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### The Financial Situation.

Secretary of State Stimson is deserving of great credit for the statement he gave out on Thursday, defining the attitude of the Administration towards the Bank for International Settlements which is to form part of the plan for taking care of German Reparations payments and is also to engage in an infinite variety of other things if newspaper accounts are to be believed. There was full occasion for just such a statement and it therefore comes at an opportune moment and is most timely.

We print Mr. Stimson's statement in full on a subsequent page and will give here only a few excerpts to indicate the comprehensive nature and all embracing character of the Secretary's utterances. "In respect to the statements which have appeared in the press in regard to the participation of any Federal Reserve officials in the creation or management of the new proposed International Bank," Mr. Stimson remarks, "I wish to make clear the position of this Government. While we look with interest and sympathy upon the efforts of the Committee of Experts to suggest a solution and a settlement of the vexing question of German Reparations, this Government does not desire to have any American official, directly or indirectly, participate in the collection of German reparations through the agency of this Bank or otherwise."

After pointing out that it has been the consistent policy of the United States, ever since the close of the war to hold aloof in all such matters, Mr. Stimson reiterates the determination of the administration not to permit a departure from this policy, on the present occasion, and reiterates what he said in the early part of his statement, apparently to give additional emphasis to it, concluding with the following remarks: "It (the U. S. Government) does not now wish to take any step which would indicate a reversing of that attitude, and for that reason it will not permit any officials of the Federal Reserve

System either to serve themselves or to select American representatives as members of the proposed International Bank."

Newspaper accounts say that Mr. Stimson issued this statement after conferring with the President, the Secretary of the Treasury and other officials. No one who is cognizant of more recent developments can say that there was not a call, and a very urgent call, for precisely such an announcement. All reports agree in saying that the proposed International Bank is to be endowed with most extraordinary functions and powers. Nor can any one doubt that the purpose exists to connect the Federal Reserve Banks with the same to the fullest extent possible nor that some Federal Reserve officials have actually assisted and are still assisting in the plans for the formation of the proposed institution. W. Randolph Burgess, the Assistant Federal Reserve Agent of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, was in Europe for quite a while in connection with the establishment of the proposed Bank and when he came back discussed the matter very freely with newspaper representatives and it then appeared that he had assisted in drafting plans for the new Bank. Moreover Gates W. McGarrah, the Federal Reserve Agent of the New York Reserve Bank is even now in Europe presumably connected with some phase of the matter. Furthermore Owen D. Young, one of the American representatives on the Committee of Experts, and Chairman of the Committee, also has Federal Reserve connections. He is a class A director of the New York Federal Reserve Bank.

Thus an easy possibility has existed of involving our Federal Reserve Banks with the matter of German Reparations and the proposed new Bank. It was in the highest degree desirable that while the U. S. Government persisted in the policy of aloofness from European entanglements—a policy maintained through the whole of the Harding and Coolidge administrations—the Federal Reserve authorities should not by their acts be permitted to engage in undertakings that might at any time upset this definite matured policy of the government. Entirely apart from this there was the peril and the menace to the Reserve Banks themselves from any such participation to consider. The Reserve System constitutes the bulwark of the country's entire banking mechanism and it should never be put in a position of jeopardy through unwarranted connections with outside affairs.

Hence, Secretary Stimson and the Administration have rendered an important service in announcing that the Government will not knowingly permit anything of the kind to be done. It is of course true that the executive branch of the Government has no direct part in the conduct and operations of the Reserve Banks. It has, however, two representatives

on the Reserve Board; namely, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Comptroller of the Currency, who are ex-official members, and it is inconceivable that the whole board would not be influenced or guided by the clearly expressed wishes of the Administration in a matter of such vital concern to the whole country.

The subject of brokers' loans on Stock Exchange collateral and Federal Reserve policy in endeavoring to prevent any further absorption of bank credit in speculative channels has become the foremost topic of the day. The matter involves consideration of many intricate problems of financing and some highly technical points which would not ordinarily make an intimate appeal to laymen, yet the daily press devotes an amount of space and accords a degree of prominence to everything connected with the subject that would hardly have been believed possible a few years ago. All this of course attests how deeply and how widely the general public has become involved in stock speculation, all classes of the population and all sections of the country having come under the spell of its influence. Accordingly, the whole community feels a vital concern in everything relating to the means for maintaining it and, still more, with proposals for putting a curb upon such means. Yesterday, as it happened, public interest was further stimulated by dispatches from Chicago saying that the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago had applied to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to raise its rate above 5%, but that approval had not yet been received. Later it appeared that the Federal Reserve Bank of New York had made a similar application.

During the past ten days the contributions to the discussion of the subject have been particularly numerous and indeed these contributions may be said to have come in a perfect flood. Not a day has passed without bringing to light at least two or three of them, and it is really out of the question to attempt to enumerate them all. We shall therefore refer only to the most conspicuous of them. Some are broadminded and enlightening, others little better than mere dribble. The comforting thought is that out of this welter of discussion, there must in the end come sound and enduring counsel.

Perhaps the address delivered on Thursday of last week before the Chicago Stock Exchange by E. H. H. Simmons, President of the New York Stock Exchange, lengthy excerpts from which appeared in our issue of last Saturday, furnished more food for thought than any of the other recent contributions. Mr. Simmons never fails to talk in an interesting way, and he always treats his subject in a broadminded and comprehensive fashion, though in dealing with Stock Exchange affairs, he nevertheless appears in the light of a special advocate. The daily papers in reproducing the address, featured chiefly Mr. Simmons' proposal that Stock Exchange collateral be accorded rediscounting facilities at the Federal Reserve Banks, and the proposition of course is a highly important one to which further allusion appears below. But the address covered much more extended ground than this. It went into a much needed explanation of Stock Exchange operations and functions, during the course of which he managed to point out many popular fallacies and erroneous ideas and suppositions.

As it happened, too, the daily papers on Sunday reprinted or gave extracts from another one of the

numerous articles that have come with increasing frequency of late from the pen of Professor Gustav Cassel, the Swedish economist. This latest article appeared in Quarterly Report of Skandinaviska Kreditaktiebolaget of Stockholm. Professor Cassel goes even further along the lines of President Simmons' views than the latter himself, though in the present article he merely reiterates what he has said on numerous previous occasions, and what he says is far from convincing. He concludes that "it seems scarcely rational to endeavor to check stock speculations by raising the bank rates or by fixing particularly high rates of interest for loans to the Stock Exchange." For ourselves we have never been able to understand why the public prints should attach so much importance to the views of Professor Cassel. He may have a perfect understanding of the functions and operations of the central banks of Europe, but he seems to be lacking in any comprehensive knowledge of the workings of the twelve Federal Banks of this country and accordingly can hardly be regarded as fully competent to express an opinion with regard to their functioning.

Another contribution of the week has been the publication of a survey on "Money and Credit and Their Effect on Business," which forms a part of the "Report of the Committee on Recent Economic Changes of the President's Conference on Unemployment." The survey is the joint work of Professor O. M. W. Sprague of Harvard University and of W. Randolph Burgess, assistant Federal Reserve Agent of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The survey is on the whole a temperate discussion and free from the dogmatic expressions and utterances which often mark papers of that kind. And yet it loses much of its force by reason of the one-sided way in which some of the matters are presented. One instance of the kind must suffice. After noting that "during 1928 efforts to restrain the absorption of credit in the security markets were made by the Reserve Banks and the conclusion should not be drawn from the lack of success that attended the measures taken that restraint could not be made effective through the Reserve System," the following additional statement is made: "Early in 1928 the Reserve Banks initiated a policy of restraint through the exercise of very gradual pressure upon the market, Government securities were sold and discount rates were increased by three successive advances of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1% at intervals separated from two to three months."

Nothing is said here as to what preceded the initiation of the "policy of restraint through the exercise of very gradual pressure upon the market." Yet what preceded is the nub of the whole controversy. Before entering upon its policy of restraint by very gradual pressure, the Federal Reserve System indulged in the most unfortunate acts in its entire existence. It reduced its rate of discount to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ %, even forcing the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago to adopt the lower rate against its most vigorous protest, besides enlarging its holdings of U. S. Government securities by hundreds of millions, so that on January 4 1928 the holdings of such securities stood at the huge figure of \$627,403,000 as against \$253,896,000 on May 11 1927. In other words, it flooded the country with Reserve credit, thereby laying the basis for the gigantic speculation which it has been found impossible to control since then.

It was not until after these antecedent acts that

the "policy of restraint" was entered upon and not until the Reserve authorities had been made painfully aware of the ill consequences that were resulting from these antecedent mischievous acts. It was an attempt to undo what had been previously done. The attempt signally failed. The speculation began spreading like wildfire, and has never ceased to spread since. Concurrently, brokers' loans, as was natural and inevitable, mounted higher and still higher. Any survey which neglects to present to view these salient earlier steps is gravely defective.

As to President Simmons' proposal that the Federal Reserve Banks be authorized to rediscount security collateral loans, thus placing them on an equality with commercial paper, the weakness of the proposition consists in the fact that commercial paper serves to promote the processes of trade, while security collateral loans in the shape and of the magnitude in which they now exist, represent to a preponderating extent simply stock speculation. It is one thing to promote the processes of trade, for that is highly desirable and indeed absolutely essential, as Mr. Simmons himself admits, but it is quite another thing to aid the processes of stock speculation. Speculative proclivities are inherent in human nature. They should not be suppressed, and in fact, cannot be, but they should at all times be held within bounds, lest they run to dangerous excesses, such as has been the case during the last two years, under the easy money policy of the Federal Reserve authorities.

The processes of speculation, therefore, should not be made easy. There is no objection to large trading or a rising volume of transactions on the Stock Exchange, but the point which Mr. Simmons overlooks is that recent speculation has been conducted almost entirely upon borrowed money. According to the Stock Exchange's own figures the total of brokers' loans on April 30 was in excess of  $6\frac{3}{4}$  billion dollars, against only  $3\frac{1}{3}$  billion dollars two years before, on April 30 1927. The total has more than doubled in the two years, the amount of the expansion having been not far from  $3\frac{1}{2}$  billion dollars. In order to support this mass of new borrowings at the Stock Exchange, Federal Reserve credit has come into use to an inordinate degree. No such volume of brokers' loans could have come into being except through recourse to the facilities of the Reserve Banks.

The bill and security holdings of the Federal Reserve Banks at the opening of 1929 were roughly \$1,900,000,000—and even now, after the heavy reduction of the last four months, are still roughly  $1\frac{1}{4}$  billion dollars. The direct borrowings of the member banks at the Federal Reserve institutions have for some time been running close to a billion dollars. The Reserve institutions carry the reserves of the member banks and when these latter obtain rediscounts at the Reserve institutions, they are simply borrowing back their own reserves. How far may this process be permitted to go without serious menace? The totals of brokers' loans representing Stock Exchange borrowings have risen, as we have seen, to enormous dimensions. This has occurred when the discounting of security loans at the Federal Reserve Banks has been prohibited. If now these security loans could be discounted the same as commercial loans, the result must inevitably be that speculation would run riot. In these circumstances

what sober-minded person can fail to see that the proposition cannot be entertained for a moment.

We notice that the newspapers quote George R. James, a member of the Federal Reserve Board, as expressing strong disapproval of the Simmons proposition. Mr. James declared that Mr. Simmons' suggestions were economically unsound; that at least one of them was more than 100 years old, and had failed then. "The Board has no objection to banks lending money on stocks in the market when it is their own money they are lending," Mr. James said. "Nearly every banker in the South has an excess of money between October and March. But they need more money during the planting season and it was to help out in this natural situation that the Board is created to function. But the banks are supposed to keep up their legal reserve and we object to their borrowing from the Federal Reserve for speculative purposes and forcing the rate up to 7 or 8% to the farmer who needs money with which to buy fertilizer and his other farming needs. Mr. Simmons' plan of creating more money by issuing currency against these loans is not new. John Law tried it in France with the Mississippi Bubble in 1718. Stock in his company went to \$4,000 a share, then down to 90c., and finally to nothing."

The Federal Reserve statements this week show only relatively small changes. Such as they are, they are along the same lines as in preceding weeks. In the case of brokers' loans, there is a further slight increase, this week's addition being \$14,000,000. This follows \$19,000,000 increase the previous week, \$40,000,000 increase the week preceding, and \$67,000,000 increase the week before, making \$140,000,000 for the four weeks, but following \$368,000,000 contraction during the four previous weeks. This brings the total of the loans on securities to brokers and dealers by the reporting member banks in New York City up to \$5,565,000,000, at which figure comparison is with \$4,502,000,000 at the corresponding date a year ago. The changes during the week under the different headings have also been comparatively small, the loans made by these reporting banks for their own account standing at \$860,000,000 May 15, against \$864,000,000 on May 8; the loans for account of out-of-town banks at \$1,725,000,000 against \$1,734,000,000; and the loans for account of others showing still another increase, bringing them up to \$2,979,000,000 (a new high figure in all time), against \$2,953,000,000 last week, and no more than \$1,535,000,000 on May 16 a year ago.

The figures of the Reserve Banks themselves also are along previous lines and show relatively small changes. Discount holdings have been reduced during the week from \$962,022,000 to \$914,599,000; at the same time the twelve Reserve institutions have further reduced their holdings of acceptances purchased in the open market from \$157,181,000 to \$146,107,000. Holdings of Government securities, on the other hand, have the present week increased from \$149,488,000 to \$155,826,000. The item of foreign loans on gold, which last week was down to \$6,355,000, the present week has entirely disappeared, and presumably the gold represented by the loans has been received and the loans cancelled. Altogether, total bill and security holdings show a substantial reduction for the week, standing at

\$1,224,349,000 against \$1,281,912,000 on May 8, and comparing with \$1,418,014,000 a year ago, on May 16 1928. Gold holdings are slightly less the present week at \$2,838,123,000, against \$2,840,947,000 the previous week, but comparing with only \$2,640,809,000 on May 16 1928.

The foreign trade of the United States continues on a very extensive scale. Merchandise exports in April were somewhat reduced as compared with the unusually heavy monthly volume of the six months prior to April, but were nevertheless larger than for the corresponding month of any preceding year back to 1920. Furthermore, imports rather unexpectedly show quite a large increase, the value for April being considerably higher than for any preceding month back to March 1926—in fact, in the past eight or nine years there have been only two months in which the value of merchandise imports into the United States for a monthly period was in excess of that shown for the month just closed.

Though somewhat early, it is probable that this heavy movement in imports reflects to some extent a larger movement of merchandise from foreign ports in anticipation of the higher tariff rates now in contemplation. Merchandise exports for April were valued at \$427,000,000 and imports at \$409,000,000, an excess of exports of \$18,000,000. For March exports amounted to 489,891,000 and imports \$383,804,000, exports exceeding imports by \$106,087,000, while for April of last year the value of merchandise exports was \$363,928,000 and imports \$345,314,000, the excess of exports being \$18,614,000. The decline in merchandise exports last month from the preceding month was \$62,000,000. Imports, on the other hand, increased for the same period \$25,000,000, and furthermore exceeded those of April 1928 by \$64,000,000.

For the ten months of the current fiscal year, from July to April inclusive, merchandise exports from the United States have been \$4,597,026,000 and imports \$3,536,667,000, an excess of exports amounting to \$1,060,359,000, the latter the largest for any year since 1922. For the corresponding period of the preceding fiscal year, merchandise exports amounted to \$4,065,853,000 and imports to \$3,476,270,000, the excess of exports being \$589,583,000. Exports for the ten months just ended were larger than those of the corresponding period of the preceding fiscal year by \$531,173,000, while imports exceeded those of the preceding year by \$59,497,000. Prior to April, however, the value of merchandise imports for the current fiscal year had shown quite a constant reduction from the amount reported to the end of each succeeding month, in comparison with the corresponding figures for the preceding fiscal year. The fact is that for the calendar year 1928 the value of merchandise imports in the United States was smaller than in 1927, with a larger decline for 1928 as compared with both 1926 and 1925. In part, this was due to a marked variation between these years in import prices of some leading commodities.

Cotton exports last month, which for April were in value about 11% of all exports, were reduced again, as in February and March, in the comparison with the corresponding month of last year. In quantity, cotton exports in April were 472,300 bales, a decline from a year ago of 2.7%; the reduction in value of cotton exports last month as compared with April 1928 was 6.5%. It is apparent from these fig-

ures that exports last month from the United States, other than cotton, which includes a large variety of important manufactures, as well as many other leading products, made a somewhat better showing than the total value of all exports for that month would indicate, although the movement in April was less satisfactory than it was for some of the earlier months of the year, when it was particularly heavy.

No important change has appeared for the month just closed in the matter of gold exports and imports. Gold exports continued quite small, and imports were about on a par with the preceding four or five months. Gold exports in April were valued at \$1,594,000 and imports at \$24,687,000. In April of last year gold exports reached one of the record totals, amounting to \$96,469,000, while imports were only \$5,319,000. For the ten months of the current fiscal year ending with April gold exports have amounted to \$111,274,000 and imports to \$212,568,000, an excess of imports of \$101,294,000. In the corresponding period of the preceding fiscal year, gold exports were \$443,481,000 and imports \$107,170,000, the excess of exports being \$336,311,000. Silver exports last month were \$5,752,000 and imports \$3,957,000, both amounts being somewhat reduced, compared with earlier months of the year and with a year ago.

The stock market this week has been depressed, and on Monday suffered a break of large proportions, the losses then sustained having, however, been in part regained as a result of the recovery which has since occurred. There seemed to be no special reason for the break on Monday, as call loans ruled at 7% throughout the whole day. Evidently, operators for a decline found the market without support and made a severe attack upon it, using as a lever various false rumors. One of the rumors, and the one perhaps which was the most effective in bringing declines, was that Secretary Mellon either had resigned or contemplated early resignation. Another report was that President Hoover was about to take a stand publicly in support of the action of the Federal Reserve Board in its efforts to prevent the undue absorption of bank credit in the stock market. The third report was to the effect that the Federal Reserve Board was engaged in preparing another statement on the credit situation—all of which was without basis but effective for the time being in working havoc with stock prices. The leading speculative specialties tumbled all the way from 2 to 10 points and Case Threshing Machine dropped 28 points and Granby Consolidated Copper 11 $\frac{1}{4}$  points.

The market regained tone the next day, but met somewhat of a setback again in the afternoon when the rate for call loans on the Stock Exchange advanced to 10%. On Wednesday the market lagged again as call loans renewed at 10%, and the rate then advanced to 15%. On Thursday with the renewal charge for call loans full 14% considerable new selling occurred, but with the tendency of prices once more reversed when the call loan rate dropped to 8%. On Friday there was further marked recovery throughout the list, but with a reaction in the closing hour on news that both the Chicago and the New York Reserve Banks had applied for permission to raise their rates. The volume of business has been on a larger scale and on Monday reached quite a high figure under the influence of the extensive liquida-

tion which bear pressure brought about. At the half day session on Saturday the sales on the New York Stock Exchange reached 1,977,700 shares; on Monday, the total ran up to 4,626,290 shares; on Tuesday, the sales were 3,634,300 shares; on Wednesday, 3,351,880 shares; on Thursday, 3,443,210 shares, and on Friday, 3,333,640 shares. In the New York Curb Market the sales were 1,086,900 shares on Saturday; on Monday the sales were 1,448,200; on Tuesday 1,128,100 shares; on Wednesday 1,402,300 shares; on Thursday 1,254,300; and on Friday 1,643,800 shares.

Notwithstanding the sharp recovery the latter part of the week, the great majority of the stocks show net declines for the week. Yet there is a goodly number which have gains to their credit, and some even that have established new high records for the year. Sears Roebuck closed yesterday at 157 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 165 $\frac{1}{2}$  on Friday of last week; Montgomery Ward & Co. closed at 120 against 125 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Woolworth closed at 228 against 231 $\frac{3}{8}$ , and Safeway Stores at 166 $\frac{3}{4}$  against 166 $\frac{7}{8}$ ; Western Union Tel. at 192 against 198; American Tel. & Tel. at 215 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 219 $\frac{3}{4}$ , and Int. Tel. & Tel. at 264 against 273 $\frac{1}{8}$ ; Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. at 164 against 163 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; United Aircraft & Transport at 141 against 154; American Can at 144 against 149; United States Industrial Alcohol at 162 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 166 $\frac{3}{8}$ ; Commercial Solvents at 359 $\frac{3}{4}$  against 366; Corn Products at 94 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 94 $\frac{3}{8}$ ; Shattuck Co. at 153 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 147 $\frac{1}{4}$ , and Columbia Graphophone at 74 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 74.

Allied Chemical & Dye closed yesterday at 289 against 281 on Friday of last week; Davison Chemical at 55 against 57 $\frac{3}{8}$ ; Union Carbide & Carbon at 247 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 254; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at 174 against 178; Radio Corporation at 94 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 99 $\frac{3}{8}$ ; General Electric at 289 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 264 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; National Cash Register at 119 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 125 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Wright Aeronautical at 128 against 141 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; International Nickel at 51 against 52 $\frac{1}{8}$ ; A. M. Byers at 147 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 156; American & Foreign Power at 111 against 112 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Brooklyn Union Gas at 181 against 185; Consol. Gas of N. Y. at 116 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 117 $\frac{7}{8}$ ; Columbia Gas & Elec. at 72 $\frac{7}{8}$  against 69 $\frac{5}{8}$ ; Public Service Corp. of N. J. at 89 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 90 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Timken Roller Bearing at 90 against 90 $\frac{7}{8}$ ; Warner Bros. Pictures at 131 against 126 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Mack Trucks at 101 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 104 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Yellow Truck & Coach at 46 against 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; National Dairy Products at 136 $\frac{3}{4}$  against 134 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Johns-Mansville at 176 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 184 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; National Bellas Hess at 52 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Associated Dry Goods at 52 against 52 $\frac{7}{8}$ ; Commonwealth Power at 157 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 154; Lambert Co. at 144 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 143 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Texas Gulf Sulphur at 77 against 80 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Kolster Radio at 37 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 41 $\frac{3}{4}$ . The following shows some of the stocks that have this week established new high records for the year:

## STOCKS MAKING NEW HIGH FOR YEAR.

Railroads—  
Missouri Pacific  
Chesapeake Corp.

Industrial and Miscellaneous—  
Air Reduct n  
Burroughs Adding Machine  
Chicago Pneumatic Tool  
Columbia Gas & Electric  
Commercial Solvents  
Commonwealth Power  
Consolidated Gas  
Detroit Edison  
Fidelity Phenix Fire Insurance  
General Asphalt  
General Electric  
Hershey Chocolate  
Homestake Mining  
International Business Machines

Kraft Cheese  
Lorillard Co.  
Marlin Rockwell  
McCall Corp.  
North American Co.  
Otis Elevator  
Packard Motor Car  
Paramount-Famous-Lasky  
Shattuck (F. G.)  
South Porto Rico Sugar  
Standard Oil of New Jersey  
Stanley Co. of America  
Stromberg Carburetor  
Trico Products  
Underwood Elliott Fisher  
Van Raalte  
Vick Chemical  
Waldorf System  
Westinghouse Electric & Mfg.

The copper stocks have been irregular almost all the time. Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at 128 against 137 $\frac{1}{2}$  on Friday of last week; Kennecott Copper at 88 $\frac{3}{4}$  against 90 $\frac{1}{8}$ ; Greene-Cananea at 154 $\frac{3}{8}$  against 160; Calumet & Hecla at 42 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 44 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Andes Copper at 51 $\frac{3}{4}$  against 53 $\frac{1}{8}$ ; Inspiration Copper at 43 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 49; Calumet & Arizona at 130 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 134 $\frac{1}{8}$ ; Granby Consol. Copper at 76 $\frac{3}{8}$  against 82 $\frac{1}{8}$ ; American Smelting & Ref. at 102 $\frac{3}{8}$  against 105 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; U. S. Smelting & Ref. at 59 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 62.

The oil group has been without feature. Simms Petroleum closed yesterday at 29 $\frac{5}{8}$  against 30 $\frac{1}{2}$  on Friday of last week; Skelly Oil at 42 $\frac{5}{8}$  against 44 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Atlantic Refining at 69 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 70 $\frac{7}{8}$ ; Pan-American B at 63 $\frac{3}{4}$  against 63 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Phillips Petroleum at 41 $\frac{3}{8}$  against 42; Texas Corp. at 65 against 66 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Richfield Oil at 46 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 47; Marland Oil at 38 against 38 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Standard Oil of N. J. at 60 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 62; Standard Oil of N. Y. at 41 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 43 $\frac{1}{4}$ , and Pure Oil at 28 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 30.

The steel group has shared in the general ups and downs of the market. U. S. Steel closed yesterday at 176 $\frac{3}{4}$  against 181 $\frac{1}{4}$  on Friday of last week; Bethlehem Steel at 106 $\frac{7}{8}$  against 109 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Republic Iron & Steel at 95 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 97 $\frac{7}{8}$ ; Ludlum Steel at 90 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 95, and Youngstown Sheet & Tube at 129 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 130 $\frac{1}{4}$ . In the motor group General Motors showed a sharp overnight advance on Friday on the news of the acquisition of the Fokker Aircraft Corp. The stock closed yesterday without the regular dividend of 75c. and the extra of 30c. per share at 80 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 83 $\frac{7}{8}$  on Friday of last week; Nash Motors at 94 $\frac{3}{4}$  against 98; Chrysler at 83 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 89 $\frac{1}{8}$ ; Packard Motors at 147 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 135 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Hudson Motor Car at 87 against 90 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and Hupp Motor at 52 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 55 $\frac{3}{4}$ . Among the rubber stocks Good-year Tire & Rubber closed yesterday at 132 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 132 $\frac{1}{4}$  on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich at 84 $\frac{3}{8}$  against 83 $\frac{3}{8}$ , and U. S. Rubber at 56 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 55 $\frac{5}{8}$ , and the pref. at 82 against 82.

The railroad stocks were firm early in the week, while the general list was sharply falling. Pennsylvania RR. closed yesterday at 76 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 78 $\frac{5}{8}$  on Friday of last week; New York Central closed at 182 $\frac{3}{8}$  against 183 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Del. & Hudson at bid 188 against 193 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Baltimore & Ohio at 118 against 121 $\frac{1}{8}$ ; New Haven at 99 against 99; Union Pacific at 217 $\frac{3}{4}$  against 220 $\frac{7}{8}$ ; Canadian Pacific at 230 $\frac{3}{4}$  against 235; Atchison at 197 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 200 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Southern Pacific at 129 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 128 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Missouri Pacific at 91 $\frac{7}{8}$  against 85 $\frac{1}{8}$ ; Kansas City Southern at 85 against 84; St. Louis Southwestern at bid 93 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 95 $\frac{5}{8}$ ; St. Louis-San Francisco at 110 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 112 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at 48 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 48 $\frac{7}{8}$ ; Rock Island at 121 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 124; Great Northern at 102 $\frac{7}{8}$  against 103 $\frac{7}{8}$ ; Chic. Mil. St. Paul & Pac. pref. at 50 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 51 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and Northern Pacific at bid 100 against 101 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

Stock exchanges in the important European centers have been depressed this week, with the uncertainties of the international money situation still a dominant factor. With the British general elections drawing nearer, there is less disposition to make commitments on the important London exchange, while British and Continental exchanges alike are unsettled to a considerable extent by the protracted deliberations of the Experts' Committee on reparations in Paris. The London Stock Exchange was

irregular in the opening session of the week with trading very quiet in most groups. There was a flurry, however, in British rails, owing to the inclusion of schemes for modernization of the railways in both the Liberal and Conservative Party platforms. The depression became pronounced Tuesday because of weakness in sterling and tightness in the money market. Almost all groups declined, only a few issues in the gilt-edged section resisting the general trend. Somewhat more active trading featured the session Wednesday, but the list in general showed further weakness, the gilt-edged securities also sagging. A measure of improvement was noted in the oil stocks, and copper shares also were steady. Trading declined to small proportions Thursday, with British funds again lower. British industrial and electric issues registered a better tone, but the international list moved off in accordance with the downward trend at New York on the previous day. Little business was transacted on the London Exchange yesterday, many brokers and traders having left the city for the approaching Whitsunday holidays. The gilt-edged list was extremely dull with other sections mixed, although movements were of little importance.

The Paris Bourse opened the week with a continuance of the previous desultory trading. Buying was almost suspended, reports said, pending the result of the Experts' deliberations. Offers were hardly more plentiful than buying orders, but stocks receded. Tuesday's session was quite as inactive as the preceding one, but there was more pressure to sell and a weak tone developed. The mid-month settlement proving fairly easy, Wednesday, some improvement in prices followed, and trading also became more active. Spreading optimism in all circles regarding the reparations discussions caused still greater improvement Thursday. With few exceptions the entire list advanced, wiping out the losses registered in the first two sessions of the week. Transactions also were more numerous than they had been for some days previously. The movement of prices was irregular in yesterday's trading at Paris. The Berlin Boerse followed the course of the other exchanges Monday, the session remaining dull throughout as a result of strained money conditions and home political difficulties. Prices dropped to some extent, with almost the entire list joining in the decline. After a still weaker opening Tuesday, a partial recovery was staged in the afternoon, but this was again followed by weakness just before the close. The session was more active than on Monday, but declines were general. Trading remained very restricted Wednesday and further declines occurred, references being made in all reports to the effects of the unsettled reparations meeting in Paris. The trend at Berlin Thursday was mixed, some improvement being noted after an opening that was again weak. An easier tone in foreign currencies stimulated the market. Ratification by the Reichstag of a new 500,000,000 mark loan to care for immediate governmental requirements, was accepted by the Boerse without visible effect on trading or prices. The downward movement of prices was finally halted in yesterday's session at Berlin, recoveries taking place in many groups.

The Experts' Committee on German Reparations, which assembled at Paris Feb. 11 to revise or complete the Dawes Plan, continued this week its efforts

to reach final agreement on the basis of the compromise plan put forward by Owen D. Young, the Chairman. Moves appear to be made at the meeting with a great deal of circumspection and without any attempt to hasten the proceedings. All of the delegations are continually reported as most desirous of reaching a final settlement of the problem. The extreme care apparently exercised in the recent sessions of the committee is doubtless prompted by the virtual break in the negotiations caused by the Allied demands and the German counter offer of the middle of April. After agreement on the respective proposals of the Allied and German negotiators was clearly seen to be impossible, Mr. Young suggested a compromise on the basis of 37 annuities of 2,050,000,000 marks each, with an additional 21 annuities of lesser amounts, dependent in great part on the profits of the proposed new International Bank for Settlements. The experts quickly agreed to base further negotiations on this plan. Provisional acceptance of the plan was announced by Dr. Hjalmar Schacht for Germany on May 4, certain reservations being made which have proved troublesome. The task of incorporating the German conditions in a final report was delegated last week to Sir Josiah Stamp of Britain, who proceeded in this endeavor in collaboration with Dr. Schacht.

A draft of the final report with the German conditions incorporated was presented to the experts late Wednesday of this week. This report, a Paris dispatch to the New York "Herald-Tribune" said, was practically complete save for the blank spaces left for the insertion of annuity figures. Preliminary consideration of the report was given by the creditor delegations in a meeting held Thursday and it was indicated thereafter, the "Herald-Tribune" correspondent said, that the "majority of the experts left the meeting feeling that there were genuine possibilities of an accord on almost every condition." Numerous inquiries were addressed to Sir Josiah Stamp in the course of the meeting regarding certain passages in the report, particularly those embodying the Schacht reservations, it was said. An official statement afterward made indicated that no "terrible outcry" had been raised against any of the German conditions. Under Sir Josiah Stamp's guidance these reservations were declared to have been reduced to five, which were summarized in a dispatch of Thursday to the "Herald-Tribune" as follows: "1.—That the German railways and industries should be liberated from their present lien for the payment of reparations. 2.—That the Young plan provide for a possible postponement of transfers and postponement of payments and empower the directorate of the International Bank of Settlements to make 'certain recommendations' in case of serious crisis. 3.—That the recovery act be abolished. 4.—That the profits of the International Bank be used to meet the last 21 years of annuity payments. 5.—That payments due to the Reparations Commission under the Treaty of Versailles from Poland and other countries for former German properties absorbed by them be likewise credited to the last twenty-one years' payments."

Discussion of the report prepared by Sir Josiah Stamp was resumed by the creditor delegations at the conference late yesterday afternoon, after some delay caused by the unexpected duration of private discussions. The various delegations apparently gave the report a most thorough analysis, an Associ-

ated Press dispatch said, with particular attention again paid to the German conditions which it embodied. Dr. Schacht remained at his hotel during the private discussions, but one of the German experts called at the headquarters of the Committee yesterday with a response to inquiries as to the meaning of some of the phrases in the German conditions. Opposition was reported to some of the reservations, and it was remarked that "the committee seemed tending more and more toward a report in which both sides would present their minimum demands, their conditions and their reservations, leaving the governments to complete the work." Numerous rumors were current regarding the meeting yesterday, among them the statement that the final report of the gathering may be delayed by the experts until after the British general elections.

An outline of the provisions of the Experts' Committee report relating to the proposed new "Bank for International Settlements" was presented in two exclusive dispatches to the New York "Herald-Tribune," published last Sunday and Monday. Emphasis was laid in the dispatches on the possibility of minor changes and revisions in wording, but it was also noted that the portion of the final report relating to the outline and functions of the International Bank is regarded as complete in conference circles. It was considered virtually certain that no important changes in principle will be made in the sections covering the bank. These sections, the dispatches said, "have been accepted not only in principle but in almost every detail by the delegates of all the seven countries assembled here." The summary reveals the unprecedented scope of the projected new international banking institution. "The bank is intended," the reports said, "to be much more than an organ for non-political management of the reparations payments. It is intended to lay the basis for new, greater and much more co-operative relations among the world's great banks of issue, and to be a hitherto unavailable asset to the stability of the world's currencies and to the advancement of world trade."

The bank scheme, revised and redrafted in recent weeks, was described as representing the "painstaking care of the world's foremost banking authorities." It was first reported on March 1 as having been formulated by the subcommittee of bankers headed by the late Lord Revelstoke, partner in Baring Brothers, Ltd., of London, whose place as Chairman was assumed after his death by Sir Charles Addis. The subcommittee's membership included J. P. Morgan and Thomas W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Co.; Emile Moreau, of France; Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, of Germany, and his alternate, Dr. Carl Melchoir, and Emile Francqui, of Belgium. The bank plan, practically complete and ready for insertion in the Experts' Committee report, contains 42 pages. It begins with a presentation of "general reasons for the constitution of an institution with banking functions." Three main sections follow, of which Section 1 is entitled, "The Essential Functions"; Section 2, the "Auxiliary and Permissive Functions," while Section 3 deals with the capital and profits of the proposed institution. Perusal of the bank report, the correspondent indicated, gave ample evidence of "the great concern exercised to give the bank its proper limitations."

In the preliminary survey citing the reasons for the establishment of the international settlement bank, it is noted that since the general plan for a complete and final settlement of the reparations problem is primarily financial in character, it involves necessarily the performance of certain banking functions "between initial payments and the final reception of funds." The experts argue further that it has been found advisable to carry a step further the process begun by the Dawes Plan of removing the problem from the political sphere "and an institution is therefore necessary which justifies and makes logical the liquidation of all political controls and substitutes for them machinery essentially commercial and financial in character which carries with it the support and at the same time all the responsibilities that the economy of engagements imply." Such an institution, the dispatches quote the experts as saying, "should be used as an organization for dealing with the whole work of external administration, including the receipt and distribution of payments, commercialization of the annuities and the exercise of such functions as will aid Germany to protect her exchange."

The preliminary survey of the experts points out further that Germany's economic life may be expected to be subject to certain fluctuations. Therefore, the fixation of her obligations on the assumption that the point of minimum capacity of each change is a constant governing factor is quite as derogatory to an acceptable settlement as the opposite assumption that a point of maximum efficiency can always be maintained. The international bank, it is accordingly stated, should be equipped with machinery containing an elastic element between the payments to be made by Germany and their distribution. This for the purpose of giving the creditors the additional assurance that the effect of such changes will be minimized as far as possible in the flow of payments. The bank, moreover, should have powers wide enough to allow its activities "to extend beyond the field of Germany's obligations and to provide facilities for international settlements in general." With these preliminaries laid down it is provided that the bank is to have two main sets of functions: 1, essential or obligatory functions, and 2, secondary or permissive functions.

Essential functions of the bank are described in the plan as "those which are inherent in the receipt, management and distribution of annuities." It is pointed out that the character of the annuities and the magnitude of the payments to be transferred "make it desirable to supplement with additional facilities the existing machinery for carrying on international settlements and for supporting through credits the development of international trade." In addition, the report states, "the institution may in the course of its development meet more general needs, such, for example, as offering an agency for international settlements; and within the limitations of a sound use of its credit it may contribute to the stability of international finance and the growth of world trade. While there is no hard and fast line between essential and auxiliary functions, and the two will often be linked together, it may be convenient at this stage to adopt this distinction in what follows, and refer unequivocally to the institution as 'the bank'."

In a survey of "matters to be dealt with by the bank," it is stated that Germany's obligations, as

contemplated in the new plan of the experts, fall into two general classifications: firstly, the part payable in cash which is transferable unconditionally, and secondly, the part payable in cash the transfer of which is conditional. A third category may be envisaged later, it is indicated, relative to obligations held by the bank whose proceeds in marks are not immediately transferable into foreign currencies. It is provided that for a transitory period and for decreasing amounts the creditor nations will undertake to apply certain amounts to the payment of deliveries in kind. It is pointed out that the bank in certain circumstances may possess certain funds belonging to the creditor governments. "It will be necessary," the scheme states, "to make use of these dormant funds for the benefit of the creditors, while affording protection to the German exchange." This may result in "investments," and "against these investments held by the institution as trustee, the institution will have the power to issue in foreign markets securities of specified type in substantially equivalent amounts and of maturities suitable to its purpose. From the proceeds of such of these obligations as existing conditions and correct financial practice permit to be sold, funds will become available for distribution toward maintenance of the scheduled flow of payments, even of that portion represented in the service of Class 2 obligations."

Going on to Section 1 of the bank plan, covering the "Essential Functions," it is provided that the bank, in its capacity as trustee, will have the following duties: (1) to collect and disburse to the paying agents the service on the German external loan of 1924 and possibly to act as trustee for the loan; (2) to receive from Germany the various obligations, including the railway bonds provided for in the plan, to hold them in keeping and to issue to the creditors its trustee receipts for these obligations; (3) to receive in approved foreign exchange the service on class 2 obligations, or protected payments. Likewise to place in reichsmarks in the Reichsbank the service on obligations to be liquidated through deliveries in kind; (4) to receive service on any of possible class 3 obligations either in reichsmarks as to interest, or in reichsmarks or foreign exchanges as to sinking fund; (5) to distribute to the creditor nations the service on class 1 obligations not already anticipated through process of commercialization and sale, the service on class 2 obligations which have been converted into foreign exchanges, and service on funds for deliveries in kind; (6) to disburse interest on commercialized and marketed obligations to paying agents for loan and sinking funds; (7) to invest reichsmark balances with the agreement of the Reichsbank in approved forms of German securities, holding the latter in trust; (8) to act as trustee in other appropriate circumstances; (9) to initiate and supervise operations for marketing bonds and arranging conditions; (10) to supervise distribution of proceeds to the creditors according to their participation; (11) to supervise international conversion loans; (12) to deal with the situation prior to and during moratoriums and initiate such impartial inquiry as may be desirable to enable advice to be given thereon; (13) to deal with funds in Germany during moratoriums; (14) to deal with issues of securities against collateral securities in Germany; (15) to market by agreement with the Reichsbank securities bought during moratoriums.

The bank outline proceeds with the statement that "Germany's debt shall be fixed in the form of annuities. A certificate of indebtedness representative of these annuities shall be delivered by Germany to the bank as trustee of the creditor powers. To this certificate of indebtedness shall be attached coupons representative of each annuity payable by Germany. Each annuity coupon shall be divided into two parts, the first part representative of that portion of the annuity not subject to transfer delay and corresponding to the portion of Germany's indebtedness which is at once mobilizable, and the second part representative of that portion of the annuity which is subject to transfer delay and corresponding to the portion of Germany's indebtedness which is not yet mobilizable. Each part of the annuity coupon enjoys equal rights throughout except in the one instance of agreed transfer delay. On the request of any one of the creditor governments, the bank as trustee, if it considers such course opportune, has the right to require the creation of, and the German government is obligated to create, issuable bonds representing the capitalization of any part of the portion of the annuity coupons not subject to transfer delay. The bank, however, is obligated under the provisions set forth elsewhere to accede to requests for creation of bonds made to it by States which are desirous of undertaking internal issues of German bonds in connection with conversion operations. The certificate of indebtedness, the coupons attached thereto, and such bonds as shall be issued in capitalization of any parts of the annuities not subject to transfer delay, shall be made out in the name of the German Reich and shall represent an unconditional obligation of the Reich, guaranteed by its general revenues and those of the German States."

Section 2 of the bank plan, dealing with auxiliary and permissive functions of the institution, is divided into three parts, of which the first relates to banking operations to facilitate transfers. The report stipulates that the Reichsbank, like other central banks, will have the right to apply to the new international bank for credits, this right to be open at any time and not to function merely when instability may threaten German exchange. The methods whereby the Reichsbank may apply to the new bank for these credits and for others to protect its exchange are carefully prescribed. The second part of the second section of the report deals with the functions of the bank as a central organization for banks of issue. Among the permissive functions under this head will be the right to issue credits to banks of issue and the receipt of deposits of banks of issue. Exchange operations for banks of issue also are provided for.

One of the paragraphs relates to the earmarking of gold. "This institution," the bank report is quoted as saying, "might provide a possible neutral ground for the development of some approach to an international gold settlement fund, at least to the extent of providing a place where gold might be earmarked outside of national currency. Conceivably this function might be developed to the point where international movements of gold would be much lessened, if this were judged desirable." A warning is contained in the report, however, the "Herald Tribune" dispatch said, that in such a program the bank must respect each bank of issue's control over its own money market, and to insure protection of the banks of issue, "any employment of funds or other opera-



tion in any money market should be performed only through the bank of issue in that market or consistently with its policy." The third part of the second section covers commercial operations, one of the paragraphs under this head stating that "the resources of the bank, if adequate, would doubtless be of important use in stimulating world trade. In this connection, however, safeguards should be established to insure that the special position of the bank in respect to taxation and otherwise did not establish undue competition with private finance." We print the "Herald-Tribune's" outline of the report in full on subsequent pages, where will be found the final section of the report which deals with the capital, profits and organization of the proposed bank for international settlements.

The authorized capital of the bank is to be the equivalent of \$100,000,000, with the board of directors having the privilege of increasing this amount. It is provided, finally, in suggested recognition of the special category of American assistance, that "in any country in which there is no central bank, the functions of the central bank under this scheme may be performed by some banking organization or consortium agreed upon between the Bank for International Settlements and the government and the bankers of the country. In the United States these functions will be performed by the governor or chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York." It is suggested by the "Herald-Tribune" correspondent that the final words have been tempered to read "may be performed" instead of "will be performed." This report and others indicating that a Federal Reserve officer might participate in the creation or management of the international bank drew an official denial from Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson Thursday, to which reference has been made in the opening paragraph of this article.

Parliament in Britain was prorogued early on May 10 and dissolved by proclamation late on the same day, clearing the way for the final stretch of the campaign preceding the general elections on May 30. The prorogation speech of King George was read by Lord Hailsham, the Lord Chancellor, to members of both houses. In the course of this address the King observed that the British government "have continued to press for reduction in armaments in consultation with other governments at Geneva. New hope for an early settlement of the question of further naval disarmament recently has been given in the speech of the United States delegate there. My government have announced their intention of taking necessary action to enable me to accept, subject to reciprocity, the protocol prohibiting chemical and bacteriological methods of warfare. All my governments in my dominions have announced a similar intention." The prorogation of the session was followed by the dissolution of the Parliament, which came into being in 1924. The new Parliament which will be elected at the end of this month was called to convene June 25, but there will be a session before then for swearing in the new members. At the time of dissolution the standing of the parties in the House of Commons, including vacancies, was as follows: Conservatives, 398; Labor, 164; Liberal, 46; Independent, 7. There is no expectation that this proportion or anything like it will be preserved in the new Parliament, as a decided swing to the left is believed to have taken place in the last five years.

In the past week all the parties began their campaigning in earnest, with most of the discussion centering around the persistent unemployment in Great Britain.

A long report on the economic state of the world, devoted chiefly to tariffs and to agriculture, was adopted by the League of Nations Economic Consultative Committee at its session on May 11, which closed a meeting that was begun at Geneva May 6. The gathering was presided over by Premier Theunis of Belgium, while America was represented by former Under Secretary of State Robert Olds, Edward Sumner, a director of the American Radiator Company; Roland Boyden, former delegate to the Reparations Conference; Alonzo Taylor, director of food research, and Professor Asher Hobson, American member of the International Agricultural Institute at Rome. The problem of tariffs occupied the committee more than any other, and this was reflected in the report adopted at the final session. The report notes that the recommendations of the economic conference of 1927 have served to check to some extent the forces operating in every country for higher protection, but have not resulted in any movement for lower rates. Though some prohibitions were removed in 1928, the tariff changes last year included a number of increases in duties, and the tendency in all countries seems to be in the same direction.

Pointing out that tariff legislation is now before Brazil, Egypt, Finland, Mexico, Portugal, Rumania, Turkey and the United States, the report says that the direction changes will take is unknown save for Rumania, where an almost general reduction has been recommended. "There must be offset against any downward movement that might take place in smaller countries the threat of still higher duties in the United States," the report states. Mention is made, a Geneva dispatch to the New York "Times" indicates, of the fact that proposals for the most sweeping increases in tariffs are current in those nations whose tariff indices already are among the highest in the world. It is further commented in the report that "the tariff measures adopted by the big producing States exercise far greater influence on the average level of world tariffs than any protection established by the small States, and even the uncertainty regarding the intention of countries which dominate international production or trade is likely to retard tariff reductions hitherto contemplated by other States." In the section on agriculture the report says that in most countries where farm products have received higher protection, agricultural pressure for lower industrial protection has been weakened.

Negotiations for settling the terms on which American films are to be imported into France were abruptly terminated on May 10 after the discussions had proceeded for three weeks before the Cinema Control Commission in Paris, with representatives of both the French and American industries and governments present. Agreement had already been reached "in principle" between the film interests of the two countries, but the French Government brought the conversations to an end by letting it be known that it regarded the proposed compromise settlement as impracticable. The compromise scheme, a dispatch to the New York "Times" said, provided for a "frontier" tax on all feature

films imported from the United States, the proceeds from the assessment to be devoted to the rehabilitation of the French motion picture industry. The French Government, however, took the position that no machinery existed for the collection of the new tax and that there was no precedent for the turning of such a tax over to the film industry. It was urged that such a course might very easily encourage other industries to seek similar assistance, which would place the government in the position of facing a dangerous industrial subsidy policy. "Despite these telling arguments," the "Times" dispatch said, "it was at first thought that the leaders of the French industry might overcome the governmental reluctance, but when to-day's session opened the spokesman for the French Government announced that the projected tax would not be acceptable." The American interests, for their part, declined to consider the three-for-one quota previously proposed and the discussions were terminated. The difficulties, it was indicated, were thereby placed squarely before the two governments.

The two striking extremes of unusual terseness and unusual prolixity were employed by Premier Mussolini during the past week in furtherance on the one hand of the Kellogg Treaty renouncing war as an instrument of national policy, and on the other of the recent diplomatic accord reached with the Vatican in settlement of the Roman question. The Kellogg pact was placed before the new completely Fascist Chamber of Deputies by Signor Mussolini on May 11 for ratification. Accompanying the treaty was a brief report written by the Premier, which was described in a dispatch to the New York "Times" as "extremely terse in style, limiting itself to recalling the history of the pact and summarizing its contents." Discussion of the pact will follow at the present session of the Chamber and it is expected that it will be ratified without opposition. Two days later Premier Mussolini wound up the "debate" in the Chamber of Deputies on the Government's bill for ratification of the Lateran Treaty with the Holy See by treating the parliament to a learned discourse on pontifical history, requiring something more than four hours for delivery. Discussion on this treaty had been proceeding for a week, although its passage also was a foregone conclusion. The Chamber on May 14 approved the bill giving full execution to the Lateran Treaty and also approved two other bills introduced in connection therewith, the first providing for reforms in marital legislation and the second regulating the exercise of non-Catholic religions in Italian territory.

The two Balkan Kingdoms of Rumania and Bulgaria were both occupied over the past week-end in festive celebration of memorable anniversaries. Booming cannon and cheering crowds began in Bucharest on May 10 a three-day celebration of the tenth anniversary of the birth of Greater Rumania. A military pageant was staged in the capital before the youthful King Michael, some 100,000 of the nation's troops taking part in a giant parade which was joined by 150,000 peasants from Rumania's united provinces. The festivities were continued throughout the country on the two following days. Bulgaria began last Sunday a six-day celebration of the thousandth anniversary of the reign of Czar Simeon, the first of the nation's rulers to assume

that title. The celebrations also commemorated the lifting of the Turkish yoke fifty-one years ago by the Treaty of San Stefano and the Congress of Berlin. The Bulgarian festival was originally planned for last year, but was postponed because of a destructive earthquake at Philipopol. Headed by King Boris, the entire Cabinet, church dignitaries, members of Parliament and thousands of patriotic Bulgarians made a pilgrimage on May 12 to Preslav, which ten centuries ago was the capital of the Bulgarian Empire, extending at that time from the Black Sea to the Adriatic.

The National Bank of Rumania on Tuesday again advanced its rate of discount, this time from 8% to 9½%. At the other European centers no changes in Central Bank rates have occurred during the week. Rates continue at 7½% in Germany; at 7% in Italy; at 5½% in Great Britain, Holland, Norway and Spain; 5% in Denmark; 4½% in Sweden; 4% in Belgium, and 3½% in France and Switzerland. London open market discounts for short bills are 5@5½% against 5-16@5½% on Friday of last week and for long bills 5-3-16@5¼% against 5½% the previous Friday. Money on call in London is 4%. At Paris open market discounts remain at 3½%, and in Switzerland at 3-5-16%.

The Bank of England statement for this week shows an increase in gold holdings of £980,499. This is the fourteenth consecutive increase in as many weeks and raises the total to £161,860,918 as against £161,946,380 for the corresponding week last year. Note circulation rose only £17,000 and so, owing to the increase in gold, reserves expanded £964,000. The reserve ratio is now 55.47%, last week it was 54.06%, this week last year it was 40.91%. Loans on Government securities dropped £1,965,000 while loans on other securities rose £20,000. The latter is subdivided into "discounts and advances" which fell £2,021,000 and "securities" which increased £2,041,000. Public deposits rose £611,000, whereas other deposits fell off £1,605,000. Other deposits includes bankers accounts and "other accounts" which showed a decrease of £2,153,000 and an increase of £548,000 respectively. The rate of discount remains 5½%. Below we furnish a comparative statement showing the various items for five years:

	BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.				
	1929. May 15.	1928. May 16.	1927. May 18.	1926. May 19.	1925. May 20.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation	362,810,000	134,834,000	136,169,645	140,985,585	147,241,395
Public deposits	9,290,000	19,164,000	12,757,974	18,852,321	15,747,690
Other deposits	97,148,000	95,376,000	102,094,453	104,335,977	102,231,950
Bankers' accounts	61,070,000				
Other accounts	36,078,000				
Govt'm't securities	37,816,855	29,577,000	47,824,229	44,210,328	35,351,733
Other securities	27,331,000	55,846,000	47,220,123	69,064,510	72,026,792
Disct. & advances	9,586,000				
Securities	17,746,000				
Reserve notes & coin	59,050,000	46,862,000	37,539,033	27,669,602	28,416,816
Coin and bullion	161,860,918	161,946,830	153,958,678	148,905,187	155,908,211
Proportion of reserve to liabilities	55.47%	40.91%	32.68%	22.46%	24%
Bank rate	5½%	4½%	4½%	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 gold reserve of the Bank of France as reported in its statement for the week ending May 11, continues to rise. The increase amounted to 62,970,381 francs which brought the total up to 36,525,431,314 francs, a new high for the year. Notes in circulation dropped 408,000,000 francs, reducing the total

to 63,419,739,910 francs as compared with 63,827,739,910 francs last week and 62,847,739,910 francs two weeks ago. French commercial bills discounted dropped 638,000,000 francs, credit balances abroad declined 57,054,883 francs, whereas bills bought abroad gained 15,000,000 francs. A decrease was reported in current accounts and deposits of 234,000,000 francs, in advances against securities of 25,000,000 francs and in credit current accounts of 40,000,000 francs. A comparison of the various items of the Bank's return for the past three weeks is given below:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Status as of			
	Changes for Week.	May 11 1929.	May 4 1929.	April 27 1929.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold holdings....Inc.	62,970,381	36,525,431,314	36,462,460,933	35,788,083,078
Credit bals. abr'd..Dec.	57,054,883	7,987,715,407	8,044,770,290	8,543,546,265
French commercial bills discounted..Dec.	638,000,000	5,838,635,646	6,476,635,646	6,453,635,646
Bills bought abr'd..Inc.	15,000,000	18,330,852,994	18,315,852,994	18,481,852,994
Adv. agst. secur's..Dec.	25,000,000	2,415,419,213	2,440,419,213	2,283,419,213
Note circulation...Dec.	408,000,000	63,419,739,910	63,827,739,910	62,847,739,910
Cred. curr. acct's..Dec.	40,000,000	18,343,436,630	18,383,436,630	19,158,436,630
Curr. acct's. & dep..Dec.	234,000,000	6,509,828,111	6,743,828,111	6,858,828,111

Money rates in the New York market moved sharply upward this week as a result of the customary mid-month requirements for funds. At the start of the week, and at the close, when the demands had been met, rates for call funds ruled at the 6 and 7% levels. In the mid-week session, which was also the 15th of the month, 15% was paid for daily accommodation. The rate Monday was 7% throughout on the Stock Exchange, while some trades were arranged early in the day in the unofficial "outside" market at 6%. Withdrawals of about \$15,000,000 by the banks caused sufficient tightening to cause cessation of the outside dealings at concessions. From an opening at 7% Tuesday, the demand loan figure was advanced to 10% in the course of the day. Withdrawals were again substantial. The renewal rate Wednesday was 10%, but competition for the limited offerings caused an increase to 15%, the latter rate ruling until the close, although more liberal offerings were made late in the session. Withdrawals amounted to about \$20,000,000. With the period of greatest demand past on Thursday, the figure for call loans dropped from the renewal rate of 14% to a final Stock Exchange figure of 8%, with outside offerings reported at 6%. In the final money market session of the week, yesterday, renewals were fixed at 8% and the rate for new loans subsequently dropped to 6%, while outside loans were offered at 5%. Brokers' loans against stock and bond collateral, as reported for the week ended Wednesday night by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on the basis of returns from member banks, showed their fourth successive weekly increase, the gain in this instance amounting to \$14,000,000. The statement of gold movements through the Port of New York for the same weekly period indicated imports of \$6,827,000, and exports of \$200,000.

Dealing in detail with the call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, all loans on Monday were at 7%, including renewals. On Tuesday the renewal charge was again 7%, but the rate for new loans advanced to 10%. On Wednesday the renewal charge was raised to 10%, while for new loans as high as 15% had to be paid. On Thursday the renewal charge was marked up still further to 14%, but from this there was a drop to 8% in the afternoon. On Friday the renewal rate was marked down to 8% and in the case of new loans there was a

drop in the afternoon to 6%. Time money rates have moved still higher, with the market very inactive. Quotations on every day of the week have been 9% for 30, 60 and 90 days and 8 3/4% for four, five and six months. The market for commercial paper has been extremely dull with virtually no activity. Nominally rates for names of choice character maturing in four to six months are 6% while names less well known are 6 1/4%, with New England mill paper quoted at 6%.

The market for prime bank acceptances has continued quiet this week, though a little more activity was manifest beginning with Wednesday. Rates continue unchanged, the posted rates of the American Acceptance Council remaining at 5 5/8% bid and 5 1/2% asked for bills running 30 days, and also for 60 and 90 days, and 5 3/4% bid and 5 1/2% asked for 120, 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 continued unchanged as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.

	—180 Days—		—150 Days—		—120 Days—	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	5 3/4	5 1/2	5 3/4	5 1/2	5 3/4	5 1/2

  

	—90 Days—		—60 Days—		—30 Days—	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	5 3/4	5 1/2	5 3/4	5 1/2	5 3/4	5 1/2

FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.

Eligible members banks.....	5 3/4
Eligible non-member banks.....	5 3/4

Announcement was made on May 13 by the Federal Reserve Board that effective May 14 the rediscount rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis would be increased from 4 1/2 to 5% on all classes of paper of all maturities. The 4 1/2% rate had prevailed at the Minneapolis Bank since April 25 1928.

Yesterday (May 17) it was announced that the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco had been authorized to increase its rate on all classes of paper and all maturities from 4 1/2 to 5%. The increased rate will go into effect Monday, May 20.

Reports were current yesterday (May 17) that the Federal Reserve Banks of New York and Chicago were seeking authority to increase their rates above the 5% figure. 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 May 10	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston.....	5	July 19 1928	4 3/4
New York.....	5	July 13 1928	4 3/4
Philadelphia.....	5	July 26 1928	4 3/4
Cleveland.....	5	Aug. 1 1928	4 3/4
Richmond.....	5	July 13 1928	4 3/4
Atlanta.....	5	July 14 1928	4 3/4
Chicago.....	5	July 11 1928	4 3/4
St. Louis.....	5	July 19 1928	4 3/4
Minneapolis.....	5	May 14 1929	4 3/4
Kansas City.....	5	May 6 1929	4 3/4
Dallas.....	5	Mar. 2 1929	4 3/4
San Francisco.....	5	May 20 1929	4 3/4

Sterling exchange this week has been dull and lower, showing further evidence of pressure, although as a seasonal matter the pound sterling should be firm. The range this week has been from 4.84 1/2 to 4.84 15-16 for bankers' sight, compared with 4.84 5/8 to 4.85 last week. The range for cable transfers has been from 4.84 31-32 to 4.85 1/4, compared with 4.85 1/8 to 4.85 5-16 the previous week. There is really nothing new in the foreign exchange situation. The high money rates and disturbed credit situation and the uncertainties

with respect to official credit policy on this side are the outstanding factors creating disturbance and irregularity in the foreign exchange quotations. These features have been discussed here frequently in the past few months. The Bank of England has greatly strengthened its reserve position within recent weeks. Nevertheless the higher dollar rates are making it difficult for London to maintain sterling above the gold shipping point. At 4.85, American interests would have little difficulty in taking gold from London, and it is known that a few American bidders in the open market made attempts to buy gold this week, but the Bank of England bid up its price. Wall Street continues to expect an increase in the New York Federal Reserve Bank rediscount rate and should such action be taken the English position would be made still more difficult, so that even the most favorable seasonal factors would hardly counteract its effect. Yesterday the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco increased its rediscount rates to 5%, so that all twelve Reserve institutions are now rediscounting at 5%. Both the Chicago and New York Reserve banks have applications pending with the Reserve Board for permission to increase the rediscount rate above 5%, and it is generally understood that a 6% rate is sought. It might be expected that in the event of an increase in the New York Federal Reserve Bank's rate of rediscount the Bank of England would counteract the effect by increasing its rate from the present 5½%, which has been operative since Feb. 7, to 6%, but cable advices during the week indicate that sentiment in London is more positive than at any time that there will be no further marking up of the Bank of England rate.

A London dispatch to Dow, Jones & Co. on Thursday stated that the London discount market is pessimistic regarding the money situation, owing to the persistent weakness in sterling-dollar exchange. Unless some recovery is made, the dispatch stated, it is expected that America will get gold in the open market next week, when two fast boats are sailing for New York. It is estimated that the exchange rate must fall below 4.85 to make export of gold bought from the Bank of England profitable at present rate of interest. The success with which the Bank of England has been acquiring gold during the past few months does not seem to justify this view of the situation. Sir Eric Hambros, at the annual meeting of Hambros Bank, Ltd., said that the monetary conditions in New York have led to an increased demand for London acceptances and that now practically the whole pre-war acceptance business is back in London, where it will probably remain. He declared that international traders found London the only stable money market and its central banking system the best in the world. He considers the time opportune for accepting houses and bankers to come together to fix minimum acceptance commissions, which have been cut far too low. Many bankers, despite the untoward condition of the international credit situation, seem to be of the opinion that sterling should soon show signs of improvement. They base this opinion upon the continued improvement in the gold reserves and the fact that in less than a month from now a new element of strength will appear, namely, the tourist trade, which will have a beneficial effect not only upon sterling but upon all principal European currencies. It has been estimated in some quarters that tourist expenditures for the coming season will reach approximately \$900,-

000,000. Although this seems to be a high estimate, the expenditures should be so great as to materially strengthen exchange. However, the tourist expenditures are perennial and it may well be doubted that transfers for this seasonal flow can counteract the great diminution in long-term credits which were so important a factor in strengthening the European monetary situation a few years ago, when money rates here were easy.

This week the Bank of England shows an increase in gold holdings of £980,499, bringing the total to £161,860,918, which compares with bullion holdings on May 17 1928 of £161,946,830. The proportion of the Bank's reserves to liabilities is now 55.47%, compared with 40.91% a year ago. On Saturday last the Bank of England exported £3,000 in sovereigns. On Monday the Bank received £775,000 in sovereigns from abroad. On Tuesday the Bank bought £164,000 in gold bars and exported £2,000 in sovereigns. On Thursday the Bank bought £1,088 in gold bars, and on Friday £17,000 in gold bars. At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week May 9-May 15, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$6,827,000, of which \$6,689,000 came from Germany and \$138,000 from Latin America. Exports consisted of \$200,000 to Venezuela. The Reserve Bank reported no change in earmarked gold. Canadian exchange continues at a discount, the detailed reasons for which are no different from those enumerated here last week.

Referring to day-to-day rates sterling exchange on Saturday last was irregular and dull. Bankers' sight was 4.84 11-16@4.84 15-16; cable transfers, 4.85 3-16@4.85¼. On Monday the market was steady. The range was 4.84 11-16@4.84⅞ for bankers' sight, and 4.85 5-32@4.85 7-32 for cable transfers. On Tuesday sterling was inclined to ease. Bankers' sight was 4.84⅝@4.84 13-16; cable transfers 4.85 1-16@4.85 3-16. On Wednesday the market was irregular. The range was 4.84⅝@4.84¾ for bankers' sight and 4.85 1-16@4.85⅞ for cable transfers. On Thursday sterling was steady. The range was 4.84 19-32@4.84¾ for bankers' sight and 4.85 1-32@4.85⅞ for cable transfers. On Friday the market was fractionally lower with the range 4.84½@4.84 11-16 for bankers' sight, and 4.84 31-32@4.85 1-16 for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were 4.84⅝ for demand and 4.85 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4.84½; 60-day bills at 4.79 15-16; 90-day bills at 4.77⅞; documents for payment (60 days) at 4.79 15-16; 7-day grain bills at 4.83⅝. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4.84½.

The Continental exchanges have been dull and irregular and on the whole inclined to further ease. German marks have been an exception to the rule and registered a notable recovery this week. This resulted not so much from the demand for marks as from the change in the Reichsbank credit policy. The Reichsbank has been restricting credit to protect gold reserves and its foreign exchange holdings. This has resulted in higher money rates in Berlin. It is usual for note circulation to decline following the turn of the month, but Berlin bankers expect rather sharp reductions in this item to show immediately, accompanied by a material falling off of holdings of internal bills. The Reichsbank has been lending support to the mark by freely buying offerings of bills of exchange.

It is also apparent in the market that the Reichsbank is purchasing in foreign centers bills drawn on Berlin. Further evidence of the efforts being made in official circles to strengthen the mark and to improve the entangled situation is offered in the bill just introduced in the Reichstag by Finance Minister Hilferding. This provides for the flotation of a 500,000,000 mark (about \$125,000,000) non-taxable loan. The Finance Minister advocates the measure on the ground that the present condition of the Reich's exchequer demands urgent mobilization of domestic capital pending adjustment of Federal finances. The proposed bill, Dr. Hilferding said, is in the nature of an urgent emergency measure which can not be avoided in view of the tightening of the money market due to the differences at the Paris reparations discussions.

French francs are quoted slightly firmer. This is to be expected, as it has been the policy of the Bank of France for many months to move the rate about so as to keep a somewhat even marginal ratio between the franc and the mark. The statement of the Bank of France for May 10 shows a continuance of the gold buying which has been apparent for the past few weeks. An increase of 62,970,381 francs is shown in the gold reserve, which now stands at 36,525,000,000 francs. The present high level of gold reserves is reflected in the ratio of reserves to liabilities, which now stands at 44.67%, the highest level which has been reached since the stabilization of the franc last year. The legal requirement is only 35%. Money continues easy in Paris and bankers say that were it not for the uneasiness caused by the reparations deadlock much French funds would be flowing to Berlin at this time. If the domestic situation in France alone is taken into consideration no reason is apparent for expecting any tightening in the near future. However, the fact that money rates are advancing in foreign markets will, it is believed, result in increased export of French capital and the Bank of France may find itself obliged to raise its own rate of rediscount. Certainly were the reparations conference to come to a satisfactory conclusion and the international credit situation to become more clearly defined, there would be a marked export of French capital to other centers, with a consequent firming of rates in Paris.

Italian lire are inclined to weakness. Figures covering the foreign trade of Italy during the first quarter of the year show imports totaled 5,619,200,000 lire, against 5,081,100,000 lire for the corresponding period of 1928; while exports were 3,282,200,000 lire, against 3,418,300,000 lire. While Italy normally experiences an import balance, it is much larger this year than last, amounting to 2,337,400,000 lire at the end of the first quarter, as against 1,526,800,000 lire in the first three months of 1928. This has contributed in no small measure to the continued weakness in lire. It is of interest here to note that, according to the National Fascist Confederation of Commerce, the value of Italian exports to the United States expressed in gold has increased 58% since 1913, while imports from the United States have grown 113%.

While Polish marks have for a long time been rather steadily quoted in this market, Polish banking authorities experience much difficulty in maintaining the zloty with respect to neighboring exchange. The statement of the Bank of Poland as of April 30 indicates that the operations of the Bank in the exchange

market have been extensive since the beginning of the year for the purpose of pegging quotations on zloty. While gold balances are practically unchanged balances abroad and holdings of foreign exchange have decreased materially. Foreign balances and exchange holdings used as note cover have decreased 44,543,522 zlotys to Zl. 482,588,005, while balances and exchange not employed for cover have decreased 93,004,011 to Zl. 93,822,327. This makes a total loss of foreign balances and exchange of 137,547,000 zlotys or about \$12,250,000. Bankers in Poland are alarmed at the flight of capital abroad, according to cables of the Department of Commerce. A group has requested that the Minister of Finance take steps to prevent further loss. More than 100,000,000 zlotys have recently been deposited in Danzig. A lack of secrecy respecting bank deposits in Poland is said to be a contributing factor in the situation. Rumanian exchange is among the most inactive in the New York market. Nevertheless, interest attaches to the unit this week owing to the fact that the National Bank of Rumania increased its rediscount rate on Tuesday from 8% to 9½%. The 8% rate has been in effect since May 3, when it was advanced from 6%.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 124.14 on Friday of this week against 124.21 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 3.90 7-16 on Friday, against 3.90 3/8 on Friday a week ago; cable transfers at 3.90 11-16, against 3.90 5/8, and commercial sight bills at 3.90 3-16 against 3.90 1-16. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.88 for checks and 13.88 3/4 for cable transfers, against 13.87 3/4 and 13.88 1/2 on Friday of last week. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.77 1/2 for checks and 23.78 1/2 for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.70 and 23.71 a week earlier. Italian lire closed at 5.23 3/8 for bankers' sight bills and at 5.23 5/8 for cable transfers, as against 5.23 7-16 and 5.23 11-16 on Friday of last week. Austrian schillings closed at 14.10 on Friday of this week, against 14.10 on Friday of last week. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 2.96 against 2.96; on Bucharest at 0.59 1/2 against 0.59 1/2; on Poland at 11.23 against 11.23, and on Finland at 2.51 3/4 against 2.52. Greek exchange closed at 1.29 1/4 for checks and at 1.29 1/2 for cable transfers against 1.29 1/4 and 1.29 1/2.

The exchanges on the countries neutral during the war have been quiet and fairly steady, although most of them reflect in some measure the lower sterling quotations. Holland guilders, which were firm during the last few weeks, have been ruling slightly easier. This is attributed in some quarters to the higher money rates and to transfer of Dutch funds to neighboring countries, especially Germany. The Scandinavian units have been extremely quiet. Spanish pesetas have been irregular throughout the week and are somewhat lower. Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.18 1/2, against 40.19 1/2 on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.20 1/2, against 40.21 1/2; and commercial sight bills at 40.15, against 40.16. Swiss francs closed at 19.25 1/4 for bankers' sight bills and at 19.26 1/2 for cable transfers, in comparison with 19.25 1/2 and 19.26 1/2 a week earlier. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.64 and cable transfers at 26.65 1/2, against 26.64 1/2 and 26.66. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.70 1/2 and cable transfers at 26.72, against 26.70 1/2 and 26.72, while checks on Norway finished at 26.65

and cable transfers 26.66½, against 26.65½ and 26.67. Spanish pesetas closed at 14.24 for checks and 14.25 for cable transfers, which compares with 14.27 and 14.28 a week earlier.

The South American exchanges continue dull and inactive. Argentine pesos have been on the whole much weaker than in several weeks, despite the recent gold shipments from Buenos Aires. Brazilian milreis have also ruled lower. The optimistic tone of the annual message of President Washington Luis of Brazil published last week was interpreted by the market as bullish for this unit. Present closing price for Argentine paper pesos, 42.08 for cable transfers, compares with 42.80 a year ago. The high for the paper pesos in May last year was 42.80 and the low was 42.72. The figures compare with 42.45 par of exchange. Argentine paper pesos closed on Friday at 42.02 for checks, as compared with 42.05 on Friday of last week; and at 42.08 for cable transfers, against 42.10. 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 12.10 for checks and 12.15 for cable transfers, against 12 1-16 and 12½; and Peru at 3.99 for checks and at 4.00 for cable transfers, against 3.99 and 4.00.

The Far Eastern exchanges continue uncertain, with the silver units showing ease on account of the easier ruling rates for silver. During the early part of the week China was engaged in reselling silver, but subsequently made forward purchases. The Chinese buying was offset by freer offerings from the United States and the Continent. Japanese yen continue to show ease. Closing quotations for yen checks Friday were 44 11-16@44½, against 44 11-16@45 on Friday of last week. Hong Kong closed at 48½@48 11-16, against 48½@48¾; Shanghai at 59 13-16@60, against 60¾@60 9-16; Manila at 50, against 50; Singapore at 56 3-16@56¼, against 56¼; Bombay at 36¾, against 36¾, and Calcutta at 36¾, against 36¾.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922. MAY 11 1928 TO MAY 17 1928, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Nominal Buying Rate for Cable Transfers to New York, Value in United States Money.					
	May 11.	May 13.	May 14.	May 15.	May 16.	May 17.
<b>EUROPE—</b>						
Austria, schilling	1.40446	1.40448	1.40509	1.40497	1.40436	1.40446
Belgium, belga	1.38816	1.38810	1.38823	1.38817	1.38810	1.38811
Bulgaria, lev	0.07197	0.07197	0.07236	0.07231	0.07184	0.07183
Czechoslovakia, krone	0.29600	0.29599	0.29596	0.29592	0.29594	0.29594
Denmark, krone	2.66509	2.66505	2.66502	2.66475	2.66470	2.66435
England, pound ster-ling	4.851736	4.851716	4.851028	4.850740	4.850468	4.850117
Finland, marka	0.25160	0.25154	0.25161	0.25155	0.25152	0.25151
France, franc	0.39057	0.39060	0.39068	0.39069	0.39061	0.39061
Germany, reichsmark	2.37089	2.37078	2.37154	2.37345	2.37510	2.37789
Greece, drachma	0.12919	0.12922	0.12923	0.12926	0.12923	0.12923
Holland, guilder	4.02110	4.02077	4.02019	4.01918	4.01922	4.01964
Hungary, pengo	1.74256	1.74250	1.74287	1.74275	1.74237	1.74266
Italy, lira	0.52364	0.52364	0.52361	0.52358	0.52354	0.52350
Norway, krone	2.66583	2.66585	2.66577	2.66564	2.66538	2.66509
Poland, zloty	1.11745	1.11622	1.11755	1.11970	1.11915	1.11787
Portugal, escudo	0.44640	0.44740	0.45040	0.44940	0.44640	0.44740
Rumania, leu	0.00593	0.00595	0.00595	0.00593	0.00593	0.00593
Spain, peseta	1.42560	1.42532	1.42299	1.41960	1.42490	1.42309
Sweden, krona	2.67115	2.67110	2.67113	2.67121	2.67092	2.67082
Switzerland, franc	1.92580	1.92569	1.92566	1.92569	1.92564	1.92577
Yugoslavia, dinar	0.17576	0.17573	0.17582	0.17581	0.17581	0.17575
<b>ASIA—</b>						
<b>China—</b>						
Chefoo tael	6.22916	6.18333	6.20833	6.20833	6.18125	6.18541
Hankow tael	6.16562	6.15625	6.14062	6.11562	6.12968	6.11093
Shanghai tael	6.00089	5.98035	5.98125	5.97857	5.96428	5.94553
Tientsin tael	6.33750	6.30416	6.30633	6.30416	6.31458	6.31425
Hong Kong dollar	4.84696	4.83571	4.83660	4.84107	4.84017	4.83678
Mexican dollar	4.34250	4.33250	4.33375	4.33000	4.33437	4.31875
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar	4.34166	4.32916	4.33125	4.32916	4.31666	4.30000
Yuan dollar	4.30333	4.29583	4.29791	4.29583	4.28333	4.26666
India, rupee	3.92105	3.91965	3.91868	3.91966	3.91868	3.91866
Japan, yen	4.47130	4.47236	4.46858	4.46311	4.46700	4.47386
Singapore (S.S.) dollar	5.59783	5.59783	5.59783	5.59916	5.60000	5.59783
<b>NORTH AMER.</b>						
Canada, dollar	9.95209	9.94704	9.93385	9.93593	9.93490	9.93766
Cuba, peso	1.000247	1.000142	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000131
Mexico, peso	4.81750	4.79466	4.79300	4.79425	4.77800	4.78400
Newfoundland, dollar	9.92620	9.92125	9.90562	9.91062	9.91132	9.91250
<b>SOUTH AMER.—</b>						
Argentina, peso (gold)	9.55760	9.55749	9.55803	9.55560	9.55504	9.55456
Brazil, milreis	1.18627	1.18690	1.18672	1.18781	1.18609	1.18600
Chile, peso	1.20426	1.20426	1.20420	1.20418	1.20549	1.20413
Uruguay, peso	9.71226	9.79487	9.78487	9.78987	9.78244	9.78787
Colombia, peso	9.63900	9.63900	9.63900	9.63900	9.63900	9.63900

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, May 11.	Monday, May 13.	Tuesday, May 14.	Wednesday, May 15.	Thursday, May 16.	Friday, May 17.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 134,000,000	\$ 121,000,000	\$ 161,000,000	\$ 162,000,000	\$ 142,000,000	\$ 145,000,000	Cr \$ 865,000,000

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 bulion in the principal European banks:

Banks of	May 16 1929.			May 17 1928.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 161,860,918	£ 161,860,918	£ 161,860,918	£ 161,946,830	£ 161,946,830	£ 161,946,830
France a	228,301,727	(d) 228,301,727	228,301,727	147,141,638	13,718,032	160,859,670
Germany b	88,231,220	c994,600	89,225,820	100,718,050	994,600	101,712,650
Spain	102,397,000	28,652,000	131,049,000	104,318,000	28,030,000	132,348,000
Italy	56,520,000	56,520,000	50,406,000	50,406,000	50,406,000	50,406,000
Netherl'ds	36,420,000	1,730,000	38,150,000	36,263,000	2,043,000	38,306,000
Nat. Belg.	27,500,000	1,270,000	28,770,000	22,032,000	1,245,000	23,277,000
Switzerl'd.	19,843,000	1,612,000	21,455,000	17,511,000	2,323,000	19,834,000
Sweden	13,037,000	13,037,000	12,889,000	12,889,000	12,889,000	12,889,000
Denmark	9,594,000	443,000	10,037,000	10,105,000	623,000	10,728,000
Norway	8,157,000	8,157,000	8,150,000	8,150,000	8,150,000	8,150,000
Total week	751,861,865	34,701,600	786,563,465	671,510,518	48,976,632	720,487,150
Prev. week	749,364,933	34,948,600	784,313,533	671,149,093	49,250,632	720,399,725

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.

American Prosperity, Official and Actual.

The first impression which the average reader is likely to derive from a perusal of the report of President Hoover's Committee on Recent Economic Changes in the United States, made public on Wednesday, is not only that the United States is tremendously prosperous, but also that its capacity for continued prosperity is wellnigh unbounded. The Committee does, to be sure, call attention to certain conditions which it characterizes as "spotty," and sounds a mild warning about the need of developing "a technique of balance," but what it has to say at these points is so far overshadowed by its optimistic view of the general situation as to lead most readers of the report to the conclusion that the unfavorable incidents of the present and the dangers of the future are not, on the whole, of very serious consequence.

It is "the breadth and scale and 'tempo' of recent developments," the Committee points out, rather than their novelty, that give those developments "new importance." Surveying the period from 1922 to 1929, to which alone the report refers, the Committee "was struck by the outpouring of energy which piled up skyscrapers in scores of cities; knitted the forty-eight States together with 20,000 miles of airways; moved each year over railways and waterways more than a billion and a half tons of freight; thronged the highways with 25,000,000 motor cars; carried electricity to 17,000,000 homes; sent each year 3,750,000 children to high school and more than 1,000,000 young men and women to col-

lege; and fed, clothed and amused the 120,000,000 persons who occupy our twentieth of the habitable area of the earth." In spite of the "spottiness" of industry, agriculture and commerce, "the broad social advantages of our accelerated activity flowed out over the land."

The use of power, for example, has grown "three and three-quarters times faster than the growth in population," enabling farmers and manufacturers "to meet high labor costs by the application of power-driven specialized machines," and turning the unskilled worker into a "skilled operator." "The number of shareholders in the country's business enterprises has, it is estimated, grown from about 2,000,000 to about 17,000,000; and out of increasing incomes these investors have continued to pour their savings into the stream of credit." "The fortunate synchronizing of a high wage level and a stationary cost of living" has increased consuming power, and with the exception of 1924 and 1927, when there were "minor recessions," there has been "a marked increase in the physical volume of production." "We have become steadily less concerned about the primary needs, food, clothing and shelter," and earnings now leave a considerable margin for "optional consumption." Further, the application to many kinds of services of "the philosophy of large-scale production," together with the integration and organization of such services, have resulted in what the Committee describes as "mass services" which have "afforded employment for millions of workers crowded out of agriculture and the extractive and fabricating industries" and "saved our country from a critical unemployment problem."

The Committee finds also that its survey "has proved conclusively what has long been held theoretically to be true, that wants are almost insatiable," that "economically we have a boundless field before us" and that "there are new wants which will make way endlessly for newer wants as fast as they are satisfied." We are "far from the saturation point" in the use of electrical devices in the home, and with about 70% of American homes "still without the radio . . . we seem only to have touched the fringe of our potentialities." Social solidarity, too, is growing. Our expenditure of \$2,500,000,000 a year on public and private education represents an increase of 250% in a decade, and the expenditures for free college and university education have gone up nearly 350% in about the same period. The equilibrium necessary to keep the complicated economic machine at continuous production has been, during the past few years, "fairly well maintained. We have not wasted the hours of labor by strikes or lockouts. Until recently we have not diverted savings from productive business to speculation. There has been balance between the economic forces—not perfect balance, but a degree of balance which has enabled the intricate machine to produce and to serve our people."

What, now, are the "spots" in this glowing fabric of general prosperity? The report of the Committee mentions several. "While rayon manufacturers have worked at top speed, cotton mills have been on part time; while the silk hosiery business, the women's shoe trade and the fur business have been active, there has been depression in the woolen and worsted industry; while dairying has been prosperous, grain growers have been depressed. Coal mining has been in difficulties" (the reference above to

the absence of strikes and lockouts is strange reading when one recalls the prolonged disturbances in the coal fields), "and classes of wholesalers and retailers have been under grave economic pressure. Progress has been made toward more stable employment in seasonal industries, yet 'technological' unemployment, resulting from the displacement of workers by improved machinery and methods has attracted attention." Where the Pacific States, the South, and the East North Central area have prospered, "the New England States, and to some extent the Middle Atlantic section, have developed less rapidly and have experienced some difficulties in adapting their older industries to new conditions." In recent months "investors, as well as a large body of speculators, have invested through the stock exchanges not only their savings but the proceeds of loans secured through banks and brokers, until the credit structure of the country has been sufficiently weighted to indicate a credit stringency, resulting in an abnormally high rate for call money and an appreciable increase in the rate of interest for business purposes."

There will be no dissent from the position of the Committee when it declares, in speaking of the need of maintaining an "economic balance," that "if natural resources, especially the land, are wastefully used; if money in quantity is taken out of production and employed for speculation; if any group develops a method of artificial price advancement which puts one commodity out of balance with other commodities; if either management or labor disregards the common interest—to this extent equilibrium will be destroyed, and destroyed for all." It is nevertheless to be regretted that the Committee, in the only part of its findings that will be generally read (the dozen and more supplementary chapters which accompany the report make a bulky volume, and will probably be consulted only by specialists), should have touched so lightly upon some of the conditions in this country which are operating against prosperity, and should have passed over others altogether.

We have repeatedly criticized the course and policy of the Federal Reserve Board in recent years, and have pointed out that the Board itself was largely responsible for initiating the orgy of stock market speculation which the country witnessed in 1928. It is known now, and from no less an authority than the Board itself, that when the Board embarked upon its unfortunate credit policy, in the winter of 1927-28, it did so with the deliberate intention of extending financial aid to Europe even at the cost of stimulating speculative excesses in the United States. A defence of the Board's policy, written jointly by Professor O. M. W. Sprague, of Harvard University, and W. Randolph Burgess, of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, appears as one of the supplementary chapters of the present report of Mr. Hoover's committee. There is small evidence that the Board's policy conferred any permanent benefit upon Europe, but it would be interesting to know whether the Committee thinks that the Board was justified in upsetting the American stock market for the sake of doing something for Great Britain, France or Poland, or whether the course which the Board has pursued during the past few months, when, presumably, the report of the Committee was being written, has tended to enhance the prosperity of American business. If it does, it has been singularly indifferent to the massive body of adverse criti-

cism from the financial and business world which the policy of the Board has evoked.

There are other clouds on the horizon. The railways of the country, taken as a whole, are far from earning the modest return on their investment which the Transportation Act allows, at the same time that the more prosperous systems, if their earnings exceed the statutory maximum, are subject to the "recovery" of the excess for the benefit of systems whose earnings are small. The Interstate Commerce Commission has extended little aid toward carrying out the consolidation of railway systems for which Congress has provided, and revenues from passengers and freight are menaced by the rapid development of air and motor transport and elaborate plans for inland waterways. The plight of the farmers, to which the Committee report merely alludes, was regarded as so pressing as to constitute the chief issue in last year's Presidential campaign, and Congress has been called in early session primarily for the purpose of dealing with it; yet that same Congress, under the guise of affording the farmers some relief, has launched a scheme of wholesale tariff revision which threatens to disturb industry and business far and wide, and jeopardize our commercial relations with countries which, like Canada, are among our best customers. Doubtless it is true that the huge volume of foreign loans which the United States has supplied has been of some assistance to the countries or businesses which have received them, but a tariff policy which increases the difficulty of repaying principal or interest in the only form in which, ultimately, payment can be made, is a poor method of insuring the "economic balance" of which the Committee discourses.

The fact is, of course, that our economic prosperity is subject to so many exceptions and qualifications as to make an affirmative generalization very unsafe. No less an authority than former President Coolidge, *facile princeps* among the staunch advocates of governmental economy, has declared that the end of economy in Federal expenditure has been reached, and that the country must now face increased expenditure. What with flood control, farm relief and naval construction, the Treasury surpluses which have aided us in the past few years seem likely to dwindle to relative unimportance, if indeed the surplus does not disappear altogether. The States and municipalities are staggering along under a mountain of debt which annually grows larger, and taxation takes a heavy toll from such individuals and corporations as are moderately successful in making a profit from business or investments. Higher and higher wages and shorter and shorter working periods cannot permanently avoid adding to the cost of what is produced, or of the "mass services" which are performed. The nation, in short, is spending its earnings lavishly and borrowing inordinately from the future. Mr. Hoover's Committee, we think, would have been better advised if it had pointed out fearlessly the dangers of the pace that is being set, instead of giving to its criticisms and warnings, all of them excellent as far as they go, so small and incidental a place as to cause them, we fear, to be largely overlooked.

#### **Tariff Protection and Debenture Bounty.**

Whether or not infant industries, freed from foreign competition, grow into giant monopolies that oppress the people by excessive prices, manufac-

ture, one of the great divisions of our business activity, demands and receive "protection," in the form of a tariff-tax on imported goods of like character. It is claimed, and likewise denied, that the manufacturer by this means is enabled to make a profit equal to the tax thus levied. It is even claimed that for many articles, thus protected, he charges less in foreign countries than in our own. The "Tariff" has been for well nigh half a century a football of politics, and protectionists have frequently shifted their position as to the reason for and the effect of tariff duties. In all this time agriculture, another great division of our industry, has stood apart, claiming that because it produces a surplus of foodstuffs, it has been compelled, by the Tariff, to buy in a dear market and sell in a cheap market. In consequence, it has cried out for redress, though the political party claiming to be, in many campaigns, its special sponsor has never had the courage to declare for free trade but has been for a "tariff for revenue only." This, we think, will not be disputed as recognized political history.

In 1914 came the world-war, causing tremendous inflation in both manufacture and agriculture. Prices of agricultural products rose enormously and production thereof increased rapidly. When at last peace came the prices of agricultural products fell correspondingly, carrying down with them the inflated prices of crop lands—and as a consequence the great industry of agriculture slumped. On the other hand, the great industry of manufacture, while compelled to meet (out of its huge profits) the costs of readjustment and reconstruction, was better able to save itself because of the Tariff, that shut out foreign competition, and because of restrictive immigration laws, and the fact of the credit position of the United States and the impoverished condition of the war-ridden countries. Undoubtedly because of these conditions the farmers, compared to their position before the war, fell into hard straits. But for all that, those who refused to be moved from their normal business by the inflation of land and food prices, were still in an independent position and are to-day safe and sound on their farms able to cope with depression and maintain themselves.

On this situation politics and professional farmers' organizations seized, to raise a hue and cry for "farm relief." And in the last election both the leading parties promised such relief, though by slightly differing methods. Legislation attempted before the campaign had failed repeatedly through Presidential veto and otherwise. In a word, the long agitation culminated in a demand upon Congress to "equalize" the condition of agriculture with that of manufacture. We shall not go into the methods proposed by the McNary-Haugen bill and others. Our purpose is to bring into direct contrast manufacture and agriculture as great industrial entities as they stand and must always stand before the Government of the United States. Constitutionally neither is a pet or favorite of the Government. Protection of the one by tariff is incidental production by taxation; the purpose of the tax, however, is protection—tariff being a hurdle foreign imports must overcome. But the Government does not levy, thus, a direct tax upon manufacture, the levy is upon foreign goods seeking admission—the effect being to enhance price to the home consumer and to lessen competition.



This method is *not* applicable to agriculture in the main, though efforts are being made in that direction. The reason is simple and well understood. Consequently a plan is proposed for agriculture which is known as the "debenture plan," being in fact a bounty upon agricultural exports. That it takes the form of certificates equal to one-half the tariff tax on like products may be regarded as a mere incidental. The sole, the main, object is to equalize the returns (profits) of manufacture and agriculture. No more preposterous undertaking was ever attempted. Who or what can ever equalize the profits of these two great dissimilar industries? No thought is given to the amount of capital employed in each. No thought is given to the unlike processes by which each produces, distributes, and consumes. Agriculture is of the soil; manufacture of the shop. Agriculture is founded on necessity; manufacture upon need and luxury. Manufacture through machinery ministers to increase of production in agriculture; the latter feeds the labor of the former, and does not, save by more efficient workers, increase the output of the former.

Manufacture makes innumerable articles, selling to a varied population of consumers; agriculture produces a few, comparatively, foodstuffs, that are of universal consumption. Manufacture makes the riding plow and the thresher; agriculture makes the wheat and the corn—that yet must be processed (manufactured) for consumption. Agriculture is subject to the seasons; manufacture is largely independent of them. Agriculture consumes manufacture (according to the better method of living); manufacture consumes agriculture (according to the needs of life). Agriculture is fundamental; manufacture is secondary, though correlative, the two being mutually sustaining. No power on earth can ever meet a tariff-tax benefit to the one, by a direct bounty on the other. Tariff indirectly aids all production of all manufacture; a direct bounty, though tending to increase domestic price of the whole of agriculture, is laid only on exportable surplus. With such disparities, under such natural conditions, in the face of world competition, unequal and unlike for each, any attempt to equalize returns to the two classes of operators by an artificial law is as futile as to try to make the dry lands equal the waters of the seas.

But to such a pass has politics and the agitation of professional farm organizations brought us. And it matters little whether the half a billion revolving fund to co-operative marketing and stabilizing associations be the plan or the debenture-bounty be the plan, finally adopted, the effort is to accomplish the impossible. And bad as the debenture-bounty is, it has less red-tape than the other. Mark now our contention is, on the facts enumerated above, that there is no power, governmental or otherwise, that can put these two great industries on a common level. How much less, then, can an instrumentality for common rule, the Government of the United States, accomplish the end? And that government not in its majestic power (if we may put it this way) but in its delegated authority to six or a dozen men constituting a Federal Farm Board with unlimited discretion. The Government will live a long time before it ever confronts so egregious a proposal and plan. It will not take many years to demonstrate its absurdity. It may be, under the best of circumstances and by the best of management, agriculture

will gain something, but unless there is some letting down of the tariff bars manufacture will go on as of old reaping profits that bear and can bear no equality to those of agriculture. For there is but one equalizing law of trade, the natural law of free competition, which as it applies the energies of all men to the resources of all the earth, becomes in the end that co-operation which is signified by the mutual benefits of production and exchange. Manufacture is so entrenched behind the tariff that no one now seeks to dislodge it. Even the party, the party that has been a friend, forsook its time-honored position and fell into the arms of the tariff—seeking by the very method it has always said fleeced the farmer to bring to him redress and relief. No party seeks for a lower tariff, seeks to tear down its walls, in behalf of the equalization of freer trade, but both are now seeking to apply the tariff to farm products—that does not touch sales of surplus in a world market—and by way of good measure seeks to grant a bounty or fee of some kind in addition.

### *Personalities in Politics—Attacking Secretary Mellon.*

The controversy in the Senate over the eligibility of Secretary Mellon to serve another term as Secretary of the Treasury is a matter of deep concern to the people of the United States. That he has already served the country well is, we believe, universally admitted. Coming into office at a time when war-debt adjustment was paramount, he has handled large financial problems with skill and fidelity. He is one among half a dozen of the richest men in the nation. Making more money in his own behalf can have to him little interest. And while, therefore, he perhaps incurs no great monetary sacrifice in serving the people, he no doubt takes pride in handling financial matters of great magnitude, and he deserves and receives the thanks of the people.

That he should be held out as an interloper on the ground that because of his personal interests in big corporations he is ineligible to the office he holds, is a source of regret. No shadow of wrong-doing or of bias in the discharge of his duties is charged against him. The sole trouble is that there is a hundred-year-old statute which says that: "No person appointed to the office of Secretary of the Treasury . . . shall, directly or indirectly, be concerned or interested in carrying on business or trade or commerce;" and the issue turns on whether the holders of stock in corporations are so interested within the meaning of the ancient statute. That there is room for a reasonable interpretation of the wording of this law may be admitted.

But a stockholder who takes no official part in the management of such corporation is certainly not himself engaged in trade and commerce. And Secretary Mellon at the incumbency of his office disposed of his holdings in banks and trust companies and resigned from all directorates. He still holds certain corporate stocks, and on investigation it turns out that practically all the Secretaries that have held the office likewise have held stocks during their terms of office. Former Secretary Glass is quoted as saying: "If Mr. Mellon is disqualified as a Secretary of the Treasury for holding stock, I was certainly ineligible to office, Alexander Hamilton was ineligible, and so was every other Secretary of the Treasury." It appears that Secretary Glass

has informed the Committee that "he owned stock in two newspapers while he was in the Cabinet, and was also one of the largest individual stockholders in an industrial enterprise in his home town." Senator Steiner, it further appears, has laid before the committee communications obtained from other Secretaries stating that they held corporate stock as follows: "Leslie M. Shaw and George B. Cortelyou in the Cabinet of President Roosevelt; Franklin McVeagh, in the Taft Cabinet; William G. McAdoo and David Houston, in the Wilson Cabinet." A letter of Hamilton has been produced in which he said the statute under which the committee is proceeding was hastily drawn and ill-advised.

It must seem on the face of these historic conditions that the whole investigation should be thrown out as a "mare's nest," unless specific activity in commerce can be attached to Mr. Mellon himself which is not even asserted. Evidently, though the statute be obsolete, the thing to do is to repeal the law or to re-enact it in understandable terms. Meantime, the Secretary's office is attacked in a public way. It happens that being appointed as a hold-over, under ample precedents, there is no need for confirmation. Why then all this bother and pother? We cannot refuse to believe that politics is at the bottom of it, though the motive may be sincere and the effort within the prerogative of the Senate. But there is correlative to all laws an equity which is a form of justice that cannot always be expressed in law. And in this sense every man, whether his office be high or low, is entitled to a fair deal. No new act of the Secretary of the Treasury rendering him amenable to this obsolete statute has been brought out in the discussion. But his repute gained through years of service must suffer at the hands of those who are uninformed and who read only surface comments.

Before long this inquiry will have run its course. At best it is a belated investigation. Mr. Mellon has served the people for eight years. And he will serve more years with distinction and honor. But there is a lesson in the brief episode we may ponder with profit. Ordinarily, nominations are considered in executive session. One of the reasons is that Senators may be free in their expressions and that criticism may not harm the nominee should his name be rejected, and surely so dignified a body as the Senate of the United States would wish at all times to protect the individual from even the slightest innuendo or thoughtless assault. Time after time the "investigation" activities of the Senate in other lines have been discussed by the Press, and the inquiry is becoming general: Is this the province of the Senate.

Now under the duty of confirmation of Presidential appointments as to their fitness to perform the duties of the office the character and abilities of the appointee come under scrutiny. But this does not authorize the public consideration of the circumstances of the private business affairs of men, or so it seems to us, unless the character and qualifications of the appointee are involved. The Senate might investigate the fitness of the law to the office rather than the fitness of the man to the office, since in the case of Mr. Mellon his fitness is not involved so far as ability and conduct are concerned. All these investigations of business and business men by the Senate soon pass beyond the securing of information preparatory to law-making and be-

come inquisitorial into private affairs. The Senate is not constituted for this purpose. It is not the censor of business practices. It is not the guardian of the people against their own business methods wrought out of actual experience.

As it is, we have the spectacle of the greatest law-making body on earth haling citizens before its investigating committees and demanding an exposure of private business affairs, which, if wrong and in violation of law, are already amenable to the courts. In the case of the Treasuryship can it be assumed that only men who own nothing that touches active business alone are eligible? The fact that a man has become experienced in finance ought ordinarily to qualify him for the position of Secretary of the Treasury rather than the reverse. We make no charge that appointments are ever held up solely to embarrass an Administration, but so it appears to some of the correspondents who look on. Our concern is for the right of the individual to be free from the incidental aspersions upon character which attach to these proceedings. Every man high or low is entitled to the character he has builded through the long years of a business career. The Senate is not rightly engaged in any kind of detective work.

#### *The Autobiography of Lord Haldane.*

Readers of the autobiography of Lord Haldane, just brought out by Doubleday, Doran & Co., will appreciate the valuable addition he made to the long years of his varied and always remarkable public career by taking advantage of the few leisure hours of his last year or two to write this story of his life. The final chapter was written shortly before his death, which came gently, August 19 1928. While at 72 years of age he was still engaged in delivering public addresses and had just experienced the happiness of being elected Chancellor of the University of St. Andrews, a university he greatly loved.

It is difficult to compress the story of the chief events of so full a life into a brief editorial. It embraces thirty years of the life of an exceptionally able and hard working youth; twenty years more of work at the Bar covering prolonged activity in Parliament in a seat won in a sharp contest; a leading place in the Liberal Government, followed by Secretaryship in the War Office; becoming Lord Chancellor in 1912; resigning in 1915 only to continue rendering intense public service; joining the Government again in 1923, only to become Lord Chancellor for three years of the party's continuance in power, then to remain active in many directions in the House of Lords.

Of his early life, he says: "I was a keen student of how to work at the Bar. I learned the importance of inspiring confidence. Success in the profession was essential if it were to be possible for me to devote myself later to public life." In his subsequent success before the higher judges he bears testimony to the value of his study of character, and "the psychology of advocacy," which did him constant service. In 1898 he began systematic travel in Germany, gaining wide and highly valued acquaintance with German literature and public men. It resulted in a permanent interest in the cause of education in England, in which he labored in all directions. He led in the founding of the University of Liverpool, and among others that of Bristol,

becoming eventually Chancellor of the latter. He was largely instrumental in reviving and enlarging the scope of the University of London. He delivered the Gifford lectures at St. Andrews University, to which he was especially attached. So great was the pressure upon him in Parliament that these lectures had to be prepared in odd times for two years, and were delivered at last extempore from his notes and taken down in shorthand that they might be published afterwards. He was Chairman for four years of the Royal Commission on the affairs of London University, while serving as Secretary of War, and again under similar conditions he served as Chairman of the Commission that founded the University of Wales.

Meanwhile he had won many friends in Parliament—Gladstone, Asquith, Morley, Edward Gray—with whom he became especially intimate, and Acland, the Minister of Education, in whose work for the schools he was able to be helpful. Imperial Federation and Preference he opposed in the interest of the freedom of the Colonies and the development of the Empire. The Colonial statesmen won his respect, and service on the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council gave him enlarged views of Liberalism, which was soon to play a large part before and after the war. With Morley on one side and Rosebury on the other, he, with Asquith and Grey, had a large part to play in the guiding of Britain through the critical and creative years of the closing and opening centuries. They had to oppose Mr. Gladstone on some part of the Irish question. Mr. Gladstone's letter to him in return is so generous and kindly as to be a distinction to them, as to him.

The university movement, with the success of Liverpool, Manchester, Bristol and London, won support. The cities caught the initiative and hastened to establish universities of their own, while the older universities, Oxford, Cambridge, Glasgow, even Edinburgh and St. Andrews, felt their influence and recognized a new day. Nor did the movement stop with the universities. Mr. Balfour introduced the Education Bill in 1902 which revolutionized the local school boards, and, though it was incomplete, he supported it almost single-handed among his friends, and it has worked so well that it has made "a new national conception of school education," according to the *Encyclopedia Britannica*.

The same may be said of his service in expounding the new conception of the Empire. Mr. Chamberlain was pressing a policy of protection under the form of Imperial Preference, while Haldane and Asquith felt called to oppose it in the interest of the counter call for science and organization as the great need of British industry. Germany was penetrating English markets by the employment of scientific aid, and only so could the situation be met.

In 1905 the time had come for a broader Liberalism. Some changes were made and Haldane became Minister for War. Early in the African War he had been instrumental in creating an Explosives Committee of leading scientists and artillery experts, on which he had to serve and in which he showed the ability and gained the knowledge which enabled him to do the great reconstructive work in the War Office which was to appear when the World War opened. It was under his insistence that Grey became Foreign Minister, the position in which he was to render such distinguished and decisive service

before and during the war. Hand in hand they worked, and the new army was the great result. The old army was reorganized and made in the highest form effective, and a Territorial Army localized all over England and Scotland under regular officers to constitute a second line, with the Militia made into reserves to supply the main army.

Haldane was soon invited to view the annual manoeuvres in Germany, and took advantage of the opportunity to visit Berlin and make acquaintance with the men who were molding the new Germany. This visit played an important part in his subsequent career. The next year, 1907, the German Emperor, with a large attendance, visited London, and the group were especially intimate with him. Campbell Bannerman died in 1908, Asquith became Prime Minister, and Haldane remained in the War Office completing his reforms and pressing similar ones on the Navy, which Churchill, on lines of his own, was quick to push.

In 1911 he felt the need of relief from the heavy pressure under which he had long been, and turned aside to the Privy Council and the House of Lords, of which he had been made a member, and in 1912 he was suddenly called to be Lord Chancellor again, and so returned to the Law.

When trouble arose with the Germans over Agadir the Government insisted on his going at once to Berlin in hopes of preserving peace. Despite his intimacy there, he accomplished little, and events moved on rapidly to the outbreak of the war. In England's anxiety, suspicion over his intimacy with Germany was aroused toward him. Ridiculous stories were circulated in the press, and when the Asquith Ministry had to be reconstructed he resigned.

For eight busy and fruitful years he was out of office. Despite impaired health, he devoted himself to the various public interests he had supported, and testimony to the value of his service is abundant. In 1923 Ramsay MacDonald sought his support, and once more he accepted the Lord Chancellorship because of the need of his service in aiding various important departments of the Government. This office he held with continuous activity till 1925, when the party went out of power. But he retained his position in the House of Lords and engaged in many important affairs. He was in close intimacy with England's leading men, and had gained cherished friendships in America.

In a closing chapter of the autobiography, written in his 72nd year shortly before his death, he says many tender and wise things. "The autumn of life" has been "tranquil." "If he had been endowed with certain gifts he might have accomplished more. He had not been slack in thought or action. All one can do is to put one's best into the performance of the task before us. Finality of result can never be ours." "We have to learn how to live before we can learn how to die. God is always within." Modestly he says of himself: "I have kept this before my eyes."

The book is the record of a strong and noble life, large in its achievement and not less so in personal character. He lived in great days; he had great opportunities; he faced great difficulties and passed through great crises, but he did not waver and was never daunted; through all he was true to himself, and has left a name of which his country may well be proud.

### A Change of Heart by the Federal Reserve.

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The various statements that have come from, or been given out by, Governor Young of the Federal Reserve Board during his wanderings on the Pacific Coast, have called attention rather sharply to some problems in connection with the present credit situation which have been very largely neglected, certainly during the recent past. It is probably no mere coincidence that the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City has raised its rate to 5%, while the other "4½% banks" are reported to be on the point of doing likewise. Governor Young in his statement has called attention to the fact that large quantities of funds have moved from the interior to New York, for the purpose of speculative application. While he has been inclined to speak of them as "savings" that have thus been shifted, the fact remains that the more interesting aspect of the problem is found in their transfer, rather than in the source from which they were drawn.

Apparently the Reserve System thinks that by raising the rate a half per cent. in the interior, and probably on the Pacific Coast, it may in some measure succeed in combating the movement of funds to the East. If so, the question may very properly be asked why this discovery has been made at so late a date, and why Governor Young and the Reserve Board have so long acquiesced in the maintenance of a differential in favor of the Eastern districts—a higher rate at the local Reserve Bank here attracting funds to this market and consequently relieving the local Reserve Bank of the rediscounting pressure that it might otherwise have felt. The whole question of adjustment of rates between districts has been under advisement for a long time, and without any consensus of opinion, for the Reserve System has changed its mind on numerous occasions, and it is only since 1927 that the present course of action has been followed.

The normal policy for the Reserve System to follow is undoubtedly that of keeping rates in the interior quite materially higher than those in the Eastern districts. They are naturally higher, so far as the commercial rate of interest is concerned, and reversal of what is a normal situation certainly ought never to be allowed merely because of speculative distortion that has taken place on account of

market operations. If conditions in this city should necessitate advances in rates, therefore, at any time, whether for the purpose of reducing speculative commitments or otherwise, the Reserve System ought to endeavor to bring about an adjustment, which would produce a corresponding advance in the interior. This would be for the reason that the Reserve Banks ought certainly to be "teamed" together, and that the function of the Federal Reserve Board is more distinctly that of bringing about such teaming than it is to perform perhaps any other function.

The objection to any rate readjustment in the Western districts has always been that the effect of it has been to inflict hardships upon "business" in the West by raising the rate that had to be paid for commercial paper, by local business users. Any such statement is obviously insincere. As Governor Harding, then at the head of the Reserve Board, wrote in 1920 to a Presidential candidate, who had urged that Reserve rates be lowered in Western districts in order to help the farmer, there is almost invariably a gap of 2 or 3% between the figures charged by the member banks to their customers in those districts, and the Reserve Bank rates therein. As Mr. Harding then showed, it would be far better to have a change in State laws on the subject of usury than a change in Reserve rates. Western country banks—and city banks, too, for that matter—charge about what they please, and want to get what the traffic will bear. Ordinarily they get it. To pretend that shifts and changes of half a per cent. or so in the rediscount rate at the Reserve Bank affect, in any material degree, the actual charge to the farmers of the community, is, of course, sheer absurdity.

Within the past year or two the Reserve System has largely lost its bearings as regards the control of rates, and the relationship between the various districts. The periods thus subject to criticism began in the autumn of 1927 with the autocratic enforcement of low rates upon the Reserve Bank of Chicago. It has continued in the follies of 1928, and the tinkering with rates which has resulted in a higher charge in New York than that which prevailed in Kansas City and Minneapolis. The time has come for a more rational interpretation of the rate question. Governor Young apparently is learning through study on the spot. It is to be hoped that his conversion will be permanent and that he may evangelize his colleagues.

## Gross and Net Earnings of United States Railroads for the Month of March

The showing of railroad earnings for March is much like that for the months immediately preceding. Compared with the same period last year there is—always speaking of the roads as a whole—moderate improvement in the gross earnings and the net earnings alike, rather more moderate in March than in February. As to both months, however, there is this qualifying remark to make, namely that the results each month cover one less day than the same month last year. In February the loss of a day followed from the fact that 1928 was a leap year when therefore February contained 29 days instead of the customary 28 days. In March the loss is due to the circumstance that there were five Sundays in the month the present year, whereas March 1928 contained only four Sundays. The loss in this last instance therefore consists not in an actual diminution of the number of days, but in there having been one less working day—there having been 26 such working days in 1929 against 27 days in 1928.

Of course on many of the larger and more important railroad systems traffic is not entirely suspended on Sundays. Passenger trains are run on Sunday schedules, even though no freight trains may be run. Still on no inconsiderable mileage and especially in the case of short lines and minor branches, Sunday may be free from all traffic. Altogether an extra Sunday means more or less of a loss in traffic

and in revenues. And this should be borne in mind in considering the exhibit for the month of March. Our compilations show that aggregate gross earnings for the month the present year were \$516,134,027 against \$505,249,550 in March 1928, giving an increase of \$10,884,477, or 2.15%. The net earnings (before deduction of the taxes) were \$139,639,086, against \$132,122,686, the increase in this case being \$7,516,400, or 5.68%, as per the following table:

Month of March—	1929.	1928.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (—).	
Miles of road (182 roads)....	241,185	240,427	+758	0.31%
Gross earnings.....	\$516,134,027	\$505,249,550	+\$10,884,477	2.15%
Operating expenses.....	376,494,941	373,126,864	+3,368,077	0.87%
Ratio of expenses to earnings..	72.94%	73.85%	—0.91%	
Net earnings.....	\$139,639,086	\$132,122,686	+\$7,516,400	5.68%

In weighing the significance of the slight gains here disclosed, it should be borne in mind not only that the extra Sunday the present year served to some extent to reduce the amount and ratio of the improvement, but also on the other hand that the gains this year come after losses in both gross and net last year, and also after a rather indifferent showing in March 1927, correspondingly diminishing the importance of the increases now disclosed for 1929 and revealing them as being a recovery of what was previously lost rather than as new gains. General conditions favored good results the present year and yet were not uniformly satisfactory. The country enjoyed a high degree of industrial activity, whereas in March last year trade still lagged (out-

side of the automobile industry, which then had already begun to quicken its pace), and yet there are sections of the country which still appear to be an exception to the rule of activity in trade and business. The South for instance, if railroad revenues may be accepted as a guide, is still suffering more or less business depression. Perhaps the floods which prevailed during the month in several of the Southeastern States played some part in retarding recovery and the strikes at some of the cotton mills may have operated in the same way.

The larger industries of the country, however, enjoyed an unusual degree of activity. In particular is this true of the automobile trade and the iron and steel industry. March production of motor vehicles in the United States, as reported to the Department of Commerce, was 584,733 as compared with 413,314 in March 1928 and 394,443 in March 1927. Steel production in this country in March broke all records, being estimated by the American Iron & Steel Institute at 5,049,176 tons for the 26 days of March the present year, against 4,507,520 tons for the 27 days of March 1928 and 4,535,272 tons for the 27 days of March 1927. The make of iron in the United States during March 1929, according to the statistics collected by the "Iron Age," reached 3,714,473 tons, against 3,199,674 tons in March 1928, and 3,483,362 tons in March 1927.

The activity in the industries here named found reflection in many other industries and the result altogether was of decided advantage to the railroads serving the great manufacturing districts, all of which show improved revenues, the gains, however, in most instances representing merely a recovery of the previous year's losses. On the other hand, some of the same roads and systems suffered a reduction of their coal traffic in March 1929, this being contrary to the experience in the month preceding, when the coal production ran well above that of the previous year. Both the output of soft coal and of hard coal fell below that of the previous year. The contraction came somewhat as a surprise, but it would appear that in previous months coal mining was prosecuted on a greater scale than was warranted by the demand and needs of the trade. At all events, the quantity of bituminous coal mined in the United States in March 1929 reached only 39,347,000 tons, against 43,955,000 tons in March 1928, and 59,911,000 tons in March 1927. It is proper to state that the total last mentioned was really abnormal, being due to the fact that coal mining was then being pushed with feverish energy in preparation for the great strike at the Union mines throughout the country scheduled for April 1 1927. Anthracite coal production in March 1929 also fell below either of the two previous years, only 5,044,000 tons of Pennsylvania anthracite having been mined in March 1929 as against 5,497,000 tons in March 1928 and 6,056,000 tons in March 1927. The output of soft coal and hard coal combined, it will be seen from the figures given, was only 44,391,000 tons in March 1929, against 49,452,000 tons in March 1928, and 65,967,000 tons in March 1927.

The further loss the present year in the soft coal output was rather unevenly distributed. The falling off was pretty general throughout the different districts, except that in Ohio, where there has recently been resumption of work at mines which had long been idle, the production was 1,600,000 tons against only 874,000 tons in March 1929, and that in a few

other States the output the present year was a little larger than in the previous year. As coal is a very important item of freight with most of the railroads of the United States, the fact that there was a further shrinkage in that traffic the present year, after the big reduction from the abnormal total of the previous year, will explain why some roads in different parts of the country form exceptions to the rule and report losses in earnings instead of gains.

In the case of Western roads there was also a falling off in the grain traffic. This is true particularly of the roads in the Spring wheat district of the Northwest, where also there continued to be some hindrance to traffic movements because of bad weather conditions—heavy accumulations of snow, along with snow slides, having proved exceedingly difficult of removal. The falling off in the grain traffic seems to have been due to the comparative absence of any export demand and the fact that farmers were dissatisfied with prevailing prices and perhaps also because they looked for a rise in values after the meeting of the U. S. Congress in extra session in April to enact some law for farm relief.

The effect of these varying influences and conditions is seen in the varying character of the returns in different sections of the country and on different roads and systems. The Bureau of Railroad Economics at Washington has just made public certain general totals regarding the volume of traffic for the different sections of the country which are interesting and very pertinent at this point. It is found that the volume of freight traffic handled by all Class 1 railroads (those obliged to file monthly returns) in March the present year amounted to 40,212,666,000 net ton-miles, which exceeded by 726,610,000 net ton-miles, or 1.8%, the volume of traffic in March 1928, but was a reduction of 1,604,240,000 net ton-miles, or 3.8%, under that for March 1927. Only the Eastern district, however (comprising the roads in New England and the great industrial States of the Middle and Middle West), shared in the present year's increase, or to be exact, recovery. In this Eastern district the volume of freight handled in March 1929 was 5.5% above that for March 1928. On the other hand, the Southern district showed a decrease of 5.6%, and the Western district, comprising the Western half of the country, also reported a decrease, though only of one-tenth of one per cent.

As far as the separate roads are concerned, it has already been indicated that the best exhibits are made by the roads in the Middle and Middle Western States, which means that the great East-and-West trunk lines give a very good account of themselves, though this statement is subject to the qualification that the gains this year count very largely as merely an offset to the heavy losses sustained in March 1928. The Pennsylvania RR. heads the list of increases, showing \$3,041,753 gain in gross and \$1,901,391 gain in net; in March last year the Pennsylvania RR. fell \$6,447,684 behind in gross and \$1,802,239 behind in the net. The New York Central this time shows \$735,129 increase in gross and \$28,946 in net. This, however, is the result merely for the New York Central itself. Adding the various controlled and auxiliary roads, the result is \$1,412,927 increase in gross and \$273,418 increase in net. In March last year the New York Central lines showed \$2,581,911 decrease in gross and \$865,053 decrease in net. The Baltimore & Ohio this time

reports \$1,402,040 gain in gross and \$1,341,772 gain in net. Last year in March the Baltimore & Ohio showed \$2,685,015 loss in gross and \$1,586,176 loss in net.

In the Western half of the country the returns vary more or less, due to the conflicting effects of the influences already cited. In the case of the transcontinental lines in the Northwest, the Milwaukee & St. Paul reports \$509,026 decrease in gross and \$1,114,264 decrease in net, but here we are in a section of country where the returns a year ago showed gains, not losses. The Northern Pacific this time reports \$310,751 loss in gross and \$474,585 loss in net. The Chicago & North Western, the St. Paul & Omaha, the "Soo" road and several others also have suffered the present time larger or smaller losses. The Great Northern, on the other hand, reports a gain of no less than \$1,474,406 in gross and \$1,279,608 in net. Possibly increased ore shipments account for this, and it is to be noted that this year's improvement follows \$667,785 increase in gross and \$338,679 increase in net in March last year. As we proceed further South in the Western half of the country, we find the Burlington & Quincy showing a shrinkage of \$911,189 in gross and of \$66,885 in net; the Rock Island reporting \$305,611 gain in gross with \$347,469 loss in net; and the Union Pacific showing \$323,151 addition to gross with \$96,370 decrease in net. In the Southwest, the Atchison stands at the head of the list with \$1,342,723 gain in gross and \$1,470,558 gain in net; in March last year the Atchison fell \$2,241,604 behind in gross and \$1,679,802 behind in net. The Southern Pacific this time adds \$1,587,989 to gross and \$1,003,274 to net. The Missouri Pacific also makes a very favorable showing, with \$400,434 gain in gross and \$234,844 gain in net. The Texas & Pacific, on the other hand, which for several years has been recording continuous improvement, and very large improvement at that, this month has \$145,443 decrease in gross and \$89,828 decrease in net.

In the case of Southern roads, while losses are quite general, it is to be noted that the roads serving the South Atlantic seaboard—that is, located in Florida or connecting with the same—form exceptions to the rule, and are able the most of them to show quite substantial improvement. That is an interesting fact as indicating recovery in that part of the country after long continued depression. Thus the Atlantic Coast Line reports \$617,675 gain in gross and \$953,174 gain in net; the Florida East Coast \$347,078 in gross and \$507,306 in net, and the Seaboard Air Line \$380,550 in gross and \$109,200 in net. Elsewhere in the South, however, there are quite general losses. The Louisville & Nashville, for instance, falls \$1,293,388 behind in gross and \$1,066,024 in net; the Southern Railway also shows a decrease, but relatively much smaller, namely \$507,207 in gross and \$689,961 in net for the Southern Railway proper with \$441,237 decrease in gross and \$1,937,902 decrease in net for the whole Southern Railway System. In the following we show all changes for the separate roads during the month for amounts in excess of \$100,000, whether increase or decreases, and in both gross and net:

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN GROSS EARNINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1929.

	Increase.		Increase.
Pennsylvania	\$3,041,753	Atlantic Coast Line	\$617,675
Southern Pacific (2)	1,587,989	Michigan Central	616,261
Great Northern	1,474,406	Erie (3)	607,203
Baltimore & Ohio	1,402,040	Detroit Toledo & Ironton	521,102
Atch Top & Santa Fe (3)	1,342,723	N Y Chicago & St Louis	412,257
New York Central	735,129	Missouri Pacific	400,434

	Increase.		Decrease.
Los Angeles & Salt Lake	\$393,724	Louisville & Nashville	\$1,293,388
Seaboard Air Line	380,550	Chic Burlington & Quincy	911,199
Florida East Coast	347,078	Illinois Central	673,330
Union Pacific (4)	323,151	Chic Milw & Pacific	509,026
Pere Marquette	319,102	Southern Railway	507,207
Chic Rock Isl & Pac (2)	305,611	Chic & North Western	460,126
Wabash	281,814	Northern Pacific	310,751
Missouri Kan Tex Lines	250,104	Kan Mex Orient of Tex	225,206
Western Pacific	220,149	Del Lack & Western	205,610
Rich Fred'k'g & Potomac	209,327	Chic St P Minn & Omaha	205,153
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	207,676	Minn St P & Sault Ste M.	202,281
Lehigh Valley	205,101	Texas & Pacific	145,443
Central Vermont	183,163	Central of New Jersey	138,735
Hocking Valley	176,215	Terminal RR Asso of St L	138,035
Reading	173,359	Central of Georgia	136,283
Wheeling & Lake Erie	165,944	Chic & Eastern Illinois	126,879
Long Island	163,846	Maine Central	115,782
Bessemer & Lake Erie	149,651	Norfolk Southern	110,762
Det Gr Haven & Milw	141,568	Kansas Mexico Orient	106,329
Grand Trunk Western	113,237	Minneapolis & St Louis	104,091
Total (41 roads)	\$17,449,402	Total (20 roads)	\$6,623,616

a These figures merely cover the operations of the New York Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the result is an increase of \$1,412,927.  
 b This is the result for the Southern Railway proper. Including the Alabama Great Southern, the Cincinnati New Orleans & Texas Pacific, the Georgia Southern & Florida, the New Orleans & Northeastern and the Northern Alabama, the whole going to form the Southern Railway System; the result is a decrease of \$441,237.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN NET EARNINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1929.

	Increase.		Increase.
Pennsylvania	\$1,901,391	Wabash	\$146,223
Atch Top & Santa Fe (3)	1,470,558	Det Gr Haven & Milw	141,202
Baltimore & Ohio	1,341,772	Virginian	138,954
Great Northern	1,279,608	Hocking Valley	135,880
Southern Pacific (2)	1,003,274	Seaboard Air Line	109,200
Atlantic Coast Line	953,174	Delaware & Hudson	108,764
Florida East Coast	507,306	Colorado & Southern (2)	105,990
N Y N H & Hartford	496,628	Total (37 roads)	\$14,077,498
Detroit Toledo & Ironton	464,903		
New Chicago & St Louis	441,653		
Erie (3)	416,713		
Los Angeles & Salt Lake	355,491	Cin New Ori & Tex Pac	\$1,281,361
Central Vermont	311,044	Chic Milw St P & Pac	1,114,264
Michigan Central	310,059	Louisville & Nashville	1,066,024
Pere Marquette	297,715	Southern Railway	689,961
Long Island	260,163	Illinois Central	527,528
Missouri Pacific	234,844	Northern Pacific	474,585
Chesapeake & Ohio	187,534	Chic Rock Isl & Pac (2)	347,469
West Jersey & Seashore	179,508	St Louis San Francisco (3)	257,929
Western Pacific	166,269	Central of New Jersey	231,252
Lehigh Valley	157,514	Chicago & Northwestern	151,220
Den & Rio Gr Western	157,466	Chic St P Minn & Omaha	113,101
Rich Fred'g'b & Potomac	149,255	Total (14 roads)	\$6,254,694
Bessemer & Lake Erie	147,443		

Note.—The New York Central proper records an increase of 28,946. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the result is an increase of \$273,418.  
 b This is the result for the Southern Railway proper. Including the Alabama Great Southern, the Cincinnati New Orleans & Texas Pacific, the Georgia Southern & Florida, the New Orleans & Northeastern and the Northern Alabama, the whole going to form the Southern Railway System; the result is a decrease of \$1,937,902.

Returning to a consideration of the grand totals for all the roads, it was stated above, that comparison was with losses last year and indifferent results the year before. For March 1928 our tables registered \$26,410,659 decrease in gross and \$4,034,267 decrease in net. For March 1927 our records showed \$432,616 increase in gross (a mere fraction of 1%) and \$1,627,348 increase in net, or 1.21%. On the other hand, in March 1926 the showing was strikingly good with noteworthy improvement in gross and net alike. Our compilations for March 1926 recorded \$43,668,624 gain in gross, or 8.99%, and \$24,561,652 gain in net, or 22½%. The fact is to be borne in mind, however, that these gains in March 1926 followed losses in both of the years immediately preceding. Thus for March 1925 our statement registered \$18,864,833 decrease in gross and \$5,447,665 decrease in net, while for March 1924 the loss in the gross reached no less than \$30,628,340, though the loss in the net was no more than \$2,514,076, owing to the reductions in expenses, reflecting growing efficiency of operations. This growing efficiency in operation has continued ever since. And the further back we go the more striking the record becomes in that respect—barring 1923, when weather conditions were extremely unfavorable and a gain of \$59,806,190 in gross brought with it an addition of only \$3,419,324 to net earnings—which last, however, was the reverse of what happened in 1922, when a gain of \$16,059,426 in gross was attended by a reduction of \$38,577,773 in expenses, yielding \$54,637,199 gain in net, and the reverse also of what happened in 1921, when though the gross revenues showed a decrease of \$1,483,390, the net recorded an improvement of \$18,656,316. All this merely indicates that as the country got further and further

away from the period of Government control of the railroads, with its lavish and extravagant administration, railroad managers once more succeeded in obtaining control over the expenditures of the roads and were able to effect important economies and savings.

Weather conditions are not, as a rule, a great drawback to railroad operations in March (January and February being the bad winter months) and in 1929 the drawbacks were only such as followed as the result of the severe cold and heavy falls of snow experienced in some of the far Western roads in January and February, to which reference was made in our reviews for those months. At different times during March there came reports of snow slides at widely separated points in the section of the country referred to—from Colorado, from Dakota, from Montana, from the State of Washington, etc. In 1928 the weather was not an adverse influence anywhere. In 1927 likewise the weather did not exert any serious adverse influence except in several of the Rocky Mountain States, more particularly in Colorado and Wyoming, where repeated snowstorms occurred all through the Winter months of 1927, making railroad operations difficult, and where even towards the middle of April an unusually severe Spring blizzard was encountered, seriously interrupting traffic. The latter extended also into South Dakota and into Western and Northwestern Nebraska. In 1926, too, the winter for the country as a whole did not interfere with railroad operations to any great extent, though temperatures then were low and the season backward, whereas in March 1925 the reverse was true, the weather then being mild and the season far in advance of the ordinary. In 1924 the weather was also mild and the roads suffered no setback on that account. Back in 1923, on the other hand, weather conditions in March were extremely unfavorable. Moreover, in 1923, the Winter was very severe also in January and February, with heavy snows, making the adverse effects cumulative and entailing outlays of great magnitude on that account. In discussing the severity of the Winter weather in our review of March 1923 we pointed out that in nearly the whole of the northern half of the country quite unusual weather conditions had prevailed. Here in the East in the last week of the month the Weather Bureau in this city on several days reported the lowest March temperature records during its existence. And the cold persisted right up to the close of the month. On the night of March 31-April 1, the latter being Easter, the official thermometer registered a temperature of as low as 12 degrees above zero. Previously the temperature in this city on March 31 had never been below 25. Furthermore, dispatches from Washington, D. C., in that year reported the coldest 1st of April ever experienced at many points east of the Mississippi River, with the mercury in Washington down to 15 degrees, 7 degrees under the record set April 19 1875, and lower than ever registered after March 21 in any year since the establishment of the Washington Weather Bureau in 1870. But the cold in 1923 was not so much of a drawback as the snowfalls and the snow blockades. Added to the numerous snowstorms in February, which had then so seriously increased operating costs, more particularly in New England and northern New York, there were, in 1923, other snowstorms during March, some of these in the West attaining the dimensions of bliz-

zards. The result was that virtually everywhere outside of the South operating costs were heavily augmented. It was because of this that out of \$59,806,190 increase in gross earnings in March 1923, \$56,386,866, as already stated, was eaten up by augmented expenses, leaving only \$3,419,324 increase in the net.

It has already been noted that the loss in the net in 1925 and 1924 came after four successive years of increase. On the other hand, prior to 1920, March net had been steadily dwindling for a long period past, until the amount had got down to very small proportions. For instance, in March 1919 there was a loss in net of no less than \$52,414,969 in face of an increase of \$10,676,415 in the gross earnings, and furthermore, March 1919 was the third successive year in which the March expenses had risen to such an extent as to wipe out the gains in gross receipts—hence producing a cumulative loss in net. In the following we give the March totals back to 1906. For 1911, 1910 and 1909 we use the Inter-State Commerce figures, which then were slightly more comprehensive than our own (though they are so no longer), but for preceding years, before the Commerce Commission had any comparative totals of its own, we give the results just as registered by our own tables each year—a portion of the railroad mileage of the country being always unrepresented in the totals in these earlier years, owing to the refusal of some of the roads then to give out monthly figures for publication.

Year.	Gross Earnings.			Net Earnings.		
	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).
1906	129,838,708	116,861,229	+12,977,479	40,349,748	35,312,906	+5,036,842
1907	141,502,502	128,900,109	+12,602,393	40,967,927	40,904,113	+63,814
1908	141,193,819	162,725,500	-21,531,681	39,328,528	45,872,154	-6,543,631
1909	205,700,013	183,509,935	+22,190,078	69,613,713	55,309,871	+14,303,842
1910	238,725,772	205,838,832	+32,887,440	78,322,811	69,658,705	+8,664,106
1911	227,564,915	238,829,705	-11,264,790	69,209,357	78,357,486	-9,148,129
1912	237,564,332	224,608,654	+12,955,678	69,038,987	68,190,493	+848,494
1913	249,230,551	238,634,712	+10,595,839	64,893,146	69,168,291	-4,275,145
1914	250,174,257	249,514,091	+660,166	67,993,951	64,889,423	+3,104,528
1915	238,157,881	253,352,099	-15,194,218	68,452,432	67,452,082	+1,000,350
1916	296,830,406	238,098,843	+58,731,563	97,771,590	68,392,963	+29,378,627
1917	321,317,560	294,068,345	+27,249,215	88,807,466	96,718,706	-7,911,240
1918	362,731,238	312,276,881	+50,454,357	82,561,336	87,309,806	-4,748,470
1919	375,772,750	365,096,335	+10,676,415	29,596,482	82,011,451	-52,414,969
1920	408,582,467	347,090,277	+61,492,190	40,872,775	27,202,867	+13,669,908
1921	456,978,940	458,462,330	-1,483,390	58,538,958	39,882,602	+18,656,316
1922	473,433,886	457,374,460	+16,059,426	113,468,843	58,831,644	+54,637,199
1923	533,553,199	473,747,009	+59,806,190	117,117,122	113,697,798	+3,419,324
1924	504,016,114	534,644,454	-30,618,340	114,754,514	117,668,590	-2,914,076
1925	455,498,143	504,362,976	-48,864,833	109,230,036	114,677,751	-5,447,665
1926	528,905,183	455,236,559	+73,668,624	133,642,754	109,081,102	+24,561,652
1927	529,899,898	529,467,282	+432,616	135,691,649	134,064,291	+1,627,358
1928	504,233,099	530,643,758	-26,410,659	131,840,275	135,874,542	-4,034,267
1929	516,134,027	505,249,550	+10,884,477	139,639,086	132,122,686	+7,516,400

Note.—Includes for March 96 roads in 1906; 94 in 1907; in 1908 the returns were based on 152,058 miles of road; in 1909, 233,702; in 1910, 239,691; in 1911, 244,081; in 1912, 238,218; in 1913, 240,510; in 1914, 245,200; in 1915, 246,848; in 1916, 247,363; in 1917, 248,185; in 1918, 230,336; in 1919, 226,076; in 1920, 206,319; in 1921, 234,832; in 1922, 234,986; in 1923, 235,424; in 1924, 235,715; in 1925, 236,559; in 1926, 236,774; in 1927, 237,804; in 1928, 239,649; in 1929, 241,185.

When the roads are arranged in groups, or geographical divisions, according to their location, the results are in full accord with what has been said in our remarks above. The Southern group shows a falling off in both gross and net (though with the roads in the Pocahontas region forming an exception to the rule and the Northwestern group likewise shows some decrease in both gross and net. Otherwise the record is one of general improvement. Our summary by groups is subjoined below. As previously explained, we now group the roads to conform with the classification of the Inter-State Commerce Commission. The boundaries of the different groups and regions are indicated in the footnote to the table.

District and Region.	Gross Earnings.			
	1929.	1928.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)	%
Month of March—	\$	\$	\$	%
Eastern District—				
New England region (10 roads)-----	22,155,356	22,125,763	+29,593	0.11
Great Lakes region (34 roads)-----	95,685,376	91,825,041	+3,860,335	4.21
Central Eastern region (28 roads)-----	116,404,477	111,077,565	+5,326,912	4.78
Total (72 roads)-----	234,245,209	225,028,369	+9,216,840	4.09





**Public Utility Earnings in March.**

Gross earnings of public utility enterprises in March, exclusive of telephone and telegraph companies, as reported to the Department of Commerce by 95 companies or systems operating gas, electric light, heat, power, traction and water services and comprising practically all of the important organizations in the United States, were \$195,000,000, as compared with \$187,726,994 in March 1928. Gross earnings, it is stated, consist, in general, of gross operating revenues, while net earnings in general represent the gross, less operating expenses and taxes, or the nearest comparable figures. In some cases the figures for earlier years do not cover exactly the same subsidiaries, owing to acquisitions, consolidations, &c., but these differences are not believed to be great in the aggregate. This summary presents gross and net public utility earnings by months from January 1926, the figures for the latest months being subject to revision.

PUBLIC UTILITY EARNINGS.				
	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.
Gross Earnings—	\$	\$	\$	\$
January	177,473,781	191,702,022	196,573,107	203,000,000
February	165,658,704	177,612,648	187,383,731	194,000,000
March	167,642,439	179,564,670	187,726,994	195,000,000
<b>Total (3 months)</b>	<b>510,774,924</b>	<b>548,879,340</b>	<b>571,683,832</b>	<b>592,000,000</b>
April	166,927,022	176,467,300	181,143,683	-----
May	159,135,618	171,255,699	180,255,407	-----
June	157,744,715	167,975,072	178,696,556	-----
July	153,245,315	161,638,462	173,645,919	-----
August	153,188,101	162,647,420	173,952,469	-----
September	159,519,246	169,413,885	179,346,145	-----
October	170,733,069	177,734,493	190,795,668	-----
November	176,000,649	182,077,497	198,032,715	-----
December	188,146,705	194,985,134	202,000,000	-----
<b>Total (year)</b>	<b>1,995,415,364</b>	<b>2,113,074,302</b>	<b>2,229,552,394</b>	-----
Net Earnings—	\$	\$	\$	\$
January	66,974,941	73,746,891	79,013,279	92,000,000
February	61,555,164	66,907,757	74,296,576	86,000,000
March	60,696,920	65,412,739	72,811,146	85,000,000
<b>Total (3 months)</b>	<b>189,227,025</b>	<b>206,067,387</b>	<b>226,121,001</b>	<b>263,000,000</b>
April	59,471,359	64,907,729	68,971,324	-----
May	54,993,907	61,194,779	67,732,911	-----
June	55,699,751	59,167,096	67,537,149	-----
July	49,238,806	53,980,280	62,260,333	-----
August	49,844,522	53,551,164	61,809,794	-----
September	56,930,481	61,897,207	68,235,698	-----
October	60,878,181	65,259,727	73,670,561	-----
November	65,844,729	70,214,468	81,363,806	-----
December	73,023,848	78,937,417	91,000,000	-----
<b>Total (year)</b>	<b>715,152,609</b>	<b>775,177,254</b>	<b>868,702,577</b>	-----

**Report of President Hoover's Committee on Recent Economic Changes—Sees "Boundless Field" Before Us—Need of Applying Principal of Equilibrium in Economic Relations.**

A marked increase in the volume of production in the United States in the period from 1922 to 1929, joined to a corresponding increase in the consuming power of the American people is noted in the report of President Hoover's Committee on "Recent Economic Changes," the Committee stating that:

The balance which has been maintained between consumption and production is nowhere better shown than in the fact that wages have been rising, and that there has been no striking increase of unemployment in a period marked by the broadest technological advancement which we have yet known.

"The conclusion is" says the Committee "that economically we have a boundless field before us; that there are new wants which will make way endlessly for newer wants, as fast as they are satisfied." "We seem only to have touched the fringe of our potentialities" the Committee says. It also observes:

While ours has been a period of great economic activity and industrial productivity, and of a degree of economic stability which must be rated as high when we consider the readjustments in every department of economic life made necessary by the post-war crisis and by the transition from war economy to peace economy; and while America has a promising future, the outstanding fact which is illuminated by the survey is that we can not maintain our economic advantage, or hope fully to realize on our economic future, unless we consciously accept the principle of equilibrium and apply it skillfully in every economic relation.

The report, which is of voluminous size, was made public May 15. In the foreword it is stated:

From the report of the Committee we take the following:

**FOREWORD**

As an outgrowth of the President's Conference on Unemployment of 1921, three national surveys have been set up to enlarge the general understanding of our economic system and to stimulate the continuing reduction of unemployment. The first of these surveys was the study of Business Cycles and Unemployment made in 1922-23 for a committee of the Unemployment Conference. The second was a study of Seasonal Operation in the Construction Industries made in 1923-24 for another committee of the Conference.

The survey of Recent Economic Changes, begun in January, 1928, and completed in February, 1929, is an analysis of post-war developments in American economic life, particularly those since the recovery from the depression of 1920-21. The committee consists of Herbert Hoover, Chairman; Walter F. Brown, Renick W. Dunlap, William Green, Julius Klein, John S. Lawrence, Max Mason, George McFadden, Adolph C. Miller, Lewis E. Pierson, John J. Raskob, A. W. Shaw, Louis J. Taber, Daniel Willard, Clarence M. Woolley, Owen D. Young, and Edward Eyre Hunt, Secretary.

The committee was directed to make a critical appraisal of the factors of stability and instability, in other words, to observe and to describe the American economy as a whole, suggesting rather than developing recommendations.

In its later deliberations the chairman, Herbert Hoover, was unable to take part and A. W. Shaw served as chairman.

The basic investigations for the Committee on Recent Economic Changes, like those for the Committee on Business Cycles and Unemployment, were made under the auspices of the National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc., with the assistance of an unprecedented number of governmental and private agencies.

While the National Bureau is solely responsible for the basic survey, the committee is solely responsible for the

interpretation of the facts set out in the following brief report.

**SECTION 1**

**CHARACTERISTICS OF THE YEARS 1922-1929**

Acceleration rather than structural change is the key to an understanding of our recent economic developments. Gradually the fact emerged during the course of this survey that the distinctive character of the years from 1922 to 1929 owes less to fundamental change than to intensified activity.

Forty years ago David A. Wells wrote his "Recent Economic Changes," showing that the quarter century which ended in 1889 was a period of "profound economic changes," which he described as "unquestionably more important and varied than during any former corresponding period of the World's history."

Each generation believes itself to be on the verge of a new economic era, an era of fundamental change, but the longer the committee deliberated, the more evident it became that the novelty of the period covered by the present survey rested chiefly in the fact that developments such as formerly affected our old industries have been recurring in our new industries. The changes have not been in structure but in speed and spread.

Invention is not a new art. Transportation and communication are not new services. The facilitating function of finance is older than coined currency. Agriculture is as ancient as history. Competition is not a new phenomenon. None of the changes in distribution on which emphasis has been laid in the last few years is basically new. Hand-to-mouth buying is old; sudden changes in style and demand are familiar; there is no new principle in installment selling; cooperative marketing is no modern discovery; the chain store movement dates back at least 25 years.<sup>1</sup> But the breadth and scale and "tempo" of recent developments give them new importance.

The increased supply of power and its wider uses; the multiplication by man of his strength and skill through machinery, the expert division and arrangement of work in mines and factories, on the farms, and in the trades, so that production per man hour of effort has risen to new heights; the quickening of these instrumentalities through capital provided from the surplus incomes of a constantly widening proportion of our people—all these represent an accumulation of forces which have been long at work.

The committee, like other observers, was early impressed by the degree of economic activity in these seven years. It was struck by the outpouring of energy which piled up skyscrapers in scores of cities; knit the 48 States together with 20,000 miles of airways; moved each year over railways and waterways more than a billion and a half tons of freight; thronged the highways with 25,000,000 motor cars; carried electricity to 17,000,000 homes; sent each year 3,750,000 children to high school and more than 1,000,000 young men and women to college; and fed, clothed, housed, and amused the 120,000,000 persons who occupy our twentieth of the habitable area of the earth.

But while the period from 1922 to 1929 has been one of intense activity, the committee noted that this activity has been "spotty." Certain groups have been more active than other groups; certain industries busier than their neighbor industries, and certain geographical areas more prosperous than other areas.<sup>2</sup>

While rayon manufacturers have worked at top speed, cotton mills have been on part time; while the silk hosiery industry, the women's shoe trade, and the fur business have been active, there has been depression in the woolen and worsted industry; while dairying has been prosperous, grain growers have been depressed. Coal mining has been in difficulties, and classes of wholesalers and retailers have been under grave economic pressure. Progress has been made toward more stable employment in seasonal industries, yet

<sup>1</sup> See Chap. V, Marketing.

<sup>2</sup> See Chap. XII, The National Income and its Distribution.

"technological" unemployment, resulting from the displacement of workers by improved machinery and methods, has attracted attention.<sup>3</sup>

Geographical differences also were noted. The Pacific States have made an extraordinary advance; the South has rapidly developed as a manufacturing area; the East North Central Division has grown; while the New England States and to some extent the Middle Atlantic section, have developed less rapidly and have experienced some difficulties in adapting their older industries to new conditions.

However, in spite of this variability, this difference in activity as between groups and areas and industries, the rising standard of living characteristic of this period was widespread, and has reached the highest level in our national history.

Participation by the people as a whole in many of the benefits of increased productivity, which of itself varied as between different groups and geographical areas, has been one of the marked characteristics of the period. While in industrial, agricultural, and commercial activity has been "spotty," the broad social advantages of our accelerated activity flowed out over the land. For example, the highway building programs throughout the nation were not limited to the intensely active areas; good roads were extended in all directions, serving the whole population. The same might be said for educational advantages, radio entertainment, personal mobility made possible by low-priced motor cars, swift and dependable transportation and communication, and numerous other facilities and services making for comfort and well-being, beyond the elemental requirements of food, clothing, and shelter.<sup>4</sup>

This spread of higher living standards has been characteristic of our national life practically throughout our history. As a phenomenon it is not new, but in its degree and scope it has taken on a new importance.

#### THE SPEED WHICH POWER HAS ADDED TO PRODUCTION

Characteristic also has been the rise in the use of power—three and three-quarters times faster than the growth in population—and the extent to which power has been made readily available not alone for driving tools of increasing size and capacity, but for a convenient diversity of purpose in the smallest business enterprise and on the farm and in the home.

Factories no longer need cluster about the sources of power. Widespread interconnection between power plants, arising out of an increasing appreciation of the value of flexibility in power, and made possible by technical advances during recent years, has created huge reservoirs of power so that abnormal conditions in one locality need not stop the wheels of industry.<sup>5</sup>

The increasing flexibility with which electricity can be delivered for power has enabled manufacturers and farmers to meet high labor costs by the application of power-driven specialized machines; and power in this flexible form has penetrated into every section of the United States, including many rural areas. The survey shows that as a nation we now use as much electrical energy as all the rest of the world combined.

Through the subdivision of power the unskilled worker has become a skilled operator, multiplying his effectiveness with specialized automatic machinery and processes. Thus the unit cost of production has been reduced, the drudgery eliminated from much unskilled work, and wages maintained or actually increased.

#### THE SPREAD IN THE SOURCE AND USE OF CREDIT

This acceleration of forces and its resultant rising standard of living have been facilitated by a continuing supply of funds.

In the breadth of the sources from which capital and credit have been available and in the quickening method of their use, may be observed again the changes in speed and spread of our recent economic activity.

In former periods the savings funds of the American people were not alone adequate for our capital requirements. In periods of business expansion the demand for funds pressed heavily upon the supply.

The reverse has been found to be true in the period under review. For the larger part of this period not only the earnings and savings of the people supplied the additional capital for financing the rapid development of industry, but in addition they furnished several billions of dollars for loans to foreign countries.<sup>6</sup>

Stimulated by the urge for funds to finance the vast production program of the United States during the World War, the number of share holders in the country's business enterprises has, it is estimated, grown from about two million to more than seventeen million; and out of increasing incomes these investors have continued to pour their savings into the stream of credit.

During the later months of the period covered by the survey a new tendency has been observed. Investors, as well as a large body of speculators, have invested through the Stock Exchanges not only their savings, but the proceeds of loans secured through banks and brokers, until the credit structure of the country has been sufficiently weighted to indicate a credit stringency, resulting in an abnormally high rate for call money and an appreciable increase in the rate of interest for business purposes. The consequences of this process can not be measured at this time, but they are factors in the problem of maintaining economic balance which will be touched on later in this report.

<sup>3</sup> See Chap. II, Industry; Chap. V, Marketing; Chap. VI, Labor; and Chap. VII, Agriculture.

<sup>4</sup> See Chap. I, Consumption and the Standard of Living; Chap. III, Construction; Chap. IV, Transportation.

<sup>5</sup> See Chap. II, Parts 1, 2, and 3.

<sup>6</sup> See Chap. X, Money and Credit and their Effect on Business, and Chap. XI, Foreign Markets and Foreign Credits.

Meanwhile industry has been able to reduce its requirements for short-term credits from the banks through issuance of securities. The preference for permanent methods of financing business is reflected in the relatively small increase in commercial loans of banks in recent years, as contrasted with the increase in security holdings and collateral loans.

Imports of gold early in the period covered by the survey which tended to make credit easier; the growth of savings in spite of increased spending; the popular confidence in the financial structure, especially in the Federal Reserve System, and the power of the System to move available credit to the places where it is needed, mark a great advance during these seven years.

There has also been an increase in the velocity of the turnover of credit, due to improved transportation and communication, scientific control of inventories, the continuation of the simplification movement, and our accelerated turnover of commodities. Business has thus developed a new degree of economy in the use of credit, which may be set down as another characteristic of the period.

#### SECTION II

##### PRICE RELATIONSHIPS, WAGES, AND THE COST OF LIVING

The period under review is perhaps too brief for a definite judgment, and we are as yet too close in point of time to get an accurate perspective, but the committee feels that in the field of price relationships, wages, and the cost of living is to be found one of the striking and significant developments revealed by the survey, and one which more than any other gives these years their distinctive character.

Contrasting two periods of our comparatively recent economic history will perhaps serve to make clear the significance of these factors.

According to the best available statistics, in the period between 1896 and 1913, the wholesale price level rose on the average 2.3% a year, but wages rose only a little more; so that their purchasing power advanced only 0.5% a year. In the period from 1922 to 1927, prices declined on the average 0.1% a year, while the purchasing power of wages rose 2.1% a year.<sup>7</sup>

In this latter period the fortunate synchronizing of a high wage level and a stationary cost of living created a phenomenon, new in degree, which had widespread influence on the economic situation, and which will bear close study in its details.

##### RELATIVE PRICE STABILITY

The increasing tendency toward price stability, both as between classes of commodities and in the price experience of individual commodities, was a characteristic of the period under review, tending toward a more equitable basis of exchange of products among the various groups. Price fluctuations seem to have been held within narrow limits during this period by a combination of factors; a more complete background of statistical information making possible better judgment regarding supply and demand on the part both of producers and consumers; prudence on the part of management; cost reductions by technicians, skill on the part of bankers, an enlightened attitude on the part of labor, and the expansion of foreign markets.

Relative price stability has involved a change in the direction in which business men look for profits. Profits made from the fluctuations of individual commodity prices, and from changes in the relation among prices, have tended to diminish.

Whether the price relationships of recent years prove to be transitory or permanent, they represent to-day a huge gain which is reflected in all parts of the economic organism. It is a development too new to permit of dogmatic interpretation but the committee believes that this decreasing variability in prices at a time when the productivity per hour of labor has been greatly increased, and the demand for goods has been greatly stimulated, is one of the most significant factors disclosed by the survey.

The widening gap between wages and the cost of living—wages increasing while the cost of living was stationary—may be assumed to have contributed definitely to the degree of prosperity which has characterized the period as a whole. With rising wages and relatively stable prices we have become consumers of what we produce to an extent never before realized.

The factors in this situation appear in part to be accidental and in part the consequences of an advanced economic point of view.

In the early postwar period much of the press and many employers demanded a "liquidation" of labor. It was freely declared that business could not settle down until wages were brought back to prewar levels. Labor had enjoyed a higher standard of living and naturally opposed wage cuts.

This might have precipitated a period of serious strife, had it not been that leaders of industrial thought, watching the trend of affairs, noted that the result of the continuance of high wages was that the dammed-up purchasing desires which had been held back during the war on account of the national economic program, burst forth and not only the high wages which were being currently earned but accumulated savings as well were poured into the channels of commerce.

They were quick to grasp the significance of the power of the consumer with money to spend to create an accelerated cycle of productivity.

They began consciously to propound the principle of high wages and low costs as a policy of enlightened industrial practice. This principle has since attracted the attention of economists all over the world, and while it is in no sense new, its application on a broad scale is so novel as to impress the committee as being a fundamental development.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>8</sup> See Chap. VII, Management.

<sup>7</sup> See Chap. IX, Price Movements and Related Industrial Changes.

PRODUCTION INCREASE AND THE EXPANSION OF HUMAN WANTS

Partly as a result of this newly sensed principle of an accelerated cycle of production-consumption, and partly by reason of the development of a stream of credit and an abundance of flexible power made broadly available, the years 1922 to 1929 witnessed a marked increase in the physical volume of production. Some years stand out more conspicuously than others; two—1924 and 1927—show minor recessions; but the period as a whole has been notably consistent.

Since 1922 primary production has been increasing 2.5% a year; manufacturing, 4%; and transportation, 4%. Taking 1919—a year of fair harvests—as a base, crop production in 1922 was 102; in 1925, 104; in 1927, 106.

There have been prosperous periods in the past which may have surpassed these rates of increase, but none so far as the committee can learn which has shown such a striking increase in productivity per man-hour. Notwithstanding the reductions in hours of labor, per capita productivity is nearly 60% greater than it was toward the close of the nineteenth century; the increase in per capita productivity in manufacturing from 1922 to 1925 was 35%; the productivity of farm workers has increased at a rate probably never before equaled.

And these increases in productivity have been joined to a corresponding increase in the consuming power of the American people. Here has been demonstrated on a grand scale the expansibility of human wants and desires.

Economists have long declared that consumption, the satisfaction of wants, would expand with little evidence of satiation if we could so adjust our economic processes as to make dormant demands effective. Such an expansion has been going on since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution. It is not a phenomenon of the postwar period, except in degree. But it is this degree of economic activity, this almost insatiable appetite for goods and services, this abounding production of all things which almost any man can want, which is so striking a characteristic of the period covered by the survey.

OPTIONAL CONSUMPTION

The committee finds, from study of the fact-finding survey on which this report is based, that as a people we have become steadily less concerned about the primary needs—food, clothing, and shelter. We have long since lost all fear concerning our food supply, and so we no longer look on food as a luxury or as a primary source of pleasure. American food standards have risen, but we hear little of the "high cost of living," and the slogan of the "full dinner pail," is obsolete. We wear less clothing; more rayon and silks, less cotton and wool. Our wants have ranged more widely and we now demand a broad list of goods and services which come under the category of "optional purchases."

The rapidly increasing number of families in the United States having a considerable margin of earnings available for "option consumption"—optional in the sense that this portion of the income may be saved or spent, and if spent the manner of its spending may be determined by the tastes of the consumer or the nature of the appeals made to him by the industries competing for his patronage—presents one of the marked characteristics of the recent economic situation. It is the personal or individual expression of the gap between rising wages and the relatively stable cost of living, referred to at the beginning of this section.

CONSUMPTION AND LEISURE

Closely related to the increased rate of production-consumption of products is the consumption of leisure.

It was during the period covered by the survey that the conception of leisure as "consumable" began to be realized upon in business in a practical way and on a broad scale. It began to be recognized, not only that leisure is "consumable," but that people can not "consume" leisure without consuming goods and services, and that leisure which results from an increasing man-hour productivity helps to create new needs and new and broader markets.

The increasing interest in the fine arts and in science; the increased sales of books and magazines; the increase in foreign travel; the growing interest and participation in sports of all kinds; the domestic pilgrimages of some 40,000,000 motor tourists who use more than 2,000 tourist camps; the greatly increased enrollment in our high schools and colleges; the motion picture theatres and the radio—all these reflect the uses of increasing leisure.

During the period covered by the survey the trend toward increased leisure received a considerable impetus. The work week was shortened in the factory by better planning and modern machinery, and the work day was shortened in the home by the increased use of time-and-labor-saving appliances and services.<sup>9</sup>

Few of the current economic developments have made such widespread changes in our national life or promise so much for the future as the utilization of our increasing leisure.

"MASS SERVICE"

The service functions are not new, but few of the developments revealed by the survey are of greater potential significance than the accelerated growth of our service industries—travel, entertainment, education, insurance, communication; the facilities of hotels, restaurants, delicatessen stores, steam laundries, and public libraries, to mention but a few.

An evolution which has been going on for centuries has only recently been revealed as a mass movement. We now apply to many kinds of services the philosophy of large-scale production. We have integrated these services and organized them, and we have developed the new philosophy to such a degree in recent years that we now have what might be termed "mass services." These have helped to create a new standard of comfortable living in the United States, and have afforded employment for millions of workers

<sup>9</sup> See Chap. I, Consumption and the Standard of Living.

<sup>10</sup> See Chap. VI, Labor.

crowded out of agriculture and the extractive and fabricating industries.

It was, in fact, the timely development of "mass services" which saved our country from a critical unemployment problem during recent years.

No serious cyclical fluctuations have characterized the period under review,<sup>11</sup> so that the unemployment due to the business cycle has not been made; but it has become evident that unemployment can arise as a result of industrial efficiency as well as of inefficiency. In the latter case we have seasonal or intermittent unemployment; in the former case what has come to be known as "technological" unemployment resulting from the introduction of new machinery and processes. The survey seems to indicate that the time has come to devote continuing attention not only to the problems of cyclical unemployment but also to this newer problem of "technological" unemployment if we are to forestall hardship and uncertainty in the lives of the workers.<sup>12</sup>

Where progress may be working an advantage to the people as a whole, it inevitably works temporary hardship upon certain classes—those skilled workers in a trade, for example, whose work is taken over by machines. This is a serious aspect of the problem of unemployment. It involves, in many instances, learning new trades, and, in most instances, the loss of time in securing other jobs. Yet from a broad social point of view, while it works hardships on those workers displaced by the introduction of machinery or improved processes, the social gain is real and permanent.

Such economic transformations are not so much changes as readjustments, due to the progressive needs of modern society, and to the necessity of taking advantage of the modern developments in science. They have arisen in agriculture as well as manufacturing and transportation, and they have affected employers as well as employees. There is nothing new about these problems; the accelerated rate of readjustment is what has recently engaged the attention of wage earners and management.

As has already been intimated, the acceleration of technological shifts in production and consumption would have resulted in much more serious unemployment if workers had not been absorbed in the newly expanded service industries which both create and serve leisure.

REMOTE SATURATION POINTS

The survey has proved conclusively what has long been held theoretically to be true, that wants are almost insatiable; that one want satisfied makes way for another. The conclusion is that economically we have a boundless field before us; that there are new wants which will make way endlessly for newer wants, as fast as they are satisfied.

We have the power to produce and the capital to bring about exchange between the producing and consuming groups. We have communication to speed and spread the influence of ideas. We have swift and dependable transportation. We have an educational system which is steadily raising standards and improving tastes. We have sciences and arts to help us. We have a great national opportunity.

Important as is the development of the economic side of our national life, through invention and discovery of new industries and new callings, an illustration of the potentialities of further lifting the national standard of living, without developing another invention or discovery and without creating a new want, can be drawn from a single industry—that of electrical appliances.

A home or farm wired for electricity is a different economic unit from one which is not wired. Each such home, whether in city or country, can take advantage of electricity for lighting, and on the farm an automatic water supply system makes available water at convenient spots for domestic and farm uses.

A survey of city and village homes indicates the use of electricity for many additional applications of highly specialized devices. In 1928 apparently a large percentage of the homes wired for electricity had electric flatirons; less than one-third of them had washing machines; slightly over one-third of them had vacuum cleaners; less than 5% had electrical refrigerators. We are far from the saturation point in connection with any of these devices.

To take one other example, there is, perhaps, no more dramatic illustration of a rising standard of living than the growth and development of radio in recent years. This newest application of electricity has found its way into millions of homes. On January 1, 1928, there were 7,500,000 sets in use. Yet about 70% of American homes are still without the radio.<sup>13</sup>

We seem only to have touched the fringe of our potentialities.

SECTION III

ECONOMIC BALANCE

Many influences have been at work during the period covered by the survey, welding the people of the United States into a new solidarity of thought and action. The telephone and telegraph, the automobile, the radio, and the railroads form lines of communication which have brought together East and West, South and North.

Other and less tangible influences reaching back farther into the past, but accelerated and strengthened by the experiences of the World War, have also contributed to our solidarity. Economic reorganization; the cooperation of business leaders, economic experts, and the Government; the general spread of information; the growth of trade associations; the cooperation of labor to increase productivity; the restriction of immigration—all of these have grown in importance in peace after their stimulation by the war.

Making for solidarity has been popular education which has increased amazingly. We are spending two and one-half billions of dollars each year on public and private education—an increase of 250% in a decade. Expenditures for

<sup>11</sup> See a Review.

<sup>12</sup> See Chap. VI, Labor; Chap. VII, Management; and Addenda, Unemployment.

<sup>13</sup> See Chap. I, Consumption and the Standard of Living.

free college and university education have increased nearly 350% in little more than 10 years.

And there is another factor which has contributed to the welding process, and to the economic advancement of the nation: The broadening influence of America's creative minds—the minds of the leads in Government and in education, in research, in management and in labor, in the press, and in the professions. To their influence we have come to look in large measure for the maintenance of our economic balance.

While ours has been a period of great economic activity and industrial productivity, and of a degree of economic stability which must be rated as high when we consider the readjustments in every department of economic life made necessary by the postwar crisis and by the transition from war economy to peace economy, and while America has a promising future, the outstanding fact which is illuminated by this survey is that we can not maintain our economic advantage, or hope fully to realize on our economic future, unless we consciously accept the principle of equilibrium and apply it skillfully in every economic relation.

The forces that bear upon our economic relationship have always been sensitive. All parts of our economic structure from the prime processes of making and of marketing to the facilitating functions of finance, are and have been interdependent and easily affected. And therein lies the danger: That through ignorance of economic principles, or through selfish greed, or inadequate leadership, the steady balance will be disturbed, to our economic detriment.

If natural resources, especially the land, are wastefully used; if money in quantity is taken out of production and employed for speculation; if any group develops a method of artificial price advancement which puts one commodity out of balance with other commodities; if either management or labor disregards the common interest—to this extent equilibrium will be destroyed, and destroyed for all.

To maintain the dynamic equilibrium of recent years is, indeed, a problem of leadership which more and more demands deliberate public attention and control. Research and study, the orderly classification of knowledge, joined to increasing skill, well may make complete control of the economic system a possibility. The problems are many and difficult, but the degree of progress in recent years inspires us with high hopes.

In the marked balance of consumption and production, for example, the control of the economic organism is increasingly evident. With the development of a stream of credit to facilitate business operations, and with flexible power to energize industry and to increase the effectiveness of the workers, has come an increasing evenness in the flow of production. Once an intermittent starting and stopping of production-consumption was characteristic of the economic situation. It was jerky and unpredictable, and overproduction was followed by a pause for consumption to catch up. For the seven years under survey, a more marked balance of production-consumption is evident.

With greater knowledge of consuming habits, with more accurate records of the goods consumed, a sensitive contact has been established between the factors of production and consumption which formerly were so often out of balance.

Where pools of goods once were accumulated by the manufacturer, the wholesaler, the jobber, and the retailer; where high inventories once meant distress, shutdowns, failures, and unemployment whenever the demand subsided, there is now a more even flow from producer to consumer.

Increasing skill and scientific data have made the anticipation of demand far more accurate, and by accurate anticipation the deliberate balance between production and consumption has in a measure been maintained. By advertising and other promotional devices, by scientific fact finding, by a carefully predeveloped consumption, a measurable pull on production has been created which releases capital otherwise tied up in immobile goods and furthers the organic balance of economic forces. In many cases the rate of production-consumption seems to be fairly well under control.

To maintain this balance, and to extend it into fields which are not now in balance with the more prosperous elements of the nation, is clearly an important problem of leadership. With certain natural resources still wastefully exploited, with great industries, such as agriculture and coal mining, still below the general level of prosperity, with certain regions retarded, there remains much to do. To bring these more fully into the stream of successful economic forces is a problem of the first order.

Our complex and intricate economic machine can produce, but to keep it producing continuously it must be maintained in balance. During the past few years equilibrium has been fairly well maintained. We have not wasted the hours of labor by strikes or lockouts. Until recently we have not diverted savings from productive business to speculation. There has been balance between the economic forces—not perfect balance, but a degree of balance which has enabled the intricate machine to produce and to serve our people.

As long as the appetite for goods and services is practically insatiable, as it appears to be, and as long as productivity can be consistently increased, it would seem that we can go on with increasing activity. But we can do this only if we develop a technique of balance. Toward such a technique the committee believes the skillful work of the economists, engineers, and statisticians who prepared the survey on which we have based the facts and interpretations expressed in this brief report, will contribute. Our effort has been to suggest a pattern by which their work may be appraised; to set up an orderly plan by which the facts may be articulated and against which later and better information may be more accurately judged. We recommend a study of the fact finding survey as a whole to all who are faced with the problems of business administration and public leadership.<sup>14</sup>

Informed leadership is vital to the maintenance of equilibrium. It depends upon a general knowledge of the relations of the parts each to the other. Only through incessant observation and adjustment of our economy, can we learn to maintain the economic balance.<sup>15</sup>

Underlying recent developments is an attitude of mind which seems to be characteristically American. Our nation is accustomed to rapid movement, to quick shifts in status; it is receptive to new ideas, ingenious in devices, adaptable. Our economy is in large measure the embodiment of those who have made it.

Our situation is fortunate, our momentum is remarkable. Yet the organic balance of our economic structure can be maintained only by hard, persistent, intelligent effort; by consideration and sympathy; by mutual confidence, and by a disposition in the several human parts to work in harmony together.

<sup>14</sup> See Addenda, Statistics.

<sup>15</sup> See Addenda, Periodic Surveys and Appraisals.

## The Plan for a "Bank for International Settlements" in Connection with the Settlement of the German Reparations Problem.

Writing from Paris May 11 Leland Stowe supplied the New York "Herald Tribune" with the following advices (copyright):

An outline of the "Bank for International Settlements" which the committee of reparations experts meeting here has been planning for more than two months, was revealed to-day exclusively to the New York Herald Tribune.

The unprecedented scope of this projected international banking institution, which is designed to manage all of Germany's future reparations payments, marks it as the outstanding product resulting from the months of unceasing labor by the financial experts of seven nations.

The details of this summary, which constitutes the first authentic report of what the experts have evolved, will be of primary interest to bankers, industrialists and statesmen the world over. It amounts to an advance presentation of the kernel of the plan developed under the chairmanship of Owen D. Young.

*Revised Many Times.*

Emphasis should be laid on the point that the scheme has been drafted, redrafted and revised within the last few weeks with all the painstaking care of the world's foremost banking authorities.

As it stands it is actually part of the final Young committee report and has been accepted not only in principle but in almost every detail by the delegates of all the seven nations assembled here, including those of Germany and Japan.

It is still possible that it may be revised here and there in its wording and that slight changes may be made in very minor details, but on the whole that portion of the final report relative to the outline and functions of the International Bank is regarded as complete in conference circles. It is virtually certain that no important changes in principle will be made in the Bank's outline from now on, whether or not the experts reach an accord on reparations figures.

It is intended that the International Bank scheme shall be recommended in any case to all the governments concerned so that it may serve as a basis for any future settlement which may have to be made. Therefore, this carefully drafted bank plan is significant as the machinery unanimously agreed upon by the Young committee experts as the logical successor to the Dawes' plan.

*First Reported on Mar. 1.*

The plan for an international trusteeship, or, as it was at first called, "Reparations Settlement Institute," to unify the management of the German reparations payments and allied matters, was first reported on Mar. 1 as having been formulated by the sub-committee of bankers headed by the

late Lord Revelstoke, partner in Baring Bros., Ltd. of England, whose place as Chairman was assumed after his death by Sir Charles Addis.

The sub-committee's membership included Thomas W. Lamont and J. P. Morgan, of the Morgan banking firm; Emile Moreau, Governor of the Bank of France; Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, and Dr. Carl Melchior, of the Warburg banking house, and Emile Franconi, Belgian banker.

*Plan Is Forty-two Pages Long.*

The bank plan as now inserted into the almost completed final Young report (only those pages relative to agreement on amounts of reparations payments and their repatriation are missing) is 42 pages long.

In crisp phraseology the experts portray the essential functions of the Bank, how Germany's reparations shall be paid into it, how it shall place in the markets of the world the mobilizable portion of the reparations annuities, how it shall administer deliveries in kind and beyond that what auxiliary functions it shall exercise as an independent banking house, what its relations shall be with the central banks of issue and what purely commercial operations it shall be entitled to exercise.

Finally, the question of the Bank's capitalization and its prospects of very considerable profits are examined.

The experts begin with the presentation of "general reasons for the constitution of an institution with banking functions." For the sake of brevity these and following passages will be summarized with direct quotation used only in the more important paragraphs.

*Reasons for Establishment.*

The reasons given for establishing a bank of international settlements are as follows:

1. That since the general plan for a complete and final settlement of the reparations problem is primarily financial in character, it involves necessarily the performance of certain banking functions, "between initial payment and the final reception of funds."

2. That it has been found advisable to carry a stage farther the process begun by the Dawes plan of removing the problem from the political sphere "and an institution is therefore necessary which justifies and makes logical the liquidation of all political controls and substitutes for them machinery essentially commercial and financial in character which carries with it all the support and at the same time all the responsibilities that the economy of engagements imply."

*Would Protect German Exchange.*

3. That such an institution, created to carry on essential functions previously performed by political or semi-political agencies, "should be used as an organization for dealing with the whole work of external administration,

Including the receipt and distribution of payments, commercialization of the annuities and the exercise of such functions as will on the one hand aid Germany to protect her exchange."

4. That as it has been stated that an organization such as the International Bank must be assimilated to ordinary commercial and financial practice "it is therefore so to be organized as to be outside the sphere of political influences, and is to have powers and facilities sufficiently broad to enable it to deal freely and promptly with problems involved in the settlement of Germany's financial obligations."

5. That Germany's economic life may be expected to be subject to certain fluctuations. Therefore, the fixation of her obligations on the assumption that the point of minimum capacity of each change is a constant governing factor is quite as derogatory to an acceptable settlement as the opposite assumption that a point of maximum efficiency can always be maintained. Therefore, the International Bank should be equipped with machinery containing an elastic element between the payments to be made by Germany and their distribution to give the creditors the additional assurance that the effects of such changes will be minimized as far as possible in the flow of payments.

6. That it is quite natural that the International Bank should have powers wide enough to allow its activities "to extend beyond the field of Germany's obligations and to provide facilities for international settlements in general."

7. That as a result the Bank will have two main sets of functions; (a) its essential or obligatory functions, and (b) its secondary or permissive functions. These permissive functions are to be regulated according to the extent they may strengthen and make easier the bank's essential functions and to the extent that experience demonstrates the corporation as a whole may benefit therefrom.

The essential and permissive functions of the Bank are defined thus: The Bank's essential functions "are those which are inherent in the receipt, management and distribution of annuities." It is pointed out that the character of the annuities and the magnitude of the payments to be transferred "make it desirable to supplement with additional facilities the existing machinery for carrying on international settlements and for supporting through credits the development of international trade." This and the following paragraph are of distinct importance.

"In addition the institution may in the course of its development meet more general needs, such, for example, as offering an agency for international settlements; and within the limitations of a sound use of its credit it may contribute to the stability of international finance and the growth of world trade. While there is no hard and fast line between essential and auxiliary functions, and the two will often be linked together, it may be convenient at this stage to adopt this distinction in what follows, and refer unequivocally to the institution as 'the bank.'"

Part 2 of the bank plan as now drawn deals with "a preliminary survey of matters to be dealt with by the bank," giving an outline of them as follows:

1. It is stated that Germany's obligations as contemplated in the Young plan fall into two general classifications; (a) the part payable in cash which is transferable unconditionally, and (b) the part payable in cash the transfer of which is conditional. These obligations are thereafter referred to in the report as class 1 and class 2. A third category may be envisaged later, relative to obligations held by the Bank whose proceeds in marks are not immediately transferable into foreign currencies. The only distinction between the obligations of class 1 and those of class 2 is that the "service of the obligations of class 2 may be postponed on certain conditions for a limited period in reichsmarks instead of foreign exchange."

2. For the transitory period and for decreasing amounts the creditor nations will undertake to apply certain amounts to the payment of deliveries in kind.

#### May Invest Creditors Funds.

3. It is pointed out that the Bank in certain circumstances may possess certain funds belonging to the creditor governments. "It will be necessary to make use of these dormant funds for the benefit of the creditors, while affording protection to the German exchange. The facilities offered by the Bank may be utilized within discretionary limits to accomplish this double purpose. Operating in agreement with the Reichsbank it will have a certain power to invest these funds.

"Against these investments held by the institution as trustee, the institution will have the power to issue in foreign markets securities of specified type in substantially equivalent amounts and of maturities suitable to its purpose. From the proceeds of such of these obligations as existing conditions and correct financial practice permit to be sold, funds will become available for distributing toward maintenance of the scheduled flow of payments, even of that portion represented in the service of class 2 obligations."

4. It is evident that the Bank, if it is to be an elastic link in the chain of payments and receipts, will require capital funds and the power to give and obtain credits. "The funds of the Bank will be derived from Germany in one form or another from the sale of some portion of its capital stock, from the sale of bills drawn in currencies other than Reichsmarks, and partly secured against existing values which for the moment are not convenient to move across foreign exchanges; from deposits of central banks in return for the privileges which the Bank may offer, and from rediscounting bills which it has received in the course of its own credit operations.

#### Will Be Able to Give Credit.

"The Bank will be in position to give credit to any central bank and thus conserve the stability of exchange until such time as the internal forces, put in operation in the meantime, have the opportunity to exert themselves. This power also will mitigate one of the difficulties heretofore encountered in dealing with deliveries in kind, namely, the lack of provision for financing that part of the projects or contracts which, owing to the restrictions covering deliveries in kind, cannot be paid out of the funds provided for that specific purpose."

5. "Moreover, since the Bank is likely to have substantial amounts of foreign exchange at its disposal or at its call, the privileges of rediscount open to central banks would give them the opportunity to acquire foreign exchange in one country against the pledging or sale of foreign exchange in another, without going directly into the foreign exchange market. The advantage of this facility is not to be lost sight of in connection with the settlement of large international obligations."

In general the relationships between the Bank and the central banks would put into systematic form and do much to crystallize and support the practices which of recent years have developed between them.

#### Takes Up Essential Machinery.

With these carefully drafted prefaces the Bank outline goes into the essential machinery proposed.

Section 1 is entitled "The Essential Functions." In its capacity as trustee the Bank will have the following duties:

1. To collect and disburse to the paying agents the service on the German external loan of 1924 and possibly to act as trustee for the loan.

2. To receive from Germany the various obligations, including the railway bonds provided for in the plan, to hold them in keeping and to issue to the creditors its trustee receipts for these obligations.

3. To receive in approved foreign exchange the service on class 2, or protected payments. Likewise to place in reichsmarks in the Reichsbank the service or obligations to be liquidated through deliveries in kind.

4. To receive service on any of possible class 3 obligations either in reichsmarks as to interest, or in reichsmarks or foreign exchange as to sinking fund.

#### To Distribute to Creditors.

5. To distribute to the creditor nations: (a) the service on class 1 obligations not already anticipated through process of commercialization and sale; (b) service on class 2 obligations which has been converted into foreign exchange, and (c) service on funds for deliveries in kind.

6. To disburse interest on commercialized and marketed obligations to paying agents for loan and sinking fund.

7. To invest reichsmark balances with the agreement of the Reichsbank in approved forms of German securities holding the latter in trust.

8. To act as trustee in other appropriate circumstances.

#### Marketing of Bonds.

9. To initiate and supervise operations for marketing bonds and arranging conditions.

10. To supervise distribution of proceeds to the creditors according to their participation.

11. To supervise international conversion loans.

12. To deal with the situation prior to and during moratoriums and initiate such impartial inquiry as may be desirable to enable advice to be given thereon.

13. To deal with funds in Germany during moratoriums.

14. To deal with issues of securities against collateral securities in Germany.

15. To market by agreement with the Reichsbank, securities bought during moratoriums.

#### Outlines Essential Functions.

The Bank outline then gives the essential functions of the proposed institution in relation to the different classes of obligations. Four classes of obligations are given. The arrangements common to the first two classes are taken up first. Class 1 includes obligations relative to the unconditional annuity, and class 2 those relative to the conditional annuity. Under the arrangements common to class 1 and 2 the form of indebtedness is first treated.

"Germany's debt shall be fixed in the form of annuities. A certificate of indebtedness representative of these annuities shall be delivered by Germany to the Bank as trustee of the creditor powers. To this certificate of indebtedness shall be attached coupons representative of each annuity payable by Germany. Each annuity coupon shall be divided into two parts, the first part representative of that portion of the annuity not subject to transfer delay and corresponding to the portion of Germany's indebtedness which is at once mobilizable, and the second part representative of that portion of the annuity which is subject to transfer delay and corresponding to the portion of Germany's indebtedness which is not yet mobilizable. Each part of the annuity coupon enjoys equal rights throughout except in the one instance of agreed transfer delay."

#### Bond Issues Treated.

After the form of indebtedness, the bond issues are treated.

"On the request of any one of the creditor governments, the Bank as trustee, if it considers such course opportune, has the right to require the creation of, and the German government is obligated to create, issuable bonds representing the capitalization of any part of the portion of the annuity coupons not subject to transfer delay.

"The Bank, however, is obligated under the provisions set forth elsewhere to accede to requests for creation of bonds made to it by states which are desirous of undertaking internal issues of German bonds in connection with conversion operations.

"The certificate of indebtedness, the coupons attached thereto, and such bonds as shall be issued in capitalization of any parts of the annuities not subject to transfer delay, shall be made out in the name of the German Reich and shall represent an unconditional obligation of the Reich, guaranteed by its general revenues and those of the German states."

#### Collateral Guarantees Considered.

After the bond issues, collateral guarantees are considered, and the choice is left open between the four alternatives treated in detail elsewhere in the outline.

The general form of the bonds follows the section on collateral guarantees.

"The wording of all issuable bonds shall be identical except for the part of the text fixing the value of the bonds. This value may, according to the circumstances, be expressed in dollars equivalent to so many pounds, reichsmarks, francs, &c., always provided that the principal of any bond issued in a particular market shall be payable only in the currency of that market at the equivalent of its gold value.

"The coupons shall be expressed in dollars, pounds, francs, etc., and shall be payable at the rate of the day on all markets on which the bonds are quoted. In the event of an issue, the amount and form of the bonds to be created, as well as the specifications of the currency in which they will be issued, shall be fixed by the Bank in accordance with the requests it receives from creditor states, taking into account the desiderata of the issuing bankers.

"After a period of ——— years the Bank, in agreement with the issuing bankers and the creditor governments may consider the issue to bonds, the service of which may be paid in different currencies at par at the bearer's option."

The section on "status of mobilizable portions of annuity coupons" follows that on the general form of the bonds. The outline states that "the service of interest and amortization of mobilizable or mobilized portions of annuity coupons shall be paid to the trustee in foreign currencies by the German Reich without any reservation, that is to say, on its own responsibility. The financial service of these mobilizable or mobilized portions of the annuities shall constitute a final, absolute and unconditional international obligation in the ordinary financial sense of the words."

The status of the "not yet mobilizable portions" of the annuity coupons is then treated. It is stated that the payment of this portion of the annuity coupons shall be made to the trustee by the German Government in the same conditions as that of the mobilized or mobilizable portions of the annuity coupons.

#### 2 Reservations Follow.

The follow two reservations: (1) Bonds representing the not yet mobilizable portion of the annuity coupons cannot be created except by the consent of the German Government, and (2) is in respect of the not yet mobilizable portion of the annuity coupons that the German Government may avail itself of the right of transfer delay granted elsewhere in the plan.

Consideration is then given in the outline to the functions of the Bank in connection with class 1 and class 2 obligations. These functions are:

1. Supervision of agreements. The Bank shall supervise, both on behalf of the creditor states and the bondholders and on behalf of the debtor state, the strict execution of the agreements concluded between them on established bases.
2. Distribution without priority. The Bank shall distribute moneys in payment of mobilized or mobilizable portions of the annuity coupon among the whole of the bondholders and creditor states the proportionate rights of each to a share in the portion of the annuity coupons not subject to transfer delay, without allowing priority of any kind to any portion or any claim. "It will distribute moneys relating to the not yet mobilizable portions of the annuity coupons among the creditor governments, the transfer of these moneys taking place only after the transfer of moneys relating to the mobilized or mobilizable portion of the annuity coupons."

#### *Will Inform Creditors of Issues.*

3. Issue of bonds on markets. "The Bank shall inform the creditor states whenever an issue of bonds representing capitalization of some part of the mobilizable portion of the annuity coupon is possible. It will be the function of the Bank to fix the minimum price of issue. Each of the states shall be entitled but not obligated to issue its share of the bonds in its own country. It may come to an understanding with the bankers of another country to cede to them all or part of this share, but these bankers shall be obligated to proceed to this issue only on the minimum conditions fixed by the Bank. Any of these states may also refuse to allow its quota to be created. In that event the portion of the annuity corresponding to this quota shall continue to be paid to the state in question as before."

4. Issue of conversion bonds. "States desiring to proceed to internal issues of German bonds in connection with operations for the conversion of the national debt shall have the privilege of asking the banks to create bonds representing all or part of their quota of the mobilizable portion of the annuity coupons. These bonds shall constitute national 'branches' or portions which each state shall be free to offer in its own markets on whatever conditions can be obtained. These bonds shall be quoted only on their market of issue. The service of these bonds, however, shall be effected pari passu with that of other bonds. The coupons of these bonds shall be expressed in pounds, dollars, French francs, etc., and shall be payable at the rate of the day on all the markets on which the mobilizable bonds are quoted."

#### *Auxiliary Operations Listed.*

5. Auxiliary operations. "Apart from the above operations the Bank may within its statutes (by-laws) conduct any other operations (such, for instance, as contango operations on the bonds of this debt, advances on coupons, etc.) which are bound up with the supervision of operations relating to these bonds and their service."

It is clear that some of the above specifications may be changed somewhat as a result of the application of German conditions to the acceptance of the annuity figures proposed as a compromise by Mr. Young. These conditions are understood to pertain to a division of the conditional and unconditional annuity categories.

A relative revision of the top part of the annuities, in case severe economic stress in Germany makes payments impossible, might necessitate some change in the bond specifications. The German conditions are only now being inserted in the tentative conference report. It will not be known for a few days what modifications in the arrangements for the international Bank these, if accepted, would involve.

### **N. Y. Federal Reserve Bank to Be Linked with Bank for International Settlements of German Reparations—Governor to Handle U. S. Functions in Directing International Clearing House for German Reparations—Creditor Nations Share in Profits—Final Draft of Young Plan Virtually Complete.**

Supplementing the advices from Paris May 11 to the "Herald-Tribune" we give the following further account (copyright) from Leland Stowe to that paper from Paris on May 12:

To what far-reaching extent and with what consummate attention to a multitude of details the Young committee has conceived and developed the project of the "Bank for International Settlements" is revealed in the now virtually finished draft of the Bank plan, which will constitute the most important chapters of the committee of reparations experts' report.

The prefaces and the first section this recently revised draft for the International Bank were published exclusively in yesterday's Paris dispatches to the New York Herald Tribune. Herewith submitted is the remaining part of the draft of the Bank, known as Section 2 and 3.

#### *Would End Old Dawes Plan.*

It is immediately evident from these documents, which comprise the final twelve pages of the Bank scheme proper, how thoroughly the Young plan proposes to sweep away the old Dawes plan and what a unique and unparalleled financial structure it proposes to erect in its stead.

If the Young plan is adopted it will inaugurate an entirely new experiment in international banking, into which the great financial brains of a score or more of countries were drawn as contributing co-operative factors.

The experts' draft stresses in every paragraph the tremendous care with which Owen D. Young, Sir Josiah Stamp, Alberto Pirelli, J. P. Morgan and their associates have steered away from the idea of a "super-bank" and have hewn the bank's gigantic framework so that it will assist, rather than interfere with or intimidate, national banking institutions.

#### *Striking features Listed.*

The most striking provisions of the final two sections of the draft of the Bank for International Settlements may be summarized thus:

1. It is provided that the control of the bank's management shall be in the hands of the central banks of issue, and that the six creditor governments shall participate in its profits.

2. It is provided that "in any country wherein there is no central bank, the functions of the Central Bank under this scheme may be performed by some banking organization or consortium agreed upon between the Bank for International Settlements and the government and bankers of the country. In the United States these functions shall be performed by the governor or chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York."

In this connection it is understood that since it was revised, the draft has had a clause added to this last sentence to the effect that it is left optional to the governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York whether he should serve as a director of the International Bank, should appoint a

director or fulfill the other functions which the governors of the European banks of issue will fulfill. This condition is believed to have been inserted to leave the Federal Reserve a free hand as to the type and amount of its participation.

3. It is provided that the governor of each of the Central Banks of the seven countries here represented, or his nominee, shall be a director of the bank ex officio, and that each governor shall appoint one more director in addition.

#### *Powers Are Outlined.*

4. The International Bank's powers are stipulated as follows:

"The Bank may make advances, invest its assets in long or short term securities, buy and sell gold and exchange, accept earmarked deposits of gold, resell its assets, borrow on the security of its assets and in general carry out all operations such as are desirable for the execution of this plan and are in accordance with sound commercial banking practice. In particular, it may raise funds by the issue of bonds."

5. The Bank shall create a general reserve fund to which one-fourth and then one-tenth of the profits shall be paid until it amounts to twice the paid-up capital. Moreover, after payment to the general reserve fund the remainder of the profits shall be utilized: first, in the payment of 6% dividends; second, 20% of the profits shall be distributed to the shareholders in sufficient funds to provide a dividend of 8% on their shares; third, half the remainder of this 20% shall be allocated to the shareholders in a dividend of 10%.

6. This paragraph recommends the banks as "a convenient medium for an extension of co-operative undertakings between banks of issue" to do such things as: (1) extend credits to banks of issue; (B) receive deposits from banks of issue; (C) conduct exchange operations whereby various currencies may be swapped.

7. It is stated that the Bank may provide neutral ground for approach to an international gold settlement fund" where gold can be earmarked "outside of national custody," thereby permitting a possible lessening of international movements of gold, if it is desirable.

#### *Capital Fixed at \$100,000,000.*

8. The authorized capital of the Bank, as the Herald Tribune said more than a month ago, will be the equivalent of \$100,000,000, but its capital shall be expressed in the currency of the country in which the Bank is domiciled. When the Bank is formed the whole authorized capital shall be issued, but only 25% shall be called up at first.

9. The draft provides that the Bank may further increase its capitalization, but the shares issued in the seven countries represented by experts at Paris shall never fall below 55% of the total capital.

10. This paragraph states that the Bank's resources should be an important stimulus to world trade, with proper safeguards to avoid undue competition with private finance.

11. It is stated that the Bank, beyond affording a non-political trustee for reparations settlements, should improve "the possibilities of conversion of various currencies among themselves and in the relations between short and long term money markets."

12. It is provided that the total number of the Bank's directors should be twenty-five. These will include the original fourteen of the seven powers here represented, one additional French and German director, and nine others chosen to represent other participating countries.

13. "The chief executive officer of the Bank shall be the director general who shall be appointed by the board." It is self-evident that the Bank's director general will replace the present Agent General under the Dawes plan, but his duties will be much wider in their banking aspect and his responsibilities far greater.

#### *Draft Virtually Completed.*

These are the salient provisions of the final two sections of the draft of the Bank, but they are abetted by numerous other important constructive steps in the Bank's formation. All these provisions are taken directly from the revised draft of the international bank. This 42-page bank skeleton has been drafted and re-drafted many times and is now considered virtually complete. Nevertheless, these preceding paragraphs and the following detailed outline of the Bank, when they appear in the experts' final report, probably will have slight alterations in phraseology and possible minor alterations in substance. It is unlikely, however, that the main divisions of the draft of the Bank will be altered further, since the Bank report has been set aside as finished—and in fact may already have gone to the printer—while the experts are concentrating on a last effort to reach agreement on figures.

Section 2 of the Bank plan, which will shortly be known as the Young plan, is entitled, "Auxiliary and Permissive Functions of the International Bank." It is divided into three parts, A, B and C:

#### (A) "BANKING OPERATIONS TO FACILITATE TRANSFERS."

The report stipulates that the Reichsbank, like other central banks, will have the right to apply to the Bank for credits, but that this right should be open at any time and not function merely when instability may threaten the German exchange.

#### *Explains Use of Credits.*

The report outlines how the Bank's credits may be used by the Reichsbank to protect its exchange. The procedure would fall into these categories:

1. On application from the Reichsbank, the Bank would be in position to rediscount appropriate securities or make advances. Therefore during a period of temporary instability, in lieu of demanding postponement of transfer, the Reichsbank might utilize an exchange credit at the Bank while passing the crisis on.

2. Even should postponement of transfer be necessary, "the Bank might continue to make transfers out of its holdings of foreign exchange thus increasing such holdings and increasing its assets in reichsmarks."

3. "The Bank might borrow foreign exchange partly against the security of investments in Germany and thus continue payments to the creditors during a period of transfer postponement."

4. Moreover the Bank, in conjunction with Reichsbank policy, could always invest in Germany the reichsmarks currently accumulating in the Reichsbank. In making such investments it would be necessary to assure that the employment of funds in Germany did not result directly or indirectly in payments outside Germany on private account, and so aggravate the conditions which the procedure was designed to correct. For this and other stated reasons it is regarded as of fundamental importance that these funds should be so handled as to leave the final responsibility for and control over the money markets to the Reichsbank itself.

#### (B) "CENTRAL ORGANIZATION FOR BANKS OF ISSUE."

It seems possible that this international organization, with its broadly representative control with its internationally owned capital its holdings of many different kinds of foreign exchange and its facilities for granting credits, may become a convenient medium for an extension of those co-operative undertakings between banks of issue which have developed in recent years. The following possible functions suggest themselves:

1. Credits to banks of issue. The report points out that such credits could be granted in a similar way as previously done in case of central bank credits to Italy, Poland, Belgium and Rumania. It is believed that such credits would be safely within the Bank's holdings of foreign exchange.

2. Receiving deposits of banks of issue. These deposits might either be clearing accounts or investment accounts. Whereas the clearing accounts would be non-interest-bearing, investment accounts would bear interest and furnish satisfactory employment for the surplus funds of banks of issue. They could be used in any one or in several specified currencies "or with no particular currency specified but payable at choice in any currency necessary restrictions"

3. Exchange operations for banks of issue. It is foreseen that facilities might be possible whereby banks of issue could swap one currency for another, within reasonable limits, at periods when such exchanges would aid international payments or correct exchange abnormalities.

4. Earmarking of gold. "This institution might provide a possible neutral ground for the development of some approach to an international gold settlement fund, at least to the extent of providing a place where gold might be earmarked outside of national currency. Conceivably this function might be developed to the point where international movements of gold would be much lessened, if this were judged desirable."

#### *Provides Protection of Markets.*

Warning is here given that in such a program the Bank must respect each bank of issue's control over its own money market, and to insure protection of the banks of issue "any employment of funds or other operation in any money market should be performed only through the bank of issue in that market or consistently with its policy."

These four points are cited as examples of how the Bank may be utilized to further "the co-operative principle among central banks, which, while making some headway in recent years, is still short of the demands of the international situation."

#### (C) "COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS."

"The resources of the Bank, if adequate, would doubtless be of important use in stimulating world trade. In this connection, however, safeguards should be established to insure that the special position of the Bank in respect to taxation and otherwise did not establish undue competition with private finance."

It is stated that it would be desirable to surround the extension of certain credit with all safeguards, requiring such loans to be guaranteed by the government of the country in which the work was to be performed. Provision is likewise made in case of default.

This concludes section 2 of the draft of the Bank.

Section 3.—Capital and profits of the International Bank.

Introduction: "The Bank for International Settlements may favor reparations settlements not only in acting as trustee, but also in improving the possibilities of conversion of various currencies among themselves and relations between short and long term markets."

"To fulfill these functions so linked with the development of world credit, it is necessary for the Bank to have at its disposal capital resources sufficiently large to enable it to be used as an international clearing house."

"In view of the part which the Bank will have to play in the general interest, it is advisable to place control of its management in the hands of the Central Banks, since these are the organizations responsible in each market for the convertibility of the national currencies and the control of credit."

"At the time of the Bank's constitution the capital should be geographically distributed in such a way as to associate in the Bank's working and in its development all the countries interested in reparations settlement, and all the financial markets which might subscribe to the Bank's issues or use it as a clearing house."

"The creditor government would participate in the profits of the Bank, but in order that the commercial character of the institution may be maintained and its independence secured, no shares conferring the right of management would be issued to them."

"It might also be provided that no government account should be opened at the Bank, but that the latter should credit to each Central Bank the payments made by the Reichbank on behalf of the German Government for the government of the country of the Central Bank. The Central banks would credit their respective governments with the equivalent value in the national currency of the amounts collected, which they would hold on deposit at the Bank until they disposed of them otherwise."

#### A. Share capital.

1. It is provided that the Bank's authorized capital shall be the equivalent of \$100,000,000, with the board of directors having the power to increase this amount.

2. "The shares shall carry no voting rights; but voting rights corresponding to the number of shares issued in each country shall be exercised by the central bank of that country in general meetings attended by representatives of those banks, taking the place of general meetings of shareholders."

3. The capital is to be expressed in the currency of the country in which the bank is domiciled. The shares shall likewise be expressed in that currency, and at par in the currency of the country in which they are issued. They shall be registered and shall remain registered, but may be freely negotiated. Transfers of shares after issue shall not, however, affect the voting power reserved to the central banks.

4. The shares shall be entitled to participate in the profits of the bank.

#### *Entire Capital To Be Issued.*

5. "On formation of the Bank, the whole authorized capital of \$100,000,000 shall be issued, but only 25% of each share shall be called up until the board decides on further call."

6. The shares, when issued, shall be issued in each participating country through the central bank of that country, or other agency approved by the central bank.

7. "In the seven countries to which the members of the present committee belong, issues or allocations of shares shall always be made in equal amounts. The central banks of these countries, or groups formed by them, shall guarantee the subscriptions of the whole of the first issue of \$100,000,000."

It is provided that with the agreement of the central banks of other participating countries, an amount of the first issue not exceeding \$4,000,000 for each, nor \$44,000,000 in total, may be issued in these other countries.

8. Should the capital be increased and more shares issued, the distribution of them among the countries shall be decided by a two-thirds majority of the directors, following as closely as possible these principles. "In particular, the percentage of the total shares issued in the seven countries first mentioned above shall not fall below 55."

9. Apart from the countries interested in reparation, only countries having currency on a gold or gold exchange basis may participate.

#### B. Other capital and resources.

10. It is provided that any balances in the hands of the Agent General for Reparations Payments when he winds up his accounts shall be transferred into the International Bank.

#### *Plan for Certificate Issuance.*

11. "Should the German Government and the creditor governments agree that a portion of the annuities to be paid by Germany shall be assigned to the Bank, these sums shall be credited by the Bank to a special reserve fund and the Bank shall, on receipt of each payment by Germany, issue to the creditor government in proportion to their claims certificates of participation equal in nominal value to the German payments and entitled to share in the profits of the Bank."

[This plan for certificate issuance coincides with that first reported by the Herald Tribune nearly two months ago.]

12. It is stated that except in special cases the Bank will accept deposits only from central banks, and that to attract such deposits the Bank "may offer to the central banks special facilities for conversion of one currency into another and allow interest at the rate fixed by the Bank from time to time."

13. Any account held by the Bank in any of the participating countries shall be kept at the central bank of that country, although exceptions may be made with the central bank's approval.

14. "The Bank may make advances, invest its assets in long or short term securities, buy and sell gold and exchange, accept earmarked deposits of gold, resell its assets, borrow on security of its assets and in general carry out all operations such as are desirable for the execution of this plan and in accordance with sound commercial banking practice."

"In particular it may raise funds by the issue of bonds, etc., secured on the German annuities referred to above should these annuities be suitable for the purpose."

15. The Bank shall draw up regulations providing for limitation of the proportion of its assets invested in any one country.

#### C. Distribution of profits.

16. One-quarter of the profits shall be paid to a general reserve fund until that fund amounts to half of the paid up capital. Thereafter one-tenth of the profits shall be paid to this fund until it amounts to twice the paid-up capital. This fund shall be available to meet any losses the Bank may incur.

17. The remainder of the profits, after payment to the general reserve fund and payment of the 6% dividend as above, shall be distributed as follows:

A. Twenty per cent shall be distributed to the shareholders in so far as necessary to make up a dividend of 8% on their shares. Half the remainder of this 20% shall be allocated to the shareholders in so far as necessary to make up a dividend of 10%. One-quarter of the remainder of this 20% shall be allotted to the shareholders without limitation.

B. The balance of the profits remaining after the above operations shall be divided equally between the general reserve fund and the special reserve fund.

19. "At the end of the period during which a part of the German annuities is allotted to the Bank, or ever is earlier, the special reserve fund shall be distributed among the creditor governments in proportion to the certificates held by them under Paragraph 11."

"The Bank may, however, decide to distribute the special reserve fund partly or wholly at an earlier date."

#### (D) "DIRECTORATE AND MANAGEMENT."

#### *Management Plan Detailed.*

20. "The governor of the central bank of each of the seven countries to which the members of the present committee belong, or his nominee, shall be a director of the Bank ex-officio. Each of these governors shall also appoint one director, being a national of his country and representative either of finance or of industry and commerce."

21. "During the period of the German annuities, the Governor of the Bank of France and the President of the Reichsbank may, if they desire, appoint each one additional director of his own nationality, being representative of industry and commerce."

22. The Governor of the central bank of each of the other participating countries shall furnish a list of four candidates of his own nationality for directorships. Two of the candidates on each list shall be representative of finance, the other two of industry and commerce. The Governors in question may themselves be included in these lists. From these lists the 14 or 16 directors mentioned in Paragraphs 21 and 22 shall elect not more than nine other directors.

23. Five directors are to be chosen by lot from those first appointed to retire at the end of the first, second, third and fourth years from the establishment of the Bank. Subject to this, the term of office of directors shall be five years, but they may be reappointed.

24. The directors shall elect a Chairman annually from among their own number. The Chairman's duties shall be to preside at the meetings of the board of directors.

#### *Prefer Resident Members.*

24. "The function of a director of the Bank are incompatible with those involving national political responsibilities. The statutes of the Bank shall make the necessary provision in order to avoid such a conflict of functions. All directors and candidates shall be ordinarily resident in Europe or shall be in position to give regular attendance at meetings of the board."

26. The board of directors may appoint an executive committee and may delegate thereto such powers as may be provided by the statutes of the Bank.

27. The board may appoint advisory committees to deal with any questions that may come before it.

#### *Holland Is Probable Choice.*

28. "The head office and domicile of the Bank shall be at ———." This on the liquidation of the Bank, which space is left vacant apparently so that the exact city can be finally decided upon at a later date. It is probable, however, that the Bank will be located in Holland, probably either Amsterdam or Rotterdam with some city of northern Switzerland as second choice.

29. "The chief executive officer of the Bank shall be the Director General, who shall be appointed by the board. The Director General shall select officers and heads of departments of the Bank with the approval of the board."

The next headline reads, "General," and was unquestionably added in recognition of the special category of American assistance.

30. "In any country in which there is no central bank, the functions of the central bank under this scheme may be performed by some banking organization or consortium agreed between the Bank for International Settlement, and the government and bankers of the country. In the United States these functions will be performed by the Governor or Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York."

The final paragraph, which is also the concluding paragraph of the revised draft of the International Bank, is understood to have been tempered since by some such phrase as "the functions may be performed" instead of "shall be performed."

There is every probability that, with very minor changes in wording, the draft finally will be inserted into the experts' report which will constitute the Young plan.

*Greatest Committee Achievement.*

Whether or not the experts reach agreement on figures here, the Young plan for this International Bank will be outstanding as by far the greatest of the Young committee's achievements. It will constitute a painstakingly drawn scheme for the world's first international Bank.

Even should the experts disagree over Germany's annuities, the bank will remain as the saving grace of their nearly four months' labors. More than that, in case of failure to reach agreement here it will be handed to the governments as the unanimous recommendation of the seven nations' experts that the International Bank should be utilized for the carrying out of any scheme of payments which may be agreed on in future.

This drafted International Bank is recognized by all the experts at Paris as in fact and in substance the real core of the Young report, which may not be finally published for another three weeks or a month. In that report the purposes, functions and powers of the International Bank will be included virtually as herewith presented.

### Thoroughness Marks Draft of Debt Plan of Bank for International Settlements Proposed by Reparation Experts.

From Paris May 13 the "Herald-Tribune" reported the following (copyright) from Leland Stowe:

In reviewing the reparations experts' revised draft of the "Bank for International Settlements," the outline of which in detail was published exclusively by the New York Herald Tribune in its editions of Sunday and Monday, three facts impressed observers here. With surprising force these characteristics all emphasized, these observers pointed out, the courage and far-sightedness with which the committee headed by Owen D. Young has been inspired while hewing the framework of the great establishment planned.

These three facts are, first, the completeness of the Bank's plan; second, its flexibility, and third, the great concern exercised to give the Bank its proper limitations. All three of these factors, it was declared, had contributed greatly to the stature, strength and financial importance of the new experiment in world financing which the Young plan may inaugurate.

*Provides New Finance Medium.*

Almost one-third of the Bank's report proper is devoted to the proposed International Bank's auxiliary functions, such as its banking and commercial operations and its relations to banks of issue, and to the capital and profits of the Bank. In other words, the Bank is intended to be much more than an organ for non-political management of the reparations payments. It is intended to lay the basis for new, greater and much more co-operative relations among the world's great banks of issue, and to be a hitherto unavailable asset to the stability of the world's currencies and of the advancement of the world trade.

But while this purpose is frankly admitted, the experts have gone to great pains to show that the Bank's functions shall not dominate the central banks and shall only operate to facilitate and serve their interests within certain restricted fields.

The draft of the Bank says:

"It seems possible that this international organization, with its broadly representative control, with its internationally owned capital, its holdings of many different kinds of foreign exchange and its facilities for granting credits, may become a convenient medium for an extension of those co-operative undertakings between banks of issue which have developed in recent years."

*To Serve Rather Than Direct.*

In such passages as these the experts stress the fact that the Bank's object shall be to serve international finance, and not to direct it. Undoubtedly one of the many reasons for doing this was to make it clear at the start that any unofficial American participation would have no strings tied to it, although by the very nature of the Bank idea it is necessary that some American banking organization such as the Federal Reserve Bank of New York should have businesslike relationships with the International Bank, and American finance must necessarily be provided with some means for expressing its opinions.

Perhaps no better example of the Bank's completeness may be cited than Paragraph 4 of Part B of Section 3 in the draft of the Bank, which states: "The Bank may make advances, invest its assets in long or short term securities, buy and sell gold and exchange, accept earmarked deposits of gold, resell its assets, borrow on the security of its assets and in general carry out all operations such as are desirable for the execution of this plan and are in accordance with sound commercial banking practice."

Add to this the highly detailed provisions for Germany's payments in conditional and unconditional parts, the apparatus for handling deliveries in kind, the numerous facilities provided by the Bank for central banks, and the carefully stated stipulations as to the Bank's profits, and it is evident that the Young committee has treated the Bank plan from all angles and with remarkable thoroughness.

*Provisions Are Flexible.*

The Bank's flexibility is equally striking. It is provided that in case of postponed transfers the Bank "might continue to make transfers" out of its holdings of foreign exchange, and again that it "might borrow foreign exchange partly against the security of its investments in Germany" and continue payments during a period of transfer postponement.

In another paragraph relative to the Bank as a central organization for banks of issue, it is stated that credits "could be granted" to banks of issue as is done by the central banks of Italy, Belgium, &c.

Further on it is provided that "facilities might be offered to banks of issue to swap one currency for another in reasonable amounts." Such phrases as these are used repeatedly in connection with certain wider functions of the bank which the experts do not believe should be too rigidly laid down.

It is evident that their aim is to provide the basis for an international bank which can be shaped according to the experience and the wisdom of the trained international bankers who will direct it.

Therefore the Young plan for the International Bank makes no attempt to solve the problems which may be encountered ten or twenty years hence. Instead, it is drawn up as a signboard pointing out the right road to take. This step speaks volumes for the adaptability of the institution which the experts envisage.

Paragraph after paragraph could be quoted from the report giving added evidence of this careful desire to make the bank a flexible organization, capable of blazing new trails in international finance—and blazing them safely.

*Careful on Limitations.*

At the same time, the draft of the Bank reveals the concern with which the experts have labored to give the bank proper and safe limitations. In all passages referring to the Bank's permissive functions, such as its relationships with banks of issue and its possible stimulus to world trade, such qualifying phrases as "in reasonable amounts" or "it seems possible that" are invariably utilized.

For instance: "The resources of the Bank, if adequate," would doubtless be of important use in stimulating world trade. "In this connection, however, safeguards should be established to insure that the special position of the bank in respect of taxation and otherwise did not establish undue competition with private finance."

A little further on the draft adds: "It would be desirable to surround the extension of such credit with all safeguards, and require such loans, for example, to be guaranteed by the Government of the country in which the work was to be performed."

These are pointed words of caution which might escape the average reader, but which immediately impress the banker reading the report.

A similar restriction is voiced in the introduction to Sec. 3, where the draft states that the creditor Governments would participate in the profits of the Bank, "but in order that the commercial character of the institution may be maintained and its independence secured, no shares conferring the right of management would be issued to them." Here is an unequivocal barrier to protect the independent functions of the Bank as the experts envisage them.

In Paragraph 25, Part D, Sec. 3, the draft reads:

"The functions of a director of the Bank are incompatible with those involving national political responsibilities. The statutes of the Bank shall make the necessary provision in order to avoid such conflict of functions."

Here again the experts take a flatfooted stand designed to divorce the Bank in its infancy from any possible encroachment of political control.

In the draft's introductory paragraphs a kindred note is struck, where it is said:

"The Bank is therefore to be so organized as to be outside the field of political influence, and to have powers and facilities sufficiently broad to enable it to deal freely and promptly with the problems involving settlement of Germany's obligations."

Thus the draft of the Bank, incisive and clear on the fundamentals of its organization, leaves no room for doubt as to what restrictions such an institution must have.

*Time to Determine Value.*

Financiers can judge far better than laymen the true attributes of the Young plan for the "Bank for International Settlements." If an accord on figures can somehow be reached, and so make probable a fair trial of the bank as an international institution, time will decide the real value of the experts' painstaking labors more conclusively than any present criticism.

But leaving these deeper discussions aside, it seems beyond question that the Young draft of the International Bank, even in its present form, marks a new step in international finance and constitutes by far the most seriously studied and seriously drawn set of principles upon which any such venture must inevitably be based.

It is safe to say that, whether the seed of the International Bank plan falls on fertile ground immediately or whether it lies dormant over a period of years, no future conception or embankment upon a financial experiment of this nature will probably occur without serious consideration and merited close attention to what the Young committee has established as the first step in that direction.

After that, one is again forced to take into consideration, regardless of how divided the experts finally may be as to the amount Germany can and should pay, that they are unanimously agreed upon the principle and the general outline of the bank for International settlements.

The Young Bank will shortly go before the world as the most important part of the Young Committee's report, carrying out merely the indorsement of Owen D. Young, Sir Josiah Stamp and a few others, but the united indorsement of the 14 financial experts of seven nations—Germany, France, Great Britain, the United States, Japan, Italy and Belgium.

With that indorsement the bank plan will command the serious consideration of bankers the world over.

### President Hoover Opposes Part in International Bank Plan—Is Against Official Role Through Federal Reserve in German Reparation Institution—For Private Participation.

From the New York "Times" we take the following Washington advices May 14:

President Hoover, according to information obtained to-day in a reliable quarter, is opposed to the United States acting through the Federal Reserve System in any way in the setting up of the International Bank of Settlements to handle German reparations payments, as proposed by experts of the Reparations Committee at Paris.

Objection is raised to the proposed semi-official inclusion of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in organizing the bank or recommending a director.

In this the administration is following closely the policy laid down by the Coolidge administration, namely, that the United States has no official interest in the reparations question and will not become involved in any way as to the terms of settlement or the program for the collection of reparations.

*Plan Thought Feasible.*

The administration feels that the crux of the proposal credited to Owen D. Young is feasible and that such a scheme must constitute the backbone of whatever plan is adopted in the German reparations problem, but that the Federal Reserve Bank System should not be involved in the matter.

The general idea of the plan itself appeals to the administration, and it is understood that some Federal officials studying the reparations questions had been advised of the plan before it was proposed. The reaction among these officials to the purported details, as made known in dispatches, has been favorable on the whole.

The State Department has not received the full details of the plan, although it is said that Treasury officials had been informed of the proposal long in advance of its presentation.

It is understood that the general scope of the proposal has been discussed by Treasury and State Department officials and that, while some feature of the plan as now presented must be eliminated to satisfy this government, the belief exists that the fundamentals are acceptable or Mr. Young would not have favored the idea.

It was said to-day that if the plan were adopted there must be some change in the manner of obtaining American membership in the Bank.

The administration, however, feels that the Federal Reserve Bank of New York ought not to be the American link in the International institution, but that this link should be selected by American bankers who have



international interests and are familiar with the program and the advantages offered by American membership in the banking system proposed to be established to handle the reparations settlements.

As the result of the disapproval registered to-day by those close to the President and the known opposition of Secretary Mellon to the inclusion of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in the plan, this section of the proposal, unless dropped, it was said to-night, probably would be modified to meet the known objections of this government.

American international bankers, it was said to-day, could easily select a director for the International Bank of Settlements who would be acceptable to its foreign members. Such a plan would not involve the United States in any official way in the reparations question.

### Secretary of State Stimson Says Government Will Not Permit Participation by Officials of Federal Reserve System in Bank of International Settlements.

Announcement that the United States Government "will not permit any officials of the Federal Reserve System either to themselves serve or to select American representatives as members of the proposed international bank" was made at Washington on May 16 by Secretary of State Stimson. It was stated in a Washington dispatch May 16 to the New York "Times" that Secretary Stimson decided to make the position of the United States known through a formal statement after he had conferred with President Hoover on the matter in order to make known, beyond any question, the attitude of the American Government. The paper quoted also said:

Though neither Secretary Stimson nor other officials have made formal announcement of their attitude toward the participation of Americans as "private individuals" in the proposed international bank, it is understood that this would encounter no objection from the Government. This position is expected to be made known formally when the situation has sufficiently developed.

The following is Secretary Stimson's statement:

In respect to the statements which have appeared in the press in regard to the participation of any Federal Reserve officials in the creation or management of the new proposed international bank, I wish to make clear the position of this Government.

While we look with interest and sympathy upon the efforts of the committee of experts to suggest a solution and a settlement of the vexing question of German reparations, this Government does not desire to have any American official, directly or indirectly, participate in the collection of German reparations through the agency of this bank or otherwise. Ever since the close of the war the American Government has consistently taken this position; it has never accepted membership on the Reparations Commission; it declined to join the Allied Powers in the confiscation of the sequestered German property and the application of that property to its war claims.

The comparatively small sums which it receives under the Dawes plan are applied solely to the settlement of the claims judicially ascertained by the Mixed Claims Commission (the United States and Germany) in fulfillment of an agreement with Germany, and to the repayment of the expenses of the American Army of Occupation in Coblenz, which remained in such occupation on the request of both the Allied nations and Germany.

It does not now wish to take any step which would indicate a reversal of that attitude, and for that reason it will not permit any officials of the Federal Reserve System either to serve themselves or to select American representatives as members of the proposed international bank.

Further extended reference to the Bank of International Settlements appears elsewhere in our issue to-day.

## Indications of Business Activity

### THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, May 17 1929.

The weather continues to be the pivot on which the trade of this country largely swings. As it has been mostly bad, trade has suffered, with brighter periods now and then when warmer weather supervened. It is a fact moreover that trade and industry, whatever the drawbacks, still make a better showing than they did a year ago. The crops are late, but promise to be good so far as now can be judged. The cotton belt would be the better for warm dry weather, although there are hopes of an acreage of 48,000,000 to 49,000,000 acres and possibly with reasonable good fortune crop as some contend approximating that of 1926, when it was close to 18,000,000 bales. But of course at this time nobody has the faintest idea what the cotton crop is going to be. The old saying is that cotton can promise more and do less and promise less and do more than any crop known to man. There is a good demand for the actual cotton, but cotton speculation languishes. And it is a fact that a majority of the trade look for lower prices. Corn planting is late. Soil conditions in the agricultural sections of this country are for the most part favorable, but in the grain belt, as elsewhere, dry weather and higher temperatures are desirable at this time. Coal is in only fair demand, but the stocks of bituminous are the smallest for three years past.

Cement production and shipments have increased. Employment in April was larger than in March. Cotton gray goods sold at times rather more freely, but in small lots. Print cloths were in only moderate demand, with some sales of 38½ inch 64 x 60s at 7¼ cents. A fair business was done in 39 inch 80 square 4-yard print cloths at 10 cents, for delivery in June, July and August. Finished cottons were quiet. Woolens and worsteds were slow of sale. In silk piece goods there was an excellent business for the fall season, and a fair trade in summer lines especially prints. Raw silk was dull and lower. In some cases pig iron was reported higher, but steel scrap declined. Steel is in fair demand. The furniture business was somewhat larger. A fair trade was reported in machine tools, and also in spring hardware. After three years of decreases in building, some are inclined to think that the tide has turned for the better. At any rate a high peak in building permit values is reported, marred, however, by the fact that there are 75,000 workers on a strike or locked out in St. Louis and that 75,000 are in danger of a lockout in New York. It is true that out of 201 cities reporting for April, 105 report decreases while 96 report gains over April last year. Meanwhile in New York and St. Louis the workers are trying to get higher wages, or secure a five-day week at five and a half days pay. It may turn out that the workers are standing in their own light. They are receiving fantastic wages as it is.

Wheat declined this week a couple of cents net, though three cents lower to-day, breaking to new lows for the season

and the lowest level in five years. Crop reports have been in the main favorable. They show good progress in the winter wheat belt and harvesting has begun in southern Texas. The crop in the Central West promises to be double that of last year. The outlook points to a rather marked reduction in the Southwest. Spring wheat seeding is about completed and the prospects in the American and Canadian Northwest have been improved from the fall of needed rains and snow. This country needs a good export demand and reduced crops of wheat more than debentures and any other claptrap designed to get round the immitigable law of supply and demand. Corn declined 1 to 2 cents, except on May, which advanced half a cent, with a good cash demand and small offerings. The delay in corn seeding owing to bad weather has latterly prevented any very marked decline. Oats advanced slightly with seeding delayed in the northern belt, though the weather has favored growth in the southern area. Rye dropped 2 to 3 cents in response to falling prices for wheat. Rye is selling at practically the same price as corn, though a year ago cash rye was about 14c. higher than cash corn. Deliveries have increased and there is apparently no export demand. Provisions have declined with grain and influenced also by big stocks. Sugar futures advanced 1 to 2 points. North Atlantic refiners, it is said, recently sold nearly half a million tons of refined sugar, but that may last the trade for a month and a half. Withdrawals of refined have been large. Prompt raws advanced 1-32c. to 1 27-32c., though recently sales of raws were 250,000 tons and it was supposed that refiners were well supplied. The tariff discussion is a more or less disturbing factor in the sugar trade and may continue to be from time to time until it is out of the way.

Coffee has been irregular, Rio May advancing noticeably and Santos May slightly, but other months declining ¼c. to ½c. as Brazilian cables declined. The belief is that Brazil is not finding the going any too easy in its efforts to sustain prices. The crop estimates are 17,000,000 bags of Santos, 6,000,000 of Rio and Victoria and 9,000,000 of mild coffee already competing at falling prices with Brazilian. To this are added some 10,000,000 bags stated to be already in interior warehouses, of Brazil. The outlook for the Defense Committee is therefore taken to be anything but rose colored.

Rubber has advanced 1 to 2 cents on a better trade demand and a natural recoil from the prolonged depression. Besides the American consumption in April turns out to have been the largest on record namely 47,521 tons in contrast with the previous high record of March of 44,730 tons. Also the Malayan shipments this month seem to have decreased sharply and Malayan stocks to be smaller, than had been supposed.

Stocks have had their usual irregular fluctuations during the week, largely governed by the money rate which at times has been 14%, but dropped to-day to 6% with a good supply

and no very great demand. A Stock Exchange membership was sold with rights at \$525,000. Stocks to-day had a variable advance on covering of shorts, put out when money was higher early in the week. Advances ranged from 2 to 20 points, but the trading was smaller. It amounted to some 3,300,000 shares. General Electric was up to 295 and, closing at 289½, made a net rise for the day of 8½ points. Of course the law of supply and demand affects money as any other commodity and the recent high rates are attracting funds to this point. German marks are rising. Sterling declined, and is now at about the gold point. London was quiet. Bonds were slightly lower with trade dull.

New Bedford, Mass., reported that the production of fine goods mills is high and mill men expect new buying before present orders run out. Charlotte, N. C., reported that most of the plants have resumed full operations. It added that labor disturbances are less prominent in the textile industry and the end of the strike is virtually in sight. The several strikes in Gaston County are said to be ended as far as their effect on mill operations is concerned, while in South Carolina, only two companies had strikes, as compared with six or more some weeks ago. Talk of curtailment among South Carolina cotton mills is increasing. There are numerous complaints concerning prices of yarns and goods. In the Charlotte, N. C., section many mills have closed down entirely and several groups, it was announced, will go on short time schedule after the middle of May, unless business improves. A large South Carolina mill gave due notices to its employees that curtailment will begin shortly.

At Elizabethton, Tenn., things are unsettled again; 100 or more strikers were arrested on the 16th inst. for picketing. Meanwhile some of the lawless element dynamited the main water pipe from Big Springs to Elizabethton and clashed with the troops. There ought to be some way of effectually checking lawless demonstrations of this sort. Chattanooga, Tenn., reported manufacturing industry still fairly active with textile plants leading. Greenville, S. C., wired that nearly 1,000 employees of the New England Southern Mills at Pelzer were out on strike. A committee of three had been appointed to demand that two workers who had been discharged be reinstated. If this is not done the operatives in Mills Nos. 1, 2 and 3 will also be called out on strike, it was declared. The mill which is shut down has about 65,000 spindles, and the reports as to the number of employes varied from 500 to 1,000.

At Greenville, S. C., on May 16th negotiations were completed through mutual concessions whereby operatives of Brandon Mill, in Greenville will return to their work on May 20th ending a strike, that was called March 27th. It is expected that the other mills in the Brandon chain, Pointsett at Greenville, and Woodruff at Woodruff, will also accept the agreement adopted by Brandon workers to-day, and that by the middle of next week all of the 2,700 operatives in the Brandon chain of mills will be back at work. The pay will be higher than these operatives were receiving prior to the strike. Weavers are to receive full price for cloth woven during the noon hour by spare hands and section hands. Heretofore this cloth credit was equally divided between the weavers and the mill.

Manchester, England reported that general trade outlook does not improve as buyers fear lower prices. The demand for cloth from India and China is disappointing. There is a strong belief that the threatened lockout at the end of this week in Lancashire unless the Oldham strikers return to work will at the last moment be averted. London cabled: "Lord Derby has been requested to try and prevent the threatened lockout of cotton operatives. He consulted with officials of the mills to-day." Bombay, India cabled that rioting was renewed in the cotton mill strike area and that four mills were broken into and another bombarded with stones as strikers demanded their wages.

Approximately 75,000 building trade workers would have been affected by a lockout order voted unanimously on the 13th inst. by the building trade employers' association. The action, would have affected all trades now engaged in sympathetic strikes in support of Electrical Workers Union No. 3 and was effective on May 15th. But the Court granted an injunction against the lockout. An ex parte order restraining the Building Trade Employers' Association from locking out 75,000 mechanics at 5 p. m. Wednesday, pending a hearing for a temporary injunction in Part I of the Supreme Court on Friday was served on the 14th inst. on Christian G. Norman and Walter S. Faddis, Chairman of the Board of

Governors and President, respectively, of the employers' organization.

Mail order sales in April showed a gain of 4.1% over the preceding month and 38.7% over the like month a year ago. For the first four months, sales as compiled by Bradstreet's were 28.6% greater than in the corresponding period last year. The total of chain store sales for April showed a decrease of 4.9% from March, but an increase of 19.1% over April a year ago. The combined total of both mail order and chain store sales for April showed a drop of 2.7% from March, but a gain of 23.5% over April of last year. For four months of this year chain store sales were 22.2% larger than a year ago, while the total sales of both mail order and chain stores showed a gain of 23.7%. United States employment figures show an increase over a year ago of 6¼%. The April report shows an increase in employees in 39 out of 54 industries.

On May 14th the temperatures here were 50 to 62 degrees. At Boston they were 48 to 64, at Chicago 52 to 70, at Cincinnati 56 to 76; at Cleveland 54 to 70; Detroit 50 to 76; Kansas City 52 to 76; Milwaukee 40 to 56; St. Paul 52 to 72; Montreal 40 to 70; Omaha 56 to 78; Philadelphia 56 to 60; Portland, Me., 42 to 54; San Francisco 50 to 60; Seattle 41 to 66; St. Louis 60 to 76. On the 15th inst. the temperature here touched 81 degrees. The high record for May 15th was in 1900 when it was 89 degrees. The lowest on that date was 43 degrees in 1880. On the 16th inst. the temperatures here were 49 to 80 degrees with a wind of gale force reaching 50 miles an hour. It struck New York and other parts of the Eastern States.

To-day temperatures here were 44 to 60 degrees, a fall of 20 degrees in the maximum but the forecast is for fair and warmer for to-night and to-morrow. Portland, Me. had a 75 mile gale to-day which wrecked barns and houses. Frost and zero temperatures prevailed in the Central West, the queerest May weather seen for many years if it did not outdo all previous records. Parts of Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin reported snow, several inches falling in the upper peninsula region of Michigan and in northern Wisconsin. Minnesota reported a light snow fall in several cities. Heavy frosts occurred in Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin and other States last night, and temperatures fell far below freezing. Duluth reported 20 degrees above, while cities in northern Michigan had 12 above. Light frosts were reported as far south as South Central Kansas and Missouri. A wind storm blew down a circus tent in Vincennes, Ind. injuring 100 persons.

#### Retail Food Prices in April Slightly Below Those of Previous Month.

The retail food index issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor shows for April 15 1929 a decrease of a little less than 1% since March 15 1929; a decrease of about 1-3 of 1% since April 15 1928, and an increase of approximately 55% since April 15 1913. The index number (1913 equals 100) was 152.1 in April 1928, 153 in March 1929 and 151.6 in April 1929. In further indicating the course of retail prices the Bureau on May 17 said:

During the month from March 15 1929 to April 15 1929 14 articles on which monthly prices were secured decreased as follows: Strictly fresh eggs, 13%; cabbage, 9%; butter, 4%; evaporated milk, 3%; onions and sugar, 2%; fresh milk, rice, canned corn, raisins and bananas, 1%; and oleomargarine, cheese and tea, less than .5 of 1%. Fourteen articles increased: Pork chops, 6%; round steak, hens and oranges, 3%; sirloin steak, rib roast, chuck roast and lamb, 2%; and plate beef, sliced bacon, sliced ham, lard, navy beans and canned tomatoes, 1%. The following 14 articles showed no change in the month: Canned red salmon, vegetable lard substitute, bread, flour, cornmeal, rolled oats, corn flakes, wheat cereal, macaroni, potatoes, baked beans, canned peas, coffee and prunes.

#### Changes in Retail Prices of Food by Cities.

During the month from March 15 1929 to April 15 1929 there was a decrease in the average cost of food in 47 of the 51 cities as follows: Buffalo and Pittsburgh, 3%; Butte, Dallas, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Manchester, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New Haven, Peoria, Providence, Rochester and St. Paul, 2%; Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Bridgeport, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Detroit, Fall River, Jacksonville, Little Rock, Louisville, New Orleans, Norfolk, Omaha, Philadelphia, Portland, Me., Richmond, St. Louis, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Savannah, Scranton and Springfield, Ill., 1%; and Chicago, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Mobile, Newark, New York, Portland, Ore., and Washington, less than .5 of 1%. The following four cities increased: Birmingham, Charleston, S. C., Memphis and Seattle, less than .5 of 1%.

For the year period, April 15 1928 to April 15 1929, 29 cities showed decreases: Cleveland, Philadelphia and Rochester, 3%; Baltimore, Buffalo, Manchester, Portland, Me., Providence, Scranton and Springfield, Ill., 2%; Bridgeport, Denver, Fall River, Jacksonville, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Mobile, Newark, New Haven, New York, Norfolk, Peoria, St. Paul, Savannah and Washington, 1%; and Atlanta, Boston, Detroit and Kansas City, less than .5 of 1%. Twenty-one cities showed increases: Cincinnati, Dallas, Houston, Louisville, Omaha, Salt Lake City and Seattle, 2%; Birmingham, Butte, Chicago, Columbus, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Memphis, New Orleans, Pittsburgh, Portland, Ore., St. Louis and San

Francisco, 1%; and Charleston, S. C., and Richmond, less than .5 of 1%. In Indianapolis there was no change in the year.

As compared with the average cost in the year 1913, food on April 15 1929 was 64% higher in Chicago, 59% in Richmond and Washington, 58% in Detroit, 57% in Birmingham and Scranton, 56% in Atlanta, Charleston, S. C., Cincinnati and St. Louis; 55% in New York; 54% in Baltimore, Buffalo, Dallas and Louisville; 53% in Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New Orleans, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh; 52% in Boston and New Haven; 51% in Providence; 49% in Fall River, Indianapolis, Kansas City and San Francisco; 48% in Cleveland, Little Rock and Memphis; 47% in Manchester and Omaha; 46% in Newark; 45% in Seattle; 41% in Los Angeles; 40% in Jacksonville; 39% in Portland, Ore.; 36% in Denver; and 31% in Salt Lake City. Prices were not obtained in Bridgeport, Butte, Columbus, Houston, Mobile, Norfolk, Peoria, Portland, Me., Rochester, St. Paul, Savannah and Springfield, Ill., in 1913, hence no comparison for the 16-year period can be given for these cities.

**Annalist Weekly Index for Wholesale Commodity Prices Show Advance.**

The "Annalist" Weekly Index for Wholesale Commodity Prices has risen to 143.6 from 143 last week; it stood at 151.9 last year at this time. Prices in the farm products, textile and building materials groups declined; prices in the food products, fuels, metals and miscellaneous groups increased; chemical prices remained unchanged.

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

	May 14 1929.	May 7 1929.	May 15 1928.
Farm products	138.5	138.6	158.4
Food products	144.4	143.6	155.0
Textile products	150.1	150.6	155.2
Fuels	161.4	161.2	158.2
Metals	128.4	128.3	120.6
Building materials	153.6	154.0	154.8
Chemicals	135.2	135.2	135.2
Miscellaneous	131.2	122.2	115.6
All commodities	143.6	143.0	151.9

**Annalist Index of Business Activity for April Highest Since 1923—Large Gain in Freight Traffic.**

"The Annalist" Index of Business Activity for April (preliminary) stands at 107.2, the highest for any month back to August 1923. "The Annalist" adds:

As compared with the revised index for March, which was 103.0, the increase was due to the fact that all of the component adjusted indices for which April data are available, except one, moved upward. The sharpness of the increase, however, was due mainly to one element alone, the adjusted index of freight car loadings, which from March to April made one of the most pronounced monthly gains ever recorded. Analysis of the car loadings figures shows, moreover, that allowing for seasonal fluctuations all classes of freight traffic, except grain and grain products, increased in April, with a particularly heavy movement of ore.

The other elements in the index of business activity which showed substantial gains in April were cotton consumption, bituminous coal production, steel ingot production, pig iron production and zinc production. The only component to show a decline was automobile production for which the adjusted index shows a slight decline due to the fact that, although preliminary statistics indicate that the number of cars and trucks produced in April established a new high record, the increase over the number produced in March was slightly less than seasonal in magnitude. Final official figures on automobile production, however, may turn out, as was the case in both February and March, to be considerably greater than the estimate made by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce.

Table I summarizes for the last three months the movements of the combined index and of the ten component series, each of which has been adjusted for seasonal variation, long-time trend and variations in cyclical amplitudes before being combined into "The Annalist" Index of Business Activity. Table I also gives the combined index by months since the beginning of 1925.

TABLE I.  
THE "ANNALIST" INDEX OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.  
A. By Groups.

	April.	March.	February.
Pig iron production	110.4	108.4	108.7
Steel ingot production	115.6	111.4	107.0
Freight car loadings	103.9	98.0	101.3
Electric power production	---	100.4	102.2
Bituminous coal production	92.6	82.5	105.3
Automobile production	*141.4	147.3	148.4
Cotton consumption	110.7	107.9	107.7
Wool consumption	---	100.7	101.7
Boot and shoe production	---	102.6	103.0
Zinc production	97.4	93.8	89.9
Combined Index	107.2	103.0	105.0

B. The Combined Index Since January 1925.

	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
January	104.1	97.0	100.2	102.3	102.4
February	105.0	98.9	103.6	103.2	102.9
March	103.0	98.6	107.0	104.7	102.6
April	*107.0	99.0	103.6	103.7	103.4
May	---	100.4	104.0	101.6	101.4
June	---	97.8	102.8	103.2	98.5
July	---	97.7	100.7	102.8	101.1
August	---	101.3	101.9	105.0	100.7
September	---	101.3	101.1	107.1	100.8
October	---	102.6	97.5	105.0	102.1
November	---	101.5	94.4	103.7	104.0
December	---	99.1	92.3	103.2	105.8

\* Subject to revision.

**Decline in Wholesale Prices in April as Compared with Previous Month.**

A small decline in the general level of wholesale prices from March to April is shown by information collected in representative markets by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor. The Bureau's weighted index

number stands at 96.8 for April compared with 97.5 for March, a decrease of approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1%. Compared with April 1928, with an index number of 97.4, a decrease of a little more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1% is shown. Based on these figures, the purchasing power of the dollar in April 1929, was 103.3 compared with 100.0 in the year 1926. The Bureau in its advices May 16 also says:

Farm products averaged 2% lower than in the preceding month, due to pronounced price decreases for all grains, cotton, eggs, and wool. Beef cattle, hogs, and sheep and lambs, on the other hand, were higher than in March.

Among foods there were decreases for butter and flour, and increases for fresh and cured meats. The group as a whole declined nearly  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1% in price.

Hides and skins again advanced slightly, while leather again declined, resulting in a small net decrease for the group of hides and leather products. Boots and shoes showed no change in the price level, but quotations on leather harness and suit cases were somewhat reduced.

In the group of textile products there were slight price reductions among cotton goods, woolen and worsted goods, and other textile products, the group as a whole showing a decline of over  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1%.

Declining prices of anthracite and bituminous coal and Connellsville coke were offset by advances in gasoline and kerosene, the price level for the fuel and lighting group remaining unchanged.

Iron and steel products advanced in price, while decreases were recorded for copper, lead, and tin, no change being shown in the price level for the group of metals and metal products as a whole.

Price declines for lumber and certain paint materials caused a net decrease in the group of building materials.

Small declines were likewise shown for the groups of chemicals and drugs and miscellaneous commodities, while housefurnishing goods increased slightly.

Prices of raw materials and semi-manufactured articles averaged lower than in March, while finished products were somewhat higher.

Of the 550 commodities or price series for which comparable information for March and April was collected, increases were shown in 88 instances and decreases in 183 instances. In 279 instances no change in price was reported.

Comparing prices in April with those of a year ago, as measured by changes in the index numbers, it is seen that metals and metal products and building materials were appreciably higher. In all other groups prices in April were lower than a year ago, ranging from  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1% in the case of fuel and lighting materials to nearly 15% in the case of hides and leather products.

**Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight Continues to Run in Excess of 1,000,000 Cars a Week.**

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended May 4 totaled 1,050,192 cars, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced on May 14. Compared with the corresponding week last year, this was an increase of 72,139 cars and an increase of 25,431 cars above the corresponding week in 1927. Details follow:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week totaled 411,478 cars, an increase of 15,515 cars above the corresponding week last year and 14,537 cars over the same week in 1927.

Coal loading totaled 158,889 cars, an increase of 4,530 cars over the same week in 1928 and 2,387 cars above the same period two years ago.

Grain and grain products loading amounted to 38,744 cars, a decrease of 4,957 cars below the same week in 1928 and 1,831 cars below the same week in 1927. In the Western districts alone grain and grain products loading totaled 25,458 cars, a decrease of 5,085 cars below the same week in 1928.

Livestock loading amounted to 28,255 cars, an increase of 31 cars above the same week in 1928 but 1,246 cars below the same week in 1927. In the Western districts alone livestock loading totaled 22,938 cars, an increase of 285 cars over the same week in 1928.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight totaled 265,338 cars, an increase of 1,501 cars above the same week in 1928 and 430 cars over the same week in 1927.

Forest products loading amounted to 68,779 cars, 3,208 cars above the same week in 1928 and 34 cars over the same week in 1927.

Ore loading amounted to 66,512 cars, 50,422 cars above the same week in 1928 and 9,749 cars over the same week two years ago.

Coke loading totaled 12,197 cars, 1,889 cars above the same week last year and 1,371 cars over the corresponding week two years ago.

All districts except the Southern and Southwestern reported increases in the total loading of all commodities compared with the same week in 1928, while all except the Pocahontas and Southern districts reported increases compared with the same week 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
Five weeks in March	4,807,944	4,752,559	4,982,547
Four weeks in April	3,983,978	3,740,307	3,875,589
Week ended May 4	1,050,192	978,053	1,024,761

Total 17,180,850 16,510,556 17,441,475

**Upward Trend in Building Activities Indicated by S. W. Straus & Co.**

Official reports made to S. W. Straus & Co. of building permits issued or plans filed in 590 leading cities and towns in the 48 States indicate an unmistakable upward trend in building activities at this time, says the firm. While plans filed in New York City, prior to the signing of the Multiple Dwellings Bill by Governor Roosevelt were doubtless of abnormal proportions, the figures for the rest of the country clearly demonstrated that the trend, temporarily at least, is upward. April permits granted in the 590 cities totaled \$538,446,781 compared with \$347,949,526 in April last year, the gain being 80%. With the \$259,154,268 in plans filed

in New York excluded, there remained \$279,292,513 for the rest of the country, a gain over last April of 5%. The report goes on to say:

A similarly encouraging conclusion is reached when a study is made of seasonal variation. The total of plans and permits officially reported in March this year was \$408,667,003; the gain from March to April, therefore, was 32%. This was in contrast with the normal seasonal variation between the two months which is a 1% decline. Excluding New York City, we find the upward trend from March to April was 18%, which is the approximate normal variation for these two months in the territory indicated.

It will be recalled that the reports of S. W. Straus & Co. for March gave indication of the beginning of a new upward movement in building activities. The barometric value of these data has since been confirmed by the reports of greatly accelerated actual building operations, thus again making plain the outstanding value of the building permit index in forecasting building tendencies.

Twenty-Five Leading Cities.

Of the 25 cities which led the country in plans or permits in April, 16 showed gains over the corresponding month of the preceding year and 17 reported a larger volume this April than for April 1927. The figures for this group were: April, 1929, \$389,896,092; April 1928, \$195,706,219; April 1927, \$217,479,710; March 1929, \$278,714,437. The increase over April 1928 was 99% and over April 1927, 79%. The gain from March was 40%.

Chicago displayed a loss from both April 1928, and April 1927. The latest reports gave promise of increasing activity in that city, however, the gain over March being 22%. A definite upward trend was apparent in Baltimore, Washington, Detroit, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Houston, San Antonio, Seattle, Hartford, Birmingham, Oklahoma City and Tulsa. One conclusive development of the current season is the falling off in building activities in the suburban areas of the principal cities of the country.

The Labor Situation.

The steady if not rapid drift to the 5-day week schedule in the building crafts is perhaps the most important current development in the industry. Chicago plasterers and painters are now on the 5-day week basis, and St. Louis building trades are to a great extent on the short week work plan. The policy of a 5-day or 40-hour week is gaining headway on the Pacific Coast, especially in San Francisco, Portland and Seattle.

In New York City 12,000 bricklayers went on the 5-day week schedule recently, and similar agreements had been worked out for the 150,000 building craftsmen in New York and immediate suburbs to become effective Aug. 24 1929. Disagreements later arose, however, and at the moment the exact status of the short-week situation in New York is problematical.

It is estimated that the 5-day week will add approximately 4% to construction costs unless the extra cost can be offset by increased efficiency, which is improbable, although some savings will be effected through mechanical innovations and managerial shortcuts.

There are indications here and there of disquietude due to labor disagreements although the progress of the industry has as yet not been greatly impeded by these distributing factors.

Building Materials.

The building materials cost index remained unchanged during April. Slight reductions in the cost of strating materials were offset by strength and firmness in steel and lumber.

TWENTY-FIVE CITIES REPORTING LARGEST VOLUME OF PERMITS FOR APRIL 1929, WITH COMPARISONS.

Table with 5 columns: City, April 1929, April 1928, April 1927, March 1929. Lists 25 cities including New York, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, Houston, Philadelphia, Minneapolis, San Antonio, Seattle, Milwaukee, Baltimore, Boston, St. Louis, Hartford, Cleveland, Washington, Cincinnati, Birmingham, San Francisco, Oklahoma City, Lansing, Mich., Tulsa, Yonkers, Denver, Long Beach, Calif., and a Total row.

and steel plants showed a gain over last year of 22.2%. Textiles in April recorded a gain over last year of fully 16.7%. The paper and pulp industry also registered a substantial increase over last year, the gain amounting to 12.9%.

Manufacturing activity in the United States in April, compared with March of the current year and April 1928, all figures adjusted to 26 working days and based on consumption of electrical energy as reported to "Electrical World" (monthly average 1923-25 equals 100), follows:

Table with 4 columns: Industry Group, April 1929, March 1929, April 1928. Lists 16 industry groups such as All industrial groups, Metal industries group, Rolling mills and steel plants, Metal working plants, Leather and its products, etc.

April Had Large Construction Record According to F. W. Dodge Corp.

New construction work contracted for in the territory east of the Rocky Mountains during the past month reached the second highest April contract total on record and was the largest monthly construction total that has been recorded since June 1928, according to F. W. Dodge Corp. Building and engineering work contracted for during the month of April in the 37 eastern states amounted to \$642,060,500. This figure was almost equal the April 1928 total and it was 32% ahead of the March 1929 total. The report goes on to say:

Of the eight districts reviewed below, Texas was the only territory showing a decrease when compared with the preceding month's records and five of the districts had increased contract records when compared with the April 1928 records.

Analysis of last month's building and engineering record showed the following important classes of work: \$256,779,700 or 40% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$152,126,900 or 24% for public works and utilities; \$77,988,400 or 12% for commercial buildings, and \$68,229,500 or 11% for industrial projects.

During the past four months there was \$1,897,889,800 worth of new construction work contracted for in the 37 states east of the Rocky Mountains, which was a loss of 11% from the amount contracted for during the corresponding period of last year.

New work reported in contemplation in April reached a total of \$940,249,100. This figure was 6% in excess of the amount reported in the preceding month and it was 13% ahead of the amount reported during the corresponding month of a year ago.

New York State and Northern New Jersey.

New construction contracts awarded during the past month in New York State and Northern New Jersey reached the second highest April contract total ever recorded for this area. The total, \$169,079,700, in amount was 52% ahead of the March 1929 record and it was 12% in excess of the total for April of last year. Included in last month's total were several large contracts for subway construction and a \$15,000,000 hotel to be built in New York City.

Analysis of the April building and engineering record showed the following interesting classes: \$82,244,200 or 49% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$46,089,600, or 27%, for public works and utilities; \$23,880,000, or 14%, for commercial buildings, and \$7,754,600, or 5%, for educational projects.

The April contract total brought the amount of new construction work started in this territory since the first of this year up to \$457,289,000, being a loss of 20% from the amount started during the corresponding period of 1928.

New construction reported as contemplated during the past month amounted to \$401,041,700. This figure was 49% ahead of the amount reported in March of this year and it was 54% ahead of the amount reported in April of last year.

New England States.

The New England States had \$40,930,200 in contracts for new buildings and engineering work during the month of April. The above figure was 28% in excess of the preceding month's total, but it was 10% less than the total for the corresponding month of a year ago. The following were the most important items in last month's contract record: \$17,736,300, or 43%, of all construction for residential buildings; \$8,056,200, or 20%, for public works and utilities; \$6,303,000, or 15%, for commercial buildings, and \$2,747,700, or 7%, for educational projects.

During the past four months there was \$128,649,600 worth of contracts let for new building and engineering work in the New England States, which was a drop of 12% from the amount contracted for during the first four months of 1928.

New contemplated work reported in April in this area reached a total of \$43,770,500, being an increase of a little more than \$500,000 over the total for March of this year, but a loss of 13% from the total for April of last year.

Record April Construction in Middle Atlantic States.

April construction contracts in the Middle Atlantic States (Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia and Virginia) amounting to \$106,136,700 was the largest monthly total ever recorded in this district. The awarding of several large contracts in the commercial buildings, public buildings and public works and utilities classes helped to make last month's total break all previous records.

Analysis of the April contract record showed the following noteworthy items: \$35,232,400 or 33% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$22,992,200 or 22%, for public works and utilities; \$20,580,700, or 19%, for public buildings, and \$12,035,400, or 11%, for commercial buildings.

New building and engineering work contracted for during the first four months of this year in this territory reached a total of \$264,719,000, being a loss of 2% from the amount contracted for during the corresponding four months of 1928.

Contemplated projects as reported last month in the Middle Atlantic States amounted to \$94,773,700, which was a loss of 21% from the March 1929 total and a loss of 13% from the April 1928 total.

Industrial Activity Based on Consumption of Electricity Above Last Year—April Sets New High Rate in Plant Operations.

Manufacturing operations in the United States in April, corrected for seasonal variation, and based on consumption of electrical energy, were the highest on record, surpassing the previous high monthly rate, which occurred in September 1928, by 1.1%, "Electrical World" reports. The April rate was 3.3% higher than in February of the current year, the previous high for 1929. The survey adds:

The April rate, not corrected for seasonal variation, was 0.5% higher than that of March, and 14.3% greater than in April last year. The increase reflects sustained activity in the automotive industry, the metals group, rubber manufacturing plants, and further improvement in the textile industry.

Every section of the country witnessed a rate of operations during April materially above that of April 1928. The Middle Atlantic section was well in the lead with a gain over last year of 14.3%. The North Central States followed with an increase of 13.6%. The Western States showed a gain of 13.4%; New England 10.2%, and the Southern States 9.7%.

The automobile manufacturing industry, including production of replacement parts and accessories, set a new high rate of activity for that industry. The April rate in the automotive plants was 10.4% over that of March, 14.7% over April of last year, and 5.6% above the previous high established in February of the current year. The rubber products industry registered a gain of 28%, compared with April 1928. The iron

*The Pittsburgh District.*

The Pittsburgh District (Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky) had \$61,013,200 in contracts for new building and engineering work during the past month. The above figure was 15% ahead of the March 1929 total, but it was 19% less than the total for April 1928. Included in the April construction record were the following important items: \$20,022,500, or 33% of all building and engineering work, for residential buildings; \$19,716,000, or 32%, for public works and utilities; \$6,775,000, or 11%, for industrial projects, and \$5,393,500, or 9%, for commercial buildings.

The April contract total brought the amount of new construction work started in this area since the first of this year up to \$221,385,900, being an increase of a little more than \$400,000 over the amount started during the corresponding period of 1928.

New contemplated work reported during the past month reached a total of \$72,064,000. There was an increase of 4% over the preceding month's total, but there was a 10% loss from the total for April of last year.

*The Central West.*

New building and engineering work contracted for in April in the Central West (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Southern Michigan, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska) amounted to \$169,239,100. This figure was 6% ahead of the total for March of this year, but there was a loss of 10% from the total for April of last year. Analysis of last month's contract total showed the following items of note: \$77,358,900, or 46% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$32,097,500, or 19%, for public works and utilities; \$24,501,600, or 14%, for industrial projects, and \$18,284,800, or 11%, for commercial buildings.

During the first four months of this year there was \$541,340,400 worth of new building and engineering work contracted for in the Central West, being 14% less than the amount contracted for during the first four months of 1928.

New contemplated construction reported during April in this territory reached a total of \$213,379,200. There were losses of 5% from the March 1929 total and of 2% from the April 1928 total.

*The Northwest.*

Minnesota, the Dakotas and Northern Michigan had \$10,984,000 in contracts for new construction work during the past month. The above figure was just double the total for March of this year and it was 54% ahead of the total for April of last year. The following were the most important classes of work in last month's construction record: \$3,288,400, or 30% of the total, for public works and utilities; \$2,481,200, or 23%, for industrial projects; \$2,083,600, or 19%, for residential buildings, and \$1,215,000, or 11%, for public buildings.

New construction started in the Northwest since the first of this year amounted to \$26,445,700, being 47% ahead of the amount started during the corresponding period of last year.

During the past month there was \$15,720,700 worth of new contemplated work reported in the Northwest. The above figure was 23% ahead of the amount reported in March of this year and it was 32% in excess of the amount reported in April of last year.

*Southeastern States.*

New building and engineering work contracted for during April in the Southeastern States (the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana) reached a total of \$65,790,600. This figure was the second highest April contract total on record for this territory. It was 52% ahead of the March 1929 total, as well as 19% ahead of the April 1928 total.

Included in last month's contract total were the following items of interest: \$22,778,000, or 35% of all construction, for industrial projects; \$16,302,900, or 25% for public works and utilities; \$15,218,100, or 23%, for residential buildings, and \$6,718,700, or 10%, for commercial buildings.

The April contract record brought the amount of new building and engineering work started in this territory since the first of this year up to \$180,802,000, being a loss of 6% from the amount started during the corresponding period of 1928.

New contemplated work as reported last month in the Southeast reached a total of \$65,987,600. There were losses of 35% from the total for March of this year and of 17% from the total for April of last year.

*Texas.*

The State of Texas had \$18,887,000 in contracts for new building and engineering work during the past month. The above figure showed a slight increase over the total for April of last year, but there was a 10% decrease from the total for March of this year. The following were the items of note in the April building record: \$6,883,700, or 36% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$4,461,300, or 24%, for commercial buildings; \$3,584,100, or 19%, for public works and utilities, and \$1,127,300, or 6%, for educational projects.

New construction contracted for in Texas during the past four months reached a total of \$77,258,200, as compared with a total of \$76,276,600 for construction contracted for during the corresponding period of last year, the increase being 1%.

Contemplated new work as reported during the past month in this state amounted to \$33,511,700. This figure was 46% ahead of the amount reported during the corresponding month of a year ago, but there was a drop of 25% from the amount reported during the preceding month.

### Business Conditions in Southwest as Viewed by Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce—Activities Mixed—Slight Falling Off in Employment.

The Southwest Business Review of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce presents as follows the following survey of local business conditions during April:

The month of April shows very little definite trend. Activities are rather mixed. Some industries indicate seasonal changes, other industries show considerable activity, and still others show some falling off. It may be said, however, that all lines are going at a rather conservative, steady and wholesome pace.

Bank clearings are 4% in advance of last year, and the first four months exceed last year by 13%. Building permits exceed last April by 12%, and the four-month period is 10% ahead with construction generally showing a very steady upward trend.

Employment, as is customary at this season of the year, shows a slight falling off, although for the month of April the employment index at 95.2 shows an improvement over April 1928. The furniture industry is showing some slowing down, which is regarded as a seasonal condition. Mining

has had a corrective set-back, although it is regarded as being in a much more wholesome position than at the top price and inflated condition of thirty days ago.

Motion pictures are not showing any improvement so far as employment is concerned, although the production of "talkies" is going on at a rapid pace. The petroleum industry is showing some response to the conservation plans, but will require additional time to work out the numerous problems involved.

Wearing apparel manufacturers are coming to the "in-between season," and changing to the fall lines of merchandise. Many are still operating to capacity on summer goods. Millinery industry continues to operate at capacity.

Postal receipts for the month of April show an appreciable gain over April a year ago. Stock Exchange transactions, in line with the stock market activities all over the country, show a falling off. This is regarded as a wholesome sign by leaders of other lines of business.

Wholesale price trends are decidedly lower and the purchasing power of the dollar shows a proportionate increase.

Agriculture is somewhat spotty, due to the heavy frosts in some sections of the State, but the damage is considered comparatively slight when viewed from the standpoint of the shortage being made up by other sections which were not affected.

Water commerce again shows substantial increases in all lines of shipping.

The Chamber also supplies the following review of business conditions in Arizona, made available through the courtesy of the Valley Bank of Phoenix, Arizona:

All in all, conditions in Arizona are at a high level and there is little occasion to feel that there is any immediate prospect of a falling off in the general prosperity of the State.

Range conditions on the wintering grounds are not very favorable to the sheet and live stock industry. An unusually late Spring has added a further deterrent to Spring feed.

Cattle prices continue high, though spring steers may be light. Shipments of feeders to California will be retarded by lack of moisture there.

Cool weather slowed up the picking of lettuce, but produced a good quality which is finding a strong market.

Copper is holding firm around 18c. per pound, and the mining districts are enjoying the most prosperous period of many a year. Much new plant construction and equipping are in prospect.

Retail business throughout the State is on the up-grade, due largely to the increased activity in the mining camps.

*Morenci.*—Phelps-Dodge, Inc., has increased its force some 300 men in recent months.

*Flagstaff.*—Tourist travel unusually good, which is helping retail business.

*Somerton.*—Considerable new building in process and contemplation, including new Somerton Grammar School, to cost \$75,000.

*Safford.*—Rain generally needed, but general improvement in business conditions. New construction planned, including \$100,000 hotel and \$70,000 sewer system.

### Conditions in Pacific Southwest as Viewed by Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles—Trade at High Level in April.

General trade and industry in the Pacific Southwest territory continued at relatively high levels during April. Many of the accepted indices showed a strong seasonal reduction in the volume of activity from the unusually good records of the first quarter of the year. However, business as a whole is still running well above a year ago, even though at a rate of increase smaller than during any other month this year. This is the introductory paragraph of the Monthly Summary of Business Conditions in the Pacific Southwest territory compiled by the Research and Service Department of the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles, and released for publication May 7. The summary continues in part:

Bank clearings in Los Angeles City for the month were 13% under March, considerably more than the usual drop, and the gain of 4% over April 1928 was less than the increases registered during the earlier months of 1929. Weekly check transactions in outside reporting centers averaged 4% over the corresponding period of last year. The local security markets were less active but prices were comparatively steady. Postal receipts were approximately equal to March and 6.5% in excess of last April.

A pronounced contribution to the strong showing of business this year has been the expansion in industrial operations. The production of petroleum, copper, automobile tires, oil well supply and refining and mining equipment was well maintained in April. Motion picture output improved moderately although meat and fish packing were quiet. Building operations were below the March level but continued more active than a year ago.

Trading at retail in April was somewhat slow, reflecting the effects of the cool spring and the occurrence of Easter in March. Wholesale trading was moderately good. Harbor commerce registered a strong increase in tonnage and in value of shipments over last year. New automobile sales in Southern California have been at record heights, both March and first quarter totals running 60% in excess of 1928. Mercantile mortality is still especially heavy.

The agricultural outlook has been featured by the very extensive frost damage to tree and vine crops in the northern half of the State. The damage was spotted in the central San Joaquin Valley and was quite light in Southern California and growers in these districts expect to benefit from the higher prices which are practically assured. Rainfall is still below normal but the moisture situation is reasonably satisfactory. The entire crop season has been retarded by the prevailing cool temperatures.

Citrus fruit shipments have been very heavy, with prices somewhat improved over the recent low levels. Marketing of a record valencia crop will begin in May. Early walnut prospects are excellent. Planting of a record cotton acreage is largely completed and planting of an increased bean acreage has begun. Harvesting of Imperial Valley cantaloupes will start about the middle of May. Ranges and pastures generally are in poor condition. The livestock markets are at good levels but wool prices are below recent years.

Banking.

Total deposits of reporting members banks in Los Angeles have steadily eased off during the four weeks' period ending April 24th, showing a drop of 14 million dollars, or 2.0%, and are now considerably below the year-end levels. Both time and demand deposits have shared in the decrease.

The demand for credit has been good and total loans have remained steady at the high levels reached at the end of March. Investment holdings have continued the gradual but persistent decline noted since early January.

An analysis of the March 27th published statements of the representative banks in the metropolitan area showed deposits as 2% below the year-end total but above all other periods. Loans of these banks, however, rose 2% to a new peak, with a consequent rise in the loan-deposit ratio to 68.0, the highest for several years.

A similar study for representative country banks revealed a small drop in loans, compared with December 31, but a greater decrease in deposits, with the loan-deposit ratio climbing to 76.1, the highest since February 28, 1928.

Review of the Building Situation in Illinois During April—Increased Activity as Compared with March—Record Not Up to April 1928.

Building activities in Illinois as measured by permits increased 22% in April as compared with March, but were below last year's April figure by nearly 9%. The first four months of 1929 are behind the corresponding months of 1928 by nearly 35%. The 1928 figure for these four months was 22% below the 1927 figure. In stating this under date of May 16, Sidney W. Wilcox, Chief of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Illinois Department of Labor, goes on to say:

These figures, which are based on building permits, are somewhat more favorable than those based on building contracts. They point to somewhat improved conditions in the near future. This may be seen also by another comparison. The figures available a month ago showed that the year 1929 was practically 30 days behind the 1928 schedule. This lag has been materially reduced. Thus the aggregate of permits in a representative group of cities from January to March 1928 was \$104,418,000, whereas the total for January to April 1929 was \$146,530,000. It may be seen therefore that the lag in building at the close of April was distinctly less than one month, though at the close of March it was a full month.

The weak spot in the building program of this year as compared with last is within the Chicago city limits, where a decline of 41% has taken place. Chicago permits from January to April last year were \$118,635,000; this year \$70,477,000. The suburbs nearly made up this year's poor start standing at only 2.5% below their 1928 rate of construction. The down-State area was actually ahead, though by only half a per cent.

The cities that have made gains during the first four months of 1929 as compared with 1928 are: Rock Island with a gain of 134.7%; Lake Forest, 127.5%; Rockford, 90.6%; Moline, 64.9%; Decatur, 47.8%; Cicero, 38.6%; Canton, 28.4%; Oak Park, 20.9%; Danville, 15.7%; Batavia, 12.7%; River Forest, 9.0%; Winnetka, 6.0%; Aurora, 3.7%; Bloomington, 0.4%.

The following statistics are supplied by Mr. Wilcox:

NUMBER AND ESTIMATED COST OF BUILDINGS AS STATED BY PERMITS ISSUED IN 43 ILLINOIS CITIES IN APRIL 1929, BY CITIES, ACCORDING TO KIND OF BUILDING.

Table with columns: Cities, April 1929 (No. Bldgs, Estimated Cost), March 1929 (No. Bldgs, Estimated Cost), April 1928 (Estimated Cost). Rows include Total (all cities), Metropolitan Area, Chicago, and various other cities.

\* Began reporting in 1928.

a No report.

b Includes only buildings within fire limits and business district.

x On account of the failure of Maywood to report for April 1929, the previously reported totals for a month ago have been diminished by Maywood's March figures of 48 buildings costing \$133,000, in order to preserve comparability. Similarly, the figures for a year ago (April 1928) have been reduced by \$306,150.

NUMBER AND ESTIMATED COST OF BUILDINGS AS STATED BY PERMITS ISSUED IN 43 ILLINOIS CITIES IN APRIL 1929, BY CITIES, ACCORDING TO KIND OF BUILDING.

Table with columns: Cities, Residential Buildings April 1929 (No. Bldgs, Estimated Cost, Families Provided for Housek'g Dwel'g's), Non-Res. Buildings April 1929 (No. Bldgs, Estimated Cost). Rows include Total (all cities), Metropolitan Area, Chicago, and various other cities.

\* Began reporting in 1928.

a No report.

b Includes only buildings within fire limits and business district.

Agricultural and Business Conditions in Minneapolis Federal Reserve District—Mixed Conditions in Trade.

In its preliminary summary of agricultural and business conditions in its district, the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis has the following to say under date of May 15:

The volume of business in the district showed mixed changes as compared with April 1928. The increase was not as large as the increases which have been experienced in earlier months this year as compared with the same months a year ago. Part of the explanation for the smaller increase is undoubtedly the fact that Easter fell in April last year and in March this year. The daily average of check payments at seventeen cities combined was 1% smaller in April than in the same month last year. The decrease was confined to Minneapolis and Duluth, and reflect, in part, the fact that Easter fell in April last year.

Farm income from cash crops and hogs combined during April was 6% smaller than the income from these sources in April last year. Decreases occurred in the cash value of bread wheat, rye and potato marketings, while increases occurred in the income from durum wheat, flax and hogs. The value of dairy products sold during March was 17% larger than the value of dairy products sold in the same month last year. The April prices of flax, cattle, calves, hogs, sheep, butter, milk and hens were higher than a year ago. The April prices of wheat, corn, oats, barley, rye, eggs and potatoes were lower than a year ago.

ESTIMATED VALUE OF IMPORTANT FARM PRODUCTS MARKETED IN THE NINTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT.

Table with columns: Product, April 1929, April 1928, P. C. Apr. 1929. Rows include Bread wheat, Durum wheat, Rye, Flax, Potatoes, Hogs, Dairy products.

Increases in Employment and Wages in Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Manufacturing operations, as measured by employment and payrolls, in Pennsylvania continued to show in April the upward trend which began in the early part of this year, and were materially above the level prevailing at the same time last year. According to reports received by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia from 782 plants in Pennsylvania, factory payrolls in April were almost 101% of the 1923-1925 average, and were about 18% higher than in April 1928. The increase between March and April amounted to more than 1%. Employment in April was







coastwise and intercoastal, and 30,857,000 feet export. Rail shipments totaled 82,242,000 feet, and local deliveries 20,061,000 feet. Unshipped orders totaled 793,955,000 feet, of which domestic cargo orders totaled 318,881,000 feet, foreign 235,587,000 feet and rail trade 239,487,000 feet. Weekly capacity of these mills is 235,774,000 feet. For the 18 weeks ended May 4, 140 identical mills reported orders 9.2% over production, and shipments 3.1% over production. The same mills showed a decrease in inventories of 5.5% on May 4 as compared with Jan. 1.

*Southern Pine Reports.*

The Southern Pine Association reports from New Orleans that for 141 mills reporting, shipments were 3% above production, and orders 7% below production and 8% below shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 61,970,000 feet (previous week 59,602,000); shipments 68,702,000 feet (previous week 63,638,000); and production 66,884,000 feet (previous week 62,710,000). The three-year average weekly production of these mills is 73,225,000 feet.

Note.—In each comparison given in the following paragraphs, "average" is based upon the past three years' actual production of the reporting mills.

The Western Pine Manufacturers Association of Portland, Ore., reports production from 34 mills as 35,090,000 feet, as compared with an average production for the week of 34,779,000, and for the previous week 35,947,000. Shipments were about the same last week, with a notable reduction in new business.

The California White & Sugar Pine Manufacturers Association of San Francisco, reports production from 18 mills as 22,723,000 feet, as compared with an average figure for the week of 20,761,000. Sixteen mills the week earlier reported production as 22,506,000 feet. Shipments were about the same last week, with a slight decrease in orders.

The California Redwood Association of San Francisco, reports production from 13 mills as 8,382,000 feet, compared with an average figure of 7,354,000. Fourteen mills the preceding week reported production as 8,263,000 feet. Shipments and new business last week were approximately the same as those reported for the week before.

The North Carolina Pine Association of Norfolk, Va., reports production from 70 mills as 9,780,000 feet, against an average production for the week of 10,878,000. Seventy-two mills the previous week reported production as 11,157,000 feet. Shipments showed a considerable decrease last week, with a nominal decrease in new business.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers Association of Minneapolis, Minn., reports production from 9 mills as 10,475,000 feet, as compared with an average figure for the week of 11,918,000, and for the preceding week 10,063,000. Shipments were slightly less last week, with a marked reduction in new business.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association of Oshkosh, Wis. (in its softwood production) reports production from 25 mills as 2,099,000 feet, as compared with an average production for the week of 3,973,000. Twenty-eight mills the week earlier reported production as 3,610,000 feet. Shipments were somewhat lower last week, with a slight increase in orders.

*Hardwood Reports.*

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association of Oshkosh, Wis., reports production from 37 units as 7,675,000 feet, as compared with productive capacity of these same units for the week of 9,295,000. Thirty-nine units the previous week reported production as 8,342,000 feet. There were noticeable decreases in shipments and new business last week.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute of Memphis, Tenn., reports production from 254 units as 34,656,000 feet as against productive capacity for these same units for the week of 45,619,000. For the week before 250 units reported production as 36,847,000 feet. Shipments were somewhat lower last week, with a slight increase in new business.

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

Association—	Production.	Shipments.	Orders.	Average Production for Week x
Southern Pine (19 weeks).....	1,246,453,000	1,302,713,000	1,332,460,000	
Week (141 mills).....	66,844,000	68,702,000	61,970,000	73,225,000
West Coast Lumbermen's—				
(19 weeks).....	3,237,928,000	3,254,076,000	3,394,950,000	
Week (208 mills).....	197,024,000	198,363,000	191,185,000	172,583,000
Western Pine Mfrs. (19 wks.)	557,738,000	615,610,000	653,451,000	
Week (34 mills).....	35,090,000	36,565,000	32,913,000	34,779,000
Calif. White & Sugar Pine—				
(19 weeks).....	341,881,000	482,921,000	481,710,000	
Week (18 mills).....	22,723,000	18,540,000	17,213,000	20,761,000
Calif. Redwood (19 weeks)....	140,738,000	136,159,000	154,037,000	
Week (13 mills).....	8,382,000	8,466,000	9,215,000	7,354,000
No. Caro. Pine (19 weeks)....	193,038,000	183,282,000	172,872,000	
Week (70 mills).....	9,780,000	8,260,000	9,240,000	10,878,000
No. Pine Mfrs. (19 weeks)....	102,025,000	153,764,000	157,717,000	
Week (9 mills).....	10,475,000	9,670,000	5,706,000	11,918,000
No. Hemlock & Hardwood				
Softwoods (19 weeks)....	84,838,000	69,029,000	77,567,000	
Week (25 mills).....	2,099,000	2,415,000	2,557,000	3,973,000
Softwoods total (19 wks.)...y	5,904,639,000	6,197,554,000	6,424,764,000	
Week (518 mills).....	352,417,000	350,981,000	329,999,000	335,471,000
No. Hemlock & Hardw'd—				
Hardwoods (19 weeks)....	250,377,000	176,844,000	173,212,000	
Week (37 units).....	7,675,000	5,012,000	3,613,000	y92,95,000
Hardwood Mfrs. Institute				
(19 weeks).....	745,285,000	826,601,000	843,908,000	
Week (254 units).....	34,656,000	39,397,000	40,312,000	y45,619,000
Hardwood total (19 wks.)...y	995,662,000	1,003,445,000	1,017,120,000	
Week (291 units).....	42,331,000	44,409,000	43,925,000	y54,914,000

**West Coast Lumbermen's Association Weekly Report.**

According to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association reports from 208 mills show that for the week ended May 4 shipments exceeded production by 8.15%, while orders fell below output by 0.41%. The Association's statement follows

**WEEKLY REPORT OF PRODUCTION, ORDERS AND SHIPMENTS.**

208 mills report for week ending May 4 1929.  
(All mills reporting production, orders and shipments.)

Production.....	193,945,835 feet (100%)
Orders.....	193,156,484 feet (0.41% under production)
Shipments.....	209,756,824 feet (8.15% over production)

**COMPARISON OF CURRENT AND PAST PRODUCTION AND WEEKLY OPERATING CAPACITY (263 IDENTICAL MILLS).**  
(All mills reporting production for 1928 and 1929 to date.)

	Feet.
Actual production week ending May 4 1929.....	217,431,808
Average weekly production, 18 weeks ending May 4 1929.....	189,519,649
Average weekly production during 1928.....	198,927,045
Average weekly production, last three years.....	199,870,826
*Weekly operating capacity.....	270,474,793

\* 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 (IN FEET) FOR 206 IDENTICAL MILLS—1929.**  
(All mills whose reports of production, orders and shipments are complete for the last four weeks.)

Week Ended—	May 4.	April 27.	April 20.	April 13.
Production.....	193,354,944	194,000,743	194,685,825	196,206,913
Orders.....	192,612,966	179,640,838	220,148,717	196,150,232
Rail.....	82,385,479	76,845,287	88,483,393	81,462,638
Domestic cargo.....	68,702,079	65,658,673	92,439,642	57,990,869
Export.....	24,615,946	25,678,250	27,758,839	39,795,887
Local.....	16,909,462	11,458,628	11,466,843	16,900,838
Shipments.....	209,261,298	199,170,933	197,369,755	200,995,599
Rail.....	85,946,562	87,747,227	83,837,535	84,376,586
Domestic cargo.....	73,463,772	63,818,117	75,880,817	61,800,613
Export.....	32,941,502	36,146,961	26,184,560	37,917,562
Local.....	16,909,462	11,458,628	11,466,843	16,900,838
Unfilled orders.....	803,580,738	823,286,016	848,487,107	830,465,353
Rail.....	249,053,681	253,362,871	267,446,526	265,547,668
Domestic cargo.....	320,903,199	326,533,967	326,034,257	310,502,597
Export.....	233,623,858	243,389,178	255,006,344	254,415,088

**112 IDENTICAL MILLS.**

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

	Week Ended	Average 18	Average 18
	May 4 1929.	May 4 1929.	May 5 1928.
Production (feet).....	121,774,907	107,780,859	114,203,930
Orders (feet).....	119,140,554	115,804,467	122,532,607
Shipments (feet).....	137,195,286	111,541,728	113,027,001

**DOMESTIC CARGO DISTRIBUTION WEEK ENDED APR. 27 '29 (109 mills).**

	Orders on Hand Beg'n'g Week	Orders Received.	Cancel-lations.	Ship-ments.	Unfilled Orders
	Apr. 27 '29.	Feet.	Feet.	Feet.	Week Ended Apr. 27 '29.
Washington & Oregon (94 Mills)—					
California.....	111,679,509	24,935,240	1,020,955	19,772,596	115,821,198
Atlantic Coast.....	144,424,782	24,995,328	90,000	26,046,456	143,283,654
Miscellaneous.....	4,356,173	12,000	None	370,617	3,997,556
Total Wash. & Oregon.....	260,460,464	49,942,568	1,110,955	46,189,669	263,102,408
Brit. Col. (18 Mills)—					
California.....	939,671	200,000	None	685,000	454,671
Atlantic Coast.....	20,844,782	5,200,068	75,000	5,395,210	20,574,640
Miscellaneous.....	9,202,644	259,000	None	2,465,229	6,996,415
Total Brit. Columbia.....	30,987,097	5,659,068	75,000	8,545,439	28,025,726
Total domestic cargo.....	291,447,561	55,601,636	1,185,955	54,735,108	291,128,134

**The Rubber Association of America, Inc. Changes Name to the Rubber Manufacturers Association, Inc.—Also Acquires the Rubber Institute, Inc.**

At a special meeting of The Rubber Association of America, Inc., held on May 10 in New York City, the name of the Association was changed to The Rubber Manufacturers' Association, Inc., and membership was limited to firms, corporations and individuals directly engaged in the manufacture of rubber products in the United States.

At a special meeting of The Rubber Institute, Inc., also held on May 10, it was voted to dissolve the Institute, and to turn over to The Rubber Manufacturers' Association, Inc., the unfinished business of the Institute as at the time of dissolution. The action of both organizations was taken as the final step in merging the interests of the two; and the dissolution of the Institute as a separate corporation was considered the most feasible method of transferring the activities of that organization to the new Association. That Association will continue the co-operative work developed by the Rubber Association over a period of years in all branches of the industry.

**Initial Step Is Taken at New Orleans to Form Cottonseed Crushers' Institute.**

The New York "Journal of Commerce" reports the following from New Orleans May 16:

Harry Hodgson, President of the Hodgson Refining Co., Athens, Ga., was named President of the Interstate Cottonseed Crushers' Association here to-day. He had served as Vice-President for three years and succeeds J. E. Byram.

The association went on record to-day as favoring the consolidation of all cottonseed crushers groups into one organization known as the Cottonseed Institute. Similar action is anticipated on the part of the Texas Cottonseed Association which meets in June in which event a joint meeting will be held to work out details for the amalgamation.

Convention delegates were told by G. S. Meloy, cotton seed specialist of the Department of Agriculture, that the net kernel content of cotton seed is the best physical index of the quantitative value of such seed and that the free fatty content of the oil in the seed at the time of purchase is a sound basis for evaluating the quality of the seed. He also outlined a system of grading.

Mr. Meloy predicted that a grading machine will be perfected shortly by which the grade and quality of cotton seed can be determined in a few minutes. Experts were said to be working on this with confidence of an early conclusion of the project. Purchasing of cotton seed on a flat basis without regard to oil and cake content was deplored by the specialist.

Interesting reports were submitted by E. R. Barrow, educational chairman on work with Southern live stock owners, and by Dr. E. P. Clark, chief chemist of the association. The session was attended by approximately 700, adjourning to-day.

**Census Report on Cotton Consumed in April.**

Under date of May 14 1929 the Census Bureau issued its report showing cotton consumed, cotton on hand, active cotton spindles, and imports and exports of cotton for the month of April 1929 and 1928. Cotton consumed amounted to 631,710 bales of lint and 79,008 bales of linters, compared

with 524,765 bales of lint and 59,930 bales of linters in April 1928 and 632,808 bales of lint and 76,746 bales of linters in March 1929. It will be seen that there is an increase over April 1928 in the total lint and linters combined of 126,023 bales, or 21.5%. The following is the statement complete:

APRIL REPORT OF COTTON CONSUMED, ON HAND, IMPORTED AND EXPORTED, AND ACTIVE COTTON SPINDLES.  
(Cotton in running bales, counting round as half bales, except foreign, which is in 500-pound bales.)

Year	Cotton Consumed During—		Cotton on Hand April 30.		Cotton Spindles Active During April (Number).
	Apr. (Bales.)	Nine Months Ended Apr. 30. (Bales.)	In Consuming Estab-lishments (Bales.)	In Public Storage and at Compresses (Bales.)	
United States	1929 631,710	5,313,979	1,606,832	2,523,574	30,924,184
	1928 524,765	5,306,459	1,507,599	2,919,278	30,950,340
Cotton-growing States	1929 477,866	4,055,471	1,146,004	2,239,899	17,941,948
	1928 396,510	3,946,483	1,019,219	2,666,609	17,822,166
New England States	1929 131,809	1,070,946	394,066	102,542	11,680,946
	1928 106,633	1,136,299	417,943	113,289	11,770,268
All other States	1929 22,035	187,562	66,762	181,133	1,301,290
	1928 21,622	223,677	70,437	139,380	1,357,906
<i>Included Above—</i>					
Egyptian cotton	1929 20,149	172,099	62,814	37,859	-----
	1928 16,466	175,260	47,216	26,405	-----
Other foreign cotton	1929 7,367	55,542	31,157	16,013	-----
	1928 6,479	59,996	32,766	11,861	-----
Amer.-Egyptian cotton	1929 1,240	11,570	5,366	1,546	-----
	1928 1,140	11,461	4,779	4,094	-----
<i>Not Included Above—</i>					
Linters	1929 79,008	633,310	233,789	81,333	-----
	1928 59,930	596,534	223,252	61,897	-----

Imports of Foreign Cotton (500-lb. Bales).

Country of Production.	April.		9 Mos. End. April 30.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
	Egypt	69,533	7,571	237,172
Peru	1,335	1,610	12,831	17,770
China	913	3,195	33,350	56,280
Mexico	1,780	2,761	51,441	20,673
British India	10,933	2,919	30,624	17,883
All other	127	93	2,418	1,561
Total	84,621	18,149	367,836	285,324

Exports of Domestic Cotton Excluding Linters (Running Bales—See Note for Linters).

Country to Which Exported.	April.		9 Mos. End. April 30.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
	United Kingdom	100,410	128,510	1,738,731
France	28,529	27,478	730,029	766,151
Italy	62,583	50,434	595,506	537,008
Germany	68,192	90,187	1,668,193	1,731,720
Other Europe	73,817	96,992	844,450	863,573
Japan	64,125	41,342	1,182,708	762,891
All other	55,935	32,375	438,035	338,920
Total	453,591	467,318	7,197,652	6,185,922

Note.—Linters exported, not included above, were 18,713 bales during April in 1929 and 17,901 bales in 1928; 151,852 bales for the 9 mos. ending April 30 in 1929 and 156,280 bales in 1928. The distribution for April 1929 follows: United Kingdom, 689; Netherlands, 574; France, 3,435; Germany, 10,670; Belgium 710; Italy, 977; Spain, 50; Canada, 1,581; Panama, 2; Chile, 10; Australia, 15.

WORLD STATISTICS.

The estimated world's production of commercial cotton, exclusive of linters, grown in 1927, as compiled from various sources is 23,370,000 bales, counting American in running bales and foreign in bales of 478 pounds lint, while the consumption of cotton (exclusive of linters in the United States) for the year ending July 31 1928 was approximately 25,285,000 bales. The total number of spinning cotton spindles, both active and idle is about 165,000,000.

Memphis Opens Futures Market for Cottonseed.

From the "Herald-Tribune" of May 15 we take the following Memphis Associated Press advices:

The only open futures market for cottonseed in the world has been established here in the heart of the Southland's richest cotton-producing delta lands and home of the world's largest inland cotton market.

Cottonseed, at one time considered useless, but now in demand for various purposes, heretofore has been sold by producers at prices agreed upon by buyer and seller. Officials of the new market believe that it will stabilize prices for the seed, as well as its numerous products, all over the world.

Establishment of the market followed the rapid expansion of the Memphis Cotton Exchange, which has grown from an institution with receipts of nearly a half million bales annually in 1873 to one handling more than 2,000,000 bales each year.

The growth of the market is reflected by the fact that Memphis handled 10.47% of the cotton of the United States last season, compared to 7.09% during the season of 1908-09. One hundred and seventeen cotton shipping firms, whose connections include every cotton consuming district in the world, are listed on the exchange.

Egyptian Cotton Crop Hit—Smaller Yield Is Forecast Following Rain and Cold.

Under date of May 15 Cairo (Egypt) advices to the New York "Times" stated:

This season's cotton crop has been adversely affected and will probably be diminished in output as a result of the rain and cold, which were unusual features of the latter part of April, according to reports received from the provinces by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Many fields were so badly damaged that they had to be resown. Coming on top of the depredations by the cotton worm, the news is causing anxiety.

Cottonseed Oil Production During April.

On May 11 the Bureau of the Census issued the following statement showing cottonseed received, crushed and on hand and cottonseed products manufactured, shipped out, on hand, and exports during the month of April 1929 and 1928:

COTTONSEED RECEIVED, CRUSHED AND ON HAND (TONS).

State.	Received at Mills* Aug. 1 to Apr. 30.		Crushed Aug. 1 to Apr. 30.		On Hand at Mills April 30.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
	Alabama	266,097	295,759	258,193	288,593	8,017
Arizona	61,666	41,146	61,628	41,237	140	82
Arkansas	397,293	307,539	379,604	302,387	17,922	6,833
California	88,384	47,603	80,070	49,131	8,552	1,241
Georgia	395,980	438,747	395,959	435,825	4,495	5,304
Louisiana	205,557	154,719	196,350	163,960	9,324	1,887
Mississippi	613,641	534,932	553,420	514,020	64,220	33,583
North Carolina	303,475	301,020	294,400	300,229	8,187	1,545
Oklahoma	386,823	361,579	378,573	374,136	5,977	8,999
South Carolina	206,800	206,977	204,802	205,904	2,163	2,388
Tennessee	313,900	264,968	291,894	255,858	24,875	10,226
Texas	1,689,699	1,507,712	1,665,576	1,513,336	36,917	28,307
All other	71,311	72,450	71,052	71,975	259	-----
United States	5,004,626	4,535,151	4,831,611	4,516,591	191,048	107,844

\*Includes seed destroyed at mills but not 21,972 tons and 89,784 tons on hand Aug. 1, nor 99,197 tons and 65,153 tons reshipped for 1929 and 1928, respectively.

COTTONSEED PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED, SHIPPED OUT AND ON HAND.

Item.	Season	On Hand Aug. 1.	Produced		Shipped Out Aug. 1-Apr. 30.	On Hand April 30.
			Aug. 1-Apr. 30.	Aug. 1-Apr. 30.		
Crude oil (pounds)	1928-29	*20,350,682	1,523,553,552	1,480,310,973	*80,862,661	
	1927-28	16,296,641	1,427,788,664	1,368,713,140	84,473,987	
Refined oil (pounds)	1928-29	a335,993,223	b1,328,809,151	-----	a570,889,251	
	1927-28	378,612,700	1,200,390,393	-----	516,031,360	
Cake and meal (tons)	1928-29	32,648	2,176,222	1,983,508	225,362	
	1927-28	63,632	2,028,316	2,008,033	84,515	
Hulls (tons)	1928-29	29,291	1,307,849	1,213,297	123,543	
	1927-28	168,045	1,279,663	1,361,915	85,793	
Linters (running bales)	1928-29	43,994	1,030,890	907,621	167,263	
	1927-28	46,177	846,844	781,768	111,253	
Hull fiber (500-lb. bales)	1928-29	2,775	66,391	66,730	2,436	
	1927-28	21,930	70,050	73,692	18,288	
Grabbots, motes, &c. (500-lb. bales)	1928-29	1,903	44,177	33,994	12,086	
	1927-28	1,842	35,334	30,181	6,995	

\* Includes 3,093,476 and 9,612,208 lbs. held by refining and manufacturing establishments and 3,290,652 and 14,041,320 lbs. in transit to refiners and consumers Aug. 1 1928 and April 30 1929, respectively.

a Includes 7,594,021 and 6,777,059 lbs. held by refiners, brokers, agents and warehousemen at places other than refineries and manufacturing establishments and 10,166,451 and 10,804,606 lbs. in transit to manufacturers of lard substitute, oleo-margarine, soap, &c., Aug. 1 1928 and April 30 1929, respectively.

b Produced from 1,442,947,372 lbs. of crude oil.

EXPORTS OF COTTONSEED PRODUCTS FOR 8 MOS. ENDING MARCH 31.

Items—	1929.		1928.	
	Crude, pounds	18,045,517	43,133,802	
Refined, pounds	6,350,184	7,084,676		
Cake and meal, tons	259,569	295,814		
Linters, running bales	133,808	138,379		

Jute Burlap Said to be One of Articles on Tariff List Carrying Rate of Duty Lower Than Rate on Material of Which it is Made.

Jute burlap is the only article on the dutiable list of the tariff which carries a specific rate of duty lower than the rate on the material of which it is made, according to the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York, which made public May 12 correspondence with the House Ways and Means Committee on this subject. To ascertain if this situation, affecting the market for coarse cotton cloth, was an exception in the present law, S. Robert Glassford, President of the Association, wrote the following letter to Representative Willis C. Hawley, Chairman, and to the other members of the Ways and Means Committee:

"February 25 1929.

"Under Paragraph 1003 of the Tariff Act of 1922, the rate of duty on jute yarns 'ten-pound up to but not including five-pound' is set at 5½c. per pound.

"Under Paragraph 1008, the rate of duty on jute burlap made out of these same yarns is set at 1c. a pound.

"The United States Tariff Commission has been asked to cite instances existing in other schedules where specific rates of duty decrease as a product advances in its stages of manufacture. These they fail to give, but advise they cannot say positively that this is an isolated case without making an exhaustive investigation not now practicable.

"It has occurred to us that in your wide experience in tariff matters you may have run across other similar cases and can give us the information we seek. If you will do this, we shall appreciate it very much indeed.

"As textile men, it seems to us most unfair that any cloth should be dutiable at a rate eighty-two per cent. lower than that on the very yarns out of which it is made. So far as we know, it is the only instance of its kind within the entire law, but if there are other commodities to which this rule has been applied perhaps it will seem less unfair."

To this, Clayton F. Moore, Clerk of the Committee, wrote in reply:

"February 28 1929.

"The Chairman directs me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 25, which will be brought to the attention of the proper sub-committee.

"If there are any other instances such as you describe I am not aware of them at this time."

Later Representative Frank Crowther, a member of the Committee, is said to have pointed out that this distinction is shared with steel agricultural implements, admitted free, while ore is free and manufactured steel is generally protected, and silk bolting cloth, used in flour milling, which is on the free list while raw silk is free and silk yarns are dutiable.

The Association, in making public the above, adds:

In 1928, only 29,640 pounds of silk bolting cloth were imported into this country and for the same period the total value of agricultural machinery imported free was less than \$5,000,000, while imports of jute cloth exceeded a billion yards, valued at more than \$80,000,000.

These other instances are hardly comparable, for the articles are not specifically dutiable and the discrepancies have not impeded their respective industries to any such extent as has the jute cloth schedule.

Sugar Stocked in Southern Warehouses in Anticipation of Increase in Tariff.

The "Wall Street News" of May 16 reported the following from Richmond:

One hundred and twenty million pounds of sugar are being put in the warehouses of the Norfolk Tidewater Terminals, according to Charles L. Latinville, traffic manager. The sugar is being stored at Norfolk in its raw form by importers and refiners who are endeavoring to have large stocks of the Cuban product in this country in anticipation of passage by Congress of an increase in tariff.

Petroleum and its Products—Teagle Stresses Imperative Need of Conservation for Industry's Welfare.

The crude oil situation remains practically unchanged this week as compared with last. Conservation of production continues on a large scale, and the importance of this move is being stressed by the industry's leaders. W. C. Teagle, President of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, in his statement to stockholders made public Friday, points out that "there are many obstacles in the path toward the orderly exploitation of the country's petroleum resources. The present form of lease which compels an operator to drill regardless of the market for the product, it is hoped, will be superseded by a new form, the operation of which will be beneficial to all concerned. Under such form of lease the interests of the royalty owners and operators would be pooled through unit development and the operators would be released from the necessity of drilling unless such course be in the common interest.

"The welfare of the industry during the current year," he continues, "will be dependent on the progress which may be made toward constructive conservation and the condition of general business prosperity. The industry has it in its own hands materially to improve its position by a more widespread application of the unit operation and development of pools. Statistics of the first three months of the year reflect an increase in stocks of 29,438,000 barrels, a situation which is menacing to the extent that these statistics forecast the course of events over the year.

"A clearer and more general realization of the necessity of keeping production and consumption in balance must exist if the results of the current year are to be as satisfactory as those of 1928."

Prices of Typical Crudes per Barrel at Wells. (All gravities, where A. P. I. degrees are not shown.)

Table listing prices of typical crudes per barrel at wells for various locations such as Bradford, Pa., Corning, Ohio, Cabell, W. Va., Illinois, etc.

REFINED PRODUCTS—U. S. MOTOR GASOLINE ADVANCED AGAIN AS CONSUMPTION SHOWS GREAT GAINS.

Continued consumption of refined products on a larger scale brought another price advance in U. S. Motor gasoline. Effective Friday, the Sinclair Refining Co. advanced the price of U. S. Motor gasoline 1/2c. a gallon to 9 1/2c. at New York, Philadelphia, Tiverton, R. I., Portsmouth, Charleston, Jacksonville and Tampa. It is announced also that Warner-Quinlan will meet this advance immediately and that other leading refiners will take similar action during the next few days. This development reflects the marked improvement in buying during the past week and the general condition of the bulk gasoline market is considerably strengthened.

Developments in the refinery end of the industry include the erection of four new refineries, now under construction in west Texas. After completion they will give that part of the State a daily crude capacity of 117,000 barrels, which will be an increase of 16,000 barrels over the present capacity. The new plants include one for the Texas Co. at El Paso. This will have a crude capacity of 10,000 barrels, topping and cracking. Big Lake Refining Co. is constructing a 1,000-barrel topping plant at Big Lake. Gulf Refining Co. has under construction a topping, skimming and cracking plant at Sweetwater with a daily capacity of 5,000 barrels.

The Del Rio Refining Co. at Del Rio is to double its present capacity of 3,500 barrels. It is now running 2,500 barrels daily, using Yates field crude supplied by Mid-Kansas Oil & Gas Co. Under present plans, these new

plants and increased capacity will be in force in midsummer.

Kerosene sales are following moderate lines, and the general situation shows little change of moment. Prices are fairly firm, with new contracts being placed at present quotations. Improvement is noted in spot delivery purchases. Heating oils are in a firm conditions with large contract deliveries. Bunker fuel oil and Diesel oil are moving steadily on contract, but little new business is reported. Prices, however, remain firm.

Prices are as follows:

Table showing Gasoline, U. S. Motor, Tankcar Lots, F.O.B. Refinery prices for various locations like New York, West Texas, Chicago, etc.

Gasoline, Service Station, Tax Included.

Table showing Gasoline, Service Station, Tax Included prices for various locations like New York, Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, etc.

Kerosene, 41-43 Water White, Tankcar Lots, F.O.B. Refinery.

Table showing Kerosene, 41-43 Water White, Tankcar Lots, F.O.B. Refinery prices for New York, North Texas, etc.

Fuel Oil, 18-22 Degree, F.O.B. Refinery or Terminal.

Table showing Fuel Oil, 18-22 Degree, F.O.B. Refinery or Terminal prices for New York, Diesel, etc.

Gas oil, 32-36 Degree, F.O.B. Refinery or Terminal.

Table showing Gas oil, 32-36 Degree, F.O.B. Refinery or Terminal prices for New York, Chicago, etc.

Estimated Daily Crude Oil Output in United States Continues to Show Increase Over a Year Ago.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States, for the week ended May 11 1929, was 2,624,750 barrels, as compared with 2,629,850 barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 5,100 barrels. Compared with the output for the week ended May 12 1928 of 2,355,400 barrels per day, the current figure shows an increase of 269,350 barrels daily. The daily average production east of California for the week ended May 11 1929 was 1,865,950 barrels, as compared with 1,878,650 barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 12,700 barrels. The following estimates of daily average gross production, by districts, are for the weeks shown below:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION (Figures in Barrels).

Table showing Daily Average Production (Figures in Barrels) for various districts across the United States, comparing weeks ended May 11 '29, May 4 '29, Apr. 27 '29, and May 12 '28.

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 May 11, was 1,528,550 barrels, as compared with 1,534,900 barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 6,350 barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover, (Arkansas) heavy oil, was 1,479,700 barrels, as compared with 1,485,800 barrels, a decrease of 6,100 barrels.

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

Table showing production figures of certain pools in various districts for the current week compared with the previous week, in barrels of 42 gals.

**Production and Shipments of Portland Cement Higher—Stocks Also Increase.**

The Portland cement industry in April 1929 produced 13,639,000 barrels, shipped 13,319,000 barrels from the mills and had in stock at the end of the month 30,044,000 barrels, according to the U. S. Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce. The production of Portland cement in April 1929 showed an increase of 1.3% and shipments an increase of 0.1%, as compared with April 1928. Portland cement stocks at the mills were 8.7% higher than a year ago.

In the following statement of relation of production to capacity the total output of finished cement is compared with the estimated capacity of 159 plants at the close of April 1929 and of 156 plants at the close of April 1928. In addition to the capacity of the new plants which began operating during the twelve months ended April 30 1929, the estimates include increased capacity due to extensions and improvements at old plants during the period. The Bureau also released the following statistics:

RELATION OF PRODUCTION TO CAPACITY.

	April 1929.	April 1928.	Mar. 1929.	Feb. 1929.	Jan. 1929.
The month.....	67.1%	70.0%	47.4%	44.8%	46.5%
The 12 months ended...	71.1%	74.0%	70.9%	71.0%	71.0%

PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS OF FINISHED PORTLAND CEMENT, BY DISTRICTS, IN APRIL 1928 AND 1929, AND STOCKS IN MARCH, 1929, (IN BARRELS).

District.	Production.		Shipments.		Stocks at End of Month	
	1928.	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.	1929.
Eastern Pa., N. J. and Md. . . . .	3,084,000	3,005,000	3,303,000	3,165,000	6,488,000	6,781,000
N. Y. & Me. . . . .	831,000	900,000	850,000	732,000	1,847,000	2,242,000
Ohio, West. Pa. & W. Va. . . . .	1,321,000	1,401,000	1,154,000	1,274,000	3,577,000	3,777,000
Michigan . . . . .	1,056,000	964,000	846,000	897,000	2,467,000	2,658,000
Wis., Ill., Ind. and Ky. . . . .	1,438,000	1,903,000	1,670,000	1,608,000	3,429,000	4,343,000
Va., Tenn., Ala., Ga., Fla. & La. . . . .	1,381,000	1,117,000	1,276,000	1,251,000	2,040,000	2,114,000
East. Mo., Ia., Minn. & S. D. . . . .	1,142,000	1,150,000	1,154,000	1,086,000	3,901,000	4,362,000
West. Mo., Neb., Kan. & Okla. . . . .	906,000	932,000	803,000	1,034,000	1,566,000	1,395,000
Texas . . . . .	557,000	622,000	538,000	625,000	468,000	443,000
Colo., Mont. & Utah . . . . .	200,000	217,000	217,000	259,000	465,000	409,000
California . . . . .	1,254,000	1,085,000	1,184,000	1,058,000	929,000	920,000
Oregon & Wash. . . . .	298,000	343,000	312,000	330,000	450,000	600,000
<b>Total</b> . . . . .	<b>13,468,000</b>	<b>13,639,000</b>	<b>13,307,000</b>	<b>13,319,000</b>	<b>27,627,000</b>	<b>30,044,000</b>

PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS, AND STOCKS OF FINISHED PORTLAND CEMENT, BY MONTHS, IN 1928 AND 1929 (IN BARRELS).

Month.	Production.		Shipments.		Stocks at End of Month.	
	1928.	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.	1929.
Jan. . . . .	9,768,000	9,881,000	6,541,000	5,707,000	25,116,000	26,797,000
Feb. . . . .	8,797,000	8,522,000	6,563,000	5,448,000	27,349,000	29,870,000
March . . . . .	10,223,000	9,969,000	10,135,000	10,113,000	27,445,000	29,724,000
April . . . . .	13,468,000	13,639	13,307,000	13,319	27,627,000	30,044
May . . . . .	17,308,000	-----	18,986,000	-----	25,984,000	-----
June . . . . .	17,497,000	-----	18,421,000	-----	25,029,000	-----
July . . . . .	17,474,000	-----	19,901,000	-----	22,580,000	-----
August . . . . .	18,759,000	-----	21,970,000	-----	19,374,000	-----
Sept. . . . .	17,884,000	-----	20,460,000	-----	16,799,000	-----
Oct. . . . .	17,533,000	-----	19,536,000	-----	14,579,000	-----
Nov. . . . .	15,068,000	-----	11,951,000	-----	17,769,000	-----
Dec. . . . .	12,189,000	-----	7,384,000	-----	22,650,000	-----
<b>Total</b> . . . . .	<b>175,968,000</b>	-----	<b>175,455,000</b>	-----	-----	-----

a Revised.

Note.—The statistics above presented are compiled from reports for April from all manufacturing plants except two for which estimates have been included in lieu of actual returns.

**Trading in Copper Futures Inaugurated on National Metal Exchange.**

Copper for future delivery was traded in on May 15 for the first time on any exchange in America, when the facilities of the National Metal Exchange were made available to the copper trade. Futures representing copper valued at approximately \$100,000 changed hands in the trading on the exchange at prices ranging from 16.65 to 16.80 cents per pound. Jerome Lewine of H. Hontz & Co. had the honor of making the first sale, a contract of 50,000 pounds of December copper at 16.75 cents. Harold Bache of J. S. Bache & Co. was the buyer. Several other transactions were made during the first 15 minutes of trading.

Erwin Vogelsang, President of the National Metal Exchange, in a short address preceding the copper opening, said: The inauguration of copper trading to-day marks the second step in the development of the National Metal Exchange. For the first time this country will have an open market on an organized up-to-date exchange in the most important metal of the non-ferrous group.

While copper is found in large quantities in many parts of the world, the United States, with its rich deposits has outstripped all other countries not only in the development of its own mines as well as some of the most valuable fields in foreign countries, but also in the treatment of the ores.

Copper is a necessity in the development of nearly every modern industry and production has maintained a steady increase for the past 50 years, reaching its peak during the war years. This large production, due to war-time needs, created a huge stock which was left on the hands of producers

when the war ended, placing the industry in a most critical condition. During 1921 a drastic program of curtailment in production was undertaken to prevent a further decline in price. As a result of this curtailment the market slowly recovered and peace time requirements having expanded to an enormous extent the industry is now enjoying the most prosperous times in its history.

General public interest in the copper mining, smelting, and refining industry has also created a widespread interest in the price movements of the metal. During the first quarter of this year the market experienced an abrupt advance and decline of around 7 cents per pound against which there was no form of protection in the way of a free and open hedging market.

The board of governors feels that absolute security and facility of trading is provided for by the rules under which you are about to commence trading and will offer to the entire copper trade, whether producers, consumers, or dealers, an opportunity to protect their position against untoward price movements. It is felt and expected that the fullest support will be given to our Exchange through a free utilization of the hedging facilities which are being offered by everyone who is interested in the further development of the industry.

Regarding the regulations governing trading in copper an announcement by the Exchange on May 14 said:

The opening copper call will be at 10 a. m. and trading will cease at 2:50 p. m. Trading hours on tin futures will continue 10:15 a. m. to 3 p. m. as heretofore.

The copper contract will be for 50,000 pounds, which at current price levels gives it a money value of \$9,000. At present, ten positions will be traded, with July the first month and the nine succeeding months. Beginning in July 12 months will be traded in. Fluctuations will be in hundredths of a cent, with a maximum of 200 points (2 cents) for any one day above or below the previous day's close in each position.

Contract grades of copper will be prime electrolytic and prime Lake copper, assaying 99.90% in ingots and (or) bars and (or) wire bars of standard weights and sizes. Discount grades will be best selected copper assaying 99.80%, casting copper 99.50%, and casting copper assaying 99.00% in ingots and (or) ingot bars. In addition, the rules include as discount grades rough or blister copper in six grades, 94.00% to 98.00% inclusive.

Prime electrolytic copper shall be deemed the contract grade, the seller having the option of delivering prime Lake copper at the contract price. The seller also has the option of delivering any one of the other grades above named at specified discounts from the contract price. Prime electrolytic copper, Lake, best selected and casting copper shall be deliverable from licensed warehouses, but any of the officially listed brands may be delivered from the producing refinery or smelting plant, provided, however, that such smelting plant or refinery is located in New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Missouri or Pennsylvania. All other tenderable grades shall be delivered only from licensed warehouse. Suitable freight differential is provided where delivery is made from refinery or smelter.

Minimum commissions for buying or selling will be \$10 per contract for Exchange members residing in the United States or Canada; double this rate for non-members. For members and non-members living outside the United States or Canada, an additional \$1 per contract each way is provided for. For each contract bought or sold by one member for another, giving up his principal on the day of the transaction, the floor brokerage will be \$1.50.

The Board of Governors of the National Metal Exchange announced on May 16 the Exchange had listed the following brands of prime electrolytic and lake copper, recommended by the Committee on Copper, as the official list which may be delivered on brand marks against the standard copper contract of the Exchange:

**Lake Copper.**—(C. & H.) Calumet & Hecla Consolidated Copper Co.; (C. L.) Calumet & Hecla Consolidated Copper Co.; (C. R.) Copper Range Co.; (Q. M. Co.) Quincy Mining Co.; (M. M.) Mohawk Mining Co.

**Electrolytic Copper.**—(A. L. S.) Adolph Lewisohn & Sons, Inc.; (B. & M.) Anaconda Copper Mining Co.; (B. E. R.) American Smelting & Refining Co. (Baltimore); (C. C. C.) Chile Copper Co.; (C. Star Q.) Phelps Dodge Sales Co.; (D. R. W.) United States Metals Refining Co.; (L. M. C.) Lewis Metals Corp.; (L. N. S.) Nichols Copper Co.; (N. E. C.) Raritan Copper Works; (P. A.) American Smelting & Refining Co. (Maurer, N. J.); (T.) American Smelting & Refining Co. (Tacoma, Wash.); (TADANAC) Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co.

It was the sense of the Board that no brand of best selected or casting copper should be listed at this time. Until further notice, the above brands of prime electrolytic and lake copper may be tendered against Exchange contracts without certificates of assay. All other tenders of copper must be accompanied by a certificate of assay.

**Copper Holds at 18c. Despite Quiet Trade—Leading Producers Announce Cut of 10% in Output.**

Interest in the market for non-ferrous metals centred in the announcement of leading producers that production of copper would be curtailed to the extent of 10%. The demand continued exceedingly quiet, with a pronounced trend toward hand-to-mouth buying, "Engineering & Mining Journal" reports, and then proceeds as follows:

Sales of copper in the past week were confined to the custom smelters and limited to a few thousand tons. August shipment has been in greatest demand, with some May and June; all sold on the basis of 18 cents, delivered Connecticut. Anaconda, Chile, and Andes announced a 10% cut in production. Other companies have already taken similar steps or are contemplating doing so, as the increase that has been made in production rates seems a little more than is now necessary. However, refined stocks are expected to be built up to at least 100,000 tons, which will require a substantial margin of production above consumption for some months. The curtailment in output is regarded as a constructive step toward the maintenance of the 18-cent price level.

Trading in copper began on the New York Metal Exchange May 15 with sales at 16.60@16.75 cents, electrolytic basis, but as copper as ow-grade as 94% is deliverable under the Exchange contract, this market will not be used for trading between producer and consumer, but only as an opportunity for hedging or speculation in the metal.

An easier tone appeared in the lead market, due to slow demand and weakness in London. Buying interest in zinc also was small.

**Big Producers of Copper Order 10% Cut in Production—  
Anaconda Group Takes Lead in Effort to Stabilize Price.**

Several leading copper producing companies lead by the Anaconda group, announced on May 15, that a plan for reducing production by 10% would be put into effect shortly in order to stabilize the market for the metal. This is learned from the New York "Journal of Commerce" of May 16, which said:

This action—coming after the recent decline in the price of copper from above 24c to 18c a pound, and rumors of further imminent weakness in the price of the metal, is believed designed to offset the effect of statistics showing rising production, which have appeared during the last few months.

Production of copper in April reached a new high record figure. A cut in output of 10% both in this country and Chile, would roughly bring down production to or slightly below the level of last year.

*Anaconda Takes Lead.*

The Anaconda Copper Mining Co., the Chile Copper Co. and the Andes Copper Co., the three big producers in the Anaconda group, first made the announcement. Greene Cananea and Inspiration, also controlled by Anaconda, announced last night an order to bring about a similar curtailment had been sent to their mines in Mexico and Arizona.

While no announcement was forthcoming from the Kennecott Copper Co., the trade heard rumors that steps were contemplated for a similar curtailment on the operations of this company in Alaska, Utah and elsewhere.

The copper trade showed no immediate effects of the curtailment announcement yesterday. The big producers have been sold up on their advance production until the end of June, the selling at the 18 cents per pound level having been done largely by the customs smelters, who smelt and sell other producers' ores for a commission. The American Smelting & Refining Co., the American Metals Co. and the Nichols Copper Co. are leaders in the customs smelters field. The present move on the part of the producers is expected to result in a correction of the market situation which developed when the customs smelters, after staying out of the market to secure the highest possible price for their product, brought pressure to bear to have the price lowered when buying tended to disappear after the spectacular rise in the price of the metal to above 24 cents per pound. The result is expected to be a stabilized market for the big producers as they now again begin to sell copper for future delivery.

News of the change of policy of the Anaconda Copper Mining Co. emanated from the Butte offices. Up to that time all producers had been straining every nerve to increase their output to meet the tremendous demand for copper.

The break in the price of copper caused buyers to withdraw abruptly from the market. Since that time the only copper sold virtually has been copper marketed by customs smelters. The actual quantity thus marketed has been small, copper men state. It is expected that three months will elapse before the curtailment of production will make itself felt in the market for refined copper, owing to the fact that copper is in process of conversion from raw ore into refined metal for that period of time.

*Copper Men Go Abroad.*

It is understood that John D. Ryan, Chairman of Anaconda, is now abroad. It was said yesterday that another representative of Anaconda will sail from here Friday. Cornelius F. Kelly, President of the company, who, it had been reported, would go to Europe this summer, has decided not to do so. It is expected that the copper men, while abroad, will seek to bring about a better feeling among European consumers. Denials were made in authoritative quarters that dissolutions of the Copper Exporters' Association was contemplated as had been reported from Europe. It was also denied that any of the prominent members intended to leave the body.

Copper stock generally sold off somewhat further in yesterday's trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

**Steel Output Continues at High Level—Price of Pig Iron Again Advances—Steel Price Unchanged.**

The momentum of steel production and demand is a source of surprise to both sellers and buyers, the "Iron Age" states in its weekly review of iron and steel conditions. Mills continue to operate virtually at capacity, and, if the rate of output does not equal that of March or April, it is because shutdowns for repairs are more frequent. Specifications still fail to give convincing evidence of a decline in steel consumption. Diminishing shipping orders for automobile steels are offset by larger releases of other finished products, adds the "Age," which continues to say:

Increased specifying for bars, plates and shapes at Pittsburgh has caused an extension of deliveries on those products. A decline in bookings at Chicago is interpreted as indicating that many buyers have fully specified against their second quarter contracts.

Buying for third quarter has not yet begun, but active interest of large users in their needs for that period and continued efforts of some buyer to place supplementary orders for earlier shipment point to a well sustained rate of steel consumption.

Although deliveries on certain products show some improvement, mills still find difficulty in supplying steel as rapidly as it is wanted, and in some instances have farmed out orders to competitors better able to meet the time requirements of their customers. The shortage of semi-finished steel remains a source of embarrassment and, with little likelihood that the scarcity will soon be relieved, a possible advance in prices for third quarter is being taken into account.

It is the possibility of higher crude steel that has caused mills to move in direction of advances on finished products. A few makers of automobile body sheets have announced third quarter quotations of 4.20c., Pittsburgh, an increase of \$2 a ton. Advances, however, are not favored by all mills in view of the uncertainty of demand in the last half of the year.

Third quarter prices on common finishes of sheets named by the Inland Steel Co. are unchanged from existing quotations except on blue annealed. Under a reclassification, now being adopted by other mills, separate bases are established for No. 12 gage and heavier and No. 13 and lighter. For producers quoting on a Pittsburgh base the new prices represent an advance of \$1 a ton.

The steel for a gas line from Monroe, La., to Atlanta, 130,000 tons, has been divided among four pipe makers. The Steel Corporation subsidiary

and two independent mills will supply lapwelded pipe, while the remainder—about half the tonnage—will be electrically welded pipe from the Milwaukee fabricator. The large requirements of the latter company help to explain the heavily sold condition of Chicago plate mills, which are booked through the major part of the third quarter.

Although there are now indications of a slackening of automobile production during the summer, growing export business is counted on to moderate the recession. Farm equipment makers are taking steel at an unchanged rate. Structural steel awards are unimpressive, totaling 27,000 tons for a second week, but lettings of concrete steel bars, at 10,000 tons, have been exceeded only once since Jan. 1. Construction work in St. Louis is at a standstill because of a strike, and a dispute in the building trades in New York may have similar results.

Railroad equipment builders are consuming considerable steel, although there have been no notable additions to their bookings recently. The Pennsylvania Railroad will build 1000 cars in its own shops. The placing of 13,200 tons of plates for two ships for the Matson Navigation Co., San Francisco, is an early probability.

Signs of strength in the pig iron market may be traced to the pressure of steel demand. Two sizable purchases of Valley basic, reflecting extra requirements of steel producers, have firmly established that grade at \$18.50 a ton, or 50c. above the recent price. Gray iron and malleable foundries are taking pig iron shipments at an undiminished rate, but are in no haste to place contracts for third quarter. Meanwhile, merchant furnaces in some centers are beginning to press for business, this being particularly true in the New York metropolitan district and New England, where prices are easier.

Scrap markets are soft, and heavy melting grade at Pittsburgh has dropped another 50c. a ton to \$17.75.

Steel ingot production in April, as reported by the American Iron and Steel Institute, declined 2% from the total for March. The recession is attributed to interruptions for repairs necessitated by the wear and tear on equipment. With the sole exception of the March output, the April tonnage was the largest for any month on record. Production in the first four months was 18,812,637 tons, a gain of 2,000,000 over previous record, one year previous, and larger than any entire year's output prior to 1905.

The "Iron Age" composite price for pig iron has advanced to \$18.71 a ton, replacing last week's \$18.67 as the highest figure reached this year. The finished steel composite remains for the seventh week at 2.412c. a lb., as the following table shows::

Finished Steel.				Pig Iron.					
May 14 1929, 2.412c. a Lb.				May 14 1929, \$18.71 a Gross Ton.					
One week ago	-----	2.412c.		One week ago	-----	\$18.67			
One month ago	-----	2.412c.		One month ago	-----	18.46			
One year ago	-----	2.348c.		One year ago	-----	17.42			
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.				Based on average of basic iron at Valley furnace and foundry irons at Chicago, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Valley and Birmingham.					
<i>High.</i>				<i>Low.</i>					
1929	2.412c.	Apr. 2	2.391c.	Jan. 8	1929	\$18.71	May 14	\$18.29	Mar. 19
1928	2.391c.	Dec. 11	2.314c.	Jan. 3	1928	18.59	Nov. 27	17.04	July 24
1927	2.453c.	Jan. 4	2.293c.	Oct. 25	1927	19.71	Jan. 4	17.54	Nov. 1
1926	2.453c.	Jan. 5	2.403c.	May 18	1926	21.54	Jan. 5	19.46	July 13
1925	2.600c.	Jan. 6	2.396c.	Aug. 18	1925	22.50	Jan. 13	18.96	July 7

Pressure for prompt delivery of finished steel is substantially as insistent as at what apparently was the peak of the spring consuming bulge 30 to 45 days ago, says the "Iron Trade Review" in its summary this week of the iron and steel markets. Incoming business in most products, however, continues to fall slightly short of shipments, but the shrinkage is milder than might have been expected with the industry well into its fifth consecutive record month of production and consumption, continues the "Review," which further states:

Third quarter business has not been large but increasingly it commands attention, for one reason because mill capacity for some important products is engaged through this quarter. Usually when consumers seek a place on mill books for the next quarter the price is left open. For seasonal reasons the third is not usually a propitious quarter for advancing prices, but the strong situation in pig iron and semi-finished steel may point the way.

Ingot production in April, while 2.4% off the all-time record of March, nevertheless surpassed all previous April efforts. With operating rates in the Pittsburgh and Chicago districts at practical capacity and Youngstown district mills this week turning out the greatest tonnage since October, there is an outside chance of May setting a new top. The increase in unfilled tonnage of the Steel corporation, while slight, is a factor for strength.

Steel corporation subsidiaries this week still are operating in excess of practical capacity. With independents averaging 94%, the entire industry approximates 97 1/2%. In the Mahoning valley 30 out of 34 blast furnaces are active, and 50 out of 51 independent open hearths are operating. Pittsburgh, Buffalo and Chicago are at virtual capacity.

Blue annealed sheet prices should be stabilized by the dual method of quoting which important makers are adopting. To localize the competition of strip steel and light plates, blue annealed sheets No. 12 gage and heavier will be designated as light plates, blue annealed, and quoted on a No. 9 and 10 gage base. For blue annealed sheets proper, No. 13 will be the base grade. On some gages there will be an advance of \$1 to \$2 per ton. Auto-body sheet prices are slated to be advanced \$2 per ton for the third quarter by some makers. Deliveries on most sheet grades are only slightly easier.

Final statistics on freight car orders in April give the month 8205, making the 4-month total 49,328. In the first four months of 1928 only 23,381 cars were placed, and in the entire year 44,763. Seven thousand freight and 240 passenger cars are actively pending. The week's orders include 1,000 box cars by the Pennsylvania and 100 stock cars by the Northern Pacific, in each case to the road's own shops. Twenty-seven locomotives were placed.

At Chicago and Pittsburgh bar mills are improving on their deliveries, but on some sizes at Chicago 14 weeks is the best possible. Bar demand in the East is sustained. Oil country requirements lead in new business at Chicago, where 5,000 tons for tanks was placed in the week and inquiry expanded to 15,000 to 20,000 tons. A pipeline at Newark, N. J., will take 8,000 tons of plates. Structural steel jobs are seasonally high, with 50,000 tons in prospect for a Chicago tower.

Continued improvement is noted in demand for wire products for agricultural uses. Strip steel deliveries still are extended despite capacity production, narrow hot strip chiefly being wanted. Bolts and nuts move slowly for construction work but rapidly for industrial purposes. Cast iron pipe awards are disappointing and prices are easy.

Pig iron melters show more interest in third quarter requirements but buying for that delivery is not active. Basic iron in the Mahoning valley seems established at \$18.50 with further sales at the 50-cent advance.

Bessemer and malleable iron prices there also have advanced 50 cents. Two stacks at Birmingham are to be dropped shortly.

Semi-finished steel makers stand more firmly upon their recent \$1 and \$2 rises, and are refusing business. Iron and steel scrap is easier, with consumers rejecting heavily. Coke is quiet, with prices unchanged.

Reflecting unprecedented consumption, Lake Superior iron ore is moving to the furnaces at the rate of 9,000,000 tons for May, compared with 5,700,000 tons last May. The movement to June 1 promises to be double that for the comparable period of 1928. Foreign iron ore prices are high and some grades are not obtainable at any price, a condition which may prompt the reopening of some eastern mines.

Steel ingot production in April, at 189,924 gross tons daily, was second only to the 194,548-ton rate of March and exceeded the previous April record—the 172,215 tons of a year ago—by a wide margin. In the first 4 months 18,812,637 gross tons of ingots were produced, compared with 16,846,958 tons a year ago. Steelmaking operations in April averaged 96% and for the first 4 months of the year 93%.

Rising pig iron prices in the Mahoning valley have put the "Iron Trade Review" composite of 14 leading iron and steel products up 6 cents, to \$37.13, the highest for this index since early 1927.

Production of steel ingots during the past week increased fractionally to 97 1/2%, due to more activity by the U. S. Steel corp, states the "Wall Street Journal," of May 14. A week ago the industry was at 97% and two weeks ago at 101%. The "Journal" continues:

For the U. S. Steel Corp. the output is again in excess of its rated capacity, whereas a week ago it was slightly under 100%. Two weeks ago the big company was running at better than 103%.

Independent steel companies' rate of production declined about 1% during the week to 94%, compared with 95% in the preceding week and 99% two weeks ago.

At this time last year, U. S. Steel was running at 89%, with the independents at approximately 80%, and the average around 84 1/2%.

The "American Metal Market" this week states:

Steel mills are still required by the state of demand to produce the maximum tonnage possible and there is no likelihood of any substantial decrease in production until next month at the earliest. The decrease in steel ingot production of 2.4% from March to April was obviously due to physical conditions.

There are fugitive reports of lessened demand for steel, little items being seized upon because theory would call for a seasonal decrease before this time. Also there are reports of increased bookings, probably due to comparison being made with the fore part of April when bookings would naturally be light after such heavy specifying on old contracts, expiring March 31.

**Ironworkers Get Five-day Week—Structural Steel Board of Trade Voluntarily Grants It to 2,500 Employees—Increases Pay 10%.**

A five-day week of 40 hours and a 10% wage rise have been granted voluntarily by the Structural Steel Board of Trade, Inc., to become effective on Aug. 24, it was announced on May 9 by the board, of which Charles L. Eidlitz is Chairman. We quote from the New York "Times" of May 10, which said further:

The announcement affects 2,500 men working under open-shop conditions on steel structures being erected by the Structural Steel Board of Trade. The men now work 44 hours a week and receive \$14 a day. The new wage will be \$7 a week, or \$15.40 a day.

The pay envelopes of the iron erectors to-day will contain the following announcement:

"To Our Erection Employees:—As you are well aware it has always been the policy of the members of this board to keep the wages and working conditions of our open shop employees on the same or a better basis than those of the other trades in this city.

"Accordingly, beginning with the first pay week following Aug. 24 1919 the wages of housesmiths will be \$1.92 1/2 per hour for a 40-hour week of five days."

Among the employing iron erecting concerns in the Structural Board of Trade are Post & McCord Co., Hays Foundry & Iron Works, Harris Structural Steel Co., Levering & Garrigues, McClintock Marshall Co., Taylor Fichter Co., Norton & Co., George A. Just Co., and Patterson Bridge Co.

**Bill Eliminating Tax on Anthracite Coal Signed by Gov. Fisher of Pennsylvania.**

Harrisburg (Pa.) Associated Press advices, May 17 said:

The Heaton Bill, gradually eliminating the tax of approximately eight cents a ton on anthracite was signed to-day by Gov. Fisher.

It will be entirely repealed May 31 1931.

**April Anthracite Shipments Increase Over Previous Month but Fall Below April 1928.**

Shipments of anthracite for the month of April 1929, as reported to the Anthracite Bureau of Information, Philadelphia, amounted to 5,160,520 gross tons. This is a decrease as compared with shipments during the same month last year, of 443,356 tons, but shows a marked increase as compared with the preceding month of March, this year, of 1,531,829 tons.

Shipments by originating carriers for the month of April, this year, compared with the same month last year, and the preceding month of March, this year, are as follows:

(In Gross Tons.)—	Apr. 1929.	Apr. 1928.	Mar. 1929.
Reading Company	941,389	1,140,985	676,295
Lehigh Valley	764,523	899,376	583,014
Central RR. of New Jersey	487,158	531,892	308,049
Delaware Lackawanna & Western	874,135	899,398	626,825
Delaware & Hudson	688,331	678,810	489,840
Pennsylvania	499,536	519,233	345,147
Erle	537,828	517,282	375,165
New York Ontario & Western	110,558	121,083	82,802
Lehigh & New England	257,062	295,817	141,554
Totals	5,160,520	5,603,876	3,628,691

**Bituminous Coal Output Continues Ahead of Last Year—Anthracite Production Lower.**

According to the U. S. Bureau of Mines, the production of bituminous coal for the week ended May 4 1929 amounted to 8,781,000 net tons, as compared with 8,174,000 tons for the corresponding period last year and 9,118,000 tons for the week ended April 27 1929. The output of Pennsylvania anthracite for the week ended May 4 1929 totaled 1,633,000 net tons as against 1,885,000 tons in the preceding week and 1,826,000 tons in the week ended May 5 1928. The Bureau's statement follows:

**BITUMINOUS COAL.**

The total production of soft coal during the week ended May 4 1929, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 8,781,000 net tons. Compared with the revised estimate for the preceding week, this shows a decrease of 337,000 tons, or 3.7%. Production during the week in 1928 corresponding with that of May 4 amounted to 8,174,000 tons.

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

	1929		1928	
	Week. to Date.	Cal. Year to Date.	Week. to Date.	Cal. Year to Date.
April 20-----	8,651,000	162,612,000	7,917,000	150,204,000
Daily average-----	1,442,000	1,730,000	1,320,000	1,600,000
April 27. b-----	9,118,000	171,730,000	8,192,000	158,396,000
Daily average-----	1,520,000	1,717,000	1,365,000	1,586,000
May 4. c-----	8,781,000	180,511,000	8,174,000	166,570,000
Daily average-----	1,463,000	1,703,000	1,362,000	1,573,000

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

The total production of soft coal during the present calendar year to May 4 (approximately 106 working days) amounts to 180,511,000 net tons. Figures for corresponding periods in other recent years are given below:

1928-----	166,570,000 net tons	1926-----	188,587,000 net tons
1927-----	207,492,000 net tons	1925-----	167,823,000 net tons

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

State—	Week Ended				Average Apr. 1923. a
	Apr. 27 1929.	Apr. 20 1929.	Apr. 28 1928.	Apr. 30 1927.	
Alabama-----	335,000	335,000	336,000	367,000	412,000
Arkansas-----	16,000	15,000	27,000	14,000	21,000
Colorado-----	166,000	134,000	181,000	139,000	184,000
Illinois-----	912,000	893,000	491,000	55,000	1,471,000
Indiana-----	291,000	270,000	205,000	71,000	514,000
Iowa-----	60,000	53,000	49,000	17,000	100,000
Kansas-----	21,000	25,000	28,000	18,000	79,000
Kentucky—Eastern	819,000	790,000	867,000	1,016,000	620,000
Western-----	219,000	198,000	317,000	431,000	188,000
Maryland-----	47,000	44,000	43,000	42,000	52,000
Michigan-----	12,000	12,000	12,000	9,000	22,000
Missouri-----	52,000	50,000	52,000	13,000	59,000
Montana-----	50,000	42,000	46,000	53,000	42,000
New Mexico-----	50,000	50,000	61,000	54,000	59,000
North Dakota-----	21,000	20,000	19,000	13,000	16,000
Ohio-----	422,000	390,000	209,000	145,000	766,000
Oklahoma-----	38,000	33,000	41,000	67,000	49,000
Pennsylvania (bitumin.)	2,552,000	2,438,000	2,278,000	2,278,000	3,531,000
Tennessee-----	95,000	98,000	112,000	109,000	121,000
Texas-----	15,000	15,000	15,000	23,000	20,000
Utah-----	66,000	72,000	67,000	77,000	70,000
Virginia-----	240,000	220,000	212,000	272,000	249,000
Washington-----	37,000	38,000	37,000	43,000	35,000
W. Virginia—Southern	1,811,000	1,706,000	1,740,000	2,175,000	1,293,000
Northern. c-----	657,000	610,000	644,000	809,000	741,000
Wyoming-----	103,000	100,000	105,000	75,000	116,000
Other states-----	1,000	1,000	5,000	6,000	6,000
Total bituminous coal.	9,118,000	8,651,000	8,192,000	8,391,000	10,836,000
Pennsylvania anthracite.	1,885,000	1,424,000	1,889,000	1,908,000	1,974,000
Total all coal-----	11,003,000	10,075,000	10,081,000	10,299,000	12,810,000

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

**PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE.**

The total production of Pennsylvania anthracite during the week ended May 4 1929 is estimated at 1,633,000 net tons. Compared with the output in the preceding week, this shows a decrease of 252,000 tons. Production during the week in 1928 corresponding with that of May 4 amounted to 1,826,000 tons.

**Estimated Production of Pennsylvania Anthracite (Net Tons)**

Week Ended—	1929		1928	
	Week. to Date.	Cal. Year to Date.	Week. to Date.	Cal. Year to Date.
April 20-----	1,424,000	22,946,000	1,605,000	21,216,000
April 27. b-----	1,885,000	24,831,000	1,889,000	23,105,000
May 4. c-----	1,633,000	26,464,000	1,826,000	24,931,000

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

**Canadian National Railways Crop Report—Increased Acreage in Saskatchewan and Alberta.**

Increased acreage in Saskatchewan and Alberta, particularly in the central and southern areas, is indicated in the first weekly crop report of the Canadian National Railways. The report says:

Wheat seeding is practically completed in all sections of the prairies and the sowing of coarser grains is well under way. Notwithstanding the fact that seeding is in some places as much as a week and two week earlier than last year the season is slow. Cold weather has retarded growth throughout the three provinces. To the cold and frost has been added in some areas lack of moisture and reports of drying out come from Saskatchewan. Welcome rains have come to some districts. Snow was reported from only one place, Reddeer, Alberta.

Saskatchewan reports warmer weather and every prospect for a good season. While some farmers say they have enough moisture in their land the majority require rainfall. Rye is up and doing well and flax sowing will commence next week. The land is in good condition on the whole. The same condition of cold and lack of moisture apply to Alberta where wheat is practically all in, but the other grains are being held back.

## Current Events and Discussions

### The Week With the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on May 15, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the results for the twelve Reserve banks combined, shows decreases for the week of \$47,400,000 in holdings of discounted bills and of \$11,100,000 in bills bought in open market and an increase of \$6,300,000 in holdings of Government securities. Member bank reserve deposits decreased \$10,100,000, Government deposits \$15,000,000, Federal Reserve note circulation \$17,000,000 and cash reserves \$800,000. Total bills and securities were \$57,600,000 below the amount held on May 8. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Holdings of discounted bills decreased \$22,500,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, \$17,400,000 at San Francisco, \$7,800,000 at Philadelphia, and \$6,800,000 at Chicago, and increased \$7,200,000 at Boston. The System's holdings of bills bought in open market decreased \$11,100,000, while holdings of Treasury notes increased \$6,100,000 and of all Government securities, \$6,300,000.

Federal Reserve note circulation decreased \$10,500,000 at New York, \$1,500,000 at Richmond, \$1,400,000 at Chicago, \$1,300,000 at Dallas, and \$17,000,000 at all Federal Reserve banks.

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 3306 and 3307. A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks, together with changes during the week and the year ended May 15, is as follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)		
	May 15 1929.	Week.	Year.
	\$	\$	\$
Total reserves.....	3,011,523,000	-756,000	+209,886,000
Gold reserves.....	2,838,123,000	-2,824,000	+197,314,000
Total bills and securities.....	1,224,349,000	-57,563,000	-193,665,000
Bills discounted, total.....	914,599,000	-47,423,000	+107,187,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obliga'ns.....	512,837,000	-12,977,000	-35,729,000
Other bills discounted.....	401,762,000	-34,446,000	+142,916,000
Bills bought in open market.....	146,107,000	-11,074,000	-201,185,000
U. S. Government securities, total.....	155,826,000	+6,338,000	-106,494,000
Bonds.....	50,400,000	-7,000	-4,144,000
Treasury notes.....	90,610,000	+6,115,000	-9,807,000
Certificates of indebtedness.....	14,816,000	+230,000	-92,543,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	1,648,658,000	-17,020,000	+63,563,000
Total deposits.....	2,365,508,000	-23,706,000	-68,645,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	2,319,887,000	-10,146,000	-62,269,000
Government deposits.....	13,678,000	-14,957,000	-11,830,000

### 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 the present week increased \$14,000,000. This follows an increase of \$19,000,000 last week, of \$40,000,000 the week before, and of \$67,000,000 three weeks ago. The total of these loans on May 15 at \$5,565,000,000 compares with \$5,793,000,000, March 20 1929 (this latter having been the high record) and with \$4,502,000,000 on May 16 1928.

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

	New York.		
	May 15 1929.	May 8 1929.	May 16 1928.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans and Investments—total.....	7,194,000,000	7,165,000,000	7,301,000,000
Loans—total.....	5,337,000,000	5,314,000,000	5,425,000,000
On securities.....	2,641,000,000	2,647,000,000	2,812,000,000
All other.....	2,696,000,000	2,667,000,000	2,612,000,000
Investments—total.....	1,857,000,000	1,852,000,000	1,876,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	1,062,000,000	1,075,000,000	1,080,000,000
Other securities.....	795,000,000	777,000,000	797,000,000

	May 15 1929.	May 8 1929.	May 16 1928
	\$	\$	\$
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	726,000,000	724,000,000	756,000,000
Cash in vault.....	54,000,000	55,000,000	49,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	5,167,000,000	5,146,000,000	5,573,000,000
Time deposits.....	1,181,000,000	1,157,000,000	1,196,000,000
Government deposits.....	44,000,000	46,000,000	15,000,000
Due from banks.....	100,000,000	79,000,000	112,000,000
Due to banks.....	824,000,000	806,000,000	1,024,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank.....	166,000,000	189,000,000	233,000,000
Loans on securities to brokers and dealers			
For own account.....	860,000,000	864,000,000	1,312,000,000
For account of out-of-town banks.....	1,725,000,000	1,734,000,000	1,656,000,000
For account of others.....	2,979,000,000	2,953,000,000	1,535,000,000
Total.....	5,565,000,000	5,551,000,000	4,502,000,000
On demand.....	5,213,000,000	5,182,000,000	3,452,000,000
On time.....	352,000,000	369,000,000	1,050,000,000
Chicago.			
Loans and investments—total.....	2,017,000,000	2,001,000,000	2,082,000,000
Loans—total.....	1,594,000,000	1,588,000,000	1,570,000,000
On securities.....	895,000,000	893,000,000	872,000,000
All other.....	699,000,000	695,000,000	698,000,000
Investments—total.....	423,000,000	413,000,000	512,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	177,000,000	173,000,000	230,000,000
Other securities.....	246,000,000	240,000,000	282,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	167,000,000	168,000,000	190,000,000
Cash in vault.....	15,000,000	15,000,000	16,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	1,207,000,000	1,204,000,000	1,280,000,000
Time deposits.....	643,000,000	636,000,000	715,000,000
Government deposits.....	11,000,000	12,000,000	4,000,000
Due from banks.....	151,000,000	124,000,000	181,000,000
Due to banks.....	311,000,000	319,000,000	357,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank.....	24,000,000	18,000,000	63,000,000

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

As explained above, the statements for the New York and Chicago member banks are now given out on Thursdays, simultaneously with the figures for the Reserve banks themselves, and covering the same week, instead of being held until the following Monday, before which time the statistics covering the entire body of reporting member banks, 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 included with loans, and some of the banks included mortgages in investments. Loans secured by U. S. Government obligations are no longer shown separately, only the total of loans on securities being given. Furthermore, borrowings at the Federal Reserve are not now subdivided to show the amount secured by U. S. Government obligations and those secured by commercial paper, only a lump total of the two being given. The figures have also been revised to exclude a bank in the San Francisco district, with loans and investments of \$135,000,000 on Jan. 2, which recently merged with a non-member bank.

In the following will be found the comments of the Federal Reserve Board respecting the returns of the entire body of reporting member banks of the Federal Reserve System for the week ended with the close of business May 8:

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in 101 leading cities on May 8 shows decreases for the week of \$217,000,000 in loans and investments, of \$249,000,000 in net demand deposits, and of \$19,000,000 in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks, and an increase of \$11,000,000 in time deposits.

Loans on securities declined \$130,000,000 at all reporting banks, \$129,000,000 in the New York district and \$11,000,000 in the Philadelphia district. "All other" loans declined \$39,000,000 in the New York district and \$52,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Holdings of U. S. Government securities were \$18,000,000 and of other securities \$16,000,000 below the preceding week's totals.

Net demand deposits, which at all reporting banks were \$249,000,000 below the May 1 total, declined \$197,000,000 in the New York district, \$33,000,000 in the Boston district, \$17,000,000 in the Cleveland district, and \$14,000,000 in the San Francisco district, and increased \$15,000,000 in the Philadelphia district. Time deposits increased \$11,000,000 at all reporting banks, \$12,000,000 in the San Francisco district and \$7,000,000 in the Boston district, and declined \$10,000,000 in the Chicago district.

The principal changes in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks for the week comprise an increase of \$30,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and declines of \$18,000,000 at Philadelphia, \$13,000,000 at Chicago, \$10,000,000 at San Francisco, and \$6,000,000 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 May 8 1929 follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)		
	May 8 1929.	May 1 1929.	Since May 9 1928.
Loans and investments—total.....	\$22,096,000,000	*—217,000,000	—26,000,000
Loans—total.....	16,256,000,000	*—182,000,000	+309,000,000
On securities.....	7,241,000,000	*—130,000,000	+193,000,000
All other.....	9,015,000,000	*—52,000,000	+116,000,000
Investments—total.....	5,841,000,000	—34,000,000	—333,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	2,979,000,000	—18,000,000	—43,000,000
Other securities.....	2,862,000,000	—16,000,000	—290,000,000
Reserve with Federal Res'v'e banks	1,682,000,000	—20,000,000	—115,000,000
Cash in vault.....	237,000,000	+14,000,000	—11,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	12,985,000,000	—249,000,000	—323,000,000
Time deposits.....	6,771,000,000	+11,000,000	—116,000,000
Government deposits.....	108,000,000	—35,000,000	+36,000,000
Due from banks.....	1,038,000,000	—119,000,000	—115,000,000
Due to banks.....	2,582,000,000	*—135,000,000	—533,000,000
Borrowings from Fed. Res. banks.....	684,000,000	—19,000,000	+76,000,000

\* May 1 figures revised. a Subject to correction.

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

The Department of Commerce at Washington releases for publication May 18 the following summary of market conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and radio:

#### ARGENTINA.

Business conditions are good, but the seasonal slowness of the retail trades has been accentuated. The liabilities of commercial houses which failed during April amounted to 12,000,000 paper pesos, an increase of about 50% over the previous month, while liabilities for the first four months of this year were 4,000,000 greater than for the corresponding period of the previous year, a fact which has been much commented upon by the press. The National Mortgage Bank has issued a new series of cedulas amounting to 50,000,000 paper pesos. The Province of Buenos Aires has decreed the conversion and retirement of its 7% internal pavement bonds of 43,000,000 paper pesos, the holders being given the option of presenting their bonds either for cash or in exchange for new 6% internal bonds before July 1. (Paper peso worth about 42 cents.)

#### BRAZIL.

Exchange continues firm and unchanged. The coffee market at Rio de Janeiro was also firm with quotations unchanged, but at Santos the market was weak and quotations uncertain. Hope of improvement in the credit situation is reported from some quarters. Commerce in general is dull, but some optimism has been caused by the governmental assurance that the Bank of Brazil will handle all legitimate discounts. A statement has also been authorized to the effect that the Bank of Brazil will inaugurate rediscounting within a few months. Meanwhile over sixty failures and creditors' agreements occurred during the week, eleven of the largest showing liabilities approximating \$10,000,000.

#### CANADA.

Reports from Ontario employment offices indicate that iron and steel and automobile manufacturers are continuing their high production schedules. The weather working trades are showing some improvement and candy and hosiery manufacturers are busy. Clothing factories are less active, but retail sales of millinery and hosiery are reported fair at Montreal, although there has been as yet no active demand for summer wearing apparel. Boots and shoes are in hovering demand. Spring lines which are moving well include roofing and roofing supplies, builders' hardware and garden tools. The earlier opening of the prospecting season in northern Ontario this year has stimulated the sale of wholesale groceries and other camp supplies. Grain congestion at Lake and river ports is reported still serious, and shipments from Port Arthur and Fort William are lower in consequence. Montreal elevators were reported to hold 12,629,000 bushels of grain on May 9, with the possibility that the congestion will continue for some weeks in view of the falling off in export orders. During the past week wheat prices dropped to the lowest levels of the year. The potato acreage in New Brunswick is reported to be from 15 to 20% less this year than in 1928. In some districts of Ontario farmers have suffered from the heavy rains of the past few weeks and seeding has been delayed.

#### CHINA.

No change is noted in the general business situation at Shanghai. All trade markets are somewhat quiet incident to race week. Abnormally low water in the Yangtze River is causing some concern to shipping and severely handicapping the movement of cargo. Less activity is reported in Shanghai real estate markets, with no important transactions recorded. Building permits granted in the International Settlement during April totaled 461, and in the French Concession, 509, with Chinese houses and shops comprising the major part of April construction activities. A contract has been signed with an American firm in Shanghai for the purchase of ten locomotives for the Tientsin-Pukow line. Conditions in North China are quiet, and no immediate reaction from disturbances in South China are expected. Prospects appear better for more quiet and improved conditions in Shantung Province upon Nationalist authority ties taking over the Province from Japanese, whose evacuation is expected to be completed by the end of May. Passenger service is now operating three-weekly between Peking and Pukow via Tientsin, and the former route via the Tunghai line is abandoned for this direct route. It is reported that Belgian suppliers have recently consummated the sale of ten locomotives for the Lunghai line, the sale to be financed from returned indemnity funds. Twice-daily railway passenger service continues between Peking and Mukden, with further improvements expected on this branch. Shanghai officials announce plans for construction in Chahar Province of the Kalgan-Dolonor Railway comprising 133 miles. Exact details of the project are not yet available. Business was quiet in Canton during April. Imports were on a slowly declining scale, but export business was well sustained. Internal disturbances in the South China area have caused a depreciation in Central Bank notes, and consequently hampered trade. The situation continues uncertain, with business confined to immediate needs pending stabilization of conditions and the clearing of large import stocks. Four Chinese banks in the Three Eastern Provinces are forming a joint organization for issuing Mexican dollar bank notes, which are to be secured by deposits of 70% in silver and 30% in other collateral.

#### CUBA.

Economic conditions are unchanged with sales in most lines restricted. The sugar mills are rapidly completing the grinding of the current crop and

prospects of a further seasonal slackening with the advent of the dull summer season is in prospect it is believed unless sugar prices improve. Sugar production up to May 4 was approximately 4,970,000 tons, according to trade estimates, but prices are still very low. The effect of the lower returns realized from the sugar crop are evident in all lines of business. Nevertheless, the diffusion of small manufacturing enterprises, largely organized since the inauguration of the tariff of 1927; the increased attention given to the cultivation of minor crops; good returns from the tobacco crop; the heavy expenditures of tourists during the past winter seasons; and the expenditure of money for public works, have in the aggregate helped to stabilize business at a certain low level, where it has been able to maintain itself. While the program of public construction of highways, aqueducts and public building exercises a stimulating effect on trade, it also increases the tax burden.

#### EGYPT.

The foreign trade situation continues favorable, according to preliminary returns for March, with both imports and exports showing an expansion over the corresponding month of 1928. Imports totaled £4,663,000 (£E equals approximately \$5) and exports £5,250,000, as compared with £3,885,000 and £4,367,700. Cotton exports were valued at £4,086,400 as compared with £3,388,000 for the same month of the preceding year. Total imports for the first three months aggregated £13,274,000 and exports £15,281,600; the respective figures for the corresponding period of 1928 were £11,944,000 and £13,267,000.

#### FINLAND.

Business in Finland during April was rather spotty with no particular change noticeable. Credit conditions were particularly tight, as the result of the increased demands to finance the sudden heavy imports which followed the opening of the ports early in the month. The number of protested notes has been the largest since war years. Bourse turnover was low with quotations depressed. Industrial conditions were normal during the month but increased activity incident to seasonal changes is anticipated in May. The lumber market was quiet with sales at the end of April exceeding two-thirds of estimated output. Prices remained unsatisfactory. Chemical pulp demand was good with prices low but tending to improve. Some interest is already being shown in advance sales for 1930. The paper and plywood markets remained quiet. The cost of living continued to decline. Unemployment has improved materially over earlier years. The stevedores' strike in force since June 1928 was settled during the early part of April with no important changes in agreements. March trade was slow but an improvement was noted during early April. The export of dairy products, mainly butter and prepared meats, were large during the first quarter and considerably above those of earlier years.

#### FRANCE.

Although French industries continued well occupied and the economic situation was fundamentally sound, there was during the past month uncertainty in certain branches and a tendency toward a slackening in manufacturing and trade. The metallurgical industries were generally active and production increased. In the coal industry a high level of production was maintained and market conditions became normal. The machinery industry, with the exception of textile machinery, has maintained a capacity production and only a shortage of skilled labor has prevented the acceptance of a larger volume of orders. Agricultural implement sales have reached a record volume owing to a shortage of farm labor. The tendency in textile establishments is less favorable. The cotton yarn market is extremely calm and spinners are making price concessions in order to reduce stocks. Cotton weavers are in a relatively better position but new orders are scarce. The situation of wool spinners has improved slightly as a result of better export sales. In the silk factories the demand for fabrics is barely sufficient to keep the looms employed full time, but rayon sales are brisk. The market for hides and skins is dull, the retail shoe trade is satisfactory, the rubber market is calm, and conditions in the lumber trade are satisfactory. An important factor in the economic situation is the continuance of the heavy adverse visible foreign trade balance. Agitation for tax reforms has subsided temporarily but the subject remains one of the outstanding problems. Present high production costs, which make competition in foreign markets difficult, and increasing prices are ascribed in an appreciable degree to the weight of the tax burden. Some hesitation is occurring in the financial market because of the lack of a satisfactory settlement at the reparations conference. The volume of security transactions is small. Money is still abundant despite a heavy volume of new stock issues. It has been announced that the Government will present a bill authorizing the issue of a loan of 3,000,000,000 francs to hasten the economic development of the French colonies. Crops are about a month late on account of prolonged cold weather. Prospects for the fruit crops are reported as good but the olive and almond trees are reported to have been damaged severely by cold weather.

#### GERMANY.

The unfavorable conditions that prevailed throughout the first quarter of the year remained unchanged in April and the early part of May. While the general tone of trade and industry is now somewhat firmer than in March, the uncertainty of the reparations outlook tends to outweigh all other considerations and to confine such improvement as has taken place to those branches of industry most influenced by seasonal factors. The disturbing effect of the reparations question is most noticeable in the unfavorable conditions of finance. Domestic investment is practically at a standstill, while security prices at the end of April were the lowest since 1926, following a sharp break in the middle of that month. Money rates rose at the end of April after the 1% advance in the Reichsbank rate that was made primarily with a view to correcting the temporary weakness of the mark-exchange. The tendency toward tighter money is further aggravated by the heavy emergency borrowings of the Federal Treasury, while the access to the investment market is further blocked by the prospect of a long term government loan of 500,000,000 marks on preferred terms to relieve the Treasury. Government receipts from taxation for the fiscal year which ended on March 31 totaled 9,023,000,000 marks, or 160,000,000 over the original estimate.

#### GREECE.

The recent severe weather has resulted it is claimed in considerable damage to live stock and many crops. Currants suffered to the extent of 10% but the final crop is expected locally to approximate that of the previous year. The United States continues to lead as a country of origin for Greek imports.

#### INDIA.

Piece goods trade in India continues quiet, with prices easier. Jute and hessians are steady at lower levels, but the volume of trading is very small.

#### JAPAN.

The Japanese Government is issuing 5% conversion bonds in the amount of 140,000,000 yen (normal value \$69,790,000), redeemable in 1962. Present prices are at 93. Valuable power rights on the Tadami River have been granted to the Tokyo Electric Power Co. Steel bar producers have formed a group for production and price control.



## MEXICO.

Since the collapse of the revolution in Sonora, the Southern Pacific Railroad has been operating two mixed trains weekly between Nogales and Mazatlan. On May 15 the Mexican Aviation Co. inaugurated tri-weekly air-mail service between Mexico City and Tapachula, near the Guatemalan border. It is reported that the banking houses Casa Brito of Tampico, and Casa Celso Garza Gonzalez of Torreon, have suspended payments.

## NETHERLAND EAST INDIES.

Trade conditions are normal, though the money market is somewhat tighter. Leaf tobacco, automobile accessories, and iron and steel are especially featured in the import trade.

## NEWFOUNDLAND.

The local trade, both wholesale and retail, is dull. Seasonal fishing prospects, however, are fair, and the annual seal hunt has been successful, with a yield of around 200,000 skins.

## PANAMA.

It has been estimated by the Central Roads Board that the road tax will produce over \$50,000 during 1929. Imports during April amounted to \$1,590,000, of which over 78% came from the United States. National revenues during the same period amounted to \$721,000. A survey has been started in connection with the water and sewer system for the city of Bocas del Toro. The Isthmian Airways Co. proposes to establish a flying school in Panama. The Government is carrying on negotiations for the purchase of land at Paitilla Point on which to erect an air dome. The largest tourist business since the canal construction days is expected during next season.

## PERU.

Crop conditions are reported to be excellent, and the labor situation is satisfactory. The merchandise turnover continues to be affected by the seasonal dullness of trade occurring during the crop making season and sales are sluggish. Reserve Bank data as of April 30, 1929, reported gold reserves amounting to £P5,247,937, note circulation totaling £P6,045,879 and bank clearings reaching £P7,374,778. (Peruvian peso worth about \$3.99).

## SPAIN.

Wide fluctuation in the peseta dollar exchange characterized the Spanish situation during April. The Spanish medium stood at its highest level on April 1 at 6.62½ to the dollar and the minimum was reached on April 24 at 7.01 to the dollar. The weakening of the peseta is causing considerable apprehension in business and Government circles. Reasons attributed are the unfavorable trade balance and foreign speculation in peseta exchange. An emission of a 500,000,000 peseta, amortizable tax free 5% loan has been authorized to cover expenses under the extraordinary budget for public works. Bank clearings in Madrid during April were lower than those for the preceding month, but are in excess of those for April 1928. Stock exchange transactions on the Madrid Bourse show a slight weakening trend. There was some speculation in bank stocks, industrials, minerals electric shares and notably explosives. The figures for the Bank of Spain for the end of April showed no fluctuation in gold reserve as compared with that at the end of March. Circulation, silver cover and accounts current were increased. The Government is at present urging Spanish buyers to purchase nationally manufactured automobiles in order to decrease the unfavorable trade balance. Owing to the shortage in the national production of wheat the Government has made bids for the importation of 125,635 tons of foreign wheat. Improvement has been reported in the Asturian coal mining situation and orders are exceeding production. Many mines are now working at normal capacity with prices for better grades of coal well sustained. The improvement in this situation is attributed to the growing demand of the Spanish industries for national coal, price increases for the English product, and rise in exchange value of the pound sterling.

## UNITED KINGDOM.

The British coal trade is quieter in some mining districts, especially in Scotland, supplies are now considered to be much in excess of demand. Bunker business is at present the most active section of the trade. The Government has issued a draft agreement for the proposed Dead Sea salts concession. Board of Trade returns of overseas commerce show substantially larger totals of imports and of exports of British goods in April than in the previous month or in the same month of last year. No conclusions, however, should be drawn from the larger figures this year without making allowance for business stoppages, owing to the Easter holidays last March and in April of 1928; also there was one Sunday less in April than in either March of this year or in April of last year. Even so, the overseas trade is in the aggregate probably up to general expectation, especially as full results of the slowly improving industrial position are not immediately reflected in trade returns. Imports in April amounted to £104,160,000, British exports to £60,240,000, and reexports to £10,370,000. The March totals were £98,593,000, £58,623,000, and £9,986,000, respectively, and those for April 1928 £96,796,000, £55,268,000, and £10,955,000, respectively.

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

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Copra and abaca markets continue quiet, as the result of general lack of interest and small demand from all markets. Coconut oil mills are operating at less than normal capacity due to the rather unfavorable outlook. Arrivals of copra, however, are seasonally good, totaling 245,000 sacks during April, compared with 172,000 sacks for the same month last year. To-day's f. o. b. copra prices are: Hondagua and Legaspi, 11 pesos per picul of 139 pounds; Cebu, 11.125 pesos and Manila, 11.50 pesos. (One peso equals \$0.50.) Abaca sellers are holding for better prices and few sales are being made. Price quotations are nominal at 30 pesos per picul for grade E, F, 26.50; I, 24; JUS, 20; JSK, 16.50 and L, 14. Arrivals of abaca at export points last week totaled 34,100 bales and exports amounted to 33,900 bales, of which the United States took 5,200, Europe, 12,900, and Japan, 15,200. Arrivals for the current week are estimate at 28,000 bales and for next week, 32,000.

## British Tax Explained—Visitors Chargeable as Residents Pay on Income Remitted from Abroad.

Under date of May 3 the New York "Times" had the following to say in a message from London:

Misapprehension regarding payment of the British income tax by visitors from overseas was clarified in the House of Commons to-day by A. M. Samuel, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, who declared that no part of a visitor's income from sources outside Great Britain was subject to the British income tax unless he was chargeable as a person residing in Britain.

"A visitor who maintains no place of residence in Britain and whose

visits are not habitual, but only occasional," he said, "is not regarded as resident in Britain unless he has been in the United Kingdom for a period or periods equal in the whole to six months in the income tax year, commencing April 6, while a visitor who becomes chargeable as a resident is liable not on the whole of his income arising from abroad, but only on so much of that income as is received by or remitted to him in the United Kingdom."

## Holders of American Dollars in Poland Sell at a Loss Following Erroneous Information Concerning American Note Issue.

The following Warsaw advices April 27 appeared in the New York "Times":

Numerous dollar-note holders in Poland were panic-stricken a few days ago when a popular newspaper announced that the United States had issued new notes and that the old ones would be withdrawn on the shortest notice.

Banks and exchange bureaus were besieged by those who wanted to get rid of their dollars, and many sold them to speculators at a heavy discount. An official statement issued by the American Legation, that exchange of the currency would take a long time, finally allayed the excitement.

## Signing at Washington of Agreement Providing for Settlement of Indebtedness of Greek Government to United States—Additional Advance of \$12,167,000 Granted.

Upon the occasion of the signing at Washington on May 10 of the agreement providing for the settlement of the indebtedness of the Greek Government to the United States, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon delivered to the Greek Minister a check for \$12,167,000, representing the additional advance to Greece authorized in the resolution passed by Congress, and signed by President Coolidge on Feb. 16 1929. This resolution, which was referred to in our issue of Feb. 23, page 1158, authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to conclude an agreement for the settlement of the Greek debt. Provision for total credits to Greece of \$48,236,629 was made in the Tripartite loan agreement of 1918, but the cash advances by the United States amounted to but \$15,000,000. In giving the statement made by Secretary Mellon on May 10 with the signing of the agreement, a dispatch from Washington to the New York "Times" said:

The Treasury Department to-day announced the completion of the debt settlement with Greece, under which that country has agreed to repay over a term of 62 years the \$15,000,000 lent to it in war time and in 20 years an additional \$12,167,000 at 4% to be advanced by this country to the Refuge Settlement Commission, of which the Chairman shall always be an American. The Commission will devote this money to aid the Greek refugees, estimated at 1,500,000, who were driven from Asia Minor.

The agreement was signed to-day by Minister Simopoulos for Greece and by Secretary Mellon for the United States and approved by President Hoover.

With the signing of this compact, debt agreements covering war-time advances have been made with all European countries excepting Armenia, Austria and Russia. The proposal to France has not been ratified. Congress has authorized a settlement of the Austrian debt, but the final steps are still to be taken.

The original advances to Greece were made under what is known as the Tripartite loan agreement of Feb. 10 1918, and there has been a sharp difference of opinion between the Governments on the details of settlement.

In a statement issued to-day concerning the agreement with Greece, Secretary Mellon said:

"Under the Tripartite loan agreement, the Secretary of the Treasury, with the approval of President Wilson, established on the books of the Treasury credits in favor of Greece in the aggregate amount of \$48,236,629, for which amount the United States held the obligations of Greece. Against these credits the United States made cash advances of \$15,000,000, leaving a balance of \$33,236,629, which Greece has claimed the United States owed it.

"The United States took the position that events which transpired subsequent to 1920 relieved it from making any further advances.

"At its last session the Congress authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to make an agreement with Greece providing for the settlement of Greece's indebtedness to the United States and for adjusting outstanding differences as to the Tripartite loan agreement.

"This authorization provided that Greece should fund its outstanding obligations to the United States over a period of years and that the United States should make an additional loan to Greece in an amount which would make the total of the sums advanced equal to the sums advanced by Great Britain under the terms of the Tripartite loan agreement to which the United States, Great Britain, and France were parties.

"Greece is to forego all claims for further advances under the Tripartite loan agreement of Feb. 10 1918, which agreement, so far as the United States and Greece are concerned, is regarded as terminated.

"In addition, the Greek Government paid in cash to the United States the sum of \$2,922.67 in order that the amount to be refunded should be an even number of dollars, together with \$20,000 in payment of the bond issued under the agreement and maturing July 1 1928 and an additional \$20,000 in payment of the bond maturing under the agreement of Jan. 1 1929. The Secretary of the Treasury delivered to the Greek Minister a check on the Treasurer of the United States for \$12,167,000."

## Jugoslavia Reduces Staff—One-third of Civil Employees Dismissed to Cut Expenses.

Belgrade advices May 6 to the "Times" state:

One-third of Jugoslavia's civil servants found themselves without jobs to-day because of a decree of King Alexander.

Two hundred and fourteen army staff officers also have been retired, in addition to thirty-three Generals and three Admirals, the pensioning of whom was announced several weeks ago.

The reduction in the civil service is part of the economy campaign begun by the dictatorship to regenerate the finances of Jugoslavia. The army reductions are stated to be a result of a recent inspection of the Jugoslavian army by French officers, who reported that too many elderly officers were being retained in the service.

Another version has it that General Zivkovich, the Prime Minister, took advantage of the occasion to purge the army of elements believed to be hostile to the dictatorship and to himself.

In view of the popularity of many of the retired officers there is some uneasiness regarding the outcome of such a drastic measure.

The civil servants to be dismissed, it is said, will be those who have been slack in the discharge of their duties.

### Porto Ricans Seek President Hoover's Support for Loan —Delegation Says Island Needs \$100,000,000 to Cure "Intolerable" Conditions.

President Hoover's support for a loan of \$100,000,000 to Porto Rico by the United States to refund the insular and municipal bonded debt of the island and to carry forward to completion the program of reconstruction and rehabilitation of the island was urged by a delegation of Porto Ricans at the White House on May 15, according to a Washington dispatch to the New York "Times," which said:

In support of their request, Santiago Iglesias of the Porto Rican Senate told President Hoover that economic and social conditions in the island were "intolerable" and that conditions would grow worse unless steps were taken by the insular and Federal Governments to remedy the situation.

Senator Iglesias informed the President further that receipts of the insular government had not increased in proportion to the wealth produced by the island; that at least 60% of the benefits obtained from the wealth now produced by the island is exported; that half of the population of school age lacks facilities for obtaining an education and that because of "miserable" wages paid to workers and lack of employment a great part of the island's population, especially in the rural areas, is suffering from anemia and malaria.

The proposed loan of \$100,000,000 would extend over a long period and would bear a liberal rate of interest.

"Nothing else, we believe," said Senator Iglesias, "would so stimulate the building of a sounder and more healthy community of American citizens in the Caribbean whose increasing welfare would insure a constantly growing market with every prospect of increasing profit for American business than advancing the loan."

The delegation included Senor Antonio R. Barcelo, President of the Senate, and Sanchez Morales, Vice-President of the Porto Rican Senate; Walter K. McJones and Senor Belascochea. They were introduced by Carlos Davila, the Porto Rican resident Commissioner. The delegation praised the record of Governor Horace M. Lowner.

### Portion of Bonds of Province of Lower Austria Retired.

J. & W. Seligman & Co., fiscal agents, announce the retirement on June 1 of \$17,500 principal amount, Province of Lower Austria secured sinking fund 7½% gold bonds, due Dec. 1 1950. Of the total amount, \$9,000 has been purchased in the open market and \$8,500 is called for redemption at the principal amount and accrued unpaid interest to June 1.

### Revenues of Province of Upper Austria Securing 7% Bonds.

Figures made public May 13 show that revenues securing the Province of Upper Austria external 7% bonds, due June 1 1945, amounted to \$2,948,649 last year as compared with \$2,755,609 the previous year. These revenues, derived from a tax on real estate and a proportionate share of Federal taxes, are, it is announced, equivalent to 6.3 times the total annual service charges of \$468,000 for interest and sinking fund on the 7% bonds, against 5.88 times the previous year. At present \$4,544,500 of these bonds are outstanding, \$455,500 having been retired through operation of the sinking fund.

### Definitive Bonds For Republic of Peru Available.

J. & W. Seligman & Co. and the National City Bank of New York, as fiscal agents, announce that definitive bonds for \$25,000,000 Republic of Peru, Peruvian National Loan external sinking fund gold 6s, second series due Oct. 1 1961, are now ready for delivery at the office of J. & W. Seligman & Co., 54 Wall St., New York, in exchange for and upon surrender of interim certificates.

### Resolutions of Governing Committee of New York Stock Exchange on Death of Winthrop Burr.

On May 8 the Governing Committee of the New York Stock Exchange adopted resolutions expressing their sense of the loss suffered in the death on May 6 of Winthrop Burr, a member of the Governing Committee for 28 years, and who had also served as Vice-President and Chairman of various committees. The resolution follows:

For 37 years a member of the New York Stock Exchange, and for 28 years a leading member of the Governing Committee, serving as Vice-President of the Exchange and as Chairman of its most important Standing Committees, Winthrop Burr was one of those rare personalities who commanded not only the respect and admiration of all his contemporaries, but, better yet, their warm and sincere affection.

Just as the generation of business men with whom he lived and worked looked up to him as an example of the highest ideals of ethics and fair-dealing in the financial world, succeeding generations when they come to guide the affairs of the Exchange will be influenced by standards which he so greatly helped to establish.

*Be It Therefore Resolved,* That the Governing Committee regard the death of Winthrop Burr as a grave misfortune not only to themselves, but to every member of the New York Stock Exchange; that they believe that

his unselfish devotion to the interests of the Exchange, the high ideals that he strove to establish in its policies, and the courteous and sympathetic attitude which characterized all his dealings with his fellow-members will keep his memory green throughout a long and distant future and be an inspiration to continued striving towards all that is most worthy of attainment.

*Be It Further Resolved,* That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy thereof suitable engrossed be transmitted to his family.

Mr. Burr, who was born in Newton, Mass., on July 25 1861, entered Harvard University from the Newton High School and was graduated in 1884. From the "Herald-Tribune" of May 7 we take the following:

He entered business in Boston, where he remained until 1892, when he came to New York, buying the New York Stock Exchange seat of A. G. Wood on Nov. 3 of that year. Until June 1919, he acted as the floor member of the firm of Parkinson & Burr, but at that time he became a floor broker, making his office with H. T. Carey & Co., at 50 Broadway.

He was elected a Governor of the Exchange in 1901, and from 1915 to 1919 was Vice-President of the Exchange, serving creditably in that capacity during part of the period when financial conditions were extremely tense, as a result of the war.

In 1913 the Committee on Business Conduct was formed, with Mr. Burr as a member, and he was elected Chairman in 1915. He retained this post until his death. Other important positions held by Mr. Burr during his long term on the Governing Committee included membership on the Arbitration Committee since 1901, the Law Committee since 1913 and the Conference Committee since 1925.

He formerly was a member of the Committee on arrangements and the Committee on Admissions. Among the special commissions upon which he acted were the Committee on Opening the New Building, in 1902; the Liberty Loan Committee, in 1917, and the Committee for the Revision of the Constitution, in 1922.

### E. H. H. Simmons Re-elected President of New York Stock Exchange—Other Officers Elected.

E. H. H. Simmons was elected President of the New York Stock Exchange for the sixth successive term in the annual election of the Exchange on May 13. Other officers and members of the governing committee elected were:

Warren B. Nash, Treasurer.

*Members of the Governing Committee (for the term of four years):*

Harold O. Barker	William B. Potts
Herbert I. Foster	Joseph H. Seaman
Walter L. Johnson	George M. Sidenberg
Peter J. Maloney	Edward T. H. Talmage, Jr.
J. Clark Moore, Jr.	George B. Wagstaff

For the term of three years, George P. Smith.

For the term of two years, Robert Lehman.

For the term of one year, Herbert G. Wellington and Arthur F. Broderick.

The report of the nominating committee was referred to in our issue of April 13, page 2392.

### James B. Mabon Resigns as President of the New York Quotation Co.—E. T. Tefft Succeeds to Presidency.

The following is from the May 11 bulletin of the New York Stock Exchange:

The New York Quotation Co. reported that at a meeting of the board of directors held on April 24 1929 the resignation of Mr. James B. Mabon as a director and as President of the company was presented, and accepted with regret. Mr. Bertrand L. Taylor Jr. was elected a director to fill the vacancy, and Mr. Erastus T. Tefft was elected President and a member of its Executive Committee.

Mr. Mabon's resignation as a member of the Governing Committee of the Stock Exchange was referred to in our issues of April 13, page 2392, and April 27, page 2737.

### Candidates for Election at Annual Meeting June 3 of New York Produce Exchange.

The Nominating Committee of the New York Produce Exchange has announced the following candidates for election at the annual meeting to be held Monday, June 3:

For President, William Beatty; for Vice-President, Axel Hansen; for Treasurer, John E. Seaver.

For the Board of Managers, two years: Winchester Noyes, Samuel Knighton, Robert F. Straub, James J. O'Donohue, Milton W. Lipper and Edward J. Wade. Mr. Lipper of the Stock Exchange firm of Arthur Lipper & Co. and Mr. Wade of the Stock Exchange firm of Wade Brothers & Co. are two new nominees for election to the Board of Managers.

Directors who have another year to serve are: Roger N. Black, Herbert L. Bodman, Louis Rosenstein, T. R. Van Boskerok, Arthur Dyer and F. E. Jackson.

### Early Upward Trend of Price of Bonds and Preferred Stocks Looked for by Brown Brothers & Co.

Under the head "Are Bonds and Preferred Stocks Attractive," Brown Brothers & Co., of Philadelphia, in their May circular have the following to say:

This question is being given more and more consideration each day not only by those who ordinarily invest in this class of securities but by an increasingly large number of persons who have, during the past five years, been interested in common stocks only and who have realized cash profits, or at least have large paper profits at this time.

We would not go so far as to say that this class of buyer as a whole is considering the sale of his common stock holdings, whether speculative or otherwise, and reinvesting the proceeds in good bonds and preferred stocks, but a large number of these people are not experienced speculators and the recent severe decline in the market has brought very forcibly to their attention the fact that stocks can decline as well as advance. Then, too,

the abnormal rates for call loans, the larger margin required on such loans, the increased scrutiny on the part of lenders as to the character of collateral offered, continued warnings by the Federal Reserve Board and other authorities, all combine to make the speculator seriously consider disposing of at least a part of his stocks while there is still a profit to be had.

It is by no means certain that the general business of the country will continue as at present and while there is now no scarcity of credit for legitimate business, continued high money rates tend to defer expansion.

In times of general prosperity the public is prone to extravagance and people spend money freely for things which at other times might be termed luxuries. It is only natural therefore that stocks of corporations producing these luxuries have been among the highlights of our recent stock markets. Experience has shown that any pronounced decline from the top in the stock market is soon reflected in reduced sales of luxuries, so that it may be safely reasoned that stocks of such companies carry an added risk.

It is a well-known fact that many of our banks and trust companies have been out of the market for bonds for a long period. In fact, many have been selling their investments in order to take care of local demands or to take advantage of high interest rates for call loans. It may safely be said that the banks which are ordinarily large bond buyers have reduced their investment holdings to a minimum. Moreover, the supply of new corporation bonds during the past two years has been much below normal, many corporations having been able to finance themselves, for the most part, through the sale of stocks rather than bonds. These two factors indicate a substantial latent buying power.

We feel that the upward trend in the price of bonds and preferred stocks cannot be much longer delayed and we are satisfied that already the public is thinking along these lines. Several prominent men, among them Secretary Mellon, have had courage enough to so express themselves, and when a sufficiently large number of people are imbued with this idea, we feel that the level of prices for sound bonds and preferred stocks will advance very rapidly. Thoughtful investors, therefore, may well consider anticipating this expected improvement by investing funds now, while prices are still undoubtedly attractive.

### Baltic Mercantile and Shipping Exchange Establishes Wheat Futures Market in London.

Associated Press advices from London May 14 stated:

A wheat futures market was begun to-day on the Baltic Mercantile and Shipping Exchange by H. L. Routh, President of the London Corn Trade Association. Mr. Routh said that not only would a free and open market thus be provided for sellers, but an increased flow of Manitoba wheat to London would result in expansion of business for brokers, thus helping to restore prosperity.

The first transaction was in the August position at 44s. 5d., with subsequent freedom of trading in other months. The contract was based on No. 3 Manitoba option to tender other Manitobas at proportionate adjustments. The minimum movement is a half-penny a quarter of 480 pounds.

### Col. Leonard P. Ayres of Cleveland Trust Co. Finds Business Prosperous to Verge of Boom Conditions in Certain Sections—Decline in Rates of Gold to Bank Credit.

With regard to business conditions Col. Leonard P. Ayres, Vice-President of the Cleveland Trust Company, has the following to say in the Business Bulletin of the institution dated May 15:

"Probably it would be fair to summarize the present situation by noting that general business is prosperous to the verge of boom conditions in those parts of the country where iron and steel and automobile industries are located, and that it is fairly good in the sections relying largely on agriculture. Most commodity prices are either steady or weak. There is little evidence to indicate that the prevailing high interest rates have been detrimental to business, and there does not seem to be much prospect that interest rates will ease off notably in the near future."

Col. Ayres also discusses "Gold and Bank Credit" in the Bulletin and in part says:

By the Summer of 1924 the bank credit in use amounted to about \$45,000,000,000, and the monetary gold in the country was nearly \$4,500,000,000, so that there were about \$10 of credit for each dollar of gold, or, to put it the other way around, the gold amounted to almost 10% of the bank credit in use.

By the Summer of 1925 it was less than 9%; in 1927 it fell below 8%; last year it declined to less than 7%. It is now lower than it has ever been before, lower even than it was at the worst of the inflation period and credit strain of 1920. In computing the percentages the relation has been found between the amount of monetary gold in the country and the total of loans and investments of all banks until 1926, and since that time the increase in brokers' loans for others than banks have been included in computing the bank credit outstanding. If these were not included the lowest point in the line would be just above seven instead of slightly below it.

In the past 15 years our gold reserves have greatly increased, and the credit based on them has increased far more rapidly than the gold. First the Federal Reserve system served as a means of increasing the volume of credit that could be based on each dollar of gold reserves. Then in recent years there has been a great shift in our commercial banks from demand deposits, which require relatively large reserves, to time deposits, which call for far smaller reserves. More recently there has been a tremendous growth of loans made to brokers by corporations and individuals, and these loans do not require any reserves at all.

We have been progressively learning how to use our gold reserves more efficiently, or at least more extensively. It is interesting to ponder on what would happen if the trend of the past five years should be extended over the next ten.

### Opposes High Rates on Brokers' Loans—Professor Cassel, Swedish Economist, Agrees with Views of President Simmons of New York Stock Exchange on Effect of Speculation.

The following is taken from the New York "Times" of May 12:

Professor Gustav Cassel, Sweden's economic authority, agrees with President E. H. H. Simmons of the New York Stock Exchange that stock speculation does not absorb productive capital, and in an article in the latest issue of the Quarterly Report of Skandinaviska Kreditaktiebolaget of Stockholm he concludes that "it seems scarcely rational to endeavor to check stock speculation by raising the bank rates or by fixing particularly high rates of interest for loans to the Stock Exchange."

Such a procedure, he continues, might even lead to direct stimulation of lending to the Stock Exchange, "as in fact has happened in the United States, where capital from the whole country has streamed into New York to take advantage of the high rates of interest in the Exchange."

#### Suggests Other Methods.

"If it is really desired," he writes, "to avoid this circuit and in general to check excessive Stock Exchange speculation, it would be better to cast about for some other method. It has been suggested, for example, that banks should be debarred from further credits from the central bank if they have been found to have lent too much money on shares.

"Another method, which seems to deserve serious consideration, is to require a wider margin for loans granted on the security of shares. The banks might first agree on certain margins for such loans which would be applicable under normal conditions. A general increase in these margins would then be a good means for checking undue speculation. An abnormal rise of prices on the Stock Exchange owing to wild speculation ought at all events to be met by the refusal of any increase in the former loan values in spite of the increase in stock prices.

"These, however, are technical matters which should be left to those experienced men who are responsible for the direction of the banking system. But it is obviously of vital importance that the settlement of such questions should not be impeded or warped by fallacious views as to the part played by the Stock Exchange in the supply of capital to the country.

#### Defines Central Banks' Functions.

"There is a rather general tendency to saddle the center banks with the responsibility for a proper regulation of the Stock Exchange. This tendency must be combated. A central bank should have no other function than to maintain the currency of the country on a parity with gold and, so far as lies in its power, to promote the stabilization of the value of gold itself, which is vitally important for the world at large.

"Only in so far as may be necessary in order to discharge this function ought a central bank to intervene against abnormal speculation on the Stock Exchange. Strict adherence to its principal mission is here of paramount importance, as this manifestly affords the best possible guarantee against the central bank being driven into a policy governed by economic fallacies."

### W. Randolph Burgess and O. M. W. Sprague on "Money and Credit and Their Effect on Business"—Views in Report of Committee on Recent Economic Changes.

W. Randolph Burgess, Assistant Federal Reserve Agent of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and Prof. O. M. W. Sprague, of Harvard University, have furnished a survey of "Money and Credit and Their Effect on Business," which forms a part of the "Report of the Committee on Recent Economic Changes of the President's Conference on Unemployment," of which President Hoover is Chairman. The complete report, which comprises some 900 pages, was made public the current week. The investigation undertaken by the Committee was made under the auspices of the National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc. "Stock Exchange Operations" are dealt with in the treatise supplied by Messrs. Burgess and Sprague, and under this heading they state:

The recent development of a stock market demand for loans that seems almost without limit and is impervious to moderate advances in rates and the possibility of the recurrence of a similar situation from time to time in the future cannot fail to affect unfavorably the development and functioning of the New York money market as a great and reasonably stable national and world financial center. The issue and marketing of bonds, the granting of acceptance credits and the functioning of the bill market have been unfavorably affected by the instability of rates, occasioned by the absorption of credit in connection with Stock Exchange operations. The volume of transactions on the Exchange is immensely greater than that on the Exchange in any other country. Customers are far more numerous and, above all, daily settlements are a unique feature of trading. The adoption of term settlements has been suggested, but the proposition has met with but little favor in Stock Exchange circles. The only other means of securing a reasonable measure of stability in the functioning of the New York money market would seem to be through the exercising of a restraining influence through the Federal Reserve System.

During 1928, efforts to restrain the absorption of credit in the security markets were indeed made by the Reserve Banks, and the conclusion should not be drawn from the lack of success that attended the measures taken that restraint could not be made effective through the Reserve System. Early in 1928, the Reserve Banks initiated a policy of restraint through the exercise of very gradual pressure upon the market. Government securities were sold and discount rates were increased by three successive advances of ½ to 1%, at intervals separated from two to three months. The possibilities of effectually restraining intense speculative activity through sharp and even drastic action have not been tested.

Unquestionably Stock Exchange transactions have been the most conspicuous financial development of the later years of the period under review, and the causes of the unexampled expansion in trading and its economic as well as financial significance and effects deserve careful examination.

On the basis of the movement of industrial security quotations, the years since 1921 divide into two periods—one of moderate change until the Summer of 1924, and a subsequent period of persistent advances continuing to the end of 1928. A similar division appears in the case of brokers' loans—no decided increase in the first period, very great expansion in the second.

The course of call-loan rates does not, however, follow this division. A sharp decline in 1922 was followed by fairly stable rates until the beginning of 1928. Thereafter, rates advanced sharply with, it is to be noted, no

accompanying decline, but rather a further increase in the volume of brokers' loans.

Many influences of varying degrees of importance contributed to bring about the marked upward movement of security prices and to induce an exceptional volume of trading. Leaving out of account an initial advance incident to the recovery of business following the depression in 1921, the abundance of funds seeking investment and the decline in interest rates provided the basis for a general advance in security quotations. Other factors have been the more general recognition of the possibilities of appreciation of common stocks in a growing country, the organization of many investment trusts, a large increase in the number of branch offices of Stock Exchange houses, the listing of shares of many additional enterprises, and, above all, the impressively large profits of a considerable number of companies giving rise to anticipations of a further increase in earnings of these and other undertakings. Discounting the future in the security market may be carried to excess with resulting unhappy consequences and it is an important limitation upon the significance of this survey that it covers a period that witnessed only the economic, social and financial effects of a rising market for securities.

Leading up to the above, Messrs. Burgess and Sprague had the following to say:

The effects of rising security prices during the period of advance may here be generally indicated. A rising stock market has a psychological influence favorable to business activity. It also serves to facilitate the marketing of securities among investors and lessens the cost of additional capital secured through the issue of new stock by many enterprises. In such markets large and sudden gains are realized and some part of these gains doubtless serves to increase the demand for many commodities, particularly articles of luxury, and, finally, a rising security market tends to transfer ownership of some part of the accumulated wealth of the country from the cautious to the far-sighted and venturesome.

An active stock market always involves an increasing volume of loans to brokers. The rate of increase in these loans since 1923 has been rapidly accelerated. The funds that are borrowed to finance Stock Exchange transactions, it should perhaps be noted, are not withdrawn from use and held in the market. Brokers' loans are simply one of the various channels through which funds enter into general use throughout the community. The broker incurs an obligation to make payment but the funds he borrows are at once turned over to those from whom securities are purchased and are thereafter employed for every kind of purpose as are the funds borrowed to finance real estate, the production and marketing of goods or other transactions. Here and there it may indeed happen that a particular borrower has been unable to secure accommodation because those lenders to whom he had access had employed all their available resources in brokers' loans, but such cases must have been exceptional, since the funds thus employed have come almost exclusively from urban sources, city banks and other large lenders. Valid criticism of brokers' loans must rather be concerned with the more direct effects of this use of financial resources.

In view of the moderate rates on all classes of loans that obtained between 1922 and the close of 1927, it would appear that the growth in brokers' loans in these years served to provide a reasonably safe and liquid avenue for the employment of surplus funds. It was not until 1928 that the stock market demand for additional funds became so intense as to exert an influence tending to bring about an advance in rates on all other classes of loans. That security prices should have further advanced in 1928 with an accompanying increase in brokers' loans and in spite of a sharp advance in rates may perhaps be regarded as symptomatic of unrestrained speculation. But even though an overextended situation in the security market should not develop and be followed by a disastrous reaction, it may be said that the recent experience in the functioning of the money market, as it is affected by the Stock Exchange demand for credit, raises new and perplexing problems. In the past the bulk of brokers' loans has been furnished by banks and bankers. Under the influence of rates for call loans ruling generally above rates on all other classes of loans, the funds of investors and surplus funds of business enterprises have been attracted into the market in such volume that they now provide very nearly one-half of the total supply. The outcome of this practice remains for the future to disclose.

In discussing "The Stability of the Money Market," the survey says:

"The best thing that the Federal Reserve System could do for business would probably be to exert its influence toward a steady flow of funds readily available for business use at moderate rates. High rates discourage business, while, on the other hand, low rates tend to overstimulate business and prepare the way for business disorganization and depression. But it is clear also, from any study of the course of business over past years, that a rate which may seem low at one time may seem high at another, or vice versa. Business does not move forward in a steady continuous stream, but moves by long fluctuations, and its psychology differs greatly from one period to another. Business is forever tending to be under- or overstimulated. The problem, then, for the Reserve System and for other factors which influence credit, is not one of preserving rates at a uniform level, but of exerting an influence so that money rates may be adapted to the economic swing of business. High money rates at times of overstimulation and low money rates at times of understimulation should, in the long run, assist in flattening out the fluctuations of business and in bringing about a more even prosperity.

This may be summarized by saying that the Reserve System's direct contribution to business stability consists of adjusting interest rates to the movement of the business cycle so as, in some measure, to mollify business booms or depressions.

One marked result of the operations of the Federal Reserve System is demonstrated by the figures for the average deviation of money rates from their moving averages, which were shown in Table 2 of this chapter. The figures appear to indicate that, since the Reserve System has been operating under anything like normal conditions, the fluctuations in money rates have been greatly reduced.

A sufficient period has now been covered by the operations of the System, so that the evidence seems reasonably conclusive that the presence of the Reserve System has made a substantial improvement in the stability of the money market. This is in accordance with what one would expect theoretically, for the Reserve System has provided a method never before available in this country, by means of which reserve funds can be drawn into use or drawn out of use in accordance with the necessity of the money market.

In conclusion, Messrs. Burgess and Sprague present the following summary of their observations:

The average level of money rates from 1922 to 1928 has been lower for commercial funds and higher for speculative funds than in the years before

the war. Month-by-month fluctuations of rates have been much reduced. Business has been financed less by borrowing from banks and more by borrowing in the capital market through issues of securities. The growth in bank credit has shown more rapid increases in the Eastern, New England, and Pacific districts; in the Middle Western and Southern districts there has been only a moderate growth, and in the Western district a decline. In general, the most rapid increases of bank credit occurred when business was most in need of the stimulus of easily available credit, and the periods of slowest growth occurred when business was in large volume and, perhaps, in some danger from overstimulation.

The effect of gold movements on the volume of bank credit has been modified by changes in the amount of currency in use, changes in practice as to bank reserves, and changes in the position of the Federal Reserve System.

The principal influence in the period 1922 to 1928 toward rapid growth of bank credit and easy credit conditions was gold imports—an abnormal influence which cannot be expected to continue in the future. The reversal in the gold movement has materially changed the outlook for the supply of bank funds. It may be that a less rapid increase in bank credit than in the past five years would eventually be more wholesome.

Savings have been in unusually large volume. Widespread savings have tended to increase aggregate loans and investments and total deposits, at the same time reducing somewhat the amount of demand deposits. Thanks, at least in part, to saving, large additional supplies of bank credit have not brought about a rapid advance in commodity prices, and the community has not experienced intense competition between consumers and capital for goods and services. Large and widespread savings have been a primary influence in counteracting the upward price tendency of an abundant supply of bank credit. Vivid memories of 1920 have certainly tended to restrain the accumulation of inventories. Efficient transportation has removed fears of delays in shipment. Style has become a factor of importance in many lines, and there has been growing recognition of the economy and elimination of risks that may be secured in merchandising through a rapid rate of turnover. Declining commodity prices in other countries also have been a restraining factor. These and other influences, in conjunction with large savings, furnish an explanation of the failure of commodity prices to respond with a decided upward swing to the impact of an abundant supply of bank credit available at declining rates during recent years of generally active business.

Government debt reduction also has contributed to the abundant supply of capital. Foreign investments have served to widen the opportunities for funds seeking employment. In general, the abundant supply of funds seeking investment at declining rates seems to have strengthened the financial structure of business.

For more than seven years, there has been a progressive decrease in the number of commercial banks in the United States. This tendency probably will continue. Banks in large centers have been gaining, and seem likely to continue to gain, at the expense of small rural banks. Mergers and voluntary liquidations, rather than bank failures, are bringing about this result.

The Federal Reserve System, during the period under review, has had to deal with two unusual problems; first, that created by huge gold movements, and second, the problem of international monetary stability. In addition, there were the continuing problems relating to stability in the money market, and the attitude of the Federal Reserve System to those business fluctuations called "business cycles." The mechanism of the Federal Reserve System made possible a great export of gold in the past year without serious consequences to business or monetary conditions, though at the price of firmer money conditions. In view of the huge growth in credit for speculative purposes, the Federal Reserve System did not prevent the gold from exercising something of its normal influence in tightening credit conditions.

Investment bankers and investors played an important part in European recovery, by lending as much as one billion dollars a year for several years. Federal Reserve banks extended credits to the Bank of England, the National Bank of Belgium, the bank of Italy, and the Bank of Poland. In none of these four cases was the credit utilized, but public announcement that the Federal Reserve Banks were prepared to extend this support created an important psychological influence.

The problem for the Federal Reserve System and other factors which influence credit is not one of preserving money rates at a uniform level, but of exerting an influence so that rates may be adapted to the economic swing of business. High money rates at times of overstimulation and low money rates at times of understimulation should, in the long run, assist in flattening out the fluctuations of business and bringing about a more even prosperity. There is no convincing proof that the Reserve System has reduced the fluctuations of the business cycle, but its influence has been in that direction.

#### Federal Reserve Banks of Minneapolis and San Francisco Increase Rediscount Rates from 4½% to 5%.

The Federal Reserve Board announced on May 13 that the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis would increase its rediscount rate on all classes of paper from 4½ to 5%, effective May 14. The 4½% rate had been in effect at the Minneapolis Reserve Bank since April 25 1928. Last week (page 3122) we referred to the increase in the rate of the Kansas City Reserve Bank to 5%.

Yesterday (May 17) the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco was authorized to increase its discount rate from 4½ to 5%, effective May 20, the higher rate applying to all classes of paper of all maturities. In the case of the San Francisco Bank the 4½% rate had been maintained since June 2 1928. With the increase in the rates of these two banks, all the Federal Reserve banks have established a 5% rate.

#### New York and Chicago Federal Reserve Banks Reported as Seeking Authority To Increase Their Discount Rates.

From the "Evening Post" of last night (May 17) we take the following:

The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago applied for permission from the Federal Reserve Board to-day to increase its rediscount rate above 5%;

but the Board adjourned its meeting in Washington without granting approval.

In consequence, the Chicago rate was continued at 5%.

The development to-day revealed that the New York Reserve Bank has also petitioned the Reserve Board for permission to advance its rate, according to reliable sources. It has been generally supposed that the New York directors favored the increase, and it has been reported that the New York bank has repeatedly voted for the move.

George L. Harrison, Governor of the Reserve Bank, met with the Federal Reserve Board for a short time to-day. The Board meeting in Washington was adjourned about 2:30 o'clock, New York time, and the members declined to comment on what had taken place.

### H. Parker Willis Criticizes Federal Reserve Board's Policy.

Before the annual convention of the Pennsylvania Banker's Association at Atlantic City yesterday (May 17) H. Parker Willis, Editor of the New York "Journal of Commerce," criticized the Federal Reserve System's policy toward credit and speculation. The Associated Press in accounts of Dr. Willis's speech said:

Dr. Willis led up to his charge that careless management of the Federal Reserve System is responsible for the present "impasse" in the credit situation, by citing the figures in a table showing changes in loans on securities and in demand and time loans to brokers and dealers in stocks since the second half of 1927, both tables indicating very wide expansion in volume of credit used for stock market operations.

"The plain inference to be drawn from these figures," he said, "is simply that the present impasse in credit has been brought about as the result of an unthinkable, or if you will careless, management of the Federal Reserve System, exhibiting a singular lack of leadership and an apparent absence of recognition of the functions of central banking.

"First, speculation was encouraged, then frowned upon, with the capricious change of rate. If there is one duty which is enjoined upon central banking systems it is that of moderating the financial climate, of seeing to it that there are no extremes of heat or cold, or (changing the metaphor) of insuring that there shall be neither a feast nor a famine.

"In stead of this, we have a Federal Reserve policy which has first given us fabulously low rates for a long time, both for acceptances and for rediscounts, and now have followed that by a reserve policy which gives us high rates and suggests the periods of stringency in the nineties.

"For neither condition of affairs is there good warrant. Both are the result of improvidences, of refusal to look far ahead and of absolute declination to be guided by the teachings of economics and statistics.

"The truth of the matter is that through reckless improvidence, our central banking system has reduced itself to a situation in which there is a scarcity of value of credit and money due to the fact that there is not enough to go around on the present scale of demand. Somewhere a curtailment will have to be made; somehow the commodity will have to be partially rationed to make sure that it does not exhaust the residual supply of credit with all of the embarrassment that must ensue upon such action.

"The present efforts of our banks in the endeavor to hold up the hand of the Reserve authorities are equivalent to such a rationing and in so far as they are wisely carried on, are entitled to approval. But in such a process of rationing, as in all processes of the kind, it is necessary to decide upon some principles of equity and justice exactly where a cut is to be made, exactly who is to feel the pinch of reduced allowances. After all, this is the place where the shoe pinches at the present moment.

"It is not of very much use in discussions of this kind to try to assign praise or blame. When a situation has been brought about it is a good plan to do the best we can to rectify the evil of it without stopping to question very much whether A or B was at fault. But in adopting this sportsmanlike attitude we ought not to allow ourselves to forget the teachings of the situation in order that we may guard against a repetition of like conditions, and thus avoid the unfairness of visiting the faults of one group in the community upon another."

### Pacific Coast Faces Period of Rising Money Rates— I. B. Newton of Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Sees Security Loan Inflation Growing— Roy A. Young's Report.

The following San Francisco advices May 15 are from the New York "Journal of Commerce":

The \$33,000,000 increase in member bank borrowings from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco over the past two years has resulted exclusively from an increase in loans on securities and in member bank investments. This and other factors presage rising interest rates in this area.

This is the revelation of Isaac B. Newton, Chairman of the Board and Federal Reserve agent of the San Francisco Reserve Bank, in the latest monthly review of the institution, in which he departs from the usual procedure to give a review of "certain events of the past two years which have affected the demand for member bank and Reserve bank credit in the 12th district." Mr. Newton presents figures to show that, while commercial loans in the San Francisco district declined \$27,000,000 during 1927 and 1928, security loans and investments jumped \$283,000,000.

The ratio of commercial loans to net demand and time deposits fell 4.5% in 1927 and 1.8% in 1928, while the ratio of security loans and investments to deposits jumped 6.5% in 1927 and 5.5% in 1928, he shows.

#### Roy A. Young's Analysis.

Announcement of these figures has excited added interest on the Pacific Coast in the credit situation which has developed locally. The visit to San Francisco of Roy A. Young, Governor of the Reserve Board of Washington, caused considerable uneasiness. He announced observation of the following in the district:

1. A tendency upon the part of savings depositors to use such deposits for the purchase of securities.
2. That high call rates have prompted certain individuals and corporations to lend directly to the Eastern market.
3. That high call rates have had a sympathetic effect upon business rates with "the result that many concerns that have not used their lines in this district for several years are using them, and in certain other cases are increasing their lines."

"These factors and others have resulted in a reduction in deposits in this district of approximately 100 millions of dollars within the last 90 days," Governor Young said when here. "We are coming into that period of the year when seasonal requirements will need a large amount of reserve credit and this must and will be taken care of. However, it cannot be

expected that the Reserve system of your local Reserve bank can maintain rates continuously far below the present market rates."

#### Deposits Shrink.

Mr. Newton points out that "at 111.5 for the first half of April 1929, the ratio of total loans and investments to demand and time deposits at reporting member banks of the district was at the highest point reached since June 1921. The growing spread between loans and investments and deposits of these banks during 1928 was aggravated and partially accounted for by a large movement of funds from the 12th District to other sections of the United States, both for commercial and financial account and for the account of the United States Treasury.

"The net movement of funds out of the district, resulting from commercial and financial transactions, is estimated to have exceeded \$50,000,000, a loss of more than \$150,000,000 to the New York district and of approximately \$65,000,000 to other Eastern and Mid-western industrial districts, being partially offset by transfers of funds into this district from New England and from certain of the great agricultural districts."

### Loans on Securities Declared Dangerous by C. J. Kirschner—Pennsylvania Bankers Head Urges Practice be Discouraged.

The following Atlantic City, N. J. advices May 15 are from the New York "Journal of Commerce":

Calm thinking and temperate talking about the Federal Reserve system and the policies are absolutely imperative, because the subject of credit is engaging so much general attention, C. J. Kirschner of Hazelton, Pa., President of the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association, declared here to-day in an address opening the annual convention of the organization at the Hotel Traymore.

Although he did not discuss the merits of the Federal Reserve Board's recent warning against the dangers of undue speculation in security loans, he said that as bankers "we cannot ignore the fact that there has been a very great increase in the volume of credit in this country during the last year and that a very large proportion of this increase, almost all of it, has been in loans on securities."

#### Security Issued Supplant Bank Loans.

He pointed out that bankers generally have recognized that there has been a change in the methods of financing, and that many large corporations have supplanted their working capital by resorting to security issues instead of relying as before, upon bank loans.

"This has necessarily brought about a wider distribution of securities," Mr. Kirschner said, "and the holders of these securities have borrowed on them from banks. This substitutes loans on securities to a very considerable extent for what had previously been 'commercial loans.'

"Making all possible allowances for this trend, however, we cannot escape the fact that many of these loans on securities are loans made to persons who are only temporary holders of the securities, having bought them for the purpose of selling them at an advance, rather than for the purpose of holding them for permanent investment.

"A practice of this sort is dangerous and demoralizing, and in our own interest, as well as in the interest of our customers, we should do all we can to discourage it. That the bankers are to a large extent discouraging this practice is admitted by the heads of the leading commission houses, and they have become concerned lately because this banking service has tended to reduce the volume of trading."

### George R. James of Federal Reserve Board Declares Unsound Proposal for Rediscounting of Security Collateral Loans Advocated by President Simmons of New York Stock Exchange.

George R. James, member of the Federal Reserve Board, in Memphis on May 14 expressed his views regarding the attack made by E. H. H. Simmons, President of the New York Stock Exchange, upon the Board, in an address to which we referred in our issue of May 11, page 3102. What Mr. James had to say was indicated as follows in a Memphis dispatch May 14 to the New York "Journal of Commerce":

Mr. James declared that Mr. Simmons' suggestions were economically unsound; that at least one of them was more than 100 years old and had failed then.

"The Board has no objection to banks lending money on stocks in the market when it is their own money they are lending," Mr. James said. "Nearly every banker in the South has an excess of money between October and March. But they need more money during the planting season and it was to help out in this natural situation that the Board is created to function. But the banks are supposed to keep their up legal reserve and we object to their borrowing from the Federal Reserve for speculative purposes and forcing the rate up to 7 to 8% to the farmer who needs money with which to buy fertilizer and his other farming needs.

"Mr. Simmons' plan of creating more money by issuing currency against these loans is not new. John Law tried it in France with the Mississippi Bubble in 1718. Stock in his company went to \$4,000 a share, then down to 90c. and finally to nothing."

Mr. James is President of William R. Moore Dry Goods Co. of this city. "It is proper to lend money on call if it is your money you are lending," Mr. James said, then added, "we do it."

"Yes, stocks are good collateral," he replied in answer to an inquiry. His remarks were directed mainly against the banks using their credit with the Federal Reserve banks to borrow for the purposes of stock dealing and to the detriment of essential industries.

Mr. James has just completed a survey of conditions in the cotton producing areas in the Fifth and Eighth Federal Reserve districts and was highly optimistic.

"I see no cause for alarm," he said, in commenting upon the excess rainfall that the South has had. "Two or three weeks of sunshine will set everything all right."

### California Bankers to Supply \$20,000,000 to Stabilize Sales of Raisin Crop.

Associated Press advices from Fresno, Cal., May 10 said:

Donald D. Conn, managing director of the California Vineyardists' Association, announced that bankers of the State had agreed to back with

\$20,000,000 in cash the recently formed Federal Fruit Stabilization Corporation to assure stability in the marketing of the San Joaquin Valley raisin crop.

Mr. Conn said that the corporation would pay raisin producers the \$20,000,000 this year if they would agree to deliver their 1929, 1930 and 1931 crops to the stabilizing body.

The stabilization corporation, which will pay growers 3½ cents a pound and up for raisins, was formed by the organized fruit growers of the State to buy from growers for cash and to market fruit crops scientifically.

### Senate Passes Farm Relief Bill With Export Debenture Clause.

By a vote of 54 to 33 the Senate on May 14 passed the Farm Relief Bill—the measure as adopted by the Senate containing the export debenture plan, which is not included in the Farm Relief Bill passed by the House on April 25, and to which reference was made in our issue of April 27, page 2746. In Associated Press advices from Washington, May 14, it was stated:

Immediately after the measure had been passed Senator McNary, as Chairman of the Agriculture Committee, obtained consent to have a conference committee appointed to meet with a similar committee from the House, should one be authorized, to agree on disputed sections.

The Senate Conference Committee is composed of Chairman McNary, Senators Capper and Ransdell of Louisiana, who are opposed to the debenture plan, and Norris of Nebraska and Smith of South Carolina, who favor it.

Just prior to the final vote, Democratic spokesmen warned Republican leaders that refusal of the House to receive the Senate bill because of the debenture section would mean defeat of all agricultural legislation.

It was also stated in the Associated Press accounts:

Both branches of Congress now have acted upon agricultural relief legislation, but the greatest uncertainty surrounds its final enactment because of the sharp difference between the Senate and the House on the debenture action. The President early in the session strongly objected to that method of farm relief.

The Senate measure will be messaged to-morrow to the House where Administration leaders are inclined to refuse the bill. They base this on contentions that the Senate had no right to initiate the debenture proposal on the theory that it is revenue legislation and, therefore, constitutionally must originate in the House. Strong opposition to this opinion was expressed to-day in the Senate and Administration leaders have been working to prevent a deadlock.

Special advices May 16 from Washington to the "Evening Post," indicating that the House Committee had agreed to send the bill to conference had the following to say:

The House Steering Committee agreed to-day to send the farm relief bill to conference between the two houses without insisting upon the contention that the Senate has no constitutional authority to originate the debenture amendment.

"We took that action," declared Majority Leader John Q. Tilson, "in view of the legislative situation that exists and because we realize the country is demanding that there be no delay in enacting farm relief."

According to Associated Press accounts the House yesterday (May 17) by a vote of 249 to 119 sent the Senate bill to conference.

The conferees on the part of the House are Representatives Haugen of Iowa, Purnell of Indiana and Williams of Illinois, Republicans, and Aswell of Louisiana and Kincheloe of Kentucky, Democrats. All five, it is understood, are opposed to the debenture amendment.

As to the provisions of the two bills, we quote the following from Associated Press summaries:

In the main, the Senate farm bill does not differ greatly from the measure passed some time ago by the House which has the indorsement of Mr. Hoover. Except for the debenture plan, both bills seek to aid the farm situation by setting up a comprehensive structure for the orderly marketing of crops so as to prevent the surplus from disturbing price levels.

The Senate measure would create a Farm Board of 12 members—the House bill provides for one of six—which would be vested with broad power to study, direct and control the multitude of factors which go into the production, storing and disposition of farm commodities.

Commodity advisory councils would be authorized to assist the Board in disseminating information and to advise the Board on the needs of the various crops. Stabilization agencies would be created upon request by co-operative associations to buy up, store, process and sell surpluses with the intention of maintaining a comparatively even price level.

The debenture plan would be invoked only when the Board deemed it necessary to bring it into use as a result of failure to cope with the farm problem in any commodity by means of the structure devised in the bill. Under this plan, an exporter of surplus crops would receive a debenture certificate whose value would be equal to one-half the tariff on imports of those commodities. The certificates would be redeemable at par for the payment of import duties.

The Farm Board would be given a revolving fund of \$500,000,000 to carry on its operations. This money would be loaned to co-operative and stabilization corporations for the construction of facilities, the formation of stronger organization and the marketing of crops.

The bill originally provided that loans should bear 4% interest, but an amendment by Senator Blaine, Republican, Wisconsin, altered the interest provision in such a way that the rate probably will be slightly lower. The House bill calls for loans at 4%.

Details of the Senate action on May 14, when the bill was passed by that body, were given as follows in a special dispatch from Washington to the New York "Times":

The farm relief bill, including the export debentures provision so strongly opposed by President Hoover, was passed by the Senate late to-day by vote of 54 to 33. All except six of the Administration Senators who voted against the debentures amendment last week voted against the bill to-day because the provision was still in the measure.

Immediately after the bill passed the Senate appointed conferees and directed them to insist on its amendments, which means that they must support the debentures system in the coming clash with the House over that issue.

Two of the Republican conferees, Senators McNary and Capper, voted against the debentures plan on the previous test. The other Republican, Senator Norris, voted for it. Of the two Democratic conferees, Senator Ransdell previously voted against the debenture proposal and Senator Smith was absent.

#### Nine Shift to Support the Bill.

In all, nine Senators who stood out against the debentures plan in the vote last week supported the bill to-day, presumably on the grounds that they did not wish to see farm legislation fail merely because the controversial system was embodied in the bill.

They were Senators Capper, Cousens, Cutting, McNary, Shortridge, Steiwer, Thomas of Idaho and Vandenberg, Republicans, and Ransdell, Democrat. Senators Wagner and Walsh of Massachusetts, who were against the debentures plan before, maintained that attitude by voting against the bill.

The latter were the only Democrats recorded in the negative. Thirty-one Republicans also voted "no," while 21 Republicans and 33 Democrats were registered in the affirmative.

Passage of the bill followed a long debate, during which Democratic leaders criticized what were supposed to be the definite plans of House leaders to refuse to receive the debentures amendment, on the ground that "revenue legislation" should originate in the House.

#### House Leaders Still Undecided.

It was later stated by House leaders that they were still undecided whether to take this course or permit the bill to go to conference. The Democrats, however, acted on the theory that the amendment would be refused on technical grounds, and were severe in their comment.

Senator Robinson, the Democratic floor leader, aided by Senators Harrison and Walsh of Montana, was also supported in the attack by Senators Norris, Brookhart and other Republican insurgents. On the other hand, administration Republicans, such as Senators Watson, Reed and Burton, tried to prevent what they declared to be political tactics and an attempt to rouse the House to anger.

Because the House is regarded as unalterably opposed to the debenture amendment, leaders expect a stiff battle, no matter what course is taken.

Just before the final vote on the farm bill in the Senate Speaker Longworth appeared to counsel earnestly with Republican Senators. No attempt was made to force another vote on the debentures amendment in the Senate.

#### Few Amendments Were Accepted.

Only two actions of outstanding importance have been taken in the Senate on the bill since it was submitted by the Agricultural Committee, about two weeks ago. These were the recent vote of 47 to 44 to retain the debentures amendment and the vote which struck from the bill President Hoover's right to pay the Chairman of the Federal Farm Board an undesignated salary instead of limiting it to \$12,000 a year, as other members of the Board would receive.

Without record votes, the Senate defeated a motion by Senator Heflin to double the \$500,000,000 revolving fund for agricultural relief which the bill provides; a plan of Senator Brookhart to give the farmers the \$59,000,000 profit of the war-time Government Grain Corporation, and a proposal by Senator Tydings of Maryland, a wet, to let the Federal Farm Board, which the measure sets up, use surplus cereals to manufacture light wines and beers.

Senator Blaine succeeded in amending the bill to fix interest rates on agricultural loans at 3½% instead of 4%. An amendment by Senator Shortridge to change the character of the stabilization corporations was beaten. Senator Steck's amendment to include cornstalks as agricultural products was accepted.

While a reference to the Senate action on the bill on May 10 appeared in these columns May 11 (page 3125), we give what the "Times" had to say in its account from Washington May 10:

#### Regulars Desert Hoover.

In considering the farm bill this afternoon, the Senate rejected the provision authorizing the President to fix the salary of the chairman of the Farm Board. The bill fixes the salaries of members of the Board at \$12,000 each. The provision to let the President determine the compensation of the Chairman is designed to enable President Hoover to get some man of outstanding ability for that place. It was argued that he might not be able to get such a man for \$12,000. In the House this provision was adopted only after a hard-fought contest.

The Senate voted 46 to 32 to strike the provision from the measure. Senator Thomas, Democrat, of Oklahoma, made the motion. He argued that the chairman should not receive a higher salary than the other members of the Board.

Sixteen Republicans joined thirty Democrats in voting to delete. Among them were several of President Hoover's most loyal supporters, such as Senators Fess, McNally, Shortridge and Vandenberg.

#### Fruit Amendment Lost.

An amendment by Senator Copeland to exempt fruits and vegetables from the operation of the bill was defeated by a vote of 66 to 11; another amendment by Senator Dill to exempt apples and pears was beaten by 63 to 19.

Two other amendments were rejected. One of these, offered by Senator Thomas of Oklahoma would have required members of the Farm Board to have a complete understanding of the farm problem. The other, by Senator Vandenberg, would have required the decision of five out of the seven members of a Commodity Advisory Council before a stabilization corporation could be created.

As to the Senate action May 13 the "Times" stated in part:

#### Lines Hold on Debentures.

At 3 o'clock to-day the Senate began to discuss the farm bill under an agreement that no Senator shall speak more than once or more than twenty minutes on the bill itself or any amendment.

The prospects are that the regular Republicans will not risk another vote on the export debentures plan. An opportunity will be offered to-morrow to test out sentiment again with respect to the debentures, but nothing has developed to indicate that there would be any switch bringing about an overturn of the majority of three which the plan received when voted on last week.

Some remarks made to-day by Senator Copeland of New York, who had voted for the debenture provisions, but had announced previously that he would hold his nose when he did so, created the impression in certain minds that Mr. Copeland might vote against it if he should have the chance again. But that impression was not confirmed.

An amendment by Senator Heflin providing that the revolving fund placed at the disposal of the proposed Farm Board by the pending bill should be increased from \$500,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000 was rejected. Another by Senator Nye, authorizing the President to buy surplus wheat and wheat products to send to the starving Chinese, also was defeated.

#### Copeland Amendment Beaten.

The Senate rejected an amendment by Senator Copeland. It was designed to restrict loans for the construction of facilities to store, process or sell crops by co-operatives or stabilizing corporations unless the existing commercial facilities were not considered adequate.

It was noted in a Washington dispatch May 15 to the "Times" that when the Republican Steering Committee would meet on May 16 it would have four proposals before it for consideration in determining the course to follow with respect to the Senate farm bill. The paper quoted went on to say:

#### Four Proposals Presented.

The proposals are as follows:

1. Ask unanimous consent that the House agree to the request of the Senate for a conference on the farm bill. This will be disposed of negatively and quickly in the Steering Committee, as it is evident that some, perhaps many, members of the House are not willing to let the Senate off so easily and would make no objection. One objection would kill the motion.

2. Have Speaker Longworth refer the Senate farm bill to a House Committee with instructions to report it back to the House with recommendations. It seems to be fully agreed that this course will not be followed. It was well thought of at one time, and if this plan were adopted the Speaker would refer the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means, which handles revenue legislation. Advocates of the debentures plan insist that, as farm legislation, the bill should be referred to the Committee on Agriculture, which prepared the House's farm relief measure.

3. Have the House adopt a special "rule" expressing conviction that the action of the Senate in attaching the debenture plan to the farm bill was an infringement of the constitutional right of the House to originate revenue legislation, but stating that, in view of the importance of the farm relief measure and the desire to bring about its enactment in the shortest possible time, the House agrees to the request of the Senate for a conference, under the stipulation that its action is not to be regarded as a precedent with respect to revenue legislation originating in the Senate.

4. Have the House flatly refuse to receive the Senate farm bill.

#### Delve Into the Constitution.

The third of the proposals seems assured of adoption by the Republican Steering Committee, and its action will be approved by the House. The fourth proposal originally had much support in the House, but it will be set aside as likely to cause the failure of any farm relief legislation.

### President Hoover Announces Tariff Increases on Flax Seed, Milk, Cream and Window Glass Recommended by Tariff Commission—Advance to Aid Farmer.

Increases in the tariffs on flax seed, milk, cream and window glass were announced by President Hoover, on May 14 in the following statement issued at the White House:

I propose to promulgate the tariff increases which were recently recommended by the majority of the Tariff Commission on flaxseed, milk, cream and window glass.

The tariffs on flaxseed is increased from 40 cents a bushel at present, by 16 cents, to 56 cents a bushel.

On milk, from present tariff of 2½ cents to 3¼ cents a gallon.

On cream, from present tariff of 20 cents to 30 cents per gallon.

On window glass increases vary from ⅝ cents per pound to 1¼ cents per pound, depending upon size.

The Tariff Commission is limited in its recommendations to 50% of the duty as imposed in the 1922 law, and therefore some of the increases are less than those recommended by the Ways and Means Committee in the framing of the tariff bill. None of them is in excess of their recommendations.

I have consulted the Congressional leaders as to the desirability of issuing these proclamations, and they agree that the farmers and others should have the benefit of the Tariff Commission's determination at once.

Some other reports of the Commission, on which there is either no majority of the Commission or where new facts appear to have developed, have been sent back to the Commission for reconsideration.

It was noted in the "United States Daily" of May 15 that:

#### Rate Revisions in Tariff Bill.

The rates of duties recommended by the Ways and Means Committee in the tariff bill (H. R. 2667), now being considered by the House, are the same as suggested by the Commission in the cases of flaxseed and window glass. The provisions of the bill call for increases in the rate on milk from 2½ cents per gallon to 5 cents per gallon, and advance in the duty on cream from 20 cents per gallon to 48 cents per gallon.

From the Washington advices May 14 to the New York "Times" we take the following:

The President did not make public the exact terms of the recommendations regarding flaxseed furnished him by the Tariff Commission, but the increase was said to be due to larger importations of the product from Argentina. The existing duty of 40 cents a bushel was held to be totally inadequate to protect American growers.

The President revealed that investigation by the Tariff Commission showed that imports of milk and cream had increased so greatly from Canada as to force down the price of the American product to New York and the New England States.

#### Increase in Milk Imports.

Imports of milk increased from 1,500,000 gallons, valued at \$324,000, in 1918 to 7,386,000 gallons, valued at \$1,244,000, in 1928.

cream increased from 704,000 gallons, valued at \$763,000, in 1918 to 5,374,000 gallons, valued at \$8,051,000, in 1928.

"It was found in the investigation that about 37% of imported milk was shipped to New York City, 3% to Boston and the remainder, 60% was received at plants near the border in Northern Vermont and Northern New York and there lost its identity as imported milk," the President's proclamation explained.

"These border plants were considered the principal competing markets for Canadian and domestic milk. The average cost of production of domestic milk, including interest, delivered to plants near the border was \$0.255 per gallon, and the cost of Canadian milk was \$0.212 per gallon. The cost of production of domestic milk exceeded the cost of production of Canadian milk by \$0.043 per gallon.

"About 20% of Canadian cream was shipped to Boston, 18% to New York City, 12% to Philadelphia and the remainder, 50%, to other cities in New England and New York.

"The average cost of domestic cream of 40% butter fat test, delivered to Boston, New York and Philadelphia, including interest and transportation, was \$2.630 per gallon, and the average cost of Canadian cream of the same butter fat tests delivered to these markets was \$2.284 per gallon. Domestic costs exceed Canadian costs by \$0.346 per gallon. Including transportation to either Boston or New York, the full increase of duty as provided in Section 315 was indicated."

#### Increases in Window Glass.

The increases in window glass rates are as follows:

"Increases in said duties on cylinder, crown and sheet glass, by whatever process made, and for whatever purpose used, unpolished (within the limit of total increases provided for in said Act) not exceeding 150 square inches, from 1¼ cents per pound to 1½ cents per pound; above that, and not exceeding 354 square inches, from 1½ cents per pound to 2-1-16 cents per pound; above that, and not exceeding 720 square inches, from 1½ cents per pound to 2-7-19 cents per pound; above that, and not exceeding 864 square inches, from 1½ cents per pound to 3¼ cents per pound; above that, and not exceeding 1,200 square inches, from 2 cents per pound to 3 cents per pound; above that and not exceeding 2,400 square inches, from 2½ cents per pound to 3¼ cents per pound, and above that from 2½ cents per pound to 3¼ cents per pound.

"Provided, that unpolished cylinder, crown and sheet glass, imported in boxes, shall contain 50 square feet, as nearly as sizes will permit, and the duty shall be computed thereon according to the actual weight of glass."

President Hoover issued a statement in which the glass industry in the United States was reviewed and figures showing the cost of production in the United States and Belgium were given. The decline in production of window glass in the United States has been heavy, a report to the President stated.

"In 1925 there were 567,000,000 square feet produced," the statement set forth. "This declined to 467,000,000 square feet in 1929 because of heavy importations from Belgium. In 1928 no window glass was produced in the United States by the hand cylinder process and production by the machine cylinder process had dropped 38-10% of the output.

"West Virginia ranks first in amount of production of window glass in the United States, with Pennsylvania second, Indiana third, and Louisiana fourth. About 1-10% of the Belgian production of window glass is exported to the United States.

"A public hearing on window glass was held by the Commission on Sept. 11, 12, 13 and 14 1928, during which it was brought out that existing markets for Belgian window glass in the United States are far more localized than are the markets for the domestic product, eight cities, four on the North Atlantic Coast, New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore, and four on the Pacific Coast, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, Ore., and Seattle received 84% of the total imports from Belgium in 1926, amounting to 59,188,376 pounds."

### Agreement Between New York and Other States Provides for Estate Tax Reciprocity.

Agreement has been reached between New York State and the States of Idaho, Indiana, New Mexico, North Carolina, South Carolina and West Virginia, and Yukon Territory, Canada, whereby death tax reciprocity has, or will soon, become effective. Such agreement is by virtue of legislation recently enacted in the various States and was publicly announced at Albany, N. Y. on May 13 by Thomas M. Lynch, President of the State Tax Commission. A statement to this effect was signed by Commissioner Lynch, Mark Graves and John J. Merrill. An announcement from the State Tax Commission's office also says:

Under these agreements, estates of decedents who die residents of New York State on and after the dates of agreement will not be subject to death taxation on intangible personal property in these States and territory, and likewise, intangible personal property of deceased persons of such States and territory dying on and after the specified dates will not be taxable for death purposes in this State.

This reciprocal agreement became effective with the State of Indiana on March 9 of this year, with Idaho and Yukon Territory on March 16, with North Carolina on March 19; while the arrangements with West Virginia will become effective on June 3, with New Mexico on June 7 of this year and with South Carolina on Jan. 1 1930.

In making this announcement public, Commissioner Lynch said:

The recognition of reciprocity with Yukon Territory is based upon an opinion of the legal advisor to the Territorial Treasurer to the effect that the amendment to the succession duty ordinance of that Territory made by Chapter One of the Ordinances of 1928, which contains the reciprocal exemption provision, contemplated only individual states and provinces and did not have in contemplation the estate tax imposed by the United States, and that Yukon Territory will allow exemption with respect to intangible personal property of New York decedents, even though estates of persons dying residents of Yukon Territory may be subjected to such estate tax.

"The move to seek relief from what have been termed obnoxious and highly objectionable practices which have sprung up in the death tax field has been under way for some time. The first reciprocity laws were adopted in 1925 by the States of New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. The object has been to bring about a situation whereby the intangible personal property such as stocks, bonds, mortgages and choses in action of a decedent, no matter where he may be domiciled, will be subject to taxation only by the jurisdiction of his domicile. States persist-

drive capital from their domestic enterprises. New York State now has agreements with nearly 30 States.

A committee of the New York State Bar Association on Extra Territorial Taxes, the Chairman of which was Seth T. Cole, head of the Legal Division of the State Tax Department, has investigated such reciprocal agreements, and periodically reported in favor of them.

### Inter-State Commission Approves Temporary Reduction in Freight Rates on Wheat and Flour for Export.

It was announced in Associated Press dispatches from Washington May 11 that first steps to make effective the reduction in export wheat and flour rates voluntarily tendered by Eastern and Western railroads were sanctioned May 11 by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, while at the same time it was announced that the Government barge line on the Missouri and Mississippi rivers would cut water rates on the same products to conform with the rail schedules. The Associated Press accounts from Washington went on to say:

Both Eastern and Western rail carriers filed formal petitions with the Commission for permission to make the rate cuts effective on one day's notice, disregarding the usual requirement for 30 days' advance notice before enforcing new schedules.

The first petition made, applying only to export rates on grain from Buffalo and other Lake Erie ports to the seaboard, was granted immediately by the Commission; but the other petitions, affecting rates from the West to the East and to Gulf ports, had not hitherto been officially approved.

The railroad petitions to the Commission followed out the exact terms of the announced voluntary cuts, which are estimated to reduce the export rates from average Western shipping points to the seaboard by amounts ranging to 8 cents a bushel on wheat, with corresponding reductions on flour.

The tariffs will recite the fact that the reductions were made at the request of President Hoover and are intended to assist in moving what was termed an abnormal accumulation of last year's crop of wheat at Western points. The reductions will remain in effect until Sept. 29 and will become operative before the end of next week under the terms of the submitted petitions.

The action of the Eastern roads in agreeing to temporarily reduce rates on wheat for export was noted in our issue of May 4, page 2928. Elsewhere in these columns to-day we refer to the later action taken by the Eastern roads to cut the rate on export flour, and likewise under another head in the present issue mention is made of the agreement on the part of the Western roads to put into effect a temporary reduction in rates on wheat and wheat flour.

### Temporary Reduction in Freight Rates on Wheat and Wheat Flour for Export Agreed to by Western Railroads.

Following the action of the Eastern railroads (referred to in our issue of May 4, page 2928) executives of the Western trunk lines, after a meeting at Chicago May 7, announced that, subject to the approval of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, temporary reductions would be made effective in freight rates on wheat and wheat flour in their territory destined for export. The cuts ranged from 5½ to 11½ cents per 100 pounds, the latter amount being confined to shipments from the Missouri Valley to the Gulf, according to a dispatch from Chicago May 7 to the New York "Times," from which we also take the following:

The reduction made by the Eastern lines, likewise subject to Commission's approval, was about 5½ cents per 100 pounds on wheat alone, flour not being mentioned, from Chicago, St. Louis, and the lower Lake ports to the Atlantic seaboard. The combined rates will mean that no matter whether the export grain is sent through the Southern ports or the Eastern ports, the saving to the shipper will be around 11 cents per 100 pounds, or seven cents a bushel.

Specific attention was called in the statement issued by E. B. Boyd, Chairman of the Western Trunk Line Committee, to the "understanding" that the proposed rates should expire on Sept. 30, and that they were not to be considered a precedent nor an admission that the rates now in effect to-day were not reasonably low.

#### New Western Rates as Set.

The new rates set by the Western roads on wheat and wheat flour only, not on related products, will be as follows:

From the Missouri River to Chicago, 11½ cents per 100 pounds; from the Missouri River section to the Mississippi River, 7½ cents per 100; from St. Paul and Minneapolis to Chicago, 7 cents per 100; from Omaha to the Gulf, 20 cents per 100; from Kansas City, St. Joseph, Atchison and Leavenworth to the Gulf, 19 cents per 100; from Minneapolis to Duluth, 4 cents per 100; from Omaha and Sioux City to Duluth, 11½ cents per 100; from Kansas City, St. Joseph, Atchison and Leavenworth to Duluth, 13 cents per 100; from St. Louis to New Orleans, 12½ cents per 100.

The reductions from the Missouri River to Chicago and the Mississippi and from Minneapolis and St. Paul to Chicago are 6 cents; from the Missouri River to the Gulf, 11½ cents, and from St. Louis to New Orleans, 5½ cents per 100.

The day's action was in effect a ratification of the informal agreement made by some of the rail executives with the Hoover Administration and members of the Inter-State Commerce Commission at Washington Saturday. In this respect, Mr. Boyd said as to the new rates:

"They shall be construed as indicative of the attitude of the carriers to assist the President of the United States in his program for relieving an emergency, to the extent that these abnormal reductions in rates may help the situation.

"Due to the large carryover from last season's wheat crop and the immediate prospects for a very large production this coming season, it has been urged that all interests involved, including the railroads, should assist in effecting a reduction of the surplus through exportation to avert if possible a lowering of the prices, and the Western carriers under conditions specified as to limitations of tariffs, are hereby contributing their full proportion to the aid suggested and desired."

On the Board of Trade, May wheat prices fell lower to-day than they have in five years at this season. The announcement of the Western railroads' action was made in the afternoon and trading was over before it became generally known.

### Eastern Railroad Executives Agree to Cut Freight-Rate on Export Flour.

Following a conference in New York on May 9 at the Pennsylvania station between Eastern railroad executives, traffic representatives and flour milling interests, it was announced that rates for export flour would be reduced. This action, as in the case of wheat grain export shipments the week before was taken in furtherance of President Hoover's plan for farm relief in view of the heavy carryover of supplies. We quote the foregoing from the "Journal of Commerce" of May 10, that paper also stating:

It had been made known to the railroad executives that both the Inter-State Commerce Commission and the Department of Agriculture were of the opinion that in view of the temporary rate reduction on grain a proportionate cut should be made in flour. The temporary tariff voted for yesterday calls for a cut of 3c. per hundredweight on flour and its products from Buffalo to New York and 4½c. a hundredweight from Chicago, with proportionate cuts to other Atlantic ports. Authorizations for these reductions will be sought by the carriers from the interstate body, with the distinct understanding that they are to end at the close of business Sept. 30 next.

Yesterday's meeting of executives took notice of the action of the Western roads in granting lower rates to wheat flour only. In order to make their position clear, it was voted to notify the Inter-State Commerce Commission that the reduction in Eastern territory will conform strictly to that of the Western lines. This will rule out from benefit such products as rye, barley, corn, &c.

Preceding the action on reduced rates taken by the rail men, they conferred with representatives of a dozen or more milling firms. The millers outlined the situation as it confronts them, and gave it as their view that little reason existed for a cut in rail rates as an aid to the situation unless foreign outlets were obtained for the grain and flour. They stated, however, that, if lower rates were to be accorded grain, it would be necessary to make proportionate cuts on flour in order to preserve their markets in the United Kingdom and elsewhere overseas. It was learned that both the millers and the railroad representatives were rather pessimistic regarding benefits to be derived by farmers or handlers of their grain and flour from the rate reductions, it being set forth that a mere transfer of these products from one point to another, whether Lake ports or the Atlantic ports, in nowise affected the existing huge surplus.

Eugene Morris, Chairman of the Central Traffic Executive Committee, Chicago, presided in the absence of Robert N. Collyer, Chairman of the Eastern Traffic Executive Committee. Mr. Collyer was in Washington yesterday attending a hearing at which Erie Canal barge operators protested the grain and flour rate reductions.

Among the railroad executives at yesterday's meeting were Gen. W. W. Atterbury, President of the Pennsylvania; P. E. Crowley, President of the New York Central; Daniel Willard, President of the Baltimore & Ohio; Edward E. Loomis, President of the Lehigh Valley; William H. Williams, Chairman of the Wabash; J. M. Davis, President of Lackawanna, and H. C. Needles, President of the Norfolk & Western. All told, about 50 attended the conference.

### Barge Lines Authorized to Reduce Rates on Export Wheat.

A reduction of about 33 1-3% on the transportation rates on export wheat over the barge lines of the Inland Waterways Corp. was authorized this week by the Secretary of War James W. Good. Announcement of the reduction was made May 11 by the Department of War, the "United States Daily" of May 13 in its reference thereto stating:

This reduction, the Secretary of War stated, was recommended by the chairman of the Board of the Corporation, Major General T. Q. Ashburn, in accordance with President Hoover's suggestion to the grain-carrying railroads for temporary rate reductions to seaboard to terminate Sept. 30. The railroads, as the result of meetings of the executives of the Eastern lines in Washington and Western lines in Chicago, agreed to apply to the Inter-State Commerce Commission for reduced tariffs to be made effective immediately.

#### Reductions Effective May 15.

These reductions, it has been stated by the Department of Agriculture, will approximate 2 cents per bushel on wheat moving from Buffalo, 4 cents from Chicago and 3 cents from St. Louis. The full text of the Department's announcement follows:

The Secretary of War, James W. Good, to-day authorized the Inland Waterways Corp., which operates the Mississippi-Warrior Service of barge lines on the Mississippi and Warrior Rivers to reduce its rates on export wheat, the reductions to become effective May 15 and to expire Sept. 30 1929. The reductions are approximately 33 1-3%.

This reduction was recommended by Major General T. Q. Ashburn, chairman of the board of the corporation, and is in accord with the spirit and intent of the President's suggestion that the grain-carrying lines reduce their rates on export wheat in order to move the large supplies of the old crop now in storage.

#### Continuation of Federal Policy.

It also is a continuation of the policy of the Federal barge line to adjust its rates so as to maintain a differential under rail rates. The rail lines have announced but temporary reductions.

The new barge line rates per hundred pounds to New Orleans will be 10 cents from the Twin Cities of Minnesota; 9 and 7-10 cents from Burlington, Iowa; 13½ cents from Kansas City and Omaha; 6 cents from St. Louis; and 4½ cents from Cairo. Application for the necessary orders will be filed with the Inter-State Commerce Commission. It is anticipated that this reduction will move between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 bushels.



**Denver & Rio Grande RR. Announces Wage Increase.**

Advices of (Associated Press) May 2, from Salt Lake City, Utah, stated:

A wage increase of 3 to 5 cents an hour for approximately 2,000 employees of the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad has been announced by L. M. Griffiths, general chairman of the Association of Mechanical Crafts, Helpers and Apprentices. The increase will be retroactive to April 1.

Mechanics will receive an increase of 5 cents an hour, unskilled mechanics 4 cents and helpers 3 cents.

**41,500 Rail Shopmen Obtain Wage Increase—Erie, Canadian National and Grand Trunk Grant 6¾% Advance May 1.**

The following is from the New York "World" of April 27: Wage increase of 6¾%, affecting 41,500 shopmen employed on railroads in the United States and Canada, were announced yesterday.

The American road affected is the Erie, whose 7,500 shopmen will receive a 5-cent an hour increase May 1 by agreement negotiated by General Manager Denny and Arthur O. Wharton, President of the International Association of Machinists.

The Erie agreement also covers the Meadville shops, which had operated on a non-union basis since the general strike of 1921. By the contract, the question of unionizing these shops was left to a referendum vote of the 800 men affected. The vote, which was favorable, was taken under the direction of George W. Hanger of the United States Railway Board.

Under the vote, day rates will replace the piece work system under which the company maintained the men had been making higher wages than are possible under the day rate schedules. The Canadian roads affected are the Canadian National and the Grand Trunk.

**Canadian Roads Cut Rail Rates on Grain—Reduction of Two Cents a Bushel Meets Decreases Ordered in United States.**

The following Canadian Press advices from Ottawa May 13 appeared in the New York "Times" of May 14:

Canadian railways have filed lower rates on grain to meet the reduction announced by the Inter-State Commerce Commission in the United States. In Canada the reduction applies to grain carried between Georgian Bay ports and Montreal or Quebec, and the reduction is 2 cents a bushel.

In the United States the reduction is 2 cents a bushel between Buffalo and New York. The reduction makes the rate on wheat to Montreal from bay ports 6.6 cents instead of 8.6. The rate between Buffalo and New York on the same commodity is reduced by the Inter-State Commerce Commission from 9.1 cents to 7.1 cents. Other grains are reduced proportionately.

An order putting the reduced rates into effect was signed this afternoon by H. A. McKeown, Chairman of the Board of Railway Commissioners. It reads as follows:

"Upon it appearing that the railways in the United States have reduced the rate on grain at and east from Buffalo to New York for export, effective May 12 1929, and it being desirable that the railways in Canada be permitted to make similar reduction from bay ports, the Board orders that the Canadian Pacific Ry. and Canadian National Rys. be and they are hereby permitted to make, effective May 13 1929, the following rates on wheat only for export from bay ports:

"To Montreal and Quebec, 11.01 cents per 100 pounds.  
"To St. John, West St. John, Halifax, Boston, East Boston and Portland, Me., 11.84 cents per 100 pounds."

The reduction ordered to-day by Chairman McKeown is a much greater decrease than that ordered under the general freight rate revision two years ago, when the rates on grain from Fort William, Port Arthur, and Armstrong, Ont., to Quebec were reduced to 18.34 cents per 100 pounds.

The effect of the order, it is believed, will be of immense benefit in respect to the shipment of grain through the ports of St. John, N. B., and Halifax throughout the winter months.

**Michael H. Cahill Elected President of Association of Uptown Bankers.**

Michael H. Cahill was elected President of the Association of Uptown Bankers at its dinner and annual meeting held at the Union League Club, New York City, on May 15. James S. Alexander Jr., of the Guaranty Trust Co., was chosen Secretary-Treasurer and an Executive Committee of five members was named for 1929-30. Mr. Cahill, President of the Plaza Trust Co. of New York, at 651 Fifth Avenue, is the retiring President of the New York State Bankers' Association. The Association of Uptown Bankers is "a purely voluntary association for sociability and for the purpose of securing a gentleman's agreement on any question as to how the banking business should be conducted when it may rise." It has no constitution, no by-laws, "no police powers," no initiation fees, no dues and pays no salaries. Once a month, eight months in the year, the summer excepted, it meets informally for discussion and entertainment. The May 15 meeting was the final session for 1928-29. In its membership are one hundred men from about sixty financial institutions, branches of downtown banks, located between 23rd St. and 79th St. in Manhattan.

Mr. Cahill has been a bank President in New York City only six months. He was called here from Utica, where he was President of the Utica National Bank & Trust Co., to head the Plaza Trust Co., which was opened at Fifth Ave. and 57th St. last December. He has been Vice-President of the American Bankers Association and he served as counsel to the Banking and Currency Committee during the "money trust" investigation some years ago. As Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the State Bankers' Association he did much to secure the passage of the New York

State tax bill known as the Robinson law. Mr. Alexander was a Second Vice-President of the National Bank of Commerce in New York before its merger into the Guaranty Trust Co., with which he holds the same position uptown. Many downtown bankers were present at the annual dinner of the Uptown Association as guests of the members representing their branches in midtown Manhattan.

**New Building for U. S. Assay Office Expected to be Erected in Wall St. District—Old Quarters Outgrown, to be Sold.**

Regarding the sale of the Assay office of the U. S. Sub-Treasury and the erection of a new building for its housing, the New York "Times" of May 5 had the following to say:

Although the United States Assay Office, at 32 Wall St. is the largest and most completely equipped establishment of its kind in the world, it will have still more extensive quarters in the new building to be acquired following the sale of the present premises under authority recently granted by Congress. The sale of the old building will be handled by the Treasury Department in Washington, which is expected to open bids from a score of large real estate operators in about a month.

Niles R. Becker, Superintendent of the Assay Office, said yesterday that the local officials would not be consulted in the selection of a site for a new building, but after a choice had been made they would confer with the architects and with Treasury executives and present their ideas as to the requirements for their work.

Although the discussions of a new site so far have been only tentative, it will doubtless be somewhere in the Wall St. district, in order to serve best the convenience of the large financial institutions of the city as well as the Federal Reserve Bank. Another consideration is that the new location must be as free as possible from traffic congestion, to allow for the movement of trucks bearing gold to and from the building.

**Vaults Five Stories Below Ground.**

The transfer of about \$2,500,000,000 of gold now held in the Assay Office will probably be the largest task of its kind ever undertaken. The gold is in vaults which are embedded five stories below the street level and is mostly in bars which are heavy and difficult to handle. Although gold is constantly being received and disbursed, both at the Assay Office and the Federal Reserve Bank, in amounts ranging up to hundreds of millions of dollars a year, this will be the first time that the movement of such a large amount has been attempted in one operation.

The Assay Office has been in operation on its present site since 1854. The original building erected in that year was demolished in 1914 and the present structure erected. The facade of the original building was preserved and is now at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The old Sub-Treasury Building, which adjoins it at Wall and Nassau Sts., will never be disturbed because of its historical associations, it was said yesterday, though it occupies one of the most valuable pieces of real estate in New York. Since the organization of the Federal Reserve System there has been no Sub-Treasury here and the building now is used for passport, immigration and other government offices.

The Assay Office converts the gold of American mines and the metal sent here from all parts of the world and many human-interest incidents are connected with its history. Mr. Becker recalled yesterday the case of a South American country which desired to send several million dollars of gold here. The cost of shipping the gold as bullion was considered excessive and the idea was hit upon of casting it into machinery. The gold was fabricated into machinery, gears, wheels and similar articles and was shipped here as ordinary freight. It was received safely and attracted no more attention than so much cast iron. The Assay Office then melted the gold down into regulation bars.

**Latest Report Shows \$2,500,000,000.**

The latest report of the Assay Office showed gold holdings of about \$2,500,000,000. In the last fiscal year it received about \$104,000,000 of the metal, shipping out \$51,000,000. The office buys gold in any amounts from \$100 up and sells in amounts ranging from \$5,000 up. It gets gold from many sources, including bullion, old jewelry, family heirlooms and scrap gold accumulated by so-called "junk" dealers who buy up old supplies from dentists and jewelers. In addition to its dealings with banks and other financial institutions, the office sells largely to the trade, including jewelers and dentists.

Bars sold to the trade range in size from a value of \$100 to \$5,000, but no sale is made for less than \$5,000. Much of this goes to gold brokers who sell to trade interests in the amounts they require. The sales of these bars to the trade amount to about \$50,000,000 a year. The standard size bar, which is used almost exclusively in international dealings, is \$8,000.

The smelting and refining machinery, which converts the crude gold at a temperature of 2,000 degrees, determines the exact value of the gold received. Payment is made for it in Treasury checks or in cash at the statutory rate of \$20.67 per fine ounce. Silver is also accepted for assay. It is not paid for in cash, but in refined silver, which the owner then sells to the trade.

**Collection of Moneys of World Acquired by Chase National Bank—Installed as Permanent Exhibit in the Bank's Building.**

What is described as one of the most famous collections of money in the world, constituting more than 40,000 specimens assembled over a period of forty years, has been acquired by the Chase National Bank of New York and will be installed as a permanent exhibit in its building at Nassau, Pine and Cedar Streets. The acquisition is said to represent the largest single transfer of varieties of money that has ever taken place. The collection, which will be officially known as the "Chase Bank Collection of Moneys of the World," was formally opened to the public on May 13. It was acquired from Farran Zerbe, who has been appointed numismatist of the Chase National Bank and curator of the collection. Housed in a room especially designed for it in the Chase Bank Building, it will perpetuate the life work of Mr. Zerbe, who has searched the world for coins, paper and

all other types of money. An announcement regarding the collection says in part:

Covering a period of 5,000 years, the Chase collection provides a complete record of media of exchange of every type used for money in the history of the world. Beginning with a clay tablet due bill of Babylon of 5,000 years ago and continuing with the first evidences of primitive barter, the first coins struck off about 700 B. C., the first paper money printed by the Chinese in 1300 A. D. and on up to the 1929 currency of many countries, an opportunity is given to study the history of the world through man's finances. Certain specimens included in the collection represent the only known record of early civilizations, all that has been learned of them having been gleaned from a study of their money, every other trace of their activities having disappeared.

The apparent face value of the Chase collection is almost beyond calculation. Prior to the World War it was referred to as representing a one-time value of over \$50,000,000, but with the depreciation of many units during the war and the issuance of currency of tremendous denominations which is worthless to-day, the present worth bears little relation to the indicated face value. The exhibit includes, for instance, a 1923 reichsmark note for a trillion marks, now actually worth about 25 cents. At the pre-war value of the mark, however, there would not be gold enough in the world to redeem it—about \$250,000,000,000.

Biblical history is represented by examples of the "widow's mite," the shekel and other coins mentioned in the Scriptures. Oriental religious rites and legends may be visualized in specimens of money which, before they entered general circulation, possessed peculiar "spiritual" values. A striking contrast is provided by one of the world's largest pieces of money—a 31-pound copper slab two feet long and a foot wide, once worth eight dollars in Sweden—and a South Indian gold coin no larger than a pinhead, weighing one grain and equivalent to 4 cents in American money.

All periods since the introduction of monetary systems are represented and it is believed that all money issuing divisions of the world are included in the collection. In addition to an exhaustive record of paper money, there are interesting sets of commemorative coins, panic currency and World War currency. Among the most interesting of modern documents are copies of the first trans-Atlantic radioed check and the specially designed check of \$25,000 representing Colonel Lindbergh's prize for his epic flight to Paris. One of the additions soon to be made to the collection will be the largest denomination of new United States money—the \$10,000 bank note—which will bear the portrait of Salmon P. Chase, father of the national banking system, from whom the bank took its name.

The Chase National Bank, in arranging to perpetuate the collection as an educational exhibit, has been actuated by a deep interest in the money and coinage of the world. When the new home of the bank was designed this interest found expression in the architrave framing the main entrance, which presents an historical outline of the coinage of the world, reproducing in marble twenty-three coins, ranging from the earliest Greek origin to the Peace dollar of the United States. A set of these original coins has been acquired by the bank and will be placed on exhibit in a replica of the architrave on the main banking floor.

Mr. Zerbe, who will continue in charge of the collection which he has spent more than forty years in gathering from all parts of the world, was former President of the American Numismatic Association and a member of the United States Assay Commission.

The Chase National Bank announces that the collection will be open at all times during banking hours to students, writers and the general public as a permanent source for information concerning money. Associated with the collection is a numismatic library containing 400 books and pamphlets

### Loans Totaling Over \$16,000,000 Made During Year by National City Bank of New York to Salaried Workers and Others.

More than 50,000 families in Greater New York, it is stated, were helped over financial emergencies during the past twelve months through the personal loan service inaugurated last May by the National City Bank of New York. Loans during the first year, according to a report made public by the bank, totaled more than \$16,500,000, an average of about \$320 per borrower. Based on the first year's experience, the National City Bank of New York plans to continue and extend this service. The plan provides for lending sums of \$50 to \$1,000 at 6% discount, without collateral and without any service charge. The National City Bank of New York was the first bank to offer on this basis, a service of such scope. Losses on loans are described by the bank as "negligible." The prompt meeting of obligations by borrowers is attributed by the bank to the provision that deposits be made in a compound interest account each week or each month, so that the money would be on hand at the end of a year to pay off the note. Of these deposits interest of 3% per annum, compounded monthly, is paid. In answer to the question "What is a description of an average applicant?" the bank's figures show the following: The average borrower is 34 years of age, has been in the same position steadily for more than five years, earns \$2,755 a year, is married and has at least one child. The average loan made is \$320.

Other information and results concerning its personal loan experience are summarized by the bank as follows:

A total of \$16,529,805 was loaned to 51,203 applicants in the first twelve months. The vast majority of these were "character loans" made on notes signed by the borrower and two co-makers. A large number of those who were among earlier borrowers have now become savers, and others, investors in sound securities. About five borrowers out of each one hundred were able to accumulate enough money to pay off their entire loans in advance of the year's maturity allowed by the bank.

Approximately 87% of all applications received were approved. More than 97% of all deposits were made regularly and on less than 1% was it necessary to initiate legal action in order to affect collection.

The insurance provided by the bank at its own expense saved families from destitution when the borrowers died before their loans had been repaid. In such cases, co-makers and dependents were relieved of any obligation to pay the balance which was covered by the insurance.

While the first year's operation was conducted without profit, as had been expected, the increasing volume of business gives promise that the service will "pay its own way" on the large volume which is developing.

The principal purposes for borrowing were in connection with illness. About 30% of all applications were for this purpose. Next in order of importance was "payment of debts" which usually included small outstanding accounts to merchants and others. Thus creditors were paid in cash under the bank's plan while borrowers were able to meet their obligations by making small periodical deposits.

The following is a list showing the purposes for which loans were made:

	Per Cent.		Per Cent.
Medical and dental service	30	Education	5
Pay debts and loans	15	Taxes	3
Purchase home equipment	14	Insurance premiums	3
Business emergency	11	To help relatives	3
Payments on own home	8	Death	1
Necessary clothing	7		

While salaried employees and clerical positions outnumbered, it is said, any other group in the total of applications, they did not predominate. Of those applying, only 22% were in such positions. Salesmen were second with 13%. The following is the classification by business or occupation of all borrowers:

	Per Cent.		Per Cent.
Clerical employees	22	Drivers and truckmen	6
Salesmen	13	Business men (sole owners)	4
Public employees (U. S., State, city)	10	Business men (partners)	2
Department heads	8	Foremen	2
Mechanics	7	Corporation officers	1
Storekeepers	6	Miscellaneous	13

While the figures vary greatly in different cases, a study of loans, and of compound interest deposits made after debts have been cleared off, indicates that an average family of four is able to save out of its income on the following basis:

Monthly income	\$125	\$150	\$200	\$250	\$300
Monthly savings	15	25	34	45	55

The inauguration of the loan service by the National City was noted in these columns May 5 1928, page 2734.

### ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

Two New York Stock Exchange memberships were reported posted for transfer this week, that of Arthur E. McCabe to Joseph T. McCantry for \$525,000 with rights, and that of Samuel B. Legg to James F. Nick for \$419,000 without rights.

Official announcement was made on May 16 that a merger had been arranged between the Equitable Trust Company of New York and the Seaboard National Bank of New York. Rumors of a possible consolidation of the two were referred to in our issue of May 4, page 2933. According to this week's announcement Arthur W. Loasby, President of the Equitable, becomes Chairman of the Board, and Chellis A. Austin, President of the Seaboard, becomes President of the consolidated institution. It is understood that the name of the consolidated institution is likely to be Equitable Seaboard Bank and Trust Company. The consolidated institution will operate under a State trust company charter. The ratio of exchange will be one and one-half shares of Equitable for one share of Seaboard (carrying one share of the Seaboard National Corporation). Previous to the merger the Seaboard National Bank will declare a special cash dividend of \$5 a share. It is further contemplated that following the merger the stock will be split up, the capital structure will be adjusted, and rights to subscribe to new stock will be issued. It has been learned from authoritative sources that no further mergers are contemplated involving either of the banks or the combined institution. The following statement relative to the merger was issued by Chellis A. Austin of the Seaboard:

"The consolidation of the Seaboard National Bank and the Equitable Trust Company is a logical alliance of two institutions which, when merged, will substantially multiply the measure of service they can perform separately.

"This merger between the Equitable and Seaboard provides a sound foundation for a constructive banking policy that will be genuinely useful to trade and industry. There is comparatively little overlapping between the two institutions and they complement each other admirably in the various departments of banking which have been developed under their respective charters.

"The Seaboard has a substantial domestic commercial business, a splendid clientele of correspondent banks in the United States, an important foreign department, and a well-rounded trust division. The Equitable has an extensive overseas business and several branches abroad, in addition to its large trust department and commercial banking activities. The consolidation will establish a powerful institution capable of providing complete facilities for its customers in every field of banking. The new company will maintain the same independent position in the future that the Seaboard and the Equitable have maintained in the past, insofar as general banking policies are concerned."

The histories of the two institutions are sketched as follows in the merger announcement:

Both the Equitable Trust Company and the Seaboard National Bank have interesting histories in which chapters of steady growth are recorded.

The Equitable Trust Company recently entered its second half century

of service. Founded on April 19 1871, as the Traders Deposit Company, it began business with an authorized capital of \$50,000.

In 1902 the name was changed to The Equitable Trust Company of New York and its activities extended to include every banking and trust function. In that year, the paid-in capital stock was increased to \$1,000,000 and again in 1903 to \$3,000,000. The surplus in that year was \$8,500,000; undivided profits \$540,000. Since 1903 the Equitable has continued to make rapid strides in size and prestige.

Subsequent growth in capitalization has been as follows: 1917, \$6,000,000; 1919, \$12,000,000; 1922, \$20,000,000; 1923, \$23,000,000; 1926, \$30,000,000. From a small institution in 1903 with total resources of \$9,000,000, the Equitable has developed into a bank of world-wide connections with capital, surplus and undivided profits of over \$50,000,000, and total resources of over \$600,000,000.

The branches of the Equitable Trust Company in New York City are located at the following points: 40 Worth Street, Madison Avenue at 28th Street, Madison Avenue at 45th Street, and Madison Avenue at 79th Street. The company has two branch offices in London, a large office in Paris, an office in Mexico City, and, through its subsidiary, the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation, maintains offices in Shanghai and Hongkong, China.

The Seaboard Bank was organized in 1883 under a State charter with an original capital of \$500,000. The bank's offices were at 18 Broadway and the primary purpose of its organizers was to facilitate trading on the Petroleum Exchange next door, through making loans on oil warehouse receipts and pipe line certificates, which other banks did not then do.

Two years later the Seaboard joined the national banking system, and at the end of its first six years the deposits were \$3,500,000. There were no changes in the capital structure until 1905, when the directors declared a stock dividend of 100%, bringing the capital to \$1,000,000. The next increase came in 1921, when the capital was raised to \$3,000,000.

There have been six subsequent increases in capital. In 1922 a merger was effected with the Mercantile Trust Company and the capital was increased to \$4,000,000. Ohllis A. Austin, who had been President of the Mercantile Trust Company since its organization in 1917, became President of the Seaboard under this merger. The combined deposits at that time amounted to \$78,000,000.

The main offices of the Bank were housed in the eight-story building at Broad and Beaver Streets, erected by the Seaboard in 1921, and the Mercantile offices at 115 Broadway were retained after the merger.

Capital increases followed in quick succession as the deposits of the bank grew between 1922 and 1928. The most recent increase was announced in December 1928, bringing the capital to \$11,000,000, with a surplus of \$14,000,000. The Seaboard's resources as of March 27, 1929 were \$306,287,359.22.

Two uptown offices are maintained by the Seaboard, one at 24 East Forty-fifth Street and the other at 41 West Thirty-fourth Street, which is the location of the New Netherland Bank that was acquired through a merger on Feb. 1, 1928.

The Seaboard National Corporation, a subsidiary of the bank, was organized in 1928 with a capital of \$2,250,000, which was increased to \$3,250,000 early in 1929.

The stockholders of the Central Union Trust Company of New York and Hanover Bank approved on May 14 the merger of the two institutions under the name of Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company. Capital, surplus and undivided profits of Central Hanover will be approximately \$100,000,000 and combined net deposits in excess of \$600,000,000. The Central Hanover will operate under the trust company's charter. To effect the merger, stockholders of Central Union approved on May 14 an increase in the \$20 par value capital stock from \$15,000,000 to \$21,000,000. Under the terms of the merger agreement, Central Union stockholders receive share for share of Central Hanover stock and Hanover stockholders 3 shares Central Hanover for 1 share Hanover stock. George W. Davison, who has been President of Central Union since 1919 is President of Central Hanover. William Woodward, President of Hanover Bank since 1910 is Chairman of the Board. Principal offices of Central Hanover will be at 70 Broadway. The up-town offices of Central Union at Madison Avenue and 42d Street and Fifth Avenue and 60th Street will continue to be operated as offices of Central Hanover. Likewise the 11 offices of Hanover National Bank located at 11 Manhattan centers will continue to be operated as offices. Stockholders of Central Union on May 2d approved a stock dividend of 20%, increasing the capitalization from \$12,500,000 to \$15,000,000 and reduced the par value of the stock from \$100 to \$20. The proposed merger was referred to at length in our issue of March 23, page 1842.

An affiliation of the Chase National Bank of New York, the Chase Securities Corporation and the American Express Company was approved on May 16, by stockholders of the bank and of the securities corporation, who authorized an increase in the capital of each institution from 610,000 to 800,000 shares and a split-up of the shares on a five-for-one basis as a step in carrying out the consolidation of interests. Upon consummation of the plan, the combined institutions will have capital, surplus and reserves exceeding \$283,000,000. The union of Chase and American Express interests (details of which were given in these columns April 13, page 2403), will create one of the largest organizations of its kind in the world, with the three institutions co-ordinating their activities although each unit will continue to operate independently. The vast international business of the Ameri-

can Express Company, which operates 60 foreign branches in addition to 35 in the United States, will continue without any change in policy, name or management. The company's financial and foreign travel services are known in practically every country of the world. As a result of the stockholders' action this week both the Chase National Bank and the Chase Securities Corp. will have outstanding 4,000,000 shares. Stock of the bank will be reduced from \$100 to \$20 par value, with an equal number of shares of the Chase Securities Corp. of no par value. Under the plan of affiliation, stockholders of the American Express Co. are offered an opportunity of exchanging their shares on the basis of 1 2-3 shares of new stock of the Chase National Bank, of \$20 par value, and 1 2-3 shares of new stock of the Chase Securities Corp., of no par value, for one share of American Express. The plan also provides that stockholders of the Chase National Bank and the Chase Securities Corp. of record May 24 be given rights to subscribe to 762,500 shares of new stock at \$110 per share on the basis of five new shares for each four old shares. Stock of the Chase National Bank and of the Chase Securities Corp., which is represented by Chase stock receipts under a deposit agreement, will sell ex-rights May 24. Payment for the new shares is due July 1. The committee representing shareholders of the American Express Co. announced on April 30 that holders of more than a majority of the outstanding shares, apart from those held by the Chase Securities Corp., had assented to the plan. It is understood that additional deposits of American Express stock are being made rapidly and that the time for such deposits will not be extended beyond May 31.

It is announced that approximately 90% of the shareholders of the National Park Bank of New York have assented to the plan and agreement providing for changes in the capital of the bank and for the organization of a securities company. Accordingly, the committee of shareholders under the agreement this week declared the plan to be operative. The plan provides for the reduction of the par value of the capital stock of the bank to \$20, whereby shareholders will receive five shares of \$20 par value for each share of \$100 par value now held. A stock dividend of 20% will be declared, whereby each holder of five of the new shares will receive an additional share of the new \$20 par value stock. Regarding the plans it is announced:

Parkbank Corporation has been organized under the New York Stock Corporation Law, and it will be initially financed by the transfer to it of approximately \$3,000,000 from the bank. Parkbank Corporation will immediately issue to the shareholders of the bank one share of its stock for each share of bank stock then outstanding. The shares of Parkbank Corporation will be held by a depository, and will be evidenced by endorsement of a deposit receipt on certificates for bank shares.

The plan also contemplates a further increase of the bank's capital to \$15,000,000 by the issuance of 150,000 additional shares of \$20 par value. These new shares of bank stock, together with 150,000 additional shares of Parkbank Corporation, will be offered to the shareholders of the bank in units of one share of bank stock and one share of Parkbank Corporation stock, so that each holder of one share of bank stock of \$20 par value will be entitled to subscribe to one-quarter of a unit. The purchase price of a complete unit will be \$70, of which \$40 will constitute the price of the new share of bank stock, and \$30 will represent the price of the share in Parkbank Corporation. The additional shares of bank stock and of Parkbank Corporation stock will be similarly joined together by an endorsement of a Deposit Receipt upon the certificates for shares of bank stock.

The adjourned special meeting of stockholders of the bank will be held May 21, 1929 to act upon the proposed changes in the capital of the bank as set forth in the Plan.

The stock transfer books of the bank will be closed for a period of ten days beginning at the close of business May 20, 1929 and ending May 30, 1929. They will be reopened on the morning of May 31, 1929 for the transfer of shares of the bank of the par value of \$20 per share. However, holders of Committee Receipts for bank shares deposited pursuant to the Agreement, may transfer their receipts on the books of the depository kept for the purpose, during the above period.

It is contemplated that the date fixed for the redemption of Committee Receipts and delivery of new certificates of bank stock endorsed with Deposit Receipts for shares of Parkbank Corporation will be about May 31, 1929.

Subject to favorable action by the shareholders and to the approval of the Comptroller of the Currency, it is contemplated that the warrants evidencing rights to subscribe to additional stock of the bank and of Parkbank Corporation will be mailed some time before May 30, 1929 to registered holders of Committee Receipts as of the close of business on May 23, 1929. The Warrants will probably call for payments of subscriptions on or before June 28, 1929.

After May 20, 1929 transfers of bank shares not deposited under the Agreement will be ex-stock dividend and ex-rights to subscribe to additional stock.

The plans were previously referred to in our issues of March 30, page 2028 and May 11, page 3131.

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York announces the appointment of John R. Babcock as an Assistant Treasurer.

The Seamen's Bank for Savings, one of the oldest banking institutions in New York City, celebrated its 100th anniversary

sary on May 11. It enters the second century with assets of approximately \$114,000,000 and the owner of one of the finest buildings in the Wall St. financial district. This new home of the bank, which is a towering monument to thrift, as compared with the humble setting in which the bank started business, was awarded a prize for the finest structure erected in the financial district in 1926. During the 100 years of its existence, the bank paid 212 consecutive dividends aggregating \$117,000,000 which is in excess of the total resources of more than \$114,000,000 now held by the institution. The number of depositors now exceeds 92,000 and total deposits exceed \$96,000,000. On May 11 1829, the Seamen's Bank for Savings was established by a group of philanthropic citizens of New York with one purpose in mind: to encourage thrift among sailors, stevedores, naval officers and officers of merchant ships. While its depositors to-day include men and women in all walks of life, thousands of accounts still stand in the names of seamen. The first President of the bank was Najah Taylor. The present head of the institution is Ralph H. Stever who last year succeeded the late Herbert K. Twitchell. The other officers of the bank, in addition to Mr. Stever, are: George F. Crane and Samuel Sloan, Vice-Presidents; Elmer Rand Jacobs, Compt.; Williston H. Benedict, Sec.; Thornton C. Thayer, Treas.; Hiram W. Phillips, Asst. Treas., and George P. Montgomery, Deputy Compt.

Incident to the bank's 100th anniversary a notice depicting some of the outstanding events in its history says:

Although its depositors, due to the phenomenal growth of the city, now includes all classes of people, the Seamen's Bank for Savings is still influenced to no small extent by the habits and superstitions of the "men who go down to the sea in ships." For instance, when the present building was completed, the officers selected No. 76 Wall St. as the address of the new home for the bank. Upon receipt of a letter from an "old salt" (there are still a few who are superstitious) that 7 and 6 made 13, the officers changed the proposed address to 74 Wall St.

Also true to its name, the Seamen's Bank for Savings maintains a "log" to mark the progress of the organization, just as the Captain of a vessel keeps a log to record the progress of his ship. Some of the more interesting data contained in the bank's log follow:

May 11 1829—To-day opened our bank to encourage savings among sailors, naval officers, stevedores, and suchlike genial souls. Office at 149 Maiden Lane, modern and handsome, up but one flight of steps from street. In come Merchant Grinnell, director, with one Jas. Chappell, stevedore, to open first acct. Thereat much rejoicing.

Dec. 31 1829—In these few months, recd. in deposits, \$14,495, a goodly sum. Fine wintry day. Wind N.N.E.

Dec. 31 1831—Through press of business, moved to 47 Wall, a street convenient to maritime folk.

Jan. 2 1836—Now deposited, \$100,000. This great horde of money brought together in 7 years.

Dec. 31 1836—Moved this yr. to 71 Wall.

Dec. 31 1847—Deposits now \$1,000,000, so many are the people who have begun to save. And this after 16 yrs. from founding.

Dec. 31 1872—Truly, the first million is the hardest. Now we have deposits of \$10,000,000, and New York becomes by leaps and bounds the thriftiest city of the New World.

Dec. 1926—New and magnificent building completed at 74 Wall. This number chosen rather than 76 by petition of old sailor-depositor who feared two digits totalling 13.

May 11 1929—With resources of \$114,000,000 Seamen's Bank for Savings begins its second century of encouraging thrift.

At a special meeting on May 15 the stockholders of the New York Title & Mortgage Company authorized the splitting up of the company's stock, ten for one, making the par value of each share \$10, instead of \$100, as heretofore. No other change in the capital structure was proposed, the capitalization remaining the same. President Harry A. Kahler told the stockholders that the move had originated through suggestion from among their own number, following the advice of many financial institutions in reducing the par values of their shares. New stock certificates have been prepared and will be issued in exchange for old stock certificates at the office of the American Trust Company, 135 Broadway. It has been arranged that stockholders may have the new stock in a single certificate or in any way that suits their convenience.

Announcement is made that at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Central National Bank of the City of New York, Phillip Leff was elected a director. Mr. Leff is President and Treasurer of the National Spinning Company, Brooklyn.

The Directors of the National City Bank of New York this week appointed Roger Steffan a Vice-President. Mr. Steffan, who has been an Assistant Vice-President since August 30, 1926, is in charge of the bank's compound interest and personal loan departments. The Executive Committee of the bank at this week's meeting also appointed Duncan Dunbar an Assistant Cashier. Mr. Dunbar has been associated with the bank since 1927, at the Fifth Avenue branch. At the regular meeting of the directors of the National City

Company this week, Samuel W. Baldwin was elected Treasurer to succeed Mortimer H. Bradley, who has resigned. Mr. Baldwin had been Assistant Treasurer of the City company since 1918 and has been connected with the company since 1916, prior to which he was with N. W. Halsey & Co.

In connection with the thirty-fifth anniversary of its founding the Provident Loan Society of New York has announced a revision of its employee-protective program to include the installation of a formal contributory pension system which in the main supersedes and increases the benefits provided by an informal retirement plan in operation since 1911. To put the new system in effect, the Provident Loan Society has made an initial deposit of over \$500,000 with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, which is underwriting the entire program. An announcement in the matter says:

Under the present arrangement, the pensions payable at the normal retirement age will be equivalent to 2½% of an employee's annual salary multiplied by years of service, up to a maximum of 90% of average salary. The total group insurance has been increased from approximately \$500,000 to more than \$900,000, involving an increase of from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for individual employees based on salary.

The new plan was approved by the Board of Trustees of The Provident Loan Society on April 2, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, consisting of George S. Brewster, President; Henry L. DeForest, Frederick H. Ecker, Mortimer L. Schiff, James Speyer and Harold T. White.

The normal retirement age for men is 65 years and for women 60. Upon retirement at the normal retirement age, after 36 years of service, an employee will receive an annual income equivalent to 90% of average annual salary during employment. Twenty years of service will yield 50% of average salary.

In addition to paying the entire cost of \$1,000 life insurance for each eligible employee, and the full cost of an additional \$1,000 insurance for each employee completing ten years of service, The Provident Loan Society has paid the entire cost of the pensions already earned by the past service of active employees.

All employees with at least three months' service are eligible to enroll. They will receive not only group insurance and pension, but will be entitled to liberal benefits in case of total and permanent disability. In case of death or withdrawal from the plan before retirement, the employee's full deposits for pensions will be returned to the employee or his beneficiary.

Plans to increase the capital of the Fulton Trust Company of New York from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 have been recommended to the stockholders by the directors. It is proposed that the stockholders be given the privilege to subscribe before July 1 to the new stock pro rata, according to their respective holdings, at \$250 a share. Each stockholder is to have the right to subscribe to one share of new stock for each share of old stock owned. The privilege to subscribe for the new stock will be given to stockholders of record May 31st. According to Edmund P. Rogers, President of the institution, the trust business of the Fulton Trust Company had trebled in the past four years and the Directors deemed it advisable to provide additional capital and surplus to meet the increased business of the company. With its capital of \$2,000,000, the company will have a surplus of \$2,000,000 and undivided profits of approximately \$1,300,000. When asked the question whether the increase in its capital and surplus was a step towards some form of merger or combination, Mr. Rogers answered:

"No. This company, since its inception in 1890, has been an independent corporation and intends to remain so. Our business is to aid in the administration of the business affairs of our patrons during their lives and afterwards; to aid them in the care and custody of their securities; to give unbiased advice in regard to investments, and to offer a place of business where personal attention from officers and employees is stressed."

Further evidence of the close affiliation of Goldman Sachs & Company with the Manufacturers' Trust Company is seen in the announcement by its President, Nathan S. Jonas, of the election of the Board of Directors of the Manufacturers' Trust Company of five well known industrialists and financiers in America. Those newly elected to the Board are: Maynard S. Bird, Chairman of the Board, Bond & Goodwin, Inc.; Carle C. Conway, President, Continental Can Company; Edward F. Hutton, Chairman of the Board, the Postum Company; John L. Johnston, President, the Lambert Company, and Albert D. Lasker, Chairman of the United States Shipping Board during the World War, and Chairman of the Board, Lord & Thomas & Logan, advertising specialists.

John Arthur Conway, Vice-President of the Grace National Bank, died on May 13, after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Conway was born in Brooklyn thirty-five years ago. For a time he was with the Guaranty Trust Company and in 1924 joined the Grace National Bank, having been in charge of the new business department.

At the annual meeting of W. R. Grace & Co., on May 10, Joseph P. Grace was elected Chairman of the Board and D. Stewart Inglehart, Vice-President, was elected President. Mr. Grace, who became President in 1907, is the eldest son of the late W. R. Grace, who established the business in Peru in 1850 when that market was reached from New York only by sailing vessels rounding the Horn. Under the leadership of Joseph P. Grace the business was extended from shipping and trading to include a wide variety of industrial enterprises in development of the natural resources of the countries of the West Coast of South America. The steamship service has been steadily expanded until the Grace Organization controls seven distinct lines linking the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Coasts of the United States with the West Coast of Central and South America. Mr. Inglehart joined the house of Grace upon graduation from Columbia in 1894. Mr. Inglehart spent many years in South America, mastering the detail of commercial and industrial operations.

Raphael Scottto, former head of the defunct private bank of L. Scottto & Son of Brooklyn on Monday of this week, May 13, was sentenced by Judge George W. Martin in the County Court, Brooklyn, to from four to ten years in Sing Sing for second degree forgery, according to the New York "Evening Post" of May 13. At the same time Louis Scottto, son of the former banker, and Joseph Maieli, Scottto's prospective son-in-law, both of whom were employed in the failed bank, received suspended sentences after pleading "guilty" to attempted third degree forgery. A representative of the District Attorney's office stated, it was said, that the young men were merely the tools of the elder Scottto and reaped no profit from the crash of the institution. In passing sentence, Judge Martin, who is a friend of the former banker of over twenty years' standing, said:

It is a difficult task for me to sentence you for I have known you for more than twenty years. During all those years I knew you as an honest, upright citizen. I cannot believe that you are a criminal at heart, but the evidence proves that you have been unfaithful to a trust—a serious trust that found people turning their money over to you in absolute confidence that it would be safe. The betrayal of public confidence by a banking official cannot be lightly dealt with. My personal feeling can have no part here.

Continuing the paper mentioned said in part:

Assistant District Attorney Louis Goldstein and Edward Ward McMahon, counsel for the trustees in bankruptcy of the bank, demanded Judge Martingive the elder Scottto the limit penalty of ten years. They pointed out he stole money from the bank through his forgeries.

Scottto will be taken to Sing Sing this afternoon. The two young men were placed on probation for three years.

Failure of the Scottto bank in the latter part of September 1928 was noted in the "Chronicle" of Oct. 6 1928, page 1900 and its affairs referred to in subsequent issues.

According to the Boston "Herald" of March 13, stockholders of the Boulevard Trust Co. of Boston at a special meeting voted to change the par value of the company's stock from \$100 to \$10 a share and to distribute ten shares of new stock for each share now outstanding.

Directors of the Highland Trust Co. of Somerville, Mass. have decided to recommend to the stockholders a reduction in the par value of the bank's shares from \$100 a share to \$20 a share, and that five new shares be issued for each share now outstanding, according to the Boston "Transcript" of May 11. The company's present capital is \$100,000.

At a special meeting held May 16 the stockholders of the First National Bank of Boston adopted the recommendations of the directors and voted to reduce the par value of the stock from \$100 to \$20, with a corresponding increase in the number of shares; to increase the capital by issuing \$2,500,000 new stock to be offered to stockholders at \$60 per share on the basis of one new share of the par value of \$20 for each ten shares of the par value of \$20 owned on May 29, the new stock to be paid for July 1; and to provide for the transfer of the capital stock of the First National Corporation to be held in trust for the benefit of the bank stockholders as from time to time constituted. Previous reference to the matters mentioned appeared in the "Chronicle" of April 13 and 27, pages 2404 and 2750, respectively.

It is proposed to consolidate the Bristol National Bank, Bristol, Conn., and its affiliated institution, the American Trust Co., according to a dispatch from that place on May 14 to the Hartford "Courant," which stated that details of the consolidation, which will be effected in two months,

have been announced. We quote from the dispatch as follows:

To effect the consolidation it will be necessary for the Bristol National Bank to liquidate and form a new State bank to take over the assets and assume the liabilities of the Bristol National Bank. To accomplish this end, the Bristol-American Bank & Trust Co. is being organized according to State laws and will be in a position to take over the assets and assume the liabilities upon its liquidation. The new Bristol-American Bank & Trust Co. will then consolidate with the American Trust Co. to form the Bristol-American Bank & Trust Co.

The Bristol-American Trust Co. will have a capital of \$300,000, surplus of \$300,000 and undivided profits of about \$200,000. The stock will have a par value of \$25 a share and each shareholder in the Bristol National Bank and the American Trust Co. will receive four shares of the consolidated bank for each one share of stock now held. A cash payment of \$50 per share will be made to each stockholder of the American Trust Co. upon the deposit of his stock for the purpose of consolidation.

Another consolidation with the Bankers Trust Co. of Philadelphia—the third in three months—was announced May 15. The Tioga Trust Co. will be merged with the larger institution upon terms—exchange of stock share for share—approved by the Boards of Directors of both companies. Confirming action is to be taken by the stockholders at special meetings called for June 3. The Tioga Trust Co. has offices at 17th and Tioga Street and 22nd and Toronto Streets, and some \$2,700,000 deposits. Dr. Charles E. Beury, President of Temple University, who has been Vice-President of the Tioga Trust Co. since its organization, will become a Director of the Bankers Trust Co. To assure continuance and largest development of the local contacts in the conduct of the business there will be a Tioga advisory committee consisting of James N. Snyder, Chairman; Dr. Charles E. Beury, George N. Beaumont, Frank E. Wallace, and Harry T. Rotenbury, Secretary. The combined institution will have nine offices, 54,000 depositors, above \$6,250,000 capital in its business, and more than \$38,000,000 resources backing a total of \$27,000,000 deposits. Samuel H. Barker is President of the Bankers Trust Co., which started Jan. 1 1927 with \$3,400,000 resources.

According to yesterday's Philadelphia "Ledger" (May 17) directors of the Tenth National Bank of Philadelphia the previous day decided to join in the consolidation now pending of the Columbia Avenue Trust Co. with the Integrity Trust Co. Meetings of the stockholders of the three banks, it is expected, will be held about the middle of June to vote on the proposed merger, and if ratified, the union will probably become effective at the close of business June 30. The combined resources of the three institutions, according to recently published statements, are in excess of \$65,000,000. Combined capital, surplus and undivided profits are more than \$13,000,000, and combined deposits approximately \$50,000,000. Under the consolidation plan, the new Integrity Trust Co., formed by the merger of the Columbia Avenue Trust Co. with the Integrity Trust Co., will issue one share of stock, of the par value of \$10 a share, in exchange for 2 3/4 shares of Tenth National Bank stock, par value \$10, "which is equivalent to four shares of Integrity stock for 11 shares of Tenth National stock." The Tenth National Bank was established 44 years ago. Its main office is at 1645 North Broad St., adjoining the Columbia Ave. Trust Co. office at Broad St. and Columbia Ave. Three years ago it opened a central city office at 116 South 15th St. John F. Bauder, Chairman of the Board, who has been associated with the bank for 36 years, and Herbert L. Shaffer, the President, will become Vice-Presidents of the Integrity Trust Co. and several of the directors will be added to the board of the enlarged bank. Walter K. Hardt, who has been President of the Integrity Trust Co. since May 1928, will continue to head the enlarged institution.

Under date of May 15 the Integrity Trust Co. announced the appointment of Robert MacNeill and Granville H. Davis as Vice-President and Assistant Treasurer, respectively, of the investment department of the institution at 16th and Walnut Sts. and furthermore announced that on and after May 21 Charles B. Humpton, Michael J. Rudolph, John Middleton and Pierre L. Rossel will also be associated with its enlarged investment organization.

On May 15 the Bank of North America & Trust Co. of Philadelphia announced the resignations of Robert MacNeill and John H. Mason Jr., Vice-Presidents of the institution, and Granville H. Davis, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer. The announcement, signed by J. H. Mason, President, said:

We wish to record our personal and official testimony to their ability and loyalty during periods of service ranging from 12 to 23 years. We regret sincerely the termination of this long and intimate association.

The Bank of North America & Trust Co. is about to merge with the Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lives & Granting Annuities, Philadelphia, as indicated in recent issues of the "Chronicle," the last reference appearing in our issue of May 11, page 3133.

Consolidation of the Fairhill Trust Co. of Philadelphia with the Ninth Bank & Trust Co. of that city has been approved by the Directors of both banks, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of May 17. Special meetings of the stockholders of the respective institutions will be held shortly to vote on the proposed union. Stockholders of the Ninth Bank & Trust Co. will be asked to authorize a change in the par value of the capital stock from \$100 to \$10 a share and when approved, ten shares of the institution will be exchanged for six shares of Fairhill Trust Co., the par value of which is \$50 a share. The new institution, which will continue the name of the Ninth Bank & Trust Co., will have an outstanding capital of \$1,375,000, surplus and undivided profits of more than \$3,100,000, and total resources in excess of \$32,000,000. The two offices of the Fairhill Trust Co., one at Fifth Street and Allegheny Avenue, and the other at Torresdale and Kensington Avenues, will become branch offices of the enlarged Ninth Bank & Trust Co., giving the institution six offices in all. The main office of the Ninth Bank & Trust Co. is at Front and Norris Streets, the other three being located at Allegheny and Kensington Avenues, Seventh and Dauphin Streets, and Chelton Avenue near Chew Street, Germantown. The two last mentioned were acquired through the consolidation of the Northern National Bank with the Ninth Bank & Trust Co. effective March 4 of this year. Ira W. Barnes, President, and all other officers of the Ninth Bank & Trust Co. will continue as officers of the new institution, while H. H. Sinnamon, President of the Fairhill Trust Co., will become Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Fairhill offices, and also with three other members of the Board of the Fairhill Trust Co., a Director of the enlarged bank.

Supplementing our item of May 4 (page 2934) with reference to the proposed merger of the Frontier National and the Community National Banks of Buffalo, N. Y. with the Liberty Bank of Buffalo, advices from that city on May 15 to the "Wall Street Journal" stated that stockholders of the last named institution would vote on May 31 on a proposal to increase the capital of the institution from \$4,000,000 (160,000 shares of the par value of \$25 a share) to \$5,500,000 (220,000 shares of the par value of \$25 a share). Of the new stock (60,000 shares), the directors propose to sell 16,000 shares to stockholders of record May 15 at the price of \$200 a share in the ratio of one new share for each ten shares held. Of the remainder, 42,667 shares will be used to exchange for stocks of the Frontier National Bank and the Community National Bank, and the balance of 1,333 shares will be sold to Liberty, Ltd., a finance company wholly owned by the Liberty Bank of Buffalo, at \$200 a share. Continuing the dispatch said:

With the present market of Liberty Bank stock at better than \$270 a share, rights have a value of about \$6.36 a share.

Liberty stockholders meeting May 14 approved proposed merger with Frontier National Bank, which is being brought into Liberty through the exchange of 1 1-3 shares of Liberty \$25 par value stock for each share of Frontier \$100 par value stock.

Directors of the National Shawmut Bank of Boston on May 15 recommended a four-to-one split-up of the bank's stock and other important changes, as summarized in the following letter to the stockholders, signed by Walter S. Bucklin, the President, calling a meeting for June 15:

Formal notice is given herewith of a stockholders' meeting to be held June 15 1929, at which authority will be asked for changing the parvalue of our shares from \$100 to \$25 (four new shares to be exchanged for one old share): For increasing the authorized capital stock from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000; for transferring the stock of the Shawmut Corp. of Boston, which is now owned by the Bank, to trustees for the benefit of the shareholders of the bank according to their respective interests, and for providing additional working capital for the Shawmut Corp.

If approval is given to these proposals, the change in par value will be made effective as of the close of business June 15 1929—the holder of one old share becoming automatically the owner of four new shares. And it will be recommended that stockholders of record as of that time be allowed to subscribe to additional shares of par value of \$25, at the rate of \$75 per share, each holder of the three shares of \$25 par value to be entitled to subscribe for one additional share: This means that for each three \$100 par shares held now (which will be converted into 12 \$25 par shares) subscription may be entered for four additional \$25 par shares.

Subscription plan will call for payment on or before July 8 1929, at \$75 per share. Such new shares will be entitled to dividends declared after July 1, and payable Oct. 1 and thereafter. Warrants for right to subscribe will be issued in accordance with the usual custom.

Arrangements similar to those now proposed have been adopted by a number of large banks in other financial centers, and have produced numerous advantages. The changes will give the corporation a broader field of

activities, in which there will be opportunity for the profitable employment of larger funds. The changing of par value of the bank's shares will permit a more general participation in its ownership. In short, the proposed changes are in keeping with modern practice and will, it is believed, benefit the bank and its shareholders.

The directors anticipate that dividends on the enlarged issue will be continued at rates equivalent to those paid at present, as earnings provide a conservative margin above such requirements. They recommend that stockholders exercise their rights to subscribe for the additional stock.

Directors of the Everett Trust Co. of Everett, Mass. have approved a reduction in the par value of the company's shares from \$100 to \$20 a share and the issuance of five new shares for each share outstanding, according to advices from Boston on May 15 to the "Wall Street Journal," which furthermore stated that a special meeting of the stockholders would be called shortly to vote on the proposition.

The Central National Co., an affiliation of the Central National Bank of Cleveland, Cleveland, O., has been opened in the 308 Euclid Avenue Building, the home of the bank. An announcement in the matter by the bank says in part:

The Central National Co. has been formed and now is conducting a securities business including the investment banking transactions heretofore carried on by the bond department of the Central National Bank.

Management of the Central National Co. is under the direction of the same men responsible for the successful growth of the Central National Bank. The company is operating as a separate institution, although all of its stock is owned by the stockholders of the bank.

The Central National Bank of Cleveland has combined capital and surplus of \$6,000,000. It was chartered in 1890.

E. W. Edwards, a well-known Cincinnati manufacturer, was chosen President of the Fifth Third Union Trust Co. of Cincinnati on May 14, to succeed the late Charles A. Hinsch, whose death occurred Dec. 18 last, according to the Cincinnati "Enquirer" of May 15. Mr. Edwards, who has been associated with the institution as a director for the past fourteen years, will devote all of his time to his new duties and will relinquish active control of the Edwards Manufacturing Co. and other organizations of which he is President. In addition to being head of the bank, with resources of more than \$92,000,000, Mr. Edwards becomes President also of the subsidiary corporations, the Fifth Third Union Co. (the investment department of the institution), and the Fifth Third Union Safe Deposit Co.

Frank W. Blair, President of the Union Trust Co. of Detroit, announces the election to the board of directors of C. E. Wilson and John M. Toolin. Mr. Wilson was elected Vice-President of the General Motors Corp. last week, after serving for a short time as Assistant to the President. He was formerly President and General Manager of the Delco-Remy Corp. of Dayton, O., and Anderson, Ind. John M. Toolin is President of the Central Western States division of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., and is also a director of the parent organization, the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. of Maryland.

According to the Detroit "Free Press" of May 12, directors of the Fidelity Trust Co. of Detroit have authorized the calling of a special meeting of the stockholders to vote on a proposal to reduce the par value of bank's shares from \$100 to \$20 and to issue five new shares of stock for each share now outstanding. The bank's capital, which is \$1,000,000, will then consist of 50,000 shares instead of 10,000 as at present. The Detroit paper furthermore said:

The stock of Fidelity Trust Co. has been selling at a figure which has been so high as to make it difficult for many who desire to participate in the earnings of a sound financial institution to become stockholders. The proposed reduction in the par value and the increase in the number of shares is primarily for the purpose of reducing the market price of Fidelity stock to a figure sufficiently low to permit more people to become stockholders.

Fidelity Trust stock has been relatively inactive of late but sold on the Detroit Exchange Friday (May 10) at 500 and 10 shares sold yesterday (May 11) at 550.

The following news item comes to us this week from the National Bank of Commerce of Detroit:

Julius Rubiner, Vice-President of the National Bank of Commerce of Detroit, has resigned from that office to become Vice-President of Ungerleider Financial Corporation, the new \$25,000,000 investing company sponsored by Samuel Ungerleider, William Fox, William C. Durant, and a group of Middle Western and Canadian capitalists.

Mr. Rubiner is well known in Detroit banking circles. He was first employed in 1911 as messenger by the German American Bank and has remained with the one organization ever since, though the name of the bank has changed as a result of various mergers.

Mr. Rubiner is a Director of numerous concerns, among them the Union Investment Company, Century Investment Company, and the Bankers' Securities Company. He is also a director of the Federal Screw Works of Detroit.

On May 14 announcement was made of the approaching consolidation of the National Bank of the Republic of

Chicago and the Chicago Trust Co., creating a new institution with resources of approximately \$200,000,000, and ranking as the third largest bank in Chicago. Directors of both banks approved the merger on May 14. According to the Chicago "Post" of May 14 the consolidation is expected to become effective June 29, following special meetings of the respective stockholders of the institutions at which formal approval of the union will be asked. Under the terms of the merger, both institutions retain their corporate entities and a separate personnel and will continue, for the time being at least, in their present locations. The Chicago Trust Co. stock, however, is placed in trust for the benefit of the shareholders of the National Bank of the Republic through an exchange agreement. The Directors of both banks have agreed to recommend exchange of each share of Chicago Trust Co. stock for four shares of \$20 par value stock of the consolidated bank and one share of Chicago Trust Company Securities Co. stock. The shareholders of the present National Bank of the Republic under the plan will receive one and three-fifths shares of stock of the new institution for each share held June 29, together with a substantial cash dividend. The capital, surplus and undivided profits of the new organization will be \$18,000,000. Of this amount the National Bank of the Republic will have \$10,000,000 capital and \$3,000,000 of surplus and undivided profits, while the Chicago Trust Co. will have \$3,000,000 capital and \$1,000,000 surplus and undivided profits. The National Republic Co. with a capital of \$1,000,000 will complete the group of combined institutions. John A. Lynch (Chairman of the Board of the National Bank of the Republic) will be Chairman of the Executive Committee of both banks, and David R. Forgan and Charles S. Castle (a Vice-Chairman and President, respectively, of the National Bank of the Republic) will be Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee of both banks. George Woodruff will be Chairman of the Board of the National Bank of the Republic, with Lucius Teter and Hugo E. Otte, Vice-Chairmen. Lucius Teter will be Chairman of the Board of the Chicago Trust Co. and George Woodruff, Vice-Chairman. John W. O'Leary (President since the first of the year of the Chicago Trust Co.) will be President of both institutions. Ward C. Castle will be Executive Vice-President of the National Bank of the Republic. All officers and employees of both banks will be retained.

A ten-to-one split-up of the stock of the First Wisconsin National Bank of Milwaukee has been approved by the directors. An announcement in the matter says:

At a meeting of the board of directors of the First Wisconsin National Bank May 9 it was voted that a reduction of the par value of the stock from \$100 to \$10 per share be recommended to stockholders. The capital of the bank is \$10,000,000, which will make one million shares of the new stock outstanding if this action is approved by stockholders. The stockholders will receive ten shares of the new stock for each share they hold now. The last quotation on First Wisconsin stock before the action of the directors was 505. At present the stock is around 620, or 62 for the new shares, when issued. Final action on the recommendation of the directors will be taken at a special stockholders meeting, the date of which has not been set.

"Reduction of the par value of the bank stock was decided on to make possible a wider distribution of the stock," said Walter Kasten, President of the First Wisconsin group. "There are a great many people who would like to own stock in our bank and whom we would like to number among our shareholders. We believe this increase in the number of shares and the reduction of the par value will make this stock attractive and available to many who were unable to obtain it previously."

First Wisconsin stock has risen steadily in the last few years. In May 1927 it was quoted at 222. A year later it had advanced to 385. Six months ago it was 410, four months ago 490, and two months ago 500.

In December 1928, at the time of the acquisition of the Second Ward Group by the First Wisconsin, the capital stock was increased from \$6,000,000 to \$9,000,000. On Jan. 10 1929 the First Wisconsin "cut a melon" of more than \$2,000,000 when its capital was increased from 90,000 to 100,000 shares and the new shares were offered to stockholders at \$300, or approximately \$200 below the market price. The bank's surplus was increased from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000 with part of the proceeds of this sale of stock

Advices from Richmond, Va. on May 9, printed in the "Wall Street News" of May 10, stated that the Savings Bank of Richmond would make application to the State Corporation Commission for permission to change its name to the Savings Bank & Trust Co., as a result of the stockholders' approval of a recommendation of the directors to that effect. The institution has had a trust department in successful operation for a year, according to its President, George W. Watt. The institution was organized in 1889 and is to-day, it is said, the oldest bank in Richmond preserving the original name. The dispatch furthermore stated that it was the first State bank in the United States to apply for membership in the Federal Reserve system.

A dispatch from New Iberia, La., on May 11, appearing in the New Orleans "Picayune" of the following day, Leon J. Minville, heretofore Manager, Secretary and Treasurer of the Jules Dreyfus Wholesale Co., Inc., of New Iberia, has been appointed President of the People's National Bank of New Iberia, succeeding Charles L. Provost, who resigned because of impaired health. Mr. Minville for many years has been connected with leading business enterprises and important civic works in the territory named, the dispatch stated. At the same meeting of the Directors, E. T. Weeks, a leading attorney of New Iberia, was made a member of the Board.

It is learned from the Houston "Post" of May 9, that officials of the Public National Bank of that city on May 8 announced that the stockholders of the institution had approved a change in the bank's title to the Public National Bank & Trust Co.; an increase in the capital structure of the institution from \$400,000 to \$700,000 (increasing the capital, it is understood, from \$300,000 to \$500,000) and the reduction of the par value of the bank's shares from \$100 to \$10 a share. The new capital stock (\$200,000) of the par value of \$10 a share, it is understood, is being offered to stockholders of record May 8 at the price of \$15 a share. The old stock sold recently at \$260 a share. Total resources of the institution (which began business on Jan. 1 1922 with capital resources of \$300,000) are more than \$7,000,000 and total deposits as of March 27 last aggregated \$6,131,826. Within the past year the bank has been granted full trust powers by the Comptroller of the Currency, and its trust business has grown to such a point that the stockholders deemed it advisable to add to the corporate name the trust title. The officers are as follows: J. H. Tallichet, President; Carter Stewart (and cashier), O. M. Longnecker and J. W. Carter, Vice-Presidents; P. J. Studdert, H. H. Galloway, W. S. Keenan, G. D. Francklow, and J. K. Matheny, Jr., Assistant Cashiers, and Gainer B. Jones, Trust Officer.

Directors of the Citizens National Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles at their regular monthly meeting on May 10, approved a plan to reduce the par value of the bank's stock from \$100 to \$20 per share, according to an announcement made by J. Dabney Day, President. As the stock is now on a 20% basis the new shares will therefore earn at the rate of \$1 per quarter, or \$4 a year. By making the split of 5 to 1, fractional dividends will be avoided. Mr. Day issued the following statement in the matter:

Reduction in par value of shares was first made possible for National banks by the McFadden Act of 1927, prior to which the par value was always \$100. By availing ourselves of this provision it will be possible to secure a wider distribution of shares in the hands of friends and customers of the bank, particularly among those who do not wish to make a large initial investment.

We are desirous however that this action should not be interpreted as indicating approval of speculation in bank stocks. The executive committee in recommending this change to directors have not been thinking in terms of market quotations. They feel however that the reduction in par value to a point where wider distribution can be made is a beneficial change, and it follows the general trend among many of the strongest banks throughout the country.

In the last analysis the value of any investment must be determined by its earning power. Reducing the par value of a stock adds nothing to the resources of the concern, and we feel that in common with many other securities there is a tendency for bank stocks to be forced beyond a price justified by earnings.

At the same meeting of the directors, Edgar L. Marston of New York and Los Angeles was elected a director of the institution. An announcement in the matter says in part:

Mr. Marston is giving up most of his New York activities and has come to Southern California to retire, but will maintain an office at 521 Fifth Ave., New York. He will retain the office of chairman of the board of the Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Co. which he organized in 1888.

Mr. Marston has been prominently identified with many important industrial and financial undertakings. He was an original partner in Blair & Co. and later a director of Blair & Co., Inc. He was one of the organizers and is a director of the Bankers Trust Co. He is a director of the Guaranty Trust Co. and of the Title Guarantee & Trust Co. of New York. He has been closely associated with railroad interests, was chairman of the finance committee of the Western Pacific during its construction, and is a director of the Missouri Pacific and the Western Maryland Railroads.

W. A. Black and Charles F. Sise were elected directors of the Royal Trust Co. (head office Montreal) on May 14, according to the Montreal "Gazette," which went on to say:

Mr. Black is President of the Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., Ltd., and of the Manitoba Cold Storage Co., and Vice-President of the Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd. He is a director of the Bank of Montreal, of the Canadian Pacific Railway and of the Dominion Textile Co. He was President of the Montreal Board of Trade in 1918.

Mr. Sise is President of the Bell Telephone Co. of Canada and of the North American Telegraph Co., and a director of the Northern Electric Co. of the Maritime Telephone & Telegraph Co., and of the Eastern Townships Telephone Co. He is a past President of the Canadian Club of Montreal.

### THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The stock market the present week has shown a reactionary tendency most of the time, although the tone improved somewhat the latter part of the week, and occasional periods of buoyancy were manifest in a few of the more active specialties and utilities. The interesting events of the week included the offering of \$100,000,000 of securities by two Van Sweringen holding and investment companies. The weekly report of the Federal Reserve Bank made public after the close of business on Thursday showed a further increase of \$14,000,000 in brokers' loans, bringing the total increase during the four weeks since April 17 to \$140,000,000 as against \$368,000,000 decrease in the preceding four weeks. Call money renewed at 7% on Monday, advanced to 10% on Tuesday, reaching its maximum for the week at 15% on Wednesday. On Thursday the opening rate was 14%, but it dropped to 8% at the close and on Friday dropped to 6%.

On Saturday the market continued to move forward following the sudden drop of call money to 6% on the preceding day and the large volume of buying orders that accumulated over night reflected the renewed interest on the buying side. Public utilities led the upward swing, interest being attracted to this group as a result of the big increase in revenues reported by several of the companies. Rubber stocks were unusually active. While the market generally moved ahead, some of the old-time speculative leaders found it a difficult matter to keep the pace, United States Steel common and Radio Corp. both being conspicuous in that respect and both ruling lower at the close. Chesapeake Corp. was one of the outstanding features of the session and moved vigorously forward to a record top following the report that the corporation had notified the New York Stock Exchange of a plan to declare a stock dividend of 33 1-3% on the common stock, payable July 1 to stockholders of record June 27. Other railroad stocks displayed moderate improvement especially in the first hour when New York Central advanced over a point and New Haven again touched par. Motor stocks were weak, Chrysler sagging to a new low level for the year followed by most of the other independent issues. Copper stocks also were generally weak, Anaconda yielding about 3 points and similar recessions were recorded by various other members of the group.

Heavy trading during which prices tumbled sharply characterized the dealings on the stock market on Monday. Industrial shares were hit the hardest and new lows were recorded by such standard issues as American Can, General Motors and United States Steel. Recessions were also the rule among the independent motor stocks, Chrysler moving downward at a rapid rate followed by Hudson, Nash, Studebaker, Marmon, Hupp and Packard all of which were under considerable pressure. The most noteworthy declines were registered in the aircraft stocks particularly United Aircraft which broke violently to 137 where it was down about 14 points on the day, Wright Aeronautical at 134 was down six points on the day and Curtiss followed suit. In the copper shares the break was sharpest in Anaconda which dipped about eight points to 127. Kennecott was down over three points to 86 1/4, Cerro de Pasco was off nearly three points and Greene-Cananea was off about six points. Most of the stocks that slid backward the fastest were those that have been the objects of the most active speculation. United Corporation for instance at one time was down over five points, General Electric was off four points and United States Steel dropped to a new low on the present movement. Radio Corporation registered a loss of more than 12 points and International Tel. & Tel. gave way about five points. The activity of the Erie shares was the outstanding feature of the railroad group, the common rising to 75 1/2 at its high for the day and there was a sharp advance in Missouri Pacific, common, which moved into new high ground above 90.

On Tuesday the market witnessed another period of heavy selling during the early trading with prices in some instances even lower than recorded in the break on Monday but despite the rise in call money to 10% prices improved in the final hour. General Electric was the center of a spectacular bullish demonstration under which it surged forward 15 points to 277 the highest peak on record for the present stock. There were reports that it would within a reasonable time make a special distribution to its stockholders. Com-

monwealth Power broke into new high ground with an advance of over five points as a result of the favorable monthly report and the rumors of an impending split up of the stock. Westinghouse was also in urgent demand and advanced about 5 points. Packard forged ahead over 12 points.

The market moved briskly upward in the early trading on Wednesday but the advance was quickly checked as call money soared upward to 15%. As the day advanced the trend of the market turned downward and with the exception of a few of the more highly speculative issues the general list was off from two or three or more points at the close. General Electric and Packard were again the early leaders, the former lifting its top and closing at 280 1/2 with a gain of 3 1/2 points, Packard soared to 153 at its high for the day and closed at 150 1/2 with a net gain of six points. Missouri Pacific, common, was the noteworthy feature of the railroad stocks as it bounded forward to a record high above 94. Public utilities were up from three to four points on the day. Copper shares were weak at the close, Anaconda dipping more than two points to 125 1/2 and Greene-Cananea was off about three points at 150 1/2. Aeronautical stocks were in strong demand in the early trading but receded later in the day. United Air & Transport selling up to 147 at its high for the day, but slipped back to 142 1/4 and closed with a net loss of 1 7/8 points, Wright Aeronautical was down 4 1/2 points and Curtiss nearly four points.

The market again demonstrated its strong recuperative powers on Thursday and briskly responded to the drop in call money from a renewal rate of 14% to 8% and throughout the list were numerous demonstrations of renewed confidence and buoyancy. As the list turned upward the favorites of the early part of the week again assumed the leadership, General Electric selling above 282 for the first time in history. North American was the star of the public utilities and surged upward 6 points to 118 followed by Columbia Gas & Electric which moved into new high ground for the first time under the present capitalization. On Friday with call money down to 6% the market again turned to the buying side and many of the more active speculative issues moved briskly forward to higher levels. Interest centered largely in General Electric which was the outstanding feature of the day as it raced ahead 14 points to a new high in all time at 295 closing at 289 1/2 with a net gain of 8 1/2 points. Commonwealth Power was another noteworthy feature as it bounded forward to 163 3/4 at its top for the day though in the later recessions it closed at 157 1/2 with a net gain of 1 1/2 points. American Water Works was up about 5 points, Consolidated Gas improved 2 points and Standard Gas and Electric 2 points. New Tops were also registered General Asphalt, Detroit Edison and Auburn Motors. The final tone was good.

#### TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended May 17.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds	United States Bonds.
Saturday	1,977,700	\$3,163,000	\$1,273,000	\$114,000
Monday	4,626,290	6,587,000	1,688,000	347,500
Tuesday	3,634,300	6,750,000	2,059,000	186,000
Wednesday	3,351,880	6,238,000	1,767,000	330,000
Thursday	3,443,210	6,155,000	2,270,000	209,000
Friday	3,333,640	6,210,000	1,369,000	136,000
Total	20,367,020	\$35,103,000	\$10,426,000	\$1,322,500

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended May 17.		Jan. 1 to May 17.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Stocks—No. of shares.	20,367,020	21,352,200	431,144,530	316,470,812
Bonds				
Government bonds	\$1,322,500	\$2,932,500	\$49,118,050	\$71,784,250
State and foreign bonds	10,426,000	15,962,500	239,269,150	349,013,625
Railroad & misc. bonds	35,103,000	40,296,000	679,174,500	1,162,198,325
Total bonds	\$46,851,500	\$59,191,000	\$967,561,700	\$1,582,996,200

#### DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended May 17 1929.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	*35,048	\$16,500	449,361	\$8,000	62,088	\$13,300
Monday	*57,481	35,000	456,468	30,000	62,199	15,500
Tuesday	*58,822	57,000	450,756	43,300	63,200	4,800
Wednesday	*46,512	32,000	462,837	21,400	63,258	36,400
Thursday	*57,801	80,000	458,668	13,000	64,681	11,000
Friday	*45,715	27,000	433,725	-----	64,734	40,000
Total	301,379	\$247,500	311,815	\$115,700	20,160	\$121,000
Prev. week revised	294,413	\$184,000	745,462	\$254,400	26,397	\$128,800

\* In addition, sales of rights were: Saturday, 11,575; Monday, 15,543; Tuesday, 22,226; Wednesday, 29,954; Thursday, 39,466.

a In addition, sales of rights were: Saturday, 13,400; Monday, 9,400; Tuesday, 12,300; Wednesday, 14,675; Thursday, 12,200; Friday, 500.

b In addition, there were sold: Rights—Saturday, 205; Monday, 400; Tuesday, 455; Wednesday, 72; Thursday, 40; Friday, 131. Warrants—Tuesday, 10 1/2.



THE CURB MARKET.

The trend of prices on the Curb Market this week was downward though at times the gains were as numerous as losses. To-day's session was more favorable, values moving upward. Utility issues were the feature. Allied Power & Light com. was off from 58 to 54 but sold finally at 55 1/4. Amer. Superpower com. A (old) dropped from 169 7/8 to 155 and recovered finally to 161 1/2. The new stock weakened from 34 3/4 to 31 1/2 and ends the week at 32 3/4. Class B com. declined from 169 3/4 to 155 1/8, and closed to-day at 161 1/2. Central States Electric com. gained about 11 points to 95 3/8, the close to-day being at 94 5/8. Northeast Power after an early drop from 56 1/2 to 50 ran up to 62 1/4 and closed to-day at 61. Transactions were heavy. United Gas Impt. sold down from 191 5/8 to 184 1/8, then up to 198 3/4 and at 198 3/8 finally. Oil stocks were quiet with changes of little moment. Gulf Oil rose from 167 7/8 to 189 and reacted finally to 186. Industrials were irregular. Aluminum Co. sold up from 265 to 289 and at 285 finally. Amer. Cyanamid, class B, moved down from 59 1/2 to 47, ex rights, and finished to-day at 47 3/4. Auburn Automobile weakened from 222 to 204 and recovered finally at 215 3/4, Ford of Canada, class A, eased off from 62 1/2 to 57 1/2, and the class B from 95 to 85, the close to-day being at 58 and 85 respectively. Gamewell Co. com. sold up from 76 1/4 to 83 7/8, but eased off finally to 81. Goldman Sachs Trading fell from 108 7/8 to 101 1/8, recovered to 106 1/2, and sold finally at 105 1/2. Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea non-voting com. stock sold for the first time, up from 332 to 494 with a subsequent reaction to 446. Lerner Stores com. sold up from 47 1/8 to 59 with the final transaction to-day at 57. Nat. Aviation sold down from 83 to 73 1/2. Niles-Bement-Pond declined from 69 3/8 to 58 1/4 and ends the week at 62. St. Regis Paper after early loss from 150 1/2 to 137 recovered to 160, the close to-day being at 159 3/4.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 3327.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET.

Week Ended May 17	Stocks (No. Shares)	Rights	Bonds (Par Value).	
			Domestic	Foreign Government
Saturday	1,086,900	124,900	\$788,000	\$155,000
Monday	1,448,200	122,435	1,294,000	208,000
Tuesday	1,128,100	63,925	1,322,000	386,000
Wednesday	1,402,300	60,840	1,517,000	288,000
Thursday	1,254,300	72,500	1,339,000	309,000
Friday	1,643,800	96,985	1,462,000	72,000
Total	7,963,600	541,585	\$7,702,000	\$1,418,000

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of May 1 1929:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amounted to £156,043,567 on the 24th ult. (as compared with £155,836,622 on the previous Wednesday), and represents an increase of £2,137,252 since April 29 1925—when an effective gold standard was resumed.

There was about £604,000 bar gold from South Africa available in the open market this week. The Bank of England secured about £369,000, as shown in the figures below, the Continental trade £155,000, the home trade £51,000 and India £25,000.

The following movements of gold to and from the Bank of England have been announced, showing a net influx of £2,125,861 during the week under review:

	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Apr. 27	Apr. 29	Apr. 30	May 1
Received	£26	£14	nil	£1000,010	£368,972	£844,732
Withdrawn	nil	10,116	25,000	40,777	12,000	nil

Of the receipts on the 29th ult. and to-day £1,000,000 and £100,000 respectively were sovereigns "released." The £368,972 received yesterday was in bar gold from South Africa, and the balance of the amount secured to-day, viz. £744,732, was also in bar gold, the source of which has not yet transpired. The withdrawals consisted of £35,893 in bar gold and £52,000 in sovereigns.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold registered from mid-day on the 22d ult. to mid-day on the 29th ult.:

Imports	Exports
Argentina	Germany
British South Africa	France
Other countries	Austria
	Switzerland
	British India
	Other countries
£200,000	£100,960
179,963	19,792
3,491	27,315
	25,585
	11,828
	14,661
£383,454	£200,141

The Southern Rhodesian gold output for the month of March last amounted to 47,388 ounces, as compared with 44,551 ounces for Feb. 1929 and 48,017 ounces for March 1928.

SILVER.

During the week the silver market has shown marked weakness. The exchange with China has declined steadily and it would seem that the accumulation of stocks in Shanghai is now having effect upon the market. Offerings have been forthcoming from China, the Indian Bazaars, and to some extent from America. The lapse in prices, however, was due in part to the absence of support, as, except for some enquiry from America at the low level reached yesterday, buyers have been little in evidence. With little prospect, as far as can be seen at present, of substantial support, any appreciable recovery in prices is difficult to foresee.

From 25 3/4 d. quoted on the 25th ult. rates fell sharply to 25 3-16d., the price fixed yesterday for both cash and two month's delivery, the latter quotation being the lowest fixed since Sept. 2 1927. Prices reacted to-day to 25 5-16d. for both positions, following a limited enquiry from the Indian Bazaars and China and some hesitation on the part of sellers.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of silver registered from mid-day on the 22d ult. to mid-day on the 29th ult.:

Imports	Exports
U. S. A.	Egypt
Other countries	Other countries
£11,567	£32,630
1,228	14,377
£12,795	£47,007

The preliminary report on the Mineral Production of Canada during the calendar year 1928 gives the silver production for the year as 21,922,795 fine ounces. Of this amount 10,943,502 fine ounces was produced by British Columbia and 7,234,414 fine ounces by Ontario. The total production of the Dominion shows a slight falling-off as compared with 1927, during which year the output amounted to 22,613,134 fine ounces.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

(in lacs of rupees.)	Apr. 22.	Apr. 15.	Apr. 7.
Notes in circulation	18472	18579	18598
Silver coin and bullion in India	9944	9952	9985
Silver coin and bullion out of India	3222	3222	3222
Gold coin and bullion in India	4323	4323	4323
Gold coin and bullion out of India	883	882	1068
Securities (Indian Government)	100	200	---
Securities (British Government)	---	---	---
Bills of exchange	---	---	---

The stock in Shanghai on the 27th ult. consisted of about 78,500,000 ounces in sycee, 125,000,000 dollars and 9,180 silver bars, as compared with about 78,500,000 ounces in sycee, 125,000,000 dollars and 11,000 silver bars on the 20th ult.

Statistics for the month of April last are appended:

Quotations	Bar Silver Per Oz. Std.		Bar Gold Per Fine Oz.
	Cash.	2 Mos.	
Highest price	25 15-16d.	26d.	84s. 11 1/2d.
Lowest price	25 3-16d.	25 3-16d.	84s. 10 3/4d.
Average price	25.737d.	25.740d.	84s. 11.02d.
Quotations during the week:			
April 25	25 3/4d.	25 3/4d.	84s. 11d.
26	25 1/2d.	25 1/2d.	84s. 11 1/4d.
27	25 1/2d.	25 1/2d.	84s. 11 1/2d.
28	25 5-16d.	25 5-16d.	84s. 11 1/2d.
29	25 3-16d.	25 3-16d.	84s. 10 3/4d.
30	25 5-16d.	25 5-16d.	84s. 11d.
May 1	25.406d.	25.406d.	84s. 11.21d.
Average	25.406d.	25.406d.	84s. 11.21d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and two months are each 7-16d. below 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.
	May 11.	May 13.	May 14.	May 15.	May 16.	May 17.
Silver, p. oz. d.	25 1/2	25 3-16	25 3-16	25 5-16	25 3-16	25 1/2
Gold, p. fine oz.	84.11 1/2	84.11 1/2	84.10 1/2	84.11	84.11 1/2	84.11 1/2
Consols, 2 1/2s.	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
British, 5s.	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
British, 4 1/2s.	96 1/4	96 1/4	96 1/4	96 1/4	96 1/4	96 1/4
French Renten						
(in Paris) fr.	74.40	73.90	74.20	74.30	74.45	74.45
French War L'n						
(in Paris) fr.	100.55	100.65	100	101.15	101.35	101.35

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.)	54 3/4	54 3/4	54 3/4	54 3/4	54 3/4	54
Foreign						

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings will again show a decrease the present week. 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, May 18) bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 4.6% smaller than for the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$12,998,302,990, against \$13,630,162,557 for the same week in 1928. At this centre there is a loss for the five days ended Friday of 4.3%. Our comparative summary of the week follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph.	1929.	1928.	Per Cent.
Week Ended May 18.			
New York	\$6,999,000,000	\$7,311,000,000	-4.3
Chicago	604,588,055	667,759,102	-9.5
Philadelphia	495,000,000	510,000,000	-2.9
Boston	407,000,000	470,000,000	-13.4
Kansas City	121,185,184	117,513,927	+3.1
St. Louis	124,200,000	134,400,000	-7.6
San Francisco	186,029,000	255,334,000	-27.1
Los Angeles	207,048,000	207,829,000	-0.4
Pittsburgh	173,348,436	157,816,526	+9.8
Detroit	205,859,187	188,639,676	+9.1
Cleveland	155,579,815	120,481,252	+29.1
Baltimore	87,190,448	90,199,114	-3.3
New Orleans	46,434,463	59,016,672	-21.3
Thirteen cities, 5 days	\$9,812,462,588	\$10,289,989,269	-4.6
Other cities, 5 days	1,019,456,570	1,126,757,170	-9.5
Total all cities, 5 days	\$10,831,919,158	\$11,416,746,439	-5.1
All cities, 1 day	2,166,383,832	2,213,416,118	-2.1
Total all cities for week	\$12,998,302,990	\$13,630,162,557	-4.6

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 May 11. For that week there is a decrease of 2.1%, the 1929 aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$12,180,588,434, against \$12,444,614,403 in the same week of 1928. Outside of this city the decrease is 8.0%, the bank exchanges at this centre recording a gain of 1.2%. We group the cities

















Table listing various companies with columns for Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes entries like Volcanic Oil & Gas, Waltham Paper, 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 Board Association has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice. § Transfer books not closed for this dividend. ¶ Correction. # Payable in stock. f Payable in common stock. g Payable in scrip. h On account of accumulated dividends. j Payable in preferred stock. k Coty, Inc., declared a stock dividend of 6% payable in quarterly installments. l Stockholders of Empire Public Serv. Corp. have option of applying this dividend to the purchase of com. A stock at \$18 per share. m Electric Shareholdings Corp. dividend payable in cash or common stock at rate of 50-100th of a share of common for each share preferred held. n Swedish Match dividend is 10 Kronen. o Rio Grande Oil stock to be placed on a \$2 per annum basis. The company has declared \$1 payable July 25 and intends to declare another \$1 payable on or before Jan. 25 1930. The stock dividends are 1 1/2 shares on each 100 shares, the first 1 1/2% having been declared payable April 25 with the intention to declare a second 1 1/2% payable on or before Oct. 25. p Four shillings per share payable at rate of exchange prevailing on fourth day preceding June 28. To be quoted ex-dividend at the rate of \$4.8665 per £ sterling, equivalent to \$0.9733. q Subject to stockholders approval at meeting June 3. r Holland Furnace dividend 6 1/2% cash or 2% in stock. s New York Stock Exchange rules Julius Kayser Co. be the stock dividend on July 2. t Less deduction for expenses of depository. u Alliance Investment declared a stock dividend of 4% payable in quarterly installments. v Holders of Federal Water Service class A stock may apply the dividend to purchase of additional class A stock at rate of \$25 per share, receiving 1-50th share for each share held.

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, MAY 11 1929.

Table with 4 columns: Clearing House Members, \*Capital, \*Surplus & Undivided Profits, Net Demand Deposits Average, Time Deposits Average. Lists various banks and their financial figures.

\* As per official reports: National, March 27 1929; State, March 22 1929; Trust companies, March 22 1929. g As of March 30 1929. h As of March 4 1929. Includes deposits in foreign branches: (a) \$299,134,000; (b) \$110,033,000; (c) \$14,425,000; (d) \$58,660,000; (e) \$11,238,000; (f) \$135,027,000.

The New York "Times" publishes regularly each week returns of a number of banks and trust companies which are not members of the New York Clearing House. The following are the figures for the week ending May 10:

INSTITUTIONS NOT IN CLEARING HOUSE WITH CLOSING OF BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK ENDED FRIDAY, MAY 10 1929.

Table titled NATIONAL AND STATE BANKS—Average Figures. Columns: Loans, Gold, Oth. Cash, Res. Dep., Dep. Other, Gross. Lists banks like Manhattan, Bank of U. S., etc.

TRUST COMPANIES—Average Figures.

Table with 5 columns: Loans, Cash, Res'v'e Dep., Depos. Other, Gross. Lists trust companies like Manhattan, American, Bk. of Eur. & Trust, etc.

\* Includes amount with Federal Reserve Bank as follows: Central Union, \$32,214,000; Empire, \$4,205,000; Fulton, \$1,847,900.

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 5 columns: May 15 1929, Changes from Previous Week, May 8 1929, May 1 1929. Lists financial metrics like Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, etc.

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending May 11, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve System the reserve required is 10% on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with legal depositaries" and "Cash in vaults."

Beginning with the return for the week ending May 14 1928, the Philadelphia Clearing House Association discontinued showing the reserves and whether reserves held are above or below requirements. This will account for the queries at the end of the table.

Table with 5 columns: Two Ciphers (00) omitted, Week Ended May 11 1929, May 4 1929, April 27 1929. Lists financial metrics like Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, etc.

\* Cash in vault not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve members

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, May 16 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 3279, 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 MAY 15 1929.

Main table showing combined resources and liabilities of the Federal Reserve Banks at the close of business May 15 1929. Columns include dates from May 15 1929 to May 16 1928. Rows are categorized into RESOURCES (Gold with Federal Reserve agents, Gold redemption fund, Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes, Total gold reserves, Reserves other than gold, Total reserves, Non-reserve cash, Bills discounted, U. S. Government securities, Treasury notes, Certificates of indebtedness, Total U. S. Government securities, Foreign loans on gold, Total bills and securities, Gold held abroad, Due from foreign banks, Uncollected items, Bank premises, All other resources, Total resources) and LIABILITIES (F. R. notes in actual circulation, Deposits: Member banks-reserve account, Government, Foreign banks, Other deposits, Total deposits, Deferred availability items, Capital paid in, Surplus, All other liabilities, Total liabilities, Ratio of gold reserves to deposits and F. R. note liabilities combined, Ratio of total reserves to deposits and F. R. note liabilities combined, Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents, Distribution by Maturities: 1-15 days bills bought in open market, 1-15 days bills discounted, 1-15 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness, 1-15 days municipal warrants, 16-30 days bills bought in open market, 16-30 days bills discounted, 16-30 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness, 16-30 days municipal warrants, 31-60 days bills bought in open market, 31-60 days bills discounted, 31-60 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness, 31-60 days municipal warrants, 61-90 days bills bought in open market, 61-90 days bills discounted, 61-90 days U. S. certif. of indebtedness, 61-90 days municipal warrants, Over 90 days bills bought in open market, Over 90 days bills discounted, Over 90 days certif. of indebtedness, Over 90 days municipal warrants, F. R. notes received from Comptroller, F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent, Issued to Federal Reserve Banks, How Secured: By gold and gold certificates, Gold redemption fund, Gold fund-Federal Reserve Board, By eligible paper, Total).

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 MAY 15 1929.

Table showing the weekly statement of resources and liabilities of each of the 12 Federal Reserve Banks at the close of business May 15 1929. Columns represent banks: Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran. Rows are categorized into RESOURCES (Gold with Federal Reserve Agents, Gold red'n fund with U. S. Treas., Gold held excl. agst. F. R. notes, Gold settle't fund with F.R. Board, Gold and gold cfts held by banks, Total gold reserves, Reserve other than gold, Total reserves, Non-reserve cash, Bills discounted: Sec. by U. S. Govt. obligations, Other bills discounted, Total bills discounted, Bills bought in open market, U. S. Government securities: Bonds, Treasury notes, Certificates of indebtedness, Total U. S. Gov't securities).

RESOURCES (Concluded)—Two Cities (00) omitted. Table with 14 columns (Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran.) and multiple rows of financial data.

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE ACCOUNTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 15 1929.

Federal Reserve Agent at— Table with 14 columns (Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran.) and multiple rows of financial data.

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 MAY 8 1929. (In millions of dollars.)

Table with 14 columns (Federal Reserve District, Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran.) and multiple rows of financial data.

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 May 15 1929, in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Table with 4 columns (May 15 1929, May 8 1929, May 16 1928) and multiple rows of financial data for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

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."

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, May 17 1929.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—See page 3296. Stock Exchange sales this week of shares not in detailed list:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week Ended May 17, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like Railroads, Am Commercial Alcohol, etc.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfs. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked. Lists various Treasury securities with their respective rates and prices.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

Table listing various realty and surety companies like Alliance R'ty, Am Surety new, etc., with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial metrics.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

Table listing various banks and trust companies like Banks—N.Y., Amer Union, etc., with columns for Bid, Ask, and other financial metrics.

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 titled 'Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices' with columns for dates (May 11 to May 17) and various bond types like First Liberty Loan, Treasury, etc.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were: 7 4th 4 1/4s..... 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 11-16 for checks and 4.84 31-32 @ 4.85 1-16 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4.84 5-16 @ 4.84 1/2; sixty days, 4.79 15-16; ninety days, 4.77 @ 4.77 15-16; and documents for payments, 4.79 7-16 @ 4.79 15-16. Cotton for payment, 4.83 1/2, and grain for payment 4.83 1/2. To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 3.90 1/4 @ 3.90 1/2 for short. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 40.15 @ 40.19 for short. Exchange at Paris on London, 124.14 francs; week's range, 124.22 francs high and 124.13 francs low. The range for foreign exchange for the week follows: Sterling, Actual—Checks, 4.84 15-16; High for the week—4.84 15-16; Low for the week—4.84 1/2. Paris Bankers' Francs—High for the week—3.90 1/4; Low for the week—3.90 1/4. Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders—High for the week—40.20; Low for the week—40.15. Germany Bankers' Marks—High for the week—23.78; Low for the week—23.70.



For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see second page preceding.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday) and corresponding price ranges for various stocks.

Main table listing stocks on the NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, categorized by industry (Railroads, Industrial & Miscellaneous, etc.), with columns for Shares, Par value, and 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 third page preceding.

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCK NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Shares, Indus. & Miscel. (Con.) Par); PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Art Metal Construction, Associated Oil, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see fourth page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928 (Lowest, Highest). Rows include various stock symbols and prices.

\*Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. zEx-dividend.





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 per share. Includes sub-headers for 'per share' and 'range'.

Main table listing various stocks (e.g., Indus. & Miscel., Mack Trucks, etc.) with columns for 'Shares', 'Lowest', and 'Highest' prices. Includes sub-headers for 'PER SHARE' and 'Range for Previous Year 1928'.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see seventh page preceding.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, May 11 to Friday, May 17) and rows of stock prices per share.

Table with columns for 'Sales for the Week', 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots', and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928'. Rows list various stocks like Peerless Motor Car, Penn Oil, etc.

\* 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 eighth page preceding.

Table with columns for dates (Saturday, May 11 to Friday, May 17), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, and PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sub-columns for Lowest and Highest prices.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.



Table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended May 17, Interest Period, Price Friday May 17, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and a second set of columns for another table: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended May 17, Interest Period, Price Friday May 17, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1.

Table with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Friday May 17), Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1., and Range Since Jan. 1. (High/Low). The table is organized into two main sections: 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended May 17.' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended May 17.' (repeated). It lists various bond series such as 'Fla Cent & Pen 1st ext g 5s', 'Louisville & Nashv (Concluded)', and 'Nash Chatt & St L 4s ser A'. Each entry includes a series identifier, a date, and numerical values for price and range.

Due Feb. 1.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bonds, Interest, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and Bid/Ask/Low/High/No. Includes sub-sections for NY STOCK EXCHANGE and BOND RECORD.

d Due May. e Due June. & Due August.



Table with columns for Bond Type (BONDS), Price (Friday May 17), Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and various bond descriptions. Includes sections for N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE and INDUSTRIALS.



Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Boston Stock Exchange, May 11 to May 17, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Railroad, Boston & Albany, Boston Elevated, Preferred, Boston & Maine, Miscellaneous, and Mining.

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 sections for Bonds and Western Tel & Tel.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, May 11 to May 17, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Abbott Laboratories, Adams, Alcoa, American Steel, and various other industrial and utility stocks.



Table of Stocks (Concluded) with columns for Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table of Bonds (Concluded) with columns for Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

\* No par value. Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, May 11 to May 17, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Stocks with columns for Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

\* No par value. Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, May 11 to May 17, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Stocks with columns for Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

\* No par value.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, May 11 to May 17, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Stocks with columns for Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

\* No par value.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, May 11 to May 17, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Stocks with columns for Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).



Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, 11 May to May 17, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Barnsdall Corp A, Balsa Chica Oil A, etc.

\* No par value.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, May 11 to May 17, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Alaska Packers Assn, American Company, Anglo & London B Nat Bk, 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 Byron Jackson Pump Co., Bond & Shares Ltd., Calamba Sugar com., etc.

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 (May 11) and ending the present Friday (May 17). 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.

Large table with columns: Week Ended May 17, Stocks—, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Acetol Products com A, Acetol Products com B, Aero Supply Mfg of B, etc.





Table with columns for Stocks (Continued), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and various stock entries with their respective prices and dates.



Table with columns: Mining Stocks, Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and various stock/bond entries with their respective prices and dates.

Bonds (Concluded)—	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices for		Sales for Week.	Range Since Jan. 1.	
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Pittsburgh Coal 6s...1949	102	99	99	\$15,000	99	May 100
Pittsburgh Steel 6s...1948	102	101	102 1/2	33,000	100 1/2	Apr 103
Poor & Co 6s...1939	---	99 1/2	100	14,000	99 1/2	May 100
Potomac Edison 5s...1956	---	97 1/2	97 3/4	13,000	96 1/2	Jan 98
Potrero Sugar 7s...Nov 15 '47	---	70	70	11,000	69	Apr 76
Power Corp of N Y 5 1/4s '47	---	93 1/2	94 3/4	5,000	93 1/2	May 98 1/2
Queensboro G & E 5 1/4s '52	101	101	102	6,000	101	May 105
Reliance Irons & Steel Corp 15-yr deb 6s...1944	---	99 1/2	100 1/2	35,000	99 1/2	May 100 1/2
Remington Arms 5 1/2s...1930	---	98	98	11,000	98	Jan 99
Richfield Oil 5 1/2% notes '31	100 1/2	100 1/2	101	15,000	98 1/2	Mar 102 1/2
Rochester Cent Pow 5s '53	---	85 1/2	85 1/2	40,000	83	Mar 88 1/2
Ruhr Gas 6 1/4s...1953	---	81 1/2	81	41,000	80	Mar 84
Ryerson (Jos T) & Sons Inc 15-yr sink fund deb 5s '43	---	93 1/2	93 1/2	5,000	93	Jan 96
St Louis Coke & Gas 6s '47	---	84	82 1/2	80,000	82 1/2	May 92
San Ant Public Serv 5s 1955	---	95 1/2	96	9,000	94 1/2	Apr 97
Schulte Real Estate 6s 1935	---	---	---	---	---	---
With warrants	---	98 1/2	98 1/2	2,000	98 1/2	May 110
Without warrants	---	85	88	30,000	85	May 96 1/2
Scripts (E W) 5 1/2s...1943	---	94 1/2	94 1/2	6,000	92 1/2	Jan 95 1/2
Servel Inc (E W) 5s...1948	---	79 1/2	79 1/2	3,000	75	Jan 85 1/2
Shawinigan W & P 4 1/2s '47	---	91 1/2	91 1/2	93,000	91 1/2	May 94 1/2
Shawsheen Mills 7s...1931	---	96	96 3/4	4,000	94	May 98 1/2
Sheffield Steel 5s...1948	---	97	97	1,000	97	Apr 99 1/2
Sheridan Wyom Coal 6s '47	---	90	90	2,000	90	May 93
Sloss-Sheffield S & I 6s 1929	---	99 1/2	99 1/2	8,000	97	May 100 1/2
Sluder Pack 6% notes...1932	---	92 1/2	92 1/2	31,000	88	Apr 107 1/2
Solvay-Am Invest 5s...1942	---	96	96	4,000	94 1/2	Apr 98 1/2
Southeast P & L 6s...2025	---	---	---	---	---	---
With warrants	---	102 1/2	102 1/2	56,000	100	Mar 105 1/2
Without warrants	---	100 1/2	101 1/2	99,000	99	Mar 102 1/2
Sou Calif Edison 5s...1951	---	100	100	2,000	100	Mar 102 1/2
Gen & refunding 5s...1944	---	100	100	100	100	Mar 102 1/2
Refunding 5s...1952	---	100 1/2	100 1/2	23,000	99 1/2	Mar 102 1/2
Sou Calif Gas 5s...1937	---	92	92 1/2	47,000	92	Mar 95
Southern Dairies 6s...1930	---	97 1/2	98 1/2	16,000	96	Mar 99
So west Dairies 6 1/2s	---	---	---	---	---	---
With warrants	---	96	96	23,000	96	May 101
Without warrants	---	95	94	4,000	91 1/2	Apr 97 1/2
S'west G & E 5s A...1957	---	101	99 1/2	26,000	99 1/2	May 107 1/2
S'west Pow & Lt 6s...2022	---	98 1/2	98 1/2	18,000	97 1/2	Jan 99
Staley (A E) Mfg 6s...1942	---	---	---	---	---	---
Standard Invest 5s...1937	---	---	---	---	---	---
With warrants	---	127	127	2,000	126	Jan 136
Without warrants	---	97	97	53,000	96 1/2	Mar 99 1/2
Stand Pow & Lt 6s...1957	---	93	91 1/2	139,000	88 1/2	Jan 94 1/2
Stinnes (Hugo) Corp 7s Oct 1 '36 without warrants	---	90	88	112,000	85	Mar 91
7s 1946 without warrants	---	115	120	23,000	107 1/2	May 140 1/2
Strauss (Nash) 6s...1938	---	50	48	56 1/2	48	May 79 1/2
Sun Maid Raisins 6 1/2s...1942	---	100 1/2	100 1/2	37,000	100	Feb 102
Sun Oil 5 1/4s...1939	---	99 1/2	99 1/2	34,000	98 1/2	Mar 100 1/2
Swift & Co 5s Oct 15 1932	---	---	---	---	---	---
Texas Cities Gas 5s...1948	---	83 1/2	82	83 1/2	11,000	82
Texas Power & Lt 5s...1956	---	97	96 1/2	97 1/2	12,000	96
Thermoid Co 6s w w 1934	---	101	100 1/2	102	22,000	100
Union Amer Invest 5s...1948	---	103	102	103	4,000	100
United El Serv (Unes) 7s '56	---	---	---	---	---	---
With warrants	---	115	116	12,000	115	May 130
Without warrants	---	91	89 1/2	74,000	88	Apr 92 1/2
United Industrial 6 1/2s 1941	---	85 1/2	84 1/2	10,000	84	Apr 91 1/2
United Lt & Rys 5 1/2s...1952	---	89 1/2	89 1/2	61,000	88 1/2	Mar 94 1/2
6s series...1938	---	99	99	2,000	99	May 101 1/2
United Oil Prod 6s...1932	---	73	73	1,000	70	Apr 79
United Steel Wks 6 1/2s 1947	---	---	---	---	---	---
With warrants	---	84 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	19,000	83
Without warrants	---	---	---	---	---	---
U S Rubber	---	---	---	---	---	---
Serial 6 1/2% notes...1930	---	98 1/2	98 1/2	14,000	98 1/2	Jan 100 1/2
Serial 6 1/2% notes...1931	---	99	99 1/2	21,000	98	Jan 100 1/2
Serial 6 1/2% notes...1932	---	99 1/2	100	11,000	97	Jan 100 1/2
Serial 6 1/2% notes...1933	---	98 1/2	98 1/2	6,000	96 1/2	Jan 100 1/2
Serial 6 1/2% notes...1934	---	98 1/2	98 1/2	3,000	96 1/2	Jan 100 1/2
Serial 6 1/2% notes...1935	---	99	99	4,000	97	Jan 100 1/2
Serial 6 1/2% notes...1936	---	98 1/2	99	5,000	97 1/2	Apr 100 1/2
Serial 6 1/2% notes...1937	---	99	98 1/2	3,000	97	Jan 100 1/2
Serial 6 1/2% notes...1938	---	99	99	2,000	96 1/2	Jan 100 1/2
Serial 6 1/2% notes...1939	---	99 1/2	100	2,000	96	Jan 100 1/2
Serial 6 1/2% notes...1940	---	98	98 1/2	3,000	97	Jan 102
Utilities Pr & Lt 6s...1956	---	98	98	33,000	98	Feb 98 1/2
Valvoline Oil 7s...1937	---	103 1/2	105	2,000	103	Mar 106
Van Camp Packing 6s 1948	---	84	84	84 1/2	3,000	81
Virginia Elec Pow 5s...1955	---	98 1/2	98 1/2	38,000	96 1/2	Apr 100 1/2
Webster Mills 6 1/2s...1933	---	90	91	4,000	87 1/2	Apr 96 1/2
Western Power 5 1/4s...1957	---	125	121	128	209,000	109 1/2
West Texas Utilities 5s '57	---	---	---	---	---	---
Westvac Chlorine 5 1/4s '37	---	100 1/2	100	100 1/2	6,000	99 1/2
Wisconsin Cent Ry 5s...1931	---	97	97	5,000	96 1/2	Jan 98 1/2

\* No par value. † Correction. ‡ Listed on the Stock Exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found. § Sold under the rule. ¶ Sold for cash. †† Option sales. ††† Ex-rights and bonus. †††† When issued. ††††† Ex-dividend. †††††† Ex-stock dividend.

"Under the rule" sales were made as follows:  
 a Amer. Meter Co., Jan. 15 at 128; c Danish Con. Munic. 5 1/2s, 1955, Jan. 15 at 105; p Educational Pictures pref., Feb. 6 at 100. u United Milk Products, Mar. 21, pref. at 81 e Allied Pack. 6s, 1939 April 2 at 59.  
 "Cash" sales were made as follows:  
 d Arkansas Power & Light 1st & ref. 5s, Jan. 22 at 99.  
 "Option" sales were made as follows: u Schutter-Johnson Candy, class A, Mar. 5 100 at 6.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Spottiswoode, Ballantyne & Co., Ltd., of London, Eng., have just published the "Supplementary Index" of the "Stock Exchange Official Intelligence." This index, which supersedes all previous issues, contains references to some 14,000 defunct and other companies that in the course of time have disappeared from the annual volume.

—Abbes, Geis & Co., Inc., has been organized with offices at 150 Broadway, New York, to deal in bank and insurance stocks, by Ernest H. Abbes and Clem. V. Geis. Mr. Abbes was at one time connected with the Seaboard National Bank and was active in American Institute of Banking circles.

—Pirnie, Simons & Co., Inc., investment securities, with head office in Springfield, Mass., and branch offices in New York, Boston, Hartford, Pittsfield, and Worcester, announced that Thomas H. Burbank has joined their organization as Sales Manager at their Boston office.

—Richard Winter has disposed of his interest in Ingraham & Winter, Inc., 72 Wall St., New York, and has resigned as Vice-President and Treasurer. Mr. Winter is making his headquarters in care of Auerbach, Pollak & Richardson at 30 Broad Street.

—Aldred & Co., announce their removal to temporary quarters at 60 Wall St., New York, pending the completion of the new bank of the Manhattan Co. building. The telephone numbers will be the same as heretofore.

—Frazier Jelke & Co. announce the removal of their New York office from 40 Wall Street to temporary offices at 25 Pine Street until completion of the new building at the former location on or about May 1 1930.

—Chisholm & Chapman, members of New York Stock Exchange, announce the opening of an uptown branch office at 157 East 86th Street, New York, under the management of John R. McConville.

—Radcliffe Dann, formerly Manager of the Buffalo office of Clark, Childs & Co., has become associated with Bonbright & Co., as Manager of their Buffalo office, located at 620 Ellicott Square.

—John W. James, formerly in charge of the wholesale department of E. F. Gillespie & Co., announces the formation of John W. James & Co., with offices at 50 Broad St., New York.

—Gude, Winmill & Co., members of the New York Exchange, have opened a branch office at 907 Seventh Ave., near 57th Street, under the management of Thomas H. McConnell.

—Ellis Allen Freibrun, A. L. Mellman, Joseph Loeb and Jack Nollman, formerly with the Municipal Trading Corporation are now associated with S. J. Weiss & Co., 39 Broadway, N. Y.

—J. K. Rice, Jr., & Co., 120 Broadway, New York, has issued their 1929 insurance analysis, an exhaustive four year analysis in table form of the leading fire insurance companies.

—The Atlantic Corp. announces that Frank B. Williams has become associated with them as their representative in Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

—Stein Bros. & Boyce, Baltimore, Md., have issued a 25 page booklet on Silica Gel, "From An Idea to Thirty Million Dollars in Ten Years and Still in Its Infancy."

—C. A. Preim & Co., 15 Broad St., New York, have issued a descriptive circular on General Industrial Alcohol Corp. convertible 6 1/2% sinking undebentures.

—B. H. Roth & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, 52 Wall St., New York, has issued an analysis and discussion on New York Investors, Inc.

—W. R. K. Taylor & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce that Jacob J. Heinrich has been admitted to general partnership in the firm.

—Gilbert Elliott & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, 11 Broadway, New York, have issued a special circular on the Hibernia Trust Co.

—Potter & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, 5 Nassau St., New York, have issued a special circular on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co.

—National Air Transport, Inc., is analyzed in this month's issue of "Securities" published by Baker, Simonds & Co., 37 Wall St., New York.

—Bauer, Pogue, Pond & Vivian, 20 Pine St., New York, announce that Austin B. Fleming has become associated with the firm.

—O. E. Glasser has become associated with C. D. Otto & Co., Inc., 150 Broadway, New York, as Wholesale Sales Manager.

—Ward, Gruver & Co., 20 Broad St., New York, are distributing an analytical circular on Tide Water Associated Oil Co.

—Rogers, Lambe & Co. have opened an office at 810 Broad St., Newark, N. J., under the management of Elwood M. Smith.

—Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., announce the removal of their New York offices to the ninth floor at 115 Broadway.

—The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed registrar for the preferred and common stock of Stokely Brothers & Co.

—J. R. Timmins & Co. announce that C. I. Barrows has become associated with the firm in their New York office.

—Bertron, Griscom & Co., Inc., announce the temporary removal of their New York offices to 27 Pine Street.

—Hirsch, Lillenthal & Co., 165 Broadway, New York, have issued an analysis of American Tobacco Co.

—A. M. Kidder & Co., 5 Nassau St., N. Y., are distributing a circular on Northeastern Power Corp.

—Coombe, Kerr & Pratt have removed their main offices to the Equitable Building, 120 Broadway.

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "f".

Main table containing various financial data including Public Utilities, Railroad Equipments, Chain Store Stocks, Investment Trust Stocks and Bonds, and Sugar Stocks. Each section lists company names, security types, and corresponding bid/ask prices.

\* Par share † No par value. ‡ Basis. § Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. ¶ Last sale. \*\* Nominal †† Ex-dividend ‡‡ Ex-rights ††† Canadian quotation. †††† Sale price.

Investment and Railroad Intelligence.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the first week of May. The table covers eight roads and shows 6.71% increase over the same week last year:

Table with 5 columns: First Week of May, 1929, 1928, Increase, Decrease. Lists earnings for Canadian National, Georgia & Florida, Minneapolis & St. Louis, etc.

In the following table we show the weekly earnings for a number of weeks past:

Table with 5 columns: Week, Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, Per Cent. Lists weekly earnings from Dec. to May.

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 5 columns: Month, Gross Earnings, Length of Road, Inc. (+) or Dec. (-). Compares monthly totals for 1928 and 1927.

Table with 5 columns: Month, Net Earnings, Inc. (+) or Dec. (-). Compares monthly net totals for 1928 and 1927.

Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Earnings.—Below we give the returns of ELECTRIC railway and other public utility companies making monthly returns which have reported this week:

Alabama Power Co.

Table with 5 columns: Description, Month of Mar. 1929, 12 Mos. End. Mar. '29, Inc. (+) or Dec. (-), Per Cent. Lists earnings for Alabama Power Co.

(The) Brooklyn City Railroad Co.

Table with 5 columns: Description, Month of April 1929, 10 Mos. End. April 30 1928, Inc. (+) or Dec. (-), Per Cent. Lists earnings for Brooklyn City Railroad Co.

Appalachian Electric Power Co.

Table with 5 columns: Description, Month of Feb. 1929, 12 Mos. End. Feb. 28-1928, Inc. (+) or Dec. (-), Per Cent. Lists earnings for Appalachian Electric Power Co.

Cape Breton Electric Co., Limited.

Table with 5 columns: Description, Month of March 1929, 12 Mos. End. Mar. 31-1928, Inc. (+) or Dec. (-), Per Cent. Lists earnings for Cape Breton Electric Co.

Carolina Power & Light Co.

Table with 5 columns: Description, Month of Feb. 1929, 12 Mos. End. Feb. 28-1928, Inc. (+) or Dec. (-), Per Cent. Lists earnings for Carolina Power & Light Co.

Central Vermont Railway Co.

Table with 5 columns: Description, Month of April 1929, 12 Mos. End. April 30 1927, Inc. (+) or Dec. (-), Per Cent. Lists earnings for Central Vermont Railway Co.

Commonwealth Power Corp.

Table with 5 columns: Description, Month of April 1929, 12 Mos. End. April 30 1928, Inc. (+) or Dec. (-), Per Cent. Lists earnings for Commonwealth Power Corp.

Community Power & Light Co.

Table with 5 columns: Description, Month of April 1929, 12 Mos. End. April 30 1928, Inc. (+) or Dec. (-), Per Cent. Lists earnings for Community Power & Light Co.

**Consumers Power Co.**

(Subsidiary of Commonwealth Power Corp.)

	—Month of April—		12 Mos. Ended Apr. 30	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings	2,843,008	2,502,713	31,777,146	27,825,318
Operating expenses, including taxes and maintenance	1,399,501	1,217,190	15,663,354	14,213,444
Gross income	1,443,507	1,285,522	16,113,791	13,611,873
Fixed charges			2,869,175	2,600,467
Net income			13,244,615	11,011,406
Dividends on preferred stock			3,625,417	3,426,876
Provision for retirement reserve			2,100,000	1,740,666
Balance			7,519,198	5,843,862

**Dallas Power & Light Co.**

(Electric Power & Light Corp. Subsidiary)

	—Month of March—		12 Mos. End. Mar. 31.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings from opera.	415,408	375,995	4,857,712	4,490,958
Oper. expenses and taxes	195,069	185,772	2,210,309	2,253,842
Net earnings from opera.	220,339	190,223	2,647,403	2,237,116
Other income	12,873	1,221	64,396	27,947
Total income	233,212	191,444	2,711,799	2,265,063
Interest on bonds	58,125	58,125	697,500	690,833
Other interest & deductions	1,629	2,085	20,971	25,405
Balance	173,458	131,234	1,993,328	1,548,825
Dividends on preferred stock			245,000	245,000
Balance			1,748,328	1,303,825

**Detroit Street Railways.**

	—Month of April—		12 Mos. End. Apr. 30	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
<b>Operating Revenues—</b>				
Railway operating revenues	1,939,980	1,742,237	22,107,989	20,173,596
Coach operating revenues	402,069	266,845	3,737,196	3,316,294
Total operating revenues	2,342,050	2,009,083	25,845,185	23,489,890
<b>Operating Expenses—</b>				
Railway operating expenses	1,524,327	1,290,153	16,799,910	14,909,908
Coach operating expenses	387,314	259,698	3,661,716	3,193,729
Total operating expenses	1,911,641	1,549,851	20,461,626	18,103,637
Net operating revenue	430,408	459,232	5,383,559	5,386,252
Taxes assignable to operat'ns	62,504	67,042	763,748	774,111
Operating income	367,903	392,189	4,619,810	4,612,141
Non-operating income	8,689	21,032	206,623	242,413
Gross income	376,592	413,222	4,826,434	4,854,555
<b>Deductions—</b>				
Interest on funded debt:				
Construction bonds	64,592	64,592	785,875	785,875
Purchase bonds	11,185	11,649	136,565	142,217
Additions & betterment's bds.	16,532	17,124	198,178	211,443
Purchase contracts (D. U. R.)	18,273	57,106	553,131	716,840
Total interest	110,583	150,473	1,673,750	1,856,376
Other deductions	15,868	23,806	102,465	51,036
Total deductions	126,452	174,279	1,776,216	1,907,413
Net income	250,140	238,942	3,050,218	2,947,142
<b>Disposition of Net Income—</b>				
Sinking funds:				
Construction bonds	42,715	42,715	503,122	519,709
Purchase bonds	10,931	10,931	133,000	133,000
Additions & betterment's bds.	13,150	13,150	155,479	160,000
Purchase contracts (D. U. R.)	146,919	146,919	1,787,518	1,787,518
Total sinking funds	213,717	213,717	2,579,119	2,600,227
Residue	36,422	25,225	471,098	346,914
Total	250,140	238,942	3,050,218	2,947,142

**Eastern Utilities Associates.**

(and Subsidiary Companies.)

	—Month of March—		12 Mos. End. Mar. 31-	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings	773,689	710,830	8,758,107	8,347,673
Operation	382,793	373,124	4,247,206	4,297,233
Maintenance	31,713	34,903	407,035	377,357
Taxes	67,238	59,970	735,850	684,009
Net operating revenue	291,945	242,831	3,368,014	2,989,073
Income from other sources	1,480		3,664	52,397
Balance	293,425	242,831	3,371,679	3,041,470
Interest and amortization	49,844	55,965	696,699	639,975
Balance	243,580	186,866	2,674,979	2,401,495
Dividends on preferred stock of subsidiaries			127,152	127,152
Balance			2,547,827	2,274,343
Amount applicable to com. stock of subs. in hands of public (as of March 31 1929)			123,822	108,228
Bal. applic. to res. & Eastern Utilities Associates			2,424,004	2,166,114

**Florida Power & Light Co.**

(American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)

	—Month of March—		12 Mos. End. Mar. 31	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earns. from operation	1,269,799	1,190,891	11,182,690	12,151,164
Oper. expenses, incl. taxes	612,509	616,435	6,054,900	6,602,274
Net earns. from operation	657,290	574,456	5,127,790	5,548,890
Other income	103,789	204,228	1,439,770	2,562,328
Total income	761,079	778,684	6,567,560	8,111,218
Interest on mortgage bonds	216,667	216,667	2,600,000	2,225,000
Int. on debts (all owned by Amer. Pr. & Lt. Co.)	110,000	110,000	1,320,000	1,320,000
Other interest and deductions	6,643	13,026	127,420	383,211
Balance	427,769	438,991	2,520,140	4,183,007
Dividends on preferred stock			1,131,010	967,225
Balance			1,389,130	3,215,782

**Fort Worth Power & Light Co.**

(Southwestern Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)

	—Month of March—		12 Mos. End. Mar. 31	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings from oper.	286,122	258,344	3,305,216	3,072,775
Operating expenses & taxes	159,379	132,478	1,689,562	1,658,405
Net earnings from oper.	126,743	125,866	1,615,654	1,414,370
Other income	2,465	1,336	29,415	22,105
Total income	129,208	127,202	1,645,069	1,436,475
Interest on bonds	14,542	14,542	174,500	174,500
Other interest & deductions	2,585	2,492	31,143	30,845
Balance	112,081	110,168	1,439,426	1,231,130
Dividends on preferred stock			160,832	160,832
Balance			1,278,594	1,070,298

**Galveston Electric Co.**

	—Month of March—		12 Mos. End. Mar. 31	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings	108,013	108,988	1,330,732	1,370,086
Operation	51,666	52,942	653,468	668,223
Maintenance	13,425	9,638	134,910	120,102
Taxes	6,225	6,659	69,772	80,621
Net operating revenue	36,696	39,748	472,581	501,139
Int. & amortization (public)			111,687	116,885
Balance			360,893	384,253
Interest and amortization (G.-H. E. Co.)			164,530	155,277
Balance			196,362	228,976

**Galveston-Houston Electric Co.**

	—Month of March—		12 Mos. End. Mar. 31	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings	449,964	446,894	5,252,217	5,147,911
Operation	201,600	206,077	2,446,860	2,446,760
Maintenance	64,367	59,299	710,961	642,390
Taxes	33,647	35,888	393,309	392,913
Net operating revenue	150,348	145,628	1,701,086	1,665,847
Income from other sources			127	877
Balance			1,701,213	1,666,724
Interest and amortization			878,684	868,649
Balance			822,529	798,075

**Galveston-Houston Electric Railway Co.**

	—Month of March—		12 Mos. End. Mar. 31	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings	49,771	55,445	629,788	689,694
Operation	21,657	24,596	265,608	293,742
Maintenance	6,635	10,314	88,985	105,126
Taxes	2,565	2,590	31,705	30,501
Net operating revenue	18,912	17,944	243,488	260,324
Interest and amortization (public)			125,793	137,306
Balance			117,695	123,018
Interest and amortization (G.-H. E. Co.)			144,909	139,636
Balance			-27,214	-6,617

**Georgia Power Co.**

	March		12 mos. end.	
	1929.	Mar. 31 '29.	1929.	Mar. 31 '29.
Gross Earnings from operation			2,032,498	23,716,121
Operating expenses, including taxes and maintenance			1,012,011	11,289,679
Net earnings from operations			1,020,487	12,426,442
Other income			91,399	1,208,963
Total income			1,111,886	13,635,405
Interest on funded debt				4,797,660
Balance				8,837,745
Other deductions				434,278
Balance				8,403,467
Dividends on \$5 and \$6 cumulative preferred stock				2,245,276
Balance for reserves, retirements and dividends				6,158,191

\* Including earnings of companies consolidated to form this company.

**Gulf States Utilities Co.**

	—Month of March—		12 Mos. End. Mar. 31.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings	400,274	311,311	4,724,976	4,129,648
Operation	178,511	150,599	1,903,275	1,914,177
Maintenance	20,155	16,618	200,125	196,683
Taxes	36,184	31,892	400,242	336,787
Net operating revenue	165,423	112,201	2,221,332	1,682,000
Income from other sources			97,916	
Balance			2,319,249	1,682,000
Interest and amortization (public)			485,029	477,596
Balance			1,834,219	1,204,404
Interest (E. T. E. Co., Del.)			105,143	190,262
Balance			1,729,076	1,014,141

**Illinois Power & Light Co.**

(And Subsidiaries.)

	—Month of March—		12 Mos. End. Mar. 31.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earns. from operation	3,063,880	2,827,300	35,676,265	31,698,993
Oper. exps. and maintenance	1,580,952	1,475,824	18,596,551	17,646,886
Taxes	176,037	119,100	1,649,063	1,255,322
Total expenses and taxes	1,756,990	1,594,925	20,245,615	18,902,209
Earnings from operation	1,306,890	1,232,374	15,430,649	12,796,784
Less: Rentals	74,169	54,874	786,886	344,836
Add: Other income	57,953	47,830	498,591	355,866
Total net earnings	1,290,674	1,225,330	15,142,355	12,807,814
Less Prior Charges of:				
Iowa Power & Light Co. and the Kansas Power & Light Co.			1,383,208	1,038,901
Total earnings available for bond interest			13,759,147	11,768,912
12 months interest on Illinois Power & Light Corp. mortgage debt			5,623,234	5,155,911





The Pawtucket Gas Co. of New Jersey

(And Subsidiary Company.)
---Month of March--- 12 Mos. End. Mar. 31
1929. 1928. 1929. 1928.
Gross earnings
Operation
Maintenance
Taxes
Net operating revenue
Interest charges (public)
Balance
Interest charges (B. V. G. & E. Co.)
Balance

Penn-Ohio Edison Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)
---Month of April--- 12 Mos. End. April 30
1929. 1928. 1929. 1928.
Gross earnings
Oper. exp., incl. taxes & main
Gross income
Fixed charges (see Note)
Net income
Dividends on preferred stock
Provision for retirement reserve
Balance
Note.—Includes interest, amortization of debt discount and expense, and earnings accruing on stock of subsidiary companies not owned by Penn-Ohio Edison Co.

Pennsylvania Power & Light Co.

(Lehigh Power Securities Corp. Subsidiary.)
---Month of March--- 12 Mos. End. Mar. 31
1929. 1928. 1929. 1928.
Gross earnings from operat'n
Operating expenses & taxes
Net earnings from operat'n
Other income
Total income
Interest on bonds
Other interest & deductions
Balance
Dividends on pref. stock
Balance

Portland Gas & Coke Co.

(American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)
---Month of March--- 12 Mos. End. Mar. 31
1929. 1928. 1929. 1928.
Gross earnings from oper
Operating expenses & taxes
Net earnings from oper
Other income
Total income
Interest on bonds
Other interest & deductions
Balance
Dividends on preferred stock
Balance

Puget Sound Power & Light Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)
---Month of March--- 12 Mos. End. Mar. 31
1929. 1928. 1929. 1928.
Gross earnings
Operation
Maintenance
Depreciation of equipment
Taxes
Net operating revenue
Income from other sources
Balance
Interest and amortization
Balance

Southwestern Power & Light Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)
---Month of March--- 12 Mos. End. Mar. 31
1929. 1928. 1929. 1928.
Gross earnings all subsids
Balance of subsidiaries' earnings, after all expenses, applicable to S. P. & L. Co.
Expenses of S. P. & L. Co.
Balance
Interest on secured bonds
Int. on 6% deb. bonds
All other interest
Balance
Dividends on preferred stock
Balance

Texas Power & Light Co.

(Southwestern Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)
---Month of March--- 12 Mos. End. Mar. 31
1929. 1928. 1929. 1928.
Gross earnings from oper
Operating expenses & taxes
Net earnings from oper
Other income
Total income
Interest on bonds
Other interest & deductions
Balance
Dividends on preferred stock
Balance

The Tennessee Electric Power Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)
(Subsidiary of Commonwealth Power Corp.)
---Month of April--- 12 Mos. Ended Apr. 30
1929. 1928. 1929. 1928.
Gross earnings
Operating expenses, incl. taxes and maintenance
Gross income
Fixed charges (see note)
Net income
Dividends on first preferred stock
Provision for retirement reserve
Balance

Note.—Includes dividends on Nashville Railway & Light Co. preferred stock not owned by the Tennessee Electric Power Co.

Western Public Service Co.

(and Subsidiary Company)
---Month of March--- 12 Mos. End. Mar. 31
1929. 1928. 1929. 1928.
Gross earnings
Operation
Maintenance
Taxes
Net operating revenue
Income from other sources
Balance
Interest and amortization (public)
Balance
Interest and amortization (E. T. E. Co., Del.)
Balance

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Reports.—An index to annual reports of steam railroads, public utility and miscellaneous companies which have been published during the preceding month will be given on the first Saturday of each month. This index will not include reports in the issue of the "Chronicle" in which it is published. The latest index will be found in the issue of May 4. The next will appear in that of June 1.

General Motors Corporation.

(Report for Quarter Ended March 31 1929.)

President, Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., says:

Net earnings of General Motors Corp., including equities in the undivided profits of subsidiary and affiliated companies not consolidated, for the three months ended March 31 1929 were \$61,910,937, which compares with \$69,468,576 for the corresponding period a year ago. After deducting dividends on preferred and debenture stocks amounting to \$2,351,770, there remains \$59,559,217, being the amount earned on the common shares outstanding. This is equivalent to \$1.37 per share on the common stock as against \$1.54 per share for the first quarter of 1928 calculated on a comparable basis.

Abnormal expense due to major year-end model changes in certain important divisions had an important influence on earnings and although sales, both to dealers and users, exceeded the corresponding period of the previous year, they did not reflect the full demand for the corporation's products due to a shortage of cars, particularly Chevrolet. Total stocks in the hands of dealers at March 31 1929 were subnormal and substantially lower than at the corresponding date in 1928.

For the three months ended March 31 retail sales by General Motors dealers to users were 448,176 cars, compared with 423,013 cars in the corresponding period of 1928—an increase of 5.9%. General Motors sales to dealers for the three months totaled 523,119 cars, compared with 492,234 cars in the corresponding period of 1928—an increase of 6.3%.

Cash, U. S. Government and other marketable securities, at March 31 1929, amounted to \$181,963,199. Bank loans were \$30,000,000. Current conditions are satisfactory.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT, 3 Mos. END. MAR. 31.

1929. 1928. 1927. 1926.
Sales of cars and trucks units:
Retail sales by dealers to users
Gen. Motors sales to dealers
Net sales—value
Profit from oper. & investments, after all exp. incident thereto, but before deprec. of real estate plants and equipment
Provision for deprec. of real est., plants and equipment
Net profit from operation and investments
Non-operating profit (net)
Net profit
Less—
Provision for employees' bonus
Amount due Managers Sec. Co.
Employees' savings & inv. fund
Special payment to employees under stock subscription plan
Federal & foreign income taxes
Net income
General Motors Corp. proportion of net income
Dividends—
Debenture div. at rate of 6%
7% pref. stock dividends
Prof. divs. at rate of 6%
Total dividends
Amount earned on com. stock\*
\* Incl. Gen. Mot. Corp. equity in the undivided profits of Gen. Mot. Accep. Corp. (100%), Yellow Truck & Coach Mfg. Co. (50.002%) and Ethyl Gasoline Corp. (50%), Gen. Exch. Ins. Corp. in 1929, 1928 and 1927 (100%), Fisher Body Corp. (60%) prior to June 30 1926, and Vauxhall Motors, Ltd., in 1929 and 1928 (100%), the amt. earned on the common stock
Earned per share on common



The parent company is now a holding corporation. It owns, or is affiliated with, numerous companies which operate in the United States and many foreign countries, and the interests of these subsidiaries are fairly evenly divided between domestic and foreign business. Among these companies are:

Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey (Incorp. in Delaware) operating refineries in New Jersey, West Virginia, South Carolina and Maryland. It has bulk plants, service stations and other marketing facilities in New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and the District of Columbia, and through the Carter Oil Co. is a producer of crude in the Mid-continent region; Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana, producing, manufacturing and marketing in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Tennessee; Humble Oil & Refining Co., producing, transporting, manufacturing and marketing principally in the State of Texas; Imperial Oil, Ltd., manufacturing and marketing throughout Canada; International Petroleum Co., Ltd., producing, refining and marketing in Peru and Colombia; Kolonial, producing and refining in the Dutch East Indies; Beacon Oil Co., refining and marketing throughout New York and New England; Standard Oil Co. of Cuba, refining and marketing in Cuba; West India Oil Co., refining and marketing in the West Indies and Central and South America; Standard Oil Co. of Brazil, marketing in Brazil; Pennsylvania Lubricating Co., manufacturing and marketing greases; Standard Oil Co. of Pennsylvania; Romano-Americana, producing and refining in Poland; Cia. Transcontinental de Petrolio, producing in Mexico; Agwi Petroleum Corp., refining in England; Tuscarora Oil Co., Ltd.; Standard Oil Co. of Argentina; Creole Petroleum Corp.; Trinidad Oilfields Operating Co.; Standard Oil Co. of Bolivia; Stanco, manufacturing and marketing special products of petroleum such as Nujol, Pitt and Mistol; Gilbert & Barker Co., manufacturing pumps, tanks and other dispensing equipment; Standard Shipping Co., owning and operating the fleet and other marine properties; Standard Oil Development Co., maintaining and directing the central research and technical laboratories, the engineering, chemical, patent and trademark staffs, as well as coordinating like activities of the operating units; Ethyl Gasoline Corp., producing and marketing Ethyl fluid for the production of anti-knock motor fuel; Oklahoma Pipe Line Co. and Standard Pipe Line Co.

Substantial investments are held in subsidiary or affiliated companies marketing in Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, France, Italy and Poland.

The company is also largely interested in the production and distribution of natural gas. It owns wholly or in part Hope Natural Gas Co., Interstate Natural Gas Co., Reserve Gas Co., Peoples Natural Gas Co., Clarksburg Light & Heat Co., Colorado Interstate Gas Co., East Ohio Gas Co., Columbia Natural Gas Co. and Connecting Gas Co.

**Petroleum Industry in 1928.**—A series of lean years in point of earnings was the penalty incurred by the petroleum industry through a long period of over-production. This resulted in 1927 in the realization that new methods which science and improved technique had devised had made reasonably certain ample potential reserves of crude oil for many years to come. The belief that a shortage could not long be postponed and that the old rule of alternating periods of over-production and deficiency justified continuous efforts to locate new pools was generally abandoned in the face of this new understanding. The balancing of the production of crude to conform to the economic requirements of the markets was recognized in many quarters as the only sound policy of insuring to the industry an adequate return upon its invested capital.

The extent to which this change in attitude affected the conduct of the business in 1928 is demonstrated by the record of a decrease in actual production of crude and a very considerable increase in the production shut in. There was an overproduction of crude and finished products of less than 25,000,000 barrels, whereas in the previous year 69,000,000 barrels were added to storage.

Earnings of petroleum companies benefitted in proportion to the extent to which the corrective measures undertaken in 1927 were put into effect during the past year. These earnings generally showed a material improvement over prior years, although the gains were more encouraging when contrasted with the inadequate results of these earlier years than when compared with the return secured by many other basic industries upon their invested capital. They were relatively satisfactory but mainly significant in that they reflected the benefits which accrued to the industry through its ability to decrease by 64% the amount of crude and finished products which was forced into storage during the previous year. Also contributing considerably to the improvement in 1928 was a smaller accumulation of manufactured products during the winter months. This was due to better adjustment of refinery operations to market requirements.

Production of crude in the United States was 888,676,000 barrels as against 906,416,000 barrels in 1927. The estimated shut-in production increased from 605,000 barrels daily at the beginning of the year to 2,110,000 barrels at the close.

A decline of 31,000,000 barrels in the production of Oklahoma, from the totals of the previous year, was accounted for principally by the falling off of flush production in the older Seminole fields. This decline was more than offset in the West Texas fields, where the daily average production increased from 260,000 barrels to 343,000 barrels. In the Texas-Gulf Coast area there was a loss of 10,000,000 barrels, and in Arkansas of 8,000,000 barrels for the year. California's production was practically the same as in the year previous, with an increase of 40,000 barrels a day in the amount shut in. Imports of crude were 79,767,000 barrels, an increase of 21,500,000 barrels.

**Company Production.**—The gross crude production of the subsidiary and affiliated interests was 84,775,238 barrels of which 42,773,671 barrels were produced in the United States, and 42,001,567 barrels in foreign fields. The aggregate was an increase of 3,326,589 barrels, or 3.8% over 1927, which had shown a gain of nearly 32% over 1926. Domestic production was less by 7,562,125 barrels, the decline being principally due to the decreased operations of the Carter Oil Co., which reported 18,905,649 barrels in 1928, against 28,219,254 barrels in 1927. As already stated this arose through the falling off in flush production in the Seminole area.

The foreign production was greater than in 1927 by 10,888,714 barrels, much of the gain coming from our subsidiaries' operations in South America and the Dutch East Indies. Production by Transcontinental in Mexico again decreased from 4,447,000 barrels in 1927 to 3,068,000 barrels in 1928. Few wildcat wells were drilled during the year. Mexico's total production last year was 50,178,064 barrels, or 64,144,600 barrels for 1927. The development of new lands remote from the present producing areas on the coast requires a large investment on which the return would be doubtful under the present rate of taxation and high operating costs. Capital that might otherwise have gone into Mexico has been attracted to other countries where conditions are more favorable. In Venezuela, properties of the Standard Oil Co. (N. J.) and the Creole Petroleum Co. were merged as of April 1, 1928, and our producing activities in that country are being carried on through the latter company.

**Natural Gasoline Plants.**—Growing realization of the value of volatile products has resulted in marked improvements in processes for conserving both casinghead and natural gas for the extraction of light fractions. With the opening of each new pool of consequence action towards the prompt erection of plants to recover gasoline follows. This product has come to occupy an important place in the industry, and it is gratifying to note that plants operated by several subsidiaries in 1928 against showed increased output, amounting to 3,817,000 barrels of casinghead and natural gas gasoline, as compared with 3,493,000 barrels in 1927.

**Pipe Lines.**—Subsidiary and affiliated companies which operated as of Dec. 31, 1928 a total of 3,274 miles of trunk pipe lines, delivered at terminals last year 120,919,386 barrels of crude oil, an increase of 9,000,000 barrels over the amount handled in 1927. There has been a substantial decrease in the amount of oil moved to the New York harbor refineries overland. The subsidiaries transport through their own pipe lines to Gulf ports substantially all of the crude requirements of their plants. The Atlantic seaboard refineries are supplied by tank steamers operating to the Gulf and South American ports.

**Marine.**—The year was marked by a continuation of the program of overbuilding of world tanker tonnage, resulting in an addition of approximately 700,000 d. w. tons, and this, coupled with the decrease in the California movement, adversely affected the Standard Shipping Co. by depressing rates. Through close supervision of operating costs a reduction of 15% was attained in all items except port charges and wages, both of which increased slightly.

A reduction of 50% in average market freight rates in the trans-Atlantic service and in coastwise movement of crude is indicative of the effect of surplus tonnage on earnings. The unsatisfactory rates prevailing in the fall of 1927 remained practically constant until the last five months of 1928, when an even lower schedule became effective.

The total bulk oil movement by tankers owned and chartered by all subsidiaries was 145,444,492 barrels, as compared to 129,691,668 barrels in 1927. The movement in tonnage owned and chartered by Standard Shipping Co was 101,110,882 barrels and of this 81% was carried in com-

pany owned tonnage. The corresponding figure in the previous year was 64%. Notwithstanding this increase there was an average of only 65 owned and chartered vessels employed in 1927 as against an average of 72 vessels in the previous year.

The fleet suffered no serious accidents during the year and once more the experience with losses justified the policy of establishing an insurance reserve rather than covering the vessels with outside agencies.

Delivery of about 385,000 tons of tanker tonnage now building and scheduled for 1929 threatens a further increase in the world's idle tanker tonnage. Thus, over-extension in the industry is not limited to producing, manufacturing and marketing activities, but is no less evident in shipping.

**Manufacturing.**—The total crude run by all refineries was 182,199,192 barrels, an increase of about 22,000,000 barrels over 1927. The average daily throughput of crude at the domestic plants of the company was 394,924 barrels as compared with 354,832 barrels in 1927. In the refineries operated in Canada, Cuba, Argentina, Colombia, Roumania, Dutch East Indies, Norway, Poland, Italy, Peru and England, 102,888 barrels were run daily as against 85,026 barrels in 1927.

Expenditures in recent years on research and development have begun to bear gratifying returns. Constant study and experimentation have enabled the company materially to improve the efficiency of refinery operations. While this has entailed considerable capital outlay, the results from the operation of new processes and equipment have justified the investment.

The management has worked steadily in the direction of more comprehensive planning and coordination so that the various plants operate as evenly as possible throughout the year, with the minimum disturbance to the personnel. This has resulted in a marked gain in the quantity of crude oil handled through the plants per man employed.

Engineering advances in the automotive, airplane and other industries have been reflected in constantly changing requirements for both fuel and lubricants. The company has kept pace, and by its own research has made important contributions to the improvement in the efficiency of the application of inanimate power. A saving in overhead charges was effected through the maintenance of the policy of keeping inventories at the minimum.

**A New Development.**—The I. G. Farbenindustrie A. G., a corporation formed by the merger of the Badische Anilin & Soda Fabrik with several other units of the German chemical industry, has carried on a most extensive program of fundamental research on the synthesis of organic compounds. Outstanding examples of the results of this work are the Haber-Bosch process for the fixation of atmospheric nitrogen to produce fertilizers, and the more recent synthesis of methanol (wood alcohol). In 1925 they brought to our attention certain researches along this line which related to the oil industry and since that time there has been close contact on these developments.

In Sept. of 1927 the Standard Oil Co. (N. J.) entered into a patent and development contract with the I. G. Farbenindustrie covering new methods for the production and refining of oil products by catalytic hydrogenation. A considerable program of research and experimental work on this line was initiated by our technical staffs in 1927 and actively prosecuted throughout the year 1928. It seems clear that these new processes will find substantial use in the oil industry in future years, although no accurate estimate can yet be made. It may be said, however, that one important effect of the adoption of catalytic hydrogenation methods by the oil industry, even on a small scale, will be to produce a more definite overlapping of the fields of the oil industry and the industries generally known as chemical.

**Marketing.**—Cognizance of the spread of unsound practices in the marketing of petroleum products was taken by the American Petroleum Institute, and after investigation and study a proposed code of ethics was adopted at the annual meeting in December. Subsequently, this was discussed with representatives of the Federal Trade Commission, in whose hands it now rests. It is hoped a code that will result in general improvement may be adopted with the approval of the Commission. Some of the recommendations incorporated in the proposed code of ethics have already been more or less generally put into force to the advantage of the industry and the public.

The abundance of gasoline and other products intensified competition, and the natural desire of many companies to gain additional outlets led to further overbuilding of service stations. Notwithstanding these unfavorable factors, the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey and other domestic subsidiaries gained by the increased consumption, and earnings from this department were more satisfactory.

Under authority of the Webb Act there was organized a Petroleum Export Association, comprising most of the American companies engaged in the export petroleum business. The new corporation seeks to do for the oil companies what similar associations have accomplished in other leading American industries. It is believed that through consolidation of shipments abroad there will result many economies by the elimination of cross hauls, unnecessary duplication of marketing facilities and other wasteful competitive effort. Domestic subsidiaries of Standard Oil Co. (N. J.) which do an export business united to form the Standard Oil Export Corp. which represents them in the larger export body.

To enable the company to aid the aviation industry and to participate in the substantial business which will eventually develop in this new field, there was established an aviation department under the direction of the Standard Oil Development Co., and airplanes of different types were purchased. The peculiar needs of the airplane in respect both of fuel and lubricating oils call for special study and entail important work out of proportion to any immediate returns to be expected.

The newly formed Standard Oil Co. of Pennsylvania the marketing of "Standard" products was extended to that State last year and promises to grow into a business of considerable volume.

With the growth of chemical research it has been found that the number of products which can be obtained from crude petroleum and natural gas is almost unlimited. Some of these by-products are susceptible of profitable development on a commercial scale. Standard Oil Co. (N. J.) has built up in previous years a substantial volume of business in specialties not ordinarily associated with the marketing of gasoline and oils. These products showed satisfactory gains last year in sales both at home and abroad and this phase of the business is becoming of steadily increasing importance.

**Natural Gas Companies.**—Sales of natural gas in 1928 reflected a higher degree of prosperity throughout Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania regions served by subsidiaries of the Standard Oil Co. (N. J.). Through increased consumption by both domestic and industrial users, net earnings showed an increase over those for the previous year.

These subsidiaries served last year 636,510 domestic and 917 industrial customers. They had 2,482,604 acres of territory under lease, with 6,450 gas wells, 2,832 oil wells and 36 gasoline plants. More than 15,000 miles of pipe line used exclusively for gas were rented to carry on this business. The total gas marketed was slightly in excess of one hundred billion cubic feet, an increase of 4,350,800,000 cubic feet over 1927.

Not included in these statistics is the pipe line of the Colorado Interstate Gas Co. which was completed and began delivering natural gas to Pueblo and Denver in June 1928. The past year also marked the introduction of natural gas for industrial and domestic purposes into New Orleans, the gas being piped from the Monroe and Richland Parish Fields, Louisiana, by the Interstate Natural Gas Co., Inc., as far as Baton Rouge, commingled with the supply to the Baton Rouge refinery.

**Foreign Conditions.**—Foreign petroleum companies operating in Roumania should be in a much better position to develop production as a result of an enactment of a new mining law which places foreign companies on a basis of equality with domestic producers.

In the Dutch East Indies negotiations long pending with the Dutch Government were concluded on a basis which resulted in the grant of a concession on what is thought to be a promising area.

In the Argentine there is a movement to impede the progress of private enterprise in producing, refining and transporting petroleum through government monopolies and the threatened expropriation of proven oil fields. A bill looking to such expropriation has passed the lower house.

There has been no change in the status of our investment in Russia confiscated by the Soviet Government.

The government monopoly in Spain and the expropriation of all private tankage and marketing equipment to make that policy effective has shut us completely out of that field. Payment has been made for a portion of the property expropriated from our marketing subsidiaries and negotiations are pending for a settlement of the balance.

**Employee Stockholders.**—At the termination of the first stock acquisition plan, which was of five years' duration, the trustees distributed to 16,358 employees subscribers 884,002 shares of company stock. At the close of the second plan, of three years' duration, 425,114 shares were distributed to 19,474 employees early in 1929. The third plan authorized by the stockholders is now in force and there were enrolled in it as of March 31, 1929, 25,089 participants.

The management is convinced of the value of partnership interest held by employees. Of the stock distributed under the first plan 615,384 shares, or 70% of the amount subscribed, are still retained by 10,223 employees.

exclusive of a large number of shares which have only nominally changed hands through transfer by the subscriber to another member of his family.

Conclusion.—The record of 1928 is more encouraging in the promise of further progress that it has held out than in the material results actually attained. There is ground for optimism in the clearer understanding which the industry now has of the shortcomings of a system of haphazard production and in the realization that the large reserves of oil above ground, the increasing percentage of light products obtained from crude and the greater surety of finding new production where geophysical devices can be employed have placed the industry in the position where it can deliver petroleum products for essential uses indefinitely.

There are many obstacles in the path towards the orderly exploitation of the country's petroleum resources. The present form of lease which compels an operator to drill regardless of the market for the product, it is hoped will be superseded by a new form, the operation of which will be permanently beneficial to all concerned. Under such form of lease the interests of the royalty owners and operators would be pooled through unit development, and the operators would be released from the necessity of drilling unless such course be in the common interest.

The welfare of the industry during the current year will be dependent on the progress which may be made toward constructive conservation and the condition of general business prosperity. The industry has it in its own hands materially to improve its position by a more widespread application of the unit operation and development of pools. Statistics of the first three months of the year reflect an increase in stocks of 29,438,000 barrels, a situation which is menacing to the extent that these statistics forecast the course of events over the year.

A clearer and more general realization of the necessity of keeping production and consumption in balance must exist if the results of the current year are to be as satisfactory as those of 1928.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Tot. gross earnings, Inc. from other sources, Tot. gross inc., Cost, oper. and gen. expenses, Taxes, Depreciation, &c, Cons net earnings, Int. & disc. on fd. & long-term debt, Prof. applic. to min. interests, Net income, Prof. divs. (7% per annum), Com. dividends, Bal., surplus, Previous surplus, Inc. tax pay., Cr. 5,997,953, Prem. pd. in red. of pref. stock, Credit adjustm., Prof. & loss sur. incl. res. for annuities, Shs. com. outst. (par \$25), Earnings per sh. on common.

x Gross income from operations with all departmental transactions eliminated. y Includes depletion. z Including inter-company transactions, but excluding all inter-departmental transactions. a Includes depletion, retirements and amortization.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Assets: Rt. est., plant & equip., U. S. & For. Govt. bds. & other marketable invs., Marketable securities, Accept. & notes rec., Miscellaneous property, Miscellaneous securities, Other investments, Inventory of mdse (at cost or less), Accounts receivable, Cash, Sink. & spec. tr. funds, Prepd. & deferred chgs., Total assets; Liabilities: Capital stock—Preferred, Common, Fund. & long-term debt, Accounts payable, Accept. & notes pay, Accrued liabilities, Deferred credits, Reserve for taxes, Insurance reserves, Surplus, Cap. & surp. of min. int., Reserve for annuities, Total liabilities.

x After deducting \$551,437,050 for depreciation and depletion.—V. 128, p. 2650.

Snider Packing Corporation.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Jan. 31 1929.)

COMPARATIVE INCOME ACCOUNT (CO. AND WHOLLY OWNED OPERATING SUBSIDIARIES).

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 13 Mos. to Jan. 31 '27, 12 Mos. End. Dec. 31 '25. Rows include Sales, Cost of sales, Gross income, Other income, Total income, Expenses, Interest, Depreciation, Federal tax reserve, Deduc'ns from inc. (net), Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Miscellaneous, Surplus, Profit and loss surplus.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JAN. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 1929, 1928. Rows include Assets: Real estate, plant and equipment, Cash, Accounts and notes receivable, Inventories, Prepaid interest & insurance, Investments, Profit & loss def.; Liabilities: Convert. pref. stk., Common stock, Funded debt, Notes payable, Accounts payable, Res've for conting., Total (ea. side).

a Represented by 60,000 shares, no par value. x 130,228 shares of no par value. y After depreciation of \$3,505,024. z After reserves of \$138,129.—V. 126, p. 2956.

New York Chicago & St. Louis RR.

(6th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Passengers carried, Pass. carried one mile, Rate per pass. per mile, Revenue freight (tons), Rev. frgt. (tons) 1 mile, Rate per ton per mile.

RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Operating Income: Freight, Mail and express, Other transportation, Incidental, Total ry. oper. rev.; Operating Expenses: Maint. of way & struct., Maint. of equipment, Traffic expenses, Transportation expenses, Miscellaneous operations, General expenses, Transport. for invest.—Cr, Total ry. oper. exps., Net rev. from ry. oper., Railway tax accruals, Uncollec. railway rev., Railway oper. income; Non-Operating Income: Rent from locomotives, Rent from pass. tr. cars, Rent from work equip., Joint facility rent income, Inc. from lease of road, Misc. rent income, Misc. non-op. phys. prop., Dividend income, Inc. from fund. secur., Inc. from unfund. secur. and accounts, Income from sinking & other reserve funds, Miscellaneous income, Total non-oper. inc., Gross income.

x Includes 5% paid from non-operating income. y Includes 2 1/2% paid from non-operating income.

Note.—There was also paid from surplus on May 31 1927 on 304,065 shares of common stock, 1.7 shares of no par stock of the Chesapeake Corp., capitalizing \$16,667,680.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1928, 1927. Rows include Assets: Road & equip., Leased line lmpt, Investments, Sinking fund, Depos. in lieu of property sold, Misc. phys. prop, Cash, Inventories, Agents and conductors' bal., Special deposits, Traffic, &c., bal., Int., div. loans & bills receiv., Rents receivable, Other assets, Misc. accounts, Deferred assets, Other unadj. deb; Liabilities: Preferred stock, Common stock, Stock lab. for conversion, Prem. on cap.stk, Funded debt, Act. & wages, Int., divs., &c., Unmat. int. accr, Loans and bills payable, Traffic balances payable, Misc. accounts, Other liabilities, Def'd liabilities, Approp. surplus, Other unadj. deb accounts, Deprec. (equip.), Profit and loss.

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Total.—253,664,092 241,614,233 Total.—253,664,092 241,614,233 —V. 128, p. 2988.

Central Railroad of New Jersey.

Annual Report—Year ended Dec. 31 1928.

President R. B. White, April 11 wrote in part:

Operations for the Year.—Operating revenues aggregated \$58,002,057; operating expenses, \$42,122,159, and net revenue from railway operations, \$15,879,897. While operating revenues decreased \$743,654 as compared with the previous year, in line with the general decline in business throughout the country, railway operating expenses decreased \$1,222,087, increasing net revenue from railway operations \$478,432. The operating ratios for 1927 and 1928 are shown for contrast:

Operating ratio 1927 73.78%
Operating ratio 1928 62.62%

Decrease 1.16%

Freight Traffic.—During the first half of the year, owing to the general unsettled conditions prevailing throughout the country, traffic offered for movement was subnormal. Beginning in July and continuing throughout the balance of the year, changed conditions resulted in the movement of a larger volume, of which company enjoyed its share. There were no major or general reductions in freight rates during the year; however, there were numerous downward revisions in individual tariffs.

Passenger Traffic.—Passenger train revenue, including express revenue, decreased \$423,667, notwithstanding an increase in commutation travel. The falling off in general passenger traffic may be attributed to the increased use of privately owned automobiles and motor bus competition. This condition is not peculiar to the territory served by company, but is general throughout the country, particularly affecting long haul, sea shore and week-end travel. This company is operating motor buses on selected routes and studies are being made by the management with the view of enlarging this character of service.

New Equipment.—There were placed in service during the year 1928 5 Pacific type locomotives provided for in equipment contracts made during 1927 which completed the purchase of equipment through that lease.

Taxes.—The taxes levied by local, state and Federal authorities during 1928 aggregated \$5,366,354, an increase over the preceding year of \$135,247. Taxes paid during 1928 represent 9.25% of gross operating revenue, or 33.79% of net operating revenue, and exceed total annual dividend payment to stockholders by 62.99%. Substantial increases in taxes have resulted from capital expenditures made for non-productive improvements, such as improved bridge facilities, grade crossing eliminations, &c., the cost of which has had to be borne entirely by the company. The increasing highway traffic in the territory served by company is constantly bringing other grade crossing elimination projects up for consideration, and the increasing tax levies will continue to be a serious problem.

Note.—Railway taxes for the years 1921 to 1927 inclusive, were accrued on basis of assessments. Due to litigation consummated in 1927, the assessments for these years were reduced by amounts aggregating \$1,146,677. This adjustment occasioned a corresponding reduction of the normal accrual to this account in 1927.

On basis of taxes levied or assessed for the year 1927 railway tax accruals would have amounted to \$4,884,979
Miscellaneous taxes amounted to 346,129
Total \$5,231,108

Maybrook Diversion Case.—During the year further negotiations were carried on with the result that an agreement was reached with the New England carriers adjusting operating and traffic arrangements which permit of the closing of the case with beneficial results to this company.

Federal Valuation.—No decision has been made as yet. Supplement No. 5 to valuation order No. 3 became effective July 1 1928 and prescribes detailed instructions to govern the reporting of property added and property retired between valuation date and Dec. 31 1927.

General Mortgage Change.—As of Jan. 1 1928, the bonds of the American Dock & Improvement Co. then outstanding and due in 1936, in the amount of \$4,979,000, bearing 6%, and \$8,000 held in treasury, were retired. This was accomplished through the issue of authorized general mtge. bonds in the amount of \$5,000,000, bearing 4% resulting in a substantial decrease in annual interest payments.

Hibernia Mine RR.—The I.-S. C. Commission by an order dated Aug. 2 1928 approved and authorized the acquisition of the capital stock of the Hibernia Mine RR. Your company acquired by purchase and held as of Dec. 31 1928, 1,977 shares out of the total issue of 2,000 shares.

New Industries.—During the year, a total of 63 new industries were located at various points where they will be served by your company.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Revenue Freight, Other revenue freight, Bituminous coal, Anthracite coal, Total revenue freight, Tons carried one mile, Revenue per ton per mile, Passengers carried, Pass. carried one mile, Rev. per pass. per mile.

COMBINED OPERATING ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Operating Revenue, Merchandise, Bituminous coal, Anthracite coal, Passenger, Express and mail, Water line, Water transfer, Incidental, Miscellaneous, Total, Operating Expenses, Maintenance of way, &c., Maintenance of equip., Transportation expenses, Traffic expenses, General expenses, Miscell. operations, Transp. for invest., Total, Net revenue, Railway tax accruals, Uncollectible revenue, Hire of equipment, Joint facility rents, Net oper. income, Non-Operating Income, Miscell. rent income, Non-oper. phys. prop., Dividend income, Income from funded sec., Inc. from unfunded sec., Receipts from U. S. Gov., Miscellaneous, Gross income, Rent for leased roads, Miscellaneous rents, Miscell. tax accruals, Int. on funded debt, Int. on unfunded debt, Miscell. income charges, Net income, Dividends paid (12%), Balance, surplus, Shares of capital stock outstanding (par \$100), Earns. per sh. on com.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1928, 1927. Rows include Assets (Road & equip., Imp. leased rys., Inv. in affil. cos., Stocks, Bonds, Advances, Notes, Other invest'ts, Misc. phys. prop, Securs. unpledg., Cash, Special deposits, Traffic, &c., bal., Misc. accounts, Loans & bills rec, Agts. & conduct., Mat'ls & suppl., Int. & divs. rec, Ins., &c., funds, Oth. unadj. accts., Oth. def. assets) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Mgt. bonds, Int., dividends, &c., due, Accts. & wages, Traffic, &c., bal., Miscell. accts., Interest & rents accrued, Unmatured dividends declared, Taxes, Deferred accts., Unadjusted accounts, Insur. & casualty reserve, Surplus special, Accrued depreciation, Profit and loss).

Total 217,289,077 215,485,690
x Includes in 1928 additions to property through income and surplus: (1) investment in road and equipment, \$57,471,546; and (2) improvements on leased property, \$11,236,459; (3) investment in miscellaneous physical property, \$6,257. y Includes (a) equipment obligations in company's treasury, \$800,000, with public, \$10,357,500; (b) general mortgage 5% bonds, \$49,998,000, of which \$1,074,000 are held in treasury and \$48,924,000 with public.—V. 128, p. 1391.

Minneapolis & St. Louis RR.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.)

ROLLING STOCK OWNED—BRIDGES, BALLAST, RAILS—DEC. 31

Table with 4 columns: Locomotives, Passenger Equipment, Freight Equipment, Work Equip. Rows include 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925 with various metrics like No., Traction Power, Capacity, etc.

x Includes 15 freight locomotives leased from the National Railway Service Corp. under Equipment Trust, series A, lease basis.

CLASSIFICATION OF FREIGHT—PRODUCTS OF (TONS).

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Agriculture, Animals, Mines, Forests, Mfg. & Misc.

STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Average miles operated, Passengers carried, Pass. carried one mile, Rate per pass. per mile, Revenue freight, tons, Rft. frgt. car. 1 m. (000), Rate per ton per mile, Earns. per pass. tr. mile, Earns per frgt. tr. mile.

COMBINED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Earnings (Passenger, Freight, Mail, express, &c.), Total oper. revenue, Expenses (Maintenance of way, &c., Maint. of equipment, Transportation expenses, Traffic expenses, General, &c.), Net rev. from ry. oper., Railway tax accruals, Uncoll. railway revenues, Railway oper. income, Hire of eqpt.—Net (Dr.), Jt. facil. rent—Net (Dr.), Net rail. oper. income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Interest on funded debt, Int. on unfunded debt, Miscell. income charges, Net deficit.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1928, 1927, 1928, 1927. Rows include Assets (Invest. in road equip., &c., Improv. on leased property, Miscell. phys. prop, Invest. in affil. cos, Cash, Loans, deposits, &c, receivable, Traffic & car serv., debit, Agts. & conductors, U.S. Post Off. Dept, Audited bills, Fgt., claim bills & draft authorities, Mat'l & supplies, Int. & divs., rec., Deferred assets, Unadj. debts, Profit and loss) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Grants in aid of construction, Funded debt, Receivers cts., Bills payable, Traf. & car serv., Audited vouchers, Unpaid wages, Agents drafts, Miscell. accts., pay, Mat. int. unpaid, Unmat. int. accr., Unmat. rents accr., Deferred liabilities, Unadjusted credits, Surplus).

Total 96,472,754 94,557,608
x After deducting \$4,460,305 reserve for accrued depreciation.—V. 128, p. 3182.



It is owned jointly by the Colorado and Southern Ry. Co., Denver & Rio Grande Western R.R. Co., and Greeley Transportation Co.

Table with columns for 1928 and 1927. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Taxes, Operating income, Non-operating income—interest, Net income.

Fort Worth and Denver South Plains Railway.—The construction of this railroad, extending westward from Estelline on the Ft. Worth and Denver City Ry., was started in Dec. 1926, and was practically completed during 1928.

The investment in this railroad to Dec. 31 1928, was \$8,000,785, incl. \$512,463 as the value of donated lands.

OPERATING STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Revenue freight (tons), Rev. frt. (tons) (rate), Av. frt. rev. per train mile, Av. rev. per ton of freight, Passengers carried, Passengers carried 1 mile, Av. pass. rev. per tr. mile, Av. rev. per passenger.

Our usual comparative consolidated income account was published in V. 128, p. 2987.

INCOME ACCOUNT (COLORADO & SOUTHERN RY. CO. PROPER) FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Large table with columns for 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Operating Revenues (Freight, Passenger, Mail, express, &c.), Operating Expenses (Maint. of way & struct., Maint. of equipment, Traffic, Transportation, General, Miscellaneous, Transp. for inv.—Cr.), Operating expenses, Net revenue, Tax accruals & uncoll. railway revenue, Operating income, Non-Operating Income (Hire of equipment, Joint facility rents, Miscell. rent, &c., Divs. & miscell. int., Other miscell. income), Gross income, Deductions (Interest on funded and unfunded debt, Other deductions), Net income, First pref. div. (4%), Second pref. div. (4%), Common dividend (3%), Balance, surplus.

OPERATING STATEMENT OF FORT WORTH & DENVER CITY RY. FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, Mail, express, &c., Total oper. revenue, Maint. of way struct., Maint. of equipment, Traffic, Transportation, General, Miscellaneous, Trans. for invest., Operating expenses, Net revenue, Tax accruals, &c., Operating income, Hire of equip. (net), Joint facility rent (net), Net operating income, Non-Operating Income (Misc. rent income, Income from funded securities, Income from unfunded securities and accounts, Miscellaneous income), Gross income, Deductions (Rent for leased roads, Interest on funded debt, Int. on unfunded debt, Amortization, &c.), Net income, Dividend appropriations, Inc. bal. transferred to profit & loss.

OPERATING STATEMENT OF WICHITA VALLEY RY. CO. Calendar Years—

Table with columns for 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Total ry. oper. revenue, Total ry. oper. expenses, Net rev. from ry. oper., Railway tax accruals, Uncollectible ry. rev., Railway oper. income, Hire of equip., Joint facility rents, Total income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Deduct. fr. gross income, Net income, Dividend appropriation, Balance.

INCOME ACCOUNT CALENDAR YEARS TRIN. & BRAZ. VAL. RY.

Table with columns for 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Calendar Years—Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net rev. from railway operations, Railway tax accruals, Railway operating income, Deductions from gross income, Net income.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 1928.

Table with columns for Colo. & So. Ry., F. W. & D. C., and Wich. V. Ry. Rows include Assets (Investment in road and equipment, Miscellaneous physical property, Dep. on lien of mtge. property sold, Investments in affiliated companies, Other investments, Cash, Time drafts and deposits, Agents and conductors, Materials and supplies, Other current assets, Special deposits, Loans and bills receivable, Traffic, &c., balance receivable, Miscellaneous accounts receivable, Interest and dividends receivable, Deferred assets, Unadjusted debts), Total, Liabilities (Common stock, Preferred stock, Government grants, Funded debt, Non-negotiable debt due to affil. cos., Traffic, &c., balances, Audited accounts and wages payable, Miscellaneous accounts payable, Interest matured unpaid, Dividends, matured unpaid, Unmatured rents accrued, Unmatured interest, accrued, Other current liabilities, Deferred liabilities, Accrued depreciation, &c., Tax liability), Total, and Unadjusted credits.

—V. 128, p. 2987.

Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry. (78th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)

Table with columns for 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Operating Revenues (Freight, Passenger, Mail, Express, Miscellaneous), Ry. oper. revenues, Operating Expenses (Maint. of way & struct., Maint. of equipment, Traffic, Transportation, Miscellaneous, General, Transportat'n for inv. Cr.), Operating expenses, Net rev. from ry. oper., Tax accruals, Uncollectibles, Operating income, Non-Operating Income (Hire of equipment, Joint facility rents, &c., Inc. from lease of road, Misc. physical property, Inc. from funded secur., Inc. from unfund. secur., Dividend income), Gross income, Deductions (Separately oper. prop., Rent for leased roads, Miscellaneous rents, Miscell. tax accruals, Interest on funded debt, Int. on unfunded debt, Miscell. income charges), Total deductions, Net income, Dividends (7%), Surplus, Earns. per sh. on 160,000 shs. cap. stk. (par \$100).

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with columns for 1928 and 1927. Rows include Assets (Invest.—Road, Equipment, Improv. on leased railway property, Misc. phys. prop., Inv. in affil. cos., Other investments, Dep. in lieu of mtgd. property, Cash, Demand loans and deposits, Time drafts & dep., Special deposits, Loans and bills receivable, Traffic & car serv. balances rec., Net bal. due from agents & condue., Misc. accts. rec., Material & supplies, Oth. current assets, Working fund adv., Other def. assets, Unadj. debts), Total, Liabilities (Capital stock, Prem. on cap. stk., Funded debt, Audited accts. and wages payable, Traffic & car serv. balances payable, Misc. accts. pay., Int. matured unp'd, Dividends matured unpaid, Funded debt matured unpaid, Unmat. int. acc., Other current liab., Deferred liabilities, Tax liability, Prem. on funded debt, Accrued depreciation—Equip., Acce. dep.—Misc., Oth. unadj. credits, Additions to prop. through income, Profit & loss bal.), Total.

—V. 128, p. 3182.

International-Great Northern RR. Co. (7th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)

Table with 4 columns for years 1928, 1927, 1926, and 1925. Sections include Consolidated Income Account for Calendar Years, Balance Sheet Dec. 31, Profit and Loss Account, and Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

RR. and the Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Ry. in order to secure temporary passenger facilities in the Erie Station from the time this company abandons the use of its present passenger facilities until it commences to use the passenger station facilities of the Terminals Company; and (c) the sale of this company's present passenger facilities north of Eagle Ave. in Cleveland which will no longer be required for railroad purposes, all subject to the approval of the I.-S. C. Commission.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns for years 1928, 1927, 1926, and 1925. Rows include Miles of road operated, Revenue tons carried, Revenue ton miles, Passengers carried, etc.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 4 columns for years 1928, 1927, 1926, and 1925. Sections include Operating Revenue, Operating Expenses, Non-Operating Income, and General Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Marmon Motor Car Co. (Annual Report—Year Ended Feb. 28 1929.)

The remarks of President G. M. Williams together with an income account and balance sheet as of Feb. 28 1929 were given in the advertising pages of last week's "Chronicle".

Table with 4 columns for periods: 12 Mos. End. Feb. 28 '29, 12 Mos. End. June 30 '28, 12 Mos. End. June 30 '27, 12 Mos. End. June 30 '26. Rows include Total sales, Cost of sales, Net profit, etc.

COMPARATIVE CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET.

Table with 4 columns for dates: Feb. 28 '29, June 30 '28, Feb. 28 '29, June 30 '28. Rows include Cash, Motor car drafts, Notes & accts. rec., etc.

Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Co. (12th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1927.)

W. M. Duncan, Chairman of the board, says: The company on Dec. 7 1928 entered into certain contracts (a) with the Cleveland Union Terminals Co. for the use of its union depot passenger facilities under construction in Cleveland, Ohio; (b) with the Erie

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns for years 1928, 1927, 1926, and 1925. Rows include Assets (Road, Equipment, General, etc.), Liabilities (Pr. lien cap. stk., Preferred stock, etc.), and Total.

Total—109,882,455 106,810,539 Total—109,882,455 106,810,539 a Investments in affiliated companies: (1) Stocks: Toledo Belt Ry., \$238,320; Zanesville Belt & Terminal Ry., \$100,000; Sugar Creek & Northern RR., \$1,000; Lorain & West Virginia Ry., \$500,000; Wandle Co., \$191,149; total, \$1,030,469. (2) Bonds: Toledo Belt Ry., \$224,000; Lorain & West Virginia Ry., \$2,000,000; total, \$2,224,000. (3) Advances to the Wandle Co., \$427,362. b Pledged as collateral security to funded obligations of the company, except stock owned in the Wandle Co. c Dividends on prior lien stock for the year ended Oct. 31 1917 were paid Nov. 1 1928. x The surplus has been temporarily used for additions and betterments to the property, equipment trust notes, Government notes, and other indebtedness.—V. 128, p. 2625.

U. S. Realty & Improvement Co.—Geo. A. Fuller Co. (25th Consol. Annual Report—Year Ended April 30 1929.)

President H. S. Black reports in substance: Income for Year.—The gross income for the year amounted to \$6,881,768. After deducting \$567,124 for general and corporate expenses and Federal and State taxes, there remained a net income of \$6,314,644, as compared with \$5,595,053 for the previous year, an increase of \$719,591. After deducting cumulative dividend of \$270,000 and participating dividend of \$120,691 on the 45,000 shares of cum. & partic. prior pref. stock of the George A. Fuller Co., cumulative dividend of \$109,500 and participating dividend of \$70,403 on the 36,500 shares of cum. & partic. 2d preference stock of the George A. Fuller Co., and cumulative dividend of \$45,000 and participating dividend of \$32,867 on the \$750,000 par value of cum. guar. & partic. pref. stock of the George A. Fuller Co. of Canada, Ltd., there remained \$5,666,184 which is equal to \$7.72 per share on the 733,102





GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

STEAM RAILROADS.

**Grain Rate Cuts Approved by I.-S. C. Commission.**—(a) Formal step put lower export shipment charges in effect this week. N. Y. "Times," May 12, Sec. 1.

**Locomotives in Need of Repair.**—Locomotives in need of repair on the Class 1 railroads of this country on May 1 totaled 8,057, or 14% of the number on line, according to reports filed by the carriers with the car service division of the American Railway Association. This was a decrease of 592 compared with the number in need of repair on April 15, at which time there were 8,649, or 15%. Locomotives in need of classified repairs on May 1 totaled 4,458, or 7.7%, a decrease of 310 compared with April 15, while 3,599, or 6.3%, were in need of running repairs, a decrease of 282 compared with April 15. Class 1 railroads on May 1 had 5,675 serviceable locomotives in storage, compared with 5,887 on April 15.

**Surplus Freight Cars.**—Class 1 railroads on April 30 had 220,821 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 23,424 cars compared with April 23, at which time there were 244,245 cars. Surplus coal cars on April 30 totaled 87,367, a decrease of 26,001 cars within approximately a week while surplus box cars totaled 89,952, an increase of 5,490 for the same period. Reports also showed 23,413 surplus stock cars, a decrease of 2,068 cars under the number reported on April 23, while surplus refrigerators cars totaled 12,414, a decrease of 137 for the same period.

**Freight Shipments Continue to Move with Great Promptness.**—The railroads of this country continue to move freight shipments with the greatest promptness ever achieved, the Bureau of Railway Economics announced. The average daily movement per freight car for March was 32.3 miles, which was an increase of 1.4 miles over the same month last year and an increase of 1.4 miles over March 1927. In computing the average movement per day, account is taken of all freight cars in service, including cars in transit, cars in process of being loaded and unloaded, cars undergoing or awaiting repairs and also cars on side tracks for which no load is immediately available. The average speed of freight trains in March was 13 miles per hour, an increase of two-tenths of a mile above March last year and an increase of eight-tenths of a mile above March 1927. The average load per car in March this year was 25.8 tons, including less than carload lot freight as well as carload freight. This was a decrease of three-tenths of one ton under the average for March 1928 and a decrease of 1.6 tons under March 1927.

**Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of May 11.** (b) Railroad rate of return for March and the three months. p. 3128.

**Alleghany Corp.—Bonds Offered.**—J. P. Morgan & Co. Guaranty Co. of New York, First National Bank and the National City Co. are offering \$25,000,000 20-year collateral trust convertible 5% bonds at 100 and int.

Dated June 1 1929; due June 1 1949. Int. payable J. & D. in New York City. Guaranty Trust Co., New York, trustee. Red. upon 60 days' notice, as an entirety on any date, or in amounts of not less than \$5,000,000 on any int. payment date at 102½ and int. Denom. \$1,000 c.

**Security.**—Bonds are to be secured under a collateral trust indenture to be executed to Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, as trustee, dated June 1 1929, by pledge thereunder of:

- 240,000 shs. The Chesapeake Corp. common stock (stock as now constituted),
- 10,000 shs. The Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. common stock.
- 180,000 shs. Erie RR. common stock.
- 24,000 shs. The Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry. prior lien stock.
- 21,000 shs. The Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry. common stock.

The indenture is to permit substitutions and withdrawals of collateral under restrictions set forth in the indenture and is to contain provision for the maintenance by the corporation at all times on deposit with the trustee of securities of an aggregate value (determined as provided in the indenture) of at least 150% of the principal amount of bonds at the time outstanding.

On Aug. 1 1929 and every three months thereafter, the trustee shall cause to be made an appraisal of the value of the pledged securities by a designated officer of the trustee, for the purpose of ascertaining that the aggregate value of the pledged securities is equal to at least 150% of the principal amount of bonds at the time outstanding.

The indenture will also contain provisions whereby changes in the indenture with respect to the maintenance, substitution and withdrawal of collateral, and the method and procedure as to valuations and approval as to class and kind of collateral upon substitution, may be made with the consent of the corporation and of the holders of 60% in principal amount of the bonds then outstanding.

**Preferred Stock Offered.**—Guaranty Co. of New York; Lee, Higginson & Co.; Dillon, Read & Co.; the National City Co.; the Harris Forbes Corp.; the Union Trust Co., Cleveland; the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh; Hayden, Miller & Co., Cleveland, and Wood, Gundy & Co., Inc., are offering an additional issue of \$25,000,000 cum. 5½% pref. stock, series A, (with stock purchase warrants) at 100 and dividend.

**Sinking Fund.**—A sinking fund is to be established from net profits, to commence Feb. 1 1944, of 2% per annum of the aggregate amount of series A pref. stock theretofore issued less any amount retired other than through sinking fund, for purchase of such stock up to 105% and accrued dividend. To extent that such stock is not so obtainable unused funds are to be credited against subsequent payments.

**Warrants.**—Warrants will be attached to the \$25,000,000 series A pref. stock now offered, non-detachable except when exercised or in the event of redemption of the appurtenant shares, entitling the holder to purchase at \$30 per share 1½ shares of common stock of the corporation for each share of pref. stock, such right to expire Feb. 1 1944. Additional warrants for the purchase of 2,099,933 shares of common stock at \$30 per share are outstanding.

**Common Stock Offered.**—In addition to the \$25,000,000 20-year conv. 5% bonds and \$25,000,000 pref. stock, the present financing includes an offer to Alleghany Corp. common stockholders of record May 27 1929 to subscribe for additional shares of common stock at \$30 per share at the rate of 15 shares of additional stock for each 100 shares then held, such offer being estimated to produce over \$15,000,000.

**Data from Letter of O. P. Van Sweringen, Cleveland, O., May 11.**  
**Organization.**—Corporation was organized by Messrs. O. P. and M. J. Van Sweringen to acquire shares of certain corporations with which the Messrs. Van Sweringen had previously been identified and to furnish a corporate instrumentality to provide funds for further investments from time to time, principally in railroad securities. The corporation has no power to operate railroad properties or to engage in the banking business. At the time of organization the corporation issued \$35,000,000 15-year collateral trust convertible 5% bonds, \$25,000,000 cumulative 5½% pref. stock, series A, and 3,500,000 shares of common stock, of which common stock the Messrs. Van Sweringen and their associates acquired and still hold a substantial majority. The principal investments acquired by the corporation upon its organization were stocks of the following companies: (1) The Chesapeake Corp., (2) The Chesapeake & Ohio Ry., (3) New York Chicago & St. Louis RR., (4) Erie RR. and (5) Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry.

Subject to organization, the corporation sold to the Baltimore & Ohio RR. subject to the approval by the I.-S. C. Commission of the latter's purchase, the corporation's holdings in the Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry. Opportunity has also been taken, in accordance with the corporation's above-mentioned purpose of organization, to make investments in the securities of other railroad companies. The present financing will reimburse the corporation's treasury for funds already expended for such purposes and will provide funds for further investments from time to time as opportunity offers, including the subscription which is to be made by the corporation for its share of additional stock to be issued by The Chesapeake Corp. as set forth below.

The Chesapeake & Ohio Ry., of whose common shares a majority is owned by The Chesapeake Corp., has issued to its stockholders rights to

subscribe at par for an aggregate of \$29,653,200 par value of additional common stock. The Chesapeake Corp. will subscribe to its share of such increased common stock and proposes to provide the funds required therefor by the sale to its own shareholders of additional common stock of The Chesapeake Corp. at \$50 per share in the ratio of one share of such new stock for every two shares now outstanding. It is also proposed that the amount of The Chesapeake Corp. common stock thereupon outstanding, 1,350,000 shares, will shortly thereafter be increased to 1,800,000 shares by a stock dividend of one additional share for each three shares then outstanding. The Chesapeake Corp. contemplates the payment of dividends at the rate of \$3 per share annually on such 1,800,000 shares of common stock, based on the continuance of 10% annual dividend payments on the common stock of The Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. The directors of The Chesapeake Corp. have already called a stockholders' meeting to increase the stock of The Chesapeake Corp. as set forth above.

	Authorized.	Outstanding or Presently to Be Issued.
Capitalization—		
15-year coll. trust conv. 5% bonds	\$35,000,000	\$34,985,000
20-year coll. tr. conv. 5% bonds (this issue)	25,000,000	25,000,000
Preferred stock (\$100 par)	1,000,000 shs.	500,105 shs.
Common stock (no par)	17,500,000 shs.	4,025,217 shs.

In addition there are outstanding or presently to be issued warrants evidencing the rights of holders thereof to purchase, at \$30 per share, 2,474,933 shares of common stock (price and number of shares purchasable subject to adjustment in certain cases).

a 499,955 shares of cumulative 5½% pref. stock, series A, outstanding or presently to be issued with warrants attached for the purchase of common shares in the ratio of 1½ common shares for each pref. share; an additional 150 shares of such pref. stock series A, without warrants, outstanding; and an additional 419,895 shares of such pref. stock, without warrants, reserved for the conversion of 15-year conv. 5% bonds and for the conversion of bonds of this issue.

b 599,850 shares of common stock reserved for conversion of bonds; 749,933 shares reserved against exercise of rights under non-detachable warrants attached to the 499,955 shares of cumulative 5½% pref. stock, series A, outstanding or presently to be issued; and 1,725,000 shares reserved against exercise of rights under warrants sold to the organizers of the corporation. Shares presently to be outstanding include 525,000 shares (which number may be increased) which will be subscribed for under the corporation's proposed offering to common stockholders of 15% of their holdings of record May 27 1929.

**Earnings.**—The receipt annually of a sum equal to interest and dividends at rates being currently paid on the corporation's investments (assuming receipt of \$3 per share annually on the corporation's holdings of stock of The Chesapeake Corp. after the increase in such stock as set forth above) plus an estimated return of 3½% on uninvested cash, would provide an income in excess of \$8,000,000 per annum, or more than 2½ times the interest charges on the corporation's indebtedness, including this issue.

Estimated income on the basis of receipt annually of a sum equal to interest and dividends at rates being currently paid on the corporation's investments (assuming receipt of \$3 per share annually on the corporation's increased holdings of stock of The Chesapeake Corp.) plus 3½% interest on uninvested cash—\$8,001,844  
 Interest on indebtedness—3,040,410

Estimated net income—\$4,961,434  
 Preferred dividend (including this issue)—2,750,577

Balance—\$2,210,857  
 Estimated net income as above amounts to more than 1.8 times the dividend requirements on the series A pref. stock, including this issue.

No allowance has been made in the foregoing for the corporation's equities in the substantial amount of undistributed earnings on the stocks owned or being acquired. The corporation's proportionate share of such undistributed earnings for 1928 amounted to more than \$15,000,000.

**Conversion Privilege.**—Each \$1,000 bond may be converted, at the option of the holder, at any time on or prior to June 1 1944, or earlier redemption date, into 7 shares of the corporation's cumulative 5½% preferred stock series A, without warrants, and 10 shares of its common stock. For the purpose of conversion, the preferred stock is to be computed at its par value of \$100 per share, and the common stock at a value of \$30 per share, subject to adjustment of the conversion rights in case of subdivision or consolidation of shares, changes in par value, consolidation or merger of the corporation or sale of its assets for stock or securities, dividends in common stock, and additional issues of common stock for cash (other than the shares issuable upon conversion of these bonds and the 15-year convertible 5% bonds, and the shares issuable upon exercise of warrants, outstanding to be issued).

Pro Forma Balance Sheet April 30 1929.

[Giving effect to proposed issue and net proceeds of sale of bonds, preferred and common stocks and to the purchase of share of additional stock to be issued by Chesapeake Corp.]

<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Securities owned	\$172,999,009	15-yr. coll. trust conv. 5%	\$34,985,000
Contract receivable	3,580,298	20-yr. coll. trust conv. 5%	25,000,000
Cash	18,365,761	Purch. money debt (assumed)	1,029,000
Dividends & interest accrued	318,930	Dividends & interest accrued	433,882
		Preferred stock series A	50,010,500
		Common stock	x51,453,906
		Paid-in surplus	31,746,209
		Earned surplus	605,501
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$195,263,998</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$195,263,998</b>

The securities owned are carried at cost to the corporation, which is less than indicated market value based on current quotations.

x Represented by 3,500,217 shares outstanding and 525,000 shares presently to be outstanding.

**Listing.**—The bonds and pref. stock are listed on the New York Stock Exchange.—V. 128, p. 2272, 1557.

**Canadian National Rys.—Equip. Trusts Offered.**—Chase Securities Corp., Blair & Co., Inc., the Equitable Trust Co. of New York, Wood, Gundy & Co., Inc., Bank of Montreal, the Royal Bank of Canada, the First National Corp. of Boston, Guardian Detroit Co., Inc., Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo and Freeman & Co. are offering \$18,000,000 5% equip. trust certificates, series K, 1929, at prices to yield from 5.10% to 5.75%, according to maturity. To be issued under Philadelphia plan.

Dated May 1 1929; to mature in annual installments of \$1,200,000 each from May 1 1930 to May 1 1944 incl. Denom. \$1,000 c. Principal and divs. (M. & N.) payable in New York at the principal office of The Chase National Bank, New York, trustee, or at the option of the holder at the main office of the Bank of Montreal in the cities of Halifax, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg or Vancouver.

These certificates are to be issued against new standard railway equipment, the cash contract price of which is not less than \$24,112,867. Of this amount not less than 25%, viz., \$6,112,867, is to be paid in cash by the company.

Title to the equipment is to be vested in the trustee for the benefit of certificate holders and the equipment is to be leased to the Canadian National at rentals sufficient to pay principal, dividend warrants and other charges when due, as specified in the lease.

Payment of the principal of the certificates and the dividends thereon will be unconditionally guaranteed by endorsement upon these certificates by the Canadian National Ry. All the stock of Canadian National Ry. is owned or controlled by the Dominion Government.

Under the provisions of the statutes of Canada relating to railway companies, the rentals payable by a railway company under a lease of equipment rank as a working expenditure of the railway company and constitute a claim against the railway company's earnings prior to both principal and interest of all its mortgage debt.—V. 128, p. 3182.

Central of Georgia Railway.—Bonds.

The I.-S. C. Commission on May 6 authorized the company to issue \$11,000,000 ref. & gen. mtge. 5% bonds, series C, for the conversion of a like amount of ref. & gen. mtge. 6% bonds series A, now pledged as collateral security for certain secured gold bonds maturing June 1 1929; \$10,000,000 of said series C bonds to be sold at not less than 95.5 and int. and the proceeds used to pay at maturity the secured gold bonds and for

other lawful corporate purposes, and the remaining \$1,000,000 of series C bonds to be held subject to the Commission's further order. Compare V. 128, p. 2986.

**(The Chesapeake Corp.—33 1-3% Stock Dividend—to Increase Authorized Capital—Rights.—Secretary John P. Murphy, May 10, says in substance:**

The directors, subject to adoption by the stockholders of the amendment, increasing the capital stock of the corporation, has authorized the issuance of 450,000 additional shares, without par value, of the common stock, for the purpose of providing funds to exercise its rights to purchase additional common stock of the Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. at \$100 per share (see V. 128, p. 2623) and also to provide funds for other corporate purposes, and has determined to offer to common stockholders of record May 22 1929, the right to subscribe for one share of such additional common stock for each two shares of common stock held on May 22 1929, at the subscription price of \$50 per share; such subscription rights to expire at the close of business June 24 1929. Subscriptions are payable at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., 23 Wall St., N. Y. City.

The directors, subject also to the action of the stockholders abovementioned, has declared a 33 1-3% stock dividend, that is, one share for each three shares held at the close of business June 27 1929. This dividend is payable not only on the present stock but also upon the above stock offered for subscription.

It is necessary, in order to provide the above additional stock, to increase the authorized number of shares, and the board has adopted resolutions advising an amendment to the charter of the Chesapeake Corp. to increase the authorized capital stock from 900,000 shares of common stock, without par value (all of which is now issued and outstanding) to 2,500,000 shares of common stock, without par value, and has called a meeting of the stockholders for that purpose to be held June 3 1929.

Stock subscribed for will be issued on or as of June 24 1929, and the stock issued as a stock dividend will be issued on or as of July 1 1929.

The directors have declared their intention to continue the payment of the regular annual dividend of \$3 per share upon the increased stock, based on the continuance of \$10 annual dividend payments on the common stock of the Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.

See also Alleghany Corp. above.—V. 128, p. 2623.

**Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.—Equipment Trusts Offered.—**Bankers Co. of New York, Continental Illinois Co. and Evans, Stillman & Co. are offering \$5,025,000 4 1/2% Equip. trust certificates, series of 1929, at prices to yield from 4.90% to 5 3/4%, according to maturity. Issued under the Philadelphia plan.

Dated May 1 1929; serial maturities of \$335,000 per annum from May 1 1930 to May 1 1944, inclusive. Dividend payable M. & N. Principal and dividends payable in N. Y. City at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. Denominations of \$1,000 c\*. Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, trustee.

Issuance.—Subject to the approval of the I.-S. C. Commission. Legal Investments for savings banks and trust funds in New York, Connecticut and New Jersey.

These certificates are to be issued under an equipment trust agreement, covering new equipment to cost approximately \$6,820,000 and thus represent less than 75% of such estimated cost. The equipment trust agreement will provide that the remainder of the cost is to be paid in cash by the company. The equipment consists of 15 switching locomotives, 12 all-steel express cars, 125 caboose cars, 500 ventilated box cars and 2,000 50-ton steel coal cars.

Principal and dividends unconditionally guaranteed by endorsement by the company.—V. 128, p. 2800, 2623.

**Chicago Great Western RR.—New Vice-Presidents.—**C. L. Hinkle, General Manager, has been elected a Vice-President in charge of operations. Oscar Townsend, traffic manager, has been elected a Vice-President in charge of traffic.—V. 128, p. 2798.

**Chicago & North Western Railway.—Bonds.—**The I.-S. C. Commission on May 4 authorized the company to procure authentication and delivery of \$1,375,000 of general mortgage 4 1/2% gold bonds of 1987.—V. 128, p. 2800.

**Cincinnati Northern RR.—Earnings.—**Table with 4 columns (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926) and rows for revenues, expenses, net rev., taxes, uncollect., equip. rents, net income, misc. income, gross income, and deduction.

**Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Ry.—Earnings.—**Table with 4 columns (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926) and rows for revenues, expenses, net rev., taxes, uncollect., equip. rents, net income, misc. income, gross income, and deduction.

**Duluth South Shore & Atlantic Ry. Co.—Earnings.—**Table with 4 columns (1928, 1927, 1926, 1925) and rows for mileage operated, revenue, freight, iron ore, passenger, mail, express, miscellaneous, total, expenses, maintenance, traffic, transportation, general, transp. invest., net operating revenue, taxes, uncollect., operating income, non-operating income, gross income, interest, net income.

**Delaware & Hudson Co.—To Hold Stock Profits.—**

At the annual meeting in answer to a question by a stockholder, Pres. L. F. Lorce said that the company would not distribute the profits from the sale of the Wabash and Lehigh Valley stock for the present but would retain the cash until the company's future with regard to rail consolidations is determined. He also said that the company managers have not discussed the question of distributing the stock of the Hudson Coal Co. to the stockholders of the Delaware & Hudson Co.

Mr. Lorce declared that net earnings for the first quarter of 1929 showed an increase of \$2,363,000 over 1928.—V. 128, p. 2983.

**Ettrick & Northern RR.—Successor.—**See Ettrick RR. below.

**Ettrick RR.—Operation of Line.—**The I.-S. C. Commission on May 1 issued a certificate authorizing the company to operate a line of railroad formerly operated by the Ettrick & Northern RR. extending from Ettrick in a general northerly direction to Blair, where it connects with the Green Bay & Western RR., a distance of approximately 11 miles, all in Trempealeau County, Wis.

**Fonda Johnstown & Gloversville RR.—Loses Plea.—**The I.-S. C. Commission had denied the petition of the company asking reopening of the New York Central, Big Four, Michigan Central unification case to permit a showing that the Central should include the 57 miles of electrically operated line of the Fonda along with the 36 miles of its steam operated road which Central is required to include in its unified operation.—V. 128, p. 880.

**Fort Worth & Denver City Ry.—Earnings.—**A comparative income account and a balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1928 is published in to-day's "Chronicle" as part of the annual report of the Colorado & Southern Ry.—V. 128, p. 1722.

**Indiana Harbor Belt RR.—Earnings.—**Table with 4 columns (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926) and rows for revenues, expenses, net rev., taxes, uncollect., equip. rents, net income, misc. income, gross income, and deduction.

**Kansas City Southern Ry.—Files Brief.—**Dismissal of the I.-S. C. Commission's anti-trust complaint against the company based upon its control of the St. Louis Southwestern Ry., is asked in a second supplemental answer filed with the Commission May 13.

The road reports that it has divested itself of its holdings of St. Louis Southwestern common stock and disposed of its remaining 135,000 shares of preferred stock to New York Investors, Inc., on April 15 1929. The investment company paid the railroad \$3,500,000 cash and gave notes of De Kalb Co. in the aggregate of \$8,515,000. The Commission was again advised that the Kansas City Southern last September sold its remaining holdings of Cotton Belt common stock in the market, which netted \$2,318,225 in proceeds.

The company in its annual report tells of the disposition of the stock of the Missouri-Kansas Texas RR. and St. Louis Southwestern Ry. (see May 4 issue, page 3033.)—V. 128, p. 2984.

**Kansas Oklahoma & Gulf Ry.—\$9 Preferred Dividend.—**The directors have declared a dividend, covering the 18 months' period ended Dec. 31 1928 of \$9 per share on the series A 6% cum. pref. stock, payable June 1 to holders of record May 20. A dividend of \$6 per share was paid on this issue on Dec. 15 last.—V. 128, p. 1722.

**Maine Central RR.—Equipment Trusts.—**The I.-S. C. Commission on May 7 authorized the company to assume obligation and liability in respect of \$1,628,000 5% equipment trust gold certificates to be issued by the State Street Trust Co. under an agreement to be dated June 1 1929; the certificates to be sold at not less than par and dividends, in connection with the procurement of 1,000 steel box cars. The report of the Commission says in part: Bids for the purchase of the certificates were solicited by the applicant from 15 banks and banking houses, and five bids, representing nine bidders, were received. The highest bid, par plus accrued dividends, was made by the Standard Steel Car Co. of New York, and, subject to our approval, has been accepted by the applicant.—V. 128, p. 1723, 1720.

**Michigan Central RR.—Earnings.—**Table with 4 columns (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926) and rows for revenues, expenses, net rev., taxes, uncollect., equip. rents, net income, misc. income, gross income, and deduction.

**Mineral Range RR.—Earnings.—**Table with 4 columns (1928, 1927, 1926, 1925) and rows for mileage operated, freight, cooper rock, passenger, mail, express, miscellaneous, total, expenses, maintenance, traffic, transportation, general, transp. invest., net operating revenue, taxes, uncollect., operating income, other income, gross income, interest, net income.

**Missouri-Illinois RR.—Bonds Offered.—**Financing for the company, for the purpose of acquiring substantially all the capital stock of Mississippi River & Bonne Terre Ry., is being carried out with the offering of \$3,500,000 30-year 1st

mtge. 5% bonds, series A, by Dillon, Read & Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., Spencer Trask & Co. and Stone and Webster and Blodget, Inc. The bonds are priced at 94 and int. to yield 5.40%.

Dated Jan. 1 1929; due Jan. 1 1959. Series A bonds authorized and presently to be outstanding \$3,500,000; additional bonds issuable in series under provisions of the indenture. Prin. and int. payable in United States gold coin at the office or agency of the company in New York, N. Y. Interest payable J. & J. without deduction for Federal income tax not exceeding 2% per annum. Indenture is to contain provision for refund of the Penn. personal property tax not exceeding 4 mills per annum. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500\*. Ret. all or part by lot, on any int. date on at least 60 days' notice, to and incl. Jan. 1 1954 at 105 and int., with successive reductions of 1/4 of 1% during each 6 months' period thereafter prior to maturity. Trustee: The National Park Bank of New York.

Legal investment for life insurance companies in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Purchase Fund.—Indenture will provide for a purchase fund of \$100,000 per annum, payable in equal semi-annual installments commencing Jan. 1 1930, to be applied to the purchase of Series A bonds at not exceeding 105 and int., unexpended balances 4 months after each payment date reverting to the company.

Listing.—Company has agreed to make application in due course to list these bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.

Data from Letter of Pres. Clinton H. Crane, New York, May 8. Company.—Organized in Missouri in 1921 to acquire the lines of railroad therefrom owned by The Illinois Southern Ry. Has contracted to acquire substantially all of the capital stock of Mississippi River & Bonne Terre Ry., and to lease all the property of the latter company for a period of 99 years from Jan. 1 1929. Company upon such acquisition and lease will operate about 202 miles of railroad together with about 65 miles of yard tracks and sidings, all owned directly by the company or the lessor company with the exception of about 3 miles operated under trackage agreements. Both of these railroads serve primarily the lead mining and refining companies, located in the Flat River and Bonne Terre lead districts of Missouri and have connections with a number of well-known railway systems, the most important of these connections being with the Missouri Pacific RR. Co. system.

The main line of company extends about 123 miles from Salem, Ill. (about 70 miles east of St. Louis) to Bismarck, Mo., and includes a car ferry over the Mississippi River connecting the Illinois and Missouri divisions. In addition, the company owns about 14 miles of branch lines and about 35 miles of yard tracks and sidings. The main line of Mississippi River & Bonne Terre Ry., extending about 46 miles from Riverside to Doe Run, Mo., intersects the main line of Missouri-Illinois RR. at Derby. In addition to its main line, the lessor company owns about 16 miles of branch lines and about 30 miles of yard tracks and sidings.

Both company and Mississippi River & Bonne Terre Ry. are primarily freight carriers, and are the only railroads in their territory serving St. Joseph Lead Co., The Doe Run Lead Co. (a subsidiary of St. Joseph Lead Co.), St. Louis Smelting & Refining Co. (a subsidiary of National Lead Co.), Desloge Consolidated Lead Co. and, jointly with St. Louis-San Francisco Ry., the plant of Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., at Crystal City, Mo. Freight revenues are derived primarily from the transportation of products connected with lead mining and refining activities, and of coal, gravel and sand, lime, refined petroleum, iron bars, sheet iron and pipe.

Missouri Pacific RR. Control.—As a part of the general plan of unification described above, Missouri Pacific RR. by agreement, is to acquire control of Missouri-Illinois RR. through the purchase of 51% of its outstanding capital stock, and is to have an option to purchase the remaining 49% at any time prior to Jan. 1 1959.

Purpose.—Proceeds are to be used by the company to acquire substantially all of the capital stock of Mississippi River & Bonne Terre Ry.

Security.—Series A bonds will be direct obligation of the company and upon issuance will constitute the only funded debt of the company, the lessor company having no funded debt. The bonds are to be secured, in the opinion of counsel, by:

- (a) first mortgage lien on the lines of railroad and other fixed property and equipment now owned by the company, and a direct lien on all lines of railroad and other fixed property and equipment hereafter acquired;
- (b) pledge of 29,992 shares of the outstanding 30,000 shares of capital stock of Mississippi River & Bonne Terre Ry.; and
- (c) pledge of lease terminating Jan. 1 2028, whereby Mississippi River & Bonne Terre Ry. will lease to Missouri-Illinois RR. the lines of railroad and all other property and equipment now owned or hereafter acquired by it.

Valuation.—The value of the physical properties (exclusive of working capital) of company as taken up on the books of that company at the time of its organization in 1921, and of Mississippi River & Bonne Terre Ry. as determined by the I.-S. C. Commission as at June 30 1914, in each case plus additions and betterments at cost less retirements and depreciation to Dec. 31 1928, amounted to \$3,491,249 and \$2,870,516 respectively, or a total for the two companies of \$6,361,765.

Coverdale & Colpitts, consulting engineers, estimate that the values of the properties for recapture of earnings and rate-making purposes in accordance with the I.-S. C. Commission's ruling in the St. Louis & O'Fallon case, on the same bases as stated above, but including allowances for working capital and other elements of value and without allowance for depreciation subsequent to the dates first above mentioned, amounted as at Dec. 31 1928 to \$4,134,878 and \$3,077,623, respectively, for the lessee and lessor companies, or a total for the two companies of \$7,212,501.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding.  
 \*First mortgage bonds ----- \$3,500,000 \$3,500,000  
 Capital stock (par \$100) ----- 3,500,000 2,250,000

\*First mortgage bonds, in addition to Series A bonds authorized and presently to be outstanding in the amount of \$3,500,000, may be issued in series under certain conditions.

Upon issuance, Series A bonds will be outstanding at the rate of less than \$13,400 per mile of railroad covered by the mortgage directly or through pledge of capital stock and lease of property as above described.

Earnings.—Based upon statements submitted to the I.-S. C. Commission, the combined results of operations of company and Mississippi River & Bonne Terre Ry., for the 6 years ended Dec. 31 1928, were as follows:

	Ry. Oper.	Ry. Oper.	Net Avail for
	Revenues.	Expenses.	Fed. Taxes.
1923	\$2,171,420	\$1,806,068	\$484,554
1924	2,194,323	1,875,528	447,299
1925	2,286,685	1,693,278	482,512
1926	2,180,765	1,620,026	483,153
1927	2,275,267	1,665,041	484,595
1928	2,193,094	1,544,115	516,197

Combined net income available for interest on funded debt, as shown above, averaged \$483,052 per annum for the 6-year period ended Dec. 31 1928, or approximately 2 1/4 times the maximum annual interest requirement of \$175,000 on the Series A bonds.

Certain lead companies in the territories served by the company contemplate the substitution of purchased electric power for power heretofore generated in coal-burning plants. Coverdale & Colpitts, in their report to Dillon, Read & Co. dated Dec. 6 1928 on the operations of the company, estimate that the decline in revenue from coal traffic resulting from such substitution will be, in large part, offset by increasing revenues from traffic other than coal, by operating economies, and by advantages which should accrue to the company as a result of the agreement above referred to, under which Missouri Pacific RR. Co. is to acquire control—V. 128, p. 2987.

**Mount Gilead Short Line Ry.—Abandonment and Operation.**

The I.-S. C. Commission on May 1 issued a certificate (1) authorizing the Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Railway to abandon operation of the Mount Gilead Short Line Ry. in Morrow County, O.; (2) authorizing the New York Central RR. (a) to construct a connecting track between the railroad of the Toledo & Ohio Central RR. and the Mount Gilead Short Line Ry., and (b) to operate the Mount Gilead Short Line Railway.

The acquisition by the Toledo & Ohio Central Railway of control by lease of the Mount Gilead Short Line Railway was also approved and authorized.

**New York Chicago & St. Louis RR.—Taplins to Intervene.**

The I.-S. C. Commission issued an order May 14 permitting the Pittsburgh & West Virginia RR. which is owned by the Taplins to intervene in

the application of the Nickel Plate to acquire control of the Wheeling & Lake Erie and its subsidiary, the Lorain & West Virginia.

The I.-S. C. Commission has announced that the hearing on the application of the company to acquire the Wheeling & Lake Erie RR. and its subsidiary, the Lorain & West Virginia RR. will be held June 5, before Director Burnside.—V. 128, p. 2988.

**New York Central RR. Co.—Earnings.—**  
 (Including Boston & Albany RR. and Ohio Central Lines.)

3 Months Ended March 31—	1929.	1928.	1927.
Railway operating revenue	\$92,710,637	\$88,168,007	\$93,215,682
Railway operating expenses	72,104,421	69,142,718	73,137,979
Net rev. from railway oper.	\$20,606,216	\$19,025,288	\$20,077,703
Railway tax accruals	6,691,751	6,223,199	6,101,731
Uncollectible railway revenues	25,621	47,497	27,816
Equipment & joint facility rents	657,707	781,665	1,069,889
Net railway operating income	\$13,231,126	\$11,972,926	\$12,878,267
Miscell. & non-operating income	\$27,319,733	8,887,731	9,310,133
Gross income	\$40,550,859	\$20,860,657	\$22,188,399
Deductions from gross income	11,112,274	11,720,558	11,278,190
Net income	\$29,438,585	\$9,140,099	\$10,910,209

\* Includes extra dividend of 100%, amounting to \$18,603,800, on the company's holdings of the Michigan Central RR.—V. 128, p. 2988.

New York, New Haven & Hartford RR.—Dividends.—The directors on May 14 declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the pref. stock, payable July 1 1929 to holders of record May 31. The board also declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, payable July 1 to holders of record May 31. A dividend of \$1 per share was also paid on this issue on Jan. 2 and April 1 last.—V. 128, p. 2084.

**Pennsylvania Co.—Accused of Violation of Anti-Trust Law.**—See Pennsylvania RR. below.—V. 128, p. 2797, 2800.

Pennsylvania RR.—Accused of Violation of Anti-Trust Law—Illegal Holding of Stock in Wabash and Lehigh Valley Roads Alleged.—The I.-S. C. Commission has served a complaint on the Pennsylvania RR., charging violation of Section 7 of the Clayton Anti-trust Act in the acquisition through the Pennsylvania Co., a subsidiary, of stock of the Wabash Ry. and the Lehigh Valley RR., the effect of which, the complaint alleges, may be to substantially lessen competition between the Pennsylvania and the two other carriers.

The complaint, made public May 14, has been assigned for hearing on June 24 at Washington, when the Pennsylvania RR. and the Pennsylvania Co. shall have the right to appeal and show cause why an order should not be entered by the Commission requiring them to divest themselves of all interest, direct or indirect, in the capital stock of the Wabash and Lehigh Valley. The complaint issued by the Commission against the Pennsylvania RR. and the Pennsylvania Co. follows:

The I.-S. C. Commission, having reason to believe that the Pennsylvania RR. and the Pennsylvania Co. have violated and are continuing to violate Sec. 7 of the Act of Congress approved Oct. 15 1914, entitled "An Act to supplement existing laws against unlawful restraints and monopolies and for other purposes," issues this complaint, and states its charges in this respect on information and belief as follows:

1. That said The Pennsylvania RR. is a corporation organized, existing and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, with its principal office located at Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania; and that it now is engaged, and at all times hereinafter mentioned was engaged, as a common carrier in the transportation of passengers and property by railroad in inter-State commerce in competition with the Lehigh Valley RR. and the Wabash Ry.
2. That the Pennsylvania Co. is a corporation organized, existing and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, with its principal office located at Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania; and that it now is engaged, and at all times hereinafter mentioned was engaged, among other things, in the business of dealing in securities of common carriers by railroad engaged in inter-State commerce; that said Pennsylvania Co. now is, and at all times hereinafter mentioned was, a subsidiary holding and investment company of said The Pennsylvania RR. and that the entire authorized and outstanding capital stock of said Pennsylvania Co. is now owned and held, and at all times hereinafter mentioned was owned and held, by said The Pennsylvania RR.; that the officers of said Pennsylvania Co. are also officers of said The Pennsylvania RR., and the majority of the directors of said Pennsylvania Co. are also directors of said The Pennsylvania RR.
3. That the Lehigh Valley RR. is a corporation organized, existing and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, with its principal offices located at Philadelphia and New York City, and that it now is engaged, and at all times hereinafter mentioned was engaged, as a common carrier in the transportation of passengers and property by railroad in inter-State commerce in competition with said The Pennsylvania RR.
4. That the Wabash Ry. is a corporation organized, existing and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Indiana, with its principal office located at St. Louis; and that it now is engaged, and at all times hereinafter mentioned was engaged, as a common carrier in the transportation of passengers and property by railroad in inter-State commerce in competition with said The Pennsylvania RR.
5. That prior to, and since, Jan. 1 1927 said Wabash Ry. has owned and has been the stockholder of record of 231,329 shares of the capital stock of said Lehigh Valley RR., which said 231,329 shares constitutes approximately 19% of the entire outstanding capital stock of said Lehigh Valley RR.
6. That during the period from Feb. 15 1927 to June 26 1928 said The Pennsylvania RR. did indirectly acquire a large part of the capital stock of said Wabash Ry., namely 312,900 shares of pref. A stock, and 362,900 shares of common stock, of said Wabash Ry. without the approval and authorization of the I.-S. C. Commission, and in violation of Sec. 7 of the Clayton Act; that said 312,900 shares of pref. A stock and said 362,900 shares of common stock of said Wabash Ry. was acquired by said The Pennsylvania RR. through and by means of its said subsidiary corporation, said Pennsylvania Co.; that is to say: That said Pennsylvania Co. during said period from Feb. 15 1927 to June 26 1928 did directly acquire and is now the stockholder of record of, said 312,900 shares of pref. A stock and said 362,900 shares of common stock of said Wabash Ry., without the approval and authorization of the I.-S. C. Commission, and in violation of Sec. 7 of the Clayton Act.
7. That during the period from April 25 1928 to June 26 1928 said The Pennsylvania RR. did indirectly acquire a large part of the capital stock of said Lehigh Valley RR., namely 365,039 shares of common stock of said Lehigh Valley RR. without the approval and authorization of the I.-S. C. Commission, and in violation of Sec. 7 of the Clayton Act; that said 365,039 shares of common stock of said Lehigh Valley RR. was acquired by said The Pennsylvania RR. through and by means of its subsidiary corporation, said Pennsylvania Co.; that is to say: That said Pennsylvania Co. during said period from April 25 1928 to June 26 1928 did directly acquire, and is now the stockholder of record of, said 365,039 shares of common stock of said Lehigh Valley RR., without the approval and authorization of the I.-S. C. Commission, and in violation of Sec. 7 of the Clayton Act.
8. That the effect of the acquisition by said The Pennsylvania RR. through and by means of its subsidiary corporation, said Pennsylvania Co., of said 312,900 shares of pref. A stock and said 362,900 shares of common stock of said Wabash Ry., and said 365,039 shares of common stock of said Lehigh Valley RR., may be to substantially lessen competition between The Pennsylvania RR., and said Wabash Ry., and between said The Pennsylvania RR., and said Lehigh Valley RR., and to restrain commerce in certain sections and communities.



class "A" stock. Delivery will be made in the form of convertible debenture certificates exchangeable for class "A" stock after six months and in the meantime entitled to dividends on the class "A" stock. Scrip will be delivered in lieu of fractional shares. The Lockport pref. stockholders also have the option to receive \$105 in Associated registered 6% conv. debentures, which are now being sold to customers at \$100 per share.

If the Rochester Central common stockholders prefer to dispose of their holdings upon terms substantially similar to those received by the majority holders, the Associated also makes an alternative offer to acquire Rochester common stock holdings on the basis of \$50 per share, payable as follows: \$6.20 per share payable to the depositor on the deposit of the stock and 10 days thereafter, the balance, namely, \$43.80 per share, to be evidenced by participation certificates of the depositor in Associated promissory notes, of substantially equal principal amounts, maturing serially on Nov. 1 1929, May 1 and Nov. 1 1930, May 1 and Nov. 1 1931, and May 1 1932, bearing interest at the rate of 2% per annum for the first six months' period, 3% per annum for the second six months' period, 4% per annum for the third six months' period, and 5% per annum thereafter. These notes will be secured by the deposit of collateral, including the common stock of Rochester Central Power Corp. received under this offer, under a deposit agreement which will provide, among other things, for the substitution of collateral on reduction of the notes to one-half of the purchase price and the release of a portion of the collateral on the payment of each note and may provide for a six months' extension of a note of any maturity upon deposit of additional collateral therefore. The Associated may anticipate payment of the notes in whole or in part at any time.

Rochester Central stock to be deposited under the first offer for class "A" stock should be sent direct to the Associated Gas & Electric Securities Co., Inc., Room 2015, 61 Broadway, N. Y. City. Rochester Central stock to be deposited under the latter offer should be delivered to the Seaboard National Bank of the City of New York, depository, 115 Broadway, N. Y. City. These offers will expire at the close of business on June 10 1929.

Mr. Hopson announces further terms of exchange offers being made by the Associated company:

For each share of \$6 pref. stock of Binghamton Light, Heat & Power Co. holders may receive two shares of Associated class "A" stock or \$110 in Associated registered 6% convertible debentures;

For each share of \$6 pref. stock of Metropolitan Edison Co. holders may receive two shares of Associated class "A" stock or \$110 in registered 6% convertible debentures;

Holders of common stock of the Metropolitan Edison Co. may receive for each share of common held four shares of Associated class "A" stock or \$250 in Associated 6% convertible debentures;

For each share of 7% pref. stock of Rochester Gas & Electric Corp. holders may receive two shares of Associated class "A" stock or \$105 in the 6% convertible debentures of the Associated Co.

For each share of 6% pref. stock of Rochester Gas & Electric Corp. holders may receive two shares of Associated class "A" or \$105 in 6% debts.;

Holders of \$6 pref. stock of the New Jersey Power & Light Co. may exchange each share held for two shares of Associated class "A" stock or \$110 in 6% convertible debentures.

Robert M. Searle, President of the Rochester Gas & Electric Corp., will become a director of Associated company according to an announcement.—V. 128, p. 3183.

**British Power & Light Corp. (1929), Ltd.—Stock Offered.** Shares of this corporation, which has recently acquired control of several important producing and distributing companies in Wales and England, were offered for public subscription in New York May 15 by Clark, Dodge & Co., and in London by Robert Benson & Co., Ltd., and Edward De Stein & Co. The offering consisted of 1,600,000 shares with a par value of £1 each, priced at par.

**Subscriptions.**—Clark, Dodge & Co. are receiving subscriptions for the above shares, subject to allotment, for delivery when, as and if issued and received by them. Payment for shares allotted is to be made in two installments of 10s. per share each, the first installment being due on May 21 1929 and the second on June 20 1929. Payment is to be made in New York funds at the rate of exchange prevailing on the respective installment dates.

**Share Capital.**

Authorized: 2,000,000 shares of £1 each ----- £2,000,000  
To be presently outstanding: 1,602,500 shares of £1 each ----- 1,602,500  
The articles of association provide that the directors may at any time convert each fully paid-up share of £1 into 10s. of 6% cumulative preference stock and 10s. of ordinary stock.

While the holding company itself has no indebtedness, the subsidiary companies have outstanding \$2,170,000 debenture stock guaranteed by H. M. Treasury and £150,000 6% participating preference stock.

**Corporation.**—Incorporated May 7 1929 under the British companies Act for the purpose of operating, either directly or through subsidiary companies, electrical generating and distributing undertakings. The corporation has made arrangements to acquire 90% of the ordinary shares in the North Wales Power Co., Ltd., 80% of the ordinary and 25% of the preference shares in Electricity Distribution of North Wales & District, Ltd., and the whole issued share capital of the following distributing companies: East Suffolk Electricity Distribution Co., Ltd., South Somerset & District Electricity Co., Ltd., Trent Valley & High Peak Electricity Co., Ltd., West Hampshire Electricity Co., Ltd., and Ringwood Electric Supply Co., Ltd.

The North Wales Power Company, Ltd. has an exclusive area for power supply covering 4,000 square miles, with a population of 800,000. Company supplies power in bulk to authorized undertakings and large industrial users in over 50 towns. Properties owned include 3 hydro-electric stations with a total installed capacity of 36,000 k.w., capable of extension to 45,000 k.w., which will enable the company to generate up to 94 million units at exceptionally low cost, compared with 42 million units sold last year. The largest of the stations, at Mainwrog, was completed in Oct., 1928 and a second at Dolgarrog, recently purchased from the Aluminum Corp., Ltd., has been operating since 1925. A contract has been made with the Central Electricity Board, expected to become operative about the middle of 1931, by which the company will sell to the board large quantities of current at satisfactory prices, and by which the company is assured of any further supplies of current which it may require.

The Electricity Distribution of North Wales & District, Ltd., supplies electric current at retail in areas where the North Wales Power Co., Ltd., has bulk supply powers including 44 towns. Total extent of the company's area is 1,000 square miles, with a population of 300,000. The company completed the major portion of its construction in 1927, and by the end of 1928 it had 5,000 consumers, the number of which is increasing at a satisfactory rate.

The five distributing companies have powers for the distribution of electricity in areas the present extent of which totals 400 square miles, with a population of 100,000 and with extensions applied which will increase the area to 900 square miles, with a population of 200,000. All these companies, except the Ringwood Company which has been operating since 1925, have started construction during the last 18 months.

If and when opportunities occur of acquiring other electrical undertakings on a reasonable basis, it is the intention of the directors to take advantage of such opportunities. It is believed that with centralized management and up-to-date methods available for their development, such purchases may be found profitable.

**Earnings.**—The following is an estimate of the consolidated earnings of the present constituent companies of the British Power & Light Corp., Ltd. The estimated earnings of The North Wales Power Co., Ltd., the principal subsidiary, have been examined and approved by Merz & McLellan consulting engineers, who act as technical advisers to the Central Electricity Board.

	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.
Net revenue	£117,700	£176,324	£217,055	£249,101
Reserve for depreciation	52,515	57,573	60,975	66,983
Avail. for divs. & sur.	£65,185	£118,751	£156,080	£182,118
Minority interests	10,481	15,072	19,145	21,743
Attributable to holdings of British Power & Light Corp., Ltd.	£54,704	£103,679	£136,935	£160,375
Per cent on stock	3.42%	6.57%	10.11%	12.87%

Earnings of 3.42% shown for 1929 are based on the shares now to be issued. In subsequent years the indicated rate of earnings is that which would be

shown on the ordinary stock, assuming directors in the course of 1930 exercise their power to split the share capital into equal parts of 6% preference stock and ordinary stock, allowance being made for the issue of a further £100,000 of capital estimated to be required in the course of 1930.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds from the sale of these shares will be used to acquire the shares of the subsidiary companies and, with the additional 100,000 shares expected to be issued in 1930, will provide working capital adequate for contemplated requirements up to 1932.

**Directors.**—Henry Augustus Vernet (Deputy Chairman, Underground Electric Railways of London, Ltd.), Chairman, Edward De Stein (Merchant banker), Constantine Evelyn Benson (merchant banker), Gerald William Partridge, M.I.C.E. (managing director, London Electric Supply Corp., Ltd.), George Victor Twiss, M.I.E.E. (electrical engineer), managing Director.—V. 128, p. 3184.

**Binghamton Ry.—Sale.**

All properties of the company were sold at auction May 15 under a mortgage foreclosure to Archibald L. Jackson of New York, said to represent Associated Gas & Electric Corp., for an aggregate of \$2,300,000, which was the set-up price ordered by Federal Court. Confirmation of the sale will be requested of Federal Judge Frank Cooper June 1. If the sale is confirmed the new owners will take over the properties July 1.—V. 128, p. 2990.

**California Water Service Co.—Definitive Bonds.**

The Equitable Trust Co. announces that it is now ready to deliver definitive 1st mtge. 5% series A gold bonds. (For offering see V. 126, p. 2307).—V. 128, p. 3184.

**Central & South West Utilities Co.—Earnings.**

Period Ended March 31 1929—	3 Mos.	12 Mos.
Gross earnings of subsidiaries	\$8,135,248	\$31,573,724
Net of subsidiaries for retirement and stocks owned by Central & South West Utilities Co.	1,604,696	6,048,210
Other earnings of C & S. W. Utilities Co. (net)	6,258	534,430
Total earnings	\$1,610,954	\$6,582,641
Int. & other deducts. of C. & S. W. Utilities Co.	22,079	90,902
Net for retirement & stocks of C. & S. W. U. Co.	\$1,588,875	\$6,491,738

—V. 128, p. 2269.

**Chicago South Shore & South Bend RR.—Equip. Trusts Offered.**—An issue of \$810,000 equip. Trust 5½% gold certificates series C is being offered by Halsey Stuart & Co., Inc., at prices to yield from 5¾% to 6% according to maturity. Issued under Philadelphia plan.

Dated April 1 1929; due \$81,000 each April 1 to and incl. April 1 1939. Denom. \$1,000. Dividends payable A. & O. at offices of Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., in Chicago and New York without deduction for the Federal income taxes not in excess of 2%. Red. all or part upon 30 days' notice at 100 and divs. plus a premium of 2% for all certificates maturing more than 5 years and a premium of 1½% for certificates maturing 5 years or less, from the date of redemption. Penn. 4 mills tax refundable if requested within 60 days after payment.

The guarantee as to principal and divs. of these certificates by Chicago South Shore & South Bend RR. has been authorized by the Illinois Commerce Commission and the Public Service Commission of Indiana.

The \$810,000 certificates will represent about 80% of the actual cost of new equipment consisting of 14 2-compartment steel smoker and passenger motor cars, 5 steel passenger trailer cars, 2 80-ton electric locomotives, 2 83-ton electric locomotives and 6 30-ton cabooses cars.

Company owns and operates the high speed electric interurban railroad, 69 miles in length, extending from South Bend, Ind., westward to the Indiana-Illinois State line.

The company is controlled by the Midland Utilities Co.—V. 128, p. 2803.

**Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.—Earnings.**

12 Months Ended March 31—	1929.	1928.
Operating revenues	\$25,131,446	\$23,718,845
Operating expenses	8,570,432	8,108,316
Maintenance	1,220,733	1,264,730
Taxes	3,175,850	3,003,650
Net operating revenues	\$12,164,431	\$11,342,149
Non-operating revenues	446,519	530,494
Gross income	\$12,610,950	\$11,872,643
Interest charges (net)	2,454,393	2,451,868
Appropriations for depreciation reserves	3,111,000	2,892,000
Balance	\$7,044,958	\$6,528,776
Preferred dividends	956,902	964,902
Balance for common dividends and surplus	\$6,088,056	\$5,563,874

**Condensed Balance Sheet March 31 1929.**

Assets—	Liabilities—
Property and plant	Preferred stock
Sundry investments	Common stock
Cash	Funded debt
Notes and bills receivable	Accounts payable
Accounts receivable	Sundry current liabilities
Material and supplies	Taxes accrued
Prepaid accounts	Interest accrued
Reserve and special funds	Dividends accrued
Open accounts	Depreciation reserve
Discount & exp. on securities	Other reserves
	Surplus
Total	Total

—V. 128, p. 3184.

**Commonwealth Power Corp.—Electric & Gas Sales.**

Electric Sales (k.w.h.)—	1929.	1928.	Increase.
Month of April	170,500,640	147,671,611	22,829,029
4 months ended April 30	670,476,114	594,172,027	76,304,087
12 months ended April 30	1,888,784,768	1,649,685,325	239,099,443
Gas Sales (cubic feet)—	1929.	1928.	Increase.
Month of April	731,212,500	624,473,700	106,738,800
4 months ended April 30	2,880,890,700	2,413,899,000	466,991,700
12 months ended April 30	8,006,934,700	6,864,624,800	1,142,309,900

—V. 128, p. 2627, 2269.

**Consumers Power Co. (Me.)—Registrar.**

The National City Bank of New York has been appointed exchange agent and registrar for the 4½% bonds of 1958. (See offering in V. 127, p. 3242).—V. 128, p. 2991.

**Dominion Power & Transmission Co., Ltd.—Report.**

Calendar Years—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross earnings	\$3,546,026	\$3,479,622	\$3,219,911	\$3,120,509
Oper. exp. & taxes	2,354,187	2,430,006	2,143,862	2,189,076
Interest and bad debts	448,474	399,986	421,828	430,777
Balance, surplus	\$743,365	\$649,629	\$654,221	\$500,663
Previous surplus	539,515	537,159	528,848	678,973
Total surplus	\$1,282,880	\$1,186,788	\$1,183,069	\$1,179,636
Transf. to deprec. res'vo	335,505	274,379	332,159	354,058
Preferred dividends	381,500	372,893	313,751	296,730
Adjustments	Dr129,650			
Profit and loss	\$436,225	\$539,515	\$537,159	\$528,848
Earns. per sh. on 77,000 shs.com.stk.(par \$100)	\$0.34	\$0.03	\$0.10	Nil

—V. 126, p. 2643.

**Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston, Mass.—Makes Offer for Municipal Plant.**

The company has offered to pay \$600,000 in cash for the machinery and operating charter of the municipal lighting plant of Concord, N. H., the city to retain ownership of the buildings and site. In making its offer the

company promised to purchase a new site in Concord and erect a suitable substation, and agreed also to pay taxes on the plant at its full \$600,000 valuation. The town would be supplied with light and power at the same rates as are in force in Boston and other parts of the Edison system. Employees of the plant for a year and more would be retained by the Edison company.

A special town meeting has been called for May 27 to pass on the recommendations of a committee appointed to review the offer. The book value of the present plant is stated to be \$375,000, and the purchase offer is from 4 to 4½ times its earning power. (New York "Times").—V. 128, p. 2803.

**Electrical Securities Corp.—Annual Report.—**

Calendar Years—	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Gross income.....	\$1,916,242	\$1,608,326	\$977,635	\$906,658
Net after int., taxes, &c.	925,628	1,066,792	601,689	664,453
Preferred dividends.....	246,027	138,663	50,000	50,000
Common dividends.....	400,000	300,000	200,000	200,000
Balance, surplus.....	\$279,601	\$628,129	\$351,689	\$414,453

Includes \$488,213 profit from sale of securities in 1927 and \$124,829 in 1926.—V. 126, p. 2789.

**Empire Gas & Electric Co.—Becomes Part of Associated Gas & Electric System.**—H. C. Hopson, Vice-President of the Associated Gas & Electric Co., in a letter to the stockholders of the Empire company, says:

The recent inclusion of your company in the Associated Gas & Electric System has brought together public utility assets of over \$650,000,000 and electricity, gas or water is now furnished to over 1,100,000 customers. Gross revenues approximate \$100,000,000 a year.

The Associated System had its beginning in 1852. Through growth it has become one of the larger public utility groups in the United States serving a 5,300,000 population in 18 states, the Maritime Provinces of Canada and the Philippine Islands.

Ellis L. Phillips and George W. Olmsted, directors of your company, and Robert M. Searle, President of Rochester Gas & Electric Corp., will become members of the board of directors of Associated company.

The properties of the Associated System are principally in 3 leading Eastern states: New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, with an important affiliated gas and electric enterprise in Massachusetts and other New England states.

It is the policy of the Associated financial management to limit the issues of securities by the subsidiaries, thereby improving the credit of the System as a whole and providing the necessary new capital more efficiently and economically. The requirements of the operating properties are mostly financed through Associated Gas & Electric Co. issues.

This policy of fewer issues in larger amounts results in broader markets, so that the company's securities are owned not only nationally but internationally. The Associated class A stock is listed on the New York Curb Market, the Boston and Los Angeles Stock Exchanges, and also on the London and Amsterdam Stock Exchanges in Great Britain and Holland.

In line with this financial policy there are now in course of preparation exchange offers for the securities which you now hold. The terms and further details will be sent to you shortly.—V. 127, p. 1524.

**Engineers Public Service Co., Inc.—Electrical Output.**—The company reports 149,673,851 k.w.h. as the April 1929 electrical output of its subsidiaries which is 16.3% greater than April 1928.—V. 128, p. 3185, 2803.

**Greater London & Counties Trust, Ltd. (England).—Acquisition—New Financing Soon.**—See Utilities Power & Light Corp. below.

**Houston Lighting & Power Co.—Bonds Offered.**—Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and W. C. Langley & Co. are offering an additional issue of \$2,000,000 1st lien & ref. mtg. gold bonds, series A, 5%, at 98½ and int. Dated March 1 1923; due March 1 1953.

**Data from Letter of Edwin B. Parker, President of the Company.**  
Company.—Incorp. Jan. 8 1906, in Texas. Supplies electric power and light service in a growing and prosperous section of Texas to a total of 68 communities, including the City of Houston, which has been successfully served by the company for more than 20 years. Total population of the territory served is estimated at 357,000.

At Dec. 31 1928, the company served 81,282 electric consumers, as compared with 41,112 at Dec. 31 1923, an increase of 97%. The output for the 12 months ended Dec. 31 1928 amounted to 436,633,000 kwh., as compared with 129,318,100 kwh. for the calendar year 1923, an increase of 238%. The company's electric generating stations have an installed generating capacity of 134,486 kw., including the 35,000 kw. unit placed in operation during Jan. 1929, in the Deepwater electric generating station, one of the largest in the South.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st lien & ref. mtg. bonds	a	b
1st mtg. 5% sinking fund gold bonds, due 1931	(closed)	c
7% pref. stock (\$100 par)	\$3,000,000	3,000,000
\$6, pref. stock (no par)	10,000 shs.	10,000 shs
Common stock (no par)	400,000 shs.	400,000 shs

a Issuance of further bonds limited by restrictions of mortgage. b Consist of \$10,000,000 series A 5% due 1953 (incl. this issue); \$2,000,000 Series B, 6% due 1953; \$2,000,000 Series C, 5½%, due 1954; and \$2,000,000 series D, 4½% due 1978. c In addition there are pledged under the first lien and refunding mortgage \$2,100,000 of these bonds, and the remaining \$497,000 bonds of the total authorized amount of \$5,000,000 have been retired and cancelled through the sinking fund.

Purpose.—Proceeds will reimburse the company in part for expenditures made in connection with the enlargement of its property.

**Earnings.**  
Earnings 12 Months Ended March 31 1929.

Gross earnings (incl. other income)	\$7,425,824
Oper. expenses, maintenance & taxes	4,115,007
Net earnings	\$3,310,817
Interest on bonds and other interest and deductions for the above period were	923,203
Annual interest on total bonded debt outstanding with public, incl. this issue, requires \$940,150.	

Supervision.—The operations are supervised by the Electric Bond & Share Co.—V. 127, p. 2955.

**Houston Natural Gas Corp.—Listing.**—The Baltimore Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$280,250 (par \$50) 7% cumulative preferred stock.

The Baltimore Stock Exchange has also authorized the listing of stock purchase warrants representing 70,000 shares of class A (no par) common stock, with authority to add warrants now attached to \$3,000,000 1st mtg. 6% collateral bonds in escrow, and which represent 30,000 shares.

	Year Ended Dec. 31 '28.	Month of Jan. 1929.
Operating income	\$278,567	\$45,770
Net income after deductions	97,144	23,808

**Consolidated Balance Sheet as of Jan. 31 1929.**

Assets—	Liabilities—
Property.....	7% preferred stock.....
Due from bankers on subs. to preferred stock.....	Com. stock (150,500 shs., no par).....
Cash.....	Class A stock (371 shs.).....
Cash with trustee.....	1st mtg. collateral 6%.....
Working funds in hands of employees.....	Subscr. to preferred stock.....
Accts. rec.—Consumers.....	Main extension deposits.....
Other.....	Current liabilities.....
Materials and supplies.....	Contrib. for extensions.....
Deferred debit items.....	Surplus.....
	Total (each side).....

—V. 128, p. 2101.

**Lockport (N. Y.) Light, Heat & Power Co.—Offer Made to Preferred Stockholders—Becomes Part of Associated Gas & Electric System.**—See Associated Gas & Electric Co. above.—V. 125, p. 914.

**Manhattan Ry.—Stockholders Form Committee—Seek Proxies for Use in Transit Negotiations.**—

A protective committee of stockholders of the company, which owns the elevated operated by the I. R. T., has been formed, it was announced May 15, by a group holding "a very substantial percentage" of the outstanding capital stock. Headed by Nathan L. Amster, the committee is avowedly out of harmony with the I. R. T.'s position toward the city and the Transit Commission regarding rapid transit unification and other matters in controversy.

In a letter addressed to all Manhattan stockholders the committee asked for proxies to authorize it to represent them "at conferences and in negotiations now pending between the city, the Transit Commission and the Interborough Rapid Transit Co."

Besides Mr. Amster the committee includes Edward M. Hamlin of E. M. Hamlin & Co. of Boston, Michael O'Keefe, Chairman of the Board of the First National Stores; Morton F. Stern of Jules S. Bache & Co.; and Peter G. Ten Eyck of Albany. Charles R. Jeffers of 25 Broad St., Secretary of the committee, said that while no effort has yet been made to get in touch with public officials, the committee was mindful of the public interest and might confer with the Transit Commission and city representatives later.—V. 127, p. 3244.

**Milwaukee Electric Ry. & Lt. Co.—Balance Sheet.**—

Assets—	Mar. 31 '29.	Dec. 31 '28.	Liabilities—	Mar. 31 '29.	Dec. 31 '28.
Prop. & plant	108,545,963	107,608,773	6% pref. stock	4,500,000	4,500,000
Cash with trustees	802,943	77,561	Prof. stock	15,056,800	14,371,500
Sundry invest'ts	77,021	77,561	7% series	10,842,200	10,842,200
Due from affil. companies	3,002,630	-----	Common stock	21,000,000	21,000,000
Inter co. accts.	12,070,514	-----	Paym'ts on subscriptions to pref. stock	136,477	148,443
Res. & spec. f'ds	881,059	-----	Mtg. bonds	54,418,500	44,418,500
Cash	852,192	1,019,428	Notes	1,100,000	1,100,000
Notes & bills rec	1,104	1,303	Due to affil. cos.	-----	1,378,126
Accts. receivable	2,010,013	1,988,080	Inter co. accts.	136,613	-----
Mat'ls & suppl.	2,141,039	2,406,013	Notes and bills payable	26,000	1,526,000
Prepaid accts.	96,968	1,036,668	Accts. payable	782,764	817,298
Open accounts	1,138,066	59,448	Sundry current liabilities	978,531	1,120,276
Required secs.	8,990,700	8,675,600	Accr. liabilities	2,927,020	1,470,092
Discount and expense on secs.	3,728,348	3,465,774	Open accounts	694,173	650,892
			Deprcat. res.	18,634,074	18,294,070
			Other reserves	2,538,346	2,453,748
			Surplus	6,761,490	6,053,078
Total	140,532,990	130,144,227	Total	140,532,990	130,144,227

—V. 128, p. 3186.

**Mississippi River Power Co.—Comparative Balance Sheet.**

Assets—	Mar. 31 '29.	Dec. 31 '28.	Liabilities—	Mar. 31 '29.	Dec. 31 '28.
Property & plant	48,019,487	48,003,000	Preferred stock	8,234,475	8,234,475
Sundry invest'mts	14,831	14,831	Common stock	16,000,000	16,000,000
Cash	42,677	57,824	Funded debt	20,509,500	20,509,500
Notes & bills rec	171,021	170,974	Accounts payable	16,003	17,141
Accts. receivable	177,576	191,836	Sund. curr. liabils.	-----	1,100
Material & suppl.	94,372	94,958	Inter-co. accounts	463,080	401,316
Inter co. accounts	4,375,273	3,670,841	Taxes accrued	398,666	467,787
Prepaid accounts	7,082	9,479	Interest accrued	281,127	24,758
Bond & note disc't.	348,701	357,067	Sund. accr. liabils.	59,196	44,363
Sinking fund	126	126	Reserves	2,817,642	2,737,124
			Surplus	4,470,837	4,133,481
Total	53,251,127	52,571,048	Total	53,251,127	52,571,048

—V. 128, p. 3186.

**Mountain States Power Co.—Expansion.**—

Halford Erickson, vice-president in charge of operation of Byllesby Engineering and Management Corp. has announced the authorization for construction of a 10,000 k.w. addition to the Mountain States Power Co's. Coos Bay steam electric generating plant at North Bend, Ore. Construction of this project is expected to be started by Aug. 1 and the schedule calls for completion of the addition by July 1, 1930. This addition will increase the capacity of the present station from 5,000 to 15,000 k.w. The present station was built in 1924.

The purpose of the new addition is to provide capacity for new business which has been the outgrowth of intensive commercial development by the company and also to provide standby service over the new transmission line which is being built from Dixonville to Marshfield, Ore., for the interchange of power between the California Oregon Power Co. system and the Marshfield division of the Mountain States Power Co.

According to H. W. Fuller, Vice-President in charge of engineering and construction of the Byllesby corporation, the construction schedule is being maintained on the Marshfield-Dixonville line and present indications are that it will be completed by Oct. 1.—V. 128, p. 2992.

**New England Power Association.—Output.**—

This Association, controlled by the International Paper & Power Co., reports that the output of electric energy of its properties in the first 3 months of this year was 12.6% over the production in the corresponding period of 1928.

In March the production of electric energy by the Association was 12% over that of March of last year.—V. 128, p. 3177.

**Northwest Cities Gas Co.—Permanent Bonds.**—

The Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., as trustee, announces that permanent 1st mtg. 6% gold bonds due Jan. 1 1949 are now ready for delivery at their office in exchange for temporary bonds now outstanding. See offering in V. 128, p. 1397.

**North West Utilities Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.**—

	3 Months.	12 Months.
Period Ended March 31—		
Gross earnings of subsidiaries	\$2,836,938	\$11,189,093
Net of subs. for retirement and stocks owned by North West Utilities Co.	448,749	1,980,829
Other earnings of North West Utilities Co. (net)	10,374	42,695
Total earnings	\$459,124	\$2,023,524
Int. and other deduc. of North West Util. Co.	-----	10,757
Net for retirement and stocks of N. W. U. Co.	\$459,124	\$2,012,767

—V. 128, p. 2090.

**Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co.—New Generating Station.**

Construction has been started on the new Lincoln Beerbower generating station of the Oklahoma company, on the Arkansas River near White Eagle, Okla., according to H. W. Fuller, Vice-President in charge of engineering and construction of Byllesby Engineering & Management Corp.

The construction schedule on this plant calls for completion on February 1 1930, and despite heavy rains on May 1 which caused some delay, the schedule is being maintained.

Current will be generated at 13,800 volts and stepped up through transformers to 66,000 volts. Two high voltage, heavy-duty transmission lines will connect the plant to Enid and a third line will connect the station to the electric company's power plant and transmission line system, on which are the major generating stations at Horseshoe Lake near Harrah, Riverbank near Muskogee, and Byng near Ada, and the 15 auxiliary stations located throughout the state.—V. 128, p. 2993.

**Pacific Lighting Corp.—Acquires Southern California Gas Corp.**—

More than 90% of the stockholders of Southern California Gas Corp. have agreed to exchange their holdings for common stock of Pacific Lighting Corp., according to a statement on May 11 by Stone & Webster and Blodget,

Inc. The Pacific Lighting Corp., upon acquisition of the entire outstanding common stock of the Southern California Gas Corp., will also own the entire outstanding stock of Ventura Fuel Co., and, in addition, controls Los Angeles Gas & Electric Corp. and has large holdings of the common stock of Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

Through its subsidiary companies, the Pacific Lighting Corp. supplies gas and electricity in the City of Los Angeles (in part) and gas in more than 90 cities, towns and communities including Burbank, Beverly Hills, Compton, San Bernardino, Redlands, Riverside and Glendale. The total population served is about 2,500,000. As of Dec. 31 1928, the operating companies had 625,206 active meters in service.

The acquisition of control of the Southern California Gas Corp. which, in turn, controls Southern California Gas Co., is expected to result in various operating and overhead economies. It has brought the entire gas service of Los Angeles under Pacific Lighting management.

The Los Angeles Gas & Electric Corp. and other subsidiaries of the Pacific Lighting Corp. own pipe lines bringing natural gas from more than 14 distinct fields to Los Angeles and adjacent territory. The corporation, through its subsidiaries, has also acquired underlying contracts for the purchase of gas on large acreages in important proven gas oil fields. The present daily capacity of the system's oil gas plants is 110,000,000 cu. ft. and the combined capacity of its 16 holders is 74,878,000 cu. ft.

The gross revenues of Pacific Lighting Corp. and its subsidiaries, for the 12 months ended March 31 1929, were \$32,014,948. The balance available for dividends on common stock and surplus of the Pacific Lighting Corp. was \$5,995,397, or \$5.08 per share earned on the average number of shares outstanding during 1928. Dividends on Pacific Lighting Corp. stock were begun in January 1887 and excepting from Aug. 1893 to July 1894 have been continuous ever since. The present annual rate on the common stock is \$3 per share.—V. 128, p. 2993.

**Pacific Public Service Co.—Permanent Bonds Ready.**

A. E. Fitkin & Co. announce that permanent 15-year 6% gold bonds are ready for exchange for temporary bonds at the office of the Bank of Italy, San Francisco, and the Bank of America, New York.

Permanent stock certificates for the class A common stock will be ready for delivery on or about May 31. Of the \$3,400,000 convertible 2-year 6% gold notes originally issued only \$10,500 principal amount was outstanding on the day of redemption, May 1 1929, it is announced.—V. 128, p. 2629.

**Philadelphia Co.—New President, &c.**

John J. O'Brien, President of the Standard Gas & Electric Co., has been elected President of the Philadelphia Co., which position has been vacant since the resignation some months ago of A. W. Robertson, who became Chairman of the board of directors of the Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.

The election of Frank R. Phillips as a director of the company was followed by the announcement that at the next meeting of the board of directors Mr. Phillips would be elected Vice-President and General Manager of the Philadelphia Co. In this capacity Mr. Phillips will be chief executive officer of the Philadelphia Co. and subsidiaries and is expected to exercise all the operating duties heretofore devolving upon the President. Mr. Phillips has been Vice-President and General Manager of the Duquesne Light Co. and Vice-President of the Equitable Gas Co.—V. 128, p. 2993, 2619.

**Postal Telegraph & Cable Corp.—New Directors.**

The stockholders at the annual meeting held May 8 1929, elected the following directors for the ensuing year: E. W. Beatty, Hernand Behn, Sothenes Behn, Edward J. Berwind, Milton W. Blackmar, Lewis L. Clarke, William J. Deegan, Fred J. Fisher, George H. Gardiner, John Goldhammer, A. H. Griswold, Howard L. Kern, Russell C. Leffingwell, Clarence H. Mackay, John L. Merrill, Charles E. Mitchell, Sidney Z. Mitchell, Henry B. Orde, F. G. Osler, Wolcott H. Pitkin, Frank L. Polk, John D. Ryan and Charles H. Sabina.

The directors at their meeting on May 9 voted to increase the number of directors from 23 to 25 and Arthur M. Anderson and Gordon Rentschler were elected to fill the vacancies.—V. 128, p. 2092.

**Radio Corp. of America.—Initial Dividend.**

The directors have declared an initial dividend of \$1.46 per share on the \$5 cum. B pref. stock (for the period from March 15 to June 30), payable July 1 to holders of record June 1. This stock was issued in exchange for the Victor Talking Machine Co. common stock on a share-for-share basis (see V. 128, p. 249 and 1397).—V. 128, p. 3187.

**Rochester Central Power Corp.—Control Acquired by Associated Gas & Electric Co.—See latter above.—V. 128, p. 1055.**

**Seaboard Public Service Co.—Initial Dividend.**

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the \$6 cum. pref. stock, no par value, payable June 1 to holders of record May 15. See offering in V. 128, p. 1227.

**Southeastern Power & Light Co.—Earnings.**

	1929.	1928.	Increase.
Gross oper. revenue, incl. other inc.	\$12,291,798	\$11,546,408	\$745,390
Oper. exp., maint., taxes and renewals and replacements	5,755,842	5,852,601	*96,759
Net operating revenue	\$6,535,956	\$5,693,807	\$842,149

**Consolidated Income Account 12 Months Ended March 31.**

	1929.	1928.
Gross operating revenue, incl. other income	\$47,033,978	\$43,128,600
Oper. exp., maint., taxes & renewals & replacements	22,019,738	21,285,171
Interest on funded debt of subsidiaries (net)	7,799,872	6,203,814
Amortiz. of debt disc., int. on notes & other charges	765,698	790,552
Preferred stock dividends of subsidiaries	3,861,476	3,473,285
Int. on funded debt of Southeastern Pow. & Lt. Co.	2,489,460	2,470,528
Net income	\$10,097,734	\$8,905,250
Prof. stock divs. of Southeastern Pow. & Light Co.	2,646,776	2,498,065
Balance (before Federal income tax)	\$7,450,958	\$6,407,185

**Southern California Gas Corp.—Dividend Deposits.**

The directors have declared a dividend of 26 1/2 cents per share on the outstanding common stock, payable May 23 to holders of record May 13. This action was taken because the Pacific Lighting Corp. common stock offered to stockholders of the Southern California Gas Corp. has not yet been issued. This dividend is equivalent at the exchange rate for stock to the regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share paid May 15 on Pacific common stock. (See also V. 128, p. 2462.) See also Pacific Lighting Corp. above.—V. 128, p. 2630

**Southern Natural Gas Corp.—Contract—Financing.**

The corporation has entered into a contract with Ford, Bacon & Davis, Inc., for the construction of a 22-inch natural gas pipe line extending from the Monroe and Richland gas fields of Louisiana through Birmingham, Alabama to Atlanta, Georgia, which will make available natural gas for domestic and industrial purposes to this large and rapidly growing territory. The supply of natural gas for this pipe line will be assured by 20-year contracts which have been entered into with subsidiary companies of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey and the Electric Bond & Share Co., and with the Southern Carbon Co., the United Carbon Co., the Moody-Seagraves interests, and The Palmer Corp. of Louisiana.

The Monroe and Richland gas fields comprise one of the most extensive known deposits of natural gas on the continent and the reserves controlled by these companies are estimated at more than 3,300 billion cubic feet. Contracts for the sale of gas have been entered into with a large number of industries along the line, and for distribution in a number of cities, including Atlanta.

This enterprise upon completion, will involve an expenditure of approximately \$35,000,000, and comprise more than 1,400 miles of pipe line. The contract calls for the completion of the line to Atlanta by Dec. 31 1929. Financing of the Southern Natural Gas Corp. will be handled by G. L. Ohrstrom & Co., Inc. and their associates.

The corporation announced that work will be started immediately on the western portion of the pipe line. Through Ford, Bacon & Davis, Inc. the corporation has placed contracts with Williams Brothers, Inc., of

Tulsa, Oklahoma, and the Oklahoma Contracting Co. of Dallas, Texas, for the building of this western portion which will involve the construction of approximately 200 miles of line.

**Union Electric Light & Power Co. of Ill.—Bal. Sheet.**

*Balance Sheet March 31 1929.*

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Property and plant	\$33,788,825	Preferred stock	\$8,000,000
Accounts receivable	1,665	Common stock	5,000,000
Prepaid accounts	1,625	Funded debt	12,500,000
Discount and expenses on securities	1,048,946	Inter-company accounts	4,317,827
		Sundry current liabilities	605,028
		Taxes accrued	323,802
		Sundry accrued liabilities	30,206
		Depreciation reserve	2,672,439
Total (each side)	\$34,841,061	Surplus	1,391,400

**Union Electric Light & Power Co., St. Louis, Mo.—**

*Earns. Calendar Years—*

	1928.	1927.	1926.
Gross earnings	\$26,589,439	\$19,707,295	\$18,585,641
Operating expenses, &c.	13,450,812	11,420,950	9,434,889
Taxes			1,942,711
Approp. for depreciation	2,196,329	1,604,796	1,599,612
Interest charges	3,972,388	1,467,069	1,321,092
Balance	\$6,969,910	\$5,214,479	\$4,287,334

*Earnings for 12 Months Ended March 31.*

	1929.	1928.
Operating revenues	\$19,783,968	\$18,935,036
Operating expenses	9,151,066	8,936,007
Maintenance	650,651	632,062
Taxes	2,345,464	1,922,511
Net operating revenues	\$7,636,788	\$7,393,456
Non-operating revenues	1,930,514	1,225,954
Gross income	\$9,567,302	\$8,622,410
Net interest charges	1,984,879	1,608,314
Appropriations for depreciation reserves	1,540,482	1,554,811
Balance	\$6,041,940	\$5,459,286
Preferred dividends	870,000	870,000
Balance for common dividends and surplus	\$5,171,940	\$4,589,286

*Comparative Balance Sheet.*

Assets—		Liabilities—			
Mar. 31 '29.	Dec. 31 '28.	Mar. 31 '29.	Dec. 31 '28.		
Prop. pl't. &c.	61,540,471	167,938,308	Preferred stock	13,000,000	13,000,000
Stocks & bonds of other cos.	40,830	237,925	Common stock	30,000,000	30,000,000
Sundry invests	32,099,943	237,925	Funded debt	32,201,000	32,201,000
Cash	1,232,744	1,168,856	Real est. mtg. notes	481,104	481,101
Notes receivable	17,177	228,426	Acc'ts payable	572,198	572,198
Accts. receivable	1,787,167	2,859,894	Sund. cur. liab'l.	591,759	1,278,750
Mat'l's & suppl's	992,978	1,620,378	Due to affil. cos.	7,357,198	3,028,778
Inter-co. accts.	11,432,957	214,061	Acc'r'd liabilities	1,983,314	3,806,501
Prepaid accts.	140,275	800	Prof.stk. of subs.		17,233,475
Sund. cur. assets	800	1,822	Min. int. in cap. & sur. of subs.		243,355
Res. & spec. fds.	1,822	6,000	Fund. dt. of subs.		40,479,500
Reacq'd secur.	6,000	2,158,991	Retirem't res'ves	10,246,490	19,568,727
Bond & note dis.	616,066		Other reserves	1,793,750	2,203,148
			Surplus	11,641,586	12,943,334
Total	109,868,403	176,467,673	Total	109,868,403	176,467,673

**United Electric Service Co. (Unione Esercizi Elettrici), "Unes," Italy.—Acquisition—Stock Increase—Rights.**

In connection with the recent increase of the authorized capital stock to 350,000,000 lire from 250,000,000 lire, par value 50 lire, it is understood that 1,000,000 shares of the new stock will be used for the acquisition of Societa Di Elettricitu Umbr a Perugia, Italy, and that 1,000,000 shares will be offered to present stockholders at 100 lire per share, or about \$5.24. See V. 128, p. 3187.

**United Gas Co.—Completes Second Gas Well.**

Authoritative announcements state: The company has completed its second gas well on the 16,500 acres of holdings recently acquired in Bee County, Tex., adjacent to the new 110-mile pipe line the company is building from its Refugio County field to San Antonio and Austin. The new well came in for 45,000,000 cubic feet of gas at a depth of 2,850 feet. Both wells have been shut in pending the completion of the new pipe line, about June 30. This company has completed through its subsidiary, the Mission Drilling Co., a 350-barrel oil well, No. 1 Fox, on the east flank of the Refugio field, Refugio County, Tex. The well was brought in at 3,650 feet with no water in the flow. This is the 12th producing well in the field within which the United Gas Co. controls extensive holdings.—V. 128, p. 2806.

**United Light & Power Co.—Earnings.**

*12 Months Ended March 31—*

	1928.	1929.
Gross earnings of subs. & controlled cos. (after eliminating inter-co. transfers)	\$85,669,346	\$90,638,883
Operating expenses	38,824,686	38,257,654
Maintenance, chargeable to operation	5,592,022	6,034,443
Taxes, general and income	8,014,426	8,539,555
Depreciation	5,913,207	7,037,087
Net earnings of subsidiary and controlled cos.	\$27,325,005	\$30,770,143
Non-operating earnings		229,392
Net earnings, all sources		\$30,999,535

Interest on bonds, notes, &c., of subs. and controlled cos. due public	11,880,082
Amort. of bond and stock disc. of subs. and controlled cos.	871,828
Divs. on pref. stocks of subs. and controlled cos. due public and proportion of net earnings attribut. to common stock not owned by company	8,450,254
Gross income, available to United Light & Power Co.	\$9,797,371
Interest on funded debt	3,019,673
Other interest	4,932
Amortization of holding co. bond disc. and expense	143,555
Net income	\$6,629,211
Class A preferred dividends	1,043,881
Class B preferred dividends	307,080
Balance available for common stock dividends	\$5,278,250

**Utilities Pow. & Light Corp.—Increases Foreign Holdings.**

This corporation, through its recently acquired subsidiary, Greater London & Counties Trust, Ltd., has just purchased the Shropshire, Worcestershire & Staffordshire Electric Co., it was announced last week by President Harley L. Clarke. Through this purchase the territory of Greater London & Counties Trust, Ltd., is greatly increased as the Shropshire, Worcestershire & Staffordshire Co. serves cities and towns having a population of 500,000, in an area of approximately 1,500 sq. miles, all of which is highly saturated with industries engaged in the iron and steel business and having a population of 1,250,000 inhabitants, (this area includes the counties of Shropshire, Worcestershire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Oxford). The chief cities served by the newly acquired company are Birmingham, Smethwick, Dudley, Kidderminster and Bankbury. The capacity of the new 70,000 k.w. plant at Stourport on the Severn















Formica Insulation Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 3 columns: Quarter Ended March 31, 1929, 1928. Rows include Net income after all charges, Earnings per sh., and V. 127, p. 2691.

Foster Wheeler Corp.—Stock Offered.—Bristol & Willett, New York, are offering 9,000 shares capital stock, at \$45 per share.

Company.—Organized in New York in 1927. Represents unification of the business of The Power Specialty Co. and The Wheeler Condenser & Engineering Co.

The company manufactures virtually every piece of equipment used in a steam power plant with the exception of boilers, turbines and electric equipment.

Capitalization table with columns: Authorized, Outstanding. Rows: Preferred stock, Common stock.

Earnings.—The combined earnings of the predecessor companies showed a steady trend toward higher levels for the 18 years ended 1926, and in that last year of independent operations, business volume and net profits established new high records for all time.

Following a poor first quarter in 1928, a rapid comeback has been made and each successive quarterly report reveals a progressive increase in net earnings.

Table with 5 columns: Calendar Years, Net after Int. & Deprec. & Fed. Taxes, Earnings after Pfd. Divs., Earned per Com. Share Outstanding, 1929 x, 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924, 1923, 1922.

Directors.—J. J. Brown, Chairman; Pell W. Foster, L. B. Nutting, John Primrose, W. E. Dowd Jr., H. S. Brown, David McCulloch, N. M. Seabreeze, Radcliffe Cheston Jr., J. Byrne, George Q. Palmer.

Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31 1928. Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows include Net income after taxes, Profit on sale of portion of foreign patents, Total income, etc.

The corporation reports net earnings for the quarter ended March 31 1929 of \$374,161 after expenses and reserves for depreciation and taxes.

For the year ended March 31 1929 net earnings after interest, depreciation and Federal income taxes amounted to \$1,106,968, equivalent after preferred dividends to \$4.45 per share of common.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1928 (Incl. Foster Wheeler, Ltd., England).

Table with 3 columns: Assets, Liabilities, Total. Rows include Cash, Notes receivable, Accounts receivable, etc.

x Authorized 300,000 shares (no par value) reserved for conversion of preferred, 87,000 shares; issued and outstanding (less treasury stock), 193,800 shares.—V. 126, p. 1514.

(A. J.) Freiman, Ltd.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Year Ended Jan. 31, 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Operating profit, Depreciation, Income taxes.

Net profits—\$259,056 \$160,043 \$126,550 \$103,654 Dividends on the 6% convertible pref. stock outstanding were earned 4.3 times in 1929, while earnings, after allowing for pref. stock dividends, were at the ratio of \$2.57 per share on the common stock outstanding.

(Charles) Freshman Co., Inc.—Rights—Stock Increased.—The stockholders of record May 15 have been given the right to subscribe on or before May 27 for 300,000 additional shares of capital stock.

The stockholders recently increased the authorized capital stock from 900,000 shares to 1,500,000 shares. The remaining 300,000 shares will be held in the treasury.—V. 128, p. 2817.

Frisbie & Stansfield Knitting Co.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding 6% 1st mtge. s. f. gold bonds, due July 1 1934 have been called for payment July 1 next at 105 and int. at the Bankers Trust Co., trustee, 16 Wall St., N. Y. City.

Fuller Brush Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table with 3 columns: Years Ended—, Jan. 1 1929, Jan. 3 1928. Rows include Sales, Net earnings, Dividends on preferred and common stock, Balance, Profit and loss surplus.

(George A.) Fuller Co.—Participating Dividends.—The company has declared participating dividends of \$2.68 per share on the prior preferred and \$1.93 per share on the 2d preferred stock.

General Alloys Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 3 columns: Calendar Years—, 1928, 1927. Rows include Gross sales, Net earnings, Earned per share on common stock outstanding.

General American Investors Co., Inc.—Rights, &c.—The directors deem it advisable to enlarge the corporation and propose to obtain additional capital to enable it to take advantage of further opportunities for profitable investment.

The proposed offering of common stock will be underwritten without cost to the company by Lehman Bros. and Lazard Freres who by virtue of their own holdings will be entitled to and will subscribe on the above terms for over 200,000 shares of the stock to be offered.

The pref. stock is callable at \$120 per share and accrued dividends. It is entirely owned by Lehman Bros. and Lazard Freres, with whom arrangements have been made for its retirement at \$100 per share and accrued dividends.

Based on the condition of the company as of Dec. 31 1928 and after giving effect to the above transactions, the assets of the company without taking into account profits or appreciation during the current year will have a value in excess of \$18,500,000, against which there will be outstanding \$7,500,000 5% debentures and 800,000 shares of common stock.

The proposed changes will in the opinion of the directors create a more satisfactory capital structure, and the enlargement of the company's financial resources should materially increase its earning power.

General Electric Co.—New Officers.—

Everett N. Case and L. W. Mosher have been elected Assistant Secretaries.—V. 128, p. 2817.

General Motors Corp.—April Sales.—

During the month of April General Motors dealers delivered to consumers 223,303 cars, according to an announcement by Alfred P. Sloan Jr., President. This compares with 209,367 for the corresponding month last year, an increase of 13,936 cars of 6.7% for April this year.

Deliveries to consumers in April were still influenced by production limitations on the new models early this season, coupled with the heavy spring demand for the corporation's products, as the result of which it has been impossible to adequately stock the territory in order to fully capitalize the sales possibilities.

The following tabulation shows monthly sales of General Motors cars by dealers to ultimate consumers and sales by the manufacturing divisions of General Motors to their dealers:

Table with 4 columns: Dealers Sales to Users, Divisions Sales to Dealers, 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include January, February, March, April.

These figures include passenger cars and trucks sold in the United States, Dominion of Canada and overseas by the Chevrolet, Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Oakland, Viking, Buick, LaSalle and Cadillac manufacturing divisions of General Motors.

1,000,000th Frigidaire Unit Manufactured.—

The one millionth electric refrigerator unit to be manufactured by Frigidaire Corp. was turned out on May 16. Refrigeration equivalent to 120,000 tons of melting ice daily is the capacity of the one million units already built.

General Motors Corp. Acquires a 40% Stock Interest in Fokker Aircraft Corp.—See that company above.—V. 128, p. 3197.

General Refractories Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: 3 Mos. End. Mar. 31, 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Earnings before taxes, Corp. munic. & inc. taxes, Interest on bonds, Int. on floating debt, Deprec. & depletion, Balance, Dividends, Surplus, Shs. cap. stk. outst'd'g (no par), Earnings per share.

Balance Sheet March 31.

Table with 4 columns: y1929, 1928, y1929, 1928. Rows include Assets (Real est., bldgs., &c., Patents, Cash, Bills receivable, Accts. receivable, Inventories, Accrued interest, Employees' mtgs., Misc. investments, Deferred accounts, Dep. with trustee), Liabilities (Capital & surplus, 1st mtge. 6s, 1952, Bills payable, Accts. payable, Accrued accounts, Dividends payable, Res. for Fed. inc. tax).

x Capital stock of no par value: Total (authorized and outstanding, 300,000 shares (1927, 225,000 shares.) y After giving effect to the sale of 75,000 additional shares; retirement of bonds and payment of dividends declared during first quarter.—V. 128, p. 3197.













Mexican Seaboard Oil Co.—Rights, &c.—

The stockholders of record May 29 will be given the right to subscribe on or before June 25 for 248,887 additional shares of capital stock (no par value) at \$32 per share on the basis of one new share for each four shares owned.

The stockholders on May 15 increased the authorized capital stock from 1,000,000 shares to 2,000,000 shares.—V. 127, p. 2833.

Miller & Lux, Inc. (& Subs.).—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.—

Table with columns for 1928 and 1927, showing Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Land, machinery, equipment, etc.; Liabilities include Capital stock, 6% gold bonds, etc.

Minneapolis-Moline Power Implement Co.—Stocks Offered.—

Goldman, Sachs & Co., Eastman, Dillon & Co., Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc., the Minnesota Co. and First Minneapolis Co. are offering 100,000 shares convertible \$6.50 cumulative preferred stock at \$101.75 per share and div. and 219,680 shares common stock at \$41.75 per share.

Of the offerings, all of the preferred stock and 20,000 shares of common stock have been purchased from the company and the remainder from individuals.

Preferred stock is convertible at any time through June 30 1934 (or on or prior to the redemption date if called for previous redemption) into common stock in the ratio of 1 1/2 shares of common stock to each share of preferred stock, subject to the charter provisions regarding stock dividends, recapitalization, etc.

Listing.—Company has agreed to make application to list its preferred and common stocks on the New York Stock Exchange.

Capitalization—Authorized Issued. Conv. \$6.50 cumulative preferred stock (no par) 100,000shs. 100,000shs. Common stock (no par value) 1,500,000shs. 700,000shs.

Data from letter of W. C. MacFarlane, Pres., May 4 1929.

Company.—Has been organized in Delaware to acquire the entire properties and businesses, subject to the liabilities, of Minneapolis Steel & Machinery Co., Minneapolis Threshing Machine Co., and Moline Implement Co.

The three companies whose assets are to be acquired manufacture and sell a practically complete line of agricultural implements and related power machinery, including tractors, threshers, combine harvesters, stationary engines, drills, seeders, plows, harrows, listers, cultivators, corn and cotton planters, and hay and beet tools.

Purpose.—The preferred stock and the common stock are being issued in connection with the acquisition of the properties and businesses, subject to the liabilities, of the three companies above mentioned, to provide for the retirement of all funded debts, notes payable and preferred stocks of these three companies and their subsidiaries, and to provide additional working capital.

Sales and Earnings.—The combined net sales and net income of the three companies whose assets are to be acquired and their subsidiaries, for the 4 years ended Dec. 31 1928, after eliminating interest on indebtedness retired and on indebtedness to be retired out of the proceeds of this financing (such interest averaging \$294,979 per annum), and after deducting depreciation, and Federal and Canadian income taxes at present rates, as certified by Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., have been as follows:

Table showing Net Income and Div. on 700,000 Shs. for years 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928. Columns include Net Sales, Net Income, Div. of Com.

Combined net sales of these three companies for the 3 months ended March 31 1929 are substantially ahead of the corresponding period last year.

Consolidated Balance Sheet—Dec. 31 1928.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Cash (incl. call money), Notes & Accts receivable, Inventories, etc.; Liabilities include Accts pay. & accr. exp., Prov. for income taxes, etc.

—V. 128, p. 3201.

Minneapolis Steel & M'ch'y Co.—Merger—Earnings.—

See Minneapolis-Moline Power Implement Co., above.

Table showing Earnings for 1928 and 1927. Rows include Total sales, Manufacturing, admin., general & sales expenses, Profit and operations, Total income, etc.

Note.—Earnings per share equalled \$8.69 per share for the 150,000 common shares (\$10 par) outstanding comparing with \$4.71 per share on the same common share basis for 1927.—V. 128, p. 2643.

Missouri Kansas Pipe Line Co.—Rights.—

Common stockholders of record May 20 are offered the right to subscribe at \$30 a share to additional common stock to the extent of one-sixth of their holdings. Rights to subscribe expire June 10.—V. 128, p. 3007.

Moe-Bridges Co.—Defers Preferred Dividend.—

The directors recently voted to defer the quarterly dividend of 2% due April 1 on the 8% cum. pref. class A stock, par \$100.—V. 123, p. 989.

Moline Implement Co.—Merger—Annual Report.—

Table showing Annual Report for 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Total income, Expenses and charges, Dividend paid, Balance, surplus, etc.

Balance Sheet December 31.

Table with columns for 1928 and 1927, showing Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Pft prop. (less res.), Cash, Coll. loans and comm'l paper, etc.; Liabilities include Capital stock, Accounts payable, etc.

Moto Meter Co., Inc.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of certificates of deposit for 200,000 shares of class A stock on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding stock certificates. The certificates of deposit represent the entire outstanding amount of the class A stock of Moto Meter and are to be issued by Central Union Trust Co. of New York, as depository, pursuant to the terms of a plan for the union of the interests of the Moto Meter Co., Inc., and the Safe-T-Stat Co., through the organization of a new holding company to be incorporated in Delaware and to be known as Moto Meter Gauge & Equipment Corp. (see V. 128, p. 3200).

Calendar Years— a1928. a1927. b1926. b1925.

Table showing Income Account for Quarters Ended March 31. Rows include Income from sales, Total income, Cost of goods sold, etc.

Income Account for Quarters Ended March 31.

Table with columns for 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include Income from sales, Total income, Cost of goods sold, etc.

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Table with columns for Mar. 31 '29, Dec. 31 '28. Rows include Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Cash, Notes receiv., trade accep., etc.; Liabilities include Accounts payable, Accrued roy., pay rolls, etc.

a Represented by 200,000 shares class A common stock, and 200,000 shares class B common stock. b Payable Sept. 11 1930. x The assets and liabilities of the National Gauge & Equipment Co. are not spread on this balance sheet but the entire common stock, consisting of 80,000 shares of no par value, acquired Sept. 11 1926, is carried as an investment at cost. y Less depreciation of \$80,387. z Less depreciation of \$430,958.—V. 128, p. 3201.

(G. C.) Murphy Co.—April Sales.—

Table showing Sales for 1929-April-1928 and 1929-4 Mos.-1928. Rows include Total sales, Increase.



North & South American Corp.—Stock Offered.—Baker, Kellogg & Co., Inc., and A. G. Becker & Co. recently offered 250,000 shares class A common stock (no par value) at \$36 per share.

Class A common stock receives, when and as cash dividends are declared, a prior dividend, non-cumulative in any event, up to \$2 per share in any fiscal year before any dividend in such fiscal year on class B common stock; thereafter class A shares are entitled to participate in any additional cash dividends in such fiscal year in the ratio of \$1 per share on class A stock to 25c. per share on class B stock.

Company.—Has been organized in Delaware for the purpose of continuing and extending certain activities which heretofore have been carried on by the interests identified with the present management.

This corporation is not an investment trust. Its investments will consist chiefly of equities in foreign enterprises and the junior securities of American investing companies and other financial institutions.

Earnings.—The earnings will be derived chiefly from (1) dividends and interest on its investments, (2) fees received from investing companies, financial institutions and other businesses in return for investment service.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding. Class A common stock (no par) 1,250,000 shs. 250,000 shs. Class B common stock (no par) 1,250,000 shs. 1,000,000 shs.

As provided in the certificate of incorporation, the remaining authorized but unissued 250,000 shares of class B common stock may be issued only as stock dividends, when and as declared by the board of directors.

Apportionment of Dividends.—Cash dividends, as and when declared must be apportioned in the following manner: (1) A prior dividend, non-cumulative in any event, up to \$2 per share in any fiscal year, to the class A stock before any dividend in such fiscal year on the class B stock.

Directors.—The board of directors is composed of officers of American Founders Corp., A. G. Becker & Co., Baker, Kellogg & Co., Inc. and such other directors as these interests may select.

Northern Pipe Line Co.—4% Semi-Annual Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 4% (\$2 per share) on the \$50 par value capital stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 7.

Ohio Seamless Tube Co.—Earnings.—

Quarter Ended Mar. 31 1929. 1928. Net earnings after all charges \$232,686 \$115,934 Earnings per share on 77,490 shs. com. stk. (no par) \$2.63 \$1.14

Ohmer Fare Register Co.—Stock Not Offered.—

Referring to the news item published in our issue of April 6, to the effect that P. J. Lisman & Co. offered 100,000 shares \$3 cumulative participating class A stock at \$51.50 per share, the bankers write as follows: "For your information, this issue was never offered by us."

Oilstocks, Ltd.—10% Stock Dividend.—

The directors have declared a 10% stock dividend on both the class "A" and class "B" stocks, payable June 25 to holders of record June 10.

Oshkosh (Wis.) Overall Co.—Initial Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 50c. a share on the \$2 cum. conv. pref. stock, payable June 1 to holders of record May 20.

Pacific Coast Biscuit Co.—Extra Div.—Correction.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents a share (not 20 cents a share as stated last week) on the common stock, no par value, payable June 15 to holders of record May 31.

Table with 4 columns: Earnings for Calendar Years (1928, 1927, 1926), Net profit after deprec. & Fed. taxes, Earnings per share on 120,000 shares common stock (no par), 3 Months Ended March 31 (1929, 1928, 1927), Net profit after deprec. & Fed. taxes, Earnings per share on 120,000 shares common stock (no par).

Pacific Finance Corp.—Earnings.—

Quarter Ended March 31—1929. 1928. Net profit after reserves for Federal taxes and all other charges \$470,369 \$240,772

Pantex Pressing Machine, Inc.—Earnings.—

3 Months Ended March 31—1929. 1928. Net earnings \$81,153 \$36,245 Earnings per share on common stock \$2.99 \$1.55

Peabody Coal Co.—Initial Preferred Dividends.—

The directors have declared an initial dividend of \$2 per share on the 6% pref. stock for the year ended April 20 1929.

Pan American Petroleum & Transport Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns: Calendar Years (1928, 1927, 1926, 1925), Profit from operation, Int. & amort. chgs. (net), Deprec. & depletion, Federal taxes, Appl. to minor interests, Company's proportion of profit of Lago Oil & Transport Corp., Intercompany profit excluded from inventories of Lago Oil Co., Net income, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Co.'s propor. of net profit of Lago Oil & Transp. for Dec., Common dividends, Rate, Investment &c., adj., Profit & loss surplus, Earnings per share on aveg. stock outstanding, Adjustments applicable to prior years.

(David) Pender Grocery Co.—April Sales.—

Company reports gross sales for the month of April of \$1,272,614 against \$1,153,983 for April, 1928, a gain of 10.3%. Since May 1, this company and Southern Grocery Stores, Inc., both of which are controlled by the National Food Products Corp., have been operated under co-operative management.

Penick & Ford, Ltd., Inc.—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns: Quar. End. Mar. 31 (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926), Gross earnings, Expenses, Depreciation, Interest, Net inc. bef. Fed. tax.

Perfection Glass Co.—Rights.—

The company recently offered to stockholders 50,000 additional shares of treasury stock at \$3 a share. Each shareholder was given the privilege to subscribe for as many shares as he desired.

Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co.—Directors.—

Nathan Hayward and Thomas Newhall have been elected directors. The retiring directors were re-elected.

Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Corp.—Directors.—

Arthur E. Newbold, Jr., has been elected a director, to succeed Martin P. McDermott. Kenneth R. Teele, assistant controller, has been made assistant secretary.

Pines Winterfront Co.—Initial Dividends.—

The directors have declared initial quarterly dividends of 25c. per share in cash and 2% in stock on the new common stock, both payable June 1 to holders of record May 15.

The old class A and class B stock have been exchanged for new common on a share for share basis and rights were also given to shareholders to subscribe for two additional shares at \$11 per share for each share held.

Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with 2 columns: Earnings Quarter Ended March 31 1929. 1928. Operating profit, Depreciation and depletion, Net loss.

Prairie Pipe Line Co.—Extra Dividend of 50 Cents.—

The directors on May 15 declared an extra dividend of 50c. per share and the regular quarterly dividend of 75c. per share on the new no par common stock, both payable June 29 to holders of record May 31.

Shipments of Crude Oil.—

Table with 4 columns: Period End. Apr. 30 (1929-Month, 1928, 1929-4 Mos., 1928), Shipments (bbls.), 5,952,637, 4,901,433, 22,951,621, 20,555,868

Prentice-Hall, Inc.—Initial Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial dividend of 70c. a share on the common stock and the regular quarterly dividend of 75c. a share on the partic. conv. stock, both payable June 1 to holders of record May 20.

Prosperity Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

Table with 3 columns: Period (3 Mos. End. Mar. 31 '29, 6 Mos. End. Dec. 31 '28), Gross profit, Net income.

Pullman, Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Quarter Ended March 31 (1929, 1928), Profit after expenses and Federal taxes, Depreciation, Net income, Earnings on 3,371,848 shares capital stock.

Quisset Mill, New Bedford, Mass.—To Retire Pref.—

The stockholders have been notified that the corporation is prepared to purchase for retirement all or any part of the preferred stock at \$100 per share. This stock was originally issued in exchange for the outstanding bonds of the corporation.

President William M. Butler says the action is in line with the tendency of all corporations to cut down their outstanding interest-bearing obligations when they have the money.

Rainier Pulp & Paper Co.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the no par value class B stock, both payable June 1 to holders of record May 10.









**Victor Talking Machine Co.—Manufacturing Plants Taken Over by Audio Vision Appliance Co.—**  
See Audio Vision Appliance Co. above.—V. 128, p. 3016.

**Vitglass Corp.—Common Stock Increased.—**  
The stockholders have voted to increase the authorized common stock to 100,000 no par shares, from 50,000 shares in order to provide for a possible later exchange offer to preferred stockholders. The plan calls for the utilization of 40,000 shares of common stock for this purpose, the remainder of the new stock to be held for use in connection with future needs of the company.—V. 127, p. 124.

**(The) V. O. C. Holding Co., Ltd.—22½% Dividend.—**  
The company has declared a dividend of 22½% on the common and pref. stock, less tax for the year ended Dec. 31 1928, compared with 20% in the preceding year.—V. 128, p. 2483.

**Waldorf System, Inc.—April Sales.—**  

1929—April—1928.	Increase.	1929—4 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$1,337,344	\$1,183,144	\$154,200	\$5,251,906
			\$4,830,325
			\$421,581

 —V. 128, p. 3016, 2653.

**Walgreen Co.—Transfer Agent—Registrar.—**  
The Commercial National Bank & Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent for the common stock and registrar for the pref. stock.—V. 128, p. 2653.

**(Hiram) Walker-Gooderham & Worts, Ltd.—New Stock Placed on a \$1 Annual Dividend Basis—Split-Up Approved—Rights.—**

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the new 1,980,000 outstanding shares of no par value capital stock, payable June 15 to holders of record May 31. This is equivalent to the quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share paid Dec. 15 1928 and March 15 1929 on the old capital stock, which is being split up on a 3-for-1 basis. On Sept. 15 last an extra of 25 cents per share and a quarterly of 50 cents per share were paid on the old shares.

The shareholders on May 10 approved a by-law to subdivide each of the existing 750,000 shares of capital stock whether issued or unissued, into 3 shares without par value and to increase the authorized capital stock so subdivided from 2,250,000 shares without par value to 3,500,000 shares without par value.

The stockholders of record May 11 will be given the right to subscribe on or before June 4 for additional capital stock at \$15 per share on the basis of one new share for each old share held.

The proposed additional issue to shareholders will require 660,000 unissued shares.

Subscription payments should be made in Canada to the National Trust Co. Ltd., 20 King St., East, Toronto, but it is expected that arrangements will be made with Bankers Trust Co., New York, and Guardian Trust Co., Detroit, Mich., whereby they will act as agents for and on behalf of subscribers in forwarding subscription payments to National Trust Co. Ltd.

The additional shares when fully paid will rank for dividend from June 1 1929, but will not be entitled to participate in the dividend payable June 15 1929, declared in respect of the previous period.—V. 128, p. 2852.

**Welch Grape Juice Co.—Extra Dividend.—**  
The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25c. a share together with the regular quarterly dividend of 25c. a share on the common stock, both payable May 31 to holders of record May 15. Like amounts were paid on Nov. 30 1928 and on Feb. 15 last.—V. 128, p. 906.

**Wells Fargo & Co.—New Directors.—**  
At the annual meeting of the stockholders, W. E. Hoops, Eugene W. Leake and Albert H. Wiggin were elected directors, and E. De T. Bechtel, E. R. Jones, F. B. Small and C. W. Stockton were re-elected to the board.—V. 126, p. 3142.

**Welsbach Co., Phila.—New President.—**  
H. R. Martz has been elected President, succeeding Sidney Mason. Mr. Martz has been a director of the company and is associated with Day & Zimmermann.—V. 126, p. 3778.

**Western Dairy Products Co.—Rights.—**  
President S. H. Berch in a letter dated May 13 to the holders of the voting trust certificates for the class B stock announces that the board of directors has decided to extend to each holder of record May 23 next the privilege of subscribing for one share (voting trust certificates) of class B stock for each four shares so held at the price of \$20 per share. Arrangements have been made with Spencer Truck & Co., Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., Bond & Goodwin, Inc., Smith, Stroum & Eddy, Inc., and the American Investment Co. for underwriting this offering.

The issuance of the additional shares of class B stock is for the purpose of providing funds for the acquisition by California Dairies, Inc., through a controlled company, of the common stock of California Co-operative Creamery Co. and the assets of Arden Dairy, Inc., for additional working capital and for other corporate purposes. All the common stock of California Dairies, Inc., is owned by Western Dairy Products Co. The California Co-operative Creamery Co. during the year 1928 acquired the properties and business of the Burr Creamery Corp. and the Sanitary Gold Seal Creamery of Los Angeles.—V. 128, p. 3207.

**White Motor Co.—New Director.—**  
Eugene W. Stetson, Vice-President of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, was recently elected a director.—V. 128, p. 2081.

**Whitenights, Inc.—Receivership.—**  
On May 8 the company, manufacturer of electrical appliances, was petitioned into receivership by several small creditors in the Federal court at Harrisburg, Pa. Company's cash had been entirely dissipated, it was said. Michael S. Niles of York, Pa., and George L. Cole of Binghamton, N. Y., were appointed receivers.—V. 126, p. 1059.

**Wieboldt Stores, Inc.—Registrar.—**  
The Equitable Trust Co. of New York has been appointed registrar for the common stock.—V. 127, p. 3560.

**Wilson Line, Inc.—New Director.—**  
L. W. Richardson, Jr. has been elected a director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Samuel Rea, formerly President of Pennsylvania RR.—V. 128, p. 1418.

**(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—Shares Split Up.—** The stockholders on May 15 increased the authorized common stock from \$100,000,000, par \$25, to \$200,000,000, par \$10, and approved the issuance of 2½ new shares in exchange for each share held.—V. 128, p. 3207.

**Yellow Cab, Inc. (Newark, N. J.).—Omits Dividend.—**  
The directors recently voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily paid about April 1. From Oct. 1 1925 to Jan. 1 1929 incl., quarterly divs. of 25 cents per share had been paid.—V. 122, p. 3098.

#### CURRENT NOTICES.

—Announcement is made by the firm of Coggeshall & Hicks, members of the New York Stock Exchange, that the partnership existing between Murray H. Coggeshall, Walter L. Righter, Bigelow Watts, Wilfrid Wood and Alexander McLean, has been dissolved, with Mr. Righter retiring from the firm. A limited partnership to continue the business under the same name has been formed with the following as general partners: Murray H. Coggeshall, Bigelow Watts, Wilfrid Wood, Alexander H. McLean, C. Burrows Freeman, member of the N. Y. Stock Exchange and W. Dinsmore Banks, and J. M. Coggeshall and George A. Easley as limited partners.

—A few weeks ago the newspapers in Europe carried under "scare heads" the story of the robbery of the Disconto Gesellschaft Bank. The burglars were provided with the most modern tools and possessed the technical knowledge necessary to tunnel under the street to a point below the bank. From this tunnel, they were able to attack and enter the vault of the bank. This vault was not lined with steel as are the best American vaults. The tremendous sums which are kept within the vaults of our large metropolitan banks offer such a temptation to attack by thieves that it is sometimes thought that a concerted attack might be made, possibly by tunneling, by a band who would have at their disposal the technical knowledge and skill, as well as the equipment, necessary to enter a bank vault. Faced with this problems, banks such as the Irving Trust Co., Bank of the Manhattan Co., Brown Brothers Co., Equitable Trust Co., and others, when planning their new sky-scraper homes, have turned to the York Safe and Lock Co. of York, Pennsylvania. This concern, through their Engineering Department, has done a large amount of research work in order to anticipate any possible attack that might be made by burglars or mobs. The science of the chemist has been combined with the skill of the engineer and metallurgist to build bank vaults that are more impregnable than any fort would be in time of warfare.

—Waldheim, Platt & Co., investment bankers of St. Louis, formerly located in the Merchants Laclede Bldg., have moved to their own eight story building, 513 Olive St., on May 13th. This firm, in order to improve its brokerage service to its clients, recently purchased a seat on the New York Stock Exchange and an associate membership on the New York Curb. The increased facilities necessary to carry on its expanded business forced the concern to move into its new quarters. The first two floors have been completely remodeled. The motive throughout is modernistic; the most striking feature of the interior is the matched grained walnut panelling of the walls and fixtures. The first floor will be devoted to executive and sales offices, together with the cashier and bookkeeping divisions. The entire second floor will be devoted to the stock board and quotation service. The board will list approximately 500 New York stocks, as well as many securities quoted upon the New York Curb, Chicago and St. Louis Stock Exchanges.

Although the company at an early date purchased a seat on the St. Louis Stock Exchange, its primary business the first four years of its existence was the origination and distribution of Government, municipal, corporation and real estate bonds. They are particularly active in the real estate and municipal bond fields.

—The history of copper in this country and the development of the industry is traced from the discovery of the metal in Massachusetts as early as 1640 to the present day, in a pamphlet analysis prepared by H. Hentz & Co., which discloses the interesting fact that in 1848, more than two hundred years after the discovery, the annual production of copper amounted to only 112 tons. The analysis records the production, consumption and stocks of copper throughout the last 28 years and points out that in that period the annual production rose from 303,000 tons in 1900 to 924,000 tons in 1928. "During the early era of copper mining," the analysis asserts, "Michigan held first place in production, but towards the latter part of the nineteenth century Montana took the leading position, which it held until 1907 when Arizona became the most important producing State. Although Arizona produces more copper than any other State, the largest mine is located at Bingham, Utah."

—At the annual meeting of W. R. Grace & Co., Joseph P. Grace was elected Chairman of the Board and D. Stewart Iglehart, Vice-President, was elected President. Mr. Grace, who became President in 1907, is the oldest son of the late W. R. Grace who established the business in Peru in 1850 when that market was reached from New York only by sailing vessels rounding the Horn. Mr. Iglehart joined Grace & Co. upon graduation from Columbia in 1894. He was one of a group of young men who were trained in the business by W. R. Grace himself and who, after his death, broadened and expanded the firm's activities at a time when most of the old American foreign trading firms were turning to domestic enterprises.

—Announcement is made of the formation of Barstow, Tyng & Co., Inc., under the laws of Delaware with a capital of 10,000 shares of no par capital stock. At the organization meeting of the new corporation recently held W. S. Barstow was elected President, Lucien H. Tyng, William Buchsbaum and Thomas Cheyne, Vice-Presidents, J. P. Campbell, Treasurer and C. N. Wilson, Secretary, all of whom will act as directors of the new company. In announcing the formation of this new concern Mr. Barstow said: "It is planned to have Barstow, Tyng & Co. act only in the capacity of an investment concern for its stockholders. It will not be actively identified with any particular company or industry."

—C. C. Streeter & Co., members of the Los Angeles Stock and Curb Exchanges, Los Angeles, Cal., are distributing an eight-page booklet on the outlook of aircraft securities for 1929. Companies analyzed include Aviation Corporation of Delaware, Bach Aircraft, Douglas Aircraft, Fokker Aircraft, Kinner Motors, Lockheed Aircraft, Maddux Air Lines, Transcontinental Air Transport and Western Air Express, all listed on the Los Angeles exchanges, and a number of other companies. A specially prepared map of large size and on a prospective scale graphically portrays the air lanes of the nation now operating and projected.

—T. Edward Rassieur and John P. Sweeney announce the formation of Rassieur, Sweeney & Co. Incorporated to transact a general investment business in St. Louis with offices on the 12th floor at 506 Olive St. Mr. Rassieur was formerly with G. H. Walker & Co. and Lorenzo E. Anderson & Co. and Mr. Sweeney was formerly Sales Manager of the Mississippi Valley Co. Bond Department and recently with Lorenzo E. Anderson & Co.

—Announcement is made of the formation of the co-partnership of Rapp & Lockwood with offices at 37 Wall St., New York City, for the transaction of a general investment securities business. Both Mr. Rapp and Mr. Lockwood have been for many years associated with the municipal bond house of R. M. Grant & Co., Inc. The new firm will do a general trading, underwriting and distributing business, primarily in municipal bonds.

—George H. Burr & Co., investment bankers and specialists in chain store and industrial financing, announce that Walter C. Brown of the New York office, Edward J. Winters of the Chicago office and Thomas A. West of the Boston office have been admitted to general partnership in the firm. The firm now has six partners, the others being George H. Burr, Noble Crandall and Edward C. King.

—L. F. Rothschild & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce the opening of their Jersey City office in the Labor Bank Building, 26 Journal Square, under the direction of Harold Kaplan and Stanley H. Klipper. A complete investment and brokerage service will be conducted at the new office which will be in direct private wire communication with New York.

—Announcement is made of the formation of a new firm to deal in bank and insurance stocks, under the firm name of B. H. Weisberg & Co., to be composed of B. H. Weisberg and E. J. Weisberg, with offices at 50 Broad St., New York. Associated with them will be James B. Bach and Ree Bolognini formerly with Dolgins, Rosen & Co.

# 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."

New York, Friday Night, May 17 1929.

COFFEE on the spot was quiet at 23¼ to 24¼c. for Santos 4s, 17¼ to 17½c. for Rio 7s, 17 to 17¼c. for Victoria 7-8s and 20¼c. asked for Robustas. On the 14th inst. cost and freight offers from Brazil were unchanged to lower. On the 15th inst. early cost and freight offers from Brazil were unchanged or lower. They included for prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 3s at 23.10c.; 3-5s at 22¼c.; 5s at 21¾c.; 5-6s at 20¼c.; 6s at 19.90c.; part Bourbon 3-5s at 21½ to 22¼c.; 4-5s at 20¼c.; and 6s at 19½c.; rain-damaged 3-5s at 21½c.; 5s at 20 to 20¾c.; and 7s at 16¾c. Rio 7s were here at 15.55c.; 7-8s at 15.30c.; Victoria 7-8s at 15 to 15½c. all for prompt shipment, while Santos Bourbon 4-5s were offered for June-September shipment at 22.20c. and 4s minus in the same position at 22.15c. Rio 7s for May-August at 15c.; June-July at 14.80c. and June-September at 14¾c.; Rio 7-8s for prompt shipment sold at 15.30c.

Arrivals of mild coffee in the United States so far this month were 126,075 bags against 199,603 last month and 135,702 in May, last year. Deliveries since May 1st were 155,988 bags against 138,114 last month and 138,575 last year. Stock of mild coffee on May 13th, 374,650 bags against 390,107 on May 6th and 337,794 on May 13th, last year. Fair to good Cucuta 22½ to 23c.; Ocana 21½ to 22½c.; Bucaramanga, natural 23 to 24c.; washed 24½ to 24¾c.; Honda, Tolima, Giradot 24½ to 24¾c.; Medellin 25½ to 26c.; Manizales 24½ to 24¾c.; Mexican washed 25 to 26¼c.; Surinam 22 to 23c.; Ankola 28½ to 34c.; Mandheling 34 to 37c.; Genuine, Java 32 to 33½c.; Robusta washed 20¼ to 20½c.; Mocha 27½ to 28½c.; Harrar 26½ to 27c.; Guatamala, prime 25¾ to 26¾c.; good 25 to 25½c.; Bourbon 24 to 24¼c.

Spot coffee was quiet; sales are of small lots needed for current consumption and prices are more or less nominal. Santos 4s are quoted at 23½ to 23¾c.; Rio 7s at 17c. and Victoria 7-8s at 16¾c. Mild coffee is quiet and tending downward; some grades obtainable at a discount from the prices quoted on Santos descriptions. Robusta steady but slow at 20¾c. Today early cost and freight offers from Brazil were generally lower. There were no prompt shipment tenders of Rios or Victorias so far as could be learned. Rio 7s for June-July-August equal was offered at 14.40c. The prompt shipment offers of Santos consisted of Bourbon 3s at 23.55c.; 3-4s at 22.60c.; 3-5s at 21.60 to 22.65c.; 4-5s at 21.60 to 21.80c.; 5s at 22.15c.; 5-6s at 21.80c.; 6s at 19.70c.; 6-7s at 18.95c.; 7-8s at 15.10c. to 17.85c.; part Bourbon 3-5s at 21½ to 22¼c.; 6s at 19½c.; Rain-damaged 3-5s at 21¾c.; 5s at 20 to 20¾c.; 5-6s at 18¾c.; 6s at 19c.; 6-7s at 17¼c.; 7-8s at 15¼c.; Peaberry 4s at 21.90c. and 4-5s at 22.40c. Futures on the 13th inst. declined 10 to 25 points with sales of Rio and Santos 76,750 bags. Europe sold. Local interests liquidated. Brazil bought September. Rumors that Rio was being offered at low prices for forward shipment had a depressing effect. Futures on the 14th inst. advanced 2 to 8 points on Santos. Rio was irregular; May and June advanced 3 to 6 points net and late deliveries falling 2 to 5 points. Rio terme prices fell 500 to 800 reis and Europe early in the day was a seller causing the lower prices. Brazil bought for a time but this support seemed to be withdrawn later.

On the 16th inst. Rio futures advanced 1 to 7 points net after an early decline of 2 to 7 points. Santos ended 3 to 7 points net lower after having been 5 to 12 points lower early. The sales of Rio were 21,000 bags and of Santos 28,000 bags. Local and European selling told in the early trading because both Rio and Santos cables were lower. Santos dropped 400 to 500 reis and Rio 50 to 175 reis on May and July. Late in the trading Boston bought July, September, December and March Rio so freely that prices rallied. Today Rio futures closed 8 points lower to 2 points higher with sales of 23,000 bags; Santos 1 point lower to 17 points higher with sales of 38,000 bags. Final prices for the week are 24 points lower to 10 points higher on Rio, and 12 points lower to 17 points higher, on Santos, with May delivery the strongest in both instances.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	17	July	14.94	Dec.	13.80	13.83
May	15.90	15.91	Sept.	14.21	March	13.48
Santos coffee prices closed as follows:						
May	22.40	22.24	Sept.	20.40	March	19.20
July	21.36		Dec.	19.75		

COCOA today closed at 10.23c. for May, 10.50c. to 10.54c. for July and 10.69 to 10.70c. for September. Sales were 491 lots. Final prices show an advance for the week of 24 to 47 points.

SUGAR—Prompt Cuban raws were 1-13/16c. early in the week; 2,000 tons of Philippines due May 23rd sold at 3.58c. delivered or 1-13/16c. c.&f. and 15,000 bags of Porto Rico at the same price. Up to May 13th 147 out of the 163 Cuban mills that started the season had finished grinding. Their total production was 29,158,154 bags as against Guma-Mejer's estimate of 30,199,000 bags. Refined sold at 4.75c. late last week on a very large scale, on a scale fully as large, it is said, as early in March when the purchases were estimated at fully 1,000,000 tons. This week opened firm at 5c. with a fair business. Futures on the 13th inst. ended unchanged to 4 points higher the latter for May, 1930. August fell 1 point. The total sales were about 38,450 tons. Futures on the 14th inst. ended 1 point lower to 5 points higher with sales of 35,150 tons. Europe bought. Shorts covered on a considerable scale. Cuba sold July and December. The Cuban Export Corporation stated exports from Cuba to May 4th aggregate 2,125,870 tons of which 644,359 tons were exported to countries outside of the United States, as against 699,676 tons last year for the same period. They place the stock in Cuba on May 4th at 2,805,127 tons. The production to May 11th a later cable stated was 5,045,042 tons. Refined was 5c. with satisfactory withdrawals. On the 14th inst. sales were reported of 20,000 bags of Cuba for late May shipment at 1-27/32c. c.&f.; 7,500 tons of Philippines at 3.61c. Vague rumors were afloat that a refiner paid 1½c. on second half June shipment Cubas, but it is doubted.

Up to the 14th 147 Cuban centrals had finished with a total outturn 150,000 tons under Guma-Mejer's figures. The sixteen mills still grinding, it is said, will have to materially overrun the estimates in order to bring the total crop up to the 5,200,000 tons forecast by Guma-Mejer. Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 109,653 tons against 45,978 in the same week last year; exports 103,331 tons against 52,747 last year; stock (consumption deducted) 1,543,222 tons against 1,328,760 last year; centrals grinding 22 against 13 last year. Of the exports 44,634 went to Atlantic ports; 11,805 to New Orleans; 11,733 to Interior United States; 18 to West Coast United States, 2,143 to Savannah; 3,072 to Japan and 29,926 to Europe. Receipts at United States Atlantic ports for the week were 85,497 tons against 123,993 in the previous week, and 59,751 in the same week last year; meltings 51,623 against 56,968 in previous week and 49,150 last year; importers' stocks 367,077 against 347,302 in previous week and 392,324 last year; refiners' stocks 287,201 against 273,102 in previous week and 133,281 last year; total stocks 654,278 against 620,404 in previous week and 525,605 last year.

Hamburg wired that warm, rainy weather is desired. The London Board of Trade figures for April were as follows: Consumption 169,000 against 116,000 last year; imports 180,000 against 196,000 in April last year; stock 200,000 against 304,000 last year. One comment was: "Press reports indicate that the Tariff Bill will pass the House in about ten days with the sugar schedule as it is. There is a possibility, however, that in the Senate a sliding scale will be substituted diminishing as the price advances so that at very low prices the protection would be at least what is now included in the Bill. The President is said to favor this idea. Additional sales of 8,000 tons duty free for late May and early June arrival were made at 3.61c. delivered, or 1-27/32c. c.&f. Later Cubas offered at 1½c. c.&f. with refiners probable buyers at 1-27/32c. for sugars in preferred positions. London on the 14th inst. reported the market steady with little offering. July shipment was held at 8s 10¼d. or 1.70c. f.o.b. with possible sellers at 8s 9¼d. The official statement by the Cuban Export Corporation gave the position of sugar in Cuba on May 4th as follows: stock of 1926-27 crop 7,958; new crop (1928-29) made to May 4th, 1929, 4,973,897; total 4,981,850; exports: crop 1928-29 to United States 1,780,216; to other countries 345,654; consumption January 1 to May 4th, 1929, 50,853; stocks in Cuba May 4, 2,805,127. Total sales to countries outside of the United States to May 4th, 1929—644,359 tons against 699,676 tons last year to same date.

On the 16th inst. 25,000 bags Cuba for immediate loading sold at 1-13/16c. To date 151 Cuban mills have finished, leaving but 12 grinding. The disparity between the mill returns of production and Guma-Mejer estimate showing an average decrease of 4% is explained in a letter from the statisticians to Willett & Gray in which they stated that their estimate was based on bags weighing 320 pounds, whereas they find that a great majority of the centrals have used bags of 325 pounds and in a great many cases 340 pounds or even more. In their final figures, Guma-Mejer will make the natural and necessary readjustments. Some early London cables on the 16th inst. reported a quiet market for raw sugars and July shipment offered at 8s 9¼d. or 1.69c. f.o.b. with refiners generally looking on awaiting developments here. One cable reported a sale of a cargo of Cubas for June shipment at 8s 7½d. c.i.f. United Kingdom which is

equal to about 1-27/32c. c.&f. New York. On the 16th inst. prices ended unchanged to 1 point higher with sales of 23,800 tons. Trade and Cuban interests were credited with selling.

Other sales on the 16th inst. included 5,000 bags of Porto Ricos for early June arrival at 3.58c., 9,000 bags Cubas for late May shipment at 1-13/16c. c. & f. 45,000 bags more at 1-15/16c. c. & f. The Sugar Club of Havana put the Cuban production to May 15th at 5,061,000 long tons. Twelve mills are still grinding, none having been reported as finished yesterday. Today London cables reported a sale of a cargo of San Domingos for June shipment at 8s 6 3/4d c. i. f. or 1.64c. f.o.b. Cuba. Tate-Lyle purchased 2,500 tons Natalis for August shipment at 12s 6d c. i. f. and 25,000 tons for September-October shipment at 12s 7 1/2d. A resolution passed by the Senate yesterday requests the Tariff Commission to submit to the Senate Finance Committee the reports of its investigations relative to sugar in 1924. This is looked upon as a move by the opponents of the higher tariff on sugar to support their position. The advocates of the Smoot-Hawley Bill schedule are said to have been strenuously opposing action that would produce the report. Today futures here ended unchanged to 3 points lower with sales of 47,700 tons. Final prices show an advance for the week how ever of 1 to 2 points.

Closing quotations follow:

Spot unofficial...	1 27-32	Sept.	1.88@1.90	Jan.	1.97@
May	1.81@	Dec.	1.96@	March	2.02@2.03
July	1.84@				

LARD on the spot was weak at one time; prime western 12.15 to 12.25c.; refined Continent 12 1/2c.; South America 13c.; Brazil 14c. On the 15th inst. prime Western on the spot was off to 12.05 to 12.15c. On the 16th inst. prime Western was 12.15 to 12.25c. On the 11th inst. futures were a few points lower while hogs, bellies and ribs were dull and largely nominal. Liverpool was 3d lower to 3d higher. Deliveries on May lard contracts at Chicago were 100,000 lbs. while 400,000 lbs. were delivered on May bellies. Hog receipts at Western points were 27,500 compared with 37,800 last week and 24,400 last year. At Chicago 38,000 hogs were anticipated on Monday and 125,000 for the entire week. Futures fell 5 to 15 points on the 14th inst. with ribs off 20 points ignoring the advance in grain. Hogs were down 10c. Also packers sold July and September. Moreover many looked for an increase in stocks in this half monthly statement.

Futures on the 15th inst. were 5 points lower to 3 points higher with little life in the trading. There was a decrease of 4,281,966 lbs. in stocks of contract lard at Chicago in the first half of May with the total on lard 93,723,720 lbs. On May 15, 1928 the total of contract lard was 84,714,934 lbs. Deliveries were 50,000 lbs. of lard and 50,000 lbs. of bellies on May contracts. Liverpool was 3d to 6d lower on lard. On the 16th inst. futures closed unchanged to 5 points lower despite the bullish half monthly statistics with hogs off 16 to 25c. Total receipts of the West were 94,900 against 81,500 a week previously and 74,800 last year. Today Chicago expected 15,000. In Liverpool lard was unchanged to 3d higher. There were deliveries of 150,000 lbs. of bellies on May contracts. Today futures declined 7 to 12 points with grain lower and sentiment generally bearish. Final prices show a decline for the week of 13 to 22 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery	11.60	11.62	11.57	11.57	11.57	11.47
July delivery	11.85	11.90	11.77	11.80	11.75	11.67
September delivery	12.20	12.25	12.17	12.12	12.10	12.00

PORK steady; Mess \$30.50; family \$35.; fat back \$27. to \$30. Cash ribs, 12.75c. Beef steady; Mess \$26.; packet \$25. to \$27.; family \$28. to \$29.50; extra India mess \$42. to \$45.; No. 1 canned corned beef \$3.10; No. 2 six pounds, South America \$16.75; pickled tongues \$75. to \$80. per bbl. Cut meats quiet; pickled hams 10 to 20 lbs. 20 1/4 to 21 1/4c.; pickled bellies 6 to 12 lbs. 18 1/4 to 20 1/4c.; bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, 18 to 20 lbs. 14 1/2c.; 14 to 16 lbs. 15c. Butter, lower grades to high scoring 37 to 44c. Cheese, flats 22 to 29 1/2c.; daisies 23 to 26 1/2c. Eggs, medium to extra 29 to 33c.; closely selected 34 to 35c.

OILS.—Linsed was in better demand and higher, owing to the rise in the tariff on flaxseed which is 56c. a bushel, or 16c. higher than the old tariff. Crushers are now quoting 10.3c. for carlots as against 9.8c. early in the week. Coconut, Manila, Coast tanks 6 1/2c.; spot, N. Y. tanks 7 1/2c. Corn, crude, bbls., tanks f.o.b. mill 8 1/2c. Olive, Den. \$1.35 to \$1.40. China wood, N. Y. drums, carlots, spot 15c.; Pacific Coast, tanks, futures 13 1/4c. Soybean, bbls. N. Y. 11 1/4c.; tanks coast 9 5/8c. Edible, Corn, 100 bbl. lots 12c.; Olive oil 2.25 to 2.30. Lard, prime 15 1/4c.; extra strained winter, N. Y. 13 1/4c. Cod, N. Y. 67c. Turpentine 54 to 60c. Rosin \$7.50 to \$10.20.

COTTONSEED OIL sales today including switches 11,700 bbls. P. Crude S. E. 7 3/4c. bid. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	9.60@	July	9.70@	Oct.	9.88@9.90
May	9.60@9.85	Aug.	9.75@9.83	Nov.	9.67@9.78
June	9.60@9.90	Sept.	9.92@9.90	Dec.	9.73@9.80

PETROLEUM—Gasoline was slightly firmer early in the week with a better demand. The ban on production in Oklahoma will be lifted next week. Umpire Ray Collins proposed to continue the restriction on production, but it was overwhelmingly opposed by Oklahoma operators. The prospects

point to a heavy consumption during the coming months and it is therefore felt that restriction is no longer necessary. W. S. Fitzpatrick of the Prairie Oil & Gas Co. declared his company is ready to purchase 40,000 barrels a day in addition to its current runs. United States Motor was quoted at 9c to 9 1/4c. in tank cars at local refineries. California was firm at 9 1/2c. and there was some talk of an advance to 10c. soon. Buying of gasoline was on a larger scale later on and prices were generally firm. A rumor had it that one of the smaller companies marketing oil in this vicinity was delivering oil in tank wagons to the trade at as low as 10c. whereas other companies were quoting 12c. At local refineries 9 to 9 1/4c. in tank cars was asked, while 1c. higher was wanted for tank cars delivered to nearby trade. California gasoline was quoted at 9 1/2c. at terminals and 10 1/2c. in tank cars delivered to nearby trade. The Gulf reported a more active export demand and prices were steady. Bunker oil was firm at \$1.05 for grade C at refineries and \$1.10 f.a.s. New York harbor. Diesel oil was steady at \$2. to \$2.10 at refineries. Kerosene has been rather quiet with 41-43 water white quoted at 8c. in tank cars at refineries. The Sinclair Refining Co. advanced bulk gasoline 1/2c. to 9 1/2c. at New York, Philadelphia, Tiverton, R. I., Portsmouth, Charleston, Jacksonville and Tampa. The Warner Quinlan Co. met the advance and other companies are expected to follow. Price shading seems to have disappeared entirely.

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RUBBER on the 13th inst. advanced 100 points on both futures and spots, owing to the fact that the April consumption in the United States reached the new high record of 47,521 tons against 44,730 tons in March and 32,772 tons for April last year. The March figure of 44,730 tons had been the previous high record for consumption of rubber. The imports of crude during April amounted to 54,171 tons against 53,824 tons during March and 37,240 during April, 1928. The April imports were over 10,000 tons below the record import total established in February of this year. Stocks in hands of dealers importers and in transit overland at the end of the month were reported by the association at 107,659 tons as against 100,537 tons at the end of March and 113,083 tons at the end of April, 1928. The stock increased 7,000 tons or more over the previous month, the amount afloat for United States ports at the same time decreased slightly, i. e. 55,409 tons against 56,476 tons afloat at the end of March and 33,986 tons at the end of April last year. The consumption was 3,000 to 4,000 tons higher than expectations. On the 13th inst. New York closed with May 21.80 to 21.90c.; July 22.30c.; September 22.70c.; Smoked ribbed outside spot and May 22 to 22 1/4c.; June 22 1/2 to 22 3/8c. London spot and May 10-15/16d. Singapore May 10 1/2d.

On the 14th inst. New York prices advanced 60 to 76 points more on sales of 1288 contracts on sharp advances in London and Singapore. London rose 7/16d; spot and May 11 3/8d; June 11-7/16d; July-Sept. 11 5/8d. Singapore 3/16 to 1/2d higher; May 10-15/16d; July-Sept. 11-3/16d. New York closed with May 22.40c.; July 22.80c.; September 23.20c.; October 23.40c.; December 23.60 to 23.70c.; January 23.90c.; March 24.10c. According to the Rubber Association of America, consumption of fabrics by industry during the first quarter was well in excess of 20,000,000 pounds per month and larger than monthly average for last year.

On the 15th inst. there was an excited day with a rise of 60 points followed by a drop of 120 on profit taking, ending 30 to 60 points net lower. The sales were 2,101 contracts or 5,252 long tons. There had been an advance from the recent low of 375 points. Stop orders were caught. Spot prices were generally unchanged with June 1/8c. lower and later months 1/4 to 1/2c. lower. New York closed with May 22.50c.; July 22.50c.; Sept. 22.80c.; Nov. 23.10c.; Dec. 23.20c.; Jan. 23.30c.; March 23.60c. Outside prices: Smoked sheets spot and May 22 1/4 to 22 1/2c.; June 22 1/2 to 22 3/8c.; July-Sept. 22 3/4 to 23c.; Oct.-Dec. 22 7/8 to 23 1/8c. Spot, first latex crepe 22 3/4 to 22 7/8c.; thin pale latex 23 3/8 to 23 1/2c.; clean thin brown crepe 20 1/4 to 20 3/8c.; specky crepe 19 7/8 to 20 1/2c.; rolled brown crepe 15 3/4 to 16c.; No. 2 amber 20 1/2 to 20 3/4c.; No. 3 20 1/4 to 20 1/2c.; No. 4, 20 to 20 1/4c.; Paras, upriver fine spot 23 1/2 to 24c.; coarse 13 1/2 to 14 1/4c.; Acre fine spot 24 to 24 1/4c.; London on the 15th inst. closed 1/8d net lower after opening 1/4d higher. Spot and May 11 1/2d; June 11-9/16d. Singapore May 10-15/16d; July-Sept. 11-5/16d. On the 16th inst. New York prices dropped 30 to 50 points owing to a decline of 1/2d in London, only to rally and close 10 to 20 points higher on good buying by dealers. May ended at 22 to 22.20c.; September 23c.; October 23.10c.; November 23.20c.; December 23.40c. and January 23.40 to 23.50c. Outside prices: Smoked sheets, spot and May 22 1/4 to 22 1/2c.; June 22 1/2 to 22 3/8c.; Spot, first latex crepe 22 3/4 to 22 7/8c.; thin pale latex 23 3/8 to 23 1/2c.; rolled brown crepe 15 3/4 to 16c.; No. 2 amber 20 1/2 to 20 3/4c. London spot and May, June 11 1/2d; July-Sept. 11 3/8d. Singapore May 11d; July-Sept. 11-5/16d off 5/8d. Today London at 2.40 p. m. was quiet at 5/16d to 3/8d higher. Spot-May 11-7/16; June 11 1/2d; July-Sept. 11-11/16d; Oct.-Dec. 11-15/16d, and Jan.-March 12-3/16d. Singapore closed quiet at 3/8 to 3/16d net higher; No. 3 amber crepe spot quoted at 9 3/8d or 3/16d net higher.

To-day prices broke 60 to 90 points with sales of 1,572 lots. Transferable notices numbered 50; thus far 1,355. Final

prices show an advance for the week however of 90 to 190 points.

**HIDES**—For River Plate there was a fair demand encouraged by lower prices; 50,000 Argentine steers sold down to \$32.75 or 15¼ to 15½c. according to location, and 23,000 Uruguayan steers at the same price or 15¼ to 15½c. American and European buyers took the hides. It is stated that stocks are reduced to 23,000 Argentine and 7,000 Uruguayan steers. The tendency of prices was said to be downward. Frigorific cows were steady with sales of 16,000 mostly to Europe at \$33 to \$35.12½ or 15-9/16c. to 16½c. Armour it was stated was offering 1,300 and Anglo Dock Sud 2,000 at 16-1/16 to 16-3/16c. respectively. Next month will begin the long haired season. Packer hides have been quiet with no offerings of May hides. Native bulls nominally 10 to 10½c. or perhaps less on a firm bid; butts 13½c. Colorados 13c. Common dry hides were perhaps a trifle steadier. Cutcutas 24c.; Orinoco, Maracaibo, La Guayra and Santa Marta 23½c.; Central America 23c.; Savanillas 22½c. New York City calfskins 5-7s, 1.80 to 1.90c; 7-9s 2.35c.; 9-12s 2.80 to 2.90c.

**OCEAN FREIGHTS**—Of late business has been dull. Sugar and oil rates declined.

**CHARTERS INCLUDED** grain 23,000 qrs. Montreal to Antwerp or Rotterdam May 28-June 15, 12½c.; 39,000 qrs. Montreal to Greece, June 20-July 10, 4s 3d; 26,000 qrs. Montreal, May, to Constantinople and Smyrna 24c.; wheat, Portland or Puget Sound, July 1-25, United Kingdom Continent 29s, Vancouver 27s 9d. Sugar:—Cuba, May to Auckland 35s; Cuba, May, to United Kingdom 20s. Scrap iron, Porto Rico, May-June, to Danzig \$7.10. Coal:—Hampton Roads, prompt to St. Thomas \$1.65. Tankers:—Two Danish 13,500 motor tankers reported leased for 10 years by Vacuum Oil Co. at \$1.57½ per ton a month, delivery spring of 1930 under construction by William Foxford & Sons, Sunderland; lubricating oil, June-July, Philadelphia to U. K. Continent 15s 6d; clean, June, California to north of Hatteras \$1.; clean, San Pedro, July, to Hamburg 29s 6d; clean, June, Gulf to French Atlantic 3 or 4 trips, 17s 6d; fuel oil, prompt, Port Arthur to Mobile 9c. Time:—trip across, reported \$2.00; Canadian trip \$2.; 24 months, transatlantic \$1.55.

**COAL** has been in only fair demand and often has been quiet but it is said that prices have not been cut. Householders are not buying freely however at the current discounts.

**TOBACCO** was said to be in better demand here with consumers supplies in some cases supposed to be depleted. Java tobacco, it is stated, met with a ready sale. At the Amsterdam sale of Sumatra all fine tobacco suitable to the American trade is said to have been bought up. The percentage of extra fine Sumatra in this year's crop is said to have been small. Amsterdam cabled the U. S. Tobacco Journal that 2,100 bales of Java were bought for America on the 8th inst. Market high. At private sale Duys & Co. bought a big block of Senembok. Hopkinsville, Ky., wired the Journal: "Sales here for the week 162,150 lbs. at an average of 9.44c.; season's sales 19,210,360 lbs.; average price 14 to 19c." Oxford, N. C., reported the weather recently as abnormally cool and not favorable to the growing crop; too much rain. Planting in the southern section of the country has been general the early part of the week. The land has been too wet since Wednesday. Possibly 25 per cent of the crop has been set out. In the new tariff bill the duty on unstemmed wrappers remains at \$2.75 per pound. Springfield, Tenn., wired: "Sales for the week 740,190 lbs.; average price 13.16c.; season's total sales 18,588,055 lbs. at average price of 15.67c." Cold weather has hurt trade in the Northwest.

**COPPER** was firm at 18 delivered to Connecticut Valley and 18.30 c.i.f. Europe. Sales were reported at 17½c. in the Middle West, but were said to be made by a new producer who is not well established. Butte, Mont., reported that the Anaconda Copper Mining Co. will curtail production 10 per cent at once. This applies to the entire Anaconda group, including the Chile and Andes copper companies. Other big companies are expected to take similar action. The Kennecott Copper Co. is to considerably curtail its activities at its ore crushing plant. And the Inspiration Consolidated Copper Co. and the Green Cananea Co. will curtail operations at their mines in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. London on the 15th inst. advanced 10s to £72 7s 6d; futures down 10s to £71 5s; sales 100 tons spot and 1,700 futures. Spot electrolytic fell £1 to £83; futures unchanged at £84 5s. Standard at the second session advanced 17s 6d and 15s, with sales of 350 tons futures.

Latterly trade has been quiet at 18c. for home delivery. Now and then sales have been made, it appears, at 17½c. A 10 per cent curtailment in copper production by several companies was announced. World copper production of 196,120 tons in April was a new record for all time, as to aggregate tonnage despite the short month, as well as on a daily production basis. Production in March had been 192,792 tons as against 167,090 tons in February and 146,427 tons in April last year, according to the American Bureau of Metal Statistics. Copper scrap was weaker here. No. 1 wire could be had at 15c. per pound, a reduction of ¾c. Spot standard in London on the 16th inst. advanced £1 12s 6d to £74, futures up £1 10s to £72 15s; sales 100 tons spot and 1,000 futures; spot electrolytic unchanged at £83; futures up 5s to £84 10s. At the second London session spot standard £74 10s; futures £72 17s 6d; sales 150 tons spot and 400 futures. Sales of futures on the National Metal Exchange on the 16th inst. were 150,000 lbs. As on the opening day December was

the most wanted. The tone was strong, prices ending at about the high of the day, or approximately 15 points higher. December closed at 16.95c.

**TIN** was quiet. On the 15th inst. prices on the Exchange were unchanged to 5 points higher, with sales of 15 tons. Sales of Straits tin were no more than 100 tons at 44½c. for nearby delivery and 44¼c. for futures. At London on the 15th spot standard advanced 15s to £199; futures up 10s to £201 10s; sales 10 tons spot and 340 futures. Spot Straits rose 15s to £200 10s. Eastern c.i.f. London dropped 5s to £203 5s on sales of 200 tons. At the second session standard was unchanged; total sales 390 tons. Latterly prices have fallen in a dull market; May 43.50 to 43.65c. In London standard dropped 15s to £198 5s; futures off 10s to £201; sales 100 tons spot and 500 futures. Spot Straits off 15s to £199 15s; Eastern c.i.f. London £203 5s; sales 325 tons. At the second session in London standard fell 5s on the spot and 12s 6d on futures; total sales 690 for day. To-day trading was inactive; sales only 3 tons. May ended at 43.45c.; July at 43.55 to 43.65c.; Sept. 43.70c. Final prices are 60 to 65 points lower than a week ago.

**LEAD** was rather quiet at 6.80c East St. Louis and 7c. New York. London was steadier on the 15th inst., with spot unchanged at £23 13s 9d; futures up 2s 6d to £23 11s 3d; sales 250 tons spot and 550 futures. The level of New York and London prices is now so close that there is some danger of Mexican lead coming into this country. Latterly prices were rather weak at 6.70 to 6.80c. for St. Louis with 7c. quoted by the American Smelting Co. In London on the 16th inst. prices rose 1s 3d at the first session to £23 15s for spot and £23 12s 6d for futures; sales 100 tons spot and 1,050 futures. At the second session prices closed at £23 16s 3d for spot and £23 13s 9d for futures with sales of 200 tons futures. Production of crude lead in the United States and Mexico during April was 80,709 short tons against 81,122 in March and 71,569 in February according to the American Bureau of Metal Statistics. Refined lead output totalled 81,012 tons in April against 77,331 in March and 70,485 in February. Antimonial lead production in April was 2,917 tons against 3,108 in March and 2,419 in February. Stocks of refined lead, including antimonial in the United States and Mexico totalled 38,990 tons at the end of April against 39,126 at the end of March and 44,859 at the end of February. Revised figures of world lead production in March show a total output of 160,450 tons of which the United States produced 59,298 tons and the rest of the world 101,151 tons.

**ZINC** improved in tone owing to reports of a shutting down of several mines in the tri-State district. East St. Louis 6.55 to 6.65c. Trading was still light. According to Joplin reports 18 mines were closed last week and others were working only four and five days a week. Ore prices were unchanged in the tri-State district. Prime Western grade zinc sold at \$44, high grades up to \$46. In London on the 15th inst. prices dropped 1s 3d to £6 13s 9d; sales 150 tons spots and 950 futures. Latterly prices have been steadier on tri-State reports of output reduction; quoted 6.55 to 6.65c. East St. Louis. Some asked 6.75c. London on the 16th was unchanged at £26 13s 9d; futures off 2s 6d to £26 11s 3d; sales 250 tons spot and 975 futures.

**STEEL**—Production is said to be almost up to 100 per cent. It is admitted that the output is not equal to that of either March or April. Shutdowns are more numerous. Specifications on bars, plates and shapes at Pittsburgh are large. New business at Chicago has fallen off. Shipping orders are smaller on automobile steel but they are larger on other finished steel. New sales in most cases are somewhat smaller than shipments. Third quarter business has been rather quiet but the steadiness of semi-finished steel and usually of pig iron are cited as encouraging factors.

**PIG IRON**—If we reckon by the composite price there has been an advance from \$18.67 a week ago to \$18.71 because of sales reported of basic iron in the Mahoning Valley at \$18.50. Pig iron prices are called steady, but business as a rule seems slack. Beyond question steel scrap has declined in the teeth of the scarcity of semi-finished steel and on at least nominal steadiness of pig iron prices. Possibly the explanation in that steel scrap has been sold in sufficient quantities to test the market and bring out the facts about the price. In pig iron trade as a rule is slow and prices are considered largely nominal. Buffalo iron, it is said, is obtainable at under \$18. Philadelphia and Boston are quiet. Small fill-in lots of foundry iron are being sold at Pittsburgh, it is stated, at \$18.50. Heavy melting steel on the May list of the Pennsylvania Railroad, which ordinarily commands a premium over strictly No. 1 grade, brought \$18.50, a decline of from 75c. to \$1 below the prices paid a month ago. The general list of scrap grades shows losses of from 25 to 50c. on various commodities. Railroad steel specialties and low phosphorus material have both, it is stated, declined 50c.

**WOOL** was dull and to all appearance tending downward. Boston wired a government report early in the week: "Trading during the past week has been limited to a hand-to-mouth basis. Prices generally have been irregular with weakening tendency. A few sales of 58s, 60s fleece wools were reported in the range of 98c. to \$1. scoured basis with choice



cotton destined to the Dominion comes overland and it is impossible to get returns concerning the same from week to week, while reports from the customs districts on the Canadian border are always very slow in coming to hand. In view, however, of the numerous inquiries we are receiving regarding the matter, we will say that for the month of April the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 28,661 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 15,027 bales. For the nine months ended April 30 1929 there were 227,119 bales exported, as against 186,190 bales for the corresponding nine months of 1927-28.

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 titled 'On Shipboard Not Cleared for-' with columns for 'May 17 at-' (Great Britain, France, Ger-many, Other Foreign, Coast-wise, Total) and 'Leaving Stock.' Rows include Galveston, New Orleans, Savannah, Charleston, Mobile, Norfolk, and Other ports\*.

\* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery was on a moderate scale at some advance in prices early in the week owing to the firmness of the old crop months, the persistence of an 80-point premium on May over July, a rise in spot markets under the influence of a better demand, an advance in the basis and fears of renewed rains in the central and eastern belts. In fact, the central belt did have rains which were not at all wanted. All this offset the fall of copious rains in Western and Northwestern Texas, relieving if not effectually breaking a prolonged drought there. On the 13th inst. prices advanced 6 to 9 points. May was noticeably firm. The shorts covered and the trade bought. The old crop months were specially firm with May in the lead, but July followed May. Texas and Northern Mississippi reported a heavy infestation of the weevil, if it was seemingly light in Oklahoma. But the advance was not marked, even though the market was declared to be short both here and in Liverpool. Manchester had a better trade with the Near East. But the stock market declined even though money was only 7% on call. Some had an idea that the market was supported by the tightness of the May delivery and that as soon as May goes out on the 28th inst. there will be nothing for it but lower prices, especially if the weather is at all favorable.

On the 14th inst. prices declined 30 to 35 points, with better weather in at least some directions and a weakened technical position. The home consumption in April of nearly the same as in March had been discounted. Higher Liverpool cables than due were disregarded. Reports said that the lower portion of the belt was doing well. Some believe that the cotton acreage is nearly 50,000,000 acres; that the crop had a good start and has been greatly helped by recent Texas rains. In 1926 a crop of 17,977,000 bales was raised on an acreage of 48,730,000 planted and 47,087,000 picked. It is therefore suggested that a yield of 18,000,000 bales is by no means beyond the range of possibility this season. It is stated, too, that sales of cloth the world over are not equal to high production, so that inferentially there is an undesirable accumulation of goods. It is added that the consumption tends to decrease. Also there is a narrowing margin of profit under the pressure of a large output. Foreign mill profit margins are not only narrow, but are becoming smaller as time goes on.

As to the domestic consumption in April the Census Bureau's report put it at 631,710 bales of lint cotton against 632,808 during March and 524,765 during April last year. Stock in consuming establishments April 30, 1,606,832 against 1,730,994 last month and 1,507,599 last year. In public storage and at compresses April 30, 2,523,574 against 3,177,147 the previous month and 2,919,278 last year. Active spindles during April 30, 924,184 against 31,103,998 in March and 30,950,340 in April 1928. Exports during April, 453,591 bales against 555,986 in March and 467,318 in 1928. The total consumption for nine months of this season was 5,313,979 bales against 5,306,459 for the same period last season. Exports for nine months totaled 7,197,652 bales against 6,185,922 in the same period last season. Meanwhile May continued to sell at 80 points over July. The trade bought steadily. Dallas reported a good spot demand from France for new crop shipments. Some Southern mills, it was stated, bid 250 points "on" July for one-inch middling for May and June shipment. Houston reported the demand good and the basis up 15 to 30 points within a week. At Greenville, S. C., spot cotton was active and the basis stronger. At Charlotte inch and longer cotton was scarce and the basis was rising. At Spartanburg the basis was said to have made an unprecedented jump within a week as shippers filled their contracts and some cotton was difficult to buy even at higher prices.

On the 15th inst. prices advanced early owing to a bullish weekly report and rather heavy covering and considerable buying of July. Later the advance was lost and prices ended 2 to 15 points lower on good weather, realizing and

a rather weaker technical position. On the 16th inst. prices advanced some 20 to 25 points on undesirable rains, a better technical position and a good deal of covering. July was wanted. Liverpool cables were at first unsatisfactory but later rallied. The trade bought the old crop. There was an absence of heavy pressure. Wall Street and Liverpool bought. Local shorts covered. It was supposed that the shortside has been rather overdone. The forecast was for showers in Texas, Louisiana and Georgia. Rains fell in parts of Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas to the amount of 1 1/2 to 3 1/2 inches. Spot markets were rising; also the basis. Manchester was quiet and steady. It did not seem to believe that there would be a lockout at the end of this week.

To-day prices at first advanced slightly with the cables better and some unfavorable crop reports from Texas and Alabama. They ended a little lower. Recent rains in Northwestern Texas facilitated planting, but were unfavorable in many parts of that State, causing washing of the soil and damage to the stands. Montgomery, Ala., reported that two-thirds of the belt has been retarded by rains; that fertilizer sales in the Eastern belt are 8% smaller up to May 16th than for the same time last year. The Texas acreage is stated as 3% larger than last year. The Government gave its final figures on the 1928-29 crop to-day, stating it at 14,478,000 bales as against the December estimate of 14,373,000, while the ginned crop is 14,450,000 bales. The judgment here is that the Government did very well indeed to come so close to the facts last December, not to speak of some earlier dates in 1928. No important change was made in the acreage. The weekly statistics, according to one report, were rather bullish if anything, but nobody seemed to pay much attention to them. The West sold as the grain markets broke 2 to 3c. Taking the belt as a whole it is too wet and cool. The rains in Texas, which were very general, that is, at some 40 different stations, it is feared will drift over into the Eastern belt. Final prices show irregular changes for the week, namely 1 point decline to 15 points advance, the latter on July, with May up 12 points. Spot cotton ended at 19.70c. for middling, an advance for the week of 15 points.

The official quotations for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Table with columns: May 11 to May 17, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Middling upland. Values range from 19.65 to 19.75.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

Table of cotton prices for years 1929 to 1922. Columns for each year with price values.

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Table of futures prices by month from May to Dec. Columns: Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Rows: May, June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec.

Range of future prices at New York for week ending May 17 1929 and since trading began on each option:

Table of option trading ranges. Columns: Option for, Range for Week, Range Since Beginning of Option. Rows for months May through March 1929 and 1930.



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 5 columns: Item, 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Stock at Liverpool, Stock at London, Stock at Manchester, Total Great Britain, Stock at Hamburg, Stock at Bremen, Stock at Havre, Stock at Rotterdam, Stock at Barcelona, Stock at Genoa, Stock at Ghent, Stock at Antwerp, Total Continental stocks, Total European stocks, India cotton afloat for Europe, American cotton afloat for Europe, Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat for Europe, Stock in Alexandria, Egypt, Stock in Bombay, India, Stock in U. S. ports, Stock in U. S. interior towns, U. S. exports to-day.

Table with 5 columns: Item, 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Total visible supply, Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows: American—Liverpool stock, Manchester stock, Continental stock, American afloat for Europe, U. S. port stocks, U. S. interior stocks, U. S. exports to-day.

Table with 5 columns: Item, 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Total American, East Indian, Brazil, &c.—Liverpool stock, London stock, Manchester stock, Continental stock, Indian afloat for Europe, Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat, Stock in Alexandria, Egypt, Stock in Bombay, India.

Table with 5 columns: Item, 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Total East India, &c., Total American, Total visible supply, Middling uplands, Liverpool, Middling uplands, New York, Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool, Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool, Broach, fine, Liverpool, Tinnevely, good, Liverpool.

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 96,000 bales. The above figures for 1929 show a decrease from last week of 185,906 bales, a loss of 184,243 from 1928, a decrease of 1,126,969 bales from 1927, and a gain of 544,595 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:

Table with columns: Towns, Movement to May 17 1929, Movement to May 18 1928. Sub-columns: Receipts, Shipments, Stocks. Rows include Ala., Birmingham, Enfaula, Montgomery, Selma, Ark., Blytheville, Forest City, Helena, Hope, Jonesboro, Little Rock, Newport, Pine Bluff, Walnut Ridge, Ga., Albany, Athens, Atlanta, Augusta, Columbus, Macon, Rome, La., Shreveport, Miss., Clarkdale, Columbus, Greenwood, Meridian, Natchez, Vicksburg, Yazoo City, Mo., St. Louis, N.C., Greensboro, Raleigh, Oklahoma, 15 towns\*, S.C., Greenville, Tenn., Memphis, Texas, Abilene, Austin, Brenham, Dallas, Paris, Robstown, San Antonio, Texarkana, Waco.

\* Includes the combined totals of fifteen towns in Oklahoma.

The above total shows that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 31,738 bales and are to-night

107,430 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all the towns have been 14,829 bales less than the same week last year.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

Table with columns: Date, Spot Market Closed, Futures Market Closed, SALES (Spot, Contr't, Total). Rows include Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Total, Since Aug. 1.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.

Table with columns: Date, 1928-29, 1927-28. Sub-columns: Week, Since Aug. 1, Week, Since Aug. 1. Rows include May 17—Shipped—Via St. Louis, Via Mounds, &c., Via Rock Island, Via Louisville, Via Virginia points, Via other routes, &c., Total gross overland, Deduct Shipments—Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c., Between interior towns, Inland, &c., from South, Total to be deducted, Leaving total net overland\*, \*Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 2,963 bales, against 6,768 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 57,567 bales.

Table with columns: In Sight and Spinners' Takings, Receipts at ports to May 17, Net overland to May 17, Southern consumption to May 17, Total marketed, Interior stocks in excess, Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to May 17, Came into sight during week, Total in sight May 17, North. spin's takings to May 17.

Movement into sight in previous years: Week—Bales, Since Aug. 1—Bales. 1927—May 19, 1928—May 20, 1925—May 21.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.

Table with columns: Week Ended May 17, Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Rows include Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Norfolk, Augusta, Augusta, Memphis, Houston, Little Rock, Dallas, Fort Worth.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.

Table with columns: Date, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Rows include May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December, Jan. (1930), February, March, April, May.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening denote that the weather in many sections of the cotton belt has been unfavorable, the temperatures have been too low and rainfall has been heavy in many localities, especially west of the Mississippi. In other sections, however, conditions have been favorable and cotton has made fair progress.

Texas.—Rains have been beneficial where not excessive. Cotton generally has made fair progress. Planting and replanting, however, have made slow headway.

Mobile, Ala.—Weather conditions have been favorable. Good progress had been made chopping late cotton. Early cotton is doing nicely.

Memphis, Tenn.—The river is 5.5 feet above flood stage and rising. Weather Bureau predicts crest stage of 41.5. Planting is making rapid progress.



SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail:

Table of shipping news with columns for destination, date, and quantity in bales. Includes entries for GALVESTON, PENSACOLA, NEW ORLEANS, NEW YORK, SAVANNAH, CHARLESTON, and SAN DIEGO.

against 2,207,000 last year. It leaves the total 108,454,000 bushels against 57,269,000 a year ago. The weather was described as favorable in the Northwest and Canada. Crop news too was reported favorable for Texas and Oklahoma.

On the 14th inst. prices advanced 2c. as a natural rally after recent big declines. Foreign markets were higher. Russia was reported to be buying. The Spring wheat belt needs rain, though the crop is doing very well.

LIVERPOOL.—Sales, stocks, &c., for past week: Table with columns for April 26, May 3, May 10, and May 17, listing sales of the week, exports, and total stocks.

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Table showing market conditions for spot cotton from Saturday to Friday, including market status (e.g., Quiet, Moderate demand) and futures market openings.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Table of futures prices at Liverpool for each day (Sat. to Fri.), showing prices for various months from May to May.

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, May 17 1929.

Flour was said to be in rather better demand here. On Monday the West also reported a better business. There was no large buying here. The inquiry was larger. Making larger sales was another matter.

On the 16th inst. prices ended 1/2 to 3/8c. lower. One report announced the completion of Spring wheat seeding in the American northwest and also that the cold weather did not materially damage the grain that was above ground.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK and CHICAGO. Tables showing prices for No. 2 red wheat and futures in both cities.

Indian corn declined on all months except May in sympathy with lower prices for wheat. The weather was bad for a time, but of late has been better. Supplies in the country are rather large and the movement is expected to be heavy by June 1st. On the 13th inst. prices advanced 1½ to 1¾c. owing to further rains in the Southwestern and central sections, delayed seeding, fears that replanting may have to be done and the smallness of the crop movement. An excellent spot demand contributed to the advance. The United States visible supply decreased last week 2,860,000 bushels against only 189,000 last year. That left the total 22,827,000 bushels against 31,126,000 a year ago. Liverpool and Buenos Aires were firm. Back in the interior of the United States stocks are said to be large. On the 14th inst. prices advanced ¾ to 1¾c., with the weather wet, cables higher, wheat up and prices in Chicago said to be very close to the export level, as Argentina prices have been rising. The bad weather kept down the crop movement. Dry warm weather is much needed for germination. Cash interests bought futures. The Eastern demand increased. Other markets were higher than Chicago. Offerings were small. On the 15th inst. prices declined ½ to ¾c. The weather in Argentina was very favorable for the movement. The Government report stated that farm work had been delayed by excessive moisture. What is wanted is dry warm weather and unless this comes immediately the delay it is said will be serious.

On the 16th inst. prices ended 5⁄8c. lower to ¼c. higher. Local sentiment was declared bearish, due to the feeling that the movement will show a good increase as soon as planting is completed. Some reports are that there are large supplies still in the country. Yet many wires state that producers are not satisfied with the present level and that marketings will continue light until it is definitely shown that the new crop has gotten a good start. Planting has been delayed by wet weather. Shipping demand was good. Chicago makes rather large sales daily. Outside points also reported a good demand. Some sales were made, it appears, of large white corn to Latin America, the horse tooth variety. The cables were steady. To-day prices declined 1½ to 2½c. on better weather conditions and rather heavy liquidation. The weakness of wheat also had its influence. Commission houses were good buyers and the forecast was for showers overnight, but this was not enough to check the decline. There was a good cash demand and the basis was ½ to ¾c. higher. Charters for 240,000 bushels to Buffalo were reported. Final prices show a decline for the week of 1¼ to 1½c. except on May, which is ½c. higher.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 yellow	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 yellow	101¼	101¾	104	103¾	103¾	102¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery	83¼	84¼	86	85¼	86	84¾
July delivery	87¼	87¾	88¾	88¾	88¾	86¾
September delivery	89½	89¾	91	90¾	90¾	88
December delivery	83¾	84¾	85	84¾	84¾	82¾

Oats have advanced, though only a fraction, as the weather has been favorable for the newly seeded oats. In the Northern area, however, bad weather has prevented planting on a large scale. Deliveries have been larger. On the 13th inst. prices closed irregular, that is ½c. lower to ¾c. higher, with July unchanged. Liquidation of May for a time carried that month down ¾c. This selling was partly due to larger receipts. May deliveries, it was feared, would increase. At the decline the shipping demand was good. The United States visible supply decreased last week 42,000 bushels against 1,292,000 a year ago. The total is now 10,234,000 bushels against 8,627,000 bushels a year ago. On the 14th inst. prices advanced ½ to ¾c., with a lessened pressure of May liquidation. The consumptive demand was better. Shipping business was fair. Receipts were larger and deliveries were expected to increase. But for all that the undertone was firmer. On the 15th inst. prices advanced ¾ to 2½c., the latter on May. May was at a premium of better than 2c. over July. Shorts covered and commission houses bought. Cash demand was good. The country movement has fallen off. On the 16th inst. prices ended practically unchanged. May at one time was 5⁄8c. higher. There is a good demand for cash oats and the basis, as compared with the futures, was somewhat higher with additional lots chartered to load for shipment Eastward. Country offerings were somewhat larger. Realizing caused the later reaction. To-day prices closed ¾ to 1c. lower in sympathy with other grain and with liquidation general. Final prices, however, show an advance for the week of ¼ to ¾c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 white	59¾	59¾	57½	58¾	58¾	57¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery	45¼	44¾	45½	47¼	47¼	46¾
July delivery	43¼	43¾	44¾	45	44¾	44¾
September delivery	42¾	42¾	43¾	43¾	43¾	42¾
December delivery	44¾	45	45¾	45½	45¾	44¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery	48	47¾	47¼	47¼	47¼	46¾
July delivery	48	48¾	48	48¾	48¾	47¾
October delivery	48¾	48¾	48¾	48¾	48¾	48

Rye has declined more than wheat as compared with a week ago. Deliveries have been larger and export demand

still in abeyance. On the 13th inst. prices advanced ½ to ¾c., with some export inquiry and sales of barley for export of 300,000 bushels. The cash demand for rye, however, was small. Speculation was quiet. The United States visible supply decreased last week 34,000 bushels against 123,000 last year. The total is 6,815,000 bushels against 2,001,000 a year ago. No export business was reported. On the 14th inst. prices, after an early decline, advanced ½c., with intimations from Europe that prospects were good for export trade, as American rye was closer to a competitive basis with the European markets. On the 15th inst. prices declined ¾ to ¾c. following wheat. No export business was reported. On the 16th inst. prices ended ¼ to ½c. lower on small trading with no signs of export business. To-day prices declined 3½ to 3¾c., touching new lows for the season. The weather in the Northwest was good. Liquidation was general. It was reported that a cargo was to load at Duluth to go to Chicago to-morrow. Final prices are 2 to 3c. lower than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery	87¾	88½	88¾	87¾	87¼	84¼
July delivery	88¾	89	89¾	88¾	88¼	85¼
September delivery	91¾	91¾	92	91¼	91¼	88¾

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN.

Wheat, New York—		Oats, New York—	
No. 2 red, f.o.b.-----	1.22¼	No. 2 white-----	57¼
No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b.---	1.18	No. 3 white-----	56¼
Corn, New York—		Rye, New York—	
No. 2 yellow-----	1.02¾	No. 2 f.o.b.-----	95¾
No. 3 yellow-----	99¾	Barley, New York—	
		Malting-----	79

FLOUR.

Spring pat. high protein-----	\$6.20 @ \$6.75	Rye flour, patents-----	\$6.20 @ \$6.45
Spring patents-----	5.65 @ 6.00	Semolina No. 2, pound-----	3¾
Clears, first spring-----	5.10 @ 5.60	Oats flour-----	2.75 @ 2.80
Soft winter straights-----	5.60 @ 5.90	Corn flour-----	2.55 @ 2.60
Hard winter straights-----	5.45 @ 5.75	Barley goods-----	
Hard winter patents-----	5.75 @ 6.25	Coarse-----	3.60
Hard winter clears-----	4.90 @ 5.25	Fancy pearl Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4-----	6.50 @ 7.00
Fancy Minn. patents-----	7.50 @ 8.05		
City mills-----	7.60 @ 8.30		

For other tables usually given here, see page 3299.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED MAY 14.—The general summary of the weather bulletin, issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended May 14, follows:

Pressure was more stable than during recent weeks, with no notable storm movement, but at the same time it was relatively low in the Southwest, and rather frequent rains continued over most of the eastern half of the country. Temperatures persisted low for the season, without marked changes, although the latter part of the week was somewhat warmer in many sections.

Chart I shows that, for the week as a whole, the temperature averaged considerably below normal in most districts east of the Rocky Mountains, although Gulf Coast areas had more than normal warmth. Over a wide belt, comprising the central States from Nebraska and Kansas eastward and also in the Lake region and the interior of the Northeast, the week was generally from 3 degrees to as much as 6 or 3 degrees cooler than normal, while in more southern districts the plus departures were from 2 to 4 degrees. In the Central-Northern States between the Lake region and Rocky Mountains the weather was only moderately cool in most sections, while west of the Rockies the period had more than normal warmth rather generally. Sharp freezes occurred in the Northwest and the interior of the Northeast, with minima in the former area as low as 22 degrees reported from several stations on May 8. Freezing weather occurred also in Appalachian Mountain sections as far south as West Virginia.

Chart II shows that precipitation was again widespread and substantial to heavy in most sections east of the Rocky Mountains. The falls were rather light in much of the Southeast and also in most of the more eastern States, as well as in more northern districts from the Lake region westward. In the interior valleys, however, the week again brought heavy to excessive precipitation in most sections, with the totals ranging generally from 1 to more than 6 inches. In the far Southwest there was very little rain, while the amounts were generally light in other sections west of the Rocky Mountains.

Because of persistently cool weather and frequent rains, field work has become very backward over much of the eastern half of the country, especially in the central valley States. The first half of the week just closed was more favorable than during several preceding weeks, which permitted considerable progress in plowing and planting in north-central and northern sections, but at the same time it was too cool for good germination and growth, while rains in interior and northern sections near the close of the period again stopped active operations. There was some local frost damage to fruit, and the general wetness was unfavorable for pollination in many places. In most interior sections farm operations are now considerably later than usual, in many places from two to three weeks or more behind.

In the Atlantic States conditions were more favorable, especially during the latter part of the week when considerably warmer and mostly fair weather prevailed, permitting active field operations. In the more southern districts temperatures were favorable, while rains in the Southwest were beneficial in relieving droughty conditions as far north as south-central and southwestern Oklahoma, but in parts of this State, and portions of Texas, excessive rains caused much damage by washing and flooding, necessitating considerable replanting; from 6 to 8 inches, or more, of rain fell in southern Oklahoma. It is still too dry from western Texas westward to the Pacific Ocean.

The central Great Plains and lower Missouri Valley were much too wet, but conditions were generally favorable in the northern Plains and Central-Northern States where much of the week was fair; while coolness retarded growth of some crops, it promoted good rooting and stooling of spring grains. West of the Rocky Mountains warmer weather was helpful, though more moisture would be beneficial in sections. There was some frost damage to unprotected fruit in parts of the far Northwest.

SMALL GRAINS.—Winter wheat maintained generally fair to good condition in the Ohio Valley, but there were many reports of yellowing and some local reports of deteriorating due to too much rain. Progress and condition varied widely in the trans-Mississippi States, with growth slow in the northern part; some heads were showing in east-central Iowa. Satisfactory advance was made in the Great Plains; growth was poor to only fair in western Oklahoma and Texas, although good in other parts of these States. Heading was reported in the East north to southern Maryland and harvest progressed slowly in the Southeast. Winter wheat was stooling in parts of Montana and was heading in the milder districts of Oregon; parts of the Pacific Northwest still need rain.

Spring wheat made satisfactory advance, with the crop rooting and stooling well generally. Seeding was largely completed in North Dakota, and in some eastern parts of the belt there is much planting yet to be done on lowlands; it was nearing completion in Montana, with some up and looking well, and rapid progress was made in Wyoming, although there was some delay by rain in parts. Considerable oats were planted in the eastern Ohio Valley, but growth was slow. Unfavorable conditions for growth prevailed in Iowa, but satisfactory advance was made in the Great Plains, except in the drier parts of the Southwest. Oats are doing well in the East, with harvest progressing slowly in the Southeast. Rice needs rain badly in Louisiana, but did well in Texas; seeding progressed rapidly in southern Arkansas. Flax planting made good advance in Minnesota and barley did well generally.

CORN.—There was but little improvement during the week in weather conditions as affecting the planting of corn. The first part had mostly fair weather and the soil dried out sufficiently to permit considerable planting in the northern half of the belt, but rains toward the close again stopped field work rather generally. Very little was planted in the southern half. While work was rather active last week and the first half of the cur-

rent week in Iowa, scarcely one-fourth of corn has been planted in that State, while in an average year practically half is completed by this date. It was generally too cold also for good germination of early-planted corn, except in more southern districts. In the Atlantic Coast States conditions were more favorable, especially the latter half of the week when seeding was rather active.

**COTTON.**—In the southern portion of the Cotton Belt temperatures, in general, were rather favorable, but it was too cool in the north, while heavy rains were unfavorable in many places west of the Mississippi River, especially in northern districts. In the eastern half of the belt the first part of the week was too cloudy and wet, with cool nights, but the latter part was more favorable, with considerable sunshine and warmer weather prevailing. Stands are mostly spotted and warmer weather is generally needed.

In Texas rains were beneficial, where not excessive, and the general progress of cotton was fair, except locally where too dry in the west, or damaged by excessive rains in some eastern sections; planting and replanting made slow progress. In Oklahoma the cool, wet weather was very unfavorable, with planting delayed, germination poor, growth very slow, and the crop late, with much yet to be planted and replanted. Most of Arkansas was too wet also, with progress poor, but some improvement was noted in Louisiana.

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

**Virginia.**—Richmond: Week generally favorable and farm work made good progress; planting corn and setting out tobacco and sweet potatoes. Too cool for corn and cotton. Wheat fair to good, but too much rain in considerable of central portion. Copious showers beneficial in some localities of southeast. Pastures and meadows good to excellent; fruit prospects fair to good.

**North Carolina.**—Raleigh: Too cool for cotton, tobacco, corn, peanuts and tender truck until near close of week. Not much plowing possible in central until Saturday account rains and wet soil. Progress of cotton poor to fair; much yet to plant in Piedmont and some replanting on coastal plain. Fruits, potatoes, and small grains made good progress.

**South Carolina.**—Columbia: Week generally favorable. Cool nights retarded germination of corn and cotton. Planting and replanting cotton continue, with stands poor; some chopping and considerable cultivation in east, central, and south. Winter cereals, truck, tree fruits, gardens, and pastures improved. Oat harvest begun in south; wheat heading well.

**Georgia.**—Atlanta: Rainy weather first half detrimental, keeping soil too wet to plow and causing slow growth, but latter part dry and warm, with work actively resumed. Cotton backward; growth slow and being replanted to extensive areas, but planting and chopping completed in south. Stands of early-planted corn rather poor and small for season. Wheat and oats good; harvest progressing slowly. Much damage to peach crops and trees by severe hailstorm May 8.

**Florida.**—Jacksonville: Progress and condition of cotton good; chopping finished in west. Locally heavy rains in peninsula, except in some northern and west-central districts where more needed. Corn doing well, except where too wet on some lowlands; tobacco good; some being primed. Shipping melons, tomatoes, and other truck in car lots from central portion. Potato digging delayed locally in north by rains. Citrus improved. Peanuts fair to good.

**Alabama.**—Montgomery: Frequent rains first two days; remainder mostly fair. Unfavorable first part, but favorable latter part for farm work, which is backward in all sections. Corn planting continues in north; oats, potatoes, truck, pastures, and early-planted corn mostly doing well. Some replanting of cotton progressing in south, but planting and replanting progressing rather slowly in north; stands of early-planted spotted, varying from poor to very good; chopping advancing slowly in south.

**Mississippi.**—Vicksburg: Progress of corn generally fair. Progress of cotton mostly good in southern third, fair to fairly good in central, and rather poor in extreme north; stands rather poor in many localities; chopping in progress in extreme south and some central localities. Rain needed in extreme south and sunshine and warmth in north.

**Louisiana.**—New Orleans: Temperatures favorable; scattered showers ample in northwest, but insufficient to relieve drought in much of south. Cotton made some improvement; considerable replanting and chopping accomplished; condition averages fairly good. Progress of corn generally very good, though seeding moisture in south. Rice, cane, gardens, and pastures badly needing general rain.

**Texas.**—Houston: Rains generally beneficial, although much damage done by washing in wet portions of northeast and east, while high winds again unfavorable. Pastures improved, while progress of winter wheat, oats, and truck varied from poor in drier portions of west to good in most other sections. Progress and condition of corn generally very good, although some damage by excessive rains and high winds. Progress and condition of rice good. Condition of cotton ranged from good in irrigated sections of south to mostly fair elsewhere; rains beneficial, where not excessive, and progress fair, except locally where badly deteriorating because of dryness or damage by washing rains and high winds; progress in chopping and cultivation fair, but in planting and replanting rather poor.

**Oklahoma.**—Oklahoma City: Cool, cloudy, wet week. Heavy to excessive general rains latter part; drought relieved in south-central and southwest. Planting and cultivation interrupted; heavy damage by washing rains and flooding of lowlands, necessitating much replanting. Very unfavorable for cotton and corn; too cool and wet and planting delayed; germination poor and growth very slow; both crops late; much yet to be planted and replanted. Progress and condition of winter wheat and oats mostly good to excellent, except poor to only fair in south-central and southwest.

**Arkansas.**—Little Rock: Progress of cotton good in southeast where rains light, but poor elsewhere due to heavy or excessive precipitation; condition poor to fairly good; much late and much not yet planted; much replanting necessary; no cultivation possible, except in southeast, and considerable yellow. Progress of corn varies from very good in south and west to poor in northeast; much still unplanted in north. Sowing rice rapidly in south and a little sown in north.

**Tennessee.**—Nashville: Cool and wet weather unfavorable. Planting corn progressed, but early-planted poor, with some fields yellow. Little cotton planted and condition of early poor; much replanting necessary. Progress and condition of wheat excellent, while oats making good advance under favorable weather. Tobacco coming satisfactorily and about ready to transplant. Drier, warmer weather needed.

**Kentucky.**—Louisville: Some corn planted near middle, when stopped by rains; mostly too wet and germination only fair and growth slow; color improving; better progress in south. Progress and condition of winter wheat generally very good on well-drained soils; otherwise yellowing from too much water; some heading in west.

## THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, May 17 1929.

The effect of what is going on in Congress in the matter of tariff revisions is being felt in practically all divisions of the textile markets. Southern cotton interests are agitating for protection against the Egyptian product, and there is also much sentiment abroad in favor of advancing duties on jute and burlaps, which, it is claimed, are selling in competition with the cheaper constructions of cotton goods. Producers of spun silk are fearful of possible reductions and rayon manufacturers are making efforts to have the reductions proposed in the new bill rescinded. General uneasiness is being manifested throughout the dry goods trades, and, while it has been said that tariff discussions in Congress have ceased to have the disturbing effect which they used to wield, there is little doubt that some of the manifest hesitancy in certain divisions is due to apprehension on that score. Cotton goods continue to show weakness under sales pressure, and business is comparatively quiet, with the volume of production being maintained at a high rate. However, with regard to the latter, it is pointed out that

while the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants' report, issued some ten days ago, showed sales for April to be well April to be wellshrdlu punetaoshrdlu punetaoeshrdlu punn under the figure of production, it also showed that total sales during the first four months of the year (that is, from January 1st to April 30th) were higher than production. The latter fact, it is contended, without altering the adverse character of the former, shows production and consumption for the year so far in a statistical balance. What the unfavorable figures for the month of April more particularly emphasize is the need for restricted output in the future if sales continue at the present slackened pace.

**DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.**—As is the case with other textiles, cotton goods distribution has suffered from unfavorable weather. Reports from retail centers stress the fact that both warmer and more pleasant climatic conditions are needed to stimulate a buying mood in the public. However, while a large volume of goods remains to be bought from mills before the total can be said to be normal, factors believe that the season will last to a later date than usual, particularly as far as wash goods are concerned, and are apparently quite optimistic over prospects. Meanwhile business in retail channels is steady, if it is not in many cases of large volume. New light weight dress goods and fine and fancy underwear have sold well in spite of adverse weather, due, it is said, to their very attractive construction. On some lines of these, duplicate orders for quick delivery are frequent, and constitute a source of considerable encouragement to producers. Meanwhile conditions in the primary wash goods division are promoting good feeling. It is expected by many manufacturers that demand will approximate larger proportions this year and that business will be maintained over a longer period than usual. The latter are devoting great attention to the preparation of Fall lines, which, it is said, will include many new departures in styling. While the trade is generally showing an approving attitude toward the efforts of these producers, some contend that the fine qualities which are expected to distinguish the new goods will be a dangerous encouragement to the practice of "piracy." The grey goods situation continues to be a source of disquietude. Moved by the desire to insure production over the Summer months, manufacturers have yielded, in some cases, to the temptation to make concessions when they see opportunities for securing orders of good volume. Some of the prices at which sales were consummated are reported as so low that it is difficult to understand how they could be accepted by manufacturers whose cost figures come very near to touching their selling prices. Print cloths 28-inch 64x60's construction are quoted at 5½c. and 27-inch 64x60's at 5½c. Grey goods 39-inch 68x72's construction are quoted at from 8½c., and 39-inch 80x80's at 10½c.

**WOOLEN GOODS.**—Statistics compiled by the Wool Institute for the month of March show a slight increase in stocks on hand at the end of the month and also a gain in production, while billings registered a slight decline. However, it is pointed out that a lull in activity toward the end of the month, due to a general preoccupation with preparations of Fall lines, is probably largely responsible for the increase in stocks, while the opinion is offered that the brisk demand for light colored suitings which made its appearance early in April must have done much to diminish such surplus stocks. Sentiment concerning the general position of the industry appears to continue favorable, and the figures quoted above are apparently not regarded as an indication of a weakening of that position. Meanwhile woolens and worsteds are quiet, with much of the Spring business contracted for and very little in the way of new business going forward. While factors' statements are mostly to the effect that business has been satisfactory, and indeed, considerably better than last year, there are many complaints, particularly in the women's wear division, of the drawbacks imposed on them by unfavorable weather. Coatings and goods intended more especially for Spring wear have not been called for as expected and indications are that demand will turn almost immediately to summer fabrics when good weather really arrives. Interest at present centers in the forthcoming tropical worsteds, which are rumored to be subject to reduced prices. It is expected that most producers of these fabrics will make quotations public within a few weeks.

**FOREIGN DRY GOODS.**—Interest in linen markets is directed to a furore in Irish primary markets which are perturbed by reports of importations of Russian yarns at prices considerably under the market. It is feared by them that this movement may mean the beginning of wider importations which might result in generally lower prices, and Belfast interests are fostering plans for a protective tariff designed to exclude such foreign competition. Locally the news has had the effect of making merchants entertain the idea of lower prices, where before they had been reconciled, for all practical purposes, to their comparative steadiness. Burlaps are quiet and subject to declines. Light weights are quoted at 6.35c. and heavies at 8.45c.

# State and City Department

## NEWS ITEMS

**Louisiana, State of.—Impeachment Proceedings Against Gov. Long Dropped—Trial Declared Illegal.**—The Louisiana Senate Court of Impeachment on May 16 dropped all charges preferred against Gov. Huey P. Long by the House of Representatives (V. 128, p. 3053), declaring the trial illegal, says an Associated Press dispatch to the New York "Times" of May 17, published herewith in full:

"Without one word of testimony being taken, the Louisiana Senate Court of Impeachment to-day released Gov. Huey P. Long from charges of high crimes and misdemeanors.

"Just as the prosecution was ready to present its first witness Senator Philip H. Gilbert, a Long supporter, presented to the court a written motion to adjourn sine die. The motion carried the signatures of 15 Senators, saying that, regardless of the testimony, they would vote to acquit the Governor, as they considered the impeachment proceedings illegal and unconstitutional.

"Faced with a certain loss of their case, as the 15 Senators, constituting more than one-third of the 39 membership, could prevent conviction, the prosecutors threw the Senate into a recess and called a caucus of the remaining 24 Senators.

"Behind closed doors they discussed the situation and emerged with a declaration signed by all 24 concurring in the motion to adjourn, but deploring the attitude of the 15 Long supporters and expressing the opinion that it would be futile to proceed with the trial.

"Thus, soon after noon, the Court of Impeachment dissolved by unanimous consent, and the first impeachment attempt ever aimed at a Governor of Louisiana was brought to a formal close. Adjournment was taken amid light handclaps and cheers but most of the Senators and spectators accepted the result in silence.

"While the Senate Court was adjourning, Governor Long was holding a levee in his office on the floor below the Senate chamber, surrounded by friends and relatives. His young wife came in, threw her arms around his neck, and then telephoned the news to their children in Shreveport. The Governor was happy, calling out greetings to callers and signing his name for autograph hunters:

"Governor of Louisiana, by the grace of the people."

"Dropping of the impeachment charges turned the pages of probably the stormiest political chapter in the annals of the State. The Governor called the Legislature into extraordinary session on March 18 and attempted to put through an occupational tax on oil. Strong opposition developed to the tax, and after it was defeated the Legislature turned swiftly to the business of impeachment."

**New York State.—Text of Municipal Temporary Loan Act.**—We give below the text of Chapter 244, laws of 1929, amending the law governing short-term borrowing by municipalities so that notes may be floated in anticipation of the sale of bonds as well as in anticipation of tax collections. We reported the signing of this bill in V. 128, p. 2330.

Section 1. Section five of the general municipal law is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5. **Temporary Loans.** Moneys shall not be borrowed by a municipal corporation on temporary loan, except in anticipation of the taxes of the current fiscal year, and for the purposes for which such taxes are levied, and shall not be in excess of the amount of such taxes, and except that whenever any ordinance or resolution has been or may hereafter be adopted by the common council, board or other governing body of a municipal corporation, authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the municipal corporation to raise money for any betterment, work or improvement of a permanent nature and or for the acquisition of property and the same has become effective, the common council, board or other governing body of the municipal corporation may, in order to temporarily finance the carrying out of the purpose or purposes for which such bonds have been authorized, by resolution adopted by a majority vote thereof, authorize the comptroller or other fiscal officer of the municipal corporation to borrow on temporary loan an amount or amounts not exceeding the par of such bonds from time to time on notes, certificates of indebtedness or other obligations of the municipal corporation evidencing such loan. Such notes, certificates of indebtedness or other obligations shall be executed by the comptroller or other fiscal officers, and shall be negotiated by him without public bidding on the best terms obtainable, and shall bear interest at not exceeding six per centum per annum, and shall be made payable at a specified date not exceeding six months after the date of the obligation, but may be made subject to the right of earlier payment; and such notes, certificates of indebtedness or other evidence of indebtedness of a municipal corporation shall be paid or refunded from the sale of the proceeds of the bonds in anticipation of the sale of which they are issued, and the credit of the municipal corporation is pledged for the payment of the principal and interest thereon. Such loans made in anticipation of the taxes of the current fiscal year and for the purposes for which such taxes are levied shall be payable out of the taxes on account of which such loans are made, and in no case shall interest run on any such loan after such taxes are paid into the treasury of the corporation.

Sec 2 This act shall take effect immediately.

## BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY (P. O. Abbeville), S. C.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by J. A. Schroeder, Secretary of the Board of Highway Commissioners, until 10 a. m. May 24, on for the purchase of a \$230,000 issue of road and bridge bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5 1/2%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1929. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1931 to 1934; \$15,000, 1935 to 1937; \$20,000, 1938 and 1939; \$25,000, 1940 to 1942 and \$30,000, 1943. Prm. and int. pay. at the Guaranty Trust Co. in New York City. The county will furnish the blank bonds and legal opinion. A certified check for 2%, payable to the County Highway Commission, is required.

**AIKEN COUNTY (P. O. Aiken), S. C.—BOND SALE.**—The \$50,000 issue of coupon highway bonds offered on May 15 (V. 128, p. 3222) was awarded as is at par to the Weil, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati. Bonds are dated July 1 1928. Due July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1933 to 1942 incl. Interest payable semi-annually.

**ALGONA, Kossuth County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Bids will be received until 8 p. m. on May 20 by H. M. Hauberg, City Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$25,000 issue of 4% swimming pool bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 25 1929. Due on May 25 as follows: \$1,000, 1931 to 1941, and \$2,000 from 1942 to 1948, all incl. Both sealed and open bids will be received. A certified check for 3%, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY (P. O. Pittsburgh), Pa.—BOND SALE.**—The \$5,100,000 4 1/4% bonds offered on May 14—V. 128, p. 2863—were awarded to a group composed of the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, the Mellon National Bank, also of Pittsburgh, and the Guaranty Co. of New York at 100.619, a basis of about 4.195%. The bonds sold consist of \$3,100,000 court house extension, \$1,000,000 for airport purposes and \$1,000,000 for highway improvements. Obligations are dated Mar. 1 1929. Due annually as follows: \$169,000, 1930 to 1935 incl., and \$199,000, 1936. Bonds are being re-offered for investment priced to yield as follows:

Maturity	1930-1931.	1932-1933.	1934-1939.
Yield basis	4.25%	4.20%	4.10%

**ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Fort Wayne), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—John Johnson, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. (daylight saving time) on June 4, for the purchase of the following issues of \$98,000 5% Oakdale bridge bonds. Dated June 1 1929. Coupon bonds in denoms. of \$1,000. Due \$16,000 May and Nov. 1 1932 and 1933, and \$17,000 May and Nov. 1 1934. Int. payable on May and Nov. 1. A certified check for 3% of the amount of bonds offered, payable to the order of the Board of County Commissioners, must accompany each proposal.

**ALMA, Harlan County, Neb.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$27,000 paving bonds has recently been purchased by W. G. Haskill, of Alma.

**ALTOONA, Blair County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—The \$300,000 4% coupon improvement bonds offered on May 15—V. 128, p. 3054—were awarded to M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia, at a price of par. Bonds are dated May 15 1929. Due May 15, as follows: \$10,000, 1932 to 1936 incl.; \$15,000, 1937 to 1950 incl.; and \$10,000, 1951 to 1954 incl.

**ANN ARBOR, Washtenaw County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—Fred C. Perry, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) on May 28, for the purchases of the following issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$184,000. Rate of interest, 4 1/2%.

\$100,000 bridge bonds. Due \$5,000, April 5 from 1930 to 1949 incl. \$4,000 pavement district bonds. Due \$8,400, Aug. 1, 1929 to 1938 incl. A certified check for \$2,000, payable to Charles E. Stoll, Acting City Clerk, is required. Legality to be approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Sone of Detroit. Bids to be made separately for bridge and paving bonds. No bids were submitted for these bonds on April 4.—V. 128, p. 2330.

**ANNISTON, Calhoun County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sidney J. Reeves, Mayor, is reported to be receiving sealed bids until May 23 for the purchase of \$30,000 improvement bonds, to bear a coupon rate of 6% and to be in denomination of \$500. Interest payable semi-annually.

**ARKANSAS CITY, Cowlley County, Kan.—BOND SALE.**—The four issues of coupon bonds, aggregating \$91,165.92, offered for sale on May 10—V. 128, p. 3054—were awarded at par to local investors. The issues are divided as follows: \$56,785.93 4 1/2% semi-annual general improvement, \$18,039.12 4% semi-annual general improvement, \$9,411.28 4% semi-annual general improvement and \$6,929.59 4% semi-annual general improvement bonds. Due serially in 10 years. The only other bid was under par and was rejected.

**ARLINGTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—The Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. of Boston, purchased on May 13, a \$100,000 temporary loan dated May 16 1929 and payable on Nov. 7 1929, on a discount basis of 5.475%. Other bidders were:

Bidder	Discount Basis
Menotomy Trust Co., Arlington (plus \$1.00)	5.49%
Faxon, Gade & Co.	5.49%
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler	5.54%

**ASHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Ashland), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Zella Swartz, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on June 3, for the purchase of \$28,500 5 1/2% special assessment highway improvement bonds. Bonds to be dated not later than June 1 1929. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1930 and 1931; \$6,000, 1932 and 1933, and \$6,500, 1934. Anyone desiring to do so may present a bid or bids for such bonds bearing a different rate of interest than specified in the advertisement, provided, however, that where a fractional interest rate is bid, such fraction shall be one quarter of 1% on multiples thereof. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds offered, payable to the order of County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

**BONDS OFFERED.**—The above-mentioned official received sealed bids on May 16 for \$47,000 5% highway improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1929 to 1931, incl., and \$5,000, 1932 to 1938, incl. Int. payable on April 1 and Oct. 1, at the office of the County Treasurer.

**BARTLESVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bartlesville) Washington County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. May 17 by Marion K. Davis, Clerk of the Board of Education, for the purchase of a \$200,000 issue of semi-annual school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1929. Due \$10,000 from Jan. 1 1934 to 1953, incl. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

(These bonds were unsuccessfully offered on March 18—V. 128, p. 2507.)

**BEAVER, Beaver County, Okla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—G. Stephenson, Town Clerk, reports that the \$50,000 hospital bonds offered on May 6—V. 128, p. 3055—were not sold. Bonds were to bear a coupon rate of 6%, payable semi-annually.

**BENSALEM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cornwells Heights), Bucks County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Charles O. Markey, Secretary of Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. (standard time) on June 3, for the purchase of \$150,000 coupon or registered school bonds. Interest rate 4 3/4%. Bonds are dated June 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1934; \$15,000, 1939; \$20,000, 1944; \$25,000, 1949; \$35,000, 1954; and \$45,000, 1959. A certified check for \$1,500, payable to the order of the District Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. Legality to be approved by Saul, Ewing, Remick & Saul of Philadelphia, and Gilkeson & James of Bristol. Bonds are to be approved by the Department of Internal Affairs.

**BENTON COUNTY (P. O. Fowler), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Sigel H. Freeman, County Treasurer, until 2 p. m. on June 3, for the purchase of \$11,220 4 1/4% highway construction bonds. Dated May 15 1929. Denom. \$561. Due \$561, July 15 1930; \$561, Jan. and July 15 1931 to 1939 incl.; and \$561, Jan. 15 1940. Int. payable on the 15th of Jan. and July.

**BESSEMER SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lawrence County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by H. C. Smith, Secretary of Board of Directors, until 7 p. m. on May 21, for the purchase of \$32,000 school bonds, to bear a coupon rate of 4 1/4%. Bonds are dated June 1, 1929. Interest payable semi-annually. Due \$2,000, June 1 1931 to 1946 inclusive.

**BETHEL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Raymond F. Kilzing, Secretary of the Board of Directors until 7 p. m. (Eastern standard time) on June 3, for the purchase of \$80,000 4 3/4% coupon bonds. Dated June 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1934 and 1939; and \$40,000, 1944. Int. payable on June and Dec. 1. A certified check payable to the order of the School District for \$1,000 is required.

**BIRMINGHAM, Jefferson County, Ala.—BOND SALE.**—The \$260,000 issue of improvement bonds offered on May 14 (V. 128, p. 3055) was awarded as is to Morris Mather & Co. of New York and the General Securities Corp. of Birmingham, jointly, at par plus a premium of \$1,500, equal to 100.576, a basis of about 4.80%. Bonds are dated June 1 1929. Due \$26,000 June 1 1930 to 1939 inclusive. Other bidders were:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Price Bid.
Steiner Bros.	5%	\$258,710
Weil, Roth & Irving Co. and Assel, Goetz & Moerlein	5%	\$260,100
Marx & Co.	5%	258,858

x Less \$1,300 for expenses in marketing issue.

**BOLING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wharton), Wharton County, Texas.—BOND SALE.**—A \$165,000 issue of school building bonds has recently been purchased by the J. R. Phillips Investment Co. of Houston.

**BOSTON, Suffolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—The First National Corporation of Boston purchased on May 16 a \$1,000,000 temporary loan dated May 17 1929 and payable on Oct. 1 1929, on a discount basis of 5.79%. The Shawmut Corporation of Boston, the only other bidder, offered to discount the loan on a 5.89% basis.

**BRONXVILLE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Jerry C. Leary, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) on May 21, for the purchase of \$87,000 coupon or registered street improvement bonds. Rate of interest is not to exceed 5% and to be stated in multiples of 1/10th or 1/4 of 1%. One rate to apply to the entire issue. Bonds are dated June 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1931 to 1938, incl.; and \$5,000, 1939 to 1949, incl. Prm. and int. payable in gold at the Gramatan National Bank & Trust Co., Bronxville. A certified check payable to the order of the Village for \$1,740 is required. Legality to be approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City.

**BUFFINGTON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Wehrun), Indiana County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by A. M. Graffins, Secretary of Board of Supervisors, until 1 p. m. (Eastern standard time) on June 1 for the purchase of \$75,000 4 3/4% road bonds. Dated April 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1930 and 1931; \$3,000, 1932; \$2,000, 1933; \$3,000, 1934 to 1937 incl.; \$4,000, 1938; \$3,000, 1939; \$4,000, 1940 to 1943 incl.; \$5,000, 1944 to 1948 incl., and \$6,000, 1949. A certified check for \$500 is required.

**BUHL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Buhl), Twin Falls County, Ida.—BOND SALE.**—An issue of \$100,000 refunding bonds has been purchased as is at par by the Department of Public Investments. Due \$10,000 from 1930 to 1939 incl.

BURTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Flint Route No. 2), Genesee County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Walter V. Perrigo, Treasurer of the Board of Education, until 7 p. m. on May 23, for the purchase of \$27,000 coupon school bonds, to bear a coupon rate of 4 1/2%. Interest payable semi-annually. Bonds are dated June 1 1929. Due \$1,000, June 1 1932 to 1958, incl.

CAMDEN, Ouachita County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—A \$20,000 issue of fire truck bonds has been purchased by an unknown investor.

CANTON, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of bonds aggregating \$53,853.41 offered on May 8—V. 128, p. 2864—were awarded as follows: N. S. Hill & Co. of Cincinnati, at par plus a premium of \$390.95 equal to 100.72, a basis of about 5.10%:

- \$18,169.38 Property Owners' portion, st. impt. bonds. Due Jan. 1, as follows: \$1,669.38, 1931; \$2,000, 1932; \$500, 1933; \$2,000, 1934; \$500, 1935; \$2,000, 1936; \$500, 1937; \$2,000, 1938 to 1940, incl.
12,968.04 Property Owners' portion, st. impt. bonds. Due March 1, as follows: \$1,468.04, 1931; \$1,000, 1932; \$1,500, 1933; \$1,000, 1934; \$1,500, 1935; \$1,000, 1936; \$1,500, 1937; \$1,000, 1938; and \$1,500, 1939 and 1940.
9,149.46 Property Owners' portion, st. impt. bonds. Due Feb. 1, as follows: \$1,049.46, 1931; and \$900, 1932 to 1940, incl.
8,161.53 Property Owners' portion, st. impt. bonds. Due March 1, as follows: \$661.53, 1931; \$1,000, 1932 to 1934, incl.; \$500, 1935; \$1,000, 1936; \$500, 1937; \$1,000, 1938; \$500, 1939; and \$1,000, 1940.
5,405.00 Jackson Park Swimming Pool impt. bonds. Due March 1, as follows: \$605, 1931; \$500, 1932; \$600, 1933; \$500, 1934; \$600, 1935; \$500, 1936; \$600, 1937; and \$500, 1938 to 1940, incl.

Five issues are dated March 1 1929.

CHATTANOOGA, Hamilton County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$97,000 issue of 5% paying bonds offered on May 14—V. 128, p. 3222—were awarded to the Detroit & Security Trust Co. of Detroit at 103.333, a basis of about 4.63%. Bonds are dated May 1 1929. Due on May 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1936, and \$9,000, 1937 to 1946 inclusive.

CHEATHAM COUNTY (P. O. Ashland City), Tenn.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$100,000 issue of county bonds that was awarded to J. C. Bradford & Co. of Nashville, at a price of 100.605—V. 128, p. 3055—is dated May 1 1929. 5% coupon bonds in denoms. of \$1,000. Due serially from May 1 1932 to 1959 incl. Int. payable on May & Nov. 1 Basis of about 4.95%.

CHICAGO SANITARY DISTRICT, Cook County, Ill.—WARRANT SALE.—A total of \$9,135,000 6% tax anticipation warrants were awarded on May 10, to a syndicate composed of nine Chicago banking institutions headed by the First Union Trust & Savings Bank, and one New York investment house, Lehman Bros. Included in the award were \$5,515,000 bond and interest fund warrants, \$4,565,000 of which mature on June 15 1930, and the remaining \$950,000 are payable on July 15 1930. Also included in the sale were \$3,620,000 corporate fund warrants due July 15 1930. The current award, it is stated, virtually exhausts the capacity of the district to borrow in this manner and is estimated to satisfy its requirements until Dec. 1 1929, by which time certain tax receipts are expected to advance notice of the proposed sale of these warrants was given in—V. 128, p. 3223.

The group, which, it is understood, took the notes at par, includes the First Union Trust & Savings Bank, Continental Illinois Co., Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Northern Trust Co., all of Chicago; Lehman Bros. of New York, Central Trust Co. of Illinois, National Bank of the Republic, Foreman National Bank, State Bank of Chicago, and the Chicago Trust Co., all of Chicago. The notes are being re-offered for investment priced to yield 5.80%. The offering group, some of the members of which did not participate in the actual purchase of the warrants, is as follows: Lehman Bros.; First Union Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; Continental Illinois Co.; Harris, Forbes & Co.; Kountze Bros.; Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc.; R. W. Pressprich & Co.; the Detroit Co., Inc.; Eldredge & Co the Northern Trust Co., Chicago; Curtis & Sanger; Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc.; Rogers Cladwell & Co., Inc.; Guardian Detroit Co., Inc.; Commercial National Corp.; Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago; the National Republic Co., Chicago; Foreman Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; State Bank of Chicago, Chicago; Chicago Trust Co., Chicago; H. L. Allen & Co.; R. M. Schmidt & Co.; W. H. Newbold's Son & Co., Philadelphia, and Bacon, Whipple & Co., Inc., Chicago.

CINCINNATI, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Henry Urner, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on June 5, for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/2% coupon bonds aggregating \$950,000:

- \$500,000 street widening and extension bonds. Due \$20,000, Sept. 1 1930 to 1954 incl.
200,000 grade crossing elimination bonds. Due Sept. 1, as follows: \$7,000, 1930 to 1949 incl.; and \$6,000, 1950 to 1959 incl.
150,000 sewer impt. bonds. Due \$6,000, Sept. 1 1930 to 1954 incl.
100,000 airport impt. bonds. Due \$10,000, Sept. 1 1930 to 1939 incl.

All of the above bonds are dated May 1 1929. Interest payable on March and Sept. 1. Bidders may, however, make a bid for a different rate of int., but such fractional rate of interest shall be 1/4 of 1%, or multiples thereof. If bids are received based upon a different rate of interest than specified in this advertisement, the highest bid based upon the lowest rate of interest will be accepted, such acceptance to be approved by resolution of the City Council. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the Irving Trust Co., New York.

A certified check drawn on some solvent bank other than the one bidding for three (3) per cent of the first \$100,000 of bonds bid for, and one (1) per cent of all bonds in excess of \$100,000 bid for, and payable to the order of the "Auditor of the City of Cincinnati," must accompany each bid: said check to secure the payment for said bonds according to such bid, said check to be forfeited as liquidated damages in the event of default on the part of the bidder. Bids may be made separately for each lot or for "all or none." Split rate bids will not be considered on any single issue, but different interest rates may be bid for different issues. The bonds were authorized at the elections held in November, 1926 and 1927.

Financial Statistics as of May 1 1929.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include Bonds outstanding (\$104,496,670.21), Bonds herein advertised for sale June 5 1929 (\$105,498,470.21), Total indebtedness (\$106,448,470.21), and Total valuation of taxable property Dec. 1928 (\$1,086,622,460.00).

\* These bonds and notes are paid by special assessments levied upon property abutting on streets improved by paving, sewers, &c The water works and Cincinnati Southern Railway bonds are self-supporting.

CINCINNATI SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hamilton County, Ohio.—NO BIDS.—R. W. Schafer, Clerk of Board of Education, states that no bids were received on May 13, for the \$325,000 notes offered for sale.—V. 128, p. 3056. Notes are dated May 15 1929. Payable on Jan. 15 1930.

CLERMONT COUNTY (P. O. Batavia), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by B. L. Ketchum, County Auditor, until 12 m. on May 24, for the purchase of \$27,725.67 5% bridge construction bonds. Due March 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1930 to 1937, incl.; and \$3,725.67, 1938. Prin. and int. (May and September) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Bids may also be submitted for bonds to bear a different coupon rate stated in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. A certified check payable to the order of the County Treasurer for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for is required. Legality to be approved by Peck, Shafer & Williams of Cincinnati, whose opinion will be furnished the successful bidder at cost.

COLDWATER, Mercer County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,844.31 5 1/2% street impt. bonds offered on May 11—V. 128, p. 2864—were awarded at par to the Peoples Bank Co. of Coldwater. Bonds are dated Jan. 1 1929 and mature as follows: \$350, Jan. 1 and July 1 1929 to 1938 incl., and \$194.31, Dec. 1 1938. Only one other bid was received which failed to conform to the conditions of sale.

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Meigs County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,000 5 1/2% school impt. bonds offered on May 4—V. 128, p. 2864—were awarded to Rathburns Bank of Middleport. Price paid not stated. Bonds are dated April 1 1929 and mature \$600 April 1 and Oct. 1 1930 to 1939 inclusive.

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Howard S. Wilkins, City Clerk, states that the following bonds aggregating \$72,500, have been taken over by the Sinking Fund at par: \$44,100 street bonds; \$19,900 sanitary sewer bonds; \$8,500 st. impt. bonds.

COMSTOCK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 6 p. m. (Central standard time) on May 27, addressed to Percy M. Russell, School District Director, for the purchase of \$14,000 6% school building construction bonds. Dated June 15 1929. Due June 15 as follows: \$500, 1930 to 1941 incl., and \$1,000, 1942 to 1949 incl.

CORPUS CHRISTI INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Corpus Christi), Nueces County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$100,000 school building bonds has recently been purchased at par by the State Board of Education. (These bonds are the balance of an unsold portion of \$500,000).

CROSBY, Divide County, N. D.—CERTIFICATES SOLD.—The First & Security State Bank of Crosby purchased on May 6 an issue of \$4,000 certificates of indebtedness bearing 7% interest, at a price of par. Certificates are payable in 18 months.

CULBERSON COUNTY (P. O. Van Horn), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$55,000 issue of 5 1/2% road bonds offered on May 13—V. 128, p. 2686—was awarded at par to Crosby & Co. of San Antonio. Purchaser agreed to bear all expenses incident to the issuance of the bonds. These bonds are part of an issue of \$75,000 maturing Feb. 15, as follows: \$2,000, 1930 to 1944 incl.; and \$3,000, 1945 to 1959 incl.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Herrick Co. of Cleveland, was awarded on May 8, bond issues aggregating \$177,312 at par plus a premium of \$1,136 equal to 100.64. Bonds mature annually on October 1, from 1930 to 1939, incl. Rate of interest 5% payable semi-annually.

CUYAHOGA FALLS, Summit County, Ohio.—BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The First National Co. of Detroit, is offering for public investment, \$779,401 5 1/2% street and sewer improvement bonds, maturing serially from 1930 to 1939 incl., priced to yield from 5.00 to 4.80%, according to maturity. These are the bonds awarded on April 23 to Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo, at 100.28 a basis of about 5.19%. V. 128, p. 2865.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include Actual value of property, estimated (\$40,000,000.00), Assessed valuation for taxation (20,250,000.00), Total bonded debt, including these bonds (2,558,322.83), and Population (1910 census 4,020; 1920 census 10,200).

DALLAS COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Dallas) Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,250,000 issue of 4 1/2% road, series No. 5 bonds offered for sale on May 13—V. 128, p. 2332—was awarded to a syndicate composed of the Guaranty Co., of New York and the Guardian Detroit Co., both of New York, the J. E. Jarratt Co. of San Antonio, and the Republic National Co. of Dallas, at a price of 100.599, a basis of about 4.69%. Dated April 10 1929, and due on April 10, as follows: \$42,000, 1930 to 1958 and \$32,000 in 1959. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable in New York.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The above bonds are now being offered for public subscription by the successful bidders at prices to yield from 4.50 to 6%, according to maturity. The offering notice reports that the bonds are general obligations of the road district, which includes the entire City of Dallas and all of Dallas County except 7,700 acres which have an assessed valuation of approximately 1/40th of 1% of the total assessed value of the County.

DALLAS SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Andrews) Huntington County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 4 1/2% school building construction and equipment bonds offered on April 5—V. 128, p. 2151—were awarded at par to A. P. Flynn of Logansport. Bonds are dated March 1 1929. Due as follows: \$2,000 Jan. and July 1 1931 to 1941, incl., and \$1,000 Jan. 1 1942.

DANVILLE, Pittsylvania County, Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2:30 p. m. on May 31, by Charlton B. Strange, City Auditor and Clerk, for the purchase of a \$40,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon water works improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1929. Due \$2,000 from May 1 1930 to 1949 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer. The required bidding forms will be furnished. The bonds will be delivered to spot selected by purchaser. Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of New York will furnish the legal approval. A certified check for 2% par of the bonds, payable to the City, must accompany the bid.

DAVIDSON COUNTY (P. O. Lexington), N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Grant Baker, Clerk Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on May 24 for the purchase of \$20,000 5 1/2% Tyro School District bonds. Dated April 1 1929. Coupon, in denom. of \$1,000. Due \$1,000 April 1 1932 to 1951 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Chase National Bank, New York. A certified check, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, for \$600, must accompany each proposal. Legality to be approved by Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of New York. Assessed valuation, \$704,802. No other debt. Population, 1,500. Area, 20 square miles.

DAVIESS COUNTY (P. O. Washington), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by E. O. Chatlin, County Treasurer, until 2 p. m. on May 30, for the purchase of \$12,280 Barr Township road improvement bonds. Coupon rate 5%. Bonds are dated May 15 1929. Due \$614. May and Nov. 15 1930 to 1939, incl. Interest payable semi-annually.

DAWSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 78 (P. O. Richey), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by P. P. Lawrence, District Clerk, until 8 p. m. on June 5, for the purchase of \$17,000 school bonds. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for \$100.

DELAWARE COUNTY (P. O. Media), Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$600,000 4 1/2% county bonds offered on May 14—V. 128, p. 2865—were awarded to E. Lower Stokes & Co. of Philadelphia, at par plus a premium of \$6,780 equal to 101.13, a basis of about 4.14%. Bonds are dated May 1 1929. Due \$20,000, May 1 1930 to 1959, incl.

Table with 4 columns: Bidder, Rate Bid, Bidder, Rate Bid. Rows include Harris, Forbes & Co. (160.319), Cambridge Trust Co. (100.77), Graham, Parsons & Co. (100.85), and Edward B. Smith & Co. (100.89).

De PERE, Brown County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 issue of 4 1/2% annual school construction bonds offered for sale on May 6—V. 128, p. 2865—was awarded to Kent, Grace & Co. of Chicago, at par. Dated March 1 1929. Due \$2,500 in from 1 to 20 years.

DOLORES, Montezuma County, Colo.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 issue of 5 1/2% coupon municipal auditorium bonds offered for sale on May 6—V. 128, p. 2865—was sold to Benwell & Co., of Denver, for a premium of \$501.57, equal to 105.01, a basis of about 4.75%. Due in 15 years and optional after 5 years.

DONA ANA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 21 (P. O. Las Cruces), N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—E. D. McIntosh, County Treasurer,





**GOLDEN, JEFFERSON COUNTY, Colo.—BOND SALE.**—A \$50,000 issue of 4½% water extension bonds has recently been purchased by the International Trust Co. and the U. S. National Co., both of Denver, jointly, at a price of 100.31, a basis of about 4.47%. Due in 15 years. The other bids were as follows:

Bidder	Price Bid
Heath, Schlessman & Co.	100.26
Peck, Brown & Co.	100.09
Sídlo, Simons & Co.	100.02
Boettcher & Co.	99.51
Sullivan & Co.	99.12
Benwell & Co.	99.02
Bosworth, Chanute, Loughridge & Co.	98.89
Gray, Emery, Vasconcellis & Co.	98.80

**GOLDTHWAITE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Goldthwaite), Mills County, Tex.—BOND SALE.**—A \$40,000 issue of 5% school bonds has been purchased at par by the State of Texas. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 from Dec. 31 1930 to 1969, incl. (This corrects the report appearing in V. 128, p. 1775.)

**GRAND VIEW IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (P. O. Silver City), Owyhee County, Ida.—BONDS OFFERED.**—Sealed bids were received on May 17 for the purchase of \$22,500 6% refunding bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated July 1 1929. Due Jan. 1 1939.

**GRANT TOWNSHIP, Benton County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by James Dewey, Township Trustee, until 2 p. m. on June 1, for the purchase of \$40,000 4½% school building construction bonds. Dated May 1 1929. Denominations \$1,000 and \$700. Due \$1,400, July 1 1930; \$1,400, Jan. and July 1 1931 to 1943, incl., and \$2,200, Jan. 15 1944. Interest payable on Jan. and July 1.

**GRATIOT COUNTY (P. O. Tihaca), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—J. W. Young, County Drain Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. (Eastern standard time) on May 21, for the purchase of \$10,000 Special Assessment Drainage District No. 195 bonds; rate of interest is to be 6%. Bonds are dated June 15 1929. A certified check for \$200 must accompany each proposal.

**GRAYSON, Carter County, Ky.—BOND SALE.**—The \$20,000 issue of town bonds offered for sale on April 1—V. 128, p. 1960—was awarded to Magnus & Co. of Cincinnati.

**GREAT RIVER FIRE DISTRICT (P. O. Great River), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. (daylight saving time) on May 18 by the Board of Fire Commissioners for the purchase of \$15,000 Fire District bonds. Rate of int. is not to exceed 6%. Bonds are in denom. of \$750. Due \$750 Feb. 1 1930 to 1949 incl. Legality to be approved by Flynt, Sully & Horan of New York.

**GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Bloomfield), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The \$23,000 4½% park improvement bonds offered on May 11 (V. 128, p. 2688) were awarded to the First National Bank of Jasonville at a price of par. Bonds are dated May 15 1929 and mature as follows: \$680, Nov. 15 1930, and \$620, May and Nov. 15 1931 to 1948 incl.

**GREENLEE COUNTY (P. O. Clifton), Ariz.—BOND SALE.**—The \$180,000 issue of 4½% refunding bonds offered for sale on May 10 (V. 128, p. 1961) was awarded to the Valley Bank of Phoenix for a premium of \$1, equal to 100.0005, a basis of about 4.74%. Dated June 1 1929. Due \$20,000 from June 1 1930 to 1938 incl. No other bids were submitted.

**GREENSBURG, Westmoreland County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Herbert Wirsing, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on June 3, for the purchase of \$250,000 4½% improvement and funding bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. The bonds will be subject to their approval July 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. The bonds will be subject to their approval by the Department of Internal Affairs. A \$1,000 certified check, payable to David E. Crock, City Treasurer, is required.

**GREEN TREE, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by E. B. Martindale, Borough Clerk, until 7 p. m. (Eastern standard time) on June 3 for the purchase of \$55,000 4½% bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$3,000 July 1 1940 to 1956 incl., and \$4,000 July 1 1957. A certified check for \$1,000 is required.

**HAGERSTOWN, Washington County, Md.—BOND OFFERING.**—Daniel E. Downin, Tax Collector, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on May 27, for the purchase of \$300,000 4½% series No. 10, coupon sewer bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000, 1960 to 1989 incl. The bonds may be registered as to principal. Principal and semi-annual int. payable at the office of the above-mentioned official. A certified check for 2% of the bonds offered, payable to the order of the Tax Collector, must accompany each proposal.

**HAMILTON, Butler County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$56,000 5% coupon road bonds offered on May 9 (V. 128, p. 2688) were awarded to the Detroit & Security Trust Co. of Detroit at par plus a premium of \$417, equal to 100.73, a basis of about 4.86%. Bonds are dated April 1 1929. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,500, 1930; \$5,000, 1931 to 1933 inclusive, and \$6,000, 1934 to 1939 inclusive. The following bids were also submitted:

Bidder	Premium
N. S. Hill & Co.	\$387.05
Guardian Trust Co.	244.00
Seasongood & Mayer	178.00
First-Citizens Corp.	169.50
Herrick Co.	103.00
First National Co.	65.00
Assel, Goetz & Moerlein	12.00

**HAMTRAMCK SCHOOL DISTRICT, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—Stephen A. Majewski, Secretary of Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 9 p. m. on May 20 for the purchase of \$122,000 4¾% refunding bonds.

\$74,000 bonds dated May 1 1929, due on May 1 1944.  
 20,000 bonds dated Dec. 1 1928, due on Dec. 1 1943.  
 18,000 bonds dated Sept. 1 1938, due Sept. 1 1943.  
 10,000 bonds dated June 1 1929, due on June 1 1944.  
 Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for \$2,000. The legal opinion of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit will be furnished the successful bidder.

**HAMTRAMCK, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—Michael J. Grajewski, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. on May 21, for the purchase of the following issues of bonds aggregating \$45,262.94:

\$37,203.80 refunding bonds. Due serially in from 1 to 10 years. A \$1,000 certified check required.  
 8,059.14 refunding bonds. Due serially in from 1 to 10 years. A \$500 certified check required.

Rate of interest is not to exceed 6%. Bonds are to be coupon in form. Checks should be made payable to the City Treasurer.  
**HARRISON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Macomb County, Mich.—BOND SALE.**—The \$55,000 school bonds offered on May 7—V. 128, p. 3057—were awarded as to Bumpus & Co. of Detroit, at par plus a premium of \$1,013, equal to 101.84, a basis of about 4.83%. Bonds are dated March 1 1929. Due March 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1931 to 1943 incl.; \$2,000, 1944 to 1949 incl., and \$3,000, 1950 to 1959 incl.

**HEMPSTEAD AND NORTH HEMPSTEAD CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Elmont), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$900,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered on May 15 (V. 128, p. 3224) were awarded as 4½% to White, Weld & Co. and Estabrook & Co., both of New York, jointly, at par plus a premium of \$12,870, equal to 101.43, a basis of about 4.40%. Bonds are dated May 1 1929. Due May 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1930 to 1937 incl.; \$20,000, 1938 to 1942 incl.; \$25,000, 1943 to 1952 incl.; \$30,000, 1953 to 1962 incl., and \$35,000, 1963 to 1967 inclusive.

**HENDERSON COUNTY (P. O. Athens), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—The following three issues of bonds were registered by the State Comptroller on May 6:

\$1,000 5½% road, series D bonds. Due in 3 years.  
 5,500 5% road, series E bonds. Due serially.  
 6,500 5% road, series H bonds. Due serially.

**HERMOSA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Hermosa), Custer County, S. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on May 20 by Geo. M. Kimball, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$10,000 issue of school bonds. A \$1,000 certified check must accompany the bid.

**HIDALGO COUNTY (P. O. Edinburg), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—On May 9, the State Comptroller registered an issue of \$1,500,000 6% improvement, series 1929 bonds.

**HILLSIDE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Hillside), Bergen County, N. J.—MATURITY.**—The \$1,500,000 coupon or registered temporary improvement bonds awarded at par to a syndicate composed of B. J. Van Ingen & Co., Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc. both of New York, and M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia—V. 128, p. 3224—were issued for street and sewer purposes, and were sold as follows: \$500,000 as 5½s, due \$250,000, Oct. 1 1931 and 1932; and \$1,000,000 as 6s, due \$500,000, Oct. 1 1933 and 1934. Prin. and int. (April and Oct.) payable at the Hillside National Bank, Hillside, or at the Fidelity Trust Co., N. Y. Legality to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York. Successful group is re-offering the bonds for public investment at prices to yield 5.00%.

*Financial Statement.*  
 (As officially reported.)

Actual valuation (estimated)	\$26,285,971
Assessed valuation (1929)	18,400,180
*Total bonded debt (including this issue)	2,830,953
Less: Sinking fund	\$14,563
Net debt	2,816,390

Population, (1920 census) 5,267; population, (1929 estimated) 17,000.  
 \* Included in the total debt given above are bonds to the amount of \$2,417,162 which are further payable from assessments on property especially benefited.

**HOLLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hollis), Harmon County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. on May 21 by S. W. Hopkins, President of the Board of Education, for the purchase of a \$68,000 issue of 5% semi-annual school bonds. Dated May 15 1929. Due in 25 years.

**HOLLYWOOD, Broward County, Fla.—BOND SALE.**—A \$74,000 block of the \$95,000 issue of 6% refunding bonds unsuccessfully offered on March 11—V. 128, p. 1775—was purchased recently, at a price of 90, a basis of about 8.27%. The bonds are due on March 1, as follows: \$15,000, 1933; \$20,000, 1934 and 1935 and \$19,000 in 1936.

**HOLYOKE, Hampden County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.**—Pierre Bonvouloir, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (daylight saving time) on May 22, for the purchase of \$250,000 4½% coupon highway and sidewalk bonds. Dated May 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$50,000, May 1 1930 to 1934 inclusive. Principal and interest (May and Nov. 1) payable at the Merchants National Bank of Boston. Bonds may be registered whenever desired. Legal opinion of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston, will be furnished the purchaser.

*Financial Statement, May 1 1929.*

Net valuation (1928)	\$112,351,270
Debt limit	2,881,364
Total gross debt, not incl. this issue	4,206,000

*Exempted Debt.*

Hampden County Memorial Bridge	159,000
School and police building	75,000
Playgrounds	93,000
Holyoke & Westfield RR.	173,000
Water debt	526,000
Gas and electric light debt	1,494,000
Net debt	\$1,686,000
Borrowing capacity, May 1 1929	\$1,195,364

**HOPKINS COUNTY (P. O. Sulphur Springs), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—A \$50,000 issue of 5½% serial road bonds was registered on May 7, by the State Comptroller.

**HOWARD COUNTY (P. O. Kokomo), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by George W. Studebaker, County Auditor, until 10 a. m. on May 24 for the purchase of \$6,950 Liberty Twp. road impt. bonds, bearing a coupon rate of 4½%. Bonds are dated May 15 1929. Due \$347.50 May 15 and Nov. 15 1930 to 1939 inclusive.

**INDIANAPOLIS, Marion County, Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The \$693,000 4¾% airport bonds offered on May 15—V. 128, p. 3224—were awarded to the American National Co. of Chicago, at 103.57, a basis of about 4.22%. Bonds are dated May 15 1929. Due Jan. 1, as follows: \$70,000, 1944 to 1952 incl., and \$63,000, 1953.

The bonds, it is stated, are a legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut, and are being reoffered for investment at prices to yield 4.15%.

**IONIA COUNTY (P. O. Ionia), Mich.—BIDS.**—The following bids were also received on May 7 for the \$128,600 bonds sold as 5½s to the Detroit & Security Trust Co. of Detroit, at 100.769—V. 128, p. 3226. These bids were also for 5½s.

Bidder	Rate Bid
Braun, Bosworth & Co.	100.768
Union Trust Co.	100.527
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc.	100.166

**IRONDEQUOIT (P. O. Rochester), Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Earl A. Partridge, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on May 20, for the purchase of the following issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$102,425.82:

\$83,425.82 street improvement bonds. Due June 1, as follows: \$5,425.82, 1930; and \$6,000, 1931 to 1943 incl.

19,000.00 sewer bonds. Due \$1,000, June 1, 1930 to 1948 incl.  
 Bonds are dated June 1 1929. Interest rate is not to exceed 6% and to be in a multiple of 1-20th of 1%. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable in gold at the Union Trust Co., Rochester, or at the American-Exchange Irving Trust Co., New York. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Town, is required. The legal opinion of Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

**IRVINGTON, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$60,000 coupon or registered park bonds offered on May 13—V. 128, p. 3057—were awarded as 4½% to the Marine Trust Co., Buffalo, at 100.269, a basis of about 4.48%. Bonds are dated April 1 1929. Due \$2,000, April 1, 1934 to 1963 incl.

**JENNINGS COUNTY (P. O. Vernon), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Cliff Bemish, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. on May 24 for the purchase of \$7,200 4½% Henry Elser et al. Spencer Township road improvement bonds. Dated May 15 1929. Denom. \$360. Due \$360 May and Nov. 15 1930 to 1939 incl. Interest payable on May and Nov. 15.

**KALAMAZOO, Kalamazoo County, Mich.—BIDS.**—The following bids were also received on May 6 for the \$40,000 4½% bonds awarded to the Union Trust Co. of Detroit, at 100.158, a basis of about 4.72%. Purchaser agreed to pay for legal opinion.—V. 128, p. 3225.

Bidder	Premium
Bank of Detroit, Detroit (no provision for legal opinion)	\$69.00
Detroit & Security Trust Co., Detroit	46.00
Sinking fund (no premium)	Par.

**KEMPSVILLE MAGISTERIAL ROAD DISTRICT (P. O. Princess Anne), Princess Anne County, Va.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until noon on May 27 by Geo. W. Dawley, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, for the purchase of a \$293,000 issue of 5% coupon road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Apr. 1 1929 and due on Apr. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1934; \$10,000, 1935 to 1949; \$15,000, 1950 to 1954, and \$20,000, 1955 to 1957, all incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable in gold in Norfolk, or at the office of the County Treasurer. Caldwell & Raymond of New York City will furnish the legal approval. Authority for the issue is Chapter 67, Acts of the General Assembly of 1919, as amended by Chapter 345, Acts of 1926. A \$3,000 certified check payable to the above Chairman must accompany the bid.

**KING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 161 (P. O. Seattle), Wash.—MATURITY.**—The \$4,700 issue of semi-annual school bonds awarded to the State of Washington, as 5s, at par—V. 128, p. 3057—is due from 1930 to 1952 and optional after 1934.

**KIOWA COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Hobart), Okla.—BOND SALE.**—The \$21,200 issue of school bonds offered on May 4—V. 128, p. 3057—were awarded to John C. DeLorge of El Reno, at par plus a premium of \$5,00, equal to 100.946. The purchaser took \$19,500 bonds as 5½s and \$1,700 bonds as 6s. Issue is due as follows: \$1,500, 1934 to 1947 incl., and \$200, 1948.

**KNOXVILLE, Knox County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by John C. Borden, Director of Finance, until 7.30

p. m. on May 21, for the purchase of an \$800,000 issue of 4 1/2 % coupon or registered public improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1929. Due from 1938 to 1968, incl. Principal and interest (M. & N.) payable in gold in New York City. The law does not restrict the price at which these bonds may be sold, provided a 5 1/2 % interest basis is not exceeded. Masslich & Mitchell of New York City will furnish the legal approval. The City Treasurer or the above attorney will furnish the required bidding forms. A \$16,000 certified check, payable to the City Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation for taxation, 1928	\$149,415,923.54
Estimated true value	235,000,000.00
Assessed valuation of real property	123,562,756.00
Total bonded and other debts, including special assessment debt and including bonds now offered	22,864,240.90
Water debt	\$4,655,096.96
Sinking fund, except for water debt	914,672.54
Uncollected special assessments applicable to a portion of above debt	2,649,144.70
Total deductions	8,218,914.20

Net debt, including this issue \$14,645,326.70  
 Population, Federal census 1910, 36,346; 1920, 77,818; 1928, 105,400

**LA CROSSE, La Crosse County, Wis.—BOND SALE.**—The \$50,000 issue of 4 1/2 % school bonds offered for sale on May 8—V. 128, p. 3058—was awarded on May 10 to the Milwaukee Co. of Milwaukee, at a discount of \$300, equal to 99.40, a basis of about 4.62%. Dated July 1 1929. Due \$5,000 from Jan. 1 1930 to 1939, incl. The only other bid was a discount offer of \$307, by the First Wisconsin Co. of Milwaukee.

**LAKE CITY, Calhoun County, Iowa.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.**—The \$25,000 issue of 4 3/4 % coupon sewer and disposal plant bonds purchased at par by the Carleton D. Beh Co., of Des Moines—V. 128, p. 3225—is dated May 1 1929 and due from May 1 1931 to 1949, inclusive. Denom. \$1,000. Interest payable on May and Nov. 1.

**LAMAR, Prowers County, Colo.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.**—The \$165,000 issue of light plant improvement bonds that was purchased by the U. S. National Co. of Denver—V. 128, p. 3225—bears interest at 5 % and was awarded at a price of 96, a basis of about 6.01%. Due from April 1 1930 to 1937, incl.

**LANSLOWNE, Delaware County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—The Lansdowne Bank & Trust Co. of Lansdowne, purchased a \$50,000 issue of 4 1/4 % improvement bonds on May 1, at 100.175, a basis of about 4.24%. Bonds are dated April 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1939; \$10,000, in 1944, 1949 and 1954; and \$15,000, 1959. Legality to be approved by Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia. The Girard Trust Co. of Philadelphia, bid par and accrued interest; and W. H. Newbold's Sons & Co. also of Philadelphia, bid 100.01.

**LAS VEGAS, Clark County, Nev.—BOND SEAL.**—A \$43,778.80 issue of 4 1/2 % paving bonds has recently been purchased by the Snow-Goodart Co. of Salt Lake City for a premium of \$100, equal to 100.22.

**LAURENS COUNTY (P. O. Laurens), S. C.—BOND SALE.**—The \$230,000 issue of coupon highway bonds offered for sale on May 11—V. 128, p. 3058—was awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo, as 5 1/8, for a premium of \$1,000, equal to 100.434, a basis of about 5.17%. Due on May 1, as follows: \$30,000, 1931 and \$25,000 from 1932 to 1939, incl.

**LAWRENCE COUNTY (P. O. Bedford), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Rex Jackson, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. on May 28 for the purchase of the following issues of 4 3/4 % bonds, aggregating \$137,000:

\$122,000 Bedford and Williams Road improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,100 and \$1,000. Due semi-annually on May and Nov. 15.  
 15,000 school building bonds. Denom. \$750. Due \$750. May and Nov. 15 1930 to 1939, inclusive.

Bonds are dated May 15 1929. Payable as to both principal and interest at the office of the above-mentioned official.

**LAWRENCE, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$125,000 coupon or registered street drainage bonds offered on May 13—V. 128, p. 3058—were awarded as 4 3/8, to Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc. of New York, at par plus a premium of \$1,387.75 equal to 101.11, a basis of about 4.62%. Bonds are dated May 1 1929. Due May 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1930 to 1936, incl.; \$3,000, 1937; and \$7,000, 1938 to 1949, incl.

**LEBANON CENTER VILLAGE FIRE PRECINCT, N. H.—BOND SALE.**—E. H. Rollins & Sons of Boston, bidding 99.10, a basis of about 4.62%, purchased on May 10 a \$60,000 issue of 4 1/2 % coupon water bonds. Dated March 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$3,000, Sept. 1 1929 to 1948 inclusive. Principal and interest (March and Sept. 1) payable at the First National Bank of Boston. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston. Other bidder was Harris, Forbes & Co. of Boston, offering 97.06 for the bonds.

Financial Statement, May 1 1929.

Last assessed valuation	\$5,909,021
Total bonded debt	25,000

**LEHIGH COUNTY (P. O. Allentown), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Harry M. Schoenly, County Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. (standard time) on May 20, for the purchase of \$700,000 4 1/2 % coupon or registered county bonds. Dated May 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1, as follows: \$50,000, 1934; \$75,000, 1939; \$100,000, 1944; \$125,000, 1949; \$150,000, 1954; and \$200,000, 1959. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, is required. Legality to be approved by Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia.

**LEON COUNTY (P. O. Tallahassee), Fla.—BOND SALE.**—The \$410,000 issue of 5 % coupon road bonds offered for sale on Apr. 22—V. 128, p. 2154—was awarded to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1925 and due on July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1931 to 1933, \$6,000, 1934; \$5,000, 1935; \$10,000, 1936 and 1937; \$12,000, 1938; \$11,000, 1939 and 1940; \$17,000, 1941 and 1942; \$16,000, 1943 to 1945; \$22,000, 1946 to 1950; \$27,000, 1951 and 1952 and \$28,000, 1953 to 1945. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the National City Bank in New York City.

**LINN COUNTY (P. O. Marion, Iowa.) BOND ELECTION.**—On May 27 a special election will be held to pass upon a proposed bond issue of \$1,700,000. The proceeds of the issue will be used for road improvement purposes.

**LONG BEACH, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.**—A \$400,000 issue of 4 3/4 % park bonds has been purchased by Dean Witter & Co. of San Francisco, for a premium of \$1,549, equal to 100.387, a basis of about 4.68%. Due from 1933 to 1938, incl. Other bidders and their bids were as follows:

Bidder	Premium.
Wm. Cavalier & Co.	\$717
Jergins Trust Co.	512
Security First National Co.	501
Anglo-London-Paris Co.	337
National City Co.	211

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BOND SALE.**—The \$175,535.52 issue of coupon improvement bonds offered for sale on May 6—V. 128, p. 2867—was awarded to the District Bond Co. of Los Angeles, as 6 1/8, for a \$750 premium, equal to 100.43, a basis of about 6.45%. Dated April 15 1929. Due from April 15 1934 to 1953, incl. No other bids were submitted.

**LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BONDS AGGREGATING \$42,500,000 TO BE PLACED ON BALLOT.**—Four bond issues aggregating \$42,500,000 are to be placed on the ballots at an election to be held on June 4, according to the May 7 issue of the Los Angeles "Times."

Resides the propositions calling for the \$22,500,000 water bond issue and the \$17,500,000 power bond issue, the voters also will be asked to approve the issuance of \$1,500,000 of bonds to build a new police administration building and city jail and \$1,000,000 bonds to build a new health center building and to pass upon an amendment to the two platoon ordinance.

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by L. E. Lampton, County Clerk, until 2 p. m. on May 20, for the purchase of \$86,000 5 % hospital construction bonds. Dated July 1 1923. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 1929. Principal and interest payable at the office of the County Treasurer, or at Kountze Bros., New York. A certified check for 3% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Chairman of Board of Supervisors, is required.

The assessed valuation of the taxable property in Los Angeles County for the year 1928 is \$3,550,039,417, and the total amount of bonds of said county previously issued and now outstanding is \$3,000,000.

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.**—L. E. Lampton, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on May 20, for the purchase of \$645,500 5 % flood control bonds. Dated July 2 1924. Denom. \$1,000, one bond for \$500. Due July 2 as follows: \$500, 1929, and \$645,000, 1929. Principal and interest payable at the office of the County Treasurer, or at Kountze Bros., New York. A certified check for 3% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Chairman of Board of Supervisors, is required. Legal opinion of O'Melveny, Tueller & Myers of Los Angeles, will be furnished successful bidders.

The assessed valuation of taxable real property in said Los Angeles County Flood Control District for the year 1928 was \$909,423,115, and the amount of bonds previously issued and now outstanding is \$11,886,500.

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Los Angeles) Calif.—BOND OFFERING.**—L. E. Lampton, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on May 27 for the purchase of the following issues of 5 % bonds, aggregating \$1,150,000:

\$550,000 Long Beach City High School District bonds. Due May 1 as follows: \$29,000, 1930 to 1939 inclusive, and \$28,000, 1940 to 1959 inclusive.  
 300,000 Long Beach City School District bonds. Due \$10,000, May 1 1930 to 1959 inclusive.

All the above bonds are dated May 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the City Treasury, or at the National City Bank, New York. A certified check for 3% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Chairman of Board of County Supervisors is required.

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—HIGH BID.**—The high tender received on May 14 for the \$480,000 sewer bonds offered for sale—V. 128, p. 3225—was par plus a premium of \$5,184 for 5 1/8, submitted by R. H. Moulton & Co. and the Security-First National Co., both of Los Angeles. The award will not be made until May 20 and, it is understood, only a block of \$180,000 bonds will be sold. The entire offering of \$480,000 bonds is dated June 1 1929. Due \$12,000, June 1 1930 to 1969 inclusive.

**LOYALSOCK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Williamsport), Lycoming County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—A. A. Swartz, Secretary of Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on May 22, for the purchase of \$50,000 4 1/2 % coupon school bonds. Dated May 1 1929. Denom. \$500. Due May 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1930 to 1948, incl.; and \$3,000, 1949 to 1952 incl. The bonds are registerable as to principal only, and are issued subject to the favorable opinion of Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid, for payable to the District Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

**LUCAS COUNTY (P. O. Toledo), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Adeleide E. Schmitt, Clerk, of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on May 31, for the purchase of the following issues of 5 1/4 % bonds aggregating \$399,660:

\$225,670 road improvement bonds. Due Dec. 15, as follows: \$23,670, 1930; \$23,000, 1931 to 1934, incl.; and \$22,000, 1935 to 1939, incl.  
 154,370 road improvement bonds. Due Dec. 15, as follows: \$16,370, 1930; \$16,000, 1931 to 1933, incl.; and 15,000, 1934 to 1939, incl.  
 10,480 road improvement bonds. Due Dec. 15, as follows: \$2,840, 1930; \$2,000, 1931 to 1933, incl.; and \$1,000, 1934 and 1935.  
 8,780 road improvement bonds. Due Dec. 15, as follows: \$2,780, 1930; \$2,000, 1931; and \$1,000, 1932 to 1935, incl.

Principal and interest (June and Dec. 15) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check of \$500 for each issue must accompany each proposal.

**LUFKIN, Angelina County, Tex.—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The \$100,000 issue of semi-annual street paving bonds awarded to the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita, at a price of 105—V. 128, p. 1438—bears interest at 5 1/2 %. Dated March 1 1929 and due on March 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1930 to 1945; \$2,000, 1946 to 1952; \$3,000, 1953 to 1958; \$4,000, 1959 to 1963; \$5,000, 1964 to 1967 and \$6,000 in 1968 and 1969. Basis of about 5.15%. Int. payable on March & Sept. 1.

**LUSK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lusk) Niobrara County, Wyo.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by the Secretary of the Board of Education until June 14, for the purchase of \$60,000 school bonds. Rate of interest is not to exceed 5%, payable semi-annually. Due serially in from 1942 to 1954 incl. These bonds carried by a vote of 270 to 84 at an election held on May 11.

**MACON, Noxubee County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until May 21, by Mary Scott, City Clerk, for the purchase of two issues of 6 % semi-annual bonds, aggregating \$55,000 as follows: \$45,000 school and \$10,000 fire equipment bonds. (These bonds were voted on April 30—V. 128, p. 3225.)

**MADRID, POTSDAM AND WASHINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Madrid), St. Lawrence County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—District Clerk B. J. Turnbull, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. on June 4, for the purchase of \$115,000 coupon or registered school bonds. Rate of interest is not to exceed 5% and must be the same for the entire offering. Bonds are dated June 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1931 to 1940 incl.; and \$5,000, 1941 to 1955 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable in gold at the Madrid Bank, Madrid, or at the National City Bank, New York. A certified check for \$3,300, payable to Elmer E. McKnight, District Treasurer, is required. Legality to be approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York. All bids submitted for these bonds on March 19 were rejected.—V. 128, p. 1962.

**MAHASHA COUNTY (P. O. Oskaloosa), Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.**—On May 22 a special election will be held to pass upon a proposed bond issue of \$800,000. The proceeds of the issue will be used for road impt. purposes.

**MAINE, State of (P. O. Augusta)—BOND SALE.**—The \$1,000,000 4 % coupon highway and bridge bonds offered on May 15—V. 128, p. 3226—were awarded to Estabrook & Co. of Boston at 98.169, a basis of about 4.22%. Bonds are dated June 1 1929. Due \$100,000, June 1 1935 to 1944 incl. An official list of the bids received follows:

Bidder	Rate Bid.
Estabrook & Co., Boston	98.169
Barr Bros. & Co., New York	97.90
National City Co., Boston; Old Colony Corp., New York; Atlantic Corp., Boston; First National Corp., Boston, and Timberlake, Estes & Co., Portland	97.8199
E. H. Rollins & Sons, Boston; Arthur Perry & Co., Boston; Graham, Parsons & So., New York, and Chas. H. Gilman & Co., Portland	97.811
Harris, Forbes & Co., Inc., Boston; Merrill Securities Corp., Bangor, and Eastern Trust & Banking Co., Bangor	97.34
R. L. Day & Co., Boston	97.19

**MALDEN, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.**—Walter E. Milliken, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) on May 22, for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/2 % bonds, aggregating \$150,000. Coupon bonds in denominations of \$1,000, \$65,000 street construction bonds. Due May 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1930 to 1934 inclusive, and \$6,000, 1935 to 1939 inclusive.  
 50,000 sewer construction bonds. Due May 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1930 to 1939 inclusive, and \$1,000, 1940 to 1959 inclusive.  
 35,000 sidewalk bonds. Due \$7,000, May 1 1930 to 1934 inclusive.  
 Bonds are dated May 1 1929. Principal and interest (May and Nov. 1) payable at the First National Bank of Boston. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins.

Financial Statement, May 1 1929.

Net valuation for year 1928	\$69,838,800.00
Debt limit 2 1/2 % aver. valuation three preceding years	1,654,608.33
Total gross debt, including these issues	3,069,200.00
Exempt Debt—	
Water bonds	\$40,000
Other bonds	1,438,000
	1,478,000.00

Debt inside limit	\$1,591,200.00
Borrowing capacity, still available	\$63,408.33
Population	54,216.

**MALVERN COUNTY DISTRICT (P. O. Malvern) Hot Springs County, Ark.—BOND SALE.**—A \$25,000 issue of 6% paving bonds has recently been purchased at a price of 103.85, by the National Surety Co. of Little Rock.

**MAMARONECK, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Frank E. O'Callaghan, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) on May 21, for the purchase of \$14,500 coupon or registered fire apparatus bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 5% and to be in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1%. Bonds are dated June 1 1929. Denoms. \$1,000, one bond for \$500. Due June 1, as follows: \$2,500, 1930; and \$2,000, 1931 to 1936 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the National Bank of Commerce, New York. A certified check payable to the order of the Village for \$300 must accompany each proposal. Legal opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

**MANCHESTER, Hillsborough County, N. H.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—The Amoskeag Trust Co., recently purchased a \$300,000 temporary loan dated May 10 1929 and payable on Dec. 10 1929, on a discount basis of 5.77%, plus a premium of \$1.50. S. N. Bond & Co. of B. Sten, offered to discount the loan on a 5.93% basis, plus a premium of \$5.

**MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 83 (P. O. Phoenix), Ariz.—MATURITY.**—The \$11,000 issue of school bonds that was awarded to Bosworth, Chanute, Loughridge & Co., of Denver, as 5/4s, at 100.123—V. 128, p. 3059—is due on April 15, as follows: \$2,000, 1936 to 1938 and \$2,500 in 1939 and 1940, giving a basis of about 5.23%.

**MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Phoenix), Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.**—C. L. Walmsley, Clerk of Board of Supervisors, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on June 5 for the purchase of \$25,000 school bonds, rate of interest not to exceed 6%. Dated June 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1935 to 1939 incl., and \$2,000, 1940 to 1949 incl. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the office of the County Treasurer or at the Bankers Trust Co., New York. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for is required. Purchaser to furnish blank bonds and legal opinion.

**MARION, McDowell County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on May 21 by L. A. Neal, Town Clerk, for the purchase of a \$15,000 issue of water bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%, is to be stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1% and must be the same for all the bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated April 1 1929. Due on April 1 as follows: \$500, 1933 to 1942, and \$1,000, 1943 to 1952, all incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Chase National Bank in New York City. Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston will furnish the legal approval. A \$300 certified check, payable to the Town Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

**MARION COUNTY (P. O. Jasper), Tenn.—NOTE SALE.**—A \$75,000 issue of 6% coupon school notes has recently been purchased by Caldwell & Co. of Nashville. Dated Apr. 15 1929. Denom. of \$1,000. Due Apr. 15 as follows: \$5,000, 1934 to 1943 incl. and \$25,000, 1944.

**MARION JUNCTION (P. O. Marion) Turner County, S. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by John J. Gering, City Auditor, until 7 p. m. on June 3, for the purchase of a \$15,000 issue of 5% coupon water works system bonds. Dated April 16 1929. Due \$1,500, 1942 and 1943, and \$2,000, 1944 to 1949. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable locally. A \$1,500 certified check must accompany the bid.

**MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Marion), Linn County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until May 20, by the Secretary of the Board of Education, for the purchase of a \$25,000 issue of school bonds.

**MARSHALL COUNTY (P. O. Plymouth), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Samuel G. Heckaman, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on May 23 for the purchase of the following issues of bonds aggregating \$6,000; rate of interest to be 4 1/4%. \$3,600 John P. Swihart et al improvement bonds. Due on May and Nov. 15, from 1930 to 1939 incl.

2,400 Onel Sickmiller et al improvement bonds. Due on May and Nov. 15, from 1930 to 1939 incl.

**MARTIN COUNTY (P. O. Williamston), N. C.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by J. S. Getsinger, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners until 1.30 p. m. on May 24, for the purchase of a \$50,000 issue of 5 1/4% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1929 and due on May 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1932 to 1937 and \$2,000, 1938 to 1959, all incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the Hanover National Bank in New York City. Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City will furnish the legal approval. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Chairman of the Board, is required.

**MARTINSVILLE, Clark County, Ill.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by B. H. Netzeley, Town Clerk, until May 25, for the purchase of \$38,000 5% road bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially in from 1 to 10 years. Successful bidder to furnish legal opinion.

**MARYLAND (State of), P. O. Annapolis.—BOND OFFERING.**—John M. Dennis, State Treasurer, is reported to be receiving sealed bids until June 12, for the purchase of \$4,250,000 4 1/2% bonds, divided as follows: \$2,655,000 special road, \$750,000 bridge, \$750,000 post road, and \$125,000 Morgan College.

**MARYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Maryville), Nodaway County, Mo.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.**—The \$185,000 issue of 5% school bonds that was recently sold—V. 128, p. 2334—was purchased by the Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City, for a premium of \$203.50, equal to 100.11, a basis of about 4.99%. Due from 1930 to 1949.

**MATAWAN, Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—William A. Rogers, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. (daylight saving time) on May 28 for the purchase of \$100,000 5 or 5 1/4% coupon or registered impmt. bonds. Bonds are dated May 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1931 to 1952 incl.; \$4,000, 1953 to 1960 incl., and \$2,000, 1961. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable in gold at the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, Matawan. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount of the offerings. A certified check, payable to the order of the borough, for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, is required. Legality to be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York. These are the bonds offered on May 7. All bids received were rejected; the highest tender of 100.66 for 5 1/4s was submitted by C. A. Prelm & Co. of New York—V. 128, p. 3226.

**MAXBASS, Bottineau County, N. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by C. E. Hurst, Village Clerk, until 10 a. m. on May 29, for the purchase of a \$2,500 issue of annual electric light system bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. A certified check for 2% must accompany the bid.

**MAYWOOD, Bergen County, N. J.—PRICE PAID.**—B. J. Van Lagen & Co. of New York paid par for the \$327,000 6% assessment bonds, and the \$84,000 5 1/4% improvement bonds, awarded to them at private sale—V. 128, p. 3226. Both issues aggregating \$411,000 are dated Apr. 15 1929.

**MEDFORD, Jackson County, Ore.—INTEREST RATE—MATURITY.**—The \$113,000 street bonds awarded to the First National Bank, the Medford National Bank and the Jackson County Bank, all of Medford—V. 128, p. 3059—bear interest at the rate of 5 1/4% and mature on Jan. 1 1939; optional after 1930. Interest payable semi-annually.

**MEDINA COUNTY (P. O. Medina), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—L. F. Garver, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (eastern standard time) on May 29, for the purchase of the following issues of 5 1/4% bonds aggregating \$98,186.64: \$59,666.64 road improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$11,666.64, 1929; and \$12,000, 1930 to 1933 incl.

38,520.00 road improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$3,520, 1929; \$3,000, 1930; and \$4,000, 1931 to 1938 incl.

Bonds are dated June 1 1929. Interest payable semi-annually. Bids for each issue must be accompanied with a certified check for \$1,000, payable to the order of the County Treasurer. Legality to be approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland.

**MIAMI COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14 (P. O. Osawatimie), Kan.—BOND SALE.**—The \$80,000 issue of 5% coupon school bonds offered for sale on May 6—V. 128, p. 2868—was jointly awarded to the Fidelity National Co. and the Prescott, Wright, Snider Co., both of Kansas City, subject to refusal of the State School Commission, for a

premium of \$600, equal to 100.75, a basis of about 4.91%. Due \$4,000 from 1930 to 1949 incl. The other bidders and their bids were as follows:

Bidders—	Price Bid.
Commerce Trust, K. C.; par, acc. int.	\$800 prem.
National Bank, Topeka; par, acc. int. handling charge	2,400
Branch Middlekauff Co., Wichita; par, acc. int. handling chg.	1,200
City Bank, K. C.; par, acc. int.	1,200
Central Trust; par, acc. int.	1,200
tern Brothers; par, acc. int.	150 prem.

**MICHAEL CREEK DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 13 (P. O. Muscatine), Muscatine and Louisa Counties, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.** Sealed bids will be received until May 25 by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for the purchase of a \$30,000 issue of drainage bonds.

**MILLEN, Jenkins County, Ga.—PRICE PAID—BOND DESCRIPTION.**—The Fidelity Trust Co. of Knoxville paid par for the \$100,000 street improvement bonds sold in V. 128, p. 3227. The issue bears a coupon rate of 6% and matures annually on Sept. 15 from 1929 to 1938, both inclusive.

**MOLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 40, Rock Island County, Ill.—BOND OFFERING.**—Rita Knowles, Secretary of Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 7:45 p. m. on June 3, for the purchase of \$470,000 4 1/4% school bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1931 and 1932; \$30,000, 1933 to 1943, incl.; and \$20,000, 1944 to 1949, incl. Principal and semi-annual int. payable at the office of the Township Treasurer, Moline. A certified check for \$4,700, payable to the order of the Board of Education, is required. Legality to be approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago. An election will be held on May 25, to permit the voters to pass on the issuance of these bonds.

**MONTECLAIR, Essex County, N. J.—BONDS AGGREGATING \$3,330,000 AUTHORIZED.**—The Town Commission on May 13 authorized the issuance of \$3,330,000 bonds, consisting of \$2,117,000 temporary improvement bonds, \$215,000 assessment bonds, \$254,000 school bonds and the remaining \$744,000 are for water purposes. The bonds are to mature serially until 1964.

**MONTOUR FALLS, Schuylar County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—M. W. Denson, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. on June 3, for the purchase of \$20,000 coupon or registered water bonds. Rate of interest is not to exceed 6%. Bonds are dated January 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000, January 1 1931 to 1940, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in gold at the American-Exchange Irving Trust Co., New York. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for is required. Legal opinion of Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of New York, will be furnished successful bidder.

**MOON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Coraopolis, R. F. D. No. 3), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—The \$30,000 4 1/4% school bonds offered on May 11—V. 128, p. 2690—were awarded to S. W. Vockel & Co. of Pittsburgh, at par plus a premium of \$206.70 equal to 100.689, a basis of about 4.45%. Bonds are dated June 1 1929. Due \$2,000, June 1 1939 to 1953, inc..

Bidder—	Premium.
Mellon National Bank	147.00
Prescott, Lyon & Co.	104.70

**MOORE COUNTY (P. O. Lynchburg), Tenn.—NOTE SALE.**—A \$20,000 issue of 5 1/4% notes has been purchased by Caldwell & Co. of Nashville for a premium of \$85, equal to 100.42, a basis of about 5.66%. Due \$2,000 from 1930 to 1939 incl. (This report corrects that given in V. 128, p. 3227.)

**MORRIS COUNTY (P. O. Morristown), N. J.—BOND SALE.**—Of the \$1,165,000 coupon or registered road and bridge bonds offered on May 15—V. 128, p. 3059—\$1,156,000 bonds were awarded as 4 1/4s to a syndicate composed of White, Weld & Co. and Estabrook & Co., both of New York, and J. S. Rippl & Co. of Newark. The successful group paid \$1,165,710.20 for the bonds, equal to 100.84, a basis of about 4.39%. Issue is dated June 1 1929. Due annually on June 1 as follows: \$50,000, 1930 and 1931; \$60,000, 1932 and 1933; \$65,000, 1934 to 1936 incl.; \$75,000, 1937 to 1945 incl., and \$66,000, 1946.

The purchasers are reoffering the bonds for public investment at prices to yield 5.00 to 4.20%, according to maturity. According to the offering notice, they are legal investments for savings banks and trust funds in New York and New Jersey.

**MOUNT CALM, Hill County, Tex.—BOND SALE.**—The B. F. Dittmar Co. of San Antonio is reported to have purchased an issue of \$40,000 water works improvement bonds, bearing a coupon rate of 6%. Purchasers paid par for the bonds, which were authorized at an election held on Dec. 22 1928.

**MOUNT EPHRAIM, Camden County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—The \$155,000 6% coupon or registered water bonds offered on April 22—V. 128, p. 2511—were awarded to M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia. Bonds are dated April 15 1929. Due April 15, as follows: \$4,000, 1931 to 1965, incl.; and \$5,000, 1966 to 1968, incl. These are the bonds for which no bids were received on April 8—V. 128, p. 2511.

**MOUNT VERNON, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The following issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$390,000 offered on May 14—V. 128, p. 3227—were awarded to Barr Bros. & Co. of New York, as stated herewith:

\$200,000 playground bonds, due \$10,000, May 1 1930 to 1949 inclusive, sold as 4 1/4s, at par, plus a premium of \$563.55, equal to 100.281, a basis of about 4.22%.

190,000 assessment bonds, due \$38,000, May 1 1930 to 1934 inclusive, sold as 5s, at par, plus a premium of \$563.55, equal to 100.296, a basis of about 4.90%.

Date of bonds May 1 1929.

The bonds are now being offered for public investment at prices to yield from 4.40 to 4.15%. They are stated to be a legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York State. Assessed valuation in Mount Vernon for 1928 reported at \$150,781,803, compared with a net bonded debt given as \$10,606,052.

The following bids were also submitted for the issues:

Bidder—	Playground Bonds.	Assessment Bonds.
Eldredge & Co.	\$200,458	\$190,435.10
Estabrook & Co.	200,418	190,397.10
Roosevelt & Son	200,338	190,321.10
American National Bank	200,098	190,093.10
Batchelder, Wack & Co.	200,326	190,309.70
Dewey, Bacon & Co.	200,300	190,285.00
Harris, Forbes & Co.	200,158	190,150.10
Mt. Vernon Trust Co.	200,142	190,134.90
National City Co.	200,118	190,112.10
Guardian-Detroit Co.	200,098	190,093.10
Lehman Brothers	200,058	190,055.10
Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc.	200,320	190,171.00
Bankers Co. of New York	202,378	No Bid

**MOUNTAIN CITY, Johnson County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.**—The \$40,000 issue of water works bonds offered for sale on May 6—V. 128, p. 2868—was awarded to Little, Wooten & Co. of Jackson. Dated May 1 1929. Due from May 1 1934 to 1949.

**MOUNT OLIVE, Covington County, Miss.—BONDS OFFERED.**—Sealed bids were received until May 16 by F. O. Smith, Mayor, for the purchase of a \$25,000 issue of 6% semi-annual school bonds. Due in 20 years.

**MULTNOMAH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Portland), Ore.—BOND SALE.**—The \$25,000 issue of semi-annual school bonds, offered on May 6—V. 128, p. 2868—was awarded as 6s to Ferris & Hardgrove of Spokane, at 101.67, a basis of about 4.86%. Bonds are dated May 15 1929. Due on May 15 as follows: \$2,000, 1940 to 1944 inclusive, and \$3,000, 1945 to 1949 inclusive.

**MUSKEGON HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—W. R. Booker, Superintendent of Schools, will receive sealed bids until 7.30 p. m. on May 22, for the purchase of \$345,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Dated May 10 1929. Bonds are in \$1,000 denominations and mature on May 10 as follows: \$10,000, 1931 to 1934 inclusive; \$15,000, 1935 to 1939 inclusive; \$20,000, 1940 to 1943 inclusive, and \$30,000, 1944 to 1948 inclusive. Principal and interest (May and November) payable at the First State Savings Bank, Muskegon Heights. Legality to be approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit.

NOBLE COUNTY (P. O. Albion), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Wallace C. Harder, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on May 31 for the purchase of the following issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$38,720:

- \$11,620 Perry Dicken et al. Wayne Twp. highway improvement bonds. Dated May 15 1929. Due \$415, July 15 1930; \$415, Jan. and July 15 1931 to 1943 incl., and \$415, Jan. 15 1944.

NEW BEDFORD, Bristol County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The National Rockland Bank of Boston, purchased on May 9, a \$500,000 temporary loan on a discount basis of 5.40%. The loan is due in about 7 months. The Old Colony Corporation of Boston was the only other bidder, offering to discount the loan on a 5.93% basis.

NEW MEXICO (State of), P. O. Santa Fe.—BOND SALE.—Of the \$1,000,000 highway bonds offered on May 14—V. 128, p. 2511—\$750,000 were taken as 5/8s, at par, by a State banking syndicate, and \$250,000 as 6s, at par, by a group composed of Bosworth, Chantre, Loughridge & Co., United States National Co., both of Boston, and Stern Bros. & Co. of Kansas City. Bonds are dated May 1 1929, and mature \$250,000, May 1 1934 to 1937 incl.

NEWTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—R. L. Day & Co. of Boston, have purchased the following issues of bonds aggregating \$140,000, at a price of par. No bids were submitted for these bonds on May 8, when they were offered as 4s—V. 128, p. 3227. \$90,000 sewer bonds sold as 4s. Due \$3,000, April 1 1930 to 1959, incl. 50,000 street improvement bonds sold as 4 1/4s. Due \$5,000, April 1 1930 to 1939, incl.

NORMAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 59 (P. O. Gary), Minn.—BOND SALE.—N. B. Bagne, Clerk of Board of Education, states that an issue of 19,000 school bonds, bearing a coupon rate of 4%, has been sold to the State, at par. Bonds mature serially in 20 years. Bonds were authorized at an election held on March 26.

NORTH COLLINS (P. O. North Collinas), Erie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$42,000 coupon or registered highway and bridge bonds offered on May 15—V. 128, p. 3278—were awarded as 5s to the Manufacturers & Traders-Peoples Trust Co. of Buffalo at 100.4193, a basis of about 4.92%. Bonds are dated April 1 1929. Due April 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1930 and 1931, and \$4,000, 1932 to 1940 inclusive. Other bidders were:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Rate Bid. Includes Bank of Gowanda at 100.398 and George B. Gibbons & Co. at 100.097.

NORTH PLATTE, Lincoln County, Neb.—BOND ELECTION.—On May 28 a special election will be held to pass upon a proposed bond issue of \$480,000. Interest rate 4 1/2%. The proceeds of the issue will be used for school building purposes.

NUECES COUNTY (P. O. Corpus Christi), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller on May 7 registered a \$95,000 issue of 4 3/4% serial causeway refunding bonds. On May 11 the Comptroller registered a \$35,000 issue of 5% serial consolidated school district No. 1 bonds.

O'FALLON, St. Clair County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—H. E. Fisher, Town Clerk, states that a \$10,000 improvement bonds has been purchased by local banks. Details of the issue have not been furnished.

OAK PARK, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—F. B. Yehle, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on May 21, for the purchase of a \$144,000 special assessed lateral sewer and water bonds. Bonds are dated May 1 1929. Coupon in denominations of \$1,000, non-registered. Due serially on May 1 as follows: \$14,400, 1930 to 1939 incl.

OHIO COUNTY (P. O. Rising Sun), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Ervin Ricketts, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. June 3 for the purchase of \$3,700 4 1/2% Martin Klusman et al. road impt. bonds. Dated June 15 1929. Coupon bonds in denom. of \$185. Due \$185 July 15 1930; \$185 Jan. 15 and July 15 1931 to 1939 incl., and \$185 Jan. 15 1940. Int. payable on Jan. 15 and July 15.

OTTAWA HILLS, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles G. Smith, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on May 27, for the purchase of \$77,856.65 5% Village's portion street improvement bonds. Due July 1, as follows: \$6,856.65, 1930; \$7,000, 1931 to 1935 incl.; and \$3,000, 1936 to 1939 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J. I.) payable at the Commercial Savings Bank & Trust Co., Toledo. A certified check for 2% of the amount of the bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

OZARK, Dale County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on May 20 by T. C. Godwin, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$33,000 issue of 6% funding bonds. Dated May 1 1929. Due on May 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1932 to 1954, and \$2,000, 1955 to 1959, all incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in gold in New York. A \$500 certified check, payable to the city, must accompany the bid.

PALM BEACH, Palm Beach County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by L. T. Lockwood, Town Manager, until May 23 for the purchase of a \$450,000 issue of general impt. bonds.

PESCADERO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Redwood City), San Mateo County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 issue of 5% coupon school bonds offered for sale on May 6—V. 128, p. 2868—was awarded to the First National Bank of San Mateo County of Redwood City, at par. Dated May 1 1929. Due \$1,000 from May 1 1930 to 1944, incl. There were no other bids submitted.

PIKE COUNTY (P. O. Petersburg), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$53,735.24 4 1/2% coupon bridge improvement bonds offered on May 11—V. 128, p. 2889—were awarded to Citizens State Bank of Petersburg, at par plus a premium of \$27. Bonds are dated Sept. 15 1928, and mature serially from 1929 to 1948 incl. No other bid was received.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY (P. O. LeMars), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$170,000 primary road bonds offered on May 14—V. 128, p. 3228—were awarded as 4 1/4s to George M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport, at par, plus a premium of \$1,785, equal to 100.05, a basis of about 4.74%. Bonds are dated June 1 1929. Due \$17,000, 1931 to 1940 inclusive.

PLYMOUTH, Luzerne County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—E. H. Rollins & Sons of Philadelphia recently purchased a \$50,000 issue of 4 3/4% coupon paving bonds at par, plus a premium of \$1,50, equal to a price of 100.009. Purchasers are reoffering the bonds for public investment priced to yield 4.30%. Bonds are dated July 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000, June 30 1930 to 1934 inclusive. Principal and interest (Jan. and July 1) payable at the Plymouth National Bank, Plymouth. Legal opinion of Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia. The bonds are stated to be legal for trust funds.

Financial Statement table for Plymouth, Pa. with columns for Assessed valuation, Bonded debt, and Population.

PLYMOUTH, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—A. J. Koehnig, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. on May 20, for the purchase of the following issues of bonds aggregating \$20,500: \$11,500 special assessment bonds. Due as follows: \$3,000, 1930 to 1932 incl., and \$2,500, 1933.

9,000 water improvement bonds. Due \$1,000, 1930 to 1938 incl. Dated June 1 1929. Interest payable on J. & D. 1. Bidders to state rate of interest.

PINE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Pine River), Cass County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Fred A. Ruch, Clerk of the Board of Education, until 8 p. m. on May 2 for the purchase of a \$218,000 issue of 5 1/2% semi-annual school bonds.

PONTIAC TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 school bonds offered on May 8—V. 128, p. 3059—were awarded as 5/8s to the Union Trust Co. of Detroit, at par plus a premium of \$1,306, equal to 102.176, a basis of about 4.92%. Bonds are dated Apr. 15 1929. Due Apr. 15 as follows: \$1,000, 1931 to 1940 incl.; \$2,000, 1941 to 1947 incl.; and \$3,000, 1948 to 1959 incl. The following other bids (also for 5/8s) were submitted:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Prem., Rate Bid. Includes Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc. at \$1,305 and 102.175.

PORT JERVIS, Orange County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$600,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered water works bonds offered on May 15—V. 128, p. 3228—were awarded to Kean, Taylor & Co. and the Guardian Trust Co., both of New York, at par plus a premium of \$9,960, equal to 101.66, a basis of about 4.38%. Bonds are dated June 1 1929, and mature June 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1931 to 1943 incl.; \$15,000, 1944 to 1953 incl.; and \$20,000, 1954 to 1969 incl. The following bids were also submitted:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Price Bid. Includes Kissell, Kinnicut & Co. at \$609,066.00 and Barr Bros. & Co. at 607,182.00.

PORTLAND, Cumberland County, Me.—LOAN OFFERING.—John R. Gilmartin, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (Eastern standard time) on May 20, for the purchase on a discount basis of a \$300,000 temporary loan. Dated May 24 1929. Denominations to suit purchaser, bidders to state denominations desired. Loan is payable on Oct. 7 1929 at the First National Bank of Boston. Legal opinion of Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

PORTSMOUTH, Scioto County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$330,000 flood prevention bonds offered on May 15—V. 128, p. 2868—were awarded as 4 3/4s to Eldredge & Co. of New York, at par, plus a premium of \$7,253, equal to 102.197, a basis of about 4.55%. Bonds are dated May 1 1929. Due \$11,000, May 1 1931 to 1960 inclusive.

PORTSMOUTH, Scioto County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on April 30—V. 128, p. 1604—the voters authorized the issuance of \$250,000 bonds for school construction purposes. Of the votes cast 3,128 favored the issue and 263 disapproved of it.

PROSPECT PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT, Delaware County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—E. H. Rollins & Sons of Philadelphia, recently purchased an issue of \$72,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds at par plus a premium of \$414, equal to 100.575, a basis of about 4.47%. Bonds are dated May 15 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Bonds may be registered. Due May 15 as follows: \$6,000, 1934; \$9,000, 1939; \$10,000, 1944; \$13,000, 1949; \$16,000, 1954; and \$18,000, 1959. Prin. and int. (M. & N. 15) payable at the Interboro Bank & Trust Co., Prospect Park. Legality to be approved by Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia. Purchasers are re-offering the bonds for investment priced to yield 4.30%.

Financial Statement table for Prospect Park School District with columns for Real valuation, Bonded debt, and Net debt.

PROSPERITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Lamar), Prowers County, Colo.—PRICE PAID.—The \$11,000 issue of 6% drainage bonds that was jointly purchased by J. H. Goode & Co. and Henry Wilcox & Son, both of Denver—V. 128, p. 2869—was awarded at a price of 95, a basis of about 6.44%. Due in 20 years.

PROWERS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14 (P. O. Lamar), Colo.—BOND SALE.—The International Trust Co. of Denver recently purchased \$120,000 4 1/4% school building bonds. Dated May 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially \$6,000 from 1935 to 1944 inclusive, and \$5,000 from 1945 to 1956 inclusive. Principal payable at the office of the County Treasurer, Lamar, Colo., and semi-annual interest (Nov. 1 and May 1) payable at said office, or at the banking house of Kountze Bros., New York City, at the option of the holder.

PUTNAM COUNTY (P. O. Greencastle), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Alva E. Lisby, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on May 20 for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$30,160:

- \$8,000 F. O. Tilden et al. Greencastle and Madison Twps. bonds. Dated April 15 1929. Denom. \$400. Due \$400 May 15 and Nov. 15 1930 to 1939 incl.

PUTNAM COUNTY (P. O. Cookeville), Tenn.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on May 18 (to-day) for the purpose of passing upon the issuance of \$200,000 in bonds for school buildings in the county.

RALEIGH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Raleigh), Wake County, N. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 issue of 5% coupon or registered school bonds offered on May 15—V. 128, p. 2869—was awarded to Estabrook & Co. of New York, and the Citizens National Bank of Raleigh, jointly, at 104.609, a basis of about 4.62%. Bonds are dated May 1 1929. Due May 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1932 to 1937 incl.; \$15,000, 1938 to 1948, incl., and \$25,000, 1949 to 1959, incl.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The successful bidders are reoffering the bonds for public subscription priced to yield from 4.75% to 4.50%, according to maturity. The offering notice says: "These bonds are obligations of the school committee of Raleigh Township and are payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes levied against all taxable property in the township. The township includes the entire city of Raleigh, with all suburbs and with additional territory of about two miles on each side of the city. The official assessed valuation for 1928 was \$57,546,606, with the total debt including this issue of \$2,343,242. These figures do not include obligations of other municipal corporations which have taxing power against property within the township. The present population is estimated at 60,000."

RAVALLI COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Hamilton) Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by H. C. Packer, District Clerk, until June 1, for the purchase of an issue of \$120,000 school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Bonds are to be either serial or amortization in form, payable in 20 years and redeemable after 5 years. A \$1,000 certified check, payable to the above Clerk, is required.

RED BLUFF SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Red Bluff), Tehama County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 6% school bonds offered on April 29—V. 128, p. 2868—were awarded to the American National Co. of San Francisco at par, plus a premium of \$208, equal to 100.208, a basis of about 5.98%. Bonds mature on July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1935 to 1939 inclusive; \$4,000, 1940 to 1944 inclusive; \$5,000, 1945 to 1949, inclusive; \$7,000, 1950 to 1951; \$8,000, 1952 and 1953, and \$10,000, 1954. Award was deferred pending the decision of the District's Attorney as to the legality of the issue.—V. 128, p. 3060.

ROBESON COUNTY (P. O. Lumberton), N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on May 27, by Eva W. Floyd, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase of a \$25,000 issue

of road and bridge bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%, in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1 1929 and due on May 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1930 and 1931 and \$3,000 from 1932 to 1938 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable in gold in New York City. Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston, will furnish the legal approval. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, is required.

**RICHMOND TOWNSHIP (P. O. Townville, R. 2), Crawford County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Howard D. Amy, Secretary of Board of Supervisors will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on June 21, for the purchase of \$14,500 4 1/2% coupon Township bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1928. Denom. \$500. Due \$500, Jan. 1 1930 to 1958 incl.; optional after 10 years. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Supervisors, is required.

**RUNNELS COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Ballinger) Tex.—BOND SALE.**—A block of \$138,000 road bonds has been purchased by local investors, as 5% bonds. Due serially to 1939. (These bonds are part of a total issue of \$525,000.)

**RUSH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Scioto County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Charles Nunley, Clerk of the Board of Education, until 12 m. on May 18, for the purchase of \$12,000 5% improvement bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Denom. \$500. Due \$500, March and Sept. 1 1930 to 1941 incl. Prin. and int. (March and Sept. 1) payable at the office of the above-mentioned official. A certified check payable to the order of the Board of Education for \$1,000, must accompany each proposal.

**SABINE PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20 (P. O. Many), La.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by G. C. Reeves, Superintendent of Parish School Board, until 12 m. on June 5 for the purchase of \$70,000 school bonds. Rate of interest is not to exceed 6%. Bonds are dated July 1 1929. Denom. \$500. Due July 1 as follows: \$500, 1930; \$1,000, 1931 and 1932; \$1,500, 1933 and 1934; \$2,000, 1935 to 1938 incl.; \$2,500, 1939 to 1941 incl.; \$3,000, 1942 to 1944 incl.; \$3,500, 1945 to 1948 incl.; \$4,000, 1949 to 1951 incl.; \$4,500, 1952 and 1953, and \$5,000, 1954.

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY (P. O. Ashville) Ala.—WARRANT SALE.**—A \$50,000 issue of 6% refunding warrants has been purchased by Steiner Bros., of Birmingham. Denom. \$1,000. Dated April 1 1929. Due on April 1 1934. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Bank of Springville, in Springville, or at the office of the County Treasurer.

**ST. IGNACE, Mackinac County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—Frederick C. Lee, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on May 20, for the purchase of \$38,000 5% refunding water works bonds. Dated May 20 1929. Due Oct. 20, as follows: \$2,000, 1929 and 1930; \$3,000, 1931 to 1936, incl.; and \$4,000, 1937 to 1940, incl.

**SALEM, Marion County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—Of the \$50,000 4 1/2% coupon airport bonds offered on May 6 (V. 128, p. 3060) \$25,000 bonds were taken by Ladd & Bush of Salem at a price of par. Bonds are dated May 1 1929. Of the \$50,000 bonds offered, \$25,000 were redeemable in 1938 and \$25,000 in 1939. No other bid was received.

**SALINE COUNTY (P. O. Wilber), Neb.—BOND SALE.**—A \$50,000 issue of courthouse and jail bonds has been purchased by the Saline State Bank of Wilber. Due on Dec. 30 1930 and optional at any time.

**SALISBURY, Wicomico County, Md.—BOND SALE.**—The \$30,000 4 1/2% fire engine apparatus bonds offered on May 13 (V. 128, p. 3060) were awarded to Baker, Watts & Co. of Baltimore at 99.63, a basis of about 4.54%. Bonds are dated June 1 1929. Due June 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1931 to 1934 incl.; \$2,000, 1935 to 1941 incl.; \$5,000, 1942; \$4,000, 1943, and \$3,000, 1944.

**SAND SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19 (P. O. Sand Springs), Tulsa County, Okla.—BOND SALE.**—The \$84,000 issue of 5% coupon school bonds offered for sale on May 6—V. 128, p. 2692—was awarded to the First National Bank & Trust Co., of Tulsa, for a premium of \$32.50, equal to 100.038, a basis of about 4.99%. Dated April 15 1929. Due \$4,000 from April 15 1934 to 1954, incl.

**SHEBOYGAN FALLS, Sheboygan County, Wis.—BOND SALE.**—The \$25,000 issue of water works improvement bonds offered on May 14—V. 128, p. 2870—was awarded to the H. Denison Co. of Sheboygan, at par plus a premium of \$608.75, equal to 102.435. The issue bears a coupon rate of 5%, payable semi-annually.

**SHERIDAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73 (P. O. Medicine Lake), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.**—District Clerk Fred Summers, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on June 7, for the purchase of \$1,800 6% school bonds. Interest payable semi-annually. Bonds are dated July 1 1929. A \$180.00 certified check must accompany each proposal.

**SIDNEY, Delaware County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$53,000 5% coupon or registered street improvement bonds offered on May 14—V. 128, p. 3229—were awarded to the Manufacturers & Traders-Peoples Trust Co. of Buffalo, at 101.199, a basis of about 4.85%. Bonds are dated May 1 1929 and mature \$2,650, May 1 1930 to 1949 incl. Other bidders were:

Bidder	Rate Bid.
Batchelder, Wack & Co.	100.66
Dewey, Bacon & Co.	100.53
Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc.	100.44
George B. Gibbons & Co.	100.1494
Farson, Son & Co.	100.097

**SOUTH CANON, Fremont County, Colo.—BOND SALE.**—A \$7,500 issue of 5% coupon flood repair bonds has been purchased at par by the Colorado State Bank, of Canon City. Denom. \$500. Dated June 1 1928. Due \$1,500 in 1931 and \$1,000 from 1932 to 1937, incl. Int. is payable on June & Dec. 1.

**SOUTH RIVER, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.**—The \$122,000 coupon or registered bonds offered on May 13 (V. 128, p. 3229) were awarded as 6s to Dewey, Bacon & Co. of New York at par plus a premium of \$2,930.20, equal to 102.40, a basis of about 5.39%. Purchasers are reoffering the bonds for public investment priced to yield 5% for all maturities. Obligations are dated May 1 1929, due May 1 as follows: \$19,000, 1930 and 1931; \$18,000, 1932; \$13,000, 1933 to 1935 incl.; \$10,000, 1936 and 1937, and \$7,000, 1938.

**SPARTA, Monroe County, Wis.—BONDS OFFERED.**—Sealed bids were received until 2 p. m. on May 25, by the City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$10,000 issue of 5% semi-annual coupon street improvement bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$2,000 from March 1 1930 to 1934, incl.

**SPRINGFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—The First National Bank of Boston and the Old Colony Corporation also of Boston, jointly, purchased recently a \$1,200,000 temporary loan on a discount basis of 5.43%. Loan is payable on Nov. 13 1929.

**SUNBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Northumberland County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—D. B. Bartholomew, Secretary of Directors, will receive sealed bids until May 29, for the purchase of all or any part of a \$170,000 4 1/2% coupon school bond issue. Dated June 1 1929. Due in from 5 to 30 years. These bonds were offered unsuccessfully on May 6—V. 128, p. 2693.

**TAUNTON, Bristol County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—The \$200,000 temporary loan offered on May 14—V. 128, p. 3230—was awarded to S. N. Bond & Co. of Boston, on a discount basis of 5.61%. Loan is dated May 15 1929 and is payable on Nov. 15 1929. Denom. \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Legal opinion of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

**THOMASVILLE, Davidson County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by B. H. Harris, City Clerk, until 5 p. m. on May 24, for the purchase of a \$95,000 issue of public improvement bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%, stated in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1 1929 and due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1931 to 1940; \$6,000, 1941 to 1948 and \$7,000 in 1949. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable in gold at the Hanover National Bank in New York City. Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston, will furnish the legal approval. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

**TILLAMOOK COUNTY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Cloverdale), Ore.—BOND SALE.**—The \$60,000 issue of school

bonds offered on May 11 (V. 128, p. 3230) were awarded to Ferris & Hardgrove of Spokane as 5 1/4s at 100.35, a basis of about 5.43%. Bonds are due in 15 years, optional after 5 years.

**TINICUM TOWNSHIP (P. O. Essington), Delaware County, Pa.—BOND SALE.**—The \$30,000 coupon highway bonds offered on May 13—V. 128, p. 3230—were awarded as 4 1/2s to E. H. Rollins & Sons of Philadelphia, at par plus a premium of \$3.00, equal to 100.01, a basis of about 4.498%. Bonds are dated June 1 1929. Due June 1 1959. Purchasers are reoffering the bonds for public investment priced to yield 4.30%.

Other bids were as follows:

Bidder	Int. Rate.	Rate Bid.
W. H. Newbold's Sons & Co.	5%	100.70
A. B. Leach & Co., Inc.	4 1/2%	100.60
Lansdowne Bank & Trust Co.	5%	100.279

Financial Statement.

Real value (estimated).....	\$30,000.000
Assessed valuation (1928).....	4,800,000
Total bonded debt (incl. this issue).....	77,000
Population, 5,000.....	
Ratio of Net debt to assessed valuation is less than 2%.	

**TIPTON COUNTY (P. O. Covington), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.**—Eugene Younger, Secretary of County Board of Education, is reported to be receiving sealed bids until 1 p. m. on May 20, for the purchase of a \$100,000 issue of school bonds. Bidders to state rate of interest which is not to exceed 6%.

**TIPTON COUNTY (P. O. Tipton), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Willis A. Kendall, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on June 3 for the purchase of \$4,520.80 6% ditch improvement bonds. Bonds are dated June 1 1929. Denominations \$904.16. Due \$904.16, June 1 1930 to 1934, incl. Interest payable on June and Dec. 1. A certified check for 2 1/2% of the amount bid for is required.

**TOWNSEND, Broadwater County, Mont.—BOND SALE.**—The \$25,000 refunding bond issue offered on May 9—V. 128, p. 2693—was awarded to the State Board of Land Commissioners, at par. Bonds bear a coupon rate of 5 1/2% and are payable at the office of the Town Treasurer.

**TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN AND BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE (P. O. Merchantville), Camden County, N. J.—NO BIDS.**—Robert V. Peabody, Township Clerk, states that no bids were received on May 13, for the \$65,000 bonds offered for sale.—V. 128, p. 3061. Bidders were to state interest rate. Bonds are dated May 1 1929. Due May 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1931 to 1961, incl.; and \$3,000, 1962.

**TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY (P. O. Brevard), N. C.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on May 24, by C. R. McNeely, County Auditor, for the purchase of \$278,000 issue of 5% refunding bonds. Dated April 1 1929. Due \$8,000 from 1939 to 1949 and \$19,000 from 1950 to 1959, all incl. Prin. and semi-annual interest payable in gold at the Chase National Bank in New York City. Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston will furnish the legal approval. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for is required.

**TRINITY COUNTY (P. O. Groveton), Tex.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**—The \$159,000 issue of road bonds that was purchased by the J. R. Phillips Investment Co. of Houston (V. 128, p. 2693) is more fully described as follows: 5 1/2% coupon series F bonds in denom. of \$1,000. Dated Apr. 10 1929. Due from Apr. 10 1930 to 1959 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O. 10) payable at the Hanover National Bank in New York City.

**WACO, McLennan County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by E. E. McAdams, City Manager, until 7:30 p. m. on June 4 for the purchase of \$1,000,000 water works improvement bonds, to bear a coupon rate of either 4 1/2% or 4 3/4%. Bonds are dated July 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$10,000, 1930 to 1934 incl.; \$20,000, 1935 to 1939 incl.; \$25,000, 1940 to 1949 incl., and \$30,000, 1950 to 1969 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the United States Mgtg. & Trust Co., New York. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Mayor, is required. Legal opinion of the Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York will be furnished the purchaser. Bids may be for all or any part of the issue. These are the bonds offered unsuccessfully on March 19 (V. 128, p. 1964). A detailed statement of the financial condition of the city was given in V. 128, p. 1440.

**WADDINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Waddington), Wayne County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$100,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered on May 11—V. 128, p. 3061—were awarded as 5s, to Batchelder, Wack & Co. of New York, at 100.425, a basis of about 4.96%. Bonds are dated May 1 1929, and mature on May 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1930 to 1939, incl.; \$3,000, 1940 to 1949, incl.; and \$5,000, 1950 to 1959, incl. George B. Gibbons & Co. of New York, bid 100.3174.

**WALLIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Austin County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.**—L. L. Anderson, Secretary of Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on May 20 for the purchase of \$50,000 5% coupon school bonds. Dated May 10 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due annually as follows: \$1,000, 1942 to 1951 incl.; \$2,000, 1952 to 1965 incl., and \$3,000, 1966 to 1969 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the Hanover National Bank, N. Y. City, or at the Wallis State Bank, Wallis. A certified check for \$1,000 is required. Legality to be approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago. Bonds are part of an authorized issue of \$60,000.

**WASHBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT, McLean County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.**—The Clerk of the Board of Education reports that an issue of \$65,000 5% school bonds has been taken at par by the State. Bonds mature in 1949, and were authorized at an election held on Feb. 26.

**WAYNE, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—Isabelle K. Comer, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (Eastern standard time) on May 21, for the purchase of \$39,509.85 water bonds, divided as follows:  
 \$23,931.45 bonds. Due June 1, as follows: \$931.45, 1931; \$1,000, 1932 to 1934 incl.; \$1,500, 1935 and 1936; \$2,000, 1937 to 1942 incl.; and \$2,500, 1943 and 1944.  
 15,578.40 bonds. Due June 1, as follows: \$578.40, 1931; \$500, 1932 and 1933; \$1,000, 1934 to 1938 incl.; and \$1,500, 1939 to 1944 incl.

All of the bonds are dated June 1 1929. Rate of interest is not to exceed 6%. A certified check for \$1,000 must accompany each proposal. The total bonded debt of the Village (excl. Special Asst. bonds) is \$209,500. Assessed valuation for 1929 is \$5,400,000.

**WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Detroit), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—Harry I. Dingeman, County Drain Commissioner, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (Eastern standard time) on May 22, for the purchase of \$16,000 coupon or registered Livonia Township drainage bonds. Rate of interest is not to exceed 6%, payable semi-annually. Bonds are dated May 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1931 to 1935 incl.; \$2,000, 1936; and \$3,000, 1937 to 1939 incl. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for is required.

Proposals to be conditioned upon the successful bidder, furnishing the lithographed bonds ready for execution and the necessary approving opinion as to the legality of said issue without charge.

**WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Detroit), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—William F. Butler, Chairman of the Board of County Road Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 9 a. m. (central standard time) on June 4, for the purchase of the following issues of highway improvement bonds aggregating \$243,000:  
 \$135,000 Road Assessment District No. 135 bonds. Due \$15,000, May 1 1931 to 1939 incl. A certified check for \$1,350, payable to the Board of County Road Commissioners, must accompany each proposal.  
 108,000 Road Assessment District No. 10 bonds. Due \$12,000, May 1 1931 to 1939 incl. A certified check for \$1,080, payable to the Board of County Road Commissioners, is required.

Bonds are dated June 1 1929. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the First National Bank, Detroit. Rate of interest to be stated in bid. All bids received for these bonds on April 23 were rejected.—V. 128, p. 2871.

**WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Wooster), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Fred C. Redick, Clerk of Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on May 20, for the purchase of \$16,848.25 5% road improvement bonds. Dated May 1 1929. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$1,848.25

1929; and \$2,000, 1930 to 1937 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N. 1) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Board of County Commissioners, is required. Legality to be approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland.

WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 27 (P. O. Greeley), Colo.—BOND SALE CONSOLIDATED.—The \$17,500 4 1/4% refunding bonds tentatively awarded to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville (V. 128, p. 1964), pending the outcome of an election, were approved by the electorate at an election held on May 6. Purchasers paid 100.07 for the issue, a basis of about 4.73%.

WEST GATES WATER DISTRICT (Comprising parts of the Towns of Gates, Greece and Ogden), Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Water Commissioners, until 4 p. m. on May 20, at the office of Webster and Smith, 303 Wilder Bldg., Rochester, N. Y., for the purchase of \$18,000 coupon Wegman Road Extension bonds. Rate of interest is not to exceed 6%. Bonds are dated April 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (A. & O. 1) payable at the Bank of Spencerport, Spencerport. A certified check payable to the order of the Water Commissioners amounting to \$500, must accompany each proposal. Legal opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder gratis. A similar issue of bonds was offered on Oct. 3.—V. 127, p. 1841.

WEST HAZELTON, Luzerne County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The Miners' Bank of West Hazleton, recently purchased an issue of \$30,000 bonds for improvement bonds, bearing a coupon rate of 4 1/4% and maturing in 1949; optional after 1934. Price paid was par.

WESTSIDE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Crawford County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by P. L. Sievers, Secretary of Board of Directors, until 2 p. m. on May 20 for the purchase of \$60,000 school bonds, bearing a coupon rate of 5%. Interest payable semi-annually. Bonds are dated May 1 1929. Due serially from 1932 to 1949 inclusive.

WEST VIEW, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until June 11 for the purchase of \$50,000 4 1/4% impmt. bonds, to be in denominations of \$1,000. These bonds were authorized at an election held on April 30.—V. 128, p. 2871.

WHITMAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 202 (P. O. Colfax), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Mabel Greer, County Treasurer, until 10 a. m. on May 25 for the purchase of a \$22,000 issue of school bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the offices of the State or County Treasurer or at the fiscal agency of the State in New York. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

WILLARD, Cleron County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Edward A. Evans, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on May 20, for the purchase of \$15,320 5 1/4% street improvement bonds. Dated May 1 1929. Due \$500, April and \$1,000, Oct. 1 1930 to 1938 incl.; \$1,000, April and \$820, Oct. 1 1939. Interest payable on A. & O. 1. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the order of the Village, is required.

WILLIAMS COUNTY (P. O. Bryan), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Edgerton State Bank and the Farmers Bank of Bryan, purchased on May 11 three issues of 6% bonds, aggregating \$17,168.90, at par plus a premium of .5%. Bonds mature semi-annually from 1930 to 1933 inclusive.

WILLIAMSPORT, Lycoming County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 4 1/4% coupon school bonds offered on May 15—V. 128, p. 2871—were awarded to the Susquehanna Trust Co. of Williamsport, at 101.109, a basis of about 4.10%. Bonds are dated April 1 1929. Due April 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1934; \$25,000, 1939; \$35,000, 1944; \$50,000, 1949; \$55,000, 1954; and \$65,000, 1959. Other bidders were:

Table with Bidder, Rate Bid, and Bidder columns for Williamsport bonds.

WILLOUGHBY, Lake County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$43,843.51 special assessment street improvement bonds offered on May 13—V. 128, p. 3060—were awarded as 5 1/8s to the Guardian Trust Co. of Cleveland, at par plus a premium of \$33.92, equal to 100.077, a basis of about 5.24%. Bonds are dated April 1 1929. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,843.51, 1930; \$5,000, 1931; \$4,000, 1932; \$5,000, 1933; \$4,000, 1934; \$5,000, 1935; and \$4,000, 1936 to 1939, incl.

Table with Bidder, Int. Rate, Prem., and Bidder columns for Willoughby bonds.

WINCHESTER, Frederick County, Va.—BOND SALE.—The \$349,000 issue of 4 3/4% coupon sewer, street, school and refunding bonds offered for sale on May 10 (V. 128, p. 2871) was awarded to Morris Mather & Co. and H. M. Bylesby & Co., both of New York, at a price of 98.56, a basis of about 4.62%. Dated May 1 1929. Due from May 1 1930 to 1959 incl.

WOOD COUNTY (P. O. Bowling Green), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—C. O. Cummings, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. (eastern standard time) on June 3, for the purchase of \$8,000 5% improvement bonds. Dated May 1 1929. Denoms. \$800. Due \$800 March and Sept. 1 1930 to 1934, incl. Interest payable on March and Sept. 1 at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for \$1,000 must accompany each proposal. The successful bidder will be furnished a full and complete transcript evidencing the legality of said bonds as full and direct obligations of Wood County, Ohio.

WORCESTER COUNTY (P. O. Worcester), Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Worcester County National Bank of Worcester, on May 14, purchased a \$200,000 temporary loan on a discount basis of 5.47%. The loan is dated May 14 1929 and is redeemable on Oct. 30 1929. Only one bid was received.

YOLO COUNTY ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Woodland), Calif.—MATURITY.—The \$32,340 5 1/4% bonds awarded at 100.272 to the American National Co. of San Francisco (V. 128, p. 3061), are dated April 1 1929 and mature on April 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1931 to 1941 incl.; \$2,500, 1942 to 1944, incl., and \$2,840 1945. Cost basis about 5.45%. Legality to be approved by Orrick, Palmer & Dahlquist of San Francisco.

YONKERS, Westchester County, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—R. W. Pressprich & Co. of New York, purchased on May 10, a \$600,000 issue of notes dated May 15 1929 and payable on Dec. 13 1929 on a discount basis of 5.74%, plus a premium of \$13.00. Notes are in denominations of \$50,000.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

BOWMANVILLE, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The \$118,118.29 5% debentures offered on May 10—V. 128, p. 3231—were awarded to Bell, Gouinlock & Co. of Toronto, at a price of 96.03. Debentures are dated May 1 1929. Due serially in from 1 to 20 years, both coupons and debentures payable at the Bank of Montreal, Bowmanville. Legal opinion of Long & Daly.

Table with Bidder, Rate Bid, and Bidder columns for Bowmanville bonds.

COATICOOK, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by A. Bouchard, Secretary-Treasurer, until 7 p. m. on May 20, for the purchase of \$27,000 bonds, to bear a coupon rate of 5%. Issue is dated June 1 1929, and is due serially in 20 years. Bonds are in \$1,000, \$500, and \$100 denoms., and are payable at Coaticook and Montreal.

KITCHENER, Ont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. W. Foot, City Treasurer, until 12 m. on May 20 for the purchase of \$233,227.64 4 1/4 and 5% debentures, which have been approved by Long & Daly of Toronto.

MONTREAL, Que.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—Of the \$10,459,000 4 3/4% bond issue awarded to a London banking syndicate on May 8 at 91.37465, a cost basis of about 5.00% (V. 128, p. 3231), \$9,359,000 is required for the expropriation of the property and assets of the Montreal Water & Power Co., \$600,000 for underground conduits and \$500,000 for aqueduct improvements. A list of the other bids submitted, as published in the Finland "Post" of May 14, follows:

Table with Bidder and Rate Bid columns for Montreal bonds.

NOVA SCOTIA (Province of), P. O. Halifax.—BOND SALE.—The Royal Securities Corp. of Halifax, recently purchased an issue of \$2,560,000 5% provincial bonds and are reoffering them for investment at 100 and accrued interest. Bonds are to be dated May 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Payable on May 1 1959. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the Royal Bank of Canada or at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, in Halifax, Montreal, Toronto and New York. Legal opinion of E. G. Long of Toronto. The offering notice says: "Obligations of Nova Scotia are designated as legal investment for savings banks in Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. The bonds will constitute a direct obligation of the Province of Nova Scotia and a charge on all revenues, monies and funds of the Province."

ONTARIO (Province of), Ont.—BIDS.—The following is a list of the bids received on May 6 for the \$25,000,000 issue of 5% bonds awarded to the National City Co. syndicate, at 99.15, a basis of about 5.06%—V. 128, p. 3231. The tabulation appeared in the May 10 issue of the "Monetary Times" of Toronto.

Table with Bidder and Rate Bid columns for Ontario bonds.

RENFREW COUNTY (P. O. Pembroke), Ont.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 5% bonds offered on May 15—V. 128, p. 3231—were awarded to Harris, McKeen & Co. of Toronto, at 97.06, a basis of about 5.60%. Bonds are dated Feb. 1 1929 and are payable in ten equal annual installments at the Bank of Nova Scotia, Pembroke.

Table with Bidder, Rate Bid, and Bidder columns for Renfrew County bonds.

FINANCIAL advertisement for Biddle & Henry, City of Philadelphia, listing bond terms and contact information.

FINANCIAL advertisement for Whittlesey, McLean & Co., Municipal Bonds, Mining Engineers, H. M. Chance & Co., Coal and Mineral Properties.

FINANCIAL advertisement titled 'Besides—' highlighting the extensive financial coverage of The Chronicle.