merchandise—		1,463,702	1,466,003	Surplus—		544,798	448,633
Accts' receivable—		4,798,112	3,741,526				
Cash & securities—		3,977,218	3,977,219				
Inv. in Can'n Co.							
				Total—		21,512,044	21,895,942

—V. 126, p. 2976.

Hyde Park National Bank Building, Chicago.—Bonds

Offered.—An issue of \$1,200,000 1st (closed) mtge. 5 1/2% serial gold bonds is being offered at 100 and int., by the First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago and Lawrence Stern & Co., Inc., Chicago, at 100 and interest.

Dated Sept. 17 1928; due serially Jan. 1 1932-39. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$5000. Red. in whole or in part, on any interest date at 102 and int. Interest payable without deduction for Federal income tax not in excess of 2% and certain state taxes refunded in Calif., Iowa, Minn., Kentucky and Michigan.

All of the stock of the borrowing corporation is held in trust for the benefit of the stockholders of Hyde Park National Bank, and the bank has agreed to assume ownership of the building prior to April 1 1929.

Hyde Park National Bank Building.—These bonds are the direct obligation of Hyde Park National Building Corp. and are secured by first mortgage on the land owned in fee and building at the southwest corner of Fifty-third Street and Lake Park Avenue, known as the Hyde Park National Bank Building. The land has frontages of 175 feet on East 53 Street and 80 feet on Lake Park Ave. The building—now rapidly nearing completion—is a 10-story, fireproof structure, with Bedford stone frontages, containing approximately 1,653,000 cubic feet and providing banking quarters offices and stores. Hyde Park National Bank and its affiliated companies will pay a rental of \$50,000 per annum for the bank space. The first floor will be given over to shops and safety deposit vaults for the bank. Above the bank quarters there will be 55,000 square feet of office space and two floors at the top of the building to be rented to an association of Hyde Park business men.

Hyde Park National Bank will be consolidated as of April 1 1929 with Kenwood National Bank. The consolidated institution will have a capital and surplus of \$1,000,000; total resources in excess of \$12,000,000, and deposits in excess of \$10,000,000. John A. Carroll, who will be Chairman of the Board of the consolidated bank, is also Chairman of the Board of Jackson Park National Bank, South Shore State Bank and Flossmoor State Bank.

Valuations.—The land covered by the mortgage has been appraised by two independent appraisers, the lower of which appraisals is \$500,000. The cost of the building, fixtures and equipment will be given over to shops and safety installations, will be approximately \$1,600,000. On the basis of these valuations, this issue represents 57.14% of the value of the mortgaged property.

Earnings.—Including the lease to Hyde Park National Bank and affiliated companies at \$50,000 per annum, leases amounting to more than 60% of the estimated gross income have been made in advance of completion. Total gross earnings, on the basis of average rentals from space already leased, are estimated at \$226,000; and operating expenses, including taxes, at \$75,000 per annum. This leaves an estimated \$151,000 net income available for interest, depreciation and Federal taxes—more than two and one-quarter times the greatest annual interest charge.

Insur. Securities Co., Inc.—Group Writings Increase.—

President W. Irving Moss announces that the net final writings for the month of January 1929 were 29% greater than the previous January.

The January writings for the four companies: Union Indemnity Co., Northwestern Casualty & Surety Co., Bankers & Merchants Fire Insurance Co. and La Salle Fire Insurance Co. were \$1,336,170 in Jan. 1929 as against \$1,030,573 in Jan. 1928, an increase of 29% over last year.

	1929.	1928.
Union Indemnity Co.—	1,069,937	874,415
Northwestern Casualty & Surety Co.—	195,395	97,846
La Salle Fire Insurance Co.—	43,771	30,180
Bankers & Merchants Fire Insurance Co.—	27,067	28,132
Total—	\$1,336,170	\$1,030,573

—V. 127, p. 3256.

Iron Fireman Mfg. Co.—\$250,000 for Advertising in 1929.

The company has appropriated \$250,000 for its 1929 national advertising, which will be devoted mainly to the campaign planned for its newly developed model automatic coal stoker for home use.—V. 128, p. 739.

Janss Investment Corp.—Stock Offered.—America Investment Co., Banks, Huntly & Co., Blyth & Co., Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., Citizens National Co., Hunter,

Dulin & Co., M. H. Lewis & Co., James R. Martin & Co., Schwabacher & Co. and William R. Staats Co. recently offered 35,000 shares class A \$6 cumul. stock at \$100 per share and div.

Class A stock has preference over Class B stock as to dividends and it is entitled to receive \$102 per share and div. before any distribution is made to Class B stock in event of liquidation or dissolution. Dividends are payable (Q. & J.) 1. Class A stock is non-callable prior to Jan. 1 1933, and is red. on any div. rate on or after Jan. 1, 1933, at the option of the company, on 30 days' notice, at \$101 per share plus divs. to Dec. 31 1934, and thereafter at \$102 plus divs. Transfer agent, Bank of America of California, Los Angeles, Calif. Registrar, Security Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, Calif. Dividends guaranteed by Dr. Edwin Janss, Harold Janss and Westwood Mortgage & Investment Co. jointly and severally. Dividends exempt from present normal Federal Income Tax.

Company.—Corporation will succeed to the business of the Janss Investment Co., established in 1901, which has successfully subdivided and sold, during the past 28 years, approximately 100,000 acres of California lands, including such well-known developments as Westwood Hills, Holmby Hills, Los Feliz Square, Belvedere Heights, Belvedere Gardens and approximately 47,000 acres of the San Fernando Valley. Corporation has been organized to place under one corporate ownership the assets of the Janss Company and various properties and assets heretofore owned, controlled or operated through subsidiary or affiliated companies of the Janss Investment Co.

Earnings.—Consolidated net earnings for the eight years ended Dec. 31 1928 have averaged annually more than four times the annual dividend requirements on the Class A \$6 stock to be presently issued. During this period the company has never had an unprofitable year and in each of the years 1924 to 1928 inclusive net earnings have exceeded the above average.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Issued.
*Class A \$6 cumulative stock..... 50,000 shs. 49,780 shs.
Class B stock..... 175,000 shs. 169,000 shs.

Both the Class A and B Stocks have full voting rights and both are without nominal or par value.

*Of the 49,780 shares of Class A stock to be outstanding, the present offering comprises 35,000 shares. The remaining 14,780 shares of Class A stock will be owned by Janss Company, whose stockholders are Mrs. Peter Janss and the estate of the late Dr. Peter Janss.

Johnson Educator Biscuit Co.—Resumes Dividend.

Dividends have been resumed on the class A stock, after a lapse of four years. A dividend of 50c. per share, payable Feb. 18 to holders of record Feb. 15 and a further dividend of 50c. per share, payable March 18 to holders of record March 10 have been declared.

In a letter to the stockholders Pres. E. Fred Cullen states that the past year was the most successful in the history of the company, and that sales are forging ahead far in excess of production. January sales were 100% over January of last year, it is stated.

Preliminary figures for the year 1928 show sales to be the largest in the history of the company and 60% greater than in 1927, which up to that time was the best year the company ever had.

Net profits for 1928 are estimated at approximately \$250,000 as compared with \$91,000 in 1927. In 1926 there was a loss of about \$3,500. The end of 1928 found the company with all indebtedness to banks paid up, this entirely from earnings. Despite the increase in business and factory improvements, no additional borrowing or financing is contemplated. ("Boston News Bureau.")—V. 117, p. 1894.

Johnson Motor Co.—Stock Sold.—Hayden, Stone & Co. and E. E. MacCrone & Co. announce the sale at \$33 per share of 33,290 shares common stock (no par value).

Transfer Agent, The Commercial National Bank & Trust Co., New York; Registrar, National City Bank, New York.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding.
1st mortgage 6% serial gold bonds, dated Dec. 1 1927 maturing Dec. 1 1929 to 1932 (\$8,500 principal amount retired) -- \$500,000 \$491,500
Common stock (no par value)..... *200,000 shs. 95,000 shs.
*10,000 shares reserved for options at \$33 per share.

Data from Letter of Warren Ripple, Pres. of the Company.

Company.—Incorp. in Delaware April 1 1921. Is the world's largest manufacturer of outboard boat-motors. The business has grown from a production of 3,500 motors in 1922 to 25,653 motors in 1928. Company manufactures a complete line of such motors, ranging from the single-cylinder 1 1/2 H. P. to the new 1928 model four-cylinder 32 h. p. "Johnson Sea-Horse." Preliminary tests of the conventional-type speed boat equipped with the latter indicate a speed in excess of 40 miles per hour. Company is the exclusive licensee under a number of valuable patents and also under a large number of pending patent applications, covering important new improvements, for which it is expected patents will be issued.

The present plant, completed late in 1927, located at Waukegan, Ill., where the company owns in fee approximately 12 1/2 acres of land fronting on Lake Michigan and running through to Waukegan Harbor, affords ample facilities for manufacturing, developing and testing motors and boats.

The plant has an estimated annual capacity of 75,000 outboard motors. Company also has leased, with an option to purchase, a plant located at Peterborough, Ont., Canada, where it now assembles and proposes in the near future to manufacture its units for the Canadian trade through The Canadian Johnson Motor Company, Ltd.

Assets.—The pro forma consolidated balance sheet as at Sept. 30 1928, after giving effect to this financing shows a book value of \$23.50 per share, of which approximately \$11 per share are net current assets.

Earnings.—Net sales and net income after depreciation and Federal income taxes at the present rate of 12% for the four years ended Sept. 30 1928 are as follows:

Year Ended Sept. 30	Motors Sold	Net Sales	Net after Deprec. Fed. Tax.	Earnings Per Share on Common.
1925	10,559	\$1,249,903	\$201,302	\$2.11
1926	14,417	2,103,952	369,166	3.88
1927	21,546	3,095,696	440,717	4.63
1928	25,653	3,348,623	257,069	2.70

The decrease in net earnings for the fiscal year ended Sept. 30 1928, was largely due to extraordinary expense incident to the removal of the plant from South Bend, Ind., to Waukegan, Ill.

Purpose.—Proceeds of this financing will be applied to the retirement of the company's outstanding \$508,800 8% cumulative preferred stock and to increasing its working capital.

Listing.—It is expected that the company will make application to list this stock on the New York Curb Market.—V. 128, p. 899.

(Spencer) Kellogg & Sons, Inc.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 597,695 shares of capital stock (no par value) which are issued and outstanding.—V. 127, p. 3101.

Kennecott Copper Corp.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 4,553,197 additional shares of capital stock (without par value) on official notice of issuance as a stock split-up with authority to add 62,700 shares of capital stock on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding capital stock of Utah Copper Co., making the total amount applied for 9,379,873 shares (of an authorized issue of 12,000,000 shares).

There will be delivered on Feb. 25 1929, to each stockholder, certificates for one additional share of stock for each one share of stock registered in the name of the stockholder at the close of business on Feb. 7 1929.

The corporation has up to Feb. 8 1929 issued 1,701,276 shares of its capital stock in exchange for outstanding capital stock of Utah Copper Co., leaving a balance of 62,700 shares out of the previous authorization still remaining to be issued. Any part of such balance of shares as is issued after Feb. 25 1929, (the date set for distribution of the additional shares of the corporation on the split-up) must be issued in double the number of shares in order to accord with the split-up which will then be in effect.—V. 128, p. 740.

Kroger Grocery & Baking Co.—January Sales.

Month Ended Feb. 2—
Sales..... 1929. 1928. Increase.
\$24,694,795 \$16,015,718 \$8,679,077
The above figures include sales of stores from dates of acquisition only.—V. 128, p. 899.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1928.	1927.	1926.
Number of stores.....	506	435	367
Sales (incl. subs.).....	147,465,448	\$133,847,477	\$119,300,074
Other income.....	708,145	543,555	862,994
Total income.....	\$148,173,593	\$134,391,032	\$120,163,068
Cost of sales, gen. & sell exp.....	127,654,960	115,777,136	103,659,942
Interest charges.....	217,305	359,702	314,298
Deprec. & amortiz.....	2,548,474	2,094,753	1,734,384
Fed. income tax.....	2,110,000	2,182,372	1,950,000
Net profit.....	\$15,642,854	\$13,977,066	\$12,504,442
Prof. dividends (7%).....	140,000	140,000	140,000
Com. divs. (cash).....	(16%)5,885,633	(12)4414,343	(12)4414,132
Balance, surplus.....	\$9,617,220	\$9,422,722	\$7,950,311
Profit & loss, surplus.....	\$38,658,560	\$29,041,208	\$19,618,486
Earned per sh. on com.....	\$4.21	\$3.76	\$3.36

* After providing for taxes and contingencies. y Figured on share of \$10 par value, the stock having been changed from \$100 par in January 1926, each shareholder receiving 10 shares of \$10 par value for each \$100 par value share.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—			
1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.		
Fixed assets.....	\$65,976,928	\$4,900,046	7% cum. pref. stk. 2,000,000	2,000,000	
Leaseholds.....	634,267	689,206	Common stock.....	36,786,197	36,786,197
Inventories.....	16,459,175	15,463,004	Mortgages & land contracts pay.....	15,513,419	12,628,477
Accounts rec., accrued int., &c.....	273,456	252,282	Accounts payable.....	4,832,976	4,132,925
Marketable securis.....	1,463,913	1,538,994	Accr. int. & taxes.....	638,000	502,759
Certs. of deposit.....	4,160,000	2,065,000	Federal tax.....	2,156,380	2,186,959
Cash.....	7,774,004	8,894,758	Res. for conting.....	71,888	71,888
Deferred charges.....	3,915,677	3,547,258	Surplus.....	38,658,560	29,041,339

Total.....100,657,421 87,350,546 Total.....100,657,421 87,350,546
y Land, buildings, equipment, &c., at cost less depreciation, \$36,525,810; furniture, fixtures and permanent improvements at cost less depreciation, 29,451,119 total, \$65,976,928.

President C. B. Van Dusen, Feb. 1, says in substance: The 500th store of this company was opened on Dec. 12 1928. [In 1912, we had 85 stores; on Dec. 31 1928, there were 506 stores actually in operation. The company employs some 22,000 people; has a staff of 20 buyers at Detroit; operates the Mount Clemens Pottery Co.; district offices in New York and Chicago; and a foreign branch at Sonneberg, Germany.]

We have entered Canada and organized a Canadian subsidiary, S. S. Kresge Co., Ltd. Locations for 30 stores have been secured in the Provinces of Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba, and stores will be opened as rapidly as possible. It is expected that 12 will be opened in Canada during 1929.

The future looks promising. Our program calls for the addition of some 80 stores in 1929.—V. 128, p. 899, 569.

Lamson & Hubbard Corp.—5% Accumulated Dividend.

The directors have authorized a payment of \$5 per share on account of accrued dividends on the outstanding \$1,431,700 7% pref. stock, par \$100, payable March 20 to holders of record March 11. A similar distribution was also made on this issue on March 20 1928.—V. 126, p. 3308.

Lane Bryant, Inc., New York.—Sales.

Month of January—	1929.	1928.	Increase.
Sales.....	\$1,085,123	\$920,214	\$164,909

—V. 128, p. 413.

Lerner Stores Corp.—Financing.

Merrill, Lynch & Co. will offer shortly an issue of \$2,500,000 6 1/2% preferred stock (with common stock purchase warrants). It is understood that an offering of a limited amount of common stock will also be made simultaneously. The Lerner Stores chain consists of 98 stores selling women's wearing apparel at moderate prices located in 49 principal cities of this country. Sales, it is stated, have increased from \$138,000 in the first year of operation (1918) to \$12,104,191 in 1928. The net profits in 1928 are reported at over \$770,000.

The new capitalization is to consist of \$2,500,000 6 1/2% preferred stock and 200,000 shares of common stock.

Lincoln Loan Corp.—Pref. Stock Offered.

The Meyer-Kiser Bank, Indianapolis, recently offered at par and int. \$750,000 6 1/2% preferred stock.

Preferred stock to be dated March 2 1929, maturing March 1 1954. Dividends payable Q.-M. Callable at 105 up to and incl. March 1 1934 and at 102 thereafter.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding.
Common stock..... \$800,000 \$400,000
Preferred stock..... 1,500,000 750,000

History.—The corporation (the common stock of which will be owned wholly by the Meyer-Kiser Corp. of Indianapolis), is being formed to acquire all of the capital stock of the Lincoln Loan Co. of Indiana, Lincoln Loan Co. of Ohio, Mayflower Loan Co. of Missouri, Lincoln Loan Co. of Michigan, Lincoln Loan Co. of Tennessee, Lincoln Loan Co. and Provident Loan Society, Inc., of Wisconsin, all of which companies have been engaged in conducting small loan businesses in conformity with the uniform small-loan law sponsored and recommended to the various state legislatures by the research division of the Russell Sage Foundation, and all of which companies have heretofore been under the control of the Meyer-Kiser Corp.

Loans so made to individuals are limited to \$300 in each instance and are secured by chattel mortgages. Starting with one office in 1924, the Lincoln Loan group has expanded its activities until it now operates 18 offices.

Profits.—On the present volume of business, net profits, after interest charges and adequate reserves for taxes and losses, are now running at the rate of better than \$175,000 a year and with the additional volume made possible by the proceeds of this issue of preferred stock, it is expected that such net earnings will exceed \$250,000 per annum or more than 5 times dividend charges on preferred stock to be presently outstanding.

Link-Belt Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 740,350 shares of common stock without par value.

By resolutions adopted at a meeting of the stockholders on January 24 1929 the authorized capital stock was changed from \$4,000,000 pref.—stock (par \$100) and 221,000 shares of common stock (par \$50) to \$4,000,000 of preferred stock (par \$100) and 740,350 shares of common stock (no par value) and it was provided that each share of common stock (par \$50) should be exchanged for 3.35 shares of common stock (no par value) and that the preferred stock remain as heretofore.

Consolidated Income Account Years Ended Dec. 31.

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Sales to customers.....	\$23,238,209	\$20,552,713	\$23,239,693	\$20,608,559
*Total cost of sales.....	19,710,139	17,919,499	19,649,828	17,725,215
Profit on sales.....	\$3,528,069	\$2,633,214	\$3,589,864	\$2,883,344
Sundry credits to income.....	301,731	365,029	292,158	281,180
Gross income.....	\$3,829,800	\$2,998,243	\$3,882,023	\$3,164,525
Sundry charges to income.....	173,498	181,449	166,208	20,148
Federal Tax estimate.....	414,478	359,358	496,679	375,868
Net inc. after Fed. Tax.....	\$3,241,823	\$2,457,436	\$3,219,134	\$2,768,509

*Includes depreciation as follows: \$456,523 \$437,298 \$429,487 \$293,165

Earnings per Share:
211,650 shs. out. Dec. 31 1928..... \$15.31 \$11.61 \$15.21 \$13.08
709,027.5 shares out. after recapitalization..... 4.57 3.46 4.54 3.90
—V. 126, p. 741.

Loft, Inc.—December Sales.—

Sales for Month, Quarter and Year Ended Dec. 31.
 1928—Month—1927 1928—3 Mos.—1927 1928—12 Mos.—1927
 \$909,381 \$995,439 \$2,124,814 \$2,299,134 \$7,263,070 \$7,862,116
 —V. 127, p. 3258.

Loyds Plate Glass Insur. Co.—Changes Name, Etc.—

At the meeting of the stockholders, the name of the company was changed to *Loyds Casualty Co.* The company in its 50 years of existence has written only plate glass insurance and is now entering the general casualty field. The authorized capital was increased from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 and the par value of the shares reduced from \$100 to \$10.
 William T. Woods was elected President, Robert P. Meneely, Vice-President and Percy Biglin, Secretary and Treasurer.
 The following directors were elected: Leroy W. Baldwin, John F. Barry, J. Rollin Brown, Samuel T. Brown, Gilbert Elliott, James Gibbs, Robert H. Coffee, Rudolph O. Haulbold, Robert K. Meneely, Stuart McNamara, Russell E. Prentiss, Clinton T. Wood, Jr. and William T. Woods.—V. 128, p. 741.

McGraw-Hill Publishing Co.—Registrar.—

The American Exchange Irving Trust Co. has been appointed registrar for 600,000 shares of no par value common stock. See also offering of 60,000 shares in V. 128, p. 260.

Maddux Air Lines Co.—1928 Operations.—

During the year 1928 this company carried 11,806 paid passengers, of which 7,815, or 67% of the total, were carried during the last six months. Maddux planes during 1928 registered 3,145,685 passenger miles, of which 2,788,450 or 88% were run on scheduled trips. Of the passenger miles 68% were made in the latter half of the year. A total of 434,814 miles were made in the latter half of the year. A total of 434,814 miles were covered by Maddux ships during the year, of which 239,820 miles or 67% were traveled during the last six months. Revenues from scheduled passenger service in Dec. 1928 were 2.75 times the revenues from similar service in Jan. 1928.
 This company is now operating, in addition to a number of smaller planes, ten of the huge trimotored Ford monoplanes.—V. 127, p. 3714, 3258, 3101.

Magazine Repeating Razor Co.—Recapitalization Plan.—

Notices to stockholders announcing plans for the recapitalization of the company were mailed on Feb. 14. The plan has been unanimously approved by the directors, according to Walter B. Lashar, chairman of the board.
 The company, which was organized in 1925, now has a capitalization of 35,000 shares of no par preferred, of which about 25,000 have been issued; 125,000 shares of no par common, of which 115,000 are outstanding, and 100,000 shares of no par deferred.

To provide additional funds for the company's use in expanding its business and commercializing new products, it is proposed to retire the old stock and to issue two new classes of stock, and \$1,400,000 of 6% convertible notes.

Class "A" non-voting no par pref. stock with a preference dividend of \$7 per share will be issued share for share in return for the slightly less than 25,000 shares of old pref. stock outstanding. This new stock will be convertible up to Dec. 31 1933 at the rate of two shares of new "B" stock for each share of new "A" stock.
 Of the new no par "B" stock, 410,000 shares will be issued. Class "B" stock will be offered in exchange for the outstanding common and deferred at the rate of one share of "B" for each share of common and two-thirds of a share of "B" for each share of deferred. Accrued dividends on the old preferred will be funded by offering one share of "B" for each \$10 of accrued dividends.

The company will also issue \$1,400,000 of 10-year, 6% convertible notes, each stockholder having the right to subscribe to one \$10 for each share of common and preferred. Half of this note issue, or \$700,000, has already been underwritten by Mr. Lashar, Irving W. Bonbright and others without cost to the company.

These notes will be convertible up to Dec. 31 1931 at the rate of one share of "B" for each \$10 note and the notes will be callable in whole or in part at any time after the same date.

The first \$300,000 of notes purchased by stockholders will not reduce the obligations of the underwriters who have already taken \$700,000 of the notes and it is expected that the \$1,000,000 will be thus obtained.

Application will be made immediately for listing the new stock and notes on the New York Curb Market.—V. 125, p. 3072.

Marmon Motor Car Co.—Dividends, &c.—

When the regular quarterly cash dividend of \$1 per share is paid March 1 on the 260,000 outstanding shares of common stock, the company will have paid in continuous regular quarterly cash dividends on its common stock a total sum of \$2,060,000 since Dec. 1 1926.

The dividend next month, which was declared recently by the directors payable to stockholders of record Feb. 15 will make the 10 consecutive dividend payment on common stock, it will be the first, however, to be paid on 60,000 shares of additional common stock issued in January for the purpose of providing funds for expansion of Marmon business and for the production of the new Roosevelt car, the world's first straight eight to sell at less than \$1,000, the 60,000 shares issued in January were offered to stockholders on subscription warrants which entitle them to purchase the new stock at \$55 a share in the ratio of 3 new shares to every 10 then held, the directors last December authorized 200,000 additional shares of which only 60,000 were issued.

The first Roosevelt car will roll off the assembly line in the Marmon factory the week of Feb. 18 and production is expected to reach approximately 100 cars a day before the end of the month. Although shown privately to dealers at the National Automobile shows in New York and Chicago and at several other displays throughout the country, the Roosevelt will not be formally introduced to the public until March 23.—V. 128, p. 742, 123.

Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corp.—Initial Dividends.—

The directors have declared the initial quarterly dividend of \$1.62½ a share on the outstanding series A 6½% cum. pref. stock and the initial quarterly dividend of 40 cents a share on the outstanding new common stock, both payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 16.—See also V. 128, p. 414.

Metropolitan Chain Stores, Inc.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross sales	\$13,512,704	\$12,262,174	\$11,006,876	\$8,675,403
Net profit	1,013,568	878,017	708,209	609,529
Res. for inc. tax & mgrs. commissions	215,472	211,805	176,562	138,728
Net income	\$798,096	\$666,212	\$531,647	\$470,801
Shares com. stk. (no par)	150,202	136,670	130,900	130,900
Earned per share after pref. divs.	\$4.15	\$4.01	\$3.13	\$2.66

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1928.	1927.	Liabilities—	1928.	1927.
Fixed assets	\$3,138,384	\$2,245,105	7% com. pref. stk.	\$3,500,000	—
Good-will	1	—	7% conv. 1st pf. stk.	—	\$1,015,000
Cash	845,644	214,259	7% conv. 2d pf. stk.	—	451,000
Notes & accts. rec.	105,579	30,668	Accounts payable	792,063	175,000
Claims receivable	9,633	14,869	Notes payable	—	556,615
Inventories	2,926,801	2,228,168	Commissions pay.	91,796	125,000
Other assets	1,194,815	473,304	Accr. tax, int., &c., payable	60,883	53,243
Deposits, &c.	137,907	117,262	Res. for Fed. & Canadian taxes	74,532	76,680
Deferred assets	218,936	89,646	Def. inc. (credits)	24,300	25,072
Total (each side)	\$8,577,701	\$5,413,282	Com. stk. & sup.	\$4,034,125	2,935,175

× Represented by 150,202 no par shares.—V. 128, p. 901.

Missouri-Kansas Pipe Line Co.—Exch. Offer Approved.—

Savings in interest amounting to approximately \$140,000 annually will accrue to common stockholders as the result of a readjustment of the company's capital structure by the stockholders at a meeting held on Feb. 13. The management is authorized to exchange 78,100 shares of common stock for \$1,468,500 bonds, 23,825 shares of common for \$476,500 one-year 6% notes, and 10,500 shares of common for 2,000 shares of preferred stock. As of June 1 next, the remaining \$55,000 of bonds and notes will be called leaving the company with a capitalization of 333,235 shares of common stock.—V. 128, p. 901, 74.

Missouri State Life Insurance Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1928.—

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Bonds	\$28,729,059	Capital stock	\$4,000,000
1st mtge. loans on real estate	49,272,861	Policy reserves	117,615,814
Real estate	9,405,015	Policy claims in process of ad-just. not due	1,078,930
Real estate sales contracts	828,766	Prem. & interest paid in adv.	1,021,145
Collateral loans	3,030,380	Divs. left on deposit with co.	1,430,076
Loans to policyholders	27,927,474	Reserved for taxes	490,735
Stocks	149,660	Conting. reserve for invest.	300,000
Premium notes	564,950	All other liabilities	1,076,371
Cash in banks on interest	4,649,972	Policy dividends	1,367,370
Cash in banks & home office not on interest	231,012	Surplus	3,228,392
Accrued int. on investments	2,607,934		
Outstanding & deferred prem.	3,942,894		
All other assets	265,855		
Total	\$131,608,832	Total	\$131,608,832

—V. 128, p. 570.

(John) Morrell & Co., Inc.—Initial Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 90 cents per share on the outstanding, no par value, common stock, payable March 15 to holders of record Feb. 28. See offering in V. 127, p. 3102.

Muncie Gear Co.—Initial Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial dividend of \$2 a share on the class A stock (no par value) payable in quarterly instalments of 50c. each on Apr. 1, July 1, Oct. 1 1929, and Jan. 1 1930, to holders of record on Mar. 15, June 15, Sept. 15 and Dec. 15 1929, respectively. See offering in V. 128, p. 571.

Munsingwear, Inc.—Annual Report.—

Period—	13 Mos. End. Dec. 31 '28.	1926-27.	Years End. Nov. 30—	1925-26.	1924-25.
a Net sales	\$16,813,342	\$17,433,659	\$17,962,601	\$15,775,600	—
b Cost of merchandise produced & sold	15,133,850	15,774,583	16,243,894	14,563,696	—
Net operating profit	\$1,679,493	\$1,659,076	\$1,718,707	\$1,211,904	—
c Miscellaneous earnings	293,126	109,120	262,554	134,632	—
Gross earnings	\$1,972,619	\$1,768,196	\$1,981,262	\$1,346,536	—
Interest charges	14,067	120,814	202,413	248,026	—
Prov. for Federal taxes	246,455	238,994	248,937	159,500	—
Div. & prem. pref. stk. (subs.)	248,428	217,500	202,906	90,107	—
Net applicable to holdings of Mun. Inc.	\$1,463,669	\$1,190,888	\$1,327,005	\$848,903	—
Divs. paid by Munsingwear, Inc. (\$3.75)	750,000	(3)600,000	(3)600,000	(3)600,000	—
Balance surplus	\$713,669	\$590,888	\$727,005	\$248,903	—
Total cap. & surplus	\$15,665,452	\$15,021,866	\$14,482,673	\$13,784,060	—
Earnings per sh. on 200,000 shs. com. stk. (no par)	\$7.31	\$5.95	\$6.64	\$4.24	—

a Of subsidiary corporations, incl. both underwear and hosiery, after deducting returns, discounts and allowances. b Incl. maintenance and depreciation of physical properties, advertising and distribution expenses and general and administrative expenses. c Discounts on purchases, rentals, interest earned and other income (net).
 Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet (Including Subsidiary Cos.)

Assets—	Dec. 31 '28.	Nov. 30 '27.	Liabilities—	Dec. 31 '28.	Nov. 30 '27.
Land, buildings, machinery, &c.	\$5,802,502	5,736,054	Capital stock & surplus	\$15,665,451	15,021,866
Good-will, trade marks, pat's, &c.	3,162,133	3,165,474	Min. stockholders' int. in subs.	—	—
Cash	2,987,049	931,814	Muns. Corp. pref.	1,697,800	1,940,000
Comm. paper	100,000	—	Thieme Bros. pf.	—	300,000
Customers' accts. & notes receiv.	1,978,576	2,757,716	Wayne 6% pref.	1,500,000	1,000,000
Inventories	5,219,858	6,157,741	Notes payable	—	300,000
Mutual ins. dep. & sales adv.	91,984	107,372	Accts. payable, accrued exp., &c.	324,558	321,958
Prepaid expenses	76,085	90,363	Pref. stock retirement reserve	—	36,000
Investments	18,187	18,306	Res. for Fed. taxes	250,364	238,994
Unamor. exp. pf. stk.	101,798	93,488			
Total	\$19,438,174	\$19,158,818	Total	\$19,438,174	\$19,158,818

× Land, buildings, machinery and equipment, less provision for depreciation. y Represented by 200,000 shares of no par value, valued at \$7,000,000; capital surplus of \$5,244,706 and earned surplus of \$3,420,746.—V. 127, p. 420.

National Bellas Hess Co., Inc.—Stock Split-Up, &c.—

The stockholders on Feb. 5 increased the authorized common stock, no par value, from 200,000 shares (all outstanding) to 1,000,000 shares, and approved a 3-for-1 split-up.

The Committee on Securities of the New York Stock Exchange rules that the common stock shall not be quoted ex stock distribution of 400,000 additional shares on Feb. 15 and not until Feb. 26.—V. 128, p. 902.

National Steel Car Corp., Ltd.—Stock Increased.—

The stockholders have approved an increase in the number of no par common shares from 100,000 to 150,000. The new issue is to be sold at \$75 per share. Orders now on hand for cars and other equipment exceed \$20,000,000. Improvements under way contemplated will cost \$1,500,000. ("Iron Trade Review")—V. 127, p. 1113.

National Sugar Refining Co.—New Shares Placed on a \$2 Annual Dividend Basis.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the outstanding 600,000 shares of no par value common stock, payable Apr. 1 to holders of record Mar. 4. This is equivalent to \$8 per share per annum on the old 150,000 shares of common stock of \$100 par value which was recently split up on a 4-for-1 basis. From Oct. 1921 to Jan. 1929, incl., the company paid quarterly dividends of 1¼% on the old shares.—V. 127, p. 2695.

National Tea Co., Chicago.—January Sales.—

Month of January—	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Sales	\$7,272,102	\$6,119,332	\$4,563,811	\$4,544,995

—V. 128, p. 415.

(J. J.) Newberry Co.—Larger Dividend.—

The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 40c. a share on the common stock (no par value), payable Apr. 1 to holders of record Mar. 15. The previous annual basis was \$1.20 a share (see V. 127, p. 964).—V. 128, p. 903.

New England Steamship Co.—New President.—

The directors have elected J. Howland Gardner, President of the corporation to succeed the late E. J. Pearson. Mr. Gardner has been Vice-President of the New England Steamship lines since 1913.—V. 126, p. 2324.

New Jersey Zinc Co.—Earnings.—

Period End. Dec. 31—	1928—3 Mos.—1927.	1928—12 Mos.—1927.	1928—12 Mos.—1927.	
× Income	\$1,998,617	\$1,683,669	\$7,443,546	\$7,038,769
Employees profit sharing	—	480,000	500,000	480,000
Dividends	(2)981,632	(2)981,632	(12)5,889,792	(12)5,889,792
Balance, surplus	\$1,016,985	\$222,036	\$1,053,754	\$668,977
Earns per share on 490,816 shares (par \$100)	\$4.07	\$3.43	\$15.17	\$14.34

× Income (incl. dividends from subsidiary companies) after deducting for expenses, taxes, depreciation, maintenance, repairs, depletion and contingencies.—V. 128, p. 263.

Nichols & Shepard Co.—Notes Called.—

All of the outstanding 10-year 6% s. f. convertible gold notes, dated Feb. 1 1927 were recently called for redemption Feb. 1 1929 at 102½ and int.

Payment is being made at the First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill., trustee, or, at the holder's option, at the Chase National Bank, New York City.

The stockholders recently authorized an increase in the common stock to 300,000 shares from 126,000 shares. Of the new stock, 42,000 shares were offered to common stockholders in the ratio of one new share for each three shares held. This offering was underwritten.—V. 126, p. 3463.

Nicholson File Co.—To Split Up Shares.

The directors in a letter to the stockholders have recommended that the capital structure be changed by a split-up of the present capital stock on a 6-for-1 basis.

At present there are 100,000 shares of \$100 par value stock outstanding.—V. 110, p. 1753.

Niles-Bement-Pond Co.—To Distribute Part of Holdings to Its Stockholders.

In accordance with the action of the directors on Feb. 11, there will be distributed to the common stockholders of this company, 2 1/4 shares of the common stock of the United Aircraft & Transport Corp. for each share of common stock of Niles-Bement-Pond Co. held. This stock will be distributed on March 6 1929, to stockholders of record Feb. 15 1929.

No fractional shares of United Aircraft stock will be issued, but Niles-Bement-Pond stockholders entitled to fractional shares of United Aircraft stock will receive warrants which, when combined in amounts aggregating one or more full shares, can be exchanged for stock of the United corporation.

After this distribution, there will be left in the Niles-Bement-Pond Co. treasury approximately 20,000 shares of United Aircraft common stock.—V. 128, p. 573.

North American Security Corp.—Directors.

The following have been elected directors: H. I. Stackpole, W. H. Walsh, Walter T. Lindsay, W. C. Sampson, Frank R. Zabriske and S. O. Leach.—V. 126, p. 729.

North American Trust Shares.—Shares Offered.

Financing for North American Trust Shares, a new investment trust created by Distributors Group, Inc., is being offered in the form of a new issue of certificates representing non-voting ownership in 112 share units of the common stock of leading American corporations, four shares of each company being included in each unit. The certificates are priced to yield more than 7%.

The offering group is composed of West & Co., Lee, Stewart & Co., Pearson, Erhard & Co., Pirnie, Simons & Co., Inc., Gibson & Gradison, W. W. Lanahan & Co., Kauffman, Smith & Co., Inc., S. M. Vockel & Co., the Mayfield-Adams Co., Snyder, Wilson & Co., Evers, Reber & Co., J. R. Woodhull & Co., D. C. Webster & Co., Inc., Weissenfluh & Co., Muggleton & Underwood, Inc., and Hord, Curtiss & Co.

A trust agreement as of Jan. 2 1929 between Distributors Group, Inc., who created the trust, and the Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, provides that the former shall deposit with the trustee certain shares of stock and a reserve fund of \$1,200 in cash and certain other cash as provided for, all of which the trustee shall hold in trust for the bearers of certificates for North American Trust Shares and against which deposit the trustee shall issue certificates for the first 2,000 North American Trust Shares.

Upon each deposit by Distributors Group, Inc., of an additional unit of stocks, together with the accumulated dividends and reserve fund, as existing from time to time, the Guaranty Trust Co. will issue additional 2,000 North American Trust Shares.

Subscription rights, stock dividends or other non-cash distributions on the deposited stock, including shares from "split-ups," will be sold and the net proceeds, together with cash dividends, distributed pro rata against such share coupons. Distributable earnings in excess of the rate will also be paid.

The trust will run until Dec. 31 1953. W. W. Watson Jr. is President of the issuing company.—V. 128, p. 903.

North Troy Building.—Bonds Offered.

Garard Trust Co., Chicago, in January last offered \$225,000 6% bonds at 100 and int. Bonds mature serially Dec. 1 1930 and June and Dec. 1 1931-1938. Proceeds will be used for construction of building.

Norton Co., Worcester, Mass.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

1928.		1927.		1928.		1927.	
Assets—		\$		Liabilities—		\$	
Real-est., mach. &c	6,336,633	6,217,761	Common stock	13,983,200	13,873,200		
Notes & accts. rec.	1,661,285	1,028,916	Accts. payable	1,021,063	408,564		
Cash & Govt. sec.	4,533,501	2,752,275	Accrued charges	x630,025	x338,870		
Inventory	4,725,113	4,960,076	Profit & loss, surp.	3,804,576	2,922,608		
Investments	1,834,706	1,859,082					
Miscell. assets	347,626	725,131					
Total	19,438,864	17,543,242	Total	19,438,864	17,543,242		

x Expenses accrued but not due, including reserve for Federal income taxes.—V. 126, p. 1052.

N. V. Margarine Unie (Holland).—Rights.

The directors have notified holders of ordinary shares and holders of certificates of ordinary shares of an increase in the authorized capitalization to Fl. 350,000,000 and the offer to them to subscribe for Fl. 34,184,000 new ordinary shares, in certificates of the Nederlandsch Administratie van Truistkantoor, of Amsterdam, equal to one-third the nominal amount of their present holdings at a price of Fl. 1,500 for each certificate of Fl. 1,000, and Fl. 150 for each Fl. 100 share, payment in full to be made March 11 1929.

The right to subscribe for the new issue expires Feb. 28. The new shares will be listed on the Amsterdam and Rotterdam Stock Exchanges.

Of the Fl. 350,000,000 authorized capital of the company, 100,000,000 are 7% cumul. preference shares and Fl. 250,000,000 are ordinary shares. Of the authorized amount, Fl. 13,000,000 of the cumulative shares have been issued as well as Fl. 102,552,000 ordinary shares.

The board of directors will comprise: The Right Hon. The Earl of Bessborough, C.M.G., Chairman; His Excellency Dr. R. J. H. Patyn, Vice-Chairman; Anton Jurgens, H.Z.N., Henry Jurgens; Rudolf Jurgens; Emile Jurgens; Jean H. Tresfon; Albert Van Den Bergh; Leo Van Den Bergh; Donald Van Den Bergh; J. P. Sidney; J. Van Den Bergh and Paul Rykens.

Subscription applications will be received at the London offices of J. Henry Schroeder & Co. and the Midland Bank, Ltd., or any of its branches.—V. 128, p. 742.

Oil Well Supply Investment Co.—Change in Name, &c.

See Pennsylvania Industries, Inc.—V. 124, p. 3081; V. 126, p. 4096.

Pacific Lime Co., Ltd.—98% of Preferred Stockholders Agree to Take Three Years' Dividends in Lieu of All Arrearages.

Over 98% of the preferred shareholders accepted a recent offer by the company, whereby they were to receive a payment of \$21 per share in lieu of all back dividends up to and including Jan. 1 1929. The payment was made on Jan. 31 this year through the Royal Bank of Canada, Vancouver, B. C. It is anticipated that the regular quarterly dividend will be paid as of April 1.

No dividends had been paid upon any of the preference shares since Jan. 2 1918.

The shareholder approving the above agrees on behalf of himself and of the other holders of preference shares to accept 3 years' dividends at the rate of 7% per annum in full satisfaction of all arrears of dividends including that payable on Jan. 1 1929, and that the right of the preference shareholders to any further arrears of divs. be abrogated.—V. 104, p. 367.

Pacific Tin Corp.—Special Distribution of \$3 Per Share.

The directors on Feb. 4 declared a distribution out of its cash capital amounting to \$3 per share on the authorized special stock, payable Mar. 1. This distribution is a payment of 3-23rds of the distribution value of each share, and is a payment of the surrender value of distribution coupons 1, 2 and 3.

Holders of shares of beneficial interest of Yukon-Alaska Trust who have not yet surrendered their certificates for special stock of the Pacific Tin

Corp. cannot obtain this distribution or future distributions until they have secured their corresponding shares of special stock of the Pacific Tin Corp.—V. 127, p. 3103.

Paramount Famous Lasky Corp.—Earnings.

The corporation estimates its net profits, after depreciation and taxes, for the year ended Dec. 29 1928, including its 65% undistributed share of earnings of Balaban & Katz Corp., at \$8,700,000 as against \$8,050,000 in 1927, an increase of 8%, 1927 having been the previous record year.

The net profit for the year 1928 is equal to \$4.22 per share on the com. stock entitled to dividend on Dec. 29 1928. The profits for the fourth quarter are estimated at \$2,725,000, a new record for the fourth quarter of any year, the prior record having been the fourth quarter of 1924, when profits were \$2,500,000. The profits for the fourth quarter of \$2,725,000 are equal to \$1.32 per share on the common stock entitled to dividend on Dec. 29 1928. Comparative figures follow:

	1928.	1927.	1926.
Fourth quarter earnings	\$2,725,000	\$2,400,000	\$1,960,000
Year earnings	\$8,700,000	\$8,050,000	\$5,600,000

On Dec. 28 and 29 1928, the company issued an additional 100,708 shares of its common stock in exchange for additional common stock of Balaban & Katz Corp., of which the company now owns a total of approximately 87 1/2%. This additional 100,708 shares did not receive dividends on Dec. 29, and therefore is not considered in the calculation of the per share earnings. In the calculation of earnings for the year, the company has only included 65% of the earnings of Balaban & Katz Corp., although it is not the owner of approximately 87 1/2% of the stock of this subsidiary.—V. 128, p. 125.

Parke, Davis & Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years.	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross earnings	\$9,723,352	\$8,721,050	\$8,493,380	\$7,904,974
Reserve to equalize value of current assets in foreign countries with market rates of exchange	-----	-----	19,218	8,550
Res. for depreciation	434,477	345,685	304,463	343,146
Federal & foreign taxes	1,080,000	1,060,000	1,045,000	975,000
Net income	\$8,208,874	\$7,315,365	\$7,124,699	\$6,578,278
Cash dividends	7,835,380	7,121,774	5,697,069	5,696,065
Bal. sur. for year	\$373,494	\$193,591	1,427,630	\$882,213
Previous surplus	10,691,735	10,498,144	9,170,514	8,388,301
Employees' pension fund	Dr100,000	-----	Dr100,000	Dr100,000
Adj. tax reserve	Cr500,000	-----	-----	-----
Profit & loss surplus	\$11,465,229	\$10,691,735	\$10,498,144	\$9,170,514
Shares of capital stock outstanding (no par)	4,749,619	4,747,829	x949,576	x949,392
Earn. persh. on cap.stk.	\$1.75	\$1.54	\$0.76	\$0.93
x Par \$25.				

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1928.	1927.	Liabilities—	1928.	1927.
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Land, buildings, machinery, &c.	5,615,791	5,886,770	Capital stock	x23,775,845	23,739,145
Formulae, trade-marks, &c.	10,500,000	10,500,000	Accts. payable	930,857	672,010
Inventories	6,892,924	6,900,559	Reserve for special taxes	1,329,598	1,720,643
Investments	8,803,080	8,120,902	Dividend reserve	2,849,771	2,136,523
Cash	2,690,855	3,278,025	Surplus	11,465,229	10,691,735
Accts. receivable	4,448,651	4,273,794	Total (each side)	40,351,300	38,960,056

x Represented by 4,749,619 shares of no par value. y After deducting depreciation of \$3,079,440.—V. 127, p. 3412.

Pacific Western Oil Co.—Enters New Field.

The company has acquired 10 acres in the new Lawdale field adjacent to the Englewood field in which a discovery well recently was brought in, flowing 1,000 barrels of 32 degree gravity oil daily. The company is drilling two wells on this location and is making preparations for additional drilling locations where operations will be started soon.—V. 128, p. 903.

Pennok Oil Corp.—Stockholders Receive Offer for Holdings.

President John L. Weeks Feb. 13 says: For the past several years the trend in the oil industry has been toward consolidation. The mounting cost of development work, the growing need of maintaining large highly trained geological and scientific staffs, and the need for pipe lines, refineries and retail distributing facilities to go with the production of oil, have all made it increasingly difficult for the small independent producer to operate at a profit. With this in view, and with the realization of the difficulties under which the company must continue to operate, the directors have felt the advisability of a merger with some stronger organization.

The Simms Petroleum Co. have made an offer to exchange one share of their capital stock for each four shares of the capital stock of the Pennok Oil Corp., provided that 51% of the outstanding stock of the latter corporation, or 70,482 shares, be deposited for such exchange with the New York Trust Co. on or before March 29 1929, or within such extended period not exceeding 30 days as may be fixed by the Simms Petroleum Co. This offer also provides for the payment of \$5 per share in cash for all stock deposited in excess of multiples of four shares.

Four of your directors are also directors of the Simms Petroleum Co., and are, therefore, thoroughly familiar with its properties and business. The company has a present production of approximately 10,000 barrels per day net, and in addition a large potential shut-in production in west Texas. It has two refineries, two casing-head gasoline plants, and an excellent retail marketing organization. The stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange where it has an active market. In December 1928 Simms resumed dividend payments with a dividend of 40c. per share, and has declared a dividend of the same amount payable March 15 1929.

[This offer has been authorized by the directors of the Simms Petroleum Co.]—V. 127, p. 965.

Pennsylvania Industries, Inc.—Stocks Offered.

Dillon, Read & Co., Dominick & Dominick, J. H. Holmes & Co. and Hill, Wright & Frew are offering 50,000 shares 6% cumulative preferred stock (\$100 par) and 25,000 shares common stock (without par value), with common stock subscription warrants, in units at \$110 per unit (plus div. on pref. stock.) Each unit represents 1 share of preferred stock, a warrant relating to 1 share of common stock, and 1/2 share of common stock; stock certificates to be deliverable on Feb. 1 1930, or earlier at the option of the board of directors.

Each certificate representing preferred stock will carry a subscription warrant (non-detachable, except in event of redemption of the pref. stock), entitling the holder thereof to subscribe, on or before Feb. 1 1934, for common stock of the company at \$30 a share, in the ratio of one share of common stock for each share of pref. stock represented by such certificate. The 6% cumul. pref. stock is to be authorized in the par amount of \$10,000,000, of which \$6,925,000 (including this offering) is to be presently issued. It is to be entitled to cumul. divs. at the rate of 6% per annum and as to assets, in event of involuntary liquidation, to \$100 a share and divs., and, in event of voluntary liquidation, to \$105 a share and divs. Red. at any time, as a whole or in part, on 30 days' notice, at \$105 a share and divs. Divs. payable Q-F, accruing on this issue from Feb. 1 1929. Divs. free of present normal Federal income tax. Penn. personal property tax on preferred stock not exceeding 4 mills per annum refundable. Chemical National Bank of New York and First National Bank at Pittsburgh, registrars, and National Park Bank, New York, and Peoples Savings & Trust Co., Pittsburgh, transfer agents, for the unit certificates and for the 6% cumul. pref. stock. The unit certificates will be issued by Peoples Savings & Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, depository.

Data from Letter of J. H. Hillman Jr., Chairman of the Board. Pennsylvania Industries, Inc. (by which name it is proposed that the present Oil Well Supply Investment Co. shall be known), a Delaware corporation, has, in addition to a substantial amount of cash, securities with an aggregate market value (based on current quotations) of over \$3,300,000, which securities are carried on the books at cost to the company, approximately \$3,660,000. Upon completion of this financing,

Pennsylvania Industries, Inc., will have total assets (including securities taken at present market value as above) of approximately \$15,100,000, of which about \$5,400,000 represents common stock of Spang, Chalfant & Co., Inc. Other securities owned by the company include investments in the common stock of Sharon Steel Hoop Co., and in the preferred and common stocks of A. M. Byers Co.

The company, upon completion of this financing, will be without debt except as to current taxes reserved for in the amount of \$99,658. After allowance for such reserve and for reserve for contingencies of \$215,307, but without provision for income taxes on unrealized appreciation of securities and on appreciation not realized in cash, the company will have total net assets, valued on the basis stated above, of approximately \$14,800,000, which is more than twice the \$6,925,000 par value of preferred stock presently to be issued.

Purpose.—The proceeds of this offering will be available for the expansion and diversification of the company's business. Although the company's charter gives it broad powers for the purchase and sale of securities, it is the present intention of the management to utilize such proceeds in the purchase of securities of industrial companies located mainly in the Pittsburgh district. By acquiring substantial interests in such companies, it is believed that the management may assist in an advisory capacity in the determination of operating and financial policies, with resultant benefits from the closer interrelation of policies, of the companies in which such substantial interests are acquired.

Management.—The board of directors includes the following: A. H. Beale, F. F. Brooks, E. M. Byers, J. H. Hillman Jr., S. Clarke Reed, A. C. Robinson and A. B. Sheets.

Capitalization.—
Authorized. Issued.
6% cum. pref. stock (par \$100)----- \$10,000,000 \$6,925,000
Common stock (no par value)----- \$750,000 shs. 387,425 shs.

* Of this amount 69,250 shares are to be reserved against subscription warrants to be issued with the \$6,925,000 pref. stock presently to be issued, 100,000 additional shares are to be reserved against warrants, identical in substance, to be issued for services in connection with the recapitalization and also the financing of the company.

Of the amounts of pref. and common stocks presently to be issued, as shown above, the proceeds of \$1,925,000 par value of pref. stock (with warrants) and 9,625 shares of common stock are to be used, together with other corporate funds, in connection with the retirement of the outstanding \$1,925,000 7% cum. pref. stock (the full redemption price to be deposited for such retirement). The proceeds of the remaining \$5,000,000 par value of pref. stock (with warrants) and of 25,000 shares of common stock will enable the company to expand and diversify its business, as above.

Earnings.—Earnings of the company's organization in Feb. 1927 to Dec. 31 1928, before deducting interest on indebtedness retired (but after Federal income taxes adjusted to give effect to such elimination), have been as follows:

Table with columns: Cash dividends received, Interest earned, Profit on sale of securities, Total income, Expenses, Federal taxes, Balance before preferred dividends. Rows for Feb. 17 1927 to Dec. 31 '28 and Jan. 1 1928 to Dec. 31 '28.

The officers of the company have served without salary since organization, and have agreed so to serve during the balance of 1929. Expenses, in the amounts shown above, are exclusive of allowance for \$34,000 par value of preferred stock issued for services, including services in connection with the original financing of the company.

Earnings as above shown give no effect to benefits expected to result from the investment of the proceeds of this offering. The annual dividend requirement on the \$6,925,000 pref. stock presently to be issued is \$415,500.

Phelps Dodge Corp.—To Change Capitalization.—
The stockholders will vote Feb. 25 on increasing the authorized capital stock from 500,000 shares (par \$100) to 2,000,000 shares (par \$25).—V. 127, p. 2972.

Philadelphia Company for Guaranteeing Mortgages, Philadelphia, Pa.—To Split-Up Shares.—
A special meeting of the stockholders will be held on April 15, for the purpose of approving or disapproving the change in the par value or face value of the shares into which the capital stock is divided, by diminishing the par value of the capital stock from \$100 per share to \$20 per share. In accordance with the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in such case made and provided.

In the event that the stockholders approve of the change in the par value of the cap. stock, each stockholder will be entitled to receive 5 shares of the new stock of a par value of \$20 for each share of a par value of \$100 of the company's present stock.—V. 128, p. 744, 416.

Phillips Petroleum Co.—Buys 76 Additional Stations.—
The company announces the purchase of 76 distributing units consisting of 46 service stations and 30 bulk stations located in 31 cities and towns in Southwestern Missouri and Southeastern Kansas from the E. M. Wilhoit Oil Co. of Springfield, Mo. The purchase comprises all of the remaining Wilhoit holdings, some of which have been operated by the company for a period of 33 years. The Phillips company had previously purchased from the Wilhoit company 44 other stations located in northwestern Missouri. E. M. Wilhoit, President of the Wilhoit company, has confirmed the sale. No radical change in the operation and management of the properties is contemplated at the present time.

According to Phillips officials, the purchase marks another step in the expansion of the Phillips marketing department which already embraces marketing facilities in many cities from Canada to the Mexican border.—V. 127, p. 3103.

Pittsburgh Coal Co.—Annual Report.—
Calendar Years— 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925.
Gross receipts, Oper. exp., Profits after all exp., Depletion, Depreciation, Interest, Min. int. n subs., Net loss, Pref. dividends (6%), Total deficit, Earned surplus, Surplus Account.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.
1928, 1927.
Asset — \$, 1928, 1927.
Coal lands, Plant & equip., Inv. in stocks & bonds, Mortgage rec., Sinking fund & reln. fund, Pension fund, Inventory, Accts. & bills rec., Cash.
Liabilities— \$, 1928, 1927.
Preferred stock, Common stock, Bonds, Insur. fund, Min. int. in subs, Purch. mtgs., Workmen's com. pen. adj., Workmen's com. pen. claims, Pension fund, Bills payable, Accts. payable, Paid-in surplus, Earn. surplus.

Prairie Pipe Line Co.—New No Par Shares Placed on a \$3 Annual Dividend Basis—Extra Dividend of 50 Cents.—
The directors on Feb. 15 declared an extra dividend of 50

cents per share and a quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the new no par common stock, both payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 28. On Jan. 4 the stock was split up 4 for 1 and a 25% stock dividend declared. The quarterly dividend of 75 cents is equivalent to a \$15 annual basis for the old stock, which paid \$14 annually.

Shipments.—
Month of January— 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926.
Shipm'ts of crude oil (bbls.) 5,914,554, 5,394,759, 4,850,792, 4,187,390.
Note.—These figures don't include shipments through the lines of the Pure Oil Pipe Line Co. of Texas, a subsidiary.—V. 128, p. 416.

Propper Silk Hosiery Mills, Inc.—Dividend No 2.—
The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 19. An initial quarterly dividend of like amount was paid on Dec. 1 last.—V. 128, p. 264.

Providence Washington Insurance Co.—Balance Sheet Jan. 1 1929.
Assets— Govt., State & munic. bonds, Bank & trust co. stocks, Utility stocks and bonds, Anchor Ins. Co., Other stocks and bonds, Office building, Cash, Bills receivable, Agents' bal. and other assets.
Liabilities— Reserve for losses, Res. for unearned premiums, Res. for taxes, exp., and other, Liabilities, Capital, Surplus.
Total (each side) \$22,486,318.

Public Fire Insurance Co., Newark, N. J.—Forms Affiliated Co.—
See Public Indemnity Co. below.—V. 126, p. 2327.

Public Indemnity Co.—Organized.—
The formation of this public Indemnity Company as an affiliation of the Public Fire Insurance Co. of Newark has been announced by Arthur T. Vanderbilt, chairman of the latter company. The new company will start business with a capital of \$1,000,000, surplus of \$4,000,000 and an equipment fund of \$200,000. The stockholders of the Public Fire Insurance Co. will be offered prior opportunity to subscribe to stock of the Indemnity company, which is expected to start active underwriting business about March 15. Andrew L. Johnston, formerly Vice-President of the Independence Indemnity Co. of Philadelphia, has been elected Vice-President and general Manager of the Public Indemnity Co. Edward V. Mills, formerly secretary-treasurer of the Constitution Indemnity Co. will also be associated in the management. In the first financial statement of the Public Fire Insurance Co., President J. T. Dargan, Jr. told stockholders that the company had obtained in approximately six months of operation a net premium income of \$2,612,521. The company's total assets as of Dec. 31 1928 amounted to \$6,627,183, a gain of \$1,627,183 since its organization, or 32 1/2 % of its capital and surplus.

Rainier Pulp & Paper Co.—Expansion.—
The company is installing a new steam unit in its plant at Sheldon, Wash., which should be completed by about April 1, it is stated. Other additions to the plant are contemplated which will serve to increase its production materially. This increased production can be obtained with little outlay and should further strengthen the earning position of the company. The company in January exceeded all previous production records despite adverse weather conditions. Heavy snowfall has closed down most logging operations, the announcement adds.—V. 128, p. 575.

Rand (Gold) Mines, Ltd.—Production.—
Month of January— 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926.
Output (ozs.) 876,452, 843,857, 839,000, 796,270.
—V. 128, p. 746.

Reliance Clay Products Co.—Bonds Offered.—Republic National Co., Dallas, Tex., recently offered at 110 and int., \$450,000 serial 1st mtge. 7% gold bonds.
Dated Jan. 5 1929; due serially Dec. 15 1930-1938. Interest payable J. & D. Principal and int. payable at offices of Republic National Bank & Trust Co., Dallas, trustee. Denom. \$1,000, \$500, and \$100 c*. Callable on 60 days' notice, on any int. date at 102%.

Reliance Clay Products Co.—Capitalization.
Serial 7% gold bonds (this issue) \$450,000
7% preferred stock (par 100) 380,000
Common stock (12,500 shares, no par value) 597,558
Company.—Organized in 1928 in Texas. Company results from a combination of the Mineral Wells (Texas) Brick Co., the Tyler Brick Co. (Texas), the Midwest Brick Co., Muskogee, Okla., and the Reliance Brick Co., Dallas, Texas. The present annual productive capacity of the three plants totals 50,000,000 brick and 50,000 tons of tile.
Purpose.—Proceeds have been used as part payment for the acquisition of the properties, to provide current capital, and for other corporate purposes.
Earnings.—The net income before Federal taxes, interest and depreciation for the years 1924, 1925, 1926 and 1927 of the Mineral Wells Brick Co. and the Reliance Brick Co. (x) has been as follows:
1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928.
\$124,662.31, \$152,824.64, \$134,133.38, \$121,415.20, y\$119,496.90.
x For the year 1928 the net earnings of the Tyler Brick Co. and the Midwest Brick Co. have been included. The Tyler Brick Co. is only a little more than a year old, while the earnings of the Midwest-West Brick Co. are known for only a like period. y The earnings for 1928 were estimated for the two months from Nov. 1 to Jan. 1 on the basis of the average earnings covered in this statement from 1923 to 1929.

Reliance Mfg. Co.—Annual Report.—
Calendar Years— 1928, 1927.
Operating income, Depreciation, Federal taxes, Amort. pref. stk., discount & expenses, Reserves, Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Surplus for year, Previous surplus, Surplus credit adjust, Surplus, Shares com. stk. outstanding (par \$10), Earnings per share.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.
Assets— 1928, 1927.
Lard, bdgs. & eq., Goodwill, investments, Officers & employ, Prepaid terms, Deferred development exp., Cash, Notes accept. & int. rec., Accounts receiv., Cash val. of ins., Inventories.
Liabilities— 1928, 1927.
Preferred stock, Common stock, Res. for conting., Capital surplus, Surplus, Accounts payable, Accruals, Tax reserves, Dividends payable.
Tot. (each side) \$6,828,722 \$7,137,198.

Remington Typewriter Co.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$4 per share on the common stock, payable Mar. 23 to holders of record Mar. 15, and in addition the regular quarterly dividends of \$1.25 on the common, 1 1/4% on the 1st preferred and 2% on the 2d preferred stocks, payable April 1 next, all to holders of record Mar. 8. Remington Rand, Inc., owns more than 99% of the \$9,996,000 common stock, par \$100, of the Remington Typewriter Co.

In Dec. 1928, an extra dividend of \$5 per share was paid. The extra disbursement applies only to the small number of old Remington Typewriter common stock that has never been exchanged for Remington Rand common stock and does not apply to the latter issue.—V. 127, p. 2837.

Root Refining Co.—Initial Dividends.

The directors have declared initial regular quarterly dividends of 45c. per share on the conv. cum. prior pref. stock and 75c. per share on the conv. cum. pref. stock, no par value, both payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 20. See offering in V. 127, p. 3556.

Safeway Stores, Inc.—January Sales.

Month of January—	1929	1928.	1927.
Sales.....	\$12,889,399	\$6,903,237	\$4,997,090

—V. 128, p. 746.

(Clarence) Saunders Pacific Stores, Inc.—Stocks Sold.

—Bertles, Rawls & Donaldson, Inc., Eastman Dillon & Co., Mitchell, Hutchins & Co. and Hunter, Dulin & Co. announce the sale of 10,000 units of stock at \$100 per unit. Each unit composed of 1 share of pref. stock, series A, with 1 share of class A common stock, series 1, and a non-detachable bankers' warrant attached to each share of pref. stock entitling the holder to purchase 1 share of class B common stock at \$20 per share until Jan. 1 1931.

The stock now being offered was not purchased by the bankers from Clarence Saunders Pacific Stores, Inc., but from the New York, Chicago and Detroit group who, together with Clarence Saunders Corp. and Clarence Saunders, acquired all of the issued stock of the company. This group and Clarence Saunders Corp. are retaining a large part of their holdings, amounting to a majority of the issued class A and class B common stocks.

Transfer agents, Citizens National Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, and Central Union Trust Co., New York. Registrars, Union Bank & Trust Co., Los Angeles, and Chemical National Bank, New York.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Cumulative preferred stock (\$50 par).....	100,000 shs.	19,000 shs.
Class A com. stock (no par) (\$3 non-cum. div.).....	100,000 shs.	550,000 shs.
Class B common stock (no par value).....	300,000 shs.	100,000 shs.

x Series A 7%. y Series 1, participates equally share for share with class B common stock in any further dividends; each share is convertible until Jan. 1 1933 into 2 shares of class B common stock without par value.

Listing.—Application will be made to list the outstanding shares of pref. and class A common stocks upon the Los Angeles Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of Clarence Saunders, President of the Company.

Business.—A Delaware corporation. Has been organized by a strong group of New York, Chicago and Detroit capitalists to carry out an extensive development of Clarence Saunders stores in California, Oregon and Washington under the personal direction of Clarence Saunders as President.

The corporation will operate a 100% owned California subsidiary, the Clarence Saunders Pacific Co., Ltd., which will directly own and operate the Clarence Saunders Stores in California.

There will be initially opened approximately 150 stores in Los Angeles and vicinity, Oakland, Alameda and Berkeley, all in California. All of the necessary funds for such stores were provided as of Dec. 15 1928. Fifty stores will be opened by April 1 and the balance within the next few months.

Clarence Saunders Pacific Stores, Inc., has also acquired from Clarence Saunders Corp. exclusive licenses in perpetuity to operate Clarence Saunders stores in all of California, Oregon and Washington, and it is planned to open further stores as quickly as feasible.

This Pacific Coast territory, due to a variety of factors, including the favorable weather conditions and the large percentage of families owning automobiles, has already proven to be probably the most logical and profitable section of the United States for the operation of self-service grocery stores. The Piggy-Wiggy System has been especially successful in this territory.

Earnings.—As Pacific Coast stores are still to be opened, it is not advisable to attempt to estimate earnings, but it is fair to consider the success already achieved in other sections of the country by the Clarence Saunders Stores coupled with the fact that California is notably successful as a field for other chain grocery stores.

The 26 Clarence Saunders Stores, the first of which was opened by Mr. Saunders in 1924 in Memphis, Tenn. (a city of 160,000 and subject to more highly competitive conditions than probably any other city of the country) have demonstrated an average annual gross volume of approximately \$150,000 per store and a net profit of approximately \$5,000 per store, or at the rate of 3% plus on gross sales.

The 49 stores initially acquired in Nov. 1928 by the Clarence Saunders Stores, Inc. (including the 26 Memphis stores), showed for 12 months' periods ending at various dates in 1928 average annual gross sales of over \$140,000 per store, and average net profit of over \$4,500 per store.

It is believed by Mr. Saunders that the Pacific Coast stores will prove still more successful, as is evidenced by the investment of \$500,000 in the stock of this company by the Clarence Saunders Corp., which is an incorporation of Mr. Saunders' activities and which he controls, no part of which is being sold in this financing.

Management.—Under a five-year management contract, entered into approximately at the time the present group of stockholders organized Clarence Saunders Stores, Inc., Mr. Saunders agrees to devote all time and attention necessary to developing the business of this company consistent with his duties as President of the former company. N. R. Feltes, Treasurer, while serving as a director, will act as financial representative of the organization group. Other directors will be: Wendell W. Anderson, Detroit; Maurice H. Bent, Chicago; Wm. M. Bertles, New York; Nicholas R. Feltes, Chicago; Walter W. Head, Omaha, Neb.; Lindsey Hooper, Boston; Huston Rawls, New York; Fergus Reid, New York; Clarence Saunders, Memphis; W. Edwin Stanley, Chicago; G. Parker Toms, Los Angeles.

7% Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series A.—Preferred as to dividends, payable quarterly commencing June 1 1929, and as to assets over all other classes of stock to the extent of \$50 per share. Callable upon 30 days' prior notice at \$55 and divs. Preferred stock carries no voting power except in event of default in the payment of four quarterly dividends after Jan. 1 1930, in which case it may elect a majority of the board of directors. Preferred stock is cumulative from Mar. 1 1929. The dividends thereon for the year 1929 are assured through guarantee by the organization group.

Class A Common Stock, Series 1.—Entitled to a \$3 annual dividend, non-cumulative, payable quarterly before any distribution is made on the class common B stock. After the payment of said \$3 per share on the class A common stock, all further distribution of earnings shall be made to the class A common stock and to the class B common stock, share and share alike. Entitled on dissolution to \$30 per share prior to any distribution on the class B common stock. After class B common stock has also received \$30 per share, class A common stock shares with class B common stock in any further distribution of assets, share and share alike. Convertible into class B common stock at any time prior to Jan. 1 1933 at the ratio of 2 shares of class B common stock for each share of class A common stock. No additional class A common stock shall be issued unless the net earnings of the corporation for the year immediately preceding such additional issue, after deducting all charges, depreciation, income taxes and the dividend requirements on the pref. stock, shall equal at least 1 1/2 times the annual dividend payment of \$3 per share on class A common stock then outstanding and that proposed to be issued.

Schiff Co.—Preferred Stock Called.—Sales.

All of the outstanding 7% cum. convertible pref. stock has been called for redemption Mar. 15 at 110 and divs. Payment will be made at the Bank of the Manhattan Co., 40 Wall St., New York City.

Month of January—	1929	1928.	1927.
Sales.....	\$3306,520	\$208,514	\$148,319

—V. 128, p. 417.
x Includes new stores.

Schletter & Zander, Inc.—Pref. Stock Offered.

—Hornblower & Weeks, F. S. Moseley & Co., E. Naumburg & Co. and U. S. Trust Co. of Boston are offering at \$50 per share 44,810 shares \$3.50 cum. conv. preference stock. A limited amount of common stock (v. t. c.) is also available at \$26 per share.

The preference stock is convertible at \$50 a share into voting trust certificates for common stock at \$30 a share until Jan. 31 1931. Thereafter, the conversion price for the common increases \$2.50 a share annually to \$50 a share, and, thereafter, continues on the basis of share for share. Preference stock is callable in whole, or in part, at any time, upon not less than 30 days' notice, at \$55 a share, plus divs. The preference stock is preferred as to cumulative dividends, payable (Q-F) in priority to the common and as to assets to the extent of \$55 a share plus divs. and has no voting power, unless 4 quarterly dividends are in arrears, in which case it receives one vote per share as long as any dividends are in arrears.

Capitalization	Authorized.	Outstanding.
\$3.50 cum. conv. preference stock (no par)---	60,000 shs.	44,810 shs.
Common stock (no par).....	500,000 shs.	261,349 shs.

Note.—All of the common stock presently to be issued is to be placed in a 10-year voting trust.

Data from Letter of Richard Schletter, President of the Company.

Company.—Recently incorporated in Delaware to succeed to the business and assets of a Pennsylvania company founded in 1922. Company owns approximately 3 1/2 acres of land at Holmesburg Junction Station, Pa., on the main line of the New York division of the Pennsylvania RR., on which is a modern three-story reinforced steel and concrete manufacturing plant fully equipped with full fashion 42-gauge machines manufacturing high grade ladies silk hosiery. This plant, which includes a modern dye house, boiler room and storehouse, has been entirely constructed since 1925, and has been in operation night and day since its completion. In addition, the entire output of two other hosiery mills is purchased in the grey and then finished and dyed at the Holmesburg plant.

Company owns numerous machine, process and design patents relating to the manufacture of hosiery. Womens hosiery manufactured under these patents, including the well known "V" line and shadow clock types, is sold by Brown Durrell Co. under the well known and extensively advertised Gordon brand.

Earnings.—In every year since organization the former Pennsylvania company has shown a profit. Earnings of the properties acquired for the last four years, have been as follows:

Year—	Net After Fed. Taxes.	Per Share Preference	Per Sh. Pref. Div.	Com.
1928.....	\$1,021,308	\$22.79	\$5.31	
1927.....	563,856	12.58	1.56	
1926.....	339,920	7.58	.70	
1925.....	172,058	3.84		

The company has contracted for the sale of capacity output over the next four months. The management looks forward to a continued expansion of the business and increase of earnings.

Assets.—The consolidated balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1928 showed total current assets \$1,090,736, including \$411,247 of cash compared with total current liabilities of \$321,693. Net tangible assets, including fixed assets at depreciated book value, which is substantially below replacement value, totaled \$2,076,368.24.

Listing.—It is the intention to apply for listing of the preference stock and voting trust certificates for common on the Boston Stock Exchange and the New York Curb Market.

Scott Paper Co.—Tentative Report.

	1928.	1927.	1926.
Calendar Years—			
Net sales.....	\$6,714,533	\$5,765,642	\$4,858,250
Production cost of sales.....	3,932,185	3,336,746	2,757,464
Reserve for depreciation.....	233,265	226,092	166,803
Maint. & betterment of plant & equip.	176,911	139,211	134,360
Expenses.....	1,510,265	1,372,583	1,262,940
Estimated U. S. income tax.....	104,273	94,466	74,087
Net income.....	\$757,634	\$596,543	\$462,596
Preferred dividend.....	151,963	141,822	146,436
Common dividend.....	150,000	119,964	74,915
Balance for surplus.....	\$455,671	\$334,757	\$241,246
Earns per share on com. stock.....	\$4.04	\$3.03	\$2.10

Assets & Liabilities Dec. 31.

	1928.	1927.
Current Assets—		
Cash.....	\$677,371	\$115,079
All other.....	1,280,859	1,259,478
Total current assets.....	1,958,229	1,374,557
Total current liabilities.....	294,247	581,292

—V. 127, p. 3718.

Seaboard National Securities Corp.—Listing, &c.

The Los Angeles Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 30,000 shares of common stock of \$25 par value.

The corporation was organized in Delaware, on July 18 1928, for the purpose of purchasing, dealing in and holding stocks and other securities. The corporation, by exercising rights assigned to it by the stockholders of the Seaboard National Bank of Los Angeles, purchased the entire recent additional issue of 40,000 shares of the bank at \$37.50 per share. The corporation has arranged to purchase the controlling interest of the bank and will own the controlling interests of certain other banks to be organized in the metropolitan district of Los Angeles, but outside the legal limits of the city.

The corporation has an authorized capital of 40,000 shares of common stock of \$25 par value, 30,000 shares of which have been sold for cash at \$37.50 per share without any selling expense, netting the corporation \$1,125,000. It also has an authorized issue 6% cum. pref. stock of 200,000 shares of \$25 par value, 20,000 shares of which will be presently outstanding.

The annual meeting of the corporation is held on the second Tuesday in January of each year.

The directors are as follows: George L. Browning, K. L. Carver, F. H. Osler, Andrew Blackmore, Raymond Borden, C. O. Albright, Wilmer Anderson, Edward Dale, W. K. Etter, W. I. Gilbert, E. B. Gilmore, C. C. Hine, A. A. Maxfield, Clinton E. Miller, E. W. Murphy, John R. Quinn, W. K. Tuller.

The officers are: George L. Browning, President; K. L. Carver, F. H. Osler, Andrew Blackmore and Nolan Browning, Vice-Presidents; Raymond Borden, Treasurer; O. B. Tedrick, Secretary.

The transfer agents are Nolan Browning and Raymond Borden, 612 S. Spring St., Los Angeles, Calif.

The registrar is the Seaboard National Bank, Los Angeles, Calif.

Second International Securities Corp.—Stocks Offered.

—The Harris Forbes Corp. is offering allotment certificates representing 50,000 units of one share each of cum. 1st pref. stock, 6% series (par \$50), and class A common stock (no par value) at \$100 flat per unit. A portion of the class A common stock (23,000 shares) represents new financing by the corporation.

The stock represented by these allotment certificates outstanding at any time will be on deposit with the National City Bank, New York, depository. Allotment certificates will be exchangeable for definitive stock certificates at any time after Jan. 1 1931 or earlier at the option of the corporation.

Data from Letter of Leland Rex Robinson, President of Corporation.

Company.—Organized in 1926 to carry on the business of an investment company of the general management type. Its purpose is to afford its stockholders sound investment through broad international diversification and constant supervision; to invest and reinvest its resources in domestic and foreign securities, and to a limited extent to participate in the underwriting of eligible securities. Its assets now include over 400 different Government, railroad, public utility, industrial and other securities representing investments in over 30 different countries.

Management.—Corporation from its inception has had the benefit of the investment service of American Founders Corp. The aggregate resources of American Founders Corp. and the group of investment companies which command its supervisory service now exceed \$150,000,000.

Equity.—The \$1,000,000 par value 6% 2d pref. stock (taken at par) and 178,000 shares of class A and 600,000 shares of class B common stocks

(taken at current bid prices) will represent an equity value junior to the 1st pref. stock in excess of \$23,000,000.

Restrictions on Issue of First Pref. Stock.—No 1st pref. stock shall be issued unless the net assets of the corporation (after deducting the principal amount of all indebtedness) taken at cost, including the proceeds of the sale of 1st pref. stock then to be issued, shall equal at least 150% of the par value of the 1st pref. stock then outstanding and the par value of the 1st pref. stock then to be issued.

Dividends on Class A Common Stock.—Dividends, when and if declared by the board of directors, are payable annually per share on the class A and class B common stocks in the following priorities: First, up to \$2.50 per share on class A common stock; next, up to \$1.50 per share on class B common stock; then, up to \$1.50 per share additional on class A; total, \$4; then, up to \$2.50 per share additional on class B; total, \$4. Thereafter additional dividends shall be paid equally per share on shares of both classes. Such dividends are non-cumulative.

Quarterly cash dividends on the class A common stock are now being paid at the rate of \$2 per share per annum.

Earnings Year Ended Nov. 30 1928.

Interest, dividends and realized investment profits.....	\$2,391,586
Expenses and all taxes.....	410,980
All int. paid and accrued and amortization of debt discount.....	328,959
Balance for preferred stock dividends.....	\$1,651,646
Annual div. requirements on—1st pref. stock.....	570,000
Second preferred stock.....	60,000

Balance for common stock dividends.....\$1,021,646
Annual dividends of \$2 per share on class A common stock to be outstanding on completion of this financing..... 356,000

The balance for pref. stock dividends for 1928, as shown above, after all expenses, interest and taxes, was more than 2.8 times the total annual dividend requirements on the 1st pref. stock. The balance available for common stock dividends amounts to over 2.8 times the annual dividend requirements on all class A common stock to be outstanding upon completion of this financing at the present annual rate of \$2 per share.

During the period covered by the above earnings statement the net debt and share capital and paid-in surplus of the corporation average less than \$19,750,000 as compared with over \$22,250,000 upon completion of this financing. The earning power of the corporation is directly dependent on the amount of funds available for investment.

Balance Sheet Nov. 30 1928.

[Adjusted to give effect to the sale of 23,000 additional shares of class A common stock included in this offering.]

Resources.		Liabilities.	
Investments.....	\$20,225,404	1st pref. stock, 6% series.....	\$9,500,000
Securities sold—not delivered.....	328,790	2d preferred 6% stock.....	1,000,000
Cash and call loans.....	3,009,420	Class A stock (incl. this issue), 178,000 shares.....	3,180,000
Accrued interest and items in course of collection.....	265,590	Class B stock, 600,000 shares 5% gold debentures, due 1948.....	1,800,000 7,000,000
Furniture and fixtures.....	1,876	Secur. purchased—not receiv.....	28,504
Unamortized debt discount.....	625,183	Accr. int., taxes and expenses.....	327,740
Organization expenses.....	19,325	Pref. stock divs. accrued.....	105,000
		Capital surplus.....	472,522
		Undivided profits.....	1,061,823
Total.....	\$24,475,591	Total.....	\$24,475,591

—V. 128, p. 747.

Seeman Brothers, Inc.—Earnings.

Results of operations of the company, proprietor of "White Rose" tea and other "White Rose" food products, for the six months ended Dec. 31 1928, indicate a net profit of \$430,550, after all charges including Federal income taxes. This is equivalent to \$3.44 per share on the 125,000 shares of no par value common stock outstanding, and represents an increase of 23.7% over the same period of 1927, when such earnings amounted to \$348,061, or \$2.78 per share.

Entire dividend requirements of the company, both regular and extra, for the full year, were more than earned during the first six months. It is stated that the outlook 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. 128, p. 265.

Shares in the South, Inc.—Rights, &c.

The directors have authorized the issuance of an additional 50,000 shares of common stock, half of which will be offered to stockholders at \$42.50 per share in the ratio of one-half share for each share held as of Jan. 31. The remaining 25,000 shares will later be sold by the fiscal agent of the company at a price to be fixed by the directors.—V. 127, p. 2104.

Sharon (Pa.) Steel Hoop Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross profit.....	\$3,181,257	\$2,984,346	\$4,194,124
Maintenance & repairs.....	1,017,542	1,004,130	1,357,979
Idle time expense.....	2,403	138,394	149,048
Deprec'n & renewals.....	864,042	898,866	949,334
Int. and discount (net).....	258,317	311,942	270,869
Prov. for Federal taxes.....	67,100	75,495	171,352
Profit for the year.....	\$971,854	\$555,518	\$1,295,542
Prev. surp. or deficit.....	sur.357,599	sur.28,518	df.1,129,952
Adj. of Fed. tax pr. yrs.....	Dr.1,975		Dr.60,523
Adj. of deprec. prior yrs.....		Cr.140,279	Cr.86,174
Loss or dismantlement of assets.....	117,101		Cr.187,707
Adj. of res. for renewal of liability insurance.....	Cr.150,785		
Preferred div. (8%).....	79,976	79,976	79,976
Common dividends.....	286,240	286,740	143,270
Profit and loss surp.....	\$994,946	\$357,599	\$28,518
Shares of common stock outstanding (par \$50).....	286,240	286,740	285,940
Earned per share.....	\$3.12	\$1.65	\$4.54

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

[Sharon Steel Hoop Co. and Youngstown Pressed Steel Co.]

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Property act.....	\$18,796,076	8% pref. stock.....	999,700
Invest & adv. to assoc. cos.....	530,651	Com. stock.....	14,312,000
Due on subs to com. stk.....	208,466	1st mtge. bonds.....	6,750,000
Inventories.....	3,354,041	Accts pay.....	1,069,678
Ore, contract bal.....	123,739	Pref. divs. pay.....	19,994
Notes & accts rec.....	1,683,920	Com. divs. pay.....	143,120
Invest. in stks & bonds.....	7,850	Due on ore contr.....	278,852
U. S. Govt. bonds.....	110,000	Accr. interest.....	154,687
Cash.....	2,135,252	Accr. taxes.....	103,828
Def. charges.....	355,942	Accr. Fed. taxes.....	6,380
		Reserves.....	727,314
		Capital surplus.....	1,684,439
		P & L surplus.....	994,945
Total.....	27,305,937	Total.....	27,305,937

x After depreciation of \$5,333,656.

To Retire Pref. Stock—To Increase Com. Stock—Rights, &c.

Severn P. Ker, President, says in part: The company has authorized the calling of all its outstanding 8% pref. stock on April 1 at \$55 per share, and the reduction of the capital stock of the company by the cancellation of the entire authorized \$5,000,000 on that stock and there will soon be submitted to stockholders a proposition changing the common stock of the company from a nominal \$50 par value to a no par stock and the authorization of an increase of 300,000 shares of no par common stock to an authorized 500,000 shares. Of the increased number of shares 75,000 shares will be offered to stockholders pro rata and it is believed that this change in the capital structure of the company will be greatly to its benefit.—V. 127, p. 3719.

Shell Eastern Petroleum Products, Inc.—Personnel.

Officers of this company, a subsidiary of the Shell Union Oil Corp. are: Andrew F. Carter, former president of the New England Oil Refining Co., President; William J. Fliley, Vice-President; Urban F. O'Brien, Secretary and Treasurer.

The directors are: J. C. van Eck, (Chairman of Shell Union Oil Corp.), Chairman; Richard Airey (President of the Asiatic Petroleum Corp.), a Royal Dutch-Shell subsidiary), Avery D. Andrews (Chairman of the board of the latter company) Samuel F. Pryor; Andrew F. Carter, Frederick W. Allen, (senior partner of Lee, Higginson & Co.), Ulrich de B. Daly, President of the Shell Petroleum Co.), G. Leigh-Jones (President of the Shell Oil Co. which operates in California), and James H. Brookmire (Secretary of the Shell Union Oil Co.)

In taking over the fixed assets of the New England Oil Refining Co., the Shell Eastern Products, Inc., has also taken over the New England Oil organization practically intact. The territory covered by the old company, however, will be greatly extended and will include all the North Atlantic States. (See also Shell Union Oil Corp. in V. 128, p. 904.)

Shippers' Car Line Corp.—\$2 Class A Dividend.

The directors have declared a dividend of \$2 per share for 1928 on the class A stock and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the pref. stock, both payable Feb. 28 to holders of record Feb. 18. The previous dividend on the A stock was paid May 31 1927, when a distribution of 50 cents per share was made.—V. 126, p. 1678.

Simms Petroleum Co.—Seeks Control of Pennok Oil Corp.

—See that company above.—V. 128, p. 904.

Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp.—Extra Dividend—

Quarterly of 50c. Also Declared.—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50c. a share and an extra dividend of 25c. a share on the common stock, no par value, payable April 15 to holders of record March 15. The last previous payment was on May 15 1924, when a quarterly of 50c. a share was paid.—V. 128, p. 126.

Southern Ice Co.—Earnings.

12 Months Ended Dec. 31—	1928.	1927.
Gross sales & earnings.....	\$1,269,476	\$1,210,897
Net sales—ice & coal.....	800,598	797,472
Delivery, selling & gen. expenses.....	428,525	405,982
Taxes.....	65,111	42,008

Operating income.....	\$306,962	\$349,472
Non-operating income-net.....	8,154	4,141

Gross income.....	\$315,116	\$353,613
Interest & amortization.....	63,597	70,787
Retirement reserve.....	95,000	90,000

Balance for reserves & dividends.....\$156,520 \$192,826

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets—		Liabilities—			
Dec. 31 '28	xJan. 1 '28.	Dec. 31 '28.	xJan. 1 '28		
Cash.....	\$2,251,571	\$2,224,037	Preferred stock 7%.....	\$1,217,200	\$1,217,200
Plant.....	44,345	56,586	Carolina Pub. Serv. Co. bonds.....	1,000	1,000
Notes receivable.....	84	84	Notes payable.....	764,800	764,800
Accts. receivable.....	88,198	68,678	Accts. payable.....	25,000	30,000
Materials & supp.....	8,868	5,443	Retirement res.....	20,663	2,696
Ice inventory.....	1,118	479	Accts. not yet due.....	45,856	26,524
Fuel inventory.....	23,518	21,159	Retirement res.....	95,760	50,015
Prepayments.....	21,613	8,372	Approp. res. for retirements.....	726	-----
Miscel. investm'ts.....	30,705	30,705	Common stock.....	¥172,486	172,486
Sinking funds.....	19,120	218	Earned surplus.....	239,329	172,078
Unadjusted debits.....	-----	-----			
Reacq. securities.....	800	-----			
Total.....	\$2,581,821	\$2,435,798	Total.....	\$2,581,821	\$2,435,798

x Date on which reorganized company began operations. y Represented by 37,497 shares of no par value.—V. 127, p. 2838.

Southern Pipe Line Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—			
1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.		
Plant.....	\$2,508,198	\$937,379	Capital stock.....	\$1,000,000	\$5,000,000
Other investments.....	1,192,144	2,281,577	Cap. stk. red. acct.....	2,581,081	22,436
Accts. receivable.....	149,844	80,642	Accounts payable.....	14,982	723
Cash.....	20,816	178,512	Profit and loss.....	274,578	454,952
Total.....	\$3,870,643	\$5,478,110	Total.....	\$3,870,643	\$5,478,110

x After depreciation amounting to \$2,910,026.

Our usual comparative income statement was published in V. 128, p. 747.

Splitdorf Bethlehem Electrical Co.—New Management.

At the annual meeting, the stockholders ratified the election of Charles Edison, President of Thomas A. Edison, Inc., as the new President. This action is a sequel to negotiations which were started last year and which culminated on Jan. 14 in the signing of a management agreement between the company and Thomas A. Edison, Inc. Other new officers are L. W. McChesney, Vice-President and General Manager; Ralph H. Allen, Vice-President in charge of finance; H. F. Miller, Treasurer; Howard H. Eckert, Secretary, and Henry Lanahan, General Counsel.

The new board of directors consists of Charles Edison, Henry Lanahan, Harry F. Miller, Eugene C. Reed, Ernest J. Howe, Joseph Wilson, George deK. Gilder, Wm. M. Lybrand, Wm. M. Nichols, and John V. Miller. With the exception of Mr. Howe, Mr. Lybrand, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Gilder the new set up is entirely an Edison one.

The first move of the new management was to retire all outstanding bank loans of the Splitdorf company, following which it arranged a program to enhance the company's already firmly-established position in the manufacture of magnetos, spark plugs, ignitoin systems, electrical parts and radios.

Besides supplanting the former management, the new group, headed by the younger Edison, has purchased 49% of the stock of the Splitdorf Radio Corp., a subsidiary which obtains most of its radio parts from the Splitdorf Electrical Co., thus giving the new management a direct interest in the latter company. Starting Jan. 1 of this year, Splitdorf ceased selling its radios under its own name and the Edison company is handling the entire output.—V. 126, p. 3612.

Standard Milling Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of certificates of deposit for 64,880 shares of preferred stock and 199,945 shares of common stock.

The certificates of deposit are to be issued pursuant to the terms of a deposit agreement dated Jan. 8 1929, between Gold Dust Corp., Equitable Trust Co. of New York, as depository, and such holders of shares of stock of Standard Milling Co. as shall become parties hereto by depositing their shares under said Agreement.

In a letter dated Jan. 8, the directors of Gold Dust Corp. made an offer to the stockholders of Standard Milling Co. to exchange their stock for stock of Gold Dust Corp. on the following basis: (1) For each share of 6% non-cumulative preferred stock of Standard Milling Co., one share of new \$6 cumulative convertible preferred stock of Gold Dust Corp.; (2) For each share of Standard Milling Co. common stock, 2 shares of common stock of Gold Dust Corp.—V. 128, p. 905.

Standard Oil Co. of Nebraska.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—			
1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.		
Plant (less depr'n).....	\$3,262,699	\$3,605,043	Capital stock.....	4,649,225	4,601,100
Merchandise.....	1,189,553	1,179,092	Accounts payable.....	384,198	376,105
Cash.....	866,356	553,729	Reserve for Fed. taxes & annuities.....	165,184	110,865
Accts. receiv.....	474,659	366,970	Surplus.....	2,398,115	2,044,618
Investments.....	1,403,456	1,427,856			
Total.....	7,596,722	7,132,689	Total.....	7,596,722	7,132,689

—V. 128, p. 905.

Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey).—Extra Dividend.—The directors on Feb. 15 declared an extra dividend of 12½c. per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 25c. per share on the common stock, both payable March 15 to holders of record Feb. 28. Like amounts were paid in each of the preceding 9 quarters.—V. 128, p. 266.

Standard Publishing Co. (& Subs.).—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—	1928.	1927.	1926.
Sales of services & magazines, printing & engraving, &c.	\$1,018,154	\$1,100,060	\$898,382
Production costs & expenses	971,696	989,505	913,923
Interest, &c.	47,579	59,995	28,523
Cash disc. on purchase	Cr1,233		
Dividends paid			113,388
Net income	\$112,000	\$50,560	def\$147,452

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1928.	1927.	Liabilities—	1928.	1927.
Fixed assets	\$317,745	\$330,555	Class A stock	\$995,058	\$835,837
Cash	40,849	44,419	Class B stock	125,000	125,000
Accts. notes rec. & contracts rec.	513,339	600,251	Funded debt	579,617	602,417
Adv. to salesmen	11,835	11,835	Notes payable	65,836	187,659
Other receivable	9,297	17,983	Trade acc. payable		33,337
Inventories	18,820	14,542	Other acc. pay	48,973	5,662
Sinking fund	2,500	2,228	Accr. exp., taxes &c	8,540	21,742
Serv., mag. & copy	1,600,000	1,600,000	Deferred sales	390,186	434,758
Deferred charges	15,152	1,809	Res. for conting.	86,680	150,088
			Surplus	217,811	227,294
Total	\$2,517,702	\$2,623,656	Total	\$2,517,702	\$2,623,656

x After deducting depreciation. y Represented by 25,000 shares no par value. z Represented by 44,209 shares of no par value. a Including capital surplus of \$212,058.—V. 126, p. 591.

Standard Sanitary Mfg. Co.—Consolidation.—See American Radiator Co. above.—V. 128, p. 748.

Standard Steel Construction Co., Ltd., Welland, Ont.—Pref. Stock Offered.—Cochran, Hay & Co., Ltd., and Murray & Co., Toronto, are offering 10,000 shares class A cumulative redeemable preference shares (no par value).

Class A preference shares are to be fully paid and non-assessable, entitling the holder to fixed preferential cumulative cash dividends at the rate of \$3 per share per annum, payable Q.-J. at par at any branch of the company's bankers in Canada, and are preferred as to assets over all other classes of shares to the extent of \$50 per share and div. Red. all or part on any div. date upon 30 days' notice in writing, at \$50 per share plus div., or may be purchased for redemption by the company in the open market up to \$50 per share and div. Transfer agent, National Trust Co., Ltd., Toronto. Registrar, Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto.

Capitalization.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Class A cum. red. pref. shares (no par value)	10,000 shs.	10,000 shs.
Common shares (no par value)	15,000 shs.	15,000 shs.

Data from Letter of T. J. Dillon, President of the Company.
History and Business.—Company has been incorp. under the laws of the Province of Ontario under letters patent dated Dec. 29 1928, and is to acquire as a going concern the business, assets, undertaking and good-will, and to assume all the liabilities of the old company of the same name. The old company (incorp. under the laws of the Province of Ontario in 1912) has carried on the business of designing, manufacturing and erecting all kinds of steel structures, such as bridges and buildings, and steel products, such as bins and hoppers. The company also warehouses and distributes steel in all forms, such as beams, shapes, plates, sheets, rivets and bolts. The plant and warehouses are located at Port Robinson, on the Welland Canal, and are served by the Canadian National Rys. and the Wabash RR. The site comprises 40 acres, providing ample space for expansion.

During the latter part of 1928 there was finally completed a large new fabricating shop of the latest type of fireproof construction and electrically operated throughout. This new unit was in partial operation during the latter half of the year 1928. The productive capacity of the new unit, together with that which was already in operation, gives the company an annual rate of output of 15,000 tons.

Assets.—Assets of the company as of Dec. 30 1928, after giving effect to the present financing, were as follows:

Fixed assets	\$363,344
Net current assets	211,221
Total net assets	\$574,566

The total net assets of \$574,566 represent \$57.45 for each share of class A preference stock.

Earnings.—Net earnings of the company after all charges, including provision for depreciation, and available for Federal income tax and dividends, were as follows:

	1926.	1927.	1928.
Earnings from operations	\$56,888	\$76,756	\$156,950
Depreciation	11,256	13,549	18,974
Net earnings	\$45,632	\$63,206	\$137,976

The benefit from even the partial operation of the new unit is shown by an increase in earnings for the year 1928.

The annual average for the three-year period as shown amounts to \$82,271, equivalent to more than 2.74 times class A preference yearly dividend requirements of \$30,000. Earnings available for the year ended Dec. 31 1928, are equivalent to 4.59 times class A preference dividend requirements. On the above basis, and after provision for preference share dividends, earnings for the past year available for common shares of the company amount to \$7.19 per share.

Listing.—It is expected that application will be made to list these shares on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Standard Textile Products Co.—Plans to Pay Dividend Arrearages on Preferred Stocks.

The directors have agreed upon a plan to pay dividend arrearages which on April 1 will amount to \$33.25 on the "A" and "B" preferred stocks. The stockholders will meet May 7 to approve plans and necessary changes in capitalization, a Youngstown (O.) despatch says.—V. 128, p. 266.

State Title & Mortgage Co.—Earnings.

Earnings Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.

Gross earnings	\$1,270,309
Net profits transferable to surplus	890,908
Dividends paid	600,000
Balance, surplus	\$290,908
Earnings per share on 60,000 shares capital stock	\$4.85

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1928.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Cash	Capital stock
Accrued interest	Surplus
Bonds & mortgages	Undivided profits
Investments	Agency accounts
Accounts receivable	Mort. sold—not delivered
Bonds & mort. secur. out-stand. guarantees	Reserves for taxes, &c.
	Accounts payable
	Guarantees outstanding

Total—\$16,782,518 Total—\$16,782,518

—V. 127, p. 2698.

Steam Production Corp.—Privately Financed.

F. J. Lisman, of F. J. Lisman & Co., has privately financed the Steam Production Corp., which is engaged in the manufacture of a steam power plant for use in motor buses, trucks, airplanes and motor boats. Frank J. Curran, of La Valle University, Quebec, is the inventor and Dr. William McClellan, President of the company, is known throughout the country as an authority on steam boilers.

"The cost of fuel for the steam-driven bus may be cut to one-fourth of the present cost for the gasoline bus," said Mr. Lisman. "In the first place steam operation will give double the mileage per gallon and in the

second place the fuel costs only half as much. The total cost of operation of the bus, excluding the labor of the chauffeur, can be reduced to one-third of the best that can be done with the gasoline vehicle. There are no gears and no clutch with steam operation; there is no transmission to maintain and the rear end of a steam car is much simpler than the best you can get with the heavy gasoline-driven vehicles, which eliminates many of the repairs so necessary after the bus has been in use a short time." When asked, Mr. Lisman stated it was not expected that any stock of the corporation would be offered to the public.—V. 128, p. 576.

(A.) Stein & Co.—Stocks Offered.—Lehman Brothers and Lawrence Stern & Co. are offering \$2,500,000 6½% cumul. pref. stock at \$98.50 per share and div., and 72,000 shares common stock at \$38.50 per share. A portion of the above stocks is reserved for sale to executives and other employees.

Transfer agent, Fidelity Trust Co., New York. Registrar, Commercial National Bank & Trust Co., New York. Preferred stock is preferred as to dividends, and as to assets on liquidation to the extent of, and redeemable in whole or in part at, \$100 per share and divs., plus an additional sum of \$7.50 if redemption or payment on liquidation is made on or before June 30 1939, and of \$5 if after June 30 1939. Dividends payable quarterly cumulative from Jan. 1 1929. The articles of incorporation will provide, among other things, that on or before June 30 of each year beginning with 1930, out of surplus or net profits after dividends on the preferred stock, the company shall acquire by redemption or purchase at not exceeding the current redemption price, at least 3% of the largest amount in par value of the preferred stock which shall ever have been outstanding.

Capitalization.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
6½% cumul. preferred stock (par \$100)	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Common stock (no par value)	300,000 shs.	240,000 shs.

Listing.—Company will make application to list both the preferred stock and the common stock on the New York Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of Samuel M. Stein, Pres., Chicago, Feb. 13.

Business.—Company, manufacturers of Paris garters and suspenders, rubber sundries and other products of elastic webbing, is one of the largest producers in its field in the world. Originally manufacturing men's garter's only, the enterprise has gradually extended its activities to embrace many kindred articles for women and children, which are marketed under the trade name "Hickory."

From an original capital investment of \$300 the business has grown to its present large proportions, and the present net worth has been accumulated almost entirely from the reinvestment of earnings. In each of the 41 years since its inception the enterprise has shown a profit, and, with three exceptions, sales in each of the past 35 years have been greater than in the preceding year.

The company's products are of universal and daily use. In addition to Paris garters and suspenders, ivory garters and hickory garters, the company manufactures hickory personal necessities for women and children, hickory elastic webbing and a wide variety of other articles. Although approximately 25% of the total 1928 sales consisted of Paris garters, the volume is well distributed over the entire line, as sales of seven other items represented approximately from 5% to 10% each of the total.

History.—The business was founded in 1887, and in 1909 the business was incorporated. A subsidiary, A. Stein & Co., Ltd., was incorporated under Canadian laws in 1919 and has a factory at Toronto. Company will presently acquire control, through ownership of a majority of their capital stocks, of two companies which are important sources of the materials required by the business and which for some time have been closely affiliated with the company.

The company's plant at West Congress St. and Racine Ave. in the near west side industrial section of Chicago, consists of a five-story and basement reinforced concrete fireproof-type building, sprinkler equipped, with an aggregate floor space of approximately 232,000 square feet, the land and building being owned in fee. Adjacent properties aggregating 25,000 square feet of ground space are also owned in fee and are available for future expansion.

Profits.—The net profits of the company for the three years ended Dec. 31 1928, after (1) including the proportion of the net profits of the subsidiary company and of two companies to be subsidiaries of the company applicable to the stock now owned and that presently to be acquired by the company, in lieu of dividends thereon, (2) eliminating interest on securities to be disposed of and certain other non-recurring income and expenses (such eliminations resulting in a net addition to profits averaging \$2,048 per annum, and (3) deducting adequate depreciation, and Federal income taxes at the rate of 12% in lieu of those actually paid, were as follows:

Year Ended Dec. 31—	1926.	1927.	1928.
Net profits as above	\$543,111	\$806,488	\$975,686
Times pref. dividend requirement	3.3	4.9	6.0
Per share common stock	\$1.58	\$2.68	\$3.38

* Profits for Dec. 1928, applicable to the stocks presently to be acquired of the two companies referred to above, estimated at \$7,853.

Assets.—The balance sheet of the company as at Dec. 31 1928, after giving effect as at that date to the recapitalization of the company, the acquisition of the majority of the capital stocks of the two companies referred to above, and to the other transactions in connection therewith, shows net tangible assets of \$4,706,596, or over \$188 per share of preferred stock presently to be outstanding. As shown by this balance sheet current assets amount to \$3,885,217, as compared with current liabilities of \$747,470, a ratio of over 4.7 to 1. The net current assets of \$2,837,747 shown are the equivalent of over \$113 per share of preferred stock presently to be outstanding.

(S.) Stroock & Co., Inc.—To Reduce Capital by \$1,000,000—Proposed Cash Distribution of \$10 per Share.

The directors have approved a plan which will be submitted to a special meeting of stockholders on Feb. 25 whereby the capital will be reduced \$1,000,000, this sum to be returned to stockholders on a basis of \$10 per share. This reduction if approved by stockholders, will bring the company's stated capital down from \$3,606,500 to \$2,606,500.

According to officials of the company, this action was taken by the directors following the recent sale of the company's felt mill and felt inventory. The proceeds from the sale left the company with cash or its equivalent on hand exceeding the amount thought necessary for the business. This reduction will not affect the earning power of the company, it was said, and directors expects that the present dividend policy will be maintained.

Accordingly, the directors have announced the declaration of four regular quarterly dividends for 1929 of 75 cents per share, payable on the following dates: April 1, July 1, Oct. 1, and Dec. 21 1929, to holders of record March 15, June 15, Sept. 16, and Dec. 10 1929, respectively.—V. 128, p. 41

Studebaker Corp. of America.—January Sales.

During January 1929, dealers reported the largest January retail deliveries in history, according to J. M. Cleary, sales manager. More than 2,000 unfilled orders were carried over into February by the Studebaker factory.—V. 128, p. 748.

Stutz Motor Car Co.—Record Production.

Production plans for the early months of 1929 call for the greatest output of cars in the entire history of the company, according to an official statement by Col. E. S. Gorrell, new President.

February will be the largest production month Stutz has ever had, according to Col. Gorrell, with the exception of May 1926. Production in March, however, will be greater than any month in the 18 years that Stutz has been producing quality automobiles. April and May plans call for an output increase over March.

Col. Gorrell says: "Out distributors and dealers have swamped the factory with orders. When the Safety Stutz was introduced in 1926, we thought we had reached the peak of dealer enthusiasms—but this year has given a new meaning to immediate approval of a new automobile."

Edgar S. Gorrell, formerly Vice-President, was recently elected President, succeeding F. E. Moskovics, resigned. Edwin B. Jackson, another Vice-President, has been elected Chairman.

An executive committee consisting of Charles Rood, E. V. R. Tha and E. B. Jackson was also elected.—V. 128, p. 126

Taubman Stone Corp.—Preferred Stock Sold.—B. Aubrey Harris & Co. and Frothingham, Kelly Co. New, York, have sold at \$26.50 per share, 25,500 shares cumul. partic. preference stock.

Preference stock has priority dividends of \$2 per annum, payable Q.-J. and shall be paid before any dividends shall be paid or set apart for payment on common stock in any current year. After this preferred payment on preference stock has been provided for, any additional dividends must be distributed to common stock, of \$2 per share, any additional dividends must be declared equally, share for share, on both classes of stock, until \$5 has been paid on preference stock in any current year. The balance of dividends to be paid to common stock exclusively. No dividend shall be paid on the common stock which will reduce the surplus of the corporation below 2½ times the dividend requirements on the outstanding preference stock in any one year. Preference stock issued without par value, has priority in liquidation or dissolution at \$30 per share. Transfer agent, Union Trust Co. of Maryland, Baltimore, Md. Registrar, Century Trust Co., Baltimore, Md.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding.
 Preference stock (no par value)----- 50,000 shs. 25,500 shs.
 Common stock (no par value)----- 25,000 shs. 20,000 shs.

Business and History.—Company was established in July 1924 under the name of Taubman Automotive Co. by Henry G. and Arthur Taubman to deal in automotive supplies, hardware, paints, sporting goods and complete lines of radio equipment. The corporation began business on an invested capital of \$11,650 with one store located in Baltimore. Their growth has been rapid, and in 1927 the company acquired the entire capital stock of the Pittsburgh Tire Sales Co. and the Taubman Automotive Co. of Indiana, and now operates a chain of 40 stores, located in the States of Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New York, Indiana, and the District of Columbia. The stores are well located in the metropolitan districts. The entire expansion of the company has been accomplished out of earnings without any additional capital other than the original investment. It will be the policy of the management to continue to expand the operations of the company through the opening of additional stores from new locations being under consideration at this time. The corporation is an extensive advertiser, having expended over \$575,000 out of earnings for this purpose. It has created a valuable good will and has established a well-known trade-mark for its products, and is the leading chain store system of its kind in the East.

Sales and Earnings.—For the four years and four months ended Oct. 31 1928 the gross sales were as follows:

Year—	Sales.	Customers Served.	Average Sale.
1924 (six months)-----	\$261,008	185,526	\$1.423
1925-----	733,639	514,470	1.426
1926-----	1,586,630	1,101,062	1.441
1927-----	2,276,011	1,451,242	1.57
1928 (ten months)-----	1,881,584	(est.) 1,500,000	

For the ten months ended Oct. 31 1928 the net profits of the company, before providing for Federal income taxes, but after eliminating non-recurring items of income and expense in the amount of \$29,504, amounted to \$82,111, and after providing for Federal income taxes at the current rate of 12%, the net profits, after eliminating the non-recurring items above referred to, amounted to \$72,258.

Based on the above figures, and estimating the profits for the months of November and December at \$15,000, which is considered conservative by the management, and also giving effect to additional cash discounts which could have been earned had the company had the cash supplied by this financing, and which the management estimates at a minimum of \$20,000, a net profit available for dividends for the year 1928 would be \$107,258.

The above figures include the earnings of the entire chain of 40 stores, 12 of which were opened during the year 1928, and the full benefits of which will not be apparent until 1929.

Listing.—The company has agreed to make application for the listing of this stock on the New York Curb Market.

Texas Co.—To Extend Pipe Lines.

The company will extend its pipe lines, which are now being constructed from Port Arthur and Houston to Winkler County, Texas, into Lea County, New Mexico, it is announced.—V. 127, p. 2383.

Textile Building (Textile Properties, Inc.), N. Y. City.

Bonds Offered.—An issue of \$2,400,000 7% gen. mtge. sinking fund gold bonds (with common stock purchase warrants) is being offered at 100 and int. by P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., and Peabody, Smith & Co., Inc., New York.

Dated Nov. 1 1928; due Nov. 1 1948, Int. payable (M. & N.) at office of fiscal agent of the corporation in either New York or Chicago. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500*. Red., in part, on any int. date, upon 60 days' notice, on or before Nov. 1 1931, at 105 and int; thereafter, on or before Nov. 1 1934, at 103.50 and int.; thereafter, on or before Nov. 1 1938, at 102 and int.; thereafter, on or before Nov. 1 1943, at 101 and int.; thereafter at 100 and int. Red. as a whole, on any int. date, upon 60 days' notice at 101 and int. on or before Nov. 1 1943; thereafter at 100 and int. Interest payable without deduction for that portion of any normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Reimbursement of certain taxes, (other than succession or inheritance taxes) of the District of Columbia, or of any State, Commonwealth, Territory or Possession of the United States, except the State of Mass., up to but not in excess of five mills per dollar and in the State of Mass. certain income taxes up to but not in excess of 6% of the interest therefrom, in all instances upon timely and proper application, as provided in the mortgage.—New York Trust Co., New York, trustee.

Building.—The textile building occupies the entire block front of the east side of Fifth Avenue between East 30th Street and East 31st Street. The building, completed in 1921, is a modern 16-story office and display room structure of granite, limestone, concrete, steel and brick fireproof construction and because of its exceptional location facing on three thoroughfares, was so designed as to afford maximum natural light and ventilation. The building is located on a plot of approximately 36,000 square feet, contains a net rental area of approximately 489,000 square feet, and is adequately served by ten elevators.

Earnings.—The corporation certifies that the building is 100% rented and since 1922 has established the remarkable record of a full tenancy.

	Calendar Years			
	1925.	1926.	1927.	12 Mos. End Sept. 30 '28.
Gross income-----	\$1,128,463	\$1,136,109	\$1,161,214	\$1,174,949
Oper. exp., maint., ins. & tax. (excl. Fed. tax)-----	273,286	274,721	286,158	291,775
Balance-----	\$855,177	\$861,388	\$875,056	\$883,174
First mtge. annual int. & sink. fund. chgs.-----	476,460	476,460	476,460	476,460
Balance-----	\$378,717	\$384,928	\$398,596	\$406,714
Maximum annual int. charges (this issue)-----				\$166,932

Net income available for maximum annual interest charges, depreciation and Federal income taxes, for the 12-months ended Sept. 30 1928 was equivalent to over 2.4 times such maximum annual interest charges.

Security.—These bonds will be secured by a closed mortgage on the land and building owned in fee at 295 Fifth Avenue N. Y. City, known as the Textile Building, extending about 197 feet on Fifth Avenue, 164 feet on East 30th Street and 200 feet on East 31st Street or a total of 551 feet of street frontage, subject to the lien of the 1st mtge 6% sinking fund gold loan in the principal amount of \$7,350,000, due Nov. 1 1958. The plot, consisting of a total land area of about 36,000 square feet, is one of the largest single plottages on Fifth Ave.

Sinking Fund.—Mortgage will provide for a sinking fund payable semi-annually to the trustee beginning May 1 1929. The operation of this semi-annual sinking fund, through purchase in the open market or through retirement by lot at the then existing call price, is calculated to retire this entire issue by maturity.

Warrants.—Each \$1,000 bond will carry a non-detachable common stock purchase warrant entitling the holder thereof to purchase, at any time subsequent to Jan. 1 1929, and prior to Jan. 1 1934, ten shares of the common stock of the corporation at \$20 per share. Each \$500 bond will carry a proportionate common stock purchase warrant. In the event of the redemption of any of these bonds prior to Jan. 1 1934, the unexercised warrants on the bonds so redeemed shall be detachable by the trustee in the manner as provided in the mortgage. Of the total authorized (100,000) shares of the common stock, 24,000 shares will be reserved for the warrants with 76,000 shares to be presently outstanding. The balance of net earnings after deducting interest, amortization of bond discount, and an allowance for Federal income taxes, available for depreciation and common stock to be presently outstanding, for the 12 months ended Sept. 30 1928, as certifi-

fied to by Arthur Anderson & Co., is equivalent to over \$2.90 per share. See also V. 127, p. 3106.

Thompson-Starrett Co., Inc.—Acquires Interest in General Realty & Utilities Corp.—Increases Common Stock.

The stockholders on Feb. 11 ratified the action of the officers of the corporation in executing an agreement, dated Jan. 29 1929, between this corporation and Lehman Brothers, Hallgarten & Co., Hayden, Stone & Co., Chas. D. Barney & Co., Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., Kissell, Kinnicut & Co., Brown Brothers & Co., Central States Electric Corp., Louis W. Abrons, the Teeson Co., George Pick & Co., and General Realty & Utilities Corp. (of Del.), whereby this corporation will acquire 100,000 shares of the common stock (without par value) of General Realty & Utilities Corp. and options to purchase 50,607 shares of such common stock at \$10 per share, and will issue in full payment of and in exchange therefor 100,000 shares of its common stock.

The stockholders also increased the authorized common stock, no par value, from 500,000 shares to 600,000 shares.—V. 128, p. 749, 905.

Tida Osage Oil Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross earnings-----	\$3,449,204	\$6,778,753	\$5,422,539	\$3,466,630
Operating expenses-----	629,031	1,159,941	655,012	713,587
General and admin. exp.-----	156,922	171,952	138,799	208,121
Balance-----	\$2,663,280	\$5,466,860	\$4,628,728	\$2,544,921
Other income-----	x\$28,191	49,882	45,940	50,691
Total income-----	\$3,491,472	\$5,496,742	\$4,674,668	\$2,595,612
Int., discount, taxes, &c-----	55,386	y 638,686	342,237	292,154
Develop., deprec. & depl-----	1,153,082	2,188,197	1,766,242	1,805,506
Est. Federal inc. tax-----	264,000	255,908	281,429	-----
Net income-----	\$2,019,002	\$2,413,952	\$2,284,760	\$497,952
Prof. dividends (7%)-----	-----	4,558	36,463	36,463
Common dividends-----	2,840,935	631,319	-----	-----

Balance, surplus-----	def. \$21,933	\$1,778,075	\$2,248,297	\$461,489
Shares of common outstanding (par \$10)-----	631,319	613,319	613,319	613,319
Earn. per sh. on com-----	\$3.20	\$3.99	\$3.56	\$0.73

x Includes \$668,034 profit from sale of capital assets. y Includes losses from sale of capital assets.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31		1928.		1927.	
Assets—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Operated proper's, bldgs. & equip.-----	6,412,020	11,180,552	Common stock-----	6,313,190	6,313,190
Cash & market sec.-----	39,795	42,408	Accounts payable-----	19,567	36,129
Accts & notes rec.-----	80,833	129,769	Wages, taxes, int.-----	-----	-----
Due from affil.-----	2,569,148	1,562,346	& miscell.-----	47,235	86,864
Crude oil-----	21,638	22,526	Due to affil. co.-----	35,839	440
Materials & suppl.-----	207,271	284,976	Est. Fed. inc. tax.-----	264,000	145,500
Invested res. funds.-----	93,055	56,177	Res. for conting.-----	93,055	56,177
Capital stk. of affil.-----	79,822	84,379	Def. credits to op.-----	-----	65,399
Deferred charges-----	74,847	16,169	Surplus-----	2,805,543	6,675,604
Total-----	9,578,429	13,379,304	Total-----	9,578,429	13,379,304

Criticisms Answered.—Axtell J. Byles, Pres. of Tide Water Oil Co., in a letter to the stockholders of Tidal Osage Oil, Jan. 31, says in substance:

The attention of this company has been called to a circular letter addressed to you by E. M. Love, Harrison Nesbit and W. W. Goldsborough, of Pittsburgh, Pa., soliciting your contributions of not in excess of 20c. per share for the purpose of seeking information as to the corporate relations between Tidal Osage Oil Co. and Tide Water Oil Co.

This letter recites the fact that Tide Water Oil Co. holds the majority of the voting capital stock of Tidal and dominates its policy. The statements are in part made. (1) that the minority is without representation on the board of directors and that if such representation were given, the minority could be informed as to "the matter of dividends, investment of surplus funds, purchase, sale and development of properties and marketing of products"; (2) that a cash dividend of \$2.50 a share was paid out of the proceeds of the sale of the "Osage gas lease"; (3) that the Sept. 30 1928 statement-----discloses an item of \$3,923,188 due from affiliated companies", suggesting the advisability of "inquiries with respect to this item"; and it is then concluded, from the "existing policy of the company-----not to invest in additional leases", that 4) the "management has no intention of carrying out the purposes for which the company was organized".

It is obvious that the impression sought to be created by this letter is that the minority stockholders in general, and the signers of the letter in particular, "are completely in the dark" as to the above matters. The truth is that all of these subjects have been discussed in conferences between two of the signers of the letter and the officials of Tide Water Oil Co. at which full and accurate information was given.

(1) The letter urges the necessity for minority representation on the board of directors. If the stockholders who signed the letter had been entirely frank, they would have disclosed the fact that an invitation was extended to E. M. Love and his associates to name an individual satisfactory to them with the further assurance that at the same time another director representing the minority at large would be placed on the board. This offer of minority representation is still open to Mr. Love and his associates.

(2) The dividend policy of this company inferentially is criticized. When Tide Water Oil Co. took over the management of Tidal Osage Oil Co. it was not only necessary for the former to furnish the latter with temporary working capital but it was essential that Tide Water Oil Co. guarantee a \$3,500,000 bond issue to pay off outstanding indebtedness and furnish additional working capital. Following the redemption of the outstanding preferred stock and the bond issue, dividends were declared and since that time have been continued to the satisfaction of the stockholders.

(3) The Osage gas lease was sold with full knowledge and approval of W. W. Goldsborough. The dividend of \$2.50 a share paid Nov. 1 1928 was not a capital disbursement but was a disbursement from surplus and undivided profits as you were advised by the notice accompanying the dividend check, where it was stated that "the surplus and cash on hand warrant the payment of the present dividend".

(4) It was not necessary for the signers of the letter to "infer" that the sum of \$3,923,188 has been loaned to Tide Water Oil Co. W. W. Goldsborough was advised that pursuant to the Tide Water Oil Co. policy with all its affiliated companies, this amount is on deposit with that company. It was also made clear to Mr. Goldsborough that Tide Water Oil Co. never devoted any of these funds to the development of its own properties, as is implied by the letter, and has accounted fully to Tidal Osage Oil Co. for the highest rate of return on the investment of all surplus funds deposited with it. In short, Tide Water Oil Co. invested this fund in such a manner as to yield the largest return consistent with security, thus giving the maximum return with minimum risk.

(5) It is obvious that the existing policy of the company not to invest in additional properties does not show an intention on the part of this company not to carry out the purposes for which Tidal Osage Oil Co. was organized. This policy was determined upon because the management, having rehabilitated the company and placed it in its present financially strong condition, believed, since the company never had paid a dividend on its common stock, that its present policy, with the payment of dividends, better carries out the purposes of the company than would a policy of expansion with all its attendant risks. The wisdom of the purchase of additional properties is a matter of business judgment, which your board of directors in good faith has exercised to the best interest and protection of all stockholders.

Two of the signers of the letter, which now solicits your contribution have offered to sell their respective holdings of stock from time to time to Tide Water Oil Co. and were advised that the company would not purchase but was willing to sell its own stock and for such purpose offered an option at a price and on terms deemed fair, which was not accepted. At different times brokers representing that they contemplated the purchase of some or all of the stock owned by the signers of the letter have called on officials of Tidal Osage to secure an expression as to the value of the stock. These officials have always stated that their opinion as to the value of the stock is reflected in the terms of the option tendered to W. W. Goldsborough and that the company would do nothing to influence the market value of the stock either by information given or withheld.

In view of the foregoing facts, it would seem that the signers of the letter are more interested in the sale of their stockholdings of Tidal Osage than in the protection of the minority.—V. 127, p. 2247.

Trans-America Corp.—Capitalization Increased.—The stockholders on Feb. 9 increased the authorized capital stock, par \$25, from 10,000,000 shares to 50,000,000 shares.—V. 128, p. 419.

Transformer Corporation of America.—Stock Offered.—C. L. Schmidt & Co., Inc., Chicago, recently offered 12,500 shares common stock at \$17.50 per share.

Capitalization Authorized Outstanding
Common stock (no par value) 50,000 shs. 50,000 shs.
Transfer agent: Union Bank of Chicago, Chicago; registrar: Foreman Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.

Data from Letter of Ross D. Siragusa, Pres. of the Corporation.

History.—Organized in Illinois in January 1928 for the purpose of taking over the business of the Wilson Electrical Laboratories; a partnership which began business with a nominal capital in March 1926. Practically the entire net earnings have been reinvested in the business, thus making possible the company's rapid growth. The company manufactures a complete line of power and radio transformers. The company has completed the development of Neon transformers and is entering into volume production on this item. The company's manufacturing operations are carried on in Chicago.

Earnings.—Net sales and net earnings as reported by the auditors, for the two calendar years 1927 and 1928 (Dec. 1928 est.) after all charges, including provision for Federal income taxes, have been as follows:

	1927		1928	
	Sales	Earnings	Sales	Earnings
First quarter	\$7,793	\$1,033	\$21,348	\$4,675
Second quarter	13,896	1,844	24,911	5,455
Third quarter	43,731	5,802	103,604	22,692
Fourth quarter	72,988	9,684	272,526	59,687
Total	\$138,410	\$18,365	\$422,391	\$92,510

The company has had to allocate its production, not having been able to fill its orders, and present commitments for the first quarter of 1929 are greatly in excess of the business done in the first quarter of 1928. With the additional working capital made available by this financing, the company expects materially increased earnings.

Purpose.—Proceeds of this financing will be used to increase the company's manufacturing facilities and for additional working capital.

Transuc & Williams Steel Forging Corp., New York.—New Officers, etc.

J. R. Gorman was recently elected President, succeeding F. W. Trabold, resigned. Mr. Gorman was also elected a director and member of the executive committee. M. C. Semour was elected Secretary-Treasurer to succeed Herbert Wolfe, resigned.—V. 127, p. 3106.

Travel Air Co.—Stock Sold.—Jackson & Curtis and Hayden Stone & Co. announce the sale of the stock of the company.

Capitalization.—100,000 shares capital stock (no par value) authorized and outstanding. Transfer Agent, National City Bank, New York. Registrar, New York Trust Co.

History.—Company, a Delaware corporation owns over 98% of the stock of Travel Air Manufacturing Co. (Kan.). The latter since its inception in Jan. 1925 has developed into one of the largest manufacturers and distributors of commercial and pleasure aeroplanes in this country.

It has confined its production to single motored planes selling at prices ranging from \$2,750 to \$13,500. It is now producing in standard models three place biplanes and four and six place cabin monoplanes.

"Travel Air" planes are in general use all over the United States and in several foreign countries, being widely used by mail lines, flying schools and transportation companies as well as by private individuals. Distribution of the company's products is made through approximately 116 dealers and distributors in the United States. It also has foreign representation in practically every civilized country in the world.

Company's plant is located at the Wichita Airport, about three miles east of Wichita, Kan., and consists of two units having a combined floor space of over 49,000 square feet arranged for progressive production and assembly. A third unit of equal size is now under construction. Company owns a flying field immediately adjacent to the plant, its total land holdings being approximately 160 acres.

Company manufactured and sold 18 planes in 1925, 46 in 1926, 154 in 1927 and 530 in 1928.

Earnings.—The income statement of Travel Air Manufacturing Co. for the period Feb. 5 1925 to Dec. 31 1928 incl. is shown below.

	Sales	Net Inc. After Fed. Taxes
1925 (Feb. 5-Dec. 31)	\$54,936	\$11,056
1926	185,169	25,003
1927	642,192	68,385
1928	\$2,229,816	\$360,932

Listed.—Stock listed on New York Curb.

The pro forma consolidated balance sheet as of Sept. 30 1928 shows net tangible assets of \$930,031, of which \$816,767 represents net current assets.—V. 127, p. 3417.

Tri-Continental Corp.—Listing.

There have been placed on the Boston Stock Exchange list 250,000 shares (par \$100) 6% cumulative pref. stock. On Jan. 18 1929 there were listed upon the Exchange 200,000 shares without par value of common stock, with authority to add thereto on notice of issuance and payment in full \$00,000 additional shares. As of Jan. 28 1929 these additional shares were issued and paid for and added to the list.—V. 128, p. 267, 419, 577, 749.

Underwood Elliott Fisher Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Statement of Combined Income for Fourth Quarter and 12 Months Ended Dec. 31 1928.

	Ath Quarter	12 Months.
Combined Net Earnings, after deducting mfg., sell. & general expenses and all other chgs., but before deprec. and Federal taxes	1,828,274	5,435,647
Other net income	254,848	566,117
Total	\$2,083,122	\$6,001,764
Depreciation	206,983	713,752
Reserve for Federal income tax	247,029	644,556

Combined Net Income \$1,629,110 \$4,643,456
Equivalent on average number of shares of no par value common stock of Underwood Elliott Fisher Co. outstanding during the period (incl. shares held for exchange for Elliott-Fisher Co. stock not yet deposited) \$2.29 per sh. \$6.45 per sh.
—V. 127, p. 2553.

Union Storage Co.—Annual Report.

Calendar Years—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Net earns, bef. Fed. tax	\$51,271	\$53,844	\$39,779	\$76,465
Depreciation	10,268	9,922	10,081	10,065
Net income	\$41,003	\$43,922	\$29,698	\$66,400
Dividends (12%)	42,000	42,000	42,000	14,490,000
Balance, surplus	def\$997	\$1,922	def\$12,302	\$17,400
Previous surplus	414,151	327,339	339,641	322,241
Profit & loss surplus	\$413,153	\$329,261	\$327,339	\$339,641
Shares capital stock outstanding (par \$25)	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000
Earns. per sh. before tax	\$2.93	\$3.14	\$2.12	\$4.74

United Aircraft & Transport Corp.—Distribution.—See Niles-Bement-Pond Co. above.—V. 128, p. 749, 578.

United Bond & Share Corp.—Earnings.

Income Account Year Ended Dec. 31—	1929.	1927.
Gross income	\$770,367	\$350,966
Interest, taxes, insurance, &c.	263,850	171,826
Net income	\$506,517	\$179,140
Dividends	239,904	199,080
Placed in contingent reserve	115,000	—
Balance, surplus	\$151,613	\$80,060

—V. 127, p. 2553.

United Fruit Co.—Extra Dividend in Stock.—The directors on Feb. 13 declared an extra dividene of 1-20th of a share in stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the outstanding 2,500,000 shares of capital stock, no par value, payable April 1 to holders of record Mar. 2. An extra distribution of \$1.50 in cash was made on April 1 1927 and 1928.—V. 128, p. 878.

United Paper Box Co., San Francisco.—Stock Sold.—De Fremery & Co., San Francisco, recently sold 14,000 class A shares capital stock at \$23 per share.

Class A stock is entitled to preferential cumulative dividends of \$1.60 per share per annum, payable quarterly, before any dividends shall be paid on class B stock. Class A stock is redeemable at \$26 per share at any time after 30 days' notice. Class A stock is convertible into class B stock at any time up to ten days prior to actual date of redemption, share for share. Class A and class B stocks have equal voting rights, except in case of default in four quarterly dividends on class A stock; then, class A stock elects the board of directors until the default is made good. In event of liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the corporation, class A stock is entitled to \$26 per share. Dividends free from normal Federal income tax and exempt from California personal property tax. Transfer agent, Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co., San Francisco, Calif. Registrar, Anglo & London Paris National Bank, San Francisco, Calif.

Capitalization.—Authorized Outstanding
Capital stock A (no par value) 25,000 shs. 14,000 shs.
Capital stock B (no par value) 75,000 shs. 14,500 shs.

*25,000 shares reserved for conversion of class A stock.
Company.—A Nevada corporation. Is a merger of the Mission Paper Box Co. and Scott Brothers, Inc., which companies, with their predecessors, have been engaged for the last eight years in the manufacture of all kinds of "set-up" paper boxes and containers. Its manufacturing plant is located at Bryant and 18th Sts., San Francisco, Calif.

Earnings.—The earnings before income taxes and after elimination of non-recurring executive salaries and personal expenses, and interest, for the past 22 months have averaged \$49,647 per year.

Purpose.—The purpose of this issue is to bring about this merger and make possible public participation in the enterprise.

Listing.—Application will be made to list the class A shares and class B shares on the San Francisco Curb Exchange.

United States & British International Co., Ltd.—

Earnings for Period Jan. 17 to Nov. 30 1928.

Interest, dividends and realized investment profits	\$1,408,196
Investment service fee	86,803
Miscellaneous expenses	37,892
Interest on debts & loans payable, incl. amort. of discount	213,561
Foreign, State and miscellaneous taxes	42,362
Federal income tax	85,198
Net income	\$942,379
Dividends on preferred shares paid and accrued	350,000
Balance transferred to undivided profits	\$592,379

Balance Sheet Nov. 30 1928.

Assets.	Liabilities.
Inv. secur. (at cost, less inv. reserve)—General portfolio	Preferred stock
Trans-Oceanic Trust, Ltd.	Class A stock
Cash	Class B stock
Call loans	Taxes accrued
Securities sold—not delivered	Pref. divs. accrued
Accrued int. receiv. and items in course of collection	Int. payable on debentures
Furniture and fixtures	Inv. service fee & sundry exp.
Unamort. disc. on debentures	Securities purchased
Organization expenses	Capital surplus
	Undivided profits
Total	Total

x Represented by 140,000 no par shares. y Represented by 160,000 no par shares.

Note.—140,000 shares of each class of stock have been deposited with the New York Trust Co. and allotment certificates issued against them.—V. 127, p. 3722.

United States Envelope Co.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 4% on the outstanding \$1,750,000 common stock, par \$100, in addition to the usual semi-annual dividend of 4%, both payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 15. An extra cash disbursement of like amount was made on March 1 1928, while in March 1926 and March 1927, an extra of 2% was paid.—V. 126, p. 2163.

United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co.—Ann. Report.

Earnings Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.

Total premiums written	\$45,533,617
Total reinsurance	3,460,923
Losses paid incl. exp. of adj. inspec. & accident prevention	22,436,726
Expenses including commissions	14,705,870
Taxes paid	1,537,295
Net profit from underwriting	\$3,332,803
Interest earned and net rents	2,272,924
Miscellaneous income, incl. profit and loss	351,975
Total income	\$5,957,702
Dividends paid (20%)	1,500,000
Reserves (net)	1,985,352
Depreciation of securities	201,136
Balance, surplus	\$2,271,214
Surplus paid in	2,500,000
Previous surplus	12,153,143
Total surplus, Dec. 31 1928	\$16,924,35

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1928.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Real estate and bldgs	Funds held under reinsurance treaties
Bonds and stocks	Due for return premiums and reinsurance
Cash	Res. for 1929 taxes and exps. in transit
Loans secured	Commissions accrued on uncollected premiums
Prem. in course of collection	Reinsurance & claim reserves
Dep. with Workmen's Compensation Reinsur. Bureau	Voluntary contingent reserve
Acc'ts with suspended banks	Capital stock
Furniture and fixtures	Surplus
Amount due from reinsurers on paid losses	Undivided profits
Interest due and accrued	
Other current assets	
Total	Total

—V. 128, p. 267.

United States Hoffman Machinery Corp.—Report.—

Calendar Years—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross profit on sales—	\$3,400,012	\$3,530,267	\$3,747,542	\$5,982,158
Sell., gen. & adm. exps.—	1,947,598	1,838,768	1,878,091	4,285,963
Profit from operations	\$1,452,414	\$1,691,499	\$1,869,451	\$1,696,195
Interest, &c., income—	266,189	197,058	187,263	151,551
Gross income—	\$1,718,602	\$1,888,558	\$2,056,714	\$1,847,746
Interest, &c., charges—	233,514	92,573	99,441	139,824
Fed. & Dominion taxes—	40,929	189,830	220,104	190,246
Depreciation—	170,812	189,911	176,906	—
Amortization of patents—	220,103	219,633	219,064	218,410
Net income—	\$953,243	\$1,196,610	\$1,341,198	\$1,299,266
Divs. on pref. stock—	—	—	—	60,896
Common dividends—	888,813	888,813	833,213	433,125
Surplus—	\$64,430	\$307,797	\$507,985	\$805,245
Profit and loss items—	—	—	Dr. 68,568	Cr. 1,559
Previous surplus—	3,024,973	2,717,175	2,277,757	1,470,924
Profit & loss, surplus—	\$3,089,403	\$3,024,972	\$2,717,175	\$2,277,757
Earns. per sh. on com.—	\$4.29	\$5.38	\$6.04	\$5.73

Balance Sheet December 31.

Assets—	1928.	1927.	Liabilities—	1928.	1927.
Plant property—	\$1,028,338	\$675,850	Capital stock—	\$4,632,182	\$4,632,182
Plant constr. & equip. in process—	27,483	28,922	Accounts payable—	371,704	367,663
Patents—	\$1,821,986	1,974,273	Deposits on acct. of uncompl. sales—	12,558	4,816
Good-will—	1	1	Reserves for taxes—	53,887	259,978
U. S. certificates—	1	400,000	Customers' installment divs.—	51,091	12,249
Call loans—	200,000	—	Surplus—	3,089,402	3,024,973
Cash—	315,567	509,134			
Inst. accts. rec.—	\$2,839,990	2,932,614			
Accts. rec., less res.—	688,375	637,990			
Prepaid and def'd charges—	98,336	21,061			
Inventories—	1,173,012	1,120,031			
Deposits on leases, contracts, &c.—	2,419	1,884			
Investments—	15,317	100			
			Total (each side)	\$8,210,825	\$8,301,861

x Includes \$2,801,386 installment accounts receivable secured by chattel mortgages or equivalent liens. It does not include interest accrued on customers' notes receivable. a After deducting reserves of \$429,123. b After deducting reserves of \$1,510,388. c Accounts payable within one year and accrued accounts, incl. Federal tax not assessed or due but estimated to become payable within one year. d 222,203 1-3 shs. of no par value.—V. 127, p. 2975.

United States Realty & Improvement Co.—To Aid Financing of Hotel, &c.—

The directors on Feb. 14 approved a contract for the construction of the Hotel Pierre on the site of the old Gerry mansion, 5th Ave. and 61st St., N. Y. City. The amount involved is \$6,000,000. The officers of the company will subscribe for \$590,000 of the debenture bonds of the hotel. The bonds carry a bonus of 50% in stock.

Announcement also was made that the directors had authorized the issuance of 20,246 shares of treasury stock of the Improvement company for the purchase of the outstanding stock of the Plaza Hotel. The Improvement company already owns the greater part of the hotel stock. After the issuance of the 20,246 shares there will remain in the company's treasury only 2,285 shares of unused stock, but this will be increased by 1,000,000 shares at the next meeting of stockholders of the Improvement company.

The board also approved the action of the directors of its subsidiary, the George A. Fuller Co. in "confirming instructions issued by its President to all officers and managers to the effect that hereafter the Fuller company will not figure any competitive work." "This means," it was explained, "that the Fuller company will not figure any public or private work on a competitive basis."

The action of the directors of the Fuller company in revoking all existing contracts with employees was approved by the United States Realty directors. The board, it was said, would approve additional compensation for the Fuller company employees in "proportion to the results achieved during the year." The Fuller company has established a pension fund for employees in its various offices and superintendents and foremen. Gustave J. S. White of Andrews & White, Newport, R. I., has been elected a Vice-President of the Improvement company. Alber C. Mau, F. W. Timko and F. M. Raynor were elected Vice-President to sign stock certificates. See also V. 128, p. 905.

United States Steel Corp.—Unfilled Orders.—

See under "Indications of Business Activity" on a preceding page —V. 128, p. 906, 720.

Universal Mortgage Co.—Bonds Offered.—Baltimore Trust Co. recently offered \$500,000 6% guaranteed gold bonds, series D, at 100 and int.

Dated Jan. 1 1929; due Jan. 1 1939. Denom. \$1,000*. Callable as a whole or in part on any int. date at 101 and int. In the event of default, all or any part of this issue may be called on any date by the Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Co., New York, at 100 plus int. Both prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the principal office of the trustee, Central Bank & Trust Co., Asheville, N. C.; or at the principal office of the Hanover National Bank in the City of New York. Int. payable J. & J. Company agrees to reimburse the holder of any bonds of this series upon proper application any State, county or municipal securities tax or taxes which the holder may be required to pay, not in excess of five mills per annum on each one dollar of assessed value.

The Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Co. of New York guarantees the payment of principal and interest of these bonds, by endorsement, direct to the holders thereof.

These bonds are the direct obligation of the company. In addition to the primary obligation of the borrower and the direct obligation of the company, the Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Co. of New York guarantees the payment of these bonds, both as to prin. and int., by endorsement on each bond.

This issue of bonds is secured at all times by deposit at the Central Bank & Trust Co., Asheville, N. C., trustee, of 100% principal amount of cash and (or) United States bonds, United States Treasury certificates and (or) promissory notes and (or) bonds of individuals, firms or corporations, secured by first mortgages and (or) deeds of trust upon improved real property owned in fee simple by the makers of such notes or bonds. Mortgages deposited shall not exceed 60% of the actual value of the property, as appraised by appraisers appointed or approved by the Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Co. of New York and the Universal Mortgage Co. All appraisals are approved by both companies.

Utah Copper Co.—Reported to Have World's Largest Electrified Metal Mine.—

The Bingham (Utah) mining properties of this company can now claim the distinction of being the world's largest electrified metal mine. It is announced. The electrification of the haulage system of this mine, starting on a large scale early in 1928, has now progressed to a point where the electric equipment involved is the most complete and up-to-date of any metal mining project.

Although the actual mining operations had already been electrified, using electric shovels, the haulage system had, up to the middle of 1928, been of the steam type. A trial locomotive was built by the General Electric Co. and was found satisfactory in service. Plans were then made for the installation of 20 General Electric locomotives, with suitable substation equipment, and more than half of these are now in service. In addition to those of the original 20 still to be put in service, an additional 20, also to be built by the General Electric Co., will be used as soon as they can be built and delivered, and it is expected that possibly a few in addition to this number will be required to complete the haulage program. Thus this mine will have in use by far the largest number of electric locomotives ever applied to an open-cut mining operation.

The copper ore is found on both sides of the canyon in which the town of Bingham is situated. Giant electric shovels working on successive terraces cut in the mountain face, remove the overburden which covers the ore, and then the ore itself. The overburden is deposited in cars which are

hauled away by the electric locomotives and dumped down another side of the mountain, while the ore itself, also in cars, is hauled to the mills at Magna, 17 miles distant, over the Bingham & Garfield RR.

Power for this haulage system will be supplied from a number of substations, two of which are already in use, and an extensive electrification system is necessary for distributing the power to the points where it is needed.—V. 127, p. 3263.

Utility & Industrial Corp.—Stocks Sold.—H. M. Bylesby & Co., Inc., announce the sale of 700,000 shares convertible preferred stock at \$25 per share and div. and 1,000,000 shares common stock at \$17.50 per share.

Convertible preferred stock will be convertible up to and including Feb. 1 1944 into Common Stock, share for share, subject to adjustment to prevent dilution of the conversion privilege, and in event of its call for redemption shall be convertible until 5 days before the designated redemption date. Dividends on convertible preferred stock cumulative at the rate of \$1.50 per share per annum, and no more, payable Q-F. Convertible preferred stock in liquidation entitled to receive, and will be limited to \$30 per share and divs. in preference over the common stock; redeemable in whole or in part on 60 days' notice at \$30 per share and divs.

Transfer agencies: Offices of H. M. Bylesby & Co., New York and Chicago. Registrars: Guaranty Trust Co. of New York and Continental National Bank & Trust Co., Chicago.

Business.—Corporation has been organized in Delaware with general powers to engage in business in the United States and foreign countries, including the power to deal in and underwrite stocks and securities and to acquire, hold and dispose of and control or minority interests in, and to operate and supervise, public utilities and industries.

Management.—The board of directors at present is composed entirely of members of the Board of directors of H. M. Bylesby & Co., but future boards may be selected by the stockholders without restriction.

H. M. Bylesby & Co., in consideration of warrants referred to below, will enter into a contract providing management for the corporation for a period of 15 years without compensation, such contract subject to termination at any time in the event that the board of directors is not in accord with the policies of the managers.

H. M. Bylesby & Co. may deal freely with the corporation in business transactions in which H. M. Bylesby & Co. may or may not have resultant profit.

Present Financing.—The 700,000 shares of convertible preferred stock and 1,000,000 shares of common stock presently to be outstanding are to be issued for a cash consideration of \$32,750,000 to be received by Utility & Industrial Corp.

Of the 1,000,000 shares of common stock, 200,000 shares are being purchased by H. M. Bylesby & Co., at \$17.50 a share for its own account and are not included in this offering. All organization expenses of the corporation will be borne by H. M. Bylesby & Co.

The corporation will presently acquire from H. M. Bylesby & Co. and others at prices in excess of cost to them, public utility shares and securities including substantial holdings of Northern States Power Co. (Del.) common stock, Standard Gas & Electric Co. common stock and Standard Power & Light Corp. \$7 cumulative preferred stock. In addition the corporation will have cash in the treasury of \$15,737,500.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Convertible preferred stock (no par)-----	700,000 shs.	700,000 shs.
Common stock (no par)-----	*5,000,000 shs.	1,000,000 shs.

* Of this amount there are reserved 700,000 shares for conversion of convertible preferred stock and 1,000,000 shares are to be deposited for the exercise of rights to purchase such stock under the warrants to be outstanding.

Warrants.—In addition there are presently to be outstanding warrants issued to H. M. Bylesby & Co. evidencing the right to purchase 1,000,000 shares of common stock on or before Feb. 1 1944 at \$17.50 per share, with provision against dilution.

Provisions of Stock Issues.—Without the consent or vote of the holders of the majority of the outstanding convertible preferred stock, it shall not be reclassified nor shall its authorized number of shares be increased nor shall any new class of stock ranking superior or equal thereto be created; and without the consent or vote of the holders of two-thirds of the outstanding convertible preferred stock, its characteristics shall not be impaired nor, during the continuance of the conversion privilege unless suitable adjustment to prevent its dilution is at the time made, shall the common stock be reclassified or additional common stock be issued for less than \$17.50 per share of common stock declared as a stock dividend representing a capitalization of less than \$17.50 per share of common stock. The convertible preferred stock will have no other voting rights except as may be provided by law, unless at the time dividends aggregating the amount of five quarterly dividends shall be in default in which case each share of convertible preferred stock shall be entitled to one vote on all questions. The common stock has full voting power.

The holders of common stock have preemptive rights in respect of all common stock now or hereafter authorized which may hereafter be issued for cash, other than common stock presently deposited for the exercise of option warrants or reserved, or to be reserved, for conversion of other stocks or securities. The holders of convertible preferred stock have preemptive rights in respect of additional stock of the same class which may hereafter be authorized and issued for cash.

Waldorf System, Inc.—Sales.—

Month of January—	1929.	1928.	Increase.
Sales—	\$1,296,046	\$1,226,568	\$69,478

Wampanoag Mills.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1928.—

Assets.	Liabilities.
Real estate, mill buildings and machinery—	Capital stock—
1,324,000	\$1,000,000
Inventories—	Bills payable—
136,326	110,000
Prepaid insurance—	Reserve for taxes—
5,714	40,053
Cash and accounts receivable—	Reserve for depreciation—
76,669	325,385
	Profit and loss—
	67,371
Total—	Total—
\$1,542,709	\$1,542,709

—V. 118, p. 320.

Warchel Corp.—Pref. Stock Offered.—Bard & Co., and R. P. Minton & Co., Inc., are offering 30,000 units consisting of 1 share of \$2.50 conv. pref. stock and 1/2 share com. stock at \$41 per unit.

Pref. stock exempt from Illinois personal property tax. Dividends exempt from present normal Federal income tax. Transfer agent, First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; registrar, Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. Convertible preference stock preferred as to cumulative dividends of \$2.50 per share per annum, payable Q-F. Preferred as to assets in the event of voluntary liquidation up to \$40 per share and divs. and in involuntary liquidation to \$35 per share and divs. Convertible preference stock has equal voting rights share for share with the common stock. Red. at any time on not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice at \$40 per share and dividends.

Convertible into the common stock share for share, such conversion to be effective up to the date of redemption or date of deposit of the redemption price as specified in the redemption notice.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
\$2.50 convertible preference stock (no par)-----	50,000 shs.	30,000 shs.
Common stock (no par value)-----	*125,000 shs.	50,000 shs.

*50,000 shares reserved for conversion of preference stock and 2,000 shares reserved for sale to employees.

Listed on the Chicago Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of Le Roy J. Zorn, President, Chicago, Jan. 18.

Company.—Recently organized in Illinois. Will acquire the entire outstanding capital stocks of the Ward-Love Pump Corp. (Rockford, Ill.), Elite Mfg. Co. (Ashland, O.) and the J. H. Channon Corp. (Chicago, Ill.). While the products of these companies are dissimilar each unit is in position to benefit materially by this combination.

It is the intention of the management to divide the present manufacturing activities of the Channon Corp. between the Ward-Love and Elite units. Both of these companies are well equipped to handle this business on a more economical basis. The J. H. Channon Corp., however, will continue to operate as a sales organization.

Of the varied lines of products manufactured, among the most important and the most susceptible to immediate expansion are the water softeners and electric water systems. These products are manufactured by the Ward-

Love unit under their own patents for Crane Co. of Chicago and are distributed throughout this country, Canada and Europe.

Assets.—Balance sheet shows net tangible assets of \$1,457,032, which is equivalent to \$48.56 for each share of convertible preference stock outstanding, and net current assets of \$620,301, equal to \$20.60 for each share of convertible preference stock outstanding. The current ratio is 6.6 to 1.

Earnings.—The combined net earnings of the companies for the 3 years ended Dec. 31 1928, after all charges, including Federal income tax, but before interest on notes payable to be retired, of the companies which will comprise the Warchell Corp., adjusted by the management to eliminate certain non-recurring salaries in the amount of \$26,500 per annum paid to executives of the former companies whose services are to be dispensed with, were as follows:

Calendar Years—	1928.	1927.	1926.
Net profits after taxes	\$209,349	\$145,866	\$130,069
Earnings per share conv. preference stock	6.97	4.86	4.33
Earnings per share common stock	2.68	1.42	1.10

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of the preference and common stocks will be used for the acquisition of the properties above mentioned to provide working capital and for other corporate purposes.

Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc.—Initial Pref. Dividend.

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1.10 per share on the conv. pref. stock for the 6 months' period from Sept. 1 1928 to Feb. 28 1929, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 26 (see Stanley Co. of America in "Chronicle" of Oct. 20 1928, p. 2247).—V. 128, p. 578, 419.

Warner-Quinlan Co.—Stock Increased.

The stockholders on Feb. 11 increased the authorized capital stock from 500,000 shares to 1,000,000 shares, no par value.—V. 127, p. 2976.

Weber & Heilbronner, Inc.—Merger Approved.

At special meetings of the stockholders of Fashion Park Inc., and Stein Block Co. in Rochester it was voted to transfer all the assets of these companies to Weber & Heilbronner, Inc., in connection with the proposal to unite the businesses of these organizations under the name of Fashion Park Associates, Inc.—V. 128, p. 578.

Wells-Jackson Building (Wells-Jackson Bldg. Corp.)

Chicago.—Bonds Offered.—Light & Co., Chicago are offering \$540,000, 1st mtge. leasehold 6½% serial gold bonds at par and interest.

Dated Jan. 1 1929; due serially 1932 to 1939. Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at National Bank of the Republic, Chicago, trustee. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100 c*. Callable before maturity on any int. date upon 60 days' notice at 103 and int. prior to and incl. Jan. 1 1931. Thereafter and on or before Jan. 1 1933 at 102½ and int. Thereafter and on or before July 1 1938 at 102 and int. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%, and certain State taxes refunded.

Data from Letter of Frederick Foltz, President of the Company.

Security.—Bonds will be the direct obligation of the corporation and will be secured by a closed first mortgage on the leasehold estate and a seven-story and basement all-steel fireproof constructed garage, store and office building to be erected at 316-326 South Wells St., Chicago. The land, fronting 136.10 feet on South Wells St., with a depth of 153.3 ft., is leased until Nov. 10 1927.

The leasehold estate and building at normal occupancy and operation have been appraised by Wm. H. Babcock & Sons, Chicago, at \$981,000. The bonds hereby offered represent, therefore, approximately a 55% loan.

Earnings.—Net annual income available for ground rent and bond interest with the building at normal occupancy and operation, and after deducting operating expenses both direct and general, is estimated by Wm. H. Babcock & Sons, Chicago, at \$146,009. The net income, after deducting ground rent, is approximately 2.8 times the maximum annual interest charge on this bond issue.

Wesson Oil & Snowdrift Co., Inc.—Pref. Stock Sold.

The National City Co. offered Feb. 14 at \$72.50 per share 400,000 shares convertible preferred stock (without par value). The issue has been oversubscribed. The existing \$7 cumul. pref. stock will be accepted in exchange for new convertible pref. stock on the basis of 3 shares of new convertible pref. stock and \$2.50 in cash for each 2 shares of existing \$7 cumul. pref. stock.

Entitled to cumulative dividends at the rate of \$4 a share per annum, payable Q.-M. Dividends on this issue will accumulate from March 1 1929. Dividends exempt from the present normal Federal income tax. Red. in whole or in part on any div. date, upon 30 days' notice at \$85 per share and divs. In any distribution of capital assets, voluntary or involuntary, entitled to \$85 per share and divs. Transfer agents, National City Bank, New York, and Canal Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans. Registrars, Chemical National Bank, New York, and Hibernia Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans.

Convertible after April 1 1929 share for share into common stock (voting trust certificates) of the company. A common stock dividend of 100% will be paid prior to April 1 1929, increasing the outstanding common stock (voting trust certificates) to 600,000 shares.

Capitalization (Upon Completion of Present Financing and Redemption of Existing Preferred Stock.)

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Convertible preferred stock (no par)	600,000 shs.	400,000 shs.
Common stock (no par)	2,000,000 shs.	660,000 shs.

a 400,000 shares will be reserved to provide for the conversion of the convertible preferred stock to be presently outstanding. b Includes 300,000 shares to be issued as a 100% stock dividend on the present outstanding 300,000 shares.

Data from Letter of A. D. Geoghegan, President of the Company.

Company.—Owns all the capital stocks (except directors' qualifying shares) of the Southern Cotton Oil Co., Southport Mill, Ltd., and Sco Tank Line, Inc. These companies, comprising the largest completely integrated unit in the cotton oil industry, and refining annually approximately 16% of all the cottonseed oil produced in the United States, are engaged in the manufacture and distribution of a wide variety of products, including "Wesson Oil," "Snowdrift" shortening, "Secoco" shortening, and "MFB." A large bulk oil business is done with manufacturers of mayonnaise, margarine, soaps and kindred products, and there has been developed an extensive utilization of cottonseed oil by-products, such as cottonseed cake and meal, used extensively as cattle feed; soap stock and Beta fat, used by manufacturers of soap and lubricants; pitch, used in the manufacture of paint, linoleum and roofing; and cotton linters, used in the production of rayon.

The thorough utilization of the raw material results in a balanced production and a diversified market for the products which are sold to a majority of the important grocery jobbers in the United States, as well as nationally known and widely diversified firms. "Wesson Oil" and "Snowdrift" shortening alone are now being sold in approximately 200,000 retail stores throughout the United States.

Purpose.—Proceeds of this issue will be applied to the redemption on June 1 1929 of the entire issue of \$7 cumulative preferred stock of the company, of which 142,114 shares are at present outstanding, and to provide additional working capital.

Listing.—Application will be made to list this convertible preferred stock on the New York Stock Exchange. Voting trust certificates for the common stock are listed on the New York Stock Exchange and application will be made to list the additional voting trust certificates for the common stock which will be issued as a stock dividend.

Earnings—Years Ended Aug. 31.

	1926.*	1927.	1928.
Sales	\$64,681,122	\$55,849,709	\$59,901,639
Depreciation charged	860,610	875,531	914,471
Net available for dividends	3,000,286	3,018,504	3,529,153
Per share of conv. preferred stock	\$7.50	\$7.55	\$8.82

* Annual rate based on 15 months.
For the three years and three months ended Aug. 31 1928 the net income available for dividends, calculated as above, has averaged \$3,168,620, equivalent to approximately \$7.92 per share of convertible preferred stock to be presently outstanding. For the three months ended Nov. 30 1928 such net income amounted to \$694,056, or at the annual rate of \$2,776,223,

equivalent to \$6.94 per share of convertible preferred stock to be presently outstanding.

After deducting annual dividend requirements on the convertible preferred stock to be presently outstanding, the balance of net income, calculated as above, for the fiscal year ended Aug. 31 1928 is equivalent to approximately \$3.21 per share of the 600,000 shares of common stock to be presently outstanding.

Pro Forma Consolidated Balance Sheet Nov. 30 1928.

[Adjusted to give effect to the present financing and transactions incidental thereto.]

Assets—	Liabilities—
Cash and call loans	Notes payable
Notes & accts. receivable	Accts. pay., accruals, &c.
Inventories	Res. for Federal taxes
Land, buildings, & equip.	Dividends payable
Inv. in adv. to affil. cos	Res. for repairs & exp.
Insurance fund investm't	Res. for contingencies
Prepaid items	Res. for fire & cas. ins.
Other assets	Capital and surplus
Total	Total

x Represented by shares of stock of no par value as follows: Convertible preferred stock, 400,000 shares; common stock, 600,000 shares.—V. 128, p. 420.

100% Stock Dividend—To Refund Preferred Stock.

The directors on Feb. 13 voted a 100% stock dividend on the common stock which will be payable prior to April 1 1929, to stockholders of record Feb. 28. This action increases the number of shares of common stock outstanding to 600,000. The company's present dividend rate on the common is \$4 per share and it expects to maintain this rate by paying \$2 per share on the common which will be outstanding after the stock dividend.

The company will redeem on June 1 1929, the entire issue of \$7 cum. pref. stock, of which 142,114 shares are at present outstanding, at a price of \$110 per share. Funds for the redemption of this \$7 pref. stock will be derived from the sale by the National City Company of a new issue of no par value conv. pref. stock.—V. 128, p. 420.

Westvaco Chlorine Products Corp.—Initial Dividend.

The directors have declared an initial dividend of 50c. per share on the common stock, no par value, payable April 1 to holders of record March 20.—V. 128, p. 268.

Western Insurance Securities Co.—Stock Offered.

An issue of 35,000 shares class A \$2.50 preferential cumulative participating and convertible stock is being offered at \$48 per share and div. by Prescott, Wright, Snider Co., Kansas City, Mo., and Atlantic-Merrill Oldham Corp., Boston.

Preferential dividends payable quarterly beginning May 1 1929. Participating up to \$4 per share. This stock is exempt from all local taxes in Missouri except inheritance tax and the dividends are exempt from the present normal Federal income tax. Transfer agents, First National Bank, Kansas City, Mo., and Atlantic National Bank, Boston, Mass. Registrars, First National Bank, Kansas City, Mo., and Atlantic National Bank, Boston, Mass.

Data from Letter of Ray B. Duboc, President of the Company.

Company.—Organized in 1925 and owns all of the stock of the Western Automobile Casualty Co. and the Western Fire Insurance Co.; these companies with the Western Automobile Insurance Co., an affiliated company, are licensed to write practically all forms of insurance except life insurance, and operate in 19 States.

Purpose.—Purpose of financing is to increase capital and surplus of Western Automobile Casualty Co. and Western Fire Insurance Co.

Earnings.—Earnings available to securities company are equivalent, after providing for the annual dividend on the preferred stock, to 1.68 times the \$2.50 preferential dividend requirement on 35,000 shares class A stock.

Assets.—Assets exclusive of valuation of agency plant and of good-will equivalent to \$53.54 for each share of outstanding class A stock and including agency plant valuation but exclusive of good-will equivalent to \$58.70 for each share of such stock.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Pref. stock, 6% cum. non-voting (\$100 par)	\$1,300,000	\$700,000
Class A \$2.50 preferential cum. partic. and conv. stock (no par)	75,000 shs.	35,000 shs.
Common stock (no par)	*150,000 shs.	50,000 shs.

* Including 61,250 shares reserved for conversion of class A stock. Convertible into common stock of the company as follows: During the first three years after stock is issued, one share of class A stock into 1 1/2 shares of common stock; during the next succeeding two years, one share of class A stock into 1 1/2 shares of common stock; during the next succeeding two years, one share of class A stock into 1 1/2 shares of common stock; during the next succeeding two years, one share of class A stock into one share common stock. At the end of the nine-year period, as above provided, the right to convert such class A stock shall cease.

Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.—Sells Battery Division.

—See Electric Auto-Lite Co. above.—V. 128, p. 578, 750.

(The) Winchester Co., New Haven, Conn.—Reorganization Plan.

—The stockholders will vote Feb. 5 on approving a plan for the reorganization of this company and the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. A letter to the stockholders, dated Jan. 16, follows:

The Winchester Co. has outstanding \$9,754,700 of 1st pref. 7% cumul. stock, \$2,000,000 of 2nd pref. 6% non-cumul. stock, and \$10,000,000 of common stock. It owes the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. approximately \$1,000,000 which is payable on demand.

The only assets of the Winchester Co. of any substantial value are 96,840 shares of the stock of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. out of 100,000 shares outstanding (par \$100 each).

No dividends have been paid on the 1st pref. stock of the Winchester Co. since Apr. 15 1921, and the accrued and unpaid dividends on this stock amounted to \$5,121,217 as of Oct. 15 1928. No dividends have been paid on the 2nd pref. stock since Apr. 15 1921, and no dividends have ever been paid on the common stock. No dividends have been paid on the stock of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. since Apr. 14 1921.

The Winchester Repeating Arms Co., in addition to its \$10,000,000 of stock, has outstanding \$6,022,000 of 7 1/2% 1st mtge. bonds, \$850,000 of 6 1/2% debentures, and approximately \$6,500,000 of current indebtedness, of which latter substantially \$5,000,000 are bank loans.

The net earnings of the Winchester Co. and subsidiaries, including the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., after the payment of interest and all other charges, were for the year 1926, \$607,457; for the year 1927, \$208,184; and for the 10 months ended Oct. 31 1928, \$1,095,400. While there has been a large increase in the net earnings of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. during the current year, there is no probability of that company's being able to pay dividends so long as it has its present large outstanding floating debt. In any event, this floating debt has been outstanding for so long a time that common prudence requires that it should be funded.

The Winchester Co. has sold all its subsidiaries except the Winchester Retail Stores Co., which has practically discontinued its business, so that there is no occasion for continuing the Winchester Co. as a separate organization from the Winchester Repeating Arms Co.

The following plan has been prepared for consolidating the Winchester Co. with the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. and for funding the floating indebtedness of the latter company. It has been submitted to and approved by the holders of more than 75% of the 1st pref. stock of the Winchester Co.

Plan for the Reorganization of the Winchester Co. & Winchester Repeating Arms Co.

It is proposed to organize a new corporation in Delaware, with an original issue of 50,364 7% cumul. preferred shares, par \$100; 71,014 class A shares, and 103,260 common shares, both with no par value.

Dividends on the preferred shares will commence to accrue on Jan. 1 1929. They will be callable at 110 and divs.

The class A shares will be entitled to dividends at the rate of \$6 per annum, but no more, payable in each year before any dividends are paid on

the common stock. These dividends will be non-cumulative until Jan. 1 1932, and thereafter will be cumulative. Class A shares will be callable at \$100 per share, and after Jan. 1 1932, at \$100 a share and divs.

The new corporation will purchase from the Winchester Co. all the latter's assets, consisting substantially of 96,840 shares of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., and in payment therefor will assume the indebtedness of the Winchester Co. to the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. amounting approximately to \$2,000,000, and will also assume all other liabilities of the Winchester Co., and upon consummation of the plan of reorganization will issue to the 1st pref. stockholders of the Winchester Co. in exchange for their present 1st pref. stock $\frac{1}{2}$ of a share of preferred and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a share of class A stock of the new company for each share of the present 1st pref. stock; to the 2nd pref. stockholders of the Winchester Co., in exchange for their 2nd pref. stock one share of the class A stock of the new company for each share of present 2nd pref. stock; and to the common stockholders of the Winchester Co., in exchange for their present common stock, one share of the common stock of the new company, in exchange for each share of present common stock. It is contemplated that the Winchester Co. be thereafter dissolved.

The new corporation will also purchase the 3,160 shares of stock of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. which are not owned by the Winchester Co., paying therefor by the issue in exchange therefor of 1,591 preferred shares, 2,240 class A shares, and 3,260 common shares, all of the new corporation, that being an amount proportionate to the amount of the preferred class A and common shares to be issued to the stockholders of the Winchester Co. In payment for the 96,840 shares of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., and, in addition, the new corporation will pay to the holders of the 3,160 shares, \$20 per share in cash, which represents the proportional interest of such holders in the \$2,000,000 indebtedness of the Winchester Co. to the Winchester Repeating Arms Co.

It is proposed that when the new corporation shall have acquired all the capital stock of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., it shall proceed to acquire the assets and business of that company, subject to its debts, and dissolve the present Winchester Repeating Arms Co.

For the purpose of funding the present floating debt of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., the new corporation will issue \$6,500,000 of 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ % 5-year debentures, callable at 105 the first year, 104 the second year, 103 the third year, 102 the fourth year, and 101 the fifth year.

In case the proposed reorganization is effected promptly, Kidder, Peabody & Co. (who, with Louis K. Liggett, Chairman of the board of directors, are largely interested in the common stock of the Winchester Co.) have agreed to purchase the \$6,500,000 of debentures of the new company at 95 and int. (See last week's "Chronicle," page 906).

A committee, consisting of Wm. A. Tobler, Winchester Bennett, Thomas W. Farnam and Otto A. Schreiber has been formed to receive deposits of the stock of stockholders who wish to participate in the plan, and to vote such stock in favor of such action as may be necessary to carry the plan into effect. The committee has arranged with the Union & New Haven Trust Co., of New Haven, Conn., to act as depository.

If the reorganization is effected, and the present earnings of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. continue as at present, the directors are of the opinion that it will be possible to commence paying dividends on the preferred stock of the new corporation in the near future.—V. 128, p. 3469.

Winchester Repeating Arms Co. (Conn.).—Merger.—See Winchester Co. above.—V. 128, p. 906.

Woodworth, Inc.—Merger Approved.—

The stockholders on Feb. 6 approved the consolidation of this company and Bourjols, Inc. The new company will be known as *International Perfume Co., Inc.*, of which Pierre Wertheimer of the international perfumery house of Wertheimer Freres of Paris will be President. Associated with him as executives will be former officers of the predecessor companies.

The capitalization of the new company will consist of 75,000 shares of no par value preference stock, paying dividends of \$2.75 per year, and 540,000 shares of no par value common stock, of which all of the preference stock and 400,000 shares of the common stock will be outstanding upon completion of the consolidation. It is contemplated that the common stock will be placed on an annual dividend basis of \$1 per share. During the past three years the two predecessor companies have distributed more than \$1,500,000 in dividends, an average of more than \$500,000 per year.—V. 128, p. 420.

(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—January Sales.—

Month of January—	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Sales	\$17,658,408	\$17,108,358	\$16,116,517	\$15,162,106

—V. 128, p. 269.

York Ice Machinery Corp.—Conversion Period Extended.—

At the December meeting of the board, the period within which the preferred stock can be converted, was extended to Jan. 1 1930.—V. 125th p. 3363, 3499.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—The New York Life Insurance Co.'s dividends to policyholders in 1929 will amount to \$67,100,000, according to the company's annual statement published elsewhere in this paper. President Darwin P. Kingsley, in his address to the policyholders, presents a brief and unusually clear picture of the company's aggregate transactions. In round figures, the total premiums for the year amounted to 256 millions, while the total cash payments to policyholders and beneficiaries were \$156,000,000. The difference, \$100,000,000, was required by law to be added to the company's reserves during 1928. Mr. Kingsley gives a simple definition of life insurance "reserves," viz., "funds set aside, from which future liabilities are to be met." He says, "A policy of life insurance is almost exactly like a bond. It will mature some day. Nearly all bonds mature at a definite date. Most policies of life insurance mature at an indefinite date, but all will mature, in some form, within a limited period of years." The company's new insurance for 1928 amounted to over \$909,000,000. The total insurance in force on Dec. 31 exceeded \$6,781,000,000, and the total admitted assets amounted to \$1,535,080,347.65.

—About seventy-five Cleveland and out-of-town investment dealers were entertained at an informal reception last week by Middleton, Worthington & Co. on the occasion of opening the firm's new offices at 520 Bulkley building, Cleveland. Visitors at the reception included several of the men who are identified with the firm in addition to the active officers. These are: Oliver J. Anderson, of Oliver J. Anderson & Co., St. Louis; Dr. Charles E. Briggs, capitalist; Harvey H. Brown, Jr., of Harvey H. Brown & Co.; Edward Bushnell, attorney; Willard M. Clapp, Vice-President, Perfection Stove Co.; J. D. Cox, Jr., President, Cleveland Twist Drill Co.; Russell E. Gardner, President, Gardner Motor Car Co., St. Louis; John M. Gundry; David L. Johnson, of M. B. and H. H. Johnson, attorneys; Samuel Regar, formerly of the Chandler Motor Co.; F. M. Small, President, Martin-Parry Corp., and E. M. Williams of the Sherwin-Williams Co.

—The election of three vice-presidents is announced by the investment banking firm of Smith, Reed & Jones, Inc., 20 Pine St., New York. They are Willard W. Seymour, President of Stone, Seymour & Co. of Syracuse; William C. Crawford, formerly associated with Kean, Taylor & Co. and with Hambleton & Co.; and John Auchincloss, formerly manager of the New York office of Martin & Co., Philadelphia. The firm also announces the formation of an Investment Trust Department in connection with its general investment business, which will specialize in the distribution of securities of the companies managed by the United States Fiscal Corp. Smith, Reed & Jones offered yesterday through a selling group 25,000 share of stock of the Financial Investing Co. of New York, Ltd.

—Hanson & Hanson, 25 Broadway, New York, have compiled an analysis of Niles-Bement-Pond Co.

—Prince & Whitely, 25 Broad St., New York, are distributing an analysis of Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.

—John Y. G. Walker, for the past 15 years Vice-President of the Central Union Trust Co. of New York, has resigned to become a general partner in the old established house of Walker Bros., of 71 Broadway, New York, members of the New York Stock Exchange since 1896. Mr. Walker will continue as a trustee of the Central Union Trust Co. of New York, and is also first Vice-President and trustee of the Bank for Savings in the city of New York; Director of the North British and Mercantile Insurance Co.; the Mercantile Insurance Company of America; the Commonwealth Insurance Co.; Caledonian Insurance Co.; United States Guarantee Co.; International Gas Processes Corp., and Cuban & Pan American Express Co.

—Announcement is made by the Italo-Canadian Guarantee & Deposit Co. of Montreal, Canada, of the opening of offices in New York at 74 Trinity Place, for the purpose of offering a block of Class "A" stock of the Institution which is now held by American Investors exclusive of its Canadian Directors. The Institution is the authorized correspondent for the Bank of Sicilia, one of the Government banks of Italy.

—Announcement is made of the formation of Goddard, McClure & Co., Inc., to deal in investment securities. James R. McClure, Jr., is President of the new company, which will continue the business of McClure & Co. at the same address, Packard Building, Philadelphia. The company is affiliated with Goddard & Co., Inc., New York and Pittsburgh, and with Goddard, Kneessl Co., Inc., Chicago.

—The aviation industry to-day represents a Darwinian parallel in that only the fittest will survive, according to a comprehensive survey issued by Pynchon & Co., 111 Broadway, New York. The survey includes descriptions of practically all the new companies formed since the publication of the first edition last October and treats in detail the recent mergers in the aviation industry.

—Tucker, Anthony & Co. announce that William L. Marsh has become associated with them in the investment department of their Syracuse office.

—Thomas M. Dargie, formerly financial editor of the San Francisco "Call," has become associated with the brokerage firm of Anderson & Fox, with offices in New York and San Francisco.

—Edgar Curtis Taylor, a graduate of Bowdoin College, and, as a Long-fellow Scholar, received the Master of Arts Degree from Trinity College, Oxford University and for the past four years Assistant Professor at Washington University, has become associated with Love, Bryan & Co., Inc., St. Louis, Mo.

—Anderson & Fox, members of the New York and San Francisco stock exchanges, have opened offices in Los Angeles in the Title Insurance Building. The offices will be in charge of C. H. Mathiessen, Jr., partner of the firm.

—Spencer Trask & Co., 25 Broad St., New York, have published a circular on the Boulder Canyon Dam in which is shown its probable effect on privately owned electric light and power companies in Southern California.

—The National Bank of Commerce in New York has been appointed registrar for the common stock of the Winslow Lanier International Corp. and the preference and common stock of First Industrial Bankers, Inc.

—Hitt, Farwell & Co., members of New York Stock Exchange, announce the removal of their offices from 160 Broadway to the new Bank of New York & Trust Company Building, 48 Wall Street, New York.

—The investment business of G. S. Watson & Co., 29 South La Salle St., Chicago, has been succeeded by Woods, Faulkner & Co. under the direction of T. L. G. Deuell, Vice-President, at the same location.

—K. W. Todd & Co., Inc., 52 William St., New York, have prepared a February list of investment suggestions containing a brief analysis of Commonwealth of Australia external gold 5s of 1957.

—The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent for the capital stock of the Mayflower Associates, Inc., and for the no par value capital stock of the Electric Overseas Investment Co.

—Elliot M. Anderson, W. Calford Anderson and Norman Anderson have formed the Stock Exchange firm of Anderson & Co., with offices at 52 Broadway, New York.

—Ward, Gruver & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad St., New York, are distributing an analysis of Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey).

—Harold N. Nash, J. Le Roy Merscher and John L. J. Belzer have been admitted to partnership in the firm of Belzer & Co., Land Title Building, Philadelphia.

—Nehemiah Friedman & Co., 74 Trinity Place, New York, have issued a new edition of their circular on United Electric Service Co. rights for distribution.

—Harris, Ayers & Co. announce the removal of their offices to the 25th floor of the new Bank of New York & Trust Co. building, 48 Wall St., New York.

—Fetzer & Emmons, 120 Broadway, New York, announce that Roy W. Cowan and C. Frederic Bohlgl have been admitted to the firm as general partners.

—Bauer, Pogue, Pond & Vivian have opened a branch office in the Standard Building, Albany, N. Y., under the management of William B. Alford.

—Woodward, Butler & Co., 37 Wall St., New York, have issued a comparative analysis of New York bank and trust company stocks.

—Bertles, Rawls & Donaldson, Inc., have opened a Boston office at 111 Devonshire Street, under the management of J. Alan Hodder.

—Warren Crawford, formerly of E. H. Rollins & Sons, Chicago, has been elected Vice-President in charge of sales of L. L. Davis Co.

—P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., announce that Frank W. Quinn is now associated with their organization in the Pittsburgh office.

—Peter P. McDermott & Co., 42 Broadway, New York, have issued a descriptive analysis on Jonas & Naumburg Corp.

—The Irving Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent for the no par value common stock of Hilton Hotels, Inc.

—Parker, Robinson & Co., 120 Broadway, New York, have issued a circular on Cosmopolitan Fire Insurance Co.

—Harris, Winthrop & Co., 11 Wall St., New York, are distributing an analysis of United States Steel Corp.

—James B. Lyon, Jr., has been elected a vice-president of Goddard & Co., Inc., 44 Wall St., New York.

—J. Roy Prosser & Co., 52 William St., New York, have prepared a circular on Stearman Aircraft Co.

—Farr & Co., 90 Wall St., New York, discuss the New Niquero Sugar Company, in their current letter.

—Outwater & Wells, Jersey City, N. J., have prepared a list of New Jersey investment suggestions.

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS
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COMMERCIAL EPITOME

The introductory remarks formerly appearing here will now be found in an earlier part of this paper, immediately following the editorial matter, in a department headed "INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY."

Friday Night, Feb. 15 1929.

COFFEE on the spot was quiet but firm early in the week with supplies small; Santos 4s, 24¼ to 24¾c.; Rio 7s 18¼ to 18½c., and Victoria 7-8s 17¾ to 18c. On the 13th inst. the supply of cost and freight offers was small. None was reported from Rio or Victoria, while the few Santos offers were unchanged to slightly higher. For prompt shipment, Santos 2-3s were quoted at 24.85 to 25.35c.; 3s at 24¾c.; 3-4s at 23.70 to 24c.; 3-5s at 23.65 to 24.30c.; 4-5s at 23¼ to 23½c.; 5s at 23.20 to 23¼s.; 5-6s at 22 to 22.85c.; 6-7s at 21¼c. and 7-8s at 20¾c. Peaberry 4-5s at 23.20c. On the 14th inst. cost and freight offers were very irregular, being unchanged to higher. For prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 2-3s were quoted at 25.05 to 25½c.; 3s at 24.80c.; 3-4s at 23.70 to 24.55c.; 3-5s at 23.10 to 24.40c.; 4-5s at 22½ to 24.20c.; 5s at 23¼ to 23.40c.; 5-6s at 22¼ to 23.80c.; 6s at 21.20 to 22.60c.; 6-7s at 21.55 to 21¾c.; 7-8s at 20¾ to 21.05c.; part Bourbon or flat bean 3s at 25.15c.; 3-4s at 24c.; 3-5s at 23¾ to 24c. Peaberry 4-5s at 23.10 to 23½c.; Rio 7s at 17.40c.; 7-8s at 18.95c.; 8s at 17.30c.; Victoria 7-8s at 17.10c. On the 15th inst. firms were 25 to 40 points higher. Santos Bourbon 2s for prompt shipment were held at 25.45c.; 3-4s at 24.15 to 24.65c.; 3-5s at 24 to 24.45c.; 4-5s at 23.85 to 24.10c.; 6s at 23.35 to 23½c.; 5-6s at 21.65 to 22c.; 7-8s at 21.15c.; part Bourbon or flat bean 3-4s at 24c.; 3-5s at 24c.; 5s at 23½c.; Peaberry 4-5s at 23½c. to 23.85c.; Rio 7s were here at 17.30 to 17.50c.; 7-8s at 17 to 17.30c. and Victoria 7-8s at 17¼c.

Later in the week spot quotations of Brazilian were stated as follows: Santos 4s, 24¼ to 24¾c.; Rio 7s, 18¼ to 18½c.; Victoria 7-8s, 17¾ to 18c. The Exchange received the following official cable on the 14th:—"Santos advises railway probably crippled for several days resulting in possible curtailment or suspension of receipts." The "West Notus" has landed 13,600 bags of Brazilian coffee at San Francisco and the "Sataria" 15,200 bags at Boston, all of which is being immediately delivered for consumption. Santos cabled on the 14th inst. "Still heavy rains here. Urgently advise buying. Prices way up and going higher." Also: "Latest reports no Santos receipts until end of February. Still more landslide on railroad. Squeeze in spot stocks here." Futures on the 11th inst. ended 4 to 12 points higher with sales of 28,500 bags of Santos and 29,500 of Rio. European prices advanced while Brazilian markets were closed. Brazil and Europe bought new contracts.

Some contend that the chief thing in the coffee situation apart from the operations of the Brazil Defense Committee is still the relative scarcity in the American and European markets of sound Santos coffee grading No. 4 or better, and the consequent large premium ruling on such coffee on the spot as compared with future contracts. So long as this premium remains 100 points and upward in New York, causing the near positions in the futures markets to rule at high premiums over the distant, any decline of consequence in the general price level for coffee seems to some improbable. It is true that the world's total visible supply of coffee is now slightly larger than a year ago, i.e., 5,037,516 bags against 4,862,411 bags, and also that the Defense Committee might possibly relieve the situation somewhat by increasing the permissible daily receipts at Santos from the present 30,000 bags to 40,000 bags, of which there have been some intimations recently. Under the circumstances, however, such action on the part of the Committee to many appears very unlikely. Receipts at Rio during February were 58,000 bags; since July 1st 1,848,000 against 2,666,000 same time last year and 2,650,000 two years ago. Santos receipts in February were 428,000 bags; since July 1st 5,422,000 against 6,537,000 same time last year and 5,929,000 two years ago.

Futures on the 13th ended 3 to 13 points higher with sales of 39,750 bags of Santos and 45,000 bags of Rio. Houses with Brazilian and European connections were buying. The continued steadiness in Santos following two holidays had a bracing effect. Futures on the 14th inst. advanced 17 to 30 points owing to storms in Brazil, firm Brazilian and European cables and buying also from both these sources. There were big rains, washouts and landslides on the railroad between Santos and Sao Paulo. The transactions here in Rio and Santos amounted to 115,000 bags. Santos cabled today: "Market very excited. Way up on actual. More landslides." To-day Rio futures ended 5 points lower to 4 points higher with sales of 30,000 bags; Santos was 5 points lower to 7 points higher with sales of 43,000 bags. Final prices on Rio futures show an advance for the week of 32 to 64 points and on Santos 41 to 59 points.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	18¼	May	16.58@	Sept	14.97@
March	17.30@	July	15.70@	Dec	14.43@14.45

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial		May	22.68@22.69	Sept	21.04@ nom
March	23.57@	July	21.88@ nom	Dec	20.36@ nom

COCOA was irregular today, being 1 to 2 lower on March and May and unchanged to 1 point higher on other months. March closed at 10.55c, May at 10.86, July at 11.13c, September at 11.35c. and Dec. at 11.23c. Final prices are 15 to 30 points higher for the week.

SUGAR—Prompt Cuban was held early in the week at 2c. c.&f. with trade quiet. Later large sales were made at 1-31/32c. Of prompt Cuban 8,000 tons sold last Saturday at 2c. c.&f. an advance of 1/32c. Of British refined sales to China were made of 25,000 tons late last week at 10s 9d c.i.f. or equal to 2.32c f.o.b. Cuba granulated basis. Futures on the 11th inst. ended unchanged to 2 points higher; sales 30,450 tons. March shorts were covering and Europe bought. Cuba bought March and May. Some sold March and bought September and December. Operators bought February shipment Cubas at 1-31/32c c.&f. A sale of 20,000 bags Cuba for shipment March 11th to an operator at 2c c.&f. was reported. London was dull for both raws and refined, particularly in the latter. British refiners have recently sold some 40,000 tons to China. They have declined further orders from this quarter. Washington reported that the maximum objective of the advocates of higher duties on raw sugar has been modified, now being 2½c. per pound on full duty raws and 2c on Cubas not 3c on full duty raws and 2.40c. on Cubas.

On the 13th inst. it was reported three to five cargoes of Cuban raw for prompt shipment had been sold, at 1-31/32c c.&f.; also 24,000 bags of prompt Porto Ricos at 3.71c. delivered or 1-15/16c. c.&f. On the 13th inst. it was that though March liquidation was ahead with Feb. 21st first notice day, offerings of actual sugar were said to be increasing and refined has been reduced, the futures market still resists selling pressure. "Wire" houses bought July. On the 13th inst. 100,000 Cuba sold at 1-31/32c. c.&f. Refined was cut 20 points to 4.90c. on the 13th inst. This is the lowest since March 8, 1926 when the price was 5c. On the 14th inst. New Orleans bought 15,000 bags of prompt shipment Cubas at 1-15/16c. c.&f. Two cargoes of prompt Cuba it was said had been sold to operators at 1-61/64c. c.&f. It is known that one such sale involving 12,000 bags was made.

Havana cabled the New York "Times" that Dr. Santiago Rey, Conservative in the Cuban House of Representatives, asked the House for a 50 per cent cut in Cuban import duties on American goods as a proposed exchange offering for free United States entry of 3,500,000 tons of Cuban sugar each year. Dr. Rey said this plan should be acceptable to the United States and Cuba as a means of stabilizing Cuba's sugar industry. Advices from the Far East to Willett & Gray say that owing to the short Indian crop and reduced stocks, the imports of Java sugar into India this year will reach close to 1,200,000 tons, or almost double that of last year. Paris cabled that no increase in beet sowings in France is expected this year.

Exports of Philippine Islands to the United States Atlantic ports in January were 63,000 tons against 51,260 last year; to San Francisco 1,000 against 21,858 in January last year; total 64,000 tons against 73,744 in January last year. Exports to the United States Atlantic ports for the period November 1st to Jan. 31 1929, were 129,000 tons against 118,410 in the same period last year; to San Francisco 6,000 against 30,048 last year; other countries 1,000 against 1,157 last year; total 136,000 tons against 149,615 in the same time last year. Receipts at shipping ports from Nov. 1 1928, to Jan. 31 1929, were 198,000 tons against 198,615 in 1927-28. Stocks at shipping ports Jan. 31, this year 62,000 against 49,000 last year.

Receipts at United States Atlantic ports for the week were 75,238 tons against 68,284 in the previous week and 74,973 last year; meltings 53,229 tons against 44,731 in previous week and 42,000 last year; importers' stocks 81,723 against 81,723 in previous week and 113,015 last year; refiners' stocks 83,931 against 61,922 in previous week and 91,888 last year; total stocks 163,654 against 143,645 in previous week and 204,908 last year. London Board of Trade figures for January were as follows: Imports 206,000 against 164,000 last year; consumption 153,000 against 115,000 last year; stock 272,000 against 174,000; imports refined 4,000 against 23,000; stock of refined 20,000 against 101,000; stock home grown refined 61,000 against 48,000 last year. At Cuban ports receipts for the week were 266,347 tons against 180,641 in the same week last year; exports 115,830 against 59,195 last year; stock (consumption deducted) 596,192 against 369,255 last year; centrals grinding 163 against 167 last year. Of the exports 67,471 went to Atlantic ports, 23,845 to New Orleans, 7,401 to Galveston, 1,223 to Interior United States, 1,149 to Charles-

ton, 18 to California, 3,440 to Savannah and 21,283 to Europe. Some 39,000 bags prompt Porto Ricos sold the other day at 3.71c. or equal to 1-15/16c. c.&f. This is the lowest price reached since October 1925. Four cargoes of Cuba for prompt shipment sold at 1-31/32c. c.&f.; 15,000 bags more went at the same price. Also a sale was reported of 19,000 bags Cuba for prompt shipment at 1-61/64c. Futures closed 1 to 2 points net higher with sales of 42,950 tons. On the 14th inst. futures ended unchanged to 2 points lower with sales of 66,900 tons of which 34,300 tons were exchanges. Offerings of prompt were larger. To-day futures ended unchanged to 2 points higher with sales of 39,800 tons. A sale was made of 7,500 bags prompt shipment Cuba at 1-61/64c. c.&f. Holders were asking 1-31/32c. c.&f. at which price some sugars in March positions were offered. Final prices are unchanged to 1 point lower, as compared with a week ago.

Closing quotations follow:

Spot unofficial	1-31-32	July	2.13	@	Jan	2.19	@	2.20
March	1.97	Sept	2.16	@	2.17			
May	2.06	Dec	2.20	@	2.21			

LARD on the spot was steady. Prime Western was 12.45 to 12.55c. in tierces c.a.f. New York; refined Continent 12 3/8c.; South America 13 3/8c.; Brazil 14 1/8c. Futures on the 9th inst. declined slightly on near months while steady on distant. Hogs were generally 10c. to 20c. lower. Western receipts totalled 49,300 against 40,200 last week and 66,600 last year. Liverpool lard was unchanged to 1 1/2d lower. Unofficially hog receipts at Chicago for the 11th inst. were estimated at 60,000 to 260,000 for the entire week. Futures on the 13th inst. closed 5 to 7 points higher. Ribs were up 10 to 20 points. Demand was small, however. Stronger grain markets and an advance of 10 to 15c. in the hog markets contributed to the strength of lard. An estimate that there would be an increase of 15,000,000 lbs. in contract stocks of lard at Chicago, caused some selling but prices did not decline much. Today prices closed 5 to 10 points lower with hogs weaker and cash demand small. Western hog receipts were 127,000 against 156,000 a year ago. Chicago expects 11,000 tomorrow. Packers were selling lard. Final prices are 5 to 7 points lower than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
March	12.02	11.97	12.00	12.05	12.00	
May	12.30	12.25	Holi-	12.32	12.37	12.27
July	12.62	12.57	day	12.62	12.70	12.60

PORK steady; Mess \$30.50; family \$34. to \$35.; fat back pork \$30. to \$31. Ribs, Chicago, Cash 12.50c. basis of 50 to 60 lbs. average. Beef weaker; Mess \$25.; packet \$25. to \$26.; family \$27. to \$28.; extra India Mess \$44. to \$46.; No. 1 canned corned beef \$3.10; No. 2, 6 lbs., South America \$16.75; pickled tongues \$75 to \$80. per bbl. Cut meats firm; Pickled hams 10 to 20 lbs. 18 1/4 to 19 1/4c.; pickled bellies 6 to 12 lbs. 17 1/4 to 18 1/4c.; bellies, clear, dry salted boxed, 18 to 20 lbs. 14 3/8c.; 114 to 16 lbs. 14 1/2c. Butter, lower grades to high scoring 44 1/2 to 51 1/4. Cheese, flats 24 to 29c.; daisies 24 to 27 1/2c. Eggs, medium to extras 35 to 43c.; premium 44c.

OILS—Linseed was slightly easier of late with crushers reported willing to accept 10c. for February-April raw oil in carlots, although 10.2c. was generally quoted. Big domestic buyers are holding aloof awaiting developments. Smaller consumers are purchasing in a fair way. Coconut, Manila, Coast, tanks 7 3/8c.; spot N. Y. tanks 8 3/4c. Corn, crude, bbls. 10 1/2c.; tanks f.o.b. mill 9 1/2c. Olive, Den. \$1.35 to \$1.50. China wood, N. Y. drums, carlots, spot 14 1/2c.; Pacific Coast, tanks, futures 13 1/4c. Soya Bean, bbls., N. Y. 12 1/2c.; Coast 10c. Edible, corn, 100 bbl. lots 12c.; Olive 2.25 to 2.30. Lard, prime 15 3/4c.; extra strained winter, N. Y. 13 3/4c. Cod, Newfoundland 67c. Turpentine 58 to 63c. Rosin \$8.35 to \$12.50.

Cottonseed Oil sales today including switches 4,700 bbls. P. Crude S.E. 9 3/4c., bid. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	10.65	@	11.25	April	10.80	@	10.90	July	11.10	@	
Feb	10.65	@	11.00	May	10.85	@	10.90	Aug	11.15	@	11.22
March	10.86	@	10.89	June	10.90	@	11.05	Sept	11.27	@	11.30

PETROLEUM—Gasoline demand is holding up well. In fact it is a little better and consumption is large for this season of the year. For United States motor in tank cars 10c. was quoted; in tank cars delivered to nearby trade 11c. The Gulf market was steady. Export buyers were purchasing a little more freely. Kerosene was in better demand and firmer at 8 1/2 to 9c. for water white in tank cars refineries. There was very little obtainable at the inside price. Prime white was 1/4c. below water white. Bunker oil was steady, with a better demand for spot oil. The price was \$1.05 at refineries and \$1.10 f.a.s. New York harbor. Contract deliveries were heavy. Spot stocks are not large. Diesel oil was steady at \$2 refinery. The movement was largely against old contracts. Furnace oil was in better demand owing to the colder weather. Gas oil was also more active. Zero cold test oils were in good demand. There was also good buying of Pennsylvania cylinder stocks. Foreign buyers are showing more interest. Somerset crude oil was reduced today 15c., the price now being \$1.60.

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RUBBER—On the 9th inst. prices advanced 10 to 20 points with sales, however, of only 99 lots or 247 tons. London and Singapore were 1/16 to 1/8d higher. New York on the 9th inst. closed with March 21.90c.; May 22.40 to 22.50c.; Sept. 23c.; July 22.80c.; December 23.30c. On the 11th inst. rubber declined 10 points in some cases but rallied

later ending unchanged to 10 points higher net. New York on the 11th ended with February 21.80 to 21.90c.; March 22 to 22.10c.; May 22.50c.; July 22.80c.; September 23c.; November 23.20c.; December 23.30 to 23.40c. London reported the stocks of all grades at 25,413 tons Feb. 9th, an increase of 24 tons over the figures for the previous week. The stock now is 25,413 tons against 25,389 in the previous week, 23,061 a month ago, 64,945 a year ago and 56,939 two years ago. In Liverpool stocks of rubber on February 9th, totalled 4,106 tons against 3,860 tons one week previously, an increase of 246 tons. The stock one month ago totalled 3,520 tons.

Thomas A. Edison at Fort Meyers, Fla., on the anniversary of his 82nd birthday announced he had found 40 rubber substitute plants which can be cultivated on a large scale. Mr. Edison held out the possibility of rubber production at some future date in states bordering on the Gulf of Mexico, to compete with the tropics.

New York on the 13th inst. ran up 70 to 80 points on transactions of 1,589 lots or close to 4,000 tons, the largest in weeks. The rise was due largely to an advance of 1/4d in Liverpool where shilling rubber was quoted for October-December delivery. Decreasing exports were noted. Outside prices were 1/2c. higher not following Exchange prices to the full. Here February ended at 22.50c.; March 22.70c., July 23.50c.; September 23.70 to 23.80c.; October 23.80c.; December 24c.; January 24.10c. Outside prices: Ribbed smoked sheets, spot and February 22 3/4 to 22 7/8c.; March 22 3/4 to 23c.; April-June 23 3/8 to 23 3/4c.; July-September 23 3/4 to 24c.; October-December 24 1/4 to 24 1/2c. London on the 13th inst. closed 3/4 to 3/8d higher with spot-February at 11 1/4; March 11 3/8d; April-June 11-9/16d; July-September 11 7/8d and October-December 12-1/16. Singapore on the 13th closed with February 10-11/16d; April-May-June 11 3/8d. British Board of Trade exports and imports for January were as follows: Imports 420,054 centrals against 349,209 in the previous month and 247,541 in January last year; exports 152,361 centrals against 160,201 in previous month and 204,502 in January last year; exports to America 21,380 centrals against 53,322 in previous month and 88,860 in January last year.

On the 14th inst. prices rose 20 to 30 points with sales of 2,872 tons with London higher. The January report of the Rubber Association showed a high record consumption of over 43,000 tons. Labor troubles in the Far East were reported. If that is so tapping may be curtailed. The Exchange will be closed on February 23rd as well as February 22nd reopening on Feb. 25th. At New York on the 14th February ended at 22.80c.; March at 22.90c.; April 23.10c.; May 23.30 to 23.40c.; July 23.50 to 23.60c.; September 23.80 to 23.90c.; October 23.90c.; December 24.10c. Outside prices: smoked sheets, spot and February 23 to 23 1/4c.; March 23 3/8 to 23 3/4c.; April-June 23 3/8 to 23 3/4c.; July-Sept. 24 to 24 1/4c.; Oct-Dec. 24 1/2 to 24 3/4c. Spot, first latex crepe 23 1/2 to 23 3/4c.; clean thin brown crepe 21 1/2 to 21 3/4c.; specky brown crepe 21 1/4 to 21 1/2c.; rolled brown crepe 17 1/2 to 17 3/4c.; No. 2 amber 21 3/4 to 22c.; No. 3 amber 21 1/2 to 21 3/4c.; No. 4 amber 21 1/4 to 21 1/2c. Paras, upriver fine spot 24 to 24 1/2c.; coarse 15 to 15 1/2c.; Acre fine spot 24 1/2 to 25c.; Caucho Ball-Upper 14 1/2 to 15c.; Brazil, washed dried fine, 28c. London closed on the 14th as follows: Spot and February 11 3/8d; March 11 1/2d; April-June 11 3/8d; July-Sept. 11 7/8d; Oct-Dec. 12 1/8d. Singapore closed with February 10-13/16d; April-June 11-3/16d and July-Sept. 11-5/16d. Consumption in January was 43,002 tons and arrivals in that month 52,305 tons. The consumption was a high record. The stocks on hand and afloat combined and imports during January also made a new high record. Stocks in dealers hands on January 31st were 76,342 tons. Rubber afloat to the United States in January gained 10,000 tons. January imports of 52,305 tons compared with 46,840 tons the previous high record in December. The combined stocks and afloat of 154,938 tons are the largest on record comparing with 134,930 on Dec. 31st. The previous high mark was 153,385 tons on March 31 1928. To-day prices advanced 210 to 240 points with sales of 3,762 tons. The market was strong all day. Prices reached new high levels for the season. London was 1/2d higher and this with the uncovering of stop loss orders on the short side accelerated the rise. Uptown interests were buying. The rise is predicted on a big consumption. Some predicted 30c. rubber before very long. In London February ended at 11 3/8d; March at 12d; April-June at 12 1/8d; July-Sept. 12 3/8d and October-December 12 5/8d. A reduction of 750 tons in the London stocks on Monday is looked for in some quarters. Final prices show an advance for the week of 310 to 330 points.

HIDES—The demand for Rive Plate frigorifico was light. Sales included 4,000 Armour and 4,000 South Dock Sud steers sold to American and Russian buyers at 19 7/8c. down to 19-13/16c. Packer hides were tending downward; latest sales of native steers were at 16c. Country hides were dull and weak. Common, Central America 24 to 25c.; Savanillas 24 1/2c.; Santa Marta 25 1/2c. Packer, spready native steers 20c.; native steers 16c.; butt brands 15 1/2c.; Colorados 14 1/2c.; Frigorifico, steers c.&f., N. Y. 19 3/4c. New York City calfskins, 5-7s, 2.10 to 2.20c.; 7-9s, 2.50c.; 9-12s, 3.15c.; Sisals 40c.; Oaxacas 55 to 60c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS—Demand improved somewhat late last week and rates were firm. Later business in oil cargoes was brisk. Clean tankers later were in good demand.

CHARTERS included grain, St. John, March, Mediterranean 17½c; Sydney Feb. 5-25, U. K.-Continent 40s, bulk wheat; grain St. John, March 1-20, to Mediterranean ex Spain, etc. 18c, 18½c. and 19c. Sugar Cuba or Santo Domingo, U. K.-Continent March 1-20, 20s; Cuba or Santo Domingo to U. K.-Continent, March 1-20, 20s. Nitrate, Chile, March, South Atlantic \$5.50. Oil cake: Gulf, February to Denmark \$6.75. Petrol Coke, Gulf late February or early March to Rotterdam \$7.50. Lumber Gulf, April, to Plate 147s 6d; Gulf, March, Buenos Aires, Rosario 153s 9d; Gulf, early April to Buenos Aires, Rosario 153s 9d; Gulf, late March to Buenos Aires \$16.70; Gulf, April, to Plate, 147s 6d. Time:—West Indies prompt round \$1.75; three months West Indies \$1.80; West Indies round \$1.; prompt trip across \$2.50; West Indies prompt round, \$1.75. Tankers:—California, March, clean, to United Kingdom-Continent 26s 3d; clean, Gulf, Feb., to north of Hatteras 24c; clean, March, north of Hatteras to Lisbon 18s 8d; Gulf, March, clean, U. K.-Bordeaux Hamburg range 15s 6d; Peru, dirty March, to Vallo 10,360; clean, Gulf, Feb., to north of Hatteras 24c.; clean, March, north of Hatteras to Lisbon 18s 8d.

TOBACCO.—The United States Tobacco Journal said: "Considerable buying of northern Wisconsin during the past fortnight is reported. As this crop is very short of fine binder leaf, prices for same naturally are quite high. The northern Wisconsin is said to be not more than 30 per cent crop. This, coupled with the fact that Connecticut binder tobacco out of the 1928 crops is also limited, indicates a continuance of a stringent binder situation. Activity in Ohio and Pennsylvania has subsided as the crops in both States have already been almost completely bought up. Prices ranged higher in both States as compared with last year. Manufacturers and packers are still riding the Connecticut Valley for choice crops which, it is said, are few and far between. Meanwhile warehouses have opened and operations here are quite brisk. Locally importers and packers are almost unanimous in the report that sales for January topped those of the same month a year ago. At the moment, however, there is little selling activity along Water Street although shipping orders are numerous. In another few weeks importers and manufacturers will be in Amsterdam for the Sumatra sales. Information thus far received indicates that the crop will contain less American tobacco than was in the crop bought at inscription last year. Nevertheless, it is difficult to forecast the price trend for the new Sumatra as the situation in Holland at this time is mixed. There will be a very large demand for Sandblatt from Germany though low grades are expected to bring lower prices from European buyers. The growing companies, of course, will expect the Americans to pay well, as always, for their requirements. There seems to be more or less general feeling in the trade that the first half of 1929 will be more resultful for cigar manufacturers than was the same period last year. Many factories are reporting increased business for January and are going along at a good rate at the present moment."

COAL.—Warmer weather recently caused a greatly lessened retail demand for anthracite hereabouts though up the State business was reported satisfactory West of New York, however sales decreased. Western soft coal prices weakened a little. Pittsburgh has to face much competition from Eastern Ohio coal. New York prices weakened somewhat. Coal—Bunker prices later were higher and Anthracite sold more freely. Most prices were steady but those for steam were weaker. The circular price of buckwheat No. 1 was mostly \$2.75 in the inside market, as against \$3. to \$3.25 on line. Independent buckwheat was obtainable at \$2.50, No. 2 at \$1.50 and No. 3 now and then at a little under \$1.25 but with \$1.25 inclined to be the more general price. Later Western buying was reported good from Chicago to the Rocky Mountains. Supplies of eastern Kentucky, southern West Virginia and Illinois-Indiana block and egg domestic coal are larger and the demand was called satisfactory.

COPPER was quiet but steady at 18c. for domestic and 18½c. for export. London on the 13th inst. dropped 1s 3d on the spot to £76 6s 3d; futures unchanged at £77; sales 600 tons futures. Electrolytic was unchanged at £83 10s for spot and £84 10s for futures. Shipments in January of refined copper in the two Americas made a new high record. They were 157,189 tons against 134,592 tons in December and 148,943 tons in November. Another record was primary copper production at United States mines which was 86,681 tons in January against 85,577 tons in December and 85,382 in November. The previous high was 86,480 tons in October last year. Surplus stocks of refined copper at refineries of the two Americas decreased 2,717 tons in January. Many had expected a greater decline. Surplus stocks on January 31st were 62,749 tons. Wages were advanced at copper mines and mills. Latterly trade has been quiet at 18c. for the domestic trade and 18½c. for export. In London spot standard fell 2s 6d to £76 5s; futures unchanged at £77; sales 300 tons spot and 1200 futures. Electrolytic £83 10s for spot and £84 10s for futures.

TIN was very quiet. Early in the week prices were ¼c. lower outside and 20 off on the Exchange. In the outside market on the 13th inst. about 150 tons of named brands sold in the outside market and 45 tons of standard futures on the local exchange. In London sales were 675 tons and in the Far East 200 tons. A few cars were sold in the outside market at 49½c. On the Exchange the ending was 5 points higher. Straits shipment to the United States thus far this month, including Saturday, were 3253 tons, and it is predicted that the total for February will be 7,200 to 7,700 tons. In London on the 13th inst. standard declined 5s in the first session with sales of 80 tons spot and 400 futures. Spot Straits declined 15s to £231 10s; Eastern c.i.f. London sold

at £228 2s 6d; sales 200 tons. At the second session prices advanced 5s to £224 15s for spot and £225 5s for futures standard; sales for the day 675 tons. Later business was on a moderate scale. Production is considered too great for the consumption large as that is. But a big operator in London heretofore a seller is now said to be on the buying side. The Anglo-Oriental group is also said to have bought in London. March closed here on the 14th inst. at 49.45c. a rise of 10 points; April at 49.45 to 49.50c. In London on the 14th inst. spot standard fell 5s to £224 5s; futures up 7s 6d to £225 7s 6d; sales 50 tons spot and 350 futures. Spot Straits lost 5s to £231 5s. Eastern c.i.f. London advanced 7s 6d to £228 10s on sales of 200 tons. At the second session spot standard advanced 2s 6d to £224 7s 6d; futures unchanged; total sales for the day were 650 tons. Today prices closed unchanged to 15 points higher with March May and July ending at 49.30c.; sales 220 tons.

LEAD at one time was quite active and strong. The American Smelting Co. advanced its price \$2. to 6.85c. New York while the price in the Middle West was marked up to 6.75c. Consumers look for still higher prices. They were good buyers. In London on the 13th inst. prices fell 8s 9d to £22 17s 6d for spot and £22 16s 3d for futures; sales 50 tons spot and 1,100 futures. London was higher early in the week. Ore was higher. Later less business was reported with prices 6.85c. New York and 6.72½ to 6.75c. East St. Louis. In London on the 14th inst. spot dropped 1s 3d to £22 16s 3d; futures unchanged at £22 16s 3d; sales 100 tons spot and 1,500 futures.

ZINC was quiet at 6.35c. East St. Louis. It was intimated that concessions of 2½ points were made in some directions. Ore was \$40. Galvanized sheets were advanced \$2. by some makers. In London on the 13th inst. spot was unchanged at £26 2s 6d; futures fell 2s 6d to £26 3s 9d; sales 225 tons futures. Stocks fell off only 23 tons during January according to the American Zinc Institute. They were 45,418 tons against 45,441 tons at the beginning of the month. Production for January was 49,769 tons while shipments were 49,732 tons. The average number of retorts operating during the month was 66,065, while the number in operation at the close was 63,314. Export shipments were 2,055 tons. Later trading was small at 6.35c., East St. Louis. In London on the 14th inst. spot advanced 1s 3d to £26 3s 9d; futures £26 3s 9d; sales 550 tons futures.

STEEL—Structural steel sales were small here. New projects are rather slow, supposedly because of high rates for money. Birmingham looks for a better business early in the spring and there are some new specifications now. Youngstown reported on the 12th inst. that Valley sheet makers had advanced prices uniformly \$2. per ton except on full finished sheets, which remain at \$4.10. The new schedule is as follows: Black sheets, common finish 2.95c. per pound; galvanized 3.70c.; blue annealed 2.20c. Hot rolled strips also advanced \$2. a ton to 1.90c. for strips wider than 6 inch and 2c. per pound for narrow widths. New prices are effective on contracts taken for balance of this quarter and for second quarter shipments. The price advances in steel sheets and strips are in line with predictions. The advance amounted to \$2. per ton, and affects hot and cold rolled strips and all grades of sheets except full finished. Rolled products were firmer. The demand for steel came mainly from auto and railroad companies. Automobile output in January was the largest on record for that month. Since January 1st over 20,000 freight cars have been ordered. Ingot production in Chicago was still 92 per cent; Youngstown and Wheeling 90 per cent; Pittsburgh 85 per cent. Prices for steel are not uniformly steady. Now and then they are it seems eased a little but take it for all in all the tone is declared to be steady. Business in machine tools and machinery continues at a higher level than at this time last year, with sales well scattered as to sources, American Machinist reports. From present indications February will see a high volume of business. Later on orders for structural steel fell off.

PIG IRON—Trade was still in the main slow. Birmingham reported that the steady increase in stocks was weakening prices without bringing in new buying. It added that most consumers are well supplied for the time being and that the action of the Tennessee Coal & Iron R. R. Co. in banking some of its furnaces may be followed by other companies if business does not increase very shortly. Later here and in Birmingham sales increased somewhat, but in general the market still showed a lack of life and interest. Nominal prices were as follows: 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. Malleable, Eastern Pennsylvania, \$20.50; Buffalo \$18.; charcoal \$24. Some buying is going on at Chicago and Cleveland but otherwise trade is so slow that prices it is agreed are largely nominal.

WOOL—A Boston government report of Feb. 13th said: "A few lots of territory 64s and finer wools are being moved. Wyoming and Montana wools comprise the bulk of the sales and the volume is fair. Graded French combing staple of this quality brings around \$1.05 scoured basis, while the price of choice lots is slightly above this figure. Original bag wools of similar lines bring about the same price for lots

and Havre also advanced. Fair sales of cloths were reported there. Carolina and Georgia mills have not as a rule curtailed output. In the South Carolina and the Piedmont section some are still operating day and night. Some think the last half of the season will see an increase in the consumption or precisely the opposite to what happened last season. Then the consumption abruptly decreased in the last half after a good showing in the first half. This season a rather unfavorable first half is to be succeeded, it is believed, by a redeeming increase in the last half, even though the outlook for the textile industry here and there may not appear at present to justify such an expectation. Manchester has recently had a better domestic trade.

On the 13th inst. prices advanced 5 to 10 points on trade and other buying and an expectation of a bullish report on the domestic consumption by the Census Bureau on the 14th. Also the sales of fertilizers in January were stated by the National Fertilizer Association as 26.3% smaller than in the same month last year. The sales for December and January were 26.6% smaller than in those months in the previous season. That was supposed to have caused some buying of the new crop months. The British exports of cloths in January were 379,000,000 yards against 337,000,000 in January last year and 648,912,000 in 1913 or just before the outbreak of the Great War. Of yarns the total for January was roughly 17,000,000 lbs. against 15,000,000 in the same month last year and 19,093,300 in 1913. In other words, this means an increase in January on cloths of 42,000,000 yards over the same month last year and on yarns of 2,000,000 lbs. Some who have been estimating the world's consumption of American cotton this season at 15,000,000 bales against 15,500,000 last season, according to one estimate are now inclined to put it at 15,250,000 bales. Cotton goods were in fair demand. New Bedford did a substantial business in the finer goods and specialties. Manchester however was dull and Liverpool, though steady, sluggish like New York.

On the other hand, the speculation has not been large. The outside public is not deserting stocks for commodities. Cotton at above 20c. attracted selling for both sides of the account. The idea here in some quarters is that the situation as it looks just now does not warrant a price above 20c. Spot houses, it is believed, sold March and May when they rose above that level. Some very favorable reports for January on textile sales and domestic consumption were powerless to bring about any marked advance. That was noted as perhaps significant. The South and apparently Europe sold. The exports fell off. When spot cotton advanced early in the week it was only slightly. Cotton goods at best were in only fair demand here; prices, too, seem to have been reduced in order to promote business. Manchester was dull so far as East Indian business was concerned. Serious riots with much loss of life have been going on in Bombay, due to the quarreling of Hindus and Mohammedans. Manchester reported the East Indian outlook as discouraging. The soil of the South is said to be in the main in good condition. Temperatures of zero in Oklahoma, 4 to 20 degrees in Texas and 20 in the Central belt are supposed to have been more or less destructive of the hibernating weevil.

On the 14th inst. the Census Bureau reported the consumption of cotton in this country in January as the high record for that month of 668,389 bales against 534,352 in December, 610,884 in November, 618,788 in October, 492,221 in September, 626,729 for August and 586,142 for January last year. The previous high record for January was 610,000 in 1922. But the report, bullish as it was, caused only the negligible rise of 7 to 14 points and even this did not hold. Seeing this, disappointed bulls sold so heavily that prices broke 25 to 30 points from the early high. Stop orders hastened the decline. Wall Street, the South, local and other interests sold heavily. The technical position was found to have been weakened by recent buying on reports of a big consumption. Shorts had been largely eliminated. The early advance on Thursday the trade refused to follow. Early in the day, too, stocks weakened. That had some effect. Some of the spot people are understood to have sold. New crop months were sold with especial freedom. Some thought they had been relatively too high. The defeat of the Caraway anti-option bill in the Senate was offset by the big liquidation. The Census Bureau report also stated that the stocks in consuming establishments were 1,767,742 bales of lint and 202,746 bales of linters compared with 1,470,892 bales of lint and 176,567 bales of linters on Dec. 31 1928 and 1,708,646 bales of lint and 226,576 bales of linters on Jan. 31 1928. In public storage and at public compresses the supply was 4,615,337 bales of lint and 82,510 bales of linters compared with 5,315,411 bales of lint and 65,962 bales of linters on Dec. 31 last and 5,013,611 of lint and 58,990 on Jan. 31 1928. The consumption in the United States for the six months of the season to Jan. 31 was 3,451,363 bales against 3,627,494 last year. This 1929 decrease, it is believed, will be wiped out later and an increase substituted before July 31 as compared with last season.

To-day prices advanced 10 to 13 points on a better technical position, somewhat firmer cables than due and a demand from Wall Street for May, in sufficient quantity to attract attention. Also the weekly statistics were expected to be bullish. The expectation was not entirely fulfilled. And later in the day most of the early advance disappeared. An attempt to revive the Caraway bill was defeated in the United States Senate. Final prices are 3 points lower on October for the week and 7 to 12 points higher on other months. Spot cotton ended at 20.15c. for middling, an advance for the week of 10 points.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the Feb. 14 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 Feb. 21:

Table listing cotton grades (Middling fair, Strict good middling, etc.) and their prices relative to a base of middling (e.g., .78 on middling, 1.62 off middling).

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Table showing daily cotton prices for Feb. 8 to Feb. 15, with columns for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

Table showing historical cotton price quotations from 1929 down to 1898 for various years.

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Table of futures prices for various months (Feb., Mar., Apr., May, June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec.) showing range and closing prices.

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Feb. 15 1929 and since trading began on each option:

Table showing the range of future prices for each month from Feb. 15 1929 back to Jan. 1930.

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, Havre, Rotterdam, Genoa, Oslo, Stockholm, Trieste, Flume, Lisbon, Oporto, Barcelona, Japan, Shanghai, Bombay, Bremen, Hamburg, Piraeus, Salonica, and Venice.

LIVERPOOL.—Sales, stocks, &c., for past week:

Table showing sales, stocks, and exports for Liverpool from Jan. 25 to Feb. 15, including categories like Sales of the week, Actual exports, Forwarded, Total stocks, and Total imports.

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 daily market conditions for Liverpool from Saturday to Friday, including market status (Dull, Quiet, etc.), sales volume, and futures market movements.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Table of futures prices for Liverpool from Feb. 9 to Feb. 15, listing prices for various months from February to February of the following year.

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Feb. 15 1929.

Flour had no new features of special interest. The demand was of the routine not too interesting sort. The mills have been making fair shipments. Export trade on the surface at least was quiet.

Wheat has advanced sharply on cold weather. On the 9th inst. prices advanced 1/8 to 5/8c. with no pressure to sell and better cables than due. But export demand was small. There have been very large shipments of wheat and flour to the various importing countries.

On the 11th inst. prices advanced 1/2 to 1c. on extraordinarily cold weather in Europe and a belief that it had damaged the crop. On the 12th inst. while American markets were closed, Winnipeg was strong, owing to very firm cables from Liverpool, decidedly cold weather again on the Continent with temperatures averaging from zero to well below that figure.

from 2 to 6 inches, practically over all the wheat territory. It was 2 below at Quitaque, zero at McLean and Berger; 5 above at Amarillo; 11 above at Wichita Falls; 14 above at Brownwood, 18 at Waco, Ft. Worth and Dallas. Much sleet was reported through north Texas.

On the 13th inst. prices ended 2 3/8 to 3 1/8c. higher. Winnipeg was up 1 to 1 1/4c. Other markets were generally higher. Fears of damage to the crop in the American winter wheat belt and in Europe, and a good export trade, estimated at 1,500,000 bushels, including over the holiday, were the principal features.

To-day prices closed 7/8 to 1c. lower at Chicago, 3/8 to 5/8c. off at Winnipeg and 7/8 to 1c. down at Minneapolis. The export demand was small. And the forecasts were for warmer conditions in Europe and unsettled weather in the American winter wheat belt.

Table of daily closing prices of wheat in New York and Chicago, including prices for No. 2 red and various futures contracts.

Indian corn advanced with wheat even if export business as a rule failed. Cash markets have been firm with offerings small. On the 9th inst. prices fell 1/4 to 1/2c. on scattered liquidation due largely to reports of shipments from the Southwest to Chicago and the lack of export business of importance.

On the 13th inst. prices advanced 1 1/4c. with a fair export demand reported. Eastern and Seaboard interests were buying on a fair scale. Shorts covered. Receipts are rather large, but are not, it seems, attracting much attention.

as 32 deg. below normal, with possibly half the country having minus departures in excess of 12 deg. Over a considerable area in the Central-Northern States the average temperature for the week was again below zero, with Devils Lake, N. Dak., reporting a mean of 6 deg. below.

Some upper Mississippi Valley sections had the coldest weather of the winter, and the zero line for minimum temperatures again extended well into the Ohio Valley and southward to Oklahoma City, while minima of 12 deg. to as much as 32 deg. below zero covered a large area from the upper Mississippi Valley westward to the Rocky Mountains. Freezing extended to the Gulf coast from the extreme lower Rio Grande Valley to northwestern Florida, but the cold weather did not extend into the Florida Peninsula or along the south Atlantic coast where temperatures as low as freezing were not reported from first-order stations. In fact, southern Florida continued unusually warm, the lowest reading for the week at Miami being 58 degs.

Chart II shows that precipitation was generous to rather heavy from the lower Mississippi Valley eastward, and also quite generally in the Atlantic coast area. Throughout the interior of the country the weekly falls, while generally in the form of snow, were mostly moderate; only traces of precipitation were reported in the Central-Northern States and in most of the Pacific area. Rainfall was again light in southern Florida where moisture has been needed for some time, and little or no rain occurred in the lower Rio Grande Valley.

The extremely low temperatures that persisted over much of the country, following several previous weeks of cold in many places, made another generally unfavorable week, especially for seasonable outside operations and for livestock over the great western grazing areas. But little farm work could be accomplished in Central and Western States, and highway traffic was difficult in many places, with crossroads blocked. The extensive snow cover also made heavy feeding necessary, and widespread reports were received of suffering among livestock, considerable shrinkage, and some losses. In some far northwestern sections, particularly in northern Idaho and eastern Washington, the coldest February weather of record was experienced, and some apprehension is felt as to its effect on fruit trees and buds.

In California heavy firing of citrus groves was necessary, with some damage to unprotected orchards. In the west Gulf area freezing weather extended to the mouth of the Rio Grande, with some harm to strawberries and tender vegetation, but the extent has not been ascertained; hardy truck probably was not materially injured. In other Gulf coast sections the low temperatures were not directly harmful, but growth of winter crops was slow, and frequent rains prevented much field work; spring preparations are backward in a good many places. In Florida and the south Atlantic area conditions continued mostly favorable, except for lack of moisture in the extreme south; truck is generally good in the Okeechobee district, and strawberries are plentiful, with some bloom as far north as North Carolina.

SMALL GRAINS.—Much of the Winter Wheat Belt experienced the coldest weather of the season, but it was preceded in the Southwest by rather generous snows, and the wheat area now has a fairly good market nearly everywhere. The snow cover extends as far south as Oklahoma and northern Arkansas, and most of the Ohio Valley has protection, though much ice remains in some central areas, particularly in northern Indiana, northern and west-central Illinois, and in much of Missouri. In Nebraska wheat fields are now mostly covered with snow, but in Iowa the cover is becoming dense and impervious. In the more northwestern States and Rocky Mountain sections winter wheat fields are well protected, but the Atlantic area continues mostly bare of snow. Precipitation in the Southwest was beneficial for cereal crops.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Temperatures below normal. Precipitation moderate; rain in east and snow in middle and west. Unfavorable for farm operations, except in southeast and on eastern shore where good progress made in preparation for early crops and planting tobacco beds. Wheat fair to good.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Temperatures varied above and below normal; precipitation on four days. Too wet for work, but beneficial in increasing subsoil moisture in central and west. Truck, strawberries, and small grains reported doing well. Most tobacco beds planted.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Several days of mild weather caused noticeable fruit-bud swelling, but not to the danger point, and hardy shrubbery budding. Winter cereals and truck show practically normal growth generally. Tobacco beds being prepared. Strawberries blooming on coast and carrots and beets doing well. Spring plowing retarded by wet soil in many sections.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Much cloudy weather, with frequent moderate rains, hindered farm work. Cool weather, especially at close of week, caused slow growth of cereals, pastures, and winter truck, but was favorable for fruits. Most growing crops in good condition. Advance of general work normal or somewhat ahead of average.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Beneficial showers in north and central; rains unfavorable on lowlands of west; droughty in much of south. Farm work advanced. Melon planting continued in north and central. Shipping cabbage in car lots and cane cutting continued in Okeechobee district, where beans, peas, and other truck good. Tomato planting advanced in central division. Strawberries plentiful and truck abundant locally. Citrus shows new growth and bloom. Oats good.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Temperatures averaged somewhat below normal; freezing to coast on last two days. Moderate rains at beginning and middle of week delayed farm work and little plowing accomplished. Oats fair to good progress. No material change in condition of pastures. Winter truck fair progress in coast section and some sections of northwest; little growing elsewhere. In coast section orange, pecan, and peach trees practically dormant, but pear trees blooming.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Generally cloudy, with moderate temperatures and occasional precipitation to Saturday; cold wave Sunday, with unseasonably cold weather thereafter. Mostly unfavorable for farm activities, which probably average late. Pastures and truck mostly poor progress.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Cloudy and rainy, except last two days fair and colder, with freezing to coast. Unfavorable for work and growth of truck and other crops. Pastures poor to fair. Soil too wet for plowing.

Texas.—Houston: Week cold, with generally light precipitation, except in upper coast section and in form of snow or sleet in north and west. Freeze to lower coast on 11th did some damage to strawberries and tender vegetation, with amount still undetermined; probably only slight damage to citrus and hardy truck. Moisture favorable for winter wheat and oats. Livestock suffered, but losses slight. Farm work at standstill because of severe weather, and preparations, for spring planting backward over much of State.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Very cold; subzero temperatures in north and west portions and weekly means 16 deg. to 20 deg. below normal. Heavy snowfall; ground frozen and field work entirely suspended. Winter grains protected by 3 to 10 inches of snow. Livestock suffered and much feeding necessary; no material losses reported.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Heavy snow, with temperatures—4 deg. to 14 deg. in north and moderate rainfall and temperatures 16 deg. to 25 deg. in south, stopped farm work. Wheat protected; winter oats not very seriously damaged. Favorable for meadows, pastures, and fruit.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Grains made little progress during week. Temperatures much below seasonal average occasional rain and snow; snow not on ground long enough to make good covering. Livestock continue in very good condition.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Moderate temperatures, with thaw, first half; ended with severe freeze. Precipitation moderate and largely snow; light covering in north on last three days. No important change in winter grains. Unfavorable for outdoor activities.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Feb. 15 1929.

A more hopeful feeling is being manifested in those divisions of the textile markets which have been laboring under the adverse conditions of heavy production and lagging demand. While there has been little actual expansion of sales, producers have been led to expect improvement in the near future by growing inquiry and more favorable ideas of the ultimate requirements of consumers. Cot-

ton goods, of which this is more particularly true, are steadier, and are continuing to move into distribution in a fair volume. Rather quiet markets toward the end of the week are attributed to the great diversity of offerings, which buyers require time to consider before committing themselves to volume-orders. Woolens, while the men's wear division is quiet in comparison with the fairly good business in women's fabrics, are in an excellent trading position. The only moderate general activity at the present time has not resulted in such forced offerings at unreasonable concessions as have so embarrassed cotton goods manufacturers. The promise of the future and the fact that stocks in primary channels are not large, are enabling factors to maintain steady prices and a cheerful disposition in the face of slow sales, which are expected to gain momentum presently. The wide profit margin in rayons which continues to be in striking contrast to the price conditions of other textiles, is of tantalizing significance to cotton goods manufacturers. Research has resulted in the discovery of very remunerative processes for the production of the former. It is pointed out that cotton goods should benefit in much the same way from a scientific analysis and development of its possibilities, at the same time as it is observed that research after better and cheaper methods of manufacturing rayons has been mainly possible because of extra funds available, derived from profits.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—A steadier undertone is evident in cotton goods markets. While there has been no noticeable expansion in sales volume as yet, the mails have contained more inquiries and the interest manifested by buyers has been of a more definite nature. The immediate stumbling block to more active trading appears to be the price situation. The large orders for print cloths and sheetings, which individual manufacturers have accepted of late at shaded prices are considered to have their source in a general buying interest just under the market, and the refusal of other primary factors to make concessions is regarded as responsible for the fact that the bulk of this business still remains pending. The need for goods of this description is certainly not diminishing, it is contended, and many producers are encouraged to hold prices steady, while they do a relatively small volume of business, until such time as they think distributors will have come to realize existing prices as reasonable. Meanwhile, unfavorable conditions are practically unchanged. The Association of Cotton Textile Merchants' figures for January, while they show the ratio of sales to production in a more favorable light than was expected by most of those interested, are not an indication of a healthy situation. The price-weakness consequent upon over-abundant goods remains an apparently unrelieved obstacle in the way of better business, since buyers are in no mood order very far ahead or in very large volume when they know that supply is plentiful, and that manufacturers appear to be too absorbed with the necessity of moving accumulated stocks to be able to make concerted efforts to keep prices steady. However, it is possible that conditions may improve in spite of the difficult position at the primary end of the trade. With a reported pending expansion in the demand for print cloths and with wash goods selling, on the whole, well (the nature of business being spotty, but generally broader), it may be that conditions will right themselves as a result of the natural necessity of increased buying to satisfy public consumption. Fine and fancy goods producers have been doing more business of late than for a long time. Print cloths 28-inch 64 x 60's construction are quoted at 5¼c., and 27-inch 64 x 60's at 5½c. Grey goods 39-inch 68 x 72's construction are quoted at 8¾c., and 39-inch 80 x 80's at 10½c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—The realization of the necessity of keeping production in a reasonable ratio to demand continues to strengthen, according to a well known authority, and stocks at the present time are at a low figure, with no immediate danger of accumulations. The promising outlook for woolens and worsteds is enhanced by a healthy statistical position and while factors are very hopeful and encouraged by prospects, there appears to be little of that inflated optimism abroad which played an important part in the reaction of cotton goods shortly after the beginning of 1929. Men's wear factors are expressing satisfaction with the way new offerings are being received. They believe that there is an excellent chance of measurably better business in their efforts to stimulate "clothes consciousness" in men. A considerable demand has developed in the women's wear division for a certain shade of blue, and at the present time the new fashion overshadows the call for the tans, greys, and browns, which were thought to be favored colors for spring wear. Whether the popularity of this color is to be short-lived is uncertain at the present time, but manufacturers are giving immediate attention to it.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Linens factors are hoping for a gradual recovery of the household lines which have suffered in late years from the competition of other fabrics, and the changing circumstances of domestic life. There is no particular feature in current trading, conditions remaining practically unchanged. Burlaps are firm. Light weights are quoted at 7.10c., and heavies at 9.50c.

State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN JANUARY.

We present herewith our detailed list of the municipal bond issues put out during the month of January, which the crowded condition of our columns prevented our publishing at the usual time.

The review of the month's sales was given on page 918 of the "Chronicle" of Feb. 9. Since then several belated January returns have been received, changing the total for the month of \$74,935,565. The number of municipalities issuing bonds in January was 291 and the number of separate issues 417.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists various municipal bond issues such as Abilene, Tex. (3 issues), Allegany Co., Md., Amherst, N. Y. (3 iss.), etc.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Continues the list of municipal bond issues from the previous page, including Hartford City, Ind., Haxtun, Colo., Haxtun, Colo., Heber Springs Spec. S. D., etc.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists various municipal bonds including Putnam Ave., Refugio Co., Rensselaer, etc.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists various municipal bonds including Coal City, Covington Twp., Creston, etc.

All of the above sales (except as indicated) are for December. These additional December issues will make the total sales (not including temporary loans) for that month \$166,084,054.

Table: DEBENTURES SOLD BY CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES IN JANUARY. Lists Bertie Twp., British Columbia, Saskatchewan Sch. Dist., etc.

Table: CANADIAN BOND SALES FOR PREVIOUS MONTHS. Lists Rouyn, Que., Saskatchewan Sch. Dist., etc.

NEWS ITEMS

New York State.—Legal Investments for Savings Banks.—The State Banking Department has compiled a new list of securities considered legal investments for savings bank funds, this new list being dated Dec. 1 1928.

STATE BANKING DEPARTMENT, ALBANY, N. Y. The following list of securities considered legal investments for savings banks has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 52 of the Banking Law.

Total bond sales for January (291 municipalities, covering 417 separate issues) \$74,935,565

d Subject to call in and during the earlier years and to mature in the later years. & Not including \$60,000,000 temporary loans. r Refunding bonds.

UNITED STATES POSSESSIONS—JANUARY.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists Porto Rico (Govt. of).

The following item included in our totals for May should be eliminated from the same. We give the page number of the issue of our paper in which reasons for this elimination may be found.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Amount. Lists Medina, Tex. (May) \$20,000.

We have also learned of the following additional sales for previous months:

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists Bartlett, Beekville, Brecken, etc.

indicated, reliable supporting information, in all cases, is on file with this Department. As to the exceptional cases noted, however, the Department has been unable to obtain recent financial statements or other data from the companies concerned.

An important provision of the new law requires that certain municipalities shall have power to levy taxes on the taxable real property therein for the payment of their obligations without limitation of rate or amount. Municipalities to which this provision applies are specified. However, it must be left to the trustees of the savings banks to satisfy themselves that the securities comply with the law on the question of unlimited taxes.

As the cost of preparing the list is assessed upon the savings banks, sufficient copies have not been printed to enable us to make a general distribution.

You may communicate with this Department for any further information you may desire.

FRANK H. WARDER, Superintendent of Banks.

Dec. 1 1928.

SECURITIES CONSIDERED LEGAL INVESTMENTS FOR SAVINGS BANKS, UNDER SUBDIVISIONS OF SECTION 239 OF THE BANKING LAW AS NUMBERED.

Subdivision 1.

All interest-bearing obligations of the United States or those for which the faith of the United States is pledged to provide payment of interest and principal, including bonds of the District of Columbia.

Subdivision 2.

All interest-bearing obligations of New York State.

Subdivision 3.

Certain interest-bearing obligations of the following States and Territories:

Table listing states and territories: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

Subdivision 4.

All interest-bearing obligations, or revenue notes sold at a discount, of any city, county, town, village, school district, union free school district, poor district, or fire district in New York State, provided that they were issued pursuant to law and that the faith and credit of the municipality or district that issued them is pledged for their payment.

Subdivision 5 a.

Certain stocks, bonds and other obligations (excluding non-negotiable warrants), either interest-bearing or sold at a discount, of the following:

Table listing various states and counties: Ansonia, Bridgeport, Bristol, Danbury (town and city), Enfield, Fairfield, Greenwich, Hartford, Hartford County, Meriden, Milford, New Britain, New Haven, New Haven County, New London, Norwalk, Stamford (city), Stonington, Stratford, Torrington, Wallingford, Waterbury, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Warwick.

Subdivision 5 b (1).

Certain stocks, bonds, and other obligations (excluding non-negotiable warrants), either interest-bearing or sold at a discount, of the following:

Table listing various states and counties: Birmingham, Ala., Little Rock, Ark., San Diego, Calif., San Francisco, Calif., Denver, Colo., Wilmington, Del., Jacksonville, Fla., Miami, Fla., Tampa, Fla., Augusta, Ga., Macon, Ga., Chicago, Ill., Peoria, Ill., Rockford, Ill., Evansville, Ind., Fort Wayne, Ind., Indianapolis, Ind., South Bend, Ind., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Davenport, Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa, Sioux City, Iowa, Topeka, Kan., Wichita, Kan., Covington, Ky., Louisville, Ky., Shreveport, La., Portland, Me., Bay City, Mich., Detroit, Mich., Flint, Mich., Grand Rapids, Mich., Jackson, Mich., Kalamazoo, Mich., Lansing, Mich., Pontiac, Mich., Saginaw, Mich., Duluth, Minn., Minneapolis, Minn., St. Paul, Minn., Kansas City, Mo., St. Louis, Mo., Lincoln, Neb., Manchester, N. H., Charlotte, N. C., Canton, Ohio, Cincinnati, Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio, Columbus, Ohio, Springfield, Ohio, Toledo, Ohio, Youngstown, Ohio, Tulsa, Okla., Oklahoma City, Okla., Knoxville, Tenn., Nashville, Tenn., Dallas, Tex., El Paso, Tex., Fort Worth, Tex., Houston, Tex., San Antonio, Tex., Salt Lake City, Utah, Roanoke, Va., Spokane, Wash., Tacoma, Wash., Huntington, W. Va., Wheeling, W. Va., Milwaukee, Wis., Racine, Wis., Tulsa, Okla.

Certain stocks, bonds, and other obligations, excluding non-negotiable warrants, either interest-bearing or sold at a discount, as follows:

Note.—Unlimited tax obligations only are legal for the following school districts and counties. The legality of obligations issued by the following school districts and counties depends furthermore on whether or not the obligations issued by the city indicated in each case are legal. Of such cities there are some whose unlimited tax obligations only are legal. These cities are indicated with an asterisk (*). The failure of any of these last mentioned cities to have outstanding any unlimited tax obligations would render illegal the respective school district or county.

School Districts.

Table listing school districts: Oakland, Calif. (Oakland*), Rockford, Ill. (Rockford), Flint, Mich. (Flint), Pontiac, Mich. (Pontiac), Easton, Mich. (Easton), Springfield, Mo. (Springfield*), Cleveland, Ohio (Cleveland), Oklahoma City, Okla. (Oklahoma City), Tulsa, Okla. (Tulsa), Houston, Tex. (Houston), Salt Lake City, Utah (Salt Lake City), Seattle, Wash. (Seattle*), Spokane No. 81, Wash. (Spokane).

Counties.

Table listing counties: Pulaski, Ark. (Little Rock), Los Angeles, Calif. (Los Angeles*), New Castle, Del. (Wilmington), Bibb, Ga. (Macon), Muscogee, Ga. (Columbus*), Richmond, Ga. (Augusta), Scott, Iowa (Davenport), Woodbury, Iowa (Sioux City), Kenton, Ky. (Covington), Cumberland, Me. (Portland), Genesee, Mich. (Flint), Oakland, Mich. (Pontiac), Saginaw, Mich. (Saginaw), Wayne, Mich. (Detroit), Hennepin, Minn. (Minneapolis), Ramsey, Minn. (St. Paul), Hillsborough, N. H. (Manchester), Multnomah, Ore. (Portland*), Davidson, Tenn. (Nashville), Knox, Tenn. (Knoxville), Tarrant, Tex. (Fort Worth), Salt Lake, Utah (Salt Lake City), Spokane, Wash. (Spokane), Dane, Wis. (Madison*), Douglas, Wis. (Superior*), Milwaukee, Wis. (Milwaukee), Racine, Wis. (Racine).

Subdivision 5 b (3).

Certain stocks, bonds, and other obligations (excluding non-negotiable warrants), either interest-bearing or sold at a discount, as follows:

Note.—Unlimited tax obligations only are legal for the following cities. Los Angeles, Calif., Muskegon, Mich., Oakland, Calif., Springfield, Mo., Columbus, Ga., Omaha, Neb., New Orleans, La., Durham, N. C., Baltimore, Md., Portland, Ore., Seattle, Wash., Memphis, Tenn., Lynchburg, Va., Kenosha, Wis., Madison, Wis., Sheboygan, Wis., Superior, Wis., Richmond, Va., Dayton, Ohio.

Subdivision 7 a-i.

Certain bonds of railroad corporations:

Table listing railroad corporations and their bonds: Alabama Great Southern Ry. Co., Albany & Susquehanna RR. Co., Atchafalaya & Santa Fe Ry. Co., Chicago Santa Fe & California Ry. Co., Atlantic Coast Line RR. Co., Brunswick & Western 1st 4s, 1935, Charleston & Savannah gen. 7s, 1936, Norfolk & Carolina RR. 1st 5s, 1939, Norfolk & Carolina RR. 2d 5s, 1946, Northeastern RR. of South Carolina cons. 6s, 1933, Richmond & Petersburg cons. 4 1/2s, 1940, Savannah Florida & Western cons. 5s and 6s, 1934, Wilmington & New Bern 1st 4s, 1947, Wilmington & Weldon RR. gen. 4s and 5s, 1935, Baltimore & Ohio RR. Co., Ref. & gen. 5s and 6s, 1905, and 5s, 2000, series A-D, Central Ohio 1st 4 1/2s, 1930, Cleveland Lorain & Wheeling cons. 5s, 1933, Cleveland Lorain & Wheeling gen. 5s, 1936, Cleveland Lorain & Wheeling cons. 4 1/2s, 1930, Cleveland Terminal & Valley 1st 4s, 1905, Ohio River 1st 5s, 1936, Ohio River gen. 5s, 1937, Pittsburgh Lake Erie & W. Va. System ref. 4s, 1941, West Virginia & Pittsburgh 1st 4s, 1900, Bangor & Aroostook RR. Co., Piscataquis Division 1st 5s, 1943, Van Buren Extension 1st 5s, 1943, Buffalo Creek RR. Co. cons. 5s, 1941, Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry. Co. Gen. 5s, 1937, Lincoln Park & Charlotte 1st 5s, 1939, Central of Georgia RR. Co., Ref. & gen. 5s, 5 1/2s, 1959, 1st 5s, 1945, Chattanooga Division 4s, 1951, Macon & Northern Div. 1st 5s, 1946, Middle Georgia & Atlantic Division 1st 5s, 1947, Mobile Division 1st 5s, 1945, Oconee Division 1st 5s, 1945, Central RR. of New Jersey gen. 4s and 5s, 1937, Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. Co., 1st 5s, 1939, Chicago & North Western Ry. Co., Gen. 3 1/2s, 4s, 4 1/2s and 5s, 1987, 1st & ref. 4 1/2s, 5s and 6s, 2037, Deb. 5s, 1933, Des Plaines Valley, 1st 4 1/2s, 1947, Freemont Elkhorn & Missouri Vy. R. R. cons. 6s, 1933, Iowa Minnesota & Northwestern Ry. 1st 3 1/2s, 1935, Manitowoc Green Bay & Northwestern 1st 3 1/2s, 1941, Milwaukee Lake Shore & Western ext. & imp. 5s, 1929, Milwaukee & State Line 1st 3 1/2s, 1941, Milwaukee Sparta & Northwestern 1st 4s, 1947, Minnesota & South Dakota Ry. 1st 3 1/2s, 1935, St. Louis Peoria & Northwestern 1st 5s, 1948, St. Paul & Eastern Grand Trunk Ry. 1st 4 1/2s, 1947, Sioux City & Pacific RR. 1st 3 1/2s, 1936, Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR. Co.—Gen. 4s, 1938, Illinois Division 1st 3 1/2s & 4s, 1949, Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville Ry. Co. ref. 4s, 5s, 6s, 1947, Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry. Co. gen. 4s, 1988, Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Ry. Co.—Gen. 4s and 5s, 1993, Springfield & Columbus Division 1st 4s, 1940, Cincinnati Ind. St. Louis & Chicago gen. 4s, 1960, Cleveland Columbus Cincinnati & Ind., gen. 6s, 1934, White Water Valley 1st 4s, 1940, Delaware & Hudson Co.—1st & ref. 4s, 1943, Adirondack Ry. 1st 4 1/2s, 1942, Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR.—Bangor & Portland RR. 1st 6s, 1930, Morris & Essex RR. 1st 3 1/2s, 2000, Warren RR. 1st 3 1/2s, 2000, Fonda Johnstown & Gloversville RR. Co. Cons. ref. 4 1/2s, 1947, Cons. ref. 4s, 1950, Cons. gen. ref. 4 1/2s, 1952, Genesee & Wyoming RR. Co. 1st 5s, 1929, Great Northern Ry. Co.—1st & ref. 4 1/2s, 1961, Eastern Ry. of Minn. 1st 4s, 1948, Montana Central 1st 5s and 6s, 1937, St. Paul Minn. & Manitoba cons. 4s, 4 1/2s and 6s, 1933, St. Paul Minn. & Manitoba, Mont. Ext. 4s, 1937, St. Paul Minn. & Manitoba, Pacific Ext. 1st 4s, 1940, Spokane Falls & Northern 1st 6s, 1939, Willmar & Sioux Falls 1st 5s, 1938, Hocking Valley Ry. Co.—Cons. 4 1/2s, 1999, Columbus & Hocking Valley RR. First Ext. 4s, 1948, Columbus & Toledo RR. First Ext. 4s, 1956, Illinois Central RR. Co.—Ref. 4s and 5s, 1955, 1st 3s, 3 1/2s and 5s, 1950-51, Trust 3 1/2s, 1950, Cairo Bridge Co. 1st 4s, 1950, Litchfield Division 1st 3s, 1951, Purchased Lines 3 1/2s, 1952, St. Louis Division & Terminal 3s and 3 1/2s, 1951, Springfield Division ref. 3 1/2s, 1951, Lehigh Valley RR. Co. 1st 4s, 1948, Louisville & Nashville RR. Co.—1st & ref. 4 1/2s, 5s, 5 1/2s, 2003, series A to C, 1st 5s, 1937, United 4s, 1940, Atlanta Knoxville & Cincinnati Div. 4s, 1955, Lexington & Eastern Ry. 1st 5s, 1965, Louisville Cincinnati & Lexington Ry. gen. 4 1/2s, 1931, Mobile & Montgomery 1st 4 1/2s, 1945, New Orleans & Mobile Division 1st and 2d 6s, 1930, Paducah & Memphis Div. 1st, 4s, 1946, South & North Alabama RR. cons. 5s, 1936, South & North Alabama RR. gen. cons. 5s, 1963, Michigan Central RR. Co.—1st 3 1/2s, 1952, Bay City & Battle Creek 1st 3s, 1989, Detroit & Bay City 1st 5s, 1931, Grand River Valley 1st 4s, 1959, Jackson Lansing & Saginaw 1st 3 1/2s, 1951, Kalamazoo & South Haven, 1st 5s, 1939, Michigan Air Line 1st 4s, 1940, Mobile & Ohio RR. Co. gen. 4s, 1938, Montgomery & Erie Ry. Co. 1st 5s, 1956, Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry. Co. 1st 4s, 1978, New Orleans Texas & Mexico Ry. Co. 1st 4 1/2s, 5s, 5 1/2s, 1954, 1956, series A to D, New York Chicago & St. Louis Ry. Co.—1st 4s, 1937, Ref. 5 1/2s, 1974, 1975, series A, B, 2d & imp. 6s, 1931, series A to C, Deb. 4s, 1931, Lake Erie & Western 1st 5s, 1937, Lake Erie & Western 2d 6s, 1941, Toledo St. Louis & Western 1st 4s, 1950.

SALE OF \$425,000 BONDS.—An official list of the bids submitted for the bonds follows:

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Premium. Includes entries for Wm. R. Compton Co., Seasongood & Mayer, Kaufman, Smith & Co., etc.

HASTINGS-ON HUDSON, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Joseph E. Murphy, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. Feb. 25 for the purchase of \$150,000 coupon or registered municipal building bonds...

HAVERHILL, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The First National Bank of Boston, was awarded on Feb. 13, a \$350,000 temporary loan, dated Feb. 14 1929 and payable on Oct. 10 1929, on a discount basis of 5.19%.

Table with columns: Bidder, Discount Basis. Includes Shawmut Corp. of Boston, S. N. Bond & Co., Old Colony Corp.

HAYESVILLE, Clay County, N. C.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$25,000 issue of semi-annual water and sewer bonds that was purchased recently—V. 128, p. 765—was awarded at par to the Kelly Wilson Co. of Asheville.

HENDERSONVILLE, Henderson County, N. C.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$20,000 issue of 5 1/2% water bonds that was recently purchased by Bray Bros. of Greensboro—V. 128, p. 921—at a price of 100.375, is dated Jan. 1 1929 and due \$1,000 from 1932 to 1951 incl., giving a basis of about 5.70%.

HIGGINSPORT, Brown County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,000 5% coupon fire apparatus equipment bonds offered on January 19—V. 128, p. 284—were awarded to the Citizens Bank of Higginsport, at a price of par.

HILLSDALE, Hillsdale County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—On Feb. 10 the voters will be asked to approve a bond issue of \$475,000. The proceeds of the issue are to be used for school construction and equipment purposes.

HOLMES COUNTY (P. O. Millersburg), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—F. E. Aultman, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. Feb. 28 for the purchase of \$9,150 5 1/2% road improvement bonds.

HOLYOKE, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Shawmut Corp. of Boston, was awarded on Feb. 8, a \$300,000 temporary loan, dated Feb. 11 1929 and maturing on Nov. 7, 1929 on a discount basis of 5.04%.

Table with columns: Bidder, Discount Basis. Includes Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, First National Bank, S. N. Bond & Co., Old Colony Corp.

HORNELL, Steuben County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,936.38 coupon street improvement bonds offered on Feb. 13—V. 128, p. 766—were awarded to George B. Gibbons & Co. and Roosevelt & Son, both of New York, as 5 1/4s, at 100.08 a basis of about 5.21%.

HUNTINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Huntington), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$58,000 bridge construction bonds bearing interest at the rate of 5% offered on Feb. 7—V. 128, p. 594—were awarded to the First National Bank of Huntington, at a premium of \$1,931, equal to a price of 103.329.

Table with columns: Bidder, Price Bid. Includes Meyer-Kiser Bank, Citizens State Bank, Kent, Grace & Co., Inland Investment Co., Farmers Trust Co.

IRVINGTON, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The coupon or registered sewer bond issue offered on Feb. 13—V. 128, p. 766—was awarded to the West Side Trust Co., Newark, taking \$711,000 bonds as 4 1/2s (\$712,000 offered), paying \$712,222.22, equal to 100.171, a basis of about 4.45%.

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Amt. Bid. Includes West Side Trust Co., J. S. Rippel & Co., Bancamerica Corp., Lehman Brothers, H. L. Allen & Co., Prudden & Co., Schlater & Co., Wack & Co., Fidelity Union Trust Co., Irvington Trust Co.

JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Pascagoula), Miss.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$30,000 issue of bridge bonds offered on Jan. 7 (V. 127, p. 3676) was not sold as no bids were received.

JACKSONVILLE, Cherokee County, Tex.—MATURITY BASIS.—The \$75,000 issue of 5% coupon water and sewer bonds that was purchased by Caldwell & Co. of Nashville at a price 100.674—V. 128, p. 921—is due on Dec. 15, as follows: \$1,000, 1931 to 1948; \$2,000, 1949 to 1963; \$5,000, 1964 to 1966 and \$6,000 in 1967 and 1968, giving a basis of about 4.95%.

KENTUCKY, State of (P. O. Frankfort)—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Ben Johnson, Chairman of the State Highway Commission, for the purchase of an issue of \$10,200,000 bridge bonds.

Cumberland River, near Burnside; South Fork Cumberland River, near Burnside; Tennessee River, at or near Paducah; Tennessee River, at or near Eggers Ferry; Cumberland River, at or near Smithland; Cumberland River, at or near Canton; Green River, at or near Spottsville; Ohio River, at or near Evansville; Kentucky River, at or near Boonesboro; Kentucky River, at or near Tyrone; Green River, at Munfordville; Green River, near Rio; Ohio River, at or near Carrollton; and Ohio River, at or near Maysville.

Bids or proposals will not be considered unless accompanied by an unconditional certified check on a bank or trust company, considered by the Commission to be financially responsible, payable to the order of the Treasurer of Kentucky, for three (3%) per centum of the amount of the bid or proposal.

credit of "The Highway Bridge Fund," and credited on the purchase price of the bonds; and in the event any successful bidder fails to comply with the terms, covenants, and conditions of his or its bid and (or) contract, his or its check or the proceeds thereof will be retained by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as and for liquidated damages.

Bids may be made for the purchase of bonds for the construction and (or) purchase of any one or more of said bridges. Any two of said bridges may be coupled as a unit for the purpose of issuing bonds and securing the payment of same, and such coupling of two bridges into single units may be made of any two bridges herein named, but no more than two bridges may be coupled as one unit.

Bridge layouts, plans, and traffic surveys for each of said bridges may be examined at the offices of the State Highway Commission, Frankfort, Kentucky, and engineers' estimates of cost of each of said bridges and other information, including copies of the Act under which said bonds will be issued and sold, and the opinion of the Court of Appeals of Kentucky sustaining the constitutionality and validity of said Act will be furnished to prospective bidders upon application to the Chairman of the State Highway Commission, Frankfort, Kentucky.

KNOX COUNTY (P. O. Knoxville), Tenn.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by S. O. Houston, County Judge, until 10 a. m. on March 16 for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000, 5% notes.

LA GRANGE COUNTY (P. O. La Grange), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$15,800, offered on Feb. 13—V. 128, p. 766—were awarded to Charles C. Harrah of Wolcottville, Ind., at a premium of \$207.50, equal to 101.31, a basis of about 4.23%.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Crown Point), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 4% coupon bonds offered on Jan. 2—V. 127, p. 2856—were awarded to the Continental National Co. of Chicago, at a price of par.

Table with columns: Bidder, Premium. Includes American State Bank, Ligonier; Bankers Investment Co., Indianapolis; City Securities Corp., Indianapolis; Salem Bank & Trust Co., Goshen; J. F. Wild Investment Co., Indianapolis; Fletcher Savings & Trust Co., Indianapolis; Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Cincinnati; Inland Investment Co., Indianapolis; Thompson, Kent & Grace, Chicago.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Crown Point), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$22,000 5% road bonds offered on Feb. 14—V. 128, p. 922—were awarded to the First National Bank of Crown Point, at a premium of \$675, equal to 103.06.

LAKEVIEW, Logan County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles B. Rex, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Feb. 28, for the purchase of \$1,200 6% bonds.

LANGLADE COUNTY, (P. O. Antigo) Wis.—BOND SALE.—A \$96,000 issue of memorial hospital bonds has been purchased by Hill, Joiner & Co. of Chicago.

LEON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Tallahassee) Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Mar. 12, by F. S. Hartsfield, Secretary of the Board of Public Instruction, for the purchase of two issues of school bonds aggregating \$300,000, as follows:

\$250,000 5% Special Tax School District No. 1 bonds, dated Dec. 1 1928, and due on Dec. 1, as follows: \$17,000, 1930 to 1943 and \$12,000 in 1944. Int. payable on June & Dec. 1. (These bonds were unsuccessfully offered on Nov. 13—V. 127, p. 3127).

50,000 6% Special Tax School Distr ct No. 3 bonds. Dated April 1 1929 and due on April 1, as follows: \$1,500, 1930 to 1949 and \$2,000, 1950 to 1959, all incl. Int. payable on April & Oct. 1. Principal and interest is payable at the National City Bank in New York City. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, is required.

LEWIS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 222 (P. O. Cehalis) Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000 issue of coupon school gymnasium bonds offered for sale on Feb. 2—V. 128, p. 766—was awarded to the State of Washington as 5% bonds at par. Deomm. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 15 1929. Due in five years and optional after one year.

LINCOLN PARK, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—The voters at an election held on Feb. 11 authorized the issuance of \$460,000 bonds to purchase two school sites, construct a school on the South Side of Lincoln, and erect additions to two other school buildings.

LISEON, Linn County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7.30 p. m. on Feb. 14 by C. R. Runkle, Town Clerk, for the purchase of two issues of 4 1/2% semi-annual bonds aggregating \$9,000, as follows: \$5,000, grading and \$4,000, bond.

LOGANSPORT, Cass County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Edward Hoyt, City Treasurer, until 11 a. m. on Feb. 19, for the purchase of \$25,000 4 1/2% Dykeman Park enlargement and improvement bonds.

LONG BEACH, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 coupon assessment improvement bonds offered on Feb. 13—V. 128, p. 594—were awarded as to Fairservis & Co. of New York, at 100.05, a basis of about 5.98%.

LOUISVILLE, Jefferson County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—A \$20,000 issue of 5% school bonds has been jointly purchased by J. H. Hillsman & Co., Inc., and the Citizens & Southern Co., both of Atlanta.

LOYAL SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Loyal Clark County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—A \$35,000 issue of special improvement bonds has been purchased by an unknown investor.

MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT (P. O. San Rafael), Marin County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7 p. m. on Feb. 19, by E. R. Prentice, Secretary of the Board of District Directors, for the purchase of a \$350,000 issue of 5% water bonds.

MARLBORO, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Peoples National Bank of Marlboro, has purchased a \$50,000 temporary loan maturing on Oct. 14 1929 on a discount basis of 5.23%. Other bidders were as follows:

