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The Financial Situation.

As part of the March financing of the U. S. Government, the Secretary of the Treasury, Andrew W. Mellon, has this week made announcement of a new offering of Treasury certificates of indebtedness and the most important feature of this offering, which is for an aggregate of \$475,000,000 "or thereabouts," with a maturity of nine months from March 15, is the rate of interest which the certificates bear. The Secretary has deemed it incumbent to fix the rate again at 4¾%, the same as in the offering of certificates made last October. It cannot be said that the rate is a surprise considering the condition of the money market, and yet the fact should not be overlooked that prior to October last no certificates bearing so high a rate as 4¾% had been put out by the Government since 1921.

The rate contrasts sharply, as has been many times pointed out in these columns, with the much more favorable rates at which the Government was able to borrow before the summer of last year, since which time stock speculation has been absorbing an ever increasing amount of bank credit, thereby creating the present tension in the money market which is giving everyone so much concern. In June of last year two short-term offerings of Treasury certificates were made, one of the series, running for six months, bearing interest at 4% per annum, and the other, with a maturity of nine months, carrying 3⅞%. In March last year the rate of interest was only 3¼% on a nine months issue of certificates for \$200,000,000, and 3⅞% on an issue running for a year for \$360,000,000. In December 1927 the Treasury offered \$250,000,000 of certificates running for a year at 3¼% interest and in November 1927 it offered \$400,000,000 of seven months certificates at 3⅞%.

In the interval since last October the Secretary of the Treasury placed an issue of certificates last

December in amount of \$500,000,000 with the rate reduced to 4¼%—\$200,000,000 of the certificates running nine months and \$300,000,000 running for a full year—but it might have been hazardous to repeat that experiment on the present occasion, when call money on the Stock Exchange this very week has been commanding 12%.

Returning to the 4¾ rate of last October is simply taking cognizance of money market conditions. The Secretary is not responsible for these conditions except so far as, by reason of his membership on the Federal Reserve Board, he may have had a hand in prescribing the mistaken policy of the Federal Reserve in the summer and autumn of 1927 out of which has grown the unfortunate credit condition with which the Reserve is now called upon to deal. The Secretary is a firm believer in letting money market conditions govern. It will be recalled that in August last a proposal came to the Federal Reserve Board from one of the Clearing House Associations "recommending preferential discount rates by Federal Reserve Banks on collateral notes secured by Government obligations, the discount rate in each case to be the same as that borne by the security." One of the reasons urged by the Clearing House referred to, in support of the proposal of a preferential rate, was the "forthcoming financing by the Treasury Department." This allusion, however, to Treasury financing did not make, as will be remembered, the slightest appeal to the Secretary who had been delegated to speak on behalf of the Federal Reserve Board. Mr. Mellon replied with some spirit, saying: "Under normal peace time conditions the Treasury should and does pay the ordinary market rates for money, the same as any other borrowers. Moreover, the credit of the United States Government is so good that there is no occasion whatever for attempting by artificial means to place U. S. Government securities in a favorite position as compared with commerce, industry and agriculture."

This is sound policy and in the circumstances the Secretary had no alternative but to fix the rate at a figure high enough to secure the necessary subscriptions in the ordinary, normal way. Still, it would be a mistake not to take note of the fact that the financial debauchery, from which the country is suffering as a result of the mistaken policy of the Federal Reserve is proving costly to the Government, the same as to every one else. The situation has now got beyond control and the Federal Reserve is impotent to bring about a correction. At this juncture the annual report of the International Acceptance Bank comes to hand containing a refreshing discussion of the whole credit situation by Paul M. Warburg, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the institution. Mr. Warburg makes a keen

analysis of the existing situation and the causes which have brought it about. He speaks with the utmost frankness and does not mince words in expressing his views. He likens the banking mechanism to navigation in the air, saying that "in aeronautics the public is generally inclined to look upon the art of rising into the air as the sole accomplishment. The layman is apt to overlook the fact that the mastery of the art of descending is of equal, if not greater importance." That is a happy way of illustrating how banking has been allowed to proceed in this country. "No central banking system," he goes on to observe, "may safely permit its facilities to expand unless it is certain of its determination and ability to bring about contraction when circumstances require.

Continuing the analogy, he expresses the view that "the Federal Reserve System, pursuing a well conceived and far sighted policy, rose to a position of world leadership. Yet within the short span of a year it lost that leadership owing to its failure promptly and effectively to reverse the engines at the critical moment." The intimate part which Mr. Warburg played in the early working of the Federal Reserve is well known, as also his profound knowledge of the subject of banking; and when a man of such attainments expresses himself in the way Mr. Warburg now does, it behooves the whole world to give heed. The rest of his remarks, in justice to him, should be quoted in full, as follows, in order to indicate the views entertained by him and the courageous way in which they are expressed.

"The rudder then passed into the hands of Stock Exchange operators, who have now for many months governed the flow of money, not only in the United States, but in the principal marts of the world. History, which has a painful way of repeating itself, has taught mankind that speculative over-expansion invariably ends in over-contraction and distress. If a Stock Exchange debauch is quickly arrested by prompt and determined action, it is not too much to hope that a shrinkage of inflated stock prices may be brought about without seriously affecting the wider circle of general business. If orgies of unrestrained speculation are permitted to spread too far, however, the ultimate collapse is certain not only to affect the speculators themselves, but also to bring about a general depression involving the entire country.

"From the economic lessons taught by the aftermath of the Great War, we learned that the excessive creation of money or bank credit without an equivalent production of assets spells inflation. Yet the public mind does not appear to realize that the creation of an inflated purchasing power is not a monopoly enjoyed by governments. When we consider that the market value of the fifty industrial stocks, the twenty public utility stocks, and the twenty railway shares, which are used in computing the Standard Statistics Company's index of the prices of stocks, has grown within two years from approximately \$17,500,000,000 to \$33,000,000,000, we find an accretion of approximately \$15,500,000,000, an accretion in the majority of cases, quite unrelated to respective increases in plant, property, or earning power. Yet this stupendous bulge in "value" covers only a limited number of corporations, and it does not include bank stocks, or some of the subtlest elements of inflation—incorporated stock pools, called "investment trusts." Nor does it comprise the gigantic enhancement of real estate values. One can only leave it to the imagination to guess the amount by which the inflation of values such as these exceeds the entire war debt of the United States. In order

to grasp the vastness of the sums involved, it may be well to remember that the total value of our cotton, wheat, and corn crops combined would amount to approximately \$4,000,000,000.

"There are those who claim that the increase in the market value of our securities is warranted by their intrinsic value. One might be more inclined to agree with that view if the present level of our stocks were not sustained by a colossal volume of loans carrying unabsorbed securities, of which \$6,000,000,000 of brokers' loans form only a part, and if the banking structure carrying this inflated inverted pyramid did not rest on a basis of Federal Reserve credit, which in these last two years has been stretched by an increase in the earning assets of about half a billion dollars over what used to be their approximately normal size. Conditions such as these recall to our minds the painful events of the years of 1919-21. Yet the parallelism between that period and the present does not seem to be properly appreciated by the general public on account of the fact that billions of dollars poured into the Stock Exchange by domestic corporations and from across the seas are not revealed by the barometer indicating the Federal Reserve System's condition and because the index does not register the same striking rise of commodity prices shown in the inflation period of 1919 to 1920. It should be remembered, however, that in those years there prevailed a shortage of commodities and a passionate demand for them, while at present the world is craving for the ownership of shares and for the satisfaction of new wants. Nobody would object to a fulfillment of these desires so long as the necessary funds were provided from savings. But when the savings of the masses are deposited as margins for Stock Exchange speculations, and when the extravagant use of funds for speculative purposes absorbs so much of the nation's credit supply that it threatens to cripple the country's regular business, then there does not seem to be any doubt as to the direction in which the Federal Reserve System ought to exercise its influence quickly and forcefully.

"People who express the fear that increase in the Federal Reserve Bank's rediscount rates might hurt business overlook the far greater hurt the country will have to suffer if their advice to permit the situation "to work itself out" were followed. Moreover, for approximately the last six months we have had, in effect, a bank rate of 7 or 8 per cent; for it is that rate which during that period has directed the flow of gold to our shores and which has exercised a decisive influence in the fashioning of our domestic rate structure. When commercial paper commands 5¾%, and when bankers' acceptances sell at 5¾%, rediscount rates of 4½% and 5% seem grotesquely impotent and out of line. Procrastination in bringing such rediscount rates into a proper relation to actualities, hesitation in taking effectual means to reassert the Federal Reserve System's leadership, place a grave responsibility on those in charge of its administration. It is true that our inability to develop a country-wide bill market and our failure to establish on our Stock Exchange a system of term-settlement dealings aggravate the difficulties of our problem. But these defects of our system render the need for determined leadership all the more imperative. That the country's banking system is tossing about today without its helm being under the control of its pilots gives cause for deep concern. Yet the fault does not seem to lie so much with the men in charge of it as with the structural defect of its administrative organization. The banking fraternity would be well advised to anticipate radical Congressional proposals by taking the lead in seeking the lines along which reform may be brought about."

This week's Federal Reserve statements are certainly of a character to awaken anew the deepest

concern. Brokers' loans are again expanding in the most disquieting fashion. The Reserve Banks in a hapless kind of way are seeking to withdraw funds from the market by reducing their holdings of acceptances, while at the same time, the member banks are negating the operation and rendering it futile by extending their borrowing at the Federal Reserve institutions. During the past week, the 12 Reserve institutions have further reduced their holdings of acceptances from \$334,075,000 to \$304,644,000 and have also slightly further reduced their holdings of U. S. Government securities, that is, from \$166,400,000 to \$162,964,000, and yet the amount of Reserve credit outstanding as represented by the total of the bill and security holdings is somewhat larger, being \$1,467,030,000 the present week as against \$1,463,032,000 last week. The explanation of course is that the member banks have further enlarged their borrowing at the Reserve institutions, as appears from the fact that the holdings of discounted bills the present week stand at \$989,172,000 against \$952,482,000 last week.

And this same thing keeps going on, week after week. The Federal Reserve is seeking to withdraw funds in the way stated, while the member banks are nullifying the process by adding to their borrowings. Since the beginning of February holdings of acceptances have been reduced from \$435,609,000 to \$304,644,000 and holdings of U. S. Government securities have been cut from \$201,771,000 to \$162,964,000, making a combined reduction of \$169,772,000, but all this has counted for naught since member bank borrowing has run up from \$820,624,000 to \$989,172,000, with the result that total bill and security holdings for the present week (March 6), at \$1,467,030,000 are almost exactly identical with the total on Jan. 30 at \$1,467,039,000.

As to brokers' loans, these have increased the past week in amount of no less than \$140,000,000, making with the \$30,000,000 increase of last week, \$170,000,000 for the two weeks together, almost canceling the decrease which took place in the two preceding weeks, following the issuance of the Federal Reserve Board's warning against the undue absorption of bank credit in security loans. In other words, the total of brokers' loans the present week at \$5,647,000,000 is only \$22,000,000 below the maximum reached on Feb. 6, at which time the Reserve Board was prompted to issue its warning.

To this week's new addition of \$140,000,000, loaning under all the different categories has contributed. The loans made for their own account by the reporting member banks in New York City have risen from \$1,090,000,000 to \$1,117,000,000, the loans for account of out-of-town banks from \$1,693,000 to \$1,707,000 and the loans "for account of others" from \$2,724,000,000 to \$2,823,000,000, these loans for account of others having risen, it will be observed, most of all, establishing, it is almost needless to say, another new high record in all time. Where and when is the thing going to end?

The stock market has been under pressure most of the present week. Growing tension in the money market has been one of the main depressing influences, but there have been some others, chief among which has been extensive selling to realize profits after the big rise of last week. Call money on Monday ruled at 8%, a figure to which the market has become pretty well accustomed, and therefore on

that day the money situation commanded very little attention. But on Tuesday there was an advance to 10%, on Wednesday to 12%, and the same figure was again touched on Thursday with even the charge for renewals on that day as high as 10%, and with the renewal charge again 10% on Friday, though in the afternoon loans were made at 9%. After the buoyancy on Friday of last week, when the sales for the day aggregated over 6,000,000 shares, the market on Saturday proved a disappointment, prices showing a reactionary tendency on sales to realize profits and some substantial declines in prices occurred, though on the other hand there were also some further advances, the list as a whole being marked by great irregularity.

On Monday notable irregularity again characterized the dealings, many traders waiting for the inaugural address of President Hoover, in the hope that this might contain some reference to the credit situation of an encouraging nature, in which hope, however, they were disappointed. On Tuesday there was again general selling, on the rise in call loan rates to 10%, and on Wednesday the weakness was further intensified by another advance in the call loan charge, this time to 12%. On Thursday, however, the selling pressure appeared to be greatly relieved and a much better tone developed, notwithstanding, the call loan figure again touched 12%, and even the renewal charge was as high as 10%. On that day portions of the losses sustained in the early days were recovered, though this was by no means so of the entire market. In the general upward movement not a few stocks established new high figures for the year. On Friday the market had two adverse features to contend against: first, an increase for the week of \$140,000,000 in the total of brokers' loans during the week, and Paul M. Warburg's severe criticism of the excesses of stock speculation in his report to the stockholders of the American Acceptance Bank, saying that the Federal Reserve had lost control of the credit situation and that stock operators were now in control. But after early weakness the market again moved upward, with a spectacular rise of 38 points in Radio Corporation, to 445, a new high, the noteworthy feature.

Trading has been on a diminishing scale. The sales last Saturday, at the half day session, on the New York Stock Exchange were 2,473,480 shares; on Monday they were 4,557,300 shares; on Tuesday 4,430,000 shares; on Wednesday 4,486,600 shares; on Thursday only 3,633,460 shares, and on Friday 3,945,400 shares. On the New York Curb Market the sales last Saturday were 890,500 shares; on Monday 1,326,600 shares; on Tuesday 1,245,200 shares; on Wednesday 1,243,900 shares; on Thursday 1,145,600 shares, and on Friday 1,485,700 shares.

Net changes in prices for the week are irregular, but with some large declines. It will be recalled that last week the express stocks were conspicuous for their spectacular up-rushes. This week they have lost part of their huge gains. Adams Express closed yesterday at 525 against 585 on Friday of last week and American Express closed at bid 295 against 327½ the previous Friday. In the chemical group, Allied Chemical & Dye closed at 284 against 303 on Friday of last week; Commercial Solvents closed at 266 against 265¼; Davison Chemical at 66¾ against 62½; Mathieson Alkali (the shares of which are to be split up on the basis of 3 for 1) at 195 against 203; Union Carbon & Carbide at 210⅞

against 216½; and E. I. du Pont de Nemours at 181¼ against 188.

General Electric closed yesterday at 237⅜ against 249 on Friday of last week; Amer. Tel. & Tel. closed at 214½ against 216½; National Cash Register at 130⅞ against 138; Inter'l Tel. & Tel. at 210 against 216½; Radio Corporation of America at 445 against 405; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 130½ against 139¾; Victor Talking Machine at 171 against 158¼; Wright Aeronautic at 270 against 285; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at 157 against 163½; International Nickel at 62¼ against 67; A. M. Byers at 156¾ against 165¾; American & Foreign Power at 109 against 118; Brooklyn Union Gas at 178¼ against 189½; Consol. Gas of N. Y. at 107¾ against 112⅝; Columbia Gas & Electric at 144¾ against 150¼; Public Service Corporation of N. J. at 84¾ against 90⅞; American Can at 120½ against 123⅜; Timken Roller Bearing at 81 against 85⅜; Warner Bros. Pictures at 118 against 124; Mack Trucks at 108 against 110; Yellow Truck & Coach at 41⅝ against 44; National Dairy Products at 129⅞ against 131; Western Union Tel. at 212½ against 202½; Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. at 155 against 160½; Johns-Manville at 190 against 211; National Bellas Hess at 66½ against 70⅞; Associated Dry Goods at 63⅜ against 63½; Commonwealth Power at 130⅞ against 135¼; Lambert Co. at 143½ against 139; Texas Gulf Sulphur at 72¾ against 76¼, and Koller Radio at 61 against 65⅞.

Many of the copper stocks are also lower, though a few have further advanced. Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at 159 against 151¼ on Friday of last week; Kennecott Copper at 97 against 91⅜; Greene-Cananea at 177⅝ against 185; Calumet & Hecla at 56⅞ against 60⅜; Andes Copper at 63½ against 67; Chile Copper at 115½ against 109½; Inspiration Copper at 62½ against 65; Calumet & Arizona at 133 against 139½; Granby Consol. Copper at 90 against 94⅝; Amer. Smelting & Rfg. at 116⅝ against 122⅝; U. S. Smelting, Rfg. & Min. at 66 against 69⅞. In the oil group Atlantic Ref. closed yesterday at 58 against 56½ on Friday of last week; Phillips Petroleum at 38 against 39; Texas Corp. at 58¾ against 59¼; Richfield Oil at 40¾ against 43; Marland Oil at 39⅞ against 40½; Standard Oil of Ind. at 88 against 87⅜; Standard Oil of N. J. at 49⅞ against 48¾; Standard Oil of N. Y. at 39¾ against 40⅞; and Pure Oil at 24⅞ against 24⅝.

The steel stocks have also declined. U. S. Steel closed yesterday at 186¼ against 191⅝ on Friday of last week. Bethlehem Steel closed at 101¼ against 105⅝; Republic Iron & Steel at 94⅜ against 95; and Ludlum Steel at 78⅞ against 80½. In the motor group General Motors closed yesterday at 81½ against 83¾ on Friday of last week; Nash Motors at 107 against 111⅝; Chrysler Corp. at 109½ against 107; Studebaker Corporation at 87⅞ against 91; Packard Motor at 139¼ against 146½; Hudson Motor Car at 89¼ against 89½, and Hupp Motor at 71¾ against 75⅞. In the rubber group Goodyear Tire & Rubber closed yesterday at 132 against 136½ on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich closed at 94 against 97½, and U. S. Rubber at 60 against 58¼ and the pref. at 86¾ against 88.

The railroad group has been no exception to the rule of loss. New York Central closed yesterday at 191⅞ against 199½ on Friday of last week. Del. & Hudson at 194¼ against 200; Baltimore & Ohio

at 132¼ against 131½; New Haven at 90½ against 94½; Union Pacific at 223¾ against 230; Canadian Pacific at 246⅝ against 255; Atchison at 200⅞ against 203⅞; Southern Pacific at 130⅞ against 134⅞; Missouri Pacific at 83¾ against 83½; Kansas City Southern at 90⅞ against 93⅞; St. Louis Southwestern at 109¾ against 113⅝; St. Louis-San Francisco at 115⅞ against 117½; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at 50⅞ against 53; Rock Island at 132 against 135¾; Great Northern at 111 against 110; Northern Pacific at 109¼ against 108¾, and Chicago Mil. St. Paul & Pac. at 59¼ against 60⅞.

The insolvency record for February is even more favorable as to commercial failures in the United States for that month, than for January or December, although for both of those months improvement in conditions in comparison with earlier reports was shown. R. G. Dun & Co.'s records indicate 1,965 mercantile defaults in the United States during February of this year with total liabilities of \$34,035,772. These figures compare with 2,535 similar insolvencies in January involving \$53,877,145 of indebtedness, and 2,176 failures in February of last year for \$45,070,642. The February return this year is much the best for a number of years past. Commercial defaults in the early months of the year are always heavy, and while there is some reduction from January to February, the improvement in 1929 is quite noteworthy.

Last month's failures were 22.5% fewer in number than they were in January, whereas a year ago the decrease was 17.7%. Likewise, as to the liabilities reported, the February total for this year shows a decline of 36.8% from January, while the reduction covering the same period in 1928 was only 5.5%. Furthermore, last month's insolvencies were 10% less than in February 1928, while the January defaults this year were only 4.1% less than the number reported in January 1928. In addition to all of this the indebtedness reported for last month is 25.5% under the amount shown a year ago, while in January this year there was an increase of about 12%. Other comparisons make quite as good a showing for the month just closed.

The improvement for February over a year ago was mainly for the trading classes. There were 1,378 failures reported in February in the division embracing trading concerns, with total liabilities of \$17,890,726. These figures compare with 1,581 similar defaults in the corresponding month of last year, involving a total of \$24,951,932, a notable reduction for this year. In the manufacturing division on the other hand, February failures this year show a small increase, the number 478 comparing with 468 manufacturing defaults in the same month of 1928. The liabilities for manufacturing defaults last month of \$11,890,514 compare with \$12,751,295 a year ago. For agents and brokers there were 109 insolvencies in February of this year for \$4,254,532 against 127 last year involving \$7,367,415 of indebtedness. The improvement that appears for the trading section is shown in the returns covering ten of the fourteen leading trading classifications into which this record is separated. These fourteen divisions last month comprised more than 81% of all trading failures. Much the best showing appears for dealers in clothing, insolvencies in that line being greatly reduced in February from those of a year ago. Likewise, in the drug division, there were few-

er failures this year in February and for a considerably smaller indebtedness. Other trading classes where the defaults were less this year, include dealers in dry goods, in shoes, furniture, hardware, jewelry, and furs and hats.

In the large grocery division failures continue numerous and with heavy liabilities, the number last month being only slightly less than a year ago, while the indebtedness was much heavier this year. There was some increase in February this year in insolvencies among general stores and for hotels and restaurants, but the liabilities for each of these two classes were less last month than they were a year ago, the reduction as to the latter division being particularly heavy. The increase in the number of manufacturing defaults last month over February of last year was small. There are only two of the more important divisions, in the record of manufacturing failures, which show a less satisfactory return for February the present year than for February 1928. These were lumber and manufacturers of clothing. For both of these classes the number of defaults was larger this year and there was some increase in the liabilities, notably as to the lumber class. There was also a small increase for the divisions embracing manufacturers of machinery and tools, for the iron section, which includes foundries, and for printing and engraving. On the other hand, fewer defaults appear for February among most of the other manufacturing divisions and among these are hats, furs and gloves, chemicals, glass and earthenware and bakers.

One explanation for the smaller liabilities reported for February this year as compared with a year ago is the fewer large defaults in that month this year and the reduced volume of indebtedness shown. There were 53 insolvencies reported last month, where the liabilities for each failure was \$100,000 or more, the total of the latter being \$11,887,374. In February of last year the number was 58, but the total indebtedness shown was \$18,238,505. Separated by classes the trading division makes a somewhat better report, as to the large failures, than the manufacturing class, although the amount involved for the latter is also considerably less for this year than for February a year ago.

Securities markets in the important European centers were hesitant and uncertain this week, with the international financial strain caused by American absorption of the world's credit an obviously depressing influence. The chief markets in Britain, France and Germany were also affected by current political developments, Britain facing a general election, while in both France and Germany the Cabinets have been repeatedly endangered by party strife. On the London Stock Exchange interest was centered on the oil issues as the week opened, owing to perplexingly contradictory statements regarding an alleged agreement between Russian and Anglo-American companies. After a fairly bright opening, the oils reacted. The industrials generally were flat and British funds also were dull. The tone Tuesday was listless, with only a few issues standing out in the small trading. The gilt-edged market remained depressed by the fear of dearer money. A gold influx brought a measure of improvement to the gilt-edged list Wednesday. Tobacco and shipping shares also gained, but with these exceptions declines were general. A weakening of sterling again caused

depression in British funds Thursday. Trading otherwise was more active, with the long-neglected iron and steel shares suddenly coming in for a good deal of activity on a rising scale of prices. Textile issues joined in this movement. Although the gilt-edged division was again dull yesterday, the market as a whole was cheerful with leading industrials in good demand.

The Paris Bourse had one of its traditionally dull and depressed openings Monday, offers bringing no response and quotations declining generally. Bank stocks were especially weak. Some improvement occurred Tuesday, but not on a scale to lend great encouragement to speculators. Bank shares and State securities recovered only a part of their losses of the previous day. Trading remained limited. Another dull session was reported Wednesday, with the Bourse apparently preoccupied with the possibility of increases in the London and New York bank rates. The price trend was irregular, a good deal of selling at the close following a rather firm tendency earlier in the day. A religious holiday kept attendance at the Bourse down Thursday, and the situation showed little improvement. Trading was so small that quotations showed no marked variations. In yesterday's session, trading was again at a low ebb, with price changes negligible. The Berlin Boerse also opened weak, Monday, with uncertainties regarding the Paris and Geneva conferences and the international money situation exercising a depressing effect all day. Only in a few issues was there any rallying tendency. Trading remained restricted Tuesday, with the general trend still downward. After further losses at the opening Wednesday, some improvement occurred, with Reichsbank shares leading the upturn. The better tendency became more pronounced Thursday, and many issues advanced materially over the opening prices. Improved sentiment regarding the several international conferences contributed to the gains. The improvement was maintained in yesterday's session, prices holding well.

The Experts' Committee on German Reparations which assembled in Paris Feb. 11 in order to study means of revising or completing the Dawes Plan, continued this week its consideration of the delicate questions involved. There were again few plenary sessions in this, the fourth week of the meeting of experts, most of the details having been delegated to three subcommittees which were formed in the second and third weeks at the instance of the Chairman, Owen D. Young. A degree of impatience was expressed in some sections of the European press this week at the seemingly slow progress of the Experts' Committee, but in most quarters it was recalled that Mr. Young had predicted a need for two to three months' study before a final report could be drafted. The full committee met Monday morning in order to hear the reports of the three subcommittees. After these were heard a proposal was made by the chairman that the conference direct its efforts toward the creation of a central organism in the form of an international corporate body which would take the place of the Reparations Commission and the Dawes Plan organization. The reports of the subcommittees were approved and it was decided, according to a Paris dispatch to the New York Times, that each subcommittee should continue its labors in the light of Mr. Young's proposal, the

work to be correlated in a general recommendation to be submitted to another plenary session Wednesday.

The most formal and important of the subcommittee reports submitted at the plenary session on Monday was that of Lord Revelstoke, relating to the proposal for commercialization of the reparations obligations and the flotation of German bonds on the international market. The report was written and a copy was distributed to each delegate, so that Lord Revelstoke's address to the gathering consisted of comments upon and explanations of the document. There was no mention of the amount of bonds to be floated nor of dates at which they might be issued. There were also other omissions which Lord Revelstoke is said to have explained as due to the fact that his subcommittee was not fully informed as to the conclusions of the other committees. The report of the "steering subcommittee" was rendered orally by Sir Josiah Stamp, the chairman, and was quickly adopted by the full committee. The third report, made by Thomas Nelson Perkins on behalf of the committee which is concerned with deliveries in kind, also was adopted. It was frequently emphasized in dispatches that the most difficult point of all, that of the amount and number of German annuities, had so far been avoided by the delegates, but that some figures would soon have to be named in order to enable the committee to proceed with its discussions.

Sir Josiah Stamp undertook the task of correlating the work of the subcommittees and laying before the full body a draft report of all the work so far done. He had intended, reports said, to draw up a "skeleton plan" of what may possibly be the final report, and submit it Wednesday for discussion at a plenary session. The difficulties encountered were such, however, that Sir Josiah could make only an oral report Wednesday. It was indicated that a plan had been developed in the meantime, apparently by the Revelstoke subcommittee of which J. P. Morgan and Thomas W. Lamont are members, dealing with the proposed establishment of a huge international banking institution to take over all functions connected with reparations payments. This plan, according to the correspondent of the New York Herald Tribune, also included means for stimulating Germany's exports in order to assure the Reich a favorable balance of trade over a considerable period of years. The report was described as still in its initial stages, and after additional suggestions made in the course of the plenary session, it was referred back to its authors for further consideration. The problem faced by the body of experts was summed up on Wednesday by Sir Josiah Stamp at a gathering of Anglo-American newspaper correspondents, a dispatch to the New York Times said. "There are three sides to the problem—political, financial and economic," Sir Josiah remarked. "And as soon as we—or anyone else—have finished with one aspect another bobs up. It is impossible for any one to take account of all three at the same time and it is not in the province of the experts to do so. They are trying simply to find a solution for the political aspect and part of the financial one. They are all aware every moment that the economic aspect may any day within the next sixty years upset all their calculations."

Mexico was plunged into a ferment last Saturday by concerted military uprisings in three widely separated areas of the country which had for their object the overthrow of the Federal Government at Mexico City. As in previous insurrections in Mexico in recent years, the present one was engineered by disaffected chiefs of military operations in charge of bodies of Federal troops. Although the soldiery involved in the present instance is not believed to exceed 10,000, out of the total of 60,000 Federal troops, the revolt is conceded to be the most serious of the past six years, exceeding in seriousness the Gomez-Serrano insurrection of 1927. First reports from Mexico City last Sunday indicated that almost the entire State of Vera Cruz was in the hands of rebel troops under General Jesus Maria Aguirre. Traffic over the railway from Mexico City to Vera Cruz was suspended. In the northwestern State of Sonora, General Francisco Manzo also revolted. The revolutionists claimed also the States of Chihuahua, Durango, Nayarit, Jalisco, Coahuila and Sinaloa. President Portes Gil promptly announced the appointment of former President Plutarco Elias Calles as Secretary of War to handle the emergency. Ambassador Morrow, who was at his country home in the suburb of Cuernavaca, returned to the capital, Monday.

President Portes Gil admitted Monday in an official statement that three of the nine States claimed by rebel leaders had joined the movement. General J. Gonzalo Escobar, commander of the Federal troops in Coahuila, had gone over to the rebels, it was conceded. The statement charged the rebellious generals with fomenting revolution for "nothing more than the idea of personal gain." A column of troops was quickly sent against General Aguirre in Vera Cruz and a censorship was established on all press reports. General Topete, Governor of the State of Sonora, declared the Federal religious laws abolished in his State, and reports indicated that services were rapidly resumed in the Catholic churches, for the first time since they were ordered closed in 1926. By Tuesday, the capital was cut off from train service to the border, with several hundred American tourists there. Telegraph lines continued to function. It was indicated in Washington Tuesday that the first official act of President Hoover was to decide on a continuation of the Coolidge policies of giving moral and material support to the Federal Government in Mexico in the emergency. The first blood in the rebellion was shed Tuesday, General Escobar reporting the capture of Monterey, third largest city in the country, after 10 hours of fighting in which Federal losses were "considerable." Rebel troops from Sonora were reported in Sinaloa, on the march southward along the West Coast.

The tide of battle quickly turned in the sections of the country nearer the capital. It was officially announced Wednesday that the important city of Monterey had been evacuated by General Escobar before the advance of five columns of Federal troops which were converging on the city. General Escobar fled to Saltillo, and then, according to the announcement, fled from that city with the Federals in pursuit. The Government also declared that more than half of the troops of General Aguirre, the rebel leader in Vera Cruz, had mutinied against him, and it was asserted that loyal troops would reoccupy the city within a few days. The situation was not so

favorable to the Government in the north, however, General Manzo consolidating his position in Sonora and sending reinforcements to revolutionists along the border. Optimistic dispatches were received in Washington Wednesday from Ambassador Morrow, and Washington reports indicated that the Mexican Government had arranged through the State Department for a sizeable shipment of munitions from a private factory. Vera Cruz was retaken by the Federal troops on the same day, while in the far north, a pitched battle developed for control of the important border city of Juarez, opposite El Paso, Tex. Rebel leaders at Nogales, Sonora, declared Thursday that they had control of the entire State of Sinaloa, and that they were engaged in a drive toward Mexico City. To the south, Federal forces completely occupied the city of Vera Cruz and its environs and began to pacify the surrounding State.

Foremost among the developments yesterday was the capture of Juarez by superior Rebel forces, bullets falling on United States soil and killing a child. At the instance of U. S. Army officers, truce was declared between the factions struggling for Juarez, and the Federals were transferred to the U. S. side of the border and interned. In Washington an embargo was declared on commercial airplanes to Mexico. Mexico City reported that an army of 10,000 Federals had begun an advance on Sonora to engage the forces of General Manzo.

Ratification of the Kellogg Treaty renouncing war as an instrument of national policy was announced by several governments in the past week, bringing appreciably nearer the day when the pact will be made generally effective. The treaty will come into force among the fifteen original signatories only after acceptance by each of the Parliaments concerned. France accepted the treaty on March 1, the Chamber of Deputies voting 570 to 12 for ratification after several days of oratory. A plea for ratification was made in the Chamber on Feb. 28 by M. Joseph Paul-Boncour, who spoke as president of the Commission of Foreign Affairs of the Chamber. Foreign Minister Aristide Briand, co-author with Secretary Kellogg of the pact, addressed the Chamber on the following day. "I must admit in all humility that the Treaty is not perfect," he said. "It is a human effort, and, like all efforts of humanity, it is full of imperfections. Yet it marks indisputably, progress on the road to peace." If the time had been spent trying to patch up all the holes and fill up all the omissions, nothing would have been done, M. Briand said, and he declared the pact's simplicity was its strength. "I do not think," he added, "that moral force is all that is needed for the protection of peace, but it is by no means negligible and it gives us new ground and new hope for a continuance of the work of organization." In the balloting which followed, only eleven Communists and one Royalist voted against the treaty. Announcement was made on the same day that Holland and Denmark had formally ratified the treaty.

It was made known last week that Secretary Kellogg had hoped to secure ratifications from all of the fourteen other original signatories in time for bringing the pact into effect during the Coolidge Administration. This hope remained unfulfilled, as four States among the original signatories—

France, Japan, Belgium and Poland—have either not yet ratified the pact or else ratified it at too late a date to be able to deposit their instruments of ratification at the State Department before March 4. Ratifications of eleven of the original signatories were, however, deposited by the respective envoys in a colorful ceremony March 2. Coincident with the assembling of the envoys in the Diplomatic Room of the State Department, Secretary Kellogg received a message from Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary of Britain, congratulating him on the completion of "this great act with which your name will ever be associated." Secretary Kellogg also made public a communication he had dispatched to Foreign Minister Aristide Briand of France in which he recalled that he and M. Briand had been "closely associated in our efforts to bring it into being." At the ceremony, Mr. Kellogg deposited the official ratification of the United States Government. Sir Esme Howard, the British Ambassador, represented Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India. The other envoys were: Ambassador von Prittwitz of Germany, Ambassador de Martino of Italy, Minister Massey of Canada, Minister Veveska of Czechoslovakia, and Charge d'Affaires MacAuley of the Irish Free State.

Active steps in furtherance of the acknowledged desire of the United States Government for participation in the World Court were promptly taken by former Secretary of State Elihu Root, after his arrival in Geneva March 1. The distinguished American sailed from New York for Europe only a few days before Secretary of State Kellogg addressed identic notes to all governments which have adhered to the World Court protocol suggesting that a formula be evolved which would permit of American participation. Mr. Root explained when leaving this city that he would represent only his own opinions at the meeting of international jurists in Geneva March 11, which will consider revision of the statute which created the World Court in 1920. This statement he repeated in Geneva last Saturday, adding that he was acting only as a private citizen chosen by the League to attend the meeting of jurists. It became known, however, an Associated Press dispatch said, that he had brought to Geneva some clearly defined ideas for an understanding on the second part of the Senate's fifth reservation, which Secretary Kellogg described in his note of Feb. 19 as the only point on which there is any substantial difference of opinion.

In an informal meeting with Foreign Minister Briand of France, Tuesday, Mr. Root discussed the problem of finding a formula which would permit of American participation in the World Court. It was definitely stated in a Geneva dispatch of the same date to the New York Times that Mr. Root "brought with him a written, if tentative, proposal for settling the difficulty." Although a purely private document, this was said to meet in its general terms with the approval of President Hoover, Secretary Kellogg, and prominent Senators. The gist of the tentative proposal is, the dispatch said, "to take the emphasis off the broad, abstract terms used in the fifth reservation, which Court members objected to as too vague, by providing means of defining these terms whenever a concrete case arises." Mr. Root was further said to have submitted a written draft of this proposal to Sir Eric

Drummond, Secretary General of the League of Nations, who circulated it unofficially among the governments concerned.

More specifically, it was explained that Mr. Root's proposals are based "on the belief that the Senate did not desire to reserve the right for the United States to intervene on all sorts of questions in which it could be said to have an 'interest,' but merely to safeguard the United States on advisory opinions touching quite definite interests, such as issues affecting the Monroe Doctrine or immigration. In other words, a possible conflict between the United States and the League of Nations on advisory opinions, which has been so stressed, is unlikely often to arise in actual practice. The Root proposal drops abstract methods by concentrating on the limited but real interests at stake, and removes existing uncertainty by providing a means of defining the term 'interest' whenever it arose in a specific case. It would do this by providing for an **immediate interchange of views between Washington and the League whenever a question of asking for the Courts' advisory opinion came before the Council of the League.**

"Four possibilities then arise: First, in a great majority of the cases it is expected that the United States will advise the Council that it does not claim any interest; Second, in some cases negotiations could result in the Council reframing the question put to the Court so as to include everything it was desired to know, while safeguarding the interests of the United States; Third, in other cases the United States might decide that the interest it had in the question was outweighed by the greater interest of having a court ruling on the point; Fourth, in the event of failure of the United States and the League to agree on a specific, fundamental case, the plan provides in advance for Washington to exercise the right of withdrawal from the Court, it being further stipulated that the United States did not intend such withdrawal as an unfriendly action. As for the machinery for the above exchange of views, the present procedure already provides that the Council must notify the United States, as one of the original signers of the Covenant, of any contemplated request for the Court's advisory opinion. All that remains to do is to decide the best method of facilitating this consultation, whether by direct communication with Washington or by the United States delegating a representative to state its views to the Council whenever an advisory opinion came up. Probably an attempt will be made to work out the latter method."

These proposals, it appears, are to go either formally or informally before the committee of jurists, of which Mr. Root is a member, at their meeting on March 11. Any mutually satisfactory formula that may be worked out will take the form, it is **indicated, either of a new protocol or a revised statute, which then would go to all members, including the United States, for acceptance.** Every indication was given in Geneva that the proposals will be most sympathetically considered. The question was raised, however, in the interest of the League and Court whether the United States can have privileges which may well be demanded by other non-members of the League Council. "It is remarked that the other countries, for example, Russia or Mexico, might ask for a similar prerogative," an Associated Press dispatch said. Notwithstanding such con-

sideration, there was general agreement that the proposal was a practical one as a basis of discussion which left little doubt that an agreement could be reached. The text of the proposal was made public in Geneva Wednesday under the title, "A suggested redraft of Article IV of the Protocol of 1926." The protocol which it is proposed to redraft was drawn up by representatives of World Court members, Article IV providing for an understanding between the League Council and the United States on the way in which American consent would be exercised on World Court advisory opinion. It was pointed out in Geneva as one of the greatest merits of Mr. Root's redraft of Article IV that it meets the United States reservations relative to advisory opinions by the Court, without obliging the League to decide in advance whether a majority or unanimous vote of the Council and Assembly would be necessary when asking the Court's advice. This was the principal stumbling block of the 1926 conference, when the protocol was drafted, as the signatories were unwilling to decide whether a majority or unanimous vote would be necessary.

The Council of the League of Nations assembled in Geneva Monday for its fifty-fourth quarterly session under the presidency of Signor Scialoja, of Italy, with the question of minorities the most important item on its agenda. At the previous session this question caused a heated altercation between Dr. Gustav Stresemann of Germany, and Foreign Minister Zaleski, of Poland. The latter had deprecated protests against Polish treatment made by German minorities in Polish Silesia, whereupon Dr. Stresemann sprang to the defense of the Germans with a vigor that nearly caused an open rupture in the fifty-third session of the Council. A demand was made by the German Foreign Minister for a definite stand by the League on the minority question in general, and the matter was placed on the agenda for consideration in the present session. The first meeting of the session, Monday, was a very brief one in which a number of less important items were considered and disposed of. Dispatches from Geneva indicated that private efforts were made by the Council members during the rest of the day in an endeavor to insure calm consideration of the inflammable minorities issue. The question was scheduled for discussion at a public meeting Tuesday, but this session was suddenly canceled early in the afternoon of that day, and further private conferences were held in order to reconcile the views of the German and Polish Ministers, as well as those of a number of other members who had given notice of their intentions to discuss the problem.

Preparations for the debate were apparently well made, as the question finally came up Wednesday and was debated for nearly six hours in a calm atmosphere from which humor was not absent. The discussion was based on a proposal by Senator Dandurand of Canada for enlarging the committee of three that now deals with the petitions of minorities to include all fourteen members of the Council. Senator Dandurand expressed the belief that minorities should have every opportunity to lay complaints before the Council, and that the greatest publicity should accompany the entire procedure. Dr. Stresemann delivered a speech in moderate terms in which he did not propose any immediate changes but stressed the danger to peace unless the

minorities' rights are fully protected. He asked whether the League was not running the risk of only partly realizing its ideals in this regard, and urged that it was the League's duty not to confine itself merely to considering petitions, but of seeing to it that the minorities provisions were constantly applied. A discussion followed in which Sir Austen Chamberlain of Britain, and M. Aristide Briand of France also joined. Precise definitions were drawn in this discussion relating to the question of "cultural assimilation" of minorities. Sir Austen emphasized the view that political loyalty only should be required of minorities. As an illustration, he said an Englishman did not dream of merging Scotsmen with Englishmen, but at the same time there was no question of differences between them affecting either's loyalty to the empire. M. Briand took the same view and Dr. Stresemann expressed satisfaction with this interpretation.

Poland enjoyed in 1928 the greatest degree of prosperity experienced by the country since the war, according to the report for the final quarter of last year issued in Warsaw, Monday, by Charles S. Dewey, financial adviser to the Polish Government and a director of the Bank of Poland. The year showed steady improvement, he said, owing to the fundamental stability derived from a balanced national budget, a firm currency and the absence of disturbing political issues. Smooth functioning of the stabilization loan was reported by Mr. Dewey, the receipts from customs last year totaling about 150,000,000 zlotys (\$16,830,000), while the amount required for the stabilization loan is about 17,000,000 zlotys (\$1,907,400). Estimated government income and expenditures for 1929-30 are well balanced, he adds, the budget being so arranged that part of the program for additions to State property may be discontinued in the event of a decline in the revenue receipts. The unfavorable trade balance remains the principal problem in Poland, the report indicates, imports for 1928 exceeding exports by 851,000,000 zlotys. This sum was covered by foreign banking credits and foreign loans to municipalities during the first nine months of the year. Although a high point of imports was reached in 1928, a declining tendency was noted toward the end of the year. It must be expected, however, that Poland will be a borrowing nation for many years to come, the report declares. The internal money market still suffers from a dearth of credit and an increased circulation of long-term bills of exchange. Although deposits in joint stock banks have increased markedly in the past year, the creation of working capital through domestic savings has not been keeping pace with the growth of production and with the unsatisfied demand for funds in the money market, the American financial adviser states.

Reports published in the Utrechtsch Dagblad of Holland, last week, containing the provisions of an alleged secret Franco-Belgian military convention, were utterly discredited over the last week-end and the stir created throughout Europe by the "revelations" quickly died down. Inquiries were made at Paris by the Dutch and German Ambassadors, and at Brussels by the respective Ministers, and sweeping denials were forthcoming from the Foreign Offices which were readily accepted at the Hague and Berlin. To allay the public feeling that was still

manifested in the press, official denials were given out. The texts as published were subjected to rigid examination and were shown to be impossible in some respects. Among other discrepancies it was pointed out that the minutes of a conference alleged to have been held at Brussels in 1927 bore the signature of the French Chief-of-Staff, General Debeney. The French officer, however, was never in Belgium after 1920. A final quietus was put on the matter last Sunday when one Albert Frank, alias Heine, was arrested in Brussels as the perpetrator of the forgeries. A girl typist employed by Frank to copy out the "Treaty" brought about his exposure, and he confessed the crime. Dispatches indicated that Frank, a former German spy, had used the text of an old Franco-Russian treaty which was published by the Soviet as a model, changing figures and dates. This document was still in his possession. The treaty thus fabricated was sold to the Utrecht journal, according to his own confession.

A final settlement of the Turkish debt problem was reported in Paris as "practically certain," Monday, negotiations to this end having begun ten years ago. An official communication on the subject was issued to the French financial press March 4, a Paris dispatch to the New York "Times" said. According to this document, the two councils established to liquidate Turkish obligations to foreign bondholders, meeting in joint session, approved with reservations the terms of the Turkish law providing for initial payments which was ratified by the Angora Parliament on June 13 1928. The Turkish Government was immediately notified of the action by the councils, the "Times" report said, the request being made that Angora take steps to meet the first payments. "In French circles there is some hesitancy to believe this marks the conclusion of the dispute," the dispatch added. "The good-will of the Turkish Government is questioned and criticism is leveled at forces in Turkey said to have placed many obstacles in the way of a final solution. The French creditors ask if the approval of the law implies acceptance of the 40% payment plan advanced by Turkey. To accept such a compromise would, in their opinion, constitute a dangerous commercial precedent, especially since Turkey is not insolvent. Most of the French creditors maintain that the right to seek a more equitable settlement should not be relinquished."

There have been no changes this week in the discount rates of any of the 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 have moved up to 5¾% against 5¼@5 5-16% on Friday of last week. Money on call in London was 4⅞% on Thursday and 4⅞% yesterday. At Paris open market discounts remain at 3 7-16% and in Switzerland at 3¾%.

The statement of the Bank of England this week shows a further increase in gold holdings of £573,281 raising the total of that item to £151,828,798 as against £157,898,057 the same week last year.

Circulation increased £2,835,000 and a decrease of £2,262,000 in reserve therefore resulted. The bank rate of discount remains unchanged at 5½%. "Public Deposits" declined £5,684,000 whereas "Other Deposits" increased £7,778,000. The latter includes "Bankers Account" and "Other Account" which increased £7,143,000 and £635,000 respectively. Loans on government security increase of £1,820,000 and those on other security £2,547,000. "Discounts and Advances" and "Securities" which make up "Other Securities" both advanced, the former £2,026,000 and the latter £521,000. The proportion of reserve to liability is now 51.69% as against 54.70% last week and 38.20% this week a year ago. Below we show a comparison of the various items for several years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1929.		1928.		1927.		1926.		1925.	
	Mar. 6.	Mar. 7.	Mar. 7.	Mar. 8.	Mar. 9.	Mar. 10.	Mar. 11.	Mar. 12.	Mar. 13.	Mar. 14.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	b355,088,000	135,115,000	137,056,560	141,246,270	124,200,115					
Public deposits.....	8,283,000	8,462,000	16,158,524	16,756,234	13,687,603					
Other deposits.....	101,479,000	102,878,000	103,922,324	102,523,734	110,460,075					
Bankers' accounts.....	64,183,000									
Other accounts.....	37,296,000									
Government securities.....	44,796,000	31,761,000	31,222,560	39,295,328	40,096,830					
Other securities.....	26,493,000	55,321,000	73,689,766	74,183,023	78,160,435					
Disct. & advances.....	10,379,000									
Securities.....	16,114,000									
Reserve notes and coin.....	56,740,000	42,533,000	33,446,466	24,096,262	24,158,987					
Coin and bullion.....	a151,828,798	157,898,057	150,753,026	145,592,532	128,609,102					
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	51.69%	38.20%	27.85%	20.21%	19½%					
Bank rate.....	5½%	4½%	5%	5%	5%					

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.

The Bank of France, in its statement for the week ending Mar. 2, reports an increase in note circulation of 1,721,000,000 francs, bringing the total up to 64,226,465,950 francs, as against 62,505,465,950 francs last week and 62,619,465,950 francs two weeks ago. Creditor current accounts declined 1,669,000,000 francs and current accounts and deposits 999,000,000 francs. Gold holdings increased 25,542,529 francs, bills bought abroad 40,000,000 francs, advances against securities 142,000,000 francs, while credit balances abroad decreased 64,900,102 francs and French commercial bills discounted 918,000,000 francs. A comparison of the various items of the Bank's return for the past three weeks is shown below:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.		Status as of		
	Mar. 2 1929.	Mar. 2 1929.	Feb. 23 1929.	Feb. 16 1929.	Feb. 9 1929.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold holdings.....Inc.	25,542,529	34,063,146,745	34,037,604,216	34,026,594,689	
Credit bals. abr'd.....Dec.	64,900,102	11,473,970,667	11,538,870,769	11,794,958,234	
French commercial bills discounted.....Dec.	918,000,000	6,124,061,281	7,042,061,281	5,776,061,281	
Bills bought abr'd.....Inc.	40,000,000	18,326,970,680	18,286,970,680	18,280,970,680	
Adv. agt. securs.....Inc.	142,000,000	2,405,091,022	2,263,091,022	2,325,091,022	
Note circulation.....Inc.	1,721,000,000	64,226,465,950	62,505,465,950	62,619,465,950	
Cred. curr. accts.....Dec.	1,669,000,000	17,805,735,843	19,474,735,843	18,683,735,843	
Curr. accts & dep.....Dec.	999,000,000	5,885,493,363	6,884,493,363	5,700,493,363	

The Bank of Germany, in its statement for the fourth week of February, reports an increase in note circulation of 650,932,000 marks, raising the total to 4,553,026,000 marks as against 4,268,220,000 marks last year and 3,465,227,000 marks the year before. Other daily maturing obligations dropped 47,136,000 marks while other liabilities rose 13,641,000 marks. On the asset side bills of exchange and checks increased 417,569,000 marks and advances 258,780,000 marks. Gold and bullion decreased 29,000 marks, reserve in foreign currency 8,740,000 marks, silver and other coin 17,823,000 marks, notes on other German banks 21,571,000 marks, while

deposits abroad and investments remained unchanged. Below we give a comparison of the Bank's return for the past three years:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.		Status as of		
	Feb. 28 1929.	Feb. 28 1929.	Feb. 29 1928.	Feb. 28 1927.	Feb. 28 1926.
	Retchsmarks.	Retchsmarks.	Retchsmarks.	Retchsmarks.	Retchsmarks.
Assets—					
Gold and bullion.....Dec.	29,000	2,728,933,000	1,888,350,000	1,833,867,000	
Of which depos. abr'd.....	Unchanged	85,626,000	85,626,000	93,007,000	
Res'v in for'n curr.....	ec. 8,740,000	90,394,000	281,953,000	203,933,000	
Bills of exch. & checks Inc.	417,569,000	1,888,919,000	2,242,275,000	1,643,795,000	
Silver and other coin.....Dec.	17,823,000	114,352,000	67,666,000	132,477,000	
Notes on th. Ger. bk.....Dec.	21,571,000	7,244,000	7,143,000	8,923,000	
Advances.....Inc.	258,780,000	297,247,000	117,112,000	154,763,000	
Investments.....Unchanged		93,170,000	94,239,000	92,640,000	
Other assets.....Dec.	10,741,000	470,718,000	531,823,000	506,205,000	
Liabilities—					
Notes in circulation.....Inc.	650,932,000	4,553,026,000	4,268,220,000	3,465,227,000	
Oth. daily matur. oblig.....Dec.	47,136,000	525,560,000	507,035,000	539,358,000	
Other liabilities.....Inc.	13,641,000	171,987,000	221,285,000	212,145,000	

The New York money market was again of overshadowing interest this week, with the rate for call funds rising sharply to 12%, the highest figure since the year-end tightness. Although March is usually a month of relatively easy conditions in money markets, the trend of rates this week showed every indication of increasing stringency. Call loans Monday were 8% throughout, on the Stock Exchange, with a little surplus money traded in the outside market at 7½%. Withdrawals by the banks were in excess of \$20,000,000. In Tuesday's market an exceptionally strong demand for money developed, with the result that Stock Exchange loans tightened to 10% after an opening at 8%. Withdrawals of the day were approximately \$40,000,000. The enhancement was ascribed in the market to preparations for tax payments and the government financing of March 15. After renewing at 8% Wednesday, four quick jumps of 1% each were effected, bringing the rate up to 12%. Withdrawals were \$20,000,000, and the market remained firm right up to the close with no evidence of concessions in the Street market. Renewals Thursday were arranged at 10%, and the rate was again quickly advanced to 12%. Although some \$25,000,000 was withdrawn by the banks, the high rate attracted sufficient out-of-town funds to cause an overflow into the outside market, where 10% was the prevailing figure. The renewal rate yesterday was again 10%, but the tone was slightly easier during the day, and in the final hour the figure was marked down to 9%. Withdrawals were negligible. Time money was firm all week at 7¾% for all maturities, with little business reported.

The Treasury announcement of an offering of nine-months certificates of indebtedness at 4¾% interest, was everywhere pointed to as the best available indication of the state of the money market. Brokers' loans against stock and bond collateral again rose substantially in the weekly statement of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the increase for the week ended Wednesday evening amounting to \$140,000,000. The monthly statement of the New York Stock Exchange for February, published early in the week, reflected the liquidation on the Exchange by a decline of \$56,618,325. Gold movements through the Port of New York for the week ended Wednesday consisted of imports of \$1,597,000 and export of \$262,000.

Dealing in detail with the call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, all loans on Monday were at 8%, including renewals. On Tuesday the renewal rate was 8%, but the rate for new loans advanced to 10%. On Wednesday after renewals had been effected at 8% there was an advance to

12%. On Thursday the renewal rate was marked up to 10% and some new loans were again at 12%. On Friday with the renewal rate still 10% there was a decline later in the day to 9%. Time loans have continued at 7¾% for all maturities from thirty days to six months, but with the market very dull and virtually no offerings. Commercial paper has also continued dull with little or no market. Rates for names of choice character maturing in four to six months remain at 5½@5¾% with little done at the lower rate. Names less well known command 5¾@6%, with New England mill paper selling at 5¾%.

There has again been no change this week in the rates for banks' and bankers' acceptances. The market has been fairly active. The posted rates of the American Acceptance Council have continued throughout the whole week at 5¼% bid and 5⅝% 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 no longer gives the rate for call loans secured by acceptances, the rates varying widely. Open market rates for acceptances have also remained unchanged as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.

	—180 Days—		—150 Days—		—120 Days—	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	5%	5½	5%	5½	5½	5%
	—90 Days—		—60 Days—		—30 Days—	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	5%	5¼	5%	5¼	5¼	5%

FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.

Eligible members banks.....	5% bid
Eligible non-member banks.....	5% bid

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

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

Federal Reserve Bank.	Rate in Effect on Mar. 8.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston.....	5	July 19 1928	4½
New York.....	5	July 13 1928	4½
Philadelphia.....	5	July 26 1928	4½
Cleveland.....	5	Aug. 1 1928	4½
Richmond.....	5	July 13 1928	4½
Atlanta.....	5	July 14 1928	4½
Chicago.....	5	July 11 1928	4½
St. Louis.....	5	July 19 1928	4½
Minneapolis.....	4½	Apr. 25 1928	4
Kansas City.....	4½	June 7 1928	4
Dallas.....	5	Mar. 2 1929	4½
San Francisco.....	4½	June 2 1928	4

Sterling exchange has been under pressure throughout the week and ruling lower than last week. The range this week has been from 4.84½ to 4.84 15-16 for bankers' sight, compared with 4.84 13-16 to 4.85 last week. The range for cable transfers has been from 4.85 1-16 to 4.85 9-32, compared with 4.85 3-16 to 4.85 11-32 the previous week. The main features are unchanged from the past few weeks and the irregularity and weakness are due entirely to the high money rates prevailing at New York, which exert a severe pull on all the leading exchanges, including even Canadian, South American, and the Japanese. A description of the sterling situation as it exists at present could hardly be more than a repetition of the review of the course of the market during the past few weeks. This week's high money at New York has further accentuated the pressure on sterling. As frequently stated, sterling should normally show the beginning of seasonal firmness after the middle of January

and the seasonal factors favoring London should continue until about the middle of August, but under existing circumstances, with money rates in New York in their present position, all other factors which might promote a firmer sterling are submerged. No improvement can be looked for in the foreign exchanges until New York money rates are lower and the difficulties and uncertainties of the credit situation here have been resolved. The Bank of England is taking strenuous measures to make its discount rate effective and is building up its gold position, but the high money market on this side becomes daily a more formidable obstacle to the Bank's plans. Considerable anxiety exists with regard to the foreign exchange situation; and the extreme dullness of the market must be attributed in large measure to these uncertainties which make it inadvisable for traders to take a positive technical position.

Agitation goes on in England to have the Bank of England lower its rediscount to 5%, while on the other hand security traders in London expect that the Bank may be compelled to increase its rate to probably 6%. In recent weeks the Bank has increased its gold holdings through open market purchases, but has been forced to raise its bid fractionally above its statutory rate in order to secure the gold, while at the same time pressure has been exerted through conversations to keep other buyers, especially central banks, from the market until the Bank of England's requirements are more nearly satisfied. This week the Bank of England shows an increase in gold holdings of £573,281, the total standing at £151,828,798, as of March 6, compared with £157,898,057 a year ago. On Tuesday the Bank of England bought £593,300 in gold bars. On Wednesday the Bank sold £3,439 in gold bars and on Thursday bought £1,618 and exported £2,000 in sovereigns. On Friday the Bank bought £4,104 in gold bars.

At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week Feb. 28 to March 6 inclusive, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$1,597,000, of which \$1,500,000 came from Canada, and \$97,000 chiefly from Latin America. The exports were \$262,000, of which \$200,000 were shipped to Venezuela and \$62,000 to Germany. The Reserve Bank reported a decrease of \$2,500,000 in the net change in gold earmarked for foreign account. While the Reserve Bank reports no movement of gold from Argentina to New York, it is known that approximately \$5,500,000 is due to arrive in New York from Buenos Aires by early ships. The steamship Pan America, due on March 12, is bringing \$2,000,000, of which \$1,000,000 is for the Banca Commerciale Italiana. The Western World, due on March 28, is bringing \$3,500,000, of which \$1,250,000 is consigned to Strupp & Co., \$1,000,000 to the German Transatlantic Bank, \$750,000 to Chase National Bank, and \$500,000 to the Anglo-South American Bank. Berlin dispatches on Friday stated that the Reichsbank has sold 46,000,000 marks gold to New York.

Canadian exchange continues at a discount, Montreal funds ranging this week from ¾ to 15-32 of 1% discount, the prevailing rate being 15-32 of 1%. As noted, the Federal Reserve Bank reports a shipment of \$1,500,000 from Canada to New York during the week, but it is believed in order to correct the exchange gold shipments from Montreal to New York

would have to approximate \$60,000,000. It is considered that gold should move freely from Montreal to New York with Canadian quoted at 7-32 of 1% discount. It would seem that the Canadian authorities have unofficially reimposed the embargo on gold exports. It seems likely that the Canadian banks are refusing to undertake gold shipments out of respect to the known wishes of the authorities at Ottawa. It can hardly be believed that Canada has even unofficially reimposed the embargo on gold exports, but the truth lies more probably in the opinion expressed by some bankers that the banking authorities on this side of the border are actively supporting the no-gold movement. The discount on Canadian is, of course, due largely to transfer of Canadian funds to the New York market. There is practically no short loan market in Canada.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling on Saturday last was nominal in a dull half-day market. Bankers' sight was 4.84 13-16@4.84 15-16, cable transfers 4.85 1/4@4.85 9-32. On Monday the market was irregular. The range was 4.84 13-16@4.84 7/8 for bankers' sight and 4.85 1/4@4.85 9-32 for cable transfers. On Tuesday sterling continued under pressure. Bankers' sight was 4.84 3/4@4.84 7/8, cable transfers 4.85 3-16@4.85 1/4. On Wednesday sterling was weaker. The range was 4.84 3/4@4.84 7/8 for bankers' sight and 4.85 3-16@4.85 1/4 for cable transfers. On Thursday the pressure continued. The range was 4.84 11-16@4.84 13-16 for bankers' sight and 4.85 1-16@4.85 3-16 for cable transfers. On Friday the range was 4.84 5/8@4.84 3/4 for bankers' sight and 4.85 1-16@4.85 1/8 for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were 4.84 23-32 for demand and 4.85 3-32 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4.84 11-16; 60-day bills at 4.79 7/8; 90-day bills at 4.77 3/4; documents for payment (60 days) at 4.79 7/8, and seven-day grains bills at 4.83 11-16. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4.84 11-16.

The Continental exchanges continue to suffer irregularity and pressure arising from the firm money market and unsettled credit situation on this side. French francs are showing a weaker tone and were it not for the support of the Bank of France through exchange operations, the rate for francs would easily drop below 3.90 1/2 for cable transfers. The Bank of France continues to sell its sight balances abroad for the purpose of supporting the franc. This week the bank shows a reduction of 65,000,000 francs in these balances. As noted above, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reports a decrease of \$2,500,000 in gold earmarked for foreign account. It is presumed that this represents a reduction in the earmarkings of the Bank of France. A reduction in earmarked gold is equivalent to an import of gold. Funds are freely flowing from Paris to Berlin, London and New York, where interest rates are higher, and of course this militates against French exchange. However, the Bank of France holdings of foreign exchange are so extensive that the rate can be maintained at whatever point the French authorities wish for a considerable time. If New York money rates hold too long around present levels the entire situation will become so complicated that France as well as most of the European countries will lose gold to New York. The New York rates are making themselves felt in all parts of the world.

German marks are again lower and at present quotations, around 3.72 1/4 for cable transfers, gold might be expected to move from Berlin to New York. This week the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reports another small shipment of \$62,000 in gold to Germany. This brings the total of the small shipments to \$1,459,000 in a period of about 28 weeks. They are evidently unrelated to exchange transactions proper, as the dollar-mark rate has not justified shipments during the period. Bankers assert that the Reichsbank is losing control of the money market in Germany. Its gold exchange holdings show signs of shrinking as the result of operations to maintain mark exchange and to prevent a drain on its gold supply. Funds have been leaving the German market recently and it is thought that the Reichsbank will probably begin to sell gold before its exchange reserve becomes much lower. Otherwise it might be compelled to export gold at an inconvenient juncture. As noted above in the comments on sterling exchange, Berlin dispatches on Friday stated that the Reichsbank had sold 46,000,000 marks (approximately \$11,000,000) gold to New York, the first sale since 1927. The movement follows the loss of 200,000,000 marks in holdings of foreign exchange caused by the recalling of foreign short loans and by reparation transfers. Italian lire are ruling slightly easier, but for no other reason than those given which affect the other Continentals. There is a retardation in the flow of funds to Italy from this side and from South American points owing to the pull of the New York market. In connection with the Polish exchange, it is of interest to note the report issued by Charles S. Dewey, financial adviser to Poland on Polish economic conditions. This will be found in another column.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 124.23 on Friday of this week, against 124.23 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 3.90 5-16 on Friday, against 3.90 3/8 on Friday a week ago, cable transfers at 3.90 9-16, against 3.90 5/8 and commercial sight bills at 3.90 against 3.90 1-16. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.88 for checks and 13.88 1/4 for cable transfers, as against 13.88 1/4 and 13.89 on Friday of last week. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.71 1/2 for checks and 23.72 1/2 for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.72 and 23.73 a week earlier. Italian lire closed at 5.23 3-16 for bankers' sight bills and at 5.23 7-16 for cable transfers, as against 5.23 1/2 and 5.23 3/4. Austrian schillings closed at 14.05 on Friday of this week, against 14.05 on Friday of last week. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 2.96 1/4, against 2.96 1/4; on Bucharest at 0.59 1/2, against 0.69; on Poland at 11.25, against 11.25 and on Finland at 2.52, against 2.52. Greek exchange closed at 1.29 1/4 for checks and 1.29 1/2 for cable transfers, against 1.29 1/4 and 10.29 1/2.

Exchanges on the countries neutral during the war are practically unchanged in all essential features from the past few weeks. All of them are inclined to go off in response to the pressure felt by sterling and the leading Continentals. The Scandinavian currencies have been slower to respond to the lower current of exchange than other neutrals, but this week the exchanges of Norway, Denmark, and Sweden have been decidedly easier. Even so, the market has been so dull that the quotations are largely nominal. There has doubtless been some drain of funds from these countries to the London and Berlin markets, although there is very little

evidence of a demand for dollars in the Scandinavian centres. Holland guilders have been weak and the check rate on Amsterdam this week is quoted below dollar par, although the cable rate is above dollar parity. Some bankers are of the opinion that not much Amsterdam funds are coming to this market. This would hardly seem to be consistent with the magnetic effect of high money rates here. There can be no doubt, however, that while money rates in London and Berlin are below those of New York, they are certainly attracting Dutch funds.

The Swiss National Bank has taken steps toward the adoption of the gold standard for the Swiss franc. The report of the bank recently issued points the impossibility of immediate action, but says that the return to the gold basis will be made at the earliest possible time. The bank has adopted a recommendation that a redemption of gold notes be made at the discretion of the bank either in Swiss gold coin, in gold bars, or in gold exchange on banks of issue of such countries as permit the exportation of gold. The Bank had gold reserves of \$105,500,000 as of Dec. 31 1928, an increase over 1927 of \$12,000,000. As a consequence of the adoption of gold monometalism, the ecu (silver five-franc piece) will no longer be legal tender for unlimited amounts as formerly, when it ranked with gold coin. It will be reduced to the status of subsidiary coinage and its size and weight will be lessened materially, though it will continue to be minted in silver. A commission of monetary experts which has recently been studying the Swiss financial problems decided against the creation of an issue of notes of small denomination (5 and 10 francs) which has been widely discussed in Swiss money circles. Spanish pesetas dropped sharply in Monday's trading as the result of week-end cables from Spain to the effect that the Spanish Government has definitely withdrawn its support from the exchange for the time being. In Friday's trading the rate dropped to a new low of 14.65 for cable transfers.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.03, against 40.03 1/4 on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.05, against 40.05 1/4, and commercial sight bills at 39.99, against 40.00. Swiss francs closed at 19.22 1/4 for bankers' sight bills and at 19.23 1/4 for cable transfers, in comparison with 19.22 1/2 and 19.23 1/2 a week earlier. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.63 1/2, and cable transfers at 26.65, against 26.65 1/2 and 26.67. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.70, and cable transfers at 26.71 1/2, against 26.71 and 26.72 1/2, while checks on Norway finished at 26.64 1/2 and cable transfers at 26.66, against 26.66 and 26.67 1/2. Spanish pesetas closed at 14.69 for checks and 14.70 for cable transfers, which compares with 15.29 and 15.30 a week earlier.

The South American exchanges with the exception of Argentine paper pesos show very little change from a week ago. Pesos have been ruling lower, although the export season is well along and labor disturbances have practically ceased at the Argentine ports. There can be little doubt that the weakness in the peso is due to some extent to the attractiveness of the New York security markets for Buenos Aires funds, as the present trend, as in the case of other major currencies, is opposite to its normal seasonal course. As noted above in the discussion of sterling exchange, approximately \$5,500,000 in gold has been engaged in Buenos

Aires for New York and is due to arrive here during March. Although there will be considerable opposition on the part of the Argentine banking authorities to the shipment of gold, it is believed that the movement will grow. Argentine paper pesos closed on Friday at 42.08 for checks, as compared with 42.08 on Friday of last week, and at 42.13 for cable transfers, against 42.13. Brazilian milreis finished at 11.85 for checks and at 11.88 for cable transfers, against 11.87 and 11.90. Chilean exchange closed at 12 1/8 for checks and 12 3-16 for cable transfers, against 12 1-16 and 12 1/8, and Peru at 4.00 for checks and 4.01 for cable transfers, against 4.00 and 4.01.

The Far Eastern exchange is notable this week for the further rather sharp decline in Japanese yen. The Chinese quotations have been reasonably steady owing to the relative steadiness in the price of silver. The decline in yen is considered the result of the disparity between money rates in New York and Tokio. Money is extremely cheap in Japan and owing to continued depression in many lines of business it is to be expected that the yen will show weakness, while heavy transfers are being made from Tokio to New York and London. The weakness in yen could hardly be arrested under the circumstances without Government intervention. The present rate brings the yen down to about 5 1/2 cents below the old par of 49.85. If the drain continues Japanese banking authorities will find it a difficult task to bring the unit back to par and to effect stabilization. Closing quotations for yen checks Friday were 44 7-16 @ 44 7/8, against 44 3/4 @ 44 7/8 on Friday of last week. Hong Kong closed at 48 7/8 @ 49 1-16, against 48 7/8 @ 49 1/4; Shanghai at 62 3/8 @ 62 1/2, against 62 1/2 @ 62 11-16; Manila at 49 3/4, against 49 3/4; Singapore at 56 3/8 @ 56 1/2, against 56 1/2 @ 56 9-16; Bombay at 36 1/2, against 36 1/2, and Calcutta at 36 1/2, against 36 1/2.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACTS OF 1922. MAR. 2 1929 TO MAR. 8 1929, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers to New York, Value in United States Money.					
	Mar. 2.	Mar. 4.	Mar. 5.	Mar. 6.	Mar. 7.	Mar. 8.
EUROPE—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Austria, schilling	.140563	.140558	.140525	.140494	.140486	.140530
Belgium, belga	.138861	.138844	.138829	.138805	.138804	.138817
Bulgaria, lev	.007225	.007204	.007215	.007209	.007204	.007186
Czechoslovakia, krona	.029615	.029614	.029612	.029611	.029611	.029607
Denmark, krone	.266571	.266547	.266534	.266514	.266486	.266439
England, pound sterling	4.852291	4.852226	4.851983	4.851809	4.851315	4.850598
Finland, marka	.025168	.025167	.025161	.025166	.025164	.025157
France, franc	.039064	.039059	.039056	.039050	.039045	.039043
Germany, reichsmark	.237261	.237241	.237242	.237242	.237209	.237203
Greece, drachma	.012917	.012914	.012913	.012917	.012917	.012919
Holland, guilder	.400463	.400469	.400476	.400550	.400484	.400455
Hungary, pengo	.174275	.174256	.174259	.174237	.174255	.174235
Italy, lira	.052367	.052364	.052366	.052357	.052338	.052334
Norway, krona	.266627	.266607	.266590	.266586	.266546	.266530
Poland, zloty	.111981	.111868	.111822	.111805	.111805	.111805
Portugal, escudo	.044240	.044300	.044140	.044040	.044125	.044240
Rumania, leu	.005966	.005964	.005962	.005965	.005965	.005962
Spain, peseta	.152432	.151602	.151206	.149761	.147260	.146504
Sweden, krona	.267157	.267128	.267089	.267085	.267071	.267057
Switzerland, franc	.192306	.192307	.192305	.192300	.192284	.192283
Yugoslavia, dinar	.017571	.017568	.017564	.017559	.017565	.017564
ASIA—						
China—						
Cheloo tael	.646250	.649583	.646666	.645833	.644687	.645000
Hankow tael	.637812	.642031	.639687	.638750	.638593	.638593
Shang tael	.622946	.625982	.623303	.623214	.622232	.621696
Tientsin tael	.658750	.654375	.659583	.657916	.656875	.657083
Hong Kong dollar	.488035	.490089	.489732	.488839	.487767	.487642
Mexican dollar	.449000	.450750	.450250	.449250	.448500	.448500
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar	.449583	.451666	.450416	.449166	.448333	.448333
Yuan dollar	.446250	.448333	.447083	.445833	.445000	.445000
India, rupee	.363593	.363643	.363566	.363592	.363550	.363492
Japan, yen	.446866	.443531	.443921	.442912	.444380	.444205
Singapore (S.S.) dollar	.561125	.561041	.561291	.561125	.561125	.560833
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar	.995101	.995068	.994973	.994137	.993742	.992961
Cuba, peso	1.000526	1.000526	1.000466	1.000523	1.000497	1.000497
Mexico, peso	.484066	.483433	.479250	.460250	.471000	.475600
Newfoundland, dollar	.992625	.992591	.992500	.991425	.991175	.990412
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	.956304	.956260	.956000	.955988	.956029	.955890
Brazil, milreis	.118811	.118694	.118544	.118522	.118400	.118466
Chile, peso	.120601	.120434	.120698	.120738	.120693	.120695
Uruguay, peso	1.023518	1.023293	1.022118	1.022118	1.020258	1.020315
Colombia, peso	.970900	.970900	.970900	.970900	.970900	.970900

Owing to a marked disinclination on the part of two or three leading institutions among the New

York Clearing House banks to keep up compiling the figures for us, we find ourselves obliged to discontinue the publication of the table we have been giving for so many years showing the shipments and receipts of currency to and from the interior.

As the Sub-Treasury was taken over by the Federal Reserve Bank on Dec. 6 1920, it is also no longer possible to show the effect of Government operations in the Clearing House institutions. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York was creditor at the Clearing House each day as follows:

DAILY CREDIT BALANCES OF NEW YORK FEDERAL RESERVE BANK AT CLEARING HOUSE.

Saturday, Mar. 2.	Sunday, Mar. 3.	Tuesday, Mar. 5.	Wednesday, Mar. 6.	Thursday, Mar. 7.	Friday, Mar. 8.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 164,800,000	\$ 131,000,000	\$ 153,000,000	\$ 166,000,000	\$ 133,000,000	\$ 113,000,000	Cr \$ 870,000,000

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	Mar. 7 1929.			Mar. 8 1928.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 151,828,798	£ 151,828,798	£ 151,828,798	£ 157,898,057	£ 157,898,057	£ 157,898,057
France a	180,713,408	(d) 180,713,408	180,713,408	147,220,416	13,717,592	160,938,008
Germany b	136,446,650	c994,600	137,441,250	90,136,200	994,600	91,130,800
Spain	102,374,000	28,522,000	130,896,000	104,208,000	27,907,000	132,115,000
Italy	54,641,000	54,641,000	54,641,000	49,288,000	49,288,000	49,288,000
Netherl'ds.	36,212,000	1,845,000	38,057,000	36,266,000	2,280,000	38,546,000
Nat. Belg.	25,889,000	1,268,000	27,157,000	21,221,000	1,244,000	22,465,000
Switzerl'd.	19,271,000	1,844,000	21,115,000	17,304,000	2,498,000	19,802,000
Sweden	13,086,000	13,086,000	13,086,000	12,960,000	12,960,000	12,960,000
Denmark	9,595,000	468,000	10,063,000	10,169,000	641,000	10,750,000
Norway	8,158,000	8,158,000	8,158,000	8,180,000	8,180,000	8,180,000

Tot. wk. 738,214,856 34,941,600 773,156,456 654,790,673 49,282,192 704,072,865
 Prev. week 736,931,485 34,686,600 771,618,085 654,209,727 49,228,623 703,438,350

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 Inauguration of President Hoover.

President Hoover very properly remarked, toward the close of his inaugural address on Monday, that "this is not the time and place for extended discussion." Presidential inaugurations, as a rule, have been comparatively brief documents, devoted more to general questions of policy than to consideration of particular issues, and more important as indications of a President's attitude toward national affairs than as announcements of the specific courses which were likely to be followed. Mr. Hoover, in spite of his disclaimer, thought it proper to include in his address somewhat extended discussions of several important matters, at least two of which are obviously related to the issues of the campaign in which he was elected.

The first of these had to do with the subject of law enforcement. Taking as his particular text national prohibition, while at the same time making clear that it was a general and not merely a particular situation that he had in mind, he declared that "the most malign" of all "the constant dangers from which self-government must be safeguarded" is "disregard and disobedience of law. Crime is increasing. Confidence in rigid and speedy justice is decreasing." He was not, he said, prepared to believe that this untoward condition "indicates an impotence of the Federal Government to enforce its laws." The whole system of law administration and enforcement must be considered. "To re-establish the vigor and effectiveness of law enforcement we must critically consider the entire Federal machinery of justice, the distribution of its functions,

the simplification of its procedure, the provision of additional special tribunals, the better selection of juries, and the more effective organization of our agencies of investigation and prosecution that justice may be sure and that it may be swift." Federal judges and attorneys are able, "but the system which these officers are called upon to administer is in many respects ill adapted to present day conditions. Its intricate and involved rules of procedure have become the refuge of both big and little criminals. There is a belief abroad that by invoking technicalities, subterfuge and delay the ends of justice may be thwarted by those who can pay the cost."

Regarding the particular question of prohibition, Mr. Hoover pointed out that while "the undoubted abuses which have grown up under the Eighteenth Amendment" are in part due to the causes just mentioned, their explanation is also partly to be found "in the failure of some States to accept their share of responsibility for concurrent enforcement, and to the failure of many State and local officials to accept the obligation under their oath of office zealously to enforce the laws." Beyond this "a large responsibility rests directly upon our citizens. There would be little traffic in illegal liquor if only criminals patronized it. We must awake to the fact that this patronage from large numbers of law-abiding citizens is supplying the rewards and stimulating crime."

For the remedy of this condition, in addition to enforcing the laws to the best of his ability, Mr. Hoover proposes to appoint "a national commission for a searching investigation of the whole structure of our Federal system of jurisprudence, to include the method of enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment and the causes of abuse under it. Its purpose will be to make such recommendations for the reorganization of the administration of Federal laws and court procedure as may be found desirable. In the meantime it is essential that a large part of the enforcement activities (Mr. Hoover apparently refers here to the Eighteenth Amendment alone) be transferred from the Treasury Department to the Department of Justice as a beginning of more effective organization."

In announcing an inquiry into the abuses of prohibition enforcement Mr. Hoover is, of course, only carrying out an assurance which he gave during the campaign, and which, together with his personal stand as a prohibitionist, won him the formal endorsement of the Anti-Saloon League. The enlargement of the inquiry, on the other hand, to include the whole subject of Federal laws and law enforcement is an extension so vast as to make one wonder how long it will be before the proposed commission will be able to make a report. It is only about three years since Congress, after years of debate and delay, gave its approval to a revision and codification of the Federal statutes. That revision, however, was essentially formal, extending only to such rearrangement and codification of existing laws as should take account of the vast number of changes made in the body of Federal law since the revision of many years before. If, now, the substance of the law and the methods of administration are to be gone into, and the whole system, on its criminal side at least, made over to conform to "present conditions," the commission will have been assigned a task which will certainly occupy it for a very long time.

The second most important declaration of the inaugural address asserts the obligation of the President and Congress to stand firmly upon the Republican platform of 1928. Premising that parties are necessary in order to give expression to the popular will, "it follows," said Mr. Hoover, "that the Government, both in the executive and legislative branches, must carry out in good faith the platforms upon which the party was entrusted with power." Certain of the platform proposals, notably "further agricultural relief and limited changes in the tariff, cannot in justice to our farmers, our labor and our manufacturers be postponed," and they are accordingly to be laid before Congress at the extra session called for April 15. The "more important further mandates from the recent election" which Mr. Hoover specifies are "the maintenance of the integrity of the Constitution, the vigorous enforcement of the laws, the continuance of economy in public expenditure, the continued regulation of business to prevent domination in the community, the denial of ownership or operation of business by the Government in competition with its citizens, the avoidance of policies which would involve us in the controversies of foreign nations, the more effective reorganization of the departments of the Federal Government, the expansion of public works, and the promotion of welfare activities affecting education and the home."

The remaining pronouncements of the inaugural address offer nothing particularly novel or striking. The much-heralded statement that Mr. Hoover was expected in some quarters to make about public utilities turns out to be nothing more than a recognition of differentiation that has come to be made between productive and distributive industries on the one hand and public utilities on the other, a further statement that "in the former our laws insist upon effective competition" while "in the latter, because we substantially confer a monopoly by limiting competition, we must regulate their services and rates," and a declaration that "such regulation should be extended by the Federal Government within the limitations of the Constitution and only when the individual States are without power to protect their citizens through their own authority." Mr. Hoover hopes that it may be possible for the United States to adhere to the World Court, but accepts the decision of the nation "that we should make no political engagement such as membership in the League of Nations" and our adherence to "the belief that the independence of America from such obligations increases its ability and availability for service in all fields of human progress." There is praise for the Pact of Paris, repudiation of all imperialist ambition—"our form of government is ill adapted to the responsibilities which inevitably follow permanent limitation of the independence of other peoples"—a cordial assurance of the desire of the United States to advance the cause of civilization by taking "a practical part in supporting all useful international undertakings," and the expression of a fervent hope for continued peace throughout the world.

Mr. Hoover takes office with the good will of the nation which he has already served ably in other capacities, and with wide and sincere respect abroad. His declaration that "the animosities of elections should have no place in our Government, for government must concern itself alone with the common

weal" will be echoed, it is to be hoped, by his political opponents and accepted as a guiding rule in the conduct of public affairs. The new Cabinet, with the exception of Secretary Mellon and Secretary of Labor Davis, who have been taken over by Mr. Hoover from the Coolidge Administration, is mainly composed of men hitherto largely unknown to national public life. Henry L. Stimson of New York, however, the new Secretary of State, has had a useful Federal experience as Secretary of War for about two years in the Cabinet of President Taft, and, since 1927, as Governor General of the Philippine Islands, and Ray L. Wilbur, former president of Leland Stanford University, California, who becomes Secretary of the Interior, was for a time Chief of the Conservation Division of the United States Food Administration. Particular interest attaches to the elevation of William D. Mitchell from the office of Solicitor General to that of Attorney General, from the fact that Mr. Mitchell is a Democrat.

The action of President Hoover in not including the names of Secretary Mellon and Secretary Davis in the list of Cabinet members submitted to the Senate for confirmation, on the assumption, apparently, that hold-over appointees did not need to be again confirmed, led to the adoption by the Senate on Tuesday of a resolution directing the Judiciary Committee to inquire and report, first, "whether the head of any department of the government may legally hold office as such after the expiration of the term of the President by whom he was appointed," and, second, "whether, in view of the provisions of the laws of the United States, Andrew W. Mellon may legally hold the office of Secretary of the Treasury." As the first of these two questions involves a technical point of law, comment upon it may best be reserved until the Judiciary Committee shall have made its report. The inquiry regarding Mr. Mellon involves the application to his case of Section 243 of the Federal Code of Laws, which provides among other things, that "no person appointed to the office of Secretary of the Treasury, or Treasurer, or Register, shall directly or indirectly be concerned or interested in carrying on the business of trade or commerce." The origin of this provision dates back to the Judiciary Act of 1789, organizing the judicial department of the Government. Prior to his appointment as Secretary of the Treasury under President Harding, Mr. Mellon was an important figure in large corporate and banking enterprises, and there has long been a popular impression that his business connections subsequent to his appointment, whether direct or indirect, were such as to fall under the spirit, if not the letter, of the statutory prohibition. It is much to be hoped that the Judiciary Committee, when it makes its report, will be able to dispose of this controversial aspect of the case once for all.

When Law Becomes a Tyranny.

Law can never be more perfect than our human sense of justice. It can never embody more than the combined opinion of the best thought and research. It must grow out of experience, be nurtured by reason, and be respectful to the conscience and consciousness of man. Laws in a representative democracy under our Constitution cannot controvert the inalienable rights of the individual—that

he has, inherently, the right to life and liberty, and the right to pursue happiness in his own way, so long as these do not conflict with equal rights in others—if these laws are just. But laws in a free country do not always reach up to this exalted plane. Constitutions are fundamental and organic laws, designed to guide peoples in the making of directory and statutory laws. Legislatures, of whatever scope and distinction, are bound by these broad and basic laws—constitutions—which come direct from the voice and will of the people—and courts of final jurisdiction are designed to interpret statutes (laws) and to hold them to the lines laid down by these constitutions. One of the fundamentals of all statutory laws is that cruel and inhuman punishments in their enforcement are to be avoided as contrary to the sense of justice which springs from the common judgment of those who are enlightened in the principles of liberty.

In the United States, and throughout the world, law has come to be regarded as a fetish—something to be used as a power of compulsion, something to be invoked as a helper in adjusting the natural relations of men, something to be wielded as a weapon or a club to establish and enforce the will of majorities, something to be sought as a cure-all for the ills of the people and the failures of government—and, therefore, a benevolent despot to be invoked at will and worshipped. This is far and away from that rule of right action distilled from experience and sanctioned by application. By reason of the multiplicity of our statute laws and the variety of their uses and intents, they become loosely drawn and non-enforceable in many instances. They are construed by precedents and applied by technicalities. Often they are escaped by sentimental appeal to juries (a valve not without its benefits considering the network in which the citizen is enmeshed). For this and other reasons there is a constant call, by sticklers for law-enforcement, that more “teeth” be put into the laws, meaning more penalties. Now penalties are not properly used as scare-heads to induce right doing. The punishment should fit the crime. It is not, or should not be, beyond the pale of mercy. It is the inevitable and righteous judgment of a people as a corrective, as an expression of the offended dignity of those who know the right and do it, and as a deterrent but not as a revenge—“a hangman’s whip to haud the wretch in order.”

On Feb. 19 the United States Senate by a vote of 65 to 18 passed what is known as the “Jones bill,” providing a maximum penalty for violations of the national prohibition act. Since it is, to our mind, a signal illustration of the prevalent desire to penalize, gone mad, we quote it in full. It provides: “That wherever a penalty or penalties are prescribed in a criminal prosecution by the national prohibition act, as amended and supplemented for the illegal manufacture, sale, transportation, importation or exportation of intoxicating liquor, as defined by Section I, Title II, of the National Prohibition act, the penalty imposed for each such offense shall be a fine not to exceed \$10,000, or imprisonment not to exceed five years, or both; . . . Provided, that it is the intent of Congress that the Court in imposing sentence hereunder should discriminate between casual or slight violations and habitual sales of intoxicating liquors or attempts to commercialize violations of the law. . . . This act shall not repeal nor eliminate any minimum

penalty for the first or any subsequent offense now provided by the said national prohibition act.” This law, in its passage through the Senate, occasioned tremendous debate and “big guns,” if we may use the term, were fired for and against it. A little later the identical “Jones bill,” in lieu of other House bills, after being favorably reported by the Judiciary Committee of the House, was passed by that body and sent in the closing days of the session to the President, who signed it.

It is not for the purpose of arguing the right or wrong or even the feasibility of prohibition laws that we comment on this Act. But it must be recognized in evaluating the fitness of this penalty that the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Act are both unsettled questions before the American people. This was clearly indicated by the last national election though both political parties were ostensibly “dry.” There is an overwhelming sentiment that amendment and law must be enforced. And enforcement is a duty of the Executive branch of our government. But penalties for infraction are a part of the legislative and judicial branches. And when there is a great division among the people as to the right of such a law to exist, penalties surely should not extend to maximum punishments as a part of a reasonable and consistent procedure. Already in one of the States a woman has been sentenced to the penitentiary for life for peddling whiskey under a State enforcement act and because of the State penalty for repeated offenses. That this is abhorrent to any liberal mind needs not to be stated. And though this national act excuses itself before first offenders, it affords a discriminatory power to judges of courts that is inconsistent with the impartiality of law itself.

What is the contention of those who favor this prohibition act? It is that it is now a part of the Constitution and therefore must be enforced by all the powers of the Government. And this is true, though at the same time it may be by proper procedure repealed. On the contrary, those who are not in favor of the law point to the fact in their opinion that it is unconstitutional because it takes away an indefeasible right that is protected by the Constitution which is anterior to the amendment and cannot therefore be germane thereto, but they concede the duty of enforcement. This brings us squarely to the proposition of proper penalties for enforcement in view of the divided feeling of the public mind. It would be interesting and instructive to take up the degrees of murder, burglary, arson, and compare the penalties prescribed with this for bootlegging a pint of whiskey. In the one case the injured party is not part of the infraction; in the other case he is a part though no penalty lies against him. In a word the selling of a pint of bootleg whiskey is no crime against him, but is a crime against a law which the buyer refuses to recognize. We have gone far in the direction of imprisonment for debt when we pass laws of this character, if indeed we have not gone beyond it. Since the original law covers “manufacture, sale and transportation” (and although it gives rise to search and seizure, without warrant sometimes, in the face of protection designed to make a man’s home his castle), the power of enforcement through the “eye of the law” ought to be sufficient strength for this law and the government. And any laying down of unusual punishments ought to be tantamount to an

admission the government harbors a law it cannot enforce.

Loans, Trusts and Securities.

Mr. J. W. Pole, Comptroller of the Currency, in an address delivered before the Ohio Bankers' Association, Feb. 12, on the subject "The Demand for Professional Bank Management," made the statement: "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." (We printed a part of this address in our issue of Feb. 16 at page 989.) In his closing remarks the Comptroller said: "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." Mr. Pole feels that "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. . . . 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."

Now it must be said of this address that it touches upon some very broad and important aspects of the business of banking. And it seems well to inquire into some of them. Is it true that it is a natural economic pressure bearing upon our banks as a whole that is inducing them to enter upon fields of expansion such as trusts and securities. If we go back twenty-five or thirty years to the inauguration of the trust companies we will find that they were founded upon the need of corporate management of fiduciary relations and responsibilities. Wisely or unwisely, these trust companies took upon themselves a savings bank business. This, and other of their financial duties connected with estates, receiverships, gave them the appearance of banks. But at this time the nationals were not allowed to receive savings as such nor were they permitted to undertake fiduciary services. As a consequence, trust companies sprang up all over the country to perform these important services—and their relation to their customers was that of trustee and beneficiary while that of the banks was debtor and creditor. Without taking time to show the trends and growth of these ideas suffice it to say that in only recent years with the advent of the Federal Reserve

system have National banks sought and received the right to engage in the management of trusts, and this largely because of the assumption, well or ill-founded, that these trust companies were making inroads on the legitimate business of the Nationals and because, since trust companies are and must be organized under State laws, the State banks and trust companies combining obtained an advantage over the Nationals.

The real trust company was born in the populous city; it flourishes there to-day. It was born of an earnest need—the need for a responsible trustee, that does not die and cannot abscond. It grew apace—but it *did* absorb some of the bank's business through its savings department and allied depositary funds. But it has never asked for the *right* to do a commercial bank business, the chief function of which is to receive all deposits (save savings direct) and to loan these deposits in industry and commerce. What then drives these two financial institutions together, or to seek to overlap each other? Where is the economic pressure? Not even competition can account for more than a part of the tendency to merge the bank and trust company, for each is free to spring into existence in its own right according to demand limited alone by the State supervision and the plenitude of local capital to enter into articles of association. The *benefit* of the trust company to the community in the administration of trusts and estates has amply justified its being. It has spread to the smaller cities—where, still, there are persons always willing to become executors and administrators under the jurisdiction of Probate Courts and lawyers willing and even eager to advise.

No, in view of these facts it must be seen that this mixing and overlapping of two distinct financial principles and integers is due more to the ambition of men to advance, expand, and fortify their individual institutions than any economic pressure from the people without. And it is yet a question whether the granting of trust company powers to commercial national banks is a benefit to them or to the communities or the reverse. It is yet a question whether departmental banking is better than the old plan of independent integers. Factors in finance, or commerce, that merge successfully are not antagonistic in nature, nor are they diverse and distracting in purpose.

As for training in the technique of these two institutions, either the trust company end must predominate and control or the banking end. And when it comes, under a branch banking system, to sending out managers from a head office to the branches that have supplanted country banks, equipped in both the administration of trusts and the making of loans in business it is asking too much. Even if these managers were not automatons with scant powers, they would have to be supermen to fill the requirements. Branch banking is not chain banking. There is a difference. The source of one must ever be the concentrated capital of distant powers and localities—the central banks of cities. The other is the undemonstrated fitness and benefits of merging the functions of kindred small banks, independent in themselves. Nor is branch banking, properly considered, the extension of services of big banks in big cities by the opening of *offices* for the receiving of deposits and payment of checks and with practically no further powers. These employees do not need the

technical training possessed in the central bank, which can be consulted on a moment's notice. We fail to see any connection between the spread of branch banking and the lack of country banks sufficiently trained to carry on the local bank successfully and safely. The big city bank does not train men in the technique of banking as a great, complete and necessary business, but it trains them in cages to fill distinct parts of a whole. And if managers of branch banks are to be trained to save the people from losses due to a lack of technique they will be trained by and come up through country banks as now constituted.

And where is branch banking flourishing save in the State of California? According to figures recently given out by the Federal Reserve Board for the fiscal year of 1928, New York is second in development—112 out of 1,146 National and State banks operating 607 branches; while California led, with 63 out of 496 banks of all classes had 826 branches—constituting the report avers “nearly two-thirds of the total banking offices in that State.” But in California offices must mean in the main independent scattered small banks converted into branches by purchase; while in New York the branches must mean largely merely new offices opened in congested cities. “Compilations show that the largest increase in branch offices was in New York State, the number being 90, all home city offices. California added 64 and New Jersey 61.” While we see these transformations taking place we note that billion dollar banks are appearing through consolidations of city central banks; but we note, save in one instance in California, no disposition to push branches out of the home cities. Nor is the object of these gigantic bank mergers, as far as it is now disclosed, to fasten branch banking on the country. Branch banking as far as it has gone, is more nearly the result of an overweening ambition than an economic pressure. And we find this affecting banking in other directions—notably the desire expressed by some to widen the scope of savings banks.

In the flush of an all-embracing “prosperity,” we should keep our bearings. A wise and careful aviator never flies far in a fog if he can find a place for a landing. Branch banking has not proved itself and is entitled to make no demands upon the technique of the business. Mergers are salutary and safe when they do not try to unite banking functions that are unlike and financial principles that are in opposition. We maintain that commercial banks and trust companies are fundamentally separate and apart. A conglomeration of concrete is not a natural stone. There is no kinship between making business loans, administering trusts, and selling securities, which inevitably forces them into one company and under one roof. It is a duty to look ahead and prepare for new conditions. But the kaleidoscopic changes now going on do not show us clearly what we shall be, and possibly through the course of years existing tendencies may be reversed.

Combines and Trusts in Germany.

Investment trusts and business combinations on a large scale and in many forms are becoming so numerous with us that it is desirable to know what form they have already taken elsewhere. Columbia University is able to publish a careful report re-

cently made of Germany's experience which is suggestive and timely.*

The author commands respect at once by taking the position that developments to be lasting have to come from within. It is useless to attempt simply to transplant them from one country to another; and it is not worth while to recommend changes in a distinctly American policy. He also confines himself to post-war developments, as earlier ones now have little more than a historical value. Germany's methods are significant in so far as her situation has features in common with others. These are to be sought chiefly in underlying conditions; but those growing out of her possession of limited natural resources, coupled with high density of population and relatively small domestic markets, have the value of results already produced.

These constitute the material of the book. Germany, of course, has certain traditions and accepted principles which will appear, and need to be regarded. The author gives the history of five chief industries. Coal mining, iron and steel, electro-technical, dye stuffs, and pottery, which may be read in detail. The general economic movement resulting in what the Germans call Cartels is discussed. What has been claimed for many years as to the value of free competition he holds does not apply in the highly developed leading countries where large-scale production with low cost is the best feature in meeting open competition. In these the capacity of production may increase beyond what the market will absorb and undesirable fluctuations of prosperity and employment will result. Consequently combinations have developed with division of markets and various valuable economies in handling. Adjustments of production suggested by diversity of facilities, division both of function and of labor, a common sharing in the extension of research, and the like, produce benefit which confirms the inherent human instinct to combine in conditions of common need.

The new system was soon recognized by the State and guided or directed by legislation. This in Germany resulted in a kind of combination, especially of the smaller businesses which otherwise would have eventually been absorbed or forced into bankruptcy. The cartel is the result. Its members retain their independence. They now exist in various form, but have been regulated by law since 1923 and extend from syndicates, holding trade monopolies, to trade associations similar to ours. All are cartels; in the looser form they might be little more than “Gary dinners” or “gentlemen's agreements,” but as need arose, they became registered associations, corporations with stockholders, even with both freer and closer obligations. Monopolistic power was increased and combinations became able to control business cycles, to steady employment and reduce price fluctuations. Margins of profit are small and markets relatively small in comparison with other countries. Contracts between independent establishments seemed the easiest way and cartels were sufficient, without resorting to outright mergers or other combinations of capital, and have generally been so regarded by the Government. Their limitations arose where production had to be managed by an outside agency and a rigid division of labor to prevent all duplication, and other similar

*“Cartels, Combines and Trusts in Post-War Germany.” R. A. Michels. Columbia Univ. Press.

purposes had to be served. Then the single corporation, or trust, as it is incorrectly termed, originated in its present form, and is duly established.

This latter form of organization began to play an important role in 1870 with the creation of the Reich. The economic creed of 1873 forced the adoption of new methods. Complementary interests combined under one management, and these *Konzerns*, or combines, began to develop alongside of the cartels. They took on their present form in 1893 in the Coal-Syndicate, but did not prevail until 1914 when the war favored Government control, which was at once complete.

After the war it was discovered that cartels had lost their original significance. The violent and extensive changes in markets and prices proved them inadequate. Regulations of one kind and another, price, market, &c., led to the newer combine, which from 1918 to 1924 was the outstanding feature. The Government then began to intervene with extensive loans to create new and strong enterprises. The Reich had lost 26% of its coal and 74% of its iron ore. A rush followed to take advantage of Government aid. In 1923 the currency was stabilized anew. Business was for the hour upheaved. The Stinnes Konzern, the greatest in the land, went down, carrying most of the other "vertical," or similar, combines. A syndicate of banks prevented general bankruptcy and eventually Prussia bought various large industries from disintegrating combines.

The problem in 1925 was no longer simply the control of production. The cartels revived in strength and began again to regulate the markets and reduce selling expenses, while the "trusts" aimed at lowering cost of production through increase of output, standardization, specialization, and greater division of labor. Both developments now go on side by side in increasing extent. Coal and potash cartels, as well as dye and steel trusts are to-day basic and typical in German business. Both are well established in their special spheres and are likely to become international, as they are a sign of the wide and comprehensive reorganization of economic and financial interests made necessary since the war.

It is now seen that while cartels were at the outset greatly encouraged by the tariff, a protective tariff was neither the cause nor the justification of the movement. It had to withstand much opposition for years, but the Government recognized their importance to the lesser industries and limited itself to friendly regulation, eventually, following the law of 1923, establishing a special court to aid them in dealing with rival interests. The law, of which full particulars are given, is pronounced an "educational success."

The special fields of industrial production already noted have separate chapters devoted to them, indicating the changes both domestic and international continually taking place, and describing the present situation. These will be found valuable for readers interested in one or another of these industries with us.

The summary is brief. Four cartels of those we have referred to hold the key to the economic situation in Germany. The number of cartels is not known as there is no exact line drawn between associations and cartels. It is variously estimated at from 385 to 3,000. It stands to-day at approximately the higher figure.

The cartels had led to the creation of many less formal groups, and gentlemen's agreements which tend to smooth out differences and prepare the way to that mutual trust upon which all organization must in the last analysis depend. Almost the entire field of industry is covered by a network of such cartels and agreements, and in Germany, at least, free competition in prices is far more limited than would otherwise have been.

The conclusion is that where free competition is held to be ideally the best system for all, the German movement may not be wholly approved. It is certain however that there waste has been greatly reduced, and when, as in Germany, the low margin of profit is to be accepted because of natural conditions, even this might otherwise disappear entirely. The system does prevent business cycles and keep other conditions relatively favorable. It aids weak members, diminishes risk and reduces the evils of great monopolies. Export is increased, even against a protective tariff when that is imposed, and competition is not feared. The Government acts promptly to arrest injury from a monopoly when such is needed.

From the German point of view the system, after 50 years of trying and at times revolutionary history, has proved only a benefit. Its original claims have been fully justified. It has arrested some evils, modified others, and where it has not done all that might be needed, it has offset all with much common profit.

It has contributed not a little to the unity and courageous efficiency of the German people as they had to bear burdens that were not to be escaped, while it has helped them to maintain the sense of individual freedom which lies at the foundation of all useful activity and personal satisfaction.

We may add that today the newspapers report that the great steel combine is dissatisfied and propose disunion, and that Oil may possibly do the same.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, March 8 1929.

Variable but often stormy weather has militated to a certain extent against trade and naturally outdoor industry has suffered. It remains a fact, however, that consumption and industry are on a larger scale than at this time last year. It is true that excessive rains and overflowing streams with some drop in temperatures in the last few days have been rather bad also for spring trade. But, for an exception, at the big centers of business in this country wholesale and jobbing trade is said to have been better. The heavy lines

with big steel production are among the brighter features of the situation. Iron has been quiet, but steel steady, even with a very large output for the structural orders were large. Copper has been less active but steady. The trade in automobiles, machine tools and agricultural implements has made no bad showing. There has been a fair degree of activity in business in New England and North Atlantic States, if allowance be made for unfavorable weather conditions. The outlook for the crops has been somewhat uncertain. There have been reports of damage to winter wheat in Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri, though it is not

certain that the damage has been at all serious. In the cotton belt farm work has been delayed by rains. Building permits have decreased for the fourth month in succession. The output of Pacific Coast lumber has been reduced by bad weather. The coal trade has been helped by cold weather and stocks to all appearance are not burdensome, but trade in coal is not so good in West Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio fields as it is elsewhere. Production of cement is on a large scale. Reports about the furniture trade are irregular, some rather good, and some not so good, and on the whole, there is room for improvement.

The Southern cotton mills are very busy, and even in New England they are making a good showing. Coarse yarn cotton goods were in much better demand under the spur of rising prices for raw cotton, and the tone has been firmer with prices higher in some cases. Yarns have been stronger. Finished cotton goods have been in good demand, especially printed fabrics for prompt delivery. Dress cotton goods have been ordered on a larger scale than printers in many cases could supply. Gingham and colored goods have been important items in the week's business. New lines of woolen and worsted suitings recently opened met with a ready sale, and overcoatings were in substantial demand. Broad silks continued to be active, especially new printed lines and sheer fabrics. Raw silk was firm but quiet. Raw cotton has advanced roughly $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1c. on a much better demand from the spot houses, mills, and so it is said, large Wall Street operators in New York if not in the West. The technical position has been strong. So has the statistical position. The mills have a great deal of cotton to "call" and in the meantime stocks are decreasing and hedge sales are steadily dwindling. To-day came the announcement that the sales of standard cloth in February were 16.3% above a full production, while unfilled orders gained during February over 7%. Spinners' takings for the week were, it is said, some 100,000 bales larger than in the same week last year. The weather in the cotton belt, after being rather rainy, has latterly been better. Whether it will be an early season is not altogether clear. Usually the big cotton crops are grown in early seasons.

Wheat has declined during the week because of the dullness of export trade and the largeness of supplies. The farm reserves of all grain for that matter are larger than had been supposed. In the case of wheat, the competition from Argentina is serious. Week after week the Argentine exports to Europe are large and now it is said that the Argentina surplus is larger than was estimated earlier in the season. Corn has declined only moderately, for after all there has been a large feeding consumption on the farms this winter. Moreover, the movement of the crop has been hampered by bad weather at the West. So that the fact that corn reserves on the farms are larger than had been expected has had no great effect on prices. The quality of the last crop was high and the farmer can hold it. Oats have declined in response to lower prices for other grain, but to-day there were some reports of an export inquiry at some advance in prices. Provisions have advanced somewhat. Coffee has declined owing to lower cost and freight offerings and some selling as it is understood by Brazil here. To-day, however, there was a sudden rise of 20 to 40 points here on what looked like a somewhat oversold market. Sugar was lower at one time, but it is said that nearly 1,000,000 tons of refined sugar was sold on the reduced basis, granulated being quoted at one time at 4.75c., though later at 4.90c. Sugar is the lowest in fifteen years and there is a belief that if anything it is rather below the cost of production so that there has been some tendency of late to buy the distant months. In fact, there is a slight net advance for the week. Rubber has drifted downward on most deliveries. Akron reports, it is true, state that the tire production in that district has reached a new high record and the crude consumption in January of 43,000 tons was also something new in the history of the business. But on the whole, supplies are sufficiently ample to cause some decline in prices, as manufacturers have not been eager buyers.

At the South cigarette and tobacco factories are running on full time. Tampa cigar factories report a high record output in February. Locomotive shipments in February were far behind those of the same month last year, but unfilled orders at the end of February were 339 as against 278 at the ending of January and 204 at the end of February last year. The daily average output of pig iron in

February was the largest of any month since April 1926, and was 14½% larger than in February last year. It was also something over 3% larger than in January. The daily February steel output was the largest on record, exceeding the former peak in October last year by nearly 5% and the total for February last year by nearly 11%. The Petroleum output is reported still at a very high level after a record total in January, and in Southern California they are still cutting prices of gasoline.

Stocks have on the whole shown no little strength during the week, even with money on call up to 12%, much to the mystification of many who had assumed that such a rate would mean a perpendicular decline in stock prices. To-day came a rally when money dropped to 9%, with Radio in the lead with a rise of 35 points. The belief is general that a coming consummation of the Victor-Radio merger is the real cause of the rise of the Radio Corporation stock, which established a new high record in all time to-day at \$445. The merger opens new fields for Radio abroad and would, it is stated, result in important economies in operation.

New Bedford, Mass., reported that the cotton goods markets, particularly the fine goods division, have seen some of the most active trading so far this year. The volume in combed yarn in the gray easily exceeded that of recent weeks, but prices showed no change. Lawrence, Mass., wired that General Agent Southworth recently informed the Plant Committee of the Pacific corporation's big local plant that assuming business conditions did not change radically there would be no annual vacation this year, and he explained that it was almost impossible to shut down the plant, as they had to be in a position at all times to deliver some goods. At Columbus, Ga., on March 4th, the Eagle & Phenix Mills, the oldest in Georgia last night, were forced to suspend operations entirely because of hard rains. The mill was stopped four days last week due to high water, and had resumed operations yesterday morning. The mill village, along the river, was partly submerged. Misogee Mills were forced to close. Macon, Ga., wired March 5 that the bursting of four dams near there turning loose great volumes of water into the Okmulgee river, and heavy rains, had not interfered with operation of mills. All mills are out of the flood districts, on high ground. Atlanta, wired that although rivers have reached the highest level in years, mills in that section had escaped damage.

S. S. Kresge Co.'s sales for February were 9,774,318, an increase of 4.8% over Feb. 1928. Sales for the first two months of this year were \$18,793,250, an increase of 4.5% over the corresponding period last year. Sales of F. W. Woolworth Co. for February amounted to \$19,374,310, making an increase of 2.1% over February last year. For the first two months of the current year sales totaled \$37,032,429, an increase of 2.58% as compared with the same two months of 1928.

Chicago wired early in the week that milder weather was marked by a brisk volume in retail trade, not alone in the cities, but in all the smaller towns and counter-trading centers. Drygoods and general merchandise houses report an unusually large volume of business with the South and Southwest. Later it was colder. Twenty-seven chain stores show total February sales this year of \$110,334,092 against \$88,151,810 in the corresponding month last year, a gain of 25.2%. Total sales for the first two months this year were \$217,942,774, against \$171,952,811 in the period last year.

On the 5th inst. temperatures here were 37 to 47 degrees; in Boston 40 to 42; Chicago 30 to 42; Cincinnati 32 to 42; Cleveland 30 to 32; Detroit 32 to 40; Kansas City 28 to 54; Milwaukee 24 to 38; St. Paul 18 to 38; Montreal 34 to 36; Omaha 26 to 48; Philadelphia 44 to 48; Portland, Me., 36 to 38; San Francisco 50 to 58, Seattle 44 to 46, and St. Louis 30 to 50. On the 6th inst. it was cold in the American and Canadian Northwest, with temperatures 6 degrees below to 32 above. To-day temperatures here were 18 to 29 degrees, but the wind had died down from the half hurricane of yesterday. Boston in the last 24 hours had 18 to 46 degrees; Chicago 22 to 26, Cincinnati 16 to 32, Cleveland 16 to 24, Kansas City 32 to 40, Philadelphia 22 to 44, San Francisco 50 to 58, Seattle 42, St. Paul 18 to 28. The forecast here is for fair and somewhat warmer weather to-morrow. On the 7th inst. the wind here was 42 miles an hour.

Europe on March 2 was again in the grip of bitter cold weather and no immediate relief seemed probable. The

Associated Press reported heavy snowfalls in Austria, Hungary and the Balkans, further disrupting railway service. In Greece severe weather with new floods caused great hardships. In France there was a violent gale with temperatures around 10 degrees Fahrenheit. The Meuse froze over again after its ice had been blown up by French and Belgian troops. In Poland and Eastern Galicia it was very cold. Northern Baltic Sea continued covered with thick ice, so solid between Sweden and Finland that it is proposed to run an omnibus service between the two countries, something never before attempted. It was the coldest on record in Amsterdam. In Belgium the influenza has been fatal in such numbers as to be a real peril to the country, entire families in some cases dying in the space of three days.

Wholesale Trade During January, as Reported to Federal Reserve Board.—More Than Usual Increase in Sales.

Sales at wholesale increased in January more than is usual at this season, according to the Federal Reserve Board's revised index of wholesale sales in eight lines of trade. By lines, the largest increases from the previous month were in sales of boots and shoes, men's clothing, and dry goods, and were largely seasonal in nature. Sales of drugs, meat, and groceries also increased somewhat, while sales of furniture and hardware declined. In its survey for January, issued March 1, the Board also says:

In comparison with the previous year, the volume of distribution at wholesale in January showed an increase of 5%, reflecting larger sales of drugs and meat as in other recent months, and also an increase in sales of shoes, which since June 1928 have been lower than in the same month of the preceding year. Orders for machine tools and agricultural implements, which are not included in the Board's index, were considerably larger than in January, 1928.

Current developments in wholesale trade are summarized in the following table:

Table with 5 columns: P. C. Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) in Sales January 1929 Compared with, Index Numbers Adjusted for Seasonal Variations (1923-25=100), and rows for various categories like Groceries, Meats, Dry goods, Men's clothing, Boots and shoes, Hardware, Drugs, Furniture, and a total for eight lines.

* Revised to exclude sales of women's clothing. See March Federal Reserve Bulletin.

Stocks of reporting wholesale firms were larger in January than at the end of December, reflecting increases in inventories of dry goods, shoes, hardware, and drugs, while stocks of groceries were smaller. In comparison with the same month a year ago, however, stocks carried by wholesale firms were generally smaller.

Detailed statistics by Districts and for previous months follow:

WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTION BY LINES.*

Index numbers, based upon dollar value of sales. Monthly average 1923-25=100.

Large table with 10 columns (Month, Total Eight Lines, Groceries, Meats, Dry Goods, Men's Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Hardware, Drugs, Furniture) and rows for months from October 1927 to January 1929.

* Revised to exclude women's clothing.

CHANGES IN SALES AND STOCKS OF WHOLESALE FIRMS BY LINES AND BY FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS. (Increase (+) or Decrease (-) Per Cent.)

Table with 4 columns: Line and Federal Reserve District, Sales—January 1929 Compared with (Dec. 1928, Jan. 1928), Stocks—January 1929 Compared with (Dec. 1928, Jan. 1928), and rows for various categories like Groceries, Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Hardware, Drugs, Agricultural Implements, Paper and Stationery, Automobile Supplies, Cotton Jobbers, Silk Goods, Cotton Commission Houses, Machine Tools, Diamonds, Jewelry, and Electrical Supplies.

a Sales of agricultural implements for the United States are compiled by the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank.

b Stocks at first of month—quantity not value.

c Based upon indexes of orders furnished by the National Machine Tool Builders' Association.

d Includes diamonds.

Federal Reserve Board's Survey of Retail Trade in the United States—Seasonal Decline in January.

Department store sales declined seasonally in January from the high level of December, but were considerably larger than a year ago notwithstanding the fact that January of this year contained one more business day. The largest increases over January 1928 were reporting by stores in the Philadelphia and San Francisco Federal Reserve Districts, while the Dallas, St. Louis and Boston Districts reported smaller sales. The Board under date of March 4, reports further as follows:

Mail order houses and chain stores also reported a seasonal decrease in sales from the month of December, but continued to show substantial gains in comparison with the preceding year. The largest increases from a year ago were reported by mail order houses and chains of stores selling drugs, groceries, shoes, apparel and dry goods. These increases reflected in part the establishment during the year of additional stores.

Percentage changes in dollar sales between January 1928 and January 1929, together with the number of firms reporting and stores operating, are given in the following table:

Table with columns: Department stores, Chain stores, Grocery, Five-and-ten, Apparel and dry goods, Drug, Cigar, Shoe, Candy, Mail order houses. Sub-columns: No. of Firms, Number of Stores (January 1929, January 1928), Increase or Decrease in Sales (January 1929, Compared with January 1928, Per Cent.).

* Increases in the dollar sales of mail order houses reflect in part the establishment during the year of additional retail outlets.
a Number of stores not reported.

Stocks of merchandise carried by department stores at the end of January were smaller than at the end of December as is usual at this season. In comparison with the same period of the preceding year, inventories continued smaller.

More detailed statistics, by Districts and for previous months, follow.

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

Table with columns: U.S.A., Federal Reserve District Number (1-12), and rows for various months from 1927 to 1929, categorized by Sales (unadjusted, adjusted) and Stocks (unadjusted, adjusted).

Monthly averages 1925 equal 100.

a Revised to include a larger number of firms.
1 Boston; 2 New York; 3 Philadelphia; 4 Cleveland; 5 Richmond; 6 Atlanta; 7 Chicago; 8 St. Louis; 9 Minneapolis; 10 Kansas City; 11 Dallas; 12 San Francisco.

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

Table with columns: Chain stores, Grocery, Five-and-ten, Apparel and dry goods, Drug, Cigar, Shoe, Candy, Mail order houses. Sub-columns: Sales Without Seasonal Adjustment, Sales With Seasonal Adjustment (Jan. 1929, Dec. 1928, Jan. 1928).

a For number of firms reporting and number of stores operated see table above.
b Including sales made through branch stores.

CHANGES IN SALES AND STOCKS OF DEPARTMENT STORES. JANUARY 1929. (Increase (+) or Decrease (-) Based on Value Figures.)

Table with columns: Federal Reserve—District and City, Change in Sales (January 1929, Compared with January 1928), Change in Stocks (January 31 1929, Compared with Dec. 31 1928), Per Cent. (January 1929, Jan. 31 1928, Dec. 31 1928).

Federal Reserve—District and City.

Table with columns: Federal Reserve—District and City, Change in Sales (January 1929, Compared with January 1928, Per Cent.), Change in Stocks (January 31 1929, Compared with Jan. 31 1928, Dec. 31 1928, Per Cent.). Lists cities like Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Dallas, San Francisco, United States.

STOCK TURNOVER OF DEPARTMENT STORES, JANUARY 1929.

Table with columns: Federal Reserve, District and City, Rate of Stk. Turnover* (January 1929, January 1928), Federal Reserve, District and City, Rate of Stk. Turnover* (January 1929, January 1928). Lists cities like Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Allentown, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Reading, Scranton, Trenton, Wilkes-Barre, Wilmington, York, Cleveland, Akron, Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, Pittsburgh, Toledo, Wheeling, Youngstown, Richmond, Baltimore, Washington, Atlanta, United States.

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

CHANGES IN SALES OF DEPARTMENT STORES, BY DEPARTMENTS. (Increase (+) or decrease (-) in sales in Jan. 1929, compared with Jan. 1928.)

(Computed trend of past years—100 per cent; adjusted for seasonal variations)

Table with columns for Department, Total, and Federal Reserve District cities (Boston, New York, Cleveland, Richmond, Chicago, St. Louis, Dallas, San Fran.). Rows include Piece Goods, Ready-to-wear, Men's & Boys' Wear, etc.

Table showing Primary Distribution, Distribution to Consumer, and General Business Activity with columns for Jan. 1928, Nov. 1928, Dec. 1928, and Jan. 1929.

CHANGE IN STOCKS OF DEPARTMENT STORES, BY DEPARTMENTS. (Increase (+) or decrease (-) in stocks in Jan. 1929, compared with Jan. 1928.)

Production of Electric Power in the United States in January Increased Approximately 13% Over the Same Month a Year ago.

The production of electric power by public utility power plants in the United States during the month of January totaled approximately 8,218,544 k.w.h., an increase of about 13% over the corresponding period a year ago...

Table with columns for Department, Total, and Federal Reserve District cities. Rows include Piece Goods, Ready-to-wear, Men's & Boys' Wear, etc.

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

Table with columns for Division, November 1928, December 1928, January 1929, and Change in Output from Previous Year (Dec. '28, Jan. '29).

The production of electricity by public utility power plants in January exceeded all previous monthly records with a total output for the month of 8,219,000 k.w.h., an increase of 4% over the output for December 1928...

The output of electricity for the entire 12 months of the year 1905 was considerably less than the output for the single month of January 1929. These figures indicate the tremendous growth in the use of electricity since 1905.

TOTAL MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF ELECTRICITY BY PUBLIC UTILITY POWER PLANTS IN 1928 AND 1929.

Table with columns for Month, 1928, 1929, Increase Over 1928, and Produced by Water Power (1928, 1929).

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

In its Monthly Review, March 1, the New York Federal Reserve Bank presents as follows its Indexes of Business Activity:

Average daily car loadings of merchandise and miscellaneous freight declined somewhat less than usual in January, and loadings of bulk freight increased substantially. The volume of foreign trade also increased after seasonal allowance.

Trading on the New York Stock Exchange was in very heavy volume, and bank debits in New York City increased further to a new high level, after seasonal allowance.

A Part of Increase is due to February 1928 being one day longer than February 1927. The quantities given in the tables are based on the operation of all power plants producing 10,000 k.w.h. or more per month...

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

Dun's Report of Failures in February.

A relatively favorable insolvency record is shown in returns to R. G. Dun & Co. for February, improvement appearing in both the number of commercial defaults in the United States and the amount of liabilities. With the shorter month, a reduction in the business mortality was to be expected, yet the betterment is even more marked than that which occurred a year ago. Thus, last month's 1,965 failures are 22.5% below those of January, whereas the decrease during the same period last year was 17.7%. Moreover, the latest-reported indebtedness of \$34,035,772 is 36.8% under January's total, while there was a falling off a year ago of only 5.5%.

Supplementing the foregoing satisfactory comparisons, last month's insolvencies show a decline of 10% from the 2,176 defaults of Feb. 1928, and are 3.7% less than those of the corresponding period two years ago. More than that, the liabilities shown in the present statement are approximately 25.5% under the \$45,070,642 of February, last year, and are, in fact, the smallest for the month since 1920. The high point for February was reached in 1922, at more than \$72,600,000, and in 1921 the amount exceeded \$60,-800,000. At about \$17,300 the average indebtedness per failure last month compares with an average of some \$20,700 for Feb. 1928.

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

	Number			Liabilities		
	1929.	1928.	1927.	1929.	1928.	1927.
February	1,965	2,176	2,035	\$34,035,772	\$45,070,642	\$46,940,716
January	2,535	2,643	2,465	53,877,145	47,634,411	51,290,232
December	1,943	2,162	2,069	\$40,774,160	\$51,062,253	\$45,619,578
November	1,838	1,864	1,830	40,601,435	36,146,573	32,693,993
October	2,023	1,787	1,763	34,990,474	36,235,872	33,280,720
Fourth quarter	5,804	5,813	5,662	\$116,366,069	\$123,444,698	\$111,544,291
September	1,635	1,573	1,437	33,956,686	32,786,125	29,989,817
August	1,852	1,708	1,593	58,201,830	39,195,953	28,129,660
July	1,723	1,756	1,605	29,586,633	43,149,974	29,680,009
Third quarter	5,210	5,037	4,635	\$121,745,149	\$115,132,052	\$87,799,486
June	1,947	1,833	1,708	\$29,827,073	\$34,465,165	\$29,407,523
May	2,008	1,852	1,730	36,116,990	37,784,773	33,543,318
April	1,815	1,968	1,957	37,985,145	53,155,727	38,487,321
Second quarter	5,773	5,653	5,395	\$103,929,208	\$125,405,665	\$101,438,162
March	2,236	2,143	1,984	\$54,814,145	\$57,890,905	\$30,622,547
February	2,176	2,035	1,801	45,070,642	46,940,716	34,176,348
January	2,643	2,465	2,296	47,634,411	51,290,232	43,661,444
First quarter	7,055	6,643	6,081	\$147,519,198	\$156,121,853	\$108,460,339

FAILURES BY BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FEBRUARY 1929.

	Number.			Liabilities.		
	1929.	1928.	1927.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Manufacturers—						
Iron, Foundries and Nails	13	10	6	\$272,703	\$688,097	\$117,425
Machinery and Tools	27	25	29	1,887,520	556,760	806,964
Woolens, carpets & knit g'ds	--	4	1	-----	224,445	20,000
Cottons, lace and hosiery	--	1	---	-----	400,000	---
Lumber, carpent. & coops	88	65	67	3,093,630	2,006,633	2,219,941
Clothing and millinery	40	34	33	589,341	357,632	1,232,200
Hats, gloves and furs	14	15	8	185,600	326,463	108,000
Chemicals and drugs	4	8	7	92,075	1,901,520	116,407
Paints and oils	2	2	---	38,100	9,765	-----
Print and engraving	15	8	28	125,000	54,015	428,007
Milling and bakers	39	48	42	553,798	455,750	567,115
Leather, shoes & harness	10	14	9	212,523	271,272	1,096,200
Tobacco, &c	7	5	6	115,600	69,500	69,563
Glass, earthenware & brick	4	9	1	45,900	580,328	38,900
All other	215	220	174	4,678,724	4,859,015	3,707,728
Total manufacturing	478	468	411	\$11,890,514	\$12,751,295	\$10,518,450
Traders—						
General stores	111	101	162	\$1,272,945	\$1,374,820	\$2,433,763
Groceries, Meat and fish	301	305	264	2,763,341	2,488,936	1,749,381
Hotels and restaurants	102	90	83	979,583	3,284,450	909,986
Tobacco, &c	21	28	12	311,271	213,116	93,500
Clothing and furnishings	191	256	179	2,295,830	2,905,897	2,132,881
Dry goods and carpets	116	122	134	1,944,870	2,110,189	3,742,795
Shoes, rubbers & trunks	46	83	78	488,198	1,037,373	877,757
Furniture and crockery	55	65	63	1,508,285	1,029,584	584,629
Hardware, stoves & tools	52	57	44	913,382	1,329,340	1,597,568
Chemicals and drugs	44	82	92	532,805	895,760	1,112,301
Paints and oils	7	4	5	28,820	24,756	92,700
Jewelry and clocks	43	59	39	709,178	970,425	585,139
Books and papers	13	10	13	104,932	101,300	270,572
Hats, furs and gloves	9	17	12	103,600	249,275	176,500
All other	267	302	328	3,933,186	6,926,711	7,046,140
Total trading	1,378	1,581	1,508	\$17,890,726	\$24,951,932	\$23,405,612
Other commercial	109	127	116	4,254,532	7,367,415	13,016,654
Total United States	1,965	2,176	2,035	\$34,035,772	\$45,070,642	\$46,940,716

Dun's Price Index.

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

	Mar. 1 1929.	Feb. 1 1929.	Mar. 1 1928.	Mar. 1 1927.	Mar. 1 1926.
Breadstuffs	\$34,589	\$34,899	\$35,591	\$28,620	\$31,834
Meat	24,420	24,697	22,425	19,897	20,358
Dairy and garden	22,354	22,059	21,797	21,859	22,834
Other food	19,450	19,497	19,866	19,850	20,709
Clothing	35,137	35,138	35,895	32,301	36,161
Metals	21,558	21,303	21,711	23,022	24,005
Miscellaneous	36,739	36,572	36,503	37,740	36,777
Total	\$194,247	\$194,165	\$193,788	\$183,269	192,070

Annalist's Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices.

A small decline occurs this week in the "Annalist" Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices primarily as a result of substantially lower prices of food products and miscellaneous commodities. In announcing this the "Annalist" says:

A fairly sizeable increase in the index of metals, and lesser increase in those of farm products, textiles and fuels, diminished the effect of the declines, and the index of all commodities now stands at 147.1 compared with 147.3 last week.

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

	Mar. 5 1929.	Feb. 26 1929.	Mar. 6 1928.
Farm products	146.7	146.5	146.8
Food products	146.1	148.2	152.1
Textile products	154.6	154.0	152.4
Fuels	161.2	161.9	157.1
Metals	128.8	127.5	120.3
Building material	154.1	154.1	153.4
Chemicals	134.6	134.6	134.3
Miscellaneous	125.5	128.8	121.1
All commodities	147.1	147.3	146.0

Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight Above 1928 But Below 1927.

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on Feb. 23 totaled 907,337 cars, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced on March 6. Due to the observance of Washington's birthday, this was a decrease of 50,714 cars below the preceding week this year with decreases being reported in the total loading of all commodities except coke, which showed a small increase. The total for the week of Feb. 23 was an increase of 37,920 cars over the corresponding week in 1928, but a decrease of 11,521 cars under the corresponding week in 1927. Details are outlined as follows:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week totaled 325,924 cars, an increase of 16,248 cars above the corresponding week last year and 1,724 cars over the same week in 1927.

Coal loading totaled 203,685 cars, an increase of 30,223 cars over the same week in 1928 and 1,928 cars above the same period two years ago.

Grain and grain products loading amounted to 43,918 cars, a decrease of 2,161 cars below the same week in 1928, but 731 cars above the same week in 1927. In the western districts alone, grain and grain products loading totaled 30,826 cars, a decrease of 1,611 below the same week in 1928.

Live stock loading amounted to 23,767 cars, a decrease of 6,486 cars under the same week in 1928 and 3,718 cars under the same week in 1927. In the western districts alone, live stock loading totaled 18,334 cars, a decrease of 4,920 cars under the same week in 1928.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight totaled 226,630 cars, an increase of 740 cars above the same week in 1928, but 5,879 cars under the corresponding week in 1927.

Forest products loading amounted to 60,311 cars, 4,804 cars below the same week in 1928 and 7,485 cars below the same week in 1927.

Ore loading amounted to 9,362 cars, 1,790 cars over the same week in 1928, but 262 cars below two years ago.

Coke loading totaled 13,740 cars, 2,370 cars above the same week last year and 1,440 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, Pocahontas and Centralwestern 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
Four weeks in February	3,767,758	3,590,742	3,801,918
Total	7,338,736	7,039,637	7,558,578

Industrial Activity in Cleveland Federal Reserve District Continues High—Volume of Rubber and Tire Business Above That of Year ago.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland in its Business Review Mar. 1 reports that industrial activity in its District continued high in both January and February. The District's basic manufacturing industry, iron and steel, was operating at an even higher rate than during the Fourth Quarter of 1928, says the Review, which adds:

Several large mills were very close to capacity in mid-February, and as prices have remained firm for the most part, earnings are very good. Some betterment is reported by the coal trade, with small industrial stocks and cold weather being stimulating factors. Automobile sales are stated to be satisfactory, January registrations of new passenger cars in Ohio being 56% larger than a year ago. Automobile accessory manufacturers continue to enjoy near-capacity operations and improved earnings. Business in rubber and tires exceeds that of a year ago in volume, although spring orders have been rather slow. Shoe factories are more active than last month while clothing makers report but little change recently.

Building generally has been declining for some months, after allowing for seasonal factors, and although large industrial contracts brought about an increase in the January total for this District, residential building was less than last year. In the United States, building was lower than a year ago in both January and early February. The Federal Reserve Board's index of building contracts awarded for the country, adjusted for seasonal, fell from 141 in October to 126 in November and 116 in December, and although there was a rise to 128 in January, the index was 9 points under a year ago. Daily average building contracts awarded in the country for the first 22 days of February were only \$15,372,400 as compared with

\$18,634,900 in all of January and \$21,151,400 in all of February, 1928, and similar decreases were shown in Fourth District territory.

The Review also contains the following regarding the rubber and tire industry:

Akron tire manufacturers report that business as a whole is running ahead of last year with production considerably larger but with prices received lower. Demand for tires as original equipment remains excellent, but dealer demand has been hesitant, with spring-dating orders coming in rather slowly. February weather has been bad for driving, and the usual spring buying rush by consumers has not yet started.

Perhaps the most important recent development in the industry has been the decided rise in crude rubber prices. After hovering around the 18-cent mark for several months, crude rubber finally began to advance in January and by Feb. 28 had reached 27 cents a pound (first latex, spot). Continued heavy demand, a decline of 48,000 tons in world stocks in 1928, and smaller shipments from plantations last November and December than had been anticipated, have been the principal factors in this price advance.

Price adjustments on a number of lines were announced by leading tire manufacturers early in February. These revisions were mostly downward, although six-ply long-wear balloons were increased 2½%. Small balloons, principally Ford and Chevrolet sizes, were reduced from 2½ to 5%, and the old-style high-pressure cords, which are giving way to balloon casings, were cut 2½ to 10%. These adjustments have not stimulated public buying to any extent, being applicable largely to the dealers rather than to the public.

Imports of crude rubber into the United States in 1928 amounted to 984,999,112 pounds, as compared with 966,191,508 in 1927. Owing to price differences, the value of the 1928 imports was only \$246,610,000, as compared with \$342,534,000 in the previous year.

Of the total amount of rubber consumed in the United States in 1927 (the latest date available), the tire industry took 82%. The next largest consumer was the boot and shoe industry, which took 6.4% of the total.

As to wholesale and retail trade we quote the following from the Review:

Retail Trade.

Sales of 63 department stores in this District were 2.5% larger in January than a year ago, the difference being accounted for by the fact that there was one more selling day this year. Several cities, however, made larger gains, particularly Akron with 23.8% and Toledo with 10.5%. Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, and Youngstown also reported increases over last year. Pittsburgh showed a decline of 6.1%, Dayton of 2.5%, and Wheeling of 1.6%. Stocks on hand on Jan. 31 were 1.5% less than last year and 7.9% smaller than a month earlier. Accounts receivable at the end of January were 3.8% larger than a year ago, while collections were 0.2% less. In January, 38.8% of receivables on December 31 were collected.

Sales of 16 wearing apparel firms were 3.3% larger in January than a year ago. Cleveland and "other cities" showed increases, while a drop occurred in Cincinnati. Stocks declined 10.5%, receivables increased 8.2%, and collections were up 2.1%.

Sales of 48 retail furniture stores in the District were 0.2% larger in January a year ago. Gains of 4.8 and 2.7% also occurred in accounts receivable and collections. January collections were 10.9% of Dec. 31st receivables.

Nineteen out of 50 separate departments in 39 retail stores in this District showed gains over last year.

Wholesale Trade.

January grocery sales of 43 firms were 10% larger than a year ago, and were also larger than in the same month of 1927 and 1926. Stocks decreased 5% from last year, accounts receivable were 0.4% greater, and collections gained 3%. Collections during January on receivables on Dec. 31 amounted to 67.2%. The stock turnover rate was .60 or 7.2 times a year.

Drug sales showed a noteworthy increase of 25.4% over last year. Receivables and collections increased 11.3 and 22.7% respectively. In January, 91% of Dec. 31st accounts were collected.

In dry goods, sales decreased 2.5% from last year, stocks were 22.1% less, receivables gained 1%, and collections were up 7.1%. The percentage of January collections to December accounts was 43.4, and the stock turnover rate was .33 or 3.96 times a year.

Hardware sales were 0.1% smaller than in January, 1928; stocks were 1.5% less; receivables, 0.1% larger; and collections, 10.1% larger. The collection percentage on Dec. 31 accounts was 39.2.

Shoe sales registered a decline of 0.9% from last year, and stocks of 12.4%. Collections were off 11.5%, and accounts receivable 7.2%. The collection percentage was 28.0.

Business in Richmond Federal Reserve District Continues on Same Level as in December—Labor Seasonably Employed.

Surveying conditions in its District the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond in its Monthly Review dated Feb. 28 says:

In most respects business in the Fifth (Richmond) Federal Reserve District in January and early February was at the same level as in December when allowance is made for the usual seasonal variations, and exceeded the volume of business done in January 1928. Debits to individual accounts figures in clearing house banks last month were higher than the corresponding figures for 1928 by 5.5%. Business failures in the Fifth District were fewer in number and lower in liabilities than in January a year ago. The employment situation is distinctly better than it was in early 1928, with workers now more nearly employed on full time. Coal production in both the nation and the district was in greater tonnage in January than in January 1928. Textile mills operated more extensively last month than in January a year ago, cotton consumption by Fifth district mills being 12.5% above the figures for January 1928. Retail trade, as reflected in department store sales, were somewhat larger in most stores in January this year.

On the other hand, there are some indications of unsatisfactory basic conditions in the district which may affect business later in the year, unless new factors are brought into play. Financial returns from 1928 crops were considerably lower in the aggregate than returns from 1927 crops, and the liquidation of last year's indebtedness by farmers was not up to average years. This tends to lessen the 1929 purchasing power of the agricultural population, and handicaps the farmers in their arrange-

ments for planting and raising a new crop. Bank deposits in reporting member banks are lower than they were a year ago, and member banks are borrowing more from the Reserve Bank to meet the needs of their customers. Building permits issued in January 1929 were fewer in number and very much lower in estimated valuation than permits issued in January 1928, although this comparison is not as serious as might be thought, valuation figures in January 1928 having been much higher than in any other January on record. Wholesale trade in January 1929 was less in most lines than in January 1928.

Conditions in wholesale and retail lines are summarized as follows:

Total sales in 31 leading department stores in the Fifth reserve district in January 1929 were 8% greater than total sales in the same stores in January 1928, due chiefly to increases reported by Richmond and Washington firms. Sales in January averaged 6.2% above average January sales during the three years 1923-1925, inclusive, the gains again occurring in Richmond and Washington. Stocks of merchandise on the shelves on Jan. 31st this year were 7/10ths of 1% smaller than stocks at the end of December, and 6.8% less than stocks on Jan. 31, 1928. Sales in January 1929 averaged 23.3% of stock carried during the month. Collections totaled 31.1% of receivables outstanding on January 1st, the percentages for Baltimore, Richmond and Washington being higher than in January last year while the Other Cities reported a slightly lower percentage of receivables collected last month.

Seventy-eight wholesale firms, representing six important lines, sent confidential reports on their January business to the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. All lines reported upon showed seasonal increases in January sales in comparison with those of December, but the gains in dry goods and furniture were probably not up to seasonal average. In comparison with sales in January 1928, results secured in January this year were less favorable, groceries and drugs reporting the only increases while lower sales were reported in dry goods, shoes, hardware and furniture. Stocks on the shelves of the reporting firms at the end of January 1929 showed the usual increases over Dec. 31st stocks in every line for which figures were available, but were smaller than stocks on hand on Jan. 31, 1928, in dry goods and hardware. The percentages of collections in January to total receivables on Jan. 1st were higher this year than in 1928 in dry goods, shoes and drugs, but grocery, hardware and furniture percentages were lower last month than in January 1928.

Volume of Business in Kansas City Federal Reserve District on Higher Plane than Year ago.

A survey of the situation in the Tenth [Kansas City] District at the middle of the first quarter of 1929 reveals that industry, trade and banking made a very good start for the year. The March 1 Monthly Review of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, from which we quote, goes on to say:

The general volume of business, although retarded to an extent by a prolonged season of severe weather, was on a plane slightly higher than that which marked its course during the corresponding period in 1928. Reports from over this wide area reflected sound underlying conditions and further improvement in the economic situation.

Distribution of goods and merchandise by wholesalers to retailers and by retailers to consumers in January was in heavy volume for the initial month of a year. Wholesale trade expanded seasonally and, despite the unfavorable weather conditions and ice-covered highways, the dollar volume for the month, combined for five leading lines, ran even with that for January a year ago. Retail trade, evidenced by sales of department stores, declined seasonally as compared with the high record sales in December, but showed an increase of about 3.7% over January a year ago.

Production in leading industries was maintained at a high rate of activity for the mid-winter month. There was increased production of flour, pork, mutton, coal, cement, crude oil and petroleum products and shipments of zinc ore during January 1929, compared to a year ago, while production of beef and shipments of lead ore decreased.

Conditions for agriculture were generally favorable, with the frequent snows over the District providing the soil moisture needed in the spring. Some injury to the winter wheat crop by ice-covered fields has been reported, but the extent of the damage cannot be determined until early in the spring. The situation for the livestock industry was reported as generally satisfactory. Livestock on farms and ranges was in good condition but requiring heavy winter feeding.

Building contracts awarded in January showed an increase in value of 17.6% over the same month last year, although the value of building permits issued in eighteen cities during the month fell below that of a year ago by 11%.

Conditions in wholesale and retail trade are further surveyed by the Bank as follows:

Trade.

The dollar volume of merchandise distributed by reporting wholesale firms at leading centers in this district expanded during January despite unfavorable weather and rough and ice-covered roads. Sales for the month, combined for five leading lines, were larger than in December by 5.8%, but were the same as in January of last year. Lines showing increases in sales over the preceding month were drygoods and groceries, while sales of hardware, furniture and drugs decreased. Compared with a year ago there were increases in sales of groceries, hardware, furniture and drugs, and decreases in sales of drygoods.

Wholesalers in their reports described conditions as generally good, and were inclined to attribute the reduction in the volume of sales, as compared to a year ago, to continued "hand-to-mouth" buying by retailers and to a tendency to defer the placing of orders for future shipment.

Merchandise stocks of wholesalers of all reporting lines except groceries were larger on Jan. 31 than one month earlier. Compared with a year ago stocks of drygoods and hardware showed decreases, while stocks of groceries, furniture and drugs showed increases.

Retail trade in Tenth District cities, as reflected by sales of reporting department stores, showed an increase of about 3.7% in January over the corresponding month last year. Allowing for the fact that January of this year contained one more business day, daily sales ran about even. Of the 32 department stores reporting for the month, 20 showed increased sales over January last year. Sales of other reporting retail stores—those

handling men's and women's clothing, shoes and furniture—showed slight changes in the volume of their January business as compared with a year ago.

Stocks at reporting department stores on Jan. 31 were smaller by 5.6% than one month earlier and smaller by 2.5% than a year ago.

Collections.—Department stores reported collections in January 1929 amounted to 42.0% of outstandings, as compared to 43.5% in December and 42.0% in January 1928. Collections by wholesale firms were reported generally satisfactory. Due to purchases of merchandise in small lots and with more frequent orders, retailers were in better condition financially to meet their payments promptly.

Business Conditions in San Francisco Federal Reserve District—More than Seasonal Activity in January.

Summarizing business conditions in the San Francisco Federal Reserve District during January, Isaac B. Newton, Chairman of the Board and Federal Reserve Agent, of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, has the following to say under date of Feb. 20:

The first month of the year 1929 was a month of greater than seasonal activity in business in the Twelfth Federal Reserve District, and available data indicate a continuance of this activity during the early days of February. The major industries of the District operated on heavier schedules during January 1929 than during either December or January 1928. The volume of trade transacted in the District was larger than a year ago, and declines from the December peak of trade activity were mostly smaller than the seasonal expectation. From all parts of the District have come reports of generally sound business conditions.

Those tendencies in the credit situation which were a noteworthy feature of the year 1928 persisted during January 1929. Commercial demand for credit was moderate but member bank loans on securities continued to expand. Borrowings from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco increased during January and the first week of February. During the second week of February discounts at the Reserve Bank were reduced slightly. Interest rates were firmer during January and the first half of February 1929 than at any time during the past two years.

Industry employed a larger number of men than is usual during January, and output of copper, steel, metal and machine shop products, lumber, and petroleum was exceptionally high for this season of the year. The building and construction industry, though relatively quiet, showed some improvement as compared with recent months. Value of sales at both retail and wholesale was substantially larger than during January a year ago, and merchandise carloadings also exceeded those of January 1928.

There was a slight increase in the general average of commodity prices during January 1929. Most significant from the standpoint of this District were advances in prices of wheat, copper, and lumber.

The rains and snows of January and February have improved the agricultural outlook of the District. Total rainfall for the season, however, has been less than last year and less than normal.

Business in Arizona at High Level According to Valley Bank, Phoenix.

The Valley Bank in Arizona, at Phoenix, in its February "Business Review," reports that "business in Southern Arizona is at a high level." "Construction" it states, "is active, tourist trade is crowding the greatly increased hotel capacity, labor is well employed, and bank deposits are high." The bank in part also says

"Mining conditions are better than for years past and copper has reached 17 cents with exceedingly strong demand."

Agriculture.

The cotton crop is nearly all gathered, crop returns having been favorable to the growers. The market has been fairly slow, though important shipments have been made to foreign buyers.

The winter lettuce deal has now practically finished, with shipments of about 4,600 cars from Salt River Valley. On account of unfavorable weather, the yields per acre have not been as good as desired, and returns to the growers will be disappointing. The spring crop of lettuce will begin to move East in March, with a heavy acreage in crop.

Scarcity of feed has made dairying expensive. Large numbers of sheep are wintering in the valley on green feed. The lamb crop is in progress and shearing is just beginning.

A number of showers has placed the ground in good condition for working spring crops. Heavy rains and snows over much of the State lead to the hope for a substantial addition to the stored water supplies behind the dams.

Mining.

The copper industry is enjoying the best conditions for years. Since the war, it has been in an inactive position, with large production capacity, heavy surplus stocks, and low prices. These conditions have been gradually changing with increased consumption until now stocks on hand are at bare minimum, with strong demand both in the United States and Europe, and the price has just reached 17c. a pound. This is leading to gradual increase in production, and in October brought about a 10% increase in wages.

Total mineral production in Arizona for 1928 is estimated by Arizona Industrial Congress to have reached \$107,500,000 against \$98,790,000 for 1927.

Development work is active in many districts of the State, especially in Yavapai County, and a number of the larger properties are undertaking exploration work.

California Conditions as Viewed by Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co.—Unfavorable Farming Conditions—Gains in Wholesale and Retail Trade.

Weather and trade conditions in California are reviewed as follows, under date of Feb. 18, by the Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co. of San Francisco:

Weather.

California weather during January and early February was generally unfavorable to farming and ranching, particularly in the northern section

of the State. Rainfall was everywhere below normal, snowfall was less than usual, and snow on the ground on Feb. 10 was reported at from 20% to 45% below normal; rain in early February somewhat improved the situation. Subnormal temperatures had a generally retarding effect on most growing farm crops, damaged citrus fruits slightly and were quite harmful to livestock. Pastures over the State are in poor condition; scarcity of feed, together with the damp cold weather, has resulted in some loss of lambs.

Trade.

The volume of retail trade done in California during January was 5.8% larger than in the same month a year ago. Wholesale trade during 1928 was 3% larger than during 1927, most of the increase being made in the last five months; agricultural implements, drugs, electrical supplies, furniture and groceries reported the largest gains over the previous year. Collections continue fair to slow. Building permits issued during the month totaled \$22,232,233, slightly under the total for January 1928, according to the S. W. Straus report. A total of \$484,808,000 worth of life insurance was sold in the State during 1928, an increase of 2% over the year before. Bank debits and postal receipts in principal cities of the State during January were larger than in January 1928.

Activity in Industry and Commerce Well Sustained in St. Louis Federal Reserve District.

Considerable unevenness in the St. Louis Federal Reserve District during the thirty days under review is reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis under date of Feb. 28. The Bank, however, states in its summary of conditions in the District that "the general rate of activity in both industry and commerce was well sustained, with total volume of transactions larger than either a month or a year earlier." The Bank in summing up conditions also says:

The turn to colder weather in January and continuance of low temperatures through the first weeks of February materially assisted the movement of seasonal merchandise of all descriptions, but more particularly apparel, fuel and drugs and chemicals. Clearance of winter merchandise on shelves of retailers, which up until the first of the year was decidedly backward, was considerably accelerated, and the average at the middle of this month compared favorably with that of the past several years. Wholesalers reported a fair volume of reordering, which served to increase January sales totals. Reports from both wholesale and retail lines reflect a continued strong demand for commodities, with purchasing on a liberal scale, but conservative.

In the chief centers of population, the market season, which opened toward the end of January, has witnessed an unusually large number of visiting merchants. The character of their buying in the main, has reflected moderate stocks. Generally individual orders placed averaged small in size, but the aggregate made a formidable showing, and there were more than the ordinary number of specifications for immediate shipment. In all lines for common consumption, but particularly dry goods boots and shoes, millinery and groceries, sales for future delivery are disappointing and below those of a year ago. The iron and steel industry in virtually all departments developed further improvement, and current rate of activity is well above that at the same time in 1928 or 1927. Distribution of automobiles in January fell seasonably below December, but was substantially larger than in January, 1928.

Department store sales in the chief cities of the district in January fell slightly below the total for the same month a year ago, but there was a gain in the volume of transactions at five and ten cent stores and mail order houses. Debits to checking accounts in January dropped below the December total, but were larger by 8.1% than in January, 1928. Likewise a small decrease took place in the amount of savings accounts in January as contrasted with December, but the total on Feb. 6 was 1.2% greater than a year ago, and the largest on record.

Following the seasonal decline in late December, traffic of railroads operating in this district has moved steadily upward, and holds at or near the high records at this time during the past several years. The cold weather had a stimulating effect on the movement of coal and coke, which showed substantial gains. Due to the heavy movement earlier in the season, shipments of grain and grain products decreased. For the country as a whole loadings of revenue freight for the first five weeks of the year, or to Feb. 2, totaled 4,517,870 cars, against 4,375,157 cars for the corresponding period last year, and 4,722,324 cars in 1927. The St. Louis Terminal Railway Association, which handles interchanges for 28 connecting lines interchanged 240,596 loads in January, against 208,747 loads in December, and 209,792 loads in January, 1928. During the first nine days of February the interchange amounted to 81,306 loads, which compares with 61,802 loads during the corresponding period in January, and 66,439 loads during the first nine days of February, 1928. Passenger traffic of the reporting lines decreased 10% in January as compared with the corresponding month in 1928. Estimated tonnage of the Federal Barge Line between St. Louis and New Orleans in January was 134,700 tons, highest on record for the opening month of the year, and comparing with 135,139 tons in December, and 89,608 tons in January, 1928.

Industrial Activity in New England at Highest Point Since 1925, According to Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

"The general level of industrial activity in New England during recent weeks has been at the highest point since the latter part of 1925," according to the Monthly Review, March 1, of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. The Review also has the following to say regarding conditions in the District:

The New England Business Activity Index declined slightly in December from November 1928, but increased sharply in January to a point about 8½% higher than that which prevailed during the corresponding month a year ago. The preliminary index for January stood at the highest level, except for the figure for January, 1920, during the history of the composite series, which extends back on a monthly basis to 1919. The improvement which was recorded in New England business between December and January was of general character, and was not confined to a few of the major activities. New England possesses major industries, but the influence of these upon general business conditions in this district is

not as pronounced as in former years. The amount of cotton consumed by New England mills in January was larger than in any month since October, 1927, thus reflecting improvement in the condition of this branch of the textile industry. Southern mills have been reported active during recent weeks, and New England mills have recently shown increased activity. Usually a reduction in the volume of production of fine cotton goods in New Bedford has taken place between December and January, but this year production was slightly larger in January than in the preceding month. The amount of raw wool consumed by New England mills in January was larger than during any month since May, 1923, and conditions in the woolen and worsted industry continued to improve. Although there was a substantial reduction in the production of boots and shoes in New England during December, the decrease was not as marked as in other districts, and in January there was an increase by more than the usual seasonal amount. There has been an active demand for workers in the boot and shoe industry in New England during the past month. Shoe shipments from Brockton and Haverhill have been larger during the first three weeks of February than during the corresponding period a year ago. The amount of new construction in New England during January was slightly larger than in December, and while there has been some slackening in the activity of the building industry since last fall, the decline has not been extensive, and the current level is high, as compared with former years. In identical manufacturing concerns in Massachusetts, there was a decrease of 1% in the number of workers employed on Jan. 15, as compared with Dec. 15, and payrolls were nearly 3% lower. During the first half of February, Boston department store sales were reported to be about 3% ahead of those of the corresponding period a year ago. Money rates have remained firm, and the asked rate on bankers' acceptances advanced to 5 1/4% on Feb. 15. Commercial paper rates firmed during the week ended Feb. 23.

Chain Store Sales Continue to Advance.

Sales of the 24 leading chain store companies for the month of February totaled \$99,473,771, an increase of \$21,778,356, or 28%, over the same month a year ago, according to a compilation of Merrill, Lynch & Co. of this city. This total is a new high record for any previous month. The Kroger Grocery & Baking Co. led all others in point of dollar gain, showing an increase over February 1928 of \$9,056,876, or 65%. The Safeway Stores, Inc., led all others in point of percentage gain, showing an increase of 96%, and Neisner Bros. followed Kroger Grocery & Baking Co. with an advance of 63.4%.

Sales of the above companies for the first two months of the current year amounted to \$196,704,484, an increase of \$33,931,070, or 20.8%, over the corresponding period last year. A comparative table shows:

	Month of February.			First Two Months.		
	1929.	1928.	% Inc.	1929.	1928.	% Inc.
Kroger Grocery & Baking Co.	\$22,867,818	\$13,810,942	65.0	\$47,562,613	\$29,826,660	59.0
F. W. Woolworth	19,374,310	18,992,215	2.0	37,032,429	36,099,961	2.9
Safeway Stores	14,088,996	7,175,509	96.0	26,978,395	14,078,746	91.0
S. S. Kresge	9,774,318	9,319,662	4.9	18,793,250	17,977,438	4.5
National Tea	7,171,917	6,222,337	15.2	14,444,019	12,341,669	17.0
S. H. Kress	4,357,913	4,175,622	4.3	8,501,290	7,935,569	7.1
W. T. Grant	3,516,007	2,842,507	23.7	6,844,497	5,466,669	25.2
McCroby Stores	2,843,335	2,870,077	x0.9	5,534,323	5,296,265	4.4
Melville Shoe	1,480,610	1,314,121	12.7	3,050,067	2,439,167	25.1
Interstate Department	1,442,348	1,128,496	27.8	2,855,641	2,087,155	36.8
J. J. Newberry	1,299,210	977,516	32.9	2,670,402	1,837,510	45.3
Waldorf System	1,226,973	1,160,082	5.7	2,525,708	2,336,650	5.8
McLellan Stores	1,209,846	840,048	47.2	2,374,751	1,614,031	47.1
F. & W. Grand	1,175,276	901,454	30.4	2,271,041	1,701,848	33.5
Peoples Drug	1,068,002	780,156	36.9	2,180,447	1,473,583	47.9
G. R. Kinney	1,024,797	980,422	4.3	2,143,302	1,870,355	14.6
Lerner Stores	984,862	638,421	54.0	1,929,075	1,267,363	52.0
Lane Bryant	946,233	729,736	29.6	2,031,356	1,649,950	23.1
G. C. Murphy	909,960	672,743	35.3	1,724,107	1,271,086	35.6
Metropolitan	883,275	752,092	17.4	1,681,502	1,444,439	16.4
Neisner Bros.	716,249	438,210	63.4	1,302,844	828,213	57.3
I. Silver & Bros.	440,783	388,313	13.5	805,867	700,738	15.0
Federal Bake Shops	361,130	336,029	7.5	713,423	657,980	8.4
Davega, Inc.	309,603	248,705	24.5	753,595	519,979	45.0
Totals	\$99,473,771	\$77,695,415	28.0	\$196,704,484	\$162,773,014	20.8

x Decrease.
 Note.—The above statement does not include J. C. Penney Co., Inc., which showed gross sales for the month of February 1929 of \$9,027,543, an increase of 1.3% over the total for February 1928. For the first two months of the current year sales of this company amounted to \$17,663,263, an increase of \$1,022,998, or 6.15% over the same period last year.

Over 52 Billion Dollars Invested in New Buildings in U. S. Since War—\$7,500,000,000 Outlay for Construction Planned This Year According to Thompson-Starrett Co.

Since the war the American people have invested in new buildings more than \$52,000,000,000 according to data just compiled by the Thompson-Starrett Co., Inc. This year's expenditures will amount to an additional \$7,500,000,000. In an analysis of the billions spent for building published on March 1 in the company's "Skyscraper," it is stated that the prosperity of the building industry has been dependent on and conducive to the prosperity of other industries. The article says:

"The richest and the poorest have contributed their share to this building bill and have received in return wages, salaries and profits from the many industries which form the background of modern construction. The importance of the building industry in the economic life of the country can be judged by the increases attributable to it in the production of such basic materials as cement, steel and brick. From 1918 to 1928 the production of cement increased from 74,000,000 barrels to 171,000,000 barrels, from 50 to 60% of this annual output being used in building construction. In 1923, of the 24,600,000 gross tons

of rolled steel produced, 15% was used in building and construction, 22% by the railroads, and 10% by the automotive industry. In 1928, of the record total of 37,300,000 tons, 16.5% was used for building and construction, 16% by the railroads, and 18% by automotive plants. In 1919, manufacturers of common and face brick put on the market 4,751,891 thousands of the former and 791,068 thousands of the latter, with a valuation of \$63,585,000 and \$16,033,000 respectively. Building construction, which consumes practically all the production of these lines, caused these totals to rise to 6,948,393 thousands of common brick in 1927, and 2,411,810 thousands of face brick. The increase in valuation was about in the same degree, the face brick production in 1927 being worth \$41,504,000, and the common brick \$77,219,000. All down the line similar increases are noted for other materials. But building has had a wider effect. It has spurred inventive genius to the perfection and improvement of elevators, and heating, lighting and ventilating systems. It has created new standards of working and living conditions—new ideas of environment both in the shop and in the home."

Building Construction Proceeding at Good Pace According to Indiana Limestone Company.

Swinging along at a good pace, new building construction has stacked up a fair total for the first two months of the year, according to a survey March 5 by the Indiana Limestone Company, which shows that approximately \$850,000,000 has been spent in that period. These figures are based on reports from several hundred cities and towns.

"Severe weather this winter, together with high money rates have been a restraining influence in some sections of the country," says President A. E. Dickinson. He also says:

"Sustained activity in heavy construction and engineering projects is nevertheless reported in almost all districts, with sums involved higher than at this time last year.

"For the past few months, the building industry has been somewhat handicapped by tight money. It is one of the first industries to show signs of contraction from this cause. Yet, contradictory as it may seem, higher quality construction projects are being launched faster than heretofore.

"A leading factor in the slight decline in volume is the lessening in residential building. It is generally assumed that this decline is a direct result of the increasing cost of credit. Despite the downward tendency in this type of construction, it is not sufficiently serious nor is it of long enough duration to give evidence of a depression in activity.

"Offsetting this residential let-down, is a proportionate gain in commercial and industrial projects. Educational, religious and memorial classifications have been active so far this year.

"Several metropolitan centers are showing greater volume this year than last, while others have dropped below their average. In the middle west, for instance, with Chicago's activity slackened, there has been a drop in building permits. San Francisco, Washington, Newark, Cleveland, Baltimore, Houston, Boston, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Buffalo and Louisville have all shown a trend toward hesitancy in construction.

"On the other hand, cities such as Los Angeles, Seattle, Portland, Milwaukee, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, and Atlanta have chalked up new records. Detroit, Philadelphia and New York have all shown increases of substantial totals.

"In the Indiana Limestone Company quarries business is going forward at greater speed than ever before. Towering skyscrapers, beautiful cathedrals and all other types of construction are consuming a vast monthly output of stone."

Firm Lumber Demand Continues.

Unfilled orders for softwood lumber reported for the week ended Mar. 2 continued at approximately the high level established during the previous week, representing a production equivalent of 26.4 days, as against the previous figure of 26.7 days (revised figures). Telegraphic reports from 793 hardwood and softwood mills to the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association for the week ended Mar. 2 showed shipments during that period amounting to 343,559,000 feet and new business calling for 362,686,000 feet. For the week earlier shipments were shown as 361,584,000 feet for 819 mills, while new business for these mills amounted to 391,652,000 feet. Production for the week ended Mar. 2 was reported as 345,388,000 feet by 793 mills, while 27 more mills the preceding week reported production as 347,886,000 feet.

For the nine weeks of the year to date, orders received for softwoods were 14% above production. For hardwoods, new business received during the nine weeks of the year totaled 4% above production. A good demand for hardwood lumber continues and 316 mills report new business amounting to 52,534,000 feet for the week ended Mar. 2, as against orders reported by 340 mills (units) for the week ended Feb. 23 amounting to 54,673,000 feet, or a decline of only 2,000,000 feet with 24 fewer mills reporting. The Association adds:

Unfilled Orders.

The unfilled orders of 347 Southern Pine and West Coast mills at the end of last week amounted to 1,057,447,517 feet, as against 1,049,162,149 feet for 344 mills the previous week. The 151 identical Southern Pine mills in the group showed unfilled orders of 265,215,517 feet last week, as against 265,048,149 feet for the week before. For the 196 West Coast mills the unfilled orders were 792,232,000 feet, as against 784,114,000 feet for 193 mills a week earlier. Altogether the 513 reporting softwood mills had shipments 99% and orders 104% of actual production. For the Southern Pine mills these percentages were respectively 103 and 103; and for the West Coast mills 92 and 97. Of the reporting mills, the 513 with an established

normal production for the week of 302,024,000 feet gave actual production 99%, shipments 98% and orders 103% thereof.

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

	Past Week.		Preceding Week 1929 (Revised).	
	Softwood.	Hardwood.	Softwood.	Hardwood.
Mills (or units)*-----	513	316	539	340
Production-----	297,869,000	47,519,000	292,815,000	55,071,000
Shipments-----	295,847,000	47,712,000	309,637,000	51,947,000
Orders (new business)-----	310,152,000	52,534,000	336,979,000	54,673,000

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

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wires from Seattle that new business for the 196 mills reporting for the week ended Mar. 2 totaled 173,801,000 feet, of which 47,488,000 feet was for domestic cargo delivery and 30,146,000 feet export. New business by rail amounted to 81,390,000 feet and local orders 14,777,000. Shipments totaled 165,135,000 feet, of which 47,046,000 feet moved coastwise and intercoastal and 32,747,000 feet export. Rail shipments totaled 70,565,000 feet and local deliveries 14,777,000 feet. Unshipped orders totaled 792,232,000 feet, of which domestic cargo orders totaled 293,210,000 feet, foreign 246,443,000 feet and rail trade 252,579,000 feet. Weekly capacity of these mills is 225,460,000 feet. For the eight weeks ended Feb. 23 orders reported by 143 identical mills were 16.1% over production and shipments were .09% over production. The same mills show a decrease of .06% in inventories on Feb. 23 as compared with Jan. 1.

Southern Pine Reports.

The Southern Pine Association reports from New Orleans that for 151 mills reporting shipments were 2.87% above production, and orders 3.12% above production and 0.25% above shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 68,327,986 feet (previous week 66,842,595); shipments 68,160,618 feet (previous week 63,704,445); and production 66,258,149 feet (previous week 64,475,730). The normal production (three-year average) of these mills is 75,235,054 feet.

The Western Pine Manufacturers' Association of Portland, Ore., reports production from 25 mills as 17,589,000 feet, as compared with a normal production for the week of 17,752,000. Twenty-six mills the previous week reported production as 18,891,000 feet. Shipments were slightly less last week and new business slightly larger.

The California White and Sugar Pine Manufacturers' Association of San Francisco reports production from 18 mills as 9,611,000 feet, as compared with a normal figure for the week of 9,883,000. Twenty-two mills the week before reported production as 10,203,000 feet. Shipments showed a nominal decrease last week and new business showed a considerable reduction.

The California Redwood Association of San Francisco reports production from 13 mills as 7,207,000 feet, compared with a normal figure of 7,729,000, and for the week earlier 7,028,000. Shipments were somewhat lower last week and new business showed a substantial increase.

The North Carolina Pine Association of Norfolk, Va., reports production from 71 mills as 9,012,000 feet, against a normal production for the week of 10,448,000. Sixty-eight mills the preceding week reported production as 8,822,000 feet. Shipments were about the same last week, while new business showed a small decrease.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers' Association of Minneapolis, Minn., reports production from nine mills as 3,928,000 feet, as compared with a normal figure for the week of 6,706,000, and for the previous week 4,073,000. Shipments showed a slight increase and new business a slight decrease last week.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers' Association of Oshkosh, Wis. (in its softwood production), reports production from 26 mills as 3,469,000 feet, as compared with a normal production for the week of 3,410,000. Twenty-seven mills the week earlier reported production as 3,448,000 feet. There were notable reductions in shipments and new business last week.

Hardwood Reports.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers' Association of Oshkosh, Wis., reports production from 36 units as 7,754,000 feet, as compared with a normal figure for the week of 9,228,000. Thirty-nine units the preceding week reported production as 8,354,000 feet. There were no noteworthy changes in shipments and new business last week.

The Hardwood Manufacturers' Institute of Memphis, Tenn., reports production from 280 units as 39,765,000 feet, as against a normal production for the week of 50,402,000, and for the week before 41,991,000. Shipments and orders were about the same as those reported for the week earlier.

Detailed softwood and hardwood statistics for reporting mills of the comparably reporting regional associations will be found below:

Association—	Production.	Shipments.	Orders.	Normal Production for Week.
Southern Pine (9 weeks)---	596,422,000	603,382,000	632,531,000	
Week (151 mills)-----	66,258,000	68,161,000	68,328,000	75,235,000
West Coast Lumbermen's—				
Nine weeks-----	1,332,707,000	1,303,504,000	1,459,752,000	
Week (200 mills)-----	180,795,000	166,114,000	174,889,000	170,861,000
Western Pine Mfrs. (9 wks.)---	197,295,000	241,716,000	272,601,000	
Week (25 mills)-----	17,589,000	20,372,000	26,482,000	17,752,000
Calif. White & Sug. Pine—				
Nine weeks-----	120,822,000	219,156,000	219,092,000	
Week (18 mills)-----	9,611,000	18,158,000	16,931,000	9,883,000
Calif. Redwood (9 weeks)---	58,874,000	58,095,000	67,572,000	
Week (13 mills)-----	7,207,000	5,084,000	9,270,000	7,729,000
No. Caro. Pine (9 weeks)---	86,634,000	82,714,000	71,997,000	
Week (71 mills)-----	9,012,000	7,962,000	7,996,000	10,448,000
North. Pine Mfrs. (9 weeks)---	35,679,000	62,160,000	64,984,000	
Week (9 mills)-----	3,928,000	8,290,000	4,175,000	6,706,000
Nor. Hemlock & Hardw'd—				
Softwoods (9 weeks)-----	40,103,000	26,738,000	33,846,000	
Week (26 mills)-----	3,469,000	1,706,000	2,081,000	3,410,000
Softwoods total (9 wks.)---	2,468,536,000	2,597,465,000	2,822,375,000	
Week (513 mills)-----	297,869,000	295,847,000	310,152,000	
No. Hemlock & Hardw'd—				
Hardwoods (9 weeks)-----	110,236,000	78,022,000	78,785,000	
Week (36 units)-----	7,754,000	5,065,000	6,003,000	9,228,000
Hardwood Mfrs. Institute—				
Nine weeks-----	355,688,000	378,647,000	404,214,000	
Week (280 units)-----	39,765,000	42,647,000	46,531,000	50,402,000
Hardwood total (9 wks.)---	465,924,000	456,669,000	482,999,000	
Week (316 units)-----	47,519,000	47,712,000	52,534,000	59,630,000

West Coast Lumbermen's Association Weekly Report.

According to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association, reports from 199 mills show that for the week ended Feb. 23 shipments were 4.2% under production, while orders exceeded output by 3.3%. The Association's statement follows:

WEEKLY REPORT OF PRODUCTION, ORDERS AND SHIPMENTS
199 mills report for week ended Feb. 23 1929

(All mills reporting production orders and shipments.)

Production	Orders	Shipments.
167,534,177 feet	173,026,572 feet	160,620,820 feet
100%	3.3% over production	4.2% under production

COMPARISON OF ACTUAL PRODUCTION AND WEEKLY OPERATING CAPACITY (247 IDENTICAL MILLS)
(All mills reporting production for 1928 and 1929 to date.)

Actual Production	Average Weekly	Average Weekly	% Weekly
Week Ended	Production 8 Weeks	Production	Operating
Feb. 23 1929.	Feb. 23 1929.	During 1928.	Capacity.
184,986,332 feet	159,483,650 feet	195,025,332 feet	258,419,811 feet

x Weekly operating capacity is based on average hourly production for the 12 last months preceding mill check and the normal number of operating hours per week.

WEEKLY COMPARISON FOR 193 IDENTICAL MILLS—1929.

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

Weeks Ended—	Feb. 23.	Feb. 16.	Feb. 9.	Feb. 2.
Production (feet)-----	165,493,355	133,049,802	122,749,021	110,919,602
Orders (feet)-----	171,011,798	162,110,913	158,547,468	147,990,279
Rail-----	68,447,688	65,855,027	63,188,176	57,372,609
Domestic cargo-----	61,493,154	63,353,429	67,392,865	57,091,594
Export-----	32,126,788	21,065,815	22,403,328	25,689,059
Local-----	8,944,168	11,836,642	5,563,099	7,837,017
Shipments (feet)-----	158,557,828	152,046,801	127,902,256	127,226,497
Rail-----	64,813,953	52,208,346	46,227,212	44,147,494
Domestic cargo-----	58,457,793	62,252,947	52,808,963	45,988,879
Export-----	26,341,914	25,748,866	23,302,982	29,253,107
Local-----	8,944,168	11,836,642	5,563,099	7,837,017
Unfilled orders (feet)-----	784,114,665	780,743,389	776,629,570	748,641,209
Rail-----	242,217,656	240,039,208	226,611,727	210,479,808
Domestic cargo-----	291,777,859	292,393,473	294,004,218	280,323,435
Export-----	250,119,150	248,310,708	256,013,625	257,837,966

111 IDENTICAL MILLS.

All mills whose reports of production, orders and shipments are complete for 1928 and 1929 to date.)

	Week Ended	Average 8	Average 8
	Feb. 23 '29.	Feb. 23 '29.	Feb. 25 '28.
Production (feet)-----	102,667,421	93,593,327	102,227,091
Orders (feet)-----	117,095,150	106,175,016	108,003,979
Shipments (feet)-----	103,945,332	93,202,720	98,208,230

DOMESTIC CARGO DISTRIBUTION—WEEK ENDED FEB. 16 '29 (107 Mills)

	Orders on	Orders	Cancel-	Ship-	Unfilled
	Hand				Weeks	Orders
	Begin'g	Received.	lations.	ments.	Week
	Week				Ended
	Feb. 16 '29.				Feb. 16 '29.
Washington & Oregon (91 Mills)---					
California-----	94,804,362	25,734,068	2,278,500	19,446,195	98,903,735
Atlantic Coast-----	148,813,097	20,374,354	161,750	33,798,752	135,226,949
Miscellaneous-----	4,421,501	3,547,551	None	81,000	7,888,052
Total Wash. & Oregon.	248,128,960	49,655,973	2,440,250	53,325,947	242,018,736
Brit. Col. (16 Mills)---					
California-----	636,443	608,000	None	415,206	829,237
Atlantic Coast-----	13,594,250	6,246,943	25,000	4,133,249	15,682,944
Miscellaneous-----	1,201,691	2,516,184	None	91,130	3,626,745
Total British Columbia	15,432,384	9,371,127	25,000	4,639,585	20,138,926
Total domestic cargo---	263,561,344	59,027,100	2,465,250	57,965,532	262,157,662

International Paper Co. Announces \$62 a Ton as Newprint Price for 1929.

Regarding the price of newsprint paper announced this week by the International Paper Co., the "Times" of March 6 stated:

The International Paper Co. has advised its customers in the Northern territory of its new price list for 1929. The method of quoting prices has been simplified by stating the price as including freight to destination. The price per ton to the southeastern portion of New York State, including New York City, is \$62, as compared with the previous rate of \$66.

Hitherto it has been the custom to quote prices to customers at the mill, with the additional statement of the cost of freight to the destination named as a separate item. J. L. Fearing, Vice-President of the company, explained yesterday that the freight cost is now absorbed in the single item of selling price. He said this method was simpler, since the publishers were concerned only with the cost at destination and not in a separate itemization of cost at mill and freight to destination.

According to the formal announcement sent out to its customers by the company, signed by Mr. Fearing, the reduction now announced gives all New York publishers a price reduction similar to that accorded the Hearst publications last January. Following reports that the Hearst publications had received a lower price, F. I. Ker, General Manager of the Hamilton "Spectator," a member of the newsprint committee of both the Canadian Daily Newspaper Association and the American Newspaper Publishers Association, declared that contract price differentials favoring the Hearst publications in the United States would be resisted "to the utmost" by newspaper publishers, who for more than twenty years have made contracts with newsprint manufacturers on the basis of a uniform price to all customers.

"On Oct. 30 1928, we wired you that we had closed a contract for a term of years with the Hearst publications at prices lower than our previously announced schedules for 1929, and that as soon as our new schedule for the entire territory served by us could be worked out we would give you the benefit of a reduced price," the statement to the company's customers read. "We now wish to advise you that our contract with the Hearst publications is for a term of five years, from Jan. 1 1929, with no rebates or commissions either directly or indirectly." After pointing out that two forms of contract, a five-year term and a five-year and continuing term, were offered to customers, the announcement calls attention to prices as being "at all times our standard price for your destination," and that prices hereafter would continue to be worked out on that basis.

Prices quoted to New England, except Southwestern Connecticut, is \$61.50 Northern New York generally, \$61.50 Chicago and northeastern

fringe of Illinois, \$62 Central Illinois, including St. Louis, Mo., \$63, and southern Illinois, \$64.

The announcement further says that the company "has not deviated from its uniform-price policy and that its smaller customers obtain the same price schedule as its larger ones."

Price schedules for points south of the Potomac and Ohio Rivers, it was said, are not yet ready.

In our issue of Jan. 26 (page 487) we referred to reports that the price of \$55 a ton for newsprint for 1929 had been agreed to, but it was indicated in the account we published that the International Paper had refused to comment on that report. Various reports as to price agreements have since been current—only last week—Feb. 27, newspapers having alluded to reports in which it was said that a price agreement fixing \$55.20 a ton, with 75% limit on production had been reached. As to this the International Paper Co. issued the following statement on Feb. 27:

Report that an agreement between newsprint manufacturers and publishers concerning prices and limiting production had been reached here recently is incorrect so far as we know. We are not a party to any agreement limiting production and fixing prices. We have no knowledge of the \$55.20 price. Our prices for 1929 have not been determined, but we hope to communicate our revised price schedule directly to our customers early next week.

Report That Strike at Lynn (Mass.) Shoe Plant is Virtually Ended.

The "Wall Street News" of yesterday (Mar. 8) reported a despatch from Lynn, Mass., as stating that the strike of the Lynn shoe workers was virtually at an end. Only 75 of the 1,700 workers who walked out remained away from their places of employment, it is said. The strike was referred to in our issue of March 2, page 1301.

Report of Finishers of Cotton Fabrics.

The National Association of Finishers of Cotton Fabrics, at the request of the Federal Reserve Board, arranges for a monthly survey within the industry. The results of the inquiries are herewith presented in tabular form. The Secretary of the Association makes the following statement concerning the tabulation:

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

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

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

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENTS OF FINISHED COTTON FABRICS.

December 1928.	White Goods.	Dyed Goods.	Printed Goods.	Total.
Total finished yds. billed during month				
District 1	8,691,177	17,058,765	12,214,831	42,530,049
2	4,753,021	566,540	3,299,139	15,470,123
3	7,331,945	4,197,581	-----	11,529,526
5	4,935,433	1,062,880	-----	5,998,313
8	3,583,868	-----	-----	3,583,868
Total	29,295,444	22,885,766	15,513,970	79,111,879
Total gray yardage of finishing orders received—				
District 1	10,716,710	13,709,583	11,506,161	38,110,844
2	5,534,871	3,892,306	2,071,686	15,546,642
3	6,778,299	3,516,964	-----	10,295,263
5	5,334,363	1,324,811	-----	6,659,174
8	3,805,023	-----	-----	3,805,023
Total	32,169,266	22,443,664	13,577,847	74,416,946
No. of cases finished goods shipped to customers—				
District 1	4,516	3,957	3,041	22,477
2	4,875	500	-----	13,388
3	4,035	2,118	-----	6,153
5	3,740	-----	-----	3,740
8	1,829	-----	-----	1,829
Total	18,995	6,575	3,041	47,587
No. of cases of finished goods held in storage at end of month—				
District 1	2,867	3,562	3,286	17,826
2	4,543	470	-----	12,329
3	946	-----	-----	6,028
5	1,759	-----	-----	1,759
8	736	-----	-----	736
Total	10,851	4,032	3,286	38,678
Total average % of capacity operated	<i>White and Dyed Combined.</i>			
District 1	58	-----	82	62
2	51	-----	90	60
3	58	-----	-----	58
5	50	-----	-----	50
8	149	-----	-----	149
Average for all districts	58	85	62	
Total average work ahead at end of month expressed in days—				
District 1	3.5	-----	20.2	6.7
2	2.6	-----	10.1	3.6
3	3.3	-----	-----	3.3
5	3.8	-----	-----	3.8
8	19.2	-----	-----	19.2
Average for all districts	3.7	19.0	5.6	

January 1929.	White Goods.	Dyed Goods.	Printed Goods.	Total.
Total finished yds. billed during month				
District 1	10,521,421	13,749,856	13,378,500	42,509,696
2	4,547,281	662,649	3,975,470	16,586,395
3	7,441,317	3,524,755	-----	10,966,072
5	6,441,502	1,652,591	-----	8,094,093
8	4,261,471	-----	-----	4,261,471
Total	33,212,992	19,589,851	17,353,970	82,517,727
Total gray yardage of finishing orders received—				
District 1	12,653,119	16,154,401	13,281,861	44,715,211
2	6,398,871	4,680,576	2,180,753	17,448,031
3	8,347,858	4,308,180	-----	12,656,038
5	6,241,142	1,837,043	-----	8,078,185
8	4,184,269	-----	-----	4,184,269
Total	37,825,259	26,980,200	15,462,614	87,081,734
No. of cases finished goods shipped to customers—				
District 1	5,066	5,567	4,146	27,699
2	3,923	758	-----	12,999
3	4,635	2,409	-----	7,044
5	4,911	-----	-----	4,911
8	1,923	-----	-----	1,923
Total	20,458	8,734	4,146	54,576
No. of cases of finished goods held in storage at end of month—				
District 1	2,860	3,662	2,733	16,087
2	3,829	731	-----	11,659
3	909	-----	-----	6,166
5	1,749	-----	-----	1,749
8	713	-----	-----	713
Total	10,070	4,393	2,733	36,374
Total average % of capacity operated	<i>White and Dyed Combined.</i>			
District 1	59	-----	86	63
2	50	-----	101	62
3	63	-----	-----	63
5	65	-----	-----	65
8	164	-----	-----	164
Average for all districts	61	91	65	
Total average work ahead at end of month expressed in days—				
District 1	3.7	-----	20.2	6.9
2	2.7	-----	7.7	3.6
3	2.8	-----	-----	2.8
5	4.0	-----	-----	4.0
8	18.2	-----	-----	18.2
Average for all districts	3.8	18.6	5.6	

Silk Imports Declined in February—Deliveries to American Mills and Stocks on Hand Also Lower.

According to the Silk Association of America, Inc., imports of raw silk during February totaled 43,278 bales, a decrease of 15,106 bales as compared with the preceding month and is also 1,550 bales below the total for the month of Feb. 1928. Approximate deliveries to American mills in Feb. 1929 amounted to 46,228 bales as against 50,679 bales in the corresponding period last year and 57,349 bales in Jan. 1929. Stocks of raw silk on March 1 1929, amounted to 46,993 bales, as compared with 49,943 bales on Feb. 1 1929 and 41,677 bales on March 1 1928. The following statistics have also been released by the Silk Association:

RAW SILK IN STORAGE MARCH 1 1929.

(As reported by the principal warehouses in New York City and Hoboken.)

	European.	Japan.	All Other.	Total.
Stocks Feb. 1 1929	964	42,576	6,403	49,943
Imports month of Feb. 1929 x	497	38,855	3,926	43,278
Total amount available during February	1,461	81,431	10,329	93,221
Stocks March 1 1929 z	890	41,090	5,013	46,993
Apr. deliv. to Amer. mills during Feb. y	571	40,341	5,316	46,228

SUMMARY.

	Imports During the Month x			Storage at End of Month x		
	1929.	1928.	1927.	1929.	1928.	1927.
January	58,384	46,408	48,456	49,943	47,528	52,627
February	43,278	44,828	33,991	46,993	41,677	43,758
March	-----	50,520	38,600	-----	40,186	33,116
April	-----	36,555	46,486	-----	35,483	31,749
May	-----	52,972	49,264	-----	42,088	35,527
June	-----	45,090	42,809	-----	41,127	37,024
July	-----	38,670	47,856	-----	38,866	43,841
August	-----	62,930	59,819	-----	50,975	56,618
September	-----	47,286	52,475	-----	50,454	58,986
October	-----	48,857	51,207	-----	49,381	62,366
November	-----	48,134	36,650	-----	49,806	52,069
December	-----	44,128	44,828	-----	48,908	53,540
Total	101,662	566,373	552,441	-----	-----	-----
Average monthly	50,831	47,198	46,037	48,468	44,707	46,768

	Approximate Deliveries to American Mills y			Approximate Amount in Transit Between Japan & New York, End of Month.		
	1929.	1928.	1927.	1929.	1928.	1927.
January	57,349	62,420	48,307	31,000	25,000	17,700
February	46,228	50,679	42,860	30,000	23,500	19,000
March	-----	52,011	49,242	-----	19,200	21,700
April	-----	41,288	47,853	-----	28,500	25,000
May	-----	46,367	45,456	-----	24,000	22,900
June	-----	46,051	41,312	-----	17,600	26,600
July	-----	40,931	41,039	-----	32,300	29,000
August	-----	50,821	47,042	-----	27,500	28,400
September	-----	47,797	50,107	-----	25,600	21,500
October	-----	49,940	47,827	-----	31,200	18,500
November	-----	47,709	46,947	-----	22,800	26,900
December	-----	45,026	43,357	-----	42,500	33,500
Total	103,577	571,010	551,379	-----	-----	-----
Average monthly	51,788	47,584	45,948	30,500	26,642	24,225

x Imports at New York during current month and at Pacific ports previous to the time allowed in transit across the Continent (covered by Manifests 26 to 47 inclusive). y Includes re-exports. z Includes 1,730 bales held at railroad terminals at end of month. Stocks in warehouses include National Raw Silk Exchange certified stocks 3,410 bales.

Sales of Fertilizer in Cotton States Show Substantial Reduction.

Sales of fertilizer this spring in the Cotton States have been substantially less than a year ago, it was reported on March 1 by the National Fertilizer association, which bases its statement on reports of actual shipments of fertilizer submitted to the association by about 100 firms representing about 65% of the total tonnage of fertilizer used in the South. All the larger companies are included in the survey. The association states that actual shipments of fertilizer for January 1929, were 68% of those for January 1928, in the Southern States from Virginia to Texas, inclusive, but exclusive of Florida, Missouri and Oklahoma. For the first 23 days of February 1929, shipments were 60% of those for the same period a year ago.

The Association points out that weather has been unfavorable, which has retarded the normal movement of fertilizer. This situation may interfere with farmers getting their fertilizer when they want it. Restrictive credit is also said by the Association to be checking normal fertilizer sales. Despite the decrease in sales, which indicates a substantial reduction in sales for the season, it is stated that the fertilizer industry is not particularly over-stocked. Imports of fertilizer materials in January 1929, were 15.6% less than a year ago.

Production of Cigarette Tobacco in 1928 Exceeded That of Smoking Tobacco and Snuff Tobacco.

Under date of Feb. 26 an announcement issued by the American Tobacco Co. said:

Production of cigarette tobacco in 1928 for the first time exceeded the production of smoking tobacco and snuff tobacco combined. The margin in favor of cigarette tobacco was about 2,000,000 pounds, due to continued increase in cigarette smoking to a present high level of almost 106,000,000,000 cigarettes annually.

The total tobacco production of all sorts last year also showed a gain, as the larger production for cigarette manufacture more than offset the decline in production of tobacco for pipes. The demand for snuff showed a slight increase.

The same factors which resulted in gains for cigarettes caused a decline in pipe tobacco, a survey indicates. Coarser grades of "dark" tobacco, used for pipe smoking, are not equal to the superior "light leaf" cigarette tobacco subjected to a process of toasting treatment for eliminating impurities. The ease of carrying cigarettes in a form ready to be smoked, together with the improved flavor of the toasting process, contributed to ascendancy of cigarettes and caused a decline in pipe smoking, in the opinion of tobacco experts.

Petroleum and Its Products—Crudes Suffer No Further Reduction—Output Average Again Higher.

Another week is past with no changes made in the posted prices for crude petroleum in any field in the United States. In fact no changes of real importance have been made since the general reduction in mid-January, when Mid-Continent crude was cut an average of 16 cents a barrel and prices in various other Texas and Gulf Coast fields suffered a decline.

Production of crude in the week ended Mar. 2 averaged 2,709,900 barrels, a new high record. This figure topped by 15,000 barrels a day the previous high record made during the week ended Feb. 23. The week of Feb. 16 was the only one since November in which a new high daily average production figure was not attained.

The evident failure of the proration plan adopted in Oklahoma and effective Feb. 15, which called for the curtailment of production to 650,000 barrels daily, has called for a revision of the proration schedules in the greater Seminole field. Oklahoma production averaged 713,000 barrels daily during the week ended Mar. 2. It was 703,400 barrels the week of Feb. 23 and 708,200 barrels Feb. 16. At no time during the operation of the proration plan has the output come within 50,000 barrels of the 650,000 barrels limit set for the State.

A new proration schedule for the principal Oklahoma fields was put into effect March 3, following a 24-hour period of letting wells run wide open, March 2. The revised allowance for the greater Seminole area is 75% of potential output; St. Louis pool, 73%; and Maud-Mission, 69%. These percentages will be followed until March 16, when a new gauging of potential output will be obtained.

One of the problems which has partially nullified all the proration schemes adopted in Oklahoma and elsewhere has been that of new wells brought in. The proration allowances have been fairly well lived up to in most cases and if the existing wells were all that had to be dealt with, proration would have attained a much greater measure of success. The trouble has been that after the allowed production in each field, pool and well has been carefully worked out, new wells have been brought in, thus throwing

the whole plan out of kilter. This condition has made it necessary to revise proration schedules every few weeks, and even then the production reported has always been higher than that planned when the proration schedules were made out.

Operators in the various fields of California are getting together for the purpose of cutting the total output of the State from its present figure of around 800,000 barrels daily to 600,000 barrels daily.

Members of the Santa Fe Springs Conservation Committee are canvassing operators in the field in an effort to secure concerted action in the lowering of production. The committee is preaching that one way to secure a radical decrease is to stop the development of the deep sands for at least six months. It is the oil from these recently found sands which has boosted California production over the 800,000 barrels a day mark for the past two weeks. Ventura and Signal Hill operators are also giving consideration to the problem of overproduction.

The American Petroleum Institute committee charged with evolving plans to curtail crude oil production in the United States and South America is expected to make a report on its preliminary investigation of the situation within a few days. The four group committees are sifting out the many plans suggested by members of the institute and others and are expected to have something definite to put forward before long.

Production in Venezuela, now second only to the United States in oil output, showed a slight decrease in the week ended March 2. Venezuela Oil Concessions, Ltd., reports a daily average of 131,298 barrels against 133,082 barrels daily the week before. Lago Oil & Transport Co. produced an average of 96,724 barrels daily as compared with 113,768 barrels in the previous week.

The plan of six-day-a-week operation of wells, initiated in Oklahoma by the Barnsdall Oil Co. and Prairie Oil & Gas Co., with a complete shut-down on Sunday, has had no evil effect on the wells, according to its sponsors. Many operators had said this shut-down would permanently injure the wells, cutting down their flow Mondays when the wells were opened, and reducing the total production to be obtained. This has not been the experience of those who have led the movement. Barnsdall's production of 19,411 barrels a day in the Seminole field was cut to 311 barrels Sunday, March 4. Production from this same group of wells the next day, March 4, was 19,195 barrels. It is expected that other companies, notably the Tidal Oil Co., Mid-Continent Petroleum Corp., and Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Co., will further extend their trials of the Sunday shut-down.

Prices of Typical Crudes per Barrel at Wells.

(All gravities, where A. P. I. degrees are not shown.)

Bradford, Pa.	\$4.10	Smackover, Ark., over 24	\$3.90
Corning, Ohio	1.75	Smackover, Ark., below 24	1.75
Cabell, W. Va.	1.45	El Dorado, Ark., 34	1.14
Illinois	1.45	Uranian, La.	.90
Western Kentucky	1.53	Salt Creek, Wyo., 37	1.23
Midcontinent, Oklahoma, 37	1.23	Sunburst, Mont.	1.65
Corsicana, Tex., heavy	.80	Artesia, N. Mex.	1.08
Hutchinson, Tex., 35	.87	Santa Fe Springs, Calif., 33	1.35
Luling, Tex.	.80	Midway-Sunset, Calif., 22	.80
Spindletop, Tex., grade A	1.20	Huntington, Calif., 26	1.09
Spindletop, Tex., below 25	1.05	Ventura, Calif., 30	1.18
Winkler, Tex.	.65	Petrolia, Canada	1.90

REFINERY PRODUCTS—NEW YORK BULK GASOLINE WEAKENS FURTHER—SERVICE STATION PRICES HOLD STEADY.

The principal change in the refined oils market during the week is that of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, which cut the price of U. S. Motor gasoline, f.o.b. Bayonne, $\frac{1}{4}$ c. per gallon to $9\frac{1}{4}$ c. This, however, is only an asking price. Business is being done at an $\frac{1}{8}$ c. to a $\frac{1}{4}$ c. below the official figure and no bones are made of the fact that this posted price is only a nominal one. What business there is to-day is subject to intense competition and prices are being shaded in every quarter to get it. There seems but little doubt that, as has been the case in recent weeks, the quoted price will be brought down to the figure at which business is passing before better weather and the spring demand send prices for gasoline up again.

Kerosene was quiet in Eastern markets during the week. Jobbing demand is letting up, as at this season stocks are kept at a minimum in anticipation of the drop in consumer demand to be expected within a few weeks. The price is off $\frac{1}{4}$ c. per gallon, now being $8\frac{1}{4}$ c. f.o.b. refinery or terminal.

Tank wagon and service station prices for gasoline are holding steady throughout the country. A slight readjustment has been made at Atlanta, with a cut of 2c. to 2½c. per gallon, but this was only a local affair.

In the Midcontinent market, there was a notable increase in inquiries coming in from large jobbers and car lot marketers for U. S. Motor gasoline to be shipped over the next thirty to sixty days at the refiner's convenience. The higher test gasolines were generally inactive with no interest being shown by the export concerns. Kerosenes are strong on a light demand from jobbers. Activity in all grades of distillates and household burning oils continues at about the same rate as during the past month. The demand for these oils far exceeds the spot supply, but this situation is expected to ease up with warmer weather the last of the month.

The Chicago bulk gasoline market is strong, with nearly all sellers reporting a better demand. Roads are still in poor condition for driving in the Middle West but milder temperatures have encouraged jobbers to buy, even if they have to increase their stocks slightly. Demand for kerosene is also good at Chicago, with prices steady for prompt shipment at 5 3/4c. per gallon for 41-43 water white. Spot kerosene is scarce.

California bulk gasoline prices are suffering a rapid decrease in the wild scramble for business. Small refiners with surplus stocks must move them. They are offering tank car lots as low as 7c., and 8c. per gallon is the generally quoted open price. The service station situation is no better. Posted prices mean almost nothing and unheard of concessions in price and service are being offered at filling stations in an effort to lure retail trade away from the other fellow.

The gasoline tax situation in New York State shows no change except that there is an increasing pressure being put on senators and assemblymen by the various automobile associations which have gone on record against the tax. In addition to this there is the complication of several 2-cent per gallon tax bills having been introduced. The bills all call for the same tax, but differ radically as to how the proceeds are to be spent, especially in the percentage of the receipts to be passed over to cities and that to be spent on rural highways.

The Pennsylvania State gasoline tax will be increased from 3 cents to 4 cents on July 1 as an emergency measure to furnish funds to continue the highway construction program. The increase is effective until Jan. 1 1930 when revenue from license tags is expected to take its place.

Price changes during the week follow:

March 2—Continental Oil Co. reduces tank-wagon and service station gasoline 2c. at Denver, making the prices 14c. and 16c.

March 2—Pennsylvania refiners reduce gasoline 1/4c. per gallon.

March 4—Pan-American Petroleum reduces service station gasoline 2c. a gallon to 21c. at Atlanta. Gulf Oil, Texas Co. and Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky meet cut.

March 5—Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey reduces bulk gasoline, f.o.b. refinery, 1/4c., making the new price 9 1/4c. per gallon.

Prices are:

Gasoline, U. S. Motor, Tankcar Lots, F.O.B. Refinery.			
New York (Bayonne) 09 3/4	Arkansas.....07 1/4	North Louisiana.....07 1/4	
Export, cases.....26 1/4	California.....08	North Texas.....06 1/2	
Chicago.....06 1/4	Los Angeles, export.....07 1/4	Oklahoma.....07	
New Orleans.....07 3/4	Gulf Coast, export.....08 1/4	Pennsylvania.....09 1/4	

Gasoline, Service Station, Tax Included.			
New York.....19	Cincinnati.....18	Minneapolis.....182	
Atlanta.....21	Denver.....16	New Orleans.....195	
Baltimore.....22	Detroit.....188	Philadelphia.....20	
Boston.....20	Houston.....20	San Francisco.....17	
Buffalo.....15	Jacksonville.....24	Spokane.....205	
Chicago.....15	Kansas City.....179	St. Louis.....169	

Kerosene, 41-43 Water White, Tankcar Lots, F.O.B. Refinery.			
New York (Bayonne) 08 1/4	Chicago.....05 1/4	New Orleans.....06 1/4	
Export, cases.....189	Los Angeles, export.....05 1/4	Tulsa.....05 1/4	

Fuel Oil, 18-22 Degree, F.O.B. Refinery or Terminal.			
New York (Bayonne) 1.05	Los Angeles.....70	Gulf Coast.....65	
Diesel.....2.00	New Orleans.....85	Chicago.....55	

Gas Oil, 32-36 Degree, F.O.B. Refinery or Terminal.			
New York (Bayonne) 05 1/4	Chicago.....02 1/4	Tulsa.....02 1/4	

Oil Operators in Oklahoma Vote to Restrict Output to 650,000 Barrels from March 1-16.

Under date of March 4, Associated Press advices from Tulsa, Okla., announced that oil operators had agreed to restrict the crude output to 650,000 barrels daily in Oklahoma from March 1 to March 16. It was further stated in the dispatches:

Production in the greater Seminole area is reported to 75% of potential output, St. Louis, 73%, and Maud-Mission area 69%.

The potential output was established by allowing the producing wells to flow wide open for twenty-four hours beginning at 7 o'clock March 1. This test gave the potential output of Seminole proper as 42,840 barrels Bowlegs, 45,209; Earlsboro, 68,599; Searight, 1,649; Little River, 102,885; St. Louis, 128,947; Maud, 38,971, and Mission, 44,613. Under the operation pact, only 353,230 barrels daily will be produced or 117,883 under the potential output.

The agreement provides also that all drilling wells reaching the top of sand in the first half of March shall be shut down for eight days, exclusive of ordinary operating shutdowns, such as waiting for cement to set, waiting for pipe or other delays.

The operation period running from Feb. 1 to March 1 surpassed the hopes of most optimistic operating companies, with few exceptions, pinched in their wells and it is estimated during the entire fifteen days the total actual production was within 50,000 barrels of the production permitted for the entire period.

The Oklahoma City Wells's production is dropping sharply and officials of the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Co., subsidiary of Cities Service

Co., owner of the well, are considerably worried. The present output of the well is 4,087 barrels against 5,000 last week. This decrease, however, may help the shutdown movement instituted by H. B. Foster, president of the company, who is willing to pinch the well in completely, if the owners of drilling wells will stop operations at present depths.

A meeting of operators to settle Oklahoma City production will be held March 9 at Oklahoma City.]

In an item appearing in our issue of Feb. 9, page 807 referring to the restriction of the output of crude oil in Oklahoma to 650,000 barrels daily, it was stated that that figure would remain in effect until another meeting was deemed necessary to change it.

Crude Oil Output in United States Rising to New High Levels.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Mar. 2 1929 was 2,702,900 barrels, as compared with 2,694,150 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 8,750 barrels. Compared with the output for the week ended Mar. 3 1928 of 2,356,750 barrels per day, the current figures show an increase of 346,150 barrels daily. The daily average production east of California for the week ended Mar. 2 1929 was 1,901,100 barrels, as compared with 1,885,950 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 15,150 barrels. The following estimates of daily average gross production by districts are for the weeks shown below:

Weeks Ended—	DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION.			
	Mar. 2 '29	Feb. 23 '29	Feb. 16 '29	Mar. 3 '28
Oklahoma.....	713,000	703,400	708,200	653,950
Kansas.....	95,700	95,500	95,950	112,750
Panhandle Texas.....	56,100	55,250	51,650	72,850
North Texas.....	82,050	83,000	83,700	68,200
West Central Texas.....	53,450	53,500	53,700	52,800
West Texas.....	386,250	384,500	372,150	305,600
East Central Texas.....	20,650	21,400	21,350	23,100
Southwest Texas.....	61,250	58,600	52,800	23,400
North Louisiana.....	35,700	35,700	36,150	45,300
Arkansas.....	74,400	76,100	76,850	86,700
Coastal Texas.....	122,850	121,500	121,000	99,450
Coastal Louisiana.....	20,650	20,900	21,550	19,000
Eastern.....	107,100	107,850	108,600	103,000
Wyoming.....	52,250	51,300	54,500	55,850
Montana.....	9,400	8,500	10,000	10,950
Colorado.....	7,450	6,300	6,900	7,250
New Mexico.....	2,850	2,650	1,750	2,100
California.....	801,800	808,200	798,100	614,400
Total.....	2,702,900	2,694,150	2,674,900	2,356,750

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 Mar. 2 was 1,578,550 barrels, as compared with 1,563,950 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 11,600 barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover (Arkansas) heavy oil, was 1,527,650 barrels, as compared with 1,515,900 barrels, an increase of 11,750 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:

—Week Ended—	Mar. 2, Feb. 23		—Week Ended—	Mar. 2, Feb. 23	
	Mar. 2	Feb. 23		Mar. 2	Feb. 23
Oklahoma—			North Louisiana—		
Allen Dome.....	25,900	27,500	Haynesville.....	5,500	5,500
Bowlegs.....	36,100	33,800	Urania.....	5,750	5,800
Bristow-Silex.....	18,950	18,950			
Burbank.....	22,350	22,200	Arkansas—		
Earlsboro.....	7,850	7,850	Champagnolle.....	8,700	10,150
Little River.....	58,750	59,450	Smackover (light).....	6,250	6,250
Logan County.....	83,800	84,650	Smackover (heavy).....	50,900	51,050
Maud.....	11,650	13,200			
Mission.....	37,150	41,900	Coastal Texas—		
St. Louis.....	47,000	35,150	Hull.....	10,300	9,900
Searight.....	111,950	106,750	Pierce Junction.....	11,950	12,400
Seminole.....	9,850	9,600	Spindletop.....	32,900	33,550
Tonkawa.....	33,800	33,650	West Columbia.....	7,000	7,000
	10,500	10,500			
Kansas—			Coastal Louisiana—		
Sedgwick County.....	8,650	7,600	East Hackberry.....	5,750	6,150
Panhandle Texas—			Sulphur Dome.....	2,000	2,000
Carson County.....	5,800	5,700	Sweet Lake.....	500	550
Gray County.....	20,800	22,000	Vinton.....	4,350	4,100
Hutchinson County.....	27,050	25,250			
North Texas—			Wyoming—		
Archer County.....	17,300	17,500	Salt Creek.....	33,600	32,000
Wilbarger County.....	26,700	26,900	Montana—		
West Central Texas—			Sunburst.....	5,400	5,450
Brown County.....	9,000	8,900	California—		
Shackelford County.....	13,000	13,100	Domiguez.....	10,000	10,000
West Texas—			Elwood-Goleta.....	22,500	23,000
Crane & Upton Co's.....	49,900	50,600	Huntington Beach.....	47,000	47,000
Howard County.....	45,500	47,800	Inglewood.....	26,500	26,500
Pecos County.....	85,800	83,750	Kettleman Hills.....	3,500	3,400
Reagan County.....	18,500	18,800	Long Beach.....	180,000	181,500
Winkler County.....	173,800	170,400	Midway-Sunset.....	73,000	73,000
East Central Texas—			Rosecrans.....	6,500	6,500
Corsicana-Powell.....	8,700	8,950	Santa Fe Springs.....	197,000	202,000
Southwest Texas—			Seal Beach.....	33,000	32,500
Laredo District.....	12,400	12,500	Torrance.....	15,000	15,000
Luling.....	12,650	12,800	Ventura Ave.....	55,500	55,500

Crude Oil Production Reached New High Record in January, Totalling 81,979,000 Barrels—Gasoline Output Higher—Stocks Increase.

According to reports received by the Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, the production of crude petroleum in the United States during January 1929 amounted to 81,979,000 barrels, a daily average of 2,644,000 barrels. This represents the highest level for production yet attained. The daily average production of all three of the leading producing States—Texas, Oklahoma and California—increased in January, the combined increase being approximately equal to the increase for the country as a whole. California showed much the largest increase of the three, this being due principally to the rapid development of the deep sands

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

Domestic Petroleum by Fields of Origin.	January 1929.		December 1928.		January 1928.	
	Total.	Daily Av.	Total.	Daily Av.	Total.	Daily Av.
Appalachian	2,606,000	84,100	2,886,000	93,100	2,536,000	81,000
Lima-Indiana	155,000	5,000	175,000	5,600	130,000	4,200
Michigan	159,000	5,100	71,000	2,300	31,000	1,000
Ill. & S.-W. Ind.	644,000	20,800	496,000	16,000	628,000	20,300
Mid-Continent	46,230,000	1,491,300	46,612,000	1,503,600	39,654,000	1,279,200
Gulf coast	3,989,000	128,700	4,089,000	131,900	3,405,000	109,800
Rocky Mountain	2,394,000	77,200	2,511,000	81,000	2,341,000	75,500
Deliveries and exports	56,177,000	1,812,200	56,840,000	1,833,500	48,725,000	1,571,800
Deliveries	54,909,000	1,771,300	55,725,000	1,797,600	47,979,000	1,547,700
Foreign petroleum	7,998,000	258,000	6,790,000	219,000	6,146,000	198,300
Deliveries of domestic and foreign petroleum	62,907,000	2,029,300	62,515,000	2,016,600	54,125,000	1,746,000

NUMBER OF PRODUCING OIL WELLS COMPLETED.
 January 1929.....1,205 December 1928.....1,059 January 1928..... 764
 y For States east of California, from "Oil & Gas Journal"; for California, from the American Petroleum Institute.

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

	January 1929.	December 1928	January 1928.
Crude oil	-----	-----	234,000
Refined Products—			
Gasoline	1,823,000	1,887,000	1,072,000
Tops	-----	-----	-----
Gas oil	334,000	250,000	311,000
Fuel oil	-----	3,000	2,000
Lubricants	2,000	2,000	85,000
Asphalt	3,000	2,000	1,000
Total refined products	2,162,000	2,144,000	1,471,000

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

(In Barrels.)	Gasoline.	Kerosene.	Gas and Fuel Oils.	Lubricants.
East coast	6,364,000	1,226,000	5,101,000	2,910,000
Appalachian	1,605,000	305,000	1,163,000	1,232,000
Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, &c	6,793,000	874,000	2,357,000	795,000
Oklahoma, Kansas, &c	4,830,000	773,000	5,067,000	537,000
Texas	6,094,000	1,578,000	11,908,000	1,945,000
Louisiana and Arkansas	2,772,000	938,000	5,754,000	100,000
Rocky Mountain	2,056,000	424,000	1,172,000	191,000
California	10,134,000	2,747,000	-----	939,000
Total	40,648,000	8,865,000	33,222,000	8,649,000
Total Dec. 31 1928	33,066,000	9,001,000	33,926,000	8,340,000
Texas Gulf Coast	5,280,000	1,493,000	9,215,000	1,875,000
Louisiana Gulf Coast	2,524,000	904,000	4,744,000	98,000

	Wax (Pounds).	Coke (Tons).	Asphalt (Tons).	Other Finished Products (Bbls.).	Unfinished Oils (Bbls.).
East Coast	49,953,000	27,500	90,800	50,000	7,447,000
Appalachian	14,335,000	2,300	300	66,000	1,436,000
Indiana, Illinois, Ky, &c	16,209,000	44,600	46,400	137,000	4,065,000
Oklahoma, Kansas, &c	5,585,000	66,800	2,400	88,000	2,421,000
Texas	6,716,000	128,700	9,300	15,000	10,867,000
Louisiana	11,821,000	58,500	26,000	88,000	2,207,000
Rocky Mountain	18,902,000	75,400	5,800	42,000	1,355,000
California	-----	-----	48,100	167,000	38,466,000
Total	123,521,000	403,800	229,100	653,000	38,264,000
Total Dec. 31 1928	110,344,000	436,900	235,500	635,000	38,601,000
Texas Gulf Coast	6,586,000	120,300	9,200	8,000	9,287,000
Louisiana Gulf Coast	11,821,000	58,500	25,600	84,000	1,955,000

x East of California. y Includes 1,343,000 barrels tops in storage.

Natural Gasoline Production in January Exceeded Corresponding Month in 1928 by 24,300,000 Gallons—Stocks Higher.

During the month of January the output of natural gasoline amounted to 167,300,000 gallons, an increase of 24,300,000 gallons over the same month last year and 2,300,000 gallons higher than the total production during the month of December 1928, according to the Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce. Total stocks on hand increased from 25,540,000 gallons at Dec. 31 1928 to 31,140,000 gallons at Jan. 31 1929. The Bureau further shows:

OUTPUT OF NATURAL GASOLINE, JANUARY 1929.

	Production.			Stocks End of Month.	
	Jan. 1929.	Dec. 1928.	Jan. 1928.	Jan. 1929.	Dec. 1928.
Appalachian	11,400,000	10,600,000	10,600,000	2,946,000	2,436,000
Illinois, Ky., &c	1,400,000	1,500,000	1,300,000	314,000	284,000
Oklahoma	55,100,000	57,000,000	50,400,000	13,117,000	10,392,000
Kansas	3,100,000	3,300,000	2,600,000	1,319,000	955,000
Texas	31,200,000	31,200,000	26,200,000	9,932,000	8,125,000
Louisiana	5,100,000	5,100,000	4,200,000	1,095,000	1,189,000
Arkansas	2,700,000	2,700,000	2,500,000	329,000	336,000
Rocky Mountain	3,300,000	3,800,000	3,200,000	717,000	654,000
California	54,000,000	49,800,000	42,000,000	1,371,000	1,169,000
United States total	167,300,000	165,000,000	143,000,000	31,140,000	25,540,000
Daily average	5,400,000	5,320,000	4,610,000	-----	-----

Mexican Situation Is Factor in Lead—Active Trading at Higher Quotations—Copper Buying Slackens.

Activity in lead was the week's outstanding development in the market for non-ferrous metals. The possibility of a disturbance in the flow of Mexican lead into the United States stimulated buying interest, and, with domestic

consumption at a high rate, the price was advanced to 7½c. a pound, New York basis, "Engineering & Mining Journal" reports. Copper, after advancing to 19½c., delivered in the East, has quieted down. Zinc, tin, and silver are all substantially unchanged.

Consumers have not been insistent buyers in the past week, feeling that not a great amount of the metal was being offered, and that booking orders of any size would only run the price up further. There was some light trading in April, May, and June copper. Consumers appear to be largely bought through May, and fairly well into June. On March 2 the export price was raised to 19¾c., c.i.f. basis. Sales in the foreign market have been at about the usual rate.

Some sales of lead took place at a premium over the regular contract level. Recently the Middle-Western market has been particularly strong and sellers of de-silverized lead who normally do not enter that market have received offers that made such business attractive to them. Manufacturers of lead-covered cable have been particularly prominent factors in the current buying movement.

Export Copper Price Advances to 19¾ Cents.

The following is from the Wall Steert "Journal" of Mar. 2: Copper Exports, Inc., has increased price of copper abroad to 19¾ cents a pound c. i. f. Hamburg, Havre and London, up ¼ cent. Domestic price is 19½ cents a pound delivered to end of June.

Trend of price from this level depends largely upon magnitude of foreign buying during the next few days. During the past few days foreign consumers, due to their under-covered situation, have been buying all the copper producers were willing to let them have at each quarter-cent advance in price.

A reference to increasing copper prices appeared in our issue of March 2, page 1303.

Rationing of Copper.

It was stated in the Wall Street "Journal" of March 4 that copper producers are allotting about 2,500,000 pounds of copper a day to foreign consumers as this is believed sufficient to cover their legitimate requirements, considering the amount of copper that they have taken in recent weeks. The item went on to say:

Foreign consumers are taking all the copper allotted for sale each day and are clamoring for more.

Monday forenoon sales abroad came to 2,500,000 pounds by large producers. Producers have little copper to sell in the domestic market for the next few weeks, and while inquiry is less assertive than a few weeks back, producers have no trouble in selling all the copper that they are willing to sell.

The situation remains exceedingly tight, and starting of a new "revolution" south of the border may complicate the situation still further in the next few weeks, provided the uprising assumes major proportions, as it may.

This would shut off, according to statistics, around 11,000,000 pounds of copper a month. It is believed that, taking the copper mined in Mexico and shipped elsewhere for either smelting or refining, and so not well allocated to country of origin, Mexican output is now somewhere between 15,000,000 and 18,000,000 pounds of copper a month, including copper in regulus. While this is not a notable part of current output, it is sufficient at this time to cause quite a little trouble if it were suddenly removed from the market.

Under the circumstances it would seem wise for fabricators to keep themselves as well covered on their requirements as they can, even if price of copper may seem high. Apparently there is a shortage of copper, temporarily at least, and it will be several months before the situation can probably be gotten in hand again. Until then there is little likelihood of any decline in price.

Electrolytic copper for domestic shipment is unchanged at 19½ cents a pound delivered to end of June with tonnage available limited. European destinations are at equivalent of 19¾ cents a pound c. i. f. Hamburg, Havre and London with copper being "rationed" for export.

Further Wage Increase by Anaconda Copper Mining Co.—Third Increase Since Fall.

Butte (Mont.) Associated Press dispatches March 5 stated:

For the third time since copper prices began to improve last Fall the Anaconda Copper Mining Co. has announced a wage increase for its workers. Vice-President, J. R. Hobbins announced to-day that effective to-morrow an additional 25 cents a day will be paid all employees on the daily payroll of the company. Proportionate increases were granted miners working under contract.

The increase affects about 18,000 men and brings the basic pay for miners to \$5.75. It will remain effective as long as the domestic price of copper is 19 cents a pound or over.

The first increase was 50 cents a day, made effective on the basis of 15-cent copper on Oct. 1. The second was 25 cents a day effective Feb. 4 when copper was selling at 17¼ cents a pound.

Items regarding the recent increased wages appeared in our issues of Feb. 9, page 806 and Feb. 16, page 977.

Steel Ingot Production at Peak.

The report of the American Iron and Steel Institute places the production of steel ingots in February at 4,324,759 tons, as against 4,045,304 tons for February last year, when the month contained one more day. The approximate daily

output was 180,198 tons for February, with 24 working days, as against 166,274 tons for January with 27 working days and 161,812 tons for the 25 working days in February 1928. These figures are based on the reports of companies which turned out 94.68% of the steel ingots produced in 1927. In the following we give the details by months back to January 1928:

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF STEEL INGOTS, JANUARY 1928 TO FEBRUARY 1929—GROSS TONS.

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

Months 1928.	Open-hearth.	Bessemer.	Monthly Output Companies Reporting.	Calculated Output, all Companies.	No. of Wks. Days.	Approx. Daily Output, all Cos.	Per Cent. Operat.
January	3,280,247	498,746	3,778,993	3,991,332	26	153,513	81.43
February	3,308,728	521,366	3,830,094	4,045,304	25	161,812	85.84
2 mos.	6,588,975	1,020,112	7,609,087	8,036,636	51	157,581	83.59
March	3,700,411	567,309	4,267,720	4,507,520	27	166,945	88.56
April	3,509,637	564,039	4,073,676	4,302,573	25	172,103	91.29
May	3,397,631	581,949	3,979,580	4,203,190	27	155,674	82.58
June	3,016,487	527,351	3,543,838	3,742,964	26	143,960	76.37
July	3,075,247	533,550	3,608,797	3,811,573	25	152,463	80.88
August	3,386,750	569,436	3,956,186	4,178,481	27	154,759	82.09
September	3,381,917	545,015	3,926,932	4,147,583	25	165,903	88.01
October	3,802,396	598,227	4,400,623	4,647,891	27	172,144	91.32
November	3,441,985	590,796	4,032,781	4,259,380	26	163,822	86.90
December	3,308,872	496,726	3,805,598	4,019,432	25	160,777	85.29
Total	40,610,308	6,594,510	47,204,818	49,857,223	311	160,313	85.04
1929.							
January	3,700,939	549,616	4,250,555	4,489,391	27	166,274	88.20
February	3,605,403	489,279	4,094,682	4,324,759	24	180,198	95.59
2 mos.	7,306,342	1,038,895	8,345,237	8,814,150	51	172,826	91.68

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

Pig Iron Output in February Shows Sharp Gain.

Production of pig iron in February was the largest for any month since April 1926 and exceeded all February records except in 1925, according to the "Iron Age" of Mar. 7. The daily rate last month of 114,507 gross tons compares with 115,004 tons per day in April 1926 and with 114,791 tons as the daily rate in February 1925.

With all companies heard from, total February production was 3,206,185 tons, or 114,507 tons per day for the 28 days, as compared with 3,442,770 tons, or 111,044 tons per day, for the 31 days in January. This is a gain last month of 3,463 tons per day, or 3.1%. In January the gain in daily rate was 2,339 tons over December, or 2.15%. In December there was a decline from November of 1.25% in daily output. A year ago, or in February 1928, the daily rate was 100,004 tons, making the February rate this year 14.5% higher, adds the "Age," which further states:

Operating Rate Active on March 1.

There were 207 furnaces active on Mar. 1, having an estimated operating rate of 115,770 tons per day. On Feb. 1 the 202 furnaces in blast had an estimated operating rate of 111,985 tons per day. In February nine furnaces were blown in and four went out, a net increase of five. In January the net increase was one furnace.

Of the nine furnaces blown in during February four were Steel Corporation stacks, two were independent steel company furnaces and three belonged to merchant producers. Of the four furnaces shut down last month, two were merchant stacks, with one each credited to the Steel Corporation and to an independent steel company. Thus there was a net gain of four steel-making and one merchant stack.

Sharp Gain in Steel-Making Iron.

Steel-making iron increased decidedly last month and merchant iron fell off from January. At 89,246 tons per day steel-making iron exceeded January by 3,716 tons, or 4.3%. Merchant iron at 25,261 tons per day last month was 253 tons less than in January.

Ferromanganese Production.

Output of ferromanganese in February was 25,978 tons as compared with 28,208 tons in January. It was close to the monthly average of 26,000 tons in 1928. Two companies were producing spiegeleisen last month and in January.

Possibly Active Stacks Reduced.

Five furnaces have recently been dismantled or abandoned. These are the "B" furnace of the Worth group at Coatesville, Pa., of the Bethlehem Steel Co. in the Schuylkill Valley; the Goshen and the Graham stacks in Virginia, and the two Bellaire furnaces of the Carnegie Steel Co. in the Wheeling district. This reduces the number of possibly active furnaces in the country from 325 to 320.

Furnaces Blown in and Out.

During February the following furnaces were blown in: One Palmerton stack of the New Jersey Zinc Co. in the Lehigh Valley; one Worth stack of the Bethlehem Steel Co. in the Schuylkill Valley; the No. 4 Alliquippa stack of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp. in the Pittsburgh district; the No. 2 Farrell furnace of the Carnegie Steel Co. in the Shenango Valley; two South Chicago and one Gary furnace of the Illinois Steel Co. in the Chicago district, and one Pioneer stack of the Republic Iron & Steel Co. and one Woodward furnace of the Woodward Iron Co. in Alabama.

The four furnaces blown out or banked during the month were as follows: One Cambria furnace of the Bethlehem Steel Co. in western Pennsylvania; one Detroit stack of the Hanna Furnace Co. in Michigan; the furnace of the Globe Iron Co. in southern Ohio, and one Ensley stack of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Co., in Alabama.

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

	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1928.
January	97,384	108,720	106,074	100,123	92,573	111,044
February	106,026	114,791	104,408	105,024	100,004	114,507
March	111,809	114,975	111,032	112,366	103,215	-----
April	107,781	108,632	115,004	114,074	106,153	-----
May	84,358	94,542	112,304	109,385	105,931	-----
June	67,541	89,115	107,844	102,988	102,733	-----
First six months	95,794	105,039	109,660	107,351	101,763	-----
July	57,577	85,936	103,978	95,199	99,091	-----
August	60,875	87,241	103,241	95,073	101,180	-----
September	68,442	96,873	104,543	92,498	102,077	-----
October	79,907	97,528	107,553	89,810	108,832	-----
November	83,656	100,767	107,890	88,279	110,084	-----
December	95,539	104,853	99,712	86,960	103,705	-----
12 months' average	85,075	99,735	107,043	99,266	108,382	-----

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

	Steel Works.	Merchant.*	Total.
1928—January	69,520	23,053	92,573
February	78,444	21,560	100,004
March	83,489	19,726	103,215
April	85,183	21,000	106,183
May	85,576	20,355	105,931
June	81,630	21,103	102,733
July	79,513	19,578	99,091
August	82,642	18,538	101,180
September	82,590	19,487	102,077
October	88,051	20,781	108,832
November	88,474	21,610	110,084
December	85,415	23,290	108,705
1929—January	85,530	25,514	111,044
February	89,246	25,261	114,507

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

TOTAL PRODUCTION OF COKE PIG IRON IN UNITED STATES BEGINNING JAN. 1 1927—GROSS TONS.

1927.	1928.	1929.	1926.	1927.	1928.
Jan. 3,103,820	2,869,761	3,442,370	July 3,223,338	2,951,160	3,071,824
Feb. 2,940,679	2,900,126	3,206,185	Aug. 3,200,479	2,947,276	3,136,570
Mar. 3,483,362	3,199,674	-----	Sept. 3,136,293	2,774,949	3,062,314
Apr. 3,422,226	3,185,504	-----	Oct. 3,334,132	2,784,112	3,373,806
May 3,390,940	3,283,856	-----	Nov. 3,236,707	2,648,376	3,302,523
June 3,089,651	3,082,000	-----	Dec. 3,091,060	2,695,755	3,369,846
½ yr. 19,430,678	18,520,921	-----	Year* 39,070,470	36,232,306	37,837,804

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

PRODUCTION OF STEEL COMPANIES FOR OWN USE—GROSS TONS.

	Total Pig Iron— Spiegel and Ferromanganese.			Ferromanganese.x		
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1927.	1928.	1928.
January	2,343,881	2,155,133	2,651,416	31,844	22,298	28,208
February	2,256,651	2,274,880	2,498,901	24,560	19,320	25,978
March	2,675,417	2,588,158	-----	27,834	27,912	-----
April	2,637,919	2,555,500	-----	24,735	18,405	-----
May	2,619,078	2,652,872	-----	28,734	29,940	-----
June	2,343,409	2,448,905	-----	29,232	32,088	-----
Half year	14,876,355	14,675,448	-----	166,939	149,963	-----
July	2,163,101	2,464,896	-----	26,394	32,909	-----
August	2,213,815	2,561,904	-----	21,279	24,583	-----
September	2,090,200	2,477,695	-----	20,675	22,278	-----
October	2,076,722	2,729,589	-----	17,710	23,939	-----
November	1,938,043	2,654,211	-----	17,851	29,773	-----
December	1,987,652	2,647,863	-----	20,992	28,618	-----
Year	27,345,888	30,211,606	-----	291,840	312,061	-----

x Includes output of merchant furnaces.

Steel Output Maintained at High Rate—Demand Broadening—Prices Unchanged.

Pig iron output registered another gain in February, and a net increase of five furnaces in blast on March 1 has brought production to a yearly rate of 42,250,000 tons. states the "Iron Age," of March 7, in its review of iron and steel conditions. Four of the five stacks were steel company units, reflecting the growing pressure for steel mill products.

Steel ingot production of Steel corporation subsidiaries now averages close to 95% of capacity, and the rate for the industry as a whole lies between 90 and 95%, adds the "Age," which we further quote in part:

Steel demand is broadening. The increasing consumption of the automobile industry is less conspicuous in view of heavier purchases by the railroads, a growing volume of structural steel business, a rise in the requirements of farm implement and machine tool makers and larger demands for pipe lines.

The growing strength of prices is also broadening in scope, as evidenced by another advance in furnace coke in Connellsville and a stiffening of scrap at Pittsburgh, with indications that pig iron and possibly ore may be likewise affected.

Blast furnace returns to the "Iron Age" indicate a February production of 3,206,185 tons of pig iron, compared with 3,442,770 tons in the previous month. Average daily output, however, was 114,507 tons against 110,044 tons in January, a gain of 3.1%. The daily rate was the largest for any February except in 1925 and was the greatest for any month since April, 1926.

Railroad buying is featured by orders for 7,700 freight cars, requiring 85,000 tons of steel. Nearly 35,000 cars have been purchased by domestic roads since Jan. 1, compared with total orders for 51,200 cars in the entire previous year. New inquiries call for nearly 7,000 cars, including 4,300 for the New York Central and 2,500 for the Erie.

Structural steel lettings, at over 74,000 tons, make the week the largest so far this year. A survey of pending projects requiring 1,000 tons or more each discloses 420,000 tons in the East and 375,000 tons in the Middle West likely to be placed before the middle of the year.

Demands on the mills for pipe line steel are expanding. A Milwaukee maker of electrically welded pipe is now consuming 1,200 tons of plates a day, a rate which will be raised to 1,500 tons in April. The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey is about to place orders for 140,000 tons of pipe for a gas line from Monroe, La., to St. Louis, and has ordered 10,000 tons of 8-in. pipe for an oil line. The Texas Corp. is in the market for a 130-mile line, requiring 10,000 tons of 8-in.

The "Iron Age" composite price for pig iron is unchanged at \$18.38 a ton, while finished steel remains at 2.391c. a lb., as the following table shows:

Finished Steel.				Pig Iron.			
March 5 1929, 2.391c. a Lb.				March 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	18.38				
One year ago	2.391c.	One year ago	17.75				
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.		High.		Low.	
1928	2.391c.	Dec. 11	2.314c.	1928	\$18.59	Nov. 27	\$17.04
1927	2.453c.	Jan. 4	2.293c.	1927	19.71	Jan. 4	17.54
1926	2.453c.	Jan. 5	2.403c.	1926	21.54	Jan. 5	19.46
1925	2.560c.	Jan. 6	2.396c.	1925	22.50	Jan. 13	18.86
1924	2.759c.	Jan. 15	2.400c.	1924	22.88	Feb. 26	19.21
1923	2.824c.	Apr. 24	2.466c.	1923	30.86	Mar. 20	20.77

Blast furnaces in February made 114,833 gross tons of pig iron daily, a rate never equaled in any February and exceeded in all history only by the 115,207 tons of March 1925, the "Iron Trade Review" reports in its issue this week. At the month's end 208 stacks were active, a net gain of six in February and 10 since Dec. 31. Four of the stacks lighted last month were at steel works, supporting the belief that February statistics on steel ingot production will disclose another record, continues the "Review," which further says:

March appears at least to be carrying on this exceptional activity in some steel lines and to be bettering it in others. Specifications have been out with the result backlogs, especially in sheets, strip and bars, are heavier than a month ago. Save only that deferred deliveries compel buyers to specify farther ahead, requirements are not being anticipated. Market observers are convinced that substantially the current level of production is insured into May, when a turndown would be seasonal.

Contracting for finished steel for the second quarter continues in abeyance, for one reason because requirements now on mill books will carry many buyers well into that period, but the price situation is firm. Premiums are being offered in the East for prompt wire rods. With sheet bars up, makers of full finished sheets may advance. Heavy scrap purchases at Pittsburgh by Steel corporation subsidiaries and in the East by the Bethlehem Steel Co. indicate the termination of the dip in scrap prices and future extensive needs for this material.

A trend toward diversification of demand is discernible this week. While the automotive industry continues the mainstay of the sheet market carbuilders' needs have progressed to the highest point in several years. Plate demand, noteworthy because of railroad equipment support, has been augmented by inquiry for 30,000 tons for barge work at Pittsburgh. Structural steel takes its place this week with the other heavy finished lines with the award of 22,000 tons for the Carquinez Straits bridge at San Francisco, 10,000 tons for a Philadelphia office building, and numerous lettings in the 5,000-ton range.

Production of steel in general is limited only by mechanical handicaps or a shortage of semi-finished material. Extra turns are being worked in the Mahoning Valley, where 49 out of 51 independent open-hearth furnaces are on. Chicago mills, averaging over 95% are rationing semi-finished steel for the heavier and more important products. Pittsburgh district mills are doing about 90%. At Buffalo 32 out of 37 open hearths are lighted. Steel corporation subsidiaries made the biggest gain of the year when their operating rates shot up 4 points this week to 95%. Independents average about 90% and the entire industry 92 to 93%.

A preliminary estimate places February car awards at 16,471, which, added to the 12,196 placed in January reveal the past 60 days as the best car-buying period since late 1924. March opens with undiminished vigor with 4,150 ordered by the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific, 1,500 by the Texas & Pacific and 1,020 by the Missouri Pacific. The 1,000 distributed by the Maine Central fall in the February total. About 8,500 cars are on inquiry, including 4,371 for the New York Central. The Norfolk & Western has awarded the rebuilding of 1,000 hopper bodies. Thirty-one locomotives were contracted for this week.

Ford Motor Co., as usual, is first with its inquiry for Lake Superior iron ore. This year it asks prices on 360,000 tons, compared with a purchase of 450,000 tons for the 1928 season, but its initial inquiry is not a true index to its requirements.

The recent promise of a pig iron buying movement has not been fulfilled, but quiet coverage has accounted for a large proportion of second quarter tonnage. Some large melters not yet protected are now negotiating. More iron was shipped by furnaces in February than in January despite the shorter month, and a further increase in March is indicated. Pig iron prices are steady. Beehive coke has lost some of its buoyancy.

February's daily pig iron production rate of 114,833 tons compares with 110,736 tons in January, 99,954 tons in Feb. 1928, and 114,788 tons in Feb. 1925, the previous February record. February's rate indicates an annual output of 41,914,045 tons, surpassing the record of 40,025,850 tons in 1923. Last month six steelworks stacks were lighted and two were dropped, while of the merchant stacks three were put on and one was blown out.

General improvement in the British iron and steel markets is indicated by the "Iron Trade Review" weekly cable from London. Shipyards especially are taking larger tonnages of steel. An advance in prices of heavy steel in Britain is impending Domestic iron and steel business on the Continent is quieter, but exports are improving.

Following its bulge of 12 cents last week, the "Iron Trade Review" composite of 14 leading iron and steel products is unchanged this week at \$36.37, its highest point in 18 months.

The "Wall Street Journal," March 5, says in part:

Ingot production of the U. S. Steel Corp. during the past week was at nearly 96% of theoretical capacity. This can be considered practically capacity when allowance is made for repairs and other work necessary to keep plants in first class condition. In the preceding week the rate was slightly in excess of 91%, and two weeks ago it was at better than 90%. The increase of nearly 5% in the week was the largest recorded in some time.

Independent steel companies also have expanded their activities materially, and are now running at approximately 91%, compared with 87% in the preceding week and about 86% two weeks ago. The leading independents are doing much better than many of the smaller units and have contributed most to the latest gain.

For the entire industry the average is now in the neighborhood of 93%, contrasted with 89 1/2% a week ago and about 88 1/2% two weeks ago.

It is apparent that the predictions of record production of steel in March and April are likely to be realized. The urgent requests for deliveries by consumers are responsible for the unusual activity existing.

American "Metal Market" is quoted as follows:

Peak production of steel has usually come in the month of March and no definite reason for expecting this year to supply an exception.

The phenomenal pace at which the automobile industry has operated in the last two months would suggest a peak for it earlier than May 1, which is approximately the average date in the last six years for maximum automobile production.

Approximately all open-hearth steel making departments in the large districts, with the exception of the East, are in full operation under the heaviest possible pressure. Idleness is chiefly in Bessemer departments, these being associated chiefly with pipe mills, which have a low operating rate, not over about 50%. Steel ingot production this month promises to be well above 90% of the entire capacity.

The "Daily Metal Trade" this week says:

Heavy melting steel is quoted 25 cents a ton lower in the Chicago market at \$15.50@16, following the purchase of several thousand tons by a large steel works consumer.

Bituminous Coal and Anthracite Production Lower, Owing to Observance of Holiday—Higher Than a Year Ago.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, the output of bituminous coal during the week ended Feb. 23 totaled 11,762,000 net tons, a decrease of 179,000 tons as compared with the preceding week but 1,585,000 tons ahead of the corresponding week a year ago. The reduction for the week under review was due to the observance of the holiday on Feb. 22 (Washington's Birthday). The total production of anthracite amounted to 1,464,000 net tons, as against 1,254,000 tons in the same period last year and 1,736,000 tons in the week ended Feb. 16 1928. The estimated output of beehive coke during the week ended Feb. 23 1928 totaled 110,900 net tons, as compared with 110,100 tons in the previous week and 95,800 tons in the week ended Feb. 25 1928. The Bureau's report follows:

BITUMINOUS COAL.

The total production of soft coal during the week ended Feb. 23, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 11,762,000 net tons. Compared with the output in the preceding week, this shows a decrease of 179,000 tons, or 1.5%. Although detailed reports show that time was lost at some mines because of the holiday on Feb. 22, the daily loadings given below indicate that there was no appreciable decline for the country as a whole. The daily rate of production, 1,960,000 tons, is based on a six-day week.

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

	1928-1929		1927-1928	
	Week. to Date.	Coal Year	Week. to Date.	Coal Year
Feb. 9 b	12,070,000	430,268,000	9,749,000	406,096,000
Daily average	2,012,000	1,629,000	1,625,000	1,535,000
Feb. 16 b	11,941,000	442,209,000	9,374,000	415,470,000
Daily average	1,990,000	1,637,000	1,562,000	1,535,000
Feb. 23 c	11,762,000	453,971,000	10,177,000	425,647,000
Daily average	1,960,000	1,644,000	1,725,000	1,539,000

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

The total production of soft coal during the present coal year to Feb. 22 (approximately 276 working days) amounts to 453,971,000 net tons. Figures for corresponding periods in other recent coal years are given below:

1927-28	425,647,000 net tons	1925-26	483,407,000 net tons
1926-27	527,446,000 net tons	1924-25	426,107,000 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 Feb. 16 is estimated at 11,941,000 net tons. This is a decrease of 129,000 tons, or 1.1%, from the output in the preceding week. The following table apportions the tonnage by States and gives comparable figures for other recent years.

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

State	Week Ended				February 1923 Average
	Feb. 16 1929	Feb. 9 1929	Feb. 18 1928	Feb. 19 1927	
Alabama	395,000	378,000	330,000	485,000	434,000
Arkansas	63,000	60,000	30,000	32,000	30,000
Colorado	300,000	280,000	204,000	226,000	226,000
Illinois	1,620,000	1,650,000	1,303,000	2,255,000	2,111,000
Indiana	460,000	480,000	375,000	721,000	659,000
Iowa	112,000	109,000	91,000	149,000	140,000
Kansas	80,000	76,000	40,000	124,000	103,000
Kentucky—Eastern	1,037,000	1,025,000	829,000	895,000	607,000
Western	390,000	389,000	314,000	401,000	240,000
Maryland	65,000	66,000	57,000	63,000	55,000
Michigan	16,000	17,000	15,000	13,000	32,000
Missouri	104,000	94,000	83,000	78,000	87,000
Montana	92,000	85,000	60,000	66,000	82,000
New Mexico	64,000	62,000	62,000	60,000	73,000
North Dakota	80,000	77,000	41,000	43,000	50,000
Ohio	465,000	496,000	186,000	755,000	814,000
Oklahoma	98,000	96,000	48,000	74,000	63,000
Pennsylvania (bituminous)	2,815,000	2,830,000	2,373,000	3,243,000	3,402,000
Tennessee	130,000	133,000	116,000	130,000	133,000
Texas	20,000	20,000	17,000	28,000	26,000
Utah	153,000	150,000	75,000	95,000	109,000
Virginia	288,000	283,000	229,000	253,000	211,000
Washington	78,000	72,000	43,000	56,000	74,000
West Virginia—Southern c	2,120,000	2,200,000	1,690,000	1,898,000	1,168,000
Northern d	724,000	720,000	635,000	799,000	728,000
Wyoming	170,000	160,000	123,000	154,000	188,000
Other States	2,000	2,000	5,000	6,000	7,000
Total bituminous	11,941,000	12,070,000	9,374,000	13,141,000	11,850,000
Pennsylvania anthracite	1,736,000	1,829,000	1,025,000	1,588,000	1,968,000
Total all coal	13,677,000	13,899,000	10,399,000	14,729,000	13,818,000

a Average weekly rate for the entire month. b Revised since last report. c Includes operations on the N. & W.; C. & O.; Virginian; K. & M., and Charleston division of the B. & O. d Rest of State, including Panhandle.

PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE.

The total production of Pennsylvania anthracite during the week ended Feb. 23 is estimated at 1,464,000 net tons. Compared with the output in the preceding week, this shows a decrease of 272,000 tons, or 15.7%. The decrease was partly due to time lost on account of the holiday on Feb. 22, Washington's Birthday.

Estimated Production of Pennsylvania Anthracite (Net Tons).

Week Ended	1928-1929		1927-1928	
	Week. to Date.	Coal Year	Week. to Date.	Coal Year
Feb. 9	1,829,000	69,661,000	1,466,000	69,426,000
Feb. 16	1,736,000	71,397,000	1,025,000	70,451,000
Feb. 23 b	1,464,000	72,861,000	1,254,000	71,705,000

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

BEEHIVE COKE.

The production of beehive coke in the United States during the week ended Feb. 23 is estimated at 110,900 net tons, an increase of 15,100 tons as compared with the corresponding period a year ago, and is 800 tons higher than in the week ended Feb. 16 1928.

Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

	Week Ended			1929 to Date.	1928 to Date. ^a
	Feb. 23 1929. ^b	Feb. 16 1929.	Feb. 25 1928.		
Pennsylvania and Ohio.....	89,100	87,000	66,600	667,700	486,300
West Virginia.....	9,600	9,400	14,500	71,800	108,000
Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee.....	1,500	2,100	5,600	13,000	34,400
Virginia.....	4,800	4,800	4,300	35,200	37,100
Colorado, Utah and Washington.....	5,900	6,800	4,800	48,800	37,900
United States total.....	110,900	110,100	95,800	836,500	703,700
Daily average.....	18,483	18,358	15,967	17,798	14,972

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

Preliminary Estimates of Production of Coal and Beehive Coke for the Month of February 1929.

The following preliminary estimates for the month of February, as given in the United States Bureau of Mines report, are subject to slight revisions, which will be issued in the weekly coal report about the 15th inst. All current estimates will later be adjusted to agree with the results of

the complete canvass of production made at the end of the calendar year. The figures as now reported show that the production of bituminous coal in February fell off 4,056,000 net tons as compared with the preceding month, but showed an increase of 6,049,000 net tons over the output for the month of March 1928. Anthracite production during March 1929 was 999,000 net tons higher than for the corresponding month last year, but showed a loss of 756,000 net tons as compared with February 1929. The statistical tables as given by the Bureau of Mines are appended:

	Total for Month (Net Tons)	Number of Working Days	Average per Working Day (Net Tons)
February 1929 (preliminary): ^a			
Bituminous coal.....	47,400,000	24	1,975,000
Anthracite.....	6,581,000	23.5	280,000
Beehive coke.....	430,000	24	17,950
January 1929 (revised):			
Bituminous coal.....	51,456,000	26.4	1,949,000
Anthracite.....	7,337,000	26	282,000
Beehive coke.....	479,000	27	17,740
February 1928 (final figures):			
Bituminous coal.....	41,351,000	24.9	1,661,000
Anthracite.....	5,532,000	24.5	228,000
Beehive coke.....	390,000	25	15,600

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

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on March 6, 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 \$36,700,000 in holdings of discounted bills and decreases of \$29,400,000 in bills bought in open market and of \$3,400,000 in United States securities. Member bank reserve deposits declined \$16,800,000 and cash reserves \$8,600,000, while Federal Reserve note circulation increased \$12,600,000. Total bills and securities were \$4,000,000 above the amount held on Feb. 27. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Holdings of discounted bills increased \$48,200,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, \$3,500,000 at Chicago, \$3,100,000 at Kansas City and \$2,900,000 each at Atlanta, St. Louis and San Francisco, and decreased \$15,790,000 at Cleveland, \$6,000,000 at Boston and \$3,100,000 at Philadelphia. The System's holdings of bills bought in open market declined \$29,400,000 and of Treasury certificates \$3,400,000, while holdings of United States bonds and Treasury notes were practically unchanged.

Federal Reserve note circulation was \$12,600,000 larger than a week ago, increases of \$7,600,000 at Atlanta, \$3,100,000 at Boston, \$3,000,000 at San Francisco and \$2,800,000 at Chicago being partly offset by decreases of \$3,900,000 at Cleveland and \$3,000,000 at Philadelphia.

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 1513 and 1514. A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks, together with changes during the week and the year ended Mar. 6, is as follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) During		
	Mar. 6 1929. \$	Week. \$	Year. \$
Total reserves.....	2,835,592,000	-8,572,000	-140,068,000
Gold reserves.....	2,682,837,000	-4,009,000	-129,381,000
Total bills and securities.....	1,467,030,000	+3,998,000	+242,715,000
Bills discounted, total.....	989,172,000	+36,690,000	+507,064,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	606,053,000	-2,699,000	+316,269,000
Other bills discounted.....	383,119,000	+39,389,000	+190,795,000
Bills bought in open market.....	304,644,000	-29,431,000	-33,851,000
U. S. Government securities, total.....	162,964,000	-3,436,000	-239,748,000
Bonds.....	51,594,000	+1,000	-5,453,000
Treasury notes.....	90,671,000	-67,000	-114,962,000
Certificates of indebtedness.....	20,699,000	-3,370,000	-119,333,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	1,666,567,000	+12,596,000	+75,197,000
Total deposits.....	2,402,544,000	-10,428,000	-8,194,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	2,350,497,000	-16,753,000	-10,967,000
Government deposits.....	21,577,000	+421,000	-3,460,000

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. The grand aggregate of these brokers' loans increased during the week no less than \$140,000,000, bringing the total up to \$5,647,000,000. The total of these loans at \$5,647,000,000 on March 6 is now the highest figure ever reached for these loans with the single exception of that on Feb. 6, and the amount even then was only \$22,000,000 larger, or \$5,669,000,000. The total at \$5,647,000,000 for March 6 1929 compares with only \$3,696,000,000 on March 7 1928, which latter amount was considered large at that time. This week's increase of \$140,000,000 follows \$30,000,000 increase last week.

CONDITION OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES.

	New York.		
	Mar. 6 1929. \$	Feb. 27 1929. \$	Mar. 7 1928. \$
Loans and investments—total.....	7,270,000,000	7,239,000,000	6,836,000,000
Loans—total.....	5,416,000,000	5,369,000,000	4,922,000,000
On securities.....	2,859,000,000	2,863,000,000	2,402,000,000
All other.....	2,557,000,000	2,506,000,000	2,519,000,000
Investments—total.....	1,854,000,000	1,870,000,000	1,915,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	1,110,000,000	1,116,000,000	1,086,000,000
Other securities.....	745,000,000	754,000,000	829,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	726,000,000	761,000,000	747,000,000
Cash in vault.....	53,000,000	56,000,000	52,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	5,285,000,000	5,349,000,000	5,482,000,000
Time deposits.....	1,167,000,000	1,177,000,000	1,062,000,000
Government deposits.....	2,000,000	10,000,000	3,000,000
Due from banks.....	97,000,000	93,000,000	99,000,000
Due to banks.....	951,000,000	935,000,000	1,098,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank.....	196,000,000	134,000,000	80,000,000
Loans on securities to brokers and dealers			
For own account.....	1,117,000,000	1,090,000,000	1,019,000,000
For account of out-of-town banks.....	1,707,000,000	1,593,000,000	1,461,000,000
For account of others.....	2,823,000,000	2,724,000,000	1,215,000,000
Total.....	5,647,000,000	5,507,000,000	3,696,000,000
On demand.....	5,142,000,000	4,962,000,000	2,790,000,000
On time.....	506,000,000	545,000,000	906,000,000
	Chicago.		
Loans and investments—total.....	2,141,000,000	2,141,000,000	1,969,000,000
Loans—total.....	1,691,000,000	1,688,000,000	1,471,000,000
On securities.....	949,000,000	943,000,000	820,000,000
All other.....	741,000,000	745,000,000	651,000,000
Investments—total.....	450,000,000	453,000,000	498,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	191,000,000	192,000,000	223,000,000
Other securities.....	260,000,000	261,000,000	275,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	177,000,000	188,000,000	183,000,000
Cash in vault.....	16,000,000	17,000,000	17,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	1,262,000,000	1,281,000,000	1,284,000,000
Time deposits.....	687,000,000	685,000,000	658,000,000
Government deposits.....	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Due from banks.....	160,000,000	173,000,000	140,000,000
Due to banks.....	341,000,000	321,000,000	396,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank.....	121,000,000	121,000,000	15,000,000

* Revised. a 1928 figures in process of revision.

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 endorsement," and include all real estate mortgages and mortgage loans held by the banks; previously acceptances of other banks and bills sold with endorsement were include 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. 27:

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in 101 leading cities on Feb. 27 shows increases for the week of \$178,000,000 in loans, of \$128,000,000 in net demand deposits and of \$75,000,000 in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks, and a decline of \$19,000,000 in investments.

Loans on securities were \$133,000,000 above the Feb. 20 total at all reporting banks, the principal changes by Federal Reserve districts being increases of \$123,000,000 in the New York district, of \$15,000,000 in the Boston district and of \$6,000,000 in the Cleveland district, and decreases of \$6,000,000 in the Philadelphia district and of \$5,000,000 in the Dallas district. "All other" loans increased \$45,000,000 at all reporting banks, \$21,000,000 in the Chicago district, \$19,000,000 in the New York district and \$6,000,000 in the Cleveland district, and declined \$12,000,000 in the Boston district.

Holdings of U. S. Government securities declined \$11,000,000 in the San Francisco district, \$9,000,000 in the New York district and \$25,000,000 at all reporting banks, while holdings of other securities whos a net increase of \$5,000,000 for the week.

Net demand deposits, which at all reporting banks were \$128,000,000 above the Feb. 20 total, increased \$137,000,000 at reporting banks in the New York district, \$15,000,000 in the Chicago district and \$7,000,000 in the Cleveland district, and declined \$29,000,000 in the San Francisco district. Time deposits were \$12,000,000 above the amount reported a week ago.

The principal changes in borrowings from the Federal Reserve banks for the week comprise increases of \$28,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, \$20,000,000 at Chicago, \$18,000,000 at San Francisco, \$8,000,000 at Boston and \$7,000,000 at Minneapolis.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of weekly reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ending Feb. 27 1929, follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)		
	Feb. 27 1929.	Feb. 20 1929.	Feb. 29 1928.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans and investments—total	22,338,000,000	+158,000,000	+1,010,000,000
Loans—total	16,366,000,000	+178,000,000	+1,145,000,000
On securities	7,573,000,000	*+133,000,000	+1,019,000,000
All other	8,793,000,000	*+45,000,000	+126,000,000
Investments—total	5,972,000,000	-19,000,000	-135,000,000
U. S. Government securities	3,042,000,000	-25,000,000	+97,000,000
Other securities	2,930,000,000	+5,000,000	-231,000,000
Reserve with Federal Res'v'e banks	1,746,000,000	-4,000,000	-3,000,000
Cash in vault	246,000,000	-7,000,000	+4,000,000
Net demand deposits	13,387,000,000	+128,000,000	-306,000,000
Time deposits	6,879,000,000	+12,000,000	+262,000,000
Government deposits	36,000,000	-7,000,000	+2,000,000
Due from banks	1,135,000,000	-9,000,000	-31,000,000
Due to banks	2,859,000,000	-19,000,000	-514,000,000
Borrowings from Fed. Res. banks	712,000,000	+75,000,000	+357,000,000

* Feb. 20 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 Mar. 9 the following summary of market conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and radio:

ARGENTINA.

General business for the week ending Mar. 1 was normal. The retail trade was more active owing to the beginning of the fall season. A concession has been granted to an American air company for the carrying of mail between Argentina and the United States, and a similar one to a French air company for the carrying of mail between points within Argentina and points on the border of adjacent countries, including Asuncion, Paraguay.

AUSTRALIA.

Business in Australia is experiencing its usual seasonal quietness, which this year is accentuated by the unfavorable labor situation. The lumber workers' strike has not been settled and is threatening to extend to West Australia, but it is thought that the anticipated coal strike will be averted, at least temporarily, by the governmental investigation now being conducted. The industrial conference at Sydney has been adjourned indefinitely, with but little progress made. Wool sales continue steady, with Yorkshire and Japan the chief purchasers.

BRAZIL.

Exchange continues slightly weak and there is a general feeling of uncertainty. Business generally is dull, with only a fair movement of staples. There has been no change in the coffee market, because of the lack of transportation between Santos and Sao Paulo, caused by torrential rains in the vicinity of these cities. The President of the Republic has signed a decree exempting imports at the port of Rio de Janeiro from the 2% gold surtax of that port when goods are intended for Sao Paulo and Santos. The State of Rio Grande do Sul is seeking a loan totalling \$46,000,000. Of this amount \$35,000,000 is for the Banco do Estado, to be issued in six equal series and to be guaranteed by farm mortgages and by the State. The balance is for sub-loaning to municipalities. The City of Curitiba, capital of the State of Parana, is seeking a loan of \$1,250,000, offering 7% for a 30-year issue at 93. The President of the Republic states privately that the Budget surplus for 1928 is 200,000 contos (\$24,000,000).

CANADA.

Retail and wholesale trade is generally unchanged. Collections in Western Canada are expected to improve following the \$26,000,000 interim wheat pool payment on March 1. The employment situation on February 1 was better than at the same date last year; it indicates a pronounced recovery in manufacturing and an improvement in logging and mining activities. Seasonal declines are being experienced in construction trade and in transportation business.

Manufacturers are very busy in the rubber goods, aluminum products, garments, agricultural implements, cotton goods, footwear, railway equipment and automobile lines.

CHINA.

Optimism with regard to general business outlook continues in Shanghai areas. As a result of satisfactory New Year settlements, the past two weeks have shown a more rapid recovery of general business activities than usually follows Chinese New Year holidays. Some uncertainty prevails with regard to outcome of the forthcoming Kuomintang conference, although it is generally anticipated that trade will not be adversely affected. No adverse effects to trade are apparent as a result of the new tariff schedule. Installation of machinery in the Shanghai mint will be completed in the near future. Japanese merchants in Antung and Mukden are strongly protesting against the proposed cancellation of one-third reduction in customs duties for frontier trade.

DENMARK.

The adverse effect of the present hard winter, the most severe of the last 100 years, has not been able to check the improvement in Danish business, which remains favorable. Industry and foreign trade, however, suffer because of shipping difficulty caused by heavy ice blocking free passage of vessels in the principal ports. The situation is creating a shortage of certain raw materials and fuel, necessitating reduced industrial activity. Building and outdoor activity likewise have ceased in many places. Unemployment, in consequence, has increased and at the end of January was estimated at 80,000, compared with 78,000 at the beginning of the year. Transportation by train and ship is being maintained only with great difficulty. Shipping nevertheless remains well occupied, leaving no idle tonnage except for a few icebound ships. Agricultural production remains high, with the exception of butter, which shows a slight decline. Export prices show a rising tendency while retail prices are entirely stable.

HUNGARY.

Hungarian business was at a standstill during February, owing to the extreme cold and heavy snowfall. Traffic tieups caused a coal shortage and interrupted grain exports. The coal industry was fully occupied and the iron and steel industry and the cotton and wool spinning mills were fairly active. Textile branches report few advance orders. Flour mills are operating at 30% of capacity. Winter cereals are in an excellent condition, being covered by a heavy blanket of snow. The money market remained fairly liquid, with a slight transitory stiffening during the last week of February; long term offers were few. The savings deposits in the postal savings banks and in the 13 leading commercial banks in Budapest totaled \$91,100,000 on Feb. 15, with the steady increase continuing. Figures published by the National Bank show gold cover on Feb. 15 amounting to 45.8% of the aggregate note circulation.

JAPAN.

Stock and commodity markets are inactive, reflecting the unsettled parliamentary status. An adverse balance approximating 50,000,000 yen in February foreign trade is found discouraging. The Japanese Government is contemplating a measure to strengthen the yen, if necessary.

MEXICO.

General business in Mexico remained fairly quiet during the week ended Mar. 2, with the exception of automobile sales, which are reported satisfactory.

NETHERLAND EAST INDIES.

Textiles are selling well to retailers in anticipation of business in connection with preparations for the native New Year, which occurs in March. Demand for fancy textiles, however, is spotty and importers are losing on some fancy lines.

NORWAY.

Moderate optimism is prevailing among Norwegian business men, with industry and trade showing signs of improvement. Foreign trade during January was considerably above last year's export, specially. Shipping and whaling likewise are active in contrast to the depression of shipping during the first part of 1928. The labor market is quiet. The compulsory Arbitration Court is working on settlement of disputes arising within the export branches of industry. The conflict within the mining industry has been settled with a 2.5% wage reduction and acceptance of a two-year wage schedule. Unemployment at the end of January was estimated at 24,000, as compared with 27,000 a year ago. Fifty-one ships are under construction or contracted for by Norwegian shipyards, while 41 are being built in foreign countries for Norwegian companies. Excellent catches are reported by the fishing industry, the whaling catch having been large with a local estimate yield of over 1,000,000 barrels, valued at more than 100,000,000 crowns. The paper and pulp industry is active, with prices firm. Notwithstanding the severe cold, the principal harbors remain open.

UNITED KINGDOM.

British trade has shown improvement during the past month and the outlook is slightly more promising. The increase in exports during

January appeared chiefly in the case of manufacturers, with ships and iron and steel as the most conspicuous items in the advance. Returns of steel productions for January also show a substantial increase. Prospects for shipbuilding and the engineering trades are better, while coal business is more active, partly due to the wintry weather. Automotive sales have been retarded by the severe weather. Automotive manufacturers, however, have been working full time on spring stocks. Conditions in both the cotton and woolen textile industries are unsatisfactory, with reduced production due to restricted demand. The chemical trade is active for both domestic and export markets. The demand for leather has improved slightly, but prices of hides remain unstable. Boot and shoe manufacturers are somewhat better engaged than a month ago. Building and other outside occupations have been adversely affected by seasonal conditions. Labor returns for Feb. 18 show a heavy increase in unemployment over the previous week, with the increase distributed over the whole country and attributed to stoppages of work owing to frost and snow. The number of work-people listed on the unemployment registers in Great Britain on that date was 1,458,000, which number was 115,500 greater than that reported for Feb. 11 and 32,000 greater than the total a month previous. It is generally considered that the two leading factors adverse to industrial expansion are the approaching general election and the recent increase in the bank rate. Railway receipts during January were slightly lower than in December, but they were better than those of a year ago. Retail trade has been adversely affected by cold weather.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

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

The weeks abaca market firmed, as the result of traders discounting the recently heavy arrivals, which are recognized as temporary. The local market was also affected by a firmer tendency in the American market, due to an expected increase in rope prices Mar. 1. Abaca prices are now nominal and sellers are holding for anticipated advances in all grades. Grade F is quoted at 31 pesos per picul of 139 pounds; I, 28.50; JUS, 21.50; JUK, 17.50; and L, 15.50. (One peso equals \$0.50.) Receipts during the week ended Feb. 23 totaled 41,793 bales and exports amounted to 24,285 bales, of which 10,478 were shipped to the United States and Canada. Since the first of January receipts have aggregated 273,656 bales, of which 226,253 were exported and consumed locally. Arrivals of copra continue good, but are expected to slacken about the first of March. Some oil mills are shutting down temporarily for repairs, but all are operating. Copra prices are easier, f.o.b. quotations being 12.25 pesos per picul, Manila; Cebu and Hondagua, 11.875 pesos; and Legaspi, 11.75 pesos. In 1928 there were 127,540 metric tons of copra exported to the Pacific coast, 49,380 to Mexican gulf ports, 4,189 to the Atlantic Coast, 57,208 to Europe and 152 tons to Japan. The year's shipments of coconut oil included 29,033 metric tons to the Pacific Coast, 93,313 to the Atlantic Coast, 16,043 to gulf ports, and 1,108 tons to China.

Reichsbank Sells Gold to Pay Reparation Obligations—Americans Reported as Buyers.

Associated Press advices from Berlin, March 7, are reported as follows in the "Times":

For the first time since stabilization of the mark, the Reichsbank has been obliged to sell gold to meet reparations requirements and those of other accounts. Altogether 46,000,000 marks (about \$10,900,000) have been sold to American interests, which has reduced the bank's stock of bullion to 2,683,000,000 marks.

Commenting on the above, the "Sun" of March 8 said:

Reports from Berlin that the Reichsbank for the first time since 1927 had sold some gold, amounting to 46,000,000 Reichsmarks, or some \$13,000,000 for reparations account created considerable interest in banking circles here, especially since it was stated that the gold was sold to American buyers. There was some disposition to see part of this sale in the release from earmark of \$2,500,000 gold at the Federal Reserve Bank yesterday. This release could represent the sale of metal for German account.

The release from earmark of \$2,500,000 and the arrival of \$1,500,000 from Canada in the past week, with only nominal exports of \$262,000 gave this country a gold import balance on the week of nearly \$4,000,000. The \$5,500,000 coming from Argentina has not yet arrived, but some of it will come here next week.

Bank of Finland To Increase Capital.

United Press advices from Helsingfors to the "Wall Street Journal" March 1 stated:

Riksdag delegates elected to control supervision of the Bank of Finland propose to increase capital stock of the bank from \$12,600,000 to \$25,200,000. Delegates also decided to transfer one-half of the annual net profits to the reserve fund until it totals \$25,200,000, after which one-third will be placed in the reserve and the remainder placed at the disposal of the Riksdag. Under the existing statute, the reserve fund already is complete.

Stock of Money in the Country.

The Treasury Department at Washington has issued the customary monthly statement showing the stock of money in the country and the amount in circulation after deducting the moneys held in the United States Treasury and by Federal Reserve banks and agents. It is important to note that, beginning with the statement of Dec. 31 1927, several very important changes have been made. They are as follows: (1) The statement is dated for the end of the month instead of for the first of the month; (2) gold held by Federal Reserve banks under earmark for foreign account is now excluded, and gold held abroad for Federal Reserve banks is now included; (3) minor coin (nickels and cents) has been added. On this basis the figures this time, which are for Jan. 31 1929, show that the money in circulation at that

date (including, of course, what is held in bank vaults of member banks of the Federal Reserve System) was \$4,656,617,424, as against \$4,973,168,182 Dec. 31 1928 and \$4,677,054,676 Jan. 31 1928, and comparing with \$5,698,214,612 on Oct. 31 1920. Just before the outbreak of the World War, that is on June 30 1914, the total was only \$3,458,059,755. The following is the statement:

KIND OF MONEY.	Total Amount. a	MONEY HELD IN THE TREASURY.			MONEY OUTSIDE OF UNITED STATES MONEY—JANUARY 31 1929.			In Circulation.			Population of Continental United States (Estimated.)
		Amt. Held in Trust against United States Gold & Silver Certificates (of 1890.)	Held for Federal Reserve Banks and Agents.	All Other Money.	Total.	Held by Federal Reserve Banks and Agents. f	Per Capita.	Amount.			
Gold coin and bullion.....	\$ 64,127,009.221	\$ 3,182,617,919	\$ 1,376,474,819	\$ 105,510,554	\$ 944,391,302	\$ 563,439,081	\$ 380,952,221	\$ 3.20	380,952,221	119,076,000	
Gold certificates.....	c(1,376,474,819)	482,294,078	473,399,601	8,894,477	1,376,474,819	453,281,970	923,192,849	7.74	923,192,849	117,772,000	
Stand. silv. dol.	539,901,775					13,211,332	44,456,365	.37	44,456,365	107,491,000	
Silver certifi.-	c(472,107,701)					90,436,158	81,671,543	3.20	81,671,543	103,716,000	
Treasury notes of 1890.....	c(1,291,900)									90,027,000	
Subsid'y silv.-	304,041,458									48,231,000	
Minor coin.....	118,826,716										
U. S. notes.....	346,681,016										
F. R. Res. notes	2,074,301,765										
F. R. bank notes	3,882,751										
Nat. bank notes	697,278,219										
Total Jan. 31 29	8,211,982,901	\$ 63,694,997,187	\$ 1,849,874,420	\$ 204,490,221	\$ 6,366,860,134	\$ 1,710,242,710	\$ 4,656,617,424	39.07	4,656,617,424	119,194,000	
Comparative totals											
Dec. 31 1928	8,431,099,373	\$ 63,713,243,391	\$ 1,888,697,793	\$ 219,545,401	\$ 6,006,553,775	\$ 1,633,885,593	\$ 4,973,168,182	41.76	4,973,168,182	119,076,000	
Jan. 31 1928	8,405,886,981	\$ 64,011,086,130	\$ 2,053,454,037	\$ 202,079,494	\$ 6,448,254,888	\$ 1,771,200,212	\$ 4,677,054,676	39.71	4,677,054,676	117,772,000	
Oct. 31 1920	8,479,620,824	\$ 436,864,530	\$ 718,674,378	\$ 352,850,336	\$ 6,761,430,672	\$ 1,063,216,060	\$ 5,698,214,612	53.01	5,698,214,612	107,491,000	
Mar. 31 1917	5,396,596,677	\$ 62,952,020,313	\$ 681,691,072	\$ 187,350,216	\$ 6,126,267,456	\$ 953,321,622	\$ 4,172,945,914	40.23	4,172,945,914	103,716,000	
June 30 1914	3,796,456,764	\$ 41,845,575,888	\$ 1,507,178,879	\$ 156,000,000	\$ 3,458,059,755	\$ 3,458,059,755	\$ 3,458,059,755	34.92	3,458,059,755	90,027,000	
Jan. 1 1879	1,007,084,453	\$ 22,420,402	\$ 21,602,640	\$ 100,000,000	\$ 90,817,762	\$ 816,266,721	\$ 816,266,721	16.92	816,266,721	48,231,000	

a Includes United States paper currency in circulation in foreign countries and the amount held by the Cuban agency of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

b Does not include gold bullion or foreign coin other than that held by the Treasury, Federal Reserve Banks, and Federal Reserve agents. Gold held by Federal Reserve banks under earmark for foreign account is excluded, and gold held abroad for Federal Reserve banks is included.

c These amounts are not included in the total since the money held in trust against gold and silver certificates and Treasury notes of 1890 is included under gold coin and bullion and standard silver dollars, respectively.

d The amount of money held in trust against gold and silver certificates and Treasury notes of 1890 should be deducted from this total before combining it with total money outside of the Treasury to arrive at the stock of money in the United States.

e This total includes \$21,720,873 of notes in process of redemption, \$154,250,107 of gold deposited for redemption of Federal Reserve notes, \$4,344,835 deposited for redemption of National bank notes, \$2,050 deposited for retirement of additional circulation (Act of May 30 1908), and \$7,530,056 deposited as a reserve against postal savings deposits.

f Includes moneys held by the Cuban agency of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Note.—Gold certificates are secured dollar for dollar by gold held in the Treasury for their redemption; silver certificates are secured dollar for dollar by standard silver dollars held in the Treasury for their redemption; United States notes are secured by a gold reserve of \$156,039,088 held in the Treasury. This reserve fund may also be used for the redemption of Treasury notes of 1890, which are also secured dollar for dollar by standard silver dollars held in the Treasury. Federal Reserve notes are obligations of the United States and a first lien on all the assets of the issuing Federal Reserve bank. Federal Reserve notes are secured by the deposit with Federal Reserve agents of a like amount of gold or of gold and such discounted or purchased paper as is eligible under the terms of the Federal Reserve Act. Federal Reserve banks must maintain a gold reserve of at least 40%, including the gold redemption fund which must be deposited with the United States Treasurer, against Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation. Lawful money has been deposited with the Treasurer of the United States for retirement of all outstanding Federal Reserve bank notes. National bank notes are secured by United States bonds except where lawful money has been deposited with the Treasurer of the United States for their retirement. A 5% fund is also maintained lawful money with the Treasurer of the United States for the redemption of national banknotes secured by Government bonds.

Charles G. Dawes to Head Mission to Revise Economic and Financial Policies of Dominican Republic.

Charles G. Dawes, who retired to private life on Mar. 4, after serving for four years as Vice-President of the United States, has been chosen to head a mission to recommend improvements in the economic and financial administration of the Dominican Republic. Letters which passed between General Vasquez, President of San Domingo, and Mr. Dawes regarding the new duties he has been invited to assume were made public at Washington on Mar. 3 as follows:

Mar. 1, noon.

General Charles G. Dawes,
Washington, D. C.

Desirous of obtaining for the Dominican people the great benefits which they would receive through your experience and great ability, I beg you to organize and accept the chairmanship of an advisory mission to come to this country to recommend methods of improvement in our system of economic and financial administrative organization, both national and municipal; for the installation of a scientific budget system, and for an efficient method whereby the government may control all of its expenditures.

PRESIDENT VASQUEZ.

General Dawes' reply is annexed:

Washington, Mar. 2 1929.

General Vasquez,
President De La Republica,
Santo Domingo, R. D.

You do me a great honor and I accept your gracious invitation with a sincere hope that I may be of some assistance, however little, in the work to which you assign me in our sister Republic of Santo Domingo. The work you ask myself and my associates to enter is one in no wise involved in questions of internal policy, but is only that of suggesting certain methods of organization under which the routine business of government is transacted.

Our work will be strictly limited to your definition of purpose as stated by you, to recommend methods of improvement in your system of economic and financial administrative organization, both national and municipal for the installation of a scientific budget system, and for an efficient method where by the government may control all of its expenditures.

I again express my gratitude for the great honor you do me and the confidence which you show in me. It will be my earnest endeavor to be worthy of it. With highest esteem and respect,

CHARLES G. DAWES.

The personnel of the mission is announced as follows:

- Charles G. Dawes.
- General James O. Harbord, President of the Radio Corp. of America
- Sumner Welles, former Commissioner to the Dominican Republic.
- H. C. Smither, former chief co-ordinator of the United States.
- J. Clarence Roop, former Assistant Director of the Bureau of the Budget.
- T. W. Robinson, Vice-President of the Illinois Steel Co.
- Henry P. Seidemann of the Institute of Government Research.

E. Ross Bartley, Secretary to Mr. Dawes, will be Secretary of the mission. The members of the mission met in preliminary conference in Washington on Mar. 3. Associated Press advices from Washington on Mar. 2 said:

General Dawes expects to sail from New York March 28. His task will have to do primarily with expenditures rather than with revenues. Santo Domingo has an American Receiver-General of Customs under a treaty negotiated in 1907.

Under this treaty the Dominican Government was authorized to issue \$20,000,000 in 5% bonds secured by a first lien on the customs revenues. In 1925 a new convention was negotiated, enabling the Republic to borrow anew so as to refund debts still outstanding, providing \$10,000,000 for new outlays and continuing the customs receivership. On May 25 1925 this convention was ratified by a portion of the Dominican Chamber, the Opposition absenting themselves and declaring the proceeding illegal.

A beautiful silver tray was presented to the Vice-President to-day by the members of the Senate.

The tribute was unusual, coming from the body he so vigorously criticized four years ago, when he was inaugurated. Senator Joseph T. Robinson (Ark.), leader of the Democrats, made the presentation speech, and Senator George H. Moses (N. H.) spoke for the Republicans.

Mr. Dawes returned to Chicago, his home city, on Mar. 6, on which date he visited his offices in the Central Trust Co. and presided over a meeting of its board. Associated Press accounts from Chicago, from which we quote, also said:

The office of Chairman of the board has been vacant in General Dawes' bank since he resigned four years ago when he assumed the office of Vice-President. He has spent some time at the bank when in Chicago between sessions of Congress, but he had insisted that other officials be in active charge of its affairs.

Max Winkler on Effects of Government Supervision of Foreign Loans—Suggests that Supervision Be Left to Bankers.

Max Winkler, Vice-President of Bertron, Griscom & Co., speaking on Mar. 2 at a meeting of the Foreign Policy Association in Providence, R. I., on the "United States Policy Toward Private Investments Abroad," declared that Government approval or disapproval of a loan constitutes no reliable criterion as regards the soundness or investment quality of a loan. He contends that the regulation of the terms of loan contracts would prove more effective than the mere supervision of loans, because publication of ruinous terms to lenders would discourage buying bonds contracted on terms which invite default. Bankers as a rule, he noted, do not care to handle loans which cannot be sold readily. **Except possibly for examination of the terms of a loan by an independent and impartial Tribunal, the speaker sug-**

gested that the supervision be left entirely to the American bankers who, on the whole, seem, so far at least, to have exercised excellent judgment and who seem to have displayed marked fairness to the borrowers as well as the investing public.

Mr. Winkler's address dealt with the effects of our "ban" upon certain foreign loans with particular reference to the results of our embargo upon French borrowing; the contemplated Coffee Valorization Loan by Brazil; and the proposed Potash Loan by Germany. His remarks also bore upon the apprehension over the possibilities that a similar fate might befall our investments, which have risen to the impressive total of \$15,601,000,000, distributed as follows:

	Amount.	P. C. of Total.
Europe.....	\$4,798,000,000	30.75
Canada.....	4,120,000,000	26.41
South America.....	2,513,000,000	16.11
Central America.....	2,854,000,000	18.93
Australasia.....	841,000,000	5.39
Miscellaneous.....	375,000,000	2.41
Total.....	\$15,601,000,000	100.00

* Including Mexico, Cuba and West Indies.

Analysis will show that governments are not, as a rule, he said, wilful defaulters. Suspension of service almost invariably results from ruinous and impossible terms imposed by the lenders. He also pointed out that analysis of loans granted to impoverished nations after the Napoleonic Wars reveals that loans were offered at prices to yield to the public between 10 and 12½% with the probability, nay certainty, that the yield to the bankers was very materially in excess of such figure. Every one of these loans, he said, went into default. Following the Great War, impoverished nations applied to the League under whose auspices loans were floated at prices yielding the investor between 6.82% and 8.57%, with the yield to the bankers not very much more. American loans to impoverished countries more or less under our tutelage made on terms much more favorable than warranted.

Spanish Exchange Control.

The "Wall Street Journal" of March 4 reported the following from London:

Advices from Madrid state that the Spanish Minister of Finance has announced temporary suspension of official intervention to control the peseta foreign exchange rate. The Spanish government was recently forced to sell £1,000,000 in sterling bills due to heavy selling of pesetas in world markets. It is predicted the government will resume control in a few days.

\$50,000,000 Offering of Debentures for Kreuger & Toll — Issue Oversubscribed.

Approximately \$75,000,000 will be realized by Kreuger & Toll Co. through the sale March 7 of \$50,000,000 secured 5% gold debentures and the offering of 16,250,000 kroner additional participating debentures to present holders of that security as well as the ordinary shares. The new dollar debentures, which were offered at 98, to yield over 5½%, by a syndicate headed by Lee, Higginson & Co., were heavily oversubscribed according to the bankers. In addition to being the direct obligation of the corporation, with reported net assets of more than \$212,000,000, the debentures are specifically secured by pledge of \$60,268,837 par value of securities of ten different countries. With the proceeds of this financing Kreuger & Toll Co. will purchase from the Swedish Match Co. and the International Match Corp. \$78,000,000 of securities obtained from various Governments for advances made by them incident to procuring concessions for the manufacture and sale of matches. Associated with Lee, Higginson & Co. in the \$50,000,000 offering were Guaranty Co. of New York; National City Co.; Brown Brothers & Co.; Dillon, Read & Co.; Clark, Dodge & Co. and the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh. Substantial blocks of the issue were simultaneously offered in England by Higginson & Co. and N. M. Rothschild & Sons; in Sweden by Skandinaviska Kreditaktiebolaget; in Holland by Hope & Co.; Teixeira de Mattos Brothers, Deutsche Bank and Hollandsche Koopmansbank; and in Switzerland by a group headed by the Swiss Bank Corp.

Coincident with the dollar debenture offering, Kreuger & Toll Co. is giving holders of its participating debentures and ordinary shares the right to subscribe for 16,250,000 kroner additional participating debentures at 600% of par in ratio of one for each eight held. Through this offer, holders of American certificates representing participating debentures of the company will receive rights to subscribe to additional American certificates representing the new participating debentures in the ratio of one certificate for each eight now held at \$32.16. Further details regarding the

offering are given in our "Investment News" columns on a subsequent page.

Brazilian Bonds Drawn For Redemption.

Dillon, Read & Co., as sinking fund trustee for the United States of Brazil 6½% loan of 1926, have designated \$352,000 of the bonds by lot for redemption at par on April 1, out of the funds paid into the sinking fund. Payment will be made at the office of Dillon, Read & Co. in New York or at the office of N. M. Rothschild & Sons in London.

Argentine Government, External Bonds of 1925, Drawn For Redemption—Public Works Issue Also Drawn.

J. P. Morgan & Co. and The National City Bank of New York, as fiscal agents, are issuing a notice to holders of Government of the Argentine Nation external sinking fund 6% gold bonds, issue of Oct. 1, 1925, due Oct. 1, 1929, announcing that \$167,000 principal amount of these bonds have been drawn for retirement at par and accrued interest, on April 1, 1929, out of moneys in the sinking fund. Bonds so drawn will be paid upon presentation and surrender at either the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., 23 Wall Street, or at the head office of The National City Bank of New York on April 1, next, from which date all interest on drawn bonds will cease.

Holders of Argentine Government Loan 1926 external sinking fund 6% gold bonds, public works issue of Oct. 1, 1926, due Oct. 1, 1929 are also being notified by J. P. Morgan & Co. and The National City Bank of New York, fiscal agents, to the effect that \$89,500 principal amount of these bonds have been drawn for retirement at par and accrued interest, on April 1, 1929, out of moneys in the sinking fund. Bonds so drawn will be paid upon presentation and surrender at either the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., 23 Wall Street or at the head office of The National City Bank of New York, 55 Wall Street on April 1, next, from which date all interest on drawn bonds will cease.

Bonds of Pirelli Co. of Italy Drawn for Redemption.

J. P. Morgan & Co., as fiscal agent, is notifying holders of Societa Italiana Pirelli (Pirelli Company of Italy) sinking fund 7% convertible gold bonds, due May 1, 1929 and issued under trust agreement dated May 1, 1927, that \$36,000 principal amount of these bonds will be redeemed and paid on May 1, 1929 at 104. Bonds so drawn will be paid upon surrender at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., 23 Wall Street on May 1, next, after which date all interest on drawn bonds will cease.

Definitive Bonds of Greek Government Ready for Delivery at Office of Speyer & Co.

Speyer & Co. announce that definitive bonds of the Greek Government forty-year 6% secured sinking fund gold bonds, stabilization and refugee loan of 1928, are now ready for delivery at their office, 24 and 26 Pine Street, in exchange for and upon surrender of their interim receipts.

Paulista Railway Co. Bonds Called for Redemption.

Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co. as fiscal agents under the loan have drawn by lot and called for redemption on Mar. 15, 1929, \$77,000 face amount of Paulista Railway Co. first and refunding mortgage 7% sinking fund gold bonds, series A making a total of \$870,500 bonds redeemed by the sinking fund. Payment is to be made at 102% at the office of Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co.

President Simmons of New York Stock Exchange in Paris Speech Says U. S. Sets Example to World in Avoiding Hoarding of Gold—Also Addresses Amsterdam Stock Exchange.

E. H. H. Simmons, President of the New York Stock Exchange, who sailed for Europe on Feb. 8, has delivered two addresses during his trip abroad. Before the American Club at Paris on Feb. 22, upon the occasion of its Washington's Birthday dinner, he spoke on "An Indissoluble Friendship," and at a dinner of the Amsterdam Stock Exchange Committee, in Amsterdam, Holland, on Feb. 26, he discussed "Old and New Amsterdam." While in Europe a year ago, President Simmons made no addresses outside of London; at that time he delivered two speeches during his brief stay. He was abroad less than a month at that

time—from March 10 to April 6. In his Paris speech a week ago—Feb. 22—President Simmons alluded to the gold supply of France and the United States, his remarks on this point being as follows:

No major economic event has during the past few years possessed a more genuine international significance than the splendid and astonishingly rapid financial recovery of France. I happened to be in Paris during that feverish and unhealthy July of 1926, when the entire French monetary situation seemed in a tragic and hopeless state of flux, and when confident predictions as to the inevitable and complete collapse of the franc were being made. The stabilization of this most dangerous situation was so suddenly and effectively accomplished that it compelled the admiration of the world. It was as if a second battle of Verdun had occurred, this time in the financial field, and that again the French people had resolutely declared, "They shall not pass!"

To-day France finds herself with a gold supply which, if I am not mistaken, is second in size only to that of the United States, and indeed very nearly equal in per capita amount. France has had a great boom on the Bourse, as we have also had in America upon the New York Stock Exchange, and the best French securities to-day are very generally selling on even a lower yield basis than similar American securities. France has again become a great international lender, with extensive credits even in London and New York. This extraordinary financial achievement ranks even with the supreme accomplishments of France during the war itself. Difficult economic and financial problems of course still lie ahead, and I by no means wish to seem oblivious to them. Nevertheless, it is after all something besides mere American optimism that leads me, on the basis of what France already has accomplished in the way of financial recuperation, to foresee no insuperable obstacles in completing the latter and less difficult part of her financial programme.

I speak of this most gratifying financial recovery of France, because it has already made in an economic way for closer and more intimate relations with the United States. America in recent months has given an example to the world of avoiding a hoarding of gold for purely national reasons. To-day in the United States, roughly 60 billion dollars of bank credit is supported by a base of about 4 billions of gold—in itself a remarkable achievement in the efficiency with which we have utilized gold in the creation of bank credit. The French franc and the American dollar are to-day both firmly established on the same basis of gold. Since the world's gold supply is after all relatively limited, the proper apportionment of it among the lending gold-standard nations, and the safe yet efficient employment of gold as a basis for the banking credit which commerce and industry require, remains as an international problem requiring our best efforts and our intelligent co-operation.

The return of more normal financial conditions here have also made France what she was before the war—a creditor nation, with funds to lend abroad. Presently French capital will seek extensive investment in long-term as well as in short-term forms. Here again lies another common bond with the United States. America, in engaging recently for practically the first time in foreign lending, has had no imperialistic aim. It has been an economic rather than a political development, caused by our sudden super-abundance of capital. The United States still has too great undeveloped resources within her own borders to need or desire to play an imperialistic role abroad on the basis of her exported capital. No such motive actually dominates to-day either Washington or Wall Street. On the other hand, American investors have no greater love of seeing their foreign investments impaired, than have the investors of any other modern country. It is going to be more and more necessary in future years for the world's principal creditor nations—France and the United States of course among them—to co-operate as well as to compete in making foreign investments, and to establish standards for the export of capital which will sufficiently safeguard the investing classes of those countries. Too active competition among the leading creditor nations in making foreign loans can only result in the encouragement of unsound government and company finance for which the investor everywhere will ultimately be called upon to pay.

A final fundamental bond of understanding and sympathy between France and America lies in the very colonial problems which have so often created serious misunderstandings between the great powers. For many years the United States has striven to prepare its colonies for self-government, and the independent Republic of Cuba to-day symbolizes the unselfish spirit of our colonial policies. As all colonial powers have discovered, however, a certain economic and educational evolution is often required, before political independence can be truly called a blessing. The United States is striving to-day to extend the benefits of civilization in a just and humane way to her colonial possessions, and for this reason the unusual accomplishments of the French in their North African possessions have been widely admired in America. Undertaken in a spirit of intelligence and humanity, the French pacification of North Africa has been a genuine achievement in the extension of civilization itself. We Americans, to whom the great names of La Salle and Pere Marquette are still familiar, have long had an especial reason to congratulate France upon the continuing force and character of her colonial enterprises in the twentieth century.

At Amsterdam on Feb. 26, President Simmons made the statement that American financial men are becoming more and more interested in the way that the older financial creditor centers of Europe have handled problems, and he added: "It seems likely that as time goes on, American financial methods will come more and more to resemble those long since devised by these older European creditor centers." In part he said:

The transformation of the United States into a creditor nation has occurred so rapidly that it has produced a certain amount of bewilderment in the minds of many of our financial leaders as to the methods and technique proper under this new economic situation. It must be remembered that American financial customs and institutions have for over a century been developed under conditions when the United States was consistently a debtor nation. There has consequently been little conception in American finance of the possibility of possessing a surplus of capital over and above the demand for capital investment arising within the United States itself. For this reason, American financial men are becoming more and more interested in the way that the older financial creditor centers of Europe have handled such problems in the past. It seems likely that as time goes on, American financial methods will come more and more to resemble those long since devised by these older European creditor centers.

Normally, of course, the American who wishes to study the technique of a financial creditor nation, will first acquaint himself with British methods and with the great financial metropolis of London. In so doing, the difficulty of speaking and reading a different language scarcely exists, and the close resemblance of British and American law also facilitates such a course. But before the American gets very far in his studies of British financial methods and history, he begins to realize that the British themselves at the end of the 17th century received a great deal of their financial education from the Dutch. Indeed, historians tell us that it was the expert Dutch financial advisors of William of Orange who, when he became King of England, did much in laying a proper foundation for the subsequent vast growth of London as a financial center. Even today the old Dutch Reformed Church stands in the heart of London City as a memorial to the early Dutch influence upon the surrounding financial center.

For this reason it is most interesting to the American student of finance to in turn trace the technique of British finance back to this old city of Amsterdam, which over three hundred years ago had become the leading financial market of the world. Here it was that central banking was first really organized, that bearer securities were developed, and that the first active stock exchange dealings in shares occurred. I realize that in the long history of Europe, three hundred years may not seem such an enormous space of time. Americans, however, remember that financial Amsterdam had begun to work out the numerous problems connected with acting as the leading international money market, at a time when the first permanent settlements by Europeans in the United States had barely begun, and before practically any of our great modern American cities were even founded.

It goes without saying that this long experience with financial problems which this old money center of Amsterdam has had, makes its precedents and its institutions of great interest to the younger countries of to-day. We Americans, particularly, should make every effort to avail ourselves of the long development of financial experience and technique which has occurred here.

Such a more intimate understanding of Dutch finance is of course greatly assisted by the close association which Amsterdam and New York have recently had in the international financing which has followed the war. Your leading banking firms and ours have frequently been associated together in the issuance of new loans to many parts of the world. Our Stock Exchange price lists also show this close relationship during recent years. The bonds of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, as well as those of the Dutch East Indies and also the shares of the great Royal Dutch Oil Company, are listed and dealt in to-day upon the New York Stock Exchange. On the other hand, the official list of the Amsterdam Stock Exchange is inclined to make the American visitor here feel very much at home, for your admirable Stock Exchange has long permitted dealings in many of our best American railway securities and also such leading American industrial shares as U. S. Steel.

After all, such an interchange of securities between nations provides one of the best means to promote international understanding. Certainly one of the reasons why the bankers of Holland often have such an accurate knowledge of the United States has been due to the large amounts of American securities in which your investors have in the past placed their funds. In the same way, the appearance of Dutch securities on the New York Stock Exchange has done much to familiarize the American people with the progress and enterprise of the Netherlands to-day.

Brokers' Loans on New York Stock Exchange on Feb. 28 \$6,678,545,917—Drop \$56,618,325 in Month.

While the outstanding brokers' loans on the New York Stock Exchange fell off \$56,618,325 during February, they are still at the high figure of \$6,678,545,917—the amount reported on Feb. 28. This huge total is the second largest on record, the total of the previous month, Jan. 31, at \$6,735,164,242, having been the highest ever reported. Of the February 28 total, the demand loans are shown as \$5,948,149,410 and the time loans as \$730,396,507. With regard to the latest figures the "Times" of Mar. 5 stated:

One of the indicators of the Wall Street situation was made public after the close of business yesterday. The Stock Exchange's compilation of its members' borrowings at the end of February showed \$56,618,325 reduction during that month. This was almost exactly parallel to the net reduction in the Reserve Bank's weekly compilations between Jan. 30 and Feb. 27, which was \$52,000,000—made up of \$110,000,000 increase in the first week of February, \$192,000,000 decrease in the next two weeks, and \$30,000,000 expansion last week. The Stock Exchange's figures therefore reflect the reaction in stocks and the loan curtailment which followed the Reserve Board's warning, but do not indicate either the extravagances of four weeks ago or the tendencies of the moment.

Its compilation includes, as the weekly statement of brokers' loans does not, the advances by foreign banks and agencies. Whether it reflects a change last month in collateral loans made by such foreign lenders can only be conjectured. The Stock Exchange's report of borrowings from other sources than New York banks and trust companies shows reduction of \$25,635,000 in February. But since the Federal Reserve compilations have reflected increase of more than \$100,000,000 during the month in "loans by others"—covering chiefly direct advances by industrial companies—it is possible that the rise in the London bank rate may have reduced considerably the foreign money loaned in Wall Street. For the rest, it need only be said that even the reduced total borrowings reported by the Stock Exchange are \$287,000,000 greater than in the wild speculation at the end of last November, and exceed the figure of a year ago by \$2,356,000,000, or 54½%.

The following is the statement issued Mar. 4 by the Stock Exchange showing the volume of brokers' loans:

Total net loans by New York Stock Exchange members on collateral, contracted for and carried in New York as of the close of business Feb. 28 1929, aggregated \$6,678,545,917.

The detailed tabulation follows:

	Demand Loans	Time Loans
(1) Net borrowings on collateral from New York banks or trust companies	\$5,034,404,224	\$584,459,023
(2) Net borrowings on collateral from private bankers, brokers, foreign bank agencies or others in the City of New York	913,745,186	145,937,484
	\$5,948,149,410	\$730,396,507

Combined total of time and demand loans, \$6,678,545,917. The scope of the above compilation is exactly the same as in the loan report issued by the Exchange a month ago.

The compilations of the Stock Exchange since the issuance of the monthly figures by it, beginning in January 1926, follow:

	Demand Loans.	Time Loans.	Total Loans.
Jan. 30	\$2,516,960,599	\$966,213,555	\$3,513,174,154
Feb. 27	2,494,846,264	1,040,744,057	3,536,590,321
Mar. 31	2,033,483,760	966,612,407	3,000,096,167
April 30	1,969,869,852	865,848,657	2,835,718,509
May 28	1,987,316,403	780,084,111	2,767,400,514
June 30	2,225,453,833	700,844,512	2,926,298,345
July 31	2,282,976,720	714,782,807	2,997,759,527
Aug. 31	2,363,861,382	778,286,686	3,142,148,068
Sept. 30	2,419,206,724	799,730,286	3,218,937,010
Oct. 31	2,289,436,450	821,746,475	3,111,182,925
Nov. 30	2,329,636,550	799,625,125	3,129,261,675
Dec. 31	2,541,682,885	751,178,730	3,292,861,615
1927—			
Jan. 31	2,328,340,338	810,446,000	3,138,786,338
Feb. 28	2,475,498,129	780,961,250	3,256,459,379
Mar. 31	2,504,687,674	785,093,500	3,289,781,174
April 30	2,541,305,897	799,903,950	3,341,209,847
May 31	2,673,993,079	783,875,950	3,457,869,029
June 30	2,756,968,593	811,998,250	3,568,966,843
July 30	2,764,511,040	877,184,250	3,641,695,290
Aug. 31	2,745,570,788	928,320,545	3,673,891,333
Sept. 30	3,107,674,325	896,953,245	3,914,627,570
Oct. 31	3,023,238,874	922,898,500	3,946,137,374
Nov. 30	3,134,927,003	957,809,300	4,091,836,303
Dec. 31	3,480,779,821	952,127,500	4,432,907,321
1928—			
Jan. 31	3,392,873,281	1,027,479,260	4,420,352,541
Feb. 29	3,294,378,654	1,028,200,260	4,322,578,914
Mar. 31	3,580,425,172	1,059,749,000	4,640,174,172
April 30	3,738,937,599	1,168,845,000	4,907,782,599
May 31	4,070,359,031	1,203,687,250	5,274,046,281
June 30	3,741,632,505	1,156,718,982	4,898,351,487
July 31	3,767,694,495	1,069,653,084	4,837,347,579
Aug. 31	4,093,889,293	957,548,112	5,051,437,405
Sept. 30	4,689,551,974	824,087,711	5,513,639,685
Oct. 31	5,115,727,534	763,993,528	5,879,721,062
Nov. 30	5,614,888,360	777,255,984	6,391,644,264
Dec. 31	5,722,258,724	717,481,787	6,439,740,511
1929—			
Jan. 31	5,982,672,411	752,491,831	6,735,164,242
Feb. 28	5,948,149,410	730,396,507	6,678,545,917

New York Curb Market Ruling on "Buy-In" Orders.

The New York Curb Exchange announced on March 6 that, beginning next Monday (March 11) and until further notice, the buy-in of the original party buying in "under the rule" will be the only buy-in order received at the Secretary's office and no intermediate buying will be received. The announcement said:

For example, if A, the original party buying in, wishes to buy, in B, he sends a notice of intention to make such a closing to the registered address of B, who is in default at or before 1 o'clock p.m. and the original order to the Secretary's office between 1:45 and 2 p.m.

Accordingly, if B, who is being bought in by A, is in turn buying in C, B sends a notice to C, specifying that the buy-in will be finally closed out by the order of A. The member or firm having evidence to submit in accordance with the rule of the constitution attaches the evidences to the buy-in he received and submits it to the Secretary's office, which will examine the evidence and, if satisfactory, in accordance with the rule, the buy-in served by the original party A will be cancelled.

Formation of New York Curb Market Partners' Association —Minimum Commission Charges on Security Transactions Increased.

The following is from the "Times" of Feb. 25:

Formation of the New York Curb Market Partners' Association, composed of members of the New York Curb Exchange doing a commission business among themselves, was announced yesterday. The purpose of the organization is to increase the minimum rates on security transactions among the members, except in the case of bonds and rights. Brokerage rates to the public are not affected.

A statement issued by the association follows: "We find that under existing conditions the cost of handling security transactions is such that definite steps must be taken so that no item shall represent a loss. We therefore have come to the decision and we hereby give notice that on and after March 1, 1929, our minimum commission charge on any security transaction, with the exception of bonds and rights, shall be \$1 give-up and \$2 clearance."

The following is the Executive Committee of the Association:

John W. Curtis, of A. Lincoln Eglinton & Co., Chairman; David Z. Andrews, of Andrews, Posner & Rothschild; E. A. Baker, of E. A. Baker & Son; Julius Brandenburg, of Brandenburg & Co.; C. Angus Browne, of Turnbull & Co.; Herbert G. Einstein, of H. G. Einstein & Co.; Walter P. McCaffray, of Walter P. McCaffray & Co.; Fred C. Moffatt, of Moffatt & Spear; Milton A. Prince, of Theodore Prince & Co.; E. A. Purcell, of Peter P. McDermott & Co.; E. H. Whiting, of E. H. Whiting & Co.

Central Delivery Department to Handle Deliveries of Cleared Securities of New York Stock Exchange to Be in Operation in April.

The new central delivery department of the Stock Clearing Corporation which will handle all deliveries between members of the Exchange of cleared securities will be placed in operation in about a month, according to an announcement Mar. 6 by the New York Stock Exchange. The announcement also said:

Extensive alterations have been made in the Stock Exchange building to provide for the new service by which all members will deliver securities to other members and receive securities from other members in the central delivery department instead of at their own

offices. This new department, it is expected, will greatly facilitate the work of the Street and will make delivery and receipt much easier and will minimize the loss and delay which exist when securities are carried through the Street to a large number of member offices.

The new department will start early in April with a few stocks, with others to be added as rapidly as possible, until all cleared stocks are included. Eventually, it is planned also to use the central delivery department for the delivery of non-cleared stocks and bonds. In order to educate office managers and other employees of Stock Exchange firms in the methods of the new department, a motion picture has been made showing every detail of its operation. A private showing of this picture was given at the Stock Clearing Corporation yesterday to officials and department heads and member firms will be invited as rapidly as possible to send their office partners, managers and employees to view the picture so that they may become thoroughly familiar with the necessary steps to be taken before the new department is opened.

Organization of Buffalo Stock Exchange.

The Buffalo Stock Exchange was formed in Buffalo, N. Y., at a meeting on Feb. 21 of representatives of 22 of the leading financial institutions of the city. The Buffalo "Courier Express" in its account on Feb. 22 of the organization of the new Exchange said:

George P. Rea, Vice-President of the Manufacturers & Traders-Peoples Trust Company, yesterday was elected President of the newly-formed Buffalo Stock Exchange; Roland Lord O'Brian, Vice-President, and W. J. Monro, Treasurer. Election of a Secretary was deferred.

One of the compelling reasons back of the movement to organize a stock exchange in Buffalo was to stabilize the prices of securities having their principal market here.

For many years the buyer or seller had for his only guide the bid and asked prices prepared by an executive of the Investment Bankers' Association on the basis of prices posted in various brokerage offices. These prices frequently varied widely and the public, whether buying or selling, was unable to determine within several dollars per share, in a good many instances, just what the actual market prices were.

Half Billion in Securities Here.

There is also the fact that the volume of over-the-counter trading has increased to large volume in the last few years, especially during 1928 and 1929. The market value of securities—both stocks and bonds—traded in and largely owned in Buffalo is estimated at approximately \$500,000,000 at present market prices. A statistical review prepared for the Courier-Express at the first of the year placed the dividends and interest on these stocks and bonds at approximately \$40,800,000 for the year and at \$9,500,000 for the last quarter of 1928. This growth in the volume of what are termed Buffalo and Western New York securities, it was felt by the proponents of the exchange, justified the organization of a medium through which transactions in the securities could be carried on in orderly fashion and where the law of supply and demand would be more accurately reflected.

The fact that organization of the Buffalo stock exchange has been completed by 22 banks and investment houses does not mean that membership of the exchange, when it is launched, will be limited to this number of members. The question of membership and the price to be charged for seats will be taken up later, as will the location of the exchange. It has been rumored that a membership of 30 to 35 has been considered, but this lacks official confirmation. The price for seats also has been mentioned at various prices, ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000. It was definitely stated yesterday, however, that the price for seats has not been decided upon.

Firms Represented.

The 22 firms, representatives of which met yesterday in the M. & T. building to form the new exchange, are:

Manufacturers & Traders-Peoples Trust Co.; Marine Trust Co.; O'Brian, Potter & Co.; Schoellkopf, Hutton & Pomeroy; Glenny, Monro & Moll; Vietor, Common & Co.; Hayes & Collins; J. C. Dann & Co.; W. A. Gardner & Co.; Baker, Trubee & Putnam; Liberty Bank of Buffalo; Community National Bank; A. L. Chambers & Co.; Cleversley, Rounds, Mundie & Gowans; Griffith, Kendall & Rochester; H. L. Perry & Co.; Pistell, Deans & Co.; L. G. Ruth & Co.; Wallace & Trost; A. J. Wright & Co.; and H. O. Babcock & Co.

The first meeting of the Buffalo Stock Exchange was held at once and the following named board of Governors, consisting of nine members, elected:

George P. Rea, vice-president Manufacturers & Traders-Peoples Trust Company; Walter J. Monro of Glenny, Monro & Moll; Roland Lord O'Brian of O'Brian, Potter & Stafford; Charles H. Diefendorf of the Marine Trust Company; J. C. Dann of J. C. Dann & Co.; Russell J. H. Hutton of Schoellkopf, Hutton & Pomeroy; W. A. Gardner of W. A. Gardner & Co.; Frederick Vietor of Vietor, Common & Co.; and A. B. Wright of A. J. Wright & Co.

Articles of agreement were signed and it is understood the constitution of the Buffalo exchange is patterned on that of Detroit.

The Detroit exchange plan was adopted, it is understood, because it is best fitted for the needs of Buffalo. The Detroit exchange was founded in 1907 and originally was called the Detroit Brokers' Association. A few years later, when it became an incorporated exchange, its sponsors patterned the constitution after that of the New York Stock Exchange.

Guaranty Trust Co. on Money Situation—Says Neither Reserve Banks nor Private Have Control Over Corporation Loans—Banks Employed as Agent.

Loans to corporations are discussed by the Guaranty Trust Company, in the current issue of "The Guaranty Survey," published Feb. 25. The company, in making the statement that the lending of money on call by corporations and individuals "has increased to a point where it constitutes a factor of major importance and highly uncertain conse-

quences," comments as follows regarding developments in the credit situation:

"It is true that neither the Reserve institutions nor private banks have any direct control over the lending of money on call by corporations and individuals, which has increased to a point where it constitutes a factor of major importance and highly uncertain consequences. More than six months ago it was pointed out that this practice had developed into the most important element in the immediate money situation. Since that time the amount of non-banking funds in the call loan market has increased by at least a billion dollars. By far the greater part of the stock market expansion during the past year has been financed by corporate funds.

"It should be clearly understood that, although loans for account of others are reported by the banks, such advances are not bank loans in any significant sense of the term. From the economic point of view, the situation is exactly the same as if the corporations with surplus funds had gone directly into the money market and made loans to brokers in their own name. The banks are employed merely as agents, because their facilities for clearing checks, checking and holding collateral, and carrying on the other financial functions involved in lending operations make it convenient to employ them in this manner.

Arguments Against Non-Banking Loans.

"The movements of funds at the end of 1928 have been cited as an illustration of the weakness inherent in the present situation. The large-scale calling of loans that occurred at that time is regarded as evidence that corporation loans are especially subject to sudden withdrawal. Surplus funds are carried by business enterprises primarily for other uses and will be available in the call loan market only as long as this means of investment is more profitable than others. Their abrupt retirement will result in one of two things: either the banks will take over the loans at a time when they themselves may be under considerable pressure for funds, in which case the corporation loans become a charge against the country's banking reserves; or speculators and investors will find their source of credit suddenly cut off and will be forced to liquidate their holdings, with possible disastrous consequences.

"In defense of the practice, it is held that there is no reason why corporations need be expected to withdraw their funds so abruptly as has been feared. Late last summer there was a prevalent fear that non-banking lenders would withdraw their funds in large volume to finance the seasonal trade revival, and that the result might be a severe money stringency; but no such development occurred.

"It has also been pointed out that the great corporations have a very real stake in the stability of the money market. While it is true that they do not feel the same sense of obligation in this direction that is recognized by the banks, yet they depend on the money market for their capital requirements and on the stock market for a measurement of the value of their own securities. It is not unreasonable to suppose that they would pay some attention to these facts in determining their financial policies.

Corporation Loans Not Subject to Control.

"On the other hand, it cannot be denied that the increase in corporation loans on call has, in a measure, carried the situation beyond banking control. For more than a year the Federal Reserve authorities have implicitly maintained the position that the flow of credit into the security markets should be curtailed—a position that found its first positive expression in the recent circular letter sent by the Federal Reserve Board to the regional banks. The Reserve banks asked for the support of member banks, seeking to restrict their loans on security collateral. The large banks in the financial centers have worked in close harmony with the Reserve institutions, while in other districts it has been found possible to exert sufficient pressure to prevent excessive rediscounting. It is still felt, however, that there must be further reduction of security loans of all classes. Although the Reserve banks are generally required to rediscount eligible paper when it is offered, such action must be taken "with due regard for the claims and demands of other member banks." Non-banking institutions are under no such restrictions, and have occupied the field left vacant by the refusal of the banks to finance further speculative expansion.

"To attempt to predict how this development will culminate would be a bold undertaking indeed. The situation is without precedent in financial history and is due to causes which themselves are only partly understood. Sooner or later the corporations will withdraw—in a large way, if not completely—from the money market; but when this will occur, how much further expansion will have taken place in the meantime, what form the retirement will take and what its effect will be, are matters of conjecture.

Assemblyman Storey Proposes Investigation of New York State Banking Department As Result of Closing of City Trust Company of New York—State's Funds in Institution Turned over to Attorney General.

Assemblyman Robert K. Storey Jr. of Brooklyn, (Republican) announced on March 7 that he will bring before the New York Legislature on March 11 a resolution calling for an investigation of the State Banking Department as a result of the closing of the City Trust Company of New York on Feb. 11; on the latter date, as indicated in our issue of Feb. 16, page 1006, the institution was taken over by State Superintendent of Banks Frank H. Warder. Assemblyman Storey's move follows a similar request made on March 6 to Governor Roosevelt by Frank Saitta, Brooklyn lawyer. The Governor withheld comment and action, says an Albany dispatch March 7 to the "Herald-Tribune" which quotes Mr. Storey as saying:

"The thing that I cannot understand, is how the City Trust Company could have failed without the Banking Department's examiners having an inkling of what was going on during their periodic examinations of the bank's affairs. There ought to be a sweeping investigation by a Legislative committee.

"Following such an investigation the Legislature and the State Banking Department ought to work together to determine what changes are necessary in the present system to guarantee to the people that bank failures will cease to be every-day occurrences."

Regarding the affairs of the institution Richard Reagan in the "Herald-Tribune" of March 3 said:

The primary cause for the failure of the City Trust Company and the subsequent refusal of any New York bank to purchase the company, it was learned last night, was that the bank's "assets" included loans of \$6,300,000, of which more than \$3,000,000 cannot be collected because the loans were made on worthless collateral, the notes were forged, the loans were made to "dummies" or to bootleggers who are not expected to pay. This information was gathered in an investigation of the loan made by the bank, which was completed yesterday.

The condition of the bank is such that the depositor, whose accounts total more than \$7,000,000, cannot hope to recover as much as 50% of their deposits, according to opinions voiced by investigators last night. This is due to the fact that not only the loans but the other assets of the company are in a worse state than anticipated.

Since the closing of the institution it has been reported that negotiations have been under way for the sale of its assets, the present status of the proceedings being indicated in the following from the "Times" of March 8.

Negotiations for the sale of the City Trust Co. by the State Banking Department, which closed it on Feb. 11, were regarded as more hopeful yesterday by the State Superintendent of Banks than at any other time since they were started. An announcement to that effect was made late in the afternoon by former Supreme Court Justice Jeremiah T. Mahoney, as counsel for State Superintendent of Banks Warder.

At the same time the City Trust Co. depositors' protective committee of Brooklyn wrote to Mr. Warder, commending the efforts he is making to liquidate the City Trust Co. on the basis of full payment to the depositors.

Mr. Mahoney said Mr. Warder had continued his conference with prospective purchasers sometimes as late as 1 a. m., and then he said:

"We are still working encouragingly. We feel very hopeful to-day. The State Superintendent of Banks has not agreed to anything unless it brought 100 cents on the dollar. Our hopes to-day are stronger than they have been at any other time since the negotiations started."

Will Keep Depositors Informed.

Mr. Mahoney said that if the deal went through the depositors would be notified. He asserted that the objections of one group of depositors had blocked a deal for the sale of leaseholds and fixtures of the two Brooklyn branches to the Manufacturers' Trust Co.

Commendation of Mr. Warder was expressed by Fred Powell, Chairman of the Brooklyn City Trust Co. depositors' protective committee.

The City Trust Co. made loans totaling \$190,574.17 to two borrowers, whose collateral, amounting to \$215,000, the City Trust Co. then put up to secure a loan of \$125,000 from the Bank of America, according to disclosures made yesterday when Supreme Court Justice Bijur's order authorizing repayment of the Bank of America loan was filed with the county clerk. The affidavit of Mr. Warder, in support of the application for the order, showed that the City Trust Co. advanced \$6,000 to Daniel Gigolio and made two loans, one for \$167,426.17 and the other for \$17,150, to D. Gentilli, or a total of \$190,574.17. The Bank of America on Mar. 1 demanded payment on the note of the City Trust Co.

Advocates Legal Safeguard.

Darwin R. James, in a letter to the "Times," proposed yesterday that all savings and thrift accounts should be safeguarded by the banking law requirements covering saving banks accounts, such as the segregation of such deposits and their investment only in securities that the savings banks of the State are permitted to purchase.

Mr. James's letter declares in part:

"The splendid record of the present Superintendent of Banks, Mr. Frank H. Warder is the best defense to attacks such as appeared in the paper this morning in connection with the affairs of the City Trust Co., whose doors were recently closed.

"The State has exercised very careful supervision over savings banks, requiring that money deposited in savings banks be invested in underlying securities of railroads and utilities, and bonds of the government, States and municipalities, which have not defaulted in the payment of principal or interest, and in mortgages on real estate not to exceed 60% of the value thereof. In recent years other institutions chartered under the banking laws of the State have sought thrift or savings accounts. There is no law, however, on the statute books that requires that these accounts be segregated and that the deposits be invested in so-called legal securities.

"While it is true that money deposited in the great financial institutions of the city is as safe as money invested in government bonds, yet a chain is no stronger than its weakest link, and what has happened once may happen again.

"This leads to the query. Should the Legislature not take cognizance of the situation and in the interest of safeguarding the savings of the people of the State to the fullest extent require in all cases segregation of such deposits and their investment only in securities that the savings banks of the State are permitted to purchase?"

With regard to an offer later withdrawn by the Manufacturers Trust Company for the purchase of the leases and fixtures of two of the Brooklyn offices of the City Trust Company. Nathan S. Jonas, President of Manufacturers Trust company issued the following statement on March 5:

Because there seems to be some misunderstanding as to the position of the Manufacturers Trust Co. in regard to the affairs of the City Trust Co., I have thought best to issue this statement so that the matter will be definitely understood and settled.

Manufacturers Trust Co., in the interests of the depositors of the City Trust Co., and with no other object whatever, made an offer to the Superintendent of Banks to purchase the leases, furniture and fixtures, vaults and safes in the two Brooklyn offices of the City Trust Co. This offer was made however, subject to the approval of the Depositors' Committee. We also expressed a willingness to be helpful to the depositors by loaning to them a percentage of their deposits, pending a distribution by the State Banking Department or some other settlement of the matter.

In view of the misunderstandings by some of the Depositor's Committee, the Manufacturers Trust Co. has withdrawn its offers entirely and now has no further interest in the matter and will not have any further interest in the affairs of the City Trust Co. in any way whatever directly or indirectly.

Our company had endeavored to perform a public service in the interests of depositors of the City Trust Co., who had their money tied up, and regrets that its offers of aid should have been misinterpreted and misunderstood.

At one of our offices in Brooklyn to-day there seemed to be some agitation and some withdrawal of accounts among the Italian depositors, who apparently have misunderstood our position, or have been misinformed in the

matter of the City Trust Co. However, this was only a brief flurry and after an explanation a number of accounts withdrawn have been reopened.

From Albany on Feb. 25 the "Times" announced the following advices:

A check for \$75,000 covering the full amount of the State's deposit in the City Trust Co. of New York City was placed in the hands of Attorney General Hamilton Ward to-day. It was given to him by the Albany representative of the American Surety Co., which had bonded the deposit.

The Attorney General took action to collect upon the bond immediately after the trust company had been taken over by the State Banking Department.

Creation of a Central State Bank and Clearing House Sought by Minnesota State Banking Group.

The following St. Paul advices are from the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 28:

Officials of the State bank group of the Minnesota Central Bankers Association are advocating organization of a central State bank and clearing house which would give State banks of Minnesota advantages similar to those of national banks through their membership in the Federal Reserve System. One suggestion calls for abolishment of the State Banking Department, which exercises general supervision over State banks. Some members of the Central Bankers Association have criticized this Department, asserting that it lends its influence to building up the stronger banks at the expense of the smaller one. Governor Theodore Christianson of Minnesota expressed approval of the general idea of a central bank and clearing house system for the State banks. However, he does not approve the proposal to do away with the State Banking Department.

"I have for some time felt that creation by State banks of some sort of clearing house association would help our banking situation," he said. "It is quite likely that some legislation would be needed to make the plan effective.

"One phase of the plan contemplated upon which I am not quite clear is the proposal to do away with the State supervision of banks. The creation of the Federal Reserve System did not affect in the least the supervisory power of the Comptroller of Currency, and I am in hopes that the purpose of the proposed plan is to aid the State Banking Department and not supplant it."

Heron & Co., Toronto (Canada) Brokerage Firm, Fails.

On last February 27, Heron & Company, said to be one of the oldest stock brokerage firms in Toronto, announced its assignment for the benefit of its creditors under the Canadian bankruptcy act, according to Associated Press advices from that city on Feb. 27, printed in the New York "Herald Tribune" of Feb. 28. A notice posted on the door of the company's offices on Colburne Street, said:

"The offices of Heron & Co. have been closed for business and all property has been assigned for distribution among creditors under the bankruptcy act."

Notification was sent to C. E. Abbs, President of the Toronto Stock Exchange, of which the firm was a member, that the company had closed its offices for business and that all property had been assigned for distribution among the creditors under the bankruptcy act. In the communication it was furthermore stated "that while the extent of the liabilities had not yet been determined, assets were substantial and Mr. Heron wished to state that it would be his earnest resolve to reimburse, if humanly possible, the firm's clients for any losses incurred by them."

New York Federal Reserve Bank on Gold Movement—Net Gain to U. S. During February \$23,500,000.

In indicating the course of the gold movement during February the New York Federal Reserve Bank, in its Monthly Review, March 1, reports imports of \$24,500,000 and exports of \$1,000,000—a net gain to the United States of \$23,500,000. The Bank's Comments follow:

Despite the persistence of Canadian exchange at a level even lower than the January average (¼ cent discount), which brought over \$39,000,000 in gold here from Canada during that month, only \$2,000,000 of Canadian gold was shipped here during February. The inflow of gold from England which began late in January continued during the first part of February, when this country received \$22,000,000 in gold from London, bringing the total of British gold in this movement up to \$29,250,000. Other transactions were very small in volume and took place independently of exchange conditions. No changes in earmarking were recorded.

According to a preliminary calculation, the gold movement during February was as follows: imports \$24,500,000; exports \$1,000,000; net gain to the United States \$23,500,000. This slightly exceeded the loss in January, making for the year to date a net gain of \$5,500,000.

New York Federal Reserve Bank on Money Market in February—Unseasonable Upward Tendency in Rates for Loans Principal Development.

Commenting on the money market during February, in its March 1 Monthly Review, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York states that "one of the principal developments in the money market during February was an unseasonable upward tendency in interest rates on commercial borrowing." In its discussion the Bank continues:

Acceptance dealers, in the effort to attract investment demand sufficient to absorb the supply of new bills, made two further advances in their rates, following the January increases, and in the latter part of February 90-day bankers' acceptances were offered at 5¼%, a rate ¾% above that prevailing in December, and 1¾% above the rate of a year ago. Commercial paper also was advanced slightly further in February, and at 5½ to 5¾% in the latter part of the month was 1½ to 1¾% higher than in February of last year. Ordinarily rates on these types of paper tend to be somewhat easier at this time of year than during the autumn.

Loans of weekly reporting member banks, other than loans on securities, were liquidated in substantial volume during January, and in February remained only slightly above the volume of a year ago. Loans on stocks and bonds, however, were considerably higher than at any previous time with the exception of the recent temporary year-end peak. As the diagram below [This we omit.—Ed.] indicates, there was a liquidation of year-end loans early in January, but toward the end of that month and early in February, a renewed expansion occurred; so that on Feb. 6 the volume of security loans of reporting banks was about 725 million dollars above the average for last August and September, and over 900 million dollars larger than a year ago. Part of the increase was in the form of open market loans to brokers and dealers in securities and part was in the form of direct loans to customers. After the first week of February there was a small reduction in the total amount of these loans, but the amount on Feb. 20 was still over 900 million higher than a year previous.

With the continued large demand for security loans, call loan rates fluctuated widely during February, varying from 6 to 10%, in response to relatively small changes in the supply of funds, and time loans for security trading purposes continued in small supply at 7¾%. These high rates which have continued to be offered beyond the autumn and holiday seasons when money rates are usually firm are increasing the cost of commercial borrowing, especially borrowing through the open market in the form of acceptance credits and commercial paper.

Another result of the high rates offered by the New York security markets has been a movement of funds from other countries to New York, accompanied by general weakness in the foreign exchanges. Canadian exchange at New York has been below the gold import point for extended periods, and the movement of gold from Canada has been considerably larger than the usual seasonal movement of recent years. Sterling also declined below the gold import point, and substantial shipments of gold from London to New York were followed by an advance in the Bank of England discount rates from 4½ to 5½% early in February. There are indications also that the central banks of other countries have found it necessary to support their exchanges, in order to avoid withdrawals of gold from their reserves for shipment to New York.

Money rates prevailing in New York near the end of February are shown in the following table in comparison with those of a month previous and a year ago.

MONEY RATES AT NEW YORK.

	Feb. 29 1928.	Jan. 30 1929.	Feb. 27 1929.
Call money-----	*4¼-½	*6-8	*6¼-9
Time money—90 day-----	4½-¾	7¾-¾	7¾
Prime commercial paper-----	4	5½	5½-¾
Bills—90 day unindorsed-----	3½	5	5¼
Customers' rates on commercial loans-----	a4.25	a5.53	a5.50
Treasury certificates and notes:			
Maturing June 15-----	3.30	4.81	4.46
Maturing Sept. 15-----	---	4.70	4.70
Fed. Res. Bank of N. Y. rediscount rate	4	5	5
Fed. Res. Bank of N. Y. buying rate for 90 day bills-----	3½	5	5¼

* Prevailing rate for preceding week.

a Average rate of leading banks at middle of month.

Brokers' Loans.

Loans to brokers and dealers in securities reported by New York City banks advanced to new high levels in each of four successive weeks up to Feb. 6, and on that date were \$274,000,000 above the previous peak of December 5. In the two subsequent weeks there was a net reduction of slightly under \$200,000,000 in these loans; loans of New York City banks for their own account were reduced nearly \$100,000,000, and loans placed for out-of-town banks were reduced \$145,000,000, but these reductions were partly offset by a further increase of nearly \$50,000,000 in loans placed for others, which carried this latter account to a total of \$2,668,000,000, a new high level.

Bill Market.

The volume of dollar acceptances outstanding was reduced only \$5,000,000 during January, despite the higher rates prevailing for this type of accommodation, and at the end of the month the total was \$1,279,000,000, as compared with \$1,058,000,000 a year ago.

Following the increases in open market rates during January, the demand for bills in the first part of February showed some increase, but distribution in general was rather narrow. After a further increase of ¼% in bill rates around the middle of February, which brought the offering rate for unendorsed 90-day bills to 5¼%, the highest since July 1921, distribution became wider, due both to increased foreign buying and also to purchasing by domestic banks and other corporations, including insurance companies. The supply of new bills offered to the market was smaller than in January, and, although continuing in good volume, was not equal to the increased investment demand, so that the dealers' portfolios were reduced by about one-half, notwithstanding a decrease of \$100,000,000 in the Reserve Bank's holdings of bills. The decrease in the Federal Reserve System's portfolio of bills reflected a large excess of maturities over new purchases, and was considerably larger than the reduction that occurred in February of last year.

Commercial Paper Market.

The commercial paper market was generally quiet during February. The banks throughout the country evidenced relatively little interest in commercial paper offerings, and, although no great amount of new paper was created by mercantile concerns, an increase in the dealers' stocks of unsold paper was reported to have begun around the middle of the month. At that time the going rate for the bulk of the prime names was advanced from 5½% to a range of 5½-5¾%. Even the offering of more attractive rates for the best names, however, did little to stimulate the inquiry for paper on the part of the banks.

During January there was a larger increase in outstandings of commercial paper than occurred a year ago. The amount outstanding through 23 firms, after declining to \$383,000,000 on Dec. 31, rose nearly 6½% to \$407,000,000 at the end of January. This figure, however, is 29% smaller than the outstandings in January 1928.

Member Banks in Boston Federal Reserve District Urged by Governor Harding to Discourage Making of Loans Which Make Necessary Rediscounting With Reserve Bank.

Member banks in the Boston Federal Reserve District have been urged by Governor W. P. G. Harding of the Boston Federal Reserve Bank "to discourage their customers in the matter of collateral loans, in cases where the granting of such loans would make it necessary for the bank to rediscount with the Federal Reserve Bank." The letter was addressed to member banks on Feb. 16, in accordance with the suggestion of the Federal Advisory Council (noted in our issue of Feb. 9, page 822) that member banks be asked by the Federal Reserve Banks to co-operate in bringing about a reduction in speculative loans. Governor Harding advises the member banks that his letter is not designed to dictate to member banks "how they should conduct their business, but rather to bring the situation to their attention and to ask their voluntary co-operation in carrying out what is believed by the Federal Reserve Board, the Federal Advisory Council, and by the directors and officers of this [the Boston] bank to be a sound policy." Governor Harding states that "for several months up to December 17 1928 the reserve of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston was frequently the highest in the system. Since that date it has declined to a point where it is the lowest or next to the lowest." He further says that an analysis of the statements of member banks "shows that some of them have call loans outstanding and that many of them have a large volume of loans to customers or others on collateral, and that such loans have increased very materially during the past six months." As we indicated in our issue of March 2 (page 1312), Governor Norris of the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank also addressed a communication to the banks in his district, seeking a curtailment of loans for speculative purposes. Similar action has also been taken by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, but the text of this letter has not been given out by the Reserve Bank; a reference to it will be found on page 1310 of our March 2 issue. The following is the letter sent out by Governor Harding:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF BOSTON

Feb. 16 1929.

To All Member Banks, First Federal Reserve District:

Your attention is invited to the following statement which was issued yesterday afternoon by the Federal Reserve Board:

The Federal Advisory Council at a preliminary meeting yesterday, made the following minute which was delivered to the Federal Reserve Board at the regular quarterly meeting of the Council and the Board this morning. "The Federal Advisory Council approves the action of the Federal Reserve Board 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 attained in this manner."

As you know, the Federal Advisory Council is composed of twelve practical bankers, one from each Federal Reserve District. The opinion of a representative body of this kind is entitled to very serious consideration and it should be noticed that the Council endorses the statement which was recently made by the Federal Reserve Board regarding the credit situation, and also the letter of Feb. 2 which the Federal Reserve Board sent to all Federal Reserve Banks, in which letter the Board stated:

The Federal Reserve Act does not, in the opinion of the Federal Reserve Board, contemplate the use of the resources of the Federal Reserve banks for the creation or extension 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 Board has no disposition to assume authority to interfere with the loan practices of member banks so long as they do not involve the Federal Reserve banks. It has, however, a grave responsibility whenever there is evidence that member banks are maintaining speculative security loans with the aid of Federal Reserve credit. When such is the case the Federal Reserve Bank becomes either a contributing or a sustaining factor in the current volume of speculative security credit. This is not in harmony with the intent of the Federal Reserve Act nor is it conducive to the wholesome operation of the banking and credit system of the country.

In Section 4 of the Federal Reserve Act, where the duties and powers of Federal Reserve bank directors are defined, this paragraph is found:

Said Board shall administer the affairs of said Bank fairly and impartially and without discrimination in favor of or against any member bank or banks, and shall, subject to the provisions of law and the orders of the Federal Reserve Board, extend to each member bank such discounts, advancements and accommodations as may be safely and reasonably made with due regard to the claims and demands of other member banks.

In Section 13 of the Federal Reserve Act which defines the powers of the Federal Reserve Banks, may be found the following:

Upon the indorsement of any of its member banks, which shall be deemed a waiver of demand, notice and protest by such bank as to its own indorsement exclusively, any Federal Reserve Bank may discount notes, drafts, and bills of exchange arising out of actual commercial transactions; that is, notes, drafts, and bills of exchange issued or drawn for agricultural, industrial, or commercial purposes, or the proceeds of which have been used, or are to be used, for such purposes, the Federal Reserve Board to have the right to determine or define the character of the paper thus eligible for discount, within the meaning of this Act, but such definition shall not include notes, drafts, or bills covering merely investments or issued or drawn for the purpose of carrying or trading in stocks, bonds, or other investment securities, except bonds and notes of the Government of the United States.

We are now at a time of the year when normally interest rates are low, and the reserves of Federal Reserve Banks are high, but a situation just the opposite prevails at the present time. For several months up to Dec. 17 1928 the reserve of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston was frequently the highest in the System. Since that date, it has declined to a

point where it is the lowest or next lowest. An analysis made of the statements of our member banks shows that some of them have call loans outstanding, and that many of them have a large volume of loans to customers or others on collateral, and that such loans have increased very materially during the past six months.

We appreciate the fact that it is very difficult for a bank to decline to make a loan secured by good collateral to a regular customer, but we urge banks to do what they can, so far as they feel that they may without prejudice to their business, to discourage their customers in the matter of collateral loans, in cases where the granting of such loans would make it necessary for the bank to rediscount with the Federal Reserve Bank.

This letter is not written with the view of dictating to member banks how they should conduct their business, but rather to bring the situation to their attention and to ask their voluntary co-operation in carrying out what is believed by the Federal Reserve Board, the Federal Advisory Council, and by the directors and officers of this bank to be a sound policy. It will be remembered that conditions in January 1920 were such that the Federal Reserve Banks, with the approval of the Federal Reserve Board, were compelled to adopt a drastic policy and we are sure that we are all anxious to avert the necessity of resorting to such a policy at the present time.

Heretofore, there has always been a seasonal demand upon us beginning about the first of March, and we do not see any reason why we should not anticipate such demand this year. We wish to maintain ourselves in a position where we can meet all legitimate demands upon us, and we know that our resources are ample for meeting this District's commercial needs for credit provided they are not employed in a manner not contemplated by the Federal Reserve Act. We desire particularly to have the banks in this District co-operate with the policy laid down by the Federal Reserve Board and endorsed by the Federal Advisory Council.

In conclusion, we ask your especial attention to that portion of the Federal Reserve Board's letter quoted above, which is underscored. Should the Board deem it necessary to issue a regulation covering this particular phase of the case, we might be hampered thereby in the exercise of reasonable discretion in our dealings with some of our member banks, and such discretion we are anxious to retain.

Very truly yours,
W. P. G. HARDING, Governor.

Former Senator Owen in Letter to Senator Walsh Asserts That Brokers' Loans Are Not Depriving Commerce of Credit—Says Federal Reserve Banks Should Lower Rates.

From the New York "Journal of Commerce" of March 4 we take the following account from Washington:

Declaring it to be untrue that brokers' loans are depriving commerce of needed credit, former Senator Robert Owen, who had much to do with bringing about the enactment of the Federal Reserve Act, as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency, in a letter to Senator David I. Walsh (Dem.) Massachusetts, just made public, asserted that Government officials should not interfere except as expressly authorized by law.

Reviewing the financial situation and discussing the entry of the public into the speculative market, Mr. Owen explained that commerce needs time loans and not call loans. The latter, he added, are always available for the needs of commerce.

"It is the fact that commerce has not needed these funds that causes them to be unemployed and therefore loanable on call," said Owen.

"But far more significant is the fact that the Reserve Banks have at this moment many unemployed billions of potential credits available for commodity commercial bills if the need arose."

He showed how with the \$3,000,000,000 possessed by the Reserve Banks by the exchange of Reserve notes for gold certificates, \$500,000,000 could be provided.

Every gold dollar would support two and a half times as many Reserve notes issued against qualified commodity bills, he said. This structure would support a credit structure many times as great as such a volume of cash.

"The potential powers of the Reserve Banks to serve commerce are gigantic and are relatively untouched," continued Owen. "It is not true that the loans made by the banks or by 'others' are preventing the Reserve Bank of New York or any other Reserve Bank from supplying needed commercial loans."

"It is true that commercial loans are being charged a rate so high as to hinder business, but the Reserve Banks are seriously to blame for not correcting that by using their present powers to fix a lower rate. Instead of doing so, the New York Reserve Bank stopped buying open market bills and contracted outside loanable credit by selling its Government bonds. Commerce needs a lower rate, and the United States Government, in its very large refinancing for 1929, deserves a lower rate than it can receive if artificial contraction of credit is demanded by the Reserve Board. The bears should be greatly pleased with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and probably are whispering sad and melancholy bear advice to timid Reserve officials."

"It is unsound and unfair to charge the member banks with obstructing the powers of the Reserve Banks to extend commercial credits. They are doing nothing of the kind and the Board is extremely ill advised to make such a suggestion. The Board would do better if it advised the Reserve Banks to be more considerate of the member banks."

Owen, in defense of the stock market, declared that without the stock and commodity exchanges "American prosperity would dry up."

"It is deplorable for a great Governmental agency to reflect on the operations of the New York Stock Exchange or to deprive its members of needed credits," he charged, adding that "it could not possibly have been the intention of the Board to create breaks in the stock market, or to injure the bulls and help the dealers, yet that was the effect of its publications."

Death of Haley Fiske, President of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Haley Fiske, President of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, died suddenly in his automobile on Sunday last, March 3, just as he was about to alight from his automobile in front of his home on Park Avenue. Mr. Fiske was returning from church service, and had appeared to be in his usual good health. He would have been seventy-seven years old on March 18. On the day of the funeral on March 6 the Company's offices remained closed. Mr.

Fiske's interests in the Company's affairs dated from 1873, when he entered the office of Arnoux, Ritch & Woodford, New York, counsel for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Mr. Fiske was assigned to look after the insurance company's legal work following his admission to the New York bar in 1879, says the New York "Times," which in sketching his activities said in part:

His intimate contact with the affairs of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in his preparation and trial of legal cases enabled Mr. Fiske to acquire such a comprehensive knowledge of the field of insurance that he inevitably was drawn into closer association with the company's activities.

Elected Vice-President.

He made himself so indispensable that upon the death of the second president of the company, Joseph K. Knapp, in 1891, John Rogers Hegeman, his successor, refused to assume the duties of President until he had obtained the assurance that he would have the support of Mr. Fiske as vice-president. The directors of the company accepted that condition, and on Oct. 7, 1891, elected Mr. Fiske as vice-president.

Mr. Fiske in the early years of his career as an official of the Metropolitan performed a signal service for the insurance business generally when he successfully combated powerful opposition that had developed in the Legislatures of several States to the insuring of children. Opponents maintained that child insurance would encourage the murder of children.

Mr. Fiske's address before the Legislature of Massachusetts, in which he stated the case for the insurance companies, is still regarded as a classic in its field. It was reproduced in advertisements in Boston dailies, and was credited with having caused the defeat of the legislation against child insurance and a change in public sentiment against that form of insurance.

Mr. Fiske's prestige increased in the insurance world as the threat of legislation against child insurance was averted in New York, Ohio, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Ontario.

Arranged for Bonuses.

Meanwhile, Mr. Fiske as field executive, had directed the expansion of the company's ordinary business, which had been practically neglected from 1879 until he was elected a vice-president because the company had been making special efforts to popularize and expand its industrial line of policies. Mr. Fiske took steps to speed up production in both fields.

At that time the Metropolitan was a stock company with a capital of only \$2,000,000 and dividends limited to 7 per cent. As surplus accumulated with business expansion Mr. Fiske arranged for the payment of bonuses to be insured and their beneficiaries which, in the course of nineteen years, aggregated \$49,000,000.

It was largely through the influence of Mr. Fiske that the New York State Legislature passed in 1902 an act under which the real control of the company was placed in the hands of the policyholders. The act provided that all policyholders whose insurance had been in effect for a year or more might vote for directors on condition that two-thirds of the directors elected should be collectively owners of a majority of the capital stock.

In 1914 when the surplus had increased to \$40,000,000 and the assets totaled \$500,000,000, many offers to buy the Metropolitan were made by interests in Wall Street, England and Canada, who sent their representatives in a steady file to the offices of Mr. Fiske. Mr. Fiske was supported by the stockholders in refusing to sell the company to interests which might exploit it to the disadvantage of the policyholders.

The following year the company was completely mutualized. The stockholders were paid off and the election of officers was placed entirely in the hands of the policyholders.

Became President in 1919.

In 1919 Mr. Fiske succeeded Mr. Hegeman to the presidency. From the time that he was elected Vice-President he had seen the company grow from a comparatively small institution with approximately \$258,000,000 insurance in force and an annual premium of between \$10,000,000 and \$11,000,000 to the largest financial institution in the world. At the end of 1928 the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company had in force \$16,371,956,002 of life insurance, or 17½% of all life insurance existent. It involved 42,329,281 policies. The income of the company for 1928 fell just short of \$750,000,000, or more than \$14,000,000 a day.

Mr. Fiske was no less interested in welfare work among the policyholders than in the business expansion of the company. He was keenly interested in welfare work among the industrial risks. Trained nurses last year made more than 3,500,000 visits to the company's ill policyholders, and the services of the nurses and other welfare workers were paid for by the company. Intensive health education work by the company's agents, including the distribution of 435,000,000 health leaflets in the past fifteen years, is credited with having contributed largely to the nine-year increase of expectancy of life among the industrial policyholders of the company from 1911 to 1927.

Mr. Fiske was born in New Brunswick, N. J., on March 18, 1852. In his early days he worked as a reporter for The New Brunswick Times and The Elizabeth Journal and as correspondent for The New York Tribune.

Treasury Department's March Financing—Offering of \$475,000,000 4¾% Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness.

The March financing of the Treasury Department takes the form of 4¾% Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, offered to the amount of \$475,000,000 or thereabouts. The latest issue of Treasury Certificates, which will run for 9 months, was announced by Secretary Mellon on March 6, the rate of interest, 4¾%, being the same as that borne by the issue of Treasury Certificates put out last October, these maturing in eleven months. The month before (September, 1928) Certificates running from Sept. 15, 1928 to

June 15, 1929, were put out at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$. In the December financing of the Treasury two short term issues of Treasury Certificates bore $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ interest. A dispatch March 6 to the New York "Times" noting the $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ rate quoted on the present offering and that of last October said:

This is the second time within six months that the treasury has felt itself compelled by the unusual credit conditions, due in part to stock speculation, to pay such a rate on its securities. The last occasion was in October, when the issue was \$300,000,000. In the previous month the treasury had marketed \$550,000,000 short-term certificates paying $4\frac{1}{2}\%$.

The $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ interest rate quoted to day and in October is the highest paid by the treasury on a similar form of security since the period of deflation immediately following the World War. Prior to these, offerings even of $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ had not been quoted since the era of tight money in 1923-24. At one time in the intervening period an issue had been marketed as low as $2\frac{3}{4}\%$.

Sees No Sign of Cheaper Money.

The terms fixed for today's offering were interpreted here as evidence that the Treasury had little hope there would be any material easing in money rates for some time to come. A break had been hoped for by the department, and in December it had backed up this hope by offering a \$500,000,000 issue at $4\frac{1}{4}\%$, shaving off $\frac{1}{2}\%$ from the October rate.

There was a sharp break in the stock market almost coincident with the announcement of the December offering, and, aided to some extent by this happening, the issue "went over," a total of \$629,000,000 in subscriptions being received.

It has been more usual for offerings of treasury certificates of indebtedness to be twice oversubscribed, and this comparative lack of enthusiasm for the $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ certificates gave Treasury experts food for thought, it is said.

With the action of the Federal Reserve Board in issuing a warning on Feb. 6 against the use of Reserve System funds in stock market credit operations, treasury officials hoped that developments to follow would aid the government in financing its needs at a lower rate, but after a brief liquidation period on the Stock Exchange money rates again stiffened.

Preliminary announcement of the March offering was made nearly two weeks ago and it was then indicated by high Treasury officials that the offering would be delayed as long as possible.

The "Journal of Commerce" of March 7 contained the following comment.

Local bankers find the rate on the Treasury certificates of indebtedness announced yesterday, much more satisfactory than the issue of December 15, 1928, when \$500,000,000 was offered at $4\frac{1}{4}\%$. In its December financing the Government had offered \$200,000,000 to mature in September and the remainder to mature in December. It is recalled that two days after issuing date the September maturities had fallen to a 4.52% yield and the December maturities to a 4.44% yield. The same certificates are at present being quoted respectively to yield 4.78% and 4.69%.

Secretary Mellon in announcing the new issue on March 6 said:

About \$560,000,000 of Treasury certificates of indebtedness, and about \$60,000,000 in interest payments on the public debt, become due and payable on March 15, 1929. The present offering, with tax and other receipts, is expected to cover the Treasury's cash requirements until June.

The new certificates, which are designated Series TD2-1929, will be dated and bear interest from March 15, 1929, and will mature December 15, 1929. The Treasury will accept in payment for the new certificates at par, Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TM-1929 and TM2-1929 both maturing March 15, 1929. Subscriptions for which payment is to be tendered in certificates of indebtedness maturing March 15, 1929, will be allotted in full. The new certificates will be issued in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000; they will have two interest coupons attached payable September 15 and December 15, 1929. The following is Secretary Mellon's announcement:

The Treasury is today offering for subscription at par and accrued interest, through the Federal Reserve Banks an issue of nine months $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TD2-1929, dated and bearing interest from March 15, 1929, and maturing December 15, 1929. The amount of the offering is \$475,000,000 or thereabouts.

Applications will be received at the Federal Reserve Banks. The Treasury will accept in payment for the new certificates at par, Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TM-1929 and TM2-1929 both maturing March 15, 1929. Subscriptions for which payment is to be tendered in certificates of indebtedness maturing March 15, 1929, will be allotted in full up to the amount of the offering.

Bearer certificates will be issued in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. The certificates will have two interest coupons attached payable September 15 and December 15, 1929.

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The Treasury Department's circular detailing the offering follows:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness
 Series TD2-1929

Dated and Bearing Interest from March 15, 1929. Due December 15, 1929

The Secretary of the Treasury, under the authority of the Act approved September 24, 1917, as amended, offers for subscription, at

par and accrued interest, through the Federal Reserve Banks, Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TD2-1929, dated and bearing interest from March 15, 1929, payable December 15, 1929, with interest at the rate of $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ per annum, payable on a semi-annual basis.

Applications will be received at the Federal Reserve Banks. Bearer certificates will be issued in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000, and \$100,000. The certificates will have two interest coupons attached, payable September 15, 1929, and December 15, 1929.

The certificates of said series shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation now or hereafter imposed by the United States, any State, or any of the possessions of the United States, or by any local taxing authority, except (a) estate or inheritance taxes, and (b) graduated additional income taxes, commonly known as surtaxes, and excess-profits and war-profits taxes, now or hereafter imposed by the United States, upon the income or profits of individuals, partnerships, associations, or corporations. The interest on an amount of bonds and certificates authorized by said act approved September 24, 1917, and amendments thereto, the principal of which does not exceed in the aggregate \$5,000, owned by any individual, partnership, association, or corporation, shall be exempt from the taxes provided for in clause (b) above.

The certificates of this series will be accepted at par during such time and under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed or approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, in payment of income and profits taxes payable at the maturity of the certificates. The certificates of this series will be acceptable to secure deposits of public moneys, but will not bear the circulation privilege.

The right is reserved to reject any subscription and to allot less than the amount of certificates applied for and to close the subscriptions at any time without notice. The Secretary of the Treasury also reserves the right to make allotment in full upon applications for smaller amounts, to make reduced allotments upon, or to reject, applications for larger amounts, and to make classified allotments and allotments upon a graduated scale; and his action in these respects will be final. Allotment notices will be sent out promptly upon allotment, and the basis of the allotment will be publicly announced.

Payment at par and accrued interest for certificates allotted must be made on or before March 15, 1929, or on later allotment. After allotment and upon payment, Federal Reserve Banks may issue interim receipts pending delivery of the definitive certificates. Any qualified depository will be permitted to make payment by credit for certificates allotted to it for itself and its customers up to any amount for which it shall be qualified in excess of existing deposits, when so notified by the Federal Reserve Bank of its district. Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TM-1929 and TM2-1929, both maturing March 15, 1929, will be accepted at par, in payment for any certificates of the series now offered which shall be subscribed for and allotted, with an adjustment of the interest accrued, if any, on the certificates of the series so paid for.

As fiscal agents of the United States, Federal Reserve Banks are authorized and requested to receive subscriptions and to make allotments on the basis and up to the amounts indicated by the Secretary of the Treasury to the Federal Reserve Banks of the respective districts.

A. W. MELLON,
 Secretary of the Treasury.

Adjournment of Seventieth Congress—Appropriations Greatest Since World War—Legislative Action.

The Seventieth Congress swept into history on March 4 with the Senate disputing almost to the last over the question of postponing the effective date of the National Origins clause of the immigration law, said the Washington correspondent of the "Herald-Tribune" on March 4.

In further reporting the winding up of the Session the advices to that paper said in part:

In the House the sessions came to a close peacefully, the Speaker declaring that body adjourned, sine die, at noon. Contention in the Senate over the National Origins clause tended to make the proceedings belated. The clocks having been turned backward three times, it was nominally 11:58, but actually 12:23, when the gavel of Vice-President Dawes fell and the Senate of the Seventieth Congress was declared officially ended.

Dawes Still Fighting.

There were various formalities in the Senate, tributes to the retiring leader and incoming Vice-President, by Senators Reed Smoot, of Utah, and Joseph T. Robinson, of Arkansas. In addition, the outgoing Vice-President, who four years ago hurled an oratorical bomb at the Senate rules, again took occasion to declare to the assembled Senators that he adhered to his position regarding the rules. "I take back nothing," was the defiance he sounded just before he surrendered the Vice-Presidency to his successor.

President Coolidge, in accordance with custom, visited the Capitol soon after 11 o'clock. He went to the President's Room to sign last-minute bills. The only important measure which he signed, however, was that authorizing the extension of the Capitol grounds. In addition to this, he signed minor bills.

Meets at 11 o'Clock.

The Senate met at 11 o'clock, with nearly a complete attendance. After the announcement that the House had named a committee to wait on the President and advise him that the business of the session had been completed and ask him if he had any more communications, the Senate named a like committee to join with the committee of the House. Senators James E. Watson, of Indiana, and Robinson, of Arkansas, were named on behalf of the Senate. The House members were Representatives Willis C. Hawley and Finis J. Garrett.

Apparently taking the view the session would expire by limitation regardless of what the President had to communicate, Senator George W. Norris, of Nebraska, asked:

"Mr. President, if the President reports that he has some further communication, will the Senate remain in session after 12 o'clock?"

"It will not," replied the chair. Senator Hiram Bingham, of Connecticut, tried to get the floor to bring up the National Origins question. Senator David A. Reed,

of Pennsylvania, also clamored for recognition, but Senator Smoot had obtained it and would not yield. He had been recognized to pay a parting tribute to Senator Charles Curtis on the occasion of his ending his term as Senator and his services as Republican leader.

Senator Smoot concluded at 11:15.

Senator Reed, of Pennsylvania, declared the rules required a measure to be read three times on three different days. He indicated a purpose to make the point of order if the motion of Senator Bingham were pressed. He said, however, this question ought not to be left to be decided on a point of order.

Senator Reed then proceeded to argue in favor of the National Origins law. He referred to the widely differing views on quotas and declared the National Origins basis had been devised as something impartial and permanent. It would result in the admission of 150,000 immigrants a year, he said.

Referring to the fact it would cut largely the quota from Germany, Senator Reed declared he admired the German immigrants, but he knew of no reason why a country that had one-sixth of the foreign-born population in this country should have one-third of the immigration.

Senator Reed caused to be read a telegram from William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, indorsing the National Origins law.

President Coolidge and Mr. Hoover entered, escorted by the committee on arrangements, and took their seats in front of the desk of the presiding officer. Vice-President Dawes then said his farewell to the Senate and, ending it, amid salvos of applause, declared the session adjourned.

House Serious in Last Hours.

The end of a session usually calls for songs and cheers in the House. There is nearly always a loosening of dignity appropriate to the completion of many months of legislative work. It was not so today. The last hour was taken up with tributes to departing veterans and leaders, which gave a somber touch to the proceedings.

The retirement of Representative Daniel R. Anthony, Jr., Republican, of Kansas, chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, drew the attention of the House soon after a few loose items of business had been disposed of. Representative Will R. Wood, Republican, of Indiana, who will succeed Mr. Anthony in the chairmanship, declared that "in his going the House loses not only a good member, but its members lose a good friend."

Probably the most touching episode of the session came when Majority Leader Tilson asked that Finis J. Garrett, of Tennessee, the retiring minority leader, address the House. "I feel," Mr. Tilson said, "that we cannot appropriately adjourn until we hear from the distinguished gentleman from Tennessee."

Garrett Bids House Goodby.

Mr. Garrett stated that "I have tried, in my service in the House, to follow the principle of Federal assistance to the states." He followed with a statement of states' rights, and closed with the introduction of a resolution commending Speaker Nicholas Longworth for his service in the chair, and thanking him for the manner in which he has conducted proceedings of the House.

The House then adjourned sine die.

The House was in session on Sunday, March 3, the first time in many years that it met on Sunday. The "Times" in observing this in a Washington account, March 3, stated:

The House endeavored to wind up as much as possible of the legislative business to be transacted before this session closes at noon tomorrow, but the Senate took a recess soon after it had met, when there was a protest against acting on legislation on Sunday.

Responding to what were reported to be promptings from President-elect Hoover, the House, by a vote of 190 to 152, passed the Chindblom resolution to postpone for one year the effective date of the National Origins quotas of the immigration act of 1924.

A similar move was blocked in the Senate, however, when that body recessed, as a result of the protest which was made by Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the Democratic leader. A like protest was made in the House, but fell on deaf ears, since the majority leaders there were not to be swerved from their course by demands for Sabbath observance.

Senate Not Likely to Act.

In supporting Senator Robinson today in his declaration that "the Sabbath day has been set apart for rest and worship," the Senate voted a recess, by 39 to 36, until 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, an hour before the present Congress automatically will pass into history. Indications are that no action on the Chindblom resolution will be taken by the Senate by that time.

The same paper, in its advices from Washington, March 3, said:

The outstanding achievement of the session, in the view of administration leaders, was one that has a bearing on the international relations of the government. That was the Kellogg Anti-War treaty in renunciation of war, which was ratified by the Senate, and has been accepted by other powers.

A great part of the session was taken up by wrangles over the ever-present issue of prohibition. Out of the controversy in which Senate and House engaged on this subject, there emerged a law which imposes drastic penalties for violations of the Volstead act. Offenses may be punished by maximum fines of \$10,000, or imprisonment for five years, or both in the discretion of trial courts.

Boulder Dam Bill Passed.

Congress in this session put the finishing touches on the Boulder Dam power and irrigation project, which commits the government to an expenditure of more than \$100,000,000.

Another outstanding event was the authorization of \$274,000,000 for the construction of fifteen cruisers and one aircraft carrier. Congress inserted a clause which provides that all of these ships shall be laid down at the end of three years. The construction may be suspended in the event the United States enters into a supplemental agreement for limitation of naval armament.

Meeting last December at a time when it was held likely that Mr. Hoover would call the Seventy-first Congress in special session some

time in April, the Republican leaders in the last three months have laid the ground work for action on a farm relief bill and tariff revision.

Funds were provided for a commission to study law enforcement, with special reference to prohibition. Herbert Hoover, as President, will name the commission.

Canal Measure Becomes Law.

The building of another canal to connect the two oceans is contemplated by the Edge resolution which has just become a law. A survey of the proposed Nicaraguan route is provided, as well as an investigation to determine the feasibility of installing another lock in the Panama Canal.

Much legislation affecting the judiciary has been passed in the last three months. At least a dozen new district judgeships were created, and the appointment of three additional judgeships were provided as a result of the creation of another Federal circuit.

Two federal judges, namely, Francis A. Winslow of the Southern District of New York and Grover M. Moscovitz of the Eastern District of that State, were accused of misconduct, and Congress authorized an investigation in each case.

Another bill of widespread interest that became a law in this session was one extending the life of the Federal Radio Commission as an administrative body until Dec. 31.

Among other measures enacted during the session was one designed to expedite the deportation of alien criminals, notably those adjudged guilty of bootlegging; another under which thousands of aliens who have been here since 1921 became eligible for naturalization through the removal of various disabilities; and a third doubling pensions paid to military aviators and their dependents.

Army Wins Better Housing.

A series of bills entailing the expenditure of millions of dollars for improved housing conditions in the army also became law. A bill was enacted which had been pressed for years in the measure providing for administrative settlement of claims against the government not exceeding \$5,000.

Among the bills that passed were two granting pensions of \$5,000 a year to Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and Mrs. Leonard Wood.

Many important measures died as a result of controversy. One of them was that designed to reapportion representation in Congress, and the other authorized an appropriation of \$30,000,000 to cover the cost of the census of 1930. These two measures may come up in the special session of the legislative program is enlarged.

Regarding the appropriations of the Seventieth Congress, Associated Press advices from Washington, March 6, said:

Establishing a new high record for peace-time outlay for government expenses, the Seventieth Congress appropriated the sum of \$9,291,599,377 during its life of two years.

Although small compared to the appropriation of \$27,000,000,000 for the fiscal year 1918-1919, when this country was lending all its resources to win the World War, it exceeds by more than half a billion dollars the total appropriation of the preceding Congress.

The Sixty-ninth Congress appropriated \$8,620,000,000. This at the time was a new high mark for peace-time and surpassed by many millions the record of the Sixty-eighth Congress appropriations, totaling \$7,935,000,000.

\$40,000,000 for Flood Relief.

Of the \$4,628,045,035 appropriated during the first session, the Seventieth Congress allotted \$400,000,000 for Mississippi Valley and New England flood control work. In the second session \$75,000,000 of the total of \$4,663,554,342 was appropriated for tax returns.

For the first time since the Bureau of the Budget was created in 1922 the Seventieth Congress in the second session appropriated more money than Director Lord of the budget submitted in estimates. The estimates, amounting to \$4,657,094,473, were exceeded by \$6,459,869. However, during the first session, Congress deducted \$9,331,779 from bureau estimates.

The House Appropriations Committee, in making public a statement on appropriations, pointed out that the total amount appropriated by the second session was \$3,821,649,122, exclusive of postal receipts totaling \$841,905,229, all of which was expended.

In an explanatory note the committee said that the totals of appropriations did not include many which were carried in private acts, amounting to approximately \$1,000,000. An accurate estimate at this time, the note said, could not be made.

Where the Money Went.

The appropriations made at the second session for the various departments, with the increases and decreases from the budget estimates, were:

Agriculture—\$144,511,554; increase of \$572,459.
District of Columbia—\$38,472,615; decrease of \$101,107.
Independent offices—\$541,445,740; increase of \$452,810.
Interior—\$285,585,463; decrease of \$157,882.
Legislative—\$18,660,645; decrease of \$165,620.
Navy—\$360,236,697; decrease of \$1,228,435.
State, Justice, Commerce and Labor—\$111,880,887; increase of \$6,540.

Treasury and Postoffice—\$1,118,290,199; decrease of \$1,122,560.
War—\$453,789,632; increase of \$3,141,695.

Exclusive of the two deficiency bills, which totaled \$212,000,444, appropriations for the various departments aggregated \$3,072,873,162, an increase of \$1,397,897 over the budget estimates.

The first deficiency bill, amounting to \$97,618,461, and the second, \$114,387,982, exceeded the budget estimates by \$5,061,970.

The permanent and indefinite appropriations amounted to \$1,378,679,735, which met the budget estimates.

President Hoover's Cabinet—Secretaries Mellon and Davis Retained—Senate Seeks Inquiry Into Legality of Their Eligibility.

Those chosen by President to serve as members of his Cabinet are:

Secretary of State—HENRY L. STIMSON of New York.
Secretary of the Treasury—ANDREW W. MELLON of Pennsylvania.

Secretary of War—JAMES W. GOOD of Iowa.
 Attorney General—WILLIAM D. MITCHELL of Minnesota.
 Postmaster General—WALTER F. BROWN of Ohio.
 Secretary of the Navy—CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS of Massachusetts.
 Secretary of the Interior—RAY LYMAN WILBUR of California.
 Secretary of Agriculture—ARTHUR M. HYDE of Missouri.
 Secretary of Commerce—ROBERT PATTERSON LAMONT of Illinois.
 Secretary of Labor—JAMES J. DAVIS of Pennsylvania.

The names of all but two of the foregoing (Secretary Mellon and Secretary Davis, who held their present posts during the administration of President Coolidge) were sent by President Hoover to the Senate in Special Session on March 5, and were confirmed without opposition. The President is said to have considered unnecessary the submission of the names of Secretaries Mellon and Davis. His failure to do so, however, resulted in the introduction in the Senate at the extraordinary session on March 5 of a resolution by Senator McKellar (D., Tenn.), directing the Senate Judiciary Committee to investigate whether the head of a department of the Government may legally hold office after the expiration of the term of the President by whom he was appointed. The "Times" in a Washington dispatch, March 5, said:

Precedent for Cabinet "hold-overs" was furnished today by the information that Mr. Coolidge on his inauguration, March 4, 1925, did not send to the Senate the names of any of the Harding Cabinet, all of whom he retained, excepting Secretary of State Hughes, who had resigned in February, and was succeeded by Mr. Kellogg.

Senator McKellar's resolution, which was adopted by the Senate on March 5 by a viva voce vote, is given as follows in the "Times":

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be and it is hereby directed to inquire into and report to the Senate:

1. Whether the head of any department of the government may legally hold office as such after the expiration of the term of the President by whom he was appointed.

2. Whether, in view of the provisions of the laws of the United States, Andrew W. Mellon may legally hold the office of Secretary of Treasury—reference being made to Section 243 of the Code of Laws of the United States of America, as follows:

"Section 243—Restrictions Upon Secretary of Treasury.

"No person appointed to the office of the Treasury, or Treasurer, or register, shall directly or indirectly be concerned or interested in carrying on business or trade or commerce, or to be owner in whole or in part of any sea vessel, or purchase by himself, or another in trust for him, any public lands or other public property, or be concerned in the purchase or disposal of any public securities by any State or of the United States, or take or apply to his own use any emolument or gain for negotiating or transacting any business in the Treasury Department, other than what shall be allowed by law;

"And every person who offends against any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a high misdemeanor and forfeit to the United States the penalty of \$3,000 and shall upon conviction be removed from office, and forever thereafter be incapable of holding any office under the United States;

"And if any other person than a public prosecutor shall give information of any such offense, upon which a prosecution and conviction shall be had, one-half of the aforesaid penalty of \$3,000, when recovered, shall be for the use of the person giving such information."

Law on Liquor Production Cited.

And to Section 63 of Title 26 of the Code of Laws of the United States, as follows:

"Section 63—Interest in Certain Manufactures or Production of Liquors by Revenue Officers Prohibited. * * *

Any internal revenue officer who is or shall become interested, directly, in the manufacture of tobacco, snuff or cigars, or in the production, rectification or redistillation of distilled spirits, shall be dismissed from office;

"And every officer who becomes so interested in any such manufacture or production, rectification or redistillation, or in the production of fermented liquors, shall be fined not less than \$500 or more than \$5,000. The provisions of this section shall apply to internal revenue agents as fully as to internal revenue officers."

Speaking at the dinner of the East Orange Republican Club, at East Orange, N. J., on March 6, Senator Edge declared that if Mr. Mellon's name were presented for confirmation the few votes against it would demonstrate that "much of the noise from the Senate" does not represent that body's conviction. The "Times" reports Senator Edge as saying:

"Sometimes it appeals to me very strongly that the present-day American Congresses add to a President's burden in many ways absolutely unnecessary and almost indefensible. I wasn't proud of the Senate yesterday when, in a critical, or rather a petulant mood, efforts were made to obstruct the service of Andrew W. Mellon as Secretary of the Treasury.

"The President according to custom sent in the names of all new nominees for the Cabinet, eight in all. As he retained the services of Secretary Mellon and Secretary of Labor Davis, under all rules and precedents it was unnecessary for him to rename them.

"Yet, because of the opposition of a few, and a very few Senators, to Secretary Mellon, they could not resist efforts to embarrass his continuation in the Cabinet. Of course, it was only by-play and will amount to nothing."

The following summary of the careers of the members of President Hoover's Cabinet is from the "World":

SECRETARY OF STATE—Henry L. Stimson of New York. Born Sept. 21, 1867. Lawyer. Graduated from Harvard University

and Harvard Law School. Secretary of War in Cabinet of President Taft. United States Attorney in New York from 1906 to 1909. Defeated Republican candidate for Governor of New York in 1910. Served in World War as Colonel of A. E. F. Governor General of Philippines since 1927. Presbyterian.

SECRETARY OF TREASURY—Andrew W. Mellon of Pittsburgh. Reappointed. First named Secretary of Treasury by President Harding, March 4, 1921. Retained by President Coolidge four years later.

SECRETARY OF WAR—James W. Good of Evanston, Ill. Born Sept. 24, 1866, Cedar Rapids, Ia. Lawyer. Graduated from Coe College, Iowa, and University of Michigan Law School. City Attorney, Cedar Rapids, 1906-1908. Member of House of Representatives, 1909 to 1923, from 5th Iowa District. Resigned 1923 to practice law in Chicago. Presbyterian.

ATTORNEY GENERAL—William D. Mitchell of St. Paul, Minn. Born Sept. 9, 1874, Winona, Minn. Lawyer. Graduated University of Minnesota and University of Minnesota Law School. Listed in Who's Who as Democrat. Solicitor General of United States by appointment of President Coolidge since 1925. Served in Spanish-American and World War. Member of Presbyterian Church.

POSTMASTER GENERAL—Walter F. Brown of Toledo, O. Born May 31, 1869, Massillon, O. Lawyer. Graduated Harvard University and Harvard Law School. Chairman of Ohio State Republican Committee from 1906 to 1912. Assistant Secretary of Commerce since Nov. 2, 1927.

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY—Charles Francis Adams of Boston, Mass. Born Aug. 2, 1866, Quincy, Mass. Lawyer. Graduated Harvard University and Harvard Law School. Mayor of Quincy 1896 and 1897. Amateur skipper on yacht *Resolute*, which won international trophy in 1920. Descendent of famous Massachusetts family of Adams. Member of many financial institutions.

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR—Ray Lyman Wilbur of Oakland, Cal. Born April 13, 1875, Boonesboro, Ia. Educator. Graduated Stanford University and subsequently studied abroad. President of Stanford University since 1916. Chief of Conservation Division, United States Food Administration, and engaged in other World War activities. Noted as lecturer and author.

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE—Arthur M. Hyde of Trenton, Mo. Born July 12, 1877, Princeton, Mo. Lawyer. Graduated University of Michigan and State University of Iowa Law School. Mayor of Princeton 1908 and 1909. Governor of Missouri 1921 to 1925.

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE—Robert P. Lamont of Chicago, Ill. Born Dec. 1, 1867, Detroit, Mich. Manufacturer. Graduated University of Michigan. Director in many large corporations. Served in War Department with rank of Colonel in 1918 and 1919. Church affiliation not given.

SECRETARY OF LABOR—James J. Davis. Reappointment. First appointment March 5, 1921, by President Harding and retained by Coolidge.

Inaugural Address of President Hoover—Urgent Need for Reform of Judicial and Enforcement System—Commission to Inquire into Prohibition Enforcement—Special Session to Act on Agricultural Relief and Tariff Changes.

Taking the oath of office on March 4 as the thirty-first President of the United States Herbert Hoover indicated it as his purpose to appoint "a National Commission for a searching investigation of the whole structure of our Federal system of jurisprudence, to include the method of enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment and the causes of abuse under it." He made known that "its purpose will be to make such recommendations for reorganization of the administration of Federal laws and court procedure as may be found desirable." The newly inducted President led up to the foregoing announcement by stating that "Crime is increasing. Confidence in rigid and speedy justice is decreasing." Of the abuses which have grown up under the Eighteenth Amendment, he said, "part are due to the failure of some States to accept their share of responsibility for concurrent enforcement and to the failure of many State and local officials to accept the obligation under their oath of office zealously to enforce the laws. With the failure from these many causes has come a dangerous expansion in the criminal elements who have found enlarged opportunities in dealing in illegal liquor." Declaring that he intended to enforce the laws of the Country to the extent of his own abilities, he alluded to the "large responsibility" resting directly upon the citizens of the country and noted that "the measure of success that the Government shall attain will depend upon the moral support which you, as citizens extend." In his remarks as to needed reforms he said:

Reform, reorganization and strengthening of our whole judicial and enforcement system both in civil and criminal sides have been advocated for years by statesmen, judges and bar associations. First steps toward that end should not longer be delayed. Rigid and expeditious justice is the first safeguard of freedom, the basis of all ordered liberty, the vital force of progress.

A slight difference between President Hoover's prepared address and his speech as delivered, was noted by the Washington correspondent of the New York "Times," who said:

Mr. Hoover omitted from his address his suggestion for the transfer of a large part of the prohibition enforcement activities from the Treasury Department to the Department of Justice, as an essential step for a more effective enforcement organization. This suggestion was contained in the advance copy of his speech given to the press.

Some confusion resulted from this omission, but it was stated by members of the President's staff that the paragraph referring to the proposed transfer was omitted inadvertently. The President, it was said, stood by every statement in the text of the speech given to the press.

The paragraph omitted reads as follows:

In the meantime, it is essential that a large part of the enforcement activities be transferred from the Treasury Department to the Department of Justice as a beginning of more effective organization.

In his address President Hoover made the statement that "the election has again confirmed the determination of the American people that regulation of private enterprise, and not Government ownership or operation, is the course rightly to be pursued in our relation to business." "In recent years," he said, "we have established a differentiation in the whole method of business regulation between the industries which produce and distribute commodities on the one hand, and public utilities on the other." He went on to say that "the rigid enforcement of the laws applicable to both groups is the very base of equal opportunity and freedom from domination for all our people," adding that "such regulation should be extended by the Federal Government within the limitations of the Constitution and only when the individual States are without power to protect their citizens through their own authority." He also noted that "the larger purpose of our economic thought should be to establish more firmly stability and security of business and employment and thereby remove poverty still further from our borders."

In indicating his purpose to call a special session of Congress the newly inaugurated President said:

Action upon some of the proposals upon which the Republican Party was returned to power, particularly further agricultural relief, and limited changes in the tariff, cannot in justice to our farmers, our labor and our manufacturers be postponed. I shall therefore request a special session of Congress for the consideration of these two questions. I shall deal with each of them upon the assembly of the Congress.

Mention of the Kellogg-Briand anti-war treaty was made in President Hoover's address, as to which he said:

The recent treaty for the renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy sets an advanced standard in our conception of the relations of nations. Its acceptance should pave the way to greater limitation of armament, the offer of which we sincerely extend to the world.

He also took occasion to refer to the "Permanent Court of International Justice" which he said, in its major purpose is "peculiarly identified with American ideals and with American statesmanship." "The reservations placed upon our adherence," he added, "should not be misinterpreted. The United States seeks by these reservations no special privilege or advantage, but only to clarify our relation to advisory opinions and other matters which are subsidiary to the major purpose of the Court." In his reference to the Republican pledges respecting tariff changes and agricultural relief the President outlined as follows the further policies to which his administration is pledged.

It appears to me that the more important further mandates from the recent election were the maintenance of the integrity of the Constitution; the vigorous enforcement of the laws; the continuance of economy in public expenditure; the continued regulation of business to prevent domination in the community; the denial of ownership or operation of business by the Government in competition; limitation of arms and by the creation of instrumentalities for peaceful settlement of controversies. But it will become a reality only through self-restraint and active effort in friendliness and helpfulness. I covet for this administration a record of having further contributed to advance the cause of peace.

President Hoover was sworn into office by William Howard Taft, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, who four years ago administered the oath of office to President Hoover's predecessor, Calvin Coolidge, who retired to private life with Mr. Hoover's assumption of the presidency. The installation (in the Senate Chamber) of Charles Curtis as Vice-President of the United States, (succeeding Charles G. Dawes) preceded the ceremonies of the induction of Mr. Hoover; Mr. Dawes address will be found elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Hoover's inaugural address was carried by radio throughout the world; in a Washington dispatch March 4 to the "Times" it was stated:

In the most extensive broadcasting ever attempted, the story of the inauguration of Herbert Hoover as President was told today by radio announcers not only to all the people of the United States who listened in at receiving sets, but also, it is believed, to those in the remotest parts of the world.

A final check-up with company officials revealed that fifty stations in cities from coast to coast were joined in a network of the Columbia Broadcasting system, while sixty-seven stations, also from coast to coast, formed the National Broadcasting Company chain.

Further commenting on the points to which Mr. Hoover's voice was carried, the Washington correspondent of the "Times" said:

His voice was carried to the edges of the listening multitude by cleverly arranged amplifiers, but more than that, it went sounding half way around the world through the network of a radio broadcasting arrangement that was the most ambitious ever undertaken.

Clear to Manila in the Philippines, our farthestmost possession, it reached; to Tokio and to Leningrad that we knew in the old Czarist days as St. Petersburg and latter as Petrograd; to South America and to places that the radio has made near, such as London, Paris and Berlin.

It does not seem to be too much to say that President Hoover's voice reached to the uttermost stretches of the world. Perhaps Commander Richard Evelyn Byrd and his band of valiant companions heard it in the snowbound wastes of the Antarctic, 10,000 miles away.

Into that voice seemed to come a new note of authority. It was the voice of one who appeared to have found a new confidence in himself. It had a different ring from the tones of the man who spoke in the days prior to his coming before the people as his party's candidate for President.

The ceremonies attendant upon the inauguration of the new President were marred by rain. An account of the description of the ceremonies is taken as follows from the "Times":

Escorted by troops of cavalry, Mr. Coolidge, as President, and Mr. Hoover, as President-elect, had gone together from the White House to the Capitol, followed by Vice-President Dawes and Vice-President-elect Curtis. When the proceedings at the Capitol had been completed, the former President said good-bye to his successor and went to the Union Station to take his train for Northampton.

As it was drawing out of Washington the new President was receiving the acclamations of a multitude while he reviewed the most elaborate military and civic parade that Washington had seen on a Presidential inauguration day since a devastating blizzard wrecked the outdoor ceremonies prepared for the induction of William Howard Taft as President just twenty years ago. And the rain kept coming down.

The first drops of the sprinkle that later became a downpour were patting on the massive white dome of the Capitol as the protagonists of the Senate ceremonies passed in dignified procession from the great central rotunda into the open air. The Presidential oath-taking function took place on a far-reaching wooden platform erected over the long flight of stone steps leading to the Capitol's east entrance, where nearly all other Presidents have been inducted into office. Its chief feature was a covered pavilion without sides and here Mr. Hoover stood as he delivered his inaugural address after affirming the oath.

Near him sat Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge and Mrs. Hoover, Herbert Hoover Jr. and his wife and young Alan Hoover were there. Grouped around were the Coolidge Cabinet and the Hoover Cabinet, and the members of the diplomatic corps in their many-hued costumes presented a vivid background for the notable gathering of Governors, Senators, Representatives, the Justices of the Supreme Court. In front of them, in an enclosure that stretched out into the Capitol's wide plaza, were the ladies of the diplomatic group, the wives, daughters and friends of Senators and Representatives and several hundred of those loyal original Hooverites who had served under the new President in his various relief activities during and after the World War.

The inaugural parade, followed a luncheon given at the White House by Mr. and Mrs. Hoover, the President reviewing the parade from a glass enclosed stand. Governors of 26 States were among those passing in review along with the soldiers, sailors, marines, etc., featuring the parade.

We give herewith the full text of President Hoover's address.

My countrymen:

"This occasion is not alone the administration of the most sacred oath which can be assumed by an American citizen. It is a dedication and consecration under God to the highest office in service of our people. I assume this trust in the humility of knowledge that only through the guidance of Almighty Providence can I hope to discharge its ever increasing burdens.

It is in keeping with tradition throughout our history that I should express simply and directly the opinions which I hold concerning some of the matters of present importance.

If we survey the situation of our nation both at home and abroad, we find many satisfactions; we find some cause for concern. We have emerged from the losses of the great war and the reconstruction following it with increased virility and strength. From this strength we have contributed to the recovery and progress of the world. What America has done has given renewed hope and courage to all who have faith in government by the people. In the large view, we have reached a higher degree of comfort and security than ever existed before in the history of the world. Through liberation from widespread poverty we have reached a higher degree of individual freedom than ever before. The devotion to and concern for our institutions are deep and sincere.

We are steadily building a new race—a new civilization great in its own attainments. The influence and high purposes of our nation are respected among the peoples of the world. We aspire to distinction in the world, but to a distinction based upon confidence in our sense of justice as well as our accomplishments within our own borders and in our own lives. For wise guidance in this great period of recovery the nation is deeply indebted to Calvin Coolidge.

But all this majestic advance should not obscure the constant dangers from which self-government must be safeguarded. The strong man must at all times be alert to the attack of insidious diseases.

Burdens Imposed on Judicial System By Eighteenth Amendment.

The most malign of all these dangers to-day is disregard and disobedience of law. Crime is increasing. Confidence in rigid and speedy justice is decreasing. I am not prepared to believe that this indicates any decay in the moral fiber of the American people. I am not prepared to believe that it indicates an impotence of the Federal government to enforce its laws.

It is only in part due to the additional burdens imposed upon our judicial system by the Eighteenth Amendment. The problem is much wider than that. Many influences had increasingly complicated and weakened our law enforcement organization long before the adoption of the Eighteenth Amendment.

To re-establish the vigor and effectiveness of law enforcement we must critically consider the entire Federal machinery of justice, the redistribution of its functions, the simplification of its procedure, the provision of additional special tribunals, the better selection of juries and the more effective organization of our agencies of investigation and prosecution that justice may be sure and that it may be swift.

While the authority of the Federal government extends to but part of our vast system of national, state and local justice, yet the standards which the Federal government establishes have the most profound influence upon the whole structure.

We are fortunate in the ability and integrity of our Federal judges and attorneys. But the system which these officers are called upon to administer is in many respects ill adapted to present-day conditions. Its intricate and involved rules of procedure have become the refuge of both big and little criminals. There is a belief abroad that by invoking technicalities, subterfuge and delay the ends of justice may be thwarted by those who can pay the cost.

Reform, reorganization and strengthening of our whole judicial and enforcement system both in civil and criminal sides have been advocated for years by statesmen, judges and bar associations. First steps toward that end should not longer be delayed. Rigid and expeditious justice is the first safeguard of freedom, the basis of all ordered liberty, the vital force of progress. It must not come to be in our republic that it can be defeated by the indifference of the citizen, by exploitation of the delays and entanglements of the law or by combinations of criminals. Justice must not fail because the agencies of enforcement are either delinquent or inefficiently organized. To consider these evils, to find their remedy, is the most sore necessity of our times.

Of the undoubted abuses which have grown up under the Eighteenth Amendment, part are due to the causes I have just mentioned; but part are due to the failure of some states to accept their share of responsibility for concurrent enforcement and to the failure of many state and local officials to accept the obligation under their oath of office zealously to enforce the laws. With the failure from these many causes has come a dangerous expansion in the criminal elements who have found enlarged opportunities in dealing in illegal liquor.

Responsibility of Citizens In Obeying Law.

But a large responsibility rests directly upon our citizens. There would be little traffic in illegal liquor if only criminals patronized it. We must awake to the fact that this patronage from large numbers of law-abiding citizens is supplying the rewards and stimulating crime.

I have been selected by you to execute and enforce the laws of the country. I propose to do so to the extent of my own abilities, but the measure of success that the government shall attain will depend upon the moral support which you, as citizens, extend. The duty of citizens to support the laws of the land is co-equal with the duty of their government to enforce the laws which exist. No greater national service can be given by men and women of good will—who, I know, are not unmindful of the responsibilities of citizenship—than that they should, by their example, assist in stamping out crime and outlawry by refusing participation in and condemning all transactions with illegal liquor.

Our whole system of self-government will crumble either if officials elect what laws they will enforce or citizens elect what laws they will support. The worst evil of disregard for some law is that it destroys respect for all law. For our citizens to patronize the violation of a particular law on the ground that they are opposed to it is destructive of the very basis of all that protection of life, of homes and property which they rightly claim under other laws. If citizens do not like a law, their duty, as honest men and women is to discourage its violation; their right is openly to work for its repeal.

To those of criminal mind there can be no appeal, but vigorous enforcement of the law. Fortunately, they are but a small percentage of our people. Their activities must be stopped.

National Commission to Investigate Federal System of Jurisprudence

I propose to appoint a national commission for a searching investigation of the whole structure of our Federal system of jurisprudence, to include the method of enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment and the causes of abuse under it. Its purpose will be to make such recommendations for reorganization of the administration of Federal laws and court procedure as may be found desirable.

In the mean time it is essential that a large part of the enforcement activities be transferred from the Treasury Department to the Department of Justice as a beginning of more effective organization.

Relation of Government to Business

The election has again confirmed the determination of the American people that regulation of private enterprise and not government ownership or operation is the course rightly to be pursued in our relation to business. In recent years we have established a differentiation in the whole method of business regulation between the industries which produce and distribute commodities on the one hand, and public utilities on the other. In the former, our laws insist upon effective competition; in the latter, because we substantially confer a monopoly by limiting competition, we must regulate their services and rates. The rigid enforcement of the laws applicable to both groups is the very base of equal opportunity and freedom from domination for all our people, and it is just as essential for the stability and prosperity of business itself as for the protection of the public at large. Such regulation should be extended by the Federal government within the limitations of the Constitution and only when the individual states are without power to protect their citizens through their own authority. On the other hand we should be fearless when the authority rests only in the Federal Government.

The larger purpose of our economic thought should be to establish more firmly stability and security of business and employment and thereby remove poverty still further from our borders. Our people have in recent years developed a new found capacity for co-operation among themselves to effect high purposes in public welfare. It is an advance toward the highest conception of self-government. Self-government does not and should not imply the use of political agencies alone. Progress is born of co-operation in the community—not from governmental restraints.

The government should assist and encourage these movements of collective self help by itself co-operating with them. Business has by co-operation made great progress in the advancement of service, in stability, in regularity of employment and in the correction of its own abuses. Such progress, however, can continue only so long as business manifests its respect for law.

There is an equally important field of co-operation by the Federal government with the multitude of agencies, state, municipal and private, in the systematic development of those processes which directly affect public health, recreation, education and the home. We have need further to perfect the means by which government can be adapted to human service.

Education

Although education is primarily a responsibility of the states and local communities, and rightly so, yet the nation as a whole is vitally concerned in its development everywhere to the highest standards and to complete

universality. Self-government can succeed only through an instructed electorate. Our objective is not simply to overcome illiteracy. The nation has marched far beyond that. The more complex the problem of the nation become, the greater is the need for more and more advanced instruction. Moreover, as our numbers increase and as our life expands with science and invention, we must discover more and more leaders for every walk of national life. We cannot hope to succeed in directing this increasingly complex civilization unless we can draw all the talent of leadership from the whole people. One civilization after another has been wrecked upon the attempt to secure sufficient leadership from a single group or class. If we would prevent the growth of class distinctions and would constantly refresh our leadership with the ideals of our people, we must draw constantly from the general mass. The full opportunity for every boy and girl to rise through the selective processes of education can alone secure to us this leadership.

Public Health.

In public health the discoveries of science have opened a new era. Many sections of our country and many groups of our citizens suffer from diseases the eradication of which are mere matters of administration and moderate expenditure. Public health service should be as fully organized and as universally incorporated into our governmental system as is public education. The returns are a thousand-fold in economic benefits, and infinitely more in reduction of suffering and promotion of human happiness.

World Peace.

The United States fully accepts the profound truth that our own progress, prosperity and peace are interlocked with the progress, prosperity and peace of all humanity. The whole world is at peace. The dangers to a continuation of this peace to-day are largely the fear and suspicion which still haunt the world. No suspicion or fear can be rightly directed toward our country.

Those who have a true understanding of America know that we have no desire for territorial expansion, for economic or other domination of other peoples. Such purposes are repugnant to our ideals of human freedom. Our form of government is ill adapted to the responsibilities which inevitably follow permanent limitation of the independence of other peoples.

Superficial observers seem to find no destiny for our abounding increase in population, in wealth and power except that of imperialism. They fail to see that the American people are engrossed in the building for themselves of a new economic system, a new social system, a new political system—all of which are characterized by aspirations of freedom of opportunity and thereby are the negation of imperialism.

They fail to realize that because of our abounding prosperity our youth are pressing more and more into our institutions of learning; that our people are seeking a larger vision through art, literature, science and travel; that they are moving toward stronger moral and spiritual life—that from these things our sympathies are broadening beyond the bounds of our nation and race toward their true expression in a real brotherhood of man.

They fail to see that the idealism of America will lead it to no narrow or selfish charnel, but inspire it to do its full share as a nation toward the advancement of civilization. It will do that not by mere declaration, but by taking a practical part in supporting all useful international undertakings. We not only desire peace with the world, but to see peace maintained throughout the world. We wish to advance the reign of justice and reason toward the extinction of force.

Treaty for Renunciation of War.

The recent treaty for the renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy sets an advanced standard in our conception of the relations of nations. Its acceptance should pave the way to greater limitation of armaments, the offer of which we sincerely extend to the world.

But its full realization also implies a greater and greater perfection in the instrumentalities for pacific settlement of controversies between nations. In the creation and use of these instrumentalities we should support every sound method of conciliation, arbitration and judicial settlement.

Court of International Justice.

American statesmen were among the first to propose, and they have constantly urged upon the world, the establishment of a tribunal for the settlement of controversies of a justiciable character. The Permanent Court of International Justice in its major purpose is thus peculiarly identified with American ideals and with American statesmanship. No more potent instrumentality for this purpose has ever been conceived and no other is practicable of establishment.

The reservations placed upon our adherence should not be misinterpreted. The United States seeks by these reservations no special privilege or advantage but only to clarify our relation to advisory opinions and other matters which are subsidiary to the major purpose of the court. The way should, and I believe will, be found by which we may take our proper place in a movement so fundamental to the progress of peace.

League of Nations.

Our people have determined that we should make no political engagements, such as membership in the League of Nations, which may commit us in advance as a nation to become involved in the settlements of controversies between other countries. They adhere to the belief that the independence of America from such obligations increases its ability and availability for service in all fields of human progress.

Western Hemisphere.

I have lately returned from a journey among our sister republics of the Western Hemisphere. I have received unbounded hospitality and courtesy as their expression of friendliness to our country. We are held by particular bonds of sympathy and common interest with them. They are each of them building a racial character and a culture which is an impressive contribution to human progress. We wish only for the maintenance of their independence, the growth of their stability and their prosperity. While we have had wars in the Western Hemisphere yet on the whole the record is in encouraging contrast with that of other parts of the world. Fortunately, the new world is largely free from the inheritances of fear and distrust which have so troubled the old world. We should keep it so.

It is impossible, my countrymen, to speak of peace without profound emotion. In thousands of homes in America, in millions of homes around the world, there are vacant chairs. It would be a shameful confession of our unworthiness if it should develop that we have abandoned the hope for which all these men died. Surely civilization is old enough, surely mankind is mature enough so that we ought in our own lifetime to find a way to permanent peace.

Abroad, to west and east, are nations whose sons mingled their blood with the blood of our sons on the battlefields. Most of these nations have contributed to our race, to our culture, our knowledge and our progress. From one of them we derive our very language and from many of them much of the genius of our institutions. Their desire for peace is as deep and sincere as our own.

Peace can be contributed to by respect for our ability in defense. Peace can be promoted by the limitation of arms and by the creation of the instrumentalities for peaceful settlement of controversies. But it will become a reality only through self-restraint and active effort in friendliness and helpfulness. I covet for this administration a record of having further contributed to advance the cause of peace.

In our form of democracy the expression of the popular will can be effected only through the instrumentality of political parties. We maintain party government not to promote intolerant partisanship but because opportunity must be given for expression of the popular will, and organization provided for the execution of its mandates and for accountability of government to the people. It follows that the government both in the executive and the legislative branches must carry out in good faith the platforms upon which the party was entrusted with power. But the government is that of the whole people; the party is the instrument through which policies are determined and men chosen to bring them into being. The animosities of elections should have no place in our government, for government must concern itself alone with common weal.

Special Session of Congress.

Action upon some of the proposals upon which the Republican party was returned to power—particularly, further agricultural relief and limited changes in the tariff—cannot in justice to our farmers, our labor and our manufactures be postponed. I shall therefore request a special session of Congress for the consideration of these two questions. I shall deal with each of them upon the assembly of the Congress.

Other Mandates from Election.

It appears to me that the more important further mandates from the recent election were the maintenance of the integrity of the Constitution; the vigorous enforcement of the laws; the continuance of economy in public expenditure; the continued regulation of business to prevent domination in the community; the denial of ownership or operation of business by the government in competition with its citizens; the avoidance of policies which would involve us in the controversies of foreign nations; the more effective reorganization of the departments of the Federal government; the expansion of public works, and the promotion of welfare activities affecting education and the home.

These were the more tangible determinations of the election, but beyond them was the confidence and belief of the people that we would not neglect the support of the embedded ideals and aspirations of America. These ideals and aspirations are the touchstones upon which the day-to-day administration and legislative acts of government must be tested. More than this, the government must, so far as lies within its proper powers, give leadership to the realization of these ideals and to the fruition of these aspirations.

No one can adequately reduce these things of the spirit to phrases or to a catalogue of definitions. We do know what the attainments of these ideals should be: The preservation of self-government and its full foundations in local government; the perfection of justice whether in economic or in social fields; the maintenance of ordered liberty; the denial of domination by any group or class; the building up and preservation of equality of opportunity; the stimulation of initiative and individuality; absolute integrity in public affairs; the choice of officials for fitness to office; the direction of economic progress toward prosperity and the further lessening of poverty; the freedom of public opinion; the sustaining of education and of the advancement of knowledge; the growth of religious spirit and the tolerance of all faiths; the strengthening of the home; the advancement of peace.

There is no short road to the realization of these aspirations. Ours is a progressive people, but with a determination that progress must be based upon the foundation of experience. Ill-considered remedies for our faults bring only penalties after them. But if we hold the faith of the men in our mighty past who created these ideals, we shall leave them heightened and strengthened for our children.

Future Bright With Hope.

This is not the time and place for extended discussion. The questions before our country are problems of progress to higher standards; they are not the problems of degeneration. They demand thought and they serve to quicken the conscience and enlist our sense of responsibility for their settlement. And that responsibility rests upon you, my countrymen, as much as upon those of us who have been selected for office.

Ours is a land rich in resources; stimulating in its glorious beauty; filled with millions of happy homes; blessed with comfort and opportunity. In no nation are the institutions of progress more advanced. In no nation are the fruits of accomplishment more secure. In no nation is the government more worthy of respect. No country is more loved by its people. I have an abiding faith in their capacity, integrity and high purpose. I have no fears for the future of our country. It is bright with hope.

In the presence of my countrymen, mindful of the solemnity which it involves, I beg your tolerance, your aid and your co-operation. I ask the help of Almighty God in this service to my country to which you have called me.

Inaugural Address of Vice-President Charles Curtis— Senate Rules Criticized by Retiring Vice-President Dawes Upheld by His Successor.

In the Senate Chamber at noon on March 4 Charles Curtis was inaugurated as Vice-President of the United States succeeding Charles G. Dawes. In felicitating the new incumbent of the office, Mr. Dawes alluded to the demand he had made in his inaugural address four years ago for a reform in the Senate rules, and in indicating that he still adhered to the criticisms made at that time, he declared this week in referring thereto, "I take nothing back." Vice-President Curtis, who retires from the Senate, stated that his service in the Senate had given him "a clear under-

standing of the duties and obligations of the Vice-President," as to whose powers he said:

He is not one of the makers of the law, nor is he consulted about the rules adopted to govern your actions. His obligations to the people of the country to whom he owes his high position and his duty to you Senators call for a fair and impartial construction of the rules which you, yourselves, have adopted and which you alone may change.

The remarks of Mr. Dawes in turning over the duties of Vice-President to his successor follow:

"In a few minutes it will be the last official duty which I am to perform to adjourn the Senate of the United States. The passing of a Congress is but an incident in the life of our great republic, now entering the 140th year of its existence, never stronger in that which is its greatest bulwark, the love and devotion of a united and happy people.

"But to many in this Senate chamber it means the breaking of close ties formed by the association of years in a common endeavor, humanities, whose strength is never realized until the time of their sundering is at hand.

"I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the members of the Senate and to the members of the Senate staff and especially to Charles L. Watkins, the parliamentarian of the Senate, for his invaluable aid to me, and for the courtesy and kindness and the consideration and the generosity with which you have all treated me.

"I have tried to be worthy as best I could, and in the occupancy of this chair I have never consciously deviated from the duty which inseparably attached to it, that of impartiality in partisan, personal and sectional differences.

"A time of parting between friends there is no place for acrimony, and I assure you there is none in my heart. But I could not be true to myself and to my conception of the duties of this position if, as I leave it for the last time, when, if ever, disinterestedness should characterize my convictions, I did not speak again of the collective error of this great and powerful branch of the government.

"Alone of all the deliberative bodies of the world, the Senate of the United States, under its rules, has parted with the power to allot its time to the consideration of the subjects before it in accordance with their relative importance.

"This defect of procedure is fundamental. I take back nothing.

"To my successor in office, my dear friend and dear friend of all of us, Senator Curtis, I wish the greatest success which his fine character, his ability and his long experience in this body make certain.

"I declare the Senate of the Seventieth Congress adjourned sine die."

The inaugural address of Vice-President Curtis follows:

Senators:

The United States Senate is to-day one of the most distinguished legislative bodies in the world—one of the greatest actual and potential powers for the promotion and advancement of civilization. Its personnel is of a calibre equal to, if not the superior of, any previous body heretofore assembled. Any individual, no matter how outstanding in the realms of leadership, political or otherwise, might well be proud to preside over its deliberations.

I may, therefore, be pardoned in declaring here the feeling of pride which I experience that through my election as Vice-President of the United States such a signal honor has come to me. I hope I may prove worthy of the people's choice, and of you. No efforts of mine will be spared to aid and assist you in the successful solution of the numerous intricate and important problems which will come before you.

During the course of my twenty years' service among you as Senator from the State of Kansas I have profited much from the wisdom, tact and experience of the members of this august body as displayed by its most modest and unassuming members as well as by its most outstanding and brilliant leaders.

My relations with the Senators during all these years have been pleasant. My memories of persons and events in this chamber constitute some of the most delightful in a long public life by no means devoid of warming memories.

At this point I may, with propriety, I think, be permitted to offer to the honorable gentleman who is retiring as presiding officer of this body, Mr. Dawes, an expression of appreciation, admiration and esteem.

We will all agree that he has filled his arduous and frequently onerous duties with credit and distinction, not only to himself but to the people of the United States.

It would seem fitting also at this point to offer a word of welcome and greeting to our new Senators. They will find their fellow-Senators, as I have found them, most human and kindly gentlemen, willing and anxious to help newcomers where they may.

Duties of Vice-President—Senate Rules.

My service among you has impressed me with the responsibilities of every Senator, and at the same time it has given me a clear understanding of the duties and obligations of the Vice-President.

He is not one of the makers of the law, nor is he consulted about the rules adopted to govern your actions. His obligations to the people of the country to whom he owes his high position and his duty to you Senators call for a fair and impartial construction of the rules which you, yourselves, have adopted and which you alone may change. His obligations and duties require a recognition and application of the precedents which have brought the United States Senate to its present recognized position of paramount importance as a legislative body.

With the familiarity gained from long years of close observation, assisted by your full co-operation, without which little can be done, I hope to be able to sense your desires certainly and surely; to obey your will, which is the will of the people; to give it effect with the utmost dispatch and to expedite the business of the Senate in an orderly and speedy manner, for this, I take it, is not only your desire but also the wish of our people—in effect, to be an integral part of this body, not a being strange to or remote, and detached from it.

To do these things within the limits of my abilities I conceive to be the whole scope and sphere of the Vice-President. The task is not easy. I ask your help and indulgence.

With a whole-hearted spirit of co-operation between us I am certain your achievements in the Congress before us will redound to the immediate and ultimate good of all; your proceedings will be so much to your credit in the eyes of our people and so much to the credit of our people in the eyes of the world that they will stand for years in the future as the highest mark of legislative endeavors within, and perhaps without, the United States.

It gives me pleasure, sir, to receive the gavel from you and to take over the duties of the Vice-President.

Special Session of Senate on March 5 One of Shortest in History.

The brief session of the Senate on March 5 at which President Hoover's Cabinet appointments were confirmed, occasioned the following comment in the "Times":

The special session of the Senate lasting about an hour and a half today was not the only single day special meeting ever held by the Senate, but it was the first of such short duration since the early days of the constitutional government. Probably no previous session was as short as that of today.

The first special session of the Senate was convened on March 4, 1791, and adjourned the same day. Other one-day special sessions of the Senate were on March 4, 1793, March 4, 1797, and March 4, 1817. A two-day special session was held in March, 1909, to receive nominations from President Taft.

Bill for Federal Control of Bituminous Industry Died With Session of Congress.

The National Coal Association in an announcement March 5 says:

With the filing by the National Coal Association of a digest of the arguments at the hearings in December and January before the U. S. Senate Interstate Commerce Committee for and against S. 4490, the bituminous coal control bill of the miners' union, the final chapter for the recent session of Congress was reached on the question of Federal Government licensing of coal operators and distributors. Opposition to the bill was voiced by the coal association, by representative business generally, by the railroads, by economists and others. Beyond reference to a sub-committee, no action on the bill was taken by the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee and the bill died with the session.

Republican Caucus of House of Representatives Continues Representative Longworth as Speaker.

Associated Press advices from Washington March 2 said:

Without opposition to any of the party's present House officers, the Republican caucus today voted to continue them through the next Congress. The action assures the continuation of Nicholas Longworth of Ohio as Speaker and John Q. Tilson of Connecticut as majority floor leader.

Other officers selected are: William Tyler Page, clerk of the house; Joseph G. Rogers, sergeant-at-arms; Bert W. Kennedy, doorkeeper; Frank W. Collier, postmaster, and the Rev. James Shera Montgomery, chaplain.

The caucus for the first time in many years was attended by a negro Representative-elect, Oscar DePriest, an incoming member from Illinois.

President Hoover Calls Upon Congress to Meet in Extra Session April 15—Farm Relief and Tariff Revision to Be Considered.

A proclamation calling for the assembling of Congress in extra session on April 15 was issued by President Hoover on March 7. The President, indicating the purpose of the extra session, said that "legislation to effect further agricultural relief and legislation for limited changes of the tariff cannot in justice to our farmers, our labor and our manufacturers be postponed." The calling of a special session of Congress had been urged upon the President by Representative Tilson (Republican), Majority leader of the House, at a conference with Mr. Hoover on Feb. 28. With regard to the conference the *United States Daily* of March 1 said:

Mr. Tilson explained that the President-elect has expressed a willingness to be guided by the judgment of the leadership of the House, which initiates revenue legislation. He said he had suggested April 10 as the date when the House will be ready to proceed to transact business.

Farm Bill Ready April 10.

He said the farm relief bill will be ready about April 10 and that the tariff revision bill will be in shape to submit to the House on or before April 20. He said the indications are that the farm relief legislation, requiring probably not over a week of consideration, would be considered first.

The tariff probably will require from three weeks to a month of consideration at the extra session, perhaps longer, he said, adding that he was not prepared to speculate on a probable adjournment date for the extra session.

The judgment of a considerable majority of the membership of the House, Mr. Tilson said, is to confine the legislation plans to the two major subjects of farm relief and tariff. For that purpose, he said, it would be necessary to organize with the two legislative committees involved, the House Committees on Ways and Means and on Agriculture. Provision for their sessions after adjournment of the present Congress on March 4 is made in the second deficiency appropriation bill (H. R. 17223), pending in the Senate.

Would Ask Authority.

Mr. Tilson said that if that measure should fail, a resolution would be introduced with a view to being passed quickly by both houses to provide this necessary authority.

President Hoover's proclamation of March 7 follows:

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A Proclamation.

Whereas, public interests require that the Congress of the United States should be convened in extra session at 12 o'clock noon on

the 15th day of April, 1929, to receive such communication as may be made by the Executive; and

Whereas, legislation to effect further agricultural relief and legislation for limited changes of the tariff cannot in justice to our farmers, our labor and our manufacturers be postponed; now,

Therefore, I, Herbert Hoover, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary occasion requires the Congress of the United States to convene in extra session at the Capitol in the city of Washington on the 15th day of April, 1929, at 12 o'clock noon, of which all persons who shall at that time be entitled to act as members thereof are hereby required to take notice.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the United States.

Done at the City of Washington this 7th day of March, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-nine and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and fifty-third.

HERBERT HOOVER.

By the President:
FRANK B. KELLOGG,
Secretary of State.

Senate Adopts Resolution Calling for Investigation by Federal Trade Commission into Newsprint Industry to Determine Violations of Anti-Trust Law.

The Senate on Feb. 27 adopted a resolution, offered by Senator Schall of Minnesota, calling for an inquiry by the Federal Trade Commission into practices of newsprint manufacturers and distributors. The following is the resolution as agreed to by the Senate:

The resolution follows:

Resolved, That the Federal Trade Commission is requested to make an investigation upon the question of whether any of the practices of the manufacturers and distributors of newsprint paper tend to create a monopoly in the supplying of newsprint paper to publishers of small daily and weekly newspapers or constitute a violation of the anti-trust laws, and to report to the Senate, as soon as practicable, the results of such investigation, together with its recommendations, if any, for necessary legislation.

A Washington dispatch Feb. 27 to the "Herald-Tribune" stated:

Senator Schall has had the resolution pending for some time, and while there has been opposition to it, it was forced through to-day without a roll call after Senator Heflin had threatened to block other business indefinitely unless it was considered.

Charles F. Speare on New Trend Trusts—Stock Trading Enterprises Designated Investment Trusts.

Discussing investment trusts and their phenomenal growth, Charles F. Speare, in the February Journal of the American Bankers' Association, presents the query, "Is the investment trust becoming a financial fad and are the original conceptions of a corporation devoted to the science of diversified security holdings being retained?" "These," says Mr. Speare, "are questions that properly may be asked as a result of the activity in the investment trust world the past year." In part Mr. Speare says:

At no time since the investment trusts began to blossom as a factor in American securities, and in the securities of every country on earth, has there been such momentum in promoting new trusts and presenting their securities for sale to the public as in the past six months. Scarcely a day passed during November and December that did not bring out a new trust of some kind. The movement has continued into 1929. There seems to be no end to it.

Doubled in a Year.

From the most careful investigations that have been made, it appears that there are at present between 200 and 225 separate trusts representing an aggregate in debenture bonds, common and preferred stocks, of \$1,250,000,000. This is nearly double the figure that was accepted as approximate a little over a year ago. Of \$624,000,000 domestic stock financing in the month of December, over 40 per cent. represented shares of investment trusts, so called. The new trusts have been of many sizes, ranging from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000 up to \$104,000,000, with intermediate companies whose capitalization is from \$25,000,000 to \$70,000,000. Perhaps the most significant tendency has been that of establishing trusts to deal in, or hold, special classes of securities.

This is the antithesis of the original investment trust idea, and more American than British in its development. It expresses a preference for and the belief in, for instance, the stocks of public utilities, or those of insurance companies, or banks, or perhaps of chain stores, oil producing and refining companies, or of those representing aviation and its collateral industries, while one of the most recently created is to deal exclusively in the shares of tobacco properties. This is a far cry from the strict limitation of some of the older investment trusts to the purchasing and holding of a small percentage of their assets in any one kind of stocks, and to the stock of any one company in a representative industry. The years 1928 and 1929 in the investment trust world differ greatly in this respect from the lines on which trusts were established and gained their prestige between 1925 and 1927.

There is scarcely an important banking group today that is not identified, either directly as principals or indirectly as stockholders, in an investment trust. Some of them have admitted their shares to public markets. Others are privately owned and administered. Participation in them is a favor that the managers give to their best clients. It would be interesting reading if a list of the latter could be published, for this would reveal the existence of a considerable number with assets ranging from \$5,000,000 to \$15,000,000 and a record of extraordinary profits in the past two years.

Then there are dozens of little trusts which also are either of public character or privately administered, many of them under the auspices of small investment houses or members of the New York Stock Exchange. They crop up almost daily. They are one of the side issues of a period of intense public interest in securities. To a large extent they owe their existence to the success of some of the old-established trusts, and reflect competition between groups or firms who are trying to imitate or to duplicate some one else's idea. Therefore it seems that the investment trust has become something of a financial fad. The faddists in this particular branch of management of securities have had the sense to confine their operations to a market about which they know something and with which they can keep in close touch. A majority of them limit their purchases to American securities. This is only part of the function of the true investment trust which seeks to capture the most attractive securities in every active market of the world, and balances what may be temporarily unfavorable conditions in one country with favoring conditions elsewhere. In other words, these new trusts are more national than international in character, which does not mean that their managements have a prejudice against foreign securities, but that they admit their ignorance of foreign values and steer clear of them.

Traders Rather Than Investors.

Reading between the lines of the prospectuses of some of these companies, and listening to the arguments of those whose business it is to sell their securities, one gathers the very definite notion that their real function is that of a wholesale trader in securities rather than that of an investor in them. And this is where the distinction between the earlier investment trusts and those that have been organized during the past year becomes visible.

It is an outgrowth of the universal speculation in stocks and the large returns that have been made by successful operators in them plus a certain amount of capitalization of the record of concerns that, beginning business with no other policy than that of making long-term investments, found themselves in possession of profits that they could not resist taking. These profits have been the basis of the unusual distributions made on investment trust junior shares. It may not be too strong a statement to say that the new security companies are sailing under false colors in assuming the title of "investment trusts." They should, more properly, be classified as trading companies or trading pools.

A Frank Statement.

The largest aggregation of capital to deal in securities was brought together in December. It took in \$104,000,000 to be used for the purpose "of buying, selling, trading in or holding stocks and securities of any kind or to participate in syndicates and underwritings." It frankly styled itself a "trading corporation." Those who bought its stock did so in the belief that the managers of the company were shrewd judges of security values and would make money for them from year to year from the recurring fluctuations in stocks. It would be well if other smaller corporations were equally frank and avoided the disguise of an investment trust to cover what are essentially their "in and out" operations in the stock market.

Shortly after this gigantic trading corporation was announced, there came upon the scene a \$70,000,000 company whose functions were somewhat different from either the strict investment trust or the trading corporation. Its charter stated that it had been organized for the purpose, among others, "of acquiring for permanent or temporary investment, minority or controlling interests in established businesses offering possibility of larger earning power or enhancement in value." The investments of this corporation were to be made chiefly in groups of companies conducting "fundamentally related businesses which are producing or distributing trademark articles or standard commodities capable of wide use. Diversity is not necessarily a primary purpose of the corporation." It was stated that the nature of the corporation's business may make it "inadvisable to publish complete lists of its security holdings at any given time."

In this case the profit anticipated is that from what are known in Wall Street as "long pull" investments rather than from temporary trends in the market. The company will put behind promising business situations the necessary capital and the proper management, and let them ride for a long profit. Its returns may be slow. Eventually they should be substantial. Here again there has been a frank exposition of what the directors propose to do. The investor can go into the situation or leave it alone.

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So long as stocks continue to advance there will be more and more trading or finance companies abusing the term "investment trust," and larger trading profits will be shown than profit in the form of dividends or interest on the securities held. As a matter of fact, the ratio this past year with not a few of the trusts has been two dollars in trading profits to one dollar in income.

There is a strong plea being made to protect the term "trust" as it is used in connection with fiduciary relations, and to prevent its abuse or employment to designate a corporation that has only an investing function. So far as the British investment trusts are concerned, as well as their corresponding companies in the United States, this may not be necessary. However, from the tendencies that have been outlined above, it is obvious that the term "trust" is a misnomer when applied to a corporation that primarily trades in securities rather than purchases them after careful investigation, and sets them aside in its portfolio to await the fruits of steady growth. The public should know the difference between the two types of investment companies now existing here and be able to make a fair choice between them when it is asked to risk its capital in their securities.

Governor Roosevelt of New York Seeks Views of Bankers Regarding Tax Cut.

M. H. Cahill, President of the New York State Bankers' Association, has addressed the following letter to bankers in the State regarding a communication received by him from Governor Roosevelt, in which the latter solicits the views of members of the Association as to the method of tax relief favored—the remission of 20% of the present

income tax or the remission of the present half mill tax on real estate.

NEW YORK STATE BANKERS ASSOCIATION

Headquarters 128 Broadway, New York City

March 2 1929.

To the Institution Addressed:

Gentlemen:—The following letter has been received by me to-day from Governor Roosevelt:

STATE OF NEW YORK EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS, ALBANY, N. Y.
Mr. M. H. Cahill, President New York State Bankers Association, New York, N. Y.
My Dear Mr. Cahill:—I wish much that I might have the opinion and advice of the New York State Bankers Association on an economic question of great immediate importance. I want to make clear that politics does not enter in any way into my consideration of this matter.

The State Government may this year be able to give a temporary reduction of some tax to the extent of between 12 and 13 million dollars. The question arises as to whether it is best to remit the present half mill tax on real estate or to remit 20 of the present income tax.

I am personally inclined to the belief that the income tax reduction would directly affect more people than the elimination of the direct tax.

I should be very glad to have the views of the members of the Association as I think that this is a matter not only of public importance but of economic consideration. Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, Governor.

As you will note by this letter, Governor Roosevelt is very anxious to secure from the bankers of New York State their opinion as to the method which they believe should be pursued in making a temporary reduction of taxes as outlined.

As a courtesy to Governor Roosevelt, will you please be good enough to write him direct regarding your views on this matter?

Very sincerely yours,

M. H. CAHILL, President.

Filing of New York State Income Tax Returns.

The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance issues the following notice under date of Mar. 2:

As has been the custom for several years past, District Director Wesley Dawson of the New York District of the New York State Income Tax Bureau, has assigned Auditors Leslie & Smith to the Receiver of Taxes, Bergen Bldg., Tremont and Arthur Aves., Bronx, and room 200, Municipal Bldg., where they will be from Mar. 4th to Apr. 15th for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in the preparation of their returns or the giving of information in connection with their income tax problems.

In making the announcement, the District Director wishes to ask taxpayers when filling their returns to use the blank they received in the mail, or when applying for assistance to bring the blank with them to the auditors. These blanks bear the printed name and postoffice address and code number of the taxpayer, and, because of the facility they afford in filing &c. when received at Albany, their use is greatly desired.

New taxpayers do not receive these addressographed forms. They should apply for them from the auditor.

Taxpayers are urged to see the auditor, who will cheerfully give them such assistance as they need.

Federal Income Tax—Ruling Affecting Commissions Charged for Loans.

Banking, finance, and mortgage loan companies will be called upon to pay substantial additional income taxes, as a result of a decision just rendered by the United States Board of Tax Appeals, according to J. S. Seidman, tax expert of Seidman & Seidman, Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Seidman says:

"The Board holds that where commissions are charged for making loans, and the commission is deducted from the amount paid the borrower at the time the loan is made, the commission must be reported as income in the year in which the loan is made, and cannot be deferred until the loan is paid, if the accounts are kept on an accrual basis.

"This ruling settles a point about which there has been considerable doubt and controversy. The companies have contended that the transaction is, in effect, one where the borrower's obligation is purchased at a discount and no gain is realized until the obligation is paid and the amount received exceeds the amount advanced. The Board, however, has decided that the situation is different from buying obligations at a discount. The point of difference, the Board says, is in the fact that in a purchase at a discount, if the borrower were to repay the loan before maturity, he would get a rebate of part of the discount, whereas a commission charge is returned by the lender irrespective of the time of repayment.

"Accordingly, the Board concluded that where the taxpayer reports on an accrual basis, the income is earned at the time the charge is made for the commission. The fact that no direct commission payment is made by the borrower to the company at the time of the loan, except by way of the deduction from the face of the loan, was held to be immaterial since, on the accrual basis, actual cash collection is not necessary."

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

Arrangements were reported made this week for the transfer of a New York Curb Market membership for \$170,000, an increase of \$10,000 over the last preceding sale.

Two New York Cotton Exchange memberships were reported sold this week for \$39,500 and \$41,000 respectively. The first mentioned price was an advance of \$1,500 over the last preceding sale. It was stated that the close to-day was \$41,000 bid, \$46,000 asked.

A regular New York Produce Exchange membership was reported sold this week for \$17,000. The last preceding sale was for \$22,000.

Two New York Coca Exchange memberships were reported sold this week for \$7,000 and \$7,300 respectively, the latter being a new high record.

The formal ratification and definite conclusion of the amalgamation of the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., with the Bank of the Manhattan Co. of New York was noted in the annual report made on March 7 to the stockholders of the acceptance bank by Paul M. Warburg, Chairman of its board of directors. The stockholders of the Bank of the Manhattan Co voted on March 5 to increase its share capital by \$6,250,000, and to offer these 62,500 new shares to the stockholders of the Acceptance bank in exchange for 125,000 of the latter's stock; 123,780 shares of the stock of the Acceptance Bank having been tendered for exchange, the union of the two institutions, said Mr. Warburg, is now an accomplished fact. "It ought to be added," he said, "that all our stockholders have formally assented, and it is due only to some technicalities (such as estate proceedings) that the actual deposit of the few shares still outstanding has been delayed." Following the action of the directors of the Bank of the Manhattan Co. at their meeting this week, ratifying the exchange of stock and the other conditions of the union between the two institutions, the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., announced that at its meeting on March 7 three directors of the Bank of the Manhattan Co., viz., J. Stewart Baker, P. A. Rowley and George Zabriskie, had been elected directors of the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., J. Stewart Baker having been elected Vice-Chairman of its board.

Six directors of the International Acceptance Trust Co. will be added to the board of directors of the International Acceptance Bank, Inc. The business of the Trust company will in due course be taken over by the Bank of the Manhattan Co. The full board of the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., will, with these additions, then consist of the following members:

Paul M. Warburg, Chairman; J. Stewart Baker, Vice-Chairman; F. Abbott Goodhue, President; Newcomb Carlton, Howard S. Cullman, Horace Havemeyer, Robert F. Herrick, David F. Houston, George V. McLaughlin, L. Nachman, P. A. Rowley, Otto V. Schrenk, Charles B. Seger, Lawrence H. Shearman, Charles A. Stone, Jack Strauss, William Skinner, Philip Stockton, Henry Tatnall, Felix M. Warburg, James P. Warburg, Thomas H. West Jr., John L. Wilkie, Bronson Winthrop and George Zabriskie.

In the annual report to the stockholders of the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., Mr. Warburg reviewed the past history of that bank, and stated that in the 7½ years of its existence the bank, with capital funds originally paid in of \$10,250,000, recently increased to \$12,500,000, aside from the dividends paid, had added approximately \$9,000,000 to surplus and hidden reserves. "At the moment of its union with the Bank of the Manhattan Co.," he added, "the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., had, therefore, total capital funds in excess of \$21,000,000." Mr. Warburg said that the stockholders might well ask why in the face of these excellent results the directors instead of "leaving well enough alone" had recommended a change in the course hitherto pursued, involving the union with another bank. In part he went on to say:

We are living in an age of the horizontal and vertical trusts. Branch banking (and chain banking) express the horizontal tendency, while "a complete service," including domestic and foreign banking, acceptance facilities, &c., . . . evidence the vertical tendencies corresponding to the industrialists' ambition to cover the whole reach from the raw material to the finished article, from the producer to the consumer.

I believe it is safe to say that the evolution in the industrial field, to a certain degree, at least, is responsible for the similar development in the field of banking, because the gigantic form assumed by industrial corporations on both sides of the Atlantic render their banking requirements so large and so all-encompassing that only banks with gigantic resources of their own are able to offer them commensurate facilities. Whether or not one may regret the abandonment of the old traditional system of "specialized banking," the trend towards "departmental banking" seems irresistible at the present time.

In the midst of an era of persistent bank consolidation, the Bank of the Manhattan Co. and our bank were both faced with the alternatives of either merging with another institution specializing in the activities which they had not developed or of embarking upon a program of building up a powerful departmental organization from within.

In the circumstances the advantages to be gained by joining forces, by amalgamating two institutions each so admirably complementing the other, became quickly apparent, and I believe the stockholders of both may be sincerely congratulated upon the conclusion of the negotiations that brought about the happy union between them.

The consolidated balance sheet, combining the assets and liabilities of both concerns in their published statements as of Dec. 31 1928, shows \$22,250,000 capital, \$40,000,000 surplus and undivided profits and total resources of \$632,817,958. The plans for the union of the two institutions were referred to in our issue of Jan. 19, page 3500.

Announcement is made that the title of the institution which will result from the merger of the National Bank of Commerce in New York and the Guaranty Trust Company of New York will be Guaranty Trust Company of New York. The proposed consolidation of these two institutions was

referred to at length in these columns March 2, page 1319. Under date of March 4 the following letter was addressed by the President of the Guaranty Trust, William C. Potter, to the stock holders of that institution:

Your directors have approved a plan for the merging of the National Bank of Commerce in New York with Guaranty Trust Company of New York. The directors of the National Bank of Commerce in New York have also approved such plan.

The business of each institution is generally complementary to the other rather than competitive. Their respective bank buildings, branch offices and other facilities are such as to favor such a merger. Under the plan, it is proposed, with the approval of stockholders, that the National Bank of Commerce in New York shall be liquidated as a national bank and a New York State bank organized which will be merged with your company. The present capital of \$25,000,000 of the National Bank of Commerce in New York will be increased to \$30,000,000, after such conversion into a State bank, the additional shares to be offered to its stockholders at par. Under the plan or merger the stockholders of the National Bank of Commerce in New York will then exchange their stock on a share for share basis for stock of your company, whose stock will be increased for such purpose from four hundred thousand shares to seven hundred thousand shares. Before the merger agreement can be submitted to you for action at a stockholders' meeting, it is necessary that the National Bank of Commerce in New York shall become a State bank and the directors of such new State bank execute with your directors a formal merger agreement prescribing the terms and conditions of the merger and the mode of carrying it into effect. It is expected that such action will be completed early in April so as to permit of the calling of the special stockholders' meeting to be held on or about May 2, 1929, and permit the merged institution to begin business shortly after the first of May, 1929.

The plan provides for the following as the principal officers of the merged institution:

Chairman of the Board of Directors, James S. Alexander;
Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors, Charles H. Sabin;
President, William C. Potter;
Chairman of the Executive Committee, Thomas W. Lamont;
and that the Board of Directors of each institution shall be joined and continued in the merged institution.

The officers of Guaranty Company of New York will continue to be:
Chairman of the Board of Directors, Charles H. Sabin;
President, Joseph R. Swan.

The capital of the merged institution, which will bear the name of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, will be \$70,000,000, the surplus \$90,000,000, and the undivided profits as of February 28, 1929, \$23,875,225.

This is a brief outline of the method proposed for the accomplishment of a merger which is viewed by the Directors of both Banks as advantageous to both institutions and in the interest of the stockholders of each and which, therefore, is recommended for your approval.

The Board of Directors accordingly requests the stockholders to sign and return in the enclosed envelope the accompanying consent and proxy to cause their stock to be voted to approve the proposed merger.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Banca Commerciale Italiana, head office, Milan, Italy, it has been decided to propose, at the general meeting of the shareholders, to be held on March 23, a dividend for the year 1928 of Lire 65.00 per share, equal to 13%, to increase the Reserve Fund by Lire 20,000,000.00 bringing it up to Lire 560,000,000.00; the capital is Lire 700,000,000.00.

Nathan S. Jonas, President of the Manufacturers Trust Co., announced on Mar. 7 that Arthur S. Kleeman, who for sometime has contemplated organizing his own investment banking firm, has resigned as Vice-President in charge of the Investment Department of the Manufacturers Trust Co., effective Mar. 15. Mr. Kleeman has been a Vice-President of the Manufacturers Trust Co. for more than six years and is one of the better known of the younger investment bankers downtown. Mr. Jonas' announcement reads as follows:

For sometime past Mr. Arthur S. Kleeman has contemplated organizing his own firm, to be principally engaged in the origination of securities, the initiative phases of investment banking having a special appeal for him.

Only recently have we been able to make arrangements for releasing him, and accordingly, he has resigned his office as Vice-President in charge of our Investment Department to take effect on Mar. 15 1929. Mr. Kleeman will remain as director of Manufacturers Trust Co. and a close contact will be maintained between his firm and the Investment Department of our company. It is expected that many of the issues originated by him and his associates may be underwritten and offered by the two organizations.

Pending the appointment of a successor to Mr. Kleeman, the Investment Department will continue to function under the guidance of its division executives in conjunction with the President and the Chairman of the executive committee.

At a regular meeting of the directors of the Bankers Trust Co. of New York on Mar. 7 Junius B. Close was elected a Vice-President of the bank. Mr. Close will assume his duties shortly after the middle of May.

The Directors of the Bankers Trust Company of New York recommended on March 5 that the par value of shares of the capital stock of the Company be reduced from \$100 each to \$10 each. Under this plan each holder of one share of present stock will be entitled to receive ten shares of new stock. A special meeting of the stockholders has been called for April 4th for the purpose of acting upon this recommendation. There are at present 250,000 shares of stock outstanding which will be increased to 2,500,000 shares after

the split-up. The directors declared the regular quarterly dividend of 7½% on the present stock, payable April 1 to stockholders of record at the close of business March 15.

John I. Waterbury, New York banker with offices at 14 Wall St., died on March 4 at his home in Convent Station, N. J. Mr. Waterbury was 78 years of age. He was a director of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., the Audit Co. of New York, the Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville Ry. Co., the Louisville & Nashville Ry. System, the Pacific Coast Co., the Telautograph Corp., the Texas & Pacific Ry. Co. and United States Guaranty Co.

Isaac Liberman, President of Arnold Constable & Co., was elected a director of the Sterling National Bank & Trust Co. of this city, newly organized. The institution will open for business about April 15 in the Chanin Building at 42d St. and Lexington Ave. An item regarding the new company was noted in these columns Feb. 23, page 1177.

Arthur N. Hazeltine has been elected a Vice-President and Trust Officer of the Fidelity Trust Company of New York. He will assume his new post on April 1. Mr. Hazeltine, who is a Vice-President and director of the Montclair Trust Company, Montclair, N. J., and a director of the Peoples National Bank of Montclair, started his banking career with the Knickerbocker Trust Company in 1901. In 1912 this institution merged with the Columbia Trust Company and the following year Mr. Hazeltine was named an Assistant Trust Officer. He was elected an Assistant Vice-President of the Irving Bank in 1923 following its merger with the Columbia Trust Co. He assumed his present position in 1927.

Harold C. Knapp, heretofore Vice-President and Trust Officer of the Fidelity Trust Company has resigned to become associated with the Manufacturers Trust Company.

The National City Bank of this city plans to establish a branch office in Mexico City within four months.

The Corn Exchange Bank of this city will erect a two-story and basement structure at the northeast corner of Tremont and Arthur Avenues for its Tremont Branch and a new three-story and basement building at 1146 St. Nicholas Avenue for its Audubon branch, now at Broadway and 166th Street. Construction on both buildings will begin April 1 and they are expected to be completed October 1.

Bankinstocks Holding Corporation announces that it has disposed of all its holdings in Richmond Hill National Bank of New York.

The Brooklyn "Eagle" reports that Louis M. P. Scotto, private banker of 212 Columbia St., announced yesterday (March 8) that he had sold his business to the Banca Commerciale Italiana Trust Co., which will operate the bank as a branch, Mr. Scotto remaining as manager. The "Eagle" adds:

The Banca Commerciale Italiana Trust Co. had total resources of \$24,344,834, deposits of \$18,276,117 and capital and surplus of about \$4,000,000 on Dec. 31 last. It is the American subsidiary of the Banca Commerciale Italiana of Milan, Italy, with resources of 16,000,000,000 lire (about \$337,000,000). Its main office is at 62 William St., Manhattan.

Mr. Scotto's bank, established in 1929 and popular among the Italians of the Red Hook section, now has resources of about \$600,000. The sale will become effective March 11. Scotto's plans to form a State bank have been abandoned.

The newly organized Kingsboro National Bank of Brooklyn will open for business about April 1 at Bay Ridge and 5th Avenues, Brooklyn. The institution will have a capital of \$500,000 and a surplus of \$250,000. As noted in our issue of November 24, page 2910, the stock of the institution is being disposed of at \$170 a share. The officers of the bank are: Emmet J. McCormack, President; John J. Bennett, Jr., Patrick J. Carley, Andrew J. Gonnoud and Moses S. Lott, Vice-Presidents; William Sargeant Nixon, Vice-President and Cashier. The Directors are: Emmet J. McCormack, Charles C. Valentine, Andrew J. Gonnoud, William J. Hefernan, Fred Stumann, Thomas F. Wogan, Howard E. Jones, Patrick J. Carley, Moses S. Lott, Herbert J. McCooey, Michael J. O'Hara, Sigurd J. Arnesen, Henry P. Molloy, John F. McKenna, Samuel Heymann, John V. Cain, John J. Bennett, Jr., William Sargeant Nixon and Bartholdi Turcamo.

At its meeting held on March 4, the Board of Directors of the Bancomit Corporation declared a dividend of 75 cents per share, payable April 1, to stockholders of record

as of March 15, for the first quarter of the current year, thus placing the stock on a \$3 yearly dividend basis.

At the recent annual meeting of the directors of the Stoughton Trust Co., Stoughton, Mass., Fred D. Leonard, heretofore Treasurer of the institution, was appointed President to succeed Ira Foss Burnham, deceased, while Dennis W. Buckley, formerly Assistant Treasurer, was made Treasurer in lieu of Mr. Leonard. Other officers were re-appointed, the bank's roster being now as follows: Fred D. Leonard, President; James Meade and William C. Faxton, Vice-Presidents, and Dennis W. Buckley, Treasurer. The company's statement as of Dec. 31 1928 shows combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$251,256, total deposits of \$2,380,708, and total resources of \$2,797,964.

A new securities company is being formed in Spring Lake, N. J., with the title of Spring Lake Securities Company. The institution will begin business about April 1 and will have a capital of \$3,000,000 (no par value) consisting of 100,000 shares of Class A stock and 50,000 shares of Class B stock. The Class A stock is being disposed of at \$11 a share and the Class B stock has been purchased by the Directors of the company. The officers will be: President, Frederick F. Schock, President of the First National Bank of Spring Lake; Vice-President, Irving B. Reed, Vice-President of the Asbury Park and Ocean Grove Bank of Asbury Park; Secretary, F. F. Schock, Jr.; Treasurer, C. Henry Craig, Vice-President of the First National Bank of Spring Lake.

The stockholders of the Newton Trust Company of Newton, N. J., will meet on March 12 to ratify proposal to increase the capital and surplus of the institution, the capital from \$250,000 to \$300,000 and the surplus from \$250,000 to \$300,000. The new stock will be offered to present stockholders at \$200 a share. The increase in the capital will become effective April 2.

On February 28 the proposed merger of the West Philadelphia Title & Trust Co., Philadelphia, with the Integrity Trust Co. of that city, under the name of the latter, became effective, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of March 1. Coincidentally the enlarged bank became a member of the Federal Reserve System. Our last reference to the approaching consolidation of these banks appeared in the "Chronicle" of Feb. 23, page 1178.

On March 4 the proposed union of the Ninth Bank & Trust Co. of Philadelphia and the Northern National Bank of that city was consummated according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of that date. The resulting organization, which continues the title of the Ninth Bank & Trust Co., is capitalized at \$1,300,000, while surplus and undivided profits amount to \$3,000,000. Resources total \$30,000,000 and trust funds administered by the company aggregate \$9,500,000.

Elwood F. Reeves Jr. was appointed Assistant Title and Assistant Trust Officer of the Industrial Trust Co. of Philadelphia on March 7, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of March 8.

At a special meeting held March 7 the stockholders of the Southward Title & Trust Co. of Philadelphia approved the proposed reduction in the par value of the capital stock of the institution from \$100 to \$10 a share (referred to in our issue of Jan. 5, page 43), as reported in the Philadelphia "Ledger" of March 8. Ten new shares of stock will be exchanged for each share of old stock outstanding.

The Philadelphia "Ledger" of March 2 stated that the stockholders of the Textile National Bank of that city will hold a special meeting on April 3 to vote on a proposed change in the par value of the bank's stock from \$100 to \$10 a share, and also on a proposed increase in the company's capital from \$400,000 to \$500,000.

William Reddie, President of the Talbot Bank of Easton, Md., and one of the prominent men of Talbot County, died suddenly on Feb. 28. Mr. Reddie was 71 years of age.

According to the Pittsburgh "Post-Gazette" of Mar. 1, Augustus K. Oliver the previous day (Feb. 28) was elected an Assistant Vice-President of the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh and assumed his new duties on Mar. 1. Mr. Oliver is a graduate of Yale University and for a number of years was active as Vice-President and a director of the Newspaper Printing Co. Among his present activities, he is a

director of the Pittsburgh Coal Co., the Scholastic Publishing Co., and Treasurer and a director of the Pittsburgh Radio Co.

M. S. Halliday, Manager of the Union Trust Building, Cleveland, was promoted from the office of Assistant Vice-President to that of Vice-President of the Union Trust Co., at a meeting of the Board of Directors on Feb. 26. Mr. Halliday practiced law in Ithaca, N. Y., from 1906 to 1909, becoming District Attorney of Tompkins County, N. Y., and later New York State Senator from the forty-first district. He then resigned to enter the U. S. Army Air Service as Ground Officer, with the rank of First Lieutenant. Upon leaving the army, Mr. Halliday came to the Union Trust Co. as Secretary of the building committee, and has been in that department of the organization ever since. He is now in charge of the rental and operation of the Union Trust Building.

A press dispatch on Feb. 28 from Elyria, Ohio, to the Cleveland "Plain Dealer," stated that the Amherst Savings & Banking Co. of Amherst, Ohio, closed since Dec. 19 last, will reopen for business March 15, according to an announcement by officials of the institution on that day. The advices went on to say:

The decision of the officials was made following a meeting of the stockholders last night, at which it was voted to assess each stockholder \$120 a share in an effort to cover the bank's losses, which approximate \$100,000.

The stockholders had before them a report from E. H. Blair, State Superintendent of Banking, stating that if they would agree to assess each of the 500 shares of stock \$110, he would allow the reopening of the institution. The stockholders—65 of 76 were present—decided to place the extra \$10 assessment to create a surplus fund.

Those who do not pay into the bank the assessment on their stock will be forced to surrender their stock, and it will be resold, officials declared.

It appears from advices from Elyria on Feb. 19 to the same paper that William H. Schibley, former President of the Amherst Savings & Banking Co., was on that day sentenced in the Court of Common Pleas at Elyria by Judge A. R. Webber to one year in the penitentiary "at hard labor," following the banker's plea of "guilty" the previous week to misapplying \$10,387 from the account of the Wesbecher Hardware Co. to the United States Automatic Co., a concern which he, Schibley, had organized. The closing of the Amherst Savings & Banking Co., it is understood, followed a "run" on the institution which was believed to have been caused by the suicide of the bank's Vice-President, Jacob Baus. An investigation of its affairs by the Lorain County Grand Jury was begun the latter part of January.

Supplementing our item of Feb. 23 (page 1178) with reference to the affairs of the Central National Bank of Cleveland, advices from that city on Feb. 26 to the "Wall Street Journal," said:

Increase of 7,000 shares in authorized capital stock of Central National Bank has been subscribed by stockholders at \$300 a unit, consisting of one additional share of the bank stock, and a proportionate amount of the stock of Central National Co., being formed as the bank's investment company affiliation. Of the \$2,100,000 received, \$700,000 goes to the bank's capital account, and \$400,000 to surplus, which will be further increased by transfer of \$100,000 from undivided profits.

Remaining \$1,000,000 derived from sale of stock will establish the capital structure of the Central National Co., first investment company of its kind to be organized by a Cleveland bank. Capital and surplus of the bank will now be \$6,000,000, with undivided profits of \$600,000. Definite announcement of organization of Central National Co. will come in a short time.

Books of the National Bank of Commerce and the Griswold-First State Bank, Detroit, were consolidated at the close of the business day Feb. 28 1929, carrying out merger plans made public last fall. The institutions will operate henceforth as the National Bank of Commerce. The board of directors of the new combination will be a composite board selected from the directorate of both banks. The new institution will have \$5,000,000 capital, \$6,000,000 surplus and \$1,000,000 in undivided profits. Both banks will continue to do business until April 2 in their present buildings, although operating with one set of figures. On April 2 they will move to quarters in the new forty-story Union Trust Building. The Griswold-First State Bank was formed by a merger of the Griswold National Bank and the First State Bank in 1927. The First State Bank was one of the oldest banks in Detroit and was founded in 1853; the Griswold National Bank was founded in 1925. The National Bank of Commerce was founded in 1907.

Henry Lewis Beers, formerly of New York City, is now affiliated with the Union Trust Co. of Detroit (which operates under unified management with the National Bank

of Commerce through the Union Commerce Investment Co.) in its business extension department, according to an announcement by John A. Reynolds, Vice-President in charge of that department of the trust company. The announcement says:

Mr. Beers has had wide experience in the raising of endowment funds and of large amounts for philanthropic purposes during his affiliation as director of campaigns with the John Price Jones Corp. and with Tamblin & Brown of New York. At the close of the war Mr. Beers was very active in the campaign to raise money for the American Committee for Devastated France of which Myron Herrick was the head, and in which Anne Morgan was very active. He also helped to raise \$30,000,000 for the European Relief Council.

Our last reference to the proposed consolidation of the National Bank of Commerce and the Griswold-First State Bank appeared in the "Chronicle" of Feb. 2 1929, page 678.

A statement of condition of the enlarged Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, at the close of business Jan. 19 last, five days after the Bank of America of that city was consolidated (Jan. 14) with the institution, showed total resources of \$167,612,458, of which cash and sight exchange amounted to \$26,402,517. Deposits were \$132,412,242 and combined capital, surplus and undivided profits were \$21,334,165. The enlarged institution will occupy its new quarters at 208 South La Salle St. in April.

That five more national banks with total deposits of \$14,500,000 have been added to the group of institutions controlled by the Northwest Bancorporation (a holding company formed recently of which E. W. Decker, President of the Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis is President) was reported in advices from Minneapolis on March 1 to the "Wall Street Journal." The latest additions are: National Bank of LaCrosse, Wis., \$6,000,000 deposits; First National Bank of Lead, S. D., \$3,000,000; First National Bank of Deadwood, S. D., \$2,000,000; First National of Moorehead, Minn., in process of reorganization, to have deposits of \$1,000,000; Citizens National of Faribault, Minn., \$2,500,000 deposits. The dispatch furthermore said:

Heavy over-subscription of the first offering of stock of the Bancorporation, just put on the Twin Cities market is reported. The authorized capital is \$75,000,000. The initial issue is 100,000 shares of \$50 par common at \$50.35.

An item with reference to the formation of the new holding company appeared in our issue of Jan. 12, page 203. It was there stated that the following group of institutions would be included in the original group:

Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis; Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., Minneapolis; four Minneapolis banks affiliated with the Northwestern National Bank; First National Bank & Trust Co. of Fargo, N. D.; First National Bank of Mason City, Iowa.

Announcement is made today of the formation of The First National Duluth Co. with an invested capital of \$1,000,000, to succeed to the business heretofore done by the bond departments of the First National Bank and the American Exchange National Bank, both of Duluth, Minn., the merger of which into the First and American National Bank with resources of \$40,000,000 was reported last week. With broader powers and scope of operation than the bond department of either bank, the new company will be enabled to participate in national enterprises and underwritings. Philip L. Ray will be President and George W. Ronald and Robert W. Hotchkiss, Vice-Presidents.

That the State National Bank of St. Louis will be included in the approaching consolidation of the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. and the Merchants-Laclede National Bank (indicated in our issues of Dec. 22 and 29 1928, pages 3491 and 3653, respectively) making the combined resources of the new organization slightly more than \$100,000,000, was announced in a joint statement by the executives of the three institutions on March 5, according to the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of the following day, which stated that the inclusion of the State National Bank in the combine "will have the effect of making the position of the merged institutions more secure as the third largest bank in the city." The capital of the new bank, which will be known as the Mississippi Valley Merchants' State Bank Co., will be \$6,000,000, with combined surplus and undivided profits of \$3,600,000, and its deposits will be between \$80,000,000 and \$85,000,000. George E. Hoffman, the present head of the Merchants-Laclede National Bank, will be Chairman of the Board of Directors, of the new bank; J. Sheppard Smith, now President of the Mississippi Valley Trust Co., President, and Edward B. Pryor, President of the State National Bank, will be Chairman of the executive committee. The directors, officers and the entire staff of each bank will be retained by the new organization. Plans are being drawn to remodel the quarters

of the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. and the Merchants-Laclede National Bank, which adjoin each other on Fourth Street, between Pine and Olive Streets, and transforming them into one large banking room for the new bank. The physical consolidation of the institutions will take place when this work and other details of the consolidation are completed. The respective stockholders of the institutions have yet to ratify the proposed merger. The paper mentioned furthermore said in part:

It was indicated the disbursement to be made to stockholders as a result of the new capitalization being less than the combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of the three institutions, will be \$5,611,582. The exact terms for shareholders of each under the new plan, however, has not yet been completed.

The proposed capital of the merger effected between Mississippi Valley and Merchants Laclede National last Dec. 13, was \$5,000,000 with \$2,500,000 surplus and \$1,000,000 undivided profits, leaving about \$3,700,000 for disbursement under that plan.

New Capital Set-Up.

The new capital set-up is increased \$1,100,000 over this. State National's capital, surplus and undivided profits as of the Clearing House statement Dec. 31, is \$2,981,000, which would leave \$1,881,277 of this amount to be added to the former disbursement.

Announcement was made on Feb. 27 by George W. Wilson, President of the Mercantile Trust Co. of St. Louis (soon to form with the National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis the new Mercantile-Commerce Bank & Trust Co.) of the resignation of Festus J. Wade Jr., as Vice-President of the institution, according to the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of Feb. 28. Mr. Wade's father, the late Festus J. Wade, was founder of the Mercantile Trust Co. Mr. Wade was reported as saying "that he had been considering severing his connection with the company for the past six months, and had determined his course with regret, solely to work out his ambitions regarding his business career." Mr. Wilson furthermore announced that Mr. Wade would continue as a director of the company and also as one of the five trustees under which the stock of the Mercantile Trust Co. is being deposited to facilitate the union of the company and the National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis.

S. C. Shepherd, Cashier of the First National Bank of Memphis, Tenn., committed suicide on Feb. 27 by shooting himself. Two weeks previously, Mr. Shepherd had suffered a nervous breakdown brought about by grief over the loss of his only son who died a year ago. Mr. Shepherd was fifty years of age.

The Middlesex Banking Co., Middlesex, N. C., a small institution with capital of \$15,000, failed to open its doors for business on March 1, according to a press dispatch on that date from Rocky Mount, N. C., printed in the Raleigh "News" of March 2. Closing of the bank, according to information obtained in local banking circles, the dispatch stated, followed the steady withdrawal of deposits for thirty days previously, depositors apparently being uneasy over the closing of several other banks in towns of the surrounding territory. The advices also said:

Directors of the bank, it was learned here, went to Raleigh last night after discussing the situation thoroughly, and took up the matter with the banking department of the State Corporation Commission, asking that the department representatives take charge and handle the situation.

As a result of the decision, the bank failed to open for business this morning. Just what the outcome will be or what amount may be involved as a result of the suspension of business was regarded as problematical in local banking circles.

On Feb. 28 the Citizens' Bank of Portland, Ore., was nationalized, becoming the Citizens' National Bank, according to the Portland "Oregonian" of March 1. The institution, which was organized in 1890 and has been closely identified with the development of East Portland, is one of the group of ten banks controlled by the West Coast Bancorporation, with which it became affiliated in July of last year. It has a combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$465,000, and total resources of \$5,000,000. The officers are E. A. Clark, President; A. A. Binford, George W. Weatherly and Ralph B. Lloyd, Vice-Presidents; Herbert Ambler, Cashier, and John R. Young and David M. Cameron, Assistant Cashiers. The West Coast Bancorporation is capitalized at more than \$4,800,000 and its member banks have combined deposits in excess of \$20,000,000. In commenting on the nationalization of the Citizens' bank, Edgar H. Sensenich, President of the Bancorporation said:

Examination and supervision provided national banks by the Federal Government adds a safety feature which we believe should have an appealing effect on the public. Stability of the Federal banking laws is another factor in favor of national banks.

It is my opinion that bank holding companies should confine so far as possible their holdings to banks of one system, either State or National. It is probable that in the not far distant future we will recommend that the State banks we control apply for National charters.

THE CURB MARKET.

There was no definite trend to Curb Market prices this week. For a time prices sagged under liquidation, then made moderate recoveries, but there was no general forward movement. Attention was directed to the oil stocks through the settlement for control of Standard Oil (Indiana) that stock advancing from 87½ to 88½, then dropping to 85½. To-day it sold up to 89¾ and closed at 88. Continental Oil fell from 26¾ to 23¾ recovered to 29 and ends the week at 27½. Humble Oil & Ref. fluctuated between 91¼ and 95¾ during the week and to-day jumped to 97¾ resting finally at 97¾. Vacuum Oil declined from 125 to 119½ and recovered finally to 121. Industrial and miscellaneous were generally lower. American Cyanamid, class B, sold down from 64½ to 58½ and closed to-day at 59½. Amer. Dept. Stores was off from 29 to 22½, the closing transaction to-day being at 25½. Amer. Rolling Mill com. declined from 94¾ to 90½ and ends the week at 91½. Amer. Stores com. weakened from 92¾ to 85¼ and finished to-day at 86½. Auburn Automobile dropped from 186 to 166 and recovered to-day to 173. Aviation Corp. of the Americas after early improvement from 74 to 89¾ broke to 64½, the final figure to-day being 66¾. Bohn Aluminum & Brass fell from 114 to 108 and sold finally at 110. Fokker Aircraft was conspicuous for an advance from 27¼ to 37½, the close to-day being at 37¾. Gold Seal Electrical broke from 72 to 55¾ and recovered finally to 68¼. Sikorsky Aviation com. dropped from 63¾ to 47½ and recovered finally to 51. Spark-Withington was off from 185¼ to 167, the close to-day being at 172. Utilities were irregular.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 1534.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET.

Week Ended Mar. 8.	Stocks (No. Shares)	Rights	Bonds (Par Value).	
			Domestic	Foreign Government
Saturday	890,500	5,500	\$1,065,500	\$138,000
Monday	1,326,600	17,500	2,190,000	271,000
Tuesday	1,245,200	11,100	1,447,000	316,000
Wednesday	1,243,800	17,300	1,818,000	201,000
Thursday	1,145,600	248,980	2,036,000	453,000
Friday	1,485,700	176,100	1,585,000	143,000
Total	7,337,400	476,480	\$10,141,500	\$1,522,000

Course of Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings are still maintaining their very noteworthy record of expansion. 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, March 9) bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 28.5% larger than for the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$13,776,689,730, against \$10,724,308,827 for the same week in 1928. At this centre there is a gain for the five days ended Friday of 43.0%. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended March 9.	1929.	1928.	Per Cent.
New York	\$7,866,000,000	\$5,500,000,000	+43.0
Chicago	642,192,960	546,104,296	+17.6
Philadelphia	492,000,000	449,000,000	+9.6
Boston	418,000,000	372,000,000	+12.4
Kansas City	117,601,310	115,760,084	+1.6
St. Louis	120,100,000	109,100,000	+10.1
San Francisco	192,833,000	197,803,000	-2.5
Los Angeles	200,898,000	165,799,000	+21.2
Pittsburgh	152,884,817	129,935,088	+17.7
Detroit	170,628,932	131,585,096	+29.7
Cleveland	116,638,510	88,840,008	+31.3
Baltimore	87,677,607	91,427,570	-4.1
New Orleans	59,932,844	56,557,563	+6.0
Thirteen cities, 5 days	\$10,637,387,980	\$7,953,911,705	+33.7
Other cities, 5 days	1,093,186,795	1,018,304,815	+7.3
Total all cities, 5 days	\$11,730,574,775	\$8,972,216,520	+28.7
All cities, 1 day	2,046,114,955	1,752,092,307	+16.8
Total all cities for week	\$13,776,689,730	\$10,724,308,827	+28.5

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 Mar. 2. For that week there is an increase of 27.8%, the 1929 aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$15,138,692,077, against \$11,849,291,499 in the same week of 1928. Outside of this city the increase is only 13.1%. The bank exchanges

CLEARINGS—(Continued.)

Table with columns for Clearings at, Month of February, Two Months, and Week Ended March 2. Rows include various federal reserve districts such as Second Federal Reserve District, Third Federal Reserve District, Fourth Federal Reserve District, Fifth Federal Reserve District, Sixth Federal Reserve District, Seventh Federal Reserve District, and Eighth Federal Reserve District, listing cities and their respective clearing amounts and percentage changes.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The stock market has been somewhat confused and uncertain but most of the time under pressure during the present week. Copper shares have held a prominent place in the trading and some of the industrial shares have likewise shown improvement, but the bulk of the list has gradually drifted downward. The weekly report of the Federal Reserve Bank, made public after the close of business on Thursday, showed renewed expansion of \$140,000,000 in brokers' loans; a figure only once in the market's history. Call loan advanced from 8% on Monday to 10% on Tuesday, reached a record top at 12% on Wednesday and remained at that level on Thursday but dropped to 9% on Friday.

Many recent speculative favorites were subjected to profit taking during the short session on Saturday and recessions ranging from 1 to 10 points were recorded in the first hour. United States Rubber was a conspicuous feature as it moved briskly forward about 4 points to 62. Motor stocks developed considerable strength near the final hour, Chrysler leading the advance with gain of nearly 2 points to 108 3/8. High priced specialties did not do so well, as most of the popular issues like Johns-Manville, National Cash Register and Union Carbide & Carbon yielded a point or more. Irregularity characterized the trading during the greater part of the session on Monday, with only a very few of the stronger stocks holding out against the bear selling and realizing. Chrysler was one of the few really strong stocks and after breaking into new high ground on the current movement at 113 7/8 slipped back to 111 1/2 and closed with a net gain of about 3 points. General Motors and most of the independent motors were off anywhere of 1/2 to 3 points. Copper stocks failed to hold the gains of the preceding days and most of the active issues closed with net losses. Some of the lesser lights in the steel group did fairly well, Republic Iron & Steel, Inland Steel, Gulf States Steel and Otis all breaking into new high ground for the present movement. Erie was noteworthy in the railroad group as it made a new high for the year above 73.

On Tuesday the market opened weak, but later in the day rallied under the leadership first of the coppers and later of the rails. The demonstration in the railroad group had its initial movement with Erie which reached a record level at 77. Baltimore & Ohio moved briskly forward after a block of 5,000 shares had been taken at 131 followed by a further advance to a new peak in all time at 132. Another noteworthy stock to reach its highest top in history was Missouri Pacific common, which closed at 85 1/8 as compared with its preceding final at 84. Copper stocks were in strong demand, Anaconda forging ahead to 159 and closing at 158 1/2 with a net gain of about 6 points. Chile Copper shot upward 7 points to 117 and Kennecott also improved though on a more moderate scale. The so-called specialties did not do so well, Radio Corporation slipping back about 6 points followed by Johns-Manville, National Cash Register, General Electric, Wright Aero and Curtiss all of which sustained losses ranging from 1 to 10 points. The market was irregular and uncertain on Wednesday as call money soared to a new high level at 12% after an early renewal rate at 8%. The early prices were higher and a number of the more highly speculative stocks reached new high levels. This was especially true of the copper shares which moved independently of the trend for a good part of the day. Motor issues sold off sharply, Packard dipping about 5 points, followed by Chrysler which slipped back 4 1/2 points. Hupp was down 2 points and Studebaker declined 2 1/2 points. Railroad shares sold off and so did the industrial issues and specialties.

The market was more or less mixed on Thursday, but moved sharply upward in the final hour. Call money was a strong factor in the trading, as it again advanced to 12% following its renewal rate of 10%. Radio Corporation was one of the outstanding strong stocks and at the closing hour was about 36 points above its preceding close. United States Steel common assumed the market leadership in the early trading and moved ahead between 2 and 3 points but slipped back later in the day and closed with a net gain of 1 3/4 points. Railroad issues were fairly well supported particularly, Baltimore and Ohio, which again moved up to 132. New York Central improved in the late rally and Erie continued to move ahead. In the afternoon rally Western Union Telegraph was a conspicuous feature as it broke

through its top to a new high above 210. Radio Corporation furnished the outstanding feature of the market on Friday as it soared upward 32 points and crossed 439. Western Union again surged upward and broke into new high ground as it crossed 216. Substantial advances were also registered by Johns-Manville which gained about 4 points, Advance Rumley which improved about the same amount and General Electric which worked upward about 7 points above its morning low. Kennecott moved ahead 2 points to 97. Oil shares were unusually active, particularly Mexican Seaboard, which gained over 4 points, Atlantic Refining which advanced 2 points and Barnsdall A which recorded substantial gains. The final tone was good.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended Mar. 8.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
Saturday	2,473,480	\$3,484,000	\$1,461,000	\$139,500
Monday	4,557,300	6,388,000	2,541,000	531,000
Tuesday	4,430,000	6,029,000	2,022,500	290,500
Wednesday	4,486,600	6,485,000	2,046,000	522,500
Thursday	3,633,460	5,966,000	3,362,000	551,000
Friday	3,945,400	6,396,000	2,026,000	217,000
Total	23,526,240	\$34,748,000	\$13,458,500	\$2,251,500

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended Mar. 8.		Jan. 1 to Mar. 8.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Stocks—No. of shares	23,526,240	15,378,260	218,322,220	122,748,155
Bonds				
Government bonds	\$2,251,500	\$2,311,000	\$25,727,600	\$40,838,500
State and foreign bonds	13,458,500	16,278,500	124,096,550	177,538,125
Railroad & misc. bonds	34,748,000	51,136,900	325,531,500	397,550,700
Total bonds	\$50,458,000	\$69,726,500	\$475,355,650	\$615,927,325

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended Mar. 8 1929.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond-Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	*56,285	\$21,000	a70,870	\$2,000	b2,157	\$33,900
Monday	*108,418	35,000	a100,059	7,500	b3,918	65,600
Tuesday	*82,838	110,000	a82,965	17,000	b3,549	66,600
Wednesday	*93,902	72,000	a91,565	39,000	b3,039	51,000
Thursday	*65,556	19,000	a84,440	17,000	b3,767	42,400
Friday	41,756	3,000	a27,225	2,000	b2,047	67,300
Total	448,755	\$260,000	457,124	\$84,500	18,477	\$326,800
Prev. week revised	391,760	\$165,000	455,139	\$84,000	23,298	\$288,000

* In addition, sales of rights were: Saturday, 194; Monday, 344; Tuesday, 440; Wednesday, 732.
 a In addition, sales of rights were: Saturday, 4,500; Monday, 5,400; Tuesday, 4,000; Wednesday, 2,820; Thursday, 5,900; Friday, 800.
 b In addition, sales of rights were: Monday, 1,605; Tuesday, 140; Wednesday, 82; Thursday, 2,731; Friday, 1,106.
 In addition, sales of scrip were: Monday, 12-20; Tuesday, 10-20; Wednesday, 15-20; Thursday, 2-20; Friday, 4-20.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Feb. 20 1929:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amounted to £149,837,878 on the 13th inst. (as compared with £149,626,177 on the previous Wednesday), and represents a decrease of £4,068,437 since April 29 1925—when an effective gold standard was resumed. The bulk—about £710,000—of the £923,000 bar gold from South Africa available in the open market this week was secured by the Bank of England, the balance being disposed of as follows: India, £80,000; Straits Settlements, £50,000; home trade, £40,000, and Continental trade, £36,000. The following movements of gold to and from the Bank of England have been announced, showing a net influx of £651,702 during the week under review:

	Feb. 14.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 16.	Feb. 18.	Feb. 19.	Feb. 20.
Received	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	£712,300	Nil
Withdrawn	£39,906	£8,652	Nil	£3,419	Nil	£8,621

The receipt yesterday was in bar gold from South Africa. The withdrawals consisted of £56,598 in bar gold and £4,000 in sovereigns. The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold registered from mid-day on the 11th inst. to mid-day on the 18th inst.:

Imports.		Exports.	
France	£17,159	Switzerland	£30,800
Australia	7,676	Egypt	35,925
British South Africa	3,725	British India	64,510
Other countries	1,931	Straits Settlements	43,237
		Other countries	22,940
	£30,491		£197,412

On the 14th inst. the Imperial Bank of India raised its official rate of discount from 7% to 8%. Following are the balance of trade figures for India for the year 1928 (in lacs of rupees):

Imports of merchandise on private account	248,08
Exports, including re-exports, of merchandise on private acct.	338,04
Net imports of gold	21,09
Net imports of silver	14,44
Net imports of currency notes	14
Total visible balance of trade (in favor of India)	56,47
Net balance on remittance of funds (against India)	35,51

The composition of the Indian gold standard reserve on Jan. 31 last was as follows:

In India	0
In England—Cash at the Bank of England	£1,361
Gold	2,152,334
British Treasury bills—Value as on Jan. 31 1929	6,231,956
Other British and Dominion Government securities—Value as on Jan. 31 1929	31,614,349
	£40,000,000

SILVER.

Silver prices continued their downward trend until the 16th inst., when the cash quotation was fixed at 25½d. and that for two months' delivery 25 11-16d. The sagging prices were due more to reluctance on the part of buyers than any eagerness to sell and the market was therefore in a condition easily responsive to pressure. On the resumption of business in Shanghai following the China New Year holidays, little activity was evident until yesterday when some substantial buying orders from the Far East rather took the market by surprise, causing a sharp recovery to 25½d. for both positions—a rise of ¼d. for cash and 3-16d. for two months' delivery. The inquiry was not resumed to-day and quotations reacted 1-16d. in consequence. America has been a more willing seller during the week, but the Indian bazaars were inclined to buy, especially at the lower level of prices. The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of silver registered from mid-day on the 11th inst. to mid-day on the 18th inst.:

Imports.		Exports.	
Netherlands	£11,150	Netherlands	£79,030
Canada	34,979	Austria	48,248
Other countries	7,354	Hungary	37,425
		British India	64,502
		Irish Free State	12,058
		Other countries	11,219
	£53,483		£252,482

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

	Feb. 15.	Feb. 7.	Jan. 31.
(In Lacs of Rupees)			
Notes in circulation	19144	18916	18974
Silver coin and bullion in India	9910	9882	9955
Silver coin and bullion out of India			
Gold coin and bullion in India	3221	3221	3221
Gold coin and bullion out of India			
Securities (Indian Government)	4327	4327	4327
Securities (British Government)	786	786	771
Bills of exchange	900	700	700

The stock in Shanghai on the 16th inst. consisted of about 69,700,000 ounces in sycee, \$109,000,000 and 7,880 silver bars, as compared with about

69,600,000 ounces in sycee, \$109,000,000 and 7,200 silver bars on the 9th inst. Quotations during the week:

	Bar Silver per oz. std.—		Bar Gold
	Cash.	2 Mos.	per oz. fine.
Feb. 14	25¼d.	25¼d.	84s. 11½d.
Feb. 15	25¼d.	25 13-16d.	84s. 11½d.
Feb. 16	25¼d.	25 11-16d.	84s. 11½d.
Feb. 17	25¼d.	25 11-16d.	84s. 11½d.
Feb. 19	25¼d.	25 13-16d.	84s. 11½d.
Feb. 20	25¼d.	25 13-16d.	84s. 11½d.
Average	25.739d.	25.770d.	84s. 11.3d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and two months' delivery are respectively 1-16d. above and the same as those fixed a week ago.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

	Sat.,	Mon.,	Tues.,	Wed.,	Thurs.,	Fri.,
	Mar. 2.	Mar. 4.	Mar. 5.	Mar. 6.	Mar. 7.	Mar. 8.
Silver, per oz. d. 26	26	25 15-16	26	26 1-16	26	26
Gold, p. fine oz. 84s. 11½d.	84s. 11½d.	84s. 11½d.	84s. 11½d.	84s. 11½d.	84s. 11½d.	84s. 11½d.
Consols, 2½% ———	254¼	54½	54½	54½	54½	54½
British, 5% ———	101¼	101¼	101¼	101¼	101¼	101¼
British, 4½% ———	98	98	97¾	97¾	97¾	97¾
French Rentes						
(in Paris) .fr. ———	70.00	70.40	71.45	71.30	71.30	71.30
French War L'n						
(in Paris) .fr. ———	97.00	97.40	97.65	97.75	97.95	97.95

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.):	Foreign.	56½	56½	56½	56½	56½	56½
x Ex-Interest.							

Condition of National Banks Dec. 31 1928.—The statement of condition of the national banks under the Comptroller's call of Dec. 31 1928 has been issued and is summarized below. For purposes of comparison, like details for previous calls back to and including Dec. 31 1927 are included.

ABSTRACT OF REPORTS OF CONDITION OF NATIONAL BANKS IN THE UNITED STATES ON OCT. 10 AND DEC. 31 1927 AND FEB. 28, JUNE 30, OCT. 3 AND DEC. 31 1928 (in Thousands of Dollars).

Figures are given in thousands of dollars.

	Oct. 10 '27. 7,804 banks.	Dec. 31 '27. 7,765 banks.	Feb. 28 '28. 7,734 banks.	June 30 '28. 7,691 banks.	Oct. 3 '28. 7,676 banks.	Dec. 31 '28. 7,635 banks.
Resources—						
Loans and discounts (including rediscounts)	\$ 14,366,926	\$ 14,831,259	\$ 14,399,447	\$ 15,144,995	\$ 15,116,869	\$ 15,279,631
Overdrafts	14,503	10,313	12,156	10,138	15,606	11,638
United States Government securities owned	2,675,542	2,747,854	2,900,896	2,891,167	3,012,584	3,008,723
Other bonds, stocks, securities, &c.	3,941,438	4,151,944	4,180,004	4,256,281	4,104,022	4,118,595
Customers' liability account of acceptances	283,589	389,856	375,185	414,573	429,034	531,305
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	698,516	700,337	712,278	721,229	732,455	730,182
Other real estate owned	122,161	122,885	123,653	125,680	122,773	123,050
Reserve with Federal Reserve banks	1,413,792	1,509,253	1,457,431	1,453,383	1,467,535	1,496,316
Items with Federal Reserve banks in process of collection	502,036	520,399	454,166	448,182	567,942	567,942
Cash in vault	375,251	361,376	370,228	315,113	364,281	388,129
Amount due from national banks	1,125,872	1,177,334	1,058,531	1,020,320	1,556,235	1,556,235
Amount due from other banks, bankers and trust companies	459,842	473,881	427,247	417,465	417,465	417,465
Checks on clearing house	790,496	675,661	645,738	756,176	989,920	4,184,693
Checks on other banks in the same place	86,479	106,281	70,286	106,789		
Outside checks and other cash items	86,832	106,363	76,918	100,367	99,213	116,187
Redemption fund and due from United States Treasurer	33,079	33,306	32,849	33,050	33,261	33,426
Acceptances of other banks and bills of exchange or drafts sold with endorsement						
United States Government securities borrowed	14,780	20,743	13,979	17,877	18,545	329,764
Bonds and securities, other than United States, borrowed	2,948	3,550	3,810	3,358		20,472
Other assets	219,742	241,625	258,885	272,096	295,205	217,045
Total	27,213,824	28,164,219	27,573,687	28,508,239	28,925,480	30,589,156
Liabilities—						
Capital stock paid in	1,499,384	1,528,509	1,537,214	1,593,856	1,615,744	1,616,476
Surplus fund	1,273,029	1,314,438	1,330,096	1,419,695	1,450,499	1,490,146
Undivided profits—net	571,482	530,753	558,647	557,437	549,624	491,681
Reserves for dividends, contingencies, &c.	78,521	76,451	73,625	83,753	58,055	85,360
Reserves for interest, taxes and other expenses accrued and unpaid	649,886	650,373	646,656	649,095	648,548	650,609
National bank notes outstanding	36,107	39,381	33,732	35,618	49,745	65,800
Due to Federal Reserve banks	1,076,860	1,045,133	1,008,175	885,197	2,843,472	2,843,472
Amount due to other banks, bankers and trust companies	1,894,696	2,110,933	1,900,773	1,817,202		4,073,551
Certified checks outstanding	281,479	68,569	209,079	78,943		
Cashiers' checks outstanding	227,217	358,410	244,182	307,624	602,326	
Dividend checks outstanding		29,620	1,192	28,404		
Letters of credit and travelers' checks outstanding					12,389	
Demand deposits	10,924,311	11,230,047	10,826,357	11,093,795	11,073,155	11,780,721
Time deposits (including postal savings)	7,590,944	7,808,437	7,992,213	8,296,638	8,310,891	8,306,938
United States deposits	255,624	169,473	63,579	113,333	113,333	186,170
Total deposits	22,287,238	22,860,003	22,279,088	22,639,337	23,006,311	24,347,380
United States Government securities borrowed	14,787	20,967	13,979	17,877	18,545	329,764
Bonds and securities (other than United States) borrowed	2,948	3,550	3,810	3,358		20,472
Agreements to repurchase United States Government or other securities sold	3,045	12,843	12,524	7,217	35,591	75,165
Bills payable (including all obligations representing borrowed money other than rediscounts)	235,759	410,149	302,199	622,108	707,581	785,309
Notes and bills rediscounted	80,571	71,233	92,499	179,077		
Acceptances of other banks and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with endorsement	157,422	194,530	208,867	227,745	222,508	329,764
Letters of credit and travelers' checks outstanding	10,684	9,220	12,156	17,934		
Acceptances executed for customers	278,967	374,852	375,075	411,763	420,754	524,725
Acceptances executed by other banks	18,444	14,506	17,121	19,173	26,133	23,248
Liabilities other than those stated above	51,657	91,842	110,137	58,814	85,123	82,416
Total	27,213,824	28,164,219	27,573,687	28,508,239	28,925,480	30,589,156
Details of Cash in Vault—						
Gold coin	17,523	16,997	17,216	16,637	16,877	11,691
Gold certificates				39,766	39,277	25,502
Clearing house certificates based on gold and gold certificates				10		
Clearing house certificates based on other specie and lawful money				44		
Standard silver dollars	36,920	39,283	38,382	5,798		
Subsidiary silver and minor coin				28,291	308,127	215,919
Silver certificates				25,013		
Legal tender notes	320,808	305,096	314,630	21,730		
National bank notes				58,181		
Federal Reserve and Federal Reserve Bank notes				119,643		
Details of Demand Deposits—						
Individual subject to check	*10,030,423	10,260,782	9,830,883	9,926,692	9,851,699	10,505,598
Certificates due in less than 30 days	194,848	210,788	187,143	181,166	167,601	175,363
State and municipal	566,537	583,553	648,359	698,202	914,749	948,302
Deposits subject to less than 30 days' notice	13,733	12,436	9,261	8,814		
Dividends unpaid	3,461					
Other demand deposits	115,311	163,488	150,711	188,921	139,016	151,458
Details of Time Deposits—						
Certificates due on or about 30 days	6,297,889	7,499,109	7,680,178	7,969,152	7,325,703	7,373,441
Other time deposits	1,003,195				620,685	549,369
State and municipal	209,526	230,698	231,416	244,475	275,064	292,958
Postal savings	80,332	78,630	80,669	83,011	89,439	91,170
Percentages of Reserve—						
Central Reserve cities	13.03%	12.80%	11.42%	11.26%	11.21%	11.33%
Other Reserve cities	9.64%	10.25%	7.46%	7.33%	7.39%	7.40%
All Reserve cities	11.05%	11.37%	8.96%	8.86%	8.84%	8.97%
Country banks	7.39%	7.61%	4.93%	4.90%	4.92%	4.93%
Total United States	9.40%	9.72%	7.05%	6.99%	6.96%	7.06%

a Includes customers' liability under letters of credit, also acceptances of other banks and bills of exchange or drafts sold with endorsement.

b Letters of credit and travelers' checks sold for cash and outstanding have not been included with total deposits for calls prior to Oct. 3 1928.

The following shows the amount of each class of United States bonds and certificates on deposit to secure Federal Reserve bank notes and national bank notes on Jan. 31:

Bonds on Deposit Jan. 1 1929.	U. S. Bonds Held Jan. 31 1929 to Secure—		
	On Deposit to Secure Federal Reserve Bank Notes.	On Deposit to Secure National Bank Notes.	Total Held.
2s, U. S. Consols of 1930	\$	593,030,800	593,030,800
2s, U. S. Panama of 1936		48,712,020	48,712,020
2s, U. S. Panama of 1938		25,743,520	25,743,520
Totals		667,486,340	667,486,340

The following shows the amount of national bank notes afloat and the amount of legal tender deposits Jan. 2 1929 and Feb. 1 1929 and their increase or decrease during the month of January:

National Bank Notes—Total Afloat—	\$698,782,129
Amount afloat Jan. 2 1929	1,503,910
Net decrease during January	697,278,219
Legal Tender Notes—	\$35,877,502
Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes Jan. 2	1,054,770
Net amount of bank notes redeemed in January	\$34,822,732
Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes Feb. 1 1929	

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED WITH TITLES REQUESTED.

Date	Title	Capital.
Feb. 27	West Palm Beach Atlantic National Bank, West Palm Beach, Fla. Correspondent, H. V. Martin, care Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	\$100,000
Mar. 2	The First National Bank of Bloomington, Calif. Succeeds branch of First Savings Bank of Colton, Calif. Correspondent, Lester T. Miller, Box 8, Bloomington, Calif.	25,000
Mar. 2	The First National Bank of Moore Haven, Fla. Correspondent, W. C. Greening, Moore Haven, Fla.	25,000
Mar. 2	The First National Bank & Trust Co. in Bluffton, Ind. Correspondent, Fred Potthoff, Bluffton, Ind.	100,000
Mar. 2	The Lincoln National Bank & Trust Co. of Bluffton, Ind. Correspondent, Chas. H. Buesching, care Lincoln National Bank & Trust Co., Fort Wayne, Ind.	100,000
Mar. 2	The Old National Bank of Bluffton, Ind. Correspondent, J. W. Stogdill, Bluffton, Ind.	100,000

APPLICATION TO ORGANIZE APPROVED.

Mar. 2	The Winters National Bank, Winters, Calif. Correspondent, R. L. Niemann, Winters, Calif.	50,000
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CHARTERS ISSUED.

Feb. 26	The First National Bank in Rhine, Tex. President, W. T. Wassinger; Cashier, L. D. Harbin.	25,000
Feb. 28	First National Bank in Arlington, So. Dak. President, Wm. P. Allen; Cashier, Wm. Habel.	25,000
Mar. 2	The State National Bank in Terrell, Tex. President, Ed. R. Bumpass; Cashier, D. E. Nicholson.	100,000

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

Feb. 26	The First National Bank of Caddo, Tex. Effective Feb. 16 1929. Liq. Agent, H. C. Wilkinson, Caddo, Tex.	25,000
Feb. 27	The American National Bank of Lebanon, Tenn. Effective Jan. 7 1929. Liq. Agents, J. H. Grissim & W. D. Ferrell, Lebanon, Tenn. Succeeded by American Bank & Trust Co. of Lebanon, Tenn.	100,000
Feb. 27	The First National Bank of Prairie Grove, Ark. Effective at close of business Jan. 8 1929. Liq. Agent, G. B. Shafer, Prairie Grove, Ark. Absorbed by Farmers State Bank of Prairie Grove, Ark.	25,000
Feb. 27	The First National Bank in Cumby, Tex. Effective Jan. 22 1929. Liq. Agent, C. D. Ward, Cumby, Tex. Absorbed by First State Bank in Cumby, Tex.	50,000
Mar. 2	The First National Bank of San Saba, Tex. Effective Feb. 15 1929. Liq. Committee, C. W. Kuykendall, J. D. Estep and J. E. Hagan, San Saba, Tex. Absorbed by The San Saba National Bank, San Saba, Tex., No. 9781.	60,000

CONSOLIDATIONS.

Feb. 26	The Hamilton National Bank of Chattanooga, Tenn. The Hamilton Trust & Savings Bank of Chattanooga, Tenn. Consolidated to-day under the Act of Nov. 7 1918, as amended Feb. 25 1927, under the charter and title of "The Hamilton National Bank of Chattanooga," No. 7848, with capital stock of \$2,000,000. The consolidated bank has three branches, all located in Chattanooga, Tenn.	\$1,500,000
Feb. 28	The National Bank of Commerce of Detroit, Mich. Griswold-First State Bank, Detroit, Mich. Consolidated to-day under the Act of Nov. 7 1918, as amended Feb. 25 1927, under the charter and corporate title of "The National Bank of Commerce of Detroit," No. 8703, with capital stock of \$5,000,000. The consolidated bank has 17 branches, all of which were in lawful operation on Feb. 25 1927. Of these branches 16 were formerly branches of the State Bank and one a branch of the National Bank.	2,500,000
Feb. 28	Portland National Bank, Portland, Ore. The American Exchange Bank, Portland, Ore. Consolidated to-day under the Act of Nov. 7 1918, as amended Feb. 25 1927, under the charter of Portland National Bank, No. 12557, and under the corporate title of "The American National Bank of Portland," with capital stock of \$400,000.	200,000
Mar. 2	The First & City National Bank of Lexington, Ky. Phoenix National Bank & Trust Co. of Lexington, Ky. Consolidated to-day under the Act of Nov. 7 1918, under the charter of The First & City National Bank of Lexington, No. 906, and under the title "First National Bank & Trust Co. of Lexington," with capital stock of \$1,000,000.	800,000

BRANCHES AUTHORIZED UNDER THE ACT OF FEB. 25 1927.

Feb. 26	The Capital National Bank of Lansing, Mich. Locations of branches, 911 West Saginaw St., Lansing; 929 East Michigan Ave., Lansing.	
Feb. 28	The Atlantic National Bank of Boston, Mass. Location of branch, 283 Dartmouth St. (Copley Square Section), Boston.	
Feb. 28	The National Bank of Commerce of Detroit, Mich. Locations of branches, Parkgrove and Gratiot, Detroit; Livernois and Waverly, Detroit; West Chicago and Grand River, Detroit.	

Mar. 1—The First National Bank of Boston, Mass. Location of branch, Codman Square, Dorchester, Boston, Mass.

Mar. 2—The National City Bank of New York, N. Y. Location of branch, northwest corner of Third Ave. and East 72d St. (1250-1252 Third Ave.), New York City.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Buffalo on Wednesday of this week:

By Adrian H. Muller & Son, New York:

Shares.	Stocks.	\$ per share.
10	Amalgamated Bond & Mtge. Corp. pref.; 10 common, no par	\$100 lot
1,470	Color Gravure Corp.	\$150.50 lot
20	Estate of John J. Murphy, Inc. (N. Y.), common	\$15 lot
200	Wettlaufer Ribbon Mills, Inc.	\$21 lot
\$2,910	Republica Mexicana series C Ext. Loan of 1899 5s, with April 1 1926 and sub. coup. attached;	
\$2,000	Standard Cordage Co. adj. mtge. 5s, reg. 1931; \$1,000 State of N. J. Passaic Riv. Drain. 6s, Jan. 1 1900, with 1894 and sub. coup. attached; \$1,000 7% mtge. bond of Trevorton Coal Co., July 1882, with 1864 and sub. coup. attached; \$100 Vermont Copper Co. 1st 6s, July 1 1892, with 1883 and sub. coup. attached; \$1,273.13 U. S. of Mex. receipt of Guaranty Tr. Co. for coupons or rights to interest in arrears, class A; transcript of judgment against Adolph Hell for \$1,953.46	\$710 lot

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Shares.	Stocks.	\$ per Sh.
2	National Shawmut Bank	324
5	First National Bank	486 3/4
20	First National Bank	486 3/4
78	Second National Bank	455 3/4
7	First National Bank	487 3/4
10	Second National Bank	455 3/4
16	Old Colony Trust Co.	482
5	Milford National Bank	171
5	Safety Deposit National Bank, New Bedford	305
6	Spencer National Bank, Spencer	185
9	Bristol Co. Tr. Co., Taunton	200
15	Lawton Mills	77
15	West Point Mfg. Co.	133 3/4
44	Whitman Mills	16 3/4-17
10	Continental Mills	121
9	Fairhaven Mills, 1st pref.	30
15	Connecticut Mills, 1st pref.	30
10	Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co.	130
35	Associated Textile Co.	38
5	Dartmouth Mfg. Co., pref.	78 3/4
62	Hamilton Woolen Co.	57
2	Brookside Mills	55
6	Nat. Fabric & Finishing Co., com. 14	14
11	Dexter & Piscataquis RR.	45 3/4
23	Draper Corp.	64 ex-div.
1	unit Thompson's Spa, Inc. 103 1/4 ex-div.	40
15	Eastern Utilities Assoc., com.	40
21	Quincy Market Cold Storage & Warehouse Co., common	38

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Shares.	Stocks.	\$ per Sh.
40	Worcester County National Bank, par \$50	181 1/4-181 3/4
3	Danvers (Mass.) National Bank	165
5	National Rockland Bank	446
27	Arlington Mills	32 3/4
50	Newmarket Mfg. Co.	68-68 3/4
45	Wm. Whitman Co., Inc., pref.	92 3/4
10	Potter Knitting Co., pref.	\$1 lot
10	Hamilton Woolen Co.	55 ex-rights
10	Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co.	130
57	Shawmut Bank Inv. Trust	55 1/4-57
25	Plymouth Cordage Co.	68
26	Ludlow Mfg. Associates	176 3/4-177 3/4
25	Old Colony Trust Associates	56
100	Mass. Utilities Assoc., class A preferred, par \$50	44
5	Hood Rubber Co. 7 1/2% pref.	71
14	New England Pub. Ser. Co. com.	80
1	44 New Hampshire Fire Ins. Co.	650
25	Western Mass. Cos.	80
90	Firstone Footwear Co., pref.	89 3/4
25	Fall River El. Lt. Co. (undep.)	57 1/2
10	American Glue Co., pref.	109
2	units First Peoples Trust	41
4	Haverhill El. Co., v. t. c., par \$25	80

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Shares.	Stocks.	\$ per Sh.
100	Lykens Valley RR. & Coal	15 3/4
38	Philadelphia Trac. Co., par \$50	54 3/4
30	Central Tr. & Sav. Co., par \$50	247
4	Manayunk Quaker City Nat. Bk.	582
10	National Bank of Olney	200
2	Philadelphia National Bank	1100
35	Overbrook National Bank	183
10	Bk. of No. Amer. & Trust Co.	489 3/4
10	Bk. of No. Amer. & Trust Co.	489 3/4
4	Bk. of Phila. & Trust Co.	552
5	Amer. Nat. Bk., Camden, N. J.	148
5	Westmont (N. J.) Nat. Bank	125
10	Jenkintown Bank & Trust Co., par \$50	200
5	Wharton Title & Tr. Co., par \$50	50
5	Wharton Title & Tr. Co., par \$50	49
10	Wharton Title & Tr. Co., par \$50	45
40	Allegheny Title & Trust Co., par \$50	161
20	Liberty Title & Tr. Co., par \$50	375
2	Security Title & Tr. Co., par \$50	67
15	Sixty-Ninth St. Terminal Title & Trust Co., par \$50	182
8	Lancaster Ave. Title & Trust Co., par \$50	100
13	Nor. Central Tr. Co., par \$50	162
100	Bankers Trust Co., par \$50	159 3/4
100	Bankers Trust Co., par \$50	159
6	Tioga Trust Co., par \$50	188 3/4
6	Mitten Men & Mgt. Bank & Trust Co. (stamped)	124
5	North City Trust Co., par \$50	141
6	Huntingdon Valley (Pa.) Tr. Co.	131
164	Broadway Merchants Trust Co., Camden	375
10	Phila. & Sub. Mtge. Guar. Co.	100
1	Pa. Academy of the Fine Arts	25
30	Courier-Post Co., Camden, pref.	90

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Table with 4 columns: Shares, \$ per Sh., Shares, \$ per Sh. listing various stocks like Buffalo Steel Car, 1000 Night Hawk, 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:

Main dividend table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, and various other companies.

Continuation of dividend table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Public Utilities (Concluded), Banks, Trust Companies, and Miscellaneous.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Miscellaneous (Continued) and Railroad (Steam).

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Miscellaneous (Continued) and Railroad (Steam).

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 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroad (Steam), Public Utilities, and various utility companies.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. The table is split into two main sections: 'Miscellaneous (Continued)' on the left and 'Miscellaneous (Continued)' on the right. Each entry lists a company name, its percentage, payment date, and book closing date.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes companies like Washington Oil, Weber & Hellbroner, Wesson Oil & Snowdrift, 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. ‡ The New York Curb Market Association has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice.

The New York "Times" publishes regularly each week returns of a number of banks and trust companies which are not members of the New York Clearing House. The following are the figures for the week ending Mar. 1:

INSTITUTIONS NOT IN CLEARING HOUSE WITH CLOSING OF BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK ENDED THURSDAY, MAR. 1 1929.

NATIONAL AND STATE BANKS—Average Figures.

Table with columns: Institution, Loans, Gold, Oth. Cash, Res. Dep., Dep. Other, Gross Deposits. Includes Manhattan, Bank of U. S., Bryant Park Bank, etc.

TRUST COMPANIES—Average Figures.

Table with columns: Company, Loans, Cash, Res'ce Dep., Depos. Other, Gross Deposits. Includes Manhattan, American, Bk. of Europe & Tr., etc.

* Includes amount with Federal Reserve Bank as follows: Central Union, \$36,230,000; Empire, \$3,310,000; Fulton, \$2,034,600.

Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

Table with columns: Mar. 3 1929, Changes from Previous Week, Feb. 27 1929, Feb. 20 1929. Rows include Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, disc'ts & invest'ts, etc.

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Mar. 2, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank.

Beginning with the return for the week ending May 14 1928, the Philadelphia Clearing House Association discontinued showing the reserves and whether reserves held are above or below requirements. This will account for the queries at the end of the table.

Table with columns: Week Ended Mar. 2 1929, Feb. 23 1929, Feb. 16 1929. Rows include Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, disc'ts & invest'ts, etc.

* Cash in vault not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve Bank.

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. The new return shows nothing but the deposits, along with the capital and surplus. We give it below in full:

STATEMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION FOR THE WEEK ENDED SATURDAY, MAR. 2 1929.

Table with columns: Clearing House Members, Capital, Surplus & Undivided Profits, Net Demand Deposits Average, Time Deposits Average. Includes 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 co's., Dec. 31 1928. Includes deposits in foreign branches: (a) \$298,212,000; (b) \$13,818,000; (c) \$69,420,000; (d) \$112,884,000; (e) \$7,592,000; (f) \$122,296,000.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Mar. 7 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 1478, 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 MAR 6 1929.

Table with 10 columns representing dates from Mar. 6 1929 to Mar. 7 1928. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold, Deposits, etc.), LIABILITIES (F.R. notes, Deposits, etc.), and Distribution by Maturities.

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 MAR. 6 1929

Table with 13 columns representing different Federal Reserve Banks (Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Dallas, San Fran.). Rows include RESOURCES and LIABILITIES for each bank.

RESOURCES (Concluded)—Two Cityers (00) omitted. Table with columns for Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran. Rows include Other securities, Total bills and securities, Deposits, Total resources, LIABILITIES, F. R. notes in actual circulation, Deposits, Total deposits, Total liabilities, Reserve ratio, etc.

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE ACCOUNTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS MARCH 6 1929.

Table with columns for Federal Reserve Agent at—, Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran. Rows include F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent, F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bank, Collateral held as security for F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bank, etc.

Weekly Return for the Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System.

Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board, giving the principal items of the resources and liabilities of the member banks in 101 cities from which weekly returns are obtained. These figures are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves. Definitions of the different items in the statement were given in the statement of Dec. 12 1917, published in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 29 1917, page 3475.

Beginning with the statement of Jan. 9 1929, the loan figures exclude "Acceptances of other banks and bills of exchange or drafts sold with endorsement," and include all real estate mortgages and mortgage loans held by the bank. Previously acceptances of other banks and bills sold with endorsement were included with loans, and some of the banks included mortgages in investments.

PRINCIPAL RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN EACH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT AS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON FEBRUARY 27 1929. (In millions of dollars.)

Table with columns for Federal Reserve District, Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran. Rows include Loans and investments—total, Loans—total, Investments—total, Reserve with F. R. Bank, Net demand deposits, Due from banks, Borrowings from F. R. Bank, etc.

*Subject to correction.

Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The following shows the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at the close of business Mar. 6 1929, in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Table with columns for Resources (Concluded) and Liabilities. Rows include Gold with Federal Reserve Agent, Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes, Total gold reserves, Total reserves, Bills bought in open market, U. S. Government securities, Total U. S. Government securities, Total bills and securities, 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."

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Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 1503.

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 Mar. 8, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest). Rows include Railroads, Indus. & Miscell., and various stock listings.

Table with columns: Par, Shares, \$ per share, \$ per share, \$ per share, \$ per share. Rows include various stock listings with prices and shares.

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* No par value.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfs. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked. Rows include various Treasury securities.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

(All prices dollars per share.)

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Rows include various realty and surety companies.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

(All prices dollars per share.)

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Rows include various banks and trust companies.

*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, Mar. 2, Mar. 4, Mar. 5, Mar. 6, Mar. 7, Mar. 8. Rows include various bond and treasury transactions.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Table with columns: Bond description, Price. Row: 1 1st 4 1/2s... 99 1/2 to 99 1/2 at 17 4th 4 1/2s... 99 1/2 to 99 1/2

Foreign Exchange.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4.84 1/2 @ 4.84 3/4 for checks and 4.85 1-16 @ 4.85 1/2 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4.84 3/4 @ 4.84 11-16; sixty days, 4.79 3/4 @ 4.79 3/4; ninety days, 4.77 3/4 @ 4.77 3/4. Documents for payment, 4.79 3/4 @ 4.79 3/4. Cotton for payment, 4.83 11-16, and grain for payment, 4.83 11-16.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 3.90 1/2 @ 3.90 1/2 for short. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 40.01 @ 40.01 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 124.23 francs; week's range, 124.24 francs high and 124.22 francs low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

Table with columns: Sterling, Actual, Checks, Cables. Rows include exchange rates for various currencies.

The Curb Market.—The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 1499.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 1534.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see second 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 (Railroads (Con.), Industrial & Miscellaneous); PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928 (Lowest, Highest).

* Bid 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 third page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Mar. 2 to Friday Mar. 8), Sales for the Week, STOCK NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscel. (Con.) Par), PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest), PER SHARE 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. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. s Shillings. d Ex-Div. and ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see fourth page preceding.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with 8 columns: Saturday, Mar. 2; Monday, Mar. 4; Tuesday, Mar. 5; Wednesday, Mar. 6; Thursday, Mar. 7; Friday, Mar. 8; \$ per share; and Sales for the Week. Rows list various stocks and their prices.

Table with 4 main columns: 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 and their price ranges.

* Bid 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 fifth page preceding.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and price ranges for various stocks.

Main table listing stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, including company names, share counts, and price ranges per share.

*Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. * Ex-dividend. # Ex-rights.

New York Stock Record—Continued—Page 6

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see sixth page preceding.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and price ranges (Lowest and Highest) for various stocks.

Table with columns for 'Sales for the Week', 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1.', and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928'. Lists various stock companies and their performance metrics.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. * Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights. b Ex-dividend and ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see seventh page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Mar. 2 to Friday, Mar. 8); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1923 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Peerless Motor Car, Penick & Ford, etc., with their respective prices and ranges.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. s Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see eighth 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 corresponding stock prices per share.

Sales for the Week.

Table listing the number of shares sold for various stocks during the week.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing various stock companies and their current market prices.

PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots

Table showing the range of stock prices since January 1st, categorized by lowest and highest values.

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928

Table showing the range of stock prices for the previous year (1928), categorized by lowest and highest values.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. Ex-dividend. a Ex-rights. * No par value. Ex-rates.

Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and various other details. Includes sections for U.S. Government, State and City Securities, Foreign Govt. & Municipals, and Bonds.

On the basis of \$5 to the £ sterling Cash sale

Main table containing bond listings for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for Interest Period, Price Friday, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, and Range Since. Includes sub-sections for Railroad, Gen'l, and various municipal bonds.

Table with columns for Bonds, N. Y. Stock Exchange, Week Ended Mar. 8, Interest Period, Price Friday, Mar. 8, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and Range Since Jan. 1. It contains multiple columns of financial data for various bond series.

Due Feb.

Table of bond listings for the New York Stock Exchange, Week Ended Mar. 8. Columns include Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Friday, Mar. 8), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and High/Low prices.

Table of bond listings for the New York Stock Exchange, Week Ended Mar. 8. Columns include Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Friday, Mar. 8), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and High/Low prices.

4 Due May. 4 Due June. 4 Due August.

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Mar. 8.

Table of bond listings under 'BONDS' section, including columns for Bond description, Price, Week's Range, and Range Since Jan. 1.

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Mar. 8.

Table of bond listings under 'BONDS' section, including columns for Bond description, Price, Week's Range, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table with columns for Bonds, N. Y. Stock Exchange, Price, Week's Range, Range Since Jan. 1, and various bond descriptions. Includes sections for Lower Austrian Hydro El Pow, N. Y. Stock Exchange, and various municipal and corporate bonds.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, Mar. 2 to Mar. 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various companies like Adams Steel Co, Adams (J D) Mfg Co, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various companies like Kellogg Switchbld com, Ken-Rad Tube & Lp A com, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like US Radio & Telev. com., Utah Radio Products com., etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Loew's Theatres, Massachusetts Gas Co., etc.

* No par value.

Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Boston Stock Exchange, Mar. 2 to Mar. 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Railroad—, Boston & Albany, Boston Elevated, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Adventure Cons Copper, Arcadian Cons Min Co., etc.

* No par value. † Ex-dividend.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Mar. 2 to Mar. 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Almar Stores, American Mining, etc.

Table of Stocks (Concluded) with columns for Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of Bonds (Concluded) with columns for Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, Mar. 2 to Mar. 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Stocks with columns for Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, Mar. 2 to Mar. 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Stocks with columns for Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

* No par value.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, Mar. 2 to Mar. 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes Bank Stocks, Trust Company, Miscellaneous, and St Railway Bonds.

* No par value.

Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, Mar. 2 to Mar. 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

* No par value.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, Mar. 2 to Mar. 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—For this week's record of transactions on the Cincinnati Exchange see page 1505.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—For this week's record of transactions on the Pittsburgh Exchange, see page 1505.

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 (Mar. 2) and ending the present Friday (Mar. 8). It is compiled entirely from the daily reports of the Curb Market itself, and is intended to include every security, whether stock or bonds, in which any dealings occurred during the week covered.

Main table with columns: Week Ended Mar. 8, Stocks—Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., Stocks (Continued) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1.

Table with multiple columns: Stocks (Continued) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and various stock names like Gen Elec Co of Gt Britain, American deposit rets., etc.

Table of financial data including stock prices, ranges since Jan 1, and sales for various companies. The table is organized into columns for 'Stocks (Concluded) Par.', 'Friday Last Sale Price', 'Week's Range of Prices', 'Sales for Week Shares', 'Range Since Jan. 1', and 'Rights (Concluded)'. It lists numerous companies such as Silver (Isaac) & Bro., Simons Boardman, Slinger Manufacturing, and various utility and industrial firms.

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are " and interest except where marked "

Main table containing various financial data including Public Utilities, Railroad Equipments, Chain Store Stocks, Investment Trust Stocks and Bonds, and Tobacco Stocks. Each section lists company names, security types, and corresponding prices.

* 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 fourth week of February. The table covers six roads and shows 6.07% decrease over the same week last year:

Table with columns: Fourth Week of February, 1929, 1928, Increase, Decrease. Rows include Canadian National, Canadian Pacific, Mobile & Ohio, St Louis Southwestern, Southern Railway System, Western Maryland, and Total (6 roads).

In the table which follows we also complete our summary of the earnings for the third week of February:

Table with columns: Third Week of February, 1929, 1928, Increase, Decrease. Rows include Previously reported (8 roads), Duluth South Shore & Atlantic, Mineral Range, Nevada-California-Oregon, and Total (11 roads).

In the following table we show the weekly earnings for a number of weeks past:

Table with columns: Week, Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, Per Cent. Rows list weeks from Dec 1st to Feb 4th for various months.

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.

Table with columns: Month, Gross Earnings, Length of Road. Sub-columns for 1928 and 1927, and Inc. (+) or Dec. (-) in \$ and Miles.

Table with columns: Month, Net Earnings, Inc. (+) or Dec. (-). Sub-columns for Amount and Per Cent. in 1928 and 1927.

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.—The table following shows the gross and net earnings for STEAM railroads reported this week:

Large table with columns: Gross from Railway, Net from Railway, Net after Taxes. Rows list various railroads like Amer Ry Express, Duluth & Iron Range, Duluth Missabe & Northern, etc.

Large table with columns: Gross from Railway, Net from Railway, Net after Taxes. Rows list numerous railroads including Can Pac Lines, Chic & Ill Midland, Chic R I & Pac, Dul So Shore & Atl, etc.

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:

Table with columns: Company, Month of January 1929, 12 Months Ended Jan. 31 1929, and Net Oper. Surplus. Lists companies like Baton Rouge Electric Co, Blackstone Valley G & E Co, Cape Breton Elec Co Ltd, etc.

* Deficit.

New York City Street Railways.

Table with columns: Companies, Gross Revenue, Net Revenue, Fixed Charges, Net Corp. Income. Lists companies like Brooklyn City, Brooklyn Heights, Brooklyn & Queens, etc.

— Deficit.

American Railway Express Company.

Table with columns: Revenues, Expenses, Operating income. Rows include Express-Domestic, Express privileges-Dr, Rev. from transport, etc.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co.

Table with columns: Gross earnings, Operating income. Rows include Gross earnings, Operating income.

American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc. (And Subsidiary Companies)

Table with columns: Gross earnings, Oper. exp., maint. & taxes, Gross income, Less—Interest and amortization, Preferred dividends, Minority interests, Balance, Net income.

Barcelona Traction, Light & Power Co., Ltd.

Table with columns: Gross Earns. from Oper'n, Operating Expenses, Net earnings. Rows include Gross Earns. from Oper'n, Operating Expenses, Net earnings.

Engineers Public Service Co. (And Subsidiary Companies)

Table with columns: Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Depreciation of equipment, Taxes, Net operating revenue, Income from other sources, Balance, Divs. on pref. stock, Amt. applic. to com. stock.

Illinois Power & Light Corp. (Subsidiary of Illinois Traction Co.)

Table with columns: Gross earns. from operation, Oper. exp. & maintenance, Taxes, Total expenses & taxes, Earnings from operation, Less rentals, Add other income, Total net earnings, Less prior charges of Iowa Power & Light Co., The Kansas Power & Light Co., Total earnings available for bond interest, 12 mos. int. on Ill. Pow. & Lt. Corp. mtgde. debt.

Kansas City Power & Light Co.

Table with columns: Gross earns (all sources), Oper. exps. (incl. maint., general & income taxes), Net earnings, Interest charges, Balance, Amort. of disc. and prem., Balance, Divs. first pref. stock, Surplus earns. available for deprec. and com. stk. divs.

STATEMENT OF EARNINGS AND EXPENSES FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

[American Telephone & Telegraph Company.]

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Earnings, Dividends, Interest, Total, Expenses, Net earnings, Deduct interest, Net income, Deduct dividends, Balance, Carried to res., Special div., Carried to surplus, Average number of shares, Earned per share.

Our usual comparative income account of the Bell System was published in V. 128, p. 1393.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

(American Telephone & Telegraph Company.)

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Assets (Stocks, Bonds, Real estate, etc.), Liabilities (Capital stock, Total funded debt, etc.), and Total.

BELL SYSTEM BALANCE SHEETS, DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Assets (Telephone plant, Supplies, etc.), Liabilities (Am. Tel. & Tel. Co. stock, etc.), and Total.

During the year bank indebtedness of \$2,400,000 was paid off, and the balance sheet shows at Dec. 31 1928 a ratio of current assets to current liabilities of 4 to 1.

At a special meeting of stockholders immediately following the annual meeting on March 13, there will be submitted to the stockholders a proposal to increase the authorized capital stock from 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 shares.

The additional shares, if authorized, together with those remaining unissued of the present authorized total of 5,000,000 shares, will thus be available for issuance from time to time as opportunity offers to acquire desirable additions to the company's group of products.

Subject to approval by the stockholders of the proposed increase, the board of directors has authorized negotiation of an agreement to acquire the business of Certo Corp., makers of Certo and Pectin, for 351,000 shares of Postum stock.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Sales to customers, Cost of sales & expenses, Prev. for income taxes, Net profit, Previous surplus, Intial surplus, Total surplus, Good-will of subsid. cos., Adj. of Fed. tax prior yrs, Prem. on pref. stock, Divs. on pref. stk., Common dividend, Stock dividend.

Surplus at Dec. 31... \$9,293,342 \$7,781,583 \$8,246,663 \$6,093,030

Shares of common outstanding (no par)... 4,682,736 1,725,992 1,467,365 1,370,000

Earns. per sh. on com. \$3.10 \$6.62 \$7.71 \$8.28

Including all manufacturing, selling, administrative and general expenses (less miscellaneous income), but before providing for income taxes, y Not including results of the Jell-O Co., Inc., which was acquired on Dec. 31 1925. z Not including profits prior to date of acquisition of sub. companies acquired during the year.

Combined Statement of Profit and Loss for Years Ended Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Combined profits and income for the yr. after deduct'g mfg., distribut-ing, selling, admin. & gen. exp. (less miscell. income, incl. profit on sale of treas. stk. of \$339,826 in 1927), but before prov. for inc. tax, Provision for income taxes, Combined net profit for the year, Earns. per sh. on outst'd g stock.

Earnings for Quarters Ended Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Sales to customers, All exp., less miscel. income, Income taxes, Net profit.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Assets (Land, bldgs., machinery, etc.), Liabilities (Common stock, Accounts payable, etc.), and Total.

x After deducting \$8,142,387 reserve for depreciation. y The trade marks, patents and good-will carried upon the books at a substantial amount are, for the purpose of the published accounts, taken at the value of \$1. a 4,682,736 shares of no par value in 1928 and 1,725,992 shares in 1927.—V. 128, p. 1244.

American Smelting & Refining Co.

(30th Annual Report—Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)

The remarks of President Simon Guggenheim, together with a comparative income account and balance sheet and other tables, will be found under "Reports and Documents" on subsequent pages.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND PROFIT & LOSS SURPLUS ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Net earns. mines, smelt. ref. & mfg. plants, Other income, Total net earnings, General & admin. exp., Research & exam. exp., Corporate taxes, Int. on ser. "A" 5% bds., Int. on ser. "B" 6% bds., Deprec. & obsolescence, Ore depletion, Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Surplus for period, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Reserve for, Extra. obsol., cont., &c, Mine & new bus. inves, Employees' pension, Metal stock, Profit & loss, surplus standing (no par), Earnings per share, Incl. estimated U. S. and Mexican income taxes.

Postum Company, Incorporated.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)

Pres. C. M. Chester Jr. reports in substance:

The profit and loss statement reflects the earnings of the company exclusive of profits of the Cheek-Neal Coffee Co. (Maxwell House coffee and tea) for seven months, the La France Mfg. Co. for eight months, and the Calumet Baking Powder Co. for ten months.

The stated net earnings of \$14,555,683 amount to \$3.10 per share on 4,682,736 shares outstanding Dec. 31 1928 and because of these exclusions are not a proper indication of the per share earning ability of the company.

The combined net earnings of all companies for the year 1928 (including earnings of the three companies referred to for the months prior to their absorption by the Postum Co.) total \$17,586,477, which is at the rate of \$3.75 per share.

Even this, however, is not a true reflection of earning power. Stockholders are again reminded that in pursuing our policy of absorbing new companies a temporary period of transition involving increased expenditure must be met. If we had purchased no companies this year, the net earnings on the outstanding capital stock would have been not less than \$4 per share as against combined net earnings of the company and subsidiaries for 1927 of \$7.92 per share, equivalent to \$3.96 after giving effect to the 100% stock dividend.

In 1928 we had to assume, in the case of Maxwell House Coffee, heavy advertising commitments, high raw material prices and substantial non-recurring charges that decreased the profits of that business for the year 1928 materially, as against the year 1927. It is expected that a large portion of this expense will be saved in 1929 and that there will be a gratifying increase in the volume of Maxwell House products sold.

On June 21 1928 the authorized capital stock was increased from 2,000,000 to 5,000,000 shares and a 100% stock dividend, calling for the issuance of 1,738,157 shares, was paid July 13 1928.

On Aug. 1 1928 the company purchased the assets of Cheek-Neal Coffee

The outstanding capital stock of La France Mfg. Co. was acquired Sept. 4 1928. This company manufacturers and distributes La France and Satina and other laundry products.

The capital stock of Calumet Baking Powder Co. was purchased Nov. 1 1928. This company is the largest producer of baking powder in the United States.

Since the distribution of the stock dividend in July, the number of stockholders has more than doubled; ownership in the company's business is now distributed among over 20,000 holders of its stock

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 (INCLUDING SUB. COS.)

Table with columns for 1928 and 1927, and rows for Assets (Property acct., Investments, etc.) and Liabilities (Prof. stock, Common stock, etc.).

Total 233,020,964 227,735,771. Represented by 453,648 no par shares, and 458,764 shares of \$100 par value.

International Cement Corporation.

(10th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)

The remarks of President Holger Struckmann, together with the income account and balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1928, will be found in the advertising pages of this issue.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1928, 1927, 1926, and 1925, and rows for Sales, less disc'ts, &c.; Mfg. and shipping costs; Net profit from oper.; etc.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31

Table with columns for 1928 and 1927, and rows for Assets (Cash, Marketable secur., etc.) and Liabilities (Notes payable, Accounts payable, etc.).

Total 53,811,617 40,526,950. After reserve for depreciation of \$12,686,352. Retired May 20 1928.

Union Carbide & Carbon Corporation.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)

The remarks of President Jesse J. Ricks, together with income account and balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1928, will be found in the advertising pages of to-day's issue.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1928, 1927, 1926, and 1925, and rows for Earnings (after provision for income tax); Depreciation, &c.; Net income; etc.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31

Table with columns for 1928 and 1927, and rows for Assets (Land, machin'y, &c.; Cash; etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock; Notes and accts.; etc.).

Total 281,510,353 249,562,760. Represented by 2,742,072 shares of no par value.—V. 127, p. 3721.

The Texas Corporation (and Subsidiaries).

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)

The annual report of the Texas Corp. and its subsidiaries for the year ended Dec. 31 1928 will be found in the advertising pages of this issue.—V. 127, p. 3558.

Simms Petroleum Company.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)

The report of the directors, signed by Chairman Thos. W. Streeter and President Edward T. Moore, together with a comparative income account for five years and balance sheet for the year 1928, will be found under "Reports and Documents" on subsequent pages.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

(Including Simms Oil Co. and Trinity Drilling Co.)

Table with columns for 1928 and 1927, and rows for Assets (Property, tanks, pipelines, &c.; Cash; etc.) and Liabilities (Cap. stk. (par \$10); 3-yr. 6s gold notes; etc.).

Total 18,204,102 19,195,059. After depreciation and depletion amounting to \$13,585,062. After deducting \$55,032 reserve for doubtful notes and accounts.

Note.—Simms Oil Co. had contingent liabilities for \$187,863 at Dec. 31 1928 on account of deferred payments for sundry leases to be made if, when and as oil is produced and sold.—V. 128, p. 1071.

Reading Company.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)

TRAFFIC STATISTICS—YEAR ENDED DEC. 31

Table with columns for 1928, 1927, 1926, and 1925, and rows for Average miles operated; Number of tons mdse. freight carried; Number tons anthracite coal carried; etc.

Our usual comparative income account was published in V. 128, p. 1386.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1927 and 1928, and rows for Assets (Invested in road & equipment; Impts. on leased railway property; etc.) and Liabilities (1st pref. stock; 2d pref. stock; etc.).

Total 444810,803 434367,502. V. 128, p. 1386

Lehigh Valley Railroad Company.

(75th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)

President E. E. Loomis, Feb. 15, reports in substance:

Financial.—Because of the large expenditures for additional facilities and equipment during the past few years general consol. 4% mtge. bonds to the extent of \$12,686,000 heretofore held in the treasury, were sold in January 1928.

Company has practically no maturities of outstanding obligations to meet for the next ten years, when an issue of \$8,500,000 becomes due, the refunding of which is provided for in the general consolidated mortgage.

Since Sept. 30 1903, the date of the general consolidated mortgage, expenditures of approximately \$72,000,000 have been made for additions and betterments to the property and for other capital purposes against which no new or additional securities have been issued.

Road & Equipment.—Expenditures for additions and betterments to road and equipment during 1928, including expenditures on subsidiary properties, amounted to \$9,521,801.

General Remarks.—A falling off in freight and passenger traffic during the early months of the year made necessary a reduction in expenses that they might be brought into harmony with the lower earnings.

At the same time, as will be noted, the development program was continued, more than \$9,500,000 being expended upon additions and betterments to the company's property. It is well equipped to meet all demands which may be made upon it and, as has been stated before, could handle an increased tonnage of from 35 to 50% without a corresponding increase in expenses.

The demand for anthracite improved in the latter part of the year and prospects at the beginning of 1929 are better than at any time in the recent past.

Merchandise freight traffic also was better in the later months. In view of the fact that future passenger traffic probably will be confined largely to the longer haul business, company's efforts have been concentrated upon providing dependable service with a maximum of comfort for this class of travelers.

During the year a total of 97 new industries, including 91 with direct track connections, were located where they will be served by the Lehigh Valley. More than four miles of new track were constructed to serve these industries.

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1928, 1927, 1926, 1925) and rows for various metrics like Tons revenue freight, Freight revenue, Average revenue per ton, etc.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1928, 1927, 1926, 1925) and rows for Operating Revenues, Operating Expenses, Total operating exp., Net operating revenue, etc.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns (1928, 1927, 1928, 1927) and rows for Assets (Road & equip., Impts., etc.) and Liabilities (Common stock, Preferred stock, etc.).

Total... 253,738,989 241,030,777 Total... 253,738,988 241,030,777
A Represents only road property of Lehigh Valley RR. property (Phillipsburg, N. J., to Wilkes-Barre). The total road and equipment investment of the system, including transportation subsidiaries owned by the company is \$261,905,915. B Funded debt is shown after deducting \$28,000,000 held in treasury.—V. 128, p. 1223.

St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. (Incl. Subsidiary Lines). (Condensed Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)

The joint remarks of Chairman E. N. Brown and President J. M. Kurn, Feb. 28, in substance follow:

Financial. An outstanding achievement of the year was the material improvement in the capital structure of the company. A new consolidated mortgage, dated March 1 1928, was executed, and \$100,000,000 of Consolidated mtge. 4 1/2% gold bonds, series A, maturing March 1 1978, were sold at 94 1/2% and int.; also there was offered to the stockholders, at par, \$49,157,400 of new 6% preferred stock, callable on 60 days' notice, in whole but not in part, at 115, which offering was underwritten. The sale of these bonds and preferred stock provided funds for retirement of the securities enumerated below, or of temporary loans for that purpose, and furnished about \$9,000,000 of additional funds: 5,000,000 2-year 5% secured gold notes (matured Feb. 1 1928). 3,000,000 10-year 6% coll. gold notes (called March 1 1928, at par). 13,736,000 K.C.F.S. & M.R.R. Co. cons. mtge. 6 (matured May 1 1928). 7,500,000 preferred stock, series A (called June 1 1928, at par). 10,598,000 prior lien mtge. 6s, series C (matured July 1 1928). 17,173,000 prior lien mtge. 5 1/2s, ser. D (called July 1 1928, at 102 1/2%). 40,547,818 adjustment mtge. 6s, ser. A (called July 1 1928, at par). 1,046,000 Ft. W. & R. G. Ry. Co. 1st mtge. 4s (matured July 1 1928). 35,192,000 income mtge. 6s, ser. A (called Oct. 1 1928, at par). Short term bank loans, aggregating \$23,000,000, were made to provide, temporarily, for a part of the matured funded debt, pending realization on sale of the above mentioned bonds and stock, as follows: Feb. 1 1928 \$5,000,000 secured by \$6,000,000 prior lien mortgage 5% gold bonds, series B. Mar. 1 1928 2,000,000 secured by \$2,400,000 prior lien mortgage 5 1/2% gold bonds, series D. Apr. 2 1928 1,000,000 secured by \$1,200,000 prior lien mortgage 5% gold bonds, series B. May 1 1928 9,000,000 secured by \$13,665,000 K. C. F. S. & M. Ry. Co. refunding mtge. 4s. May 2 1928 4,500,000 secured by \$6,831,500 K. C. F. S. & M. Ry. Co. refunding mtge. 4s. July 2 1928 1,500,000 secured by \$2,000,000 consol. mtge. 4 1/2% gold bonds, series A.

Those loans were all paid during the year and the collateral was returned to the treasury.

Discount and expense in connection with the new financing amounted to \$6,323,969, consisting of \$5,500,000 discount on the consolidated mortgage bonds, \$537,202 underwriting commission on the preferred stock and \$286,767 miscellaneous expenses. The entire amount was charged off to surplus.

The new financing materially increased the stock capitalization and decreased funded debt. Funded debt was reduced from about 4.2 times the capital stock, to about 2.4 times. Annual charges for fixed and contingent interest were reduced by more than \$2,900,000, while preferred dividend requirements were increased by about \$2,500,000 only. The net reduction in the requirements for interest and preferred dividends is, therefore, over \$400,000 per year.

The consolidated mortgage is a lien on the entire property of the company, subject to the lien of prior lien mortgage bonds and of other underlying bonds, the refunding of all of which is provided for therein. This mortgage is further secured by the pledge of the following securities:

\$1,079,500 prior lien mortgage 4% gold bonds, series A. 46,551,300 prior lien mortgage 5% gold bonds, series B. 20,512,500 K. C. F. S. and M. Ry. Co. refunding mtge. 4% gold bonds. The issue of consolidated mtge. bonds is limited so that (a) total bonded indebtedness of the consolidated mtge. bonds is limited to the authorized capital, and (b) consolidated bonds issued, together with those reserved for refunding purposes, shall not exceed three times the par amount of capital stock of the company issued and outstanding.

In addition to the bonds sold, \$10,000,000 consolidated mortgage 4 1/2% gold bonds, series A, have been authenticated by the trustee, and are now held in the company's treasury.

The consolidated mortgage provides that bonds may not hereafter be issued under any mortgage superior in lien to it (including the prior lien mortgage) except for pledge under the consolidated mortgage.

At the beginning of the year prior lien mortgage bonds were outstanding as follows: Series A 4%, \$92,116,475; series B 5%, \$25,591,500; series C 6%, \$1,079,500; series D, 5 1/2%, \$17,173,000; total, \$145,479,975. In addition, there were in the treasury of the company or pledged or in the hands of the reorganization managers: Series A 4%, \$1,282,025; series B 5%, \$11,624,600; series C 6%, \$4,000,000; series D, 5 1/2%, \$3,208,700; total, \$20,115,325.

The series C and series D bonds outstanding in the hands of the public were redeemed or paid, as above stated, and in lieu thereof, and of the bonds of said series in the treasury, or pledged, there were authenticated a like principal amount (\$34,979,700) of prior lien mortgage bonds, series B, which, together with the series A and series B bonds in the treasury, or in the hands of the reorganization managers, were pledged under the consolidated mortgage. At the close of the year, \$92,105,006 series A bonds, and \$25,580,500 series B bonds remained outstanding.

The adjustment and income mortgages, both dated July 1 1916, were discharged and released of record during the year.

During April and May 1928, the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis Ry. issued \$20,495,500 of its refunding mortgage 4% bonds in settlement of advances made to it by the company, to enable it to pay at maturity or to purchase the following bonds: \$390,000 Kansas & Missouri RR. Co. 1st mtge. 5% bonds, \$1,645,500 K. C. M. & B. RR. Co. income 5% bonds, \$1,606,000 Current River RR. Co. 1st mtge. 5% bonds, \$3,274,000 K. C. O. & S. Ry. Co. 1st mtge. 5% bonds (cost \$3,119,000), \$13,736,000 K. C. F. S. & M. RR. Co. consolidated mtge. 6% bonds.

The \$20,495,500 K. C. F. S. & M. Ry. Co. refunding mtge. bonds so issued (as well as \$16,000 additional refunding bonds) were pledged under the consolidated mortgage.

On May 15 1928, the company entered into an agreement constituting St. Louis-San Francisco equipment trust, series CC, providing for the issue of \$6,000,000 equipment trust certificates, bearing interest at the rate of 4% per annum, payable semi-annually, and maturing serially from May 15 1929 to May 15 1943. The certificates were sold at 98.011% of their face amount, plus accrued interest, and the proceeds applied toward payment for equipment, costing over \$8,000,000. The balance of the purchase price was provided by the company out of current funds.

Equipment trust obligations in the principal amount of \$1,874,000 matured in the course of the year, all of which were presented and paid.

Dividends.

Regular quarterly dividends of 1 1/2% on the old 6% preferred stock (retired June 1) were paid on Feb. 1 and May 1 as well as one month's accrual paid June 1 when the stock was redeemed.

The initial payment of 1 1/2% on the new preferred stock was made Nov. 1 1928, said stock rating for dividends from Aug. 1 1928.

On the common stock, dividends at the rate of 7% per annum, plus 1% extra, were paid in quarterly installments during the year.

Dividends were declared in advance for the year 1929 on the preferred stock, as follows: 1 1/2% quarterly, payable Feb. 1, May 1, Aug. 1, Nov. 1, to holders of record Jan. 2, April 3, July 1 and Oct. 1, respectively.

A quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% plus 1/4% extra on the common stock was declared payable Jan. 2 1929, to holders of record Dec. 3 1928.

Acquisition of Subsidiary Lines.

The corporate structure of the company has been simplified through acquisition of the properties of five of its subsidiary companies, to-wit: Kansas City Fort Scott & Memphis Ry., Kansas City Memphis & Birmingham RR., Kansas City & Memphis Ry. & Bridge Co., Kansas City Clinton & Springfield Ry., Muscle Shoals, Birmingham & Pensacola RR. the first four of which have heretofore been operated under long term leases. In accordance with contracts of sale, the company has assumed all of the outstanding funded debt of those companies.

The property of Paris & Great Northern RR. was conveyed to St. Louis, San Francisco & Texas Ry., the latter assuming all of the obligations of the former.

The property of Motley County RR. was acquired by the Quanab Acme & Pacific Ry.

Additions and Betterments.

The amount charged to capital account during the year for acquisition and construction of new lines, additions to and betterments of roadway and structures, for purchase and construction of new equipment, and for betterment of existing equipment was \$16,050,511.

A total of 260 new freight cars were built in the company's shops during the year; in addition, 3,852 freight cars and 150 passenger cars were given heavy repairs.

Equipment retired during the year comprised 960 freight cars, 33 locomotives, 7 passenger cars and 93 work cars, entailing a charge to operating expenses of \$569,276.

Another notable achievement of the company—completion of its line to the Gulf of Mexico—was celebrated on June 27 when its first passenger train entered Pensacola, Fla. The route traversed by a newly constructed line (completed June 18 1928) from a connection with the Memphis-Birmingham Line at East Aberdeen, Miss., to Kimbrough, Ala., 151 miles, thence by the line formerly of the Muscle Shoals, Birmingham and Pensacola RR. Co. to Pensacola, Fla., 145 miles.

The new line from McBain to Floydada, Tex., 28 miles, was opened for service Oct. 1 1928.

Traffic, Industrial and Agricultural Development.

A total of 355 new industries were located on the line during 1928, consisting of 13 compresses and Gins, 7 canneries, 55 material and coal yards, 40 warehouses, 13 oil well supply houses, 2 oil refineries and loading racks, 85 oil distributing plants, 6 wholesale produce houses, 10 rock crushers, 8 craneries, 54 miscellaneous manufacturing plants, and 72 miscellaneous industries.

Excessive rains and a backward spring retarded early crops; after July 1, however, favorable weather permitted rapid development. While not extraordinary, agricultural production was quite satisfactory. Movement of apples, grapes and strawberries showing an increase over previous year of approximately 3,000 carloads. There was also a substantial increase in movement of flour and other mill products, automobiles and oil.

Results of Operation.

For the second successive year considerable difficulty was experienced in operation due to excessive rainfall. High water prevailed over practically the entire line in May and June, and in Western Missouri, Eastern Kansas and portions of Arkansas and Oklahoma in November. The company was put to considerable expense repairing the damage wrought by resulting floods, and also suffered loss of revenue account interruption of train service.

There was a decrease in gross earnings for the year of \$3,476,767, of which \$2,571,920 was in passenger earnings. Prior to the beginning of the year, the company had discontinued as many of the passenger trains, operated at a loss, as it was permitted by the authorities. The passenger train expenses were approximately the same as the previous year.

priced at cost. Used trucks and buses in inventory are marked down to lower values than current re-sale prices. Substantial reserves for contingencies have been provided.

Company has continued its efforts to correct the abuses in the truck industry and directors are pleased to report that the credit policy adopted two years ago by company has demonstrated its soundness.

The heavy commercial motor vehicle business improved somewhat during 1928 and company was able to secure an increased portion of the desirable business, which was available, and at the same time improve its financial and physical condition.

Orders on hand and the prospects for business during the year justify officers in forecasting a volume of business somewhat larger than last year. If the anticipated volume is secured, net profits should show a substantial increase.

RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS (INCL. SUB. COS.)

Table with 4 columns (1928, 1927, 1926, 1925) and rows for Sales, Net profit, Federal tax reserve, Depreciation, Net income, Divs. of com. outst. (no par), and Earns. per sh. on com.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET, DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns (1928, 1927, 1928, 1927) and rows for Assets (Real estate, eq., cash, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, notes, etc.).

Corn Products Refining Co.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)

COMPARATIVE INCOME STATEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1928, 1927, 1926, 1925) and rows for Profits for operation, Int. on dep., loans, &c., Int. & divs. on securs., Inc. affiliated cos., Profit on securs. sold, Total income, Int. on bonded debt., General, State, corp. & Federal taxes., Depreciation, Insurance, Net income, Preferred divs. (7%), Common divs., Rate, Surplus, Previous surplus, Profit & loss surplus, Shares of com. outst'd'g (par \$25), Earn. per share on com.

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns (1928, 1927, 1928, 1927) and rows for Assets (Real est., machinery, inv. in affil. cos., Notes receivable, etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, common stock, first mtge. 5%., National Starch, etc.).

Phillips Petroleum Company.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)

The report, signed by Frank Phillips, President, and O. K. Wings, Treasurer, says in part:

During 1928 company made increases in all departments except in crude oil production. The major portion of net profit was derived from other activities. Company is fully integrated with diversified activities and sources of income.

The following briefly summarizes the principal activities for the year: Operations.—As of Dec. 31 1928, company owned or controlled 1,097,824 acres of selected oil lands located in Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Arkansas, Colorado, Utah and New Mexico, on which there are over 2,800 producing wells. The property produced 14,668,881 barrels gross and 11,142,954 barrels net during the year. Owing to general overproduction and prevailing low prices for crude, company materially restricted its activities, completing less than half as many wells as in the preceding year. Included in other work postponed was the drilling of over 100 wells on proven locations where the company had contract obligations.

Company maintained its substantial leadership in the industry in the manufacture of natural gasoline with net production for the year of 187,589,046 gallons. 47 plants were in operation at the end of the year supported by 301,000 acres. The largest plant of the company, located in one of the larger West Texas pools, where we have the gasoline rights on the entire pool, has been completed since January 1, and two plants are now under construction in other districts.

The capacity of company's oil refinery in the Panhandle District was increased during the year, and its operation has proved profitable. In 1929 the output of refinery products will be increased.

Company's controlled volatility gasoline, Phillips "66", Benzo-Gas Motor Fuel, Phillips Aviation and other products have been favorably received over a wide area, and an aggressive program of expansion will be continued until a major portion of our products is marketed direct to the

consumer. Company now has over 1,500 outlets West of the Mississippi River, 300 of which are owned service and bulk stations, through which its finished products are being marketed. All but four of the service and bulk stations were built or acquired in 1928.

Gas sales for the year amounted to 118,190,931,000 cubic feet. In addition to being one of the largest producers and wholesalers of gas, the company has become one of the principal sources of gas for the manufacture of carbon black, and is directly interested in a company engaged in this industry, which is preparing further to expand its business.

Progress in the sale and distribution of liquefied gas for various domestic uses, through Philfuels Company, a wholly owned subsidiary, has conclusively demonstrated the value and efficiency of Philfuels Products.

Earnings, &c.—Earnings after all charges, including depletion and depreciation, were \$5,960,171. Current assets amounted to \$30,173,699, including \$11,215,339 in cash and call loans. Debentures in the amount of \$991,000 par value were permanently retired.

Dividends amounting to \$4,786,432 were declared on the common stock, the company thus continuing its unbroken dividend record since dividends on the common stock were first inaugurated in 1921.

As of Dec. 31 1928, the company's earned surplus was \$29,409,738, and since its organization in 1917 more than \$98,000,000 of earned surplus and reserves have been reinvested in the property.

Early in the company's history appreciation by independent appraisal was set up on the records in the amount of \$17,458,261. Subsequent appreciation has not been added, with the result that the item has become misleading and has, therefore, been charged off, thus presenting the balance sheet on a cash basis.

RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1928, 1927, 1926, 1925) and rows for Gross income, Operating & gen. exp., Taxes, Intangible devel. cost, Exp. & aband. lease, &c., Depletion & depreciat'n., Net for surplus & divs., Other income, Total income, Interest, Net income, Dividends paid, Earned surplus, Shares capital stock outstanding (no par), Earned per share.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns (1928, 1927, 1928, 1927) and rows for Assets (Plant & prop., Accts. receiv'g, Notes & accts' receivable, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital & surp., Funded debt., Divs. payable, etc.).

Virginia Iron, Coal & Coke Co.

(26th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1928, 1927, 1926, 1925) and rows for Gross earnings, Net earnings, Other income, Total income, Bond interest, Federal taxes, Rentals, expenses, &c., Net income, Preferred dividends, Balance, surplus, Com. shs. out. (par \$100), Earns. per share on com.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns (1928, 1927, 1928, 1927) and rows for Assets (Real estate, plant and fixtures, Securities owned, Sales ledger, &c., Balances, Bills receivable, etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, 1st mtge. bonds, etc.).

—V. 128, p. 578.

U. S. Tobacco Co. (formerly Weyman-Bruton Co.).

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns (1928, 1927, 1926, 1925) and rows for Net earnings, Pref. dividends (7%), Common divs. (\$3), Balance, surplus, Previous surplus, Profit & loss surplus, Shares of common outstanding (no par), Earns. per sh. on com.

x After provision for all taxes, including income tax, and charges and expenses of management.

BALANCE SHEET AS OF DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns (1928, 1927, 1928, 1927) and rows for Assets (Real est., mach'y and fixtures, Trade marks, goodwill, &c., Leaf, mfd. stocks, supplies, &c., Secur. of oth. cos., Cash, Bills & accts' rec.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, Pref. div. pay. Jan., etc.).

x Represented by 381,542 shares of no par value (authorized 600,000 shares).—V. 126, p. 1034.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1928 and 1927, showing Assets (Plant apts., equipment, cash, call loans, etc.) and Liabilities (6% pref. stock, 8% cum. pref. stk., common stock, etc.).

Total 35,354,363 33,216,168
Property and equipment at plants and branches, patent rights, &c., less depreciation... \$49,219; sundry debtors and other notes receivable, \$191,678; total, \$5,428,629; less reserves of \$778,506.
Note.—Dividends paid to April 1 1924 on 6% preferred stock and to Feb. 15 1924 on 8% preferred stock.—V. 127, p. 2693, 2240, 2099, 1956; V. 126, p. 1502; V. 125, p. 658.

Columbia Gas & Electric Corp. (& Sub. Cos.).

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)

Pres. Philip G. Gossler, Feb. 16, wrote in substance:

Operations.—The public utility properties of Columbia System are all interconnected and thoroughly integrated, and constitute a single operating unit. Operations are directed in detail from five major operating centers, namely, Cincinnati, Columbus and Dayton, Ohio; Charleston, West Virginia, and Pittsburgh, Pa., with complete interchange and co-operation between these operating districts.

Major Construction Work.—As the result of alterations and additions to existing electric stations, the electric generating capacity of Columbia System has been increased during 1928 by 68,351 kv-a., or more than 17%. During 1928, the re-arrangement of gas operations undertaken in 1927 was carried further, involving a considerable amount of construction of high pressure pipe lines, cross-connection of main transmission lines, and addition of new lines in the distribution systems, all providing greater flexibility and interchange in the gas flow, in many cases shortening materially the distance of transmission of large volumes of gas and providing more sources of supply of gas for the major consuming districts; all these factors making possible the realization of greater reliability of service and economy in operations resulting from the formation of the present system by consolidation of the constituent properties.

A very desirable site has been acquired in the heart of the business section of Cincinnati, at the corner of Fourth and Main Streets, on which there is now under construction a new building to house the executive and general offices of the companies operating in the Cincinnati District. It is expected that this building will be completed in 1929 and will be a notable addition to the office buildings in that city.

Acquisitions of Additional Properties.—Two important property acquisitions, mentioned in the report for 1927 as then being in process, were duly consummated, the acquisition of the capital stock of the Central Kentucky Natural Gas Co. as of Jan. 1 1928, and acquisition of the gas properties of the Cities Service Co. interests in the State of Ohio, as of March 1 1928.

As of May 1 1928, the entire stock of the Keystone Gas Co.—a natural gas distributing company serving approximately 5,200 consumers in the City of Olean, New York, which has a population of about 25,000 people—was acquired by exchange for preferred stock of Columbia Gas & Electric Corp. This property has been connected to the transmission lines of Columbia System which already extended to within 20 miles of Olean.

Late in 1928, subject to the approval of the necessary public authorities, arrangements were made for the purchase of a pipe line, formerly used by New York Transit Co. for the transportation of oil, running from Olean, N. Y., eastward to a point near Binghamton, N. Y., and then southward through New York and New Jersey, terminating at Garfield, N. J. This pipe can readily be used for the transmission of gas.

All these properties either have already been or can easily be physically interconnected so that the whole system continues as one complete, thoroughly integrated, operating unit.

Reorganizations and Consolidations of Subsidiaries.—The properties of the Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co. have been operated for the past 20 years by a Columbia System subsidiary, the Union Gas & Electric Co., under a lease agreement containing an option for the purchase by the Union company of the properties of the lessor by a cash payment equal to the par value of the Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co.'s common stock. As a result of negotiations growing out of the desire to exercise this option and in order to avoid several disadvantages from the point of view of the stockholders concerned, if the option should be exercised, the Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co. was consolidated with Columbia Power Co., a Columbia System subsidiary, and immediately purchased all of the properties owned and operated by the Union Gas & Electric Co. already devoted, in conjunction with the properties of the consolidated company, to gas and electric service in Cincinnati and vicinity.

The consolidated corporation continued the name of "the Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co." and issued \$35,000,000 1st mtge. 4% bonds to the public at a price to yield 4.4% to maturity, and issued \$40,000,000 5% preferred stock in exchange for other stocks of its constituent companies.

As a result of this consolidation and reorganization, Columbia System became the owner instead of lessee of the properties supplying gas and electricity in Cincinnati and many neighboring communities. Under the former lease the new capital required to serve this community adequately has been economically provided through participation in the credit of Columbia System, but the constantly increasing amount of new capital so needed made it desirable to recapitalize these properties, which was accomplished by thus consolidating them into one corporation so as to facilitate the continued economic financing of the expansion of their service.

Securities Retired.—Through this reorganization of the subsidiaries in Cincinnati, together with other consolidations and reorganizations of subsidiary operating properties during the two calendar years 1927 and 1928, there have been withdrawn from the hands of the public the entire outstanding amounts of 21 issues of bonds and stocks of subsidiary and leasing companies. Several of such stocks have been exchanged into either 5% preferred stock of the Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co., or 6% preferred stock or common stock of Columbia Gas & Electric Corp. The rest of these stock issues and all of such bond issues have been redeemed or retired by application of the proceeds of the issuance of the first mortgage 4% bonds of the Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co. and the 5% debenture bonds of Columbia Gas & Electric Corp. (of which latter \$45,000,000 were sold in 1927, and \$5,000,000 in 1928), and of additional common stock of Columbia Gas & Electric Corp. sold in exercise of subscription rights issued to its common stockholders of record Jan. 20 1927.

The total value of the securities so retired in these transactions and by sinking fund operations was \$98,490,188 at the respective par values of the bonds and preferred stocks and the liquidation values of the common stocks involved.

The amount of minority preferred and common stocks of subsidiary companies, held by the public, have been further reduced during the year by individual purchase or by exchange for stocks of Columbia Gas & Electric Corp. In accordance with terms previously offered or by liquidation of the subsidiary company following sale of its assets to other operating subsidiaries of Columbia System.

Additions to Fixed Property.—Additions to fixed property during the year, exclusive of the cost of new properties, amounted to about \$19,600,000. Among the principal additions were more than 700 new gas and oil wells substantially increased generating capacity installed at the three principal stations operated by the system, and additional compressor stations and electric substations.

Financing.—Funds required for additions to fixed property, the acquisition of the additional properties and the retirement of securities as set forth above, together with payment of short term notes have amounted to approximately \$107,500,000 in 1928 and \$194,200,000 in the past two years. These funds were provided as follows:

Table showing sources of funds for 1928 and 1927 and 1928. Includes items like 'From the sale of additional shares of common stock pursuant to subscription rights issued at the close of business, Jan. 20 1927', 'By the issue of 25-year 5% gold debenture bonds, due May 1 1952...', 'By the issuance of 6% preferred stock of Columbia Gas & Electric Corp...', etc.

Net total \$107,500,000 \$194,200,000
Capitalization.—The common capital of Columbia Gas & Electric Corp. at Dec. 31 1928, was represented by 3,372,692 shares of no par value. The board of directors, at its meeting in Jan. 1929, recommended that, at the next annual meeting of the shareholders, the amount of authorized common stock be increased from 4,000,000 shares to 10,000,000 shares and that the outstanding stock then be divided in the ratio of 2 2/3 shares for each share outstanding immediately prior thereto. Following approval of this recommendation by the holders of common shares at the annual meeting of the corporation, to be held on April 4 next, the necessary amendment to the certificate of incorporation of the corporation will be filed and thereupon the 3,372,692 shares outstanding at the end of 1928 will be divided into 8,431,730 shares.

COMPARATIVE CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table comparing income for 1928, 1927, and 1926. Includes Gross Earnings (Gas, Electric, Railway, Gasoline), Operating expenses, Provision for renewals and replacements and depletion, Taxes, Net operating earnings, Other income, Total, Lease Rentals, Net income before fixed charges, Fixed Charges, Subsidary companies bond interest, etc.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31. (Columbia Gas & Electric Corp. of Delaware (and subsidiaries controlled by practically 100% common stock ownership).]

Table showing consolidated balance sheet for 1928 and 1927. Assets include Property apts., Secured, owned, Cash, Securities with trustees, Notes receivable, etc. Liabilities include Pref. & minority com. stks. of subsidiaries, Pref. stock 6% series A, Common stk., Funded debt., Notes payable, etc.

Total 613,459,259 520,151,578
a Comprising electric generating stations, high voltage transmission lines electric and gas distribution systems, gas, oil and coal fields, gasoline plants and cost of leases (at values as carried on the various constituent balance sheets herein consolidated). b Capital stocks of other companies, mostly engaged in related business, the investments in which represent less than majority ownership. c The Cincinnati Gas & Elec. Co. prior lien & ref. mortgage, series C, 6% bonds, \$11,827,434; Union Light, Heat & Power Co. 1st mtge. series A 6% bonds, \$2,319,870. d 3,372,692 shares, no par value. e For renewals and replacements and depletion.—V. 128, p. 1225

Associated Oil Co. and Subsidiary Cos. (27th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)

COMPARATIVE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31.

Table comparing income for 1928 and 1927. Operating revenues, Operating expenses and taxes (exclusive of depreciation, depl., and Federal income taxes), Operating income, Other income, Total income, Interest, discount and premium on funded debt, Depreciation and depletion charged off, Estimated Federal income tax, Net income, Surplus at beginning of year, Transfer from reserve for contingencies, Gross surplus, Net adjustments applicable to prior periods, Appropriated for fire losses and other contingencies, Dividends paid, Unappropriated surplus, Earnings per sh. on 2,209,412 shs. cap. stk. (par \$25)

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and rows for 1928 and 1927. Assets include Fixed assets, Inv. in cos. affil., Other investm'ts, Advances (sec.), Due fr. affil. cos., Cash, Notes & accnts. receivable, Not rec'd (part. secured), Materials & supplies, Merchandise, Oth. curr. assets, Def. & unadj. Def. & unadj. Total (ea. side).

x After reserves for depreciation and depletion of \$49,300,375.—V. 128, p. 404.

Boston Elevated Railway.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)

TRAFFIC STATISTICS YEAR ENDING DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Round trips operated, Passenger revenue, Pass rev. per car mile, Pass. rev. per car hour, Pass. revenue mileage, Pass. revenue cars hours, Revenue pass. carried, Rev. pass. car. per car mi, Rev. pass. car. per car hr.

x Car hours, American Electric Railway Association standard, adopted Feb. 1 1923. y Including motor bus mileage of 5,999,879 in 1928, 5,562,766 in 1927, 4,717,900 in 1926 and 2,472,456 in 1925.

COMPARATIVE DIVISION OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES—CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Total receipts, Operating Expenses (Wages, Material & supplies, Injuries & damages, Depreciation, Fuel, Taxes, Rent of leased roads, Subway & tunnel rents, Int. on bonds & notes, Miscellaneous items), Total cost of service, Loss for year, Gain for year, Profit and loss items not included in above.

INCOME STATEMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Operating Income, Passenger revenue, Mails, rentals, ad., &c., Total, Operating Expenses (Way & structure, Equipment, Power, Transportation expenses, Traffic, General & miscellaneous, Transportation for invest), Total oper. expense, Net earnings, Taxes on ry. operations, Operating income, Dividend income, Income from funded sec., Inc. from unfunded sec., Inc. from sink fund, &c., Miscellaneous income, Gross income, Deductions (Rent for leased roads, Miscellaneous rents, Net loss on misc. physical property, Int. on funded debt, Int. on unfunded debt, Amort. of disc. on fund. debt, Miscellaneous debits), Total deductions from gross income, Balance, 1st pref. divs. (8%), 2nd pref. divs. (7%), Pref. divs. (7%), Common divs. (6%), Balance, surplus, Shares of com. outstanding (par \$100), Earn. per share on com.

Note.—The reports for 1928, 1927, 1926 and 1925 designate the dividends as "Boston Elevated Ry. Co. dividend rental," but have been separated by us for comparative purposes. The amounts given in the reports are \$3,095,607 for 1928 \$3,102,512 for 1927. \$3,112,605 for 1926 and \$3,119,532 for 1925.—Ed.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and rows for 1928 and 1927. Assets include Road & equip., Misc. phys. prop, Other investm'ts, Cash, Deposit for int., div., &c., Spec'l deposit of reserve fund., Funds avail. for capital exp., Misc. acc'ts. rec., Mat'ls & suppl., Int., div. & rents receivable, Oth. curr. assets, Ins. & oth. funds, Prepd. rents, &c., Disc. on fd. debt, Oth. unadj. deb., Cost of serv. def. for 12mos. end. June 30 1919. Liabilities include 1st pref. stock, 2nd pref. stock, Preferred stock, Common stock, Prem. on cap. stk., Funded debt, Mortgage notes, L'n's & notes pay, Vouch. & wages payable, Mat. int. div., &c., Acct. int. div., &c., Def. liabilities, Tax accrued, Pren. on fd. debt, Operat. reserve, Acct. deprec'n., Misc. unadj. cred, Adv. by comm. of Mass. acct. def. in cost of service, Misc. fund res., Profit & loss, def.

Grand total...—V. 128, p. 1051.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

STEAM RAILROADS.

Surplus Freight Cars.—Class I railroads on Feb. 15 had 229 573 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service, the car service division of the American Railway Association announced. This was a decrease of 16,334 cars compared with Feb. 8 at which time there were 245 907 cars.

Surplus coal cars on Feb. 15 totaled 75,010, a decrease of 8,958 cars within approximately a week while surplus box cars totaled 108,768, a decrease of 7,177 for the same period. Report also showed 24 357 surplus stock cars an increase of 759 cars over the number reported on Feb. 8, while surplus refrigerator cars totaled 10,217, a decrease of 341 for the same period.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of March 2.—(a) Wage increase on New Haven Road, p. 1301. (b) Wage increase on Union Pacific RR., p. 1301. (c) To test Hoch-Smith constitutionality—Supreme Court will be asked to pass on meaning of the Act—a development in California fruit rate case, p. 1318.

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—Listing.—

The New York State Exchange has authorized the listing of \$30,204,000 20-year 4 1/2% convertible debenture gold bonds, issue of 1928, dated Dec. 1 1928, due Dec. 1 1948.—V. 128, p. 397.

Atlantic Coast Line RR.—Preliminary Earnings.

Table with columns for 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Calendar Years, Gross earnings, Expenses, Taxes, &c., Equipment rents, Net oper. income, Other income.

Table with columns for 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Total income, Interest, rents, &c., Net income, Dividends.

Table with columns for 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Surplus, Shs. com. stk. out. (par \$100), Earns. per share.

—V. 128, p. 879.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Sells Holding in Wheeling & Lake Erie to Van Sweringen Interests—Acquires Control of Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh.—See Alleghany Corp. under "Industrials" below.

Southern Ry. to Oppose Taking Over Monon.—Fairfax Harrison, Pres., Southern Railway System, says:

"The proposal of the B. & O. to 'take over' the Monon is as fantastic as it is cool. That interesting property was acquired 27 years ago by the Southern and the L. & N. for joint account in order to assure to the South competitive access for its raw materials into the markets of the middle west, and it has since been nursed and developed to that end, until today it is a first-class railroad, serving an important function as part of a north and south system of transportation in competition with the east and west trunk lines. When the time comes, the large public necessity and convenience of this function will be demonstrated; meanwhile, it may be remarked that if any changes in the railroad map of Indiana are now desirable, the public interest would be best served by transferring to the Monon, the B. & O. line between Indianapolis and Cincinnati."—V. 128, p. 1385.

Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry.—Control Passes to Baltimore & Ohio.—See Alleghany Corp. under "Industrials" below.—V. 128, p. 1218, 1222.

Central of Georgia Ry.—Preliminary Earnings.—

Table with columns for 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Calendar Years, Gross earnings, Expenses, tax, &c., Operating income, Eq. exp. rents, &c., Net oper. income, Other income.

Table with columns for 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Total income, Int., rents, &c., Net income, Dividends.

Table with columns for 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Surplus, Earns. per sh. on 200,000 shs. com. stk. (par \$100).

—V. 128, p. 1391.

Chicago & Alton RR.—Preliminary Earnings.—

Table with columns for 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Calendar Years, Gross income, Exp. tax, &c., Oper. income, Equip. rents.

Table with columns for 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Net oper. inc., Other income, Total income, Int. rents, &c.

Table with columns for 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Net loss.

—V. 127 p. 1385.

Chicago Great Western RR.—Chicago Interests Said To Have Acquired Control.—

Large blocks of the common and preferred shares of the company are reported to have been bought by Chicago men led by John W. O'Leary, President of the Chicago Trust Co. The stock, it is stated, was acquired in the most part in the open market. Of 471,327 shares of 4% preferred stock, having dividend accumulations of about 51%, the group, it is said, has a majority, and will put representatives on the board when the terms of four directors expire at the next yearly meeting of stockholders in April.—V. 126, p. 2953.

Louisville & Nashville RR.—Preliminary Earnings.—

Table with columns for 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Calendar Years, Gross income, Expenses, &c., Oper. income, Equip. rents, &c., Net oper. income, Other income.

Table with columns for 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Total income, Int., rents, &c., Net income, Dividends, Sinking fund, &c., Surplus.

—V. 126 p. 3925.

Central Illinois Public Service Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with 4 columns for years 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. expenses & taxes, Operating income, Gross income, Interest charges, Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Balance, surplus, Com. shs. outst'g, at end of year, Earnings per com. share.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets: Fixed capital, Cash, Notes receivable, Accts receivable, Materials & suppl., Prepayments, Subs. to cap. stock, Misc. investments, Sinking funds, Special deposits, Unamortized debt, Prop. abandoned, Jobbing accounts, Unamortized storm & tornado exp., Miscellaneous deferred debits, Reacquired sec't's. Liabilities: 6% pref. stock, 6% pref. stk. (no par), Common stock, Cap. stk. subs'bed, Funded debt, Serial gold notes, Car trust cts., Office bldg. purch. contract notes, Accounts payable, Consumers' depos., Misc. curr. liab'l, Accrued liabilities, Reserves, Surplus.

Central States Electric Corp.—Dividends.—

The directors have declared the usual quarterly dividends of 2 1/2% in stock and 25c. per share in cash on the common stock, of \$1.50 per share in cash or 1-64th of a share of common on the conv. pref. stock, of 1 1/2% on the 6% pref. and of 1 1/2% on the 7% pref., all payable April 1 to holders of record March 11. Similar distributions were made on Jan. 1 last.

Duke-Price Power Co., Ltd.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns for years 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Operating revenue, Expenses & taxes, Operating income, Miscellaneous interest revenue, Total income, Interest on bonds, Other interest, Depreciation, Net income.

Eastern Massachusetts Street Ry.—Dividends on Adjusted Stock to be Paid Quarterly Instead of Semi-Annually.—

The directors have declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 2 1/2% on the adjusted stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 15. It was stated that dividends on this issue hereafter would be declared quarterly instead of semi-annually.

Earnings for Calendar Years.

Table with 4 columns for years 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Passenger revenue, Freight & other revenue, Rentals, advertising, &c., From sale of power, Interest, other income, Total revenue, Expenses (Way and structures, Equipment, Power, Car operation, Injuries and damages, Insurance, Law expense, Rent of tracks, Gen'l wages & expense, Miscellaneous expenses), Operating expenses, Taxes, Gross income, Interest and rentals, Net income.

Eastern States Power Corp.—Income Account.—

Table with 4 columns for years 1928, 1927. Rows include Gross earnings, Expenses, taxes, interest paid, &c., Provision for Federal taxes, Net income, Surplus at beginning of period, Profit and loss credit, Total surplus, Deductions, Dividends paid on preferred stock, Surplus at end of period.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns for years 1928, 1927. Rows include Assets (Investments, Cash, Notes & accts rec., Divs. & int. rec., Deferred assets) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, Accrued accounts, Accounts payable, Res. for Fed. taxes, Surplus).

* Includes 187,500 shares St. Regis Paper Co. common stock; market value Dec. 31 1928 in excess of \$26,000,000. a Represented by 40,000 shares \$7 series of no par value. b Represented by 539,234 shares Class B of no par value.

Note.—In February 1929 the corporation sold 60,000 shares of pref. stock, series B, \$6 div., with common stock purchase warrants attached; 60,000 shares of the authorized 750,000 shares of class B common stock are reserved for exercise of these warrants.—V. 128, p. 1052.

Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston.—Stk. Inc.

The stockholders will vote Mar. 19 on approving an increase in the capital stock of not exceeding 1,000 shares, which stock will not be offered to the shareholders, but instead will be sold at public auction. This issue of stock is for the purpose of capitalizing additions to and extensions of the property of the company used in its business of producing and supplying steam. The company is required to make application to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities for authority to issue this additional capital stock.

Electric Investors Inc.—Pref. Stock Offered.—

Bonbright & Co., Inc., are offering at \$99 per share and div. an additional issue of 40,000 shares \$6 pref. stock (no par value).

Data from Letter of President S. Z. Mitchell, New York, March 6.

Company.—Organized in Maine in Sept. 1924, and on Dec. 1 1924 was consolidated with the Electrical Utilities Corp., which had been doing a similar business since 1909. The principal business of the company has been to acquire, for long-term investment, securities of various kinds, especially the common stocks of successful and progressive public utility companies. In a lesser degree the company has also acquired the securities of companies in other lines of business.

The revenue of the company is derived from dividends and interest upon its investments, commissions received in connection with financial transactions, and profits realized from the sale of securities owned. The company does not engage in the brokerage business, and it is not a holding company controlling or operating other companies.

The management is identified with that of the Electric Bond & Share Co.

Table with 4 columns: Pref. stock (no par) \$7 cumulative, \$6 cumulative (including this issue), Common stock (no par), Subscription receipts for common stock. Authorized and Outstanding shares.

a All outstanding \$7 pref. stock (29,645 shares) was called for redemption June 1 1928. b On which payment of at least 10% of subscription price has been made.

There are also outstanding option warrants entitling the holders thereof to subscribe at any time for 23,650 shares of common stock at \$20 per share. Subscription receipts entitle the holder, upon completing payment at any time of \$20 for each share, to receive shares of fully paid common stock. Additional payments may be made at any time on account of these receipts, or full payment therefor may be made at any time, in either case at the option of the holders of said subscription receipts. Payments thereon may be called by the company in installments of not more than 10% of the total subscription price, but installments may not be called for payment oftener than once in six months.

Purpose.—Proceeds will provide funds for the acquisition of additional interests in electric power and light companies, and for other corporate purposes.

Table with 2 columns: Earnings 12 Months Ended Jan. 31 1929. Rows include Income from all sources, Expenses, taxes and interest.

Balance.—Annual dividend requirements on all pref. stock (240,000 shares of \$6 pref. stock) presently to be outstanding, incl. this issue. 1,440,000

Dividend Record.—The full dividend on the pref. stock of the Electrical Utilities Corp. was paid regularly from the date of that company's organization in 1909 until it was consolidated with Electric Investors Inc. on Dec. 1 1924, and since that date the full dividend on all pref. stock outstanding during the period has been paid regularly by Electric Investors Inc.

Stock dividends of 1-10 of a share (10%) were paid on the common stock of the company in January 1926 and 3-50 of a share (6%) in January in each of the years 1927, 1928 and 1929.

Holdings.—As of Jan. 31 1929, Electric Investors Inc. owned securities in 100 companies, in no one of which did it have an interest exceeding 5% of the total stock outstanding, except in one instance where it owned less than 11% of the total stock.

The largest public utility investments of the company are in 41 companies. The aggregate market value as of Jan. 31 1929 of the securities of these 41 companies owned by Electric Investors Inc. represents more than 88% of the total market value of all the securities owned by the company at that date.—V. 128, p. 398.

El Paso Natural Gas Co.—Construction Progresses.—

According to President Paul Kayser of this company, which is building a 200-mile natural gas pipe line from the Lea County, New Mexico field to El Paso, Tex., 75 miles of the right-of-way have been cleared, 66 miles of the pipe have been hauled and strung on the ground, 42 miles of ditch dug, 35 miles of pipe welded, 42 miles painted, and 24 miles of the line have been laid to date.

"The bridge across the Pecos River, built to carry the pipe line and traffic in connection with its construction and operation, is practically complete and will be open in the next few days," said Mr. Kayser. "Three additional crews have been put in the field and the schedule of progress adopted for these crews calls for the completion of the line by the time specified in the contract with a comfortable margin for contingencies."—V. 128, p. 885, 399.

Engineers Public Service Co.—Listing.—

The new York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing (1) of 196,455 shares of \$5.50 cumulative dividend preferred stock (without par value) common stock purchase warrants attached, now issued and outstanding, and 5,362 shares of its \$5.50 cumulative dividend preferred stock with common stock purchase warrants attached, on official notice of issuance making the total amount of said \$5.50 cumulative dividend preferred stock with common stock purchase warrants attached applied for 201,817 shares. (2) of 197,911 shares of common stock (without par value) on official notice of issuance under rights accruing to the holders of securities of the company, and (3) of 37,932 shares of common stock on official notice of issuance on account of payment of stock dividend making the total amount of common stock applied for 2,132,410 shares.

The purpose of issue of the shares of \$5.50 cumulative dividend preferred stock with common stock purchase warrants attached is as follows:

150,000 shares now outstanding were issued for cash to acquire at \$25 a share 300,000 shares of junior preferred stock of Puget Sound Power & Light Co. in connection with the acquisition of control of said company, to reduce notes payable and for other corporate purposes.

66,455 shares now outstanding were issued as part consideration for common stock of Puget Sound Power & Light Co.

5,362 shares are reserved for issue in exchange for common stocks of subsidiaries or in exchange for scrip.

Pursuant to action by the executive committee at a meeting held Feb. 1 1929, the right to subscribe on or before Mar. 15 1929 to additional common stock of the company at \$42.50 per share was offered to holders of securities of the company of record Feb. 14 1929 as follows:

To holders of common stock and \$5.50 cumulative dividend preferred stock with common stock purchase warrants attached, in the ratio of 10-100ths of a share per share held.

To holders of \$5 dividend convertible preferred stock, in the ratio of 15-100ths of a share per share held.

To holders of option warrants (other than those attached to the \$5.50 cumulative dividend preferred stock), in the ratio of 5-100ths of a share per share of common stock represented by option warrants held.

This offering has been underwritten and shares not subscribed for by the stockholders will be sold to the underwriters at \$42.50 per share. On the basis of the common stock, \$5 dividend convertible preferred stock, \$5.50 cumulative dividend preferred stock with common stock purchase warrants attached, and option warrants outstanding at the close of business Feb. 14 1929, 197,911 shares of common stock have been authorized to be issued by the directors. The proceeds of the sale of this stock will be used for further investment in the company's subsidiaries and for other corporate purposes.

On Feb. 1 1929, the directors declared an initial semi-annual dividend of 2-100ths of a share of common stock per share of common stock, payable Apr. 1 1929 to stockholders of record Mar. 4 1929, capitalized out of surplus at the rate of \$10 per share.

There are outstanding or issuable under conversion rights, on exercise of option warrants, in exchange for scrip or otherwise 1,896,567 shares.

making the maximum number of shares issuable as such dividend 37,932 shares.—V. 128, p. 1388, 1226.

Federal Light & Traction Co.—Power Output.—

The company reports that the January 1929 output of its subsidiary companies was 20,202,762 k.w.h., an increase of nearly 23% over the 16,433,319 k.w.h. reported for the corresponding month of January 1928.

The total output for the 12 months ended Jan. 31 1929 was 212,110,537 k.w.h., an increase of 21% over 175,256,039 k.w.h. for the 12 months ended Jan. 31 1928.—V. 128, p. 1396, 884.

Fitchburg Gas & Electric Light Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Operating revenues, Total operating expenses, Income from operations, Non-operating revenue, Total income, Income deduct. (Int. &c), Net income, Dividends, Balance.

—V. 126, p. 865.

Galveston-Houston Electric Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Gross earnings, Operation expenses, Maintenance, Taxes, Net earnings, Inc. from other sources, Total income, Int. & amortization chgs., Div. paid on pref. stock, Ret. direct charges to res. and surplus, Retirement reserve, Balance, Prior surplus, Surplus at end of year.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1928, 1927. Rows include Assets (Prop., plant, &c., Cash, Accts. receivable, etc.), Liabilities (Common stock, Pref. stock, etc.), Total (each side).

x Includes \$250,000 bonds of Brush Electric Co. held in sinking fund uncanceled.—V. 126, p. 1349.

Haverhill Electric Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Operating revenues, Expenses of operation, Maintenance, Depreciation, Taxes, Income from operations, Non-operating revenues, Gross income, Income deduction (Interest, &c), Net income to surplus, Previous surplus, Adjustments, Dividends paid (\$3), Profit & loss surplus.

—V. 128, p. 247.

Interstate Railways.—Earnings Years Ended Jan. 31.—

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Inc. from int., divs., &c., Expenses, Int. on bonds & taxes, Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Surplus.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Table with 4 columns: Jan. 31 '29, July 31 '28, Jan. 31 '29, July 31 '28. Rows include Assets (Investments, Am'ts inv., etc.), Liabilities (Coll. trust bonds, Pref. stock, etc.), Total.

Total. \$9,520,799 \$9,634,439 x Represented by 51,999 shares of no par value.—V. 127, p. 821.

Keystone Telephone Co. of Philadelphia.—Parent Company Changes Name.—

It is announced that the name of the Keystone Telephone Co. (of N.J.) the parent company, of which the above is a subsidiary, has been changed to Telephone Securities, Inc., effective Mar. 1.—V. 127, p. 2365.

Kings County Lighting Co.—Larger Dividend.—

The company has declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.50 a share on the outstanding 50,000 shares of no par value common stock, payable Apr. 1 to holders of record Mar. 18. Since 1925 the company had been paying quarterly dividends of \$1.25 a share on this issue.—V. 126, p. 1810.

Lincoln (Neb.) Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Total telephone revenue, Total telephone expenses, Net telephone earnings, Sundry net earnings, Total net earnings, Deduct interest, Divs., pref. & common, Balance surplus.

—V. 127, p. 3705.

Little Rock (Ark.) Gas & Fuel Co.—New Control.—

See Arkansas Natural Gas Corp. under "Industrials" below.—V. 115, p. 2589.

Memphis Natural Gas Co.—Gas Deliveries.—

This company, which started delivery of gas to the City of Memphis on Feb. 1, last, announces that for the last 3 weeks it has been delivering natural gas at the rate of 500,000,000 cubic feet a month. All the gas customers of the Memphis Power & Light Co. are now being served with natural gas rather than manufactured gas as formerly, while natural gas also is being used by the company as fuel to generate electricity.—V. 128, p. 399.

Monongahela West Penn Public Service Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Gross earn. all sources, Oper. exp. incl. maint., tax & rentals, Interest, amort., &c., Res. for renewals, replac. and depletion, Net avail. for divs.

—V. 126, p. 2310.

National Power & Light Co.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31 1928.—

Table with 2 columns: Assets, Liabilities. Rows include Investments, Cash, Notes & loans rec., etc., Accounts receivable, etc., Stock sub. rights (contra), Deferred debits, Total.

x Capital stock outstanding: \$7 per error stock, \$6 preferred stock, Common stock, Common stock scrip equivalent to.

Our usual comparative income account was published in V. 128, p. 1396.

North Boston Lighting Properties.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Total revenues, Gen'l & misc. expenses, Taxes, Interest, &c., Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Balance, surplus.

—V. 128, p. 113.

Ohio Bell Telephone Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Telephone oper. rev., Telephone oper. exp., Net oper. revenue, Uncollectible revenue, Taxes assign. to ops., Operating income, Net non-oper. income, Gross income, Rent and miscellaneous, Bond interest, &c., Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Misc. appropriations, Balance, surplus, Shares of common outstanding (par \$100), Earnings per sh. on com.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1928, 1927. Rows include Assets (Intangible cap., Land & bldgs., etc.), Liabilities (Common stock, Preferred stock, etc.), Total.

Total. 148,722,807 137,998,516 —V. 126, p. 1660.

Ottawa Light, Heat & Power Co., Ltd.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Gross rev., all sources, Operating expenses, Fed., prov. & mun. taxes, Interest charges, Depreciation reserve, Preferred dividends (6%), Common dividends (6%), Dominion income tax, Balance, surplus.

—V. 126, p. 1660.

Pacific Public Service Co. (Del.).—Stock Sold.—

A. E. Fitkin & Co., Inc.; Hemphill, Noyes & Co.; Federal Securities Corp.; Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc.; Dean Witter & Co., and National Bankitaly Co. have sold 43,000 shares class A common stock (at market).

Shares are fully paid and not redeemable. Dividends exempt from present normal Federal income tax. Dividends at the rate of \$1.30 per share per annum payable Q-F. Transfer Agents, Crocker First Federal Trust Co., San Francisco, Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, and Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, Registrars, Bank of California, N. A., San Francisco, Illinois Merchants Trust Co., Chicago, and New York Trust Co., New York.

Articles of incorporation provide that class A common stock is entitled: To priority as to dividends to the extent of \$1.30 cash per share per annum over the class B common stock, and such dividends at the rate of \$1.30 cash per share are cumulative to the extent earned in any calendar year.

In each calendar year, after all cumulative dividends are set apart or paid on class A common stock, to share equally as a class with the class B common stock...

To priority in voluntary liquidation or dissolution over the class B common stock up to \$25 per share plus dividends at the rate of \$1.30 per share...

Listed.—This stock is listed on the Chicago and San Francisco Stock Exchanges.

Company owns over 99% of the common stock of Coast Counties Gas & Electric Co., and all of the common stock, except directors' qualifying shares...

Consolidated earnings after adjustment of maintenance and depreciation, the elimination of non-recurring charges and operating economies (amounting for the year 1928, to \$188,330) and giving effect to present financing, are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: 1927, 1928, and a third unlabeled column. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. exp., Net Earnings, Prior charges, and Balance available for dividends.

Based on the 100,000 shares of class A common stock to be outstanding upon completion of this financing, the balance as shown above is at the rate of 4.5 times annual dividend requirements...

To the extent that such notes are converted into class A common stock prior to the redemption date, the outstanding shares of such class A stock will be increased.

The board of directors of the company has announced, as the future policy of the company, an extension to the holders of class A common stock of the company of the right to purchase with such quarterly cash dividends...

Penn-Ohio Edison Co.—Electric Output.—

Operating subsidiaries of this company report electric output of 81,792,620 k.w.h. in February, an increase of 4.32% over 1928...

Table showing electric output for February, 2 mos. ended Feb. 28, and 12 mos. ended Feb. 28, comparing 1929 and 1928.

Peoples Light & Power Corp.—To Retire Debentures.—

The corporation has called for redemption on July 1 1929, all of its 35-year 6% convertible gold debentures, series of 1962, then outstanding, at 110 and int.

Power Corp. of Canada, Ltd.—Debentures Sold.—

A. Iselin & Co., New York, and Nesbitt, Thomson & Co., Ltd., Montreal, have sold \$10,000,000 4 1/2% 30-year convertible debentures, series B...

Dated Mar. 1 1929; due Mar. 1 1959. Principal and int. (M. & S.) payable at the option of the holder in Canadian gold coin...

Table for Capitalization showing 5% 30-year convertible debentures, 4 1/2% 30-year conv. debts., 6% cumulative 1st pref. stock, 6% non-cum. partic. pref. stock, and Common shares.

* Less \$20,500 which have been converted.

Data from Letter of J. B. Woodyatt, Vice-President of the Company.

Company.—Was organized in 1925 under the laws of the Dominion of Canada and is primarily interested in the acquisition of a controlling or substantial interest in the securities of hydro-electric and public utility companies...

The company owns the controlling interest in East Kootenay Power Co., Ltd., and Canada Northern Power Corp., Ltd., which in turn controls Northern Ontario Power Co., Ltd., Northern Quebec Power Co., Ltd., and Great Northern Power Corp., Ltd.

Assets and Equity.—The net assets of the company, including the proceeds from this issue, consist of securities, call loans and cash having an aggregate market value as at Feb. 21 1929 in excess of \$58,000,000...

Earnings.—The earnings of the company have shown a steady and consistent growth since incorporation. Net earnings for the past three years, after deducting all operating charges and Federal taxes, but before debenture interest, have been as follows:

Table showing earnings for Year ended June 30 1926, 1927, 1928, and 7 months ended Jan. 31 1929.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of the series B debentures of this issue will be used for investment in carefully selected securities (such investment

may or may not be for the purpose of acquiring a controlling interest in the companies whose securities are purchased).

Conversion.—The 4 1/2% series B debentures may be converted at the option of the holder at any time before Mar. 1 1934 into common shares without nominal or par value of the company on the basis of \$150 per share.

Public Service Co. of New Hampshire.—Bonds Offered.—Tucker, Anthony & Co., Old Colony Corp. and Hill, Joiner & Co., Inc., are offering at 94 1/2, to yield about 4.85%, \$1,000,000 1st & ref. mtge. 4 1/2% gold bonds, series B.

These bonds will be a legal investment for savings banks in Mass., New York, New Hampshire, Maine, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Company.—Is the largest public utility company in the State of New Hampshire. It serves with electric light and power the thickly populated manufacturing district along the Merrimack River...

Table for Capitalization upon Completion of Present Financing, showing Underlying divisional (closed) mortgage bonds, First & ref. mtge. 5% bonds, series A, etc.

Earnings of Combined Properties (After Giving Effect to Present Financing), Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.

Table showing Earnings of Combined Properties for 1928, including Gross, Operating expenses, Net earnings, and Ann. int. require.

Balance for reserves, surplus and dividends \$1,511,061. Control.—The 120,000 shares no par value common stock are all owned by the New England Public Service Co.—V. 127, p. 2819, 120.

Radio Corp. of America.—Plan Operative.—

See Victor Talking Machine Co. under "Industrials" below.

Exchange of Stock Certificates—Listing.—

At the special meeting held Feb. 27, the stockholders approved (a) the reclassification of the "A" common stock into new common stock...

Holders of certificates for "A" common stock should promptly surrender their certificates to the corporation's transfer agent, the Corporation Trust Co., 120 Broadway, N. Y. City...

Holders of certificates for original common stock (the stock outstanding prior to the amendment of the certificate of incorporation in 1924) should also surrender their certificates for exchange for certificates for the new common stock.

Certificates representing fractional shares of "A" common stock may also be surrendered in the same manner for exchange for certificates for the new common stock at the rate of one share of new common stock for each one-fifth of a share of "A" common stock...

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 803,404 shares of "B" preferred stock without par value, on official notice of issuance thereof in connection with the acquisition of the common stock of Victor Talking Machine Co.; and 6,580,404 shares of common stock without par value on official notice of issuance thereof in exchange for 1,155,400 shares of its "A" common stock now outstanding (or reserved)...

Shawinigan Water & Power Co.—Bonds Offered.—

A banking group comprising Brown Bros. & Co.; Lee, Higginson & Co.; Alex. Brown & Sons; Jackson & Curtis, and Minsch, Monell & Co., Inc., is offering at 93 and int., yielding over 4.90%, an additional issue of \$6,000,000 1st mtge. & coll. trust sinking fund 4 1/2% gold bonds, series B, due May 1 1968. Proceeds from the sale of these bonds and of 311,178 shares of capital stock to be sold for cash, will be used to pay for additions and improvements and to pay for the acquisition of the properties of Laurentide Power Co., Ltd. A substantial amount of this issue will be sold simultaneously by a banking group in Canada.

Capitalization Outstanding (Upon Completion of Present Financing)

Table showing Capitalization Outstanding for 1st mtge. & coll. trust sinking fund gold bonds series "A", 4 1/2%, due Oct. 1 1967, and Laurentide Power Co., Ltd., 1st mtge. 5s, due Jan. 1 1946.

Data from Letter of Julian C. Smith, Vice-Pres. of the Company. Business.—Company is one of the largest producers of hydro-electric power in the world. It owns, or controls through stock ownership or through contracts with subsidiary and affiliated companies, water powers and hydro-electric power in the Province of Quebec aggregating about 1,598,000 h.p., of which 806,000 h.p. is developed and now in use.

The company owns 1,450 miles of high tension transmission lines, including lines to Montreal and the City of Quebec, and with subsidiary and affiliated companies has 1,647 miles of distribution lines and furnishes electricity to 348 communities, comprising substantially all the larger cities and manufacturing districts in the Province of Quebec.

The company has recently acquired, subject to outstanding debt, all the physical assets of Laurentide Power Co., Ltd., comprising a power development at Grand Mere with installed capacity of 165,000 h.p. and provision for installation of another 25,000 h.p. unit.

Security.—The bonds will be secured by direct first mortgage on the company's lands, rights in lands, water powers, dams, power houses and transmission lines owned Oct. 1 1927, and since acquired and made the basis of issue of additional bonds; by pledge of certain first mortgage bonds of electric and manufacturing companies now controlled; and by a floating charge on all other assets now owned or hereafter acquired.

Upon completion of present financing, total book value of properties (after depreciation) and securities covered by \$51,016,000 bonds outstanding and \$8,500,000 series "B" bonds unsold, will be more than \$78,500,000, of which more than \$65,000,000 will comprise properties on which these bonds will be a direct first mortgage. Actual value of properties considerable exceeds book values. Total fixed assets (after depreciation) and securities owned, at book values, exceed \$133,000,000; total funded debt in hands of public upon completion of financing will be \$59,029,500.

Earnings Year Ended Dec. 31.

Table with columns: Year, Gross Earnings, xNet Earnings, yInterest Charges, Balance. Rows for 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928.

x Before depreciation and income taxes applicable to interest charges. y Includes interest charged to capital account. Net earnings for 1928, as above, were \$7,098,523. By acquisition of Laurentide Power properties, there will be available additional net earnings of approximately \$1,100,000, making a total of \$8,198,523, or more than three times the \$2,703,783 annual interest on total funded debt to be outstanding in hands of public upon completion of present financing, and over 2.65 times the annual interest requirement on such total funded debt and over \$8,500,000 series "B" bonds in treasury.

Sinking Fund.—Sinking fund of 1% per annum on largest amount of first mortgage & coll. trust bonds outstanding in each year is to be used for purchase or call and retirement of bonds issued under this mortgage. Rights.—At a meeting of the directors held on Feb. 19 1929, an issue of stock, without par value, to the shareholders was authorized at \$50 per share on the basis of one share of new stock for each six shares of the registered holdings of record March 22 1929. Subscriptions will be payable at the Montreal Trust Co., Place d'Armes, Montreal, Canada, or at the office of Aldred & Co., Ltd., 24-28 Lombard St., London, E. C. 3, England, as follows: 50% on or before May 1 1929, and 50% on or before June 28 1929. The right to subscribe will expire on May 1.

The presently authorized capital is 2,600,000 shares, without par value, of which at Dec. 31 1928 there were outstanding 1,867,072 shares, leaving issuable for the purposes of the company 732,928 shares. On and after July 1 1929, the Royal Trust Co., Montreal, Canada, or Aldred & Co., Ltd., London will deliver the new certificates. V. 128, p. 1 86.

Rockland Light & Power Co. (and Subs.).—Earnings.

Table with columns: Calendar Years, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows: Operating revenues, Total operating expenses, Income from operations, Non-operating revenues, Gross income, Income deductions (interest, &c.), Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Balance.

—V. 128, p. 249.

Southern California Gas Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Table with columns: Calendar Years, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows: Gross earnings, Operating expenses and taxes, Other deductions, Int. & amort. charges of Southern California Gas Corp., Balance, Dividends on preferred stock.

Balance applicable to reserve and common stock \$2,535,985 x Includes interest, amortization charges and preferred dividends of the subsidiary companies. y This amount does not include any income from the investment of the corporation in the capital stock of Ventura Fuel Co. The balance available for the capital stock of that company (50% of which is owned by the corporation), after depreciation, for the year 1928 was \$190,941.

Note.—The above statement does not give effect to less than 1-10 of 1% of subsidiary common stock outstanding in the hands of the public.—V. 126, p. 2793.

Southern States Utilities Co.—Notes Offered.—R. E. Wiley & Co., Inc., and Beverley Bogert & Co. are offering at 98 1/4 and int., to yield over 6.80%, \$2,375,000 one-year 5% secured gold notes.

Dated Mar. 1 1929; due Mar. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500*. Interest payable (M. & S.). Interest payable at Continental National Bank & Trust Co., trustee, Chicago, and at First National Bank, New York. Red. at any time on 30 days' notice at 100 1/4 and int. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%.

Data from Letter of John T. Johnson, Pres. of the Company. Company.—Organized in Delaware. Through subsidiaries operates a general telephone business in 42 counties in the States of North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. Company through its subsidiaries owns and operates 80 telephone exchanges serving approximately 18,700 stations. Existing satisfactory traffic arrangements with the Bell System afford a nation-wide interchange of long distance service. In addition, telephone service is furnished to adjacent rural areas. The total population served is estimated to be approximately 180,000.

Based upon appraisal by independent public utility engineers and appraisers, the combined properties of the subsidiary companies have a reproduction value of \$4,183,375, and a depreciated going concern value of \$3,631,958.

Consolidated Earnings 12 Mos. Ended Dec. 31 1928.

Table with columns: Gross income, Oper. exp. incl. maint. & local taxes & amount of earnings applicable to minority common stock owners.

Net oper. revenue avail. for int., deprec. & Federal taxes \$267,319 Ann. int. requirements on \$2,375,000 5% secured gold notes \$118,750 Earnings as shown above are over 2 1/4 times the maximum annual interest requirements of all notes outstanding.

Security.—Notes will be a direct obligation of the company and are further secured by the deposit of all of the outstanding stock (with the exception in one instance of a small minority common stock interest) of subsidiary companies.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of these notes and \$100,000 additional preferred stock will be used for retirement of \$2,300,000 notes due Mar. 15 1929 and to reimburse the company in part for expenditures made for betterments and improvements.

Table with columns: Capitalization, Authorized, Issued. Rows: One-year 5% secured gold notes, Cumulative 6% preferred stock (\$100 par), Common stock (no par).

* Additional notes may be issued under restrictions of the trust agreement.—V. 126, p. 2477.

Springfield Gas Light Co.—Earnings.

Table with columns: Calendar Years, 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows: Operating revenues, Expenses of operation, Maintenance, Depreciation, Taxes, Income from operations, Non-oper. revenues, Gross income, Inc. deduct. (int., &c.), Net income, Dividends, Surplus, Shares capital stock outstanding (par \$25), Earnings per share.

Syracuse Lighting Co., Inc.—Earnings.

Table with columns: Calendar Years, 1928, 1927. Rows: Gross earnings, Operating expenses and taxes, Net earnings, Income deductions, Balance, Pref. dividends, Balance, x Includes credit to reserve for depreciation \$377,000 in 1928 and \$372,000 in 1927.

Comparative Balance Sheet December 31.

Table with columns: Assets, Liabilities, 1928, 1927. Rows: Fixed capital, Cash, Acc'ts receivable, Subs. to cap. stock, Prepayments, Mater. & supplies, Investments, Special deposits, Unamortized debt discount & exp., Suspense, Com. stk. (no par), Preferred stock, 8% cumulative, 7 1/2% cumulative, 6% cumulat., 6% cumulat., Prem. on pref. stk., Cap. stock subser., Funded debt, Notes & acc'ts pay., Unmat. liabilities, Consumers' depos., Accrued accounts, Sund. def. credits, Suspense credits, Reserves, Surplus.

—V. 126, p. 1041.

Telephone Securities, Inc.—New Name.

See Keystone Telephone Co. of Philadelphia above.

United Corp. (Del.).—President Elected—Bd. of Directors.

George H. Howard has been elected President and a director of the corporation. Mr. Howard has resigned as of March 1 1929 from the law firm of Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett. Other directors are: Thomas S. Galt, of J. P. Morgan & Co.; Alfred L. Loomis and Landon K. Thorne, both of Bonbright & Co., Inc.; and George Whitney, of J. P. Morgan & Co.

This corporation was organized in Delaware in Jan. 1929 by J. P. Morgan & Co., Drexel & Co. and Bonbright & Co., Inc. It now has an outstanding capitalization of 1,006,335 shares of \$3 cumulat. preference stock and 4,234,910 shares of common stock with 3,994,757 shares of common stock reserved against the exercise of option warrants at \$27.50 per share. The company now owns minority interests in the capital stock of the United Gas Improvement Co. and common stock of Public Service Corp. of New Jersey and 2d preferred, common stock and option warrants of Mohawk Hudson Power Co., and has recently acquired blocks of common stock of other public utility holding companies. The book value of these assets is in excess of \$155,000,000 which is less than the present market value thereof.

For offer to minority stockholders of the U. G. I. Co., see V. 128, p. 1398.

United Electric Service Co. of Italy (Unione Esercizi Elettrici).—American Shares Sold.—J. A. Sisto & Co., William R. Compton Co. and Bancomit Corp. have sold 100,000 American shares at \$23.50 per American share, yielding 6% at the 1928 rate of dividend and at the current rate of exchange. The sale of these shares does not represent any new financing by the company.

The American Shares will be issued by the Banca Commerciale Italiana, Trust Co., New York, as depository under a deposit agreement, to be dated March 1 1929, each share representing 3 deposited shares of the common stock of the par value of 50 lire of the United Electric Service Co. The deposited shares will be entitled to full dividends from July 1 1928. Dividends are normally declared in Sept. for the preceding fiscal year ending on June 30. Depositor: J. A. Sisto & Co., Transfer Agent; Banca Commerciale Italiana Trust Co., New York; Registrar: Chase National Bank, New York City.

The deposit agreement will, among other things, provide, subject to the detailed provisions thereof, (1) that dividends received by the depository in respect of deposited shares shall be converted into dollars, if not received in dollars, at the current rate of exchange and paid to the registered owners of American shares; (2) that each certificate for one American share will be exchangeable on or after Sept. 1 1929, for 3 deposited Italian shares, deliverable in Milan; (3) that additional shares of the common stock may be deposited for exchange into American shares, deliverable at the office of the depository in New York, and (4) that the holders of American shares may exercise the voting rights of the deposited Italian shares.

Data from a Letter of Ing. Oreste Simonotti, Managing Director:

Capitalization as at Dec. 31 1928.

Table with columns: 4 1/2% divisional bonds and purchase money mortgage payable in lire (closed issue), 1st Mtge. gold bonds 7% due 1956 (in dollars), 6% debentures due Oct. 10 1958, payable in lire (closed issue), Common stock (shares 50 lire par value), 4,575,000 shares fully paid; 425,000 shares 10% paid. *Includes 1,176,000 shares held in escrow for purchases under option warrants.

Business and Properties.—The Company, organized in 1905, serves a population estimated at about 5,000,000, of which 429,000 are consumers directly supplied by electric light and power service. During the first 6 months of the current fiscal year, 12,000 new customers were directly connected to the system and it is estimated that during the second six months, 15,000 new customers will be served.

The properties of the Company and its subsidiaries include hydro electric plants with a present installed capacity of 25,000 h. p. and a steam plant of 7,200 h. p., and the company has under construction a hydro electric plant with an installed capacity of 35,000 h. p.

Earnings and Dividends.—The net earnings of the company before depreciation, and the dividends paid, for the last six years, have been as follows:

Table with columns: Net Before Depreciation, Dividends. Rows: 1922-23, 1923-24, 1924-25, 1925-26, 1926-27, 1927-28, x 1928, x6 months ended Dec. 31.

The Italian Superpower Corp. of Delaware owns an important block of shares of the company amounting to about 10% of the outstanding stock.

Companies Controlled.—The company controls and operates directly or through subsidiaries the following companies: Societa Lucana per Imprese Idroelettriche (Rome), Capital lit. 48,000,000; Societa Elettrica Umbra (Perugia), capital lit. 50,000,000; Societa Industriale Italiana (Milano), capital lit. 19,200,000; Societa Idroelettrica Dell' Alto Savio (Milano), capital lit. 18,000,000; Societa Idroelettrica Dell' Ossola (Milano), capital lit. 5,000,000; Societa Forze Idrauliche Italiana (Roma), capital lit. 24,000,000; Societa Esercizi Elettrici Lazio Sabina (Roma), capital lit. 7,000,000; Societa Elettrica Aldo Netti (Oliveto), capital lit. 10,000,000; Societa Idroelettrica Monte Amiata (Orvieto), capital lit. 7,000,000; Societa Idroelettrica Ligure Meridionale (Napoli), capital lit. 5,000,000.

Miscellaneous.—The Italian Government has recently authorized an increase of rates for electric light amounting to about 10% in various provinces served by the company effective January 1 1929. The earnings of the company for the current fiscal year should be increased on account of this recent authorization.

Under existing Italian law there is no income tax or other deductions made from dividends declared by the company.

Common stock of the company was listed in Nov. 1928 on the Amsterdam Stock Exchange.

By disposing of their Wheeling holdings to the Alleghany Corp., the B. & O. and New York Central have removed the grounds on which they were cited in the Clayton Act proceedings, and, in view of the examiner's report, it is not considered likely the Nickel Plate citation will be prosecuted.

Although the Van Sweringens held control of the B. R. & P., they did not ask for inclusion of this road in their proposed system in the petition filed recently with the Commission, but the B. & O., which then had no interest in the road, did ask for this permission. It is understood the B. & O. is prepared to give the New York Central control of at least a part of the northern section of the B. R. & P.

In view of the fact that in its recent petition the Baltimore & Ohio stressed the importance of the four-system plan, which plan contemplated that the New York Central would obtain a part of the B. R. & P., it may be assumed that the terms of the B. & O.'s purchase of the B. R. & P. do not preclude carrying out this feature of the four-party plan.

Attorneys for the roads notified Ernest J. Lewis, Chairman of the I.-S. C. Commission, of the Wheeling deal.

The interests of the New York Central and the B. & O. in the Wheeling were about equal, each comprising about 38,398 shares of prior lien stock, 4,933 shares of preferred stock and 56,000 shares of common.

The Van Sweringens bought control of the B. R. & P. from the Iselin and Roosevelt interests at a cost of about \$9,500,000 last Autumn. This was done with the knowledge of the Commission but of practically no other body.

Of the \$55,855,858 of the three classes of Wheeling stock outstanding, the Van Sweringens now control \$29,799,300. Of this, \$19,866,200 is controlled through the Alleghany corporation and \$9,933,100 through the Nickel Plate holdings.

The following is credited to F. X. Milholland, assistant to George M. Shriver, senior Vice-President:

The Baltimore & Ohio confirmed the report that the Van Sweringen interests had acquired its holdings of Wheeling & Lake Erie stock, both preferred and common, aggregating about 17% of the stock of that company.

It was also stated that the Baltimore & Ohio had purchased from the Van Sweringen interests subject to the approval of the I.-S. C. Commission, its stock holdings in the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway.

This is one of the properties included in the recent application of the Baltimore & Ohio to the Commission to acquire control of and in addition to permitting the Baltimore & Ohio and entrance into Buffalo and Rochester would contribute an important link in the Baltimore & Ohio's proposed new freight line between Chicago and the East.

—V. 128, p. 887.

American Bank Note Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1928, 1927, 1926, 1925) and rows for Net profits, Depreciation, Balance, Miscellaneous income, Total, Misc. int. & sund. deduc., Pension fund, Profit-sharing plan, Net income, Pref. dividends, Common divs., Div. pt. stk. for n sub. cos, Stock dividend.

Balance, surplus \$717,373 def \$298,950 \$375,818 \$305,752

Previous surplus 6,299,919 6,598,869 6,223,051 5,917,299

Profit & loss surplus \$7,017,292 \$6,299,919 \$6,598,869 \$6,223,051

Shares of common outstanding (par \$10) 593,430 593,324 494,525 494,525

Earn. per sh. on com. \$4.21 \$3.71 \$3.52 \$2.69

a 10% regular and 6% extra on stock \$50 par value, and 40c. regular on \$10 par value stock. b Stockholders on Dec. 1 1925 approved the change in the authorized common stock from 200,000 shares, par value \$50, to 1,000,000 shares, par value \$10 and the exchange of five new shares for each \$50 par share held.

x Profits of the manufacturing and commercial business, after deducting repairs and provisions for bad debts, and for all taxes accrued, including income taxes, but before providing for special compensation or for depreciation. y Special compensation of 15% of combined net profits of American Bank Note Co. and subsidiaries in excess of fixed minimum of \$764,264 distributable under profit-sharing plan.

—V. 128, p. 887.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for Assets (Real est. & bldgs., Mach., equip., &c., Material & supp., Accts. & notes rec., Deferred installm'ts, Marketable invest., Contract deposits, Loans on call, Cash, Insur. fund res'v., Empl. pen. fd. res., Deferred charges) and Liabilities (6% pref. stock, Common stock, Common scrip, 6% pref. stock of foreign substs'ds, Accts. pay., Incl. reserve for taxes, Adv. customers' orders, Divs. payable, Special reserves, Surplus).

Total 20,627,080 19,498,006 20,627,080 19,498,006

x After reserve for depreciation of \$1,300,061. y After reserve for depreciation of \$2,172,945.—V. 128, p. 887.

American Bondholders & Share Corp.—Report.—

The corporation is a holding corporation having the widest possible investment and managing powers. With the closing of 1928, the corporation completed its first full year of operation during which period a total of 7% was distributed to the debenture holders.

Earnings before interest on the amount of debentures outstanding at the end of the year were: before reserves, 21.25%; after reserves, 17.40%. Invested capital totaled 25% in excess of each \$1,000 debenture.

Investments in the following companies were included in its holdings: Aluminum Co. of America, American Machine & Foundry Co., Consolidated Gas Co. of New York, National Dairy Products Corp., United Gas Improvement Co., American & Foreign Power Co., Inc., Columbia Gas & Electric Corp., Electric Bond & Share Co., Southeastern Power & Light Co., United Light & Power Co.

—V. 127, p. 3707.

American Chicle Co.—Pref. Stock Called.—

All of the outstanding cum. prior pref. stock has been called for redemption on April 1 at 110 and divs. at the Bankers Trust Co., 14 Wall St., New York City.—V. 128, p. 730, 251.

American Cigar Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1928, 1927, 1926, 1925) and rows for Net earnings, Pref. divs., Com. dividends, Balance, surplus, Profit & loss, surplus, Shares of com. outst'd'g (par \$10), Earn. per share on com.

x After deducting \$64,979 for adjustment of prior years. a Net earnings of company and those companies all of whose stock is owned by American Cigar Co., after deducting all charges for expenses, management and Federal taxes, &c.

—V. 127, p. 2822.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. (Consolidated with companies all of whose stock is owned.)

Table with columns for Assets (Real estate, mach., &c., less deprec, &c., Leaf tobacco, &c., Bonds & stocks, Cash, x Due from cos., Bills & accts. rec., Prepaid ins.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, Prov. for pref. div., Bills & accts. pay., Tax reserves, Reserve for depreciation, &c., Surplus).

x Amounts owing to this company by companies in which it directly or indirectly owns part of the stock. y The company now holds in its treasury \$5,000,000 pref. stock, leaving \$5,000,000 outstanding.—V. 127, p. 3543.

American Commercial Alcohol Corp.—Acquisition.—

The acquisition of the Industrial Solvents Corp. of California, one of the largest producers of alcohol on the Pacific Coast, by the American Commercial Alcohol Corp. of Calif., a wholly owned subsidiary of the above corporation, was announced this week by the parent company.

W. S. Kies, Chairman of the executive committee of the parent company, in making the announcement for the company, emphasized the fact that the acquisition of the Industrial Solvents Corp. had been accomplished without the necessity of any financing on the part of American corporation.

The step follows closely upon the calling for redemption of the entire outstanding funded debt of the latter corporation, the retirement being effected out of current assets and the proceeds of stock recently offered to shareholders.

The Industrial Solvents Corp., one of three industrial alcohol concerns on the Pacific Coast, has a capacity of 4,000,000 gallons annually and an allotment, under the Government plan, of 1,650,000 gallons.

Walter E. Buck, President and founder of the Industrial Solvents Corp., will retain management of the new company and has been made a Vice-President and director of the American Commercial Alcohol Corp.

In acquiring the Industrial Solvents Corp., the American corporation takes over its seaboard plant just outside San Francisco on San Francisco Bay. The latter also maintains a seaboard plant at Philadelphia, a grain alcohol plant at Pekin, Ill., and a seaboard plant at New Orleans.—V. 128, p. 1399.

American Department Stores Corp.—February Sales.—

Table with columns for 1929—February—1928, Increase, 1929—2 Months—1928, Increase, and rows for Net sales, Net operating income, Total income, Interest on funded debt, Federal income taxes, Net income, Preferred dividends, Depreciation on bldg. & equipment, Amortization reserve, Balance surplus.

The shares of 7% conv. pref. stock have been admitted to trading on the New York Curb Market (For offering see V. 127, p. 3248).—V. 128, p. 1057.

American Eagle Aircraft Corp.—Business Increases.—

Business of the corporation showed a February increase of more than 300% as compared with the same month last year, according to President E. E. Porterfield, Jr.—V. 128, p. 1057.

American Furniture Mart Bldg. Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Years Ended Dec. 31—1928, 1927, 1926, 1925, and rows for Gross revenue, Oper. & admin. expenses, tax, &c., Net operating income, Other income, Total income, Interest on funded debt, Federal income taxes, Net income, Preferred dividends, Depreciation on bldg. & equipment, Amortization reserve, Balance surplus.

—V. 126, p. 3452.

American-Hawaiian Steamship Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 500,000 shares of capital stock (par \$10).

Consolidated Income Account for Calendar Years.

Table with columns for 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925, and rows for Gross freight earnings, Operating expenses, Net profit from oper., Prof. arising from adjust. & recov. in prior yrs., Net profit on sale of vessels & investments, Int. & divs. rec. on inv. & from other sources, Total income, Interest on notes pay., Losses arising from adj. of prior years, Adjust. prior yrs. & S.S. "Malolo" final settlement & extraord. items, Prov. for depreciation, Prov. for Fed. inc. tax, Net profit for year, Dividends paid, Balance, surplus, Earns. per sh. on 475,602 shs. cap. stk. (par \$10).

—V. 127, p. 3707.

American-La France & Foamite Corp. (& Subs).—

Table with columns for 1928, 1927, and rows for Operating income after deduct. of factory costs, sell, deprec. and admin. exp., Other income, Total income, Interest on gold notes, Extraordinary expenses &c., Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Balance, surplus.

x Excluding operations of the commercial truck division the results of which were charged to the special reserve provided therefor.

Consolidated Balance Sheet December 31.

Table with columns for Assets (Land, bldgs., mach. & good-will, &c., Cash, Notes & warrants rec, Accts receivable, Inventory, Mtgs. receivable, Treas. stock, Int. & ins. pd. in adv., Deficit) and Liabilities (7% cum. pref. stk., Common stock, 5% gold notes, Notes payable, Int. accrued, Special reserve, Res. for contng., Capital surplus, Surplus).

—V. 127, p. 2822.

succeeding years ending Dec. 31 1933 at \$33, \$36, \$39 and \$45 per share, respectively. \$500 debentures carry warrants for a proportionage purchase privilege.

Capitalization—
10-year 6% sinking fund gold debentures..... \$500,000 \$5,000,000
Convertible stock (no par) series A..... 30,000 shs. 200,000 shs.
Common stock (no par)..... 45,000 shs. *300,000 shs.
* 30,000 shares reserved for conversion of series A convertible stock.
Additional debentures may only be issued subject to the conservative restrictions in the trust indenture.
Note.—30,000 units consisting of one share of class A convertible stock and one share of common stock were offered for sale early in Dec. 1928, at \$76 per unit. The stock in units is now listed on the Detroit Stock Exchange. See V. 127, p. 3403.

Dartmouth Mfg., Corp.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—
Net profit after all chgs..... \$342,102 \$406,000 \$63,000
Earnings per sh. on 36,000 shs. com. stk. (par \$100)..... \$8.67 \$10.44 \$0.92
Dividends paid in 1928: pref. (5%) \$30,000; common (6%) \$216,000.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—
Real est. & mach..... \$4,161,715 \$4,184,260
Cotton, stock in process & mch. 1,278,889 2,110,535
Cash, bills & accts. receivable..... 1,473,274 1,190,230

Total..... \$6,913,879 \$7,485,025 \$7,485,025
—V. 126, p. 2972.

Davega, Inc.—Retail Sales.—

The corporation reports retail sales for the fiscal year ended Feb. 28 1929, of \$4,324,118 compared with \$3,107,289 for the previous year, an increase of more than 39%. For the month of February, sales totalled \$309,603, against \$248,790 for the same month last year. President A. Davega stated that preliminary figures indicated an increase of more than 60% in net earnings, over the previous year. During the year, he stated, 5 additional stores were placed in operation, of which 4 were opened in December, the company having the benefit of their business for less than 3 months of the past fiscal year. He added that the new stores had operated profitably since opening.—V. 128, p. 893, 255.

Davenport Hosiery Mills, Inc.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—
Net sales..... \$3,421,724 \$3,097,978
Operating expense..... 3,010,758 2,814,289
Depreciation..... 91,009 76,283
Prov. for Federal income tax..... 41,000 30,500
Net profit..... \$278,956 \$177,167
Preferred dividends..... 68,950 52,238
Balance..... \$210,006 \$124,923
Earnings per sh. on 75,000 shs. com. stk..... \$2.80 \$1.67
—V. 127, p. 3546.

De Met's, Inc.—Pref. Stock Offered.—Mitchell, Hutchins & Co., Chicago are offering at \$36 per share 30,000 shares preference stock entitled to preferential dividends of \$2.20 per annum (with common stock warrants).

This offering is made in the form of preference shares, with warrants attached thereto permitting the holder to purchase one share of common stock for each share of preference stock at \$15 per share, subsequent to Feb. 28 1931 and on or before Feb. 28 1933. Warrants are non-detachable and not exercisable prior to March 1 1931. Cumulative dividends on the preference stock at the rate of \$2.20 per annum are payable Q.-F., the first quarterly dividend being payable May 1 1929. Preference stock is preferred as to assets in the event of liquidation to the extent of \$38 per share plus divs., and is red. in whole or in part at any time upon 30 days' notice at \$38 per share and divs. Transfer agent, Foreman Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; registrar, First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.

Data from Letter of C. N. Johnson, President of Company.

Company.—Recently organized in Delaware. Owns all the outstanding stock (except directors' shares) of an Illinois corporation of the same name, organized in 1923 to take over the business which had previously been carried on by C. N. Johnson and his associates. The Illinois company conducts a chain of soda fountain lunch, restaurant and candy stores, which are supplied by its own commissary and factory. The present chain consists of 7 stores in the Loop district of Chicago, serving more than 15,000 restaurant patrons daily. The organization is equipped to undertake expansion through the opening of new chain stores in Chicago and elsewhere, and is now actively engaged in an expansion program along carefully drawn lines.

Capitalization—
Preference stock (no par)..... 50,000 shs. 30,000 shs.
Common stock (no par)..... *185,000 shs. 135,000 shs.
*50,000 shares reserved for exercise of stock purchase warrants.

Sales and Earnings.—Sales and net profits, after computing Federal taxes at the current rate and adjusted to give effect to the present basis of officers' compensation and the elimination of other minor items, were as follows:

Calendar Years—
Net sales..... \$1,600,722 \$1,892,188 \$2,036,757 \$2,274,447
Net available for dividends..... 98,922 154,865 137,602 169,303
Earnings per share of pref. 3.30 5.16 4.59 5.64
Purpose.—Proceeds of the sale of preference stock and warrants now being offered (except \$95,000 which will be applied to the retirement of funded debt) will be used for the acquisition of new stores and expansion of the business.

Detroit & Canada Tunnel Co.—Construction Progresses.

Completion of the second river section of the Detroit and Canada Vehicular Tunnel is announced by the bankers for the project, which is now ahead of schedule, with work beginning on the third section. The entire Detroit end of the tunnel is expected to be completed within six months. The schedule calls for the laying of one river section every 30 days as soon as ice conditions in the river permit. Excavation from the surface at the Detroit terminal to where the giant shield begins work on the Detroit side has been completed.—V. 128, p. 408.

Dexter Co., Fairfield, Ia.—Stock Sold.—C. L. Schmidt & Co., Inc., Chicago, and W. D. Hanna & Co., Burlington, Ia., announce the sale at \$21 per share of 45,000 shares common stock. The offering does not represent any financing by the company.

Transfer agent: Continental National Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago; registrar: National Bank of the Republic of Chicago.

Capitalization—
Common stock (par \$5)..... 100,000 shs. 100,000 shs.
Listed.—Stock listed on Chicago Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of R. D. Hunt, V.-Pres., Fairfield, Ia., Feb. 25.
Company.—Incorporated in 1913 in Iowa to take over the business founded in 1901. The business has been built up almost entirely through the reinvestment of earnings; initial capital amounted to approximately \$50,000. In 1918 \$100,000 of preferred stock, which has since been retired, was sold to provide additional working capital.

Company manufactures a complete line of washing machines, electrical and gas powered, in both single and double-tub type, sold under the trade name "Dexter." In Nov. 1928 a new popular priced single tub model known as the Dexter "speedex" was introduced. This new model has been enthusiastically received by both the trade and users. Company has just announced a new double-tub model known as the Dexter "fastwin." Company's property consists of modern buildings containing about 100,000 square feet of floor space all equipped with automatic sprinklers. The

plant is located on 20 acres of land in Fairfield, Ia. The present annual capacity of the company's plant is approximately 75,000 machines. In addition to its washing machine business, the company owns and operates a foundry employing about 100 men, in which it produces grey iron and aluminum castings. About 50% of this foundry production is used in Dexter washers. The remainder is sold at a satisfactory profit to some 20 other manufacturers to whom the Dexter foundry has been furnishing castings for several years.

Sales and Earnings.—Company has shown consistent gains in both sales and net earnings for the past 15 years except in 1921 when a loss of \$2,000 was sustained due to post war deflation of values.

Net profits for the three years ending Dec. 31 1928 after giving effect to the elimination of interest on funds to be withdrawn from the business, deduction of estimated premiums on life insurance to be taken out for the benefit of the corporation, after depreciation and deduction of Federal income taxes at 12%, have been as follows: 1926, \$129,660; 1927, \$159,612; 1928, \$248,931.

For the year ending Dec. 31 1928 net earnings amounted to about \$2.49 per share on the 100,000 shares of stock presently to be outstanding.

Assets.—The balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1928 shows current assets of \$547,137, as against current liabilities of \$73,575, a ratio of more than 7 to 1. Cash alone amounts to more than three times total current liabilities. Land, buildings, machinery, &c., are carried at \$178,667, which is original cost, less depreciation. The American Appraisal Co. in their appraisal report dated Dec. 31 1928 gives these properties a sound value of \$448,482. Based on this appraisal the book value of this stock without taking into account our valuable good-will, amounts to more than \$9.50 per share.

Dividends.—It is the intention of the directors to place the stock on an annual dividend basis of \$1.40 per share payable Q.-M. Directors have declared an initial dividend of 35c. per share payable June 1 1929.

Dodge Manufacturing Co., Toronto.—Stocks Offered.—Hanson Bros. Inc., Toronto are offering 18,000 cumulative convertible class A \$2 preferred shares and 6,000 class B no par value shares. Price: Convertible class A \$2 preferred shares \$31 per share to yield 6 1/2% the purchaser of each three shares preferred having the right to buy at time of purchase one class B common share at \$21 per share.

Class "A" pref. shares carry fixed cumulative from Feb. 1 1929 preferential dividends at the annual rate of \$2 per share, payable Q.-F. Preferred as to assets in the event of dissolution to the extent of \$35 per share and divs. Red at any time on 60 days' notice at \$35 and divs. Holders of class "A" shares are entitled to vote only in certain events set out in the company's charter, and in the event that 4 quarterly dividends are in arrears the holders of class "A" shares are entitled so long as default continues to elect a majority of the board of directors. Transfer agents, Royal Trust Co., Montreal and Toronto; registrar, Bankers Trust Co., Montreal and Toronto.

Convertible.—Class "A" shares are convertible into class "B" shares until Feb. 1 1931 at the rate of share for share; thereafter until Feb. 1 1932 at the rate of three shares class "A" for two class "B" shares; thereafter until Feb. 1 1933 at the rate of two class "A" shares for one class "B" share.
Capitalization—
Class "A" cumulative convertible \$2 pref. shares..... 30,000 18,000
Class "B" common shares (no par value)..... *60,000 24,000
*This includes 30,000 class "B" shares which are set aside for future conversion of class "A" shares.

Data from Letter of H. C. Anderson, General Manager of Company.

Company.—Incorp. 1929 under Province of Ontario charter. Succeeds to the business originally established in 1886. Business has had an uninterrupted growth of 43 years to its present position as the largest manufacturer of transmission machinery in the Dominion of Canada, its products including conveying and power transmission machinery of all kinds, for use in industrial plants, mines, flour mills, terminal grain elevators, &c. Company owns 6.64 acres of manufacturing site located at Pelham Ave. and Oster St., Toronto. On this property is situated the head office and manufacturing plant, the latter consisting of a large wood-working plant devoted to the production of the well-known Dodge wood split pulley, machine shop, foundry, pattern house, power plant, warehouse, &c. Company owns its own railway sidings directly connected with the Canadian Pacific Ry. Warehouses and sales branches are maintained in Montreal and Winnipeg.

Assets.—The net depreciated value of the company's fixed assets and equipment as per balance sheet of Jan. 1 1929 amount to \$730,259. Net current assets amount to \$277,173. Total net assets, excluding good-will and other intangibles, and valuing the company's patterns and drawings at the nominal figure of \$1. amount to \$1,023,481, or \$56.86 per share of class "A" stock outstanding.

Earnings.—Net earnings, after provision for all operating charges, maintenance, depreciation and Federal income taxes, for the two years ending Dec. 31 1928, have been as follows: 1927, \$57,062, equivalent to \$3.17 per share class "A" stock; 1928, \$115,565, equivalent to \$6.42 per share class "A" stock. For the past fiscal year, after provision for all the foregoing charges and class "A" dividends at the rate of \$2 per share, the company showed earnings available for dividends on the class "B" stock of \$3.31 per share.

Dome Mines, Ltd.—Value of Production.

Period Ended Feb. 28—
1929—Month—1928, 1929—2 Mos.—1928,
Value of output..... \$316,143 \$308,202 \$673,929 \$658,867
—V. 128, p. 565.

Dominion Engineering Works, Ltd.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—
Profits after income tax, &c..... \$1,134,672 \$675,063 \$758,646
Reserve for depreciation..... 2 0.281 195.753 198.975
Reserve for contingencies..... 100,000
Res. for workmen's comens. ins..... 50,000
Net income..... \$774,391 \$479,310 \$559,971
Previous surplus..... 901,481 612,001 249,098

Total surplus..... \$1,675,872 \$1,091,311 \$809,069
Adjusted..... \$1,675,872 \$1,091,311 \$809,069
Dividends..... 416,332 189,830 133,998
Surplus at end of year..... \$1,259,540 \$901,481 \$612,001
x Includes income tax for 1925 and additional depreciation amounting to \$48,068 in 1925.—V. 128, p. 893.

Electric Controller & Mfg. Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—
Net operating profit..... \$507,441 \$531,622
Federal taxes (estimated)..... 60,300 68,300
Net income..... \$447,141 \$463,322
Previous surplus..... 713,140 661,596
Adjustment..... Cr. 61
Dividends..... (\$5)353,525 (\$5.25)371,988
Reserve for general contingency..... 39,851
Profit and loss surplus..... \$806,757 \$713,140
Shares of capital stock outstanding (\$5 par)..... 70,855 70,855
Earned per share..... \$6.03 \$6.53

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.
Assets—
Cash..... \$3,114 \$109,482
Marketable secur. 950,800 823,979
Notes & acce. rec. 287,109 55,716
Acct's receivable..... 219,672
Inventory..... 513,408 523,723
Plant, equip., &c. 640,132 641,502
Other assets..... 67,016 15,455
Deferred assets, &c..... 14,688
Total..... \$2,476,268 \$2,389,527

x Represented by 70,855 shares (no par value) with a declared value \$5 per share.—V. 126, p. 2973.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for 1928 and 1927, and sub-columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Wks. & Properties, Cash, U. S. Govt. secura., etc. Liabilities include 7% 1st pref. stock, Common stock, etc.

Total (each side) 25,382,872 24,613,415

-V. 128, p. 1407.

(M. A.) Hanna Co., Cleveland.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years— 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Net profit, Interest on funded debt, Depreciation & depletion, Federal taxes, etc.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31

Table with columns for 1928 and 1927, and sub-columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Property accounts, Cash, U. S. Govt. secur., etc. Liabilities include 1st pref. 7% stock, 2d conv. 8% pref., etc.

Total (each side) 53,830,878 53,396,178

a Represented by 542,929 shares no par value. b Minority stock o companies consolidated in this statement.—V. 128, p. 568.

Hale Bros. Stores Inc.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Sales, Net earns. aft. allow. for inc. taxes, deprec. & proper reserves, etc.

Hazel-Atlas Glass Co.—Earnings.—

Years Ended— Dec. 29 '28, Dec. 31 '27, Dec. 25 '26, Dec. 26 '25. Mfg. profit after deducting cost of goods sold, incl. material labor and factory expenses, etc.

Balance, sur-plus— \$1,218,276 \$1,542,884 \$1,435,102 \$672,821

-V. 127, p. 3407.

Hightstown (N. J.) Rug Co.—Debentures Offered.—

An issue of \$1,400,000 15-year 6 1/2% sinking fund gold debentures (with stock purchase warrants) is being offered at 98 1/2 and int., to yield about 6.65%, by Zwetsch, Heinzelmann & Co., Inc., and American Bond & Mortgage Co., N. Y. City. Dated Feb. 1 1929.

Due Feb. 1 1944. Principal and int. (F. & A.) payable at Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., New York, trustee, or at First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red., as a whole or in part by lot, at any time prior to maturity, upon 30 days' notice at 105 and int. if effected on or before Feb. 1 1934 with successive reductions of 1/2 of 1% for each year or fraction thereof elapsed after Feb. 1 1934. Interest payable without deduction for the normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Company agrees to refund, upon timely appropriate application, all personal property taxes and securities taxes of any State or of the District of Columbia, not exceeding in any year six mills of the principal amount and all income taxes of any such State or such District, not exceeding in any year 6% of the interest paid on the debentures.

Stock Purchase Warrants.—Each debenture will bear a warrant (detachable only when exercised or in the event of redemption) entitling the holder to purchase a unit of 10 shares of the company's common stock, without par value, if the debenture be of \$1,000 denomination or five shares if of \$500 denomination, at \$15 per share after Feb. 1 1930 up to and including Feb. 1 1933; thereafter to and including Feb. 1 1936 at \$20 per share; thereafter to Feb. 1 1944 at \$25 per share.

Data from Letter of C. Herbert Davison, President of the Company. Company.—Recently organized in Delaware. Will acquire the plant, assets and business of Hightstown Rug Co., (N. J.). The business was established at Janvier, near Vineland, N. J. in 1886, and later moved to Hightstown, N. J. and incorp. under the name of Hightstown Smyrna Rug Co. The name was subsequently changed to Hightstown Rug Co. Axminster rugs and Axminster seamless rugs are manufactured. The plant is equipped to manufacture 34 different sizes of rugs and also to manufacture special sizes.

During the past 30 years the business developed from the hand loom stage to the present plant equipped with power looms, 24 broad looms and 38 narrow looms, operating in three shifts daily except Saturday, which is on a half day basis.

Sinking Fund.—The trust agreement will provide for a fixed sinking fund calculated to retire over 57% of the debentures by maturity, and for an additional sinking fund of 13% of net earnings, after interest charges, federal taxes, depreciation and the fixed sinking fund for each year. It is estimated that these sinking funds will redeem the entire issue prior to maturity. The trust agreement will further provide that all cash received by the company through the exercise of the debenture stock purchase

warrants shall be applied to the sinking fund for the retirement of additional bonds.

Purpose.—These debentures will be used in connection with the acquisition of the plant, assets and business of the old company. Earnings.—Net earnings of the business for the past 6 years (the last month of 1928 estimated) after adjustment of officers' salaries to the new basis and before interest charges, depreciation and Federal taxes, are as follows: Net earnings as above: 1923, \$569,134; 1924, \$374,227; 1925, \$347,190; 1926, \$293,588; 1927, \$438,016; *1928, \$587,327. * Last month estimated.

As shown above, net earnings for 1928 (Dec. estimated) exceeded 6.4 times maximum annual interest charges (\$91,000) on these debentures. In no one of the 6 years have such net earnings been less than 3 times such maximum annual interest charges; average net earnings for the six year period exceeded 4.75 times such interest charges.

Capitalization.— Authorized. Issued. 15 year 6 1/2% debentures— \$1,400,000 \$1,400,000 \$7 cumulative preferred stock (no par val.) 15,000 shs. 12,000 shs. Common stock (no par) 120,000 shs. 114,000 shs. x 14,000 shares are reserved against the exercise of the debenture stock purchase warrants. y 5,000 shares are reserved against other stock purchase warrants entitling the holders to purchase Common stock at \$15 per share on or before Dec. 31 1931.

Management.—The management will be under the direct supervision of the Public Industrials Corp., which will acquire all the preferred and a majority of the common stocks to be presently outstanding of the new company.

Honolulu Consolidated Oil Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years— 1928, 1927. Gross operating income, Costs, operating and general expenses, Taxes, Intangible development costs, Depreciation and retirements, etc.

Net operating income— \$2,259,448 \$3,089,450

Non-operating income— 266,901 349,045

Total income— \$2,526,349 \$3,438,496

Federal taxes (estimated)— 175,400 275,000

Profit for year— \$2,351,349 \$3,163,495

Earned surplus beginning of year— \$5,959,862 \$5,631,066

Adjustments (net)— Dr. 20,459

Total surplus— \$8,290,752 \$8,794,562

Dividends on capital stock— 2,834,700 2,834,700

Earned surplus end of year— \$5,456,052 \$5,959,862

Earns. per sh. on 944,900 shs. cap. stk. (par \$10)— \$2.50 \$3.35

-V. 127, p. 3099.

Hood Rubber Co. (& Subs.)—Annual Report.—

Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31 1928. Net sales— \$29,977,551. Mfg. costs, (incl. deprec. of plant \$255,691 and charge-off on molds of \$229,649), sell. and admin. exp. and all other ord. and extraord. inc. charges and credits, incl. of absorption and adj. of rubber val., sell. price rebates and losses in rubber pool, etc.

Total net loss for the year— \$1,478,104

Surplus Jan. 1 1928— 3,852,053

Total surplus— \$2,373,949

Dividends paid— 748,692

Surplus Dec. 31 1928— \$1,625,256

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for 1928 and 1927, and sub-columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Plant & equip., Merchandise and supplies, Receivables, Prepaid items, Cash, Invest'ns in other companies, Patents. Liabilities include 7% preferred Hood Rub. Prod. Co., 7 1/2% pref. Hood Rubber Co., Empl. special stock, Pref. Hood R. Co., Com. Hood R. Co., 15-year 7% notes, 10-yr. 5 1/2% notes, Notes payable, Accounts payable, Reserve & accruals, Surplus.

Tot. (each side) 34,080,750 35,753,073

y 200,000 shares of no par value.—V. 127, p. 1397.

Hoskins Mfg. Co.—25% Stock Dividend.—

The directors have declared a 25% stock dividend on the 96,040 shares of common stock no par value payable April 1 to holders of record March 15, subject to the stockholders' approval. The directors also declared an extra cash dividend of 15c. a share and the regular quarterly dividend of 60c. a share on the common stock, both payable March 31 to holders of record March 15. An extra cash dividend of 60c. a share was paid on Dec. 31 last.—V. 127, p. 3407.

Howe Sound Co.—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years— 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Total income, Operating expenses, &c., Taxes, Depreciation & depletion, Interest, Exam. prospect & other charges, Net income, Dividends, Surplus, Shs. cap. stk. out. (no par), Earnings per share.

Surplus— \$664,916 \$157,963 \$961,616 \$480,116

Shs. cap. stk. out. (no par) 496,038 496,038 496,038 496,038

Earnings per share— \$5.24 \$4.31 \$5.44 \$1.91

x Includes dividends paid or declared from earned surplus, \$953,339; from capital surplus, \$782,794.—V. 128, p. 568.

Hudson River Navigation Corp.—Charters Two Boats.—

At the annual meeting of the board of directors, the board gave Col. Carrington a vote of confidence in his action of cancelling the deal with the City of New York for the acquisition of Pier 32 and of setting a new price of \$3,177,648 for any future negotiations.

The Night Line will occupy Pier 32 throughout the coming season. Pending the construction of its two new Diesel boats, which could not be accomplished for operation this season, the company has chartered steamers, Ferdinand Gorges and Hercules. These steamers belonged to the Maine Central RR. and operated from Woolwich to Bath, Maine on the Kennebec River. They will have a daily carrying capacity of approximately 200 automobiles or their equivalent in trailers and tractors, thus increasing the company's capacity for carrying automobiles to over 300 per day.

The company proposes to develop its freight business by utilizing trucks and trailers without breaking cargo at either New York, Albany and Troy or intermediate points. See also V. 128, p. 1408.

Hydraulic Brake Co. (Calif.)—Dividend Increased.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 4% on the common stock, par \$25, payable April 1 to holders of record March 20. A quarterly dividend of 3% was paid on Jan. 1 last as compared with one of 2% on Oct. 1 1928.—V. 127, p. 3712.

Insull Utility Investments, Inc.—Initial Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of \$1.37 1/2 per share on the \$5.50 prior pref. stock, no par value, payable April 1 to holders of record March 15. (See offering in V. 128 p. 412.)—V. 128 p. 1408.

Jonas & Naumburg Corp.—Initial Dividend.—The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 75 cents a share on the \$3 cumul. conv. pref. stock, payable Apr. 1 to holders of record Mar. 15. See offering in V. 128, p. 899.

Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.—

Table with columns for 1928 and 1927, showing assets (Real estate, Bonds, Cash, etc.) and liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, etc.) for Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.

Kentucky Rock Asphalt Co.—Larger Cash Div., &c.—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 40c. per share on the common stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 15.

Keystone Watch Case Corp.—Earnings.—Period Ended Dec. 31—

Table showing earnings for Keystone Watch Case Corp. for periods of 12 months ending Dec. 31, 1928, and 5 months ending Dec. 31, 1927.

Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Table with columns for 1928 and 1927, showing assets and liabilities.

(G. R.) Kinney Co., Inc.—February Sales.—President E. H. Krom authorizes the following: "Sales again established a new high record for the month of February amounting to \$1,024,797 as compared to \$980,422 in February 1928, an increase of 4.3%."

Kirsch Company.—Earnings.—The company reports for the six months ended Dec. 31 1928 net sales of \$1,026,878 and net profit before provision for Federal income tax of \$229,692.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—Listing—Sales.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$18,393,098 common stock (par \$10) on official notice of issuance as a 50% stock dividend, payable Mar. 1, making the total amount applied for \$55,179,295 common stock.

(S. H.) Kress & Co.—February Sales.—1929—Feb.—1928. Increase. 1929—2 Mos.—1928. Increase.

Kreuger & Toll Co. (Aktiebolaget Kreuger & Toll) Stockholm, Sweden.—Debentures Sold.—Lee, Higginson & Co.; Guaranty Co. of New York; and the National City Co.; Brown Brothers & Co.; Dillon, Read & Co.; Clark, Dodge & Co., and the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, are offering at 98 and int. to yield over 5 1/8% \$50,000,000 5% secured sinking fund gold debentures, bearing warrants for purchase of American certificates representing participating debentures of the company.

Of this issue, substantial blocks are being simultaneously offered in other countries by the following banks and financial institutions: England.—Higginson & Co., N. M. Rothschild & Sons. Sweden.—Skandinaviska Kreditaktiebolaget.

Dated March 1 1929; due March 1 1959. Interest payable M. & S. Principal and interest payable, free of any present or future Swedish taxes as to debentures held by other than a resident of Sweden, in United States gold coin, at offices of Lee, Higginson & Co., in New York, Boston and Chicago, or at option of holder in sterling, at fixed rate of £205 per \$1,000 at offices of Higginson & Co., London. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Callable, in whole or in part, at any time on 30 days' notice at 105 and interest. Lee, Higginson Trust Co., Boston, trustee. Skandinaviska Kreditaktiebolaget, Stockholm, depository.

Listing.—American certificates (representing partic. debentures) now outstanding are listed on the New York Stock Exchange and the company has agreed to make application to list these secured debentures. Data from Letter of Ivar Kreuger, Stockholm, Sweden, Mar. 5. Business.—Kreuger & Toll Co., organized in 1911 under Swedish laws, is an organizing, managing and financing company with assets including

interests in some of the world's largest and most important enterprises. It is the largest stockholder in Swedish Match Co. and has at various times co-operated financially with that company and its principal subsidiary, International Match Corp. Kreuger & Toll Co. also maintains relations with other enterprises, in Sweden and abroad, in order to facilitate financing incident to large industrial and commercial transactions.

These operations have in recent years become increasingly important and as the business of Swedish Match Co. and International Match Corp. is essentially industrial in character it has been deemed advisable in general to transfer to Kreuger & Toll Co. the handling of such securities. As the prices paid by Swedish Match Co. and International Match Corp. for bonds purchased in connection with match concessions are in some cases above the current market prices for similar securities and as Kreuger & Toll Co. in acquiring those bonds purchases them at the same prices, it has been agreed that the company should receive a participation, with Swedish Match Co. and International Match Corp., in the profits of certain of the concessions it thus aids in financing.

Proceeds of this issue of \$50,000,000 secured debentures, and of Kr. 16,250,000 partic. debentures being simultaneously offered to existing holders of partic. debentures and ordinary shares, will be applied toward the acquisition from Swedish Match Co. and (or) International Match Corp. of approximately \$78,000,000 par value securities now owned by those companies, or to be presently acquired by them under pending negotiations. Security.—Debentures will be the direct obligation of Kreuger & Toll Co. and secured by deposit with the trustee or with Skandinaviska Kreditaktiebolaget, Stockholm, as depository, of securities of the following character (and cash as hereinafter provided): (a) Bonds or notes issued or guaranteed by any sovereign state or any political subdivision thereof including any municipality, having authority to issue or guarantee bonds or notes and having a population in excess of 300,000.

Table listing securities: Par Value, Kingd. of Serbs, Croats & Slovenes 6 1/2% dollar bds., due 1958 \$7,000,000; Republic of Latvia 6% dollar bonds, due 1964 6,000,000; Republic of Poland 7% dollar bonds, due 1945 5,100,000; Republic of Ecuador 8% dollar bonds, due 1953 1,986,900; Mortgage Bank of Ecuador 7% dollar bonds, due 1949 1,000,000; Republic of Greece 8 1/2% bonds, due 1954 4,778,693; Kingd. of Roumania 4% bonds, due 1968 3,800,000; etc.

Total par value \$60,268,837. Total par value of such securities is equivalent to not less than 120% of the \$50,000,000 par value secured debentures now to be issued, and the annual income from such securities (at rates of interest and guaranteed divs. currently payable thereon) is equivalent to not less than 120% of the \$2,500,000 annual requirement for interest on the secured debentures.

The company will agree that in the event the ratio of par value of pledged securities to par value of outstanding secured debentures and (or) the ratio of annual income from pledged securities to the annual requirement for interest on outstanding secured debentures, are at any time less than 120%, it will deposit such additional securities of the required character as it may then own in order to restore said 120% ratio. So long as no default is made in the payment of interest and (or) sinking fund on the secured debentures, however, failure of the company to maintain the foregoing ratios shall not in itself constitute default under the debenture agreement. The debenture agreement will provide for the issuance of additional secured debentures, in unlimited amount, provided that upon such issuance the above ratios obtain. The debenture agreement will permit withdrawal of pledged securities provided that such withdrawal does not impair the above ratios, and will permit substitution of securities of the required character for securities pledged provided the above ratios (or the ratios existing prior to such substitution if, prior to such substitution, the ratios were less than 120%) are not impaired. These provisions are, however, subject to the condition that any part of the pledged securities may be withdrawn upon substitution of cash in an amount equivalent to that proportion of the principal amount of outstanding secured debentures which the par value of securities withdrawn bears to the total par value of securities pledged at the time of such withdrawal.

Capitalization to Be Outstanding. Upon completion of present financing (issuance of \$50,000,000 secured debentures and issuance of Kr. 16,250,000 add'l partic. debentures) 5% secured sinking fund gold debentures, due March 1 1959.

(add'l debts. issuable under provisions of debenture agreement) \$50,000,000 Partic. debentures, authorized Kr. 130,000,000; outstanding Kr. 81,250,000 par value, equivalent to 21,775,000 Reserved for exercise of warrants, Kr. 16,000,000; ordinary shs., authorized & outstanding Kr. 65,000,000 par value, equiv. to 17,420,000 Based on present quotations, the Kr. 65,000,000 (\$17,420,000) par value partic. debentures and Kr. 65,000,000 (\$17,420,000) par value ordinary shares now outstanding have a total market value of over \$270,000,000. Assets.—Total net assets of Kreuger & Toll Co. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (Swedish American Investment Corp. and N. V. Financieel Maatschappij Kreuger & Toll) based on the Dec. 31 1928 consolidated balance sheet adjusted to give effect to the present financing, amount to more than \$212,000,000, or over 4 times the issue of \$50,000,000 secured debentures. In addition to securities of approximately \$78,000,000 par value to be acquired out of proceeds of present financing, such assets include the following investments (as carried, at cost, at Dec. 31 1928): Industrial stocks—

Table showing industrial stocks: Swedish Match Co. \$28,922,044; Grangesberg Co. 17,553,800; Other industrial stocks 10,280,704; Real estate stocks—Hufvudstaden Real Estate Co. (Sweden) 6,427,980; Real estate interests in other European countries 13,591,943; Bank stocks 15,231,961; Notes secured by real estate mortgages 3,474,000; Foreign government bonds 21,071,744; Foreign railroad shares 2,684,065; Other stocks and bonds 2,100,038.

Earnings.—Consolidated net earnings of Kreuger & Toll Co. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (Swedish American Investment Corp. and N. V. Financieel Maatschappij Kreuger & Toll) for the 3 years ended Dec. 31 1928, before interest on debentures and after adjustment for intercompany items and dividends on Swedish American Investment Corp. partic. pref. stock now retired, are as follows for years ended Dec. 31: 1928, \$21,025,988; 1927, \$12,409,606; 1926, \$7,981,325.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Nov. 30.

Table with columns for 1928 and 1927, showing Assets (land, bldgs., inventories) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, etc.)

Total (each side) 58,975,813 50,804,884
y Represented by 483,596 shares of no par value.—V. 127, p. 2695.

Matson Navigation Co.—Earnings.—
Years Ended Dec. 31—
Earnings from vessel operations...

Melville Shoe Corp.—February Sales.—
1929—Feb.—1928. Increase.
1,480,610 \$1,314,121 \$166,489

Michigan Steel Corp.—Earnings for Cal. Year 1928.—
Net profit for year... \$1,049,903
Dividends paid and provided for... 440,000

Mid-Continent Petroleum Corp.—Retires Pref. Stock.—
Notice was recently given of the calling for redemption on Mar. 1 1929...

Miller Rubber Co. (& Subs.).—Annual Report.—
Calendar Years—
Operating profit... \$612,325

Mills Alloys, Inc.—Stock Sold.—Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., Leo G. MacLaughlin Co. and Blankenhorn & Co. announce the sale at \$27 per share of 30,000 shares...

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.
Assets—
Land, equip., &c. 7,438,035
Investments... 16,175

Motors Wheel Corp. (& Subs.).—Annual Report.—
Calendar Years—
Sale of wheels, stpg., &c. \$4,715,973

Data from Letter of Oscar L. Mills, President of the Company.
Business.—The principal business of the company is the manufacture of product known by the trade name of Titan metal.

ing a metal to fill this need was undertaken by Oscar L. Mills, a metallurgist of wide experience, and his efforts were rewarded by the discovery of the process which is now employed and exclusively controlled by Mills Alloys, Inc. in producing Titan metal.

Mohawk Rubber Co., Akron, O.—Earnings.—
Calendar Years—
Net sales... \$6,590,646

Monroe Chemical Co.—Initial Dividends.—
The directors have declared initial regular quarterly dividends of 87½ cents per share on the preference stock and 37½ cents per share on the common stock...

Morison Electrical Supply Co., Inc.—Feb. Sales, &c.—
1929—Feb.—1928. Increase.
\$162,362 \$87,248 \$75,114

Morse Twist Drill & Machine Co.—Earnings, &c.—
Calendar Years—
Net earnings (after charges) 1928—1927.
\$182,592 \$69,212

Motion Picture Capital Corp.—Listing.—
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 300,000 additional shares of common stock without par value...

Consolidated Income Account for Calendar Years.
1928. 1927. 1926. 1925.
Total income... \$708,633

Balance Sheet December 31.
Assets—
Furn. & fixtures... \$2,771
Investments... 16,175

Motor Wheel Corp. (& Subs.).—Annual Report.—
Calendar Years—
Sale of wheels, stpg., &c. \$4,715,973

Balance, surplus... \$233,794
Profit and loss surplus... 6,562,518
Shares of com. outstanding (no par)... 687,500

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for 1928 and 1927, and rows for Assets (Land, bldgs., machinery, etc.) and Liabilities (Common stock, Accounts payable, etc.).

Total 15,408,758 12,984,128 x Represented by 687,500 shares of no par value.—V. 127, p. 3554.

Municipal Service Corp.—Annual Report.

Table with columns for 1928 and 1927, and rows for Sales, Cost of sales, Gross profit on sales, Other income, Total income, Operating expenses, etc.

Balance, credited to surplus \$1,031,041 \$698,669 \$350,575 Earnings per share on the 390,000 shares of common stock (no par) outstanding Dec. 31 1928 were \$2.54.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for 1928 and 1927, and rows for Assets (Investments, Property, Leaseholds, etc.) and Liabilities (Accts. & notes pay., Fed. inc. taxes pay., etc.).

x Less \$673,064 for depreciation and amortization. y Represented by 43,540 no par cum. pref. shares and by 302,920 shares of no par common stock. z Represented by 390,000 shares no par stock.—V. 128, p. 415.

(G. C.) Murphy Co.—February Sales.

Table with columns for 1929-Feb-1928, Increase, 1929-2 Mos.—1928, and Increase. Rows for 1909,960 and \$672,743.

Nashawena Mills.—Annual Report.

Table with columns for 1928 and 1927, and rows for Net sales, Net prof. after charges, incl. deprec. loss, etc.

Comparative Balance Sheet December 31.

Table with columns for 1928 and 1927, and rows for Assets (Plant & fixed asset, Cash, Accts. receivable, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Notes payable, etc.).

Total 12,819,832 13,343,101 —V. 126, p. 2979.

National Acme Co., Cleveland, Ohio.—Earnings.

Table with columns for 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925, and rows for Net sales, Cost of goods sold, Admin. sales, etc.

Balance capital surplus, Dec. 31 1927 \$2,651,996 Deduct—Elimination of the book value of patents to the nominal amount of \$1 1,999,999

Balance \$651,997 Add—Credit upon sale of treasury stock 29,805

Table with columns for 1928 and 1927, and rows for Balance, Dec. 31 1928; Balance earned surplus, Dec. 31 1927; Add—Net profit from operations for 1928, as above; Adjustments in respect of prior year's Federal taxes.

Total \$2,020,251 Provision for div. of 25c. a share, payable Feb. 1 1929 125,000

Balance surplus Dec. 31 1928 \$1,895,251

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for 1928 and 1927, and rows for Assets (Land, bldgs., mach., etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Funded debt, etc.).

Total 10,832,545 11,247,136 a After depreciation of \$1,730,159. b Including capital surplus of \$681,802.—V. 128, p. 262.

National Bellas Hess Co., Inc.—Net Cash Receipts.

Table with columns for 1929-Feb-1928, Decrease, 1929-2 Mos.—1928, and Increase. Rows for \$2,552,431 and \$2,625,775.

The month of Feb. 1929 has one less working day. Charles William Stores cash receipts included in this year's figures only. Common Stock Placed on an Annual Dividend Basis of \$1 in Cash and 4% in Stock.—The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 25c. a share and four quarterly stock dividends of 1% each on the new common stock, which was recently exchanged for the old common stock in the ratio of three new for one old. This places the issue on a \$1 cash and 4% stock annual dividend basis.

The cash dividend and the first installment of the stock dividend will be paid on April 15 to holders of record March 20. The other installments of the stock dividend will be paid on July 15, Oct. 15, 1929 and Jan. 15 1930 to holders of record on dates to be later determined.

To Acquire Leonard, Fitzpatrick, Mueller Stores Co.—As a further step in its recently undertaken program of expansion, this company has entered into a contract providing for the acquisition of the business of Leonard, Fitzpatrick, Mueller Stores Co. by issuing additional shares of its own common stock in exchange. The Leonard company operates a chain of 16 "L-F-M" general merchandise stores in the Southern States.

Recently, the National Bellas Hess Co., Inc., acquired the Charles William Stores, operating a \$17,000,000 mail order business, and the Kinnear Stores Co., operating 27 general merchandise stores in the middle Western States. The present acquisition is thus a further step in a general program of expansion.

The plan for the acquisition of Leonard company contemplates the retirement or conversion of the Leonard preferred stock at present outstanding and the subsequent issuance of National Bellas Co., Inc., common stock in the ratio of one-half share for each share of Leonard common stock.—V. 128, p. 1412, 1242.

National Cash Register Co. (Md.)—New Factory.

Announcement was made on March 1 that the company would proceed at once with the construction of a 6-story factory building, which will afford another unit to the present system, making 24 buildings in all. Work will start within 30 days and be finished, it is planned, by the Fall. The construction is said by the management to be necessary owing to the increasing demand for new models of cash registers which have come from both the domestic and overseas trade areas. The new structure will add 250,000 square feet of floor space to the factory's physical equipment.—V. 127, p. 3715.

National Dairy Products Corp.—100% Stock Dividend.

The directors have declared a 100% stock dividend on the common stock no par value, payable May 20 to holders of record April 25.—V. 128, p. 743, 415.

National Liberty Insurance Co.—New Directors, &c.

Ralph Jonas, Waddill Catchings and Walter E. Sachs have been elected directors of the National Liberty group. Edward E. Ikier, Asst. Secretary of these companies, which include National Liberty Insurance Co. of America, Baltimore American Insurance Co. of New York, and People's National Fire Insurance Co., has been promoted to be Secretary of these companies; David C. Thoms, also an Asst. Secretary, has been promoted to Secretary, and David H. Moore has been appointed an Asst. Secretary.—V. 128, p. 902.

National Rubber Machinery Co., Akron, Ohio.—Initial Dividend.

The directors have declared an initial dividend of 50c. per share on the no par value capital stock, payable April 15 to holders of record March 20. The company reports that sales for the first two months of 1929 are considerably in excess of the same period last year.—V. 127, p. 2834.

National Tea Co., Chicago.—New Common Stock Placed on a \$1.50 Annual Dividend Basis.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 37 1/2 cents per share on the new common stock, no par value, payable April 1 to holders of record March 14. This is equivalent to the rate of \$6 per share per annum on the old common stock of no par value which were recently split up on a basis of 4 new shares for each share held. On the old shares, dividends at the rate of \$4 per annum (\$1 quarterly) had been paid.—V. 128, p. 1243.

Neisner Bros., Inc.—February Sales.

Table with columns for 1929-February-1928, Increase, 1929-2 Mos.—1928, and Increase. Rows for \$716,249 and \$438,210.

—V. 128, p. 903, 1067.

Nevada Consolidated Copper Co.—Larger Dividend.

The directors on March 6 declared a quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the outstanding capital stock, no par value, payable March 30 to holders of record March 15. On Dec. 31 last a dividend of 50c. per share was paid, while from Dec. 31 1926 to Sept. 30 1928 incl. quarterly disbursements of 37 1/2c. per share were made.—V. 128, p. 1243.

(J. J.) Newberry Co.—February Sales.

Table with columns for 1929-Feb-1928, Increase, 1929-2 Mos.—1928, and Increase. Rows for \$1,299,210 and \$977,516.

—V. 128, p. 903, 1067.

Nickel Holdings Corp.—Initial Common Dividend.

The directors have declared an initial dividend of \$1.20 per share on the common stock, par \$1 payable April 2 to holders of record March 1.—V. 127, p. 3554.

Oppenheim, Collins & Co., Inc.—Earnings.

Table with columns for Jan. 31 '29, Jan. 28 '28, Jan. 31 '27, Jan. 31 '26, and rows for Sales, Net after int., deprec. &c., Federal taxes, Net profit, Shares of com. outstdg., Earn. per share of com.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Table with columns for Jan. 31 '29, Jan. 28 '28, and rows for Assets (Stocks, bds. & Inv., Furn., fixts., &c., Cash, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Accounts payable, etc.).

Total (each side) 11,729,155 11,055,990 x Represented by 220,000 no par shares.—V. 127, p. 1958.

Otis Steel Co.—To Retire Pref. Stock.

The company has called for redemption on April 1 all the outstanding preferred stock at 110 and divs. Payment will be made at the Union Trust Co. of Cleveland, O.—V. 128, p. 416.

Pathe Exchange, Inc.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 100,000 additional shares of common stock, without par value on official notice of issue and payment in full, making the total amount applied for 1,074,870 shares of common stock. The company has entered into a contract (dated Feb. 14 1929) for the sale of 100,000 shares of stock to bankers for cash at a minimum price of \$11.50 per share net to the company, and the bankers will pay to the company any additional amounts realized from the resale of such stock. The proceeds from the sale of this stock are to be used for additional working capital. It is the intention of the company to capitalize the common stock to be issued at the stock's declared value of \$1 per share. The remaining \$10.50 per share plus any additional realized from the sale will be credited to capital surplus.—V. 128, p. 1414.

(J. C.) Penney Co., Inc.—Gross Sales.

Table with columns for 1929-February-1928, Increase, 1929-2 Mos.—1928, and Increase. Rows for \$9,027,543 and \$8,911,417.

—V. 128, p. 1414, 904.

advances to Skenandoo Rayon Corp. with 6% interest (repayable only out of net earnings, before any dividends on capital stock) used for payments in lieu of dividends on \$7 1st pref. stock of Skenandoo Rayon Corp.

The plans for recapitalizing the Skenandoo Rayon Corp. on a basis which will provide \$3,000,000 new money and will enable the installation of two additional manufacturing units, thereby tripling plant capacity.

Additional capital in the amount of \$3,000,000 will be needed for this purpose, and the bankers of the corporation (F. L. Carlisle & Co., Inc.) have agreed to furnish this amount, taking common stock of the corporation, upon condition that the finances of the corporation be reorganized.

"After full conversion of stocks as of April 1 1929, and issue of stock upon the firm subscription of F. L. Carlisle & Co., Inc., the outstanding capitalization of the reorganized corporation will be as follows: 16,385 shares \$7 cumulative convertible preferred stock, no par value; 10,000 shares \$7 cumulative convertible class A stock, no par value; 234,061 shares of common stock, no par value.

"It is hoped that the corporation will make further installations at later date to bring the annual production of the Utica plant to 5,000,000 pounds of rayon, which can be done with minor additions and extensions to the plant property.

"The directors believe that these results now warrant the corporation in proceeding with the installation of two additional manufacturing units which are expected to bring the total annual output up to 3,300,000 pounds of rayon and to lessen costs through economies of large-scale operation and reduced overhead charges per unit.

Southern California Realty Corp.—Bonds Offered.—The John M. C. Marble Co. and Miller, Vosburg & Co., Los Angeles, recently offered \$350,000 1st mtge. 6 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds at 100 and int.

Dated Feb. 1 1929; due Feb. 1 1939. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Red. on 30 days' notice at 102 and int. Int. payable F. & A. without deduction for the normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%. Principal and int. payable at Union Trust Co. of San Diego, Calif., trustee. Exempt from personal property tax in California.

Property.—Bonds are secured by a first (closed) mtge. or deed of trust on property of the corporation known as Talmadge Park, located adjacent to the University Heights District of the city of San Diego, Calif. Improvements, costing approximately \$450,000, including excellent street work, sewers, water, gas, electricity, curbs, sidewalks and ornamental lights have been made on the property by the corporation.

The total subdivided land comprising Units 1, 2 and 3 embodies over 181 acres divided into 783 lots. Sales had been made aggregating in excess of \$1,000,000 as of Jan. 1 1929. As reported to us on Jan. 25 1929 by Roy C. Lichty, Secretary of the corporation and sales manager, there had been sold under contract 200 lots for \$429,365, on which the unpaid balance on Jan. 25 1929 was approximately \$217,800, leaving 232 unsold lots having a selling schedule value of \$527,650.

Title to the 432 lots, representing contract sales and unsold lots, is held by Union Trust Co. of San Diego as trustee and in addition to the above the trustee holds title to approximately 23 acres of unsubdivided land.

Corporation.—Was incorp. in Oct. 1925 by a group of prominent capitalists.

Southern Surety Co. of New York.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31 1928.—

Table with 2 columns: Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Cash, Bonds, Stocks, Real estate mortgages, Real estate, Prem. in course of collection, Deposit workmen's compen. reinsur. bureau, Reinsurance recov. on paid losses, Retained percentages on completed work, Accrued interest & rents, Other assets. Liabilities include Reserve for unearned premis, Reserve for claims, Reserve for commissions, Reserve for reinsurance, Reserve for taxes & expenses, Reserve for unpaid dividends, Voluntary reserve, Capital stocks, Surplus.

Total \$11,698,016 Total \$11,698,016 -V. 127, p. 1690.

Southwest Petroleum Co., Ltd.—Stock Offered.—Doherty-Easson Co., Ltd., Toronto, recently offered 50,000 shares capital stock at \$2 per share.

Transfer agent, Company's office, 56 Church St., Toronto, Canada.

Capitalization.—Common shares (no par) 1,000,000 500,000. Company is being developed by the foothills Oil & Gas Co., Ltd., which in turn is a subsidiary development company of the Imperial Oil, Ltd. Company has issued a proportion of its capital stock now being offered to owners of petroleum leases in Turner Valley in exchange for such leases.

Management.—Company will be controlled and directed by the officials of the Imperial Oil, Ltd., through its subsidiary.

Spicer Manufacturing Corp.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 100,000 shares of cumulative preference stock, convertible \$3 dividend, Series A, without par value, which are issued and outstanding; 40,000 shares of common stock without par value as required by contract to acquire the balance of the outstanding common and preferred stock of Salisbury Axle Co., a subsidiary corporation; 4,000 shares of common stock without par value as required by contract under which the corporation acquired in 1925 certain physical assets from Sneed & Co.; 12,250 shares of common stock without par value, upon official notice of issuance to executives and employees of the corporation, with further authority to add; 75,000 shares of common stock without par value upon official notice of issuance in conversion of the convertible preference stock making the total amounts applied for: 100,000 shares of cumulative preference stock convertible \$3 dividend, Series A, and 445,000 shares of common stock.

Consolidated Income Account for Calendar Years. 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Gross profit, Other income, Gross income, Admin. gen. & sell. exp., Interest and discount, Moving expense, Provision for Fed'l taxes, Net profit, Surplus Jan. 1, Total surplus, Prof. of sub. cos. acq. subseq. to Dec. 31 '28, Good-will & other intang. val. chgd. to surp., Surplus appropriated for retirement of pref. stk., Prem. on securities retired, Sundry adjustment, Divs. paid on pref. stock, Total unappropriated surplus Dec. 31, Shs. of com. out. (no par), Earns. per share on com., -V. 128, p. 266.

Spear & Co. (& Sub. Co.)—Annual Report.—

Calendar Years—1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Net sales, Cost of mds., admin. expenses and local tax, Balance, Other income, Total income, Deprec. & lease. amort., Interest, Prov. for Federal taxes, Net income, Dis. on pref. stk. purch., Previous balance, Total surplus, Reserves, Adjustments, &c., Divs. on pref. stock, Profit and loss surplus, Earns. per sh. 225,000 com. shs. (no par), x Including bad and doubtful accounts receivable charged off, less recoveries.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—Land, bldgs., &c., Inventories, Accts. receivable, Surrender value in insurance policies, Cash, Deferred charges, Total (ea. side), Liabilities—7% cum. pref. stk., 7% cum. 2d pt. stk., Common stock, Mortgage payable, Notes payable, Accounts payable, Federal tax & contingent reserve, Surplus, Total, a After deducting depreciation reserve of \$230,726 and amortization of leasehold \$108,958, b After deducting \$800,000 for doubtful, &c., accounts, c Represented by 225,000 shares of no par value.—V. 128, p. 905.

Spiegel, May, Stern Co., Inc.—Sales—New Officers, &c.

1929—Feb.—1928. Increase. 1929—2 Mos.—1928. Increase. \$1,730,000 \$1,432,022 \$297,978 \$3,555,000 \$2,363,309 \$1,192,691. F. L. Innes, formerly Secretary and General Manager, has been elected President to succeed M. J. Spiegel who was elected to the newly created office of Chairman of the board.

Standard Dredging Co.—Stock Offered.—A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc., Paul H. Davis & Co. and John Burnham & Co., Inc., are offering 100,000 shares common stock at \$36 per share. This stock is being purchased from individuals and represents no new financing by the company.

Transfer agents, Seaboard National Bank of New York and First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. Registrars: Equitable Trust Co. of New York and Continental National Bank & Trust Co., Chicago.

Listed.—Stock listed on the Chicago Stock Exchange. **Capitalization.**—Convertible preference stock (no par) 150,000 shs. 150,000 shs. Common stock (no par) 600,000 shs. 400,000 shs. \$240,000 principal amount of 6% bonds of a subsidiary, due serially to March 1 1931, are outstanding with the public.

* 150,000 shares are reserved for the conversion privilege of the convertible preference stock, and 50,000 shares are held in the treasury of the company.

Data from Letter of R. A. Perry, President of the Company.

Company.—Organized in New Jersey and commenced active operations in 1910. Has developed through reinvestment of its earnings into one of the largest dredging organizations in existence. The extensive equipment of the company and its subsidiaries, located at strategic points on the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts of the United States, the Gulf of Mexico and the Coast of South America, enables the company to undertake business in any part of the world. The combined capacity of the plant and equipment of the company and subsidiaries is in excess of 15,000,000 cubic yards of earth (about 22,500,000 tons) per month. The largest part of the business of the company is done under contract with the U. S. Government and with various American States and municipalities. Company is actively engaged in and fully equipped to handle flood control work throughout the Mississippi Valley and is now engaged in dredging operations on the Great Lakes.

Earnings.—For the four years ended Dec. 31 1928, the net earnings of company and its subsidiaries, after giving effect to financing completed during the past year, were as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Year (1928, 1927, 1926, 1925). Net after all charges before deprec. & Fed. tax, Net after deprec. & Fed. tax available for divs., Net for com. stk. after divs. on conv. pref. stk., Annual earns. per sh. on 400,000 shs. com. stk., Based on contracts now in effect, the company expects that its net profits for the year 1929 will be materially larger than those for 1928. Assets.—The consolidated balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1928 shows current assets of \$4,251,491 and current liabilities of \$1,324,595, leaving net current assets of \$2,926,896, with cash alone in excess of all current liabilities.—V. 126, p. 2000.

Standard Fuel Co., Ltd.—Pref. Stock Offered.—Wood, Gundy & Co., Ltd., Montreal, are offering at 100 per share (with a bonus of 1/2 share of common stock)

6 1/2% cum. sinking fund pref. shares (par \$10\$1,400,000 Preferred as to capital and dividends. Cumulative dividends will accrue from Jan. 1 1929, and will be payable (Q-J) by cheque on the company's bankers (now the Canadian Bank of Commerce) at par at any branch thereof in Canada (Yukon Territory excepted). Red. as a whole or in part on 60 days' notice, at 110 plus 1/8% to the date fixed for redemption. Transfer agent, National Trust Co., Ltd. Registrar, Chartered Trust & Executor Co. So long as any of the preferred shares are outstanding, no mortgage or charge on fixed assets shall be given by the company, or by any subsidiary company (other than purchase money mortgages or charges on properties hereafter acquired) except under authority of a resolution passed by at least 75% of the votes cast in person or by proxy at a special meeting of the holders of preferred shares called for that purpose.

Data from Letter of Pres. K. R. Marshall, Toronto, Jan. 21, 1929. Company.—Dominion Charter. Has acquired all of the outstanding capital stock of the Standard Fuel Co. of Toronto, Ltd., and Milnes Coal Co., Ltd.; the latter company owns all of the capital stock of Milnes Fuel Oil, Ltd., and Anthracite Briquette Co. of Canada, Ltd. The Standard Fuel Co. of Toronto, Ltd., and Milnes Coal Co., Ltd., are two of the oldest fuel distributors in Canada, having been established for more than 60 years and 35-years respectively. They will operate as individual organizations under unified management.

The business includes the wholesale and retail distribution of anthracite coal and briquettes, bituminous coal, coke, and the retail distribution of fuel oil and wood. The new company will control 17 fuel yards, of which 10 are owned and 7 are leased by subsidiary companies. These yards are favorably situated throughout Toronto and vicinity with a view to economical delivery of fuel in all sections of that city, and shipments to outlying points.

Combined sales for year ended March 31 1928, totaled more than 570,000 tons of coal, coke and briquettes. The sale of fuel oil commenced late in 1927, and for three months ended March 31 1928, amounted to 175,398 gallons. It is conservatively estimated that for year ending March 31 1929, sales of fuel oil will exceed 1,000,000 gallons.

Earnings.—Messrs. Vigeon & Co., Chartered Accountants, Toronto, have examined the books of the Standard Fuel Co. of Toronto, Ltd., and Milnes Coal Co., Ltd., and its subsidiaries, for the three years ended March 31 1928, and have reported upon earnings for that period. Officials of the respective companies have furnished reports estimating earnings for year ending March 31 1929, based upon results for nine months ended Dec. 31 1928.

Net Available for Dividends on Preferred Shares, and Income Taxes, Years Ended March 31

1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.
\$218,601	\$160,010	\$129,194	(est.)\$165,000

Annual dividend requirements on preferred shares now to be issued \$91,000.

The above-mentioned earnings do not reflect the advantages of substantial operating economies, which should result from placing the businesses under single control.

Assets.—Based on valuation of fixed assets by independent appraisers, combined fixed and net current assets of Standard Fuel Co., Ltd., and subsidiary companies as shown in the consolidated balance sheet, as at March 31 1928 (after giving effect to present financing) aggregated \$1,781,895, fixed assets having a depreciated replacement value of \$1,052,317, and net current assets (after deducting all current liabilities including purchase money mortgages) having totaled \$729,578.

Purpose.—The proceeds will be used to provide in part for the acquisition of the above mentioned capital stock of the Standard Fuel Co. of Toronto, Ltd., and Milnes Coal Co., Ltd.

Sinking Fund.—After the conclusion of the first and each succeeding fiscal year, the company will set apart by way of sinking fund for its preferred shares, a sum equivalent to 10% of its net earnings for its preceding fiscal year after providing for reasonable depreciation, profits, taxes and after payment or provision for payment of all preferential dividends for such fiscal year. These moneys will be used to purchase preferred shares at prices not exceeding their redemption price. Such shares shall be purchased at or below the redemption price, or redeemed by lot, and shall be cancelled and not re-issued.

Capitalization

	Authorized.	Issued.
Cumulative preferred shares	\$2,500,000	\$29,000
Common shares (no par value)	50,000 shs.	50,000 shs.

Standard Oil Co. of Indiana.—Rockefeller Interests Win Fight to Oust Col. Robert W. Stewart as Chairman.

At the annual meeting held March 7 Col. Robert W. Stewart was overwhelmingly defeated by the Rockefeller interests in the fight over the Chairmanship. Col. Stewart received the support of the holders of only 2,954,986 shares out of the 9,284,668 shares of stock outstanding, while his opponents were able to muster 5,519,210 shares against him.

Former associates of Col. Stewart remained in control of the company, with the backing of the Rockefeller interests. President Edward G. Seubert retains his title, his place on the directorate and becomes the chief executive officer of the company for the present. The Chairmanship remains vacant.

Four new directors were elected. They are Dr. William M. Burton, Melvin A. Traylor, President of the First National Bank of Chicago; Thomas S. Cook and Dr. Gentry S. Cash.

All the candidates named on the Stewart, or management ticket, except Col. Stewart and Louis L. Stephens, received the support of the Rockefeller proxy committee. The following are the directors who were elected in addition to the above: elected Edward G. Seubert, Allan Jackson, Robert H. McElroy, Edward J. Bullock, Amos Ball, Robert E. Humphreys and Charles J. Barkdull.

The general officers are practically the same as before, except for Col. Stewart's elimination. Mr. Stephens was re-elected as general counsel.

Of the four new directors two fill vacancies caused by deaths during the last year and the other two fill vacancies that have existed for more than a year. See also V. 128, p. 576, 905.

Calendar Years—

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Net earnings	\$83,437,166	\$33,197,456	\$62,598,764	\$60,532,648
Reserve for Fed. taxes	6,100,000	3,065,000	7,500,000	7,600,000

Net income \$77,337,166 \$30,132,456 \$55,098,764 \$52,932,648
Dividends 32,416,528 32,130,170 31,876,737 22,521,638

Surplus \$44,920,638df\$1,997,714 \$23,222,027 \$30,411,010

Shares of capital stock outstanding (par \$25) 9,284,663 9,231,540 9,136,618 9,052,908

Earns. per sh. on cap. stk. \$8.33 \$3.26 \$6.03 \$5.84

x Includes \$21,821,870 received from Midwest Refining Co. as an extra dividend.—V. 128, p. 905.

Standard Paving, Ltd.—New Control.—See Standard Paving & Materials, Ltd. below.—V. 127, p. 562.

Standard Paving & Materials, Ltd.—Pref. Stock Offered.

—Stewart, Scully & Co., Ltd., and Harley, Milner & Co., Toronto, recently offered \$1,500,000 7% cum. conv. redeemable preference shares at 100 and int.

Preference shares are fully paid and non-assessable, entitling the holder to preferential cumulative cash dividends at the rate of 7% per annum payable (Q-F) at any branch of the companies' bankers in Canada (first dividend to be paid May 15 1929). Preferred as to assets over other class shares, and to the extent of 110 and div. in case of voluntary liquidation. Red. all or part by purchase in the open market at the lowest available price not exceeding the redemption price, or on any div. date upon 30 days' notice at \$ 10 per share and div. Convertible into common shares at any time on the basis of 2 1/2 common shares without par value for each one preference share unless previously called for redemption. In the event of preference shares being called the conversion privilege may be exercised at any time up to 10 days' prior to date fixed for redemption. Transfer Agent, Chartered Trust & Executor Co., Toronto. Registrar, The Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto.

Capitalization

	Authorized.	Issued.
7% cum. conv. red. pref. shares (par \$100)	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Common shares (no par value)	x200,000 shs.	104,872 shs.

x 37,500 common shares reserved for conversion of the preference shares

and 15,000 common shares reserved for conversion of preference shares of consolidated Sand & Gravel, Ltd.

Company.—Will own all of the issued capital stock of the following companies: Standard Paving, Ltd., Kilmer & Barber, Ltd., and National Sand & Material Co., Ltd., and the issued common stock of Consolidated Sand & Gravel, Ltd.

The Standard Paving, Ltd. stock and the common stock of the Consolidated Sand & Gravel, Ltd. is being secured by the exchange of shares and the control of the stock has been pledged for exchange in each case by interested stockholders.

Purpose.—The purpose of the present issue is to buy for cash the stock of the other two companies and also give the company sufficient additional money to purchase another company for which negotiations are now being conducted.

Earnings.—Net earnings of the combined companies for 1929 after making full allowances, it is estimated, will be in excess of \$680,000 which, after paying the preferred dividend on the present issue and the preferred dividend on the \$1,200,000 preferred stock of the Consolidated Sand & Gravel, Ltd., will leave \$691,000 available for the common stock.

Stanley Works (Conn.)—Earnings.

Calendar Years—

	1928.	1927.	1926.
Net earnings after Federal taxes	\$2,460,679	\$1,446,942	\$1,703,450
Preferred dividends	210,000	265,528	266,872
Common dividends	1,352,000	1,040,000	1,040,000

Balance, surplus \$893,679 \$141,414 \$396,578

—V. 128, p. 2933.

Starrett Corp.—Common Stock Offered.—G. L. Ohrstrom & Co., Inc., Edward B. Smith & Co., Janney & Co. and Graham Parsons & Co. are offering 200,000 shares common stock (no par value) at market (about \$31-\$32 per share). It is expected that the same bankers will make an offering of \$15,000,000 6% pref. stock at an early date.

Transfer agents, New York Trust Co., New York; First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, and National Shawmut Bank of Boston. Registrars, Lawyers Trust Co., New York; Continental National Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago, and First National Bank of Boston.

Data from Letter of Col. W. A. Starrett, Pres. of the Corporation.

Business.—Corporation has been organized Feb. 20 1929 in Delaware for the purpose of constructing and financing, directly or through its subsidiaries, building operations in the principal metropolitan centers of the United States. Corporation will acquire all of the capital stock of Starrett Brothers, Inc., which is one of the outstanding building and construction firms in this country. In addition to its construction activities, which will be handled through Starrett Brothers, Inc., the corporation and its other subsidiaries will engage in the ownership, financing and management of real estate undertakings.

The increasing magnitude of real estate transactions makes it imperative that both builders and owners have far greater capital funds than have been heretofore required. In this respect the Starrett Corp. and its subsidiaries will be in a unique position to serve clients in all phases of their operations, and in addition, will have sufficient capital to make substantial investments and engage in extensive operations for their own account. The subsidiaries of the corporation will include the following:

Starrett Brothers, Inc.—Founded by Paul Starrett, Col. W. A. Starrett and Andrew J. Eken, is one of the outstanding firms engaged in the construction of buildings, including banks, office buildings, hotels, apartment houses, public buildings and other edifices. During 1928 it has carried on construction work aggregating over \$25,000,000 in cost, which included the erection of a large number of representative structures. Since its inception it has commanded a large and growing volume of business and has been identified with some of the most important building operations in the United States, including the New York Life Building (reputed to be the largest private building contract ever signed). At the present time construction work in progress, under contract and/or as to which negotiations have been concluded, aggregates over \$50,000,000 in cost. Over \$29,000,000 of this work is in process of construction.

Starrett Investing Corp.—This corporation has been organized in Delaware and will have a paid-in cash capital stock of \$10,000,000. In addition, it has contracted for the sale of \$10,000,000 of its funded obligations, the proceeds of which will augment its capital resources. It will underwrite and deal in mortgages on real estate and in unsecured obligations and stocks of corporations engaged in the operation, management, development and/or improvement of real estate, and in real estate generally.

The Wall & Hanover St. Realty Co.—Is the owner of the 35-story Wall & Hanover St. Realty Building, located at 59-61 Wall St., N. Y. City, now under construction by Starrett Brothers, Inc. This building will be ready for occupancy on May 1, 1929. It is 100% rented to a tenancy which includes some of the most important banking institutions and law firms in the United States.

It is contemplated that the policy of the Starrett Corp. will include the acquisition of important buildings for permanent ownership and investment.

Capitalization

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Preferred stock	\$50,000,000	\$17,200,000
Common stock (no par value) this issue	\$1,500,000 shs.	380,000 shs.

a Entitled to cum. divs. at the rate of 6% per annum; \$15,000,000 of the par value of \$50 per share with common stock purchase privilege; \$2,200,000 of the par value of \$10 per share; each share of \$10 par value preferred stock entitled to one vote.

b 700,000 shares are reserved for delivery upon the exercise of stock purchase privileges as follows: 300,000 shares for holders of \$50 par value pref. stock, commencing at \$29 per share after April 30 1930; \$150,000 shares for holders of col. trust 5% gold bonds, series due Feb. 1 1949; Starrett Investing Corp. at the same prices and during the same periods; 125,000 shares for the bankers, at \$25 per share, and 125,000 shares for the management, at \$20 per share.

Upon completion of present financing the subsidiaries of the corporation will have outstanding in the hands of the public \$17,000,000 of funded debt.

Earnings.—Based upon conservative estimates of the earnings of Starrett Brothers, Inc., Starrett Investing Corp., and the Wall & Hanover Street Realty Co., and allowing a reasonable return on funds of the corporation available for investment, it is anticipated that the earnings for the year 1929 available for the common stock after deducting all charges of the corporation and its subsidiaries, including Federal income tax, will be at the rate of more than \$3 per share per annum.

The net operating income of Starrett Brothers, Inc., for the year ended Dec. 31 1928 was over \$600,000. This figure does not include any profit from the Wall & Hanover Bldg., which was built by Starrett Brothers, Inc., for its own account. Inasmuch as certain general expenses applicable to this building were deducted from the net operating income of Starrett Brothers, Inc., for 1928, its net income for 1928 would have been increased by \$350,000 had this building been constructed for other interests. It is conservatively estimated that the net earnings during the current year accruing to the Starrett Corp. from Starrett Brothers, Inc., will be over \$1,100,000, which is in excess of the preferred stock dividend requirements of the corporation. Based upon the existing leases for space in the Wall & Hanover Street Bldg. it is conservatively estimated that the annual return which the corporation will receive upon its investment in the building will be in excess of \$463,000.

The corporation and its subsidiaries, upon completion of present financing, will have approximately \$21,000,000 available for investment.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the present financing of the corporation, including this issue of common stock, will be used in part toward the acquisition of all of the outstanding stock of Starrett Brothers, Inc., the Wall & Hanover Street Realty Co. and Starrett Investing Corp. The balance of such proceeds will be available for investment and working capital.

Listing.—Stock listed on the Boston Stock Exchange.

Stein Cosmetics Co., Inc.—Stock Units Sold.—Moses & Co. announce the sale at \$40 per unit of 22,500 units, each unit consists of one share convertible preference stock and one share common stock.

Company has been organized in Delaware to acquire the capital and/or assets, including trade-marks, trade-names, formulae, patents, &c., of the M. Stein Cosmetics Co., and its subsidiary, Grotta Realty Corp.; also Alexander Laboratory, Inc. and its subsidiary, Synthesa Laboratories, Inc. Further details are given in V. 128, p. 577.

Sterling Securities Corp.—Units Admitted to Trading.

The Sterling corporation's units, each of which consists of 1 share of preference stock (par \$20) and 1 share of class A common stock (no par value), were admitted to trading on the New York Curb Market last week. The initial quotation was 34 1/2.—V. 128, p. 1247.

Stewart-Warner Speedometer Co. (& Subs.).—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for 1928 and 1927, showing Assets (Land, buildings, machinery, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Bass-Alemite 7%, notes, etc.). Total assets and liabilities are \$32,411,552 and \$28,038,933 respectively.

The income account was given in V. 128 p. 1247.

Studebaker Corp.—January Deliveries Higher.

Actual retail deliveries of Studebaker commercial cars during January 1929, showed an increase of 114% over the same period last year and were the largest of any one month in Studebaker history. These figures are based on retail delivery reports received from all parts of the country. Every one of the Studebaker commercial car lines contributed to this remarkable increase. Deliveries of delivery cars were 153% higher than January 1928. Funeral car and ambulance deliveries increased 120%. Busses and bus chassis deliveries, which were naturally retarded by a transition period between six cylinder to eight cylinder, gained 18%. Since its inception, 3 1/2 years ago, the commercial car division of the Studebaker Corp. has grown until to-day it ranks as one of the three largest producers of busses in the United States, and the largest producer of funeral cars and ambulances. Delivery car sales have shown a steady increase since their introduction.

The January increase follows on the heels of a 57.9% gain in commercial cars sales for 1928 as compared with 1927.

Calendar Years—1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Number of cars sold, Net sales, Cost of manufacturing, selling & gen. expense, Depreciation.

Net earnings, Int. receiv. less int. paid, Net profits before deducting income taxes, Income taxes in United States and Canada.

Net profits for the year, Preferred divs. (7%), Common dividends, Rate, Surplus, Surplus Jan. 1.

Total surplus, Transferred to reserve for future contingencies, Loss & exp. incl. to cent. factory oper. at S. Bend.

Surplus acct. Dec. 31, Includes special surp. of com. shs. outst. (no par), Earnings per share on com.—V. 128, p. 1247.

Studebaker Mail Order Corp.—Adds New Equipment.

The corporation is adding \$100,000 of new equipment for the manufacture of radio sets for its subsidiary, Colin B. Kennedy, Inc., at Southbend, Ind. It was announced by Vice-president F. H. Wellington. The radio manufacturing plant is being moved from Highland, Ill., to Southbend, Ind.—V. 128, p. 1247.

Stutz Motor Car Co.—New Vice-Presidents.

Due to the advancement of Col. E. S. Gorrell to the presidency and of Edwin B. Jackson to the chairmanship of the board of this company, two vacancies of vice-president were created. Following the policy of advancing men from the ranks whenever possible, Col. Gorrell announces that the board of directors has appointed Bert Dingley and E. R. Parker as Vice-Presidents to fill the vacancies.—V. 128, p. 1072.

Sun Oil Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Gross inc. from oper. (excl. inter-co. sales), Cost of materials, oper. and gen. admin. exp., Operating income, Other income.

Total income, Int. & disc. on funded debt, &c., Deprec. and depletion, Taxes, incl. est. Fed. tax.

Net income, Prof. divs. (paid & accord), Com. divs. paid in cash, Divs. paid in stock.

Balance, surplus, Shs. com. out. (no par), Earnings per share on com.—(Note.—In addition to the amount of taxes shown above for 1928 there was paid (or accrued) for State gasoline taxes the sum of \$3,789,802.)

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for 1928 and 1927, showing Assets (Cash, Accts. receivable, Bills receivable, etc.) and Liabilities (Accounts payable, Bills payable, Loans affil. co's., etc.).

Total (each side) 74,500,081 65,748,291. x Real estate, leases, plant, equipment and other facilities, \$71,388,695, less depreciation and depletion, \$25,897,019. y Sun Oil Co. 15-year 5 1/2% gold debentures, due Sept. 1 1939, \$8,932,000; 5 1/2% car trust certifs., due Nov. 27 1930, \$60,000. z Represented by about 1,297,627 shares, no par value.—V. 127, p. 2552.

Telautograph Corp., N. Y.—To Increase Stock.

The stockholders will vote Mar. 19 on increasing the authorized common stock (no par value) from 207,500 shares to 292,500 shares.

Calendar Year—1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rentals, Paper sales, Miscellaneous income, Total income, Expenses—Adminis., Selling, Installation, Maintenance, Engineering, Depreciation, Experimental, Legal, Special, Miscellaneous taxes, Federal taxes.

Net profit, Preferred dividends (7%), Common dividends.—(80c.) 1928, (60c.) 1927, (60c.) 1926, (50c.) 1925.

Net profit, Shares common stk. outstanding (no par), Earned per share.—Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—Plant accounts, Cash, Account received, Inventories, Investments, Deferred charges. Liabilities—Preferred stock, Common stock, Accounts payable, Accrued accounts, Federal tax, Rentals rec. in adv, Surplus.

Total—\$2,485,705 \$2,384,139. a After depreciation \$657,302. b Represented by 192,000 shares, no par value.—V. 127, p. 3558.

Texon Oil & Land Co.—Receives Dividends.

On Jan. 26 1929, the directors of Group No. 1 Oil Corp. declared a dividend of \$100 per share, payable Feb. 20 to holders of record Jan. 31 1929. This dividend totals \$204,800, of which Texon will receive \$129,450. dividend of \$100 per share, payable Feb. 20 to holders of record Jan. 31 On Feb. 1 1929, Texon and Group No. 1 received \$200,000 by reason of the Big Lake Oil Co. dividend payable on that date.—V. 128, p. 418.

Thatcher Manufacturing Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—1928, 1927. Gross sales, Net sales after returns &c., Cost of sales & exp., Operating profit, Other income.

Total income, Depreciation, Federal tax, Royalties, losses, etc., Net profit, Preferred dividends, Preference dividends.

Surplus, Earnings per shr. on 120,000 shs. com. stk. (no par)—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—Fixed assets, Cash, Call loan, U. S. Treas. notes, Accounts & notes rec., less res., Inventories, Investments, Licenses, formulae, con't rights, &c., Deferred charges. Liabilities—Accounts payable, Accrued acc'ts. res. for Fed., &c., taxes, &c., Miscel. reserves, 7% pref. stock, Capital, Earned surplus.

Total—\$5,280,610 \$4,915,714. a After depreciation of \$2,431,462. b Represented by no par value stock consisting of 132,000 shares of convertible preference stock and 120,000 shares of common stock.—V. 127, p. 1118.

Timken Detroit Axle Co.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 1/2 of 1% in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2%, both payable April 1 to holders of record March 20. Like amounts were paid in the preceding 9 quarters.—V. 128, p. 418.

Tobacco Products Corp.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$65,933,050 common stock, (par \$20), on official notice of issuance, in exchange for outstanding common stock par \$100 per share, on the basis of 5 shares of new common stock for one share of the old common stock.—V. 127, p. 3721.

Toddy Corp.—Plan of Consolidation.

See Grocery Store Products, Inc. above.—V. 128, p. 1416.

Transcontinental Air Transport, Inc.—Earnings.

Earnings for Period from June 6 1928 to Dec. 31 1928. Interest Received, Loans, Bank deposits, Gross income.

Expenses—Salaries & expenses, Services outside experts, Insurance, Advertising, Crash of plane, Investigation of routes, Organization expenses, Miscellaneous.

Balance surplus at Dec. 31 1928.—V. 127, p. 2383.

Traung Label & Lithograph Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—1928, 1927, 1926. Net profit, after depreciation, Estimated Federal taxes, Amort. of disc't on cap. stock of predecessor co., Miscellaneous.

Balance, Dividends, Balance, surplus, Earnings per sh. on 30,000 shs., cl. A stk.—V. 126, p. 3777.

The stockholders ratified an increase in the authorized class "A" stock from 40,000 shares to 150,000 shares of \$5 par value and a decrease in the authorized class "B" stock from 40,000 shares to 5,000, par \$5.

The name of the company will be changed to the General Candy Corp. as soon as the new stock certificates are ready.

The directors have authorized the issuance and delivery of 7,000 shares of class "A" stock in exchange for 35,000 shares of class "B" stock, deliverable April 1 to class "B" stockholders of record March 18.

University Realty Co., Inc., New Orleans, La.—Bonds Offered.—Chicago Trust Co., Chicago, and Hibernia Securities Co., New Orleans, are offering \$450,000 1st (closed) mtge. 6% gold bonds at 100 and int.

Dated Feb. 1 1929; due Feb. 1 1931. Interest payable F. & A. at Chicago Trust Co., Chicago, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not to exceed 2%.

Company.—Owns in fee a valuable property in New Orleans, facing on University Place and Common St., near the Roosevelt Hotel, with a small frontage on South Rampart St., totaling 28,477 square feet.

Security.—These bonds will be secured by a first closed mortgage on the above-mentioned land. Two independent appraisals of this property indicate an average valuation of \$856,000, or almost twice the amount of this bond issue.

Guarantee.—In addition to the security, these bonds will be unconditionally guaranteed as to principal and interest by G. M. McConnell, I. M. Nicolson, A. B. Schuttler and Walter Schuttler.

Utah Copper Co.—Dividend Rate Increased.—The directors on March 6 declared a quarterly dividend of \$4 per share on the outstanding \$16,244,900 capital stock, par \$10, payable March 30 to holders of record March 15.

Van Raalte Co., Inc., N. Y. City.—Annual Report.—Calendar Years—1928, 1927, 1926, 1925.

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1928, 1927, 1926, 1925) and rows for Gross profit on sales, Selling, adm., &c., exp., Net profit, Other income, Gross income, Depreciation, Income charges, Net profit, Div. pref. divs., Balance, surplus, etc.

Ventura Properties Co., Los Angeles.—Bonds Offered.—The California Co., Los Angeles, is offering at 100 and int. \$600,000 1st mtge. 7% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated Jan. 1 1929; due Jan. 1 1937. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Int. payable Q.-J. without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%.

Data from Letter of Frank Meline, President of the Company.

Company.—Organized as a California corporation in 1924, under the name Poinsettia Beach Improvement Co., to purchase and subdivide a tract of 250 acres of ocean front property, known as "Pierpoint Bay," in and adjoining Ventura, Calif.

Security.—Bonds will be secured by a first (closed) mortgage on the greater portion of this property, appraised at \$2,125,050—over 3½ times the amount of the bond issue.

Vesta Battery Corp.—Annual Report.—Calendar Years—1928, 1927, 1926, 1925.

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1928, 1927, 1926, 1925) and rows for Net sales, Cost of sales, Operating expenses, Profit from operations, Other income, Total income, Other charges, Federal income tax, Loss from oper. of lamp radio dept., Net income, Div. pref. dividends, Balance, surplus, etc.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows for Assets (Plant, machinery, trucks, etc., Trade acceptances, Investments, Cash, Notes & accts. rec., Inventories, Deferred charges) and Liabilities (7% pref. stock, Common stock, Notes payable, Accts. payable, Accrd. wages, taxes & insur., Surplus).

Total \$659,286 \$867,185 Total \$659,286 \$867,185

Victor Talking Machine Co.—Plan Operative.—J. & W. Seligman & Co. and Speyer & Co., managers under the plan for the unification of the Victor Talking Machine Co. and the Radio Corp. of America announce that as far more than the required seven-eighths of the Victor common stock has been deposited, the plan is declared operative.

Vulcan Detinning Co.—Dividend Correction.—In our issue of March 2, page 1418, we referred to a dividend of 3% payable on account of arrearages on April 20 next and stated that a like amount

was paid on Oct. 20 last. The first payment on account of arrearages in 1928 was 1% on Oct. 20 and a like amount was paid on Jan. 29 1929.

The amount in arrears after the payment on April 20 next will be 12¼%.

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1928, 1927, 1926, 1925) and rows for Sales, &c., Expenses, deprec., &c., Net oper. income, Other income, Total income, Res. for tax, &c., charges, Net income, Divs. on pref. stock, Surplus, Earnings per sh. on 24,194 shs. conv. pref. & pref. A stocks, After inventory debits amounting to \$147,975.

Results for Quarter Ended December 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows for a Sales, Expenses, deprec., &c., Net oper. profit, Other income, Total income, Res. for tax, &c., charges, Net income, After inventory adjustment.

Condensed Balance Sheet December 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows for Assets (Plant & equip., Patents & goodwill, Cash, Investments, Accts. receivable, Inventories, Advances) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Pref. A stock, Common stock, Com. A stock, Accts. payable, Res. for taxes and conting. liab., Cont. & def. liab., Dividends payable, Surplus).

Wahl Co., Chicago.—Acquires Joint Interest in Pen Desk Set Co.—The Wahl Co., W. A. Sheaffer Pen Co. and Parker Pen Co. have organized a jointly owned, independent company, to be known as the Pen Desk Set Co., to which each will assign its patents covering desk set fountain pens and holders.

Waldorf System, Inc.—February Sales.—1929—Feb. 1928, Increase. 1929—2 Mos.—1928, Increase.

Walgreen Co.—Additional Acquisitions.—The company announces the acquisition of the Linck Drug Co. of Kansas City, Mo., and the West Drug Co. of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Walworth Co. (& Subs.)—Annual Report.—Calendar Years—1928, 1927, 1926.

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1928, 1927, 1926) and rows for Gross profit on sales & disposal of capital assets, Deprec. on plant & equipment, Adm. & sell. exp. (net) & taxes (incl. Federal tax), Int. on bonds notes & drafts less disc. on bonds reacquired for skg. fund, Net profit, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Surplus.

(John) Wanamaker Philadelphia.—Bonds Offered.—Brown Brothers & Co., Edward B. Smith & Co., Elkins, Morris & Co. and Thos. A. Biddle & Co. are offering at 101¼ and int., to yield about 5.40%, \$15,000,000 real estate 1st mtge. 5½% skg. fund gold bonds of James P. Rothwell.

Dated April 1 1929; maturing April 1 1949. Authorized \$20,000,000; to be presently outstanding \$15,000,000. John Wanamaker Philadelphia will guarantee payment of principal and interest by endorsement on each bond.

Data from Letter of William L. Nevin President of John Wanamaker.

Security.—These bonds are to be secured by direct first mortgage on land and buildings in the central business district of Philadelphia, including the present Wanamaker Store, the premises on South Broad Street extending from Chestnut St. to South Penn Square known as the Liberty and Lincoln Buildings and the properties at 1224-1226 Market St. and 1223-1229 Ludlow St.

Valuation.—The assessed valuation of these properties for taxation in 1928 was \$26,435,000. These properties have been appraised by both Frank H. Massey, and Edgar G. Cross, at considerably in excess of this figure.

Release.—The mortgage will contain appropriate provisions for protection of these bonds in the event of release of any of the properties constituting the security therefor.

Sinking Fund.—The mortgage will provide a sinking fund payable semi-annually beginning April 1 1932, at the rate of \$300,000 per annum, to be applied by the trustee to the retirement of bonds by purchase, if obtainable, and if not by redemption by lot on any interest due at 102 and interest from Oct. 1 1932 to Oct. 1 1938, incl., and at 101 and int. during 1939 to 1948, incl., on 60 days' notice.

John Wanamaker Philadelphia.—The mercantile business of John Wanamaker was founded in Philadelphia in 1861 and since 1909 has been carried on by the present corporation known as John Wanamaker Philadelphia, Incorp. in Pennsylvania.

Ward Baking Corp.—Omits Class A Common Dividend.—The directors on March 7 voted to omit the quarterly dividend of \$2 per share usually payable April 1 on the class A

non-cum. common stock, no par value. This rate had been paid since and including July 1 1926.

The directors declared the regular quarterly dividends of 1 3/4% on the 7% pref. stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 18.

Table with columns: Earnings, Year End, 53 Wks. End., Year Ended. Rows include Net earnings, Total income, Interest, Depreciation, Federal taxes, Net profit, Ward Baking Co. divs., Ward Bkg. Corp. pf. divs, Surplus, and various stock classes.

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Table with columns: Dec. 29 '28, Dec. 31 '27, Dec. 29 '28, Dec. 31 '27. Rows include Assets (Cash, U.S. cfts. of indub., Accts. receivable, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Mln. int. in Ward, etc.).

Total (each side) 44,521,694 45,730,981
a U. S. Third Liberty Loan bonds deposited with Department of Labor under Workmen's Compensation Laws, \$25,513; U. S. certificates of indebtedness to cover contingencies, \$124,400. b Appraisal value as at Dec. 31 1922, \$21,179,724; net additions since appraisal to Dec. 31 1928, \$15,579,552; total, \$36,759,276, less reserve for depreciation \$11,167,773. c 7% cumulative preferred stock (par \$100 each), 310,587 shares; common stock class A (no par value), 86,275 shares; common stock, class B (no par value), 500,000 shares.—V. 127, p. 3560.

Weber & Heilbronner, Inc.—To Change Name—Acquis.—

The common stockholders will vote March 14 on changing the name of the company to Fashion Park Associates, Inc., and on reducing the number of directors thereof to 12.

Secretary Herbert H. Mass says: "Arrangements have been perfected whereby this company will acquire the businesses and assets as going concerns of Fashion Park, Inc., and the Stein-Bloch Co., paying for the same by the issuance of preferred and common stock of this company."

Fashion Park, Inc., is an outstanding factor in the men's clothing manufacturing industry and has an established reputation for the style and quality of its merchandise and the service which it renders to its customers. The Stein-Bloch Co. is likewise a representative manufacturer featuring quality merchandise of a conservative type. Both these companies have extensive affiliations of a close nature with retailers throughout the country who act as distributors of their products.

"Substantial benefits should accrue from the consummation of this plan: 1st, through the extensive affiliations of the manufacturing units with retailers throughout the country, the expansion of retail units should be facilitated; 2d, by the co-ordination of retail activities through group buying and retail research many economies should be accomplished; 3d, the manufacturing units, through the acquisition of additional business, should be enabled to maintain a more even schedule of production throughout the year; 4th, by enlarging the scope of their present operations, the manufacturing companies should be in a position to pass these results to their distributors and through them to the public in giving better service and better value.

The name "Weber and Heilbronner" will be preserved and the stores now operated under that name will continue to be so operated through the medium of a wholly owned subsidiary company, and in like manner the names and good will of "Fashion Park" and "Stein-Bloch" will be perpetuated through the medium of similar wholly owned subsidiary companies.—V. 128, p. 1248.

Wesson Oil & Snowdrift Co., Inc.—Stock Increased.—

The New York Stock Exchange on Feb. 25 received notice that the company has increased its authorized common stock from 300,000 shares, no par value, to 2,000,000 shares, no par value. Of the additional stock, 300,000 shares are being issued in the form of a 100% stock dividend.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 400,000 shares \$4 convertible preferred stock (without par value), on official notice of issuance and payment in full; voting trust certificates representing 300,000 additional shares common stock (without par value), on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend, with authority to add to the list additional permanent engraved voting trust certificates representing 400,000 shares of common stock, upon official notice of issuance in conversion of the convertible preferred stock, making the total amount applied for 400,000 shares \$4 convertible preferred stock and voting trust certificates representing 1,000,000 shares common stock. V. 128, p. 1418.

Western Auto Supply Co.—Earnings.—

The company reports for the year ended Dec. 31 1928 net profit of \$1,002,607 after depreciation, Federal taxes, &c. compared with \$931,577 in 1927. The net profit for 1928 after deducting preferred dividends paid was equal to \$5.92 a share on the approximately 150,000 shares average amount of class A and class B stock outstanding during the year.

As a result of the conversion of warrants during the month of December 1928, the total amount of outstanding class A and class B stock at the end of the year was increased to 193,843 shares. Based on this amount of stock, the earnings for 1928 would be equal to approximately \$4.56 a share. The latter figure, of course, does not give effect to the benefits from the new money obtained by the company from the exercise of warrants.

Sales for 1928 were reported at \$12,328,774 compared with \$11,446,671 in 1927, an increase of 7.7%. 23 new stores were added during 1928, increasing the chain to 54 stores in operation at the end of the year.—V. 128, p. 1418.

Western Grocers, Ltd.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Profits, Depreciation, Income tax, Net income, Preferred dividend, Common dividends, Balance, surplus, Previous surplus, Profit and loss surplus, Earnings per share, shs. com. stk. (no par). —V. 126, p. 3945.

Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.—Lamp Prices Reduced.—

The Westinghouse Lamp Co., a subsidiary, has made a 10% reduction in the price of standard 50 and 60 watt Mazda lamps, making the list

price of all standard household sizes, from 15 to 60 watts, 20 cents. The prices on the 10 and 25 watt sizes in colored lamps and the 40 watt, Ivory and Old Rose, have been reduced to 25 cents from 30 cents. The new prices became effective March 1.—V. 128, p. 1076.

Whitaker Paper Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31 1928. Rows include Net sales, Cost of merchandise, Operating expenses, Operating income, Other income, Total income, Interest and fixed charges, Federal taxes, Net income, Preferred dividends, Balance, surplus, Earnings per share.

(J. G.) White & Co., Inc.—Repurchase British Subsidiary and Sell Management Corporation.—

The company has announced the repurchase by it of J. G. White & Co., Ltd., of London, and in the forthcoming annual report will disclose the sale of the J. G. White Management Corp. to J. H. Pardee and J. I. Mange, President and Vice-President respectively, of the J. G. White Management Corp. The latter company, it is now disclosed, was sold early in 1928, although no formal announcement has heretofore been made.

(Benjamin) Winter Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Consolidated Income Account for 12 1/2 Mos. End. Nov. 30 1928. Rows include Operating income, Operating expenses, Deprec. & amortiz. on operating properties, Administrative & general expenses, Net operating profit, Profit on real estate sales, Interest, Miscellaneous income, Gross income, Interest on mortgages, Sundry charges, Provision for Federal income tax, Net income, Div. on cum. convertible pref. stk. (\$5 per share), Earned surplus as at Nov. 30 1928.

(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—February Sales.—

Table with columns: 1929—Feb., 1928—Feb., Increase, 1929—2 Mos., 1928—2 Mos., Increase. Rows include \$19,374,310, \$18,992,215, \$382,095, \$37,032,429, \$36,099,961, \$922,466.

Yaarab Temple Building Co., Atlanta, Ga.—Bonds Offered.—Taylor, Ewart & Co. are offering at 99 1/2 and int. \$1,500,000 1st mtge. 6 1/4% skg. fund gold bonds.

Dated Dec. 1 1928; due Dec. 1 1948. Principal and interest (J. & D. 1) payable at Trust Co. of Georgia, Atlanta, Ga., trustee, or in Chicago. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Red. all or part upon any interest date upon 90 days' notice at 103 and int. on or before Dec. 31 1933; thereafter at 102 and int. on or before Dec. 1 1938; and thereafter at 101 and int. until maturity.

Data from Letter of Henry C. Heinz, Chairman of the Board.

Organization.—Company was formed to construct and own Yaarab Temple Building in Atlanta, Ga. Company is owned by the members of Yaarab Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, all of whom must be thirty-second degree Masons or Knights Templar. Yaarab Temple of Atlanta was founded in 1889. With a membership of 5,110, Yaarab Temple now ranks thirty-second in size among the 157 Shrine temples of the United States and Canada.

Location and Building.—Yaarab Temple Building, now more than 50% completed, is being constructed a short distance from the financial and business center of Atlanta. Upon completion, it will contain shops and stores, club rooms, ballroom, and the largest motion picture theater in the South, seating 4,500 people. The theater has been leased by Fox Theatres Corp. for 21 years (beginning on the date of completion), a period extending beyond the life of these bonds.

Security.—Bonds will be secured by a closed first mortgage on the land and the building, and through a supplemental indenture by a first lien on all furnishings and equipment. The mortgaged property has been appraised as having a value upon completion of the improvements, but exclusive of furnishings and equipment, of over \$2,760,000. In addition, the Fox Theatres Corp. lease and other other leases will be assigned to the trustee for the benefit of this issue.

Based upon the above appraisal, this bond issue represents less than a 55% loan.

Earnings.—Fox Theatres Corp. has leased the theater for the period of 21 years at an aggregate rental of \$2,205,000. All payments shall be paid directly to the trustee and shall be used for interest and retirement of these bonds. In addition, Yaarab Temple has covenanted by lease to pay directly to the trustee an amount equivalent to not less than the difference between \$120,000 per annum and the amount received annually under the Fox Theatres Corp. lease. Through these lease assignments the trustee will have available annually an amount equivalent to the combined annual interest and sinking fund charges.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of this issue will be deposited with the trustee and will be used as part of the cost of constructing and equipping the building.

Sinking Fund.—Beginning Dec. 1 1930, the trustee shall receive \$120,000 annually for payment of interest and redemption of bonds. The application of this sum yearly to the service of the loan will retire approximately \$808,000 principal amount of these bonds, or more than one-half the entire issue, prior to maturity.

Listed.—These bonds are listed on the Chicago Stock Exchange.

(J. S.) Young Co., Baltimore.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns: Calendar Years— 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Net profit, Preferred divs. (7%), Common divs. (10%), Balance, surplus, Previous surplus, P. & L. surp. Dec. 31, Shs. com. out. (par \$100), Earnings per sh. on com. stk. (no par).

Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 12,394 additional shares of common stock (without par value) upon official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied for 1,000,000 shares.

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Net sales	\$14,099,988	\$13,221,463	\$15,250,502	\$13,651,585
Cost of sales	11,847,527	11,152,047	12,531,334	10,934,456
Net profits	\$2,253,461	\$2,058,415	\$2,977,168	\$2,717,129
Other income	3,020,136	1,864,850	3,161,839	2,796,720
Gross income	\$25,553,597	\$22,923,264	\$33,139,007	\$29,969,849
Deprec. & depletion	8,321,399	9,782,459	9,166,632	9,023,877
Other miscel. charges	x1,539,144	1,998,536	2,326,319	1,665,117
Int. & discount on bonds	3,821,717	4,098,305	4,290,815	4,302,369
Prof. accr. to minor subs	See "x"	20,630	36,376	50,764
Federal taxes	1,425,000	---	2,170,000	1,700,000
Net income	\$10,446,336	\$7,023,334	\$15,148,876	\$13,227,721
Preferred divs. (7%)	910,938	996,877	996,877	996,877
Common dividends	5,000,000	4,938,036	3,950,424	3,950,424
Surplus balance for yr.	\$4,535,398	\$1,088,427	\$10,201,575	\$8,280,420
Earns. per sh. on 987,606 shs. com. stk. (no par)	\$9.53	\$6.10	\$14.31	\$12.39

	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Property a/cts.	216,918,943	203,468,681	7% cum. pf. stk.	15,000,000
Inv. in & adv. to mln., &c. on emp.	8,122,016	11,018,063	Com. stock	75,000,000
Bal. due on cons. dwell'g purch.			Paid in on empl. stock subscrp.	199,715
Contracts	897,524	952,236	Min. Int. in sub. companies	35,496
Sink. fd. invest.	422,000	432,104	Funded debt	73,500,000
Insurance fund.	449,896	293,258	Accts. payable	6,958,806
Inventories	46,812,624	52,879,232	Ore rec. in excess of payment	1,559,183
Accts. & nts. rec.	25,602,793	20,572,243	Acc. int., tax, &c.	2,024,225
Due from officers and employees	59,214	85,933	Federal taxes	1,132,417
Sundry market. & Govt. securs.	10,640,677	8,280,127	Depr. reserve	79,057,345
Cash	1,243,645	1,537,352	Depl. reserve	10,960,253
Deferred charges	596,560	494,385	Other reserves	5,773,954
			Surplus	40,564,497
Total	311,765,893	300,013,614	Total	311,765,893

x Represented by 987,606 no par shares.—V. 127, p. 2842.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—If the railroads are to meet adequately the transportation needs of the future, some modification of Government regulation would seem to be necessary, according to a survey published by Frazier Jelke & Co., 40 Wall St., New York, summarizing the opinions of leading railroad executives. Discussing the unsatisfactory condition of the four principal problems in railroad regulation—consolidation, rate revision, valuation and the recapture of earnings—the survey points out that no consolidation has been effected since 1920 when the Transportation Act definitely committed the Inter-State Commerce Commission to a policy of railroad consolidation; that there has been a gradual but steady decline in rate levels in the past eight years; that in railroad valuation the commission has definitely departed from its original theory of valuation, including cost of reproduction, which had been approved by the Supreme Court in a series of decisions over a period of 30 years; and that the unfairness of the recapture clause lies in the fact that it commits the railroads to the recapture of one-half of any earnings in excess of 6%, but does not guarantee any earnings up to that amount.

—Southworth, Dierdorff & Co., Inc., has been organized to deal in investment securities in New York and nine other Eastern cities. Headquarters are at 111 Broadway, N. Y. and the branch offices are located in Boston, Albany, Plattsburg, N. Y., Elmira, N. Y., Malone, N. Y., Glens Falls, N. Y., Waterville, Me., Worcester, Mass., and Haverhill, Mass. Heading the new company is R. G. Southworth, who has been ten years in the sales and legal departments of the investment business. Other officials are I. E. Dierdorff, Vice-President, in charge of the Boston office, and W. A. Bean, Vice-Pres. in charge of the Albany office, and Robert A. Donny, Treasurer.

—Elisha Walker, President of Blair & Co., Inc., has been decorated by the Italian Government with the rank of Commander of the Order of the Crown of Italy, conferred upon him by direction of the King of Italy. The insignia of the order was presented to Mr. Walker by Romolo Angelone, commercial counselor of the Royal Italian Embassy. As head of the international banking house of Blair & Co., Mr. Walker has played a prominent part in financing hydro-electric enterprises and other industries in Italy since the war and it is in recognition of his activities that the decoration was conferred.

—Stein Bros. & Boyce, Baltimore, Md., have issued their annual comparison of Baltimore's financial institutions, showing capital and dividend changes, high and low market prices, deposits, surplus and undivided profits, and giving information with regard to those institutions which have participated in mergers or other consolidations. The information is based upon the latest available statements of the various financial institutions reviewed. Salient features that are necessary to compare the progress and the relative values of the capital stocks of Baltimore's financial institutions are also given.

—Royer, Pribble & Co., Chicago, announce the opening of offices to engage in a general brokerage and commission business, specializing in securities listed on the Chicago Stock Exchange, with offices at 500-52 State Bank Building, 120 South La Salle St., Chicago. The firm members are: Arthur T. Rodger, member Chicago Stock Exchange; Rolla S. Pribble, formerly with Harris Trust & Savings Bank; Stewart E. Jamieson, formerly with Hornblower & Weeks and Lester E. Pennington, formerly with Harris Trust & Savings Bank.

—William W. Brainard, Frank Crandall Cloyes, Russell B. Cook, Fred P. Jeter, E. Groothoff and Newell W. Wells, Jr., have become associated with Woodward, Butler & Co., 37 Wall St., New York City. Mr. Cook and Mr. Groothoff were formerly with Clinton Gilbert; Mr. Brainard, with Gilbert Elliott & Co.; Mr. Cloyes, with Holt, Rose & Troster; Newell W. Wells, Jr., with Trust Department Chase National Bank, and Fred P. Jeter, with W. H. Giddings & Co.

—William G. Furlong, former Vice-President and General Manager of the Municipal Gas Co. of Albany, has become associated with the firm of F. S. Moseley & Co. in its Albany office. The company is opening new offices in the New York State Bank Building and will be the first brokerage firm in Albany to use the direct typewriter-telephone system connecting with its New York and Boston offices.

—D. G. Bartlett, who for the past six years conducted his own financial advertising business in Chicago, has joined the staff of Albert Frank & Co. in New York as account executive and copywriter. Previous to entering business for himself, Mr. Bartlett was advertising manager of the Madison & Kedzie State Bank, Chicago; and assistant advertising manager in Chicago of S. W. Straus & Co.

—Orton, Kent & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, 39 Broadway, New York City, announce the admission of Thomas L. Leeming and Harry A. Grant as general partners and Thomas F. Patterson as special partner. Charles T. Edgar, formerly a general partner, becomes a special partner. The firm also announces that Dr. Joseph A. Kelly has become associated with them.

—A. C. Berman and A. T. Thomson announce the formation of Berman, Thomson & Co., Inc., with offices at 67 Wall St., New York, to deal in investment securities and specialize in bank, insurance and investment trust stocks. —E. N. Townsend Company, 111 Broadway, New York, has issued its monthly analysis and quotation pamphlet of Long Island banks and trust companies

—Potter & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, 5 Nassau St., New York City, have issued a special analysis of the Delaware & Hudson R. R., pointing out that inasmuch as the company is now in the process of becoming a large holding company it may develop into a great investment trust.

—McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., Ltd., Toronto, have published a booklet entitled "Financial and Investment Analysis of the Canadian Pacific Railway." This booklet is a reprint of a series of articles written by Gary Moore which recently appeared in "The Financial Post" in serial form.

—Smith, Reed & Jones, 20 Pine St., New York are distributing a four-year analysis of Financial Investing Co. of New York, Ltd. containing the operating report of this Company for 1928, balance sheet as of January 31 1929 and other data of interest.

—Moorhead C. Kennedy, Jr., member New York Stock Exchange, has been admitted to general partnership in the New York and Philadelphia Stock Exchange firm of Montgomery, Scott & Co., 123 So Broad St., Philadelphia.

—Hope H. Barroll, Jr., H. Leslie Winter and Harold W. Batchelder have formed the firm of Barroll, Winter & Co., to conduct a general investment business, with offices in the Keyser Building, Baltimore, Md.

—George M. Forman & Co., Inc., 120 Broadway, New York City, announce that W. E. Shrewsbury, formerly with Pynchon & Co., has become associated with them as Manager of their Trading Department.

—W. H. Johns & Co., Inc., 43 Exchange Pl., New York, have published a special report on the American Department Stores Corp. in which they give the history of the business and outline the prospects for 1929.

—Bauer, Pogue, Pond & Vivian announce that Peter A. H. Voorhis, formerly with Peabody, Smith & Co., has become associated with them as manager of their Syndicate Department.

—Robert W. Morey, Harold W. Danser and Curtis P. Fields have formed the firm of R. W. Morey & Co. to deal in investment securities, with offices at 60 Broad St., New York City.

—Bernard S. Collens, formerly of Collens & Bruell, and Albert I. Collens have organized the firm of Scoles, Collens Co., with offices at 56 Pine St., New York City, to deal in unlisted securities.

—Baker, Simonds & Co., Inc., 37 Wall St., New York, is distributing a 20-page explanation of income tax procedure with specimen returns filled out for the benefit of taxpayers.

—Percy A. Byron, Jr., member New York Stock Exchange, and Herbert C. Strack have been admitted as general partners in the firm of Johnson & Wood, 111 Broadway, New York.

—The current issue of The Granger Financial Review, published by Sulzbacher, Granger & Co., 11 Broadway, New York, discusses Cerro de Pacific Telephone and Telegraph.

—Howard H. Hubbard, formerly with the Empire Trust Co., is now associated with Ernst & Company, members New York Stock Exchange, 120 Broadway, New York.

—Shields & Co., Inc., have issued a 1929 analysis of The A. C. Gilbert Co., manufacturers of "Polar Club" electrical appliances and "Erector" construction toys.

—Norbome P. Gatling, formerly Vice-President Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., has established an office at 149 Broadway, New York City.

—Peter P. McDermott & Co., 42 Broadway, New York City, have issued a descriptive analysis on the National Toll Bridge Co. class A common stock.

—John F. Bull and Calvin A. Quimby have become associated with T. L. MacDonald & Co., 52 Broadway, New York, in their trading department.

—Palmer & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, 61 Broadway, New York City, have prepared an analysis of the Consolidated Royalty Oil Co.

—Herbert W. Knoblauch & Co., New York City, are issuing for free distribution a special analysis of the United States Steel Corporation.

—George P. McCreery has been admitted to general partnership in the firm of Lockwood, Chandler & Co., 115 Broadway, New York.

—Holt, Rose & Troster, 74 Trinity Pl., New York City, have prepared for distribution a special circular on bank and insurance stocks.

—Edward B. Leahy, Walter A. Kahn and Arnold Markel have joined the sales organization of Neely & Co., 39 Broadway, New York.

—J. F. Trounstine & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce that Frank A. Bach has been admitted as a partner.

—Eastman, Dillon & Co. announce the opening of an office in New Brunswick, N. J. under the management of John C. Conger.

—Stone & Webster & Blodget, Inc., 120 Broadway, New York City, announce that John J. Cloud has joined their organization.

—C. J. Lockwood & Co., Inc., 30 Broad Street, New York City, have issued an analysis of Epleure Food Stores Corporation.

—An analysis of the Hudson Motor Car Co. has been prepared by Samuel Ungerleider & Co., 50 Broadway, New York City.

—Estabrook & Co., members New York and Boston Stock Exchanges, have issued a list of investment suggestions.

—E. M. Podyyn has become associated with Estabrook & Co., members New York and Boston Stock Exchanges.

—M. M. O. Purdy has retired as an officer and director of Purdy, Rennick & Co., Inc., 34 Pine St., New York.

—Alfred H. Lewis has become associated with E. B. Diggs & Co., Inc., 57 William St., New York City.

—Outwater & Wells, Jersey City, N. J., have issued a list of New Jersey investment suggestions.

—Grannis & Doty, 74 Trinity Pl., New York, have opened a direct private wire to Hartford.

—Otis & Co. are distributing an analysis of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.

Reports and Documents.

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AMERICAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY

ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE YEAR 1928.

New York, March 1 1929.

To the Stockholders:

During 1928 the Bell System generally has improved telephone service, kept down its cost to the user and at the same time installed plant and equipment sufficient to care promptly for new business. Contributing to this end the American Telephone and Telegraph Company has prosecuted diligently its research, development and engineering for better means and methods of telephone operation, and for greater efficiency and economy in the maintenance and construction of telephone facilities.

The Bell System revenues from local exchange service increased \$40,000,000 or 6.6% over the previous year, and revenues from toll and long-distance service increased \$38,000,000 or 14.1%. The increase in total operating revenues was \$80,700,000 or 9%. Due in part to additional expenditures for better service, total expenses increased 8.8% and the investment in plant and other assets increased 10.7%. The total plant and other assets at the end of the year amounted to \$3,827,000,000. The net earnings for the year of \$242,700,000 were at the rate of 6.6% on the cost of plant and other assets.

In accordance with the policy of the company to pay reasonable and regular dividends only, and for part of the new capital needed to offer additional capital stock to the stockholders on favorable terms, quarterly dividends of \$2.25 a share were paid during the year, and an offer at par of \$185,863,000 of stock of this company was made to stockholders of record June 1 1928. More than 264,000 subscriptions were received for this new stock. The money from this issue is being used by the Associated Companies of the Bell System and the Long Lines Department of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company for plant and equipment. Due partly to this issue of additional stock, the number of stockholders of the company increased from 423,580 at the end of 1927 to 454,596 at the end of 1928. The average number of shares held per stockholder is now 28.

During the year \$428,700,000—more than \$1,000,000 a day—was expended on construction. While for the most part this was for facilities to take care of new business, a considerable portion of it was to provide better facilities to improve service. This expenditure for plant was the largest that has ever been made in one year.

The expenditure for 1929 is expected to exceed this amount, and for the next five years will undoubtedly be well in excess of the \$1,900,000,000 spent in the past five years.

There were 798,592 telephones added to the number owned and operated by the Bell System, and at the end of the year 19,200,000 telephones in the United States were interconnected in and with the Bell System. Approximately 4,300,000 of these were telephones of independent connecting companies—some 8,300 different telephone companies and 30,000 farmers' lines.

The transatlantic telephone service, originally established between the United States and Great Britain, has been extended to Sweden, Norway, Denmark, France, Spain (including Ceuta in Africa), Belgium, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Czecho-Slovakia, Hungary and the city of Danzig. The Bell System was already connected with the telephone systems in Canada, Cuba and Mexico. The 19,200,000 telephones of the Bell System can thus reach more than 8,600,000 telephones in Canada, Cuba, Mexico and Europe, making it possible for any one of these telephones in the United States to be connected with any one of 27,800,000 out of the total 32,800,000 telephones in the world.

The increase in the standards of living, the growth of business activity generally, a more rapid and accurate telephone service, a growing appreciation of the value of the service, and the continuing effort of the entire Bell System personnel to see that every telephone user in the United States has adequate telephone facilities for his or

her comfortable and convenient use, as well as the increase in population, all contribute to the growth of the telephone business.

This growth would seem to be conclusive evidence of the reasonable cost of telephone service to the user. If charges were not reasonable, growth would obviously be retarded, if not stopped.

With the exception of a few places where rates are clearly inadequate, and in spite of the tendency for the cost of furnishing local service to increase as the extent of the service increases, the continuing technical advances in the telephone art and improvements in operation methods should enable the System to provide ever increasing service in local areas without further increase in rates. Through the increased number of telephones with which a subscriber may communicate and through improved service, the cost of telephone service is actually becoming less and less in that the telephone user is buying more and better service for the same money.

While the Bell System seeks to furnish the public the best possible service at the least cost, the policy which recognizes this obligation to the public recognizes equally its responsibilities to its employees. It is and has been the aim to pay salaries and wages in all respects adequate and just and to make sure that individual merit is discovered and recognized.

Fair and just salaries and wages to the personnel, reasonable, regular dividends to the stockholders together with an opportunity for them to make additional investments in the business from time to time on favorable terms, and further improvements in service or reduction in charges for service to telephone users so far as financial safety permits, are fundamental in the policy of the management to furnish the most telephone service and the best at the least cost.

Effective Feb. 1 1929 there was a reduction in toll and long-distance rates amounting to a saving to the users of about \$5,000,000 annually. Also, during 1928 the basic transoceanic telephone rate was cut from \$75 to \$45. Effective at the beginning of 1929 the American Telephone and Telegraph Company reduced its charge to its Associated Companies under its contracts for services from 2% to 1½% of the gross telephone revenues of those companies. This reduction amounts to about \$4,600,000 annually and is in accord with the practice of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company to do everything possible to aid its Associated Companies in keeping down the cost of telephone service. The Western Electric Company, Incorporated, reduced prices in 1928 by about \$20,000,000 on the present annual volume of purchases by Bell System companies. This was accomplished largely by increased efficiency and improved methods of manufacture.

SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS.

During 1928 there was further definite improvement in local exchange telephone service. Operating errors, including those made by the users as well as those of the operating forces, were reduced 10%.

The telephone calls that failed of completion on first attempt were reduced by 3%, meaning a better handling of more than 150,000,000 calls a year.

Toll and long-distance service has shown further improvement. The average length of time for handling a call was 1.2 minutes, as compared with 1.5 minutes in 1927 and 2.6 minutes in 1925. At the present time about 95% of all toll and long-distance calls are handled while the calling party remains at the telephone, as compared with 90% a year ago and 70% in 1925. With this improvement in speed there has been continued gain in the clearness of voice transmission.

About one-fifth of all telephones receive service through private branch exchange switchboards which are operated by employees of subscribers. In order to improve the ser-

vice which they render, the telephone companies have opened schools for their instruction, in which during 1928 thousands were trained. The companies also are supplying an increasing percentage of experienced operators for private branch exchange switchboards. However, there still remains a real opportunity to better the service by further improvement of private branch exchange operation.

About 750,000 calls a day are for "Information." In some cases, information operators must have ready access to as many as a million names and addresses. Better equipment and improved methods have produced a better handling of these calls. The more rapid toll service makes it necessary that "Information" furnish subscribers' numbers in distant cities, and plans are now under way which will make it possible for information operators to increase the numbers which they can furnish immediately to as many as 5,000,000.

The general quality of service in our business offices continues to improve. In many, it has been found advantageous to remove the counters and install desks at which each customer receives more personal attention. In the larger cities additional offices have been opened in an effort to bring them within easy reach of all customers. Transactions between customers and business offices approximate 100,000,000 a year.

Primarily as a convenience to the public, time-of-day service has been established in a number of places, including several large cities.

During the year 4,235,000 telephones were connected and 3,485,000 were disconnected. The elapsed time between application and installation or move was reduced 5%. The companies aim ultimately to install or move all telephones by appointment on the dates requested by subscribers.

Service difficulties are due in part to mechanical and electrical troubles. On an average, a subscriber's line or telephone now shows a mechanical or electrical trouble affecting service once in 18 months as compared with once in 17 months a year ago.

These measurable improvements in service, as well as many others, in 1928 have been effected with due regard to every practical economy in operation.

LONG-DISTANCE SERVICE.

The most striking development in the telephone business in the United States during 1928 has been the increased use of the telephone for long-distance calls. While this use has been undoubtedly stimulated by general business activity and the rate reductions made in 1926 and 1927, the increased speed and improved quality of service have been the largest contributing factors.

The total number of messages handled over the long-distance lines of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company was 18% in excess of those handled in the previous year. For the longer distances, such as between the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts, the increase has been 100%. The country is becoming "long-distance minded" and is acquiring a new telephone habit.

Improvement of service—an essential factor in this growth in long-distance usage—is in turn dependent upon adequate and dependable facilities. With this in mind, the company began some years ago the construction of long-distance toll cables. At the beginning of 1925 the investment in the long lines plant and equipment of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company was \$140,000,000. At the end of 1928 the investment was \$262,000,000, and it is planned to spend more than \$80,000,000 for additional facilities in 1929.

At the same time that the number of long-distance telephone messages has been increasing, the other services furnished through the use of the long-distance plant have been steadily growing. Chain broadcasting on a national scale, which has become such an important factor in the life of the nation, is making extensive use of telephone wires for the inter-connection of broadcasting stations located throughout the country.

Press associations, manufacturing enterprises, commercial and banking houses, are making more and more use of networks of circuits leased for their own exclusive use between widely separated points. The majority of these circuits are operated as telegraph or typewriter circuits, although many are for telephone use.

In eight of the principal cities, offices are maintained for the transmission of pictures by wire, and during 1928 arrangements were made with the telegraph companies by which facsimile telegrams and messages are sent over this telephoto system.

TRANSATLANTIC SERVICE.

The volume of transatlantic telephone business continues to increase and has at times overloaded the radio-telephone facilities. A short-wave channel is now in use supplementing the long-wave channel.

The increasing use and further development of transatlantic telephony will require further facilities. During the year the research engineers of the Bell Telephone Laboratories perfected a means of making a transatlantic telephone cable. This cable, when constructed and laid, will not only substantially increase the facilities for transatlantic communication but will also provide a circuit of maxi-

mum reliability. In the meantime, radio-telephone transmission is being further developed and more transatlantic radio channels are planned.

There is also under way the establishment of a short-wave channel between the United States and the Argentine which should meet the initial requirements for telephone communication between the two countries.

DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH.

The transoceanic telephone service illustrates the importance to the telephone business of fundamental developments growing out of continued research. The research and development work of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and its Bell Telephone Laboratories is a principal factor in the improvement and extension of telephone service and the maintenance of the low costs of furnishing that service. The major part of this work is improving the art of transmission and improving switchboards, cables and other telephone equipment, looking toward better service and reduction in the cost of both apparatus and operation. During the year more than 75 major improvements in central office equipment were standardized and made available, including a new manual private branch exchange board, a toll tandem board, an automatic residence private branch exchange and an 1818-pair exchange cable which has 50% more conductors than any previous cable. Approximately 6,000 minor changes, modifications and improvements were perfected to facilitate manufacture, improve operation, or to meet special plant situations. Hundreds of major problems of this sort are constantly under study and investigation by the development and research engineers and scientists. The cumulative effect of such studies continues to play a vital part in furnishing the most and best possible telephone service at the least cost.

During 1928, in addition to the perfection of the long-distance submarine telephone cable, further progress was made in the short-wave radio art, including telephone communication with airplanes. While it has for many years been possible to communicate telephonically with airplanes as well as ships at sea, the work of the Laboratories is directed to making such communication commercially practical.

Television was first demonstrated in the Bell Telephone Laboratories in 1927. In 1928 further progress was made and a new transmitting device which is capable of putting upon the television circuit outdoor scenes was developed. Work on television with the idea that it might ultimately be supplemental to the telephone is being continued.

The Bell Telephone Laboratories have the scientific knowledge that would enable them to set up circuits which could carry instantaneously the human voice and the human sight around the world, but how to make this economically practical is yet to be discovered. Progress will undoubtedly be made by a gradual extension of the present limits.

CONTRACTS WITH TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.

In 1928 the American Telephone and Telegraph Company made contracts for the use of plant with the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company intended to further the development of electrical communications. These contracts should ultimately result in eliminating to a large extent the duplication of parallel pole lines and wire circuits, since by the use of proper apparatus it is possible to telephone and telegraph simultaneously over telephone toll and long-distance wires.

The telegraph companies also may lease apparatus developed in the Bell Telephone Laboratories by which under certain conditions a greatly increased number of messages may be sent simultaneously over a single pair of telegraph wires. By these arrangements many of the advantages that would accrue from the consolidation of all electrical communications will be obtained and at the same time complete independence of the telephone and telegraph companies will be maintained.

ELECTRICAL RESEARCH PRODUCTS, INCORPORATED.

The developments and inventions of the Bell Telephone Laboratories to meet the needs of the Bell System have resulted in valuable contributions to the progress of electrical science outside the strictly telephone field. To make these developments and inventions available in such other fields, Electrical Research Products was organized in December 1926, as a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Western Electric Company. Thus the non-telephone activities are given the special attention that they demand without conflict with the telephone work of the Bell System. They relate chiefly to the manufacture and operation of modern high-speed submarine telegraph cables, the manufacture of phonographs and records, and the production and reproduction of talking motion pictures.

Talking motion pictures are being produced under the Western Electric system and the apparatus for their reproduction in theatres has been installed by Electrical Research Products. About one thousand theatres have been equipped and the program for 1929 calls for an additional three thousand.

EMPLOYEES' PENSIONS, SAVINGS AND INSURANCE PLANS.

In 1925 the Graybar Electric Company was organized as a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Western Electric Company to take over that company's merchandising business in electrical supplies. The trend of the business of the Graybar Electric Company has been toward an increasing proportion of sales of electric light and power supplies furnished by various electrical manufacturers, and the sale of products manufactured by the Western Electric Company had become a relatively small proportion of the total Graybar business. Therefore, at the end of 1928 the Western Electric Company sold the Graybar Electric Company.

EMPLOYEES' PENSIONS, SAVINGS AND INSURANCE PLANS.

The companies of the Bell System have continued to aid employees to reach a higher degree of economic security and to encourage them to help themselves to the limits of their possibilities. The comprehensive program to these ends consists of the provision of pensions, disability and death benefits; the opportunity to buy stock of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company by deductions from salary; an arrangement for depositing salary deductions in savings banks; and an arrangement for using salary deductions for the payment of life insurance premiums.

The pensions, death and disability benefits are wholly paid for by the companies. In the purchase of stock and in the use of payroll deductions for savings or insurance, the companies provide opportunities by which the employees can help themselves. About \$45,000,000 a year, or nearly 8% of the Bell System's payroll (including the Western Electric Company and Bell Telephone Laboratories), is devoted to savings under one or another of these plans, which is the best evidence of their value to the employees.

The Plan for Employees' Pensions, Disability Benefits and Death Benefits was changed during 1928 so that all benefits except service pensions are charged directly to current operating expenses. The amounts previously reserved as "Employees' Benefit Funds" have been transferred to the Pension Trust Fund in which amounts are being accumulated currently for service pension purposes and from which all service pensions will hereafter be paid.

The Life Insurance Plan, which is the most recent part of the general program, was first introduced in 1926. It provides opportunity for the purchase of standard forms of life insurance by monthly or weekly deductions from payroll. It is in operation in all but one of the Associated Companies and that company proposes to introduce it in 1929. In the short time in which it has been in operation (in many companies, for less than a year) more than 30,

000 employees of the Bell System, including the Western Electric Company, have bought policies amounting to about \$60,000,000 of insurance. More than half of these policies have been taken by people who had had no appreciable insurance before.

After nearly fifty years of continuous and devoted service in the Bell System, Mr. H. B. Thayer, Chairman of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, retired on his seventieth birthday, Aug. 17 1928, with the appreciation of the Board of Directors of his invaluable services in the development and success of the Bell System.

In the death of Mr. Charles Eustis Hubbard on Aug. 24 1928 the company lost the valuable services of a Director who had been a member of this Board, or of the boards of its predecessors, from the original incorporation of the first telephone company on Feb. 2 1878.

The year 1928 has been one of expansion and progress in the Bell System. The efficiency and enthusiasm of the entire personnel have never been higher. Perhaps in no business is success more dependent upon the efforts of each individual, and the results for the past year reflect the achievement that comes from successful co-operation in a common enterprise.

For the Directors.

WALTER S. GIFFORD, *President.*

STATEMENT OF EARNINGS AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1928.

EARNINGS	
Dividends	\$119,176,197.08
Dividends on stocks owned.	
Interest	15,420,239.12
Interest on notes and advances, on bonds owned, and on temporary cash investments and bank deposits.	
Telephone Operating Revenues	100,583,826.46
Revenues from operation of the long-distance lines and revenues from services furnished under contracts with the Associated Companies.	
Miscellaneous Revenues	601,715.36
Total	\$235,781,978.02
EXPENSES	70,513,928.70
Expenses incurred in conducting the business, including depreciation and taxes.	
NET EARNINGS	\$165,268,049.32
Deduct Interest	22,097,557.99
Interest on bonds, debentures and other indebtedness	
NET INCOME	\$143,170,491.33
Deduct Dividends	103,821,439.95
Dividends at the rate of \$9.00 per share per annum on capital stock.	
Balance Net Income carried to Surplus	\$39,349,051.38
Average number of shares of capital stock outstanding during year	11,823,745
Net earnings per share available for dividends (after interest charges)	\$12.11
	C. A. HEISS, <i>Comptroller.</i>

AMERICAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1928.

ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
INVESTMENTS:	CAPITAL STOCK
Stocks of Associated Companies	Stock Issued and Outstanding
Investment, at cost, in stocks of associated telephone companies. See page 17 (pamphlet report). Increase during year \$151,072,551.	Total par value of shares outstanding. Increase during year \$186,275,800. See page 18 (pamphlet report).
Stocks of Other Companies	Installments
Investment, at cost, in stocks of affiliated and subsidiary companies other than Associated Companies. See page 17 (pamphlet report). Increase during year \$11,321,001.	Installments paid on stock subscribed for but not yet issued. See page 18 (pamphlet report).
Bonds and Notes of, and Advances to, Associated Companies	LONG-TERM DEBT
Temporary financing of Associated Companies for the extension of their telephone properties, including also \$1,167,000 investment in bonds of Home Long Distance Telephone Co. (San Francisco). Decrease during year \$12,238,839.	Bonds and Debentures
Notes of, and Advances to, Other Companies	Face value of debt obligations in the form of bonds and debentures. Decrease during year \$3,901,900. See page 18 (pamphlet report).
Loans and advances to affiliated and subsidiary companies, comprising the Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc., \$1,300,000, the Bell Telephone Securities Company, \$2,300,000, and the 205 Broadway Corporation, \$4,950,000. Decrease during year \$525,000.	Notes
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:	Notes sold to Trustee of Pension Fund.
Long Lines Plant and Equipment	CURRENT LIABILITIES
Cost of long-distance plant and equipment for providing inter-connection between and through territories of Associated Companies. Increase during year \$46,985,104	Dividend Payable January 15, 1929
General Equipment	Dividend declared for last quarter of 1928.
Cost of office furniture and equipment other than that included in Long Lines Plant and Equipment.	Accounts Payable
CURRENT ASSETS	Current accounts for supplies, services, etc.
Accounts Receivable	Interest and Taxes Accrued, Not Due
Current receivables, including dividends, interest, tolls and other items.	Interest and taxes accrued but not due and payable until a later date.
Temporary Cash Investments	SURPLUS AND RESERVES
Funds temporarily invested in municipal, State and U.S. Government short-term obligations in anticipation of financial requirements.	Reserves for Depreciation and Contingencies
Cash	Provision for the ultimate retirement of plant and equipment used up in furnishing telephone service, and provision for contingencies. Increase during year \$7,061,181.
Cash and deposits in banks available for current requirements.	Surplus (Including Capital Stock Premiums)
Total Assets	Accumulated surplus, including \$55,027,713 received in excess of par value for capital stock. Increase during year, \$44,969,433, comprising:
\$2,213,327,685.38	Net Income carried to Surplus
	Premiums on capital stock issued during year
	Less Miscellaneous Deductions (net)
	Total Liabilities
	\$2,213,327,685.38

C. A. HEISS, *Comptroller.*

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY
Accountants and Auditors
110 William Street
New York

Feb. 4 1929.

We have audited the accounts of the AMERICAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY for the year ended Dec. 31 1928 and have reviewed reports for that year rendered to the company by the associated and directly controlled companies.

We certify that the balance sheet and income statement as published herewith are in accordance with the books, and, in our opinion, set forth correctly the financial position of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company as at Dec. 31 1928 and the results of its operations for the year 1928.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY.

BELL SYSTEM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

The Bell System Balance Sheet and Income Statement which follow consolidate the accounts of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and its twenty-four associated operating telephone companies, all inter-company duplications being excluded from the combined figures. The accounts of the Western Electric Company, Inc., the Bell Telephone Company of Canada and of subsidiary and connecting companies in which either the American Telephone and Telegraph Company or its associated telephone companies have investments are not consolidated. The investments in these companies are included in the accompanying Balance Sheet under the item Investments, and dividends and interest received from them are included in the Income Statement under Non-Operating Revenues.

BELL SYSTEM BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1928.
(Inter-Company Duplications Excluded.)

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Telephone Plant.....	\$3,275,686,848	Capital Stock (Including Installments).....	\$1,564,644,118
Plant and equipment used in furnishing telephone service; comprised of land and buildings, rights of way, poles, wire, cable, underground conduit, switchboards, telephones, etc. Increase during year \$261,701,728.		Par value of capital stock outstanding in hands of public, including installment payments of \$57,876,578 on stock not yet issued. Increase during year \$212,704,278.	
General Equipment, Tools and Supplies.....	87,874,623	Common Stock	
Materials and supplies, office furniture and fixtures, automobiles, tools, etc. Increase during year \$11,479,383.		American Telephone and Telegraph Co. \$1,289,691,400	
Investments.....	182,167,491	Associated Companies.....	106,260,793
Investments in stocks and bonds of, and advances to, subsidiary and connecting companies, and in miscellaneous property. These investments include stocks of Western Electric Company, Inc., The Bell Telephone Company of Canada, etc. Increase during year \$12,222,568.		Preferred Stock	
Accounts Receivable.....	107,915,673	Associated Companies.....	110,815,347
Current accounts receivable from telephone subscribers, and amounts receivable from connecting companies and others.		Installments	
Temporary Cash Investments.....	126,268,518	American Telephone and Telegraph Co. 57,870,063	
Funds temporarily invested and held available for conversion into cash as needed.		Associated Companies.....	6,515
Cash.....	46,770,431	Long-Term Debt.....	964,783,700
Cash and deposits in bank available for current requirements.		Face value of funded obligations outstanding in hands of public. Increase during year \$38,223,714.	
		Mortgage Bonds	
		Associated Companies.....	\$531,290,140
		Collateral Trust Bonds	
		American Telephone and Telegraph Co. 154,806,500	
		Associated Companies.....	414,330
		Debenture Bonds	
		American Telephone and Telegraph Co. 224,868,500	
		Notes	
		American Telephone and Telegraph Co. 8,409,912	
		Associated Companies.....	44,994,318
		Bills Payable.....	377,700
		Short-term obligations payable within one year.	
		Accounts Payable.....	78,043,486
		Current bills for supplies, services, etc.	
		Accrued Liabilities Not Due.....	101,099,388
		Interest, taxes, rents, etc., accrued but not due and payable until a later date.	
		Reserves for Depreciation of Plant and Equipment....	650,621,336
		Provision for the ultimate retirement of plant and equipment used up in furnishing telephone service. Increase during year \$49,957,696.	
		Reserves for Contingencies.....	93,316,009
		Provision for contingencies. Increase during year \$2,057,528.	
		Surplus (Including Capital Stock Premiums).....	373,797,847
		Accumulated surplus, including amounts received in excess of par value for capital stock. Increase during year \$76,844,578.	
Total Assets.....	\$3,826,683,584	Total Liabilities.....	\$3,826,683,584

NOTE: All items of intangible assets carried in the accounts of Bell System companies are excluded from the Bell System Balance Sheet through corresponding reduction in the Surplus.

BELL SYSTEM INCOME STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1928.

(Inter-Company Duplications Excluded.)

Exchange Revenues.....	\$644,209,046	Uncollectible Revenues.....	\$6,189,656
Revenues from local exchange service.		Revenues earned which, based on experience, cannot be collected.	
Toll Revenues.....	309,334,350	Taxes.....	81,259,679
Revenues from long-distance and local toll service.		Federal, State and local taxes applicable to the year's operations.	
Miscellaneous Revenues.....	21,883,427	Operating Income.....	\$227,917,667
Revenues derived from directory advertising and miscellaneous sources.		Non-Operating Revenues—Net.....	27,621,433
Total Operating Revenues.....	\$975,426,823	Dividends and interest received from investments in the Western Electric Company, Inc., The Bell Telephone Company of Canada, and in subsidiary and connecting companies; interest on bank balances and temporary cash investments, minor rent revenues and other miscellaneous non-operating income.	
Current Maintenance.....	\$154,455,282	Total Gross Income.....	\$255,539,100
Cost of inspection, repairs and rearrangements required to keep the telephone plant and equipment in good operating condition, representing 5 per cent of the cost of the average plant in service during the year.		Rents and Miscellaneous Deductions.....	\$12,816,666
Depreciation Expense.....	153,875,717	Mainly rentals paid for the use of buildings, poles, conduits and other facilities.	
Provision to meet loss of investment when telephone property is retired from service, based on rates of depreciation for the different classes of property which spread this loss of investment uniformly over its service life. Depreciation expense during 1928 represented 5 per cent of the cost of the average depreciable plant in service.		Net Earnings.....	\$242,722,434
Traffic Expenses.....	212,046,089	Interest Deductions.....	\$51,634,795
Expenses incurred in the handling of telephone calls; principally operators' wages.		Interest charges on funded and other debt obligations, including amortization of debt discount.	
Commercial Expenses.....	88,802,497	Net Income.....	\$191,087,639
Expenses incurred in business relations with subscribers, keeping subscribers' accounts, rendering bills for service, making collections, directories, advertising, pay station commissions, etc.		Dividends.....	\$119,348,612
General and Miscellaneous Expenses.....	50,880,236	To holders of common stock of	
Expenses of the Executive, Accounting, Financial and Legal Departments, insurance premiums, sickness, accident and death benefits, pensions and other items of general expense incurred in operating the properties.		American Telephone and Telegraph Co. \$103,821,440	
Total Operating Expenses.....	\$660,059,821	Associated Companies.....	8,204,916
Net Operating Revenues.....	\$315,367,002	To holders of preferred stock of	
		Associated Companies.....	7,322,256
		Balance.....	\$71,739,027

AMERICAN SMELTING AND REFINING COMPANY

THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT—FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1928.

To the Stockholders:

The year 1928 showed a satisfactory increase in the earnings of your Company. Those for the last five years are disclosed in the following table:

Year	Net income after deducting all charges, taxes, bond interest, depreciation and depletion	Rate of earnings per share on old common stock before split-up after providing dividends on preferred stock	Rate of earnings per share on present common stock after providing dividends on preferred stock
1924	\$11,186,990.71	\$12.60	\$4.20
1925	15,190,760.28	19.17	6.39
1926	17,760,721.16	23.38	7.79
1927	15,477,769.99	19.64	6.55
1928	18,586,203.85	24.73	8.24

During the year the Company retired its outstanding 6% Series "B" bonds and absorbed, as a part of its operating expense, the premium, unamortized bond discount and expense, totaling \$996,396.89.

Total current and miscellaneous assets stand at \$92,994,348.62, almost four times current and miscellaneous liabilities of \$23,631,265.39. During the year total current and miscellaneous assets decreased \$3,098,929.06 and total current and miscellaneous liabilities increased \$4,084,780.64. The investment asset account increased \$8,937,496.09.

There was on hand at the end of the year, in cash, call loans and U. S. Government bonds and notes, \$27,222,485.60.

During the year, without any additional financing, the Company expended the following amounts:

For retirement of its 6% "B" bonds	\$9,943,750
For improvements and betterments on existing plants and for entirely new undertakings, including acquisition of interest in Republic Brass Corporation	14,971,900
Total	\$24,915,650

As a result of the special stockholders' meeting of December 18 1928, changing the capital structure of the Company there is now in the treasury of your Company, subject to issue at the discretion of your Board of Directors, the entire issue of authorized 6% second preferred stock (\$20,000,000 par value) and 2,170,060 shares of the common stock.

Continuing its policy of extending its operations into the manufacturing field, especially of copper, your Company acquired during the year over ninety per cent. of the stock of The Michigan Copper and Brass Company, which, in December, together with the Rome Brass and Copper Company, Taunton-New Bedford Copper Company, Dallas Brass and Copper Company and Higgins Brass and Manufacturing Company, sold all assets to a new company known as "Republic Brass Corporation," in which your Company has a substantial interest.

The business of your Company continues to be satisfactory. Our new lead refinery in Monterrey, Mexico, is expected to start operation in March, 1929, and gives promise of substantial profits. We have greatly improved our zinc smelter and these should yield increased earnings from now on. The Buchans River mine in Newfoundland is now operating satisfactorily and earnings therefrom will appear in 1929. We have in hand further expansion in various fields.

In recognition of the loyal and effective services of the organization, a special distribution of 8% of the year's salary has been made to all salaried employees in the service of the Company throughout 1928.

Attached are the usual accounting and other statistics.

Respectfully submitted,

SIMON GUGGENHEIM,

President.

SUMMARY OF CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND PROFIT AND LOSS SURPLUS ACCOUNT.

	Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.	Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.
Net earnings of mines, smelting, refining and manufacturing plants	\$29,037,465.51	\$26,133,601.80
Other income—net:		
Interest, rents, dividends received, commissions, &c.	2,064,297.67	1,837,004.40
Net earnings, before deducting general and administrative expenses, corporate taxes, bond interest, depreciation, obsolescence and depletion	31,101,763.18	27,970,606.20
Deduct:		
General and administrative expenses	1,592,012.36	1,576,114.30
Research and examination expenses	302,929.49	162,924.30
Corporate taxes (including estimated U. S. and Mexican income taxes)	2,421,345.42	2,287,567.30
Total to deduct	4,316,287.27	4,026,606.00
Net income from current operations, before providing for bond interest, depreciation, obsolescence and depletion, and after providing for all taxes	26,785,475.91	23,944,000.20
Deduct:		
Interest on First Mortgage bonds outstanding with public:		
Series "A" 5%	1,903,339.43	1,947,600.50
Series "B" 6%	285,481.68	559,296.60
Depreciation and obsolescence	4,566,696.49	4,312,366.60
Ore depletion	1,443,754.46	1,646,966.50
Total to deduct	8,199,272.06	8,466,230.20
Net income	18,586,203.85	15,477,769.99
Deduct:		
Dividends on:		
Preferred stock	3,500,000.00	3,500,000.00
Common stock	5,489,820.00	4,879,840.00
Total to deduct	8,989,820.00	8,379,840.00
Surplus income for period	\$9,596,383.85	\$7,097,929.99

SUMMARY OF CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS SURPLUS ACCOUNT.

Balance at beginning of year	\$27,047,224.32	\$24,197,294.00
Add:		
Surplus income for period, after deducting dividends	9,596,383.85	7,097,929.99
Total	36,643,608.17	31,295,224.00
Deduct:		
Appropriations for:		
Reserve for extraordinary obsolescence, contingencies, &c.	125,160.68	2,625,000.00
Reserve for mine and new business investigations	735,863.41	103,000.00
Employees' pension reserve	500,000.00	500,000.00
Metal stock reserve		1,020,000.00
Total to deduct	1,361,024.09	4,248,000.00
Balance at end of year	\$35,282,584.08	\$27,047,224.00

CONSOLIDATED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31 1928.

ASSETS.

CAPITAL ASSETS:

<i>Property:</i>	
Cost of plants, properties of subsidiary companies and additions and improvements less depreciation, ore depletion and property written off to profit and loss and to obsolescence reserve	\$118,479,777.49
<i>Investments</i> —Securities of and advances to affiliated companies	21,546,838.57
Total capital assets	140,026,616.06

CURRENT AND MISCELLANEOUS ASSETS:

<i>Current:</i>	
Cash on hand and in transit	\$3,528,658.99
Call loans	5,600,000.00
U. S. Government securities	18,093,826.61
Total cash, Government securities, &c	\$27,222,485.60
Accounts receivable	13,759,107.19
Notes receivable, due in 1929	207,250.00
Materials and supplies	6,801,715.83
*Metal stocks (not including metals treated on toll basis), less unearned treatment charges	40,043,421.60
<i>Miscellaneous:</i>	
Employees' pension fund—securities	1,985,317.91
Notes receivable, due after 1929	67,887.79
Prepaid taxes and insurance, unamortized bond discount and expenses, &c	2,342,192.11
Cash on deposit with Central Union Trust Company, trustee, for retirement of American Smelting and Refining Company Series "B" 6% First Mortgage Bonds, 1947, called for payment (see contra)	540,367.50
Interplant accounts in transit	24,603.09
Total current and miscellaneous assets	92,994,348.62
Total assets	\$233,020,964.68

* Inventories at cost or market, whichever lower, except that metals sold under firm contracts for delivery after December 31 are valued at sales contract price.

LIABILITIES.

FUNDED DEBT AND CAPITAL STOCK:

<i>Bonds Outstanding:</i>	
American Smelting and Refining Company Series "A" 5% First Mortgage Bonds, 1947	\$45,790,900.00
<i>Less:</i>	
Retired through operation of sinking fund	7,226,200.00
Held in treasury	782,600.00
Total	8,008,800.00
	\$37,782,100.00
<i>Preferred Capital Stock:</i>	
7% Cumulative—Authorized and outstanding, 500,000 shares of \$100 par value	50,000,000.00
<i>Second 6% Cumulative:</i>	
Authorized—200,000 shares of \$100 par value	20,000,000.00
Unissued—200,000 shares	20,000,000.00
Outstanding	None
<i>Common Capital Stock:</i>	
† Authorized, 4,000,000 shares without par value.	
† Issued and outstanding, 453,648 shares	15,121,600.00
Outstanding, 458,764 shares of \$100 par value not surrendered in exchange for no-par value shares	45,876,400.00
Total	60,998,000.00
Total funded debt and capital stock	148,780,100.00

CURRENT AND MISCELLANEOUS LIABILITIES:

Current accounts, drafts and wages payable	13,548,778.13
<i>Interest on bonds:</i>	
Unclaimed	52,120.00
Accrued, not due	472,276.25
<i>Dividends:</i>	
Unclaimed	58,188.51
Payable after December 31 1928	2,704,940.00
Accrued taxes not due (U. S. and Mexican income taxes estimated)	4,669,700.55
Due holders of American Smelting and Refining Company Series "B" 6% First Mortgage Bonds, 1947, called for payment but not yet presented (see contra)	540,367.50
Miscellaneous suspended creditor accounts	1,584,894.45
Total current and miscellaneous liabilities	23,631,265.39

RESERVES:

Extraordinary obsolescence, contingencies, &c	10,000,000.00
Mine and new business investigations	1,000,000.00
Employees' pension	5,324,635.89
Metal stock	9,002,379.32
Total reserves	25,327,015.21

PROFIT AND LOSS SURPLUS

Total liabilities	\$233,020,964.68
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† When the exchange of no-par-value shares for the \$100 par value shares has been completed, there will have been issued for the purpose of this exchange 1,829,940 shares of no-par-value common stock.

PRINCIPAL METAL PRODUCTS,
YEAR 1928.

Ounces gold produced	1,407,286
Ounces silver produced	81,434,214
Tons lead produced	471,880
Tons copper produced	563,713
Tons spelter produced	47,433

OPERATING STATISTICS, YEAR 1928.

Number of men employed	26,757	Barrels fuel oil used	1,706,651
Tons charge smelted	4,330,508	Thousand cubic feet gas used	5,158,775
Tons bullion refined	1,038,030	Tons ore mined	2,482,998
Tons coal used	416,351	Tons coal mined	738,483
Tons coke used	386,478	Tons coke produced	340,893

SIMMS PETROLEUM COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES.

ANNUAL REPORT—FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1928.

To the Stockholders of

Simms Petroleum Company:

Net income of your Company for the year 1928 before capital extinguishments and cost of productive drilling was \$2,482,512.82, and net income after all charges amounted to \$334,064.25.

Gross additions to property aggregating \$952,792.20 were made during the year. Due to reserves set up out of income, the net book value of property, after deducting reserves for depletion and depreciation, decreased \$1,117,844.44. Net quick assets increased \$903,008.97 and amounted to \$5,076,883.89 at the end of the year. Cash on hand increased approximately \$266,000 and bank loans of \$300,000 were paid off. In addition, the funded debt of the Company decreased \$2,906,000, leaving \$407,500 outstanding at the end of the year. Capital stock outstanding increased 115,220 shares.

At the end of this report will be found a detailed Income Statement for the year 1928, together with Balance Sheet as of December 31 1928 and comparative statistics for the last five years.

PRODUCTION

Net production of crude oil averaged 12,381 barrels daily. Though the permitted output from the Yates pool in West Texas was increased from time to time during the year, your Company's permitted net production from that field of around 4,000 barrels daily at the end of the year was only a small fraction of its potential production. Production owned by the Company in other fields is on a well settled basis. Production revenue of \$3,747,817.58 showed a decrease of \$1,562,048.94 from the previous year. Revenue per barrel was 83 cents compared with 96 cents in 1927 and \$1.62 in 1926.

During the year the Company co-operated in the general movement of curtailing drilling operations. Only 39 wells were drilled, of which 22 were productive, compared with 90 wells drilled in 1927 and 176 wells in 1926. On December 31 1928, 603 producing oil wells and 20 producing gas wells were owned.

REFINING AND MARKETING

Though production revenues declined in 1928, gross refinery and marketing revenue, after deducting cost of raw materials, more than doubled. Net refinery and marketing earnings, before depreciation, increased slightly over \$1,000,000. The daily average refinery throughput increased from 4,579 barrels daily in 1927 to 6,059 barrels in 1928. In excess of 50% of the Company's gallonage of gasoline from its Dallas refinery is distributed through its own wholesale and retail facilities. According to the tax records showing gasoline sales in the State of Texas for the year 1928, your Company ranks seventh on the list.

CASINGHEAD GASOLINE PLANTS

There was a substantial increase in the production of your Company's casinghead plants at Smackover and an average increase of about 25% in the price realized. Gross revenues from these plants increased 100% over the year 1927 and net revenue from casinghead operations, before depreciation, was in excess of \$125,000.

CHANGES IN CAPITAL SECURITIES

On November 15 1928 the privilege of converting into stock the Three-Year 6% Convertible Gold Notes, issued by the Company in 1926, expired by their terms. Prior to the expiration of this conversion privilege, \$2,873,000 principal amount of notes were retired by the issuance of 114,920 shares of stock. Additional notes were retired in the sinking fund. Of the original issue of \$3,431,500 principal amount, \$407,500 of notes remained outstanding on December 31 1928.

APPLICATION OF INCOMING RESOURCES

The profit for the year, before depreciation, depletion and lease abandonments, amounted to \$2,265,105.03. Par value of outstanding stock increased \$1,152,200. In addition, capital surplus increased \$1,582,430.65 due to the retirement of a greater principal amount of notes than the par value of the stock issued in conversion. The sum of these three items, \$4,999,735.68, was applied in the following manner:

Additions to property:			
Lease and royalty purchases	.....	\$658,882.76	
Wells and lease facilities	.....	122,858.19	
Refinery and marketing facilities	.....	113,045.77	
Miscellaneous equipment	.....	58,005.48	
Decrease in Three-Year 6% Convertible Gold Notes	.....		\$952,792.20
Increase in net quick assets	.....		2,906,000.00
Dividend paid	.....		903,008.97
			322,415.20
			\$5,084,216.37
Less:			
Decrease in deferred debit items	.....	\$67,050.37	
Decrease in investment in other companies	.....	16,498.82	
Decrease in sinking fund for 6% convertible notes	.....	931.50	
			84,480.69
			\$4,999,735.68

DIVIDENDS.

A dividend of Forty Cents per share was paid on December 15 1928 to stockholders of record at the close of business November 30. A further dividend of Forty Cents per share has been declared, payable on March 15 1929 to stockholders of record at the close of business February 28.

By order of the Board of Directors,

EDWARD T. MOORE,

THOMAS W. STREETER,

President.

Chairman of the Board.

March 7 1929.

SIMMS PETROLEUM COMPANY, Inc.
SIMMS OIL COMPANY
TRINITY DRILLING COMPANY
Dallas, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT.

We have made a general audit of the accounts of the Simms Petroleum Company (incorporated in Delaware), Simms Oil Company, and Trinity Drilling Company for the year ended December 31 1928, and for a number of years prior thereto, and

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that, subject to our not having verified inventory quantities, in our opinion the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheet at December 31 1928 and Summary of Consolidated Income and Profit and Loss for the year ended that date are correct.

HASKINS & SELLS.

Dallas, February 19 1929.

SIMMS PETROLEUM COMPANY—SIMMS OIL COMPANY—TRINITY DRILLING COMPANY.

COMPARATIVE CONDENSED INCOME STATEMENT.

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Gross operating revenue	\$6,999,321	\$7,172,319	\$8,424,623	\$8,643,836	\$6,288,510
Other income	128,162	132,315	317,549	266,037	110,975
Gross Income	\$7,127,483	\$7,304,634	\$8,742,172	\$8,909,873	\$6,399,485
Operating expenses	\$3,945,265	\$3,952,275	\$3,790,543	\$2,939,550	\$2,019,569
Taxes, interest, lease rentals, &c.	699,705	629,963	456,444	508,801	275,408
Expenses and Deductions	\$4,644,970	\$4,582,238	\$4,246,987	\$3,448,351	\$2,294,977
Net income before drilling and capital extinguishments	\$2,482,513	\$2,722,399	\$4,495,185	\$5,461,522	\$4,104,508
Productive drilling, depletion, depreciation and abandonments	2,148,449	2,783,765	3,003,786	2,824,786	2,182,291
Net Income	\$334,064	*\$61,369	\$1,491,399	\$2,636,736	\$1,922,217
Shares of capital stock outstanding at end of each year	806,033	690,818	686,585	684,492	683,251
Net income per share	\$.41	*\$.09	\$2.17	\$3.85	\$2.81

ANNUAL NET PRODUCTION OF CRUDE OIL BY STATES (BARRELS).

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Louisiana	96,890	140,392	164,893	179,356	233,901
Arkansas	991,028	1,394,605	1,866,036	1,835,710	1,441,618
Texas	3,381,544	3,868,867	1,468,767	2,183,546	2,375,973
Oklahoma	61,850	108,448	193,074	54,355	2,870
Total	4,531,312	5,512,312	3,692,770	4,252,967	4,054,362
Daily Average	12,381	15,102	10,117	11,652	11,077

NUMBER OF PRODUCING OIL WELLS AT END OF YEARS.

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Louisiana	83	82	82	92	92
Arkansas	143	142	141	112	76
Texas	334	328	276	203	117
Oklahoma	43	43	42	6	3
Total	603	595	541	413	288
Gas Wells	20	24	18	14	5

PIPE LINE AND STORAGE FACILITIES OWNED AT END OF YEARS.

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Steel storage capacity—barrels	3,666,055	*3,671,055	2,218,055	2,114,040	†1,826,000
Pipe Line—Miles	115	125	131	93	92

* Including 55,000 barrels under construction in Yates district.
† Including 220,000 barrels under construction at Mexia, Texas.

SIMMS PETROLEUM COMPANY—SIMMS OIL COMPANY—TRINITY DRILLING COMPANY.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 1928.

Gross Operating Revenue (after deducting cost of raw material refined)	\$6,999,321.11
Operating Expenses:	
Production expenses	\$1,283,457.76
Dry holes	99,738.11
Transportation and storage expenses	236,827.89
Casinghead gasoline expenses	176,382.44
Refinery and marketing expenses	1,682,599.20
Administrative expenses	486,259.75
Total Operating Expenses	3,945,265.15
Profit from Operations	\$3,054,055.96
Income Credits:	
Interest and discount	\$48,091.91
Miscellaneous	80,069.93
Total	128,161.84
Income Before Charges	\$3,182,217.80
Income Charges:	
Interest on gold notes, &c	\$215,064.94
Cash discount on sales	28,276.59
Property and franchise taxes	152,306.02
Lease rentals, bad debts, &c	185,988.11
Leasing expenses	118,069.32
Labor and incidental cost of productive drilling	174,928.39
Current lease and property abandonments	489,292.27
Depreciation	1,171,199.89
Depletion of leases, based on cost	313,028.02
Total Income Charges	2,848,153.55
Net Income for Year	\$334,064.25

SIMMS PETROLEUM COMPANY—SIMMS OIL COMPANY—TRINITY DRILLING COMPANY.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31 1928.

ASSETS.

Property:	
Active leases, at cost	\$9,906,873.02
Less reserve for depletion, based on cost	7,699,581.65
Net Value of Active Leases	\$2,207,291.37
Inactive leases, at cost	2,310,544.84
Physical equipment, at cost:	
Wells and lease equipment	\$5,154,151.59
Tank cars	1,644,681.19
Storage tanks	1,094,247.80
Pipe lines	988,220.66
Refinery and marketing	2,428,459.63
Casinghead gasoline plants	995,017.05
Drilling tools	261,554.33
Miscellaneous	577,566.08
Total	\$13,143,898.33
Less reserve for depreciation	5,835,479.85
Net Value of Physical Equipment	7,308,418.48
Total Property less Depletion and Depreciation	\$11,826,254.69
Investment in Other Companies:	
Capital stocks	\$493,242.80
Advances	43,066.78
Total Investment in Other Companies	536,309.58
Cash in Sinking Fund for Three-Year 6% Gold Notes	19,148.72
Current Assets:	
Cash	\$758,777.37
Accounts receivable (less \$39,913.06 reserve)	816,587.24
Notes receivable (less \$15,119.16 reserve)	77,811.85
Accruals receivable	1,536.56
Inventories (at market values):	
Crude oil	2,873,520.64
Refined products	525,973.49
Materials and supplies	642,173.46
Total Current Assets	5,696,380.61
Deferred Debit Items:	
Prepaid expenses and advances	\$103,493.61
Unamortized debt discount and expense	4,064.96
Items in suspense	18,450.00
Total Deferred Debit Items	126,008.57
Total	\$18,204,102.17

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock (authorized 1,000,000 shares, \$10.00 par value; issued 835,728 shares; in treasury 29,690 shares; outstanding 806,038 shares)	\$3,060,380.00
Three-Year 6% Gold Notes (due November 15 1929)	407,500.00
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$469,721.24
Accrued interest, taxes, &c	139,775.48
Notes payable	10,000.00
Total Current Liabilities	619,496.72
Reserves:	
Reserve for contingent Federal income taxes	\$160,000.00
Reserve for abandonment of leases and contingencies	965,426.07
Total Reserves	1,125,426.07
Surplus:	
Capital Surplus	\$3,379,810.93
Profit and Loss Surplus Jan. 1 1928	\$4,599,839.35
Net Income for Year 1928	334,064.25
Total	\$4,933,903.60
Less dividend paid Dec. 15 1928	322,415.20
Net Profit and Loss Surplus	4,611,488.40
Total Surplus	7,991,299.38
Total	\$18,204,102.17

NOTE.—The companies had a contingent liability of \$187,862.92 at December 31 1928 on account of deferred payments for sundry leases to be made if, when and as oil is produced and sold.

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS
PETROLEUM—RUBBER—HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

The introductory remarks formerly appearing here will now be found in an earlier part of this paper immediately following the editorial matter, in a department headed "INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY."

Friday Night, March 8 1929.

COFFEE—Spot trade was quiet at 24½ to 25c. for Santos 4s, 18 to 18¼c. for Rio 7s, 17¾ to 18c. for Victoria 7-8s and 20 to 20½c. for Robustas. Victoria 7-8s were offered for May-August shipment equal to 15½c. c.&f. on the 7th inst. The cost and freight market was dull on the 4th inst. Firm offers were unchanged to 25 points lower. They included for prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 3s at 24.70c.; 3-4s at 24.20c.; 3-5s at 22.85c. to 24.40c.; 4-5s at 22.60 to 24.30c.; 5s at 22¼ to 23¾c.; 5-6s at 22 to 23.65c.; 6s at 23½c.; 6-7s at 20.70 to 21.80c.; 7-8s at 16.80 to 19.45c.; part Bourbon or flat bean 3-4s at 24¾c.; 3-5s at 23½ to 24.30c.; 4-5s at 23¾ to 23.80c.; Peaberry 4s at 23½c.; 4-5s at 22.85 to 23¾c.; 5-6s at 22½c.; 6s at 22c.; Rio 7s at 16.90c.; 7-8s at 16½c.; Victoria 7-8s at 16.45c.; Victorias 7-8s were offered for May-June-July equal at 16¼c.

On the 7th inst. cost and freight offers of well described soft drinking Santos coffees free from rain damage were in same cases 10 to 25 points lower. Generally they were unchanged. They included for prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 3s at 24.85c.; 4-5s at 23¾ to 24.10c.; 5s at 23 to 24.20c.; 5-6s at 22¾c.; 6s at 22.10c.; 7s at 21c. and 7-8s at 21.65c.; part Bourbon or flat bean 3-5s 24c.; 4-5s at 23¾c.; prompt shipment Rio 7s were offered at 16.80c.; 7-8s at 16.40c. and Victoria 7-8s at 16.40c. The "West Columb" landed 8500 bags of Brazilian coffee at Boston which is being delivered for consumption. The steamer "Bakerfield" has landed 19,300 bags of Brazilian coffee at Baltimore and 2,200 bags at Norfolk. The "Sardinian Prince" 700 bags at Boston. All of this coffee is being delivered immediately for consumption. It is claimed that a good part of the 1927-28 Santos crop, and practically all of this 1928-29 crop still remains in the interior. Meantime roasters, it is said, are more and more inclined to substitute mild coffee for Santos, giving the consumer a better coffee. Ordinarily the difference between a Medellin Excelso, a coffee called on the average the best grown, and Santos 4s is about 4c. per pound in favor of the Columbian coffee. Now the price of each is about equal. Brazil prices, it is suggested, are perhaps as high as the Brazil authorities desire to have them, yet the authorities remain in control.

Arrivals of mild coffee in the United States during February were 342,655 bags against 349,288 for the same month last year. Deliveries were 339,793 against 320,528 last year. Stock on March 1st 373,367 against 370,505 on Feb. 1st this year and 270,040 on March 1st last year. Futures on the 2nd inst. were irregular. Rio ended 62 points lower to 18 points higher but the drop of 62 points was in March next year. January 1930 ended 18 points higher; other months generally 2 to 7 points lower with October up 3 points. Santos ended 3 to 10 points lower. The tendency of Brazilian prices for the time being seemed to be downward. Futures on the 4th inst. ended 7 to 22 points lower on Rio with sales of 24,500 bags and 1 to 12 points lower on Santos with sales of 27,500 bags. Foreign interests sold on balance. Some of the cost and freight offers were lower; many were irregular. The closing Brazilian cables were a little better.

Futures on the 5th inst. ended 3 points lower to 6 higher for Rio with sales of 36,250 bags and 2 to 8 higher on Santos with sales of 27,250 bags. Foreign interests sold and trade houses bought. An official cable to the exchange reported that the receipts at Rio from March 16 to 31 inclusive will be increased to 12,262 bags daily. Now 9,000 bags. The Coffee Exchange will be closed on Good Friday and the following day, March 29th and 30th. Today prices closed 26 to 38 points higher on Rio with sales of 50,000 bags and 18 to 40 points higher on Santos with sales of 45,000 bags. Final prices show a decline for the week however of 23 to 31 points on Rio and 18 to 19 on Santos except on March which is 3 points higher than a week ago.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial 18¼	May.....15.91@15.92	Sept.....14.59@14.60
Mar.....16.55@	July.....15.09@	Dec.....14.30@

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Mar.....23.35@23.37	July.....21.50@	Dec.....20.15@
May.....22.35@22.37	Sept.....20.66@20.67	

COCOA today closed 4 to 6 points higher than yesterday. May 10.87c.; July 11.18c.; September 11.44c, nominal.

SUGAR—Prompt Cuban raws sold moderately on the basis of 131/32c. c.&f. Later they were active at 2c. Of actual sugar sales reported on the 4th inst. were 10,000 tons of Cuban for March shipment at 131/32c.; also 15,000 bags at the same price; 4,200 tons Philippines and 21,000 bags Porto Rico at 3.71c. delivered. Refined on the 4th inst. was still quoted at 4.90c. but quiet. Early London cables confirmed the sale of a cargo of Cuba or Santo Domingos for April shipment at 9s 4½d c.i.f. equal to 1.81c. f.o.b. and a parcel for March shipment at 9s 3¾d. Later advices from London were to the effect that buyers increased their bids. Futures on the 4th inst. closed unchanged to 3 points higher with sales of 34,950 tons. Cubans it is said bought March, 1930. The greater steadiness of actual sugar tended to steady futures. On the 5th inst. 350,000 bags of Cuba sold it is estimated at 131/32c. part last half of March.

There were sales of 23,000 bags of Cuban for late March loading at 2c.; 21,000 bags second half March shipment to an operator at 163/64c. and 25,000 bags for prompt shipment to a refiner at 131/32c. c.&f. On the 5th inst. one refinery lowered its price to 4.75c. On the 4th one refinery sold 100,000 bags of granulated to Pacific Coast refiners and that other local refiners sold for the same destination a quantity sufficient to bring the total of such transactions up to 20,000 tons. This sugar, according to report is to be resold to manufacturing consumers on the coast. Later refined was generally 4.75c.; western beet 4.55c. though Chicago said it was hard to buy on that price. Granulated sugar at one time was now selling at the lowest price on record with the exception of the quotations of 3.675 net, which prevailed on April 8th to 22nd, 1914. At that time the duty was one cent per pound whereas now it is 1.76. The next lowest price was 4.70 net, which was established December 29th, 1921 and continued to January 3rd, 1922. The net now is 4.655c.

The Cuban production is now very close to the peak, judging by the latest figures of the Sugar Club of Havana. They make the outturn from Jan. 1st to Feb. 28th inclusive, 2,536,000 long tons comparing with 1,870,000 long tons from Jan. 15th to February 29th last year, 2,101,000 to the end of February, 1927 and 2,170,000 to the end of Feb., 1926. It is stated that sugar has never receded from a price standpoint to present levels, if comparative cost standards are to be considered. The lowest price on record for raw sugar, cost and freight at New York, is 19/16c. per pound which occurred in 1902. Records available indicate that, with the exception of 1902, sugar has never sold below 1¾c. c.&f. at New York. In considering these levels with the present c.&f. price of 115/16c. one must be mindful of relative costs of production. It is well known and accepted that production costs now are far greater than during pre-war periods, and that the purchasing power of the dollar is greatly depreciated.

Havana cabled that the formation of a national sugar institute in which virtually all activities of the Cuban sugar business would be concentrated was proposed to President Machado by Dr. Mario Diaz Cruz, an attorney. The institute would be sole seller of sugar and molasses as well as purchasing agent for the sugar industry. Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 242,759 tons against 222,598 in the same week last year; exports 113,124 tons against 80,093 last year; stock (consumption deducted) 947,380 tons against 812,894 last year; centrals grinding 163 against 170 last year. Of the exports 61,981 tons went to Atlantic ports, 21,065 to New Orleans, 1,645 to Interior United States, 6,777 to Savannah and 21,656 to Europe. Receipts at United States Atlantic ports for the week were 81,360 tons against 123,101 in the previous week and 61,903 last year; meltings 64,916 against 61,045 in the previous week and 185,179 last year; Importers' stocks 109,546 tons against 97,346 in the previous week and 185,179 last year; refiners' stocks 161,780 tons against 157,536 in previous week and 68,927 last year; total stocks 271,326 against 254,882 in previous week and 254,106 last year. On the 6th inst. prices went back to 4.90c. The sales on the day before on the basis of 4.75c. throughout the country are estimated to have reached 900,000 to 1,000,000 tons. Futures on the 2nd inst. were at one time 1 to 2 points higher ending unchanged to 1 point higher on Cuban buying, and general covering. Amsterdam's

announcement that there had been what it termed an over-production this year of 1,000,000 tons practically fell flat. Futures on the 5th inst. closed unchanged to 2 points lower on most months with March, 1929 and 1930 one point higher and total transactions 100,450 tons. Sept. 1929 and March 1930 were the most active. Cuban interests bought. But hedge selling was heavy. Trade interests also covered hedges. The New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange will be closed Good Friday and the following Saturday, March 29th and 30th. To-day sales were reported of 47,000 bags of Cubas for middle March shipment at 1-31/32c. c.&f. with further buyers; also 12,000 bags of Porto Ricos due April 1st at 3.74c. the delivered equivalent of 1-31/32c. c.&f. Futures closed unchanged to 3 points lower. Final prices on futures show an advance for the week however of 1 to 3 points.

Prices were as follows:

Spot unofficial	1 31-32	July	2.13@	Dec	2.23@
Mar	1.92@	Sept	2.19@	Jan	2.23@
May	2.03@				

LARD on the spot late last week was firm at 12.50 to 12.60c. for prime Western. Refined to Continent was 12½c.; South America 13½c.; Brazil in kegs 14½c. Spot was firm later at 12.55 to 12.65c. Stocks of lard at Chicago as of March 1st totalled 95,242,643 lbs. compared with 82,965,756 lbs. on Feb. 15th or an actual increase of 12,276,887 lbs. for the last half of the month. The stock on Feb. 1st was 73,126,328 lbs. and on March 1st last year totalled 51,669,954 lbs. Futures on the 2nd inst. closed at a net rise of 5 to 8 points regardless of some decline in corn for hogs had been firm or higher.

On the 4th inst. futures ended 3 points lower to 2 points higher. Ribs were under pressure for March and May. Total western hog receipts were above the estimates reaching 144,900 against 135,000 a week ago and 179,800 last year. Liverpool lard was 3d higher. Deliveries on contracts totalled 100,000 bellies. Clearances of lard from New York last week were approximately 11,000,000 lbs against 10,000,000 in the previous week. On the 6th inst. futures closed 7 to 10 points higher with hogs up, and receipts small. And it was predicted that the movement would continue small. Hog were at the season's high. Chicago wired on the 7th: July lard is good demand and holders believe it will sell at \$14. Today futures closed 5 to 7 points lower with hogs down sharply at Chicago and outside points. Final prices show an advance for the week however of 30 to 33 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
March	11.95	11.97	12.05	12.10	12.22	12.22-25
May	12.32	12.32	12.37	12.45	12.57	12.50
July	12.65	12.67	12.70	12.80	12.95	12.87

PORK lower; Mess \$30.; family \$32.50; fat back, \$27. to \$30. Ribs, Chicago, Cash, 13.50c., basis of 50 to 60 lbs. average. Beef partly lower; Mess \$25.; packet \$25. to \$26.; family \$26. to \$27.; extra India mess \$44. to \$46.; No. 1 canned corned beef \$3.10; No. 2 six pounds, South America \$16.75; pickled tongues \$75. to \$80. per bbl. Cut meats firm; pickled hams 10 to 20 lbs: 19¼ to 20c.; pickled bellies 6 to 12 lbs. 17¼ to 18¼c.; bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, 18 to 20 lbs. 15¾c.; 14 to 16 lbs. 15¾c. Butter, lower grades to high scoring 46 to 51c. Cheese, flats 23½ to 29c.; daisies 24 to 27½c. Eggs, medium to extras 39 to 43½c.

OILS—Linseed was in fair demand and steady at 10.2c. for raw oil in carlots cooerage basis and 11c. in single barrels. Cocoanut, Manila Coast tanks 7½c.; spot N. Y. tanks 8½c. Corn, crude, bbls. 10½c.; tanks f.o.b. mill 9¾c. Olive, Den. \$1.30 to \$1.40. China wood, N. Y. drums, carlots, spot 14¼c.; Pacific Coast tanks, futures 13¼c. Soya Bean, bbls., N. Y. 12c.; tanks, coast 9½c. Edible, Corn, 100 bbls. lots 12c.; Olive \$2.25 to 2.30. Lard, prime 15¾c.; extra strained winter, N. Y. 13¾c. Cod, Newfoundland 67. Turpentine 56 to 61½c. Rosin \$8. to \$12.25. Cottonseed oils sales today including switches 9,200 bbls. P. Crude S.E. 9½c. bid. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	10.85@11.65	May	10.90@	Aug	11.13@11.22
Mar	10.85@10.90	June	10.90@11.05	Sept	11.25@11.27
April	10.80@11.05	July	11.12@	Oct	11.00@11.05

PETROLEUM—Gasoline was cut ¼c. to 9¼c. for U.S. Motor by the Standard Co. of New Jersey. Generally 9c. at refinery was quoted by others in that vicinity. In tank cars delivered 10c was the price. There were no other features of special mention. The unfavorable weather of late has somewhat slackened up the demand, but there is a general feeling that jobbers will enter the market on a larger scale soon as stocks in the hands of many distributors are becoming depleted. There was a little more export inquiry especially for spring shipments but actual business is nothing to speak about. Kerosene was steadier at 8¼ to 8½c. for water white and 8c for prime white at local refineries. The colder weather of late has stimulated the demand a little. The demand upstate was better and the movement out of the Gulf against old contracts was fairly good. Bunker oil was also steady at \$1.05 at refineries and \$1.10 f.a.s. New York Harbor. Diesel oil was steady at \$2. refineries. Gas oil was in better demand. Furnace oil was in good demand at 6 to 6½c. in bulk at refineries. Later a better demand was reported for bulk gasoline owing to the better weather conditions Upstate. All of the larger refiners were asking 9¼c. for U.S. Motor while smaller distributors were doing busi-

ness at 9c. at terminals and 10c. in tank cars delivered to nearby trade.

According to the Federal Oil Conservation Board America's future oil supply is endangered, owing to the fact that it is exhausting its petroleum reserves so much faster than other countries. The United States according to the report is producing 72 per cent of the world's crude oil production and consuming 65 per cent of the world's total. It adds that production in this country has kept ahead of increasing consumption. There was an excess of supply over demand December 31, 1928 of 485,000,000 bbls, against 409,000,000 bbls. four years ago.

Tables of prices usually appearing here will be found on an earlier page in our department of "Business Indications," in an article entitled "Petroleum and Its Products."

RUBBER on the 2nd inst. fell 50 to 60 points with a rally of 10 to 30 from the low before the close; sales 1772 tons or 709 lots. March here closed at 25.40 to 25.50c.; May 25.60c.; July 26c.; September 26.10 to 26.20c.; October 26.20c.; December 26.30c. Outside prices: Ribbed smoked sheets, spot and March 25¾ to 25¾c.; April-June 25¾ to 25¾c.; July-September 26½ to 26¾c.; October-December 26½ to 26¾c. Spot, first latex crepe 25½ to 26¾c.; clean thin brown crepe 23¼ to 23¾c.; specky 23 to 23¾c.; rolled 19 to 19¼c.; No. 2 amber 23½ to 23¾c.; No. 3, 23¼ to 23¾c.; No. 4, 23 to 23¾c. London on the 2nd was 12½d for spot and March. Singapore 12½d for March. But on the 4th inst. prices here ran up 100 points closing 40 to 60 points net higher with sales of 933 contracts or 2332 tons. The rise was due to a sharp advance in London where spot and March were up ½d to 13d. The statistical position evidently grows stronger. Consumption is large; supplies are not burdensome and apparently some of the manufacturers on this side are none too well supplied. Here the closing on the 4th inst. was with March 25.80c.; April 26c.; May 26.20 to 26.30c.; July 26.40 to 26.50c.; September 26.50 to 26.70c.; October 26.60c.; December 26.80c. Outside prices: Smoke ribbed sheets, spot and March 25¾ to 26c.; April-June 26¾ to 26¾c.; July-Sept. 26½ to 26¾c.; Oct.-Dec. 26¾ to 27c.; spot, first latex crepe 26¼ to 26¾c.; clean thin brown crepe 23¼ to 24c.; specky 23½ to 23¾c.; rolled 19½ to 19¾c.; No. 2 amber 24 to 24¼c.; No. 3, 23¾ to 24c.; No. 4, 23½ to 23¾c.; Paras, upriver fine spot 26¾ to 27c.; coarse 17¼ to 17½c.; Acre fine spot 27½ to 27¾c.; Caucho-Ball-upper 16¾ to 17c. Singapore, March 12½d.

London cabled on the 4th: "Rubber was active with sharp advance during the week due to further buying of nears by manufacturers and buying of forwards by speculators. Reaction on profit-taking and considerable top-loss selling. Market very irregular." On the 5th inst. New York advanced 40 points in the face of a drop in London of ¼ to 12¾d for spot and March. But the trading fell off to 572 contracts or 1430 tons. Later the rise was partly lost. Outside prices were firm for standard ribs and crepe though other crepes and Paras declined. March 25.80c.; May 26.40c.; July 26.50c.; Sept. 26.70c.; October 26.70c.; November 26.80c. Outside prices smoked ribbed sheets spot and March 26 to 26¼c.; April-June 26¾ to 26¾c.; July-Sept. 26½ to 27½c. Spot, first latex crepe 26¼ to 26¾c.; clean thin brown crepe 23½ to 23¾c.; specky 23¼ to 23¾c.; rolled 18¾ to 19c.; No. 2 amber 23¾ to 24c.; No. 3, 23½ to 23¾c.; No. 4, 23¼ to 23¾c. Paras, upriver fine spot 26½ to 26¾c.; coarse 16 to 16¼c. New York on the 6th inst. dropped 20 to 30 points but recovered the loss later. Akron wired that the daily tire production rate for that district had attained a new record high figure of 160,000 tires, against 146,000 tires daily at the end of January. The January crude consumption proved a record at 43,002 tons.

On the 7th inst. prices here fell about 50 points with a lessened demand and sales of 419 lots. London was ½d lower. Outside prices: Ribbed smoked sheets, spot and March 25½ to 25¾c.; April-June 26½ to 26¾c.; July-September 26½ to 26¾c.; October-December 26¾ to 27c. Spot, first latex crepe 26¼ to 26¾c.; clean thin brown crepe 23 to 23¾c.; specky 22¾ to 23c.; rolled 18¾ to 19c.; No. 2 amber 23¼ to 23¾c.; No. 3, 23 to 23¾c.; No. 4, 22¾ to 23c. Paras, upriver fine spot 26¼ to 26¾c.; coarse 15¾ to 16c. London spot and March 12½d; April-June 13d. Singapore March 12½d. TO-DAY prices ended 20 to 40 points lower with sales of 790 lots. There were 96 transferable notices, or 1300 to date. Final prices show a decline for the week of 40 to 60 points on March and May but an advance of 50 points on July. Closing prices were:

Spot	25.20@	nom	May	25.50@25.60	Aug	25.80@	nom
Mar	25.20@	trad	July	26.80@	trad	Sept	25.90@

HIDES—Packer hides were quiet. River Platte was firmer but the reported sales were only 16,000 Argentine steers at 18¾c. to Europe and the United States. Common dry hides were being bought only in small lots. Country hides were in fair demand. Common dry, Cutcutas 23½ to 24c.; Orinocos 22½; Maracaibo, Central America, La Guayra and Savanillas 22c.; Santa Marta 23c.; Packer, native steers 14¼c.; butt brands 14c.; Colorado 13¾c.; New York City calkskins, 5-7s, 2.05 to 2.10; 7-9s, 2.30 to 2.35c.; 9-12s, 2.85c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS—Wheat and sugar were more active.

CHARTERS included grain 33,000 qrs. St. John, March 25-April 10, Mediterranean 17½c. basis ½c. more if Spain; same, March 18c., Mediterranean ½c. more for Spain; Atlantic Range, March-April to Greece, at 4s 3d; Sugar Cuba to U. K.-Continent 19s; Cuba, early April to U. K.-Continent 10s; Cuba, April to U. K.-Continent 20s 6d; Cuba, first half April to U. K.-Continent 19s. Coal:—Hampton Roads to Barbados \$2.; Hampton Roads to Rio \$3.65 prompt; Hampton

Roads, April-May, to Montreal 90c.; Hampton Roads to Barbados \$2.; Atlantic Range to West Italy \$2. Atlantic Range, late March to Rio \$3.85. Time:—West Indies round, continuation around \$1.70; delivery British Columbia, prompt; redelivery British Columbia via Columbia River and Port Pirie \$1.; three months, West Indies continuation \$1.75; West Indies round continuation \$1.70. Tankers:—U. S. Gulf, March to north of Hatteras reported at 27c.; crude, Cartagena April-May, to Trieste, 18s 9d; clean, late March, one or two Gulf to North of Hatteras, full cargoes 28c.; U. S. Gulf to North of Hatteras, March, 24c. minimum, 28c. maximum; Case oil:—Gulf, March-April, to Plate 28c. prompt, Gulf-Mexican recently 175,000 cases, to Brazil 1s. Oil Cake:—Gulf, March to Denmark about \$6.76. Asphalt prompt New York-Mediterranean \$6. Lumber:—Gulf, second half April to Buenos Aires, Rosario \$16.

COAL—Bituminous was dull with prices a little weaker. In New York continued cold weather called out an active demand and chestnut size of anthracite well suited for home use has sold well. Some New York and Philadelphia bunker prices were \$5.20; Hampton Roads \$4.65; Boston on application; Seattle 6.50 t.i.b.; Canadian Atlantic ports on application; Barbados on application; Port Royal Jamaica at 34s; Bermuda 65s; St. Lucia 33s 6d; St. Thomas 33s; St. Vincent 31s 6d to 2s more f.a.s. Buenos Ayres 42n 6d for Welsh, and or American; Welsh coal ports 17s 6d to 18s; Leith 15s 6d to 17s; Glasgow 15s to 17s; Liverpool 18s to 21s; Bombay, Bengal 19 rupee t.i.b. Soft coal consumption was 39,515,000 tons for industries in January or nearly 2,000,000 tons more than in January, 1928. Hard and soft coal output in January rose to 58,500,000 tons, a gain of 9,000,000 tons for one month. It was however, 400,000 tons under the October total. Industrial inventories on Feb. 1st stood at 40,808,000 a decrease of over 600,000 tons for the month of January.

TOBACCO—The United States Tobacco Journal said: "Little of note transpired in the domestic leaf markets during the past week. Water Street has not been very active. State street keeps fairly busy on shade deals, but elsewhere manufacturers are not placing very many orders of size for raw materials. In Havana, however, there have been quite a few sales of tobacco in recent weeks and deliveries to buyers' warehouses are being made regularly. Harvesting of the crop continues and by this time all of the early cut tobacco is in the sheds where it is curing nicely, shed burn damage being very slight. Farmers have started cutting the second growth of Partido and Vuelta Abajo and will soon start on Remedios. Meanwhile, the growers are anxious for some good showers to help the leaf. The last of the binder tobacco available out of the 1928 Wisconsin crop is being picked up as it is found, while buying of stemming crops continues brisk. Warehouses are active receiving and stripping tobaccos out of the new crop. Buying of Connecticut outdoor tobacco is as active as the character of the crops permits. Factory representatives and packers are riding through the Valley for desirable crops which at this time are difficult to find. The Sumatra inscriptions are scheduled to open next week and the entire importing and manufacturing trade is very much interested in learning what kind of a crop will be available to the American buyers and at what prices it will be bought. At this moment, there appears to be some doubt that the first sale will actually take place next Friday March 8th, due to severe weather conditions which have handicapped the activities of the Holland tobacco interests in getting the tobacco transported from the barges to the warehouses."

COPPER became a little quieter, especially for domestic account. Sales of limited amounts were reported. The demand was largely for May and June. They are about the only positions that can be furnished. No sales of July have been reported. Copper statistics for February are awaited with much interest. Generally a decline in surplus stocks is expected, but many cannot see how they can be reduced further. Shipments are expected to be very large. In London on the 6th inst. spot declined £1 to £82 10s; futures of 16s 3d to £83 17s 6d; sales 700 tons futures. Electrolytic was unchanged at £91 for spot and £91 10s for futures. Prices were unchanged at 19¼c. for domestic and 19¾c. for export. Export business early in the week was good. Daily sales have been about 4,000 tons.

TIN declined to the lowest prices seen in several weeks on the 6th inst. when sales of prompt Straits were made at 48¾c. and bids for standard March were down to 48.20. Sales in the outside market were 150 tons and on the Exchange 90 tons. Straits tin for future delivery sold at 48¾c. Trading was very light and prices closed 10 to 20 points lower on the Exchange. March closed at 48.20 to 48.30c.; April at 48.30 to 48.35c.; May 48.50c.; June 48.50 to 48.55c.; July 48.50 to 48.60c.; August 48.50 to 48.60c. In London on the 7th inst. spot standard dropped 15s to £219 5s; futures off £1 5s to £221 5s; sales 110 tons of spot and 540 futures; spot Straits declined £1 to £222 5s; Eastern c.i.f. London dropped 5s to £225 on sales of 200 tons. Standard advanced in the second session 5s to £219 10s for spot and 7s 6d to £221 12s 6d for futures; total sales for the day 775 tons. On the 7th inst. March and April closed at 48.30c.; May at 48.40c. London dropped 12s 6d on standard spot to £218 12s 6d; fu-

tures off 15s to £220 10s; spot Straits dropped 12s 6d. Eastern c.i.f. London declined £1 to £224; total sales for the day 750 tons. To-day prices wound up 10 to 20 points higher at 48.50c. for March, 48.60 to 48.65c. for May and 48.60 to 48.70c. for July, with sales of 45 tons.

LEAD was advanced to 7.25c. by the American Smelting Co. This is a rise thus far this year of \$12. In the Middle West prices were moved up to 7.15c. East St. Louis. Chrome yellow and lead oxides were higher owing to the recent rise in pig lead. The Mexican revolution has received little attention from American producers although it is admitted that it will be difficult to get lead out of that country. It is felt that if the Mexican situation is to have any influence at all in the market it will be felt first in London. Prices in London on the 6th inst. advanced 2s 6d on the spot to £23 16s 3d; futures up 3s 9d to £24; sales 250 tons spot and 1200 futures. On the 7th inst. London advanced 2s 6d to £23 18s 9d; futures £24 2s 6d; sales 50 tons spot and 2300 futures. Stocks in the United States and Mexico fell to 155,270 tons as of Feb. 1st against 161,460 tons January 1st and 157,417 Feb. 1, 1928.

ZINC was in only moderate demand at best. There was no new buying to speak of. Yet consumption is holding up well. Prime Western was quoted at 6.32½ to 6.35c. and brass special was 10 points higher. Concessions of 2½ points on prime Western are still being made despite reports that these concessions have disappeared. In London on the 6th inst. spot fell 3s 9d to £26 3s 9d; futures off 1s 3d to £26 10s; sales 125 tons spot and 675 futures. London on the 7th declined 1s 3d to £26 2s 6d spot and £26 8s 9d futures; sales 425 tons spot and 825 futures. Deliveries for consumption in January were 18,494 tons against 15,621 in December and 2,677 in January, 1928.

STEEL—Railroad buying is said to have increased and prices are reported firmer as the market broadens. To railroads the sales are mostly freight cars. They are not so large thus far this year as in the same time in 1928; they are 16,000 less. Structural awards this week are large, indeed the largest this year. Pipe lines are buying more freely. Automobile companies long at the front as buyers now yield first place to railroad companies. Structural buying also rises; so also farm implement and machine tool buying as well as the just mentioned pipe lines. Pittsburgh quoted semi-finished steel slightly higher with billets and sheet bars \$34. to \$35. Pittsburgh at Valley points. Heavy melting steel scrap fell 50c. per ton in some transactions with the range however \$18. to \$19. per ton, Pittsburgh district. Youngstown reports a growing business in some secondary directions. Birmingham says the steel mills are active. It seems that a larger number of open hearth furnaces at steel mills are in operation than recently and there are steady shipments especially of sheets.

PIG IRON met with some new demand, but evidently it was not very large. Prices seem rather difficult to locate. Take Buffalo for instance. All the way from \$17. to \$18.50 people are told mark the quotations; some say \$17.50 to \$18. The truth is the market is so quiet that it is virtually untested. It is largely nominal. Buy small lots and the price is this and so. On big tonnage nobody seems to know just what would be accepted. It might be a surprise in parts of the country where competition is keen. Here what business is being done is for the second quarter. Eastern Pennsylvania is quoted nominally at \$19.50 to \$20.50. It is declared that \$21. at furnace is sometimes paid supposedly for small lots. The Pittsburgh district reports a fair demand with \$17.50 valley, Bessemer, \$18.25 to \$18.50 and foundry \$17.50 to \$18. valley. Pig iron output in February was 3,206,185 tons against 3,442,770 in January and 2,900,126 in February last year. Purely nominal quotations include 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. At Birmingham No. 2 foundry was \$16.50.

WOOL—Boston wired March 8th that the Commercial Bulletin will say tomorrow: "The wool market is stronger, on the basis of \$1. clean, for average fine wools, which type of wool has been chiefly in demand. Medium wools have been rather quiet. Buying in wool reflects better business in piece goods. The foreign markets are all firm. Australia is slightly against the buyer this week, as is also New Zealand and South America. London is firm at the opening rates of 5% decline on merinos and 7½ per cent on crossbreds from the January closing. In the West hardly anything is being done. Mohair is very dull and difficult to quote with the market in buyers' favor here and abroad. Rail and water shipments of wool from Boston from January 1, 1929 to March 7, 1929 inclusive were 32,908,000 lbs. against 41,983,000 lbs. for the same period last year. The receipts from Jan. 1, 1929 to March 7, 1929, inclusive were 41,404,500 lbs. against 39,871,400 lbs. for the same period last year."

At Sydney on March 4th the sixth series of wool sales opened. An average selection met improved competition from chiefly Germany and Japan and support from Yorkshire and France. The market was good and much firmer compared to close of the fifth series. Boston commented on the sale as follows:

"A stronger tone in the wool market developed in the sale in Sydney, Australia and also in the sale in New Zealand at Napier.

There was good competition in both markets, with America buying rather freely in the New Zealand sale, although the supply of super wool suitable for this country is very limited.

In London on March 6th the second series of colonial wool auctions this year opened with total offerings 114,000 bales. Large attendance of home and foreign buyers.

At Melbourne on March 6th a very good selection met with a good demand from all sections. Operating prices were about 5% higher compared with sales of February 28th.

SILK closed 2 points lower to 1 point higher with sales of 110 bales. March ended at 4.95c. to 4.98c.; May 4.94 to 4.97 and July at 4.88 to 4.89c.

COTTON

Friday Night, March 8 1929.

THE MOVEMENT OF THE CROP, as indicated by our telegrams from the South to-night, is given below. For the week ending this evening the total receipts have reached 86,941 bales, against 91,438 bales last week and 80,860 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1928 8,197,009 bales, against 7,095,729 bales for the same period of 1927, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1928 of 1,101,280 bales.

Table with columns: Receipts at—, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Total. Lists various ports like Galveston, Texas City, Houston, etc.

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1928 and stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Table with columns: Receipts to Mar. 8., 1928-29, 1927-28, Stock, 1929, 1928. Rows include Galveston, Texas City, Houston, etc.

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Table with columns: Receipts at—, 1928-29, 1927-28, 1926-27, 1925-26, 1924-25, 1923-24. Lists ports like Galveston, Houston, New Orleans, etc.

*Beginning with the season of 1926, Houston figures include movement of cotton previously reported by Houston as an interior town. The distinction between port and town has been abandoned.

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 146,720 bales, of which 25,490 were to Great Britain, 21,225 to France, 26,509 to Germany, 26,780 to Italy, 33,721 to Japan and China, and 12,995 to other destinations.

Table with columns: Week Ended Mar. 8 1929, Exports from—, Exported to— (Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Japan China, Other, Total). Lists ports like Galveston, Houston, Texas City, etc.

Table with columns: From Aug. 1 1928 to Mar. 8 1929, Exports from—, Exported to— (Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Japan & China, Other, Total). Lists ports like Galveston, Houston, Texas City, etc.

Total '27-'28. 939,608 717,170 1,647,490 461,168 118,426 768,301 609,279 5,261,437

Note.—Exports to Canada.—It has never been our practice to include in the above table reports of cotton shipments to Canada, the reason being that virtually all the cotton destined to the Dominion comes overland and it is impossible to get returns concerning the same from week to week, while reports from the customs districts on the Canadian border are always very slow in coming to hand.

In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named:

Table with columns: On Shipboard Not Cleared for—, March 8 at—, Great Britain, France, Germany, Other Foreign, Coast-wise, Total, Leaving Stock. Lists ports like Galveston, New Orleans, Savannah, etc.

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been active at generally rising prices, the net advance on near months being close to \$5 a bale under the impulse of big buying and strong statistics. It is said that powerful interests in Wall Street have taken the bull side of cotton.

20 points on firm cables, good Manchester news, large sales of cotton goods here last week and finally a tight position of the old crop. March, May and July were in sharp demand, especially May. It went to 49 points over July; March was 48 points over July. Fertilizer sales for seven months up to Feb. 28 were stated as 32% smaller than in the like period last season. The total was 1,186,993 tons against 1,728,233 tons in the same time last season and 1,298,847 tons two years ago. The decrease this season is 542,760 tons compared with the same time last season and 111,854 tons compared with two years ago. Rainfalls of 1 to 2 inches prevailed in Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and Georgia. They were not wanted. On the other hand, western and southwestern Texas was too dry. Farm work appears to be behind last year, but about up to the average of normal years. So that in the later trading on the 4th inst. new crop months reacted and in some cases closed lower. The stress was on the old crop. It excited the most interest because it is believed there is a large amount of fixing of prices to be done by mills in the next few months with supplies dwindling and hedge sales disappearing. Spot markets were 5 to 15 points higher with sales for the day nearly three times as large as on the same day last year. The sales of goods in one case last week were 55% above production and of print cloths and sheetings 90% above it.

On the 5th inst. came a sudden rise of 42 to 50 points on rains of 2 to 4 inches in the eastern belt, the latter in Georgia, firm Liverpool cables, encouraging news from Manchester and Worth Street and finally a statement by a Wall Street operator to the effect that cotton based on facts of supply and demand, the technical and statistical position, was likely to advance somewhat after the fashion of copper under the spur of a greater demand from consumers who had been buying in a dilatory manner for some time. Wall Street houses were credited with buying very heavily on these ideas, especially as in the afternoon Memphis reported that flood warnings for the Mississippi River in that district southward to Vicksburg, Miss., had been issued by the United States Weather Bureau. The Mississippi River in that district, it was added, will rise, reaching the flood stage at Cottonwood Point, 24 feet, and at Memphis, 35 feet, by March 10, the report said. The lower St. Francis will also rise. It was reported, too, that the Arkansas levee board had called a special meeting on account of the rise in the Mississippi River. Moreover, a Boston statement that the world's consumption of American cotton in the first half of the year was 7,616,000 bales, pointing seemingly to at least 15,250,000 for the whole year, had its effect. Some think the carry-over on July 31 will be about 4,300,000 bales against about 5,100,000 on July 31 last year and 7,750,000 in 1927. There are fears that the season this year may be late. A much larger crop than the last one is needed.

On the 6th inst. prices declined some 15 to 20 points net, owing to profit taking. Liverpool was governed by the same thing. Besides, the weather was better, the technical position rather weaker, and stocks were lower with call money 12%. The South, including co-operatives, sold freely. The weekly report, on the other hand, was bullish, and cotton goods reports were encouraging. Boston reported the production fully 10% above single shift capacity and that the percentage of overtime in New England had increased in response to a greater demand than ever before for printed goods. It added that cotton goods for automobile and mechanical trades are well sold ahead for the next two or three months. Manchester had a better trade with China. In the main, the tendency in foreign countries seems to be toward improvement. But here there had been a practically continuous rise since the 1st inst. of \$4 a bale and a reaction was due. The Government weekly weather report said that the rains and continued wet soil further retarded field work in the Southern States and little or no plowing or other preparations for spring planting could be accomplished, except in the extreme western portion of the cotton belt where some progress was reported. Persistent wetness quite generally in the belt from the eastern half of Texas and Oklahoma eastward has hindered field work for some time past and preparations have become much behind an average season in many places. The week just closed was especially unfavorable for field operations in the eastern cotton States where heavy rains have caused flood stages in rivers quite generally with considerable erosion and water-logged soil in many places, most seriously in Georgia.

On the 7th inst. prices advanced 20 to 25 points on heavy buying by spot interests. They took May so freely that it went to 56 points over July. March was also in good demand. The West was said to be buying freely also. Big tire interests are said to favor the long side. Wall Street also bought. Liverpool cables were rather higher than due. Egyptian in Liverpool was 54 American points higher on sakels. Alexandria advanced 20 to 33 points. The British International Federation in the meantime stated the consumption for the first six months of the present cotton year as 7,613,000 bales, against 8,226,000 for the same time last season, and 7,181,000 two years ago. This is supposed to indicate perhaps 15,250,000 bales for the present

season if not 15,500,000 bales. It was regarded as bullish. Mills called and Liverpool bought. Spot prices advanced 20 to 25 points with a brisk demand. Reports from Manchester were generally favorable.

To-day speculation was active and prices were 23 to 32 points higher, retaining most of the advance at the close when the tone was very steady. The weekly statistics were bullish as to spinners' takings and other items. Moreover, the report of the Textile Merchants Association became known after the close, and it was more bullish than anybody had expected. For February it shows a ratio of sales of standard cloths to production of 116.3%; ratio of shipments to production, 105.5%; stocks decreased during the month 4.2%; unfilled orders increased 7.2%. Next Thursday comes the Census Bureau report on the domestic consumption. It is expected to be bullish. Fertilizer sales in February, it is stated, were 24 1/2% smaller than in February last year. Liverpool was higher than due. Spot markets were active and 25 points higher. Worth Street and Manchester reports were favorable. It is said that there had been a break in the Mississippi River levee but it turned out to be a side levee in Arkansas and apparently a matter of no great consequence. Prof. Todd of Liverpool estimated the world's consumption of American cotton at 15,250,000 bales. Final prices show an advance for the week of 73 to 94 points. Spot cotton closed at 21.65c. for middling, an advance since last Friday of 95 points.

Differences between grades established for delivery on contract Mar. 14 1929. Figured from the Mar. 7 average quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Staple Premiums 60% of average of six markets quoting for deliveries on Mar. 14 1929

Table with columns: 15-16 Inch., 1-Inch & longer., and various cotton grades like Middling Fair, Strict Good Middling, etc., with corresponding prices.

The official quotations for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been: Mar 2 to Mar 8 - Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Middling upland - 20.80 20.90 21.30 21.15 21.40 21.65

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing futures prices for Saturday (Mar. 2) through Friday (Mar. 8) for various months from March to February, including ranges and closing prices.

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Mar. 8 1929 and since trading began on each option:

Table showing option ranges for weeks and since beginning of option, with columns for Option for, Range for Week, and Range Since Beginning of Option.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks as well as afloat are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

Table with columns for date (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926) and rows for various locations like Liverpool, London, Manchester, etc., showing stock quantities.

Total visible supply 7,040,766 6,604,160 8,286,099 6,358,358
Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:
American - 4,846,766 4,904,160 6,663,099 4,631,358

Table showing American stocks and supplies for various regions like East India, Brazil, etc., with columns for 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926.

a Houston stocks are now included in the port stocks; in previous years they formed part of the interior stocks.

Continental imports for past week have been 112,000 bales. The above figures for 1929 show a decrease from last week of 185,330 bales, a gain of 436,606 over 1928, a decrease of 1,245,333 bales from 1927, and a gain of 682,408 bales over 1926.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year, is set out in detail below:

Large table with columns for Movement to Mar. 8 1929, Movement to Mar. 9 1928, and rows for various towns like Ala., Birmingham, Eufaula, etc., showing Receipts, Shipments, and Stocks.

* Includes the combined totals of fifteen towns in Oklahoma.

The above total shows that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 57,192 bales and are to-night 91,848 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all the towns have been 12,808 bales more than the same week last year.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

Table showing cotton quotations for 32 years from 1929 back to 1922, with columns for year and price.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

Table showing market and sales data for Saturday through Friday, including Spot Market Closed, Futures Market Closed, and Sales (Spot, Contr't, Total).

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made 7p from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Table showing overland movement for March 8, 1928-29 and 1927-28, including shipped quantities via various routes and total gross overland.

*Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 17,945 bales, against 18,720 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits an increase over a year ago of 62,378 bales.

Table showing In Sight and Spinners' Takings for March 8, 1928-29 and 1927-28, including receipts at ports and net overland.

Movement into sight in previous years:
Week— Bales. Since Aug. 1— Bales.
1927— 296,240 1927— 16,176,396
1926— 197,604 1926— 14,045,342
1925— 192,464 1925— 13,072,754

Table showing closing quotations for middling cotton at other markets for each day of the week, including Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, etc.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans market for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans market from January to March, with columns for date and price.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening indicate that weather conditions as a rule, have continued unfavorable in most sections of the cotton belt during the week. Rain has fallen in many localities and in not a few instances precipitation has been heavy. Ground in nearly all sections is very muddy and very little farm work has been done.

Mobile, Ala.—Farm work is at a standstill. River bottoms are submerged and the water continues to rise, while the water in the creeks is falling slowly.

Memphis, Tenn.—Conditions have been unfavorable for farm work. The river is rising and the weather Bureau predicts 37 feet by the 13th.

Table with columns: Location, Rain (day), Rainfall (inches), Thermometer (high, low, mean). Locations include Galveston, Texas; Ahlense; Brownsville; Corpus Christi; Dallas; Del Rio; Palestine; San Antonio; New Orleans; Mobile, Ala.; Savannah, Ga.; Charlotte, N. C.; Memphis, Tenn.

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

Table showing river heights at various locations (New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, Shreveport, Vicksburg) for Mar. 8 and Mar. 9, 1928, relative to gauge levels.

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Table with columns: Week Ended, Receipts at Ports (1928, 1927, 1926), Stocks at Interior Towns (1928, 1927, 1926), Receipts from Plantations (1928, 1927, 1926). Rows include Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1928 are 8,699,701 bales; in 1927-28 were 7,657,568 bales, and in 1926-27 were 11,267,823 bales. (2) That, although the receipts at the outports the past week were 86,941 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 29,749 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 57,192 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 24,434 bales and for 1927 they were 161,681 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings or amounts gone out of sight for the like period:

Table showing Cotton Takings, Week and Season, for 1928-29 and 1927-28. Includes rows for Visible supply, American in sight, Bombay receipts, and Total supply.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 3,441,006 bales in 1928-29 and 3,441,000 bales in 1927-28—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 11,190,540 bales in 1928-29 and 10,517,251 bales in 1927-28, of which 7,263,340 bales and 6,882,891 bales American. b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

Table comparing Receipts at Bombay for 1928-29, 1927-28, and 1926-27. Sub-table shows Exports from Bombay for the week and since August 1, categorized by destination (Great Britain, Continent, Japan & China, Total).

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an increase compared with last year in the week's receipts of 48,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record an increase of 31,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an increase of 439,500 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years:

Table showing Receipts (cantars) and Shipments (cantars) for Alexandria, Egypt, for Mar. 6, 1928-29, 1927-28, and 1926-27.

Table showing Export (bales) for various destinations (To Liverpool, To Manchester &c, To Continent & India, To America) for This Week, Since Aug. 1, 1928-29, 1927-28, and 1926-27.

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Mar. 6 were 135,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 24,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market for both yarns and cloths is steady. Demand for China is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison.

Table showing Manchester Market prices for 1928 and 1927. Columns include 32s Cop Twist, 8 1/4 Lbs. Shrt. Cotton, Cotton Midd'l, etc., with prices for different grades.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 146,720 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic reports, are as follows:

Table listing shipping news by destination: NEW ORLEANS, NORFOLK, SEATTLE, HOUSTON, To Dunkirk, To Antwerp, To Gothenburg, To Vera Cruz, To Liverpool, To Manchester, To Bremen, To Hamburg, To Trieste, To Genoa, To Havre, To Rotterdam, To Bremen, To Naples, To Venice, To Trieste, To Liverpool, To Historian, To Manchester, To Historian, To Hamburg.

B. W. Snow said that with the exception of last year and 1925 the present reserve on corn is the smallest since 1920. Disappearance of the crop has been rapid in spite of its exceptional quality and high feed values, amounting to more than 1,800,000,000 bushels in the first four months of the crop year. European demand for corn, considering the close adjustment of supply, is a factor, and exports since Feb. 1 totaled 27,000,000 bushels against 6,000,000 for the same period last year. With old corn in the Argentine exhausted and the new corn crop a small one, competition from that country will be much lighter. On the 5th inst. prices firm at first were depressed by wheat ending unchanged to 3/4c. lower. Yet the weather was bad for moving the crop. Cash prices were rather firm. A better demand prevailed from the East, though later quiet. There was very little export inquiry. New Argentine corn was offered at 39s. 9d. to English and Continental markets, early April shipment, while United States corn was quoted at 40s. 3d. per quarter c. i. f. May at one time was up to \$1.03 but it fell later to \$1.01 1/2. Some are bullish on corn. On the 6th inst. prices closed unchanged to 1/4c. lower. Early prices were firm on buying by commission houses and reports of some export demand.

The farm reserves were put by the Government to-day at 64,132,000 less than the average for five years. To-day prices ended at an advance of 3/8 to 1/2c. with a lack of pressure to sell and receipts small. Export demand was absent but bids were said to be not very much below a workable basis. Final prices show a decline for the week, however, of 1/8 to 1c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK. Table with columns: No. 2 yellow, Sat, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri. Prices range from 115 1/2 to 115 3/4.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO. Table with columns: March, May, July, Sat, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri. Prices range from 103 3/4 to 107 1/2.

Oats declined partly in sympathy with other grain and partly because the farm reserves are much larger than those of a year ago. On the 2d inst. prices fell 3/8 to 1c., owing partly to the weakness in corn and increased liquidation. On the 4th inst. prices closed 1/2 to 1 1/2c. lower. The average statement of the farm reserves was 503,000,000 bushels against 373,000,000 a year ago, the range being 400,000,000 to 532,000,000. This big increase caused heavy liquidation and lower prices. Some recovery from the lowest was due to covering and buying by commission houses. The United States visible supply increased last week 305,000 bushels against a decrease last year of 615,000 bushels. The total is 14,898,000 bushels against 19,791,000 a year ago. On the 5th inst. near months were 1 to 1 1/2c. net lower with a good deal of liquidation of old crop months. Elevator concerns bought March and sold May. Snow placed the farm reserves at 532,000,000 bushels, or 36.8%; Cromwell 516,000 bushels. These compare with the Government figures last March of 376,699,000 bushels or 31.5%.

On the 6th inst. prices ended 3/8 to 5/8c. lower with liquidation general. Support was lacking even on the decline. Farm reserves were estimated by the Government to-day at 53,168,000 bushels more than the five-year average. To-day prices closed 1/2 to 3/8c. higher on reports of some export inquiry and a belief in some quarters that the Government would put the farm reserves at less than the average of private reports of 500,000,000 bushels. Final prices showed a decline for the week of 5/8 to 2 3/8c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK. Table with columns: No. 2 white, Sat, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri. Prices range from 63 to 60 3/4.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO. Table with columns: March, May, July, Sat, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri. Prices range from 48 1/2 to 49 1/2.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG. Table with columns: May, July, October, Sat, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri. Prices range from 59 1/2 to 54 3/4.

Rye declined partly in sympathy with the lower prices for wheat but the drop was not so marked as in wheat. On the 2d inst. prices were at one time 1/2 to 3/4c. higher, but later they gave way under liquidation. Still the final quotations showed a net rise of 1/4c. Rye exhibited at times, in other words, a certain amount of independent strength. On the 4th inst. prices ended 1/2 to 3/4c. lower but at one time were 1/4 to 1c. higher. The distant months stood up the best. Commission houses, it was noticed, were buying on the breaks. The United States visible supply increased last week 66,000 bushels against 102,000 last year; total, 6,418,000 bushels against 4,325,000 a year ago. On the 5th inst. prices fell 2 to 2 1/2c. in response to the decline in wheat. There was steady buying by commission houses on resting orders. On the 6th inst. prices followed those of wheat and wound up 1/8 to 1/4c. lower. The Government to-day put the farm reserves at 2,781,000 bushels less than the four-year average. To-day prices closed at a decline of 1/8 to 5/8c. in response to wheat. Final prices are 1/4 to 1 1/2c. lower than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO. Table with columns: March, May, July, Sat, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri. Prices range from 110 3/4 to 111 1/2.

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN. Wheat, New York; Corn, New York; Oats, New York; Rye, New York; Barley, New York.

FLOUR. Spring patents; Clear, first spring; Soft winter straights; Hard winter straights; Hard winter patents; Hard winter clears; Fancy Minn. patents; City mills; Rye flour, patents; Semolina No. 2, pound; Oats goods; Corn flour; Barley goods; Coarse; Fancy pearl Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4.

For other tables usually given here, see page 1505.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1928 is as below:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to - Flour, Wheat, Corn. Table with columns: Week Mar. 2 1929, Since July 1 1928, Week Mar. 2 1929, Since July 1 1928, Week Mar. 2 1929, Since July 1 1928. Rows include United Kingdom, Continent, So. & Cent. Amer., West Indies, Br. No. Am. Col., Other countries, Total 1929, Total 1928.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Mar. 2, were as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS. United States - Wheat, bush.; Corn, bush.; Oats, bush.; Rye, bush.; Barley, bush. Table listing various locations like New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, etc.

Total Mar. 2 1929 - 123,432,000 33,301,000 14,598,000 6,418,000 9,172,000
Total Feb. 23 1929 - 123,315,000 32,488,000 14,593,000 6,352,000 9,029,000
Total Mar. 3 1928 - 71,357,000 40,998,000 19,791,000 4,325,000 2,185,000

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats—New York, 117,000 bushels; Philadelphia, 32,000; Baltimore, 35,000; Buffalo, 373,000; Buffalo afloat, 229,000; Duluth, 14,000; total 800,000 bushels, against 248,000 bushels in 1928. Barley—New York, 527,000 bushels; Boston, 52,000; Philadelphia, 210,000; Baltimore, 164,000; Buffalo, 702,000; Buffalo afloat, 407,000; Duluth, 99,000; total, 2,191,000 bushels, against 1,715,000 bushels in 1928. Wheat—New York, 4,262,000 bushels; Boston, 1,526,000; Philadelphia, 3,315,000; Baltimore, 3,111,000; Buffalo, 8,214,000; Buffalo afloat, 5,348,000; Duluth, 269,000; Toledo afloat, 1,369,000; total, 27,415,000 bushels, against 20,113,000 bushels in 1928.

Canadian - Montreal, Ft. William & Pt. Arthur afloat, Other Canadian. Prices range from 8,950,000 to 1,974,000.

Total Mar. 2 1929 - 84,712,000 7,534,000 2,403,000 8,147,000
Total Feb. 23 1929 - 84,164,000 7,651,000 2,550,000 8,059,000
Total Mar. 3 1928 - 75,851,000 3,340,000 3,218,000 3,780,000

Summary - American, Canadian. Prices range from 123,432,000 to 84,712,000.

Total Mar. 2 1929 - 208,144,000 33,301,000 22,432,000 8,818,000 17,319,000
Total Feb. 23 1929 - 207,479,000 32,488,000 27,244,000 8,902,000 17,088,000
Total Mar. 3 1928 - 147,208,000 40,998,000 23,131,000 7,543,000 5,965,000

The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, Mar. 1, and since July 1 1928 and 1927, are shown in the following:

Exports. Wheat, Corn. Table with columns: 1928-29, 1927-28, 1928-29, 1927-28. Sub-columns: Week Mar. 1, Since July 1. Rows include North Amer., Black Sea, Argentina, Australia, India, Oth. countr's, Total.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED FEB. 26.—The general summary of the weather bulletin, issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended Feb. 26 follows:

The weather of the week was characterized by marked storm activity. At the beginning an extensive disturbance was central over the western Lake region, attended by precipitation quite generally in the eastern half of the country, and a second depression was charted over the Southwest. The Lake storm moved northeastward, followed by clearing and colder weather over Central and Eastern States, and by the morning of the 27th

that in the Southwest had passed southeastward to the Gulf of Mexico; thence it moved northeastward, attended by general, and in many places heavy, rain in the Southeast. By Mar. 1 pressure had again fallen over the interior valleys and unsettled, cloudy or rainy weather was the rule in most sections east of the Rocky Mountains. In the meantime a "low" of marked energy had moved from the Canadian Northwest to the Central-Northern States by the morning of the 2d, with a secondary over the southern Rocky Mountains; the central and eastern portions of the country were under the influence of this disturbance during the latter part of the week, with additional precipitation over large areas. Temperature changes were unimportant.

The table on page 3 shows that the week, as a whole, was warmer than normal in all sections east of the Mississippi River, except from western Tennessee southward. Temperatures were also relatively high in the Northern States between the Lake region and the Pacific coast, as well as in most sections of the central and southern trans-Rocky Mountain area. It was especially warm in the States from Montana and South Dakota eastward to the Atlantic coast where most stations show plus departures from normal temperature ranging from 6 deg. to as much as 13 deg. In contrast to this, the Southwest was unusually cold, with the weekly mean temperatures over considerable areas ranging from 4 deg. to 11 deg. below normal; the cold area extended northward over the Rocky Mountain States to southern Wyoming.

Minimum temperatures for the week were not unusually low for the season, although in some western sections near-zero readings were reported, with one station, Santa Fe, N. Mex., having a minimum of 2 deg. below zero. Freezing weather did not extend farther south than North Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas, and northern Texas, with the lowest along the Gulf coast ranging from 40 deg. to about 48 deg.

The table shows also that rain was heavy to excessive south of the Ohio and Potomac Rivers, except in some of the more southeastern districts. The amounts were light in southern Florida and relatively small in the northwestern portion of that State and in southern Georgia, but elsewhere in the area mentioned the weekly totals ranged from 1 inch to as much as 12 inches. Rainfall was heavy also in much of the middle Atlantic area as far north as southern New England. Elsewhere the falls were generally light to moderate, with practically all stations reporting less than half an inch of precipitation, and a large area, comprising the central and southern States west of the Rocky Mountains, having practically no precipitation during the week.

Frequent rains and continued wet soil further retarded field work in the Southern States, and little or no plowing or other preparation for spring planting could be accomplished, except in the extreme western portion of the Cotton Belt where some progress was reported. Persistent wetness quite generally in the belt, from the eastern half of Texas and Oklahoma eastward, has hindered field work for some time past and preparations have become much behind an average season in many places. The week just closed was especially unfavorable for field operations in the eastern cotton States where heavy rains have caused flood stages in rivers quite generally, with considerable erosion and water-logged soil in many places, most seriously in Georgia. In Florida conditions were much better, with favorable weather prevailing for crop growth and for field work, and moderate beneficial rains in central and southern sections.

In the more northern States mild temperatures reduced the snow cover rapidly, and fields are again bare generally in the central valleys, except in the upper Mississippi where a heavy snow cover remains in many places, even up to 42 inches in parts of Iowa. In the far Northwest the snow has largely disappeared from grain fields, but considerable remains in northern Rocky Mountain sections. In general, the soil has an unusually abundant supply of moisture in the eastern half of the country, and is thoroughly saturated in many areas, but at the same time precipitation is needed in parts of the Southwest. West of the Rocky Mountains the week was generally favorable, except that drought is becoming serious in California.

SMALL GRAINS.—Practically the entire main Winter Wheat Belt has been cleared of snow, while fields are now generally bare in the middle Atlantic area, and mostly so in the interior of the Pacific Northwest. In the extreme eastern districts of the main wheat area frost is largely out of the ground, but west of the Mississippi the soil is still deeply frozen as far south as Missouri and most of Kansas. Temperatures were generally moderate in the interior valleys, with some reports of the top soil alternately freezing and thawing. In the Southwest wheat made some growth during the week, and is beginning to show green in Oklahoma. With the melting of the snow in the wheat areas of the more northwestern States, the protection afforded during the long period is apparent, but little winterkilling indicated; in the main belt the amount of winterkilling is still uncertain. In the more southern States, as well as in the Atlantic area, the abundant moisture, with mild temperatures in many sections, was favorable for winter cereal crops, but in California they are suffering because of protracted drought.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Temperatures above normal; precipitation moderate to heavy. Mostly favorable for winter grains and grass; unfavorable for outdoor work. Soil too wet and little precipitation for spring crops accomplished.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Weather mild; rainfall heavy to excessive and rivers in heavy flood. Soil too wet to work and operations much behind in east, especially in trucking section. Small grains doing well.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Excessive rains caused general floods and soggy land, with spring plowing suspended. Tree fruits show normal development, with some early peach blooms in central and south. Asparagus of good quality being shipped. Comparatively mild weather improved winter cereal and truck growth on uplands, but considerable land washing.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Heavy rains over almost entire State, causing destructive floods in all rivers, with much washing of farm lands and damage to roads and bridges. No work possible. Flood conditions similar, though not as bad as in January, 1925. Probably much injury to crops will be reported later.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Temperatures much above normal on peninsula; about normal in extreme west. Light, scattered frost on morning of 3d in interior of extreme north; no damage. Moderate to heavy rains in west and north; light to moderate in central and south. Week favorable in all sections for growing crops and farm work, except locally heavy rains in west, delayed farm work; rains in central and south timely and beneficial.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Temperatures averaged somewhat above normal. Rain on first two and last two days excessively heavy locally in south; lands badly saturated locally. Roads bad in many sections and Tombigbee and Coosa Rivers in flood at close of week. Little farm work accomplished. Condition and progress of fall-sown oats continue fair to good. Pastures mostly poor, but showing improvement in some sections. Excessive rains and deficient sunshine favorable for most growing crops in coast section.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Mostly clear, with scattered precipitation, but excessive on coast at beginning and end of week. Sunshine inadequate. Soil mostly too wet for reasonable farm activities. Progress of pastures good; truck fair.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Further rains hindered plowing, but some plowing on higher lands; mostly too wet elsewhere. Sugar cane in good condition; dry weather needed for completion of cane planting. Pastures and oats improving slowly.

Texas.—Houston: Week cold, with only light precipitation, and conditions droughty in much of west and southwest. Conditions of pastures, winter wheat, truck fair to good, but growth slow. Progress and condition of oats poor to fair; some spring oats planted. Corn planting progressing slowly in south. Strawberries ripening. Farm work made considerable progress, but still backward, especially in eastern half. Vegetation backward. Condition of livestock good.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Cold and mostly cloudy; light to moderate rains in east and central, but little or none in west. Field work practically suspended in east where soil too wet, but fair progress in plowing and seeding oats in west portion. Wheat made some growth and showing green; condition generally fair to good. Season and farm work two to three weeks late.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Cold, cloudy, and rainy weather most of week very unfavorable for farm work, but very favorable for growth of wheat, oats, meadows, pastures, winter truck, and fruit. All work badly behind; very little plowing done.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Seasonal temperatures and frequent rain, quite heavy in east and west, materially improved wheat, while other grains made considerable progress. Livestock generally in fair to good condition.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Mild temperatures favorable; moderate to heavy rains and melting snow caused lowland floods. Soil thawed and drained, but still very wet. Grains and grass beginning to grow.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, March 8 1929.

The textile markets are generally more active than they were a short time ago, and factors are going about business with a noticeably more confident air. While certain divisions continue to suffer from narrow profit margins, and the ever-threatening danger of accumulated stocks, the volume of goods being sold is good, and the future is promising. Reports from the retail sellers all over the country are favorable, and manufacturers' agents are experiencing a greater measure of success in their efforts to inaugurate new lines, and secure contract orders from buyers. It is said that the conduct of business is imposing less strain on both primary and secondary factors, and that they are performing their respective functions with a more cheerful disposition. Cotton goods have been considerably effected by the advance in the raw product. Consequent firmness in the former is not compensatory for the sharp rise in the staple and producers are in many cases refraining from accepting orders at the old levels and trying to influence higher prices. General interest is being directed to the Wool Pageant which is to begin on the 18th of this month. Preparations are now rapidly nearing completion, and the styles selected for display are being shown privately before the National Retailers Association this week. Meanwhile, an encouraging amount of fill-in orders is being placed for woolen goods. The great activity in printed fabrics continues to animate the rayon, cotton and silk trades, and more and more attention is being given to the manufacture of light weight prints in worsted materials. During the coming administration merchants expect that such Government interference as has hindered the furtherance of co-operative policies in the past, will be at a minimum, and it is hoped that much may be done to eliminate trade evils during the next few years.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Although the rise in raw cotton stimulated business in cotton goods, and caused a general hardening of prices with advances here and there, the situation is not promoting mental ease among manufacturers. The advances in cloth prices do not compensate for that in the raw product, and when it is remembered that the former were unnaturally low, compared with the latter in the first place, it will be seen that, in a sense, cotton goods are cheaper than ever. Meanwhile, it is uncertain whether cotton is going to retain its present strength, and sellers are in a quandary between holding goods for higher prices or taking advantage of good business at the present levels. As far as sales are concerned, primary factors are doing very well. Goods continue to move into distribution in large quantity, with some expansion in evidence at the present time, and no immediate prospect of slackening. The mails contain many inquiries and a proportion of actual orders which gives real substance to the general buying interest. It is known that stocks in retailers hands are not large in spite of rather heavy buying from some such sources of late, and the urgency with which they are requiring prompt delivery, and, in some cases soliciting premature delivery, of goods, testifies to the meagre supplies in many places. Furthermore, a large part of spring needs have yet to be supplied. Primary stocks are substantial but are not, according to reports, growing any larger. Nor does it look as if the next month will show an increase. Cutters and wholesalers have come into the market belatedly for spring goods and the volume of March orders already in hand indicates a maintenance of business sufficient to prevent accumulation in mills. Print cloths 28-inch 64 x 60's construction are quoted at 5½c. and 27-inch 64 x 60's at 5½c. Gray goods 39-inch 68 x 72's construction are quoted at 8½c. and 39-inch 80 x 80's at 10½c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—Some improvement in sales volume is evident, and the outlook continues promising. While most of the good feeling in woolens and worsteds markets continues to be anticipatory rather than based on actual improvement, the situation in retail channels, where business is generally good and stocks low, and the favor with which buyers are regarding new offerings, are real justifications for an optimistic attitude. Meanwhile, goods are selling better, both in the men's and women's divisions. Buyers are contracting for overcoatings of some lines in large quantities, while some delay in taking up others, particularly the finer qualities, is attributed mainly to a natural but not at all unfavorable hesitancy on the part of buyers in the face of a great diversity of styling and quality. Men's suitings are in a better position, with prospects of measurable development in the immediate future. It is said that stocks of women's wear fabrics are unusually low, and that production at the present time is not out-running demand. Manufacturers are on the alert for sensing new style trends, and more successful catering for the needs of buyers is quoted as a fundamental factor in the brighter outlook.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Linsens are practically featureless. Prices are firm, and a fair volume of goods is being sold. Buying interest in burlaps is chiefly of a fill-in nature. Light weights are quoted at 7.10c. and heavies at 9.50c.

State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN FEBRUARY.

State and municipal long-term bond disposals during February aggregated \$65,521,019. The total output for the previous month amounted to \$75,453,965. In February a year ago, due in the main to the flotation by the City of New York of \$52,000,000 long-term bonds the total awards were \$133,823,923.

Only two sales during the month exceeded \$5,000,000. The State of Louisiana on Feb. 26, sold \$10,000,000 road bonds maturing in from 1 to 20 years, as 5s, to a syndicate headed by Harris, Forbes & Co. and the National City Co., both of New York, at a price of 101.099, a cost basis to the State of about 4.86%. Five issues of Cleveland, Ohio bonds aggregating \$8,300,000, maturing serially from 1930 to 1954 inclusive; were purchased on Feb. 1 by a syndicate headed by the Chase Securities Corp. of New York. The successful bidders paid a price of 100.156 for the obligations, \$6,800,000 of which were taken as 4 1/2s and \$1,500,000 as 4s. It will be remembered that during January of this year no single municipal award amounted to \$5,000,000.

Municipalities which were unsuccessful in disposing of their offerings during the month were considerable in number. Los Angeles, Calif. offered on Feb. 26—V. 128, p. 1265—\$1,000,000 Santa Clara Valley Damage bonds which were to mature serially from 1929 to 1948 inclusive. Interest rate on the issue was not to exceed 4 3/4%. All bids submitted were rejected according to a report which also stated that the issue was to be reoffered shortly. At the same time all bids submitted for the purchase of six issues of bonds aggregating \$6,400,000 were also rejected. Specific mention of other municipalities which failed to dispose of their offerings is made below.

A summary of the bond awards of \$1,000,000 or over made during the month is given herewith:

- \$2,815,000 White Plains, N. Y., 4.30% bonds, consisting of seven issues, maturing serially from 1932 to 1963 incl.; were awarded to a syndicate headed by the Chase Securities Corp. of N. Y., at 100.27, a basis of about 4.27%.
- 2,727,000 East Orange, N. J. bonds consisting of three issues maturing serially from 1930 to 1967 incl.; bearing a coupon rate of 4 1/2%, awarded to Lehman Bros. of N. Y. at prices for each issue, representing a cost basis to the city of about 4.43%.
- 2,000,000 4 1/4% Providence, R. I. bonds, consisting of three issues due in 1949 and 1959, sold to a syndicate managed by the National City Co., N. Y., at a price of 99.309, a basis of about 4.31%.
- 1,500,000 Fort Worth, Tex. 4 3/4% bonds consisting of four issues due from 1934 to 1969 incl.; purchased on Feb. 14, by a group headed by Halsey, Stuart & Co. of New York, at 102.13, a basis of about 4.52%. No bids were received for these bonds on Feb. 13, when they were offered as 4 1/4s.
- 1,500,000 Seattle, Wash. bonds maturing in equal annual payments from 1940 to 1959 incl.; awarded as 5s to Richards & Blum of Spokane and associates, at a price of 92.50, a basis of about 5.62%. These bonds were offered on Feb. 8—V. 128, p. 436. Interest rate was not to exceed 6%. All bids submitted were rejected.
- 1,500,000 Springfield S. D., Mo.; bonds due serially in from 1 to 20 years sold as 4 1/2s at par to a group headed by Kauffman, Smith & Co. of St. Louis.
- 1,385,000 Atlantic City, N. J. bonds consisting of nine issues, due in 1930 and 1931; awarded as 5.40s, at 100.01 to a group headed by the Bancameric Corp. of New York.
- 1,300,000 Greater Greensboro S. D., N. C.; 4 3/4% bonds, due on Feb. 1, from 1932 to 1959 incl.; awarded to a syndicate headed by the Guaranty Co. of New York, at a price of 101.03, a basis of about 4.66%.
- 1,000,000 Multnomah County S. D. No. 1, Ore., 4 1/2% bonds due on Mar. 1, from 1932 to 1949 incl.; awarded to a syndicate headed by the William R. Compton Co. of Chicago, at a price of 100.54, a basis of about 4.44%.

Among the municipalities which failed to market their offerings, it may be mentioned that all bids received were rejected on Feb. 26, for the purchase of \$227,500, 5, 5 1/4 or 5 1/2% Secaucus, N. J. school bonds. Bonds reoffered to be sold on Mar. 12—V. 128, p. 1440—No bids were submitted on Feb. 26, for the purchase of \$80,000 4 3/4% Westwood, N. J. bonds, the Borough Clerk reports. \$84,000 not to exceed 5% West Seneca, N. Y. bonds offered on Feb. 6, were not sold, all bids tendered having been rejected according to Fred C. Munn, Town Clerk, Officials of St. Joseph S. D., Mo., indefinitely postponed the sale of \$250,000 4% school bonds which was scheduled to take place on Feb. 1. Of \$1,310,000 5% Orange County, Fla. bonds offered on Feb. 4, only \$625,000 bonds due in 1954 were sold—V. 128, p. 767—No bids were received on Feb. 11, for the purchase of \$45,000 6% Tehachapi Valley Union High S. D., Calif. bonds advertised to be sold. Herbert L. Post, Collector of Taxes, states that no bids were submitted on Feb. 26, for the purchase of \$394,000 Cliffside Park, N. J. 4 3/4% bonds offered for sale. \$75,000 not to exceed 6% Rapides Parish R. D. No. 36, La. were not sold as all bids tendered were rejected. Offers for the issue are asked for on Mar. 12—V. 128, p. 1266. Officials of Weirsdale S. D. No. 9, Fla. report issue of \$30,000 5 1/2% school bonds offered on Feb. 19 as being unsold. Bids submitted on Feb. 25 for the purchase of \$151,000 5% Pensacola, Fla. bonds were rejected. Issue to be reoffered on Mar. 18—V. 128, p. 1439—F. J. Husak, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, reports that all bids submitted on Feb. 20, for the purchase of six issues of 4 1/2% bonds aggregating \$316,503.31 were rejected.

Temporary loans negotiated during the month aggregated \$70,719,000:

New York City contributed \$56,095,000 to this total. The total of long-term Canadian bonds sold during the month was \$6,320,828, of this total \$1,750,000 bonds were placed in the United States. It is reported that all tenders submitted on Feb. 12, for the purchase of \$800,000 5% University of Toronto debentures, said to be guaranteed by the Province of Ontario, were rejected—V. 128, p. 1441. Other Canadian municipalities which failed to market their offerings included Burlington, Ont., \$57,689.34; bids rejected, Sandwich, Ont., three issues totaling \$216,191.11, bids rejected, and \$3,500 Dunblane, Sask. school bonds, all tenders offered rejected. The Territory of Hawaii, on Feb. 1, sold to a group headed by Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York, \$1,175,000 4 1/4% public impt. bonds due from 1934 to 1958 incl.; at a price of 100.093, a basis of about 4.24%.

Below we furnish a comparison of all various forms of obligations sold in February during the last five years:

	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Perm't loans (U.S.)	\$ 65,521,019	\$ 133,823,923	\$ 77,130,229	\$ 172,358,204	\$ 80,323,729
*Temp loans (U.S.)	70,719,000	111,730,500	115,195,000	22,307,500	57,805,000
Can. loans (temp.)	-----	-----	-----	-----	3,515,000
Can. loans (perm't)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Placed in Canada	4,570,828	2,659,000	3,707,385	1,822,067	3,766,230
Placed in U.S.	1,750,000	4,500,000	-----	740,000,000e	10,808,000
Bonds of U.S. pos'ns	1,175,000	-----	-----	-----	-----

Total.....143,735,847 252,713,423 196,032,614 236,488,671 156,217,959
 * Includes temporary securities issued by New York City \$57,095,000 in 1929, \$98,660,500 in February 1928, \$108,050,000 in February 1927, \$9,500,000 in February 1926, and \$37,500,000 in February 1925.

The number of municipalities in the United States emitting long term bonds and the number of separate issues made during February 1929 were 263 and 358 respectively. This contrasts with 301 and 434 for January 1929 and 367 and 464 for February 1928.

For comparative purposes we add the following table showing the output of long term issues in this country for February and the two months for a series of years:

	Month of February.	For the Two Months		Month of February.	For the Two Months.
1929	\$65,521,019	\$140,974,984	1909	\$17,941,816	\$47,260,219
1928	133,823,923	234,167,550	1908	60,914,174	71,857,142
1927	77,130,229	284,008,204	1907	37,545,720	47,703,866
1926	172,358,204	242,724,827	1906	28,390,655	36,698,237
1925	80,323,729	215,859,851	1905	9,310,631	17,746,884
1924	94,798,665	194,424,135	1904	7,951,321	31,795,122
1923	80,003,623	176,999,232	1903	5,150,926	21,092,722
1922	66,667,669	175,244,868	1902	12,614,459	23,530,304
1921	65,835,569	152,886,119	1901	4,221,249	13,462,113
1920	31,704,361	115,234,252	1900	5,137,411	25,511,731
1919	30,927,249	56,017,874	1899	7,038,318	13,114,275
1918	22,694,286	46,754,354	1898	9,308,489	17,456,382
1917	25,956,360	66,029,441	1897	12,676,477	23,082,253
1916	47,047,824	87,223,923	1896	4,423,520	10,931,241
1915	42,616,309	76,919,397	1895	5,779,486	16,111,587
1914	37,813,167	122,416,261	1894	11,966,122	19,038,389
1913	27,658,087	58,072,526	1893	5,071,600	10,510,177
1912	29,230,161	54,495,910	1892	7,761,931	14,113,931
1911	22,153,148	100,663,423			
1910	18,604,463	34,923,931			

NEWS ITEMS

California, State of.—Bank Tax Bills Signed by Governor.—The enactment of two important measures was completed on March 1 when Governor Young signed the bill providing for a State income tax of 4% on banks and corporations and another bill which provides for a tax on intangible securities and solvent credits. The Los Angeles "Times" of March 2 carried the following report:

Governor Young affixed his signature to the bank and corporation income tax and intangibles tax bills late to-day completing the enactment of both measures that were given urgency passage by the two houses of the Legislature during the last few days. All banks and corporations in the State must this year pay a 4% tax on their incomes by virtue of the fact that final enactment of the measure was completed before the 4th inst. and a tax of 2 mills is collectable on intangible securities and a 1-mill tax on solvent credits. There has been, during this session, a total of fifteen bills enrolled and sent to the Governor for his signature. The Assembly passed fifty-two bills, subject to their adoption by the Senate, while the upper house passed but twenty-three measures that must be acted upon by the Assembly.

Iowa, State of.—Road Bond Act Declared Unconstitutional.—On March 5 the State Supreme Court held unconstitutional the \$100,000,000 bond Act, the proceeds of which were to be used to complete the primary road system of the State within six years. The decision was on the ground that the law did not contain a bond retirement clause as required by the State Constitution. Edward H. Collins in the "Herald-Tribune" of March 6 had the following article on the subject:

Road Bond Act Declared.

The State of Iowa's \$100,000,000 highway financing program, which ranks second in size only to the \$175,000,000 project now before the Texas Legislature and which a year ago provided the chief issue in the State's gubernatorial primaries, was declared unconstitutional yesterday in a unanimous decision handed down by the Iowa Supreme Court, according to private advices received here.

The decision, it is understood, is based on the fact that the law does not provide for the retirement of the bond issues within 25 years by direct tax, thus violating a fundamental section of the State Constitution. Details of the decision were not available last night. Its nature was divulged by Frank H. Noble, Manager of the Des Moines office of the American Surety Company, who is visiting the company's headquarters here and who was informed of the court action by wire late yesterday afternoon.

The Iowa highway program has been plagued with ill fortune from the start, due principally to the way the law was drawn, and this despite the fact that the project has been under consideration for many months. Even had the State Court sustained the legality of the measure, which was voted at a public referendum last November, none of the bonds could be floated under existing conditions. This is because of the fact that in drawing up the Act its sponsors incorporated a provision to the effect that the obligations must carry a 4% interest rate and must be sold at par or better. The futility of attempting to sell such bonds in a market where State of Louisiana obligations are publicly offered on a 4.60 basis is, of course, obvious.

The \$100,000,000 Iowa program was designed to enable the State to provide for the paving of all its primary roads, which total about 6,300 miles. Many New York bond houses were tentatively formed to compete for the first block of bonds. The State authorities had hoped to bring out this issue, about \$17,000,000, some time next month.

The legal attack on the bonds in the Iowa courts originally was looked upon as a more or less perfunctory test case which would establish definitely the legal status of the entire \$100,000,000 project. However, when Attorney General John Fletcher opened his case before the Supreme Court, early last month, it became clear that the measure was going to come under severe

MANGUM SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mangum), Greer County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by L. M. Little, Clerk of the Board of Education, until 8 p. m. on Mar. 12, for the purchase of a \$50,000 issue bonds. Dated Mar. 1 1929. Due \$2,500 from Mar. 1 1932 to 1951, incl. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Phoenix), Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Mar. 18, by O. L. Walsley, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, for the purchase of a \$270,000 issue of school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Mar. 1 1929. Due \$27,000 from Mar. 1 1940 to 1949 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer or at the Bankers Trust Co. in New York City. The blank bonds and legal opinion are to be furnished by the purchaser. A certified check for 5% must accompany the bid.

MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17 (P. O. Phoenix), Ariz.—LIST OF BIDDERS.—The following is an official tabulation of the bids and bidders for the \$15,000 issue of school bonds awarded on Feb. 25 to the Anglo London Paris Co. of San Francisco—V. 128, p. 1438:

Table with columns: Bidder, Rate, Premium. Lists bidders like Well, Roth & Irving, Taylor, Wilson & Co., Inc., etc.

MARIN COUNTY (P. O. San Rafael), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on Mar. 11 by R. E. Graham, County Clerk, for the purchase of a \$300,000 issue of 4 1/2% highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1925 and due on Dec. 1, as follows: \$20,000 in 1945 and \$70,000, 1946 to 1949, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in gold at the office of the County Treasurer or at the office of the fiscal agent in New York. Goodfellow, Ellis, Moore & Orrick of San Francisco, will furnish the legality. A certified check for 10% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, is required.

MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT (P. O. San Rafael) Marin County, Calif.—LIST OF BIDDERS.—The following is an official tabulation of the other bidders for the \$350,000 issue of 5% coupon or registered water bonds jointly awarded on Feb. 19—V. 128, p. 1438—to R. H. Moulton & Co. and the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, at 102.288 a basis of about 4.86%.

Table with columns: Bidder, Price Bid. Lists bidders like Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co., etc.

MARQUETTE COUNTY (P. O. Marquette) Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—The Board of County Supervisors on Feb. 25 approved a resolution to submit to the electors for consideration in April, a \$130,000 bond issue to finance the construction of a Childrens' Annex to the county tuberculosis sanitarium.

MASSACHUSETTS (State of), P. O. Boston.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,000,000 4% registered, Metropolitan Additional Water Loan, Act of 1926, bond issue offered on Mar. 6—V. 128, p. 1265—was awarded to a syndicate composed of Harris, Forbes & Co., Inc., R. L. Day & Co., Estabrook & Co., Old Colony Corp. and the Atlantic-Merrill Oldham Corp., all of Boston, at a price of 100.329, a basis of about 3.97%. Due Jan. 1, as follows: \$135,000, 1930 to 1949 incl.; and \$130,000, 1950 to 1959 incl. An official tabulation of the bids submitted follows:

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Rate Bid. Lists bidders like Harris, Forbes & Co., Inc., R. L. Day & Co., etc.

MILLEHEIM SCHOOL DISTRICT, Center County, Pa.—PROPOSED BOND ISSUE.—The district is contemplating the issuance of \$18,500 school bonds to bear a coupon rate of 4 1/2% and to mature in 20 years subject to all 5 years after date, according to the District Secretary. The issue will be offered as soon as the proceedings are approved by the Department of Internal Affairs.

MONTEREY COUNTY (P. O. Salinas), Calif.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—According to newspaper reports, a \$2,000,000 issue of 5% semi-annual highway bonds was offered without success on Mar. 4. The only bid submitted, an offer of 100.594, tendered by a syndicate composed of the American National Co. of Los Angeles, the National City Co. of New York, R. H. Moulton & Co., the Anglo-California Co., the Bank of Italy, the Detroit Co., Wm. Cavalier & Co., Heller, Bruce & Co., the Wells-Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co., Dean Wittier & Co. and the Citizens National Co., all of San Francisco, and the Security Co. of Los Angeles, was rejected. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Mar. 1 1929. Due \$100,000 from Mar. 1 1930 to 1949 inclusive.

BOND SALE.—We are now informed that the above issue of bonds has been purchased by the Monterey County Trust & Savings Bank of Salinas, for a premium of \$34,677, equal to 101.733, a basis of about 4.78%.

MORTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The William R. Compton Co. of Chicago, was awarded on Apr. 30, last, an issue of \$80,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds at a price of 100.10, a basis of about 4.48%. Dated June 1 1928. Denoms. \$1,000. Due June 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1929 to 1935 incl.; \$4,000, 1936 to 1941 incl.; and \$5,000, 1942 to 1948 incl. Interest payable on June and December 1.

MOSES LAKE IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Moses Lake), Wash.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$20,000 6% coupon irrigation bonds that were awarded at a price of 95 to the Columbia Valley Bank of Wenatchee—V. 128, p. 1266—are due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$5,000 in 1934, 1939, 1944 and 1949, giving a basis of about 6.62%.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY (P. O. Portland), Ore.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$500,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon St. John's Bridge bonds offered for sale on March 6—V. 128, p. 1096—was not sold as there were no bids received. Dated March 15 1929. Due \$20,000 from March 15 1935 to 1959, incl.

MUSKEGON HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—On March 22, the electors will be asked to pass on a proposal to issue \$345,000 bonds for school construction purposes.

NATIONAL PARK, Gloucester County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia, recently purchased an issue of \$125,000 6% water bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1929. Denoms. \$1,000. Due Aug. 1 1933. Prin. and int. payable at the Farmers and Mechanics National Bank, Woodbury. Legality to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York.

NEWARK, Essex County, N. J.—BOND AWARD.—The following 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds offered on March 6—V. 128, p. 1096—were awarded as stated below, to a syndicate composed of the Guaranty Co. of New York, the Bankers Company of New York, Lehman Bros., Roosevelt & Son, White, Weld & Co., Estabrook & Co., R. L. Day & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, and Kountze Bros. all of New York, J. S. Rippel & Co., Newark, Barr Bros & Co., Ames, Emerich & Co., George B. Gibbons & Co., Dewey, Bacon & Co., H. L. Allen & Co., Graham, Parsons & Co., R. M. Schmidt & Co., Curtis & Sanger, Harshbarger, Ballin & Lee, also Batchelder, Wack & Co., all of New York, W. H. Newbold's Son & Co., and E. Lower Stokes & Co., both of Philadelphia: \$2,997,000 water bonds (\$3,000,000 offered) paying \$3,000,494, equal to 100.11, a basis of about 4.49%. Due March 15 as follows: \$80,000, 1930 to 1933, incl.; \$70,000, 1940 to 1949, incl.; \$80,000, 1950 to 1959, incl.; \$90,000, 1960 to 1967, incl.; and \$87,000, 1968.

1,997,000 Port Newark improvement bonds (\$2,000,000 offered) paying \$2,000,010, equal to 100.15, a basis of about 4.49%. Due March 15, as follows: \$40,000, 1930 to 1949, incl.; \$60,000, 1950 to 1958, incl., and \$57,000, 1959.

1,760,000 public improvement bonds (\$1,762,000 offered) paying \$1,762,640, equal to 100.15, a basis of about 4.49%. Due March 15 as follows: \$40,000, 1930 to 1933, incl.; \$41,000, 1934 to 1945, incl.; \$51,000, 1946 to 1955, incl.; \$60,000, 1956 to 1964, incl., and \$58,000, 1965.

1,498,000 street and sewer bonds (\$1,500,000 offered) paying \$1,500,247, equal to 100.15, a basis of about 4.48%. Due March 15 as follows: \$50,000, 1930 to 1935, incl.; \$60,000, 1936 to 1954, incl., and \$58,000, 1955.

998,000 school bonds (\$1,000,000 offered) paying \$1,000,498.50, equal to 100.25, a basis of about 4.48%. Due March 15 as follows: \$25,000, 1930 to 1951, incl.; \$30,000, 1952 to 1965, incl., and \$28,000, 1966. Dated March 15 1929.

BONDS REOFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—Members of the successful syndicate are re-offering the bonds for public investment, priced, according to maturity, to yield 4.40%. According to the official advertising circular, the bonds are tax free in the State of New Jersey, and are a legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey and other states. A statement showing the financial condition of the city as of Dec. 31 1928 appeared in V. 128, p. 1266.

NEW LONDON, Huron County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. R. Lawrence, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 p. m. Mar. 22, for the purchase of \$4,200 5% fire apparatus bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Bids for bonds to bear interest rate other than the one stated above will also be considered; if a fractional rate is bid such fraction shall be 1/4 of 1% or multiple thereof. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for \$150 is required.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—CITY ISSUES \$57,095,000 REVENUE BILLS.—New York City, during February, issued the following Revenue Bills of 1929, aggregating \$57,095,000:

Table with columns: Amount, Maturity, Int. Rate, Date Issued. Lists various revenue bills with amounts like \$15,000,000 and maturities like Mar. 29 1929.

NORWAY (P. O. Norway), Herkimer County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Alvie Ives, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until Mar. 26, for the purchase of \$24,000 4 1/2% highway bonds. Dated Apr. 1 1929. Denominations \$1,000. Due \$1,000, from 1930 to 1953 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the National Bank of Newport, Newport.

NORTH BERGEN TOWNSHIP (P. O. North Bergen), Hudson County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Edward A. Ryan, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Mar. 14 for the purchase of the following issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$2,430,000:

\$1,865,000 5 1/4% sewer assessment bonds. Due Mar. 1, as follows: \$165,000, 1930 to 1935 incl.; and \$175,000, 1936 to 1940 incl. \$1,500,000 5 1/4% sewer bonds. Due Mar. 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1931 to 1934 incl.; and \$15,000, 1935 to 1969 incl.

Dated Mar. 1 1929. Denoms. \$1,000. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount of each issue. Principal and interest payable in gold at the office of the Township Treasurer. The U. S. Mtge. & Trust Co., New York, will certify as to the genuineness of the bonds also the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. A certified check for 2% of the amount of each issue bid for payable to the order of the Township is required. Legality to be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York.

Table with columns: Financial Statement, Outstanding March 1 1929, incl. Present Issue, Assessment bonds, Improvement bonds, School bonds, Sinking funds, etc.

Table with columns: Net debt including bonds to be issued, Assessed valuation taxable real and personal 1928, Assessed valuation taxable real and personal 1927, etc.

Table with columns: North Bergen Tax Rate, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, Population, 1920 U. S. census, Present population (police census).

NORTHPORT, Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 coupon or registered sewer bonds offered on Feb. 28—V. 128, p. 1439—were awarded to Dewey, Bacon & Co. of New York, as 4 1/2%, at 100.317, a basis of about 4.71%. Dated Apr. 1 1929. Due \$10,000, Apr. 1 from 1933 to 1942 incl.

NUTLEY, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The following coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$1,325,000 offered on March 5—V. 128, p. 1266—were awarded as stated below, to a syndicate composed of the Bancameric Corp., B. J. Van Ingen & Co., both of New York, and M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia: \$697,000 temporary improvement bonds sold as 6s, at par plus a premium of \$31, equal to 100.004. Due Dec. 1 1929.

\$402,000 assessment bonds, sold as 6s, at a prem. of \$31, equal to 100.007. Due March 1 as follows: \$42,000, 1930; \$45,000, 1931 to 1933, inclusive. \$226,000 public improvement bonds sold as 4 1/2%, at a premium of \$31, equal to 100.01. Due March 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1930 to 1939, incl.; \$8,000, 1940 to 1946, incl., and \$10,000, 1947 to 1956, incl. Dated March 1 1929.

OBION COUNTY (P. O. Union City), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—A \$60,000 issue of county bonds will be offered for sale on Apr. 1, by H. C. Stanfield, County Judge. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Due in 25 years.

OGDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ogden), Boone County, Iowa.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$2,000 issue of school playground bonds that was purchased by local investors—V. 128, p. 1438—bears int. at 4 1/2% and was awarded at par. Due on Feb. 1 1936.

ORADELL, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—H. A. Bingham, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. March 19, for the purchase of \$345,000 4 1/2, 4 3/4 or 5% coupon or registered improvement bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1930 to 1935 incl., and \$15,000, 1936 to 1954 incl. Principal and interest payable in gold at the First National Bank, Oradell, or at the Chase National Bank, New York City. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount stated above. A certified check payable to the order of the Borough for 2% of the bonds bid for is required. Legality to be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York City.

ORANGE CITY, Sioux County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—A \$15,000 issue of 4½% disposal plant bonds has been purchased by the Carleton D. Beh Co. of Des Moines.

ORANGE COUNTY (P. O. Orlando), Fla.—BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The \$625,000 issue of 5% coupon road bonds awarded on Feb. 4 to a syndicate headed by the Illinois Merchants Trust Co. of Chicago.—V. 128, p. 923—is now being offered for public subscription, priced at 99.50 and accrued interest, to yield about 5.03%.

Financial Statement (As Officially Reported).

Real value of taxable property, estimated.....	\$135,000.00
Assessed valuation for taxation (1928).....	32,104.00
*Total debt (this issue included).....	8,570.00
Less sinking fund.....	\$450,000

Net debt..... 8,120.00
Population, est., 50,000. 1925 State census, 38,325. 1920 census, 19,890.
*The above statement does not include obligations of other municipal corporations which have taxing power against property within the county.

ORANGE COUNTY, (P. O. Paoli), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,000 road bonds comprising a \$4,000 issue and a \$2,000 issue offered on March 4—V. 128, p. 1439—were awarded to the J. F. Wild Investment Co. Indianapolis, at a premium of \$3.00 equal to 100.05. Bonds are dated March 4 1929, bear interest at the rate of 4½%, and are coupon in denoms. of \$200 and \$100.

OTTAWA, Putnam County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—H. J. Aubry, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Mar. 16, for the purchase of \$5,635 5½% special assessment street impt. bonds. Dated Mar. 1 1929. Bond No. 1 in denom. of \$315 remaining nineteen in denoms. of \$280. Due semi-annually in 10 years. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for 5% of the bonds bid for is required.

OVID, Clinton County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—A notice signed by Warner T. Briggs, Village Clerk, published in the Ovid "Register-Union" of Feb. 21, states that on Mar. 11, an election will be held to permit the voters to pass on a proposed bond issue of \$25,000. Funds intended for street paving purposes.

OWENSBORO, Daviess County, Kan.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held on Feb. 23, the voters approved a proposal to issue \$200,000 in bonds by a vote of 1,861 to 264. The money will be used for a new grade school building and for improvements on two others.

OYSTER BAY AND BABYLON JOINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22 (P. O. Farmingdale) Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$350,000 4½% coupon or registered school bonds offered on March 5—V. 128, p. 1096—were awarded to the Bank of Farmingdale and the First National Bank, both of Farmingdale, at a price of par. Bonds are dated April 1 1929 and mature on April 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1930 to 1932, incl.; \$15,000, 1933 to 1940, incl., and \$20,000, 1941 to 1950, incl. No other bid submitted.

PALISADE, Hitchcock County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—A \$19,200 issue of 4½% sewer bonds has been purchased by an unknown investor. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Mar. 1 1929. Prin. and int. is payable in Trenton.

PIKE COUNTY (P. O. Milford), Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$92,000 4½% county bonds offered on March 4—V. 128, p. 767—were awarded to E. H. Rollins & Sons of Philadelphia, at a premium of \$839.96, equal to 100.91, a basis of about 4.31%. Dated Dec. 1 1928. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$9,000, 1929 to 1936, incl., and \$10,000, 1937 and 1938. The following bids were also submitted:

Bidder.....	Premium.....
Guaranty Co. of New York.....	\$582.36
W. H. Newbold's Son & Co., Philadelphia.....	317.40
R. M. Snyder & Co., Philadelphia.....	215.20

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation (1928).....	\$8,276,809
Total bonded debt (incl. this issue).....	92,000
Population, 8,000.....	

PLAINVILLE, Hartford County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—William H. Wilson, Town Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Mar. 14, for the purchase of \$95,000 4½% coupon school bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1929. Due Feb. 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1930 to 1952, incl.; and \$3,000, 1953. Prin. and int. payable at the Plainville Trust Co., Plainville. A certified check payable to the order of the Town Treasurer, for 2% of the bonds bid for is required. Legality to be approved by Gross, Hyde & Williams of Hartford.

PORT CHESTER, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—George Goldowitz, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. Mar. 18, for the purchase of \$60,000 5% registered "Tax Relief Bonds." Dated April 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 1932. Principal and interest payable in gold at the First National Bank & Trust Co., Port Chester. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for 3% of the bonds bid for is required. Interest payable on April and Oct. 1.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation of all real estate, personal and other taxable property for 1928.....	\$49,957,609.00
Est. value of all taxable prop. about 20% above assessed value.....	
Total indebtedness of every character—including current bills as of Mar. 1 1929.....	\$3,308,520.00
Total bonded debt including this issue.....	3,368,520.00
Water debt.....	None
Cash value of sinking funds on hand, as of March 1 1929.....	120,345.40
Village incorp. 1868. Population about.....	21,000

PORTSMOUTH, Scioto County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on April 30, to permit the voters to pass on a proposal to issue \$250,000 bonds to finance the rebuilding of the Union school structure.

PRATT, Pratt County, Kan.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$98,000 issue of city building bonds that was purchased by the Shawnee Investment Co. of Topeka—V. 128, p. 1097—bears int. at 4½%. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Due from 1930 to 1949, incl.

PUNTA GORDA, Charlotte County, Fla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The two issues of bonds aggregating \$107,000, offered Mar. 4—V. 128, p. 1097—were not sold as all the bids were rejected. The issues are divided as follows: \$57,000 series A 6% refunding and \$50,000 series B 6% refunding bonds. It is reported that the bonds will be re-offered at private sale.

RAPID CITY, Pennington County, S. Dak.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$110,000 5% municipal auditorium bonds has been purchased at par by the sinking fund. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due in 20 years and optional in 5 years.

RIO GRANDE COUNTY (P. O. Del Norte) Colo.—WARRANT CALL.—The following warrants are called for payment as of March 10: Consolidated School District No. 3, warrants registered prior to July 27, 1928. Poor Fund warrants registered prior to Jan. 1 1929. Ordinary County Revenue warrants, registered prior to Dec. 10 1928.

ROANE COUNTY (P. O. Kingston), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—A \$230,000 issue of 5% floating debt funding bonds were purchased on Feb. 15 by Little, Wootter & Co. of Jackson for a premium of \$100, equal to 100.043, a basis of about 4.99%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated March 1 1929. Due \$50,000 in March 1 1946 to 1948 and \$80,000 in 1949. Int. payable on March and September 1.

ROCK HILL, York County, S. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until March 20 by W. P. Goodman, City Manager, for the purchase of a \$300,000 issue of water bonds.
(These are the bonds previously offered on March 1—V. 128, p. 1439.)

ROOSEVELT IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Phoenix) Maricopa County, Ariz.—BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The \$565,000 issue of 6% irrigation bonds that was awarded in December to a group composed of B. J. Van Ingen & Co. of New York, the John R. Thompson Securities Corp. of Chicago and Fred Emert & Co., Inc., of St. Louis, at private sale—V. 127, p. 3437—is now being offered to the public by the purchasers, priced at par and interest to yield 6%. Due from July 1 1938 to 1957.

ROSEVILLE, Macomb County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 building bonds offered on Feb. 25—V. 128, p. 1267—were awarded as 5¼s. to Morris Mather & Co. of Chicago, at par plus a premium of \$1,271 equal to 101.105, a basis of about 5.17%. Due Jan. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1930 to 1934, incl.; \$3,000, 1935 to 1939, incl., and \$5,000, 1940 to 1944, incl.

RUGBY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Rugby) Pierce County, N. Dak.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 2 p. m. on Mar. 7 by S. F. Casey, Clerk of the Board of Education, for the purchase of a \$13,000 issue of semi-annual school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1 1929. A \$260 certified check must accompany the bid.

RED HOOK COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Red Hook), Dutchess County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Henry G. Vogel, Sole Trustee, will receive bids until 1.30 p. m. Mar. 12, for the purchase of \$7,000 registered school bonds—rate of interest not to exceed 6%. Dated Mar. 1 1929. Denoms. \$500. Due \$500, Jan. 1, from 1930 to 1943, incl. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the First National Bank, Red Hook. A certified check payable to the order of the above-mentioned official for \$140 is required. Legality to be approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

ROCHESTER, Monroe County, N. Y.—NOTES AWARDED.—The following note issues aggregating \$1,450,000 offered on Mar. 4—V. 128, p. 1439—were awarded to Salomon Bros. & Hutzler of New York, on a discount basis of 5.69%, plus a premium of \$3.00:

\$700,000 Overdue Tax notes, 1928.	Due Jan. 7 1929.
290,000 1928, general revenue notes.	Due Nov. 7 1929.
160,000 1928, school revenue notes.	Due Nov. 7 1929.
75,000 Municipal Land purchase notes.	Due Nov. 7 1929.
60,000 school construction notes.	Due Nov. 7 1929.
50,000 1927, overdue tax notes.	Due June 7 1929.
50,000 Elmwood Ave. subway notes.	Due Nov. 7 1929.
40,000 Winton Road subway notes.	Due Nov. 7 1929.
25,000 Transit Subway notes.	Due Nov. 7 1929.
10,000 Municipal Bldg. construction notes.	Due Nov. 7 1929.

Notes are dated Mar. 7 1929 and are payable at the Central Union Trust Co., New York.
S. N. Bond & Co. of New York, offered to discount the notes on a 5.75% basis, plus a premium of \$12.

ST. BERNARD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Henry F. Mersch, Clerk Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. Mar. 18, for the purchase of \$200,000 5% school building bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Denoms. \$1,000. Due \$4,000 Mar. and Sept. 1, from 1929 to 1953, incl. Prin. and int. payable at the Citizens Bank of St. Bernard, St. Bernard. A certified check for 5% of the bonds bid for is required.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—ADDITIONAL OFFERING DETAILS.—The three issues of bonds aggregating \$6,000,000, scheduled to be offered for sale on Apr. 15—V. 128, p. 1439—will bear interest at the rate of 4%, 4½% or 4¾%. Bids will be received until 10 a. m. on the above date. Int. payable on May & Nov. 1, as may be determined by the proposal which may be accepted and upon which award may be made. These bonds are coupon bonds, fully registerable, and are exchangeable for fully registered bonds in denoms. of \$10,000, \$50,000 and \$100,000. The fully registered bonds may be again exchanged for coupon bonds in \$10,000 denoms. on payment of \$2 per thousand.

SALEM, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Helen R. Woerther, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Mar. 16, for the purchase of \$1,304.50 5% special assessment street impt. bonds. Dated Apr. 1 1929. Due \$304.50, Apr. 1 1931; and \$250, Apr. 1 1932 to 1935, incl. A certified check payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for 5% of the bonds bid for is required. Interest payable on Apr. and Oct. 1.

SAN ANTONIO, Bexar County, Tex.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—Two issues of 7% special assessment certificate have recently been purchased by Herbert C. Heller & Co. of New York. The issues are divided as follows: \$122,399 street widening certificates and \$48,234 improvement certificates. Due serially in 10 years.

SAN BENITO, Cameron County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The two issues of 5½% semi-annual bonds aggregating \$30,000 that were awarded on Jan. 23—V. 128, p. 768—were registered on Feb. 26 by the State Comptroller.

SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sanford), Hutchinson County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$30,000 issue of 6% school bonds has recently been awarded to Geo. L. Simpson & Co. of Dallas, for a \$500 premium, equal to 101.66.

SANTA BARBARA, Santa Barbara County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION.—On May 7 a special election will be held for the purpose of passing upon a proposal to issue \$50,000 in bonds for the construction of a reservoir.

SCARSDALE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Arthur Herbert, Village Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. Mar. 12, at the office of W. C. White, 217 Broadway, N. Y., for the purchase of \$28,795.26 4½% coupon improvement bonds. Dated Mar. 1 1929. Due Mar. 1, as follows: \$4,795.26 1930; and \$6,000, 1931 to 1934, incl. Prin. and int. (Mar. and Sept. 1) payable at the Scarsdale National Bank & Trust Co., Scarsdale. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for 2% of the bonds bid for is required. Legality to be approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City.

SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Lyman) Neb.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$120,000 school building bonds has recently been purchased by an Omaha bond house.

SEATTLE LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 4641 (P. O. Seattle), King County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—A \$250,000 issue of improvement bonds has been purchased by the Seattle National Bank & Associates.

SEMINOLE, Seminole County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,500 issue of 4½% park bonds offered for sale on Feb. 26—V. 128, p. 1267—was awarded at par to the sinking fund.

SHELBY, Cleveland County, N. C.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of bonds aggregating \$100,000 offered for sale on Mar. 5—V. 128, p. 1440—were awarded to Otis & Co. of Cleveland, as 5¼s. for a premium of \$1,280, equal to 101.28, a basis of about 5.15%. The issues are divided as follows: \$70,000 sewer bonds. Due on Mar. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1932 to 1935 and \$2,000, 1936 to 1938, incl. 30,000 electric light bonds. Due on Mar. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1932 to 1955 and \$2,000, 1956 to 1958, incl. all. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable in gold in New York City. Messlich & Mitchell of New York City will approve the legality of the bonds.

The following is an official tabulation of the bidders and their bids:

Bidder.....	Rate.....	Electric	Sever. Bds.	L. & P. Bds.
Otis & Co.....	5¼%	\$70,896.00	\$30,384.00	
The Detroit Co.....	5¼%	70,861.00	30,369.00	
Pruden & Co.....	5¼%	70,637.00	30,153.00	
Magnus & Co.....	5¼%	70,434.00	30,186.00	
Breed, Elliott & Harrison.....	5¼%	70,413.00	30,060.00	
Well, Roth & Irving.....	5¼%	70,260.00	30,111.00	
Stranahan, Harris & Otis.....	5¼%	70,252.00	30,106.00	
Solner & Reinhart.....	5¼%	70,095.00	30,041.00	
Seasoned & Mayer.....	5¼%	71,055.00	30,366.00	
W. K. Terry & Co.....	5¼%	70,658.00	30,162.00	
W. L. Slayton & Co.....	5¼%	70,406.00	30,174.00	
N. S. Hill & Co.....	5¼%	70,052.00	30,022.50	

SOUTH JACKSONVILLE, Duval County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—A \$12,400 issue of impt. bonds has recently been purchased by the G. B. Sawyers Co. of Jacksonville.

SOUTH MILWAUKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. South Milwaukee), Milwaukee County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—An \$85,000 issue of 4½% coupon high school bonds was purchased at par on Feb. 16 by the First Wisconsin Co. of Milwaukee. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1 1929. Due from Feb. 1 1930 to 1944, incl. Int. payable on Feb. & Aug. 1.

SOUTH NORFOLK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. South Norfolk), Norfolk County, Va.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$125,000 issue of 5% coupon school bonds that was purchased on Dec. 17 by Caldwell & Co. of Nashville, at 103.13, a basis of about 4.80%—V. 128, p. 924—is due on Jan. 1 1929. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 1) payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Legal opinion by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

Financial Statement. Actual value of all taxable property, estimated—\$15,000,000 Assessed valuation for taxation, 1928—5,745,910 Total bonded debt, including this issue—782,625 Less: Sinking fund—30,424

Net bonded debt—\$752,201 Population, 1920 census, 7,724. Present official est., 10,000. SOUTH ST. PAUL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. South St. Paul) Dakota County, Minn.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$370,000 issue of school erection and enlargement bonds that was purchased by the Merchants National Bank of St. Paul—V. 128, p. 1440—bears interest at 4 1/2%. Dated July 1 1928. Due as follows: \$18,000, 1929 to 1931; \$12,000, 1932; \$24,000, 1933 and \$28,000, 1934 to 1943, incl. The premium paid was \$450, equal to 100.122, a basis of about 4.48%.

STEPHENVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Stephenville) Erath County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The two issues of 5% coupon bonds, aggregating \$45,000 awarded on Jan. 3—V. 128, p. 437—were registered by G. N. Holton, State Comptroller, on Feb. 28.

STOWE TOWNSHIP (P. O. McKee's Rocks) Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—J. W. McLoughlin, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. April 1 for the purchase of \$200,000 4 1/2% coupon township bonds. Dated April 1 1929. Denoms. \$1,000. Due April 1 1949. A certified check payable to the order of the Town Treasurer, for \$2,500 is required.

STOWE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. McKee's Rocks) Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on Mar. 4—V. 128, p. 1267—were awarded to Prescott Lyon & Co. of Pittsburgh, at a premium of \$5,150, equal to 103.43, a basis of about 4.28%. Bonds are dated Mar. 1 1929 and mature on Mar. 1 1959.

TABOR, Tremont County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—A \$2,500 issue of 5% fire truck bonds has been purchased by the Carleton D. Beh Co. of Des Moines. Due \$500 in 1931, 1933, 1935, 1937 and 1939.

TACOMA, Pierce County, Wash.—MATURITY.—The \$100,000 issue of 4 1/2% semi-annual public safety building bonds that was purchased at par by the State of Washington—V. 128, p. 1267—is dated Mar. 1 1929 and due from 1930 to 1959 incl.

TAMA COUNTY (P. O. Toledo), Iowa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$100,000 issue of 5% county road bonds scheduled to be sold on Feb. 21—V. 128, p. 1097—was not awarded as all the bids were withdrawn, owing to a change in the law governing these bonds. Dated Mar. 1 1929. Due from May 1 1935 to 1943.

TARRANT CITY, Jefferson County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on March 11, by Wallace Wells, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$60,000 issue of 6% semi-annual improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated April 1 1929. Due \$6,000 from April 1 1930 to 1939, incl. A certified check for 1% must accompany the bid.

TAUNTON, Bristol County, Mass.—NO BIDS.—Lewis A. Hodges, City Treasurer, states that no bids were submitted on March 5, for the \$100,000 4% coupon school bonds scheduled to be sold—V. 128, p. 1440—Bonds are dated Dec. 1 1928 and mature on Dec. 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1929 to 1938, incl. and \$6,000, 1939 to 1943, incl.

TOLEDO, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The bond issues below aggregating \$2,154,819.42 offered on Mar. 1—V. 128, p. 1097—were awarded to a syndicate composed of Halsey, Stuart & Co., R. L. Day & Co., Dewey, Bacon & Co., and R. W. Pressprich & Co., all of N. Y. at 100.22, a basis of about 4.80%, as follows:

- \$979,199.29 property portion, street impt. bonds sold as 5s. Dated Dec. 15 1928. Due as follows: \$163,199.29, June 15, \$164,000, Dec. 15 1930; and \$163,000 June and Dec. 15 1931 and 1932.
645,620.13 property portion, street impt. bonds sold as 5s. Dated Dec. 15 1928. Due as follows: \$80,620.13, June 15 1930; \$81,000, Dec. 15 1930; \$81,000, June and Dec. 15 1931 and 1932; and \$80,000, June and Dec. 15 1933.
500,000.00 Maumee River bridge bonds sold as 4 1/2s. Dated Mar. 15 1929 Due \$20,000, Sept. 15 from 1930 to 1954 inclusive.
30,000.00 Fire Alarm bonds sold as 4 1/2s. Dated Mar. 15 1929. Due \$2,000, Sept. 15 1930 to 1944 incl.

The successful bidders are reoffering the bonds for investment, as follows: \$530,000 4 3/4% bonds, priced to yield from 4.40 to 4.75%, and \$1,624,000 5% bonds priced to yield from 4.50 to 4.75%. The city it is stated has a total bonded debt of \$29,270,947 and a net bonded debt of \$23,162,178.

An official list of the bids submitted is published herewith:

Table with columns: Bidder, Issue, Int. Rate, Rate Bid. Includes entries for Halsey, Stuart & Co., R. L. Day & Co., R. W. Pressprich & Co., Dewey, Bacon & Co., Wm. R. Compton Co., First Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Illinois Merchants Trust, E. H. Rollins & Sons, Hayden, Miller & Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., National City Co., Curtis & Sanger, Detroit & Security Trust, Graham, Parsons & Co., Old Colony Corp, Stone, Webster & Blodget and Gibson, Leeffe & Co., Herrick Co., E. Lower Stokes & Co., Ames, Emerich & Co., Stranahan, Harris & Oatis and Estabrook & Co., Otis & Co., Prudden & Co.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Jonesboro), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—A \$500,000 issue of 5% coupon funding bonds has been purchased by Caldwell & Co. of Nashville. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Due on Jan. 1 1954. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 1) payable at the Hanover National Bank in New York City. Legality to be approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

Financial Statement. Actual value of all taxable property, est.—\$50,000,000 Assessed valuation for taxation 1927—27,011,185 Total bonded debt, including this issue—1,923,000 Population, 1910 census, 28,968; 1920 Census, 34,052.

Note.—The above statement does not include obligations of other municipal corporations which have taxing power against property within the county.

Note.—Included in the total bonded debt above are bonds issued for highway construction purposes in the amount of \$750,460.30, for which the county will be reimbursed by the State of Tennessee under Chapter 23 of the Public Acts of 1927.

WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hillrose) Colo.—PRE-ELECTION SALE.—A \$26,000 issue of 5% refunding bonds has been purchased prior to an election to be held soon by Heath, Schlessman & Co. of Denver. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Due serially in from 1 to 20 years.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Monessen) Westmoreland County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—R. F. Sloan, Secretary Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. Mar. 19, for the purchase of \$60,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Dated Apr. 15 1929. Denominations \$1,000. Due \$4,000, Oct. 15 from 1933 to 1947 incl. A certified check payable to the order of M. E. Bush, District Treasurer, for \$500 is required.

WATERTOWN, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$300,000 temporary loan offered on March 6—V. 128, p. 1440—was awarded to the Union Market National Bank, on a discount basis of 5.18%. Loan matures \$200,000 on Nov. 20 1929 and \$100,000 Dec. 20 1929.

WEEHAWKEN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Weehawken) Hudson County, N. J.—NO BIDS.—Leo P. Carroll, Township Clerk, reports that no bids were submitted on March 4, for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$750,000, scheduled to have been sold—V. 128, p. 1441. \$550,000 school bonds. Due March 15 as follows: \$10,000, 1931 to 1937, inclusive, and \$15,000, 1938 to 1969, incl. 200,000 municipal building bonds. Due March 15 as follows: \$5,000, 1930 to 1969, incl. Dated March 15 1929.

WELLSTON, Jackson County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—C. E. Ramsey, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. March 22, for the purchase of \$6,500 5% fire apparatus bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1928. Denom. \$650. Due \$650 Dec. 1 from 1930 to 1939, incl. Interest payable on June and Dec. 1. A certified check payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for 5% of the bonds bid for is required.

WEST ORANGE, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia, and B. J. Van Ingen & Co. of New York, jointly, have purchased \$400,000 4 1/2% temporary improvement bonds. Dated April 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 1935. Principal and interest payable at the First National Bank, West Orange. Legality to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York.

WEST SENECA (P. O. Gardenville R. F. D.) Erie County, N. Y.—BANK OFFERING.—Peter Miltenberger, Town Supervisor, will receive sealed bids until 8:30 p. m. March 18, for the purchase of the following issues of coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$84,000. Rate of interest not to exceed 5% and to be stated in multiples of 1-10th or 1/4 of 1%: \$63,500 highway and bridge bonds. Due April 1 as follows: \$3,500, 1930, and \$6,000, 1931 to 1940, incl. 20,500 sewer bonds. Due April 1 as follows: \$2,500, 1930, and \$2,000, 1931 to 1939, incl. Dated April 1 1929. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Principal and interest payable in gold at the Ebenezer State Bank, Ebenezer. A certified check payable to the order of the above-mentioned official for \$1,500 is required. Legality to be approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York. There are the bonds offered on Feb. 6—V. 128, p. 598. Bids submitted were rejected—V. 128, p. 925.

WILLIAMS COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 90 (P. O. Williston), N. Dak.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—A \$2,000 block of the \$12,000 issue of certificates of indebtedness offered for sale on Sept. 29—V. 127, p. 1841—has been purchased by the Security State Bank of Willrose.

WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Kingstree), S. C.—BOND SALE.—A \$19,000 issue of 6% school bonds has recently been purchased by J. H. Hilsman & Co., Inc., of Atlanta. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1928 and Feb. 1 1929. Due on July 1 1938. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 1) payable at the Hanover National Bank in New York City. Legality approved by J. N. Nathans of Charleston.

Financial Statement. Actual values—\$1,000,000 Assessed values, 1928—287,720 Total bonded debt (this issue only)—19,000 Population (est.), 3,500.

WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Williamstown) Ingham County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$115,000 school bonds offered on Mar. 4—V. 128, p. 1441—were awarded to the Detroit & Security Trust Co., Detroit, at a premium of \$1,271, equal to a price of 101.10, a basis of about 4.65%. Dated Mar. 1 1929. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1931 and 1932; \$2,500, 1933 to 1935 incl.; \$3,000, 1936 and 1937; \$3,500, 1938 to 1940 incl.; \$4,000, 1941 to 1943 incl.; \$4,500, 1944 to 1951 incl.; \$5,000, 1952 to 1954 incl.; and \$6,000, 1955 to 1958 inclusive.

WILLOWICK, Lake County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—William C. Dettman, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (eastern standard time) Mar. 29, for the purchase of \$185,000 6% paving and sewer impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$18,500, 1930; \$18,000, 1931 to 1935 incl.; and \$19,000, 1936 to 1939 incl.

BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received at the same time for the purchase of \$112,415 6% sewer construction bonds. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$5,415, 1930; \$5,000, 1931 to 1937 incl.; and \$6,000, 1938 to 1949 incl. Both issues are dated Mar. 1 1929. Prin. and int. (Apr. and Oct. 1) payable at the Willoughby Trust Co., Willoughby. A certified check payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, for \$5,000 must accompany each bid.

WILMERDING, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$180,000 4 1/2% coupon borough bonds offered on March 5—V. 12, p. 1098—were awarded to the National City Co., of New York, at a price of 102.209, a basis of about 4.30%. Dated Mar. 1 1929. Due March 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1934; \$5,000, 1935 to 1942 incl.; \$6,000, 1943 to 1945 incl.; \$7,000, 1946 to 1949 incl.; \$8,000, 1950; \$9,000, 1951 to 1954 incl.; \$10,000, 1955 and 1956; \$12,000, 1957, and \$8,000, 1958.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY (P. O. Forest City), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,000 issue of funding bonds offered for sale on Feb. 25—V. 127, p. 1268—was awarded to Geo. M. Lechtel & Co. of Davenport, as 4 1/4s.

WINTERS, Runnels County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—A \$266,000 issue of 5 1/2% serial funding series 1928 bonds was registered on Feb. 25 by the State Comptroller.

WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—F. S. Moseley & Co. Boston, was awarded on Mar. 5, a \$1,000,000 temporary loan, on a discount basis of 5.19%—plus a premium of \$2.50. Dated Mar. 6 1929. Denoms. \$25,000, \$10,600 and \$50,000. Loan is payable on Nov. 6 1929 at the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston or at the Bankers Trust Co., New York. Legality to be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

WYNNE, Cross County, Ark.—BOND OFFERING.—Auction bids will be received at 1 p. m. on March—by M. R. Owen, Chairman of the Improvement Commission, for the purchase of an issue of \$160,000 5 1/2% paving improvement district No. 2 bonds. Dated April 1 1929. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1931 and 1932; \$6,000, 1933 and 1934; \$6,500, 1935; \$7,000, 1936 and 1937; \$7,500, 1938 and 1939; \$8,000, 1940; \$8,500, 1941; \$9,000, 1942; \$9,500, 1943; \$10,000, 1944; \$10,500, 1945; \$11,000, 1946; \$11,500, 1947; \$12,000, 1948 and \$12,500, in 1949. All expenses, including legality, will be paid by the district. Rose, Hemingway, Cantrel & Loughborough of Little Rock will furnish the legal approval. Purchasers have option of converting to 5% bonds at a price equivalent to the bids for 5 1/2%. A \$5,000 certified check, payable to the Secretary, is required.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

CLARENDON TOWNSHIP, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—E. T. Hodgins, Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 6 p. m. Mar. 12, for the purchase of \$20,000 bonds to bear int. at the rate of 5%. Bonds are dated Mar. 1 1929 and mature serially in 25 years, and are payable at Shawville, Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa.

HERBERTVILLE STATION, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids were received by T. Gagnon, Secretary-Treasurer, until 7 p. m. March 11, for the purchase of \$14,500 20-year serial bonds bearing a coupon rate of 5%. Dated Jan. 1 1928 and payable at Herbertville, Montreal, and Quebec.

JONQUIERE, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—J. M. LaCroix, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. Mar. 18, for the purchase of \$65,000 bonds to bear a coupon rate of 5%. Bonds are dated May 1 1929. Due serially in from 1 to 30 years. Payable at the office of the Banque Canadienne Nationale, Quebec.

NORANDA, Que.—NO BIDS.—P. H. Burneau, Secretary-Treasurer, states that on February 26, no bids were received for the two issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$82,000 scheduled to have been sold.—V. 128, p. 1268—Issue is still open for tenders. Bonds mature in 15 years.

ONTARIO (Province of) P. O. Toronto.—SEEK \$40,000,000 BOND ISSUE.—Hon. J. D. Monteith, Provincial Treasurer, will seek authority to issue \$40,000,000 bonds according to the February 27 issue of the Toronto "Globe" which had the following to say on the subject:

"Hon. Dr. J. D. Monteith, Provincial Treasurer, gave notice in the Legislature yesterday that, following regular practice, he would soon ask the House for authority to borrow \$40,000,000.
"Forty million," Dr. Monteith explained, "was the amount authorized during the last three sessions, and approximately a similar amount will be included in the act this year. It is anticipated that this amount will give us sufficient borrowing power, with such balances as are left over from other years."

The Province's total borrowings since 1920, with the rates of interest applicable to the different years, are as follows

Year—	Amount.	Average Cost of Borrowed Money.
1920	\$52,500,000	6.20%
1921	104,000,000	6.50%
1922	77,525,000	5.48%
1923	84,000,000	5.381%
1924	36,000,000	4.996%
1925	33,000,000	4.2665%
1926	59,000,000	4.7445%
1927	58,440,000	4.5948%
1928	58,408,832	4.549%

PARRY SOUND, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The Canadian Bank of Commerce of Toronto, purchased on Feb. 19, an issue of \$61,357 paying bonds, bearing interest at the rate of 5%, at a price of 98.11 a basis of about 5.25%. Bonds mature in 20 annual instalments.

SOUTHAMPTON, Ont.—BOND ELECTION.—An election was held on March 11, on which date the rate-payers were asked to pass on a \$33,000 hydro-electric debenture by-law, according to the March 1 issue of the "Monetary Times" of Toronto.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—BIDS.—An official list of the bids submitted on Feb. 19, for the \$2,355,471.40, awarded as 4½s, and 5s to A. E. Ames & Co. of Toronto, and the Bank of Montreal, Montreal, at a price of 93.077, a basis of about 4.97%—V. 128, p. 1441—is published herewith:

Name—	Rate Bid.	Amount.	Canada Only	Canada & U. S. A.
A. E. Ames & Co., Ltd., Bank of Montreal		93.077	\$2,192,402.11	
Dominion Securities Corp., Ltd., Dillon, Read & Co., & Canad. Bank of Com.		91.85	2,002,765.29	
4½% - \$2,180,473.91		99.30	173,772.50	
5% - 174,997.49				
			\$2,355,471.40	
Wood, Gundy & Co., Ltd., Royal Bank of Canada & Femberton & Son (Vancouver) Ltd.	92.10	\$2,169,389.16	92.40	2,176,455.57
Fry, Mills, Spence & Co. Bell, Gouinlock & Co., Cochran, Hay & Co., Ltd., & McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., Ltd. of Toronto; Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Ltd., V. W. Odium & Co., Ltd., & R. P. Clark & Co., Ltd., of Vancouver			91.61	2,157,847.35

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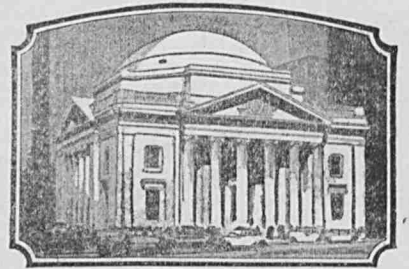
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