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## The Financial Situation.

There have been two events of large influence the present week, but having widely different effects. The first of these had a temporary stimulating influence on values and the other has been the occasion for a very sharp decline all through the Stock Exchange list. The favoring factor has been the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court, made known Monday afternoon, upholding the contention of the railroads that in ascertaining the valuation of railroad properties for rate making purposes and for recapture of excess income, the Inter-State Commerce Commission errs when it fails to take into consideration as one factor "present reproduction costs." The depressing agency has been the news of the day, pointing to an advance in the rediscount rates of the Federal Reserve Banks, the prospect of an advance being predicated upon the recommendation of the Federal Reserve Advisory Council, communicated to the Federal Reserve Board on Tuesday, May 21, that the Board consent to an advance in the rediscount rate from $5 \%$ to $6 \%$, where a Reserve Bank makes a request to that effect, it being well known that the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago have formally made such requests. The Federal Reserve Board however has declined to comply with the recommendation.
The decision of the U. S. Supreme Court on the question of railroad valuation was given in the celebrated case of the St. Louis \& O'Fallon Railway. The case was a test case and the decision is to the effect that the Commission is proceeding in disregard of the law when it fails to take account of present reproduction cost as one of the salient factors in the problem. The majority opinion, written by Justice McReynolds, points out that section 15a, which was added to the Inter-State Commerce Act by the Transportation Act of 1920, directsby paragraph 4,
that in determining values of railway property for purposes of recapture, the Commission "shall give due consideration to all the elements of value recog. nized by the law of the land for rate making purposes." He says this is an express command; and the carrier has clear right to demand compliance therewith. "The elements of value recognized by the law of the land for rate-making purposes," he asserts, "have been pointed out many times by the U. S. Supreme Court," and he cites numerous cases in support of that statement.
Justice McReynolds quotes at length from the dissent opinion of Commissioner Hall, concurred in by three other members of the Commerce Commission in the O'Fallon case, and then proceeds as follows:
"This Court has declared the law of the land concerning valuations for rate-making purposes. The Commission disregarded the approved rule and has thereby failed to discharge the definite duty imposed by Congress. Unfortunately, proper heed was denied the timely admonition of the minority-"The function of this Commission is not to act as an arbiter in economics, but as an agency of Congress, to apply the law of the land to facts developed of record in matters committed by Congress to our jurisdiction.'
"The question on which the Commission divided is this: When seeking to ascertain the value of railroad property for recapture purposes, must it give consideration to current, or reproduction, costs? The weight to be accorded thereto is not the matter before us. No doubt there are some, perhaps many, railroads the ultimate value of which should be placed far below the sum necessary for reproduction. But Congress has directed that values shall be fixed upon a consideration of present costs along with all other pertinent facts; and this mandate must be obeyed."

Proper valuation of the railroads is of importance because the Transportation Act of 1920 requires that whenever a railroad earns in excess of $6 \%$ upon such valuation, one-half of such excess must be turned over to the Commerce Commission to constitute a fund with which to extend financial assistance to the weaker roads. Accordingly, if the valuation is fixed lower than it should be, the excess will be correspondingly larger, or (what has happened in most of the contested cases) an excess will appear when no excess actually exists in the contemplation of the statute. The Commerce Commission in all its valuations has valued the structural properties of the carriers on the basis of 1914 values, which were exceedingly low, this being the time before the outbreak of the World War with the tremendous increase in labor and other costs that have occurred since then. The Commission termed these 1914 values as the "prudent" investment cost and obvi-
ously with costs so much higher now these 1914 values are far from showing the "present reproduction cost." Hence if the court had sanctioned the proceeding many roads would have suffered great injustice in having to pay over large amounts of income which they cannot now be called upon to share with the Commerce Commission, since they have not been earning anywhere near $6 \%$ upon a "fair" value of their investment, in which fair value "present reproduction costs" constitutes an important factor. In that sense the decision is of the highest importance and its significance in that respect can hardly be exaggerated. Not having any recapturable earnings, the position of the roads most immediately concerned (among which Southwestern roads stand foremost) is vastly improved. Of this there can be no question. It removes a cloud which had been resting upon the future of such roads.

On the other hand, as far as rates are concerned, we share the views of President Hoover and of railroad officials themselves, that the effect is likely to be inconsequential. To be sure, the Commerce Commission is directed under the Transportation Act, "in the exercise of its power to prescribe just and reasonable rates" to establish such rates as will yield "a fair return" on the property used in the transportation service. But whatever weight this command may have had, when the Transportation Act was passed, immediately after the close of the war, it is not likely to play much, if any, part in the rate-fixing nine years later. The rate structure is now established and considerations bearing upon the question as to whether existing rates are likely to yield, or are yielding, a proper return are not likely to influence the course of the Commerce Commission to any extent, if at all. Besides, there is the Hoch-Smith resolution which is certain to act as a deterrent upon rate advances. It is to be noted, too, that this is the view of the "Railway Age" which, in its issue of this week, is moved to say:
"In anticipating the probable effects, consideration must be given to the practical as well as the legal aspects of the matter. The Inter-State Commerce Commission for nine years has refused to allow the railways to charge rates high enough to enable them to earn an average return of $5.75 \%$ even upon its own basis of valuation, although it has held this would be a fair return. How, then, can it be reasonably assumed that it will in future be easily persuaded to authorize them to charge rates high enough to earn such a return upon a valuation much larger?
"Furthermore, while the railways have refused to accept the Commission's principles and methods of valuation, they have never actually tried to get it to use, in the regulation of rates, a basis higher than the investment in their properties indicated by their accounts. The railways have recognized in the past, and they undoubtedly will recognize in future, the fact that public sentiment and economic conditions cannot safely be ignored."

Nor are we inclined to think there is any reason for believing that the Commerce Commission will have to scrap all the work done thus far in the valuation of the properties of the roads. The work is faulty only in one particular, in that the structural values are those of 1914 instead of those of say 1928. Everything else seems to be free from substantial objection. We notice that W. G. Brantley, General

Counsel of the President's Conference Committee of Federal Valuation of Railroads, is quoted as saying that "the opinion of the court does not require the Commission to scrap any of its valuation work, but only to complete the work." He also says that "The cost of reproduction of the structural property of each railroad as of June 301914 has been ascertained and reported by the Commission. The costs reported do not purport to be the actual costs prevailing on that date, but to be the general 'level' of costs existing then and for a period of some 5 to 10 years prior thereto.

Recently the Commis sion has fixed upon December 311927 as the new date to which all valuations shall be brought. And obviously, the cost of reproduction as of that date must be determined and given consideration, and that is what the Supreme Court decision means. Just as there was a 'level' of prices prevailing on June 30 1914, which the Commission ascertained and applied, there exists a 'level' of prices prevailing on December 31 1927, which the Commission must likewise ascertain and apply in order that the value of the railroads as of that date may be known."

This would seem to furnish a ready and simple means of bringing the valuations down to date and yet comply with the mandate of the law and of the Supreme Court. Of counse there may be cases where this rule would not apply. Justice McReynolds has taken pains to say: "No doubt there are some, perhaps many, railroads the ultimate value of which should be placed far below the sum necessary for reproduction." But such cases could obviously be treated separately and their value fixed according to the circumstances of the case.

As to the action of the Federal Advisory Council in recommending to the Federal Reserve Board that the latter assent to advances in their rediscount rates from $5 \%$ to $6 \%$, where the regional banks seek permission for such an advance, such action would obviously be a step in the right direction. The memorandum containing the recommendation is expressed in the following significant words: "The Council recommends to the Federal Reserve Board that it now grant permission to raise the rediscount rates to $6 \%$ to those Federal Reserve Banks requesting it, thus bringing the rediscount rates into closer relation with generally prevailing commercial money rates. The Council believes that improvement in financial conditions and a consequent reduction of the rate structure will thereby be brought about more quickly, thus best safeguarding commerce, industry and agriculture."

We do not think that raising the rate would have the slightest effect on the credit situation, but nevertheless, the step should have been taken long ago, and it should not escape notice that the recommendation of the Advisory Council says that the advance proposed would bring "the rediscount rates into closer relation with generally prevailing commercial money rates." That has been the weakness right along, namely, that rediscount rates have been far below the market rates, thereby encouraging borrowing at the Reserve institutions, since there was always a sure profit in the operation. Even an advance to $6 \%$ will not change the situation much in that respect, inasmuch as Governor Young of the Federal Reserve Board took occasion to say in one of his addresses last year, that it was impossible to
"earmark" Federal Reserve credit when once released. It follows that by borrowing at $6 \%$ it will still be profitable to lend the funds thus obtained from the Federal Reserve Bank at much higher rates on collateral loans on Stock Exchange securities. Call loans on the Stock Exchange the present week have been down at times to $6 \%$, but only two weeks ago the rate ruled for several successive days at $14 \%$, that rate having been exacted even on renewalis of standing loans.

As a matter of fact, time loans on the Stock Exchange are still quoted at $9 \%$. In these circumstances, it is not easy to perceive why such alarm should be felt on the Stock Exchange over the prospects of an advance in the rediscount rate to merely $6 \%$, and it should be noted that this alarm, or professed alarm, does not extend to the mercantile world, notwithstanding that even bankers' acceptances (the highest form of commercial credit) have for some time been quoted at $55 / 8 \%$ bid and $51 / 2 \%$ asked for ninety day maturities, at which figure the cost of the money to the borrower (allowing for the acceptance commission of $1 / 4$ of $1 \%$, which is at the rate of $1 \%$ per year) is fully $61 / 2 \%$. This week some acceptance houses have raised their acceptance rates even higher than those here quoted. Altogether it is difficult to understand the reluctance of the Reserve Board to sanction an increase in the rate, especially as the best banking opinion in the country is so strongly in favor of such a move, as is evident from the fact that both the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago have, according to well authenticated information, the present week renewed their application for permission to make the advance, though with no greater success than before.

This week's changes in the Federal Reserve state ments are not very striking. Such as they are, they are in line with expectations and the most of them, though not by any means all, are in the right direction. The aggregate of brokers' loanis is $\$ 45$,000,000 smaller than that of the previous week, the amount May 22 standing at $\$ 5,520,000,000$ against $\$ 5,565,000,000$ on May 15 . But this follows increases for the four weeks preceding to a total of $\$ 140$,000,000 , and considering the extensive liquidation that has been in progress all through the week on the Stock Exchange the falling off must be viewed as being, after all, quite small. A further feature that can not be regarded with satisfaction is that though the grand total of the loans has been reduced in amount of $\$ 45,000,000$, the loans for account of individuals and corporations, as distinct from those made for account of the reporting member banks themselves, and for account of the out-of-town bank correspondents, or in brief the loans termed technically "for account of others," actually show a further increase during the week of no less than $\$ 63$,000,000 , bringing the aggregate of the loans in this category well above $\$ 3,000,000,000$, thereby establishing, of course, another new high record in all time. The loans made by the reporting member banks in New York City for their own account diminished during the week from $\$ 860,000,000$ to $\$ 827,000,000$, and those for account of out-of-town banks from $\$ 1,725,000,000$ to $\$ 1,651,000,000$, but the loans for account of individual lenders ran up from $\$ 2,979,000,000$ to $\$ 3,042,000,000$. To indicate what an extraordinary change has occurred during the
past twelve months in the amounts of the loans under the different headings it is only necessary to compare this week's figures for May 22 with those for May 23 last year. Such a comparison shows that while the grand aggregate of the loans in all the different categories is considerably over a $\$ 1,000$, 000,000 higher than at this date a year ago, the amount now at $\$ 5,520,000,000$ comparing with $\$ 4$,$456,000,000$ at the corresponding date a year ago, the loans made by the reporting member banks for their own account are now down to $\$ 827,000,000$ against $\$ 1,247,000,000$ twelve months ago and the loans for account of out-of-town banks are only a little larger at $\$ 1,651,000,000$ against $\$ 1,607,000,000$. On the other hand, the loans "for others" at $\$ 3$,$042,000,000$ compare with only $\$ 1,602,000,000$ twelve months ago, showing an augmentation in the latter category in the huge sum of $\$ 1,440,000,000$. Nothing could show better how serious the situation has become by reason of the growth in these outside loans.

Borrowing of the member banks at the Federal Reserve institutions has been further reduced during the week, as seems natural in view of the contraction in the grand total of brokers' loans during the week. The further decrease in borrowing is only small, the amount for May 22 being $\$ 904,426,000$ compared with $\$ 914,599,000$ on May 15 . Some very large changes, however, are found embodied in these totals when we examine the figures for the separate Reserve Banks. At the Federal Reserve Bank of New York borrowing has been very heavily reduced, the discount holdings the present week being down to $\$ 197,325,000$ against $\$ 254,372,000$ last week. Unfortunately the greater part of the large reduction here has been offset by larger borrowing at the other Reserve institutions. Thus at Chicago the discount holdings have increased $\$ 10,200,000$ during the week; at Boston $\$ 8,900,000$; at San Francisco $\$ 7$,900,000 ; at St. Louis $\$ 6,300,000$, and at Kansas City and at Richmond $\$ 4,800,000$ each.
This change in the distribution of the discounts is important as showing that it is not the New York district that is now extending its borrowings, but the other Reserve districts. The Reserve System as a whole has also further reduced its holdings of acceptances purchased in the open market, these holdings the present week standing at $\$ 137,986,000$ against $\$ 146,107,000$ lact week, and comparing with $\$ 330,562,000$ a year ago. The holdings of U. S. Government securities are also lower at $\$ 153,287,000$ the present week as against $\$ 155,826,000$ last week, and comparing with $\$ 230,481,000$ on May 231928. Altogether total bill and security holdings are reported at $\$ 1,203,516,000$ May 221929 and $\$ 1,224$,$349,000 \mathrm{May} 151929$ as against $\$ 1,409,505,000$ May 23 1928. It accordingly appears that $\$ 206,000,000$ less Reserve credit is now in use than was the case a year ago.

The stock market this week suffered another revere collapse and the fluctuations in prices have been wide and extremely violent. The general trend has been strongly downward, relieved only in the last hour on Monday by the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court in the St. Louis \& O'Fallon rate case upholding the contention of the railroads that in fixing the valuation of the railroads due weight must be given to the present reproduction costs of the structural properties of the carriers and declaring that the Inter-State Commerce Commission violated
the plain mandate of the law when it failed to take this factor into consideration, but insisted instead in using the low productions costs of 1914. The decision had long been looked for, Monday after Monday, as the Court hands down its decisions on that day, but in the end it came unexpectedly. It was, too, far more favorable to the views of the carriers than anyone had supposed would be the case. Accordingly when announcement of the decision appeared on the ticker tape at about $20^{\prime}$ clock in the afternoon on Monday the effect was to cause a sensational upward spurt in the stocks of the railroads, advances of 15 to 25 points being recorded, while the downward turn in the rest of the list was for the moment halted. The sensational advances in the railroads list were not, however, maintained, or at least not to their full extent, and by the close of the last hour the railroad list suffered a relapse almost as marked as the previous rise and the general list resumed its downward course.

On Tuesday the rate decision proved only a temporary sustaining influence and many further declines in prices occurred, though the market was extremely unsettled and prices moved irregularly up and down. Evidently there was heavy selling pressure, and the bears were making assaults on the market with great persistency. Late in the afternoon of Tuesday there came the news that the Federal Advisory Council had been in session and had recommended to the Federal Reserve Board that the latter desist in its policy of refusing the requests of the Reserve Banks which wanted to raise their rediscounts from $5 \%$ to $6 \%$. It was by this time well established that both the New York and the Chicago Reserve Banks had not only put in such requests, but were renewing them with great persistency. The effect of this news was to cause an exceedingly violent break in prices on Wednesday, over 300 stock issuers recording new low figures for the year.

On Thursday, when it developed that the Reserve Board was not likely to yield immediate compliance to the recommendation of the Advisory Council, the market experienced a brisk recovery which was in proportion to the previous day's tremendous slump in values. On Friday, after early strength, the market again became unsettled, and the course of prices once more irregular, though with values again turning pretty generally downward in the last hour. As it happened, call loans at no time during the week went higher than $7 \%$, and the latter part of the week were down to $6 \%$.

Trading has been fairly heavy. At the half day session on Saturday the sales on the New York Stock Exchange reached $1,249,640$ shares ; on Monday the transactions aggregated $3,811,850$; on Tuesday they ran up to $4,409,0520$ shares, and on Wednesday to $4,844,130$; on Thursday the dealings fell to $3,814,220$ shares, and on Friday to $3,272,030$ 'shares. On the New York Curb Market the sales were 882,900 shares on Saturday ; on Monday they were $1,217,800$; on Tuesday $1,370,000$ shares; on Wednesday $1,416,800$ shares; on Thursday $1,127,800$ shares, and on Friday 1,273,900.

Nearly the entire list shows heavy declines for the week. Sears Roebuck \& Co. closed yesterday at 153 against $1571 / 4$ on Friday of last week; Montgomery Ward \& Co. closed at $1141 / 8$ against 120; Woolworth closed at $2193 / 4$ against 228; Safeway Stores at 160 against $1663 / 4$; Western Union Tel. at $1873 / 4$ against

192; American Tel. \& Tel. at $2101 / 8$ against $2151 / 8$; Int. Tel. \& Tel. at 246 against 264; Westinghouse Elec. \& Mfg. at $1521 / 2$ against 164; United Aircraft \& Transport at 123 against 141; American Can at 1311/4 against 144; United States Industrial Alcohol at $1561 / 4$ against $1621 / 4$; Commercial Solvents at 346 against $3593 / 4$; Corn Products at $893 / 8$ against $911 / 4$; Shattuck Co. at $1497 / 8$ against $1531 / 2$, and Columbia Graphophone at $711 / 2$ against $741 / 2$.

Allied Chemical \& Dye closed yesterday at 281 against 289 on Friday of last week; Davison Chemical at $541 / 4$ against 55 ; Union Carbide \& Carbon new stock (issued three for one of the old) at $793 / 8$ against $827 / 8$; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at $1681 / 4$ against 174; Radio Corporation at 92 against $941 / 2$; General Electric at 2731/2 against 2891/2; National Cash Register at 111 against 1191/2; Wright Aeronautical at 125 against 128; International Nickel at $471 / 2$ against 51 ; A. M. Byers at 1377/8 against 1471/4; American \& Foreign Power at $1001 / 8$ against 111; Brooklyn Union Gas at $1731 / 4$ against 181 ; Consol. Gas of N. Y. at $1091 / 2$ against $1161 / 4$; Columbia Gas \& Elec. at $761 / 4$ against $727 / 8$; Public Service Corp. of N. J. at 84 against $891 / 8$; Timkin Roller Bearing at 86 against 90 ; Warner Bros. Pictures at $1185 / 8$ against 131 ; Mack Trucks at 96 against $1011 / 8$; Yellow Truck \& Coach at 41 against 46 ; National Dairy Products new at $651 / 2$ against 68 ; Johns-Manville at $1681 / 8$ against $1761 / 4$; National Bellas Hess at 551/2 against 521/8; Associated Dry Goods at $455 / 8$ against 52; Common wealth Power at 160 against $1571 / 2$; Lambert Co. at 135 against $1441 / 8$; Texas Gulf Sulphur at 74 against 77; Kolster Radio at $341 / 4$ against $371 / 2$. Notwithstanding the general decline a few stocks have this week established new high records for the year, as follows:

STOCKS MAKING NEW HIGH FOR YEAR.

| Railroads- | ColumbiaEGas \& Electric |
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| Atchison Topeka \& Santa Fe | Detroit Edison |
| Missouri Pacific | Exchange Buffet |
| Nashville Chattanooga \& St Louis. | Marlin Rockwell |
| Norfolk \& Western | McCall Corporation |
| St. Louis-San Francisco | Motor Wheel |
| $\quad$ Industrial \& Miscellaneous- | Otis Elevator |
| Atl. Gulf \& West Indies S. S. Lines | Prairie Pipe Line |
| Southern Dairies class A |  |
| Burroughs Adding Machine | Stanley Co. of America |
| Chesapeake Corporation | Stromberg Carburetor |

The copper stocks have been no exception to the rule. Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at $1213 / 8$ against 128 on Friday of last week ; Kennecott Copper at $821 / 8$ against $883 / 4$; Greene Cananea at $1437 / 8$ against $1543 / 8$; Calumet \& Hecla at $401 / 8$ against $421 / 2$; Andes Copper at $481 / 2$ against $513 / 4$; Inspiration Copper at $411 / 8$ against $431 / 2$; Calumet \& Arizona at $1293 / 8$ against $1301 / 8$; Granby Consol. Copper at 70 against $763 / 8$; American Smelting \& Ref. at $971 / 2$ against $1023 / 8$; U. S. Smelting \& Ref. at 541/2 against $591 / 8$.

In the oil group Simms Petroleum closed yesterday at $291 / 2$ against $295 / 8$ on Friday of last week; Skelly Oil at $413 / 8$ against $425 / 8$; Atlantic Refining at 66 against $691 / 4$; Pan American B at $611 / 4$ against 643/4; Phillips Petroleum at $401 / 8$ against $413 / 8$; Texas Corp. at 63 against 65 ; Richfield Oil at $443 / 4$ against $461 / 8$; Marland Oil at $361 / 2$ against 38 ; Standard Oil of N. J. at 577/8 against 601/2; Standard Oil of N. Y. at $401 / 4$ against $411 / 2$, and Pure Oil at $281 / 8$ against $281 / 2$.

The steel group suffered with the rest. U. S. Steel closed yesterday at $1727 / 8$ against $1763 / 4$ on Friday of last week; Bethlehem Steel at 991/4 against 1067/8; Republic Iron \& Steel at $901 / 2$ against $951 / 4$; Ludlum

Steel at $841 / 2$ against $901 / 2$, and Youngstown Sheet \& Tube at 127 against $1291 / 2$. In the motor group General Motors closed yesterday at $737 / 8$ against $801 / 2$ on Friday of last week; Nash Motors at $881 / 8$ against $943 / 4$; Chrysler at $741 / 2$ against $831 / 8$; Packard Motors at $1411 / 4$ against $1471 / 4$; Hudson Motor Car at 84 against 87, and Hupp Motor at 46 against $521 / 4$. Among the rubber stocks Goodyear Tire \& Rubber closed yesterday at 119 against $1321 / 8$ on Friday of last week ; B. F. Goodrich at $795 / 8$ against $843 / 8$, and U. S. Rubber at $521 / 8$ against $561 / 8$ and the preferred at $783 / 8$ against 82 .
The railroad stockrs constitute the one group where some gains for the week appear, the reason for which has already been given. Pennsylvania RR. closed yesterday at 76 against $761 / 4$ on Friday of last week; New York Central closed at 1861/4 against $1823 / 8$; Del. \& Hudson at 190 against 188 bid; Baltimore \& Ohio at 117 against 118; New Haven at $971 / 4$ against 99 ; Union Pacific at 220 against $2173 / 4$; Canadian Pacific at 224 against 2303/4; Atchison at $2071 / 8$ against $1971 / 2$; Southern Pacific at $1281 / 2$ against $1291 / 2$; Missouri Pacific at $863 / 4$ against $817 / 8$; Kansas City Southern at 81 against 85 ; St. Louis Southwestern at $901 / 8$ against $931 / 2$ bid; St. Louis-San Francisco at 113 against 1101/2; Mis-souri-Kansas-Texas at $471 / 8$ against $481 / 4$; Rock Island at 120 against $1211 / 4$; Great Northern at $1031 / 2$ against $1027 / 8$; Chic., Mil., St. Paul \& Pac. preferred at $491 / 4$ against $501 / 8$, and Northern Pacific at 101 against 100 bid.

Securities markets in the important European centers have moved irregularly this week, with the trend in the Continental markets somewhat better than at London. The week has been a short one, all markets remaining closed until Tuesday because of the Whitsunday holidays. When trading was resumed Tuesday morning, London manifested a good deal of nervousness ever the international money situation, but in Paris and Berlin there seemed to be an impression that the Reparations experts in Paris would shortly come to terms and the cheerfulness thus caused was reflected in rising quotations. The improvement in the French and German markets was doubtless aided also by a natural recovery from the persistent downward trend of the previous week.

Trading on the London Stock Exchange was dull Tuesday, only a small volume of orders having accumulated for execution. Gilt-edged securities were particularly affected by the international prospects of higher money rates and all issues dropped to lower levels. British rails were steady, while industrials were almost neglected. The Anglo-American list was more active, but prices declined steadily in sympathy with the Wall Street market. Several important exchanges moved steadily against sterling Wednesday, and as a result British funds again declined in the trading of that day. The international list also dropped further on reports of an imminent rise in the New York rediscount rate, while British industrials continued their irregular course in very slow trading. Continued uncertainty regarding monetary conditions in New York and their possible effect on London caused a further decline in gilt-edged securities Thursday. The principal declines, however, were in the Anglo-American list, which reflected the severe slump at New York on Wednesday. Home rails and industrials also fell off further, with British Celanese an outstanding exception. The tone at

London finally became more cheerful yesterday with traders more confident and business on a larger scale. Gilt-edged securities showed improvement and the industrial shares also were higher generally. The international list reflected the better tone at New York on the previous day. Home rails, however, remained quiet with very few changes in quotations.

The Paris Bourse was quiet but firm at the opening Tuesday, with banks, chemicals, electricals and steels all advancing sharply. The optimism was traced in great part to the United States Government's move to facilitate the success of the experts' conference on reparations. Although the improvement was not maintained throughout the session, prices were substantially higher at the close. The Paris market was again firm at the start of trading Wednesday, but less hopeful rumors regarding the reparations meeting caused a recession both in business and in prices!. General weakness followed in Thursday's session, with the news unfavorable not only from the experts' meeting, but also from Berlin, London and New York. The volume of business remained small, but the list receded as a whole, almost all groups showing weakness. A period of recovery followed in yesterday's session, most groups showing moderate advances in quotations. The Berlin Boerse opened the week Tuesday with a firm tone, stimulated by a great number of domestic and foreign purchasing orders. The electrical list was the most active of the groups, with AEG and Simens rising steadily. Apprehensions of increased discount rates at London and New York caused a reversal of the trend Wednesday, the level of prices declining 2 to 4 points in moderate trading. The electricals lost only part of their previous gains. After an uncertain and rather weak opening Thursday, shares at Berlin resumed their advance, notwithstanding the more dubious reparations reports from Paris. French interests were reported active buyers of German potash issues, and these joined the electricals in an extensive advance. The trading was again uncertain in yesterday's session, and prices moved irregularly.

Reparations negotiations by the Experts' Committee in Paris were carried several steps further this week, the complication of issues involved having finally been whittled down to only two or three on which there is still a grave difference between the Allied and German experts. When the various delegations assembled on Feb. 11 in the French capital their first endeavor was to provide a new and entirely non-political method for the transfers involved in any revised agreement on which they might agree. For this purpose they drafted the plan of the proposed new International Settlement Bank. Further discussion necessarily centered around the question of annuities and on this point the conference very nearly broke up in the second week of April when the Allied demands and the German counter-offer were put forward. The conversations have since proceeded on the basis of the compromise plan suggested by Owen D. Young, as Chairman of the gathering. This plan provides for payment by Germany of 37 annuities averaging $2,050,000,000$ marks each, with a further 21 annuities of lesser amounts, but sufficient to compensate the Allies for their debt payments among themselves and to the United States. Dr. Hjalmer Schacht accepted the new plan for Germany on May 4 but made a number of reservations which were subsequently studied and revised by Dr.

Schacht and Sir Josiah Stamp of Great Britain, who embodied their findings in a report which they submitted to the creditor delegations May 15.

Developments of the present week have related chiefly to Allied consideration of the German conditions and to the attempt to cast the entire new scheme into its final mold. There has, however, been one occurrence of peculiar interest to the United States, which receives $21 / 4 \%$ of the payments made by Germany under the Dawes Plan to apply to Army of Occupation costs and the claims of American citizens against the German Government. Apparently at the request of the Experts' Committee, quick consideration was given this government's claims against Germany at a White House conference called by President Hoover last Sunday and attended by Secretaries Mellon and Stimson, the majority and minority leaders of Congress and others. The result of the conference was a slight modification of the annuities due the United States from Germany, the change to apply in any new agreement that the experts at Paris may reach. The real meaning of the conference, accounts from Washington said, was to show that the United States is prepared to make a proportionate reduction with the Allies in the Army of Occupation costs. The change is said to consist chiefly of a slight scaling down of the annuities due the United States, and the extension of these over a longer period without any reduction in the total to be paid on claims of American nationals. The revision of the Army of Occupation claims might mean a reduction of $10 \%$, it was indicated. American claims against Germany now being paid under the Dawes Plan amounted on Sept. 1 1928, the beginning of the present annuity year, to $\$ 350,759,069$, of which $\$ 206,981,384$ represented the balance due on American Army of Occupation costs, and $\$ 143,777,735$ the balance due on mixed claims. This offer was officially communicated to a special committee of the creditor delegates in Paris, Monday, by Edwin C. Wilson, United States Government observer attached to the Reparations Commission.
The Allied experts, after their long consideration of the German conditions advanced by Dr. Schacht, finally handed a revised report to Dr. Schacht on Wednesday. This report, an Associated Press dispatch from Paris said, was really a revised draft report which needs only the assent of the German delegates to become the conference report to the governments concerned. It contains, it was understood, a system of annuities about equivalent to that proposed as a compromise by Mr. Young. It acquiesced in certain of the reservations listed by Dr. Schacht but excluded others. In addition, the new report contained some counter-stipulations of the Allied experts. Four cardinal points, unlikely of acceptance by the Germans, appeared in the report, it was said, and once again rendered a successful conclusion to the labors of the committee a doubtful matter.
The first of the four main points at issue is the creditor experts' refusal to agree to a total suspension of payments in case of a financial or economic crisis within Germany, although they permit a moratorium of two years with respect to transfers. The second is the creditors' refusal to agree to a total liberation from control of the German railroads, although concessions toward meeting the German view were made. The third chief difficulty is the rearrangement of the proposed schedule of the annui-
ties proposed by Mr. Young so as to increase by degrees the amount of the unconditional payment, while remaining within the total average annuity figure of $2,050,000,000$ marks. The fourth principal difficulty is the decision of the creditors not to consent that the new schedule of annuities shall run as from April 1 1929, as Dr. Schacht stipulated, but to insist on the completion of the present Dawes annuity year, which ends in September next. A further point at issue was a demand for redemption by Germany of the German marks left in Belgium at the end of the war.

Although the German delegation as a whole promptly began to study the revised draft of the report as submitted by the Allied experts, a severe blow was struck at the chances of ultimate success of the meeting by the sudden resignation of Dr . Albert Voegler, the second of the two chief German experts. Dr. Voegler left Paris apparently in some indignation when the draft report was re-submitted to the Germans. His own expression of his viewpoint, according to a Berlin report to the New York "Evening Post," was that he would be unwilling to affix his signature voluntarily to a second Paris document which would continue the regime of "veritable vassalage" to the Entente which resulted from the Treaty of Versailles. The news of Dr. Voegler's resignation was confirmed Thursday, and Dr. Ludwig Kastl, his alternate, continued as the associate of Dr. Schacht, the conversations which had been begun with the Allied experts on the new draft report. Among the delegations as a whole, the desire for compromise still prevailed, reports said, although it might take several days before a decision could be reached on the present situation, or a way found to resolve the difficulties.

Informal discussions have been in progress between Paul Claudel, French Ambassador to the United States, and Under Secretary of the United States Treasury Ogden L. Mills, regarding the French payment of $\$ 400,000,000$ for war stocks due the United States, Aug. 1, and the additional payment of $\$ 7,341,145$ due shortly thereafter. The understanding has prevailed that Premier Poincare of France would seek ratification of the Mellon-Berenger agreement immediately upon final settlement of the reparations problem by the present Experts' Committee in Paris. Ratification of this agreement by the French Parliament and its subsequent approval by the United States Senate would automatically make these French payments a part of the total French war debt to the United States. In expectation of ultimate ratification of the Mellon-Berenger agreement, France has been paying for several years in accordance with the schedule therein provided. With the date for payment originally provided in the war stocks sale now fast approaching, conjecture has been rife regarding the means France would take for either meeting the payment or securing its postponement. It was indicated in Washington Wednesday, however, that Mr. Mills had asked M. Claudel to transmit to Paris a request that France give this Government reasonable assurances that the Mellon-Berenger arrangement will be ratified during the present session of the Chamber of Deputies. Should these assurances be forthcoming, a Washington dispatch to the New York "Herald-Tribune" said, it is considered probable that the Treasury, acting with the full authority of President Hoover, will request Congress
to permit postponement of the payment. If legislation to this end is to be passed by the extra session of Congress, it must be introduced almost immediately, the French Ambassador was told. The French Chamber of Deputies is now in session and is not expected to adjourn until July 14.

Nominations for the British General Elections of May 30 were closed last Monday, this procedure revealing that seven candidates, four Conservatives and three Northern Irish Nationalists, are returned unopposed to the new Parliament which assembles in June. The final returns showed that there were 1,725 candidates for the remaining 608 seats, the Conservatives running 588, the Laborites 570 , the Liberals 511 , the Communists 25 and other parties 31. Altogether, 68 women candidates were nominated, these including 30 Laborites, 25 Liberals, 10 Conservatives and 3 Communists. The intensity of the fight is shown by the large number of threecornered contests, a London report to the New York "Times" remarks. Apart from those constituencies which return more than one member, there are only 102 divisions in which there will be fights between only two opponents. In no fewer than 444 constituencies there will be three-cornered fights, while in 26 other instances the new members will have to defeat three other candidates. Premier Baldwin is opposed in his constituency by both Liberal and Labor candidates, while Mr. Lloyd George, the Liberal leader, also will have a three-cornered struggle on his hands. Ramsay MacDonald, the Labor leader, will be opposed by three other candidates, including a strong Communist. The final figures of the new voting register, issued Wednesday, show that $25,092,848$ Britons are entitled to vote in the general election. Of this total, $13,227,690$ are women, while the number of the men is placed at $11,865,158$, giving the women a preponderance of $1,362,532$ voters.

Formal announcement of the long-rumored TacnaArica settlement between Chile and Peru was made in Washington May 17 by President Hoover, the agreement, in substance, awarding Tacna to Peru and Arica to Chile. In announcing the settlement between the two countries, which terminates a controversy extending over the last 46 years, or since the conclusion of the war of the Pacific waged jointly by Peru and Bolivia against Chile, the President exercised his good offices at the request of both sides. Direct negotiations for this settlement had been conducted at Lima since last September between Chile and Peru, and a premature announcement of the agreement was made early this year. The agreement now reached takes the form of an acceptance by both countries of a proposal by Mr. Hoover for a settlement out of respect to the position of the President of the United States as arbitrator of the controversy since 1922. To become effective, the agreement must now be placed in the form of a treaty between the two countries. This procedure is understood already to have been prepared, a Washington dispatch to the New York "Times" remarks, with practically the only question left being the ratification of the compact by the Parliaments of the two countries. Once ratifications are exchanged, the understanding is to become operative within thirty days through delivery by Chile of the Province of Tacna to Peru.

One of the important features of the agreement is the award of the Port of Arica to Chile, this city having been the chief bone of contention in the negotiations of the past eight months. Under the terms of settlement, however, Peru is to have rights of a free port at Arica with public works erected for it there by Chile. There are other compensating advantages for both sides in the agreement. Chile, in part due to its receiving the Port of Arica, is to pay Peru $\$ 6,000,000$. Public works and property in Tacna are to be given by Chile to Peru, while Chile will maintain in Arica the franchise granted by Peru in 1852 to the Arica-Tacna RR. Co. Private legal rights are to be respected by the Governments in their respective provinces, and they are to release reciprocally any obligations or indebtedness between them involved in the Tacna-Arica situation. Peruvian children born in Arica shall be considered Peruvians until 21 years of age, when they may elect their nationality, and the same right will apply to Chilean children born in Tacna.

In conformity with a suggestion of the United States, the two Governments will erect a peace monument commemorating the settlement on Morro de Arica, a promontory where the last great battle of the war of the Pacific took place. The boundary line between the provinces will run from a point ten kilometers north of the bridge over the River Lluta near the Port of Arica, and parallel the AricaLa Paz RR. to the Bolivian boundary. Its exact location is to be determined by a Chilean and a Peruvian engineer, and in case of disagreement by them, the line will be fixed by a third person designated by the President of the United States. Only one difficult point was submitted to President Hoover, the "Times" dispatch said. This concerned the possibility of providing for the development of a port at Las Yaradas, north of Arica, for entry into the disputed region. The point was taken care of through the disposition made of the Port of Arica.

Hailed generally as a satisfactory solution of the problem, the announcement produced one discordant note on the part of Bolivia, which declared through its legation in Washington that the question was far from settled, although no indication was given of any steps that might be taken. The displeasure of the country over the present settlement was set forth in a statement issued by Senor Don George de la Barra, the Charge d'Affaires in Washington. "The Tacna-Arica dispute has come to an end according to the announcement made by President Hoover this afternoon," he said. "However, the historic question of the Pacific, which includes Bolivia, Chile and Peru, is far from settled and it will not be unless the land-locked condition in which Bolivia has endured national life since 1879 is changed. Commercial interchange today and economic conditions of all nations render it a necessity that all countries should have an outlet to the sea. Bolivia, which has lost extensive and rich sea coast, should have hers and not be deprived of her inalienable right of free communication with the ocean. I trust that a spirit of justice and constructive Pan-Americanism will lead Bolivia's neighbors to realize that to keep Bolivia without an access to the sea will not only hinder her development and the commercial relations between them, but also jeopardize her international friendship." Secretary Stimson subsequently pointed out that the agreement left the door open for a later ade
justment by Chile and Peru with Bolivia whereby the latter country could be given an outlet to the Pacific.
In his announcement of the successful settlement of the problem, President Hoover said he is "happy to be able to announce an agreement between the Governments of Chile and Peru relative to the nearly half-century old question of Tacna-Arica. As a result of the high statesmanship and lofty ideals of the Presidents and Governments of Chile and Peru, diplomatic relations were renewed between those countries last September at the suggestion of the Secretary of State, and rapid progress toward a settlement satisfactory to both was made. However, when the President, as President-elect, visited Peru and Chile last December he was advised of the difficulties of a definitive settlement and gladly consented to lend any proper assistance, upon assuming office, with a view to bring about, if happily it might be, a final agreement between the parties. Accordingly, on May 14, the President, not as arbitrator, but in the exercise of good offices at the request of the parties, transmitted to the Presidents of Peru and Chile, through the American Ambassadors at Lima and Santiago, a proposal suggesting the final bases of a settlement. This proposal was presented to the two governments on May 15, and was immediately accepted by them."
The congratulations that were exchanged when the settlement was announced gave unstinted praise to former Secretary of State Kellogg for his success in bringing the two countries together, first through leading them to re-establish diplomatic relations last July after a lapse of seventeen years, and then through encouraging them to undertake direct negotiations last September. This was recognized in a message sent to Mr. Kellogg by Secretary Stimson in which congratulations were offered for the "successful termination of these negotiations which you so ably initiated and carried on." The settlement was praised in statements issued by Senor Don Carlos Davila, the Chilean Ambassador, and Dr. Hernan Velarde, the Peruvian Ambassador to the United States. "The agreement at which the Governments of Presidents Ibanez and Leguia have arrived," Ambassador Davila said, "has come in a way entirely different from all others that were tried before. Without giving undue consideration to the discussion and projects of the past, they undertook to see if the two countries could be made friends, and they succeeded because the real sentiment of the two countries was in that sense." Ambassador Velarde remarked that the agreement "corresponds to the high and patriotic concepts and purposes manifested by President Leguia." "When this agreement is ratified and fulfilled," he added, "there will have disappeared the only cloud which shadows the heavens of America, and there will exist as indisputable facts the co-operation and solidarity, open and effective, between all the flourishing republies of the Western World."

Official announcement was made in Mexico City last Sunday that General Plutarco Elias Calles, Secretary of War and former President, had resigned the portfolio which he assumed on March 3 at the outbreak of the Escobar rebellion and would return to private life. General Joaquin Amaro, who was replaced as Secretary of War by General Calles because of an injury to his eye, resumed on Monday the duties he gave up. In his letter to President Portes

Gil tendering his resignation, General Calles said: "With the rebellion now put down and the military problem out of the way, I consider that the reasons which compelled me to abandon my retirement no longer exist. I regard my mission as completed." President Portes Gil accepted the resignation and in the name of the nation expressed full appreciation and recognition of the services of General Calles, who personally led the Federal troops in the recent struggle. Following this action, General Calles issued a long statement to the Mexican people Tuesday, in which he bade them farewell as a public official. The recently suppressed revolt is described in the statement as utterly futile and as nothing more than "an adventure of certain ambitious army chiefs." Frequently throughout his statement, General Calles draws attention to Mexico's needs, among them "ballots instead of bullets, with a strictly institutional form of government which will function scrupulously from a high plane of social and economic justice." Correspondents in the Mexican capital tried to secure a statement from General Calles regarding his further intentions, but were unsuccessful. The impression prevails in Mexican political circles, however, that General Calles will now retire completely from public life. In the meantime evidence is coming to light of the heavy material cost of the rebellion. Officials of the National Railways of Mexico admitted last Saturday that $\$ 15,000,000$ will be needed to replace torn up tracks, dynamited bridges and other damaged property. The damage on other accounts is believed to total a further $\$ 15,-$ 000,000 , a dispatch to the New York "Times" said.

General Gerardo Machado y Morales took the oath of office as President of Cuba, Monday, for his second term, the "farmer-statesman" having been acclaimed President in an uncontested election six months ago. The term of executive service of Senor Machado that ended Monday was for four years, but the present term will be for six years. He was sworn into office by Secretary of Justice Jesus Maria Barraque in the new $\$ 16,000,000$ capitol building before about 2,500 persons, among them the special envoys of thirtyseven nations. All of Havana joined in the festivities Monday, with the main thoroughfares jammed by thousands who had stood in position since an early hour to witness the impressive procession of the President and his party from the palace to the capitol. The inauguration ceremony was exceptionally brief, the President spending but four minutes in the inaugural room. He made no inaugural speech, as he had previously addressed the Congress, promising to continue his program of advancing education and public improvements. He also declared he would continue to seek a solution of the economic difficulties brought about in Cuba by the low price of sugar. The first official act of President Machado in his second term consisted of the reappointment of the members of his Cabinet, who had resigned their posts in accordance with the tradition of leaving the way clear for a new President to choose his official family. Ceremonies in Cuba in connection with the inauguration were continued until yesterday.

There have been no changes this week in the rediscount rates of any of the central banks of Europe. Rates continue at $7 \frac{1}{2} \%$ in Germany; at $7 \%$ in Italy; at $51 / 2 \%$ in Great Britain, Holland, Norway and Spain; $5 \%$ in Denmark; $41 / 2 \%$ in Sweden; $4 \%$ in

Belgium, and $31 / 2 \%$ in France and Switzerland. London open market discounts have advanced and rates are now 51/4@53/8\% for short bills against $5 @ 51 / 8 \%$ on Friday of last week and $57-16 \%$ for long bills against $53-16 @ 51 / 4 \%$ the previous Friday. Monday on call in London yesterday was $43 / 8 \%$ after having been $51 / 4 \%$ on Wednesday. At Paris open market discounts remain at $31 / 2 \%$, and in Switzerland at $35-16 \%$.

The Bank of England statement shows an increase of $£ 886,379$ in gold holdings which, together with a decrease of $£ 447,000$ in notes in circulation brought about a rise of $£ 1,333,000$ in reserves. Gold holdings now aggregate $£ 162,747,297$ as compared with $£ 162,-$ 187,482 a year ago. Loans on government securities showed an increase of $£ 670,000$ while those on other securities showed a decrease of $£ 297,000$. "Discounts and advances" and "securities," the subdivisions of other securities, dropped $£ 2,671,000$ and rose $£ 2,374,-$ 000 , respectively. The proportion of reserves to liabilities on last Wednesday was $55.84 \%$; a week ago it was $55.47 \%$; a year ago it was $41.27 \%$. Public deposits increased $£ 6,009,000$ while other deposits decreased $£ 4,327,000$. The constituents of other deposits, "bankers' accounts" and "other accounts" both fell, the former $£ 3,563,000$ and the latter $£ 764,000$. The rate of discount remains unchanged at $51 / 2 \%$. Below we give the comparative figure for the different items for the past five years:
bank of englands comparative statement.


The Bank of France statement for the week ending May 18, shows another gain in gold and bullion, this time of $8,980,188$ francs, which raises the total of that item to $36,534,411,502$ francs, a new high for the year. Due to a further decline in note circulation of $556,000,000$ francs the item now amounts to $62,-$ $863,739,910$ francs, as against $63,419,739,910$ francs last week and $63,827,739,910$ francs the week before. French commercial bills discounted rose $276,000,000$ francs, credit current accounts gained $286,000,000$ francs, while credit balances abroad dropped 45,747 ,261, francs. A decline of $48,000,000$ francs was shown in advances against securities and of $56,000,-$ 000 francs in current accounts and deposits, whereas bills bought abroad rose $13,000,000$ francs. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items of the Bank's return for the past three weeks:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

| Changes. |
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| $\begin{array}{c}\text { for Week. } \\ \text { Francs. }\end{array}$ Matatus as of- 1929 . May 11 1929. May 41929. |


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French commercial
bills discounted-Inc. $276,000,000 \quad 6,114,635,646 \quad 5,838,635,646 \quad 6,476,635,646$ Bills bought abr'd_Inc. $13,000,000 \quad 18,343,852,994 \quad 18,330,852,994 \quad 18,315,852,994$ $\begin{array}{llllllllllll}\text { Adv. agst. securs_. Dec. } & 48,000,000 & 2,367,419,213 & 2,415,419,213 & 2,440,419,213 \\ \text { Note circulation_-Dec. } 556,000,000 & 62,863,739,910 & 63,419,739,910 & 63,827,739,910\end{array}$ Cred. curr. acets._Inc. $286,000,00018,629,436,63018,343,436,63018,383,436,630$ $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Cred. curr. accts_-Inc. } & 286,000,000 & 18,629,436,630 & 18,343,436,630 & 18,383,436,630 \\ \text { Curr. acers. \& dep_Dec. } & 56,000,000 & 6,453,828,111 & 6,509,828,111 & 6,743,828,111\end{array}$

The Bank of Germany in its statement for the first week of May shows another decrease in gold; viz.: 834,000 marks, bringing the total down to $1,764,785,-$ 000 marks, as compared with $2,040,796,000$ marks last year and $1,849,146,000$ marks in 1927. The amount deposited abroad remained unchanged. Notes in circulation showed another decline, this time of $275,107,000$ marks. This carries the total down to $4,167,321,000$ marks, as against $3,987,108,000$ marks last year and $3,351,699,000$ marks two years ago. Reserve in foreign currency showed a gain of $3,505,000$ marks, silver and other coin rose $14,046,000$ marks, and other assets increased $74,741,000$ marks. Bills of exchange and checks decreased $313,030,000$ marks, while notes on other German banks gained $6,269,000$ marks and advances $7,798,000$ marks, whereas investments remained unchanged. There were also increases in other daily maturing obligations of $63,789,000$ marks and in other liabilities of 2,863 ,000 marks. Below we show a comparison of the various items of the Bank's return for the three years past:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

| Changes for Week. <br> Reichsmarks. | May 151929. Reichsmarks. | May 151928. <br> Retchsmarks. | May 141927. Reichsmarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gold and bullion_....-Dec. 834,000 | 1,764,785,000 | 2,040,796,000 | 1,849,146,000 |
| Of which depos. abr'd. Unchanged | 163,008,000 | 85,626,000 | 101,249,000 |
| Res've in for'n curr..-Inc. $\quad 3,505,000$ | 57,085,000 | 212,913,000 | 106,172,000 |
| Bilis of exch. \& checks. Dec. $313,030,000$ | 2,672,388,000 | 1,986,536,000 | 1,905,426,000 |
| Silver and other coin_--Inc. 14,046,000 | 141,942,000 | 82,039,000 | 105,563,000 |
| Notes on oth.Ger. bls.Inc. $\quad 6,269,000$ | 22,511,000 | 23,383,000 | 17,207,000 |
| Advances .-.-.-...---Inc. $7,798,000$ | 216,523,000 | 59,741,000 | 16,209,000 |
| Investments_.-.-.--- Unchanged | 92,899,000 | 94,004,000 | 92,860,000 |
| Other assets..........Inc. $\quad 74,741,000$ Liablitites- | 538,498,000 | 566,406,000 | 507,856,000 |
| Notes in circulation._Dec. 275,107,000 | 4,167,321,000 | 3,987,108,000 | 3,351,699,000 |
| Oth. dally mat. oblig_Inc. $63,789,000$ | 648,357,000 | 463,541,000 | 625,136,000 |
| Other liabilitles .-...-Inc. $2,863,000$ | 297,656,000 | 208,191,000 | 258,423,000 |

Money rates in the New York market this week showed little change from previous dealings, the chief development consisting of a further tightening of time money loans, evidently in expectation of continued stringency in the future. Maturity funds advanced late in the week to $91 / 2 \%$ for shorter dates and $9 \%$ for longer terms, as against the previous level of $83 \%$ to $9 \%$. Demand loans were steady in the first two sessions of the week at $7 \%$ on the Stock Exchange, with outside offerings available both days at $6 \%$. Demand was light and withdrawals by the banks on a small scale. On Wednesday the official rate dropped from 7 to $6 \%$, with outside trades reported at $5 \%$. In the sessions of the market on Thursday and Friday, the Stock Exchange rate for call loans was $6 \%$ throughout, with street trades arranged at $5 \%$. Withdrawals were more substantial Thursday, reaching a total of about $\$ 15$,000,000 , but the supply of funds was sufficient to prevent any increase in the rate. Brokers' loans against stock and bond collateral, ass reported by the Federal Reserve Board of New York for the week ended Wednesday night, showed a drop of $\$ 45$,000,000 . Movements of gold through the Port of New York for the same period were negligible.

Dealing in detail with the call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, all loans on both Monday and Tuesday were at $7 \%$, including renewals. On Wednesday the renewal charge was again $7 \%$, but there was a decline to $6 \%$ by the close of the day. This latter rate continued unchanged the rest of the week, all loans on Thursday and Friday being at $6 \%$, including renewals. In the time loan branch of the collateral loan market, rates reached still higher figures the present week. On Monday quotations were $9 \%$ for thirty, sixty and
ninety days, and $83 / 4 \%$ for four, five and six months. On Tuesday the quotation for thirty days advanced to $91 / 4 \%$, the rates for other dates remaining unchanged. On Wednesday the rate for 30 days moved up to $91 / 2 \%$, and the rate for 60 days to $91 / 4 \%$, there being otherwise no change. On Thursday and Friday quotations were $91 / 2 \%$ for 30 and 60 days, $91 / 4 \%$ for ninety days, and $9 \%$ for four, five and six months. The market for commercial paper has continued dull, with virtually nothing doing. Nominally rates for names of choice character maturing in four to six months are $6 \%$, while names less well known are $61 / 4 \%$, with New England mill paper quoted at $6 \%$.

The market for prime bank acceptances has continued quiet this week, but with the offerings somewhat greater than the demand. The posted rates of the American Acceptance Council continued at $55 / 8 \%$ bid and $51 / 2 \%$ asked for bills running 30 days, and also for 60 and 90 days, and $53 / 4 \%$ bid and $51 / 2 \%$ 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 below, but Friday afternoon there were reports, which could not be confirmed, that one large acceptance dealer had advanced his bid rate to $57 / 8 \%$ for 30,60 and 90 days, and to $6 \%$ for 180 days.

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There have been no other changes this week in Federal Reserve Bank rates. The following is the schedule of rates now in effect for the various classes of paper at the different Reserve banks:
discount rates of federal reserve banks on all classes AND MATURITIES OF ELIGIBLE PAPER.

| Federal Reserve Bank. | Rate in Effect on May 25 | Date Established. | Prevtous Rate. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Boston | 5 | July 191928 | 41/2 |
| New York. |  | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { July } & 131928 \\ \text { July } & 261928\end{array}$ |  |
| Philaadelphia | 5 | July Aug. Aus 1 1 19288 | 4115 |
| Richmond | 5 | July 131928 | $41 / 5$ |
| Atlanta | 5 | July 141928 | 4315 |
| Chicago- | 5 5 | July  <br> July  <br> 119 1928 | $41 / 2$ |
| St. Louis. | 5 | May 141929 | $41 / 2$ |
| Kansas City | 5 | May 61929 | $43 / 2$ |
| Dallas..- | 5 | Mar. 21929 | $41 / 2$ |
| San Francisco | 5 | May 201929 | $43 / 2$ |

Sterling exchange this week has been under severe pressure and worked lower, although the market has been dull. Owing to the Whitsuntide holiday in London there was practically no market on Monday. The reason for the weakness in exchange is entirely due, as during months past, to the uncertain credit situation on this side. The range this week has been from 4.84 13-32 to 4.84 11-16 for bankers' sight, compared with $4.841 / 2$ to $4.8415-16$ last week. The range for cable transfers has been from $4.8427-32$ to $4.851-16$, compared with $4.8431-32$ to $4.851 / 4$ the previous week. Seasonal factors which should give firmness to sterling at this time and until the approach of autumn seem to be nowhere in evidence. Sterling has dropped to the point at which it is profitable for New York banks to import gold from London. Bankers on the other side are extremely concerned
about the outlook and derive all the comfort they can from the fact that the Bank of England succeeds in building up its gold reserve against the autumn drain, although this is accomplished by increasing its purchasing price for gold in the open market. The Bank is indirectly assisted in keeping gold in London by the fact that member banks of the Federal Reserve System are reluctant to buy gold in London. Private banks, however, are at liberty to import gold, but even here it is to be supposed that there is reluctance on the part of American private bankers and non-member banks to make such purchases in view of the attitude of the member banks in the matter, which, of course, is governed by the known wishes of the Federal Reserve authorities.

Aside from the money situation, the increased ratio of European indebtedness to the United States on merchandise and security accounts is an adverse factor in exchange. The recent statement of foreign trade shows surplus merchandise exports for the United States in the four completed months of 1929 to be approximately $\$ 163,000,000$ above 1928 . It was estimated that American purchases of new foreign securities in the same four months were less by about $\$ 147,000,000$ than a year ago, which would leave the balance on the two accounts $\$ 310,000,000$ more favorable to us than last year. The slump in sterling exchange this week increases the probability of an early rise in the rediscount rate of the Bank of England, although it is known that British industrial interests are strongly averse to any further increase in money rates in Great Britain if it can possibly be avoided. London banking opinion is divided on the matter and cable dispatches state that there is a strong body of banking opinion on the other side favoring an increase in the rate. However, the hope is frequently expressed that the new policy of the Bank of England of increasing its buying rate for open market gold may prove so successful in building up reserves against the autumn drain that a higher official rate of rediscount may be averted. As stated here last week, the Federal Reserve banks of New York and Chicago have applications pending before the Federal Reserve Board at Washington for permission to increase their rediscount rate above the present $5 \%$ rate, which applies throughout the system. The market confidently expected that the rate would be increased on Thursday to $6 \%$ by the New York Federal Reserve Bank, but no change was made. In some quarters this is taken to indicate a hesitancy arising from fear of what a higher rate here might do to the foreign exchanges. This week the Bank of England shows an increase in gold holdings of $£ 886,379$, the total now standing at $£ 162$,747,297 , which compares with $£ 162,187,482$ on May 24 1928. The Bank's ratio of reserves to liabilities also shows an improvement, standing at $55.84 \%$ as of May 23 1929, which compares with $41.27 \%$ a year ago.
On Saturday the Bank of England received $£ 200,000$ in sovereigns from abroad. Oñ Tuesday there was $£ 775,000$ bar gold available in the open market, of which the Bank of England bought $£ 450,000$ and Germany secured $£ 150,000$. The remainder went to trade and India demands. Next Tuesday $£ 660,000$ gold will be offered in the open market and the Bank of England is expected to take the major share. On Tuesday the Bank of England sold $£ 27,416$ in gold bars and exported $£ 5,000$ in sovereigns. On Wednesday the Bank bought $£ 663$,-

134 in gold bars and exported $£ 2,000$ in sovereigns. On Thursday the Bank sold $£ 47,968$ in gold bars and on Friday it bought $£ 26,000$ in gold bars and sold $£ 3,411$. At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week May 16-May 22, inclusive, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of $\$ 20,000$, of which $\$ 12,000$ came from Panama and $\$ 8,000$ from Latin America. There were no gold exports and the Reserve Bank reported no change in gold earmarked for foreign account. Canadian exchange continues at a discount for reasons fully covered here in recent weeks, namely, the large demand for credit in Canada, the high money rates in New York, attracting Canadian funds, the unfavorable commercial trade balance of Canada with respect to the United States, all of which factors have been further accentuated by the recent slump in wheat.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling on Saturday last showed weakness. Bankers' sight was 4.84 9-16 @4.84 11-16; cable transfers, $4.85 @ 4.85$ 1-16. On Monday, although a holiday in London, Whitsuntide, sterling in New York was weak. The range was 4.841/2@4.84 11-16 for bankers' sight and 4.84 15-16 @4.85 1-16 for cable transfers. On Tuesday the market was steady. Bankers' sight was $4.841 / 2 @$ 4.84 9-16 and cable transfers were 4.84 15-16@ 4.85. On Wednesday sterling was under pressure. The range was $4.847-16 @ 4.845 / 8$ for bankers' sight and 4.847/8@4.8415-16 for cable transfers. On Thursday the pressure continued. Bankers' sight was 4.8413-32@4.841/2; cable transfers 4.84 27-32@ 4.85 15-16. On Friday the market was fractionally better with a range of $4.841 / 2 @ 4.845 / 8$ for bankers' sight and 4.847/8@4.8431-32 for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were $4.841 / 2$ for demand and $4.8415-16$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at $4.847-16 ; 60$-day bills at $4.7911-16 ; 90$-day bills at $4.775 / 8$; documents for payment (60-days) at 4.79 11-16; 7-day grain bills at 4.83 21-32. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4.84 7-16.

The Continental exchanges continue dull and irregular and for the most part reflect the lower sterling rates and the generally complicated international money situation. German marks, however, have risen sharply, owing to the strenuous efforts of the Reichsbank to support exchange by shipping gold and by buying bills. As noted above, Germany was able to secure $£ 150,000$ gold in the London open market on Tuesday. Marks were especially strong in Tuesday's market and cable transfers were quoted as high as $26.81 \frac{3}{4}$. It appears that some of the recent strength in the mark is due to covering brought about by large short interests which sold marks a short time ago when the break occurred. It is not clear yet how long the credit restriction policy of the Reichsbank will continue in effect, but for a few weeks certainly Germany must be considered a factor in influencing the course of English money rates. Its success in acquiring gold in the London open market on Tuesday shows that the Bank of England's gold is threatened from Berlin as well as from New York. The Reichsbank statement as of May 15 shows gold holdings of $1,764,785,000$ marks, as compared with $1,765,600,000$ marks on May 7 and with 2,040,796,000 marks on May 16 1928. The statement of the Reichsbank reflects its credit restriction policy by a reduction of $275,100,000$ marks in circulation. Its
gold cover for note issue is now $43.7 \%$, against a legal minimum of $40 \%$.

French francs have been under some pressure, inclining to ease with the other major European exchanges. The franc rate on Berlin is also close to the gold export point, but is maintained just above the point by the Bank of France, which can easily prevent gold exports by selling mark exchange. Estimates for the French budget for the fiscal year 1929-1930 were received favorably here in foreign exchange circles. In the proposed plan receipts will total $48,727,000,000$ francs and expenditures $48,666,-$ 000,000 francs, leaving a surplus of $61,000,000$ francs. Both receipts and expenditures are expected to show an increase over a year ago despite the fact that certain taxes will be reduced, while no new rates or increases in old taxes are contemplated. Investors in French stocks view with satisfaction the proposal to cut security tax rates. Under the new schedule it is proposed to reduce the coupon tax on French bonds to $15 \%$ from $18 \%$ and the stamp tax on new securities from $4 \%$ to $2 \%$. It is believed that these changes will make French securities more attractive in foreign markets. A recent Paris dispatch stated that reports from London that the Bank of France was buying dollars with sterling was denied, although it was admitted that it is probable that the French Government is following this course with a view to the approaching maturity of its debt to the United States for war supplies. The loan must be paid if the French Chamber of Deputies and the American Senate fail to ratify the Mellon agreement by Aug. 1. Money remains abundant in Paris and surplus French funds are seeking employment in other centres.

Italian lire have been showing an easier tone, partly as a result of the generally lower basis of other exchanges. The weakness in lire, however, as pointed out here last week, is due rather to the growing unfavorable export balance. High money rates in New York are of course another adverse factor. Recent London dispatches state that a banking group headed by the Bank of Greece has been formed to support the market for bank shares on the Athens bourse, which has been demoralized following a recent bank failure. The failure, however, is regarded as without significance as regards the stability of Greek finances and exchange.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 124.10 on Friday of this week against 124.14 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at $3.901 / 2$, against $3.907-16$ on Friday a week ago; cable transfers at $3.903 / 4$, against 3 . $3.9011-16$, and commercial sight bills at $3.901 / 4$, against 3.90 3-16. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.88 for checks and $13.883 / 4$ for cable transfers, against 13.88 and $13.883 / 4$ on Friday of last week. Final quotations for Berlin marks were $23.821 / 4$ for checks and $23.831 / 4$ for cable transfers, in comparison with $23.771 / 2$ and $23.781 / 2$ a week earlier. Italian lire closed at $5.231 / 8$ for bankers' sight bills and at $5.233 / 8$ for cable transfers, as against $5.233 / 8$ and $5.235 / 8$ 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 $0.501 / 2$, against $0.591 / 2$; on Poland at 11.23, against 11.23, and on Finland at $2.513 / 4$, against $2.513 / 4$. Greek exchange closed at $1291 / 4$ and at $1291 / 2$ for cable transfers, against $1.291 / 4$ and $1.291 / 2$.

The exchanges on the countries neutral during the was have been dull and show general weakness. This is especially true of the Scandinavian currencies, excepting Swedish, Holland guilders were especially strong a few weeks ago, owing to heavy payments in Amsterdam for tobacco and other products of the Dutch tropical settlements. These payments are no longer a special factor assisting the guilder, so that the Dutch rate is strongly inclined to keep pace with the trend of sterling. Spanish pesetas continue to drop off, though on the whole they have been less subject to fluctuation than in recent weeks. It is asserted that more than $\$ 50$,000,000 have been thrown on the market by the Government to stay the fall of exchange. The weakness in pesetas reflects the disturbed position of the country from every point of view, commercial, financial, political and social. The widespread spirit of commercial nervousness in Spain has much to do with the weakness and fluctuation in the peseta.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at $40.171 / 2$, against $40.181 / 2$ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at $40.191 / 2$, against $40.201 / 2$; and commercial sight bills at 40.14 , against 40.15 . Swiss francs closed at $19.241 / 2$ for bankers' sight bills and at $19.251 / 2$ for cable transfers, in comparison with $19.251 / 4$ and $19.261 / 2$ a week earlier. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.63 and cable transfers at $26.641 / 2$, against 26.64 and $26.651 / 2$. Checks on Sweden closed at $26.711 / 2$ and cable transfers at 26.73 , against $26.701 / 2$ and 26.72 , while checks on Norway finished at 26.64 and cable transfers at $26.651 / 2$, against 26.65 and $26.661 / 2$. Spanish pesetas closed at 14.19 for checks and 14.20 for cable transfers, which compares with 14.24 and 14.25 a week earlier.

South American exchanges are dull. Brazilian milreis have been ruling steadier and on balance closed fractionally firmer than a week ago. Argentine paper pesos have been ruling lower and have sold down to 42.02, their low for the year. At this rate further gold imports may be expected, although none have been announced as being now en route for New York. A shipment of $\$ 2,000,000$ gold was received during the week by Louis Dreyfus \& Co. in Paris from Argentina, the first to have been sent there for several months. It would appear that Argentina has lost approximately $\$ 20,000,000$ gold since the first of the year, of which $\$ 16,675,000$ has been received in New York, $\$ 2,000,000$ in Paris, and approximately $\$ 2,000,000$ in Rio de Janeiro. Lack of foreign financing in Argentina, due to the high money rates abroad, especially in New York, has been felt in the exchange market. An illustration of this condition is found in a recent $\$ 7,120,0006 \%$ loan issued by the municipality of Buenos Aires, which was secured by Ernesto Tronquist \& Cia., Ltda., of Buenos Aires. There were no foreign bids, as compared with previous loans in which several New York houses were interested. Argentine paper pesos closed on Friday at 41.97 for checks, as compared with 42.02 on Friday of last week; and at 42.02 for cable transfers, against 42.08. Brazilian milreis finished at 11.86 for checks and 11.89 for cable transfers, against 11.85 and 11.88 . Chilean exchange closed at 12.10 for checks and 12.15 for cable transfers, against 12.10 and 12.15 ; and Peru at 3.99 for checks and at 4.00 for cable transfers, against 3.99 and 4.00 .

The Far Eastern exchanges are showing a weaker tone, due largely to the lower prices of silver, but also to the increasing uncertainties with respect to the Chinese political and social affairs. Vague rumors of unrest and possible trouble in India, coupled with secret movements of troops, have had a depressing effect upon rupees and also upon the other Far Eastern exchanges. Japanese yen showed the effect of the generally pessimistic tone of press reports on the Chinese situation. Closing quotations for yen checks Friday were 44 7-16@443/4, against $4411-16 @ 447 / 8$ on Friday of last week. Hong Kong closed at 483/8@49 9-16, against 481/2@ 48 11-16; Shanghai at $591 / 4$, against 5913-16@60; Manila at 50, against 50; Singapore at 5614@ 565-16, against 56 3-16@561/4; Bombay at 363/8, against $363 / 8$, and Calcutta at $363 / 8$, against $363 / 8$.

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


| Country and Monetary Untt. | Noon Bujing Rate for Cable Transfers to New York, Value in United States Money. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | May 18. | May 20 |  | 22 | 23. | May 24. |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Austria, | . 140487 | . 140522 | . 140490 | . 140488 | . 140485 | . 140488 |
| Belglum, be | . 138819 | . 1888813 | . 138811 | . 138801 | . 138798 | . 138821 |
| Bulgaria, le | . 007213 | . 007234 | . 007215 | . 007209 | . 007218 | . 007229 |
| Crechoslovakia, | . 029597 | . 029594 | . 029596 | . 029598 | . 029602 | . 029601 |
| Denmark, krone- | . 266391 | . 266413 | . 266395 | . 266375 | . 266378 | . 266346 |
| ling | 4.8498 | 4.849843 | 4.849625 | 4.849159 | 4.848416 | 4.848937 |
| nland | . 025161 | . 025161 | . 025155 | . 025158 | . 025157 | . 025158 |
| France. fran | . 039066 | . 039065 | . 039066 | . 039061 | . 039061 | . 039066 |
| Germany, rel | . 237770 | .237778 | . 238049 | . 238061 | . 237907 | . 238120 |
| Greece, drach | . 012927 | . 012926 | . 012924 | . 012926 | . 0121724 | . 012922 |
| Holland | . 401986 | . 401986 | . 402019 | . 401982 | . 401736 | . 401885 |
| Hungary, | . 174259 | . 174255 | . 174237 | . 174275 | . 174268 | .174246 |
| aly, lira | . 052345 | . 052342 | . 052339 | . 052332 | . 052322 | . 052321 |
| orway, kro | . 266535 | . 266533 | . 266482 | 266467 | . 266457 | . 266422 |
| oland, zlot | . 111830 | . 112350 | . 111840 | . 111915 | . 111950 | . 111695 |
| mat. | 044735 | . 044860 | . 044830 | . 0448380 | . 044730 | . 044730 |
| mana, | . 005955 | . 005952 | . 005945 | . 005955 | . 0059595 | . 005935 |
| Spal | 142190 | . 142222 | . 142169 | . 142136 | . 142058 | . 141864 |
| Sweden, kro | . 267120 | . 267104 | . 267116 | . 267129 | . 267140 | . 267164 |
| Switzeriand, | . 192577 | . 192558 | . 1925850 | . 1925518 | . 1924884 | . 192496 |
| Yugoslavia, | . 017577 | . 017568 | . 017573 | . 017566 | . 017576 | . 017570 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chefoo | . 616 | . 616 | . 616250 | . 617291 | . 613750 | 612916 |
|  | . 607031 | . 609843 |  | . 610156 | . 607187 | . 605312 |
| Shangha | . 593125 | . 592946 | . 593482 | . 593571 | . 590714 | . 589589 |
| entstn | . 626458 | . 626458 | . 626875 | . 627500 | . 624166 | . 624791 |
| Hong Kong d | . 482946 | .482767 | . 483214 | . 483250 | . 482678 | . 482000 |
| Tlentsin or Pelyang |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tlentsin or Pelyang dollar | . 429 | . 429 |  | 4291 |  |  |
| Yuan dolla | . 426250 | . 426250 | . 425416 | . 425833 | 424583 | 423333 |
| India, rupe | . 361818 | . 361887 | . 362064 | . 361746 | . 361589 | . 361185 |
| Japan, yen | . 447333 | . 446666 | . 445847 | . 445469 | 445180 | . 445275 |
| ngapore(S. <br> NORTH | . 560000 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada, dol | . 993646 | . 993349 | . 993523 | . 993152 | 992725 |  |
| ubs, peso | . 000153 | 1.000153 | 1.000256 | 1.000091 | 1.000193 | 1.000225 |
| Mexico, | . 478375 | . 477750 | . 477625 | . 478266 | 477575 | . 4777750 |
| Newfoundland, dol | . 990981 | . 99 | . 99 | . 990793 | . 99 |  |
| rgentina, peso ( | . 954901 | . 955214 | . 954976 | . 954681 | . 954299 | . 954552 |
| Brazil, milrel | . 118472 | . 118513 | . 118540 | . 118559 | . 118481 | . 118545 |
| hile, | . 120391 | . 120599 | . 120389 | . 120385 | . 120349 | . 120353 |
| Urugua | . 979487 | . 982705 | . 985075 | . 983588 | . 983375 | . 982075 |
| Colombla, p | . 963900 | . 96 | . 96390 | . 96390 | . 963900 | . 963900 |

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:
dally credit balances of new york federal reserve bank

| Saturday. <br> May 18. | Monday. May 20. | Tuesday. May 21. | Wednesday <br> May 22. | Thursd'v, May 23. | Friday, <br> May 24. | Aogregate for Week. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{array}{\|c} \mathbf{s} \\ 137.000,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \$ 000,000 \\ \hline 115 \end{array}$ | $117,000,000$ | $\underset{135.000 .006}{8}$ | $\underset{123.000 .000}{\mathbf{S}}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 8 \\ 145.000,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \hline & \stackrel{3}{5}, 000.000 \\ \text { Gr } & 772.00 \end{array}$ |

the Federal Reserve System's par collection scheme. These large eredit 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 represted in House institutions, as only the items payable in New York City are represented in
the daily balances. The large volume of checks on institutlons 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

The following table indicates the amount of bullion in the principal European banks:

| Banks of | May 231929. |  |  | May 241928. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Gold. | Silver | Total. | Gold. | suver. | Total. |
| England. | $\mid \underset{162,747,297}{\boldsymbol{L}}$ | $\pm$ | $2,747,2971$ | $62,187,482$ | ${ }^{£}$ | 162,187,482 |
| France a-- |  |  | 292,275,292 | 47,137,683 | 13,717,826 | 160,855,509 |
| Germany b | 80,088,850 | c994,600 | 81,083,450 | 97,758,500 | 994,600 | 98,753,100 |
| Spain <br> Italy | $102,401,000$ $56,520,000$ | 28,543,000 | 130,944,000 | 104,317,000 | 28,021,000 | 132,338,000 |
| Netherl ${ }^{\text {ds }}$ | 36,420,000 | 1,696,000 | 38,116,000 | ${ }_{36,262,000}^{51,203,00}$ |  | $51,203,000$ 38,33900 |
| Nat. Belg- | 27,491,000 | 1,270,000 | 28,761,000 | $22,033,000$ | $1,244,000$ | 23,277,000 |
| Switzerl' d | 19,843,000 | 1,632,000 | 21,475,000 | 17,503,000 | 2,377,000 | 19,880,000 |
| Denmark | $13,031,000$ $9,594,000$ |  | 13,031,000 | 12,880,000 |  | 12,880,000 |
| Norway | 8,156,000 |  | $10,037,000$ $8,156,000$ | $\begin{array}{r} 10,105,000 \\ 8,175,000 \end{array}$ | 623,000 | $\begin{array}{r} 10,728,000 \\ 8,175,000 \end{array}$ |
| Total week $808,567,439$ Prev. week 751,861,865 |  | 34,578,600 843,146,039669,561,665 $34,701,600786,563,465671,510,518$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 720,487,150 |
| 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 $£ 8,150,400$. c As of Oct. 71924. d Silver is now reported at only a trifling sum. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## The Issues at Paris and Mr. Hoover's Proposal.

The announcement on Sunday that Mr. Hoover, in conference with Secretary Stimson, Secretary Mellon, and representatives of the majority and minority in Congress, had agreed to modify somewhat the claims of the United States against Germany, has been hailed in various quarters, both in this country and in Europe, as likely to give a welcome impetus to the reparations settlement which the experts at Paris have been struggling for more than three months to arrange. Precisely what the Administration proposed to do, with the approval of Congress, was not officially made known. The statement issued by Secretary Stimson after the conference merely said that the conference had been called "for the purpose of acquainting the leaders of the two houses of Congress and the appropriate committees with the progress of the experts' committee," and "for the purpose of ascertaining the views of Congress on matters which may be the subject" of the report of the committee, "in order that whatever action the President is required to take he may have the benefit of their views." Press dispatches from Washington, on the other hand, stated that it had been agreed to "scale down slightly the annuities due to the United States" from Germany, "and extend the payments over a longer period without any reduction in the total." The UnderSecretary of the Treasury, Ogden L. Mills, was quoted as saying, in substance, that "there would be some slight reduction in the total payment by reason of a loss of interest, but in no other way." To this the New York "Times" correspondent added that "no objection was raised by any of those present" at the conference "when the statement was made that there would be no appreciable reduction in total payments Germany must make."
A further specific piece of information regarding the matter came from Paris the next day. The Paris correspondent of the New York "Times," cabling on Monday, reported that in "actual value the new arrangement will, it is understood, amount to about $\$ 30,000,000$, or $10 \%$ of the arrears on the cost of the American army of occupation. That total is about the same as France and England are giving up on the same item. It will represent about $5 \%$ of the total American claim, and will make in the reduction of the German annuities about $5,000,000$ marks (about $\$ 1,200,000$ ) a year." The Washington
correspondent of the same paper, writing on Monday, stated, on what was claimed to be authority, that President Hoover "has acted on the principle that whatever the Allied Powers were prepared to do in readjustment of the claims for the costs of the armies of occupation, this country would also be willing to do. He does not propose to be held responsible for any breakdown of the reparation negotiations through refusing to accept a proposition satisfactory to the others." Secretary Stimson was also reported as saying that the changes which were under consideration at Paris "would not reduce the amount of the receipts which American nationals would obtain under the War Settlement Act for adjustment of their claims against Germany," that "the most that would result would be a comparatively slight postponement in the payment of some of the claims, due to an extension of the payments from Germany over a longer term of years than was previously provided for," and that "a reduction of American claims on account of arrears on costs of the army of occupation, it is estimated, would amount to not more than $10 \%$."

There are obvious reasons why the American proposal, assuming that it eontemplated some reduction in the German annuities joined to an extension of the period over which the total German indebtedness to the United States should be paid, should have been greeted with satisfaction at Paris. The persistent refusal of the American Government to mix the questions of reparations and allied debts, and its insistence upon receiving from Germany, no matter how the German payments to other Powers were arranged, the full amounts necessary to meet the costs of the American army of occupation and the claims of American nationals against Germany, have naturally been disturbing to the other creditor Governments, and have fostered the impression at Paris that no amount of concession by the other Powers would induce the United States to concede anything on its own account.
It may well be questioned, however, whether the Administration's proposal, conciliatory as it appears to be on its face, would bring altogether happy results. To begin with, it is more than doubtful whether anything good would be gained by extending the period over which the German payments to the United States shall be made. The Paris experts, apparently, are more or less agreed in insisting that Germany shall undertake to make certain payments over a period of 37 years, and certain other payments for 21 years thereafter, the total period being approximately the same as that for which the war debt settlements with the United States have yet to run. Fifty-eight years of continuous financial obligation is a long time, overlapping both the present generation and the next one, and fruitful of bitterness and resentment as men and women yet unborn find themselves bound to continued payments on an ancient debt. To prolong the period of payment, in return for some slight reduction of the early annuities and a small abatement of the aggregate amount, hardly seems wise or worth while. The best thing that could happen to all the parties concerned in the reparations business is that reparations should be paid as quickly as possible, and the incident closed. To defer the date of final settlement would be only to keep the controversy alive longer than might otherwise be the case, and thereby invite further discussion and appeal.

A second objection seems even more weighty. Whether or not the United States may properly waive $5 \%$, or $10 \%$, or some other per cent of its claims against Germany is a matter to be determined, not by looking merely at the amount that is relinquished, but by considering all the bearings of the case. Once the United States begins to yield to the importunities of Europe, it puts itself in a position where it may fairly be asked to yield more. The United States, by washing its hands of responsibility for a reparations agreement, has thus far left Europe to settle that question for itself. The Paris experts, on the other hand, acting unofficially, to be sure, but with the expectation, it must be assumed, that the Governments concerned will approve their recommendations, appear to be busying themselves with an arrangement which ties together reparations and war debts, and puts the administration of both, as far as Europe is concerned, under the more or less direct supervision of an international bank whose profits, it is calmly announced, are expected to be sufficient to take care of the reparations payments for the final period of twenty-one years. If the United States, by waiving something of its own claims because the European Powers waive something of theirs, becomes a party to this plan, there would seem to be no reason why the whole war debt question may not in due time be reopened, and American foreign policy in this respect substantially modified. The realization of such a possibility would greatly strengthen the propaganda which still goes on actively in this country for the complete cancellation of the war debts, and the assumption by American taxpayers of the huge part of the cost of the war which the debts represent. We are far from urging that a foreign policy, if by mischance it has been unwisely adopted, should not be modified and set right; but believing, as we do, that the debt agreements are not only generous and practical but also just, we cannot contemplate without concern any action which may before long bring the whole debt issue once more into controversy.

There is ground for thinking that Dr. Schacht, head of the German delegation at Paris, has all along had exactly this possibility in mind. As far back as April 19, when the rejection by the German delegates of the proposals then submitted to them seemed to threaten a rupture of the negotiations, the Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" reported that "on the allied side an examination of the (German) offer has tended to reveal that Dr. Schacht's real intention was to prevent any commercialization of the German debt. Ever since the conference began Dr. Schacht has insisted in his private conversations that Germany could not accept a commercial debt of any large amount, for while a political debt is always open to discussion, a commercial debt is in a different category. He suggested, therefore, that Germany should pay only enough to meet the demands of the allies' creditors, that is to say, an amount which might be reduced any time if a reduction was accorded to the Allies by America." It is not easy, in the welter of unofficial and often contradictory reports of what the experts have or have not agreed to, to say exactly how Dr. Schacht's program stands today, but it at least seems clear that, in all the discussion which has taken place about the payments which Germany is to be asked to make after thirty-seven years, Dr. Schacht has kept steadily in mind the possibility that American policy in
regard to the debts may be substantially changed. There is the more reason, accordingly, for guarding against any action which either Germany or its European creditors may plausibly seize upon after a time in an effort to force the hand of the United States.
It is to be hoped that the experts may soon be able to reach an agreement, and that the agreement may be satisfactory. They have had a long and laborious task, and commendation should not be withheld for the good temper in which they have carried on their work, and for the willingness which the delegates from the allied countries have shown to make substantial concessions. Even if an early agreement is reached, however, the issue itself will not have been disposed of, for the recommendations of the committee will still have to be acted upon by the Governments concerned, and there are already intimations that several Governments, notably Great Britain and those of the Little Entente, may demur. Pending this stage of the matter, the publication of the experts' report will of itself do a good deal to clear the air, for we shall then know exactly what it is that is proposed, and to what future obligations or contingencies the creditor Governments may be committed if they approve the recommendations.

## Society and Unemployment.

Discussing the problem of the "unemployed," in an address at a dinner of the National Institute of Social Sciences, May 2nd, at the Waldorf-Astoria, Daniel Willard, President of the Baltimore \& Ohio RR. Co., said in the course of his remarks: "Recently, at a conference attended largely by men representing certain branches of the railroad service, it was resolved that
efforts should be made to bring about a six-hour working day and a five-day working week, instead of a day of eight hours, with five and a half or a six-day week as at present. I am entirely sympathetic with the desire so indicated to find a solution for the problem of unemployment, but I am wholly unsympathetic with the manner in which it is proposed to deal with it." certainly seems uneconomic, unwise and wasteful for workmen in the prime of their lives to employ in a useful, constructive and gainful manner less than one-half of the daylight time. To me such a waste of time-the most valuable of all our gifts-is most repugnant, possibly due in part to my early New England training and perhaps to a trace of the so-called New England conscience. The idea of the eight-hour working day seems to be rather generally accepted. I do not think it can be seriously urged that in ordinary occupations eight hours of work, with a suitable break for luncheon, is too long a period for a man to be usefully employed during a twenty-four-hour day. Unless it can be shown that an eight-hour working day is detrimental to the health of the workers, and I refer to all who are gainfully employed, then I am unable to think of any other proper reason for shortening it."
"The way to solve the unemployment problem is not to be found by encouraging men to remain idle when they ought to be usefully employed, and I repeat that such a course, in my opinion, would be wasteful, unwise and uneconomic."
Mr. Willard holds that the responsibility for unemployment lies with society as well as industry. He offers suggestions as helpful; he knows no absolute cure. Some of his suggestions are: A greater sense of responsibility on the part of society in
return for the benefits it receives from our industrial system ; encouragement to young men to take advantage of the independence and security of the farm life; governmental information as to the number of unemployed and the cause of their unemployment; development of foreign trade to increase demand for our products; public works as a reserve against unemployment in times of depression; the responsibility of private industry to stabilize employment within itself. To our mind the President of the Baltimore \& Ohio RR. Co. has brought before the people an impressive reason for a closer study of unemployment, and at a most opportune time. We can all reason better in prosperity then in the pangs of adversity. And at a time when there is comparatively small unemployment (Mr. Willard thinks it is greater than we are aware of) we can better prepare to avert it if and when it comes.

But the great feature of the address is the joint responsibility of society with industry. Have we as a people ever given this proper thought? Do not we as a social community accept the blessings of all business without pausing to consider the recompense we owe it in right living? Are we not enjoying the fruits of all industry in a careless and even hilarious spirit, thinking of little else than our "prosperity" and the pleasures and fleshpots it brings to us?

It is not only that the individual owes it to society to do his share of the world's work, but cociety owes it to the individual, by its method of living, that he be given an opportunity to work. If we may we would like to amplify Mr. Willard's thought in our own way. There are many erroneous impressions as to the causes of our industrialism. To take a common example-the rich by their mode of life offer work to the poor, they put "money in circulation." Manifestly, if we divide work into the production of luxuries and necessities, normally the necessities come first. But it follows that extravagant living through the consumption of luxuries does not give to the unemployed a chance to live that is balanced. These cannot consume the luxuries and do not produce their share of the necessities. Carried to an extreme employment of the many in the production of luxuries makes a shortage of men employed in the necessities and a shortage in the necessities that must sustain them. This may seem to be a paradox, since demand for workers in the necessities seems to be increased and opportunity be thus enhanced. But it does not work out that way. There must be demand for the products of necessity in order to employ the largest number of men in this division of industry. And when all men, or a majority of men, are employed in the production of luxuries, if for any reason there comes a lull in this division, the unemployed cannot readily be absorbed in the production of the common necessities.

To some extent we are in this condition to-day. We need not mention any articles of furious consumption in our industrial life; they will readily occur to everyone. So great is this consumption that we do not realize that it is draining men from the production of necessities, but is also preparing to set them adrift in alarming numbers should there come a slump in our overpraised "prosperity." Society is living on the high tide. Factories are destroying the farms. Cities are absorbing the larger part of the population. High wages of mechanics are luring the oncoming generation into the making
of articles of luxury rather than the production of more essentials. Tall tower-buildings in the metropolis are consuming energies that should go to the making of homes in the countryside. We cannot eat our cake and have it. There is disordered distribution of primal and normal labor. Men are therefore adrift (unemployed), and this will increase when there comes a turn in the processes and purposes of life. We may not be able to fix the responsibility upon society, but we cannot deny that it rests somewhere outside of business itself. For business responds to every call. It is an impartial response. It works for man, as man demands its service. Unemployment is a hiatus in orderly progress caused by abnormal conditions of supply and demand. When all men work together to produce all things human life needs there is little unemployment.

We can touch but for a moment on masc-production and machinery in their relation to unemployment. But it is obvious that they have a direct influence that must sooner or later appear in a pronounced fashion. Manufacture, the production of articles of use, prosper apace; agriculture, the production of foods for sustenance, lags behind. The increase through machinery in manufacture is unlimited; the increase through machinery in agriculture is limited. Machines can never make more acres or make the acres it harvests produce more, save by the slight ádvantage of greater distribution of fertilizer. We already produce more by machinery in manufacture than the workers therein, than all workers, can consume. Not so in agriculture, which is the ultimate of the "farm problem." Of course for the present there is the disparity of an area that oversupplies the population, but that will disappear in time. The machine must and does displace the man, though new machines and new ma-chine-luxuries make this fact unperceivable. Talk of eating more bread to help the farmer is superfluous. It were better to talk of reducing luxuries to necessities. On the contrary, we are talking of luxuries becoming by use necessities. Where lies the cause of these conditions if it does not lie in the tastes and desires of the people-a people avid for pleasure and profit irrespective of a sense of the real purpose and intent of right living?

The time may arrive when unemployment in the United States will again become an urgent problem, and the way to prepare for it is not by reducing working hours and days. Our employment is unbalanced. To repeat, only our vast territory susceptible to the production of foodstuffs-greater than our population needs-prevents the disordered balance of labor from becoming serious at presert. But we are approaching the saturation point in the production of luxuries. Will those thrown adrift, when that time comes, seek the farms, or will they walk the streets of crowded cities, the prey of demagogues calling down maledictions on capital? What folly to imagine that shortening the hours of labor can offset the idleness, the non-employment, brought about by machinery and mass-production! In this behalf it is but a temporary makeshift, if it is that. Hours of labor reduced, with no compensating hours of production in aid of the normal life-hours given over to the enjoyment of articles and institutions of luxury, only aggravate the problem of unemployment. There is a responsibility upon society-the responsibility of living a frugal, a serious and purposeful life-a life conscious that it is a great gift,
that it owes something to coming generations, so that labor may be more evenly distributed and thus more constantly employed. But what can control society save society itself?

## Respect for the Law.

President Hoover, in his address before the Associated Press last month, called upon the people to show a greater respect for the law by a closer observance of the laws, and new interest is given the matter by his announcement the present week of the names of the members of the National Law Enforcement Commission which at his request is to make a searching inquiry into the subject. In his Associated Press address he contended that: "Whatever the value of any law may be, the enforcement of that law written in plain terms upon our statute books is not, in my mind, a debatable question. Law should be observed and must be enforced until it is repealed by the proper processes of our democracy. The duty to enforce the law rests upon every public official, and the duty to obey it rests upon every citizen."
"No individual has the right to determine what law shall be obeyed and what law shall not be enforced. If a law is wrong its rigid enforcement is the surest guarantes of its repeal. If it is right, its enforcement is the quickest method of compelling respect for it."

The President cited some appalling figures showing disregard for our laws. "More than 9,000 human beings are lawlessly killed in the United States each year. Little more than half as many arrests follow. Less than one-sixth of these slayers are convicted, and but a scandalously small percentage are adequately punished.. Twenty times as many people in proportion to population are lawlessly killed in the United States as in Great Britain. In many of our great cities murder can apparently be committed with impunity. At least fifty times as many robberies in proportion to population are committed in the United States as in the United Kingdom, and three times as many burglaries."
"Even in such premeditated crimes as embezzlement and forgery our record stands no comparison with other stable nations. No part of the country, rural or urban, is immune. Life and property are relatively more unsafe than in any other civilized country in the world. In spite of all this we have reason to pride ourselves on our institutions and the high moral instincts of the great majority of our people. No one will assert, however, that such crime would be committed if we had even a normal respect for law and if the laws of our country were properly enforced."
"I have purposely cited the extent of murder, burglary, robbery, forgery and embezzlement, because only a small percentage of these can be attributed to the Eighteenth Amendment. In fact, of the total number of convictions for felony last year, less than $8 \%$ came from that source. That is, therefore, but a sector of the invasion of lawlessness."
The first thought in regard to this address as a whole naturally is that it is the utterance of the Chief Executive Officer of the nation sworn to enforce the laws (not to make them), and in this sense indicates a high regard for the peculiar duty entrusted to a reparate division of the Government. But it should have a distinct repercussion on the lawmaking division. Law to be respected should respect the rights of the citizens under the Constitution.

The law that protects the liberty of the citizen is far and away greater than the petty pack-threads of innumerable statutes written upon the ponderous books the common man never sees or reads. Ignorance of the law, while it is no excuse for crime, may swell the number of infractions. And again, if there be a law so radical in its nature as to controvert a personal right theretofore sanctioned, it may have an effect upon the commission of crime, not revealed by statistics of convictions, and independent of its own observance-in a word, it may have a hidden tendency to prepare the mind for a resistance to law.

Much study by various commissions and organizations has been given to the causes of crime in an attempt to lessen its prevalence. The criminal may be a diseased member of society; he may be the victim of circumstances or the product of environment; he may be the ward of the nation or the object of its corrective power through punishment; he may be the beneficiary of the law's delay, and of technicalities of enforcement and administration; he may be the false hero of a maudlin sympathy; he may be the victim of heredity; and he may, at least, in some instances, be the result of the unconscious tyranny of the law. But whatever the cause, or more properly the causes, for these are many, of his criminal tendencies there is much more to be considered in his eventual eradication than the rigid enforcement of the punitive laws against him. And the citizen whose plain duty it is to observe the law for himself has a far greater problem than mere enforcement against the evil doer. He is to some extent the keeper of the causes that contribute to the commission of crime by the criminal.
If, as charged in a thousand ways, we have a society living beyond its means; if, as also charged, we have a society bent upon a life of pleasure; if we have one that is motivated by the acquisition of wealth with its attendant extravagances; then, though all the statutes be observed by the great majority,-is there not a moral law of frugal living that must be observed in order that temptation to disregard the common laws of the rights of property and persons be removed as far as possible? This, of course, was outside the scope of the President's address. But it is quite inside the view of the duty of every man to observe the written laws and to respect them. One of the most potent influences upon the mind of the thief is what is called "rascality in high places." A large proportion of embezzlements is due to the effort to follow the dictates of some social center and to cover up what is said to be "living beyond his means." The point is that while these hidden causes operate there cannot ensue a recession simply through "enforcement."

Society is not a stern avenger alone through the rigidity of law enforcement. There is no question of the solemn duty to banish misplaced sympathy from administration and euforcement. There is no shadow of a doubt that circumlocution and technicality are the bane of our trial courts. There is even in some instances a desire to prosecute that eventuates in persecution. But this exercise of the power of law enforcement may and does to some extent breed a hatred of society that is a prolific cause of crime. And while we are all bound to sanction enforcement we must hold ourselves aloof from persecution and give the criminal his chance. We are bound to reduce our statutes to a reasonable
interpretation of liberty and right, and again it may be said that law to be respected must command respect. It is only recently that petty bootlegging has been made a felony. If this law had been in effect before it might have changed the statistics due to the Eighteenth Amendment. But no such tyrannical law can be commended. And much is to be done, as well as enforce the laws.

One of the most important questions is: "Will the rigid enforcement of bad laws cause their repeal?" Unfortunately, possibly, as the President clearly sets forth, we have no alternative. We must enforce the law, whatever it is, if it can be enforced. But at the same time if we know and feel that it is a bad law, are we not equally bound to work for its repeal, the while we stand fast for its enforcement? To continue to enforce a bad law, and punish its infraction, without trying to set it aside by proper means is clearly only a part of our duty and surely an unpleasant part. To continue to enact statutes so shambling and false as to invite disregard, that is not "proper respect for law." And then, after all is said, and when we reach our courts, there is something more than a rigid and unfeeling enforcement. There is, though it palliates no wrong doing, a respect for the criminal as well as for the lawthat the law will be right and just and that the lawbreaker be seen as a human being.

## America's Form of Democracy.

The conception of representative government that was adopted in the Constitution of the United States may be termed American because it has remained unchanged, and whether formally adopted or not, prevails on this continent. It is what is so understood in all the reorganization of states required in Europe by the war. That in some instances it was definitely set aside and preference given to that of England does not alter the fact.

That Democracy as embodied in the structure of the United States and for 150 years the governing principle of the nation's life has proved adequate for the requirements of its wide and continuous development, justifies the term given it in the title of his new book, "The Western Way," by F. J. Stimson, the well known publicist and professor in the Harvard Law School, just published by Scribner. It is a subject he has dealt with in the past and in connection with Bryce, who in conference with him in 1920 said it had been "too vast" for his work on American Democracy; and for obvious reasons it has not attracted foreign writers who are estopped by the more specific features of our national life. Mr. Stimson served at one time as Ambassador to Argentina and has long been in touch with our Government.

The time has come to point out that such development as has occurred has not changed the structure of our form of government, or altered the stream of our democracy, but that with us the law-making as well as the executing power in the hands of the people has created a self-conscious democracy distinctly modern. We dropped the rule of a king, but retained that of the State with no thought of the individual as free from the law. The whole conception of government was that with it men should attain their truest freedom. Liberty was to be secured by law. The first task therefore in appraising democracy must be examination of its laws, their quality rather than their quantity, their content
rather than their form, the results of a Constitution rather than its scheme of government. This is little appreciated. Democracy needs guidance, and the "man in the street" who stands back of the State needs to speak for an "informed public opinion," otherwise we may justify the fear expressed long ago, that this country may be "too democratic to be free."

The book before us is a solid study to reach and impress the truth of the present situation. It reviews in detail the existing internal forces and the lines of change that impend; and in the second part takes up the methods and direction of a true application and development of the nation's life. In this, for the general reader, lies the immediate value of the book. We have first to recognize that the principle of control is essentially a structural part of modern democracy. The Colonies were fully possessed of ideas of liberty and democracy embraced in "natural rights;" but Control as a true feature of modern democracy is best to be studied here where its progress has been the most complete. With us it is basic, essential, circulatory through the whole system. We may not go to the limit, but we are committed to the principle. Its justification is that no other system is now possible. It survives through a great variety of adjustment, and is the only system that the people of the "Western," or "New World," will accept. Whatever temporary alternatives are presented as substitutes, government by the people will in some form return.
Democracy, as committed to us, it is evidently our task to make effective. It can always be improved, as De Tocqueville saw. He gave half his book on America to suggestions of this in many directions, from our taste in art and letters to our philosophy and aristocracy as influenced by our manufactures. Socialism with us has small chance. We are constantly moving in the line of State control of property and even of the mind, as in laws about teaching evolution, and in requiring education of all in the schools. We can hardly have State ownership of things without broad control of action and even of life itself, and we make frequent appeal for that in some form. We do well to keep in mind De Tocqueville's warning, "Democracy desires equality in liberty. Socialism seeks equality in compulsion and servitude."

But in rejecting Socialism we must recognize that our immense reservoirs of capital in private hands and independent organizations may require State supervision in the interest of all. Rejection of Socialism, our author says, "does not indicate that we should not consider every proposition of State operation, or even ownership, on its merits as it occurs."

In Economics progress is evidenced both in discarding certain old theories and in substantiating new ones. Overproduction, the Wages Fund, Restriction of Immigration, and the Iron Law of Wages, all are in turn examined. Emphasis today laid upon the value of extended organization, extension of the use of machinery, direction of migration of population, control of liquor as by prohibition, and of trade by a protective tariff, furnish occasions in present conditions for continual study. The present confusion of Congress over Agricultural legislation is evidence of the need. All will be constant subjects of interpretation by actual experience and will illustrate "America's way."

Our author, following the Encyclopedia Britannica, "an excellent authority," holds that capitalism and individual ownership have gained new acceptance, that there is no such thing as a set-apart wages fund; that wages are almost at the will of the workers; and that the theories of restricted farming and workshops, exclusion of immigrants, feminism resulting in a decreasing birth-rate, and the Iron Law of non-increasable natural resources, have all gone by the board.
"Overproduction" still has a footing, but is in fact "nonsense." There is no such thing as overproduction of things worth while. The proper answer is: Make better things, things for a higher taste, a deeper mind. Even in necessities, food, fuel, textiles and the like, overproduction is only temporary. To say that any people do not want more, or, at least, more kinds of things, is to belittle human nature. Every higher and non-material want protests against the theory. The cultivation of the gift of life and the distribution of what makes for the elevation of the mind and heart remains for the world as still unreached.
Democracy demands above all enlargement of the conception of value. This is more than money, or even idleness; it is that which leads to life-giving things and makes possible a higher manhood. Political economy, in a word, has now become qualitative rather than quantitative. It concerns the things which have "an intrinsic worth developed by a vital power," things usable by man for his best good. The moral element is the economic right. What one may accumulate to use only for one's self, administration over others, ostentation, or distraction, is sternly limited and may be wholly unworthy. Low wages may be injuriods to the employer; as to his laborers may be the demand for too much. Every man has to learn and then to respect what is just and right. This in the last analysis is the better judgment of the individual, and the judgment of the individuals in a democracy becomes the judgment of the community.
Europe accuses us with the worship, if not of Power, with the Germans, of material things, our growth, our wealth, our prosperity. Our cultus, in their eyes, is of quantity, not of quality; and we are debasing European, rather than learning from it. Ferrero, the Italian historical authority, calls on us to desist from Americanizing Europe by devotion to wealth, to the machine, to falsified conceptions of success, and all that produces it.

Our author reviews all the criticisms, accepts some, rejects more, and says that we believe in light and joy, and beauty, and are ready to value and seek the best. We would not forget our ethics in our aesthetics. We may believe that the best of good works, "the most intelligent of all charities is to banish poverty, making material charities unnecessary." We may hold that American democracy is privileged to teach the world this truth, but it has much higher and better things to teach its citizens, the making of men and women, as well as of public utilities. To make by one's material success the higher life possible for all, is America's lesson to the world.

To secure acceptance of this as a home truth, to get over our general distrust of the "high-brow," and his attainments, and to free the laboring classes of the false doctrine that the less the value they render in return for their wages the greater will be their
share of things, is not a task ignored among us, or unheeded.

It is safe to assume that our business world is awake to the teachings of a true economics. In external relations we certainly desire peace, however slow we are in uniting in guarantees to secure it. America's actual accomplishment, as well as her social life, our author takes up in turn, and shows that despite its failures American democracy has much to teach the world. Light, and Joy, and Life, with the Word which is God, are the final teaching, we believe, for all.

## The New York Central Annual Report.

The annual report of the New York Central Railroad Company for the calendar year 1928 has been issued the present week, and is of the same favorable character as the reports of other recent years except that the amount earned for the stock is smaller. Yet this last follows entirely from the fact that some very exceptional items of income which appeared in the results for 1927 were not repeated in the calendar year 1928. After allowing 8\% dividends on the company's capital stock (on $4,213,008$ shares in the first quarter, $4,215,798$ shares in the second quarter, and $4,619,288$ shares and $4,635,558$ shares in the third and fourth quarters, respectively) a surplus remained on the operations for 1928 of $\$ 15,303,754$ against a surplus of $\$ 27,942,658$ on the operations for 1927 after $73 / 4 \%$ dividends on the share capital before the recent increase, $\$ 41,975,900$ of new stock having been issued during the year to provide for taking up of $\$ 50,000,000$ of Lake Shore \& Michigan Southern Railway bonds which matured on September 11928.
The report tells us that the business handled in 1928, compared favorably with that for 1927. Traffic during the first six months, it is stated, was substantially less than during the same period in the previous year, but a sharp recovery occurred during the last six months. However, neither 1928 nor 1927 can be said to have been more than ordinarily favorable. The year 1926 was a much better period. This is evident from the fact that while the gross revenues for 1928 were $\$ 381,733,244$ and for 1927 $\$ 383,377,311$, for 1926 they were $\$ 399,537,748$, and to get a really exceptionally favorable year it would be necessary to go back to 1923, when the gross revenues were no less than $\$ 421,034,783$, or nearly $\$ 40,000,000$ in excess of the amount for 1928. But experience has shown that the New York Central is able to give a good account of itself in good years and bad years alike.
The report refers to the improvement in the capital structure of the company effected during the year by the issue of $\$ 41,975,900$ additional stock and the retirement of the $\$ 50,000,000$ of funded debt to which mention has already been made. That was certainly a noticeable feature of the year's affairs. It makes the ratio of capital stock to total capitalization $42.74 \%$ as compared with $38.34 \%$ at the end of 1927. Only five years before, on December 31 1923, the ratio was no higher than $25.84 \%$. But growing operating efficiency is an equally distinctive feature of the road's operations. This appears from the fact that while railway operating revenues in 1928 decreased $\$ 1,644,066$ from those of 1927 , the net revenues from railway operations actually increased $\$ 3,505,566$, due to a reduction in operating expenses of $\$ 5,149,633$. The ratio of expenses to revenues
was only $75.51 \%$ in 1928 as against $76.53 \%$ in 1927. Final net income for the year, however, was $\$ 8$,230,660 less than in 1927. The report explains that this decrease is attributable to the reduced receipts representing dividends upon the company stock holdings. The principal factor in the lessened dividend income was the receipt for 1927 of an extra dividend of more than $\$ 9,000,000$ upon the company's holdings of stock in the Michigan Central Railroad Co., while no extra dividend was paid by that company in 1928.

We notice that there was also an increase in the railway tax accruals of $\$ 3,943,123$ as compared with 1927. The report tells us that Federal income taxes on net profits of $\$ 26,953,000$ from the sale of securities in 1928 accounts for $\$ 3,077,000$ of this increase. In another part of the report we find that the company sold its holdings of the stock of the Mohawk Valley Co. and also its holdings of the stock of the New York State railways and that the total consideration received from the sale of these stocks was $\$ 41,758,325$. The cost of these holdings, acquired back in $1905-1910$, was $\$ 16,447,408$, showing a profit of over 25 million dollars. Some other sales of security holdings which likewise yielded a profit, though on a much smaller scale, are also enumerated. The point however to which we wish to direct particular attention is that after setting out the sales of these various securities during the year the report goes on to say that "the Federal Tax of over $\$ 3,000,000$ on the profits from these transactions was charged against 1928 income, while the profits were credited directly to the company's surplus through profit and loss account." This last statement, saying that the tax was charged against income, while no account was taken of the profits on which the additional tax was based is worth noting as showing the conservative way in which the income account has been drawn up.

## Stock Exchange Averages.

[Editorial in New York "Journal of Commeree," May 16.]
"An ingenious statistician," says the President of the Stock Exchange in his annual report, "employing only ten or twenty listed share issues as representative of all listed stocks, could by selecting particular issues quite readily prove either that the whole share market had recently experienced an enormous rise or that it had suffered a huge decline, or that it had failed to show any real change at all." Mr. Simmons asserts, therefore, that the index of the exchange, which is an average of all listed shares weighted according to the outstanding number of shares of each issue, reveals percentages of price increase that are "obviously more in accord with the realities of the situation than the colossal percentages of price appreciation frequently shown by share averages based upon only a few share issues."

According to the exchange index, the advance in share prices averaged only $18 \%$ during the past year, while the rise over a period of four years to January 1929 amounted to $66 \%$. Although even this is an imposing record considering the relative stability of commodity prices during the years in question, it is a small matter contrasted with the rise shown by some of the "representative" indices to which the President of the Stock Exchange objects. For example, the "Annalist" average for 25 industrial stocks, including leading industrials, has risen since the beginning of 1927 from less than 180 to about 370, although the stocks included were evidently selected for no reason except their very evident "representative" character as investment and speculative offerings. Is a picked list of this or similar sort less in accord with "realities" than a composite average that represents nothing at all except a conglomerate mass of
known and unknown, good, bad or indifferent stocks that are traded in on the exchange?

On any modern stock exchange some security values will be declining while others are advancing. The New York Stock Exchange has been listing many new and untried issues in addition to handling the securities of industrial groups that are in a state of more or less chronic depression. Nobody expects such shares to respond to inflationary activities even in the most pronounced "bull" markets, as do the issues of the industrial leaders of those companies about whose future the public feels optimistic. For that reason stock indices that include a picked number of socalled "representative" issues are better adapted to testing the state of the speculative temper and alterations in the strength of the speculative demand than any sort of comprehensive average can possibly be.

The fact is that any and all averages of stock prices are misleading, and the more elaborate they are the less light they are likely to throw upon what Mr. Simmons calls "realities." Averages have nothing to do with the fact that many stocks are overvalued when tested by investment standards of current earnings or even reasonable expectations of future profits. Averages throw little or no light upon the question whether a disproportionate amount of credit has been assigned to speculation at the expense of commercial demand.
Statistical data used by Mr. Simmons to explain the credit absorbing capacity of the Stock Exchange also need to be analyzed in order to ascertain whether some of the cited causes of the great increase in collateral loans may not themselves be effects of previous price rises in certain "representative" share issues whose upward movement has been facilitated by the utilization of abundant credits and supported by the comfortable conviction that more of the same kind of credit coul dbe had. Thus the aggregate market value of all listed stocks is said to have advanced $\$ 17,700,000,000$ during 1928 -a sum far in excess of the increases in earlier years. Is this increase to be taken for granted as evidence of growing prosperity and abundant investment resources? Or has credit policy something to do with the showing? As listings increase, too, it is asserted that a corresponding growth in volume of sales on the exchange and in the borrowings on security collateral by members must be expected to occur. Might it not be as justifiable to reverse the statement and say that since loans for borrowing on collateral have been available in large amounts increased listings and active sales have been greatly stimulated?

Bureau of Standards Announces Change in Printing the "Commercial Standards Monthly."
For the past four years the "Commercial Standards Monthly," has been the medium through which the Division of Simplified Practice, of the Bureau of Standards, United States Department of Commerce, has kept American industry advised of the progress being made in the elimination of waste through simplification and standardization. This mimeographed bulletin summarizes the projects under consideration by industry in co-operation with the Bureau of Standards; meetings held, and wherever possible, the work being done by individual concerns and non-governmental groups in the movement to eliminate waste in industry.
According to an announcement of Ray M. Hudson, Assistant Director of the Bureau of Standards, in charge of the Commercial Standardization Group, the monthly bulletin, starting with the July 151929 issue, will hereafter appear as a standard size printed magazine and will be on a subscription basis. The yearly subscription price will be one dollar ( $\$ 1.00$ ), payable in advance to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

In his announcement of this change Mr. Hudson stated that S. F. Tillman, associated with the Division of Simplified Practice for several years has been appointed as the Editor of the "Commercial Standards Monthly." Prior to becoming connected with the Bureau of Standards, Mr. Tillman was on the Press information staff of the U. S. Veterans Bureau.

In 1925 he was a member of the news staff of the Army and Navy "Journal," leaving to organize the Army and Navy News Service. In addition to working on Washington and Texas newspapers, Mr. Tillman was one-time managing editor of the Army and Navy Magazine.

## Methods Employed in Valuing Railroads Held to be Improper by United States Supreme Court-Decision Rendered in St. Louis \& O'Fallon Case-Commission Declared to Have Failed to Follow Statutory Direction-Decree of District Court Upholding Commission Reversed.

Methods adopted by the Commission for ascertaining the value of the railroads of the country for rate-making purposes were held to be improper in a decision rendered by the United States Supreme Court on May 20 in the test case involving the application of the Commission's methods to the valuation of the St. Louis \& O'Fallon, a 9 -mile coalcarrying road in Illinois. Holding that the Commission had failed to give effective weight to the consideration of "present reproduction costs" in estimating the value of the carrier's property, the Court says that the Commission has "disregarded the approved rule and has thereby failed to discharge the definite duty imposed by Congress."

The decision reversed the judgment of the District Court for the Eastern Division of the Eastern District of Missouri, which had denied the petition of the St. Louis \& O'Fallon and the Manufacturers' for an injunction to restrain the enforcement of an order of the Commission fixing the valuation of the O'Fallon property and directing it to pay to the Commission one-half of its net railway operating income in excess of $6 \%$ on the valuation found, with interest. The case came before the Supreme Court on cross-appeals filed by the two railroads and by the United States.
While the case involved directly only the order as to the O'Fallon, the Commission in its report in the case had stated that the methods employed in the test case, the first case which it had attempted to "recapture" excess earnings of the carrier under section 15a of the Inter-State Commerce Act, were those applied to all the railroads of the United States. [The decision of the Commission in the St. Louis \& O'Fallon Ry, case was given in the "Chronicle" of April 2 1927, page 1898.] The opinion of the Court was rendered by Justice McReynolds. Justices Brandeis, Holmes and Stone dissented and joined in an opinion by Justice Brandeis which took the position that the Commission had given all the consideration required by law to cost of reproduction of the railroad property. Justice Stone also wrote a dissenting opinion. Justice Butler took no part in the consideration or determination of the case.
The majority opinion, by Justice McReynolds, says that the Inter-State Commerce Act requires that the Commission in determining values, "shall give due consideration to all the elements of value recognized by the law of the land for rate-making purposes," that the elements of value have been pointed out many times by the Court, but that the Commission in its report "carefully refrains from stating that any consideration whatever was given to present or reproduction costs in estimating the value of the carrier's property." The weight to be given to current or reproduction costs, as distinguished from investment, "is not the matter before us." The opinion says: "No doubt there are some, perhaps many, railroads the ultimate value of which should be placed far below the sum necessary for reproduction. But Congress has directed that values shall be based upon a consideration of present costs along with all other pertinent facts; and this mandate must be obeyed."

The Court accepted the conclusions of both the Commission and the District Court that the O'Fallon and the Manufacturers' railways had not been shown to constitute a single system within the meaning of the provision of the law that permits the accounts of roads constituting a single system under common control and management to be combined for the purpose of ascertaining whether there is recapturable income. The two roads had claimed that they were a single system and that any excess on the O'Fallon would be offset by a deficit on the Manufacturers'. The Commission held that the Manufacturers' had no recapturable excess but that the O'Fallon had earned more than $6 \%$ on its value as ascertained for each of the years 1920 , 1921, 1922 and 1923.
Justice Brandeis, in his dissenting opinion in which Justice Holmes and Justice Stone joined, expressed the opinion that the conclusions of the Commission were well founded, and that it had given sufficient weight to reconstruction cost. "This court," he says, has no concern with the correctness of the Commission's reasoning as to the evidence in making its findings of fact, since it applied the rules of
substantive law prescribed by Congress and reached its findings of actual value by the exercise of its judgment upon all the evidence, including enhanced construction costs." He says the main question for consideration is one of statutory construction. "The Commission undertook," Justice Brandeis says, "as will be shown, to find present actual value and, in so doing, both to follow the direction of Congress and to apply the rule declared in the Southwestern Bell case. It is true that the court there declared that current reconstruction cost is an element of actual value; and that Congress directed the Commission to give due consideration to all the elements of value recognized by the law of the land for rate-making purposes. But, while the Act required the Commission to consider all such evidence, neither Congress nor this Court required it to give to evidence of reconstruction cost a mechanical effect or artificial weight. They left untrammeled its duty to give to all relevant evidence such probative force, as, in its judgment, the evidence inherently possesses."
Justice Stone, in his dissenting opinion, claims that the Commission has "given consideration" to the element of reproduction cost and states that if "full weight" were to be accorded to that element in all cases, "then, as the Commission points out in its report, the railroads of the country having in 1919 a reproduction cost or value of $\$ 19,000,000,000$ would now have a value of $\$ 40,000,000,000$ and we would arrive at the economic paradox that the present value of the railroads is far in excess of any amount on which they could earn a return."
The O'Fallon case has attracted nation-made attention because of the issues involved, the popular view of it being that the decision of the Supreme Court would establish definitely whether the Commission should value all railroad properties on the basis of reproduction cost new or by its present procedure, which takes into consideration a multitude of factors having to do with construction costs of the carriers over a long period of years, their physical assets and the capital invested. On the basis of its present method it was forecast that the Commission would arrive at a valuation for all railroads for rate-making and recapture purposes, of approximately $\$ 20,000,000,000$ and that a decision by the Court compelling the Commission to make its value solely on the basis of reproduction costs would add at least $\$ 11,000,000,000$ to that total.

First reports of the decision intimated that the victory in this case placed the Supreme Court in the position of establishing a principle of valuation of railroads which would make necessary the scrapping of the preliminary work done by the Commission in connection with the valuation of all carriers; a mandatory increase of many billions in the final valuations to be set up and a corresponding increase in the level of rate structures. Such a view of the decision, however, was not taken by members of the Commission, who, according to Washington dispatches, pointed out that the Court had not ruled that valuation should be fixed solely upon the basis of present reproduction cost, but merely that this principle should be given due weight as among other factors in arriving at conclusions. While in the O'Fallon case the Court held that consideration had not been given by the Commission to the principle of reproduction cost it was asserted by members of the Commission that quite a different finding might result if facts in regard to the procedure by which properties of other railroads have been valued were to come before it. The dispatches further stated informally, in fact, that far from scrapping all the preliminary work it has done on valuations the Commission probably would decide to proceed with its task of bringing valuations up to date on the basis of the primary valuation work already done, giving due heed to the points made in the Court's decision. Should the railroads of the country then find themselves dissatisfied with the final conclusions reached by the Commission it was forecast that the whole matter would again find its way into courts for further clarification.

The full text of the Court's opinion, delivered by Mr. Justice McReynolds, follows:

These are cross appeals from the final decree of the District Court, Eastern Missouri-three judges sitting-in a suit to annul an Inter-State St. Louis and O'Fallon Railway Company to place in a reserve fund one-half of its determined excess income for the years 1920 ( 10 months), 1921, 1922 and 1923 (that is half of the sum by which the net railway operating income for each of those years exceeded $6 \%$ of the ascertained value of property devoted to public service) ; and to pay to the Commistermination of the year, i.e., May 1 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1924.
Section 15a, added to the Inter-State Commerce Act by Transportation Act, 1920, contains 19 paragraphs. Of those specially important here, 1 , 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 follow:
(1) [This defines the terms employed.] the Commission shall initiate, modify, establish just and reasonable rates that carriers as a whole (or as a whole in each or adjust such rates so territories as the Commission may from time to time designate) will, under honest, efficient and economical management and reasonable expenditures for maintenance of way, structures and equipment, earn an aggregate annual net railway operating income equal, as nearly as may be, to a carriers held for and used in the service of transportation: Provided, That the Commission shall have reasonable latitude to modify or adjust any particular rate which it may find to be unjust or unreasonable, and to prescribe different rates, for different sections of the country. what percentage of such thereon, and tories which may be designated by the Commission. In making such determination it shall give due consideration, among other things, to the transportation needs of the country and the necessity (under honest, efficient and economical management of existing transportation facilities) of enlarging such facilities in order to provide the people of the United States with adequate transportation: Provided, That during the two
years beginning March 11920 the Commission shall take as such fair return a sum equal to $51 / 2 \%$ of such aggregate value, but may, in its discretion, add thereto a sum not exceeding one-half of $1 \%$ of such aggrregate value to make provision in whole or in part for improvements, betterments or equipment, which, according to the accounting system prescribed by the Commission, are chargeable to capital accounts.
(4) For the purpose of this section, such aggregate value of the property of the carriers shall be determined by the Commission from time to time and as often as may be necessary. The Commission may utilize the deemed by it available, and shall give due consideration to all the elements of value recognized by the law of the land for rate-making purposes, and shall give to the property investment account of the carriers only that consideration which under such law it is entitled to in establishing values for rate-making purposes. Whenever pursuant to section 19a of this act the value of the railway property of any carrier held for and used in the service of transportation has been finally ascertained, the value so ascertained shall be deemed by the Commission to be the value thereof for the purpose of determining such aggregate value.
the intensmuch as it is impossible (without regulation and control in the ibterest of commerce of the United States considered as a whole) to estabish uniform rates upon competitive traffic which will adequately indispensable to the cors which are engaged in such traffic and which are portation, without combling sities to which they render the service of transoperating income substantially and unreasonably to excess a net railway upon the value of their railway property held for and used in the service of transportation, it is hereby declared that any carrier which receives such an income so in excess of a fair return, shall hold such part of the excess,
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(6) If, under the provisions of this section, any carrier receives for any year a net railway operating income in excess of $6 \%$ of the value of the railway property held for and used by it in the service of transportation, one-half of such excess shall be placed in a reserve fund established within the first four such computation is made for the purpose of establishing and maintaining paid to the Commission tingent fund as hereinafter described For the a a general railroad conthe value of the railway property and the net railway group of carriers which the Commission finds are under common come of a management and are operated as a single system, shall be compute for and system as a whole irrespective of the separate ownership and and for the returns of the various parts of such system. In the case of accounting which has accepted the provisions of section 209 of case of any carrier the provisions of this paragraph shall not be applicable to the incory act any period prior to September 1 1920. The value of such railway property shall be determined by the Commission in the manner provided inperty graph (4).
(7) For the purpose of paying dividends or interest on its stocks, bonds reserve fund established and meased roads, a carrier may draw from the section to the extent that its net railway operating income for any of this less than a sum equal to $6 \%$ of the value of the railway property held for and used by it in the service of transportation, determined as provided in paragraph (6); but such fund shall not be drawn upon for any other purpose.
(8) Such reserve fund need not be accumulated and maintained by any carrermined as herein equal to $5 \%$ of the value of its railway property maintained the prein provided, and when such fund is so accumulated and to retain under paragraph (6) may be used by it for any lawful purpose.

## Not Single System Commerce Commission Found.

After an investigation instituted under section 15a, May 15 1924, for the purpose of determining incomes received by St. Louis \& O'Fallon Rail way Company (The O'Fallon) and Manufacturers' Railway Company (The Manufacturers'), asserted to be parts of one system, for the years 1920-1923, the Commission found: (1) Although the stock of both corporations was mostly owned by the Adolph Busch Estate and their principal officers were the same, they were not carriers operated under common control and management as a single system within paragraph 6 . (2) The Manufacturers' had received no excess operating income. (3) The value of The 0'Fallon's property devoted to public service in 1920 ( 10 months) was $\$ 856,065$; in 1921, $\$ 875,360$; in 1922, $\$ 978,874$; in 1923, $\$ 997,236$; and during each of those years it received net operative income exceeding $6 \%$ upon the stated valuation.

The above-described recapture order followed.
The cause is properly here under the Judicial Code, as amended by aet of February 13 (U. s. .,. Title $28, \mathrm{Sec} .345$ )
final judgment or decree of a district court Court of an interlocutory or provided in the following acts or parts of acts, and not otherwise:
(4) So much of "An act making appropriations for the fiscal year 1913, an interlocer purposes," approved October 22 1913, as relates to the review end than for the payment of money.
The act of October 221913 ( 38 Stat. 219, 220) transferred to District Courts the jurisdietion granted to the Commerce Court by act of June 18 1910 (36 Stat. 539); and provided for review by this Court of cat First: All cases for the enforcement, otherwise than by adjudicatio and collection of a forfeture or penalty or by infliction of criminal punish ment, of any order of the Inter-State Commerce Commission other than for the payment of money.
Second: Cases brought to enjoin, set aside, annul, or suspend in whole or in part any order of the Inter-State Commerce Commission.
Paragraph (4), section 238, applies to all those causes formerly cognizable by the Commerce Court, and reviewable here. The words "other than for the payment of money" were taken from clause First, Act of 1910, above quoted, and, as there, they delimit the trials court's jurisdiction. They do not inhibit review here of any cause formeriy cognizawle by the com merce court. Horcover, hi ther under consideration was not merely for payment of money; and the proceeding below was to set aside, not to enforce it.
Wisconsin Railroad Commission v. Chicago, Burlington \& Quincy RR. Co 257 U. S. 563 , and Dayton-Goose Oreek Railway Co. v. The United States 263 U . S. 456 , point out the general purpose of the Transportation Act,
1920 , and uphold the validity of section 15 a.

## O'Fallon Road Is Coal Carrier.

The Manufacturers' is a switching road with 30 miles of track within St. Louis, Missouri. The O'Fallon-a coal-carrying road-has nine miles of main line, all in Illinois, and this connects with The Terminal Railroad at East St. Louis. Through the latter deliveries are made to sundry points between the railroad of the 0 'Fallon and the railroad of the Manufacturers is about 12 miles, and all conamumication by rain between the erties is effected over the tracks of the Terminal, including a bridge over the Mississippi River." Both the Commission and the District Court held that the record failed to show these two roads were under common contro and management and operated as a single system within the meaning of paragraph 6. We accept their conclusion.
The Commission directed The O'Fallon to pay $6 \%$ interest on the ecaptured one-hali of its ascertained excess net railway operating income beginning four months from the end of the year during which the excess accrued (Sec. 6). The District Court righty ruled that as the carrier made bona fide denial of any excess under circumstances surficient to justify a contest, no interest should have been imposed for any time prior
to the final order. Not until then could the carrier know what, if anything, it should pay.
Also, we think the District Court rightly rejected the claim that excess earnings were not recapturable unless and until the Comnaission had fixed general level of rates intended to yield fair return upon the aggregate value of carrier property either as a whole, or in some prescribed rate or territorial group. Congress, of course, reanized that final valuations would require prodigious expenditure of time and effort; but the language concerning recapture indicates that prompt action was expected. Practical application of paragraphs 5 and 6 does not necessarily depend upon prior compliance with paragraphs 2 and 3 . The act should be construed so as o carry out the legislative purpose. The proviso of paragraph 3 prescribing lavse to be take durng two years beginning karch 1 1920, and the lause of paragraph 6 excepting the income or cerlain roads prior to SepPer 1 192, are hardy compatible with this claim by the carrie
Pragry for , sesen of recture the Commiesion "thall sive durway eration to all the elements of value recognized by the law of the 1 a 1 ration to an the elem. of allue recog the by law the land for of the carriers only that consideration which under such law it is entitled o in ertablishg values for rate-making purposes," This is in elprese ommand, and the arrier has clear right to temand eompliance therewith. United States ex rel. Kansas City Southern Railway Co. v. Inter Uith. United States ex rel. Kansas city so
State Commerce Commission, 252 U. S. 178 ,

## Elements of Value Recognized by Law.

"The elements of value recognized by the law of the land for rate making purposes" have been pointed ort many times by this Court. Smyth . Ames, 169 U. S. 466 ; Wilcox v. Consolidated Gas Co., 213 U. S. 19 Minnesota Rate Cases, 230 U. S. 352 ; Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. v. Pubic Service Commission, 262 U. S. 276 ; Bluefield Water Works provement Co. v. Public Service Commission, 262 U. S. 679 ; MeCardle $v$
Indianapolis Water Co., 272 U. S. 400 . Among them is the present cost of construction or reproduetion.
Thirty years ago, Smyth v. Ames announced (546)
We hold, however, that the basis of all calculations as to the reasenableness of rates to be charged by a corporation maintaining a highway under legislative sanction must be the fair value of the property being used by it for the convenience of the public. And in order to ascertain that value, the original cost of construction, the amount expended in permanen improvements, the amount and market value of its bonds and stock, the present as compared with the original cost of construction, the probable earning capacity of the property under particular rates prescribed by statute, and the sum required to meet operating expenses, are all matter or consideration, and are to be given such weight as may be just and right in each case. We do not say that there may not be other matters to be regarded in estimating the value of the property. What the company ie entitled to ask is a fair return upon the value of that which it employs for the public convenience. On the other hand, what the public is entitled o demand is that no more be exacted from it for the use of a public highway than the services rendered by it are reasonably worth."

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Present Costs Essential in Estimate of Pair Return.
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In Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. v. Public Service Commission (287) we said: "It is impossible to ascertain what will amount to a fair return apon properties devoted to public service without giving consideration to honest and labor, supplies, etc., at the time the investigation is made. An view of all the relevant circumstances, is essential. If the highly importan element of present costs is wholly disregarded such a forecast becomes impossible. Estimates for to-morrow cannot ignore prices of to-day."

The doctrine above stated has been consistently adhered to by this Court.
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The report of the Commission is long and argumentative. Much of it is devoted to general observations relative to the method and purposes of making valuations; many objections are urged to doctrine approved by us;
and the superiority of another view is stoutly asserted. It carefully refrains from stating that any consideration whatever was given to present or reproduction costs in estimating the value of the carrier's property. Four dissenting Commissioners declare that reproduction costs were not
considered; and the report itself confirms their view. Two of the majority avow a like understanding of the course pursued.
The following from the dissenting opinion of Commissioner Hall, concurred
"In order to determine the value of the O'Fallon property devoted to carrier service during the recapture periods, 10 months in the year 1920 and the years 1921, 1922, and 1923, we start with a valuation of inventory date of June 30 1919. The units in existence on that date are known. Original cost of the entire property can not be ascertained. As to the dition on that we estimate the cost of reproducing them in their conJune 301914 the unit prices of 1914, representing a fairly consistent price level for the preceding 5 or 10 years. To like units, installed after
June 30 1914, and prior to June 30 1919, we apply the same prices, but June 301914 , and prior to June 30 1919, we apply the same prices, but add a sum representing price increases on those units during that period.
For the third pericd, from June 301919 down to each recapture date, we For the third pericd, from June 301919 down to each recapture date, we abandon estimate and turn to recorded net cost of additions less retirements. On this composite, made up of estimated value for two periods
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ion as to value at recapture date of the man-made items. Land goes sion as to value at recapture date of the man-made items.
in at its current value as measured by that of neighboring lands.
"Without summarizing the other processes, all clearly stated in the majority report, it will be observed that the rate-making value arrived at for the successive recapture periods, as for example the year 1923, rests upon 1923 market value of lands; costs of other property installed since une 301919 ; unit prices of 1914, enhanced by allowance for increased cost of units installed during June 30 1914-1919; and, for the units installed prior to June 30 1914, constituting by far the major part of the property, unit prices of 1914 without any enhancement whatever. As to this major
part of the carrier's property devoted to carrier purposes in 1923 no consideration is given to costs and prices then obtaining or to increase therein since 1914."
In the exercise of its proper function this Court has declared the law of the land concerning valuations for rate-making purposes. The Commission disregarded the approved rule and has thereby failed to discharge the definite duty imposed by Congress. Unfortunately, proper heed was denied the timely admonition of the minority-"The function of this Commission is not to act as an arbiter in economics, but as an agency of matters committed by Congress to our jurisdiction
The question on which the Commission divided is this: When seeking to ascertain the value of railroad property for recapture purposes, must it give consideration to current, or reproduction, costs? The weight to be accorded thereto is not the matter before us. No doubt there are some, perhaps the sum necessary shall be fixed upon a consideration of present costs along with all other pertinent facts ; and this mandate must be obeyed.
It was deemed unnecessary by the Court below to determine whether the Commission obeyed the statutory direction touching valuations since the order permitted the O'Fallon to retain an income great enough to negative any suggestion of actual confiscation. With this we cannot agree. Whether the Commission acted as directed by Congress was the fundamental question presented. If it did not, the action taken, being beyond the authority granted, was invalid. The only power to make any recapture order arose from the statute.
The judgment of the Court below must be reversed. A decree will be entered here annulling the challenged order. Reversed.

Mr. Justice Butler took no part in the consideration or determination of this cause.

## DISSENTING OPINION OF JUSTICE STONE.

The dissenting opinion of Justice Stone was as follows: I agree with what Mr. Justice Brandeis has said and add a word only by way of emphasis of those aspects of the case which appear to me sufficient, apart from all other considerations, to sustain the finding of the Commission.
The report of the Inter-State Commerce Commission is rejected and its order set aside on the sole ground that in a recapture proceeding under
Section 15 (a) of the Inter-State Commerce Act, it has failed to consider Section 15 (a) of the Inter-State Commerce Act, it has failed to consider present reproduction cost or value of appellant's property and so to "give
due consideration to all the elements of value recognized by the law of the due consideration to all the elements of value recognized by the law of the
land for rate making purposes." No constitutional question is involved. land for rate making purposes." No constitutional question is involved.
The Commission was called upon to value a railroad, with less than The Commission was called upon to value a railroad, with less than
nine miles of main line track, which had been constructed prior to 1900 . nine miles of main line track, which had been constructed prior to 1900.
Much of its equipment was purchased before 1908, a considerable part Much of its equipment was purchased before 1908, a considerable part
being second hand. Its traffic was very largely dependent on the output being second hand. Its traific was ver
of a single coal mine which it served.
In performing its task the Commission had before it the cost of reproduction new of appellant's structural property, estimated on the basis of 1914 unit prices, "with the knowledge that the costs of reproduction so arrived at were not greatly different from the original costs." It had evidence of the actual cost of later additions and replacements, of the
physical condition of the railroad and equipment, of the character, volume physical condition of the railroad and equipment, of the character, volume
and sources of its traffic, of its working capital and revenues and expenses. and sources of its traffic, of its working capital and revenues and expenses. It possessed, through its valuation department, special knowledge of the property of this carrier. Through its own experience it had the benefit of an expert knowledge of all the factors affecting value of railway property growing out of changes in methods of transportation, of improvement in
transportation appliances and the consequent obsolescence of existing equiptransportation appliances and the consequent obsolescence of existing equipreductions in cost. Although it had estimates of present construction costs reductions in cost. Although it had estimates of present construction costs in the form of index figures based on the comparative general price levels considered and disused in to considered and discussed in its report, there was no evidencelore it of the actual presewi cost of construction the or to be built and or any affirmative showing that, if appeliants road was to be buint and equipped equipment suitable for or ade the the equipment suitable for or adaptable
The Commission, with all this data before it, stated that "it considered and weighed carefully, in the light of its own knowledge, each fact, cir-
cumstance and condition called to its attention on behalf of the carrier." "From this accumulation of information," it added, "we have formed our judgment as to the fair basic single sum values, not by the use of any
formula, but after consideration of all relevant facts." That the Commission gave consideration to present reproduction costs appears not only sion gave consideration to present reproduction costs appears not only
from its own statement, but from the fact that it gave full effect to rom its own statement, but from the fact that it gave full effect to
increased current market values in determining the value of land and to additions and betterments since June 30 1914, taken at their cost less depreciation. In the light of those considerations which affect the present value of appellant's structural property which Mr. Justice Brandeis has mentioned, I cannot say that the Commission did not have before it the requisite data for forming a trustworthy judgment of the value of appellant's road or that it failed to give proof of reproduction cost all the weight to which it was entitled on its merits. Had the Commission not turned aside to point out in its report the economic fallacies of the use of reproduction cost as a standard of value for rate making purposes, which not have occurred to anyone to question the validity of its order.
I cannot avoid the conclusion that in substance the objection, now uphelv, to the order of the Commission is not that it failed to consider er give appropriate weight to evidence of present reproduction cost of appellants road, but that it attached less weight to present construction costs he structural oiced by the dissenting Commissioners seems to me apparent objection opinion. Thiey seem to assume that as a result of Southwestern from their Public Service Comm., 262 U. S. 276, and other cases in this Cl. Co. v. Commission as a matter of law may never, under any circumstances, the that the value of the structural part of a railroad does not exceed it find value of an earlier date, if the Commission has before it evidence its fair increased construction costs. They say "under the law of the of later valuing a railroad under section $15 a$ "we must accord weight in the legal sense to the greatly enhanced cost of material, labor and supplies" during the recapture periods. Weight in the legal sense is evidently taken to b not that acco
rule of law.
Without discussion of the evidence and other data which received the consideration of the Commission, the opinion of this Court seems to proceed on the broad assumption that the evidence relied on, mere synthetic estimates of costs of reproduction, must so certainly and necessarily outweigh all other considerations affecting values as to require the order of the Commission to be set aside. In effect the Commission is required to give to such index figures an evidential value to which it points out they are not entitled when applied to railroad properties in general or to this one in particular, and this, so far as appears, without investigation of the sound ness of the reasons of the Commission for rejecting them.
This Court has said that present reproduction costs must be considered in ascertaining value for rate making purposes. But it has not said that considerations affecting value, or that any evidence be outweighed by other costs, when compared with all the other factors affecting value, must be given a weight to which it is not entitled in the judgment of the tribunal "informed by experience" and "appointed by law" to deal with the very problem now presented. Ilinois Central, \&c. RR. v. Inter-State Com. prober now presented.
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Commission, 206 U. S. 441, 454. But if "weight in the legal sense" must be given to evidence of present construction costs, by the judgment now given we do not lay down any legal rule which will inform the Commission how much weight, short of its full effect, to the exclusion of all considerations, is to be given to the evidence of synthetic costs of construction in valuing a railroad property. If full effect were to be given to it in all cases then, as the Commission points out in its report the railroads of the country having in 1919 a reproduction cost or value of $\$ 19,000,000,000$ would now have a value of $\$ 40,000,000,000$ and we would arrive at the economic paradox that the present value of the railroads is far in excess of any amount on which they could earn a return. If less than full effect may be given, it is difficult for me to see how, without departure from established principles, the Commission could be asked to do more than it has already done-to weigh the evidence guided by all the proper considerations-or how, if there is evidence upon which its findings may rest, we can substitute our judgment for that of the Commission. Such, I believe, is the "due consideration" which the statute requires of "all the elements of value recognized by the law of the land for rate making purposes."
As I cannot say a priori that increased construction costs may not be more than offset by other elements affecting adversely the present value of appellant's property, and as there was evidence before the Commission to support its findings, I can only conclude that the judgment below should be affirmed. In any case, in view of the statement of the Commission that it considered all the elements of value brought to its attention by the carrier, I should not have supposed that we could rightly set aside the present order without some consideration of the probative value of the evidence of present reproduction costs which the Commission discussed at length in its report.
Justice Holmes and Justice Brandeis concur in this opinion.

TEXT OF THE DISSENTING OPINION OF JUSTICE BRANDEIS.
The following is the text of the dissenting opinion of Justice Brandeis:
The main question for consideration is that of statutory construction. By Transportation Act, 1920, Feb. 28 1920, c. 91, section 15a, 41 Stat. 456, 488, Congress delegated to the I.-S. C. Commission the duty to establish and maintain rates which will yield "a fair return upon the aggregate value of the railway property" of the United States. By paragraph 4 due consit directs that in ascertaining value the Commission shall ofve land for ratation to all the elements of value recognized by coerty investment account only that consideration which under such law it is entitled to in establishing values for rate-making purposes.
The report of the Commission, which accompanies the order challenged, declares: "In the methods of valuation which we have followed in this proceeding we have endeavored to give heed to this direction [that contained in paragraph 4]

Excess Income of St. Louis \& O'Fallon Ry. Co., 124 I. C. C. 3,19 .

Speaking for the dissenting members, Mr. Commissioner Hall said: "If the law needs change, let those who made it change it. Our duty is to apply the law as it stands." (pp. 63, 64.) And Mr. Commissioner Attchison added: "If we anticipate grave results will follow, our responsibility will be fully met if we suggest to the Congress, under our statutory powers to
recommend new legislation to that body, the enactment of a rule for rate-
making under the commerce clause which will have no such unfavorable effects." (p. 64.)
Section 15a makes no specific reference either to the original cost of the property, or to prudent investment, or to current reproduction cost, or to
the then existing price level. Section 19 (a) (the valuation provisions of the the then existing price level. Section 19 (a) (the valuation provisions of the Act of 1913), to which section 15a refers, directs the Commission to report, among other things, "in detail as to each piece of property" $\qquad$ the original cost to date, the cost of reproduction new, the cost of re
depreciation"; and also "other values, and elements of value.
 uction less depreciation"; and also "
After the enactment
section $15 a$ and before entry of the order challenged, it was held in Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. v. Public Service Commission, 262 U. S. 276, a case arising under a State law, that the ratebase on which a public utility is constitutionally entitled to earn a fair return is the then actual value of the property used and useful in the the busine

## Reproduction Cost Admissible as Evidence.

The Government concedes that current reproduction cost is admissible as evidence to show present value under section 15a. The carrier concedes now that neither Congress, nor the common law, made current reproduction is this: Did Congress require the Commission when acting under section 15 a to give, in all cases and in respect to all property, some, if not controlling, effect to evidence establishing the estimated current cost of reproduction? Or did Congress intend to leave to the Commission the authority to determine, as in passing upon other contro
The O'Fallon contends, among other things, that the order is confiscatory The claim is that the order left to the company a return of only $4.35 \%$ upon the value ascertained in accordance with the rule declared in the Southwestern Bell case and McCardle v. Indianapolis Water Co., 272 U. S. 400 .

If this were true, it would be immaterial whether Congress purported to authorize the course pursued by the Commission. But the fact is that, in each of the recapture periods, the earnings were so large as to leave, after making the required payments to the Commission, about $8 \%$ on carrier alleged was the fair value of the property.

The O'Fallon argues that, since the statute and the order required it to hold as a reserve one-half of the excess over $6 \%$ it is deprived of that property. This is not true. The requirement that one-half of the earnings in excess of 6 she It merely regultes the use ther City Southern It merely regulates the use thereof. Compare Kansas City Southern Ry. secure financial stability; and is similar to those prescribing sinking funds depreciation, and other appropriate accounts.

Congress may regulate the use of railroad property so as to ensure financial as well as physical stability. Both are essential to the safety and the service of the public. In Dayton-Goose Creek Ry. Co. v. United States, 263 U. S. at bar, the constitutional validity of the order was sustained. If the failure to give to the evidence of current reproduction costs the effect claimed for it by the O'Fallon was error, it is not because the carrier's constitutional rights have been invaded, but because the Commission failed to observe a rule prescribed by Congress for determining the amounts to be recaptured and reserved.

Says Claim is Based on Prevailing Costs.
The claim of the O'Fallon is in substance that, since construction costs were higher during the recapture periods than in 1914, the order should be set aside, because the Commission falled to find that the existing structural property and equipment which had been acquired before June 30 1914, was worth more than it had been then. The Commission undertook, as will be shown, to find present actual value and, in so doing, both to follow the Bell case. It is trues and to apply the rule declared in the thent reconstruction cost is an element of actual value; and that Congress directed the Commission "to give due consideration to all the elements of value recognized by the law of the land for rate making purposes." But, while the act required the Commission to consider all such evidence, neither Congress nor this Court required it to give to evidence of reconstruction cost a mechanical effect or artificial weight. They left untrammeled its duty to give to all relevant evidence such probative force as, in its judgment, the evidence inherently possesses. The Commission concluded that in respect to the evidence of reproduction costs the differences between the Southin the two cases. It did so mainly because "in the administration of the in the tion and recapture provisions," ascertainment of value "is affected by a vast variety of considerations that either do not enter into, or are less easily perceived in, problems incident to the regulation of local public utilities." (p. 27). In my opinion the conclusions of the Commission are well founded. To make clear the reasons, requires consideration of the function of the Commission in applying section 15a and of the problems with which it is confronted.

## Calls Commission Qualified to Decide

First. The Commission is a fact-finding body. The question whether it must give to confessedly relevant facts evidential effect is solely one of adjective law. Statutes have sometimes limited the weight or effect of evidence. They have often created rebuttable presumptions and have shifted the burden of proof. But no required to rive to evidence ander our law a fact-finding body has been required to give to evidence an effect which a dos mind to infer in any respect that which observation and logic the human mind to infer any respect that whe ofsersing of finding body. It would be a departure from the unbroken practice to require an artificial legal conviction where no real conviction exists.
Qu arbitrary disregard by the Commission of the probative effe
evidence would, of course, be ground for setting aside an order, as this evidence would, of course, be ground for setting aside an order, as this
would be an abuse of discretion. Orders have been set aside because entered without evidence; or because matters of fact had been considered which were not in the record; or because the Commission excluded from consideration facts and circumstances which ought to have been considered; or because it took into consideration facts which could not legally influence its judgment. But no case has been found in which this Court has set aside an order on the ground that the Commission failed to give effect to evidence which seemed to the Court to be of probative force, or on the ground that the Commission had drawn from the evidence an inference or conclusion deemed by the Court, to be erroneous. On the contrary, findings of the Commission involving the appreciation or effect of evidence have been treated with the deference due to those of a tribunal "informed by experience" and "appointed by law" to deal with an intricate subject. Illinois Central RR. Co. v. Inter-State Commerce Commission, $206 \mathrm{U} . \mathrm{S}$. 441, 454. Unless, therefore, Congress required the Commission, not only to consider evidence of reconstruction cost in ascertaining values for rate
making purposes under section 15 a, but also to give, in all cases and in
respect to all property, some weight to evidence of enhanced reconstruction cost, even if that evidence was not inherently persuasive, the Commission was clearly authorized to delermine for its findings should not be disturbed by the Court, unless it appears that there was an abuse of discretion.

## Many Pre-War Jobs Termed Too Costly.

Second. While carrent reproduction cost may be said to be an element in the present value of the property, in the sense that it is "evidence properly to be considered in the ascertainment of value," Standard Oil Co. v. southern Pacific Co., 268 U. S. 146, 156, it is clear that current cost of roproduction higher than the original cost does higher reconstruction cost is present higher value. Often the faet of it is common knowledge that the current market value of many office buildings and residences constructed prior to the World War, have failed to reflect the greatly increased building costs of recent years, although the need of new buildings of like character was being demonstrated by the large volume of construction at the higher price level. Many railroads, buit berore the World War have never been wort with much as thor t all times prenter the ir earning, despite reasonable rates, return on the oricinal cost. The Puget Sound extension of the Chicago Milwaukee \& St. Paul is a noteable example. Many branches, and indeed whole lines of railroad, have been scrapped since 1920. Abandonment of 2,439 miles of railroad was authorized under paragraph 18 of section 1 of the InterState Commerce Act between 1920 and 1925; and in the three following years 2,010 miles more. These properties had, in the main become valueless for transportation, either because traffic ceased to be available or because or transpo means of tration precluded the establishment of remunerative rail rates. Obviously, no one would contend that their actual value just before abandonment was what it originally cost to construct them or what it would then have cost to reconstruct them.

## Commission Permitted to Exercise Discretion.

Third. The terms of section 15a and its legislative history preclude the assumption that Congress intended by paragraph 4 to deny to the Commission in respeet to evidence of reconstruction cost the discretion commonly exercised in determining what weight, if any, shall be given to an evidential fact. In 1920, no fact was more prominent in the mind of the public and of Congress than that the cost of living was far greater than that prevailing when the existing railroads were built. But, neither in Transportation Act, 1920, nor in any Committee report, is there oven a suggestion that the Commission would be requred ing varpos under section 15 a .
ing values for rate making purposes been the intention of Congress to compel the Commission to increase it would naturally have incorporated such a direction in the paragraph. On the other hand, the Committee reports and the debates show that the opinion was quite commonly held that the actual values were less the property investment account appearing on the books of the caunt and the proposal made by the railroads that the ing excessive.
The property investment account in 1920 was about 19 billions of dollars. The then reproduction cost of the railroads, applying index figures to estimated a cos was 40 billions. It is inconceivable that mated after reperty investment account as excessive, intended by section 154 to make mandatory on the Commission the consideration of elements which would give a valuation double that which had been rejected.
The insertion in section 15a of the provision that the Commission "shall give to the property tion which under the law it is entitled to in establishing values for rate making purposes" and the rejection of other proposed measures of value show that Congress intended not to impose restrictions upon the discre tion of the Commission.
Congress did intend to provide a return on the existing railroad property which should be only slightly more than that which had been enjoyed during the six preceding years. To have required that the then price level be reflected in the values to be fixed under section 15 a would have resulted in a rate-base of double the property investment account of the carriers. For the cost of living was then about double pre-war prices. The prescribed fair return applied to such a rate base would have produced more than double the average net earnings from operation of the several properties during the three years preceding Federal control; more than double the amount which the carriers agreed to accept under the Federal Control Act, March 21 1918, c. 25, Section 1, 40 Stat. 451 , as fair compensation for the use of their property, more 209 , for the six months provided by Transportation Act, 102. The sum which the railroads had period after the sul $5.2 \%$ on the property investment account, as carried on their books.
In making provision for a fair return, the main purpose was not to increase the earnings of already invested in railroads, but to attract the new capital needed for improvement or extension of facilities.
This was to be accomplished by raising the rate of return from $5.2 \%$ to and
 the property investment accounts, it will yield for all the railways a net operating income of $\$ 54,000,000$ in excess of the majority of the committee to believe that this increase is not only warranted but necessary:
First. The railways are being returned to their owners when everything is unsettled and abnormal; when there is suspicion and distrust everywhere. such conditions can not, with certainty be determined. It was felt, therefore, that some increase over the pre-war period was justificable. is much
Second. As compared with all kinds of commodities, money in less valuable than it was a few years ago, and it would seem to be only fair
that the returns from railway investments should be reasonably advanced
The means by which the bill was to accomplish the desired end are thus stated in the report:
First. By prescribing a basis of return upon the value of the railway
property to give such assurance to investors as will incline them to look property to give such assurance to investors as will incline them to look
with favor upon railway securities; that is to say, by making a moderate return reasonably certain to establish credit for the carriers.
Second. In making the return fairly certain to secure for the public
a lower capital charge than would otherwise be necessary. a lower capital charge than would otherwise be necessary.
Third. In requiring some carriiers, which under any given body of
rates wil earn more than a fair return, to pay the excess to the Governrates wil earn more than a fair return, to pay the excess to the Govern-
ment and in so using this excess that transportation facilities or credit can
be furnish be furnished to the weaker carriers, and thus help to maintain the general
system of transportation. Either increase in the rate of return or increase of the base on which that return is measured would have served to adjust compensation to higher price levels. The adoption by Congress of the increase power of the dollar, precludes the assumption that it intended that the valuation
should reflect that lessened purchasing power. By explicitly choosing the former Congress implicitly rejected the latter. For to have allowed an
increase in both would have gone beyond adjusting earnings to increased increase in both would have gone beyond adjusting earnings to increased
costs and have made this increase a mere pretext for allowing unwarranted costs and have made this increase a mere pretext for allowing unwarranted
profits to the railroads. The proceedings which led to the passage of the profits to the railroads. The proceedings which led to to
act makes it clear that Congress intended no such result.
Fourth. The declared purpose of Congress in enacting section 15a was the maintenance of an adequate national system of railway transportation, capable of providing the best possible service to the public at the lowest
cost consistent with full justice to the private owners. Following the course consistently pursued by this Court in applying other provisions of the Interstate Commerce Act, Texas \& Pacific Ry. Co. v. Interstate Commerce Commission, 162 U. S. 197, 211, 219; New England Divisions Case, 261 U. S. 184, 189-190; Dayton-Goese Creek Ry. Co. v. United States 263, U. S. 456, 478, the Commission construed section 15 a in the light of the declared purpose of Congress and of the economic factors in-
volved. From its wide knowledge of actual conditions and its practical experience in rate making, it concluded that to give effect to enhanced reproduction costs would defeat that purpose.
I Ik $w$ that the value for rate-making purposes could not be more than that sum on which a fair return could be earned by legal rates; and that the earnings were limited both by the commercial prohibition of rates higher than the traffic would bear and the legal prohibition of rates higher than are just and reasonable. It knew that a rate-base fluctuating with changes in the level of general prices would imperil industry and commerce.
It knew that the adoption of a fluctuating rate-base would not, as is claimed, It knew that the adoption of a fluctuating rate-base would not, as is claimed,
do justice to those pre-war investors in railroad securities who were suffer do justice to those pro-war investors in railroad securities who were suffer-
ing from the lessened value of the dollar, since the great majority of the ing from the lessened value of the dollar, since the great majority of the
rallroad securities are represented by long-term bonds or the guaranteed rallroad securities are represented by long-term bonds or the guaranteed
stocks of leased lines which bear a fixed return; and that only the stockstocks of leased lines which bear a fixed return; and that only the stock-
holders could gain through the greater earnings required to satisfy the holders could gain through the greater earnings required to satisfy the
higher rate base. It recognized that an adequate national system of railhigher rate base. It recognized that an adequate national system of rail-
ways, so long as it is privately owned, cannot be provided and maintained without a continuous inflow of capital; that "obviously, also, such an Inflow of capital can only be assured by treatment of capital already invested which will invite and encourage further investment"; and that as
was said in Dayton-Goose Creek Ry. Co. v. United States, 263 U. S. 456. 481: "By investment in a business dedicated to the public service the owner must recognize that as compared win in ness, he cannot expect either high or speculative div.
The conviction that there would in time be a fall in the price level was generally held. As a fluctuating rate base would thus directly imperil industry and commerce and investments made at relatively high-price levels during and since the World War; would tend to increase the cost of
new money required to supply adequate service to the public: and would discourage such investment, the Commission concluded that Congress could not have intended to reqt: $e$ it to measure the value or rate base by reproduction cost, since this would produce a result contrary to its doclared purpose. And as confirming its construction of section $15 a$ the as the basis for administering the Act, the aim of Chich it had accabsilish an adequate national system had been attained. It pointed our that During the period $1920-26$ inclusive, the investment in railroad property Increased by $\$ 4,000,000,000$. A substantial part of this money was derived from income, but much of it was obtained by the sale of new
securities. The market for railroad securities since the passage of the securities. The market for railroad securities since the passage of the Transportation Act, 1920, has steadily improved and the general trend of interest rates has been downward. The credit of the railroads in general is now excellent
Fifth. Other considerations confirm the construction given by the Commission to the phrase "value for rate making purposes," as used in section 15a. In condemna than proceedings, the owner recovers what he has lost by the taking of the property, Boston Chamber of Commerce
v. Boston, 217 U. S. 189, 195; and such loss must be determined " v. Boston, 217 U. S. 189, 195; and such loss must be determined "not with reference to the uses to which it is plainly adapted." Boom Co, but Patterson, 98 U. S. 403.408 . Compare Louisville \& Nashville RR. Co. v. Barber Asphalt Co., 197 U. S. 430, 435. But the actual value of a railroad-its value for rate making purposes under section 15 a -may be less than its condemnation value. As was said in Southern Ry. Co. Kentucky, 274 U. S. 76, 81-82, a case involving state taxation: "The value of the physical elements of a railroad-whether that value be deemed actual cost, cost of reproduction less depreciation or some other figureis not the sole measure of or guide to its value in operation. Smyth v Ames, 169 U. S. 466,557 . Much weight is to be given to present and prospective earning capacity at rates that are reasonable, having regard to traffic avallable and competitive and other conditions prevailing in the territory served.
Value has been defined as the ability to command the price. Railroad property is valuable as such only if, and so far as, used. If rates are too high, the traffic will not move. Hence, the value or rate-base is necesany dependent, ind the rates which will the commercial abily of the ating expenses and taxes; and such value cannot be higher than the sum on which, with the available traffic, the fair return fixed under section 15a can be earned. Persistent depression of rates or lessening volume of
traffic, from whatever cause arising, ordinarily tends to lower actual values of rallroad properties. It follows, that since the Commission is required by the rule of Smyth v. Ames, re-affirmed in the Southwestern Bell case, to determine the rate-base under section 15a by actual value asiag ions upon rates and, among other things, the effect of competition upon the volume of traffic.
Recent experience affords striking examples of commercial limitations upon rates. In Ex parte 74. Increased Rates, 1920, 58 I. O. O. 220, the Dommission sought to aggregate value of ere the of $\$ 20,040,572,611$-that amount being claimed as their books as the cost of road and equipment. The Commission fixed the value about $5 \%$ lower at $\$ 18,900,000,000$. In order to produce on that sum net earnings equal to $6 \%$, it increased frelght rates, in the Eastern group, $40 \%$ over the then existing rates; in the Southern croup $25 \%$; in the Western group $35 \%$; and in the Mountain-Pacific group $25 \%$. As a result of these increases, the average gross revenue per tonlmile in 1921 was in the Eastern district $96.1 \%$ greater than for the ifscal year ended June 30 1914; in the Southern, 61.4; in the Western, 59.3; and in the United States as a whole, 76.2. Reduced Rates, 1922, 68, I. . . O. 676, 702. Passenger rates were subjected by the order in Ex parte 74 , to a flat increase of $20 \%$ and surcharges were added.

Carriers Wanted Reduced Rates.
On a large number of basic commodities, which were among the most im-

Would bear. Reductions became imperative. Within a year after the entry of that order, many applications for reductions were made to the Commission, not only by shippers but also by the carriers themselves. It was estimated that the reductions in freight rates made by the carriers prior to March 15 1922, would aggregate for that year $\$ 186,700,000$; and would lower the general rate level nearly $5 \%$. On some important articles of
traffic the entire increase made by Ex parte 74 was cancelled. Further reductions were thcrease made by parte 74 was cancelled. Further the Commission saying (pp. 732-3): "High rates do not necessarily mean high revenues, for, if the public cannot or will not ship in normal volume coss revenue may result than from lower rates. Shippers almost unanimously are too high and must come down. This indicates that transportation charges have mounted to a point where they are impending the free flow of commerce and thus tending to defeat the purpose for which they wer established, that of producing revenues which would enable the carriers "to provide the people of the United States with adequate transportation." Further reductions made in the year, 1923, are said to have again lowered freight rates $5 \%$. The effect of the several reductions made in the rates authorized by Ex parte 74 is said to have lowered by $\$ 800,000,000$ the freight charges otherwise payable on the traffic carried during the 18 months ending Dec. 31 1923. Each year since has in the revenue per ton mile and per passenger mile.
This constant lowering of the weighted average of rates since 1920 must have been due to causes other than desire on the part of the Commission. Its aim was to adjust rates so that they would yield the prescribed return. But for the period from 1920 to 1927 incl., there was only one year in which the railroads of the United States as a whole, despite general prosperity and greater efficiency, earned on the value found in Ex parte 74 brought down to date, the full average return prescribed as fair under section 15a. The Commission repeatedly refused to permit carriers to make reductions, be cause the reduction would lower the revenues sought to be provided under section 15 a . On the other hand, carriers, although earning less than the fair The lowering of rates was probably due in large measure to the influence of competing means of transportation.

## Water and Highway Competition Appeared.

Sixth. Since 1914, the railroads have been obliged, to an ever increasing extent, to compete with water lines and with motors. This competition has been fostered by the Government through the Panama Canal Act, through the intracostal waterways acts; through the inland waterways acts; through the development of coastwise shipping by means of harbor improve ments, and through federal aid in the construction of highways. There has also been increased competition by pipe lines. Competition from other means of transportation has tended to arrest the normal increase in the volume of rail traffic; and as to some traffic it has actually produced a reducin the both the volume and the rates. It has resulted in a general shrinkage freight, and in many, in a reduction of the volume of the less than carload freight
The influence of water competition on rates is strikingly illustrated by the effect of the Panama Canal on transcontinental freight rates. In order to meet this water competition carriers have repeatedly asked leave to make sweeping reductions. Rates voluntarily estabished by the rall carriers are lower now, on some articles of trafnc, than chey were in 1914. On others hey are on a luche higher. The trafic is illustrated in the the inland waterovenent of the its tributaries has had in the Pittsburgh district. The rall thio in 1027 was materially less than in 1914 whit district. The rail tonnage in 1927 was materially less the herg 1ines while ducing or holding down rail rates is illustrated by the rail rates in competition with those of the barge lines on the Ohio, the Mississippi and the Warrior Rivers. The widespread effect of competition by motor truck in lowering both the rates and volume of rall traffic is obvious. Not obvious, but
 shown by reductions in oil rates caused by the threat of competing pipelines.

## Provisions of Law Lower Rates.

Moreover, rates which are not so high as to prevent commercially the movement of traffic are often required to be lowered because they conflict whith some statutory provision. Thus, Congress compels reduction of rates which discriminate unjustly against individuals, localities, articles of ramb or other carriers. Perhaps the most striking instance of the limitation by under the long and short haul clause. By that clause, a rail carrier is often obliged (unless relieved by order of the Commission) to elect between suffering practically a total loss of existing traffic between competitive points or suffering a loss in existing revenues by reducing rates at both the competitive points and intermediate non-competitive points. The effect of this limitation upon rates, and hence upon the actual value of railroads, has become very great. Its influence has grown steadily with the growth of competition by water and motor, with the growth in the size of the individual railroad system, with the growth in the dependence of railroads for their revenues upon long-haul freight traffic and with the growing length of the average haul. It has become so important for rail carriers to hold a share of the long-haul freight traffic at competitive points, that the long and short haul clause, if not relieved from, results in the carriers' giving. in large measure, to the intermediate non-competitive points which otherwise would be subject to monopoly exactions, the full benefit of that lowering of rates required to meet the competition. The many applications for reductions made in petitions for relief from the operation of the long and short haul clause illustrate the influence of rall, as wel as or water and motor, competition in thus depressing rates. Congress has by that clause limited values rate makis purposes under soction isa is by its promotion of competilive means of transportation.
, still another limis imposed upon thoraching in its operation. By declaring in section 15 , the the to prescribisa fair return may berned "under honest, efficient and economical management" Congress made efficiency of the plant an element or test of value. Efficiency and economy imply employment of the right instrument and material as well as their use in the right manner. To use a machine after a much better and more economical one has become available, is as inefficient as to use two men to operate an efficient machine, when the work could be performed equally well by one, at half the labor cost. Such an instrument of transportation, although originally well conceived and remunerative, should, like, machines used in manufacturing, be scrapped when it becomes wasteful.
Independently of any statute, it is now recognized that, when in confiscation cases it is sought to prove actual value by evidence of reproduction cost, the evidence must be directed to the present cost of installing such a
plant as would be required to supply the same service. For valuation of
public utilities by reproduction cost implies that "the rates permitted should would now be required to construct a plant capable of rendering the desired would now be required to cons does not mean "that the plant should be valued at what would now be needed to duplicate the plant precisely." Proof of value by evidence of reproduction cost presupposes that a plant like that being valued would then be constructed. To the extent that a railroad employs instruments which are inconsistent with efficiency the plant would not be constructed, the cost of reconstructing the identical plant. While a part often has some service value, although not efficient according to the existing standard, its use may involve such heavy, unnecessary operating expense as to render it valueless for rate-making purposes under section 15a. The Commission when requested to consider evidence of reproduction cost must, therefore, examine the value of every part of the plant, and that of the whole plant, as compared with the value f a modern, efficient plant. Upon such consideration the Commission may conclude that the railroad is so largely obsolete in construction and equipment as to render evidence of the reproduction cost of the identical plant of no probative force whatsoever. The duty so to deal with the evidence seems to flow necessarily from the rejection instead, of the actual value of the property at the time of the rate hearing as the governing rule of substantive law.

## Causes for Lessening of Service Value.

The physical deterioration of a railroad plant through wear and tear may be very small as compared with a plant new, while its functional deterioration may be very large as compared with a modern efficient plant.
This lessening of service value may be due to any of several causes. It may, in the first place, be due to causes wholly external. Freight terminals, originally well conceived and wisely located in the heart of a city, may have become valueless for rate making purposes under section 15a, because through growth of the city the expense of operating therein has become so high, or the inescapable cost of eliminating grade crossings so large, that efficient management requires immediate abandonment of the terminals. And, even if the cost of continuing operation there is not so high as to require abandonment, the property may have for rate \& St . a value far below its market value. Compare Minneapolis \& Lis. Louis RR. Co. v. Minnesota
212 U. S. 19, 52 .

The lessening of the service value of a part of the railroad plant may flow from changes in the volume or character of its traffic. For economy and efficiency are obviously to be determined with reference to the business of the carrier than-carload freight may have become valueless for rate making purposes, because, through motor competition, the railroad had lost substantially all its less-than-carload business at that point. Large reductions in the value of passenger stations and equipment may have resulted from decline in the passenger traffic. Branch lines may lose all their service value so that they shoul I be abandoned because motor transportation has become more efficient. On the other hand, the traffic may have grown so much as to render inefficient a part of a line originally wisely constructed with heav grades or curves. In that event economy and efficiency will demand elimination of the grades and curves and may even require the building of tunnels or a cut-off. In so far as such a condition exists, the railroad would obviously not be reconstructed with the heavy grades and curves; and when considering the reconstruction cost of the whole property that part of the line must be given merely scrap value. Compare Kansas City Southern Ry. Co. v. United States, 231 U. S. 423.

## Progress in Art of Rail Transportation.

Perhaps the most common cause of the lessening of service value of parts of railroad plants originally well conceived and still in good physical condition is the progress in the art of rail transportation. Science and invention have wrought since June 30 1914, such extraordinary fould types of automobiles and aeroplanes that no one would contend that the present service value of such machines should be ascertained by enquiring what thes origin progress since June 30 1914, in the art as in other fields of business, the great rise in the cost of labor and of supplies and the need of biter service, have stimulated not only inventions but also their utilization. Through technological advances instruments of transportation with largely increased efficioncy and economy have been developed. The price of lower operating costs is the scrapping of those parts of the plant which progress in the art render obsolete. The present greatly increased efficiency of the railroads as compared with 1920, their greatly improved credit, and their present prosperity are, in large measure, due to the advances made toward introducing the improved instruments of rail transportation which have become available. Obviously much remains o be done.
The extent of this technological progress may be illustrated by the modern locomotive. The development of the superheater, the mechanical stoker, the booster, and other devices, the increase in the size of the boiler, and other radical changes in size, weight, and way experts as having set such an entirely new standard of efficiency in fuel consumption, in tractive power, and in speed as to render wasteful, under many conditions, the use of older locomotives, no matter how good their condition. Statistics as to actual performances of the few years ago graphically illustrate this great advance in efficiency. Its economies are compeling, Bective use. Heavier locomotives mate equipment arends on the road structure which carry them. To obviate arge maintenance expenses attendant upon frequent repair and replacement the roadway must be made more durable. To this end rails of heavier section, and of increased length are adopted. Anti-creepers are freely used section, and of il movement. Larger ties are selected; and they are treated to prevent deterioration. Ballast is made deeper and heavier: and of gravel to prevent dether than of cinders. Bridges are of stronger construction. And to facilitate the movement of traffic, watering stations and automatic And to sacis of improved design are introduced. Moreover, the effective emsignals of improved of the modern locomotive involves ordinarily the use of larger cars of steel construction, displacing the wooden car of small capacity with which so many of the railroads were equipped in 1914. Engine terminals and carshops built prior to 1914, are, in many cases, inadequate for the efficient economical handling, housing and repairing of the modern locomotives and cars, and must be replaced to prevent curtailment of the productive capacity of the rolling-stock by needless idle hours while awaiting service or repair. And the waste incident to shop-tools and machinery long since rendered obsolete by progress in the art must be stopped
Thus, the efficient post-war railroad plant differs widely even from the efficient one of 1914. That during the recapture period herein question the plants of most of the railroads of the United States built before the war
were lacking in improved instruments of transportation made available
by recent progress in the art is of common knowledge. That this is true even to-day of many of the railroads will not be denled. To the extent that there is inefficiency in plant, there was and is functional depreciation, lessening actual value. That this functional depreciation, arising through external changes, through competitive means of transportation, and through progress in the art of transportation, may, in respect to a particular railroad, become so large as to more than counterbalance the price level since 1914,
value which would otherwise flow from the rise in the pren value which
seems clear.
It may be urged that the continued use of the inefficient plant and the repairing rather than replacement of its antiquated parts, has been due to lack of capital and insurficight have been conclusive if prudent investment been the imp ef value. But the fact that the management may hece been wholly free from blame in continuing to use the inefficient may existing of constructing a modern efficient plant which will render the service, is precisely the same whether the continued use of the obsolete part was due to lack of capital, or to lack of good judgment, or to somnolence on the part of the management. As was said in Board of Commissioners v . New York Telephone Co., 271 U. S. 23, 32. "Customers pay for the service, not for the property used to render it." Only the then service value of the property is of legal significance under the rule of Smyth V . Ames.
It may also be urged that such functional depreciation of the railroad plant since 1914 is allowed for in the depreciation customarily estimated by the Commission. But this is not true. Functional depreciation prior to June 301914 was included when valuing as of that date the then property of the railroads. But the instructions of the Commission provided that functional depreciation arising after that date should not be considered unless "imminent." And the Commission made clear that it did not intend by the term to include functional depreciation of the character described above arising from external causes, from tho competition of new methods of transportation, fising the largely increased labor and fuel need of new economles aring fre the costs, and from other incidents or the industry and transportation. Compare, Depreciation Charges on Steam Railroads, 118 I. 124-130.
C. 0.285 .
If weight is to be given to reproduction cost in making the valuation of any railroad for rate making purposes under section 19a and section 15a, there must be a determination of the functional depreciation of the individual plant as compared with a modern, efficient plant adequate to perform the same service. To make such a determination for any railroad involves a detailed enquiry into the character and condition of all those parts of the plant which may have reduced functional value because of the post-war changes affecting transportation above referred to, and also into the character and the volume of the carrier's business. For the efficien plant means that plant which is economical and efficient for the particular carrier in view of the peculiar requirements and possiblities of its own business. To make such a determination justly, the Commission must when required to which a competent and viglant mang capital expenditures And the Commission would be obliged to give them the same carefo consideration. The determination of the extent of functional depreciation is thus a very serious task; a task far more serious than that of determining merely physical depreciation.

Determinations Declared to be Costly Task.
To make such a determination of functional depreciation annually for each of the railroads of the United States would be a stupendous task, involving perhaps prohibitive expense. To make the necessary decisions promptly would seem impossible, amany duties of the Commission. On valuation is but a small part of so as to render a fair return, and to provide through the recapture provision funds in aid of the weaker railroad, are tasks which Congress deemed urgent; and which must be promptly performed if its purpose is to be achieved. Obviously Congress intended that in making the necessary valuations under section 15 a a method should be pursued by which the task which it imposed upon the Commission could be performed. Compare New England Divisions Case, 261 U. S. 184, 197. Recognizing this, the Commission construed section 15a as it had paragraph (f) of section 19a. That is, as permitting the Commission to make a basic valuation as of some general date (June 30 1914, was selected); and to find the value for any year thereafter by adding to or subtracting from the 1914 value the net increases or decreases in the investment in property devoted to transportation service as determined from the carrier's annual returns with due regard to the element of depreciation.

Eighth. The significance, in connection with current reproduction costs: of the requirement in section $15 a$ that value be ascertained "for rate making purposes" as there defined becomes apparent when the position of raliroads, in this respect, is compared with that of most local utilies enjoying a monopoly of a necessary of life. The fundamal law, namely: Is western Bell case was one of substanion guarantees to a public utility the the rate-base on whe ing the enterprise? the hearing or is it the cost or the actual value at the time of the ration of substantive law the Commission under-郎 evidence of increased reconstruction costs is admissible for the purpose of showing an actual value greater than the original cost or the prudent investment, it found in respect to some of the carrier's property that the evidence of enhand reconstruction cost was persuasive of higher present value. As to the rest of the property, it held that the evidence was neither adequate nor persuasive.

Excessive Rates Curlail Capital.
Of both railroads and the local utility it is true, under the rule of substantive law adopted in the Southwestern Bell case, that value is the sum on which a fair return can be earned consistently with the laws of trade and so imposed unts. But the operative scope upon railroads of the liter than in the case of local utilities. Rail rates are being constantly curbed by the competition of markets and of rival means of transportation. Rail rates are curbed also by the influence of high rates upon the desires of individuals. The public can, to a considerable extent, do without rail service. If the rates are excessive traffic falls off. Thus, when passenger rates are too high travel is either curtailed or people employ other means of transportation. But the service rendered by a local water company in a populous city is practically indispensable to every inhabitant. There can be no substitute or water and to escape taking the service is practically impossible; for an alternative means of supply is rarely available. Even the common business incentive of establishing low prices in order to induce an enlarged volume of will not be appreciably affected by a raising or lowering of the rates, excep
in so far as water in quantity is used for manufacturing purposes. In other words, the commercial limitation upon rates-what the traffic will bearis to a large extent absent in the case of such a local monopoly. The city
water user must submit to such rates as the utility chooses to impose, unless water user must submit to such rates as the
they are curbed by legislative enactment.
The legal limitations upon rates (so potent in the case of railroads) are, in the main, inoperative in the case of such a water company. Rail rates are sometimes held illegal because the exaction is greater than the value of the service to the shipper. There is in fact no corresponding limitation upon water rates. The charge is so small, as compared with the incon-
venience which would be suffered in doing without the service, that the venience which would be suffered in doing without the service, that the
worth to the water taker could rarely be doubted. The prohibition of discrimination against persons, places or articles of commerce, which so frequently interferes to prevent railroads from charging higher rates,
although the traffic would easily bear them, affords no protection to city water users: and seldom causes a loss of revenue to the water company There is in respect to the water rates no prohibition comparable to that embodied in the long and short haul clause, which has an important effect in the southwestern Hence, under the rule of substantive law declared upon water rates is the denial to the utility of rates which will yield an excessive return upon the actual value of tha pronerty. In anolvina that rule of substantive law, the then actual cost of reproducing the plant wouid (assuming it to be efficient) commonly be persuasive evidence of its actual value, as the current cost or reproducing the vessel was held to be in Standard Oil Co. v. Southern Pacific Co., 268 U . S., 146, 156.
It is true that in the Southwestern Bell case the Court pa
It is true that in the Southwestern Bell case the Court passed also upon a subsidiary question-the weight and effect of the evidence of reconstruction cost. But the question of adjective law arose upon a record very different from that in the case at bar; and the action of the Commission here is entirely consistent with that decision. In the Southwestern Bell case direct
testimony as to the then value of the property was introduced. The efficiency of the plant was unquestioned. Witnesses had testified both to the actual cost of constructing identical property at that time; and that the actual cost of constructing identical property at that time; and that the
specific property under consideration was worth at least $25 \%$ more than specifc property under consideration was worth at least $25 \%$ more than
the estimate of the State commission. The Court believed those witnesses. Concuuding that this direct and uncontradicted evidence had been ignored by the state commission because of error as to the governing rule of substantive law, this Court set aside the rate order as confiscatory, saying: "We think the proof shows that for the purposes of the present case the valuation should be at least $\$ 25,000,000$." (262 U. S. 276. 288).

## Recapture Provision of Law Considered.

The action of the Commission in the case at bar was consistent also with McCardle v. Indianapolis Water Co., 272 U. S. 400, and Bluefield Water Works Co. v. Public Service Commission, 262 U. S. 679. Each of these water companies enjoyed a local monopoly of an indispensable service. In order to provide a substitute, the community would have either to take the utility's property by eminent domain; or, if it was free to do so, build a competing plant. There was practically no commercial limitation upon market; and practically no legal limitation except the requirement that the rates charged should not be so high as to yield an excessive return upon the actual value of the utility's property. The current cost of constructing then a plant substantially like the utility's (assuming it to be efficient) would be persuasive evidence of its actual value. For upon that issue, concerning a
local water monopoly, the enquiry would natura y be: How much would it local water monopoly, the enquiry would natura " $y$ be: How much would it cost the community to substitute for the private monopoly a publicly-owned plant. But evidence of the cost of reconstructing a railroad built before 1914 might, for the reasons stated above, be no indication whatever of its post-war value for rate-making purposes under section 15a. And where, as in tree from any ar, the probative force of the evidence may be considered Wree from an Waticial a judicial determination on the weight of the evidence, does not apply. suggested that, even if the Commission is not required to give effect to the higher price level when finding values for rate making purposes under section 15a, it must do so when fixing the amount of the excess income to be recaptured from a particular railroad under paragraphs 6 to 18 .
language of the section affords a short answer to that contention.
The valuation prescribed in paragraph 4 is declared to be "for the purpos of this section"-that is, for recapture purposes as well as for rate making. And paragraph 6, which provides for the recapture, declares:
"The value of such railway property shall be determined by the Commission in the manner provided in paragraph (4).
The recapture of excess earnings and the establishment of reserves as a part of the process of establishing such rates.
That carriers as a whole (or as a whole in each of such rates groups or territories as the Commission may from time to time designate) will, under honest, efficient and economical management
earn an absregate annual net railway operating income equal, as nearly as may be, to a fair return upon the aggregate value of the railway property of such carriers held for and used in the service of transportation." (par. 2).

The recapture and reserve are the readjustment made necessary:
Inasmuch as it is impossible (without regulation and control in the interest of the commerce of the United States considered an a whole) to establisterest uni-
orm rates upon competitive traffic which will adequately sustain all the form rates upon competitive traffic which will adequately sustain all the
carriers who are engaged in such traffic and which are indispensabie to the
communities to which they render the service of transportations. without encarriers who are engaged in such trafric and which are indispensable to the
communities to which they render the service of transortation. without en-
abling some of such carriers to receive a net railway operating income subtantially and unreasonably in excess of a fair return upon the value of
their railway property held for and used in the service of transportation, it
is hereby declared that any carrier which receives such an income so in in excess of a fair return, shall hold such part of the excess, as hereinafter pre-
scribed, as trustee for, and shall pay it to, the United States. (par. 5.)
Thus, the direction in the order here challenged to pay or reserve the excess over $6 \%$ of the amounts earned from 1920 to 1923 by rates established
pursuant to ex parte 74, Increased Rates, 1920, 58 I. C. C. 220, is merely a pursuant to ex parte 74, Incre
readjustment of those rates.

## Prudent Investment as Basis of Value.

Tenth.-The question remains whether the Commission, in valuing the structural property acquired before June 30, 1914, abused its discretion deciining to give effect to the evidence or enhanced reconstruction cost. ormula; that it declined to determine the present value of the carrier's property in accordance with "the flexible and rational rule of Smyth v . Ames, under which value is a matter of judgment to be determined by a consideration of all relevant facts and circumstances;" that it erected "an arbitrary standard of its own based on no relevant facts;" that if it had given consideration to all relevant facts and circumstances, including as one its cost of reproduction at current prices, "the value found must have been substantially higher;" and that its primary purpose was to determine the amount of the investment in the carriers' property. In short, the O'Fallon asserts that the Commission refused to find actual value; and instead, found the prudent investment.

In support of this assertion, the O'Fallon points to the statement in the report that "the value of the property of railroads for rate-making purposes . . approaches more nearly the reasonable and necessary investment in the property than the cost of reproducing it at a particular time."
(p. 41.) The statement just quoted does not mean that the Commission accepted prudent investment as a measure of value. It means merely that the Commission deemed the estimated original cost a better indication of actual value than the estimated reconstruction cost
While this Court declared in the Southwestern Bell case that prudent Investment is not to be taken as the measure of value, it has never held
that prudent investment may not be accepted as evidence that arudent investment may not be accepted as evidence of value, or
that of value is necessarily erroneous if it happens to be more nearly coincident with what may be supposed to have been the cost of the property than with its estimated reproduction cost. The single-sum values ound by the Commission do not coincide either with the
investment or with the estimated reconstruction cost
They are much nearer the estimated original cost of the property than they are to its estimate reproduction cost. But the values found do not conform to any formula.

## Methods Pursued by Commission Explained.

The general method pursued by the Commission in reaching its con Power Co. v. Railroad Commission, 262 U. S. 625, 629-630. It appeared that the O'Fallon Railroad had been constructed long prior to June 301914. The Commission had before it "the cost of reproduction new of the struc ural portion of this property estimated on the basis of our 1914 unit prices, coupled with the knowledge that costs of re
As bearing upon the value of those parts of the railroad's property whic were added or replaced later the Commission had the actual cost. As bearing on the then value of the railroad land it had current values of adjacent lands. It had evidence concerning the railroad and the character and volume of its traffic, the working capital, revenues and expenses. It eproduction costs during the recapture periods
The carrier insisted that physically the property had appreciated more than it had depreciated; and urged the Commission to take as the basic measure of value the "cost of reproduction new at current prices to the exclusion of everything else, or at least of everything that might tend to a lower value." (124 I. C. C. 28). This the Commission declined to do.
It gave full effect to increased current market values in determining the value of the land. It gave to the additions and betterments made after June 30 1914, a value approximating their cost less physical depreciation. But, in respect to structural property and equipment acquired before June 30 1914, it declined to give weight to the evidence introduced to show It current reproduction costs greater than those of 1914.
It concluded, despite the estimates of higher reconstruction costs, that, except for the additions, the actual value of this part of the O'Fallon Railroad had not increased; and it found the single sum value for rate making purposes in 1920 to be $\$ 856,065$; in 1921, $\$ 875,360$; in 1922, $\$ 978,874$; in
$1923, \$ 978,246$.

## Determination of Value not Reached by Formula

The Commission recognized, as stated in Minnesota Rate Cases, 230 U. S. 352,434 , that the determination of value is "not a matter of formulas but there must be a reasonable judgment having its basis in a proper consideration of all relevant facts." Georgia Ry. \& Power Co. v. Railroad Commission, 262 U. S. 625, 630. It states that "it considered and weighed carefully, in the light of its own knowledge and experience, each fact, circumstance and condition called to its attention on behalf of the carrier' as well as the evidence otherwise introduced; and that "from this accumulation of information we have formed our judgments as to the fair basic single-sum values, not by the use of any formula but after consideration of all relevant facts.
The report makes clear that its finding was the result of an exercise of judgment upon all the evidence; that the Commission accorded to the evidence of reconstruction all the probative force to which it deemed that evidence entitled on the issue of actual value; and that it considered, as bearing upon value, not only the probable cost and the estimated reproduction cost, but also "descriptions of the carrier, of its traffic, of the territory in which it operates, its history, and summaries of the results of its operation." (p. 25).
The difficulties by which the Commission was confronted when requested to apply the to apply the evidence of reproduction cost can hardly be exaggerated. In the first place, the evidence was of such a character that it did no tion during the recapture periods. During the years here in question there was practically no construction of new lines.

## Cost Estimate Based on Index Numbers.

Thus, the current cost of reproduction for those years had to be obtained by using index figures as the basis for a guess as to what it would cost to build then the identical railroad. To give to such figures effect as proving what it would then have cost to reproduce the O'Fallon Railroad, it must be assumed that there had not been introduced since June 30 1914, new cost-saving methods of construction which would overcome, in whole or in part, the effect of the higher price level upon the cost of reproducing the identical proper
declined to do.
In the second place there was a lack of evidence to show to what extent, if any, higher reconstruction cost, in the several recapture periods, implied a value higher than that theretofore prevailing. The Commission believed that it could act only on proof; that it was not required or permitted to base indings on conjecture; and that to assign, under the circumstances, any Moreover the en reconstruction cost would be merely conjecture. special knowledge of the prsion the throug it had acquirel necessarily in the performance of its to, concerning changes in transportation conditions and of the adrances in the art; and it knew how great was their effect upon the actual values of railraod property. The value of the O'Fallon Railway not having been raliraod property. The value of the O'Fallon Railway not having been utilize "the results of its investigation under section 19a of this act in so far as deemed by it available."
The evidence introduced in the recapture proceedings showed, among other things, that of the five locomotives in the O'Fallon service, Dec. 31 1920, one had been built as early as 1874, and that their average age was 20.8 years; also that the aggregate outlays for additions and betterments in The O'Fallon did not introduce any evidence bearing upon functional depreciation of the property.
The Commission may reasonably have concluded that, even if there had been introduced persuasive evidence that the cost, during the recapture periods, of reproduction new the identical plant approximated the rise in the general price level, still the actual value of the O Fallon Railway, as it existed June 30 1914, had not increased, because the functional depreciation
plus the physical depreciation since that date counterbalanced fully what
ve been the higher value of the plant
Earning Declared to Prove Higher Value
The O'Fallon urged that its large net earnings during the recapture periods and earlier fully established a higher value, independently of the evidence of reproduction cost. This contention ignores the peculiar character of the property. The railroad, which is owned by the Adolphus Busch estate and family and lies wholly in Ilinois, operates about 9 miles of main line from two coal mines also owned by the Busch estate and family, to the tracks of the Terminal Company in East St. Louis.
while the railroad is While the Ninety-nine per a int ind reverial railroad. Nrom from a payment of $\$ 300$ a month made by the Busch coal company for from a payment of Busch mines there is a substantial, but diminishing amount carried under a long-time contract, from two mines located on an electric road, the East St. Louis and Suburban Railway, which crosses the O'Fallon. This coal it carries from the junction to East St. Louis. See St. Louis \& O'Fallon Ry. Co. v. East St. Louis \& Suburban Ry. Co., 81 I. C. C. 538 . Obviously the value of this railroad property is wholly dependent upon the operation of the mines.
How long the four mines will continue to be operated was and still is entirely uncertain. Their product is subject to the competition of 221 other bituminous coal mines in Illinois. These, which are all located on other railroads, enjoy low rates to St. Louis. See Perry Coal Co. v. Alton \& Southern RR., 5 Illinois Commerce Commission 461.
The vicissitudes of coal mining, the diminishing use of coal since the war because of increased fuel efficiency, the competition of oil as fuel, and the growing use of hydroelectric power are matters of common knowledge; as are the diminishing operations during recent years of the Illinois coal mines as compared with the mines in non-union territory. Moreover, the decline in the volume of traffic, the reduction in coal rates made by Reduced Rates, 1922, 68 I. O. C. 676, and the growing expenses of the carrier due to increased pay roll, were put in evidence by it.
view of these facts, the Commission was clearly justified in refusing to find that the railroad had a higher value than in 1914, although the net earning as reported showed a return for the earlier period averaging $71 / 2 \%$ upon the amount claimed as reproduction cost
reasoning on the evidence in making its findings of fact, since it apsion's the rules of substantive law prescribed by Congress, and reached its findings of actual value by the exercise of its judgment upon all the evidence, including enhanced construction costs. Virginia Ry. Co. v. United States, 272 U. S. 658, 665, 666; Assigned Car Cases, 274 U. S. 564,580 . We must bear in mind that here we are not dealing with a question of confiscation; that we are dealing as was pointed out in Smyth V. Ames, 169 U. S. 466,527 , with a legislative question which can "be more easily determined by a commission composed of persons whose special skill, observa tion and experience qualifies them to so handle great problems of transportation as to do justice both to the public and to those whose money has been used to construct and maintain highways for the convenience
Mr. Justice Holmes and Mr. Justice Stone join in this opinion.

## Effects of O'Fallon Decision-Recapture Position of Individual Carriers on Inter-State Commerce Commission Basis.

[From the "Wall Street Journal," Monday Evening, May 20 1929.]
Now that the Supreme Court has held that the Commerce Commission must give real consideration to reproduction cost of all of a railroad's property in making up its valuations, the effect of the recapture clause of the Transportation Act on individual companies is substantially modified as compared with what it would have been had the Commission's theory of "prudent investment" been upheld. Theoretically at least, the carriers benefit in proportion to the amount of their earnings recapturable on the Commission's basis of calculation. To what extent they have been relieved of potential liabilities depends on the Commission's further interpretation and application of the Supreme Court decision, but the relief is evidently substantial.

It is likely that a great deal of litigation will intervene before important amounts of money are recaptured and turned into the general contingent fund in the hands of the Commission. In numerous cases a question will arise, for the Commission to rule on in the first instance, concerning what properties may be combined for recapture purposes as constituting a "system" in ownership and operation. Such a question was answered in the O'Fallon case, but different circumstances may be found to control this question in other cases. Nevertheless, some idea of the comparative position of railroad companies may be gained from approximations of their recapture liabilities, calculated upon the Commission's valuations and subsequent investments as disclosed by the company balance sheets. It should be remembered that all these calculations are tentative and the sums indicated are by no means recognized as liabilities by the companies concerned.

## c. O. and Norjolk e Western

Among the larger carriers most seriously affected are Ohesapeake \& Ohio and Norfolk \& Western. Both are actually and relatively prosperous and have been for years, but the participation of their stockholders in their prosperity has been held in check by the obscurities of valuation and recapture. On the Commission basis of value, Chesapeake \& Ohio would have appeared to owe the government something like $\$ 36,000,000$. It
would have been called on to surrender approximately $\$ 8,000,000$ of its 1928 earnings, equal to $\$ 6.77$ a share on $\$ 118,115,000$ stock. In both 1928 and

1927 the company showed above $\$ 24$ a share earned. Earnings totally exempt from recapture on present investment would thus be about $\$ 11$ a share, but 1928 earnings which the company might retain, including the company's half of the excess over $6 \%$ on investment, would approximate $\$ 17.50$ a share.
Norfolk \& Western's accumulated liability on the Commission basis may be tentatively estimated at $\$ 28,000,000$. For 1926 the recapture would for 1928 a little less than $\$ 6,000,000$. for 1927 upwards of $\$ 6,000,000$, and 21 a share on its $\$ 140,000,000$ common stock for the same year earnings totally exempt from recapture would have been around $\$ 12.50$ and retainable earnings, including one-half of the excess, $\$ 16.75$.

## Louis-San Francisco.

Next to these two, St. Louis-San Francisco was probably most seriously affected by the Commission's valuation theory; considering the size of the seriously affected of all. Sueh roads, as C. \& O., Norfolk, Atchison mont New Yy afrected ore sionsly affected by the Commission's recanture method because of their high earning power; the 'Frisco and some others were affected because of the low valuations tiven them in some others capitalization. 'Frisco appears to have been liable on the I.-S. basis to an accumulation of $\$ 21,000,000$, and to the seizure of $\$ 2,250,000$ out of its 1928 earnings, equal to nearly $\$ 3.50$ a share on its $\$ 65,400,000$ common stock. For 1928 it reported share earnings of $\$ 11.06$; totally able earnings $\$ 9.25$ a share. The fact that $\$ 7.50$ a share and total retaindends, was recently selling around 110 and had sold no higher than 123 this year, reflects the recapture uncertainty
Frisco is only one of a group of southwestern carriers which were given ern, Missiuro-Kan valuations. Among the others were Kansas City SouthSouthern, on the Inter-State Commerce Commission basis, appears to owe upwards of $\$ 2,000,000$ accumulated to the end of 1928 and to be subject to a deduction of $\$ 400,000$ to $\$ 500,000$ annually on current operations, or well over $\$ 1$ a share on its $\$ 30,000,000$ common stock.
St. Louis Southwestern appears to have escaped recapture liability for the past three years, but material expansion in its earning power would have brought it within recapture territory as outlined by the Commission. Position of Missouri-Kansas-Texas was roughly similar. Wabash
Railway's accumulated liability would have been $\$ 4,000,000$ or more and it would have been subject to forfeiture of some $\$ 500,000$ annually, judging from 1928 results, or something less than $\$ 1$ a common share.

## Atchison's Position.

So far as one may now calculate, Atchison's liability on recapture account would probably come to $\$ 25,000,000$, with annual liability run-
ning around $\$ 2,500,000$ to $\$ 3,000,000$. This would mean forfeiture $\$ 1$ ning around share or a little more out of earnings which in 1928 amounted to $\$ 18$ a share of $\$ 242,000,000$ common stock. The impression is fairly to $\$ 18$ a share of $\$ 242,000,000$ common stock. The impression is fairly general
among students of railroad finance that the Atchison management's attitude among students of railroad finance that the Atchison management's attitude
toward distribution of earnings in dividends has been to some degree governed by the recapture clause. The company's liability in this respect would naturally increase with any material expansion of its earnings, excent as offset by additional investment. Recent purchase of the Orient line will raise Atchison's earnings exemption by $\$ 1,500,000$.

New York Central Lines.
New York Central's recapture liability must presumably be considered on a system basis, but on account of the small proportion of stock of the larger subsidiaries outside the parent company's treasury, the Central itself would feel the full force of the process. For the past two calendar years system earnings were within the exemption, but 1926 earnings would have been reduced about $\$ 7,600,000$, while the recapturable half of the excess of that and earlier years totals not less than $\$ 28,000,000$, except as it might have been affected by the necessary reappraisal of urban lands or inclusion of more or less affiliated lines. Central's earnings and equities in undivided earnings of other companies totaled $\$ 15$ a share for 1928 ; apparently these might have risen to $\$ 16.50$ a share before recapture applied.
Atlantic Coast Line's recapture liability would have been affected by inclusion or exclusion of controlled lines, as the Commission might rule. Independently of the Louisville \& Nashville, it would appear to have an accumulaton of roughly $\$ 14,000,000$ for 1926 and earlier good years; earnings of neither Coast reduce this somewhat. For the past two years earnings of neither Coast Line nor L . \& N . have been in recapture territory. As Coast Line could earn around $\$ 16$ a share on present investment beforinent ine unt lil become earning power.
New York, Chicago \& St. Louis' accumulated recapture liability on Inter-State Commerce Commission basis may be estimated at between $\$ 5,000,000$ and $\$ 6,000,000$. On 1928 operations it would have had to give up about $\$ 500,000$, or $\$ 1.50$ a share on its $\$ 33,700,000$ common stock, out of reported earnings of $\$ 12.51$; for 1927 the recapture would have taken $\$ 2.80$ out of $\$ 15.41$ a share.

Northwest Roads in Good Position.
Of the principal northwestern railroads the Great Northern alone appeared to have crossed the recapture line and that only to a slight extent. Chicago \& North Western, Northern Pacific and St. Paul had etill some distance to go before reaching it. Because the generally low level of rates in their territory has been more or less recognized by the Commission, however, these roads had a considerable stake in the valuation ruling. Any raising of the scale of valuation would naturally strengthen their case for upward revisions of their rate tariffs. Ohicago, Rock Island \& Pacific and Illinois Central, because of the relatively high valuation of their properties, have so far been under the line of recapture; both might expect to benefit considerably from readjustment of urban land values. Erie shows no recapturable earnings on the tentative calculations. It
could apparently earn as much as $\$ 7$ a share of common before doing so.

## B. \& O. Near Recapture Zone.

B. \& 0 .'s recapture liability appeared only in its best years, notably 1928, 1926 and 1923. In this as in other cases the amount of forfeiture might have been reduced or eliminated by post-valuation rise in land values, or possible inslusion of less profitable subsidiaries in the accounting. But the B. \& 0 . was interested in increasing its exemption, as well With presible effect of a valuation decision on the general rate level. recapture began; 1928 earnings as reported were $\$ 12.43$ a share, which would have become $\$ 11.53$ after deduction of recapture of I.S. C. C. basis.

New Haven, despite the high valuation it received from the Commission, which was almost $\$ 100,000$ greater than its road and equipment account,
had had a small amount of recapturable earnings in 1928, unless reappraisal of its large urban land holdings expands its apparent exemption. Unification of New Haven with the Boston \& Maine, in which it holds a minority interest, would have relieved the former of recapture for some years to come because the former still had a wide margin of exemption. By itself, New Haven's recapture for 1928 could not have exceeded 35 c. a share. Any shift in the valuation process toward reproduction cost doubtless favors the New England roads more than the general run of carriers.
Pennsylvania RR. has so far had no recapturable earnings and apparently the system could increase its net railway operating income by $\$ 15,000,000$ to $\$ 20,000,000$ annually, possibly more, before crossing the line. A closer unification with it of Norfolk \& Western presents obvious advantages, but at present Pennsylvania is a minority stockholder in the
Norfolk and it is unlikely that the commission would regard them as one Norfolk and it is unlikely that the commission would regard them as one system for recapture purposes.

## Southern on Border Line.

Southern Ry. gives no indication of recapturable income the past two years and its apparent earlier accrual of about $\$ 5,000,000$ is subject to modification by possible inclusion of controlled or affiliated properties. In its two best years, 1925 and 1926, Southern would have had to surrender about $\$ 2$ a common share on the Commission calculation; any decided recovery in its net earnings would have given the company a direct interest in valuation and recapture.
Union Pacific ran over the tentative recapture line in 1928 to the extent of about 70c. a share; its estimated total liability of $\$ 4,400,000$ was not a serious matter for a carrier with $\$ 222,000,000$ common stock on which it earned $\$ 18.30$ a share in 1928 and $\$ 16.05$ in 1927 . Its equities in other companies, but hardly its present income therefrom, are subject to the effect of recapture on other railroads.
Southern Pacific apparently had not been subject to recapture since 1923 ; it earned $\$ 10.90$ a share in 1928 , and could have earned up to $\$ 13.50$ a share before recapture on the Commission basis began

## Missouri Pacific System

Missouri Pacific's position in relation to recapture depended on what and how many other roads in which it had an interest were included with the Commission's approval for system accounting. Assuming that Texas \& Pacific, Gulf Coast Lines and International-Great Northern were 60 infirst time in 1928, and then for a comparatively insignificant amour
Pere Marquette was seriously involved in recapture, according to the Pere Marquette was seriously involved in recapture, according to the more than $\$ 3.50$ a common share, out of reported earnings of $\$ 16.17$ a share on its $\$ 45,000,000$ common stock. Here, again, the reappraisal of urban lands in the rapidly developing industrial sections which the road serves would have been an uncertain factor of considerable importance.

The O'Fallon Decision and Recapture Sums on InterState Commerce Commission Basis-Estimated Liabilities of Individual Carriers.
The following table presents estimates made by Dow, Jones \& Co. of the sums which individual railroad companies would have had to pay over to the Government on account of "excess earnings" had the Supreme Court decision in the O'Fallon case fully sustained the Interstate Commerce Commission's valuation methods. The first three columns contain estimates of the recapturable half of the excess earnings for the years 1928, 1927 and 1926; last column gives the accumulation of recapture liability, as estimated on the Commission basis, for the entire period 1921-28. Where blanks appear in all columns the company, it is pointed out, has apparently incurred no recapture liability.


It is possible, also, that the railroads will challenge the accuracy of the commission's determination of the actual prices and wages of the 1934 period, used by it in making its valuations Studies which have been made prices are $10 \%$ or $15 \%$ to low. It is apparent that any calculation of the recapture line as applied to any individual railroad on the commission basis is subject to a number of uncertainties.

## President Hoover Confident That No Rise in Rail Rates

 Will Result from Decision of Supreme Court in St. Louis \& O'Fallon Railway Valuation CaseRailway Heads Express Similar View-Reintroduction of Consolidation Bill.Following the decision handed down by the United States Supreme Court on May 20 in the St. Louis \& O'Fallon Railway Valuation proceedings, President Hoover on May 21 was quoted as saying:
"I am confident there will be no increase in railway rates as a result
of the O'Fallon decision." of the O'Fallon decision."
The New York "Journal of Commerce" in referring to the President's comments, in a Washington dispatch May 21 stated:
President Hoover gave that assurance to-day as the Inter-State Commerce Commission served notice that it will continue with renewed vigor its efforts to recapture excess earnings of railroads under provisions of the Transportation Act following the Supreme Court dicision yesterday upholding the St. Louis \& O'Fallon RR. in its test attack on the methods employed by the commission in valuing its property.
Prospects that further litigation and new legislation would be sought to dariny the situation also came to-cay as members of Congress and the Commission and railroad experts continued their study of the decision.

## Consolidation Bill Reintroduced.

Especial significance bearing upon the possibility of a Congressional investigation of rate making and controverted provisions of the valuation section of the Transportation Act was attached to the reintroduction of the proposed railway consolidation plan in the House to-day by Representative James S. Parker (Rep.) of New York, Chairman of the Committee on Inter State and Foreign Commerce. A similar unification measure was presented in the Senate early this session by Senator Simeon D. Fess (Rep.) of Ohio. Chairman Parker was disinclined to divulge plans of his Committec with regard to the proposed legislation, the consideration of which would necessitate extensive hearings. But Representative Sam Rayburn of Texas, ranking Democratic member of the Committee on Inter-State and Foreiga Commerce, in a long statement in which he discussed the O'Fallon decision, disclosed that he had consulted some of his colleagues on the question of conducting an inquiry of rate making and controverted provisions of the valuation provision at an early date with "a view of eliminating arbitrary and uneconomic features of the Inter-State Commerce Act."
Senator James A. Couzens (Rep.) of Michigan, Chairman of the Senate Inter-State Commerce Committee, said to-day that he would want more time to study the situation and pointed out that the House had not organized the Committees necessary to deal with the valuation legislation. At the time he succeeded Senator Watson, majority floor leader, as head of the Committee, Senator Couzens let it be known that he desired the House Committee to hold hearings on the proposed railroad legislation before the Senate body takes up the matter.

## Defines Facts to be Considered.

"The decision," Chairman Parker said, in commenting on the Supreme Court's ruling, "simply defines for the first time what the Inter-State Commerce Commission must consider in the way of values. The Commission
must take into consideration all elements, not merely of reproduction of must
cost."
"This decision," he added, "will, of course, have a material effect upon the recapture clause, but not one atom of effect on the rate structure.,
doubt if any great increases in rates will be asked based on this decision."
The "Herald Tribune" of May 22 stated that one of the outstanding benefits the railroads of the United States will receive from the decision rendered by the Supreme Court in the St. Louis \& O'Fallon valuation case is that the constant chipping away of the rate structure of the country, in progress for years, is ended. The railroads can now proceed to make further expenditures without facing the hazard of rate reductions. The paper indicated also said:
While it was contended by the Government that a decision in favor of the railroads would result in substantial advances in freight rates, this point was vigorously denied by the carriers. Railroad executives do not expect any appreciable advance in rates and point to the fact that such procedure would be inadvisable and unnecessary, as the present rates are about all the traffic will stand.

## Recapture Liability Diminished

Another advantage of the decision is that the recapture liability under the transportation act of 1920 is limited and deferred. The way is now left open for the carriers which have been under heavy recapture liability to reduce their maintenance, and relieved from the danger of heavy recapture, may increase disbursements to stockholders.
Tne decision appears to have been a compromise intended to govern the where between the amount duction cost and the amount clamed by the carission under its own method. It is not renerally will reach the figures now chain the thers Prolonged litigation is probable bere final Supreme Court is likely to be tested
Patrick E. Crowley, President of the New York Central Lines, when asked as to the bearing of the O'Fallon decision on the question of increases in railroad rates, made the following statement:
'The decision of the Supreme Court in the O'Fallon case does not appear to provide the occasion for any program at this time looking to general increases in railroad rates, which must always be largely influenced by commercial conditions."
Daniel Willard, President of the Baltimore \& Ohio RR. Co., said that, in his opinion, the decision would have no immediate effect whatever on rates.
"It would, however," he added, "afford a guide to the Inter-State Commerce Commission in its efforts to fix lawful valuation of the railroads as a
basis for the calculation of so-called excess earnings as provided in the basis for the calculation of so-called excess earnings as provided in the
transportation act." transportation act."
The Pennsylvania RR. has no thought of requesting any general increase in rates," said General
ference to the decision.
"As I understand the de
"As I understand the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the 0'Fallon case," said General Atterbury in a formal statement, "the Court has merely reaffirmed its many times expressed conclusion that reproduction cost is one of the elements which must be taken in consideration in deter-
mining the value of a public utility property, and undoubtedly it will be mining the value of a public utility property, and undoubtedly
used in arguments before the Inter State Commerce Commission.
"Aside from the Eastern class rate investigation, which has been pending for several years before the Inter-State Commerce Commission, the Pennfor several years before the inter-State Commerce Commission, the Penn-
sylvania RR. has not thought of requesting any general increase in rates and I see nothing in this decision to cause any change in its policy." and I see nothing in this decision to cause any change in its policy."
James A. Gorman, President of the Rock Island, said the decision firmed established principles rather than announced new ones. The same view was expressed by H. A. Scandrett, President of the Chicago, Mil waukee, St. Paul \& Pacific.

## The O'Fallon Case-W. G. Brantley on Extent of Revaluation Required.

A denial that the decision in the O'Fallon case would unduly raise freight rates and bear oppressively on the public was made at Washington by W. G. Brantley, general counsel of the President's Conference Committee of Federal Valuation of Railroads. Judge Brantley insisted that only a small increase in rates would result from the readjustment of rates that would be necessitated by the decision. He said:
"The opinion of the Court does not require the Commission to scrap any its valuation work, but only to complete the work. Following the passage of the valuation act in 1913 the Commission organized its force to execute the act. They invited the co-operation of the railroads, as
"quired by the act.
therein, that for purnoses of d, and the railroads at the time acquiesced therein, that for purposes of uniformity all railroads, although they could ot be so inventoried, should be so priced, and June 301914 was selected valuations.'
The cost of reproduction of the structural property of each railroad as of June 301914 has been ascertained and reported by the Commission. he costs reported do not purport to be the actual costs prevailing on period of some five to ten years prior thereto.

In the case of all railroads inventoried subsequent to June 301914 the Commission has reported its estimate of the value of the lands as of the inventory date, but as to the structural properties it has reported their cost of reproduction as of June 30 1914, and in the determination of the final value' of each of these roads dominant and controlling consideration has been given to the cost of reproduction as thus reported.

## Asted Under Transportation Act.

The St. Louis \& O'Fallon RR. is the only railroad for which the Commission has undertaken to make a current valuation, and the current valuation for it was made, as the report of the commission shows, under the transportation act and not under the valuation act.
"This valuation uses the 1914 valuation as a base, subsequent additions to the property being added at cost, and subsequent deletions deducted. The result was called the value in the recapture years of 1920-1923. No attempt was made to ascertain or consider the cost of reproduction as of these years.
"Recently the Commission has fixed upon December 311927 as the new date to which all valuations shall be brought. And obviously the cost of reproduction as of that date must be determined and given consideration, and that is what the Supreme Court decision means.
Just as there was a 'level' of prices prevailing on June 30 1914, which the Commission ascertained and applied, there exists a 'level' of prices prevailing on December 31 1927, which the Commission must likewise ancertain and apply in order that the value of the railroads as of that date may be known.

## Rate-Making and Valuation.

"The problem of rate-making is one thing and the problem of valuation is another, and the two things should not be confused.
The making of rates involves a recognition of two entirely separate and independent rights each of which is contradictory of and a limitation on the other, to wit, the right of the public to regulate, and the right of private property. The Supreme Court has many times declared the coexistence of these two rights and that the one does not destroy the other.
"The view has been advanced that because the power of regulation may operate at times to reduce the earnings of a public utility, and therefore the value of its property determined on the basis of earnings, there does
not exist a full and complete constitutional protection of the value of such not exist a full and complete constitutional protection of the value of such property, but this view has no support in either law or reason.
not the power to deas is not the power to destroy, and that limitation of the right of private property caused by the power to regulate is not the equivalent of coniscation.
"The problem of rate-making does not require for its solution, nor can it be solved by, 'juggling' with value, fixing it up or down so as to arrive at what in the opinion of the regulatory body is a fair amount upon which to permit the public utility owner to earn.
of private property, but this right is only one of two protect his right of private propert, but the the right of the public to rights to be conproblem of rate-making can only be solved by a proper adjustment of these two rights."
Judge Brantley said that "a railroad is private property, as has always been held, and the Constitution prohibits the taking of private property without the payment of 'just compensation.' He continued:

The Supreme Court has held that 'just compensation means a full and perfect equivalent for the property taken,' and if the value of property,
based upon earnings which are derived from rates under controvers be
eliminated, the only other known equivalent of the property must be its replacement or reproduction cost.
If a railroad owned no property other than steel rails, locomotives and cars, there could be but little controversy over their value because these classes of property are bought and sold in the market and have a market value always capable of being established.
thes, bridges, tunnels, embankments and cuts how faverer, such as structures, bridges, tunnels, embankments and cuts and fills for which large costs of construction are incurred but which have no market value. Such properties, however, possess a real value and their cost of replacement is mat value for them but is a fair measure of an 'equivalent for them.
it as 'speculative' but it is infinitely less 'speculative' than would beak of it as speculativ, but it is infinitely less speculative' than, would be the "Present-day prices of money, labor and material can
thout the element of speculation entering therein, but the priceermined ago are unknown, and at best but a rough estimate as to what they ong can be made.
The most strenuous argument made against the use of the cost-ofreproduction method for determining the value of a railroad is that the produce such enormous values that rates based thereon, in order to produce a fair return, would unduly burden and oppress shippers and be unreasonable as to them. This argument, of course, is one of expediency and not of principle, and ignores entirely the right of private property.
"In addition, it overlooks the requirement of both the common law and the statute that rates must be 'just and reasonable' to the public as well as to the railroads. It overlooks the right to regulate which co-exists with the right of private property. It overlooks the economic fact that the great majority of railroad rates are competitive in one form or another and that the concern of every railroad is for rates that will enable traffic to move over its lines in the largest volume possible. The argumnt, furthermore, is nothing but an assertion and does not rest upon any basis of fact."

## Recalls Taylor's Opinion.

Judge Grantley recalled the dissenting opinion of Commissioner Taylor in the 0'Fallon case, the Commissioner stating that the existing higher prices for money, labor and material were at that time being reflected in the operation costs of the railroad and that recognition had to be and was being given to the fact of increased operating expenses.
He pointed out that from the last statistics available the burden of operation represented approximately $82 \%$ of the disbursements out of in the way of an increase in rates due to the higher price 'level.'
"An examination of the report of the Bureau of Statistics of the InterState Commerce Commission for the year ended December 311927 furnishes ample corroboration of the views expressed by Commissioner Taylor.
"This report discloses that for the year ended December 311927 the Class I railroads, excluding switching and terminal roads, had total operating revenues of $\$ 6,136,300,000$; total operating expenses of $\$ 4,574,178,000$; total net railway operating income, $\$ 1,067,985,000$, and total investment in road and equipment, $\$ 22,873,060,000$.
lotal items for material and supplies, cash and depreciation reserves are shown, and by deducting the total of them there is produced what in called a 'net book value' of $\$ 21,998,854,000$. A very simple calculation will show that a large increase in the 'investment' would require but a small increase in service rates to afford a fair return thereon.

As illustrative of this, assume an increase of $50 \%$ in the 'investment,' making the amount of same $\$ 33,000,000,000$. On this assumption it will be seen that a return of $6 \%$ of the increased 'investment' would be $\$ 1,980$, 000,000 , which, added to the total of the operating expense item, would make $\$ 6,554,178,000$ as the total revenue required, and this amount of revenue compared with the actual revenue in 1927 of $\$ 6,136,300,000$ shows that an increase of revenue of only approximately $6.81 \%$ would be required, and it is manifest that to provide this small increase by a proper adjust ment of existing rates could not be oppressive to any one."

## Significance of the O'Fallon Railroad Valuation <br> Decision.

The following is from an editorial to be published in to-day's issue of the "Railway Age."
Estimates being disseminated of the difference between the total valuation of the railroads that would be made in accordance with the method favored by the Inter-State Commerce Commission in the O'Fallon railroad case, and that upheld by the Supreme Court, and ranging from $\$ 10,000,000,000$ to $\$ 21,000,000,000$, are greatly exaggerated. The same thing is tue of a widely published estimate that there are involved "potential differences in freight rates of $\$ 2,000,000,000$ a year.
such estimat has held that the valuation must be based entirely upon what it would neyer asked the Court to make any such decision and the Court has not done so. In it opito the Court said "No doubt there are some perhaps many, railroads, the ultimate value of which should be placed far below the sum necessary for reproduction." Its statement that cost of reproduction and that the valuation of some rallways may be less than their cost of reproduction, shows conclusively that it has not held that cost of reproduction alone must be considered, and that all estimates of the probable valuation which are based upon the assumption that it has so held are wildly erroneous.
There were important issues, both legal and economic, involved in the case. About 30 years ago, during a period of depression, when cost first heduction was less than the railways had cost, the Supreme Coud all the elements mutstional principle that in the valuation of a rail the valuation of any other property held in private ownership, including the cost of reproduction. The railroads for years opposed a valuation of their properties as a basis for the regulation of rates. It was advocated by Senator La Follette and others who believed it would be less than the capitalization of the rallways. It was also advocated by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The valuation law passed in 1913, of which Senator La Follette was the author, specifically provided for the ascertainment of the cost of reproduction, as well as other elements of alue.
There subsequently occurred, owing to the great war, large increases in the cost of reproduction. The Inter-State Commerce Commission, When confronted with the necessity or making final valuations, tried to duction, and plainly endeavored to get the Supreme Court to reverse all its previous decisions in valuation cases. This the Court has refused
to do. It has held, as it always has held, that cost of reproduction must

## be considered

That the valuation must be made larger than it would be if made in accordance with the method favored by the Commission is obvious, but how much larger is entirely conjectural. It necessarily follows that all estimates of the increase in net return that the railways will be legally entitled to earn, and the advances in rates which they will be legally entitled to make, are matters of pure conjecture.
In anticipating the probable effects consideration must be given to the practical as well as legal aspects of the matter. The Inter-State Commerce Commission for nine years has refused to allow the railways to charge rates high enough to enable them to earn an average return of $5.75 \%$ even upon its own basis of valuation, although it has held this would be a fair return. How, then, can it be reasonably assumed that high enough to earn such a return upon a valuation much larger?
Furthermore, while the railways have refused to accept the Commission's principles and methods of valuation, they have never actually tried to get it to use, in the regulation of rates, a basis higher than the investment in their properties indicated by their accounts. The railways have recognized in the past, and they undoubtedly will recognize in future, the fact that public sentiment and economic conditions cannot safely be ignored. They will undoubtedly seek opportunity to earn a net return sufficient to enable them to pay reasonable dividends and to raise capital adequate the development and improvement of their facilities. They always have recognized, however, that rates must be based upon "what the traffic will bear." Rates must not be made high enough to interfere with the development and movement of traffic, and they are and always will be largely influenced by competition between the railways themselves and between the railways and other carriers by
water and highway. No decision of the Supreme Court can make it water and highway. No decision of the Supreme Court can make it possible for the railways to afford to
petitive and other economic conditions.
The decision will be far from as advantageous to the railways as many The decision will be far from as advantageous to the railways as many persons believe. On the other hand, it should afford a much better as-
surance than they have had heretofore that they will be allowed, under surance than they have had heretofore that they will be allowed, under good management, to earn reasonable dividends for their stockholders portation service that the public demands and needs.

Excess Earnings in Past Voided by O'Fallon RulingRailroads with High Earning Power and Low Capitalization to Benefit Most-Decision Upholds Bryan's Contention in 1898.
The New York "Evening Post" is publishing a series of articles bearing on the Supreme Court decision in the St. Louis \& O'Fallon Rwy. case. The articles are by H. Dwight Comer, Editor Standard Service on Railroads and we reproduce herewith the one appearing in last night's issue (May 24) of the "Post:"

Up to the time the St. Louis \& O'Fallon case went to the lower court, the recaputre clause of the transportation act gave little concern to railroad investors. However, that case brought into the limelight the whole question of railroad valuation and the conflict between the carriers' claims and the I. C. C. methods of determining property value.

In Dec. 1927, three special judges in the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, at St. Louis, decided against the St. Louis \& O'Fallon Railway Company (a nine-mile coal line owned by the estate of Adolphus Busch) in its attempt to restrain the I. C. C. permanently from enforcing its order of March 31 1927. This order directed payment to the Government of $\$ 226,878$ excess earnings from M
1923, under in Feb. 1928, the O'Fallon filed an appeal in the District Cour at St. Louis to the United States Supreme Court, In making its appeal, the railroad alleged that 40 errors were allowed by the lower court. The the railroad alleged that 40 errors were allowed by the lower court. The all the elements of value recognized by the law of the land for rate-making purposes, referring to reproduction costs.
Argument of the case before the Supreme Court took place the first week in January this year, culminating in last Monday's decision favoring the railroads.

Isue an Old One.
The issue in the present case was whether valuation should be based on the number of dollars that have been invested in the railways, or should be an ascertainment of their present value determined by a consideration of all factors entering into the matter, including such elements as probable re production cost.

This is by no means a new issue; nor did the railroads themselves star the struggle. It was forced upon them. Moreover, the roads were not the
originators of the principle sustained by the Supreme Court in the O'Fallon case. It was originally sponsored by individuals who were attempting to when general price levels had been declining.

## Nebraska Rate Case.

The Nebraska rate case (Smyth vs. Ames), decided in 1898, was the first important case in which the Supreme Court reviewed the problem of railroad valuation. Wages and prices had been on the down grade for many year and were low at the time this case came to trial. The late William Jennings Bryan, as an attorney for the State, claimed that "present value of the roads as measured by the cost of reproduction is the basis upon which the profits should be computed.
Influenced by these same conditions, counsel for the railroads contended that the proper basis for valuation was actual investment. In its decision, the Supreme Court held that investment was not the only matter to be considered:

## Present Value Upheld.

In a long series of decisions since 1898 the Supreme Court has always upheld "present value" as the basis on which public utilities and railways are entitled to earn a fair return.
The logic back of this principle appears obvious. Although the railroads are subjected to regulation on account of the character of ser vice performed their holdings are as strictly private preperty as the property of any other corporate entity or individual. Therefore, owners of railroad property are entitled to receive no more protection from loss growing out of a decline in property value than owners of other property, and, conversely, they should be entitled to benefit by increases in value the same as owners of othe property.

Immediate Benefits to Individual Stocks.
Consequently, the most important immediate effect of the decision on individual railroad stocks is the relief from liability for payment of past excess earnings to the Government. Generally speaking, stocks of companies with high earning power and low capitalization obtain the largest benefits on this score, while stocks whose earnings have not been running above the limitation formerly placed by the Commission's valuation methods are little affected.
The Commission has never published its valuation figures for individual roads brought down to date, the data made public being confined to basic amounts as of some date 13 or 14 years ago. Therefore, exact computation of the habiny of each road is impossible. However, throug building up the frgures allowing for ander sion earnings per share are possible
The following table shows for leading railroads the estimated amounts of last year's share ernings which would have been owed to the Government but for the O'Fallon decision:

*Without giving consideration to subsequent increases in number of shares outstanding
While the above table covers only the earnings of 1928, many of the roads owed excess earnings in prior years, the law being effective back to 1920 Stocks of Frisco, Chesapeake \& Ohio, Norfolk \& Western, Atchison, New York Central and Texas \& Pacific obtain the largest relief on this account under the O'Fallon case. It will be remembered these were the issues that scored the largest price advances after the court's decision was announced.
Whether or not all the companies mentioned above will escape ultimate Whether or not all the companies mentioned above will escape ultimate with the principle now laid down by the valuations revised in accordance must be given consideration, Careful computations, hower, indiate dhall at least partly, while most of them will escape entirely from excess earnings of last year.

## Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE-COMMERCIAL EPITOME. Friday Night, May 24, 1929.
The weather has still been a drawback in American trade this week. It has been especially unfavorable to the clothing trade. Conditions have been too cool and wet over much of the country not excepting the South. There the nights have been so cold as to retard the growth of the cotton crop and much replanting will have to be done. That is also the case in some parts of the corn belt. In the main the weather conditions have not been bad in the wheat area although in Canada it has been too warm and dry. Spring wheat, planting however is rather late and the same is true of corn. A fear of floods and actual high water in some of the rivers and streams in the lower Mississippi Valley has militated against business there in various lines. Latterly it has been reported that a break in the Mississippi River levee was
imminent at Mounds Landing, 38 miles northwest of Greenville, Miss., where there was a very serious break two years ago followed by dire consequences.
General trade in the United States for its best development awaits seasonable weather, after a long period of abnormally cold and wet conditions. One of the effects of such weather is the marked retarding of the trade in straw hats, and taking the country over, of course, this is a very important item. In the agricultural section of the country, lower prices for the last crops present an unpleasant condition for farmers. Looking backward some of the returns which have come to hand during the week show that industry thrived better in March and April than it did in the same months last year. The indications point to further slight gains in May in spite of all drawbacks, as compared with last year. The factory production is still large.

Threatened strikes or lockouts in the building trades have been averted. The workers get a shorter day and higher wages in New York and St. Louis. Spring hardware, agricultural implements, glass and paints are in excellent demand. A fair business is under way in the manufacturing furniture trade partly as a result of recent shows. There is an active trade in radio goods. It is not surprising, however, to note that trade in jewelry is irregular at best and that there is a noticeable tendency towards a falling off as compared with more favorable periods. One drawback is noticeable in different industries. That is overproduction. It applies to grain, sugar, coffee and rubber to mention the items which come most readily to mind. As to legislative nostrums designed to help the American farmer, very many reflective people have very little confidence in them. It is interesting moreover that France and Italy have just raised their duties on wheat sharply to head off the dumping of foreign wheat in the markets of those countries to the palpable detriment of their own farmers. Naturally it will be thrust and parry.

Crude petroleum and gasoline have advanced. There is a better business in rayon goods than at this time last year. In clothing, woolen goods and worsteds the sales are smaller than then. Woolens and worsteds are quiet. Broad silks for the summer and fall were in rather better demand this week with the weather at New York somewhat better. Raw silk at lower prices has met with a readier market. Coarse yarn cotton cloths have been in only moderate demand and the sales of sheetings have been small. A fair trade has been done in fine and fancy cotton cloths. Finished cotton goods and other seasonable lines, notably printed cottons, have sold well. The largest manufacturers of denims will curtail their production in June, July and August, 25\%. Similar action will be taken by producers of sheets and some other lines of cotton goods.

Cotton has had a moderate decline as there has been less rain at the South. Liverpool prices have fallen and goods have been quiet. Where sales of print cloths have increased in one case the larger business is said by the sellers to have been done at unsatisfactory prices. After a wet May the rains have largely ceased, though to-day there were general rains in Texas not always it would appear to the advantage of the crop. Texas crop advices from the effects of recent bad conditions have been unfavorable. Moreover throughout the belt the nights have been too cold. All this with a better technical position has prevented any marked decline. What the belt in its entirety needs is not merely dry weather but higher temperatures. The soil seems to be in good condition for rapid germination and growth if the requisite temperatures can be had and naturally they will come to pass as we near June.

Wheat has not latterly fluctuated as widely as it did recently and has on the whole been pretty steady, with technical position better after the recent very heavy liquidation. In Canada the weather has been too dry and some unfavorable crop reports have come from Kansas and Iowa. Argentina, however, continues to undersell other exporting countries. It may turn out that dry weather in Canada will neutralize the increase in acreage there, especially if it is true, as is now reported, that European wheat crops will be 25 to $30 \%$ smaller than last year. On the other hand, American supplies are large and the carryover will be so large that it is one of the principal arguments in favor of lower prices later in the year. Italy has raised the duty on wheat from 57 cents a bushel to $73 \frac{1}{2}$ cents, and France from 38 cents a bushel to 54 cents, of course to protect the home growers in those countries from the dumping of foreign wheat. Corn advanced slightly as the weather at times has not been favorable for seeding and corn has been steadied by the relative firmness of wheat. Seeding has been delayed and cold wet weather has retarded germination and much replanting will be necessary. Corn is still considered relatively too high compared with wheat. May gained on July and the cash demand has been excellent. Other grain has developed no striking features. Rye does not move for export, despite the fact that it is comparatively cheap. Provisions have been in the main quite well sustained, though stocks of lard are so very large that foreign buyers are purchasing only small lots at a time awaiting a possible decline in prices.

Coffee has somehow advanced noticeably as usual just when the Defense Committee was supposed to be on its last legs or something of the sort. Short selling here tends to keep the committee to the fore. The dilatory tactics of consumers may also contribute to its aontinuance in
power. There is no rubbing out the fact that coffee is an article of very large consumption in the United States and Europe. The talk is persistent about the competition of mild coffee with Brazilian. Both seem to be needed, judging by the action of prices, which seems no bad criterion. The Defense Committee is said to be negotiating with American bankers for a large loan for the purpose of making advances to growers and get their support to the plan to restrict shipments to market. All of which is, of course, artificial and will sooner or later have its Nemesis. Sugar, as a rule has been rather quiet, despite spells of brief activity. At the South, it is said, importers and refiners have recently been buying freely in order to forestall the proposed rise in the duty of 2.40 c . per pound. But in general the trading here has been slow and prices have declined some 4 to 16 points, the latter for May delivery, which touched 1.65c. at one time to-day, the lowest price in the history of the Exchange. The cardinal trouble is too much sugar.

Rubber has been plentiful on the one hand and dull enough on the other to cause lower prices at home and abroad despite the estimates of unprecedented consumption. On the surface it looks as though demand was hardly keeping pace with supplies, though it is true that prices are about 2 cents higher than a year ago. Steel has been in fair demand and output keeps up and steel scrap is lower. Pig iron is quiet and largely nominal in the East. The Central West is doing most of the business and prices are generally unchanged.
Stocks were excited and higher on the 20th inst. when it was announced that the St. Louis and O'Fallon Railroad succeeded in the U. S. Supreme Court in upsetting the valuation which the Government officials had placed upon it for rate making and other regulatory purposes. The law requires the Inter-State Commerce Commission to give consideration to reproduction values. The methods used by the Inter-State Commerce Commission in valuing the 9 miles long St. Louis and O'Fallon were condemned by the Court. The court overturned the valuations used by the Commission for rate making and other purposes. Railroad stocks in wild trading rose $\$ 2$ to $\$ 23$ a share on the news of the O'Fallon decision only to break from 2 to 13 points from their high prices in a later decline. Chesapeake \& Ohio advanced 23 points and St. Louis \& San Francisco 15 but profit taking caused a break later of 2 to 20 points in industrials. Stocks on the 22 nd inst. broke 2 to 18 points on transactions of $4,800,000$ shares. The active issues led the decline. The decline was due to fears of an increase in the rediscount rate of the New York Federal Reserve Bank to 6\%. The ticker at the close was 33 minutes late. More than 300 stocks made new lows for the year. The decline was led by such stocks as United States Steel, General Electric, General Motors, Case Threshing, Allied Chemical \& Dye, Commercial Solvents, Union Pacific, Woolworth, Atchinson and Baldwin. Almost the entire list broke precipitately late in the trading.
On the 23rd inst. stocks advanced in active trading 2 to 10 points as the rediscount rate remained at $5 \%$. The rediscount rise is postponed. To-day stocks advanced for a time, but reacted later when short covering died out. The call money rate was $6 \%$ all day, but funds outside could be had at $5 \%$. In London the tone seemed to be rather more cheerful without being at all aggressive. Reparation negotiations are not in satisfactory shape.
Manchester, N. H., wired that a $\$ 3,000,000$ order for bathing suits and sweaters from New York purchasers was announced by C. B. Potter, President of the local company. This will mean doubling the present force of employees. Additional machinery also will be required. At Newmarket, N. H., the wage dispute between operatives and officials of the Newmarket Mfg. Co. is now in its thirteenth week and threatens to injure the business interests of the town. So far as surface indications go, the meeting in Newmarket, arranged by Governor Tobey, which was attended by the representatives of the Newmarket Mfg. Co. and the striking employees, has small prospects of an early settlement. One group of mills at Greenville, S. C., which has been closed for the past seven weeks on account of a strike has settled its differences with the operatives and resumed operations this week. These mills use about 5,000 bales each month so this will increase local consumption considerably. At Spartanburg, S. C., the strike of the 1,250 operatives of the Brandon Mill, which started on March 27, ended Monday afternoon, when all operatives returned to work. It was taken as pointing to an early end of the strikes at the Poinsett Mills and the Woodruff Mill near Spartanburg.

Charlotte, N. C. wired that with a settlement of the srike at the Monarch and Ottray Mills in South Carolina, it is believed that the epidemic of walkouts which developed in that state some time ago, is almost over. At Gastonia, N. C. the Loray Mills, where a strike has been in progress for the past seven weeks, reports nearly normal production last week, despite the fact that some of the employes are still on strike. The Bradon Mill operatives will return to work on the 27 th. The Proximity, White Oak and Revolution cotton mills of the Cone chain, at Greensboro, N. C., it is stated, will operate on a curtailed schedule beginning June 1. Continued general depression in the textile industry and inability to sell the company's products has made this step necessary. Under the new plan operatives will not work on Saturday morning, but will work 10 hours each day for five days a week. This means a reduction of working time during a week from 55 to 50 hours. The night shift will be affected virtually in the same manner. Indications now are that this schedule will prevail during June, July and August. Approximately 3,500 employes in the three mills are affected by the change.

London cabled May 19 that the Oldham Mill dispute had been settled and operatives would return to work at once at reduced wages. The masters yesterday withdrew the notices of a lockout at 560 plants. The situation is being examined and if it is decided the old rate of wages should be restored differences will be made good to the operatives. London also cabled that operatives of the woolen mills of Calder Valley decided to strike against the proposed $10 \%$ reduction in wages. They are said to be supported by the Executive Committee of the National Association of unions in the textile trade. Breslau, Germany cabled an announcement of a general lockout affecting 50,000 workers by Union of Silesian in Textile Industrialists to take effect Saturday.

On the 19th inst. the Mississippi River rose two feet at St. Louis. Government flood warnings were issued last Sunday night to communities along the Mississippi and railroads entering St. Louis reported crippled service from torrential rains, which caused washouts and a landslide and carried away a bridge. A stage of 36 feet on the 22 d inst. at St. Louis was forecast six feet above the flood mark. The river reached 32.1. Two years ago the Mississippi reached 36.1, but there is no expectation of a flood in the lower valley such as claimed many lives and damaged much property. At Hermann the Missouri River stood at $251 / 2$ feet on Sunday night, a rise of 4 feet 9 inches in 24 hours. Dallas, Texas, reported that the swollen Red River indicated a flood menace over extreme northeastern Texas and Southwestern Arkansas.

Memphis wired the Associated Press on May 21 that swollen streams had spread anxiety over low-lying sections of several States, but hundreds of men working at dangerous points in the levee system had succeeded in preventing any fresh breaks. The most desperate fights were along the Mississippi River. Ten miles south of Hiekman, Ky., the Old Reelfoot levee was crumbling and engineers sought a way to let the water flow through it gradually and against a new dyke a quarter of a mile to the east. If this can be accomplished it is believed a crevasse can be averted in that stretch of the embankment which portects a large acreage in Lake County, Tenn. A break at Mounds Landing would mean the flooding of great areas in fertile Yazoo Valley. It was a break at this point that devastated the valley in 1927. Only two Mississippi Valley floods after May 15 have been recorded, General Jadwin, Chief of Army Engineers, said.

To-day was clear until the evening when a sudden rain squall struck the town. Temperatures were 54 to 70 . The storm was brief and the total rainfall small. There were heavy rains in parts of Texas, but in general the weather at the South was clear. Temperatures overnight were 50 to 64 at Boston, 48 to 68 at Chicago, 64 to 76 at Cincinnati, 60 to 72 at Cleveland, 64 to 80 at Kansas City, 54 to 72 at Philadelphia, 50 to 72 at Seattle, 62 to 80 at St. Louis and 48 to 66 at St. Paul.
W. W. Putnam of Union Trust Co., Detroit, Finds Business Proceeding at Good Rate-Business Conditions in Michigan.
"The general business of country is proceeding at a good rate," observes Wayne W. Putnam, Asst. Vice-President of the Union Trust Co., of Detroit, who adds that "industry is taking the lead and is being followed closely by trade, though its normal movement for the past month has been retarded
to some extent by the cool, wet weather." In part, Mr. Putnam also says:
While it is quite probable that some major lines will soon slacken their present rapid pace, and that other lines will slow down as the hot weather approaches, there is nothing discernible at the present time that would indicate an extraordinary change in the business trend in the near future. blurring the outlook for the still continues to be the principal obstacle factor is the decline that has been taking place in the general level of commodity prices.
After showing for eight months unfavorable comparisons with the corresponding months of a year ago, the building industry is again experiencing exceptional activity. Building construction and engineering work contracted for in April in 37 states east of the Rocky Mountains, according to the F. W. Dodge Corp., totaled $\$ 642,060,500$. This figure was almost equal to the amount contracted for in April last year when new construction established a new high record for that month.
General business in Michigan, according to reports received from 109 bankers and business executives, continued on a high level during the past month. The automobile industry is still leading all other lines. Metal working plants generally are doing a large volume of business-gray iron foundries and machine shops being exceptionally busy. Chemical plants are more active than at any time in their history. Electrical refrigeration factories are running at capacity. A high rate of activity prevails in radio. appliance and pharmacentical plants a vails in the Upper Peninsula as a result of expanding operations at the proand copper mines. Paper manufacturers report some improvement. A better tone is noticeable in the furniture industry, particularly at Grand Rapids where the May market has brightened the outlook for the next 60 days. There are indications, however, that seasonal slackening will soon take place in several lines of manufacturing.
April production of American cars and trucks, as estimated by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, amounted to 633,424 units, a new high record. Thirty per cent of this number was produced by the Ford Motor Co. and $35 \%$ by the General Motors Corp. Total production for the first four months of this year amounted to $2,178,957$ vehicles, also a new high record. While it is expected that the output in May will show some decline from the April figure, schedules now in effect indicate that
more units will be manufactured this month than in any previous May. Parts and accessories plants are maintaining the record-breaking schedules established early this year.
Workmen, skilled and unskilled, in Michigan are well employed. There Is a marked shortage of machinists and molders. Road construction, farm, and other outdoor work have absorbed a large number of workers. Emment in the manufacturing industries of Detroit is highly satisfactory. Ford employment is not far from the peak reached last February.
Electrical energy consumed by Michigan manufacturing plants in April totaled $232,894,000 \mathrm{k} . \mathrm{w} . \mathrm{h}$., a gain of approximately $4 \%$, as compared with the preceding month, and more than $33 \%$ above the amount consumed in Nail last year.
Navigation on the Great Lakes is now in full swing and anticipations of a record year in shipping are high. Traffic passing through the Sault canals in the latter half of April totaled 4,405,916 tons.
Building permits issued in 22 of the principal cities in Michigan in the month of April had a total value of $\$ 26,269,680$, as compared with $\$ 17,113$,614 in March and $\$ 18,824,021$ in April, 1928.
Weather conditions during the past few weeks have retarded farm work In most parts of the State. Frosts have injured strawberries, cherries and agricultural outlook is fatr to good
Retail and wholesale distribution have been holding up well despite the unseasonable weather. Most lines are enjoying a larger volume of business compared with this time a year ago. Collections are also better than they were last year. Dry goods, paper, builders' and general hardware, electrical supplies, shoes, drugs, and bakers' and confectioners' supplies are making the best showing, while men's wear continues to lag. Trade prospects in Michigan are brightened by the outlook for a large tourist and resort business.

## Annalist's Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices.

The Annalist Weekly Index for Wholesale Commodity Prices is 143.2 , a drop of 0.4 points from last week (143.6) and a drop of 7.8 points from last year at this time (151.0).
In presenting its index the "Annalist" also says:
The farm products group again leads the decline with a drop of 0.7 points and every commodity group with the exception of the miscellaneous group is either lower or the same as last week. Declines in corn, rye, wheat,
steers, hogs, lambs, potatoes and wool made it a disastrous price week for the farmers; sympathetic declines in the food products group through declines in pork loins, veal, lemons in the food products group through dethe same downward trend. A drop in 19.40 cents was the important price movement in the remaining groups. THE ANNALIST WEEKLY INDEX OF WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES (1913 Equals 100.)
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## Index of Retail Food Prices-April Figures Slightly Below Those of Previous Month.

The retail food index issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor as we indicated in our issue of May 18, page 3266, shows for April 151929 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 151913. The index number (1913 equals 100) was 152.1 in April 1928, 153 in March 1929 and 151.6 in April 1929. The index numbers back to 1907 , follow:
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| 1913 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 1914 | 98.6 | 102.3 | 112.5 | 103.9 | 185.1 | 101.2 | 108.3 | 108.2 | 100.4 | 99.7 | 102.4 |
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| 1919 | 233.5 | 182.0 | 178.6 | 218.2 | 213.3 | 173.6 | 223.5 | 205.5 | 128.9 | 145.3 | 185.9 |
| 1920 | 186.7 | 197.4 | 205.4 | 245.5 | 216.7 | 200.0 | 370.6 | 352.7 | 134.7 | 157.7 | 203.4 |
| 1921 | 113.9 | 147.5 | 176.8 | 175.8 | 150.0 | 109.2 | 182.4 | 145.5 | 128.1 | 121.8 | 153.3 |
| 1922 | 107.6 | 128.7 | 155.4 | 154.5 | 130.0 | 109.2 | 164.7 | 132.7 | 125.2 | 121.1 | 141.6 |
| 1923 | 112.0 | 134.8 | 155.4 | 142.4 | 136.7 | 109.2 | 170.6 | 183.6 | 127.8 | 126.5 | 146.2 |
| 1924 | 120.3 | 138.6 | 157.1 | 148.5 | 156.7 | 116.1 | 158.8 | 167.3 | 131.4 | 145.3 | 145.9 |
| 1925 | 147.5 | 151.0 | 167.9 | 184.8 | 180.0 | 127.6 | 211.8 | 130.9 | 138.8 | 172.8 | 157.4 |
| 1926 | 138.6 | 140.6 | 167.9 | 181.8 | 170.0 | 133.3 | 288.2 | 125.5 | 141.0 | 171.1 | 160.6 |
| 1927 | 122.2 | 131.0 | 166.1 | 166.7 | 173.3 | 123.0 | 223.5 | 132.7 | 142.5 | 162.1 | 155.4 |
| 1928 | 117.7 | 134.5 | 162.5 | 163.6 | 176.7 | 114.9 | 158.8 | 129.1 | 142.3 | 165.1 | 154.3 |
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New England Power Association Output in April 1929 Exceeds That of April Last Year By $20 \%$.
The New England Power Assn., controlled by International Paper Power Co., produced $125,188,000$ kilowatt hours of electric energy in April, an increase of $20 \%$ over the output of the Association in April, 1928, and $41 \%$ over that of April, 1927. Under date of May 21 the International Paper \& Power Co. also says:

In the first four months of this year, the production of New England Power Association was $502,112,000$ kilowatt hours, $16 \%$ greater than in the corresponding period of 1928 and $43 \%$ greater than in the first three months of 1927.
General industrial conditions in the New England States in the first four months of this year were considered highly satisfactory. The reports of over one hundred industrial organizations issued thus far show an increase in combined net income for the first quarter of nearly $30 \%$ above the same in a large number of industries as well as the maintenance of firm and rising prices.

## April Output of Electric Energy of International Pape

 and Power Co. Increased $36 \%$ Over April, 1928.The International Paper and Power Co. system produced 366,602,000 kilowatt hours of electric energy in April, an increase of $36 \%$ over the output of the system in April, 1928. In the first four months of this year, the company generated $1,453,588,000$ kilowatt hours, $37 \%$ greater than in the corresponding period of last year. The Association advices May 24 add:
Included in the output figures are those of New England Power AssociaIncluded in the oanan Hydro-Electric Corp., Ltd.-controlling Gatineau

Power Co. and Saint John River Power Co.-and of the hydro-electric
plants of the International Paper Co. plants of the International Paper Co. group.

## International Hydro-Electric System.

The production of electric energy in April of this year of International Hydro-Electric System - controlling Canadian Hydro-Electric Corp., Ltd. and New England Power Assn.-was $44 \%$ greater than that or the 8 . in April, 1928; and for the first four months or this year it was $50 \%$ over that or the same perlod or last your. Inbrubsidiary of Intermation Paper is the new company recencly formed as absidary or internation al and Pow co to of inaustrial New ing a, and Cly operating in a thriving and rapidy growing section in Quebec and the easterince of New Brunswick.

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## Canadian Hydro-Electirc Corporation, Ltd.

Canadian Hydro-Electric Corp., Ltd., produced 165,345,000 kilowatt hours of electric energy in April, an increase or $70 \%$ over the output or the Corporation in April, 1928. In the first four months, the corporat in the corresponding period of last year.

## Life Insurance Sales in United States Gain $12 \%$ in April.

In making public on May 22 its figures of life insurance sales in April, the Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau of Hartford states that a period of general prosperity is being experienced throughout the country. Life insurance is sharing the general increase and sales of ordinary life insurance increased $9 \%$ during the first 4 months of 1929 over the same period in 1928. The Bureau further says:
It is predicted that the peak of the general prosperity will be reached soon and that the later months of 1929 will see a gradual decline. Life insurance, however, is not a commodity that is influenced by the decline of prosperity as are other industries. As is sold the policyholder with a s
against future reverses.
Sales of ordinary life insurance during April show a $12 \%$ increase ove the same month of last year. $71 \%$ of the reporting companies show increased sales in this month and all sections of the country report gains of at least $4 \%$ over April 1928. For the first four months of 1929 the volume of ordinary life insurater in the United States was $9 \%$ greater than sales the same period in 1928. Every section also gained during this period.
The 12 month period ending April 301929 shows that the country has purchased 7\% more insurance in the past year than in the preceding 12 month period. These figures are issucd the co-operation of companies having in force $88 \%$ of the total ordinary life insurance outstanding in the United States.
New England.-The New England States increased their sales 4\% in April over April 1928. The largest increase, $10 \%$, was made in Massachusetts. Massachusetts pays for over half the business sold in New England. A section gain of $6 \%$ was made in the first four months of 1929 $10 \%$, for this period and also the largest increase, $8 \%$, for the twelve-month period ending April 301929.
Middle Atlantic.-The Middle Atlantic States pay for over one-third of the total new business sold in the country. This section shows an increase of $16 \%$ for the month over April 1928. Every state in this section shows substantial increases for the month, the first four months and the last twelve-month period over the same periods in the preceaing year
East North Central.-The East North Central States show the large monthly increase of $16 \%$, the same monthly increase made by the Middle Atlantic States. For the first four months of 1929 this section leads the country with a $14 \%$ increase over the same monthe in 1028. gained $11 \%$ in the twelve-month period wi.ch end all sections in this period also. Next to the Midue Atlantic states this section pa
country
West North Central.-The West North Central States show a $4 \%$ increase over sales in April 1928. The greatest monthly gain of this section was made by Nebraska with a $14 \%$ increase. For the first four months sales in this section increased month period ending Aprin
the preceding twelve-month period
South Atlantic-This section gained $4 \%$ in April over April 1928. For the first four mor 1029 these States gained 2\% Maryland shows the largest min this section for both the month and the year to date. For the thelve moth period just ended this section fell slightly below the volume sold in the preceding twelve-month period.
East South Central.-The East South Central States gained 4\% in April over Aprill last year. All but Alabama share this monthly increase. During the first four months of 1929 this section increased its production $1 \%$ over the same period in 1928. For the twelve-month period just ended the section increased $2 \%$ over the preceding twelve months.
West South Central.-This section recorded a monthly increase of $8 \%$ over April 1928. The production in the first four months of 1929 just equalled sales in the same period of 1928 . For the twelve-month period just ended the section shows slightly increased sales over the preceding twelve-month period.
Mountain.-The Mountain States gained 14\% in April over April 1928. Utah and Arizona with monthly increases of $54 \%$ and $38 \%$, respectively. show the largest increases of all States. The Mountain section increased its sales $10 \%$ during the first four months of 1929. Every State recorded increased sales during this period. For the twelve-month period just ended sales in this section increased 7\% over the preceding twelve-month period. Pacific.-This section shows an average monthly increase of $15 \%$ in April over April 1928. For the first four months of 1929 this section gained 11\% over the same period ended the Pacific States gained $7 \%$ over the preceding twelve-month period.

Construction Contracts Awarded in April Close to 1928.
Total construction contracts awarded during April in the 37 Eastern States amounted to $\$ 642,060,500$ ，according to statistics compiled by the F．W．Dodge Corp．In April 1928 these construction contracts aggregated $\$ 643,137,100$ ．For the four months of 1929 the contracts awarded foot up $\$ 1,897,889,800$ ，as compared with $\$ 2,128,204,100$ in the corresponding four months of 1928.
We give below tables showing the details of projects con－ templated in April and for the four months of this year，as compared with the corresponding periods a year ago，follow－ ing which we give other tables showing the contracts awarded for the same periods．These figures，it is stated，cover $91 \%$ of the total United States construction．

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## Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight Continues in Excess of $1,000,000$ Cars a Week．

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended May 11 totaled $1,047,922$ cars，the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced on May 21. This was a decrease of 2,270 cars under the preceding week this year，with coal，coke，forest products，and ore showing increases，but livestock，grain and grain products，mer－ chandise，less－than－carload－lot freight and miscellaneous freight reporting decreases．Compared with the corre－ sponding week last year，loading of revenue freight for the week was an increase of 45,511 cars and an increase of 18,498 cars above the corresponding week of 1927．Additional details follow：
Miscellaneous freight loading for the week totaled 408,000 cars，an increase of 11,359 cars above the corresponding week last year and 13，399 cars over the same week in 1927.

## Coal loading totaled 159,155 cars，a decrease of 558 cars below the same

 week in 1928 and 3,866 cars under the same period two years ago．Livestock loading amounted to 26,305 cars，a decrease of 759 cars below the same week in 1928 and 2,851 cars below the same week in 1927．In the Western districts alone，livestock loading totaled 21,221 cars，a de－ crease of 155 cars below the same week in 1928.
Grain and grain products loading amounted to 36,955 cars，a decrease of 5,168 cars under the same week in 1928 and 3,270 cars below the same week in 1927．In the Western districts alone grain and grain products loading totaled 24,199 cars，a decrease of 3,951 cars below the same week
in 1928． in 1928.
Loading of merchandise less－than－carload－lot freight totaled 264，028 cars，an increase of 2,830 cars above the same week in 1928 and 1,893 cars over the same week in 1927
Forest products loading amounted to 69,409 cars， 2,235 cars above the same week in 1928 but 1,585 cars under the same week in 1927.
in 1928 and 13,211 cars over the same week two years abo the same week Coke loading totaled over the same week two years ago．
Core and 1.567 cars over the cars， 2,228 cars above the same week last All districts excent the Southern reported incre y in foll commodities compared with the same week in 1928 the total loading the Pocahontas and Southern districts reported increases compared with the same week in 1927．．ht in 1929 com Loading of revenue years follows：

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| Four weeks in Januar | 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 |
| Week ended May 11 | 1，047，922 | 1，002，411 | 1，029，424 |
| Total． | 18，228，772 | 17，512，967 | ，47 |

## April Automobile Production the Heaviest on Record．

April production（factory sales）of motor vehicles in the United States，as reported to the Department of Commerce， was 620,656 or the heaviest on record for any month．Of this 537,225 were passenger cars， 81,977 trucks，and 1,454 taxicabs．In April last year the output was only 410，104．

For the four months to April 30 there has been an expan－ sion of over $50 \%$ as compared with the corresponding period． last year，the make of vehicles in the four months of 1929 having been $2,072,941$ against only $1,378,942$ in the four months of 1928.

The table below is based on figures received from 151 manufacturers in the United States for recent months， 47 making passenger cars and 118 making trucks（ 14 making both passenger cars and trucks）．Figures for passenger cars included taxicabs（until the end of 1928）and those for trucks include ambulances，funeral cars，fire apparatus，street sweepers and busses．Canadian figures have been supplied by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics，since January 1926. AUTOMOBILE PRODUCTION．
（Number of Machines．）

|  | Untted States． |  |  |  | Canada． |  |  |
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|  | Total． | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Passenger } \\ & \text { Cars. } \end{aligned}$ | Trucks． | $\begin{gathered} \text { Taxt- } \\ \text { cabs.a } \end{gathered}$ | Total． | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Passen- } \\ \text { oer Cars. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Trucks． |
| $\begin{array}{r} 1928 . \\ \text { January. } \end{array}$ | 231，728 | 205，646 | 26，082 | b |  |  |  |
| February－ | 32，789 | ${ }_{271}^{291,151}$ | 32.645 | b | 12，504 | 10，315 | 2，189 |
| April． | 410，104 | 364，877 | 45，227 | b | 24，211 | 20，517 | 3，694 |
| Tot．（4mos．） | 1，378，942 | 1，233，495 | 145，447 |  | ${ }^{62,647}$ | 52，764 | 9，883 |
| June．．．－ | 396，796 | 356，622 | 40，174 | b | 28，399 | 25，341 | ${ }_{3}$ |
| Jufy | －${ }^{392,086} \mathbf{4 6 1 2 9 8}$ | － 3 300，792 | 53， 304 60.705 | b | ${ }^{25,226}$ | 20，122 | ${ }^{5.104}$ |
| September | ${ }_{415,314}$ | 358，891 | 66．423 |  | － | － | ${ }^{6,971}$ |
| October－ |  | 340，146 | 57，138 |  | 18.536 | 13，016 | ${ }_{5}^{4.529}$ |
| November | 257，140 | 217,454 205,993 | 39,686 28,123 | b | 11,769 9.425 | 8.154 <br> 6.734 | 3,615 2,691 |
| Total（year）． | 4，358，759 | 3，827，849 | ＊530，910 |  | 242，382 | 196，741 | 45，641 |
| 1929. January． | ＊401，030 | ＊347，352 | ＊51．584 |  | 21，501 | 17，164 |  |
| February Mar | － 5884,967 | － | ${ }_{* 69,733}^{* 58,532}$ | － 1,908 | 49，621 | ${ }_{32,833}$ | 5，703 788 |
| Aprll．．．． | ${ }^{620,656}$ | 537，225 | 81，977 | 1，454 | 41，901 | 34，392 | 7，509 |
| Tot．（4 mos．） | 2，072，941 | 1，803，381 | 261，826 | 7，534 | 135，310 | 109，973 | 25，337 |

## Lumber Movement in Slight Decline．

Lumber orders reported for the week ended May 18 by 537 softwood mills totaled $338,553,000$ feet，as compared with a report of $354,542,000$ from 546 mills the week earlier， according to the National Lumber Manufacturers Assn． Shipments，as reported for the two weeks were，respectively， $359,809,000$ feet and 362，543，000；and production 356，919，000 and $370,653,000$ ．

Reports from 240 hardwood mills，as against 320 units reporting the week before，give new business as $48,799,000$ ， compared with $46,243,000$ the previous week．Shipments， as reported for the two weeks were，respectively， $47,230,000$ feet and $47,797,000$ ；and production $47,027,000$ and 46,596 ，－ 000．The Association statement continues：

## Unfilled Orders.

Reports from 413 softwood mills give unfilled orders of $1,227,751,000$ feet, on May 18, or the equivalent of 24.7 days' production. This is based upon production of latest calendar year-300-day year-and may be com$1,434,549,000$ feet, the equivalent of 25.6 days' production
U34,549,000 feet, the equivalent of 25.6 days' production.
Unds published will include hereafter certain statics now going into effect, identical mills in each region.
Two hundred and forty-six such identical softwood mills report unfilled orders as $793,494,000$ feet, as compared with $814,622,000$ for the same week a year ago. Last week's production of 287 identical mills was $238,068,000$ feet, and a year ago it was $229,529,000$; shipments were respectively, $237,-$ the case of hardwoods, 225 identical mills reported production last week and a year ago, $43,253,000$ feet and $42,051,000$; shipments $44,621,000$ and $40,500,000$; and orders $46,998,000$ and $39,619,000$.

## West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wires from Seattle that new business for the 203 mills reporting for the week ended May 18 totaled and $37,022,000$ feet which $66,854,000$ feet was for domestic cargo delivery, and $37,022,000$ feet export. New business by rail amounted to $81,913,000$ coastwise and intercoastal, and $35,788,000$ feet $75,496,000$ feet moved coastwise and intercoastal, and $35,788,000$ feet export. Rail shipments
totaled $84,212,000$ feet, and local deliveries $11,667,000$ feet. Unshipped otaled $84,212,000$ feet, and local deliveries $11,667,000$ feet. Unshipped 270,000 feet, foreign $235,180,000$ feet and rail trade $235,959,000$ feet Weekly capacity of these mills is $233,149,000$ feet. For the 19 weeks ended May 11, 139 identical mills reported orders $9 \%$ over production. The same mills show a decrease in inventories of $5.3 \%$ on May 11, as compare with Jan. 1
outhern Pine Reports.
The Southern Pine Association reports from New Orleans that for 145 mills reporting new business taken during the week amounted to $61,861,000$ feet, (previous week 61,970,000) ; shipments $61,097,000$ feet (previous week
The Western Pine Manufacturers Association of Portland, Ore., reports production from 37 mills as $37,281,000$ feet. Thirty-four mills the week earlier reported production as $35,090,000$ feet: Shipments were about the same last week, with a considerable decrease in new business
The Callfornia White \& Sugar Pine Manufacturers Assn. of San Francisco, reports production from 20 mills as $27,432,000$ feet. Eighteen mills the previous week reported production as $22,723,000$ feet. Shipments showed ome increaso last week, while new business was about the same as for the eek before.
The Northern Pine Manufacturers Assn. of Minneapolis, Minn., reports production from 9 mills as $10,584,000$ feet, and for the week earlier 10,475 ,000. Shipments

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The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Assn. of Oshkosh Wis., (in its softwood production) reports production from 31 mills as $4,004,000$ feet. Twenty-five mills the preceding week reported production as $2,099,000$ feet. Shipments were somewhat larger last week, with new usiness about the same as that reported for the previous week.
5 mills as Carolina Pine Assn. of Norfolk, Va., reports production from production as $9,780,000$ feet. Shipments showed more than reported crease last week, and new business a slight decrease.
The California Redwood Assn, of San Francisco, reports production from 13 mills as $8,078,000$ feet, and for the preceding week $8,382,000$. Shipments and new business showed noticeable decreases last week.

## Hardwood Reports.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute of Memphis, Tenn., reports production from 209 mills as $38,517,000$ feet. For the previous week 254 units reported production as $34,656,000$ feet. Shipments and new business The Northern week.
The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Assn. of Oshkosh, Wis., reports production from 31 mills as $8,510,000$ feet. Thirty-seven units the week earlier reported production as $7,675,000$ feet. There were
Detailed softwood and hardwood statistics for reportin
comparably reporting regional associations will be found below: mills of the
LUMBER MOVEMENT FOR 20 WEEKS AND FOR WEEK ENDED

| soct |  | Shipments. | Orders. |
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| Week ( 145 mills ) | 63,724,000 | 61,097,000 | 61,861,000 |
| West Coast Lumbermens ( 20 weeks) | 3,432,155,000 | 3,462,816,000 | 595,948,000 |
| Week ( 207 mills) | 194,227,000 | 208,740,000 | 203,501,000 |
| Western Pine Manufacturers ( 20 weeks). | 598,003,000 | 655,148,000 | 686,042,000 |
| Week ( 37 mills) | 37,281,000 | 36,140,000 | 28,808,000 |
| Callfornia White \& Sugar Pine ( 20 weeks) | 407,062,000 | 530,460,000 | 541,801,000 |
| Week ( 20 mills) | 27,432,000 | 19,851,000 | 17,264,000 |
| Northern Pine Manufacturers ( 20 weeks) | 112,752,000 | 162,557,000 | 166,413,000 |
| Northern Hemlock \& Hardwood (sort-- |  |  |  |
| woods) ( 20 weeks) <br> Week ( 31 mills ) | $\begin{array}{r} 90,931,000 \\ 4,004,000 . \end{array}$ | $74,375,000$ $3,765,000$ | $82,697,000$ $2,332,000$ |
| North Carolina Pline | 204,627,000 | 196,542,000 | 181,434,000 |
| Week ( 75 mills) | 11,589,000 | 13,260,000 | 8,562,000 |
| Callfornia Redwood | 148,816,000 | 144,313,000 | 162,731,000 |
| Week ( 13 mills ) | 8,078,000 | 8,154,000 | 8,694,000 |
| Softwoods total | 304,523,000 | 6,590,021,000 | 811,387,000 |
| Week ( 537 mills ) | 356,919,000 | 359,809,000 | 338,533,000 |
| Hardwood Mfrs.' Institute (20 weeks) -- | 783,802,000 | 867. |  |
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| Week ( 31 mill ) | 8,510,000 | $\begin{array}{r} 80,211,000 \\ 5,984,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8,104,000 \\ 4,574,000 \end{array}$ |
| Hardwo | 1,046,954,000 | 1,054,058,000 | 1,068,237,000 |
| Week (240 mills) | 47,027,000 | 47,230,000 | 48,799,000 |

Fall in Wheat Held World Phenomenon-Unsold Accumulations in America Main Cause of Low Prices-Europe Has No Faith in Farm Relief Legislation as a Support to Prices.
Special advices to the New York "Times" from London on May 17 stated:
The continued fall in wheat is recognized here as a world-wide phenomenon, peculiarly affecting, however, the American market. Beerbohm points out this week that the American market has evidently become
abundant Winter wheat harvest which is now almost in sight. The opinion is expressed that this surplus had been accumulated on the chance that of the new crop. Since the Gevernment's report has shown the prospects abandonment of acreage to have been much below the average the inter has become extremely burdensome.
has become extremely burcensome.
to acquire it. Yet on the other hand to be no eager desire of consumers side of the water, because shippers do not yet feel able to compete in the export market with Canada and Argentine supplies,
Thus far it does not appear to the British market that the farm relief bill could in any real way help American growers to obtain better for their grain on international markets. The feeling is that discussion of such a measure had encouraged growers to hold their grain this season, in accordance with what seems to be the underlying principle of the bill, and that they certainly have not been benefited by so doing. The increase of some $16,000,000$ bushels officially foreshadowed for the American Winter wheat yield this year over last year's actual harvest is a further depressing influence on prices.
dition is bring is not unsatisfactory, and it is belleved that warm weather will soon surplus of eight bushe year ending next July is estimated at 147 milion quarters ments to dhels, the worla's requirements at 100 milions, whereas shipdisposed of at 223 are millions.
end of July is 41 million解 it at $461 / \frac{1}{6}$ millions.

Enormous World Trade in Wheat-Study by Food
Research Institute of Stanford University, Calif.
International wheat prices remained at the lowest level since 1923-24, between the months of December 1928 and April 1929, according to a study recently issued by the Food Research Institute of Stanford University, Calif. In announcing this the Institute says:
The prevailing wide margin between exportable wheat surpluses and import requirements changed only a little. Nevertheless there were fairly wide fluctations in prices. An extraordinarily cold winter throughout
the Northern Hemisphere seemed likely at the time to have damaged winter wheat sowings and this situation led to an increase of prices from early January to mid-February. The advance was considerably greater in Chicago and Winnipeg than in Liverpool and Buenos Aires. After mid-mid-February a sharp decline occurred and continued through the first third of May. It was nearly as great in Liverpool as in Chicago, but was smaller in Winnipeg. The decline seems to have been due not to a change in conditions of demand and supply for the present crop year, but rather to an accumulation of evidence tending to show that winter wheat had not suffered unusual damage from the cold winter. Other factors were important in the decline; the most noteworthy of these was the pressure of extraordinarily heavy stocks in exporting countries. This pressure began to be felt especially when the new Argentine crop began to move in large volume in late February
International trade in wheat and flour was of record volume, as it had been in earlier months. Prevailing low prices encouraged importation and consumption, especially in ex-European countries. These imported much more wheat and flour than ever before. But in spite of the record shipments, the accumulation of stocks in exporting countries remained extraordinarily large. The prices of representative wheats in the United States were relatively too high to permit exportation in a volume consistent with the available supplies, and here the accumulation of stocks in commercial channels was particularly striking.
The volume of world trade for the crop year now seems likely to prove by far the largest in history. Net exports will probably approximate 950 million bushels, around 100 million bushels more than ever before. Yearend stocks also seem likely to be of record size, win the greatest yut for food and feed in 1928-29 seems not to have caught up with increased production.

## Cotton Ginned from the Crop of 1928.

The Department of Commerce will shortly distribute the annual bulletin on cotton production in the United States from the crop of 1928. The statistics were compiled by the Bureau of the Census from the individual returns collected from 14,974 active ginneries located in 947 counties in 19 States. The final figures of cotton ginned are $14,296,549$ running bales, counting round as half bales, equivalent to $14,477,874$ bales of 500 pounds each.
The total as shown in the bulletin is 27,236 running bales in excess of the preliminary figure issued on March 20. At the March canvass the ginners reported the number of bales ginned and furnished an estimate of the number, if any, that they expected to gin thereafter. These estimates totaled 71,869 bales, for some ginneries amounting to as much as 400 bales. In order that the final figures of cotton ginned might represent the actual condition, the Bureau made an additional canvass of the ginneries showing considerable quantities remaining to be ginned. While in some instances the ginners fell short of their expected ginnings, in most cases they reported a larger number of bales.

The bulletin shows the ginnings by States and by counties. It also shows the ginnings to specified dates throughout the season by counties. These detailed figures are of local interest and permit of a closer analysis of the statistics. The following tabular statement shows the final figures of cotton ginned by States for the last three crops. The quantities are given in both running bales, counting round as half bales, and in equivalent 500 -pound bales.

COTTON GINNED FROM THE CROPS OF 1926, 1927 AND 1928 (LINTERS ARE NOT INCLUDED).

| State. | Running Bales (Counting Round as Half Bales). |  |  | Equivalent 500-Pound Bales. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1928. | 1927 | 1926 | 1928. | 1927. | 192 |
|  | 1,096 | 1,173,430 | 1,470,404 | 1,109,1 | 1,192,392 |  |
|  |  | 90,281 | 120,089 | 149,458 |  |  |
| A | 1,216,241 | 979,481 | 1,513,382 | 1,245,982 | 999,983 | 1,547,932 |
| Calif | 171,042 | 89,998 | $\begin{array}{r} 128,835 \\ 33,231 \end{array}$ | 172,230 19,203 | 91, 16.496 | 131,211 31,954 |
| Georg | 1,053,205 | 1,111,399 | 1,498,473 | 1,029,499 | 1,100,040 | 1,496,105 |
| Loulsian | 685,868 | 543,153 | 826,179 | 690,958 | 548,026 | 829,407 |
| Mississipp | 1,462,021 | 1,346,489 | 1,857,525 | 1,474,875 | 1,355,252 | 1,887,787 |
| Missouri | 146,921 | 116,024 | 215,769 | 146,909 | 114,584 | 217,859 |
| New Mexico | 82,177 | 64,920 | 70,206 | 83,544 | 65,294 | 71,000 |
| North Car | 869,248 | 879,677 | 1,246.754 | 836,474 | 861,468 | 1,212,819 |
| Oklahoma | 1,187,042 | 1,009,626 | 1,760,644 | 1,204,625 | 1,037,141 | 1,772,784 |
| South Carolina | 744,390 | 738,550 | 1,025,991 | 726,039 | 730.013 | $1,008,068$ |
| Tennessee | 423,471 | 355,975 | 442,052 | 429,284 | 359,059 | 5,630,831 |
| Tex | 4,941,545 | 4,229,367 | 5,477,788 | 5,109,939 | 4.356,277 |  |
| Virg | 44,764 6,206 | 30,705 6,676 | 51,891 15,857 | 43,711 6,018 | $\begin{array}{r} 30,609 \\ 6,576 \end{array}$ | 51,032 1602 |
| United |  |  |  |  | 956,0 |  | *Includes Illinols, Kansas and Kentucky.

## Activity in the Cotton Spinning Industry for April 1929.

The Department of Commerce announced on May 20 that, according to preliminary figures compiled by the Bureau of the Census, $35,258,490$ cotton spinning spindles were in place in the United States on April 30 1929, of which 30,924,184 were operated at some time during the month, compared with 31,103,998 for March, 31,007,936 for February, 30,757,552 for January, 30,622,172 for December, 30 596,840 for November and 30,950,340 for April 1928. The aggregate number of active spindle hours reported for the month was $8,861,202,997$. During April the normal time of operation was 25 2-3 days (allowance being made for the observance of Patriot's Day in some localities), compared with 26 for March, 23 2-3 for February, 26 $1 / 2$ for January, 25 for December and $251 / 4$ for November. Based on an activity of 8.88 hours per day, the average number of spindles operated during April was $38,878,567$, or at $110.3 \%$ capacity on a single shift basis. This percentage compares with 109.3 for March, 110.7 for February, 111.6 for January, 99.1 for December, 108.1 for November and 94.8 for April 1928. The average number of active spindle hours per spindle in place for the month was 251 . The total number of cotton spinning spindles in place, the number active, the number of active spindle hours and the average hours per spindle in place, by States, are shown in the following statement:


## Sugar at Record Low Price.

Sugar delivered in store sold on the New York Coffee \& Sugar Exchange on May 23 at the lowest price in the history of the Exchange-1.68c. per pound. The duty proposed on this sugar is 2.40 c . per pound.

Petroleum and Its Products-Crude Prices AdvanceHoover Calls for Meeting of Governors on Conservation.
The note of optimism reported in these columns regarding the oil industry is shown to have been well substantiated by the developments of the past week both in the crude and the refined divisions. Paramount in interest is the invitation issued by President Herbert Hoover to the Governors of oil-producing States to attend a preliminary conference at Colorado Springs June 10 to consider the creation of an inter-State conservation agreement so as to answer the oil industry's insistent demand for concentrated conservation of the nation's oil resources, and at the same time carry out President Hoover's announced conservation
program. President Hoover made it plain that this meeting will discuss the possibility of ereating such an inter-State compact with the co-operation of the Government for better control of drilling and elimination of waste in the oil industry. If the Governors concerned agree to such a meeting with that objective in view, the Federal Government will have as its representative present Secretary of the Interior Wilbur, who is the Chairman of the Federal Oil Conservation Board.

This important move on the part of President Hoover appears to be the Government's first step in what amounts to aiding the oil industry in achieving their aims without transgressing existing Federal anti-trust laws. It was the opinion of Attorney General Mitchell, who ruled that the conservation plan as proposed by the American Petroleum Institute, would be probably considered a violation of the anti-trust laws, that brought the whole matter to an issue and made possible this interesting proposal by the President. At that recent time Secretary Wilbur followed the Attorney General's decision with the suggestion that the principal oil producing states by agreement and through legislation could prepare the way for bringing about the desired conservation. He than added the significant statement that the Federal Government would in turn become a party to such a compact and would take such action as might be necessary to see that the compact was properly observed by the interested states. Following the agreement of the American Petroleum Institute to promulgate such a compact, the Federal Oil Conservation Board dispatched an expert, Dr. George Otis Smith, to interview the Governors of Texas, Oklahoma, and California regarding their attitude.

In view of this demonstration of the Federal Government's interest in the matter, it is reported that the Institute, at next Tuesday's meeting, might feel that it would serve the best interests of all if the Institute as an organization abandoned its own conservation activities in favor of aiding in every way the Federal and State regulatory movement.

The rising prices of the past week have tended to lessen the fears previously expressed in some quarters that the oil industry was headed for ruin if immediate national conservation did not become effective. However, it is conceded that such improvement as has been noted has been of a seasonal nature, and that for the permanent good of the industry and the country as a whole the conservation plan must be worked out satisfactorily.
Price changes in crude oil were made during the week as follows: May 22-Standard Oil of Louisiana announced new prices in North Louisiana and Arkansas fields ranging from $\$ 1$ a barrel below 28 gravity to $\$ 1.85$ a barrel for 44 gravity and above. Humble Oil \& Refining posted now prices for West Texas quoting 70c. a barrel for below 25 gravity, plus 4c. for each degree, with top price of \$1.18 a barrel for 36 degrees and above. Texas company met advances in Midcontinent, North Texas, West Texas and Gulf Coastal fields.

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

| ford |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Smackover, Ark., belo |
|  |  |
|  | Urania, La |
| Western Kentucky .-......-.-....... 1.53 | Salt Creek, |
| Midcontinent, Oklahoma, 37.....-- 1.23 | Sunburst, Mont |
| Corsicana, Tex., heavy .-.-----.-.- . 80 | Artesia, N. Me |
| Hutchinson, Tex., 35..-.-.------- . 87 | Santa Fe Springs, C |
|  | Midway-Sunset, Calif., |
| Spindletop, Tex., grade A ---------1.20 | Huntington, Calif., |
| Spindletop, Tex., below 25.......... 1.05 | Ventura, Calif Petrolla, Cana |

REFINED PRODUCTS-U. S. MOTOR GASOLINE REACHES 10 c. AS INOREASED CONSUMPTION CONTINUES-NEW EXPORT FIELD.
Much of interest has developed in the refined products field during the week. One important development is the completion of operation plans by the Petroleum Export Association, composed of the leading producers. The handling of this source of distribution is bound to become of the important divisions of the oil industry. U.S. Motor Gasoline, under the impetus of the great consumption which is rolling up new records for this time of the year, has reached 10 c . as predicted in this column some time ago. The constantly increasing demand coupled with what conservation is already being practised at the source, could lead to no other development, it was felt.
The greatly improved tone in the crude oil market has spread optimism throughout the industry. The rising prices for crudes will, of course, in due time be reflected in the refined products, and further increases in the near future are not unexpected. In line with this condition, other refined
products are showing improvement. Heating oil exhibited new activity this week with a heavy contract movement and a noticeable spurt in fresh buying.
Kerosene trading is holding its own very well. Bunker fuel oil in spot lots is moving freely. Diesel continues under firm demand with prices steady. Solvent and Naptha in tank car lots were advanced Wednesday $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. to $12 . \mathrm{c}$ by the Sinclair Refining Co.
May 21.-Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey advances U. S. Motor Gaso-
line $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$, to 10 c . Mine $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. to 10 c .
car lots $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. to 10 c . ton. Also solvent and naptha in tank car lots $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. to 12 c . at New York and Philadelphia.

## Gasoline, U. S. Motor, Tankcar Lots, F.O.B. Refinery. New York (Bayonne) West Texas <br> 




Kerosene, 41-43 Water White, Tankcar Lots, F.O.B. Refinery. New York (Bayonne) $.081 / 1 /$ Chteago
North Texas $.053 / 3 / \mathrm{New}$ Orleans.
$051 / 3$
Tulsa
Fuel Oil, 18-22 Degree, F.O.B. Refinery or Terminal.
New York (B

| Gas oil, 32.36 | Degree, F.O.B. Rerinery or Terminal. |
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## Gross Crude Oil Stock Changes for April 1929.

Pipe line and tank farm gross domestic crude oil stocks east of Rocky Mountains decreased 91,000 barrels in the month of April, according to returns compiled by the American Petroleum Institute from reports made to it by representative companies. The net change shown by the reporting companies accounts for the increases and decreases in general crude oil stocks, including crude oil in transit, but not producers' stocks at the wells.

## Changes in Stocks at Refineries East of California for April 1929.

The following is the American Petroleum Institute's summary for the month of April of the increases and decreases in stocks at refineries covering approximately $90 \%$ of the operating capacity east of California.
(Barrels of 42 Gallons.)-

$\qquad$ Increase.
389,000 389,000
214,000 Gasoline-

3,733,000
Decrease.

Kerosene
$1,477,000$
244,000
235,000
259,000
Toduct
$4,336,000$
$2,215,000$
$2,215,000$
Net increase..................................................................
2,121,000

## Crude Output in United States Continues Higher.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States, for the week ended May 18 1929, was 2,643,550 barrels, as compared with $2,624,750$ barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 18,800 barrels. Compared with the output for the week ended May 19 1928, of 2,339,000 barrels per day, the current figure shows an increase of 304,550 barrels daily. The daily average production east of California for the week ended May 181929 was $1,888,350$ barrels, as compared with 1,865,950 barrels, for the preceding week, an increase of 22,400 barrels. The following estimates of daily average gross production, by districts, are for the weeks shown below:

| nded- | May 1 | May | May 4 '29. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Oklahoma-...... |  |  | May 676,100 | May $19{ }^{\prime} 28$. |
| nsas |  | 114,050 | 111,650 |  |
| hand | 62,300 | 59,450 | 60,350 | 66.200 |
|  | 84,800 | 83,500 | 84,150 |  |
| West Central | 51,300 | 50,450 | 51,350 |  |
| West Texas | 363,900 | 350,950 | 353,100 | 294,100 |
| East |  |  |  | 22,650 |
| North Loulsiana | 35,350 | ${ }_{35,350}$ |  | 23,400 |
| Arkansa | 71,200 | 71,250 |  | 43,600 |
| Coastal Texas | 130,150 | 135,350 | 139,850 |  |
| Coastal Loulst | 0 | 19,350 |  | ${ }_{250}$ |
| Eastern | 114,250 | 113,000 | 112,000 | 112,500 |
| Wyoming | 49,900 | 50,500 |  |  |
| Mont | 11,050 | 10,950 | 10,450 |  |
| Colora | 7,450 | - 1.500 |  | 6,300 |
| Callfornla | 755,200 | 758,800 |  | 2,600 632,000 |

The estimated daily aver $\quad 2,643,550 \quad 2,624,750 \quad 2,620,850 \quad 2,339,000$
The estimated daily average gross production for the Mid-Continent
Ield, including Oklahoma, Kansas, Panhandle, North, West Central, field, including Oklahoma, Kansas, Panhandle, North, West Central,
West, East Central and Southwest Texas, North Louisiana and Arkansas, West, East Central and Southwest Texas, North Louisiana and Arkansas,
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$1,528,550$ barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 25,800 barrels. $1,528,550$ barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 25,800 barrels.
The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover, (Arkansas) heavy
of, was $1,505,750$
of 26,050 barrels. curme production figures of certain pools in the various districts for the follow:

| Oklahama- |
| :---: |
| Allen Dome- |
| Bowlegs-- |
| Burbank |
| Cromwell |
| Earlsboro |
| Little Rive |
| Logan County |
| Maud. |
| Mission. |
| St. Louls |
| Searight |
| Seminole |
| Tonkawa |
| Kansas- |
| Sedgwick County |
| Panhandle Tex |
| Carson County |
| Gray County - |
| Hutchinson Cou |
| North Texas- |
| Archer County - |
| Wilbarger Count |
| West Central T |
| Brown County.. |
| Shackelford Coun |
| West Texas |
| Crane \& Upton |
| Howard County |
| Pecos County |
| Reagan County |
| Winkler County |
| East Central Te |
| Corsicana-Powell |
| Southwest Texa |
| redo District |
| Luling. |
| Salt Flat |


| $\overline{M a y}^{\text {Week Ended- May } 11 .}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 24,800 | 24,800 |
| 35,650 | 33,600 |
| 19,350 | 19,650 |
| 20,550 | 20,750 |
| 8.150 | 7,950 |
| 60,100 | 61,600 |
| 74,650 | 75,950 |
| 12,000 | 11,000 |
| 26,600 | 27,150 |
| 38,350 | 37,300 |
| 91,800 | 95,500 |
| 12,350 | 11,800 |
| 34,300 | 32,850 |
| 10,250 | 10,450 |
| 30,250 | 30,000 |
| 6,850 | 6,350 |
| 27,900 | 24,350 |
| 4, | 25.15 |
| 16,500 | 16,250 |
| 27,300 | 27,00 |
| 7,900 | 8,100 |
| 13,050 | 12,900 |
| 47,550 | 46,800 |
| 43,600 | 44,100 |
| 97,400 | 89,950 |
| 18,400 | 18,500 |
| 5,600 | 139,750 |
| 8,150 | 7,900 |
| 11,750 | 11,650 |
| 11,950 | 11,800 |
| 47,550 | 43,300 |

|r $\begin{array}{r}\text { North Loutstana- } \\ \text { Haynesville }\end{array}$ May18. May 11
Allen Dome-Bowlegs-
Bristow-Sic
Burbank.
Eromwel
Eartsboro
Ittle Rtvo
Little River--
Logan County
Maud...
Mission.
St. Louis
Searight
Seminol
Tonkawa--
Carson County.....
Gray County--.
Hutchinson Count
North Texas-
Archer County
Wilbarger Count
West Central Texas-
Brown County......
Shackelford County-...
West Texas
Crane \& Upton Countles
Crane \& Cton Countles
Howard County
Pecos County
Reagan County.................
Winkler County

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Trading in Copper Slow at 18 Cent Leve'-Foreign Buyers Show Little Interest.
Business in non-ferrous metals was exceedingly quiet in the past week. Prices for the major items were fairly steady, "Engineering and Mining Journal" reports. Among the minor metals antimony was somewhat easier and the tension on the market for tungsten concentrates relaxed somewhat. The "Journal"' also goes on to say:
Sales of copper continue to be made by the custom smelters at 18 cents a pound, delivered Connecticut Valley basis. Primary producers, generally speaking, are out of the market. Announcement of the Kennecott-Chase tention being advanced that this further step in the integration of the copper industry will tend to stabilize the market and smooth off the peak and trough of buying. Foreign business in copper is quiet. The delay in settlement of the reparations question is closely linked with the lack of interest by foreign buyers.
With the exception of the withdrawal of some of the cheaper offerings of chemical lead in the Middle West, there is little change in the lead situation. The volume of sales has been a little larger than last week, but the important consumers have, almost without exception, remained out of the market.
Zinc is offered at prices ranging from 6.55 to 6.80 cents a pound, East St. Louis, with business rather quiet.
Neither dealers nor consumers took much interest in tin and the prices moved within narrow limits

## Steel Output Maintained at High Rate-Prices

 Unchanged.Steel output is undiminished and signs of a decline in mill bookings are by no means marked, says the "Iron Age" in its summary of iron and steel markets this week. A further tapering of specifications from the automobile industry is offset, at least in part, by fresh demands from other sources, continues the "Age," adding:
Orders for ships, railroad equipment, fabricated steel and line pipe are conspicuous for the large tonnages that they will add to mill books. Contracts for nine ocean vessels, calling for 60,000 tons of steel, have been placed with Eastern shipbuilders subject to approval by the Shipping Board. An equal tonnage will be required for 4,000 freight cars bought
by the Baltimore \& Ohio. Structural steel lettings reached the high total by the Baltimore \& Ohio. Structural steel lettings reached the high total of 53,000 tons, of which 22,500 tons was for an elevated highway in New
York. Following closely the placing of 130,000 tons of pipe for a gas line York. Following closely the placing of 130,000 tons of pipe for a gas line
a week ago, an order for 20,000 tons for a line from Monroe to Shreveport, a week ago, an order for 20,000 tons for a line from Monroe to Shreveport,
La., has been divided between the Milwaukee fabricator and a Youngstown La.,
mill.

Farm equipment makers continue to take steel to support capacity operations, with the likelihood that there will be virtually no curtallment for mid-summer inventories. The unfavorable turn of the grain market although a source of concern, has not yet affected the demand for agricultural machinery

Among the smaller steel-consuming groups, the radio industry commands attention because of its growing seasonal needs in sheets. Larger radio makers have full operating schedules extending through the summer into the fall
Curtailment in the automotive industry is not general and will not materially affect output until June. Reductions in schedules are limited to to bring out new models. The latter are expected to reenter the marise to bring out new models. The latter
for steel for July production schedules.
Chicago and Pittsburgh, in contrast with some other centers, report little let-up in the flow of steel business. In the Western district, mills have been and 10 improve their deliveries, which average 14 weeks for bars and plates remains a factor there, forcing integrated among their various departments and restricting the operations of nonintegrated companies to $85 \%$ of capacity. At Pittsburgh, specifications for bars and plates are still ahead of shipments, and the backlogs of sheet mills are showing almost no reduction.

A relaxation in the demand for sheets would have no immediate effect on mill operations. Unfilled orders of independent sheet producers on May 1 were 44,000 tons larger than one month previous, despite a substantial gain
in production. Output in the first third of the year was greater by 116,000 in production. Output in the first third of the year was greater by 116,000 tons tha
Both of "The Iron Age" composite prices are unchanged, pig iron at \$18.71 ton and finished steel at 2.412 c . a lb., as the following table shows.



Structural steel requirements are beginning to command seasonal attention, reports the "Iron Trade Review" this week. While not spectacular, the aggregate of recent lettings has been substantial, and it appears that credit restrictions have not seriously hindered construction work nvolving steel in quantity. In the West, especially, rail road and highway bridge programs are maturing, and for the country as a whole structural mills now are better booked than one month ago and on year ago. Reinforcing steel sales also are expanding, also states the "Review," which goes on to say
 even mill operations averaging over $95 \%$ find difficult to appease. Con sidering all products, shipments top specirications by a diate deliveries but deliveries are not perceptibly easier. In fact, bar and plate delveries have tightened at Pittsburgh and a flare-bac,
restored a 14 -week promise on some products.

Automotive production thus far in May has equaled the rate of April when 620,656 cars and trucks, or $6 \%$ more than in record March, were assembled. Forecasts of a summer letdown in this industry now name July. Freight car builders have been reinforced by the Baltimore \& Ohio distribution of 3,070 cars, requiring upward or The initial order of steol pipe for 20.000 tas tons, with more to come, while 20,000 tons was boust in Arkansas.

Sheet producers are reaffirming for the third quarter their official prices for the current quarter, namely, 3.70 c . Pittsburgh, on galvanizde, 2.95 c . on black, and 4.10 c . on autobody. Provided the full prices on black and galvanized sheets are obtained, this will represent an advance ons to the
dollars over sales to some users. Practically all makers have gone to dollars over sales to some users. Practically all makers have gone to the for No. 10 blue annealed plates and 2.35 c . for No. 13 blue annealed sheets. Sheet specifications are substantially as brisk as 30 days ago. April Sheet specifications are substantialy as brisk as 30 days ago. Apri high record. Sales, however, declined slightly from March.

On bars, plates and shapes third quarter books are expected to be opened in a fortnight. At both Pittsburgh and Chicago plates are making a good showing. Pittsburgh and Eastern mills will benefit almost exclusively from the heavy buying for the Baltimore \& Ohio cars. New business in all heavy steel lines spurted at Chicago the past week and practically cancelled recent gains on backlogs. Specifications for bars and plates at Pittsburgh exceeded the rate of April. On heavy steel 1.95c. Pittsburgh is firm.
Semi-finished steel continues in a sellers market, though a test of recent price advances is coming shortly with third quarter contracting. Iro and steel scrap prices generally are sagging under the welght or heav supplies. Coke prices are steady and unchanged. With the Frick in terest firing additional ovens, output by furnac highest level of the year.

Chicago leads in pig iron interest, it being estimated that half of the district's production for third quarter already has been sold. Spot selling there also is good. In other districts third quarter business has not been undertaken seriously. Production of merchant iron may be curtailed at Birmingham, as the surplus of producers increases. Continued heavy steelmaking operations lend strength to the merchant iron marker in the valley district. The merchant stack on Neville Island, Pittsburgh, goes into blast the last week of May, with books opened on a basis of soc. above the valley market for shipments in the , frea besis for other tonnage including Allegheny County, and on a resuting this week at capacity and
Steel corporation subsidades $95 \%$, the industry's average approximate with independents just under $95 \%$, rate despite some repair work, while the Pittsburgh district averages $95 \%$. Forty-nine out of 51 independent號 32 out of 37 at Buffalo.

The United States Steel Corp. has joined the issue with independent producers on Great Lakes shipments of steel. The Illinois Steel Co., a subsidiary, will shortly begin moving sheet bars and structuralseaton malso turn to water delivery, which independent producers at Lake Erie ports have been developing.
The "Iron Trade Review" composite of 14 leading iron and steel products stands unchanged this week at $\$ 37.13$, its highest point in over 28 months.
Steel ingot production is now estimated to be at the rate of about $96 \%$ of the rated capacity of the industry, compared with $971 / 2 \%$ in the preceding week and $97 \%$ two weeks ago, the "Wall Street Journal" May 21 says. Decreases are shown by most of the steel companies, although the operations are still high for this time of the year, and considerably above the rate in the corresponding period of 1928, adds the "Journal," which further states:

For the U. S. Steel Corporation the rate is around rated capacity. This is somewhat below the high record of better than $103 \%$ which was established toward the end of last week and also two weeks ago.

Independent companies are down to $93 \%$ of their capacity, against $94 \%$ last week and $95 \%$ two weeks ago. Some of the smaller units in the inde-
pendent group which did not have large unfilled contracts on hand have een showing the sharpest reductions recently.
At this time last year the Steel Corporation was running at about $86 \frac{1}{2} \%$. with independents at $78 \%$ and the average for the industry around $82 \%$. It has been necessary for most of the larger steel companies to maintain a high rate of activities because of the old contracts on hand against which eliveries are being made. Some of the makers are stil somewhat bet mills operating at a high rate to catch up.
In new buying there has been a let-up. This is reported by all the big interests. Consumers are well covered for their second quarter deliveries and are not yet showing any tendency to take third quarter space in the mills. probably because of the price uncertainty on such deliveries
As a result of this smaller demand it is probable that most steel concerns at present have smaller unfilled orders than at the beginning of the month. There may be some exceptions, but heading companies are shipping actively and the logical prospect is thąt they have made inroads on the bookings $t$ months
The "American Metal Market" this week says:
Steel continues in its anomalous position of showing more activity than the time of year would suggest. Each week by which summer is approached adds to the abnormality. Admittin
ing, the decrease is less than usual
For the long range future it cannot be doubted that less steel activity is presaged, but this does not mean summer dulness, for invariably the summer dulness of steel, in a generally active year, has begun yielding before the end of July, August being regularly the heavier month in production.

## Bituminous Coal and Beehive Coke Output Higher-

## Anthracite Production Lower.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, the output of bituminous coal for the week ended May 11 1929, amounted to $9,138,000$ net tons, as compared with $8,392,000$ tons in the corresponding period last year and $8,781,000$ tons in the week ended May 41929. Production of beehive coke for the week ended May 11 last totaled 124,800 net tons, as against 87,200 tons in the same week a year ago and 120,800 tons in the week ended May 4, 1929. During the week ended May 11 1929, there were produced $1,252,000$ net tons of Pennsylvania anthracite as compared with $1,633,000$ tons in the previous week and $1,890,000$ tons in the week ended May 12 1928. The Bureau's statement follows:

## BITUMINOUS COAL.

The total production of soft coal during the week ended May 111929 , including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at $9,138,000$ net tons. Compared with the output min the preced g the , eek in 1928 an increase of 357,000 tons, or 4.11 . Founted to $8,392,000$ net tons.
 a Minus one day's productlon first we
in the two years. b Subject to revision.
The total production of soft coal during the present calendar year to May 11 approximately 112 working days) amounts to $189,649,000$ net tons. Figures for corresponding periods in other recent years are given below ${ }_{1927}^{1928}$ $\qquad$ $174,962,000$ net tons ${ }^{1926}$

As shown by the figures above, the total production of soft country as a whole during the week ended May 11 amounted to $8,781,000$ net tons. This is a decrease of 337,000 tons, or $3.7 \%$ from the output in the preceding week. The following table apportions
Estimated Weekly Production of Coal by States (Net Tons).

| State- | Week Ende |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & M a y \\ & 1923 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | May 4 | April 27 | May 5 | May 7 |  |
|  | 1929. | 1929. | 1928. | $\begin{aligned} & 1927 . \\ & 349.000 \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | 335,000 | 335,000 | 355,000 |  |  |
| kansa | 14,000 | 16,000 | 21,000 | 16,000 | 20,000 |
| Colorad | 144,000 | 166,000 | 132,000 | 110,000 | 168.000 |
| Inois | 892,000 | 912,000 | 532,000 | 56,000 | 1,292,000 |
| India | 269,000 | 291,000 | 212,000 | 113,000 |  |
| Wa | 59,000 | 60,000 | 55,000 | 19,000 | 89,000 |
| ans | 29,000 | 31,000 | 24,000 | 14,000 |  |
| Kentucky | 834,000 | 819,000 | 899,000 | 941,000 | 679,000 183,000 |
| Wester | 202,000 | 219,000 | 252,000 | 409,000 |  |
| arylan | 42,000 | 47.000 | 42,000 | 40,000 | 12,000 |
| ch | 13,000 | 12,000 | 12,000 | 11.000 |  |
|  | 56,000 | 52,000 | 40,000 | 17,000 | 42,000 |
| onta | 46,000 | 50,000 | 35,000 | 41,000 |  |
| w M | 47,000 | 50,000 | 54,000 | 51,000 | 14,000 |
| orth | 22,000 | 21,000 | 16,000 |  |  |
| Ohlo | 360,000 | 422,000 | 208,000 | 129,000 | 46,000 |
| Oklahoma | 38,000 | 38,000 | 47,000 | -56.000 |  |
| Pennsylv | 2,465,000 | 2,552,000 | 2,268,000 | $2,279,000$ 103,000 | 121,000 |
| Tennessee | 90,000 | 95,000 15000 | 108,000 14,000 | 103,000 22,00 | 22,000 |
| x9 | 17,000 64,000 | 15,000 66,000 | 14,000 60,000 | 57,000 | 74,000 |
| rgi | 232,000 | 240,000 | 210,000 | 269,000 | 250,000 |
| ashing | 36,000 | 37,000 | 36,000 | 41,000 |  |
| $\stackrel{\text { est Va }}{\text { North }}$ | 1,735,000 | 1,811,000 | 1,801,000 | 2,121,000 | 1,823,000 |
|  | 632,000 107,000 | 657,000 103,000 | 84,000 | 71,000 | 110,000 |
|  | 107,000 1,000 | 103,000 | $\begin{array}{r}3,000 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 4,000 | 5,0 |
| Total bituminous coal | 781,000 | 9,118,000 | 8,174,000 | 8.153,000 | 10,878,000 |
| Pennsylvanla anthracite.- | 1,633,000 | 1,885,000 | 1,826,000 | 1,854,000 | 1,932, |
| Total all coal a Average weekly, rate for entire month. b Includes operations on the N. \& W |  |  |  |  |  |
| C. \& O.; Virginian; K. \& M., and Charieston division of the B. \& O. c Rest of |  |  |  |  |  |
| te, including Panhand |  |  |  |  |  |

PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE.
The total production of Pennsylvania anthracite during the week ended 000 net tons. Compared with the output in the preceding week, this shows a decrease of 381,000 tons, or $23.3 \%$.

Production during the week in 1928 corresponding with that of May 11 amounted to $1,890,000$ tons.


## Monthly Production of Coal in April.

The total production of soft coal during the month of April amounted to $36,888,000$ net tons, as against $39,347,000$ tons in March, according to the U. S. Bureau of Mines. The average daily rate of output in April was $1,441,000$ tons, a decrease of 72,000 tons, or $4.8 \%$, from the average rate for the month of March.

The production of Pennsylvania anthracite increased from $5,044,000$ net tons in March to $6,441,000$ tons in April. The average daily rate of output in April was 258,000 tons, an increase of 64,000 tons, or $33 \%$ over the average rate for the month of March. The Bureau also shows:

| Month. | Bituminous. |  |  | Anthractte. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total. Production. | $\left\|\begin{array}{l} \text { No. of } \\ \text { Work- } \\ \text { ing } \\ \text { Days. } \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Average } \\ \text { per } \\ \text { Working } \\ \text { Day. } \end{gathered}$ | Total Production. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. of } \\ & \text { Work- } \\ & \text { ing } \\ & \text { Days. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Average } \\ \text { per } \\ \text { Working } \\ \text { Day. } \end{gathered}$ |
| Feb. 1929. | 47,271,000 | 24 | 1,970,000 | 6,670,000 | 23.5 | 284,000 |
| Mar. 1929 | 39,347,000 | ${ }_{2}^{26}$ | 1,513,000 | 5,044,000 | 26 | 194,000 |
| Apr. 1929 a <br> Apr. 1928. | $36,888,000$ $32,188,000$ | 25.6 24.7 | $1,441,000$ $1,303,000$ | $6,441,000$ $6,909,000$ | 25 24 | 258,000 288,000 |

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## Current Events and Discussions

## The Week With the Federal Reserve【Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on May 22, 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 $\$ 10,200,000$ in holdings of discounted bills, of $\$ 8,100,000$ in bills bought in open market and of $\$ 2,500,000$ in Government securities. Member bank reserve deposits decreased $\$ 44,100,000$, while Government deposits increased $\$ 5,600,000$ and cash reserves and Federal Reserve notes declined $\$ 3,400$,000 and $\$ 7,100,000$ respectively. Total bills and securities were $\$ 20,800,000$ below the amount held on May 15. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:
Holdings of discounted bills declined $\$ 57,000,000$ at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. All of the other Federal Reserve banks report increased holdings of discounted bills, the principal increases being $\$ 10,200,000$ at Chicago, $\$ 8,900,000$ at Boston, $\$ 7,900,000$ at San Francisco, $\$ 6,300,000$ at St. Louis and $\$ 4,800,000$ each at Richmond and Kansas City. The System's holdings of bills bought in open market decreased $\$ 8,100,000$ and of Treasury certificates $\$ 3,800,000$ while holdings of Treasury notes increased $\$ 1,200,000$.
Federal Reserve note circulation declined $\$ 3,100,000$ at Cleveland, $\$ 2,900,000$ at New York, $\$ 1,600,000$ at Philadelphia and $\$ 7,100,000$ 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 3472 and 3473 . A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks, together with changes during the week and the year ended May 22, is as follows:


## 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 decreased $\$ 45,000,000$. This follows an increase of $\$ 140,000,000$ in the four previous weeks. The total of these loans on May 22 at $\$ 5,520,000,000$ compares with the high record of $\$ 5,793,000,000$ made on March 201929 and with $\$ 4,456,000,000$ on March 231928.
CONDITION OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL
RESERVE CITIES.

| RESERVE CITIES. |
| :---: |
| New |
| York. |

May

|  | $\begin{array}{r} 860,000,000 \\ 1,725,000,000 \\ 2,979,000,000 \end{array}$ |  |
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| $\begin{aligned} & .000,000 \\ & .000,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\overline{5,21}$ |  |
| Chicago. <br> Loans and investments-total.........-. 2,009,000,000 | 2,017,000,000 | 2,070 |
|  | 1,594,000,00 | 1,549,000,000 |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 895,000,000 \\ & 699,000,000 \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | 423,000,00 | 521,000,000 |
|  | 46,00 | $\begin{aligned} & 29,000,000 \\ & 292,000,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank...... $166,000,000$ <br> Cash in vault.............................. <br> $15,000,000$ | $\begin{aligned} & 167,000,000 \\ & 15,000,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 182,000,000 \\ 16,000,000 \end{array}$ |
|  | $1,207,000,000$ $643,000,000$ $1,000,000$ 11,000,000 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,282,000,000 \\ 714,000,000 \\ 4,000,000 \end{array}$ |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 151,000,000 \\ & 311,000,000 \end{aligned}$ | $171,000,000$ $346,000,000$ |
| Borrowings from Federal Reserve Benk. $33,000,00$ | 24,000,000 | 41,000,000 |

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, cannotllbe 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 15:
The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in 101 leading cities on May 15 shows increases for the week of $\$ 64,000,000$ in loans and investments, of $\$ 154,000,000$ in net demand
deposits and of $\$ 24,000,000$ in time deposits, and a reduction of $\$ 58,000,000$ deposits and of $\$ 24,000,000$ in time deposits,
in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks.
in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks.
Loans on securities declined $\$ 18,000,000$ at all reporting banks, $\$ 10$,000,000 in the Philadelphia district, $\$ 8,000,000$ in the New York district, $\$ 10,000,000$ in the Chicago district. "All other" loans increased $\$ 33,-$ 000,000 in the New York district, $\$ 12,000,000$ in the Chicago district, $\$ 6,000,000$ in the Boston district and $\$ 63,000,000$ at all reporting banks. Holdings of U. S. Government securities declined $\$ 13,000,000$ in the
Hen New York district and $\$ 7,000,000$ at all reporting banks, while holdings of other securities increased $\$ 18,000,000$ in the New York district, $\$ 6,000,000$ in the Chicago district, and $\$ 25,000,000$ at all reporting banks.
Net demand deposits, which at all reporting banks were $\$ 154,000$ above the May 8 total, increased in all districts except Minneapolis which shows a small decline, the principal increases by districts being: New York $\$ 51,000,000$, Chicago and San Francisco $\$ 31,000,000$ each, Boston $\$ 11,-1$.
000,000 and Kansas City $\$ 6,000,000$. Time deposits increased $\$ 24,-$ 000,000 , and Kansas City $\$ 6,000,000$. Time deposits increased $\$ 24,-$
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and declined $\$ 9,000,000$ in the Cleveland district.
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The principal changes in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks for The principal changes in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks for
the week comprise declines of $\$ 26,000,000$ at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, $\$ 16,000,000$ at San Francisco and $\$ 8,000,000$ each at Philadelphia and St. Louis, and an increase of $\$ 6,000,000$ at Boston.
A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of weekly reporting may 15 1929, follows:

*May 8 figures revised.
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 25 the following summary of market conpublication May 25 the following summary of market conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and radio:

ARGENTINA.
The economic condition and business of the country are satisfactory. The retail trades, and especially the textiles trade have been stimulated by the advent of the first cold weather. It is rumored locally that American
capital is becoming increasingly interested in railways, oil, power and gas companies. Reports are current that an American syndicate has offered to develop a lapsed railway concession from Rosario to Mendoza at a cost of one hundred million dollars. Wheat prices continue to be low but the weather is favorable to the crops.

AUSTRALIA.
The Australian lumber strike has entered its 15 th week and building trades have practically ceased operations. Manufacturers of building supplies are also closing down as a result of the prolonged strike. The coal strike has tied up a total of 60 vessels, thus adding to unemployment. No
settlement of these difficulties is in sight. Favorable rains have improved settlement of these difficulties is in sight. Favorable rains have improved
the seasonal outlook, but reduction in wood and wheat prices is causing some the seasonal outlook, but reduction in
uneasiness. Trade generally is dull.

BELGIUM.
Industrial conditions in Belgium are still generally favorable, although slightly weaker tendencies are noted in the textile and metallurgical lines. There is a shortage of labor, particularly in the building and coal industries, which is causing concern but is not at present serious. The general elections
on May 26 are causing very little disturbance to business and few changes in
the political situation are expected. The coal market continues active, with prices tending upwards. The plate glass and window glass industries are are prosperous, with a strong export demand and the cement markets are working at full capacity, though price competition between Belgian and industry is fis keen in export markets. General activity in the buaing International Exposition to be held in 1930. Falling prices tend to redues the textile output. Production continues at a high level in the various branches of the $\mathbf{c}$ emical industry. The leather business is dull and the production has been reduced. Sales of automobiles continue excellent and the outlook for American cars is very satisfactory. The foreign trade balance for the first quarter of the year was less favorable than that for the correspond-
ing period of last year. However, car loadings during April showed a good ing period of last year. However, car loadings during April showed a good
increase over those of the preceding month. The low temperature during increase over those of the preceding month. The low temperature during
April has retarded vegetation and it is anticipated that there will be a April has retarded vegetation and it is anticipated that there will be a
deficit in the production of winter wheat, with less serious damage to oats, deficit in the production of winter wheat, with less serious damage to oats,
flax and spring wheat. Pasture lands are in poor condition and there is a lack of fodder

BRAZIL.
Business is slow as a resilt of the credit situation which is showing no improvement. Exchange and the coffee market have beth been quiet and unchanged. Santos spot coffee quotations are weak, and July futures
are down to 35 milreis per 10 kilos or about 19 cents per pound. A decline are down to 35 milreis per 10 kilos or about 19 cents per pound. A decline
in imports during February resulted in a favorable trade balance for the first two months of 1929 of $£ 1,130,000$ for the corresponding 1928 period.

## bRitish malaya.

Recent increases in rubber prices had a very favorable effect on general conditions. The feeling is growing locally that product on of Malayan very heavy. Conditions in the automotive trade have improved, most dealers reporting increased sales. Business in certain American cars has been benefitted by the arrival in Singapore of factory representatives. A new British automobile firm has opened in Singapore and a new flying club has bee organized in the Federated Malay States. The textile market continues quiet. Increased interest however, is shown in American linoleum above the same month last year.

## CANADA.

Retail trade, although affected by cool weather in some districts as respects the marketing of spring hardware lines, is receiving continued support from the employment outlook, which is unusually good as the result
of manufacturing activity. A more active demand in wash goods and of manufacturing activity. A more active demand in wash goods and other seasonal fabrics was registered during the past week, and wholesale substantial orders from summer resorts. Trade developments include a reported scarcity of supplies in canned tomatoes, green beans, fruit and salmon. Collections are considered fair. April imports, as measured by value, were $24 \%$ heavier than a year ago, and exports $11 \%$ higher in the same comparison. The grain congestion at Montreal and Lake points has prices relieved only slightly by the export movement in the past week, and prices continue low. Following the recent reductions on United states export rates on bulk wheat on May 13 to 11 al cents per hundred pounds from Georgian Bay ports to Montreal and Quebec, and 11.84 cents to the North Atlantic seaboard. The new rates are equivalent to a reduction of about 2 cents per bushel. In Saskatchewan, about $90 \%$ of the spring wheat and $25 \%$ of the coarse grain acreage had been seeded to May 11, and moisture conditions were satisfactory. The Alberta Provincial Deparbment of Agriculture anticipates an increase of from 5 to $10 \%$ in the wheat acreage of the Province as compared with last year.

COLOMBIA.
Landslides on the highway recently opened between Armenia, the present terminus of the Pacific Railroad, and Ibague, the railhead leading to Bogota, Armenia-Ibsur Armenia-ibague he transportation system en in Bogota through the Pacific port of Buenaventura in three days by train and auto travel in comparative comfort in lieu of the uncomfortable trip of not less than nine days from the Oarribbean coast by river boat and train.

## INDIA.

The low tone of general economic conditions in the past four weeks in India has been accentuated by the usual seasonal dullness of foreign trade and aggravated by continuance of labor difficulties. The outcome of the tin plate strike at Jamshedpur is problematic, while the Bombay mill situation is still unimproved. Military police have been called out at the latter place to quell rioting. Stagnation in most of India's markets has caused the Government to virtually suspend further treasury bills. Due to trade slackness the call rate for funds has declined to $31 / 2 \%$ from 5 , with money plentiful, and effective from May 9 the Imperial Bank rate was reduced from $7 \%$ to 6 . Exchange is reacting in sympathy with monetary condi-
tions, with inquiry for remittances restricted tions, with inquiry for remittances restricted.

## INDO-CHINA.

Business conditions are quiet, as the result of an unusual condition in the rice market. Consuming countries, principally China and India, are buying cautiously and Java is not expected to he a heavy buyer until June or July. It is only because of slow arrivals of paddy at the mills that rice prices remain firm. White rice was quoted on the last day of April at 10.36 piasters per 100 kilos ( $\$ 4.82$ per 220 pounds) at ship's side in gunnies. 47,000 where shipped to Hongkong.

## IRISH FREE STATE.

There was seasonably dull business in the first quarter of the year in the Cork district but the outlook is apparently favorable for continued imApril weather conditions were extremely favorable to tillage farms and the agricultural year has steady, although production has fallen off from the high levels of last year. The highly important cattle trade shows a fair gain for the quarter and there has been an excellent demand for Irish bacon in the British market which has reacted favorably on local prices for pigs. Labor conditions have been renerally quiet but the volume of unemployed has been subhave been generally quiet but the volume of unemployed has been sub-
stantially relieved by the increase schedule of operations at the new tractor plant and somewhat greater activity in the Rushbrooke shipyards. It is the general impression that power from the Shannon Hydroelectric Works will be available in September.

NETHERLAND EAST INDIES.
Seasonal export dullness continued throughout April, especially in East Java. Improvement in retail trade in West Java is expected to follow the rice harvest now under way. About $20 \%$ of the sugar mills have commenced
a high-yielding cane variety, as compared with $67 \%$ last year. No improvement is expected locally in the textile trade until June or July NETHERLANDS.
During the past month there has been a continuation of the quiet but steady development characteristic of Netherlands trade and industry during the past few years. Retail trade was hampered by unseasonable weather, but early improvement is expected as industrial activities remained at a good level and employment has improved sharply with the slight tise in of skilled workers is hampering production in certain industries. The shipbuilding, textile, building, furniture, paper, margarine, electrical, and radio industries are active and some of them are very flourishing, while conditions in the shoe and leather industries are dull. Automotive sales are increasing despite the adverse weather. Money rates are higher and
the stock exchange has been calm. There was a heavy drop in the volume of capital issues made during April. The condition of winter crops at the end of April was only fair with wheat and barley the principal sufferers.

PERU.
The general business and economic situation is a source of general satisfaction to merchants and bankers as a result of exceptionally brisk sales in what is normally a season of restricted sales, and the highly favorable public has been focused settling the long disputed Tacna-Africa question. The first Pan American through air mail despatch is scheduled to occur on May 18

## UNITED KINGDOM

A continuation of British trade improvement is indicated by the lates industrial indexes. Unemployment, as revealed by labor returns, is now lower than at any time since last May; the total of workpeople registered at unemployment exchanges in Great Britain and Northern Ireland was $1,167,000$ on May 6, as compared with $1,216,000$ a month previous and 1,144.000 a year ago. The coal trade is irregular. Large coal is in plentifu supply but prices ruling. The minimum prices or large coal in Wales were increased by 6d. a ton efrective nay 13. As, hower, curs $n o t a c t$ so far. Renewed fforts are being made to bring into operation as soon as possible the Welch coal production quota scheme.
The Department's summary also includes the following with regard to the Island Possessions of the United States: HAWAII.
Hawailan basic industries have continued active during the past month The current sugar crop is $60 \%$ harvested, and pineapple canners are preparing for the summer pack. Operations are expected to begin abou that for the same period a year ago. Weather conditions to date have been favorable. A survey by the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce reports no unemployment in basic industries, but states there is an over-supply of office and other help, both men and wemen, in the city of Honolulu. Banks report a steady increase in savings deposits. Important bank consolidations in Honolulu are anticipated. All lines of trade are progressing in an orderly manner. Retail and jobbing business throughout the Islands is reported as quiet but steady. Collections are slow. There is apparent decline in money circulation, due it is said, to diversion of funds to the mainland. PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.
Some lines of business, especially textiles, continued slow in April but general conditions showed improvement over March and were above the usual April level. Indications are that the April improvement will continue throughout May. The textile market is overstocked and recent trading has been dull. Automotive business is considered more active showing increased sales in all classes of cars and trucks, especially small units. The outlook, however, is not favorable on account of low prices for export products. A few sugar centrals are still grinding and production for the $1928-29$ season is estimated to be larger than last year's output,
despite the typhoon damage and unfavorable weather. Abaca and copra markets continue weak.

PORTO RICO
Trade and economic conditions have shown no improvement during May and in most sections of the island sales are declining. Collections are unsatisfactory and payments slower than at any time since the hurricane ing to 81461 crates in thents of pineapples have been very heavy, ampunt all records 40 crates in the preceding week. The movement has broken from the mainland, but no transactions have obacco buyers have arrived registration of automobiles to the 18 th were 115 reported to date. May in the full month last year. San Juan bank clearings in Mared with 25 17 th were $\$ 11,572,000$ or $\$ 2,414,000$ less than in the same period of 1928 .

To Pay $100 \%$ on American Claims in Liquidation of Pre-War Business of Russian Insurance Companies.
It was stated in the "Times" of May 23 that Albert Conway, New York State Superintendent of Insurance announced on May 22 that he, had signed reports of the liquidation of the affairs of Russian insurance companies that did business in this State before the war. The "Times" continuing stated:

The reports, he said, would be filed soon in the State Supreme Court and would show that all American creditors and policyholders would receive $100 \%$ of their claims with interest, and that he then would have a surplus or $\$ 4,850,384$. The settlement of
According to the laws of the State of New York, under ordinary condiions, this surplus of $\$ 4,850,384$ would be transmitted by Mr. Conway to the parent insurance corporations in Russia, but by reason of our nonrecognition of the Soviet Government it cannot be sent there. Refugee directors in Paris seek control of the surplus. The reports show an income of $\$ 743,399$ on the assets, and expenses of $\$ 175,613$ for liquidation, resulting in an addition of $\$ 567,786$ to the assets.
The superintendent's plan of disposing of the surpius is as follows:
"If, after the Ifquidation of the domesticated United States franch is concluded and when a surplus arises in this proceeding, the government in power in Russia is still unrecognized by the United States, then the surplus should be disposed of by the Supreme Court of the State of New York, decreeing that the Superintendent of Insurance of the State of New York hold such surpius unci a bovernment of hassia having power to exercise its avernment of the
 surplus to the second and third class creditors, stockholders, directors or
any other persons claiming any part of such surplus should be restrained and enjoined.'

Gold and Silver Imported into and Exported from the United States by Countries in April.
The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce at Washington has made public its monthly report showing the imports and exports of gold and silver into and from the United States during the month of April 1929. The gold exports were only $\$ 1,593,889$. The imports were $\$ 24,687,379$, of which $\$ 14,579,587$ came from Germany, $\$ 6,425,000$ came from Argentina and $\$ 2,586,329$ came from Canada. Of the exports of the metal, $\$ 1,301,000$ went to Hong Kong and $\$ 200,000$ to Venezuela.
GOLD AND SILVER EXPORTED FROM AND IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES, BY COUNTRIES.

|  | GOLD. |  | SILVER. |  |  |  |
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|  | Total. |  | Refined Bullion. |  | Total (Incl. Cotn). |  |
|  | Exports. ${ }^{\text {Imports. }}$ |  | Exports. Imports. |  | Exports. 1 Imports. |  |
| Countries | $\$$ | $\begin{array}{\|r} \hline \$ \\ 10,030 \\ 14,579,587 \\ 810 \\ 135 \\ \hline, \ldots \end{array}$ | ounces.$2 \overline{21}, 00 \overline{4}$ | Ounces. | $\frac{8}{124,038}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{8}, 293 \\ 5,439 \end{array} \end{aligned}$ |
| France-̇ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Italy- |  |  |  |  |  | . 929 |
| Netheriand |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1-90,2838 \\ & 173.560 \\ & 183 \end{aligned}$ | $171,098$ | $\begin{array}{r} 56,100 \\ 207,853 \end{array}$ | ( $\begin{array}{r}2,178 \\ 342,713\end{array}$ |
| Canadn | 42,889 | 2,588.329 |  |  |  |  |
| Costa Rica |  | - ${ }_{24,644}^{22,87}$ | --.--- |  | -2,000 | 14,501 |
| Honduras |  |  |  |  |  | 149,956 |
| Nicaragua |  | 15,216273,227 |  |  | 546.097 $2,443,840$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Brit. W. Indles |  |  | ...--.- 2,482,337 |  | $\begin{array}{r} 1,130 \\ 100 \end{array}$ | --144 |
| Cuba-- |  | 6,425,000 | 8,410 | ---- | 4,900 |  |
| Argentina |  |  |  | $\cdots$ |  |  |
| Colombia |  | +113,821 $\begin{array}{r}93,342\end{array}$ |  |  | ------ |  |
| Ecuador- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Peru--1-- | 0,000 | 62,565 <br> 17,808 | $\begin{aligned} & 1,5299.457 \\ & 6,959,881 \end{aligned}$ | -- | $\begin{array}{r} 72 \overline{7213} \\ 85,502 \\ 3,879,549 \end{array}$ |  |
| Venezuela-- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| China | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{r} 50,000 \\ 1,301,000 \end{array}\right.$ | 96,341 |  | 63,728 |  | $\bigcirc 36,667$ |
| Java and |  |  | 6,959,881 |  |  |  |
| Phillippine Isia |  |  |  |  | ---. | $\begin{array}{r} 7,070 \\ 47,618 \\ 456 \end{array}$ |
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|  | 1,593,889 ${ }_{24,687,379}$ |  | 8,992,595\|2,958,790 |  | 5,752,282 |  |
| otal... |  |  | 3,957,446 |  |  |  |

President Hoover's Proposal To Modify Annuity Claims Against Germany for American Army Occupation of Rhineland-Plan Submitted to American Members of Reparations Committee.
A suggestion for a revision of the time schedule for German annuity payments on the American Army of Occupation costs, contemplating a spreading out over a longer period of these payments and also proposing a slight paring down of the amount, has been made in a note, which, it was announced on May 17, had been sent at the instance of President Hoover to the American members of the International Committee of Experts to Consider German Reparations. Details of the President's proposal were contained in a dispatch from Washington May 17 to the "Times," which we quote as follows:
At a conference at the White House called by President Hoover late this afternoon and attended by Secretaries Mellon and Stimson, the majority and minority leaders of Consress, and others, it was agreed to majority and minority leaders of angss, Germany, scale down slightly the annuitios due to the United States and extend the payments over a longer period without any reduction in the total.
The terms of the new agreement, which must be submitted to Congress, were sent to-night in a note to Norman A. Armour, Charge d'Affaires at Paris, for submission to the American members of the Reparations Committee, Owen D. Young and J. P. Morgan, so that the American position can be presented to the meeting of the committee now approaching its final sessions.

Balances on Army and Claims.
The American claims against Germany, now being paid in annuities under the Dawes Plan, amounted on Sept. 1 1928, the besinning of the present annuity year, to $\$ 350,759,069.76$, of which $\$ 206,981,384.92$ represented the balance due on the Amere claims.
$\$ 143,775,734.84$ the balance due mixed
Germany paid the United States last year $\$ 20,293.535 .94$ through the Dawes Plan annuities, of which $\$ 13,101,216.70$ was for army costs and \$7,192,319.24 for mixed claims.
President Hoover called the conference for $50^{\prime}$ clock and promptly at that time, 10 minutes after his return from his trip to his Virginia fishing camp, the first arrivals appeared.
Secretary Stimson and Assistant Secretary of State William R. Castle were the first to arrive. They were followed by Secretary Mellon and Ogden Mills, Under Secretary of the Treasury. Others came in quick succession: Senator Borah, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; Senator Simmons, acting Democratic leader; Senator Watson, Republican leader; Senator Smoot, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee; Speaker Longworth, Representative John Q. Mison, the Repubican House leader, and Representative, John N. Garner, Democratic House leader.

## Great Secrecy Obseroed.

The utmost secrecy was observed by the Senators and others as they hurried through the rain to the White House.
Some of them appeared at the executive offices and were told that the conference was at the White House mansion, to which they tripped through the rain. The conference lasted an hour and a hall, a Secretary reports from Paris which suggested that the payments should be modifie ${ }_{\mathrm{d}}^{e}$
and extended over longer period which, the American representatives at Paris intimated, might lead to a solution of the reparations questions.
The present agreement under which the payments are made in annuities is known as the Paris Agreement, signed at Paris in Jan. 14 1925, and which provided for the distribution of the Dawes plan annuities.
President Hoover, who is most familiar with this question, frequently interrupted the conference to give his views. The new terms, which had leaders who, it is represented, made no objection to the modification.
In the course of the conference, it was explained that the new agreement would not affect in any way the claims of American citizens against Ger many. The terms, it was said, would not deal with the allotments on ac count of general claims against Germany.

## Terms Called Complicated.

The terms, as read to the assembled Senators and others, were declared to be rather complicated. Mr. Mills explained that the proposed agreement actually meant no reduction in the total payment, but would extend the time of payments over a longer period and, he said, that this would some slight reduction in the total payment by reason of a loss of interest, but in no other way.
No objection was raised by any of those present when the statement was made that there would be no appreciable reduction in total payments Germany must make.
Some of those present thought that the plan would bring about some sort of reduction, but that if a reduction resulted, they said, it would e small and could not be objected to by Congress.
Senator Borah was the first to leave the conference. He declined even to discuss the import of the meeting, except to say that it was important.
The fact that he left fifteen minutes before the others was interpreted by some as suggesting that he might not approve of the new proposal. He refused later to divulge the effect of the conference or even to discuss he terms of the agreement
As the other senators left to hurry to belated dinner engagements they maintained the utmost secrecy. Secretary Mellon and Mr. Mills were the last to depart, with Secretary Stimson and Mr. Castle. Mr. Mills carried an armful of documents.

## Next Move Up to Experts.

He and Secretary Mellon drove to the Treasury Department, where they were joined by Secretary Stimson and Mr. Castle. There the note which was sent to the embassy at Paris for the information of Messrs. state Department, and it is understood that the note was dispatched forthwith.
If the Reparations Committee accepts the latest settlement plan proposed, indwhich the American agreement for an extension of the payments period and reduction in the annuities will figure, it is understood that the Administration will sponsor a resolution
It was explained by one of the participants that the note sent tonight merely agreed, in general terms, to the suggestion from Paris for a modification. According to this informant, no action will be sought $i$ Congress until the Reparations Committee has acted on it.

## Stimson Issues Statement.

Secretary Stimson made the following statement to-night:
The meeting at the White House this afternoon was called by the President for the purpose of acquainting the leaders of the two Houses of Congress and the appropriate committees with the progress of the experts' That committee is now apparently approaching the end of its labors, ction by the Executive. The purpose of ascertaining the views of Congress on matters which may be the subject of such report in order that whatever action t.
views.

## Distribution of Annuities.

Under the terms of the agreement providing for the distribution of the Dawes Plan annuities, which was signed at Paris on Jan. 14 1925, the United States is entitled to receive annually from Germany certain payments on account of the reimbursement of the costs of the United States Army of Occupation and the awards of the Mixed Claims Commission established in pursuance of the agreement of Aug. 10 1922, between the United States and Germany.
Under this agreement the United States is entitled to receive out or the Dawes Plan annuities paid by Germany the sum of $55,000,000$ gold marks (about $\$ 13,100,000$ ) a year as reimbursement of the costs of the Army of Occupation.
This annual payment constitutes a first charge on cash made available for transfer by the transfer committee out of the Dawes annuities after the provision of the sums necessary for the service of the $800,000,000$ gold marks external loan, 1924, and the costs of certain commissions specified in the agreement
ur Costs Enjoy a Priority.
Under this agreement no other charges can take precedence over the army costs of the United States without the consent of the United States Government.
The arrangement heretofore made for receiving the share of the United States on this account in monthly installments has operated to the entire satisfaction of the Treasury, according to Secretary Mellon, and an arrangement similar thereto has been made for the current firth annuity
year.

During the fourth annuity year, which ended on Aug. 31 1928, the United States received on this account the $55,000,000$ gold marks pro216.70, making a total received to that time of $110,000,000$ gold marks, or $\$ 26.159 .156 .17$.

## Army Cost Account.

The Army cost account, as of Sept. 1 1928, stood as follows: Total army cost charges (gross), including expenses of
Inter-Allied Rhineland High Commission (American
 Armistice funds (cash requisition on German Government)

Armistice trucks...- materiai


Balance--

$844,797,790.30$
$\$ 247,865,645.49$

Under the army cost asments Received.
was superseded cost agreement of May 25 1923, which
Uncement of Jan. 141925 ...----

Total of payments.

Balance due as of Sept. 11928
8... $\qquad$ \$40,884,310.57

Share Available for Claims.
Pursuant to the agreement of Jan. 14 1925, the United States is also entitled to receive out of the Dawes annuities paid by Germany for the purpose of satisfying the awards of the Mixed Claims Commission, established in and Germany, $214 \%$ of that part of the annuities available for distribution as reparations provided that the sum payable shall not in any year exceed $45,000,000$ Eold marks.
During the third and fourth annuity years an arrangement has been in effect with the Government of Germany substantially analagous to an agreement for the financing of deliveries in kind, which has enabled the United States to realize more currently on its $21 / 4 \%$ share.
In view of the satisfactory manner in which it has operated, according to Secretary Mellon, a similar arrangement was made for the fifth annuity year which began on Sept. 11928.
During the fourth annuity year, which ended on Aug. 31 1928, the United States received on this account $30,163,566.83$ gold marks, or the equivalent of $\$ 7,192,319.24$, making total receipts to Aug. 31 1928, of $88,799,715.65$ gold marks, or the equivalent of $\$ 21,112,452.90$.

## Statement in Liability.

The following statement shows as of Aug. 31 1928, the liability of the Government of Germany on account of the awards entered by the Mixed Claims Commission which have been certified to the Treasury
Principal of awards certified to the Treasury-1.-..... $\$ 111,820,063.49$
Interest at the rates specified in the awards up to Aug. 31

|  | nterest at the rates specified in the awards up to Aug. 31 | $53,070,124.25$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Total.
Received from Germany up to Aug. 311928 under Paris
agreement $\overline{-\$ 164,890,187.74}$

The interest has been computed at the rates specified in the awards, and in order to show the liability of Germany up to the end of the Dawes year, the interest has been computed to Aug. 311928.

## Reason for London's High Reserve Ratio-Influence of "Note Amalgamation" on Rise of Percentage to

 Highest Since 1914.From the New York "Times" we take the following cablegram from London, May 17:
The cash reserve in the Bank of England's banking department. which consists mainly of notes obtained from the issue department, stood this week at $£ 59,000,000$, which exceeds the figure of a year ago by $£ 12,000,000$. The ratio of reserve to note liabilities, at the present figure of $551 / 2 \%$, is not only the highest since the outbreak of the war but is $141 / 2 \%$ above that of a year ago and $11 \%$ above even that of May, 1914. In comparing the present-day ratios with pre-war figures, however, allowance must be made for last Autumn's fusion of the war time currency note issue with the Bank of England's own notes. That operation resulted in a very large addition to notes held in the reserve, which notes have represented the margin of unissued circulation below the new fiduciary maximum.
Further explanation of the present high level of the bank's reserve and of 'its ratio to deposits is to be found in the marked decline which has occurred during recent months in the bank's active circulation. This is now approximately $£ 10,000,000$ below the combined amount of Bank of England and currency notes which were irculation a year ago. That decline has been partly due to withdrawal of British notes from fluctuation in
tions.

## London Bank's Bid for Gold Prevents Export to

 America.Under date of May 17 a London cablegram to the "Times" said:
That the Bank of England continues to get the new gold arriving from South Africa, notwithstanding exchange on New York is virtually at the gold export point, is again explained by the fact that the Bank's bid for incoming gold has been much above the statutory price. It is commonly said that most of the gold secured by the Bank since it raised its rate in February has been obtained only in this way, and it is not doubted that gold arriving in London from the Cape during recent weeks would have been exported to New York but for the Bank's action in bidding higher than American buyers were prepared to or could afford to pay.
This week the Bank had to make a slightly better offor than last week's in order to secure the small amount of Transvaal gold which came in. Unless the sterlig rate improves between now and next wussay it is incoming Afican whild have ncoming African gold, which will amount to $£ 1,775,000$.

## France May Pay August Loan with Credit Now in America.

The following London advices, May 17, are from the New York "Times:"
Private advices received here from the Paris market draw attention to the fact that, if a new reparations settlement is not reached. France will have to provide for payment of its commercial debt of $£ 80,000,000$ to the United States, which matures on the 1st of next August. The question has been discussetd somewhat uneasily whether France has sufficient credits in America to effect this payment and whether, if she has not, the Bank of France will be obliged to draw on its London balances in the form of gold and ship the gold to America.
From rellable estimates which I have been able to obtain it is calculated that the total foreign balances at present employed in America probably amount to about $£ 400,000,000$. Of these France is believed to hold much the larger part, and would in all probability have sufficient New York funds at hand next August to repay the commercial debt to the United States if
necessary, without seriously disturbing its funds at other foreign centers.

## J. A. Robb, Canada's Minister of Finance Before House

 of Commons Reports on Gold Reserve-No Interference With Gold Exports.The Dominion Treasury has $\$ 78,231,160$ in gold in the central gold reserves, while according to the last bank statement the banks of Canada hold in their own vaults an additional $\$ 40,000,000$. Canadian Press advices from Ottawa May 16, noted that this was the reply given by James A. Robb, Minister of Finance, to questions asked in the House of Commons on May 16, by J. S. Woodsworth, Labor member from Winnipeg North Centre. Mr. Robb also stated that the ratio of gold to notes issued against gold deposits on March 31 was $55.3 \%$. The Toronto "Globe" indicated in an Ottawa dispatch May 16, that Mr. Robb tabled a statement in the House on that day (in reply to Mr . Woodsworth) denying that he had refused to permit the banks of Canada to ship gold to the United States. Other questions and the answers says the account in the "Globe" were as follows:
Question-Would it take $\$ 60,000,000$ to bring the Canadian exchange back to parity?
Answer-To determine any definite amount is impossible, as exchange rates vary according to demand and supply, the
Question-Is there $\$ 60,000,000$ in gold in the central gold reserve? Answer-The Dominion Treasury holds $\$ 61,600,304$ in gold, the banks have $\$ 16,630,866$ or gold in the central gold reserves, and, according to last bank statement, hold in addition, in their own vaults in Canada, some $\$ 40,000,000$ in gold.
Question - Why did the Department change its form of statement of "Circulation and Specie" as of the date of Dec. 31 1928?
Answer-The change was one of arrangement only to show separately notes issued under the Dominion Notes Act against gold reserves and notes issued under other authority against securities. In practice, notes outstanding against securities under the Finance Act are not utilized as a call for gold.

Question-Was the reserve ratio 55.3 or 28,4 as of March 31 1929? Answer-The ratio of gold to notes issued against gold deposits was
$55.3 \%$ at March 311929 . $55.3 \%$ at March 311929.
Question-Can Dominion notes including "legals" be redeemed in gold?
Answer-Yes.
A brief statement with respect to the powers of the Dominion Government to ameliorate exchanges rates by the export of gold, was made by Mr. Robb, in the House of Commons on May 13, said a Canadian Press dispatch from Ottawa to the Montreal "Gazette," this dispatch adding:
"The Dominion has not parliamenary authority to deal in the buying and selling of gold for commercial purposes," said Mr. Robb. "If com-
mercial business transacted by the people through the banks requires shipment of gold, it becomes the duty of the banks to export or import gold to meet such requirements as their business transactions with the public demand.
"The banks have gold supplies in their own vaults not under control the Treasury, except such gold as they may from time to time deposit in the central gold reserves towards protecting any surplus issue of their own banks notes over and above the amount allowed them under the provisions of the Bank Act," the Minister informed the House. The banks, he proceeded, were free to export their gold holdings without regerence to the Dominion Treasury, together with as much gold as they where
able to obtain from the Treasury by taking out of circulation and handing able to obtain from the Treasury by taking out of circulation and handing
back to the Treasury Dominion notes previously obtained by them on back to the Tre
deposit of gold.
deposit of gold.
Mr. Robb pointed out Canada has large commitments from time to time in New York and London, England. When exchange is against Oanada to an extent over and above the cost of shipping gold, if our supply of this free gold permits, shipment will take place; but scuh shipments, being for Government account in New York and not for sale in New York, of Canadian funds, would have no affect on exchange rates other than perhaps what might be designated as a light sentimental effect."
The minister had previously explained that the Treasury had from time to time bought from Canadian mines gold consigned to the Royal
Mint for refining purposes. All such gold has been paid for out of current revenues received from taxation and other Government services. This gold is available for use on Government business only, he stated, and is utilized when required for such purposes.

## The Quebec Statistical Year Book 1928.

The Quebec Bureau of Statistics announces the publication of the Quebec Statistical Year Book for 1928. This volume contains the latest available data concerning the economics development of the Province. The major modifications to be noted in the new edition can be summarized as follows: a new text explains the agricultural development of the Province up to the present time and briefly describes the various services of the provincial Department of Agriculture; the chapters dealing with dairy, forest and mineral industries, water powers and manufactures have also been modified; numerous charts and diagrams illustrate the economic situation of the most important industries. The divisions of this work are as follows: (1) Ohronology: a summary of the main historical facts of French and Bnglish regimes from 1492 to date.
(2) Physlography: contalning a sketch of the geography and the geology of the Province.
(3) Ollmatology: temperatures, rain, snowfall and sunshine.
(4) Population: a brief study of the various elements composing our population, based on the Federal Census of 1921, vital statistics, sanitry conditions and immigration.
(5) Education: schools, pupils, teachers, normal schools, classical colleges, universities, development of public instruction, cost of education and school buildings.
(6) Administration: constitution of the Government, crown 'ands, colonization, justice, coroners, prisons and benevolent institutions.
(7) Finances: provincial, municipal and school finances, loans authorized by the Government.
(8) Production: agricultural development, live stock and animal products, dairy industry, mineral industry, value of fisheries, water powers, central electric stations, fur bearing animals and pelts, manufactures, survey of production and national wealth.
(9) Communication and Transportation: roads rallway, automoblles,, post offices, telephones, telegraphs and canals.
(10) Economic Activity:
(10) Economic Activity: exportations and importations, clearing houses, construction, incorporations of companies, bankruptcies, prices, price-
indexes and cost of living, indexes and cost of living.
(11) Organized Labor: labor organizations, strikes, unemployment, labor inspection and employment bureaus.
(12) Insurance and Savings: Insurance companies, mutual benefit as-
soclations, saving banks and co-operative people's banks sociations, saving banks and co-operative people's banks
The Quebec Year Book is distributed free of charge to government ofricials, newspapers, publicity associations, public men, teachers, public institutions, professional men and, in general, to persons who as a result of their situation, are called upon to serve public interest. Requests for the same should be addressed to the Bureau of Statistics, Parliament Buildings, Quebec, Que. The 1928 edition which is presented to the Hon. Athanase David, Provincial Secretary, by G. E. Marquis, Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, has been edited by Lucien Viau, L.S.C.

## Guaranty Trust Co. of New York Ships Bronze Coins

 to Central Bank of Ecuador.The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York shipped on May 22 on the S. S. "Almagro" 144 boxes containing 2,016,000 one-centavo bronze coins to the Banco Central del Ecuador, Guayaquil. The announcement by the trust company says: The coins constitute one of the final shipments under a contract arranged two years ago when the National Bank of Commerce in New York, which
is now merged with the Guaranty Trust Con is now merged with the Guaranty Trust Co.. Was appointed agent for the
Government of Ecuador to supply new subsidiary coins to Government of Ecuador to supply new subsidiary coins to be minted The total coinage order was for $34,500,000$ pioes Re the or Ecuador. ment leaves an undelivered balance of only about $3,000,000$ of the One Centavo coins.
The United States Mint at Philadelphia has minted the coins at their convenience, and as the coinage has proceeded shipment has been made from time to time to the Banco Central del Ecuador. In all, 12 different
shipments have been made to date. The balance of the order will probably not be filled until late in the summer, as the Philadelphia Mint is at present busy minting United States coins and will be closed between June 15 and July 15. The total coinage order for Ecuador consists of the following: 500,000 silver 2 Sucres pieces, $3,000,000$ silver 1 Sucre pieces, $1,000,000$ silver $1 / 2$ Sucre pieces, $5,000,000$ nickel 10 Centavo piscos, $16,000,000$ nickel five Centavo pieces, $4,000,000$ nickel $21 / 2$ Centavo nieces, and $5,000,000$ bronze one Centavo pieces.

Bulgaria's Receipts in Wiscal Year Ended March 31
Over $\$ 51,000,000$-Surplus for Year Over $\$ 8,000,000$.
Advices from Speyer \& Co. state:
The total recelpts of the Kingdom of Bulgaria for the fisca year ended March 311929 were (at 138 leva to theldollar) about $\$ 51,313,000$, and the total ordinary expenditures about $\$ 43,087,000$, leaving a surplus for the year of $\$ 8,226,000$. After deducting $\$ 6,570,000$. the total of amounts anplied to deficits of previous budgets, other extraordinary expenditures and outstanding bills, the surplus was about $\$ 1,656,000$.
For the first three months of 1929 the receipts from the revenues pledged $\$ 2,317,000$, as against $\$ 2,167,000$ for the corresponding period of 1928 . The quarterly service requirements for the loan are only $\$ 533,000$.

## Semi-Annual ${ }^{\text {TR }}$ Redemption of Bonds of Republic

 of Poland.Dillon, Read \& Co. as sinking fund trustee for the Republic of Poland 25-year $8 \%$ loan issued in 1925, have issued a notice of the semi-annual redemption of $\$ 700,000$ of these bonds for the sinking fund at a price of 105 and accrued interest. The bonds have been designated by lot for redemption July 1. Payment will be made at the office of Dillon, Read \& Co. in NewIYork.

Bonds of Republic of Peru in Definitive Form A vailable.
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 Street, New York, in exchange for and upon surrender of interim certificates.

Annual Report of President Simmons of New York Stock Exchange-Market Value of Listings Increased Over $\$ 28,000,000$ In 1928 to $\$ 114,851,081,802$ -New Records of Daily Sales-Brokers' Loans Declared Safest Form of Loans.
The heavy volume of trading in 1928 on the New York Stock Exchange which developed into " $6,000,000$ share days" (the record has been exceeded the present year) is dealt with in the annual report of President E. H. H. Simmons,
presented to the Governing Committee of the Exchange on May 13. In discussing the activity of dealings, President Simmons said:

Volume of Sales.
Attention has frequently been called to the fact that the New York
Stock Exchange has never attempted to compile official statistics as to the Stock Exchange has never attempted to compile official statistics as to the total volume of securities sold upon it. It is therefore necessary, in dealing with this aspect or Stock Exchange activity, to employ the totals of Stock Exchange sales" daily published by the principal metropolitan journals. These statistics of sales, although undoubtedly subject to errors and omisexclusion of such frequent species of dealings as "odd-lot" or "stopped stock" transactions), nevertheless possess a general "barometric" value. These reported sales of stock on the Exchange in 1928 amounted to $920,550,032$ shares, which compares with $576,990,875$ shares in 1927 with $449,103,253$ shares in 1926, and with $452,211,399$ shares in 1925. Similar reported sales of bonds on the Exchange were as follows: $\$ 2,939$,$\$ 3,029,684,699$ nominal value in 1926 , and $\$ 3,398,346,045$ nominal value n 1925
The Stock Exchange bond market during 1928 was unusually inactive; above statistics show, total annual sales ran considerably below was so great during the year as to attract universal on the Exchange to the figures given above, aggregate share sales more than doubled over ven the active years of 1925 and 1926, and showed a huge advance over even 1927. This intense activity in the share market during 1928 naturally established new records of daily sales. Previous to 1928 there had been only a dozen days in the history of the New York Stock Exchange when the reported stock sales had exceeded $3,000,000$ shares, and the "record day" wear of 1928 . 31926 when $3,786,111$ shares were reponly of " $4,000,000$ share days" but even " $5,000,000$ share days" and " $6,000,000$ share days". The record day during 1928 proved to be Nov. 23 when $6,954,020$ shares were reported sold. But even this record has since been in tu
by March 261929 when $8,246,740$ shares were reported sold.
Naturally, volume of sales figures should be considered in relation to the amount of securities currently listed, since the larger the listings the arger also the volume of sales will normally be. * **
The percentages of bond sales show that 1928 started as a quite active year in bond trading, but that during its latter half activity fell away to abnormally low levels. In complete contrast are the percentages of stock sales. During the period 1925-1928, the percentage of monthly stock sales to shares listed had exceeded $10 \%$ in only three months $(11.27 \%$ October 1925, $10.19 \%$ in November 1925, and $10.07 \%$ in March 1926). But in 1928, the percentage rose above $10 \%$ in seven out of Melve months, and in Noverner 1928 it even reached $15.71 \%$. Statist are thailcivity in the 1028 was "excessive," but undoubtedly it was unusually intense
The increased velocity of share turnover last year has been ascribed to many different causes, and some times to the increased facilities for share dealings recently provided by the New York Stock Exchange. This latter explanation, however, seems in general to mistake an effect for a else at the unusual volume of share business developed on its floor, and has ndeed been hard put to it to provide facilities for its proper handling. It is lso worthy of note that practically every other legitimate stock exchange in the United States has also recently experienced an unprecedented volume of share dealings, and in some of these other exchanges the percentages ncreases in recent years have apparently been in excess of that seen on the New York Stock Exchange.

The factors incident to the increased demand for brokers' loans are likewise discussed by President Simmons who says "the experience of the New York Money Market over many years has conclusively established the fact that stock market loans are, from the lenders' standpoint, the safest form of loan known to American banking, even though they are denied the rediscount privilege of the Federal Reserve Banks." President Simmons' comments on this point follows:

## Siock Exchange Member Borrowings.

During 1928 the subject of the so-called "broker' loans" became practically a topic of national conversation, and sometimes of wide divergencies of expert opinion. It is of course impossible in this place to attempt an analysis of this whole subject in its many aspects and ramications. Nevertheless, in the light of the considerable puble proin of its more impor may prove us

From Jan. 11928 to Jan. 1 1929, according to the statistics compiled and issued monthly by the New York Stock Exchange respecting aggregate net borrowings on security collateral by its members, the loans rose from $\$ 4,432,907,321$ to $\$ 6,439,740,511$-an increase for the calendar year o $\$ 2,006,833,17$. 1927.

The Stock Exchange statistics, being obtained from borrowers rathe than lenders, naturally cannot show the ultimate source of the funds, excep as they have been initially obtained from New York banks and trust companies on the one hand, or on the other from private bankers, brokers, chart [this we omit-Ed.] gives the percentage of loans obtained from New York banks and trust companies during 1926-1928. It will be noted that this percentage declined slightly in 1926, rose slightly in 1927, and fuetuated downward to a moderate extent in 1928. No very striking conclusion can be drawn from this exhibit, except that during the second half of last year, when pressure was being put on commercial banks to reduce their security loans, private banks, \&c., tended to lend more in proportion as loans from the former source were relatively curtailed.
More interesting is the other line on the chart, which represents the percentage of demand or call loans to total loans. It will be noticed that through 1926-1927 and the first half of 1928, call loans composed on the average about $75 \%$ of total loans, and on one occasion even less than $70 \%$ But during the latter half of 1928, the proportion of call to total loans rose rapidly to almost $90 \%$. Some authorities have argued that his dovelopsuddenly di wherous, bocause of the greater extent whatever theorets cal justification for such ve the security loan mander to note that over the period of 1919-1922 the percentage of Stock Exchange member time liquidating market of 1919-1921, and that call loans composed the highest
percentage of total loans in June 1921-immediately prior to the end of the declining market which terminated in Aug. 1921
lally, the proportionate employment or call and time be determined more by the conditions in the money than in the stock market. When lenders anticipate rising interest rates they will prefer cal one loans to obtain the fullest benefit from the rise, and conversely order ancipate falling interest rates they will prefer time to call rates market stability is more interest returns as long as possible. That stoce o finance it is an assumption no dicted by the stock market loan statistics of the recent past
The nature and function of stock market loans have so frequently been isundirstood and misconceived, that a few words on this aspect of the uestion seem justified. The New York Stock Exchange is not and neve ther reason advocate of inflation or excessive speculation, if for $n$ xperience the because as it knows from over a centary of practical he stock the dangerous effects of indation always are felt soonest in Nevertheless, the function of the Stock Exchange as a capital market makes particularly appan the Sto Exchange as a capital marke market loans to American business prosperity, particularly at the stocent time. It is idle to are indispensable in the work of providing additional capital for industry are indispensable in the work of providing additional capital for industry by brokers' loans are not withdrawn from productive use, but are actually nvolved directly or indirectly in increasing national facilities for produc ion and sometimes even in financing the flow of goods in transit. Stoc market loans often subserve a speculative motive, but they do not have any relation with gambling or wagering. The experience of the New York money market over many years has conclusively established the fact that tock market loans are, from the lenders' standpoint, the safest form of oan known to American banking, even though they are denied the redis count privilege at Federal Reserve banks. In economic function, it is proper to recognize the prior claim to credit of short loans used to financ goods in transit, for without the free flow of goods obviously all nationa enterprise would break down. But by no means all so-called commercia oans" are actually employed to finance shipments of goods-many ar employed to finance production and even consumption. Moreover to a appreciable extent stock market loans today indirectiy represent even the nancing of goods in transit. Furthermore, in economic theory, at least is also dirncult to see why the function of stock market loans in facilitat bintan of new capital securities is less legitimate in banking than he outright purchase of securities themselves by the banks. Finally, it is ar the regular economic functions of the capital market on the Stock oir for surplus funds; it thi foans which rinance it, to act as a reser presence of a eapital and a national surplus or funds, prevents the artifial injection of attendant universally dangerous price real estate spectaton, with and rents and the inflation of our national standards of living
he recent rise in stock market loans can be analyzed from two differen points of view-either from the supply side of the funds employed, o the demand side relating to the nature and need of their employment ince the Stock Exchange members are in the main borrowers, naturall the information
In general, it may be said that the increased demand for stock marke oans has been due to: (1) Changes in securities listed on the New York tock Exchange and thus made generally available as collateral for stoc arket (2) changes in the prices of listed securities, particulariy shares; (3) changes in the proportionate amount of outstanding listed unds arried in the market loating supply by means of borrowed nd , as compared with the amount held outright by security investors都 changes in the foregoing respects in regard to securities not isted He New York Stock Exchange, but on the New York Curb Marke ander American and foreign stock exchanges, or in regard to unlisted nditings in over-the-counter, or lastiy in regard to new securty more definits and fotations in their initial stages of distribution. The in the demand for stock market loans, the more clearly their real nature unctions can course be seen
There is no doubt that increased listings on the New York Stock Ex change have proved in 1928 an important cause of increased stock marke loans. Statistics previously cited in more detail have shown that listed listed shares last year increased from 1,097 to 1,177 , that the number of listed shares increased from $654,999,126$ shares to $757,301,677$ shares to $\$ 67,472,053,300$ This amper is increased rom $\$ 4,736,350,940$ is reason of the collateral behind of bonds ordinaily so emplo paratively unimportant.

In respect to the factor of changing security prices, a previous section of this report has already shown that the average of all listed shares (cor rected for "split-ups," stock dividends, \&c.), rose in 1928 from $\$ 87.5$ per share to $\$ 103.74$ per share - a rise of about $18 \%$. Undoubtedly this rise in average share prices furnished another important cuase for th
 one can borrow upon of shares for cod by the
Thirdly, there is the factor of the comparative size of the "floatin supply. Stock market experience, as well as occasional but convincin statistics, go to show that as share prices rise there is a tendency for out right holders to sell to marginal holders, and as they decline for outrigh holders to buy from marginal holders. For this reason the "floating supply" of securities which serves as collateral for stock market loans tends proportionately to increase as prices rise, and decrease as they fall It is precisely this alternate expansion and contraction of the "floating supply" of securities which gives the stock market its ability to readjust itself; a top-heavy "floating supply" coupled with high prices will of its own accord bring about falling prices and a decreased "foatively light "floating supply" will of its own accord while a relatiol the to an increase accompanied by rising prices. The constant alternation of these sources of pressure "herrin conditions of equilur is commhis, this, the legrees the thark in in ubject to the same in
 floating supply of stock market securies really is, but the Statistical distinct bearing on the subject. This index consists in the proportion which total security collar borrowings of Stock Fxchange member bears each month to total market values of all listed securities, and par-
ticularly to that of all listed shares. For, since stock market loans are contracted on the market "floating supply," of securities as collateral, it is reasonable to assume that if loans advance relatively faster than listings, the "floating supply" of securities is increasing, and vice versa.
A final casual factor in the demand for stock market loans arises from the operations of other stock exchanges, and from the "over-the-counter" market, and from new underwritings and flotations. It must be recalled that member-firms of the New Yor slock exchange are requently also members of other American stock exchanges, that they often engage in transactions in unlisted and foreign securities, and that in some cases they act as originating issue houses for securities, or as distributing houses for New York Stock Exchange transactions ara included along with issues listed on this Exchange as collateral for loans. To attempt to segregate each month such issues out of the constantly changing mass of security loan collateral amounting in the aggregate to perhaps $\$ 8,000$ or $\$ 9,000$ millions, would constitute a statistical undertaking of tremendous magnitude. would constitute a statistical undertaking of tremendous magnitude.
Moreover, such statistics even if obtainable would not in the nature of things be conclusive, since Stock Exchange issues are sometimes borrowed upon to carry these other issues outright, and since Stock Exchange firms often employ their own extensive firm capital for such purposes-practices which would not be revealed in the loan statistics. Just how large a proportion of loan collateral may be attributed to these non-New York Stock Exchange transactions is therefore a matter of opinion and conjecture, but there is reason to believe that it has been frequently exaggerated. Nevertheless the rapid growth of stock exchanges in America other than the New York Stock Exchange during recent years, the large recent underwritings and flotations of both stocks and bonds, the extensive dealings in foreign securities listed only abroad and the frequently great activity in bank stocks and other American unlisted issues, provides adequate grounds for belief that this final source of demand for stock market loans must by no means be overlooked.
The other basic aspect of stock market loans-namely, the amounts and sources of the funds employed in them-relates to banking rather than to the Stock Exchange business, and must inevitably be subject to banking opinion and action. If too much bank credit is flowing into stock market loans, very obviously it must be the lenders rather than the borrowers who must accept and exercise the responsibility of correcting the situation. The New York Stock Exchange has all along maintained an entirely correct attitude in refusing to intrude itself in the field of banking and credit
loans during 1928 has been accomplished with funds not arising from the manufacture of credit by banks so much as from capital saved and accumulated by individuals and business institutions. Bank deposits are credited in two quite different ways-by the acceptance for deposit of funds owned outright by the depositors, and by the granting of loans by banks in the form of deposit-credits. In the first instance it is capital, and in the second it is credit, which is involved-two quite different considerations. Banks must naturally be deeply concerned with the hazards of creating or employing too much credit, and it is properly the function of our central banking system to supervise such operations critically and continually. But the flow of capital on its way into national industry is not of similar concern to our banking system, nor in the last analysis can it be similarly controlled. This has been clearly seen in the steady increase in the loans reported in the Federal Reserve statistics as from "other lenders," which represent capital rather than credit.
The truth of the situation seems to be that there are to-day ample credit facilities in this country available for all necessary uses, and in addition an unaccustomed surplus of capital for which there is no sound or safe use save in the securities market. No one is so foolish as deliberately to advocate the destruction or the "freezing" of this capital by producing a serious interruption or national prosperity is intly and artificially forced therefrom invest is stws the serio danger that it may in consequence be artificially there is anto forced ins result of inflating the prices of goods and rents and seriously affecting the national standards of living.

It may perhaps be argued that the place for capital is not in bank deposits but in securities themselves, and indeed if our business prosperity continues it is not unlikely that it will gradually make this shift itself. But high interest rates, for the time being at least, only increase the uncertainty of the owners of capital, and on the score of safety as well as greater interest return induce them to keep it in the form of loans on securities rather than in securities themselves.

In indicating the increase in the market value of listings on the Exchange during 1928 President Simmons said:

> Total Market Value of Listings.

The aggregate market value of all stocks and bonds listed on the New York Stock Exchange increased $\$ 28,240,013,398$ during 1928, from $\$ 86$,$611,068,404$, on Jan. 11928 to $\$ 114,851,081,802$ on Jan. 1 1929. This compares with similar increases of $\$ 11,067,298,798$ in $1927, \$ 5,545,331,023$ in 1926, and $\$ 9,314,299,045$ in 1925.
The marked increase during 1928 was largely due to the listing during the spring of 1928 of two large British Government sterling war bonds issues, whose nominal value amounted approximately to $\$ 12,000,000,000$. The listing of these two issues in itself more than accounts for the increase in the aggregate market value or $\$ 36,874,717,458$ on Jan. 11928 to $\$ 47,379,028,502$ on Jan. 11929. from $\$ 36,874,717,458$ on Jan. 11928 to $\$ 47,379,028,502$ on Jan. 11929 . Had it not been for the listed bonds would during 1928 have actually declined the market value of histed bonds would during 1928 have actually declined by apprex binds during previous years was as follows: a decline of $\$ 292,890$ 010 in 1927, an increase of $\$ 1,658,396,010$ in 1926, an increase of $\$ 1,897$,394,112 in 1925.
The aggregate market value of all listed stocks increased in 1928 by $\$ 17,735,702,354$-from $\$ 49,736,350,946$ on Jan. 11928 to $\$ 67,472,053,300$ on Jan. 11929. The similar increases in previous years in the aggregate market value of listed stocks were as follows: $\$ 11,360,188,808$ in 1927. $\$ 3,886,935,013$ in 1926, and $\$ 7,416,904,933$ in 1925.
The foregoing statistics as relating to the expansion of listings on the New York Stock Exchange possesses of course a very vital relationship to practically all other statistics of Stock Exchange operation. It is obvious that as listings increase, a corresponding growth in volume of sales on the Exchange, in borrowings on security collateral by Stock Exchange members, and in other such matters may be expected to occur.

Activities of New York Curb Market Prompt Action Toward Increase in Membership of Governing Committee.
As a result of the vast amourt of detailed work handled by its Executive Committees, as a result of the expansion in

Curb Exchange activities, particularly during the past fiscal year, the Board of Governors of that institution plan to adopt several amendments to the constitution which if not disapproved within two weeks by a majority vote of the regular membership shall stand as the law of the Exchange and further help supervision of its affairs. The amendments have to do with an increase in the personnel of the Board of Governors from 24 to 36 regular members and call for segregation of the new members among the various standing committees. In a notice approved by President William S. Muller and signed by Eugene R. Tappen, Secretary, sent to members under date of May 10, the newly formulated amendments to the constitution were made known. The letter follows:

NEW YORK CURB MARKET.
113-123 Greenwich Street, New York.
May 101929
To the Members,
At a regular meeting of the Board of Governors held May 8 1929, the following amendments to the Constituti $n$ were adopted:
That Articles II, III and VIII of the Constitution be amended by striking out Paragraph 1 of Article II, Section 1 of Article III, and Section 1 of Article VIII as follows:

Article if
The Government of the Excchange shall be vested in a Board of Governors provided.

ARTICLE III.
Sec. 1. The members of the Board of Governors shall be divided into
three classes, each class to consist of eight members to be elected annuly three classes, each cl

ARTICLE VIII.
Sec. 1. The annual election of the Exchange shall be held on the second
Monday in February, at which time there shall be elected by members of the Board of Governors for the term of three years, Trustees or as the case may be, a Trustee of the Gratuity Fund for the term, of three years,
and also members to fill vacancies which may have occurred during the preceding year either among the Trustees of the Gratuity Fund or in the
Board of
and inserting, in lieu thereof, the following:
ARTICLE II.
The Government of the Exchange shall be vested in a Board of Goverinafter provided. ARTICLE III.
Sec. 1. The members of the Board of Governors shall be divided into
three classes, each class to consist of twelve members to be elected annually, to serve three years.
The twelve additional Governors authorized by the amendment of Goard of Governors so that the term of office of four of such additional
Governors expire on the second Monday of Febuary in the years
1930, 1931 and 1932, respectively. The suceesors of sueh additional
Governors shall be elected in the manner hereinafter provided.
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Monday in February, at which time there shall be elected by ballot twelve
members of the Board of Governors for the term of three years, Trustees members of the Board of Governors for the term of three years, Trustees three years, and also members to fill vacancies which may have occurred
during the preceding year either among the Trustees of the Gratuity Fund during the preceding year eith
or in the Board of Governors.
That Article III, Section 14 of the Constitution be amended by, striking out the words "five members" in the secon line, and i serting, in lieu t ereof, the words "eight members", so that the said Section 14 shall read as or, the
follows:
"Sec. 14. In the absence of both the President and Vice-President, any
ienht members of the Board of Governors may call a meeting thereof," That Article X, Section 1, Subdivision Fourth of the Oorstitution be amended by striking out the words "ten members" in the second line, and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words "twenty members," so that the first three lines of said Subdivision Fourth shall read as follows:
"Fourth. A committee on Listing, to consist of twenty members, which wing powers:
That Article XXI, Section 6 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words "fifteen members" in the seventh line, and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words "
"Sec. 6. A member of the Exchange, who is a general partner in a firm represe. 6. A member thereon, is liable to the same discipline and penalties for any rectesented thior of such firm as for his own personal act or omission; but
act or oomission of Governors may in its discussion by a vote of, not less than
the Board
twenty-four members relieve him from the penalty therefor."
If not disapproved within two weeks from May 8 1929, by a majority vote of the entire regular membership, the said amendments shall stand as the law of the Exchange, in accordance with Article XXVII of the Constitution.

EUGENE R. TAPPEN, secretary.

## Chicago Stock Exchange Extends Its Ticker Service to

 Additional Cities-Montana Legislature Exempts Securities on Chicago Exchange from "Blue Sky" Examination.The Chicago Stock Exchange this week extended its Western Union Quotation Ticker Service into a number of additional cities. These cities are South Bend, Indiana; and Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, Grand Rapids and Muskegon, Michigan. We were also advised on May 21 that within a few days the service would also be extended to include Jackson, Lansing and Flint, Michigan. This will put the Chicago tickers in 26 cities throughout the United States.
Further advices state that the Montana State Legislature this week passed an amendment to its Securities Act exempting Chicago Stock Exchange listed securities frem examination by its "Blue Sky" Department. Our imformant also says:

This means that 34 of the 48 States in the Union permit the sale of Chicago Stock Exchange securities either specifically or by implication. Twenty-
three of these States specifically exempt Ohicago listed securities from examination, while in the other 11 they may be sold by qualified registere dealers.

## New York Curb Exchange Inaugurates Ticker Service in Richmond, Va.

Announcement was made on May 22 by the New York Curb Exchange that its ticker service was inaugurated in Richmond, Va., that day. The system, it is stated, now covers approximately 60 cities throughout the United States extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast.

## Bill Passed by Illinois House Permitting Chicago Board of Trade to Deal in Stocks Without "Blue Sky" Law Qualifications.

A group of Chicago bankers appeared before a sub-committee of the Illinois Senate on May 17 and gave support to a measure now before the Senate to exempt securities listed by the Chicago Board of Trade from qualification under the blue sky act. The bill was passed by the State House of Representatives on May 7 by a vote of 91 to 23. Regarding the presentations made to the Senate Committee by the bankers on May 17 we quote the following from the Chicago "Journal of Commerce."
The opening of the Board's security market, it was declared by William R. Dawes, Vice-President of the Central Trust Co. of Illinois, will be a Illinois, but of the enting the fi,
Appearing with him in behalf of the Board were H. A. Wheeler, ViceChairman of the First National Bank; Lawrence H. Whiting. President of the Boulevard Bridge Bank, and John J. Giddes, representing Eugene M. Stevens, President of the Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Co.

## Aids City Dawes Says.

"Any added facility that can be devised to promote legitimate business is a good thing for the city, State and entire west," Mr. Dawes said. The move to add trading in stocks and bonds at the commodity market was described by Mr. Wheeler as in line with the trend in every other type of business to increase its facilities.

The outlying banker, the committee was told by Mr. Whiting, must be a securities banker to-day, because of the stock that is offered continually as collateral.

Members of the board of trade are of character and ability to measure up fully to the requirements of a body that should stand between the buying public and the firms which issue securities, it was asserted by Mr. Giddes.

Many Brokers Attend.
President Samuel P. Arnot of the Board headed a group of Chicago brokers who attended the session of the sub-committee, composed of Senator James J. Barbour, Chairman; Senator Harry W. Starr and Senator Arthur Huebsch.

Among the prominent brokers present were A. F. Lindley, A. W. Mansfield, Jos. P. Griffin, W. C. Jackson, Parker M. Paine, R. H. Smart, Barnett Faroll, James W. McCulloh, T. E. Cunningham, Wm. J. Fitz-
simmons, George H. Tanner, Allen S. Noyes, H. H. Lobdell, K. V. R Nicol, George A. Seaverns, F. E. Alstrin, Matthew J. Doyle, Jr., A. E. Cross, J. W. Badenoch, Henry I. Monheimer, Otto Antonsen, E. D. Norton, T. Y. Wickham, and Geo. A. Koehl.

We also quote from the same paper May 8 the following relative to the passage of the bill by the House.

By a vote of 91 to 23 the House of Representatives late to-day passed the Sullivan Bill giving the Chicago Board of Trade the right to list securities without qualifying them under the blue sky law. For a time the fate of the bill was in doubt.
Upon completion of the roll call the bill had 65 votes, 12 short of the constitutional majorities. The absentees were recalled, resulting in 3 more votes. Then Representative T. J. Sullivan, sponsor of the bill, moved that further consideration be postponed.
Before the motion could be put to a vote 23 members came to life and
cast their ballots, passing the bill with fourteen votes to spare cast their ballots, passing the bill with fourteen votes to spare.
Representatives Michael L. Igoe, minority floor leader, and Elmer J.
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Upholds Board's Integrity.
"The blue sky law was passed several years ago, to protect investors from unscrupulous dealers in securities," Schnackenberg said. "I ask you members of the house if you are going to put the Board of Trade in the the same class as fellows who ran around stealing the savings of widows of the state?
He went on to point to the record of the Board of Trade, demanding that it be given the same rights and privileges as the Chicago Exchange. "I repeat again today, what I said last week: that there is too much politics in business now," Representative Igoe said. "This bill is fostered by the best people of Chicago. If you refuse to pass it, you tell them that the Board of Trade is not entitled to the same consideration as the Chicago, New York and Boston Stock Exchanges."

## Now Goes to Senate.

The bill permits the Board of Trade to list securities without having Office. The Chicago New Yities Department of the Secretary of State's that privilege. The measure now goes to the Senate for concurrence.
A bill granting the same privilege to the Curb exchange is still on second reading in the House.

Executive of New York Coffee \& Sugar Exchange and Other Commodity Exchanges Confer on Plans for Housing of All in one Building.
As part of the movement to make New York the commodity centre of the world, executives of the New York Coffee \& Sugar Exchange, Rubber Exchange of New York,

Cocoa Exchange, and National Raw Silk Exchange, have recently held a series of conferences with a view to uniting in the construction of an office building which would be a commodity exchange centre and furnish offices for the various trades affected, it was announced on May 17.
The proposed commodity exchange centre, according to present plans, will be on the present site of the Coffee \& Sugar Exchange, and possibly a plot of ground adjoining the Coffee Exchange Bldg. In furtherance of the commodity centre idea, Frank C. Lowry, President of the Coffee \& Sugar Exchange, called a meeting of members for May 23 for the purpose of taking action on the following proposal:
To authorize the Board of Managers, in its discretion, on such terms as the Board shall approve, to join with the New York Rubber Exchange, exchanges as the Board of Managers shall approve, in the purchase through a realty company, of which the New York Coffee \& Sugar Exchange, Inc., shall be a substantial stockholder, of a suitable plot consisting of the present site of the New York Coffee \& Sugar Exchange, and the whole or a part of the adjoining properties in the same block to the east, and
the erection thereon of an office building containing offices for public the erection thereon of an office building containing offices for public letting, and also suitable quarters for the use of the said exchanges.
In the alternative, if in the opinion of the Board of Managers, it be unwise or impracticable to arrange for the purchase of the land and the
erection of such building jointly with some or all of the other exchanges, erection of such building jointly with some or all of the other exchanges, present property of the Exchange to some purchaser who will agree to perect on such property or on such property together with adjoining property, an office building containing offices for public letting and also suitable quarters for the use of the New York Coffee \& Sugar Exchange, to be rented to said Exchange for a term of years at a rental to be approved by the Board of Managers.
At their meeting on May 23 members of the Coffee \& Sugar Exchange voted to authorize the Board of Managers of the Exchange to join with other commodity exchanges in the underwriting of such an exchange building. The vote of the Coffee Exchange members was 114 in favor of the plan, against 22 opposed. Executives of several other commodity exchanges, including the National Silk, Rubber Exchange, and Cocoa Exchanges, are said to have signified their willingness to participate with the Coffee Exchange in the erection of a commodity exchange building to house a number of exchanges. The proposed new commodity exchange centre, besides providing trading quarters for the various exchanges, will also have sufficient office space for the executive offices of the various exchanges, and offices for public letting.

Resolutions on Credit Situation, Agriculture, \&c., Adopted at Annual Meeting of U. S. Chamber of Commerce-Officers Elected.
The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, at the conclusion of the Chamber's Seventeenth Annual Meeting in Washington May 3, elected the following officers for the coming year:
Chairman: Julius H. Barnes, of New York City.
President: William Butterworth, of Moline, III. (re-elected).
Vice-Presidents: North Eastern States, Alfred J. Brosseau, of New York (re-elected): South Eastern States, Robert R. Ellis, Memphis (re-elected); North Central States, W. Rufus Abbott, of Chicago; North Western States,
postponed; South Western States, Charles W. Lonsdale, Kansas City; postponed; South Western States, Charles W. Lonsdale, Kansas City;
Western Division, Paul Shoup, San Western Division, Paul Shoup, San Francisco (re-elected).
Mr. Barnes, the new Chairman, is a former President of the Chamber. He was named Chairman to succeed Joseph H. Defrees, of Chicago, who died during the year.

At its final session on May 3, the annual meeting (which was in session from April 29 to May 3) adopted a series of resolutions and heard addresses by John H. Fahey, publisher of the Worcester, Mass., "Post," and C. F. Kettering of the General Motors Research Laboratories, Detroit. The resolutions adopted covered a number of subjects, and we make room for the following:

## Credit Situation.

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States recognizes the new problem of finance and credit, and the difficulty of preserving an orderly balance under these new conditions.
Stable currencies abroad are desirable for industry, labor and agriculture here. Corporate financing has developed recent trends toward common stock issues. Large security trading naturally results from the increasing number of our people with new margins of savings seeking investment, but the capacity of the country to quickly absorb new security issues should be carefully weighed.
Basic industries, especially the smaller units of manufacture, distribution, and agriculture, should not be burdened with unusualiy high interest rates resulting from security excesses.
The Chamber has confidence in the Federal Reserve System and its adaptability to new conditions, and holds that the System is entitled to the utmost cooperation.
For more than a year the Chamber has had a committee for the study of finance and credit. The convention is gratified to learn that this report will soon be in form for presentation to the board of directors and asks for its discussion, understanding and vote.

## Agriculture.

The Ohamber's policies relating to agricultural problems have been adopted through the Chamber's representative procedure and they are

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being actively supported. These policies include advocacy of equality in
tariff protection with other forms of American industry. For this purpose a tariff bill will soon come before Congress for debate. In the Ohamber's policies there is also a recommendation for a new and important agency of $t^{\prime}$ e Federal government to deal comprehensively with agricultural problems. The enactment of a great project of legislation in the interest of agriculture appears imminent.
It is in the national interest that such a project should have beneficial results of widespread importance. This Chamber and its membership should contribute in every way within their power toward the success of such an undertaking.
To this end we believe the Chamber should have a committee to follow the development of the plans of the Federal government, to suggest ways in which the Chamber and its members may lend their assistance, and to
bring forward any questions upon which the Chamber should reach further bring for
For such a committee there are tasks to which it could at once turn its attention, in cooperation with other appropriate committees of the Chamber, such as the field of research in which the Federal gevernment should operits products of the national interest in agriculture, and the utiliza through extension service for getting the opportunities for results of research. Railroad Rate-Making.
The power given to Congress in the Constitution to regulate interstate commerce includes the power to regulate railway rates. Congress can either exercise the rate-making power directly or delegate it to the Interstate Commerce Commission or some other agency to exercise. The power Commission, if Congress deemed this desirable.

We believe, however, that Congress acted with wisdom and statesmanship when it created the Interstate Commerce Commission and delegated to it, as an impartial and expert body which would be informed by investigation, study and experience, the function and duty of regulating railway rates.
Congress having created such a body for such a purpose, and having defined in the Interstate Commerce Act the broad principles that shall be applied by the Commission in using its power of rate-making, we regard itself, to give to the Commission detailed instructions as to the way in which the Commission shall apply the rate-making principles defined in the law, or to impose requirements for such elaborate investigations as unduly postpone rate adjustments which the Commission could otherwise make more promptly in accordance with the procedure and law already established. The Commission should be permitted to continue to regulate rates in accordance with its own expert knowledge and judgment as to the way in which the rate-making principles defined in the law should be applied in each particular case, and as to the relations that should be sstablished between the rates paid by different sections of the country and different branches of industry and commerce.
It is a long established principle of rate-making that consideration should be given to the condition of the various industries, including agriculture, so that rates may be fair and not discriminatory and that goods may move freely in commerce. This principle of rate-making should be stant change and uncertainty would necessarily damage business and retard development, to the detriment of the national welfare.

## Federal Taxation

With the national debt reduced nearly ten billion dollars since the close of the war, with the activities of the government now brought more nearly to the orderly routine of normal times, and with large surpluses accruing in
recent years in the national treasury, it seems obvious that Federal taxes hould now be levied with the economic welfare of the country steadily in tiew, and all proposals for new expenditures by the Federal government should be carefully scrutinized, in order that none may be granted unless heir justification is clearly apparent.
The present rate of Federal income tax on corporations, at $12 \%$, is burdensome on productive enterprise. It handicaps business development the amount of other taxable income. be available for dividends, it curtails the corporate form of business enterprise. In theory and in equity the the should correspond more nearly with the normal theory and in equity the tax Every opportunity permitted by the financial situation of the Federal government should be utilized for the reduction of the corporate rate to a more equitable level.

## Tax Liability.

Prompt settlement of liability for Federal taxes is in the interest of both government and taxpayers. While some unnecessary delays are attributale to taxpayers, the seriousness of the problem in the main has been due dministrative organization for the purpose of expediting tax changes in have resulted largely in transferring congestion from one point to another with little relief to taxpayers. Some improvements have resulted from current efforts to develop means of speeding up tax settlements. We commend such efforts and urge that long delayed cases now be rapidly disposed of and that there be prompt final determination of tax liability in the future.

## State and Local Taxation.

Business men's organizations, both commercial organizations and trade ssociations, have been turning their attention effectively to the problems in state and local taxation and or governmental activilies which have results of good government. good government
Such progress has now been made in reducing the earlier chaos as to taxation or intangible personal property under inheritance tax laws that a majority of the states have enacted the statute for reciprocity in exemption exemption for such property. It is especially timely for organizations in other states to urge the adoption of the statute for reciprocity
Business is not limited territorially by state boundary lines.
tate imposes excessive or annoying tax burdens the normal de any one of business and industry is hampered. Through various forms of fees, tax levies, and special imposts upon business enterprises incorporated in other states, there have thus been created undue handicaps upon the interstate movement of capital and goods. It is urged that in the coming year trade associations give special study to aspects of this problem pertinent to their special fields and that chambers of commerce consider the matter from the point of view of conditions in their states. Removal of excessive burdens upon firms and individuals doing an interstate business will prove to be not only in the general interest of the country but also of the levying states. The methods by which public funds are raised and expended in every state and locailty should have thorough examination by business men's organizations. This should embrace the planning and budgeting for a period of years of expenditures of a capital nature, including thelr proper financing whether through current roceipts or borrowings. Out of such
examination wii
public finances.
This examination should extend to administrative organization. Diffusion of administrative responsibility is apparent in many fields of govermental management. These are opportunities for simplification in the organization of state governments. strated the possibilities of reorganization and coordination in their administrative services. A defective local government is frequently apgarent in the number of overlapping taxing and spending jurisdictions. Concerted and sustained attention to these problems from business men's organizations in all parts of the country will go far toward the assurance that the public will get proper benefits from each dollar collected in taxation, and that taxation will not be used for improper and unnecessary purposes.

## Tariff Commission.

This Chamber has by early referendum approved the principle of maintenance and encouragement of our export trade in tariff legislation so faas consistent with reasonable protection for American industry. In recent years there has developed a great appreciation of the necessity for maintaining fair and jast protech anerica's higher wage scales and living proper yotlous benfits America as that inter countries under proper condin here should bo toctive tariff schedule accurately reflecting these cons of ions and file mough to meotion rative authority is required to act promptly after investigation and ithin legislative limits. This Chamber has consistently supported, from legislative limits. dministrative authority within the limits prescribed by Congress. While the Chamber does not now specifically recall its earlier recommendation or both a fact-finding Tariff Commission and a separate Tariff Adjust ment Board, this Chamber expresses a desire that the established Tariff Commission should be strengthened by the necessary authority for expe ditious determination of these questions with full responsibility under the President of the United States

## U. S. Supreme Court in Decision Affecting Worcester

 County (Mass.) National Bank Holds State Law as to Administrators of Estates Shall Prevail in Consolidations of State and National InstitutionsMcFadden Branch Banking Act Quoted.A decision handed down May 13 by the Supreme Court of the United States upholds the provisions of the Massachusetts State law stipulating that a National bank, acquiring the business of a State bank named as administrator of estates, cannot assume such functions as administrator unless specific authority be granted the National bank by the Probate Court.

The "United States Daily" of May 14 in giving the text of the Supreme Court decision said:
Congress intended that consolidation of state and National banks into cceeding National banks under Section 3 of the Act of Feb. 25 1927, known law, the Supreme Court of the United States held on May 13

Even to the point of repetition," the court stated, "Congress wished to avoid any provision in contravention of the law of the State in which the State bank or trust company and the National bank to be consolidated were located."

Intent of Congress Construed.
In construing this to be the intention of Congress, the Supreme Court held that Section 3 of the act, in providing that the succeeding National bank shall hold all interest of the State bank, including the right to succession as trustee executor, or in any other fiduciary capacity, should not be held unconsitutional where it runs counter to State laws providing that executor shall be appointed only by the Probate Court, but should be so construed as to provide that the consolidation does not transfer with it the office of executor from the State bank to the succeeding National bank.
As construed by the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, the opinion of Chief Justice Taft, explains, the law of Massachusetts provides that an executor can only be appointed by the Probate Court. That court therefore, held in the particular proceeding that the succeeding National bank had not succeeded the State Bank \& Trust Co. as an executor. of a
certain will and, therefore, was not entitled to render an account of the estate as such executor.

Purpose Termed Manifes
The Supreme Court of the United States, however, held the Federal act id not controvene the State law, stating:
So strongly manifest in this purpose," referring to the intention of Oongress in enacting Section 3 of the Federal law, 'that we do not hesitate
to construe the effect of Section 3 in Massachusetts to be only to transfer th construe the effect of Section 3 in Massachusetts to be only to transfer
the property and estate from the trust company to the national bank to be managedy and preserved as the trust compan lawrovides, for administration
of estates, and not to transfer the office of executor from the State trust of estates, and not to transfer the office of
company to the succeeding National bank.

The order of the State Probate Court in the case in question, that of Ex parte Worcester County National Bank of Worcester, No. 469, was afrirmed so far as dismissing the petition of the National bank in seeking to render an account of the State bank and its own account as executor. The National haver, was remanded to the Probate Court for a proceeding by the it may be advised and as are permissible by the laws of Massachusetts and the statutes of the United States.

The decision is taken as follows from the "United States Daily'
Ex parte Worcester County National Bank of Worcester, Appellant, No. 469 , Supreme Court of the United States
with with bank with a National bank in Massachusetts does not transfer with it the was of executor from the State bank to the succeeding National bank, it was held by the supreme Court in this proceeding.
Congress, in enacting section 3, relating to the consolidation of State and ests of the State bank, including the right of enal bank shall hold all inter\&c., in the same manner and to the same extent as was held and enjoyed by the State bank, so strongly manifested its intention that such consolidated and its legal results be in accordance with State laws that the effect of section 3, under the laws of Massachusetts proviaing that an executo to act as such must be appointed by the Probate Court, should be construed so as to permit the transfer of property and estates from the State bank t
the succeeding National bank only in accordance, with State law, it was
ruled, and not held unconstitutional ruled, and not held unconstitutional.
Appeal from the Probate Court for Worcester County, State of Massachusetts.
The full text of the court's opinion, delivered by Mr. Chief Justice Taft, follows:
The Worcester County National Bank is a consolidated banking corporation formed by uniting, on June 27 1927, the Fitchburg Bank \& Trust Co., a State institution of Massachusetts, and the Merchants National Bank of Worcester, a National bank of Worcester County, Massachusetts, under the
Act of Congress of F Fb. 25 1927, c. 91,44 Stat. 1224, amending the Act of Nov. 7 1918, c. 209, 40 Stat. 1044. The amendment added a new section, 3, and this ca

## Probate Account Prepared by Succeeding Bank.

The consolidated bank filed in the Probate Court of Worcester County a first and final account of the Fitchburg Bank \& Trust Co., executor of the
last will and testament of Julia A. Legnard, late of Fitchburg in the county of Worcester. The account was for the period beginning April 21 1926, and onding Feb. 9 1928. The account was rendered by the Worcester County ending Feb. 9 1928. The account was rendered by the Worcester County
National Bank for the Fitchburg Bank \& Trust Co. to June 27 1927, and thereafter as its own account.
The Fitchburg Bank \& Trust Co. had been appointed by the Probate Court, executor of the will of Julia A. Legy
qualified by giving bond approved on that day.
The consolidated bank claimed that in view of the proceedings, its right and duty was to render the account presented for allowance, and as all the parties interested had assented to it, that it should be allowed by the Court. The Probate Court found that the account was in proper form for allowance and should be allowed as rendered, if the said Worcester County National Bank, as successor or otherwise, was executor of said will or had the right to render as account.
The Probate Judge reported a certificate from the Comptroller of the Currency that the two banks had complied with all the provisions of the acts of Congress and had been consolidated under the charter of the Merchants National Bank with the capital stock of $\$ 1,875,000$; that the consolidation had been approved, and that pursuant to the Federal Reserve Act, enacted
Dec. 23 1913. Sec. $11(\mathrm{k}), \mathrm{c} .6,38 \mathrm{Stat} .251,262$, the consolidated bank had Dec. 23 1913, Sec. 11 (k), c. 6,
permission to act as executor.
He further reported that many estates were being administered by the consolidated bank under a claim of right where the Fitchburg Bank had been appointed administrator, executor, or in some other fiduciary capacity, and
no new appointment of the consolidated bank in place of the Fitchburg no new appointment of the consoldated been made by decree of the Probate Court.

## Right of New Bank to Act is Denied.

## He concluded the report as follows:

"Without action upon said account, I report the above facts and the question of law involved, for the consideration and deterrinination of the
full court, as to whether the petitioner is entitled to render said account.

After a hearing on the report, a rescript of the Supreme Judicial Court was as follows:
"Ordered that the register of probate and insolvency in said county
"ake the following entry under said case in the docket of said court, viz.; make the following entry under said chase in the docket. of said court, viz.
The question reported, namely in Whether the petitioner is ontitled
render said account; is answered in the negative. Probate court instructed render said ac
accordingly."

Following the rescript, the Probate Court made the following entry
"The foregoing account having been presented for allowance, after re-
ript from the Supreme Judicial Court (full court) and pursuant to the script from the Supreme Judicial Court (full court) and pursuant to the
terms of said rescript it appearing that the Worcester Count National
Bank of Worcester the accountant and petitioner in this case, has not
 said testatrix and is not entitiled to render thi,
the allowance of the same is hereby dismissed."

A petition for appeal to this Court, with an assignment of errors, was filed, and an appeal allowed under Section 237 (a) of the Judicial Code, as amended by the Act of Feb. 13 1925, c. 229, 43 Stat. 936, 937
The Supreme Judicial Oourt stated its reasons for the conclusion reached in an elaborate opinion. 162 N. E. 217.
The Court began with a statement of the substance of section 3 of the Act of Feb. 25 1927, c. 91,44 Stat. 1224, 1225, providing that any bank, including a trust company incorporated under the laws of any state, may be consolidated with a national bank located in the same cous under the解 e abreed the st bank in to every species of property, real, personal and mixed, and choses in action thereto belonging, shall be deemed to be transferred to and vested in such national bank into which it is consolidated, without any deed or transfer: and that the national bank shall hold and enjoy all this property, franchises and interests, including the right of succession as trustee, executor, or in any other fiduciary capacity, in the same manner and to the same extent as was held and enjoyed by the State bank.

## Supreme Judicial Court Explains Its Decision.

## The section closes with the limitation:

"No such consolidation shall be in con
lhe court exal bank is
 reh consolid there was a provision in the General Laws, c. 172 , Sec. 44 , as amended by Stat. 1922, c. 292, which should be regarded as a limitation upon such consolidation, as follows
"The charter of a trust company, the business of which shall, on or before July 11922 , be consolidated or merged with, or absorbed by, another
bank or trust company, shall be void except for the purpose of discharging existing obligations and liabilities
With this qualification, the court found the field to be left open, under Massachusetts law, to the exercise by Congress of whatever power it possessed over the subject. The court then considered the Congressional power and cited the case of Casey V. Galli, 96 U. S. 673 , to show that under section 44 of the banking act of Congress, c. 106,13 Stat. 99,112 , a State bank could change its organization into that of a farwise to make the change uthority given by the State in its charter or otherwise to make the change. The Supreme Judicial Court could not find any distinction between the power of Congress to authorize the conversion of a State bank into a Nawith that if no Ste lo accomplish the conversion, there was no legislan the consolidation, and that the consolidation a Masth company with a National bank under the section 3 of the act of Congress of Feb. 25 1927, was permissible and valid.

Identity Extinguished by Terms of Consolidation.
The court then considered what was the legal effect of the consolidation on the Trust Company and the National Bank, and emphasized the explicit
provision of Section 3 that the consolidation was to be under the charter of the National Bank. It referred again to the provision of the State law that
upon the consolidation, the charter of the Trust Company should be "void upon the consolidation, the charter of the Trust Company should be
except for the purpose of discharging existing obligations and liabilities." except for the purpose of discharging existing obligations and liabilities."
It held that the word "franchises" directed to be transferred to the It held that the word "franchises" directed to be transferred to the
National Bank by virtue of Section 3 did not mean its charter or its right to National Bank by virtue of Section 3 did not mean its charter or its right to
be a corporation, for that would be in contravention of the law of the be a corporation, for that would be in contravention of the law of the
Commonwealth; that it was only the National Bank that retained its corCommonwealth; that it was only the National Bank that retained its cor-
porate identity; that the certificate of the Comptroller did not constitute porate identity; that the certificate of the Comptroller did not constitute a charter, but only his approval of the consolidation; that the Trust Com-
pany had gone out of existence and all its property had become the property pany had gone out of existence and all its property had become the property
of the consolidated bank; and that the latter was not a newly-created organization, but an enlargement of the continuously existing National Bank. Thus the court found that the identity of the Trust Company had not been continued in a National Bank, but had been extinguished.
The court distinguished this case from cases of union where contract obligations had been held to pass from one of the uniting corporations to the other. Such cases were held not to be applicable to sustain the view that positions of trust like executor, administrator and other fiduciaries could be transferred to the National Bank by the mere consolidation under Massachusetts law.
The court then set out at some length the reasons why under the Constitution and practice of Massachusetts the appointment of an executor was a judicial act and that in the case before the court no one could succeed to the void and defunct State Trust Company as executor by appointment by the Probate Court. The trust involved was highly personal
The court said:
"To treat the national banking association into which the State trust
company has been consolidated as preserving the identity of the trust company has been consolidated as preserving the identity of the trust company in this particular would be contrary to the juridical conception
and practice touching the appointment of such fiduciaries under the law
of this Commonwealth." of this Commonwealth.
The third question the court discussed and decided was the validity and binding effect on courts of Massachusetts of the declaration in Section 3 of the Act of Congress that the right of succession as trustee, executor or in any other fiduciary capacity, would held and enjoyed by such State Bank.
It first inquired what was its meaning and held that it meant that the original appointment of the State bank was to continue wholly unaffected by the fact that the State bank had ceased to be, and that another and dif ferent corporation, whose credit, standing and competency had never been the subject of judicial inquiry for this purpose must be subsituted by virtue of Section 3. The court found that this result was in contravention of the law of the Commonwealth and contrary to the State and Federal Constitutions.

The court found, however, that this provision was not the dominant part of Section 3, that the clause was separable and distinct, that the rest of the section could stand independently and there was no such connection between the two as to indica
valid part without the other
The court, therefore, held that the Worcester County National Bank of Worcester, the accountant and petitioner in the case at bar, had not suc ceeded the Fitchburg Bank \& Trust Company as ex-executor of the will of the Testatrix and was not entitled to render an account as such executor that it could only account as executor de son tort, and that the question of the Probate Court must be answered in the negative.
In passing on this appeal, we must observe that in determining the policy of a State from its statutes and their construction, we of course follow the opinion of the State court except as it may be affected by the Federal Constitution. When, therefore, the State court holds that an executor to act as such in the state, must be appointed by the Probate Court, the Court must respect that conclusion and act accordingly. But when the of Federal legislation, this Court adopts its own view

Bank Without Right To Take Over Estate.
It is very clear to us that Congress in the enactment of Section 3 of the Act of February 25 1927, was anxious even to the point of repetition to show tha it wished to a void any provision in contravention of the law of the State in which the State Trust company and the national bank to be consolidated were located. So strongly manifest is this purpose that we do not hesitate to construe the effect of Section 3 in Massachusetts to be only to transfer the property and estate from the trust company to the National bank to be managed and preserved as the State law provides, for administration of estates, and not to transfer the office of executor from the State Trust Company to the succeeding National bank
As this requires another judicial appointment by a probate court, it would become the duty of a consolidated National bank, after the union, immediately to apply for the appointment of itself as executor, subject to the examination and approval of the proper Probate Court. Because of the interest of the National Bank in all of the assets of the Trust Company including the estate at bar, transferred to its custody, the Bank would seem to have a right to make such an application to the Probate Court and await the action of that court.
If, on the other hand, it assumed improperly that it was made an executor by the mere consolidation, and held the transferred property as such, It must be held to have become an executor de son tort and should bring the assets before the Probate Court and proceed by proper application to secure Supreme Judicial of a legal executor by the court, as pointed out by the tional Bank, 261 Mass 217 and Commonwealth-Atlantic National Bank tional Bank, 261 Mass 217 , and Commonweat These views
Court in rews lead us to agree with the conclusions of the Supreme Judicial Court in respect to the legality of the consolidation of the Trust Company Section 3 , by which it would hold that Section unconstitutional under the Constitution of Massachuetts, and also under the Constitution of the United States.

Conformity With State Law Enjoined By Section Three.
We think Section 3, enjoins upon the National Bank complete conformity with the Massachusetts lew in its conduct of estates of deceased persons when acting as trustee or administrator thereof.
The Supreme Judicial Court refers to its opinion in this case to that of Commonwealth-Atlantic National Bank of Boston, 261 Mass. 217, as In that that the consolidated bank the the probate court as In that case a state trust company was appretor property in third
It qualified by fiving bond and for some time held and administered the property as fiduciry. Thereafter it was converted into a National bank, which still later appointment as trustee was made by the Probate Court,
The consolidated National bank petitioned for allowance of accounts as fiduciary. The court held that while the accounts were accurate and complete, the consolidated bank was not a duly appointed fiduciary merely by virtue of the original appointment of the State trust company, and could only account de son tort.

The court relied on Commonwealth-Atlantic National Bank of Boston, 249 Mass. 440. There a State trust company was named as executor in a will. Thereafter it became converted into a National bank, which still later was consolidated with another National Bank.
The testator having died, the consolidated National bank petitioned for the issuance of letters testamentary to it as the executor named in the will. the court held that it was not the executor named therein, and that the designation of the State trust company as executor did not confer on it a property right passing to its successor, the consolidated National bank.
The Court in both Commonwealth-Atlantic Bank cases accepted the The Court in both Commonwealth-Atlantic Bank cases accepted the
effect of the decisions in First National Bank of Bay City V. Fellows, 244
U. S. 416 , and Burnes National Bank of St. Joseph V. Duncan, 265 U. S. 17 , U.S. 416, and Burnes National Bank of St. Joseph v. Duncan, 265 U. S. 17 , State trust companies have that privilege. The Court in 249 Mass. said, State trust companies have that privilege. The Court in 249 Mass. said, and with all its implications," but said, that "that principle does not reach to the facts here presented.
There was similar language in 261 Mass. The Supreme Judicial Court did not then hold, and has not held, that a probate court of Massachusetts may not appoint a National bank, otherwise qualified, to be executor, administrator or trustee, if it approves one as such.
In construing section 3, we think it to be in conformity therewith for the National bank, after consolidation, to apply to the Massachusetts probate court for appointment as a succeeding fiduciary to carry on the duties. In the present case, no such appointment has been made by the probate
Under the Massachusetts authorities as already cited the Bank in attempting in this case to act as executor has become an executor de son tort, and that situation must be disposed of in accordance with the laws applicable in Massachusetts to such a situation. Clabborn v. Phillips, 245 Mass. 47. When the executor de son tort has been released, it would seem that application might be made to the Probate Court for appointment of the National
Bank as executor to close the estate.
It seems to us that our construction of Section 3 of the Act of 1927 in differing from that of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts makes it possible by the appointment of the Probate Judge, if he approves, to enforce the requirements which the laws of and still preserve the constitutional effectiveness of Section 3. This result requires us to affirm the dismissal of the petition of the Worester County National Bank in seeking to render the first and final account of the Fitchburg Bank \& Trust Co. as executor of the last will and testament of Julia A. Legnard, deceased, and its own account as executor of her will, but to remand the cause to the Probate Court for a proceeding by the petitioner as executor de son tort, and for such further proceedings as it may be advised and as are permissible by the laws of Massachusetts and the statutes of the United States not inconsistent with this opinion.

And it is so ordered
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## Mississippi Bankers Association Votes for Repeal of Bank Deposit Guaranty Law.

The Mississippi Bankers' Association, at its annual convention in Biloxi, Miss., on May 15 unanimously voted in favor of the repeal of the Mississippi guarantee and deposits law, according to the Jackson (Miss.) "News" of May 16, which said:
O. B. Taylor, Jackson, rendered a full report of the law and offered a resolution looking to the repeal of it. Mr. Taylor's report showed that the law has proved a failure with most disastrous results in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansaa, Washington, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, and with one exception has been repealed. The law has been in operation 14 years and has proved unsuccessful, showing a deficit of $\$ 3,074,288,71$, which will require 15 years in which to retire outstanding guaranty certificates, without further bank failures, Mr. Taylor submitted in his resolution.
Mr. Taylor suggested that a committee of nine be selected by the executive committee of the association, consisting of a chairman from the State and a member from each group in the State, to have charge of a program looking to the law's repeal, and to be empowered, in co-operation with the
superintendent of Mississippi banks, to work out such terms and conditions superintendent of Mississippi banks, to work out such terms and condition for such repeal as will meet the approvas of the Mr. Taylor pointed out that the seb stat the law, Officers of the
elected as follows: elected as follows:
A. L. Jagoe, Gulfport, member of the Executive Committee; Thad B Lampton, Jackson, member of Nomination Committee ; Dr. A. Gaston, Dolumbus, State Vice-President from Mississippi; E. C. Tansmeire, Biloxi,
Vice-President National Bank Division ; H. J. Landry, Friars Point, Vice-Vice-President National Dank
President Savings Bank Division ; A. H. Cable, Sumner, Vce-President State President Savings Bank Jackson, Vice-President Trust Company Division.
Banks; E. D. Kenna, Jater

## Under Ruling of New York State Bank Department, Applications for Bank Charters Not to Be Considered Until Formally Made.

The State Banking Department has issued a statement announcing that from now on all applications for charters under the State Banking Law must be made formally. The "Times" of May 21, from which we quote, adds:
Heretofore it has been the custom for organizers to make informal appliHeretofore it has been the custom for organizers the make informal appli-
cation in order to save time. With the informal application in hand, the cation in order to save time. With the informa application in hand, the
Banking Department has gone ahead with its investigations, which, if Banking Department has gone atead with of formest application.
favorable, have been followed by the making of
The ruling issued by the Superintendent of Banks is as follows:
"In future no applications for charters for new institutions to be organized under the provisions of any article of the banking law will be
given consideration until the formal papers required by statute have been given consideration fill filed.
actull branch applications will be treated as formal and will, in accordce with the provisions of Subdivision 9 of Section 82 of the banking law, appear upon the weekly bulletin on the Friday, immediately succeeding the date upon which guch applications are filed."
C. B. Hazlewood, President of American Bankers Asso ciation, Predicts Greater Future for Banking.
Changes taking place in America's banking system indicate that in the next five years its achievements will far
surpass anything accomplished by it in the past as a constructive factor in the nation's progress, Craig B. Hazlewood, President American Bankers' Association, Vice-President First National Bank of Chicago, told the annual convention of the Ohio Bankers' Association at Columbus, Ohio, on May 22. "In these days of swift interchange of ideas and methods, business and banking progress has become visible and tangible," Mr. Hazelwood said. In part he also stated: "There was a time when business seemed without leadership and without direction. Progress consisted in a mere groping towards the light. To-day, the reverse is true. A better method is discovered, the news is broadcast, the idea is promptly accepted, and the various industries and unis of business march forward with greater assurance and increased rapidity. He looks at banking, which is a cross section of an businesses, the profession which has undertaken the responsibility for financial advice to ten. What does he see? Let us examine the banking record of the last ten years. In 1919 there was inflation, over-banking, and both secured and unsecured loans based on land held at prices which could never show a proper investment return. There were loans to manufacturers having swolen inventories, and there was a great desire to build more planin to take care of ever-increasing sales quotas. Everybody was making "Then came the realization that things had gone too far; deflation and liquidation came the realization that things had gone too iquidation followed rapidly. In many cases the wiss af and deposits cailues faster than liquidation. There failures in large numbers. Some form of bad management was discorered in $95 \%$ of these failures;

## incompetence was evident.

The widest publicity was given to the failures, but none to the banks that came through the difficulties successfully. There was not enough recognition of the twenty odd thousand anks af them in districts where the test, and which are operat. Olearly not enoug credit was given to the conditions were of the worst. great majority of our unit bankers and resourcefulness, under very trying conditions.
" $O$ ut of all this there developed the period of investigation and survey, of inquiry into the causes of failures and methods of preventing them in the quty Frequently changes for the better are ebtained only after the future. Frequently changes for the The fate of those bankers who had not employed proper methods brought a realization of the imperative need for standards and policies that would be adequate to meet any need for standards and porkable prosperity of the country, some of our
situation. With the remar bankers had fallen into careless ways, and it was obvious even to the most casual student of banking that more exact and scientific methods were needed.
"Management, profits, liquidity-these to-day are the great key words. An outstanding indication of the eagerness to place banks on a scientific operating basis with adequate management knowledge and cost control was the Mississippi Valley Bank Management Conference recently convened at Chicago by the American Bankers Association. It was this eagerness which brought there 1,200 bankers from twenty Mississippi Valley States to study management. South Dakota, 1,000 miles away, sent a larger delegation to this meeting than had ever before attended a banking meeting outside the State. Many bankers from the smallest communities in the Middle West came hundreds of miles. And these bankers sat continuously from 10 A . M. to 10 P . M., discussing the practieal manasement of a bank. "Consider these evidences of the changes that are taking place. Consider these new forces that are actively at work. Consider thes momentous facts rgarding the new thinking that is going on. It is upon just such evidence, such forces, such facts as these that I see a banking system whose achievements in the next five years, I believe, will far surpass any of our accomplishments in the past and will bring the banking system into the forefront of those constructive factors which build American progress.
"It is high time that bankers awakened to the fact that the ultimate objective in running a bank is to make a profit and that this requires skilled management. That may seem like a cold philosophy. It may seem to displace the human side of banking. It may seem to forsake the idea that a banker's principal and women in it. It does none of these thing. Litizens unless the bank no banker properly serves is coning is ind mak a prort, fore it is to contribute its proper share to the upulding its proper share to the upbuilding and development of its community.
$\$ 9,000,000,000$ Represented by New York City Bank Mergers in 1929, According to Ralph B. Leonard \& Co.
Total resources of the more than thirty New York City banks that have either merged in 1929 or are about to merge nearly reach the tremendous sum of $\$ 9,000,000,000$, according to an analysis prepared by Ralph B. Leonard \& Co., specialists in bank and insurance stocks. Among the old institutions whose identity has been partly or completely submerged, together with their dates of founding, are: Farmers' Loan \& Trust (1822) Hanover National (1851) Nassau National (1859) Garfleld National (1881) Mechal Bank of Commerce (1839) Mechanics Bank (1852) U. S. Mortgage \& Trust (1871)
Seaboard National (1883) Seaboard National (1883) State Bank \& Trust (1890) Colonial Bank (1892)
"It is interesting to note," Leonard \& Co. add, "that in the great majority of cases trust or State charters have been retained in preference to national charters. This has often been the case even where the principal bank in the merger has been national, as with the Chemical National-U. S. Mortgage \& Trust combine. While Chemical is the principal here, it is giving up its national charter and becoming the Chemical Bank \& Trust." They further state:
While the number of banks in the city is being depleted by mergers, there is a considerable number of new banks being formed, the majority of which are members of the nacy small as compared with the resources of the merged banks.

In addition to the usual advantages of mergers in any line-greater size companies of reduction of expencall their accounts.

## Unfavorable Effect on European Industry Seen by Vice-President Heckscher of Irving Trust as Result of High Money Rates in United States.

The high money rates in the United States have had an unfavorable effect upon industry in Europe, according to James Hecksher, Vice-President in charge of the Foreign Office of the Irving Trust Company, who has just returned from a two months' business trip abroad. "The whole of Europe has been affected by the situation here," said Mr. Hecksher on May 10. "High money in the United States depletes European capital for business and industry, and makes the money that is available there more expensive to the borrower. If it were possible to reduce money rates and speculation here simultaneously, our international commercial relations would be benefited. Europeans generally are astounded by the continued prosperity in the United States." Mr. Hecksher, who visited England, France, Switzerland, Germany and Poland while abroad, also said:
"There has been a slight improvement in business in England, although uncertainty over the coming elections has had a deterrent effect Com. mercial and financial interests are apprehensive that the Labor Party will mons, although it is doubtful that they will have controlling power. The situation is complicated by the fact that the election will be the first in which all women over 21 will be entitled to vote."
Mr. Hecksher said conditions in both France and Switzerland were satisfactory and the people prosperous. Germany's foreign trade has been gaining gradually. The long duration of the conference on reparations has retarded German business generally. A definite settlement will be very helpful to renewed activity. Poland was hard hit by the cold Winter. The country is making progress, but has suffered from lack of capital.

Stocks of New Banking Institutions Record Marked Gains During Recent Months-Survey by Gilbert Eliott \& Co.
While New York City bank stocks in general have recorded phenomenal gains in recent months the shares of five of the new banking institutions established within the past year have in some instances more than doubled the original offering prices, according to a survey made by Gilbert Eliott \& Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange and specialists in this class of securities. The advances range from 75 to 585 points since the original offering. The firm notes that:
Shares of the Commercial National Bank \& Trust Co., one of the new
Wall Street banks, were offered at $\$ 235$ per Wall Street banks, were offered at $\$ 235$ per share last August. When the
bank opened its doors for business early in the year bank opened its doors for business early in the year, the stock advanced
to $\$ 500$, and it is now to $\$ 500$, and it is now quoted at $\$ 820$. Hibernia Trust, another new Wall Street bank, was offered at $\$ 200$ a share and is now quoted at $\$ 345$.
Sterling National, a new uptown bank, was originally offered at $\$ 65$ per
hare. It moved up gradually to $\$ 120$, and when the bank share. It moved, up gradually to $\$ 120$, and when the bank opened its
doors for business a few days ago, it jumped from $\$ 120$ to $\$ 190$ doors for business a few days ago, it jumped from $\$ 120$ to $\$ 190$. Lefcourt
Normandie, which started a few months ago, offered its stock at $\$ 170$. It Normandie, which started a few months ago, offered itt stock at $\$ 170$. It
ta now quoted at $\$ 355$. Brooklyn National, offered at $\$ 115$, is now quoted Ia now quated
around $\$ 190$.
If one goes back a few years, even more spectacular gains are recorded. If one goes back a few years, even more spectacular gains are recorded.
County Trust Company stock heads the list. This stock, offered in 1926 at $\$ 155$, is now elling for the equivalent of $\$ 1,500$.
The following table gives the advance in the respective stocks since their
original offering: original offering:


Another extremely profitable bank stock was that of Commercial Exchange Bank, which was merged with the Bank of America about a year ago. was quoted at $\$ 1,700$ per share.

## First National Leads New York Banks with \$213 Share Earnings in 1928-Shown in ${ }^{\text {P S Survey }}$ of Clinton Gilbert.

Two of New York's oldest banks-First National and Fifth Avenue Bank-which have withstood the extensive merging activity of the past year, showed the highest earnings of all New York and Brooklyn banks during 1928, according to a comprehensivelsurvey of banks, trust companies, title and mortgage and surety companies prepared by Clinton Gilbert, bank stock specialist. First National reported $\$ 213.44$ earned per share and Fifth Avenue $\$ 159$. The United States Trust Co. was highest among the trust companies with $\$ 159.03$. The National City Bank led in deposits with a total of $\$ 1,311,641,010$, followed by Chase National with $\$ 1,033,494,400$. National City also showed
the largest surplus and undivided profits- $\$ 111,246,500$. Banks and trust companies bettering the $\$ 500,000,000$ mark for deposits were National Bank of Commerce, $\$ 576,775,000$; Bankers Trust, $\$ 500,872,300$; and Guaranty Trust, $\$ 634$,373,600 . Of Brooklyn banks and trust companies, Brooklyn Trust showed the largest deposits, of $\$ 117,839,000$, while Kings County Trust earned most per share- $\$ 155.32$.

Stock of Chicago Banks Held by 35,000 Owners-
Analysis of "Stockholders' Equity in Chicago Banks" by Bureau of Business Research University of Illinois.
An analysis by the Bureau of Business Research of the University of Illinois shows that the capital stock of Chicago banks, amounting to more than 178 millions par value, is widely distributed as between stockholders. There are close to 35,000 owners of Chicago bank stock. More than four-fifths of the total stock is owned by individuals; approximately $10 \%$ is in the hands of individuals and institutions acting as trustees or administrators; and the balance is owned by investment trusts, insurance companies and educational institutions. An analysis of two bulletins issued by the Bureau, one covering "Stockholders" Equity in Chicago Banks" and the other "Capital Stock, Surplus and Undivided Profits of Chicago"Banks" follows: By far the greater number of stockholders of Chicago banks live in Chi-
cago. Of the National banks, almost $60 \%$ of them show at least $90 \%$ of cago. Or to Na tional banks, almost $60 \%$ of them show at least $90 \%$ of
their stock to be held by residents of the clty; two-thirds of the State banks have at least $90 \%$ of their capital stock in the hands of Chicago people. Considering Chicago and suburbs as Greater Chicage, it is found that in this larger area is owned from $90 \%$ to $100 \%$ of the outstanding capital of more than four-fifths of Chicago banks.
There is a tendency among the small banks for liberal portions of the
shares to be owned by the bank sirect shares to be owned by the bank directors. As for the State institutions as a whole, it is found that nearly one-third of the stock is held by the
directors. Not more than $18 \%$ of the National bank stock is 0 wned by directors. Not more than $18 \%$ of the National bank stock is owned by
the directorates the directorates.
A study of the degree of concentration of bank stock ownership shows that in but a comparatively few instances of small banks closely owned, is a large proportion of the stock lodged in the hands of a single shareholder. The larger banks have relatively less of their stock thus owned than the small institutions. There is somewhat less concentration of stock in the hands of any one shareholder in the case of the national banks than in those with State charters.
An analysis of net worth ratios of Chicago banks reveals that there is a marked tendency for the older banks to show a larger position for surplus and undivided profits relative to capital stock. For example, the average
ratio of surplus and profits, that is ratio of surplus and profits, that is accumulated earnings to outstanding
capital in the case of State banks less than capitas in the case of State banks less than 10 years old is about $31 \%$; for The National banks show a some the average position is approximately $92 \%$ to report relatively large surplus and undivided profits for the older banks to report relatively large surplus and undivided profits.
pared with resources, it is found surplus and undivided profits) is comyears of age the resources expand that until the typical bank reaches 25 latter age is eresources expand more rapidy than the net worth; after this latter age is attalned, however, there is a marked tendency for proprietorship and assets to very closely parallel each other in movement.
The aggregate net worth of Chicago banks is approximately 385 millions;
since 1900 an increase since 1900 an increase of almost sixfold has taken place. Of the three items composing the proprietorship, surplus has made the largest. gain. In 1900 accumulated earnings averaged $43 \%$ of the proprietorship; in 1927 they constituted $53 \%$-more than one-half of the net worth. While Chicago banks show their total resources to have taken much the same movement as their capital stock and accumulated earnings, there has been a tendency for resources to expand somewhat more rapidly. Particularly has this been true since 1916. In 1900, resources averaged $\$ 8.04$ for every dollar of net worth; in 1927, they averaged $\$ 8.92$ per dollar of net worth. During periods of rapid business expansion, proprietorship moves more slowly than earnings assets.

Marked Appreciation in Value of Fire Insurance Company Stocks Noted by W. Wallace Lyon \& Co.
Fire insurance company stocks, which have shown exceptionally marked appreciation in value in recent years, have come into general favor with that class of the investing public specializing in "long pull" securities, according to W. Wallace Lyon \& Co., 51 E. 42 d St., New York. The average annual gain to stockholders of ten of the leading fire insurance companies was equal to approximately $66 \%$ per year for the ten-year period 1918-28, data compiled by the company shows. The figures covering these ten companies are reported as follows:

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Roge. Annual Return in and Market
Appreciation.
Boston Insurance Co
Fidelity-Phenix Insure Co-
Globe Rutgers Fire Insurance
Hanover Fire Insurance Co....
Insurance Co. of North America--
Niagara Fire Insurance Co.-.
Providence-Washineto
Security Insurance Co Insurance
It is pointed out that an important factor in the growth of the business of fire insurance companies during this period has been the enormous increase in the sale of automobiles on the time-payment plan. Fire insurance on all
cars sold on the deferred payment plan is made mandatory by the finance companies handling this business.

## Approval of "Investment Guaranteed" Bond Selling

 Sought-Security Houses Discuss Recognition of Practice Called Unethical.According to the New York "Journal of Commerce" of May 22 a movement has been set on foot among the larger investment houses in the city to have the "investment guaranteed market" in new security issues get official recognition, in order to allow sales to be made freely on that basis. The sale of new offerings on an investment guaranteed basis has hitherto been regarded as a violation of the syndicate agreement, and therefore as unethical, says the item from which we quote; it goes on to say:
When new issues of securities are offered, members of the distribution syndicate or selling group are expected to sell securities to dealers and institutions. However, when the issue is not readily taken by the public, a strong temptation exists to offer the issue at some concession provided it does not come back to the syndicate, which seeks to maintain the public offering price pending distribution. When an investor takes securities
of a new issue and keeps them for a period of three or six months, they of a new issue and keeps them for a period of three or six months, they
are taken off the market and the danger of resale of these same securities are taken off the market and the danger of resale of
to the syndicate through the open market is removed.

## Common Now.

The Investment Bankers' Association of America has hitherto frowned on the investment guaranteed practice. Although it has existed for a long time, the most active houses selling in securities on such a basis are smaller dealers who thus take an important part in facilitating the distribuiion of issues which are not readily disposed of by the regular offering syndicate. As a matter of fact, the investment guaranteed market becomes quite active only at a time when security distribution is difficult, such as the present. Several of these dealers send out entire sheets of offerings, listing prices at which they can supply stocks and bonds at stated discounts below the
market, if retention of these securities for three to six months is assured. market, if retention of these securities for three to six months is assured.
Advocates of the investment guaranteed market, who wish to see it recog. nized by the Investment Bankers' Association of America, point out that in the German market it has long been considered a regular and permanent feature of the security business. The big banks there, it is pointed out, often place on their month-end offering lists two sets of prices, one referring to ordinary sales and the other, the lower prices applying to sales on an investment guaranteed basis. This method of selling is said to prove an aid in disposing of issues at times when the security markets are in poor shape.
Those who oppose the investment guaranteed proposal have as their major argument that it will tend to demoralize the market for new issues generally. If investors learn that some houses are offering an issue on an investment guaranteed basis, while other houses are insisting on the full offering price, investors will lose confidence in the price stability of the issue, or at best will check up the price among several houses and take the lowest available. At the present time, a syndicate member, which sells below the offering price, is regarded as acting in an unethical way, so that the investment guaranteed market includes officially only to the smaller and less important houses.

Gommitteo Considers Action.
The proposal to recognize the investment guaranteed market is reported to have been discussed informally by the Committee on Business Conduct of the Investment Bankers' Association of America, and is expected to be taken up this fall at the Quebec convention of the association.

It is pointed out further that these proposals in no way affect the issues, which are successfully sold by offering syndicates within a reasonable time, and, above all, it does not apply at all to the issue oversubscribed by
investors, for in that case no syndicate support of the market is necessary, and the price may advance oonsiderably above the offering figure without syndicate interference.

Thirty-One New York Bank Stocks Have Par Value of Less Than $\$ 100$-Tabulation by Gilbert Eliott \& Co.
During the past year and a half, 31 New York banks have adopted the popular $\$ 10, \$ 20, \$ 25$ or $\$ 50$ par value for their stocks. Two years ago there were only two New York banks with a par value below $\$ 100$, namely, the Bank of the Manhattan Co. and the Mechanics Bank of Brooklyn, both of which had stocks of $\$ 50$ par value. Oddly enough, neither of these banks are among those with stocks with par values of less than $\$ 100$ to-day, Manhattan having increased its par from $\$ 50$ to $\$ 100$ in Aug. 1927, while the Mechanics stockholders exchanged their stock for the $\$ 100$ par stock of the Brooklyn Trust Co. at the time of their recent merger. The following tabulation, compiled by Gilbert Eliott \& Co. lists all New York banks whose stocks have a par value of less than \$100:


It is stated that some bankers believe that the $\$ 100$ par stock will be as much of a rarity two years from now as the $\$ 50$ and $\$ 25$ par stock was two years ago.

Outstanding Bankers' Acceptances Reduced \$94,138,171 in Month-Total Now $\$ 1,110,841,482-H i g h$ Rates Cause Movement of Business to London.
The volume of bankers' acceptances outstanding as of April 30, as reported Nay 20, by the American Acceptance Council, was $\$ 1,110,841,482$. This is a reduction of $\$ 94,-$ 138,171 from the total of March 30 and is the largest contraction in acceptance volume for a single month since these records have been compiled. Robert H. Bean, Executive Secretary of the American Acceptance Council, in his report, adds:
Since Dec. 31 when the record high total of acceptances was reported the volume has decreased $\$ 173,000,000$, or about $131 / 2 \%$, a falling off that commands attention, particularly when it is compared with a reduction of only $\$ 10,000,000$ for the similar four months in 1928.
There are two very natural reasons why we hav
in our dollar acceptance business since Jan. 1 .
The first is that we have had a large volume of maturing seasonal credits that have not had to be renewed and the second is the continuance of unusually high discount market rates which has resulted in some business being taken to London and some being transferred to the commercial departments of banks where customers have preferred to use direct borrowing for the time being.
The present level of acceptance rates, including commissions and other unusual charges, brings the cost above that for note borrowing or for acceptance credits in foreign markets. In London, the most natural alternative credit center, the volume of sterling credits is now believed to be higher than for many months, which undoubtedly accounts for some of the business that does not appear in the present survey.
We cannot agree, as claimed by the Chairman of Hambros Bank at the annual meeting of shareholders, that "practically the whole of pre-war acceptance business is now back in London" but undoubtedly the steady increase in our acceptance market rates has done just what it will always do, namely, send a substantial amount or bussinss a cheaper maring. The dollar acceptance business of Amican we is penalties of a disorganized mo ystem which fieances "unt her hand" situation in the feneral money and paying the price of an ornd
redt-marke of cor There is stor 5376000,000 on April 30 . A arop of 1200000 in the face of an increase in our national exports in drop of $\$ 120,000,000$ period, speaks for itself.
The current survey shows a reduction for the month of $\$ 36,000,000$ in import credits, $\$ 24,000,000$ in domestic warehouse credits and $\$ 17,000,000$ in credits to finance goods stored in or shipped between foreign countries. Of the decrease of $\$ 94,000,000$ now reported, $\$ 70,000,000$ appears in the lower totals reported by New York banks, now having outstanding a smaller volume of bills than at any time since September 1928.
As the new season volume of acceptances does not normally appear until late summer, a continuance of the prevailing contraction in our acceptance business will unquestionably carry the total below the one billion mark before Sept. 1.

The survey furnished by Mr. Bean follows:
TOTAL OF BANKERS' ACCEPTANCES OUTSTANDING FOR ENTIRE COUNTRY BY FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS.

| Federal Reserve Districts- | April 301929. | March 301929. | April 301928. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \$123,240,076 | $\$ 127,177,265$ | $\$ 132,258,537$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 3 \end{aligned}$ | 835,775,806 | $905,706,645$ $17,290,405$ | 15,488.426 |
| 4 | 14,270,274 | 14,831,909 | 15,784,835 |
| 5 | 8,466,368 | 11,021,832 | 8,470.982 |
| 6 | 13,540,595 | 16,442,608 | 11,369,793 |
|  | 53,100,511 | 53,912,044 | $35,914,967$ $1,598,617$ |
|  | 849,132 | 1,589,817 |  |
|  | 1,393,343 | 2,378,745 | 260,920 |
| 11 | 5,191,799 | 6,672,456 | 6,957,210 |
| 12 | 43,079,439 | 47,100,052 | 26,894,387 |
| Grand t | \$1,110,841,482 | \$1,204,979,653 | \$1,070,712,002 |
| Decrease |  | \$94,138,171 | \$40,129,480 |
|  |  |  |  |
| CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO NATURE OF |  |  |  |
|  | April 301929. | March 301929. | April 301928. |
|  | \$324,090,639 | \$360,162,237 | \$333,062,132 |
| Exports. | 376,864,088 | 386,822,456 | 379,436,264 |
| Domestic shipments | 16,159,905 | 16,949,028 |  |
| Domestic warehouse credits | $\begin{aligned} & 99,461,661 \\ & 45,051,171 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 123,911,576 \\ 50.447,609 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 152,676,500 \\ 25,034,077 \end{array}$ |
| Dollar exchange-.....-. -r | 45,051,171 | 266,685,847 | 161,263,408 |

AVERAGE MARKET QUOTATIONS ON PRIME BANKERS' ACCEPTANCES APRIL 16 TO MAY 16.


## Federal Advisory Council Meets With Federal Reserve

 Board-Council Recommends Advance in Discount Rate When Reserve Banks Request It.The Federal Advisory Council this week held its regular quarterly meeting with the Federal Reserve Board at Washington, and before the adjournment of its meeting, on May 21, the Council recommended to the Board that permission to raise the rediscount rates to $6 \%$ be granted to the Federal Reserve Banks making application for such increase. The fact that both the New York and Chicago Reserve Banks have sought to advance their rates to $6 \%$ is referred to in another item in this issue.

The recommendations of the Council were made known in the following statement issued by the Reserve Board at 6 P. M. Standard Time, May 21
The Federal Advisory Council at a regular meeting with the Federal Reserve Board on Tuesday, May 21, delivered the following memorandum of its views on the credit situation, which it authorized the Federal Reserve Board to release.
"The Federal Advisory Council has reviewed carefully the credit situation. It continues to agree with the view of the Federal Reserve Board expressed in its statement of Feb. 5 1929, that 'an excessive amount of the country's credit has been absorbed in speculative security loans.' The policy pursued by the Federal Reserve Board has had a beneficial effect,
due largely to the loyal co-operation of the banks of the country. The efforts in this direction should be continued. The Council notes, however, that while the total amount of Federal Reserve credit being used has been reduced, 'the amount of the country's credit absorbed in speculative security loans' has not been substantially lowered.

Therefore, the Council recommends to the Federal Reserve Board that it now grant permission to ralse the rediscount rates to $6 \%$ to those Federal Reserve banks requesting it, thus bringing the rediscount rates into closer relation with generally prevailing commercial money rates. The council believed that improvement in financial conditions and a consequent reduction of the rate structure will thereby be brought about more quickly, thus best safeguarding commerce, industry and agriculture

In its reference to the Council's meeting with the Board, the "Times" Washington dispatch May 21 said in part:
Members of both bodies discussed at length the credit situation brought about by what officials regard as an undue diversion of funds for use in the speculative market. At 6 o clock to-might the Board gave out, without comment, the Counci's memorandum urging approval of increases in rediscount rates whenever recommended by Federal Reserve Banks as a means of bringing those rates "into closer relation with generally prevailing commercial money rates.

Acquiescence Is Expected.
The belief prevails here that the Federal Reserve Board will act in accordance with the recommendations of the advisory council and that rediscount rates shortly will be advanced in the New York, Chicago, hiladelphia and Boston Reserve districts, to
The four banks named are understood to have sought repeatedly in recent months to raise their rates, with a view to curtailing speculative
credit, but in every instance the Federal Reserve refuse its approval.

## Board Members Silent.

Members of the Federal Reserve Board declined to comment on the Board's probable action in the light of the Council's memorandum. Governor Young decimed to discuss the question in any aspect, while Deputy your own way." The Federal
ch of euncil, composed of twelve members, one frem each of the Federal Reserve districts, met here to-day in its second quarteriy
meeting of the year. Usually, the council at these periodical sessions, deliberates by itself for a time, and then is joined by the Federal Reserve Board membership.
To-day the two bodies met in joint session without preliminary discussion on the part of the Council. Proposals made by Reserve Banks, notably New York and Chicago, for a raise in the rate level were discussed throughout the day. All the members of the Reserve Board, among that a change upward in rediscount rates would be productive of no sukstantial results in diminishing the volume of credit for speculation, and might possibly react on business generally, were in attendance.
Just what took place at the joint session was not made known. It was said, however, that the debate was animated and that it was conducted by those on the Board and the Council favorable to the course outlined in the Council memorandum in a militant fashion. Those favorable to the change argued that brokers' loans at New York had increased since the Board's warning of Feb. 7, and that present methods having faled of the effect sought by the Board on that date it was the duty of the central body to hearken to the wishes of Reserve Banks a
The Federal Reserve Board at its meeting last Friday gave consideration o proposed increased rediscount rates. It discussed requests that are cald to have been made by New York and Chicago Reserve Banks. In recent months, according to gossip among Treasury officials, the Reserve coard has stood four to four on the question of raisg the level of rediscount rates.

## Change in Situation.

At Friday's meeting, it was said, there was a change in the Board ituation, and a motion to act favorably on the requests of the New York and Chicago banks was defeated by a margin of one vote. Attempts made to ascertain the exact line-up of the Board on the subject have been futile. At Friday's meeting the Board authorized the San Francisco Reserve Bank to increase its rediscount rate from $41 / 2$ to $5 \%$, thus bringing its rate up to the level of the 11 other Reserve institutions. George L. Harrison, Governor of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, was present at the meeting.
In a speech delivered at Cincinnati some months ago Governor Young of the Reserve Board stated that there would be no rate increases approved except as a last report. At that time the Board majority took the position
raise in the rate level might draw gold from Europe and disturb business.
n our item on the application of the New York and Chicago Reserve Banks to increase their rates) the Board failed to act on these applications, although an advance had been expected in banking circles.

Federal Reserve Board Petitioned by Federal Reserve Banks of New York and Chicago to Authorize $6 \%$ Discount Rate.
Both the Federal Reserve Banks of New York and Chicago have continued to petition the Federal Reserve Board for permission to increase their discount rates from $5 \%$ to $6 \%$; a reference to their application a week ago appeared in these columns last week, page 3284. Since then, as we indicate
in another item in the current issue of our paper, the Federal Advisory Council has recommended to the Reserve Board that the latter grant permission to raise the rediscount rate to $6 \%$ to the Reserve banks requesting it. It was the expectation in banking circles that a $6 \%$ rate would be put into effect this week by several of the Reserve banks-New York, Boston and Chicago mainly-but the Reserve Board up to the time of our going to press last night (May 24) had apparently withheld approval of the advance. Regarding a meeting of the Board on May 23 we quote the following from Washington on that date to the New York "Journal of Commerce'
Aside from the threat of an impending $6 \%$ rediscount rate, resulting from a recommendation of the Federal Advisory Council, the Federal Reserve Board's policy toward speculative bank credit remained a complete puzzle to-day.
On adjournment of the Board at $3: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. it was made known that there would be no statement. The New York Federal Reserve directors had met and adjourned earlier in the afternoon without announcement as to
whether an increase in the rediscount rate had been voted. whether an increase in the rediscount rate had been voted.
The Board declined to say whether an application had been received from the New York bank for the $6 \%$ rate. The conference here yesterday of York Board, had been taken to indicate that the Bank was laying the York Board, had been taken to inde
The Boston Reserve Bank held a special meeting yesterday (May 22), and it was generally believed that they had voted the rate increase, although that fact could not be substantiated either in Boston or at the Reserve Board's offices.
The Chicago Bank holds its regular meeting to-morrow afternoon, and was expected by officials here to make an application for an increase. Prior to the Board meeting to-day, one official said that an application for the \% rate was anticipated from the New York bank, and it appeared at that
It was made known in press advices from Chicago that the Reserve Bank of Chicago had yesterday (May 24) renewed its application to the Reserve Board for permission to establish a $6 \%$ rate. From last night's "Wall Street Journal" we quote the following Chicago advices:
Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago has requested Federal Resrve Board permission to increase its rediscount rate to $6 \%$ from $5 \%$, but as far as it an be learned the increase has not been approved by'the Federal Reserve come from Washington, according to officials here
The bank has made request for a higher rate on previous occasions.
On May 23, when officials of the New York Federal Reserve Bank were in conference with the Federal Reserve Board, the "Herald Tribune" in advices from its Washington Bureau said in part:
An impasse in the Federal Reserve Board over raising the rediscount rate to $6 \%$ to curb stock speculation was indicated to-night when Edmund Platt, Vice-Governor of the Board, took steps to make his personal position clear. After a long session of the Board, Mr. Platt an
"I think there ought to be an increase in the rate to $6 \%$."
Roy A. Young, Governor of the Reserve Board, declined to discuss reports that he was of the same conviction, because it would tend to reveal, by process of elimination, the attitude of other members. He said Mr. Platt had notified him of his intention to state his position, and Mr. Young indicated he would not be averse to having all the Board members go on record in the matter of common consent.

## Deadlock Indicated.

With certain other members of the Board resenting Mr. Platt's announcement, it was inferred that a deadlock had occurred, which made it doubtfu ${ }^{1}$ whether the Board's power to check speculative use of Federal Reserve funds could be called into play in the immediate future. The vice-Governor's action, it was pointed out, was unprecedented, as the policy of the Board has invariably been to make its announcements as a body without evealing the stand of individual members.
Mr . Platt's declaration came after members of the Board had been in conference for hours with George L. Harrison, Governor, and Gates McGarrah, Chairman of the New York Reserve Bank. Since the New York, Chicago and Boston Reserve Banks have been supplying most of the pressure for the rate increase, it was assumed that the two New York officials
came down to urge their reasons upon Board members who oppose such action for fear of hurting business.
It was made known that the Reserve Board took no action on yesterday's recommendation of the Federal Advisory Council that Reserve banks which request it be permitted to raise their rediscount rates from the present uniform level of $5 \%$ to $6 \%$. The Council's unprecedented move, in making public its advice to the Reserve Board, was regarded as taking on a greater
significance in the light of Mr. Platt's announcement.
With reference to the move a week ago by the New York and Chicago Reserve banks to increase their rates, the "Times" reported the following from Chicago May 17:
The directors of the New York and Chicago Federal Reserve Banks, the from the Reserve Board, it was learned here to-day
The directors of the Chicago Bank at their regular Friday meeting approved an advance in the rediscount rate from 5 to $6 \%$ añd requested authority of the Reserve Board to make the change. Similar action was taken by the directors of the New York Bank on Thursday. These requests werepresented at a meeting of the Reserve Board in Washington to-day, but in
neither case was the sanction of the Board for an advance in rate forthneither
coming.

## Past Requests Refused.

Both banks have made similar requests several times in the last two or three months, but have always been turned down. The Boston and Philadelphia banks also have made similar requests with the same results.

A Chicago banker, discussing the situation, said:
The attitude of the Reserve Board is that an increase in rediscount rates would hurt business. But bankers do not believe it would have any serious effect, inasmuch as business already is paying higher interest rates than the rediscount rate and there is the minimum requirement for commercial
credit during the Summer. But the Chicago and New York directors believe
now is the time to impose higher rates, check the use of credit in speculation, reduce the borrowing of the member banks at the Reserve banks and so assemble reserve credit
(1)

On the same date (May 17) the Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce" said:
Federal Reserve Board officials to-day declined to comment on the report that they had refused permission to the New York and Chicago Federal Reserve banks to increase discount rates above $5 \%$.
Governor George Board to-day, but no comment was was in conference with the Reserve Board to-day, but no comment was forthcoming.
It appeared that increased pressure is being brought to bear on the Board by all with to-day's action of the San Francisco institution.
Reports in both New York and Chicago said that the Reserve banks of those districts had voted a higher rate.
The Reserve Board appeared still to be standing on its policy that rate increase would not be authorized except as a last resort, an attitude outlined several months ago in an address by Governor Roy A. Young at Cincinnati.
From the continued passing of directors' meetings of the banks without changes it seems that the Board holds that the emergency necessitating rate increases has not yet come.

## Suit of F. G. Raichle of Buffalo Against New York

 Federal Reserve Bank to Restrain Advance in Discount Rate Brought Before Circuit Court on Appeal.It is learned from the "Times" of May 17 that an appeal taken from the decision of former Federal Judge Francis A. Winslow, dismissing the suit of Frank G. Raichle, a Buffalo lawyer who sought to restrain the Federal Reserve Bank of New York from enforcing increased rediscount rates, was argued before the Circuit Court in New York on May 16. The item in the "Times" states:
Mr. Raichle's complaint explained that the bank was organized to furnish an elastic currency, to afford means of discounting commercial paper and o establish a more effective supervision of banking.
It was not established, the complaint asserted, to create a money despotism which would control and manipulate paternalistically or otherwise all the monetary resources of the country. In dismissing the suit Judge Wanking sald that at this late date the power of Congress to establish a tions and subjections of individual opinion incidental to the establishment and present operation of the national banking system did not run counter to the provisions of the Fifth Amendment.
In the argument yesterday it was contended that the respondent was not an entity which was beyond reach of the courts and that its acts might be subject to judicial review and control; that the activity of the defendant was inimical to the plaintiff's interests as an investor and stock trader, and that it was engaged in a course which had for its object the arbitrary reduction in the volume of collateral or brokers' loans.
It was alleged that the plaintiff sought to enjoin the defendant from spreading propaganda concerning an alleged money shortage, from doing anything tending to curtail the credit resources of the country, from engaging in unwarranted and excessive open market speculations, and removing a large amount of cash and its incidental credit from the use of the investing
Counsel for the defendant contended that the bill was wholly wanting in any allegation of fact pointing to specific damage or loss to the plaintiff, that the plaintiff associated himself with the general public and that he asked no remedy peculiarly addressed to himself or his afrairs. It was argued that, he Federal Reserve act being constitutional, the courts would not review questions presented in the shows no right in the plaitiff to asert a public ripht or redrecomplaint wrong. It was werted that the assolait made an unas a public pretation of the Federal Reserve Act. Decision was reserved.
The judges who heard the argument were A. N. and Learned Hand and Thomas W. Swan. Counsel for the plaintiff were Carlos C. Alden and Ethan W. Judd. The defendant was represented by Newton D. Baker, former Secretary of War. When the action was filed last Aug. 3 the plaintiff was a law partner of Colonel william J. Donovan, then First Assistant to the Attorney General.
A reference to the dismissal of the action by Judge Winslow last November appeared in our issue of Nov. 10 1928, page 2630.

Former Senator Owen on "Credit Functions of Federal Reserve Board"-Credit Powers of Banks Beyond Actual Needs of Commerce.
In a communication addressed to S. S. Fontaine of Benjamin, Hill \& Co., Members of the New York Stock Exchange, former Senator Robert L. Owen gives expression to his views as to the policy of the Federal Reserve Board on "Speculative Loans." Among other things Mr. Owen says: "they [the Reserve Board] are freezing National Credit by a vast publicity of the unsound claim of a great stringency of credit for commerce and industry when there is no stringency." The former Senator concludes with the statement that the Board "seems to be badly advised." His letter is given as follows in the May issue of "The Financial Diary" published by Benjamin, Hill \& Co.:

## My dear Mr. Fontaine:

Answering your inquiry as to my views of the policy of the Reserve Board on speculative Loans' demanding their payment as a means of fully reply.
First, the credit powers of the banks at present are far beyond the actual needs of commerce, and need no such support or at such a price.
Second, the twenty-eight thousand American banks have many billions of credit which commerce does not at present require. They have billions

These credit resources for commerce could be expanded billions more by the emission of Federal Reserve notes against eligible paper and such notes would support a greatly expanded line of commercial credit, going to many added billions.
ending over two billions in broes not need these extra facilities, but is lending over two billions in brokers' loans.
Fourth, the alleged remedy, for the need which does not exist, has no merit, because to pay the brokers' loans would retire a like amount of deposits and weaken the bank resources to the extent of such payment against deposits are negligible under such circumstances.
The honorable Board seems confused in mind. They are really not trying to enlarge their banking power to accomodate commerce and industry as the law requires, for in at least six or more ways they have been contracting credit.
First, by refusing or failing to replace the $\$ 500,000,000$ of gold, released to Europe by substituting therefor Federal Reserve notes as Governor Roy A. Young confessed March 16 at Cincinnati, Ohio.
Second, by passing out gold certificates as a circulating medium in lieu of Federal Reserve notes and thus diminishing their own powers of emission of reserve notes (money).
Third, by retiring $\$ 214,000,000$ of Reserve Bank notes, issued agalsst bonds.
Fourth, by selling Government security and thus withdrawing money from the open market, where it would be normally used for commerce.
Fifth, by selling or ceasing to buy open market paper, thus abstracting money from the market.
Sixth, it is now interfering with the rights of commerce and business to sell corporate stocks as a means of getting money for commerce and business. The Board is doing this by interfering with the credits required for the orderly selling of stocks and bonds on the Stock Exchange.
Seve ch, the a stringency of credit for commerce and inder sound clatm of a great stringency of credit for commerce and industry, when there is no stringency.
Eighth, they raised the rate of interest on rediscounts in 1928 three imes knowing that raising such rates of interest exercises a dominating influence on acceptance rates and on so-called prime commercial paper.
Anks paying $5 \%$ for the rediscount and paying an overhead of the usual cost of $135 \%$ cannot lend at the legal rate of $6 \%$ without loss, so they are denied the accomodation the law intended.
To prevent speculation on a bull market they have promoted speculation on a bear market greatly injuring little people with margins unprotected and helping bear operators who need no protection.
The Board seems to think it their business to suppress "speculative loans" as aginst "public policy." The Board has no right to declare such a "public policy.
Speculative buying and selling has existed from the foundation of this government and is in accord with public policy. The supreme Court of the United States in the Chicago Board of Trade cases, May 1905, Mr. Justice Holmes delivering the opinion, held that speculative buying and selling on the Board of Trade was a necessary agency of a complex civilization for the distribution of its products and was not aginst "public policy" and that no Legislature or Judicial authority had ever held it aginst "public policy.'
It of course is lamentable when an ignorant person buys a stock on marginin a bull market and sells such stock at a loss on a bear merket. But the wit of man has never been able to find a remedy for this evil which was not worse than the disease. Society cannot afford to establish a personal guardianship over every individual who buys or sells. Society cannot afford to abolish the market place because foolish people enter it.
Every State has (with a halr dozen exceptions) passed laws establishing Stock Stock Exchange requres an unsound ralue. The Stock Exchange has protect the buyers against "unsond value." "stock corners" and every bofir practice disclosed by experience. No market has higher standards unfair practice disclosed by
Behind these safeguards the bears in the market place assail every weak spot. The public press, the economists and the bankers repeatedly warn the public against excessive high prices and finally comes the penalty of a loss to those who buy and sell unwisely.
The powers of the Reserve Board are limited to supervising the reserve banks and maintaining the principles of the Reserve Act. The Bank Act provides that the banks shall establish "rates of discount to be charged by the Federal Reserve Bank for each class of paper which shall be fixed with a view of accomodating commerce and business." These rates are subject to the review and determination of the Federal Reserve Boarer.Who are government officials, so that the banks can be compe and business." How unfortunate for the country, when the Board favors a rate which penalizes business and commerce for any purpose whatever, and goes outside its province to compel others to deny commerce and industry its legal right to get money through the Stock Exchange.
The Honorable Board, for whose good intent I have the sincerest respect, seems to be badly advised.

Very respectfully yours,
(Signed) ROBERT L. OWEN.

Plan of J. Laurence Laughlin for Sliding Scale Rates on Loans-Advocates Discrimination Between Commerce and Investment-Thinks Federal Reserve and Member Banks Could Co-operate in Plan.
Declaring that the crux of the credit problem as it confronts the nation to-day lies in discrimination by Federal Reserve member banks between commercial and investment loans, a suggestion for a sliding scale in the rate to borrowers which would penalize excessive activities in securities, is made by J. Laurence Laughlin, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Citizen's League for Promotion of Sound Banking System. Mr. Laughlin's proposal, according to an account in Washington advices to the New York "Times", was outlined in an interview May 4, in which he expressed opposition to legislation by Congress aimed at the law under which the Federal Reserve system operates. Such a course, he said, should "never be thought of."

Continuing, the account in the "Times" said
Mr. Laughlin also argued that it would be legitimate, and within the legal authority of Federal Reserve banks, in co-operation with the member
banks, to establish discriminating rates for rediscounting different kinds onks, to establish discriminating rates for rediscounting different kinds of paper, inste
their districts.
Mr. Laughlin
Mr. Laughlin, an internationally known authority on banking and money, and former head of the Department of Political Economy in the University of Chicago, was a member of the Indianapolis Monetary Commission of 1897 and prepared the report of that body. When a group of leading bankers and business men of the country, following the report of the Aldrich Com-
mittee, organized the National Citizens' League to obtain sound banking mittee, organized the National Citizens' League to obtain sound banking
legislation, he was selected to head that body, and under his direction it conducted the educational campaign which preceded the enactment of the Federal Reserve Act.
To obtain the necessary political support to accomplish this, Mr.' Laughlin drafted a plank for banking reform which was accepted by Senator Underwood, adopted by the Alabama delegation and presented to and at Baltimore in 1912, which nominated Woodrow Wilson for the Presidency Acting under the pledge contained in this plank, the Wilson Administration passed the Reserve Act two years later.
Mr. Laughlin, who is the author of several authoritative books on banking and currency, is now devoting his time to the preparation of another volume, "A New Exposition of Money."

## Purpose of Original Act

The elusive nature of credit and the difficult task of regulating its distribution by the Federal Reserve System has forged to the front, just When time enough has elapsed since the creation of the system to show that no institution is free from change," said Mr. Laughlin. "In the original act of 1913 it was intended to provide a means of credit in an emergency by rediscounting paper based on selected commercial assets. Banks at that time looked askance at rediscounting as an admission of
weakness. Moreover, because of the political prejudice against Wall Street, weakness. Moreover, because of the political prejudice against Wall Street, a reform in the organization of credit could not have been enacted then
unless it was clear that the system would not support stock speculation. unless it was clear that the system would not support stock speculation.
"The World War, however, brought changes in administration, and "The World War, however, brought changes in administration, and in
policy. What was an occasional medicine has become a daily food, to-day policy. What was an occasional medicine has become a daily food; to-day rediscounting is no longer a resort in an emergency, but a well-established habit by which an enormous volume of credit is constantly employed. Also, the floating of billions of government bonds, whose purchase was urged
by our authorities by funds obtained by loans on these securities at low by our authorities by funds obtained by loans on these securities at low
rates, and their admission to the privileges of rediscount at the Reserve Banks, added a vast amount of credit quite apart from commercial paper.
"Then rediscounting was encouraged by the ease of borrowing at these low rates on such securities, and using the proceeds in any other operation yielding high returns. In addition the war brought in its train a prodigious nerease in our foreign trade, our financial international relations, our holdings of gold and our obligations to aid our Allies with capital and the re-establishment of the stable gold standard wherever possible. All these vents had not been foreseen.
"Above all, it is to be noted that the United States never departed from the gold standard (for which Mr. Wilson has never received sufficient credit) during the war and at its end was in a position to outdistance any ather country in industrial recovery because it did not have the handicaps and fiscal burdens which otandara, the fuctuallo and fiscal burdens which weighted down our allies.
after about 1923, entered on an unparalleled period of American industry, after about 1923, entered on an unparalleled period of prosperity for years to superior resources and a genius for management which prevailed in spite of the handicaps of the tariff.

## Changes Mado by Prosperity.

This great prosperity has disclased some distinct characteristics. It carried away the former habit of carrying large inventories for a possible speculation in rising prices of goods; it developed the spading in of earnings and the increase of large surpluses for industry, resulting in an unprecedented accumulation of funds which could be loaned on call; it has
drawn attention to the equities residing in stocks for investment as against bonds, and excited a desire to share in the procks for investment as against tocks through investment trusts; consequently it has started a long bull movement in stocks, based on these unmistakable evidences of large earnings and great advances have been made in the prices of securities
"It goes without saying that the war and the post-war prosperity have plunged our credit system into difficult problems. While the Federal Reserve Banks cannot rediscount paper based on Wall Street securities; they have no power to prevent member banks from loaning on them. More-
over, they rediscount on the vast volume of Government bonds ; and member over, they rediscount on the vast volume of Government bonds; and member
banks, after lending to customers, cannot prevent them from using the banks, after lending to customers,
borrowed funds in the call market.
"In addition, the high rates of the call market draw out the large "In addition, the high rates of the call market draw out the large
surpluses of corporations, as well as floating European funds. The high rates of the call market are a source of profit, quite independent of specularates of the call market are a source
"All in all, while the Federal Reserve Banks are bound to protect the money market for commercial loans so far as possible, have they any legal mandate to prevent speculation? Have they any weapon except persuasion. To them speculation and the disturbance of the rates for comcredit into the stock market affects commercial rates
"The crux of the problem is obviously to prevent the high call rate which acts like a magnet to draw away funds from other uses, and yet at the same time to preserve low rates for the work of industry and trade But if the call rate is also kept low, will that not greatly stimulate speculation in securities?

## Raising the Discount Rate.

Under the circumstances, what can be done? Following the example of other countries, we have placed no little reliance on raising the rate of discount. The machinery of European central banks makes that method more effective than with us, because the seurce of loanable funds is more under control with them; while here the supply of capital is not so easily modified by the rate of the Federal Reserve Banks.
For instance, the vast credit capable of mobilization by the non-member banks is out of the jurisdiction of the Federal Reserve Banks. Moreover, the corporations with large surpluses who loan directly in the call loan mate are the the from Federal Rescrve banks. It is to be noted also that the gains from our industrial prosperity are so great that the effec
 from the relatively unsuccessful.
"The difficulties of the Federal Reserve Banks are obviously serious, and undoubtedly connected with circumstances which arise from the nature of banking in this country. It has frequently been noticed that the uaner of sugh is not sufficient to em ploy all of the loanable funds of our banks, hence they are forced to tak arious grades of paper.
pivotal matter of soundness resides in the the problem of banking, the in return for granting present payment (either in of the assets receive in return for granting present payment (either in notes or a deposit acState to have myself looked over the paper sent in from an agricultura unliquid in any real peril because it rested ultimately on farms and farm crops.

> Difference in Paper.
"In short, our banks do not at present distinguish between short-term commercial paper on the one hand, and investment paper on the other.
The former is the best security for credit, because goods on the way from the producer to the consumer inevitably bring in the cash which extinguishes the credit, but credit based on securities does not have behind it the mean of immediate liquidation in time of need.
"Yet, even in our largest as well as our smaller country banks no line has been sufficiently drawn in practice between strictly commercial and
investment banking. Underwriting investment securities enormously as our wealth and savings have increased. This brings the enormously as our wealth and savings have increased. This brings the
security market closely in connection with banking and the distribution security m
of credit.
"This crevasse which has appeared in the world of banking has evidently in the end forced the separation between commercial and investment depart ments, which now is working itself out in recent great mergers (althoug he departments for trusts lie outside of banking and tie up rather with nvestment operations)
"It has always been true that after a period of great prosperity, resulting in vast accumulations of capital, there is a tendency toward adventurous enterprises, toward an expansion of loans and to careless scrutiny of loans We are evidently in just such a period. The problem of the Federal Reserve Banks presents itself as a parodox; they must keep down the call rate, if possible, but yet they must try to cut off speculation. What be done to this end?
"Congressional legislation should never be thought of. In all matters of credit, not force, but discretion and intelligence are essential. Indeed, wisdom and judgment as to assets receivable for loans are better than all rules, and yet the rate of discount remains practically the main, even if the
ends.
"This is true in spite of open market operations, by which funds are added to or withdrawn from the money market by the sale or purchase of Government bonds or acceptances. The crux of the matter lies in the discrimination by member banks between commercial and investment loans by making a sliding scale in the rate to borrowers, increasing the rates for investment or security loans and lowering the rates on commercial loans.

## Suggests Sliding Scale.

"The difference in rates between loans of differing quality has long been known. Hence, the visitorial authority of the Federal Reserve Banks could be used to induce each member banks to insert in each note given by the bo
to be put.
"That ba
and 'other lonk should supply statistics as to the proportion of commercial and 'other loans', granted to each individual and to its total loans, and as the 'other loans' rise in amount increase the rate progressively, making apear to be intended for the call loan market, on the private admission of the borrover, the rate should be high; while if the loan was intended for commercial purposes, the rate should be relatively low.
"Much, however, must depend on the judgment and honor of the banker, but much may be done by persuasion to limit the use of credit for speculabut much may be done by persuasion to limit the use of credit for specula-
tion at the expense of commercial uses. Usually the banker follows the tion at the expense of commercial uses. Usually the banker follows the should leave profit aside and consider not only the safety of the bank and should leave pront aside and consider not only the
the community but also the borrower in the end.

Assuredly, on top of all this, it would be legitimate for the Federal Reserve Banks, in co-operation with member banks, to establish discriminating rates for rediscounting different kinds of paper, instead of one ing rates for rediscounting dirferent kinds of paper, instead
uniform rate on all kinds of discounts throughout their districts."

## Senator Thomas in Resolution Calls upon Federal Reserve Board to State What It Proposes to Right Credit Conditions-Senator Seeks to Limit Interest

 Rates.On May 23 Senator Thomas of Oklahoma introduced in the Senate a resolution asking the Federal Reserve Board to advise the Senate "what action it has taken or proposes to take" to remedy the credit situation. Along with his resolution Senator Thomas introduced a bill limiting the legal rate of interest on Inter-State loans to $6 \%$ and the maximum contract rate of interest to $10 \%$. The resolution reads:
Whereas the existing unsettled conditions relating to interest rates and credits is causing widespread criticism and great damage to the country; therefore, be it
Resolved, That the Federal Reserve Board is hereby directed to advise the Senate what action it has taken or proposes to take to remedy such
situation. ituation.
Regarding the bill introduced by the Senator we quote the following Washington advices, May 23, to the "Times:"
The bill introduced by Senator Thomas would fix the legal rate and maximum rates of interest on contracts
Section One of the bill is as follows:
"The legal rate of interest shall not exceed $6 \%$ per annum in the absence of any contract as to the rate of interest, and by contract parties may agree upon any rate not to exceed $10 \%$ per annum. Said rates of $6 \%$
and $10 \%$ shall be respectively the legal rate and the maximum contract rates of interest; provided, that the provisions of this section shall apply
only to contracts suade between persons, firms, associations and corporations only to contrscts inade between per,
when residents of different States."

The receiving or charging of a greater rate of interest than this is, in the second section of the bill, deemed a forfeiture of twice the amount of interest agreed to in the debt. The person by whom an excessivee rate of in an action brought within two years of maturity of the contract.
Senator Brookhart Introduces Resolution Providing for New Highways to be Financed through $\$ 2,000,000,000$ of Treasury Notes-Says Congress has Power to Change Methods of Railroad Valuation.
Senator Brookhart, of Iowa, introduced, on May 23, a bill providing for a national highway network of 25,000 miles, to be financed by a $\$ 2,000,000,000$ issue of Treasury notes which, according to a "Times" Washington dispatch, he indicated would simultaneously deal with both the financial situation and possible railroad rate changes arising from the O'Fallon decision. The "Times" account added:
Senator Brookhart declared in introducing his bill that the credit situa-
tion and the ${ }^{\prime}$ 'Fallon decisio " tion and the O'Fallon decision "are ominous events, especially to agricul. ture." High rates of interest paid for credit, he said, are conclusive proof that there is not enough money in the country.
While not himself placing that construction on the case, Senator Brookhart said that the O'Fallon decision may mean a railroad rate increase of $\$ 2,000,000,000$. He said that he feels Congress has the power to amend the law so as to change the method of valuation outlined in the decision.
After quoting Henry Ford to the effect that the Government can finance itself by issuing United States notes, or "greenbacks," Senator Brookhart said that his bill would inaugurate a nation-wide highway system, covering 25,000 miles, built strong enough to carry truck trains and costing about $\$ 80,000$ a mile. United States notes up to $\$ 2,000,000,000$ would be issued to provide funds for the program, and would be redeemed within twenty or thirty years by a system of licenses or tolls.
'If the railroad rates are to be increased
of roads of this kind and need it now," the Iowa Senator deced a system of roads of this kind and need it now," the Iowa Senator declared.
'The bill would provide more money, which the colntry
The bill would provide more money, which the country needs, and
end to reduce railroad rates. Not only will it provide a competitive to tend to reduce railroad rates. Not only will it provide a competitive trans-
portation system, but it will to some extent bring down portation system, but it will to some extent bring down interest rates By the terms of the Brookhart bill the Secretary of Agriculture
the Bureau of Public Roads, is authorized and directed to tolture, through struct, maintain, improve and regulate national directed to establish, construct, maintain, improve and regulate national highways on the following
routes: 1. From a point o
the State of Oregon.
2. From Portland, Me., to Seattle, Wash., by way of Chicago.
3. From Boston, Mass., to San Francisco, Cal., wy way of St. Louis, Mo.
4.
4. From New York to Los Angeles, Cal.
5. From Washington, D. C., via Richmond, Va., through the States
of Tennessee and Arkansas, to a point in the State of Oklahoma 6. From New York to Jacksoaville, Fla., following near tha the Atlantic Ocean so far as practicable, and from a point on such toute near Jacksonville to Brownsville, Texas, following near the coast of the Gulf of Mexico as far as practicable, with a branch line south through the State of Florida.
7. From the Western terminal of route numbered " 1 " to Los Angeles,
Oal., following the coast of the Pacific Oal., following the coast of the Pacific Ocean as far as practicable. 8. From a point not less than ten or more than twenty miles from the
capital of each State to the most accessible main capital of each State to the most accessible main national highway.
Numbers 2, 3,4 and 6 would be connected with the national cal

Senator King Seeks Information from Federal Reserve Board on the Operations of the Federal Reserve System and the Part Played by Reserve Banks in Lending of Funds for Speculation.
In a resolution introduced in the Senate on May 23 by Senator King (Dem.) of Utah, an investigation of the operations of the Federal Reserve System, to be undertaken by the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, is proposed. Among other things, the Committee would be asked to determine "whether the facilities of the Federal Reserve Banks have been utilized in loans for trading in and carrying securities." Also whether the bânking laws "should be amended to restrict the use of general bank credit for speculative purposes." Press accounts from Washington state:
The resolution enumerates twenty points which the Committee would be required to study and directs it, in each case, to go fully into the causes
and reasons for the action of the Reserve Board in recent The twenty points which the resolution specifically statenths. gated are as follows:
" " 1 . What defects, if any, have been found to exist in the operation the Federal Reserve System, and what legislation is necessary to correct such defects.
"2. Whether the facilities of the Federal Reserve Banks have been
utilized in loans for trading in and utilized in loans for trading in and carrying securities.
"3. Whether member banks have afforded unduly larg to brokers.
"4. Whether the banking laws of the United States should be amend to restrict the use of general bank credit for speculative purposes or trans actions in stocks and other transactions of a speculative character. "5. The classification of loans to brokers by members of the Federal
Reverse System and the purposes for which such Reverse System and the purposes for which such loans are used, par-
ticularly in connection with new issues. ticularly in connection with new issues.
"6. The different types of trading on the Stock Exchanges and the scope
of each as well as the extent of so-called 'short sales,' degree of concentration in 'pooled' stocks.
" 7 . The effects of the operations of the Federal Reserve System in contributing to the high rate of interest on call money and to the drawing of money from rural districts to financial centers for speculative purposes.
"8. The basis for the acceptance policies of the Federal Reserve System
nd the extent to which mergers are taking place between memper banks and the extent to which mergers are taking place between member banks
in the Federal Reserve System.
". Whether or not chain banking and branch banking ar
oped and the effect and qualities of these types of banking.
" 10 . The extent to which investment or security trusts are by or in connection with member banks of the Federal Reseing formed and the extent, character and effect of their operation.
loans made by them at call and otherwise, the dividends meid banks and the and the effect of such trusts upon fluctuation in the market vy sucue of stackss, 12. Whether or not the usury laws are evaded by such investment o security trusts.
be prohibited from tormber banks of the Federal Reserve System should trusts.
"14. The extent of the power of Congress to regulate the business of stockholders and others engaged in issuing, negotiating or trading in
securities securities.
by Reserve Banks has proven harmful. discounting of member bank notee by Reserve Banks has proven harmful.
Act have not outlived their object. amendments to the Federal Reserve " 17 The number of bank failur
to the passage of this resolution and the causes of such failure years prio to "18. Whether the National Banking Laws should be amended to prevent
"18 Federal charters being granted to associations having less than $\$ 100,000$ capital.
"19. Whether the merger or consolidation of large financial institutions is beneficial or whether such mergers or consolidations should be restricted. " 20 . The extent of the powers of Congress to legislate with respect to mergers and consolidations of financial institutions brought about under State law with which the members of the Federal Reserve System are not concerned.
" 21 . And whether there is any evidence of concerted action on the part competing banks of the Federal Reserve System to discriminate between loans."
The resolution provides fer an appropriation of $\$ 25,000$ and makes the Oommittee a Standing Committee without time limitation.

Virgil Jordan of National Industrial Conference Board Sees No Ground for Believing United States Has Become Mature Creditor Nation on Exceptional Scale-Menace Seen in "Sabotage" of Federal Reserve System in Efforts to Curb Speculation.
"There are no grounds for believing that the United States has as yet become a mature creditor nation on any exceptional scale, with all that this implies in the way of radical changes in our foreign trade and tariff policies," Virgil Jordan, Chief Economist of the National Industrial Conference Board told the members and guests of the Board at its Thirteenth Annual Meeting at Hotel Astor, New York, on May 16, in a symposium on "American Industry in the New Economic World Currents," in which International financial and trade authorities took part. In an account of his speech in the "Times," Mr. Jordan is reported as stating that the most serious menace to American business to-day "lies in the persistent sabotage and defiance of the Federal Reserve System in its efforts to prevent our own and the world's credit resources from being swallowed up in a whirlpool of speculation in the New York money market, dislocating the world's exchanges, hampering the financing of our foreign trade and disturbing the stability of foreign currencies." An abstract of Mr. Jordan's remarks follows:
"The abnormal financial and industrial conditions that have prevailed in this country since the war and the fantastic 'new era' delusion based upon them have created here and abroad an extraordinary misconception of the international financial position of the United States and its relation
to of the international inancial position of the United states and its relation
to our foreign trade and trade policies It is true that the United States
has become wibin has become wihin a relatively few years a great, if not the greatest, power in which long and short term capital funds are being borrowed and loaned on an enormous scale; but despite the vast turnover of funds that takes place here it cannot be said that we have been extending our net creditor position since the war at any abnormal rate or dangerously draining off our capital savings for foreign uses, when our tremendous industrial growth and economic resources are considered.
"In fact, if we leave out the illusory and barren debts arising out of the war and count only our net investment of reproductive capital, it may
fairly be said that the net creditor position of the United States to-day is fairly be said that the net creditor position of the United States to-day is about what it would have been if there had been no war and if the tendencies evident in the fifteen years from the beginning of the century
to 1914 had continued. The natural growth of our foreign investments to 1914 had continued. The natural growth of our foreign investments
during the past fifteen yors during the past fifteen years would probably have been more rapid than in the earlier period because of our rapid industrial expansion, even
though, except for the war, other countries would have participated finanthough, except for the war, other countries would have participated inan-
cially in this expansion on a large scale cially in this expansion on a large scale, as they had been doing for a
century. Their inability to do so because of the war, their financial century. Their inability to do so because of the war, their financial
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expansion of our banking resources through the establishment of the expansion of our banking resources through the establishment of in
Federal Reserve System, and the education of the American public in Federal Ressirve System, and the education of the American pubic in
security buying were the important but circumstantial factors that speeded up the growth of our creditor position and placed us where we are to-day up the growth of our creditor poa
in international financial aftairs.
"That position, however, is not so advanced as we commonly imagine, at least in comparison with our resources and with the position of a full-
fledged and old creditor nation like Great Britain fledged and old creditor nation like Great Britain. We must remember to-day represent barren and unproductive war debts, the proceeds we hold have gone up in smoke. At least two-thirds of the original nominal value of these debts has already been written off, and the task with which the experts in Paris are now struggling is to ascertain not only how much more of them to write off, but bow to transform the remainder into 2
reproductive debt through an international bank which can mobilize and convert them into productive assets.

Apart from these, the net creditor position of this country has tended since 1922 to settle down to a relatively stable and normal basis. We have merely been reinvestng the sums due us in interest, dividends and principal repayment on our outstanding credits. Excess outflows of investment capital from year to year have been offset by net imports of short-term capital, and in some years these have even exceeded the outgoing balances of investment funds. In short, the country as a whole has merely permitted the long-term capital exports which took place during the war and early post-war years to reside permanently abroad, and the excess of new long-term capital investments has been cancelled by a varying inflow of short-term funds. As a nation we may have done some plunging during the war, under stress of exceptional circumstances, but we certainly have
not been recklessly piling up stakes in foreign countries in the past not been rect
seven years.
"It is equally a delusion that in the years since 1922 we have been selling our goods abroad on the installment plan, sustaining our huge volume of exports on credit and preventing compensating imports of commodities by our foreign investments and our high tariff wall. Ine fact that the persistent export balane beer for the most part merely normal good us during to year to bear by net gold movements our excess of exports of goods has been offset year by net gold movements our excess ofss of payments over receipts for services, particularly the pleasures which Americans are now forced to services, particularly the pleasures which Americans are now forced to
import, or perhaps imbibe, abroad. In fact, in every year from 1921 to 1927 the actual balance of all trangible trade, lumping together merchandise, gold and services, was probably acgainst us, and we have been importing more than we exported.
"These things do not mean that our present and prospective international financial position involves no problems at all for American industry and foreign trade in the future. Some of the factors in it have had a direct and vital influence on American business conditions in recent years, and are likely to have a still greater influence in later years. The rapid and unprecedented expansion of bank crdit during the years since 1922, which has been the basis of the rise of security prices and the outburst of speculative fever and new era psychology that worry so many people, is a direct result of the unbalanced international financial situation arising from the war, which brought us half the world's gold. The current controversy over the policies of the Federal Reserve System is a direct reflection of our international financial position and lack of public understanding of its significance. The efforts of the Federal Reserve System through co-operation with central banks abroad to soiten the shock to our industry, trade and finance of the sudden transition to an abnormal and largely unsound creditor position, to absorb and redistribute the gold flowing to us from our demoralized and bankrupt debtors so as to prevent a disastrous dislocation of world prices and to aid in the restoration of world trade-these efforts have constituted one of the great contributions to international welfare.
"At present the United States is merely coming of age as a creditor nation. We are by no means fully developed industrially and financially. Despite our rapid and sudden alteration from a debtor to a creditor position, we still stand in this respect midway between the older and more highly industrialized nations of Europe and the undeveloped nations like Canada and South America, destined for long to draw capital from the former for our own development and to lend capital to the latter for theirs. As
our creditor relations grow naturally in the course of ten or twenty years our creditor relations grow naturally in the course of ten or twenty years
we shall find ouselves lending more than we borrow and therefore bound we shall find ouselves lending more than we borrow and therefore bound to receive in payment more goods than we sell. In such time the Reserve
System and its co-operation with the central banks of the world will be a System and its co-operation winh the central banks of the wornd wilis be a
most important factor in minimizing the impact on our industries and most importar

President Hoover Names National Law Enforcement Commission.
President Hoover announced on May 20 the names of those who will compose the National Law Enforcement Commission, the appointment of which he forecast in his inaugural address, and in an address before the Associated Press on April 22. Upon taking the oath of office on March 4 the President indicated his purpose to appoint " $a$ National Commission for a searching investigation of the whole structure of our Federal system of jurisprudence, to include the method of enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment and the causes of abuse under it." The address was given in our issue of March 9, page 1490. In further referring to his plans before the Associated Press (published in our April 27 issue, page 2741) the President stated that "with a view to enlisting public understanding, public support, accurate determination of the facts, and constructive conclusions, I have proposed to establish a national commission to study and report upon the whole of our problems involved in criminal law and its enforcement.'

George W. Wickersham, formerly Attorney General has been made Chairman of the Commission. The names of those constituting the Commission with their connections, as announced at Washington on May 20, follow:

George W. Wickersham, ex-Attorney General of the United States, was born in Pittsburgh; educated at Lehigh and Harvard Universities; practiced law in Philadelphia and New York until 1909 when appointed Attorney General; was a member or Presid $f$ Tw, ence Board, the Committee on Codification of Law, a member of the Commission on Reorganization of New York State Gie Institute.
the Unlversity of Pennsylvania and of Carnegie
the Untversity or Pennsylvania and of War, was born in West Virginia in 1871, educated at Johns Hopkins and Washington and Lee Universities, practiced law in West Virginia until 1897; was City Solicitor of Cleveland in 1902; Mayor of Cleveland 1902-1916; Secretary of War in President
Frank until 1921; Chairman in Buffalo; educated at Northwestern UniFrank practiced law in Ohicago: Special States Attorney for Cook County to investigate and prosecute the frauds in the first direct primary of 1908; is or prese Vice-President of the Commission of Cricago; engaged as
special Assistant States Attorney in prosecution of corrupt practices and criminal activities in Chicago.
Roscoe Pound, Dean of Harvard Law School, born at Lincoln, Neb. in 1870; educated at University of Nebraska, Northwestern and other universities. Admitted to bar in 1890 and practiced at Lincoln, 1890-1907. Was Dean of University of Nebraska Law School, Professor of Northwestern University; Commissioner of Appeals, Supreme Court of Nebraska, anc 1916. Post President 1916. Past fresident of Association of Amercial schools, member of Willis I Grubb bed istrict of Alab
worn in Cincinnati, 1884-1009: appointed Federal Judge May, 1909; is a member of the Council of American Law Institute and member of American Bar Association.
Monte M. Lemann, born at Donnalsville; educated at Tulane University and Harvard Law School; a member of the law faculty of Tulane University: engaged in practice of law in New Orleans; President of Louisiana Bar Association: member of Council of American Bar Association and of American Law Institute.
William.S. Kenyon, born in Elyria, O.; educated at State University of Iowa; practiced at Fort Dodge, 1a.; County Prosecuting Attorney five years: Assistant Attorney General of the United States;
Kenneth R. Mackintosh, born in Seattle, Wash., in 1875; educated at the University of Washington, Stanford University and Columbia Univer sity; practiced law until 1905; County Prosecuting Attorney. Judge in State courts of Washington 1912-1928 as Superior Judge, Associate Judge of Supreme Court and Chief Justice.
Paul J. McCormick, Federal District Judge, Southern District of Callfornia, was born in New York in 1879; educated in the high schools of San Diego and St. Ignatius College at San Francisco, served as Assistant Dis trict Attorney or Los Angeles County, 1905-1910, was Juage of Superio Corrt of Cailsornia and Assoclate Justeo in University of Southerp Cals, 1910-1924; instructor of Judicial procedure Uner forna, appointed the United States against Fan-
nvolved in oil frauds in 192
Henry W. Anderson, born in Dinwiddie County, Va.; educated at Washington and Lee University; practiced law at Richmond, Va., since 1898 special assistant to Attorney General of the United States, 1922-1923; United States member of Mexican Claims Commission, 1924-1926.
University Comstock, born in Minnesota in December, 1876; educated at faculty of University of and Smith College; pro Radcliffe Oollege sinc 1923.

At a meeting to be held at the White House on May 28, the organization of the new Commission will be effected; President Hoover will address the members at that time, and those who are to participate in the meeting will include, it is stated, Attorney General Mitchell, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon and Prohibition Commissioner James M. Doran.

## Committee of 25 Designated By New York State-Wide

 Economic Congress to Aid Industry in State.A permanent committee of 25 business men, educators and economists of the State has been designated to draft a solution of the industrial and economic problems outlined at the recent New York State-wide Economic Congress, Merwin K. Hart, Chairman of the Congress announced on May 19, according to the Associated Press. We quote the foregoing from the New York "Times" of May 20, which said:

Among the New Yorkers appointed to the committee were:
James W. Gerard, former Ambassador to Germany; Elmer E. Brown,
Chancellor of New York University; Magnus W. Alexander, President of Chancellor of New York University; Magnus W. Alexander, President of
the National Industrial Conference Board; Willis H. Booth, President of the Merchants Association; Elon Hooker, manufacturer; James H. McGraw,
Those from other cities on the committee are


The committee which was authorized by the congress to "make public such proposed course of action as, in the interests of the whole people of the state, it may think fit and to take steps it may think adequate and proper to secure pub
two or three weeks

Forthcoming United States Treasury Issue.
On May 22 the Federal Reserve Bank of New York issued the following preliminary notice of a forthcoming Treasury offering:
federal reserve bank of new york.
[Circular No. 913, May 22 1929.]

## New Treasury Issue.

Preliminary Notice of Offering and Methods of Filing Subscriptions.
To all Member Banks, State Banks, Trust Companies and
Trom advices received from the Treasury Department of the United States, this Bal is enabled to transmit to banking institutions in this district the following information:

1. That a Treasury offering may be expected shortly.
2. That the subscription books may be closed by the Treasury without advance notice, and therefore
3. That each subscribing bank, upon receipt of information as to the terms of the Treasury offering (either in the press, through the mails or by telegram) should promptly file with the Federal Feserve Bank any subscriptions for itself and its customers. This is important, as no guar antee can be given as to the period the subscription books may remain open, and subscribing banks, even before receipt of official subscription blanks, may file their subscriptions by telegram or by mail with the Federal Reserve Bank. Any subscriptions so filed by telegram or mail in advance
of receipt by subscribing bank of subscription blanks furnished for the particular issue should be confirmed immediately by mail, and on the blank provided, when such blank shall have been received.
4. That if the terms of the offering when announced provide for both cash subscriptions and subscriptions for which payment may be tendered in other securities, the subscribing bank should prepare its subscriptions in such manner as to indicate the method by which it proposes to make payment and the respective par amounts of securities, if any, to be tendered in payment.

> Classification of Subscriptions, \&c.

Bank Customers' Subscriptions.-With regard to issues, subscriptions to which the Treasury determines for the purpose of allotment shall be considered as on a cash basis irrespective of whether or not payment is
to be made in cash or in securities, the following classification will be to be made in cash or in securities, the following classification will be
required of subscriptions made for account of customers, stating the number equired of subscriptions made for account of customers, stating the number of subscriptions in each class.
Class A-Subscriptions for $\$ 1,000$ or less for any one subscriber; Class B-Subscriptions for over $\$ 1,000$, but not exceeding Class C-Subscriptions for over $\$ 10,000$, but not exceeding Class D-Subscriptions for over Class E-Subscriptions for over \$100,000, but not exceeding Class G -Subscriptions for over $\$ 500,000$, but not exceeding
\$10,000; Class G-Subscriptions for over $\$ 1,000,000$.
Where the maturing securities are not by the instructio the offering given a preference they shall be treated as accompanying subscriptions to be paid for in securities should be included in the classification.
Bank
Bank Subscriptions.-A subscription for a bank's own account should not be included in the above classification of subscriptions for account of customers, but should be clearly indicated as for the bank's own account and in addition to subscriptions for customers
Subscriptions Not Classified.-Where under
subder insts Not Classified. -Where under the terms of an offering or under instructions accompanying an offering, the Treasury agrees to ot he new cour or securities should not be classified.

## Application Forms To Be Furnished.

When the terms of the offering are announced, notice thereof, together with subscription blanks, will be mailed promptly by this bank to banking institutions in this district. Should notice and subscription blanks for any reason be delayed in reaching such institutions this bank will nevertheless receive subscriptions either by letter or telegraph. It is suggested that subscriptions be promptly transmitted to this bank.
If it be found necessary to telegraph subscriptions they should be confirmed immediately either by letter or on subscription blank, setting ferth the classifications indicated above and method of payment, and clearly tion may the tion may be avoided.

GEORGE L. HARRISON, Governor.
Treasury Preparing for Large Refunding Operations June 15-Studying Bond Market on Coming Issue of $\$ 545,810,700$.
Studies of the bond market have been started by the Treasury Department in view of the large refunding operation of $\$ 545,810,700$ in certificates to be handled June 15, it was learned on May 22, said the Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce." The advices continued:
No determination of the rate will be made for some time owing to uncertain conditions, but the issue probably will be somewhat smaller than the amount to be retired. On June 15 the Treasury will receive the second installment of income and corporation taxes on profits of 1928, expected Also the $\$ 530,000,000$. The March, or initial, collection was $\$ 601,000,000$. ments on the war debts.
Uncertainty of the bond market has prevailed for more than a year owing to credit conditions strained by the large use of bank funds in stock market operations. This uncertainty has been accentuated by the recommendation of the Federa: Advisory Council to the Reserve Board that rediscount rates be increased from 5 to $6 \%$.

## $\$ 100,000,000$ Surplus Seen.

A check-up on available figures today indicated a surplus of possibly over $\$ 100,000,000$, although any unusual expenditures or appropriations by Congress, expendable before June 30 , such as the $\$ 45,000,000$ due railroads for increased mall pay, would affect the total
At present rates, receipts wil be over $\$ 4,000,000,000$ and expenditures experts to yield $\$ 2,280,000,000$ or more, miscellaneous internal revenu receipts $\$ 615,000,000$ to $\$ 620,000,000$ and customs about $\$ 600,000$ All important sources of income of the recurring character will equal exceed those of last year. Although there were heavy losses in some miscellaneous internal revenue receipts by reason of elimination of excise taxes, the heavy gain in cigarette taxes virtually counterbalanced the decreases.
Up to May 21 the big loss in revenue was in repayments from railroads out of reconstruction borrowing. This year $\$ 15,057,543$ has been collected, in comparison to $\$ 162,155,267$ for the same period last year. Up to date, receipts of $\$ 3,211,323,000$ were $\$ 92,000,000$ behind last year, compared to the loss of $\$ 147,000,000$ by reason of the decline of railroad payments. That loss should be made up by an anticipated gain of $\$ 60$. 000,000 or more in income and corporation taxes for June.

## Government Costs Increase.

The cost of Government continued to increase heavily throughout the year, the total gain up to June 30 likely exceeding $\$ 250,000,000$. Up to May 21 the Increase over last year was $\$ 221,000,000$ as the result of general expansion of activities and pay increases to Federal employees. Interest costs, however, amounting to $\$ 580,652,000$
Indications pointed to a reduction of about $\$ 700,000,000$ in the public debt, the smallest reduction in any year since the war. This will result from the smaller surplus, that of 1928 having been $\$ 398,800,000$ and in 1927, \$635,809,000.
At the close of the year the public debt will be slightly below $\$ 16,000,000$,000, compared to more than $\$ 26,000,000,000$ at the peak in August 1919. Funding operations to be carried out during the remainder of the calendar year will aggregate $\$ 1,814,278,700$. including those of June 15 . All
are in Treasury certificates. Secretary Mellon hopes for favorable action
by Congress on a recommendation for legislation to authorize the issuance of Treasury bills for Government financing. If this legislation is enacted by the special session it is anticipated bills will be issued in place of some of the certificates to be retired.

## Dwight F. Davis Chosen Governor General of Philippine

 Islands.Following the announcement at Washington on May 15, that Dwight F. Davis formerly Secretary of War had been offered the post of Governor General of the Philippine Islands, it was made known by President Hoover on May 17 , that Mr. Davis had accepted the offer. In referring to his acceptance the "Herald-Tribune" in a dispatch from Washington May 17, said in part:

## Gilmore to Retain Post.

Reports were current soon after the President's announcement that Eugene A. Gilmore, the Vice-Governor and Acting Governor was to be eplaced by Nicholas Roosevelt, of New York, but Secretary Good was authority for the statement that the Administration contemplated no changes in the Vice-Governorship. rom Filipino sources.
President Hoover, entertaining members of the Philippine Commission at uncheon [on May 17] said the policy of his administration would be unelfishly to help the Filipinos forward in their progress toward economic independence and democracy.

## Mr. Hoover's Views.

His view is that the American Government is holding a trusteeship over the islands, without thought of selfish gain, and has a duty to prevent exploitation of the islands. It is known that he feels the development of the islands will be to the mutual advantage of the Philippines and centinental American.
Following the luncheon the Philippine Commission issued this statement:
"The appointment of former Secretary of War Dwight FF. Davis as
Governor General of the Philippines is an evidence of the AdministraGovernor General of the Philippines is an evidence of the Administra-
tion's desire to place at the head of affairs of that far distant country a tion's desire to place at the head of affairs of that far distant country a
man of national orestige and proven ability, conversant with Philippine
conditions. As Secretary of War, Mr. Davis showed symapathetic interest in
 ine These policies won the confidence of the Filipino people and brought
about a normal and efficient administration, with a view to the estabishment of a responsible government in the Philippines. We are con-
fident that the new Governor General will have the cordial support of fident that the new.

## Good and Stimson at Luncheon.

Mr. Good, who succeeded Mr. Davis as Secretary of War, and Henry L. Stimson, who resigned the headship of the Philippine Government to become Secretary of State, were present at the luncheon, and there was an informal discussion of Island affairs, during which Mr. Hoover said that, while he had always been sympathetic with the aims of ,
and interested in the islands, it was apparent to the Filipinos that the President and his two Cabinet members at the luncheon had given considerable thought to the Philippine situation and that Mr. Davis would continue the policies which he, as Secretary of War, and Mr. Stimson, his then subordinate, chiefly concerned themselves.

## To Aid Prooress of Islands.

The purpose of the Hoover Administration, it is explained, is to give the Filipino people every aid and encouragement in the promotion of the island trade, the development of natural resuorces and the fostering of communication, centering native thought on economic progress as a prerequisite to independence
Members of the Philippine Commission told the President they were deighted with his selection and Mr. Hoover expressed appreciation for their "counsel and advices" in the matter.

## No Economic Control Desired.

This does not mean, however, that the Administration has any idea of encouraging private capital to buy up land and build up control, it is explained, but rather that it favors the establishment of common centers in each locality, such as the sugar centrals, which would furnish to the farsition of their land, education in their method of planting, machinery for their harvesting and organization for their marketing, including the necessary capital for all four steps.
In other words, the idea is to foster a system of contractural relations in all lines such as now exists in the sugar industry between the mill and the farmers, guaranteeing to the Filipinos the control of their own institutions.
Members of the Philippine Commission at luncheon with the President were Raefel Alunan, Secretary of Agriculture; Manuel Roxas, Speaker of the House of Representatives; Cergio Osmena, a Senator; Camila Osias and Pedro Guevara, resident commissioners.

## Homer Guck, Formerly of Union Trust Co. Detroit Be-

 comes Publisher of Chicago Herald and Examiner.Homer Guck, formerly Vice-President of the Union Trust Company, Detroit, and now affiliated with the Hearst newspaper, has been appointed publisher of the Chicago Herald and Examiner. Mr. Guck has been interested in newspaper work for many years. He was editor of the Daily Mining Gazette at Houghton, Michigan, until 1920, when he went to Detroit, to be assistant to the President of the Detroit Life Insurance Company. He resigned from that position to become Director of Public Relations for the Union Trust Company, and was elected a Vice-President of that company on Jan. 1 1928. He resigned from this office May 15 1929, to become affiliated with the Hearst organization, serving as general manager of the San Francisco Examiner until his recent appointment as publisher of the Chicago Herald and Examiner.

Farm Wages Compare Favorably With Industrial Rates.
A favorable comparison between wages of hired farm hands and industrial wages for comparable work, when allowance is made for the various perquisites such as board, rent, food, \&c., received by farm hands in addition to wages, is disclosed in a preliminary report of a survey by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture. An announcement in the matter May 18 says: In the Bureau's survey, 2,117 farm employers reported that the total
average farm value of all perquisites was $\$ 30.34$ per month, wages $\$ 46.44$, average farm value of all perquisites was s30.34 per month, wages $\$ 44.4$,
or a total of $\$ 76.78$. Should the farm value of perquisites, of which food is a large part, be expressed in terms of retail prices, the total of perquisites and cash would compare favorably and in some cases probably exceed wages for comparable labor in industrial employment.
By geographical divisions of the country, the survey shows the total monthly farm value of perquisites and wages to farm hands in the Now England States at $\$ 88.15$; Middle Atlantic States, $\$ 85.20$; East North Oentral States, $\$ 78.60 ;$ West North Central, $\$ 78.21$; South Atlantic,
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amount to be pald, modified by inclusion or exclusion of Board. This does not take account of other payments in kind or privilege of value also given to farm hands, and which are frequently of considerable value as indicated In the Bureau's survey. The English method, on the other hand, is to set a in cash. When discussing wages the English speak in terms of the total in cash. When discussing wages the English speak in terms of the total
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from the wages paid for comparable work in industry.
The American method of expressing farm wages may be responsible in a slight degree for the undue emphasis often placed by the farm laborer on sight degree for the realtive superiority of city wages, expressed entirely on a cash basis, as compared with farm wages that consist so largely of non-cash items. of the other hand, farmers may at times fail to appreciated capable laborers and keeping them contented by giving them perquisites which cost the farmer little.
Detalled results of the Bureau's survey, made in 1925-26, of perquisites and wages of hired farm hands have been published in a multigraph report entitled "The Perquisites and Wages of Hired Farm Hands," copies of which may be
ington, D. O .

## President Hoover Announces Acceptance by Peru and

 Chile of Proposal for Settlement of Tacna-Arica Controversy.President Hoover made known on May 17 the acceptance by Chile and Peru of a proposal made by him for the solution of the controversy which had long existed between the two Governments as to the right of possession of the Provinces of Tacna and Arica. In announcing the agreement which has been arrived at, the territory has been divided into two parts-Tacna for Peru and Arica for Chile. The President's announcement follows:

## Taena-Arica.

"The President is happy to be able to announce an agreement between the Governments of Chile and Peru relative to the nearly half-century-old question of Tacna-Arica.
"As a result of the high statesmanship and lofty ideals of the Presidents and Governments of Chile and Peru, diplomatic relations were renewed between those countries last September at the suggestion of the Secretary of State, and rapid progress toward a settlement satisfactory to both was made.
"However, when the President, as President-elect, visited Peru and Chile last December he was advised of the difficulties of a definitive settlement and gladly consented to lend any proper assistance, upon assuming office,
with a view to bring about, if happily it might be, a final agreement with a view to brin
between the parties.

Accordingly, on May 14, the President, not as arbitrator, but in the exercise of good offices at the request of the parties, transmitted to the Presidents of Peru and Ohile, through the American Ambassadors at Lima and Santiago, a proposal suggesting the final bases of a settlement. This
proposal was presented to the two Governments on May 15, and was proposal was presented to the
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Text of notes of transmission delivered by American Ambassadors at Lima Text of notes of transmission delivered by American Ambassadors at Lima
and Santiago to the Peruvian and Ohilean Governments, respectively, on May 15 1929:
Excellency
Under instructions from my government, I have the honor to present to your Excellency with the request that you be so good as to transmit it
to his Excellency, the President of Peru (Chile) certain stipulations which the President of the United States of America, not as arbitrator, but in the exercise, at the request of both parties, of good offices, proposes to the exercise, at the request of both parties, of good ofrices, proposes to the
governments of Peru and Chile as the final bases of a solution of the governments of Peru and
problem of Tacna-Arica.
In presenting this proposal to your Excellency's government, I am directed by the Secretary of State to say that, in making it, the President of the United States of America has been guided by agreements reached directly between Peru and Ohile on questio
The proposal is, therefore, not to be interpreted as indicating that either the President or the Government of the United States of America expresses any opinion or view, or makes any suggestion in any way whatever regarding any future disposition by either party of that portion of the territory ing any future dispute which will be in its possession should the proposal enclosed herewith be accepted by the governments of Peru and Ohile.
Text of the President's proposal to the governments of Chile and Peru, May 14 1929:
Having been informed of the cordial progress of the negotiations between the governments of Chile and of Peru, with reference to the direct agree-
ments reached on nearly all the questions involved in the solution of the problem of Tacna and Arica, and having also been informed of the decision of both governments to submitt to him the only difficulty that has arisen with reference to the respective viewpoints relating to the projected port
of Las Yaradas, the President of the United States, summariving the points agreed upon, proposes to the two governments, in the exercis
good offices, as the final bases of a solution the following stipulations: good offices, as the final bases of a solution the following stipulations:
First: The territory will be divided into two parts-Tacna for Peru and Arica for Chile. The dividing line shall start at a point which shall be designated with the name "Concordia", situated ten kilometers to the be designated with the name "Concordia," situated ten kilometers to the north of the bridge over the River Lluta, and shal continue parallel to
the Arica-La Paz Railroad, following, as far as possible, the topographic features which may make easier the demarcation of the line.
The sulphur deposits of Tacora shall remain in Ohilean territory, and the canals of Uchusuma and Hauri, also known as Azucarero, shall remain the property of Peru, with the understanding, however, that wherever these canals pass through Chilean territory they shall enjoy the most comright to widen the actual canals, change their course, and appropriate all waters that may be collectible in their passage through Chilean territory. The boundary line shall pass through the center of La Guna Blanca, dividing it into two equal parts. Peru and Chile shall each designate an engineer, and the necessary assistants, to proceed to the demarcation of the new frontier in accordance with the points herein agreed upon, and shall indicate the dividing line by means of boundary monuments.
In case of disagreement, such disagreement shall be decided by a third person designated by the President of the United States, whose decision shall be final.
Second: The Government of Chile will grant to the Government of Peru within the 1,575 meters of the Bay of Arica, a wharf (malecon), a custom house and a station for the railroad from Tacna to Arica, where Peru shall enjoy independence within the most ample free port. All the aforementioned works shall be constructed by the Government of Chile.
Third: The Government of Chile will deliver to the Government of Peru the sum of $\$ 6,000,000$.
Fourth: The Government of Chile will deliver without cost of any kind to Peru all the public works already constructed, together with all government-owned real property in the Department of Tacna.
Fifth: The Government of Chile will maintain in the Department of Arica the franchise granted by the Government of Peru in the year 1852, to the Arica-Tacna Railroad Company.
Sixth: The Government of Chile shall proceed to deliver the Department of Tacna thirty days after the exchange of ratifications of the treaty. Seventh: The Governments of Ohile and Peru will respect private rights legally acquired in the territories that remain under their respective sovereignties.
Eighth:
Eighth: The Governments of Ohile and Peru, in order to commemorate the consolidation of their friendly relations, agree to erect on the Morro de Arica a monument, the design of which shall be the subject of agreement between the parties.
Ninth: The children of Peruvian nationals born in Arica shall be considered as Peruvians until they attain the age of twenty-one years, at which age they shall have the right to elect their definitive nationality; and the children of Chileans, born in Tacna, shall enjoy the same right.
Tenth: Chile and Peru will reciprocally release any obligation, engagement or indebtedness between the two countries, whether derived or not from the Treaty of Ancon.
Translation of Text of Reply of the Government of Chile, Dated May 151929. To the American Ambassador at Santiago:
Excellency
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the note dated to-day by which your Excellency, in compliance with instructions from your government, sends me for transmission to his Excellency the President of the Republic the stipulations which the President of the United States of America, in the exercise of good offices sought by the parties and guided by the direct agreements arrived at by Cnile and Peru, proposes as the final bases of a solution of the Tacna-Arica problem.
It affords me satisfaction to declare to your Excellency that, these bases having been transmitted to his Excellency the President of the Republic, the Government of Chile has decided to accept them in the terms and scope of the note which I now have the pleasure to answer.
My government believes, therefore, that the treaty which is to be concluded between Chile and Peru in accordance with those bases will wholly and finally decide the only pending question arising from the war of the Pacific, and with it the last of the boundary questions of the republic.
The people of Chile, placing confidence in their destiny and concentrating their energies on work, note the utmost importance of this action which guarantees their safety and promotes their progress.
In thanking, by direction of his Excellency the President of the Republic and through your Excellency, the President of the United States of America for his lofty and friendly co-operation toward removing the obstacles which for half a century has kept Ohile and Peru apart, I avail myself of the opportunity to renew to your Excellency the sentiments of my highest and most distinguished consideration.
conrado rios gallardo.
Translation of Text of Peruvian Reply to the American Ambassador at
Excellency:
Lima, Dated May 161929.
I have the honor to inform your Excellency that I have received your important communication No. 88, dated yesterday, in which you were good
enough to inform me that, following instructions from your government, you are pleased me that, following instructions from your government, set forth in the enclosure which the President of the United States of set forth in the enclosure which the President of the nited states of Americes and the Peru and Chile as the final bases of a solution of the problem of TacnaPeru
Arica.
Your Excellency states that in presenting this proposal to my government you have been instructed by the Secretary of State of the United States of America to inform me that in making it the President of the United States of America was guided by agreements reached directly between Chile and Peru on questions involved between them in the solution of the problem of Tacna-Arica.
Your Excellency adds that, nevertheless, the proposal is not to be interpreted as indicating that either the President or the Government of the United States of America expressed an opinion or view, or makes a suggestion in any way whatever recarding any future disposition which either of the parties may make of that portion of the territory in dispute which wil remain in its possession should the proposal enclosed in your note be accepted by the governments of Peru and Chile.
Your Excellency stated that you were charged by your government to inform me that the terms of the said proposal would not be made public by the President of the United States of America until the replies of Peru and Chile had been received, and, therefore, you requested that no publicity be given to this matter for the presenti.

In reply I take pleasure in informing your Excellency that immediately upon receipt of your important note I hastened to bring it to the attention of the President of the republic, Senor Augusto B. Leguia, who has instructed me to inform your Excellency and, through you, the President of the United States of America that the Government of Peru accepts each and every one of the bases proposed by the President of the United
States of America for a final settlement of the question of Tacna-Arica, States of America for a final settlement of the question of Tacna-Arica,
and that, with the acceptance of them by both parties, it considers this and that, with the acceptance of them
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of the President of the Republic, Don Augusto B. Leguia, and of his of the Presiden or good self for the notable participation
government to your the termination of this most important matter.
In this historic moment, which redounds so to the prestige not only of Peru and Chile but of America, I reiterate to you, Mr. Ambassador, the sentiments of my highest and most distinguished consideration.
pedro jose rada y gamio.
The "Herald Tribune" Washington correspondent commenting on May 17 on the agreement reached, had the following to say

An intense feeling of relief-of danger averted-prevails in every Latin American embassy and legation in Washington tonight as a result of the settlement, with the conviction here that similar relief is felt in every capital in South America. Despite occasional references entions, and despite the drive of some European countries to outdistance the United States in prestige and esteem-and, incidentally, trade-in Latin America, there was almost as much relief in other diplomatic quarters as among the Latin Americans.

United States Proposals Quickly Accepted.
One of the outstanding features of the whole negotiation is the speed with which the final proposal was accepted by Chile and Peru. President Hoover transmitted the final proposal on May 14, and it was laid
wo Governments on May 15 . It was immediately accepted.
Coming on the heels of which have been going on for forty-five years, the burst of speed in concluding this agreement has amazed diplomatic Washington.
Every Pan-American Conference has been complicated by this feeling between Peru and Chile, though sometimes the feeling has worked in the interest of the United States, particularly at the conference last winter in Havana, where Peru was the outstanding champion of the United States on the "interventions" controversy, and Chile ralled to the side of this country's delegation early in the "economic barriers" flurry started b the
Argentine Republic. Argentine Republic.
The difficulty in the stages of negotiation in recent years has centred round the almost impossibility of obtaining a plebiscite which this country's epresentatives thought would be fair. Chile, which had taken the provinces after the war terminating in 1883, had promised a plebiscite in ten years. But the claims of the Peruvians that such a setlement would Linaller give them a fair deal were so convincing that, finally, General Lassito called the pht in settling the old dispute, had fixed April 151926 as thought might aid in settling the old disput.
the date on which the vote should be held.
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Secretary Kellogg refused to abandon hope. President Hoover, on his good-will tour between election and inauguration, talked earnestly with the officials of both countries. And the solution was attained.

## Text of New Income Tax Law of New York State.

The signing on April 5, by Gov. Roosevelt of New York State, of the bill passed at the recent session of the State Legislature, increasing the personal exemptions in the case of the State income tax, was noted in our issue of April 13, page 2398. As indicated therein, for single persons, the exemption from the tax, previously $\$ 1,500$, was raised to $\$ 2,500$, while for married persons and heads of families, the exemption was fixed at $\$ 4,000$, in place of $\$ 3,000$, the previous limit. We give herewith the text of the newly enacted bill, showing in Italics the new matter, and in brackets the portions of the old law which have been eliminated.

## STATE OF NEW YORK.

Chapter 319.
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To Amend the Tax Law, in Relation to Personal Income Tax Exemptions. The People of the State of New York, Represented in Senate and Assembly, do Enact as Follows:
Section 1. Section 362 of chapter 60 of the laws of 1909, entitled "An act in relation to taxation, constituting chapter 60 of the consolidated laws," such section having been added by chapter 627 of the laws of 1919 and last amended throughout by chapter 547 of the laws of 1923, and subdivision one having been last amended by chapter 208 of the laws of 1926, and subdivisions three, four and five having been added by chapter 31 of the laws of 1928, is hereby amended to read as follows:
$\$ 362$. Exemption. The following exemptions shall be allowed to any taxpayer:

1. In the case of a single person, a personal exemption of [ $\$ 1,500] \$ 2,500$, or in the case of the head of a family or a married person living with husband or wife, a personal exemption of $[\$ 3,500] \$ 4,000$. A husband and wife living together shall receive but one personal exemption. If such husband and wife make separate returns, the personal exemption may be taken by 2. Four hundred dollars for each person (other than husband or wife) dependent upon and receiving his chief support from the taxpayer, if such
dependent person is under eighteen years of age or is incapable of self-
support because mentally or physically defective. support because mentally or physically defective. in case the exemptions allowed by subaivision one of this section shall, in case the status of the taxpayer changes during his taxabie year, be the sum of (a) an amount which bears the same ratio to [ $\$ 1,500] \$ 2,500$ as the number of months during which the taxpayer was unmarried or a married person not living with husband or wife bears to twelve months, plus (b) an amount which bears the same ratio to $[\$ 3,500] \$ 4,000$ as the number of months during which the taxpayer was a married person living with husband or wife or was the head of a family bears to twelve months. For the pur poses of this subdivision a rractionalf month, in which case it shall be unless it amounts to m
considered as a month
2. The exemptions allowed by subdivision two of this section shall be determined by the status of the taxpayer on the last day of his taxable year 5. In the case of an individual who dies during the taxable year, the exemptions allowed by sus and in such case full exemption shal his status at the time oiving spouse, if any, according to his or her status be alle close of the taxable year.
at the close of 367 of such chapter as added by chapter 627 of the laws of 1919 and lest amended by chapter 285 of the laws of 1926 , is hereby amended to read as follows:
\& 367. Taxpayers' returns. Every taxpayer having a net income for the taxable year of [ $\$ 1,500] \$ 2,500$ or over if single or if married and not the taxable year ond or wife, or of [ $\$ 3,500] \$ 4,000$ or over if married and
living with husband living with husband or wife, or a gross income for the taxable year of [ $\$ 5,000$ ] $\$ 6,500$ or over, regardless of the amount of his net income, shall make under oath a return stating specifically the items of his gross income and the deductions and credits allowed by this article. If a husband and wife living together have an aggregate net income of $\$ 83,500] \$ 4,000$ or over, or an aggregate gross income for such year of 185,000 , $\$ 8,000$ or over, each shall make such a return, or the income of each shall be included in a single joint return, in which case the tax shall be computed on the aggregate income. If the taxpayer is unable to make his own return the return shall be made by a duly authorized agent or by the guardian or other person charged with the care or the person or properite such taxpayer. A taxpayer other than a resident shall noall make under oath a ductions authorized by section soo uness he shat without the state. complete retio ${ }^{8}$. Section or 1922 and last follows:
amen the taxable year changed his status from that of resident to that of nonresident, or from that of non-resident to that of resident, he shall file two returns, one as a resident covering the fraction of the year during which he was a resident and one as a person other than a resident covering the fraction of the year during which he was a non-resident. The exemptions provided in section 362 of this article shall be agregate of the taxpayer's net income from all sources during the fraction of the year in which he was a resident, and his net income from sources within the state during the fraction of the year in which he was a non-resident, shall be less than [ $\$ 1,500$ ] $\$ 2,500$ in the case of a taxpayer who is single, or married and not living with husband or wife, or under $[\$ 3,500] \$ 4,000$ in the case of a taxpayer who is married and living with husband or wife, no return shall be required under this section.
8 4. Section 369 of such chapter, as added by chapter 627 of the laws of 1919, and last amended by chapter 285 of the laws 1926 , is hereby amended to read as follows:
\& 369. Fiduciary returns. Every fiduciary (except receivers appointed by authority of law in possession of part only of the property of a taxpayer) shall make under oath a return for the in ividual or estate or trust for whom he acts, as follows:
3. If he acts for an individual whose entire income from whatever souree derived is in his charge and the net income of such individual is [81,500] $\$ 2,500$ or over if single, or if married and not living with husband or we,
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less of the amount of his net income.
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4. If he acts (a) for an estate of a deceased person during the period of administration or settlement, whether or not the income of such estate during such period of administration or settiement is property paid or credited to any legatee, heir or olter benencial for the benefit of unborn or unascertained persons, or persons with contingent interests; (c) for an unascertained persons, or persons is held for future distribution or is dis-
estate or trust the income of which tributable in the discretion of the fiduciary under the terms of the wil tributable in the discretion of the
or trust: and the net income of such estate or trust is $[\$ 1,500] \$ 2,500$ or over.
5. If he acts (a) for an estate or trust the income of which is to e distributed to the beneficiaries periodically, or (b) as the guardian of an infant whose income is to be held or distributed as ise courl to distributive any beneficiary of such estate or trust recelve of $\{\$ 1,500] \$ 2,500$ or more. The share of the income of the estate or state specifically the items of the gross incom made by a fiduclary shamptions and credits allowed by this article. Under such regulations as the tax commission may prescribe, a return made by one of two or more joint fiduciaries shall make oath that he has with the above requirement. The nduciary sufficient knowledge of the anle whom or which he acts to enadge and belief, true and correct. is, to the best of his knowledge and belier, true and corice shall be subject Fiduciaries requed 0 , this article which apply to taxpayers.
to all the provisions or this arfect immediately and shall a ply to returns ${ }^{8}$ 5. This act shall take effect im after Jan. 1 1928. If, prior to the for any taxable year bet, any topayer shall have paid a tax pursuant to time this act takes efrect, any chanpaying been allowed the exemptions which 16 or the of such payment he shall be entitled to a refund of such excess payment, payable by the he commission, pay of the fund for refunds provided for by section 382 of the tax law. Approved April 51929.

New York State Law Levying Tax of Two Cents a Gallon on Gasoline Effective May 1-Text of Law.
Effective May 1, a tax of two cents a gallon is imposed on gasoline and other motor fuel in New York State. The bill providing for the tax was enacted into law at the recent
session of the Legislature and signed by Governor Roosevelt on April 8. Motorists generally who are wondering how the new tax will affect them, or how much inconvenience it will subject them to, have no cause for alarm, according to Thomas M. Lynch, State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance and President of the Tax Commission. A statement made available by the Department on April 22 said:
It is the opinion of tax officials that the motoring public of this State beginning May 1, as it is thought that cents more for a gallon of gasoline motor fuel industry at it thought that because of the competition in the Generally speaking this new tax is to of this two cents will be absorbed. it enters the State or where it is manufactured or refined within the state. Thus there will be little or no inconvenience to the public and the public will later benefit from it by virtue of all of the tax being used to defray the expenses of highway construction and maintenance. In addition, residents of other states who use the highways of New York will pay their share of highway cost because of the tax included when they purchase
gasoline in his gasoline in his state.
Officials of the State Department of taxation and finance are now engaged in erecting the structure through which the St te of New York will gather this gasoline tax. Commissioner Lynch said.
According to the law, the distributors pay the two cents tax. A dis-
tributor is any firm, corporation, association tributor is any firm, corporation, association or person who or which im-
ports or causes to be imported for use, ports or causes to be imported for use, distribution or sale within the State
any motor fuel, or which produces, refines, manufactures or any motor fuel, or which produces, refines, manufactures or compounds
motor fuel within the State. These distributors will keep records and file motor fuel within the State. These distributors will keep records and file
returns to the State, so that there is no bother insofar as the motoring returns to the State, so that there is no bother insofar as the
public is concerned. The tax is paid only once within the State.

The users of the public highways are supposed to bear the ultimate burden of this tax," the Commissioner stated, "therefore any person or
corporation purchasing gasoline and paying the tax, but not using the highways, is to be reimbursed by the State after affidavits are presented to this effect, and the department of taxation is satisfied as to the authenticity this effect
of these.
"It is estimated that this gasoline tax will bring into the Treasury of the State some $\$ 24,000,000$ the first year and each year thereafter it wil Seventy-five millions of dollars.
for general highway construction collected goes to the State Treasury $\mathbf{5 \%}$ goes to the City of New York. The remaining Of the remainder, among the other counties of the State on the basis the $20 \%$ is apportioned of public highways in each county outside of the cities and total mileage villages, not including State and County highways, bears to the torporated age of public highways in the State outside of cities and incorporated villages and not including State and County highways.
After Jan, 11930 the gasoline tax moneys due the counties are to become part of a State aid fund for the improvement of construction of a county road system approved by the Board of Supervisors and the State Commissioner of Public Works. This fund is made up of the counties share of moneys collected through the motor vehicle law and the gasoline tax; moneys paid by the State to meet County contributions and County The State supplies an amount of money eq Supervisors of each County. counties except that it cannot of money eqaul to that contributed by the

## unties except that it cannot exceed $\$ 30$ a mile in any one year.

A further statement, issued the present week by the Department said:
For the guidance of the many persons affected, the Department of Taxation and Finance points out that if any person or firm has on hand Wednesday morning a quantity of motor fuel not imported or which they did not refine, manufacture or compound within this State they are not distributers because of this possession and may sell this fuel tax free are not distributors However, if any person, firm, association tuel tax free.
Wednesday morning a quantity of motor fuel which they importion has hand to be imported without the State or which they produced imported or caused refined or compounded within the State the tax is to be paid and they are considered distributors. Likewise after that date if they import or cause to be imported from without the State or produce, refine, manufacture or compound within the State, or if they receive the fuel under such circumstances as preclude the collection of the tax by reason of the constitution or laws of the U. S. from the person from whom they bought, they are considered distributors and must pay the tax.
Retailers are considered distributors if they import or cause to be imported from without the State any motor fuel for use, distribution or sale, and even though one is a consumer as distinguished from a retailer, neverthe less they are considered distributors if they imported or caused to be imported motor fuel from without the State. This latter applies principally in other States.
Dealers just outside the State who sometimes enter this State to sell or deliver to filling stations in this State quantities of motor fuel from tall or vehicles or steel drums or other containers are considered distributors under the New York law and must pay the tax if they bring or cause to be brought motor fuel for sale in this State. The reverse also occurs, so that New York distributors going into other States to sell are not to pay the tax, but they must report this to the State Department of Taxation and Finance.
The State is without authority to tax the U. S. Government therefore
dealers can sell fuel tax free to the Government or its agencies, dealers can sell fuel tax free to the Government or its agencies, and on the
returns the distributors deduct this amount from their gallonage tor returns the distributors deduct this amount from their gallonage taxable. Sales to those having contracts with the Government are not exempt The State itself, tax must be paid.
The State itself, nor any of its municipal subdivisions as cities, counties,
towns, villages or other units or agencies are towns, villages or other units or agencies are not exempt and the tax must
be paid when fuel is purchased. The tax on sales is purchased.
The tax on sales made on and after Wednesday must be paid by every distributor whether registered or not, and every distributor must be regis-

The following is the text of the newly enacted law:

## (Chapter No. 364, Laws, 1929.)

AN AOT to amend the tax law, in relation to imposing and providing for the distribution of a tax on gasoline and other motor fuel.
The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly,
Section 1. Chapter 62 of the laws of 1909, entitled "An Act in relation to taxation, constituting chapter 60 of the consolidated laws," is hereby amended by adding thereto, after article 12, a new article, to be article 12-a,
to read as follows:

Section 282. Definitions.
Section 283. Registration
Section 284. Tax imposed,
Section 285.
uel.
Section 286.
Section 287. Payment of to kept by distributors.
Section 288. Determination of teturns,
Section 289. Suit to recover tax on failure to file return.
Section 289-A. Tax to be paid but once; foreign and inter-State com-
injunction.

## Penalties.

Section $289-\mathrm{c}$. Refunds.
Section 289-d. Disposition of tax moneys.
Section 282. Definitions,-As used in this article, 1. "Distributor"
means any person, firm, association or corporation means any person, firm, association or corporation, who or which imports
or causes to be imported into the State, for use, distribution the State, any motor fuel; and also any person, firm, associon or sale within ration who or which produces, refines, manufactures or cocation or corpofuel within the State. Motor fuel brought into the State in the ounds motor fuel tank connecting with the engine of a motor vehiclate in the ordinary boat or other conveyance propelled by the use of motor aeroplane, motor used only in the operation thereof, shall not be deemed imported and to be meaning of this definition, if not removed from such tank except as used in the propulsion of such engine.
and crude oil, which is suitable for use in the orer product, except kerosene engine.
3. "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle propelled by any power other
than muscular, except boats, road rollers, tractors agricultural purposes and such vehicles as are run ons used exclusively for 4. "Purchaser" shall include, in addition to its usual meaning, the distributor in the case of transfer of motor fuel by a distributor from his, motor fuel istock, into a motor vehicle, or into a container from which motor fuel is supplied by the distributor to a motor vehicle or vehicles of the distributor or of others.
"Sale" shall include, in addition to the usual meaning, the transfer of fuel by a distributor into a motor vehicle or into a receptacle from which fuel is supplied by him or it to his or its own or other motor vehicles.
and Finance, upon the application of a distribution Department of Taxation distributor in a suitable book to be kept by istributor, shall register such distributor in a suitable book to be kept by the Department for that the Department of Taxation and Finance shall and contain such data as unless so registered, shall make Finance shall prescribe. No distributor, except a sale, if any, as to which the State cannor fuel within the State, by reason of the United States Constitution and impose such condition States enacted pursuant thereto. The prohibition contained in the United as to sales shall not apply to a distributor engaged as ained in this section when this article takes effect until after the expiration such in the State from; but the tax hereby imposed shall be due and payable, and returns made therefor, as hereinafter provided.
Section 284. Tax Imposed.-1. There is hereby levied and imposed an excise tax of two cents per gallon upon motor fuel sold within the State the collection of such tax by reason under circumstances which preclude of laws of the United States enacted pursuant ther States Constitution and 2. Motor fuel within this State when this article
by a person, firm, association or corporation who or takes effect, owned imported it or caused it to be imported into the State, which has heretofore produced, refined, manufactured or compounded state, or has heretofore which is held for use, distribution or sale within the State, shall and subject to such tax when sold within the State, except when sold under circumstances which preclude the collection of such tax by reason of the United States Constitution and of laws of the United States of the pursuant thereto, and such person, firm, association or corpores enacted be deemedia distributor for the purposes of this article. If, prior to the taking effect of this article, a contract of sale of motor fuel has been made and delivery thereof purusuant to such contract is made within the made, on or after the time this article takes effect, from a stock of motor fol which is then subject to the taxing power of the State, the vendor fuel be deemed a distributor, for the purposes of this article, and such shator fuel shall be deemed to be sold, and shall be subject to such tax, at the time of such delivery.
Section 285. Special provision as to imposition of tax on certain motor
fuel. If a person, firm, assnciation or corportion fuel. If a person, firm, assnciation or corporation shall receive any motor lection of form and under such circumstances as shall preclude the collaws of the Unch tax from a distributor by reason of the Constitution and manner and manner and under such circumstances as may subject the fuel sold to shall be considered this State, such person, firm, association or corporation the same reports, a distributor, with respect to such sale, and shall make of this article relating to same taxes and be subject to all other provisions Section 286. Records to Be Kept
shall keep a complete and to Be Kept by Distributors.-Every distributor and accurate record of the number of a fall sales of fuel, and a complete manufactured record of the number of gallons imported, produced, refined, refining, manufacturing or comp and form and contain such other informationg. Such records shall be in such prescribe. The Commission by rule or the state Tax Commission shall delivery of statements, by distribuiters to purchor, also may require the of motor fuel, and prescribe the matts to be contained consignments records, and any such statements, shall to be contained therein. Such and such purchaser, respectively, for a porion for inspection at any time upon oral or written demand by the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance or his duly authorized agents.
Section 287. Payment of Tax Returns.-Every distributor shall, in each oath, on forms to be prescribed by Taxation and Finance a return under such Department, stating the number of ax Commission and furnished by distributor in the State during the preceding calendar motor fuel sold by such shall contain such further information as the Tax Commission shall require. Each such distributor shall pay to the Department with the filing of such re. turn the tax imposed by this article on each gallon of motor fuel sold by such istrbutor in the State, as so reported, during the calendar month covered by such,return, after deducting therefrom an amount equivalent to $1 \%$ of the amount due, which is hereby allowed the distributor on account of servces and expenses in complying with the provisions of this article.
having failed to file a return, or having filed an incorrect or insufficlent re turn, without reasonable, excuse fails to file an original or corrected return.
as the case may require, within 20 days after the giving of notice to him by the Department of Taxation and Finance of such delinquency, such Department shall determine the amount due, at any time within one year after the making of the earliest sale included in such determination, and give written notice of such determination to the distributor. Such a determina-
tion may be reviewed by certiorari, at the instance of the distributor. The determination shall be final, however, at the expiration of 30 days after the giving of notice thereof if no application shall have been made within such period for an order of certiorari. When the determination shall have become final, by the expiration of such period or by final order in such proceedings by certiorari, sustaining wholly or partly such determination by the Department, the Department shall again give written notice to the distributor of the amount due, and within 30 days thereafter the distribut shall pay to the Department the amount of the tax as so determined.
Section 288. Suil recover Tax.- Whenever any distributor shall fail to pay, within the time limited herein, any tax which he is required to pay under the provisions of this article, the Attorney-General shall enforce payment of suche state against such distribution for the people of the State, against such distribution for the amount of such tax,

Section 289-a. Tax to Be Paid but Once; Foreign and Inter-State Commerce Injunction.- Nothing in this article shall be construed to require the pay-
ment to the Department of Taxation and Finance of such tax more than ment to the Department of Taxation and Finance of such tax more than
once on any quantity of motor fuel sold within the State. No provision of this article shall apply or be construed to apply to foreign or inter-State commerce, except in so far as the same may be effective pursuant to the United States Constitution and to laws of the United States enacted pursuant thereto. The Supreme Court shall have jurisdiction to restrain the Department, by injunction, from collecting a tax under this article upon any sale as to which, by reason of the United States Constitution and the laws of the United States enacted pursuant thereto, such a tax cannot be Imposed.
Section 289-b. Penallies.-1. A distributor who or which fails to file a return or corrected return required by or pursuant to this article shall thereby forferit to the State a penalty of $5 \%$ of the amount determined to be due as provided in this article and $1 \%$ of such amount for each month of delay or fraction thereof after written notice by the Department of
Taxation and Finance of such failure; but the Tax Commission, if the return be filed at any time and the Commission is satisfied that the delay was excusable, may remit part of such penalty. Such penalties shall be paid to such Department and disposed of as hereinafter provided with respect to moneys derived from the tax. Unpaid penalties under this subdivision shall be recovered by the Attorney-General by action in the name of the people, and
be sued for in one action.
2. Any distributor who or which files or causes to be filed any return, affidavit or statement, required or permitted by this article, which is wilfully false shall be guilty of a felony
3. Except in the case specified in Subdivision 2 of this section, any distributor, seller or purchaser of motor fuel who or which violates any provisions of this article, or any reasonable rule or regulation adopted pursuant Tax Commission, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor
Section $289-$-. Refunds. 1 . The tax imposed by this article though payable by the distributor, shall be borne by the purchaser and when paid by the distributor shall be deemed to have been so paid for the account of the purchaser. No person shall sell, advertise, or offer for sale motor fuel separate from the tax herein imposed; and the price paid by the purchaser for motor fuel on which the tax has been paid, if such price be not less than the amount of the tax thereon, shall be presumed for the purposes of this section to have included the tax.
2. However, the intention of this article is to place the ultimate burden resulting from such tax, so far as possible, on persons who use the public highways of the State for operating motor vehicles thereon, and the fol-
lowing refunds are provided to that end, subject to the provisions of Subdivision 5 of this section.
3. Any person who shall buy any motor fuel, on which the tax imposed by this article shall have been paid, and shall consume the same in any manner except in the operation of a motor vehicle upon or over the highways of this State, shall be reimbursed the amount of such tax in the manner and subject to the conditions herein provided. All claims for relmbursement shall be made by affidavit in such form and containing
such information, and be presented within such time, as the State Tax such information, and be presented within such time, as the State Tax Commission, by rules and regulations, shall satisfy the Department or Taxation and anded by him in has borne the tax and that the motor fuel has been consumed or over in a manner other than the operation of, a motor vehicle upon or over the highways of this state. The Department may require suin urtier information or
proof as it shall deem necessary for the administration of such claim. proof as for reimbursement approved by the Department of Taxation and Finance shall be paid from revenues collected under this article and deposited Finance shall be paid from revenues collected under this article and deposited to the credit of the Comptroiler as hereinater provided; but no such claims
shall be pald unless the Department of Taxation and finance is satisfled shall be pald unless the Department or raxation and rinance is satisfied been collected by the State.
4. "Highway," within the meaning of this section, means a highway, street
fare.
5. If the provisions of this section providing for reimbursement of the amount of the tax paid be held unconstitutional by a courtof competent jurisdiction, the other constitutional provisions of this article nevertheless shall stand, it being the express intention of the Lerislature that even though such provision for reimbursement be held unconstitutional the tax provided for by this article shall be imposed, collected and distributed as provided in this article, regardless in that event of the manner in which the motor fuel is consumed.
Section 289-d. Dispostion of Tax Moneys. - 1. The amount of all taxes, and interest thereon, if any, collected or received by the Department under this article shall be deposited daily with such responsible banks, banking houses or trust companies as may be designated by the Comptroller, and to the credit of the Comptroller. Such deposits shall be kept separate and apart from all other moneys in the possession of the Comptroller. The Comptroller shall require adequate security from all such depositories. 2. Of the amount so received by the Comptroller, he shall retain supficient to provide at all times a fund of $\$ 50.000$ out of which he shall pay reimbursements under Sec. $289-\mathrm{c}$ on the order of the Department of Taxation and Finance, unless such reimbur
by a court of competent jurisdiction.
3. The Comptroller, after reserving such reimbursement fund, if any, shail, on or before the tenth day of each month pay into the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund $75 \%$ of the balance to his credit in such bank, banking house or cose business on the last day of the preceding under this article, at the close of State Treasury pursuant to this sub-
month. Moneys paid into the Stal
division shall be appropriated and used for the construction, maintenance and repair of highways and bridges under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Works.

The Comptroller shall on the tenth day of July and quarterly thereafter on the tenth day of the month, distribute and pay the remaining $25 \%$ of such moneys, to his credit in such bank, banking house or trust company at the close of business on the last day of the preceding month,
as follows: To the Comptroller of the City of New York, $20 \%$ thereof: as follows: To the Comptroller of the City of New York, $20 \%$ thereof; to the County Treasurer of each County outside of the City of New York such portion of the remainder of such $25 \%$ as the total mileage of public highways in such county, outside of ctiles and the total mileage of public including State and county highways, bears to the total mileage of public highways in the State, outside of cities and hecrporated vilage and not Works, in due time for the apportionment of such moneys, shall certify Works, in due time for the apportionment of such relative mileage. The Department of Taxation and Finance, in due time for the distribution thereof, shall certify to the Comptroller the amount which such city and each such county are severally entitled to receive hereunder, and upon verification and approval of such apportionment by him the Comptroller shall distribute such shares in accordance with this subdivision.
5. The amount so paid to the Comptroller of the City of New York shall be paid into the General Fund of such city for the reduction of taxation in such city. (a) Until Jan. 1 1930, moneys recelved by the County Treasurer of any county pursuant to this section, shall be used as follows: For the permanent construction or maintenance of town highways as improved by county aid under the provisions of Secs. 320 and $320-\mathrm{a}$ of the highway law and county roads as improved by general or special law, or for the permanent construction or improvement of town highways, as defined by the highway law, of a type of pavement as defined by the Board of Supervisors and approved by the Superintendent of Public Works. The County Treasurer shall, upon recept or such moneys, keep an accurate record thereof, and shall furnish the Board of Supervisors of the county, upon the request by it, with a certified statement of such receipts. The Board of Supervisors of the county shall, at a regular or special meeting and by a majority vote, allot such moneys to one or more of the towns within such coung, and shay so allotted or notify the County Treasurer such credit the the cost of a county aid highway or county road as herein provided to the county aid highway or connty road fund. If credited to the county aid highway or county road fund as herein provided, the Board of Supervisors may use such money to continue the construction or improvement of highways within the limits of an incorporated village which is improved pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 320 , $320-\mathrm{a}$ or $320-\mathrm{b}$ of the highway law, provided the improvement within the village shall be of the same width and type of construction as the county aid highway in the town, unless a greater width or different type of construction is desired by the village. The additional expense cuased by the increased width or different type, or both, if any, shall be borne shall thereafter be repaired and maintained by the village wherein the street or highway is located, in the same manner as other village streets or highways. A certified copy of such resolution shall be filed with the County Treasurer of such county, with the Superintendent of Public Works, with the State Comptroller and with the Town Clerk of the town in which such allotment is made. The places and the manner in which such moneys shall be expended shall be determined by the Board of Supervisors subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Public Works in accordance with the provisions of this subdislon or sec. 320-b of the highway law, providing the money is used to pay the cost or part thereof of a county ald highway or county road, otherwise the money so arotted shall be expended in accorday wpon whel provided by Sec. 105 or the hoswal with the County Trepoval and arter the surice thereor the which such ollment is made has a bondervisor of with the provisions of Sec 104 of the hoghay law, providing the county Treasurer shall pay to the Supervisor of such town or towns the amount to which each is entitled or credit the amount to the county aid highway or county road fund as determined and indicated by such resolution. A sonent in the report required by Sec. 107 of the highway law. A statement of the receints and to the county add highway or county road fund shall be printed in the annual proceedings of the Board of Supervisors. The provisions of Sec, 108 of the highey lew shall apply as to the method of keeping accounts, 108 or bill clerk's office where moneys are paid to the Supervisor as provided in the highway law, otherwise the moneys shall be expended in accordance with Secs. $320,320-\mathrm{a}$, and $320-\mathrm{b}$ of the highway law, or special law, for the construction and improvement of county roads.
(b) On and after Jan. 1 1930, moneys received by the County Treasurer of any county pursuant to this section shall be placed in the State aid fund provided for by Section $320-\mathrm{b}$ of the Highway Law, added by laws of the year 1929, to be used for the purposes of such section.
Section 2. The sum of $\$ 50,000$, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of Taxation and Finance for its expenses, including personal service and maintenance, in carrying out the provisions of this Act, payable from the State Treasury on the audit and warrant of the Comptroller, on certification as provided for in Section 12-a of the state Finance Law. The Commissioner of Taxation and Finance shall file with the Governor, the Chairman of the Senate Finatce Committee and the Chairman of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee a tentative segregation of the amount of such appropriation to be expended for personal service; and before any liabilities shall be incurred for personal service hereunder such segregation shall have their certifled approval, which shall be filed with the Comptroller; and no change shall be made in such segre-
gation without like approval. gation without like approval.
Section 3. This Act shall take effect May 1 1929, except that Section 2 hereof, making an appropriation, shall take effect Immediately, and except
that as soon as practicable after this Act becomes a law the Department of that as soon as practicable after this Act becomes a law the Departmention Taxation and Finance and Tax Comission ind regarding forms, blanks, rules and regulations and oichso article 12 be of the tax law, as added by this Act.

Amending New York Banking Law-Cheney Bill Governing Investments by Savings Banks Approved.
On April 6 Gov. Roosevelt of New York signed the Cheney
bill as Chapter 322 of the laws of 1929, amending the banking law in relation to investments by savings banks in bonds
and obligations of railroad corporations. This was referred to in our issue of April 13, page 2506. We also quote from an Albany dispatch to the New York "Journal of Commerce" under date of April 7 as to the other measures signed by the Governor, as follows
The Governor also signed the Hofstadter-Lefkowitz bills, which have for their object the enabling of credit unions to engage extensively in the salary loan business. These include
The Lefkowitz bill (Assembly Intro No. 1240, Print 2011), as Chapter 323, amending the banking law, in relation to the compensation of officers and committee members of credit unions.
The Lefkowitz bill (Assembly Intro No. 1239, Print No. 2012), as Chapter 224, Laws of 1929 , amending the banking law, in relation to loans by credit unions to officers or committee members.
The Hofstadter bill (Senate Intro No. 912, Print No. 1001), amending the banking law, in relation to the qualification of members of credit unions. Other banking laws amendments signed by the Governor included:
The Oheney bill (Introduction No. 1665, Print No. 1889), amending Sections 260,267 and 268 , banking law, by prohibiting election of a director or trustee of a bank, trust company, national banking association or mortgage or title company, as trustee of a savings bank if hereby a
majority of trustees become directors or trustees of such other institutions majority of trustees become directors or trustees of such other institutions
and relative to restrictions on removals and forfeiture of office of savings and relative to restrictions on removals and forfeiture of office bank trustees, as Chapter 320, laws of 1929.
The Wicks bill (Senate Introduction No. 428, Print No. 445), as Chapter 321, laws of 1929, adds new Section 403-a, banking law, empowering savings and loan association to open one or more branch offices in city
of principal place of business, each branch to have a $\$ 50,000$ guaranty of prin
fund.
The Fearon bill (Int. No. 1454, Print No. 1706), as Chapter 326, laws of 1929, amending Section 18, stock corporation law, by authorizing any stock corporation domestic or foreign, to purchase and dispose of bonđs, notes or choses in action and pledge them as security for payment of col-
lateral trust bonds or notes and to sell such bonds or notes. lateral trust bonds or notes and to sell such bo
Fearon Bills Approved.
The Fearon bill (Senate Int. No. 1453, Print No. 1705), as Chapter 327, laws of 1929, amending subdivision 1, Section 293, banking law, by providing grant of powers an investment company may exercise under this subdivision, shall not be deemed to arfect right of corporation organize under any other statute to exercise similar powers, or preven
under stock corporation law of corporation for such purposes.
The intent of these two last named laws is to protect present or future formed investment trusts, organized under the stock corporation law, in the event of the enactment of laws bringing investment trust under the supervision of the banking department.
The Sargent bill (Assembly Intro No. 1212, Print No. 1308), as Chapter 330, laws of 1929, amending Subdivision 1, Seciton 386, banking law, by providing savings and loan associations may take mortgage under Paragraph a or b of Subdivision 1, Section 384 on real estate located not more than

Pointing out the significance of the State Bond Law, the "Wall Street Journal" of April 11 commented as follows: While some of the salient features of the revised subdivision 7 of the New York Savings Bank Law have received wholesale comment and appear reasonably familiar, a few of the most significant provisions, that is, those witi far reaching immediate effect, appear to have been overlooked. The basis of the new law, of course, is the principle that only such and intions are legal as are, "issued, assumed or guaranteed as to principal essumed" by an eligible railroad, the distinguishing characteristics which are carefully outlined in the bill. Also, an important feature of the Eow law is the establishment of equity of fixed charges in earnings as the criterion for judging the soundness of railroad bonds, rather than payment of dividends or earnings on capital stock.
On this basis the law provides that in five of the six fiscal years preceding investment and in the year next before such investment, income available for fixed charges shall have been equal to $11 / 2$ times such charges and further that in at least five of the six years immediately preceding investment the railroad corporation shall have paid cash dividends on capital stock equivalent to at least $1 / 4$ of fixed charges. The dividend payment requirement, however, is waived if for at least rine of the ten years inmmement fixed charges shall have been earned not less than $1^{1 / 2}$ times.
While on the surface the fixed charges earnings ratio of 1 to $11 / 2$ may appear unduly low, examination of the capital structures of strong railto a point equivalent to $4 \%$ on capital stock would in many cases force this ratio considerably below 1 to $11 / 2$. Thus, insofar as these cases are concerned, the new law is decidely more exacting than its predecessor,

## Dividend Provision Conservative.

While compulsory dividends have proved extremely unsatisfactory in the past in that dividends have been paid although not fully earned, simply to retain a legal classification for bonds, it was considered expedient to incorporate a fonservative dividend provision in the new law. Experience
has demonstrated that railroads paying in dividends no more than half the has demonstraced that railroads paying in dividends no more than half the amount available for such purpose from earnings have rarely met financial
reverses. On the other hand the nine out of ten year earnings requirement reverses. On the other hand the nine out of ten year earnings requirement
was introduced as an alternate to meet certain special situations where was introduced as an alternate to meet certain special situations where
dividend payments were not regarded as expedient but where the coverage divididend payments were not regarded as expedient but whe
of fixed charges had been adequate for a number of years.
The mortgage requirements of the new law represent considerable simplinication. Numeril unnecessary and complicated provisions have been eliminated, the bill legalizing hixed interest bearing bonds secured by direct mortgage on railroad owned or operated by such eligible railroad corporations and meeting other provisions established in the bill.
class of eligible railroads whose earnings available for fixed charges have been at lesat twice such charges for five of the six years including the last year preceding investment and whose net income after such deductions shall have been not less than $\$ 10,000,000$. These stipulation dmit to legal classification junior and unsecured obligations of a selected list of the strongest railroads with years of high earning power to their
A further provision is one dealing with lease-hold obligations. Far various sereral bond issues held in targe volume by savings bunch bonds. First, many years represent cbligations of eligible roads only through the cuv-
enant of a lease ; secondly, undoubtedly many of the large railroad mergers some cof these leases contemplated will involve such leases; thirdly for payment of interest only, while others provide for payment of both interest and principal.

Guarantee by Indorsement.
As pointed out recently by George A. Young, of R. L. Day \& Co., one of the principal forces behind the new legislation, a lease covenant is distinctly less satisfactory than a guarantee by endorsement as usually the stockholders are the only parties to the agreement and are, therefore, in a position to cancel the lease whenever it becomes mutually agreeable to do so. Some leases now in contemplation expire before maturity of by such bonds which are now legal and which would eventually be affected by such expiration. Meeting the situation with respect to leases now in existence, the new bill admits "obligations for payment of principal and paragraph is obligated under the prms a paragraph is obligated under the terms of a lease made or assumed. covenant guaranteeing where bonds now legal are protected by a lease legality so "obligations pay an which have bes sosed heretofore for the pay railroad lines of lessee is not Banking Departme the are out inew and orricialy listed by the hereunder, * * provide the such rairma lines ill be in hereulion and operated by, heal and meets the reguirements of the provisions of the is described defining an eligible road.
Probbaly the most interesting provision affecting leasehold obligations is that dealing with future leases. It reads, "obligations of a railroad the payment of rairroad lines of which shali and authorized investments under this olivision the effeliva dig of such lease, shall be and remain authorized investments bereul five years form ve

## Importance of Future Lease.

This clause is of immediate importance in view of the Great NorthernNorthern Pacific situation. This lease has been drawn but has not been approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Had the bill been passed without this provision several hundred million dollars of currentiy legal bonds of the above roads would have been eliminated from the legal list in the next few months because of the lessee's agreement in the lease to pay interest only. Also, had the old law ren
bonds would have been dropped from the legal list
While it is obvious that this section of the new subdivision must be revised prior to 1934 when greater standardization in the drawing of railroad leases is expected to prevail, the next five years will provide ample time for study of a complicated situation and at the same time this clause will keep a great volume of high grade securities legal under the old law on the legal list with a minimum of risk for the banks. Railroads will thus have ample opportunity to amend leases in such a way as to insure continued legality of their bonds. Additional pressure toward this end will result from the fact that only securities outstanding at the effective date of the lease will be classified as legal during the five year period. For instance, if the Great Northern-Northern Pacific lease becomes effective no legal bonds can be issued under the junior mortgages of these two roads unless such bonds are guaranteed as to principal and interest by the lessee company.
Another interesting feature of the new railroad law is the definition of the term fixed charges, for which no authoritative definition heretofore existed. The assistance of the Interstate Commerce Commission has been sought in this respect and any future definition of this term pronounced by this body will take precedence over the definition contained in the new law. It is believed, however, that the Commerce Commission's definition will closely approximate that involved in the new bill, which reads, "the amount of income avallable for fixed charges shall be the amount obtained from deducting from gross income all items deductible in ascertaining net income other than contingent income, interest and those constituting fixed charges. Fixed charges shall be: rent for leased roads, misellaneous rents, fixed interest on funded debt, interest on unfunded debt and amortization of discount of funded debt."

## C. A. Wilber Appointed Deputy Commissioner In Charge of New York Income Tax Bureau.

Cortland A. Wilber, of Binghamton, was on April 30 appointed Deputy Commissioner in charge of the Income Tax Bureau of the New York Department of Taxation and Finance, by Thomas M. Lynch, Commissioner of Taxation and Finance and President of the State Tax Commission. The appointment became effective May 1 when the new Director assumed his duties. He succeeds to the post formerly held by Commissioner Lynch. The new appointee is a lawyer in the city of Binghamton. The new Deputy Commissioner was elected Corporation Counsel of Binghamton in 1910 and served two years in that capacity. He also served on the Board of Education of that city for seven years and was twice chosen President of that body. On two occasions he has headed the Department of Public Safety of his home city.
In 1927 he was a candidate for mayor of Binghamton, being defeated by less than 200 votes, and last fall managed the campaign in Broome County for Alfred E. Smith and Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt.

## Civil Service Board Abolished in Jersey-Governor Larson Signs Bill Ousting Men Who Refused to Quit-New Commission to Be Named.

The following Trenton N. J. advices April 27 are from the New York "Times":
Governor Larson signed to-day the Civil Service "ripper" bill, abollshing filled by the Governor. The measure was sponsored by the Governor after
the Commissioners, Patrick J. O'Connor of Newark, Harrison C. Hurley of Asbury Park, Richard P. Hughes of Burlington and Theodore H. Smith of Jersey City, refused to resign.
five new commissioners in a week.

Railroads Now Offering All Forms of Transportation, Says General Atterbury, President of Pennsylvania, Before Bond Club-Linking Up of Motor Bus and Airplane Service with Roads.
General W. W. Atterbury, President of the Pennsylvania RR., speaking before a gathering of bankers and railroad executives at a luncheon of the Bond Club of New York on May 16, declared that the word "railroad" was no longer adequate to describe the transportation service which up-todate railway companies now offer to the public. Carrying on a new kind of pioneering-in the form of a search for new and better ways of doing things-the railroads are no longer railroads alone, he said, but transportation companies in the fullest sense of the term. The public, he explained, is now being offered railroad service where that is most desirable, or bus service, or service by airplane. General Atterbury said:
My view of a railroad is that it should give the people the kind of trans portation they want-not what the railroads think they ought to have. "The Pennsylvania RR. has embarked on a comprehensive program to link up motor bus, motor truck and airplane transportation with railroad train service. This is one of the most important phases of transportation progress in this country to-day. With the co-ordination of railroad and motor vehicle transportation in our territory, we hope at least to minimize the wasteful and destructive competition that has grown up over a period of years. That form of competition is never in the Pennsylvania's electrification project be tween New York and Wilmington, which will involve the expenditure of $\$ 100,000,000$, General Atterbury said that the railroads must plan at least a decade ahead of general industrial progress in order to provide adequate facilities and service. He expressed the opinion that this huge expenditure for electrification, as well as other extensive developments in the Philadelphia, Newark, Baltimore and Pittsburgh districts, were fully warranted by the country's great industrial development.
Executives of many leading railroads attended the luncheon at the Bankers' Club as guests of the Bond Club to hear General Atterbury's address. They included P. E. Crowley, President of the New York Central; Daniel Willard, President of the Baltimore \& Ohio; E. N. Brown, Chairman of the 'Frisco; John P. Pelley, President of the New Haven; Charles Hayden, Chairman of the Rock Island; W. H. Truesdale, Chairman of the Lackawanna; M. H. Cahill, Chairman of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR.; L. R. Powell, President of the Seaboard, and Agnew T. Dice, President of the Reading. Other guests of the Bond Club were: Russell C. Leffingwell of J. P. Morgan \& Co., Clarence Dillon of Dillon, Read \& Co. and Mortimer L. Schiff of Kuhn, Loeb \& Co. Robert E. Christie Jr., President of the Bond Club of New York, presided.

## Benefit to Industry Incident to Increased Speed in

 Movement of Freight by Rail Cited by J. H. Parmelee of Bureau of Railway Economics."The increased speed with which freight is now moving by rail, as compared with eight or nine years ago, has contributed hundreds of millions of dollars annually to industry," Dr. J. H. Parmelee Director of the Bureau of Railway Economics, Washington, D. C., stated before the Horological Institute of America on May 8. "Just how much," Dr. Parmelee said, addressing the annual meeting of that organization, held in Washington, "can not be computed, but it is generally recognized that the benefits to our economic activity has been almost beyond mention. Industrial processes have been speeded up, delays due to irregular transportation service have been cut to a minimum, car shortages have disappeared, car congestion is a thing of the past, and the necessity for carrying large industrial stocks by manufactureres, whosesalers and retailers, has been much reduced." He added:

Taking the average distance moved by a freight car in a day, for example, it has been estimated that every mile added to that daily average is equivalent to adding 100,000 freight cars to the total of railway freight equipment. The increase of more than five miles per day since 1920 is thus equivalent to 500,000 freight cars. In other words, we are handling more freight
traffic with fewer cars to-day than nine years ago, principally because traffic with fewer cars to-day than un. Trains are moving faster, and car movement has been sperded up. been reduced. The virtual ad-delays-that 1 , wars to the railway plant through this speeding up means a saving of perhaps $\$ 750,000,000$ in new capital, $\$ 45,000,000$ in the annual cost of such capital, another $\$ 30,000,000$ for annual depreciation charges, and $\$ 75,000,000$ for repair charges per year.
The average turn-around time of a freight car to-day is I robably onethird less than eight or nine years ago, and the interest charges alone so saved to shippers must be at least $\$ 50,000,000$ per year. In addition
they are saving the excess cost of carrying unnecessary large stocks, which would doubtless aggregate hundreds of millions in capital tied up and in annual interest charges.
Few persons realize the magnitude of our railway industry, or the farflung scope of its activities. When I say that the railways lest year handled more than a billion tons of freight, and that 477 billion ton-miles were produced in that service thus ratered. To bring these and other railway statistics within the the range of our mental vision, minute or even per second.
average per day, per hour, per mour of each day last year, the railways of
During each second of each hour the Uni' ed States
the Uni' ed States
Handled 15,125 ton-miles and 1,000 passenger miles.
Earned $\$ 1,93$ in operating revenues.
Expended
employees.
Paid $\$ 12.34$ in taxes to the Federal, State and local Governments.
Po does the value of a second of time in railway operation, when multiplied by the millions of daily movements, mount up into tremendous amounts of economic gain to the country.

## Five New England Railroads Plan Expenditures of

 $\$ 45,000,000$ For Improvements in 1929.Capital expenditures for improvements totaling almost $\$ 45,000,000$ will be made in 1929 by five New England railroads, according to a survey conducted by the New England Council, all-New England development organization, and made public at Boston. This fact, the Council points out, furnishes ample evidence both of the strong condition of New England's railroads and of the industrial growth of the New England area which justifies these expenditures. These five roads, the New York, New Haven and Hartford, the Boston and Maine, Boston and Albany, Bangor and Arrostook, and Maine Central, will spend this year a total of $\$ 44,695,000$ for freight and passenger service betterment as compared with some $\$ 20,000,000$ expended by the same roads for improvements in 1928, the survey indicates. It is added: Additional equipment, new buildings, new freight terminals, new roling stock and improved road bed and briages are included in the improvements to be made. The New England, and is expected to improve still shipments into anntageous facilities which New England manufacturers further the advals transportation to major market areas of the country. now have as regaras lopments scheduled for the current year, the survey Outstanding new equipment for two big freight terminals of the New shows, include ven \& Hartford RR., one at New Haven and the other at York New Haven iling together an expenditure of $\$ 1,750,000$. In all, Providence, entalling together $\$ 18,000,000$ and $\$ 19,000,000$ for betterments and new equipment in 1929.
The Boston \& Maine RR.'s improvement budget contemplates expendiwes of $\$ 16,000,000$ this year, and the majc $\mathbf{r}$ porticn of the programwhich will bring to a total of at least $\$ 71,000,000$ the improvements insthwhich in the last six years by this railroad-is under way. Among the projects are the expenditure of $\$ 5,350,000$ on new road bed and bridges, and $\$ 1$ peo nem "superpower" locomotives.
and $\$ 1,000,000$ on new superpower locomotives. The Boston and will include an improved road-bed Irogram to cost $\$ 1$,500,000 . The Bangor \& Aroostook will spend upwards of $\$ 1,000,000$ for, 500,000 . Ther things, new freight rolling stock and new freight coaling pockets. The Maine Central will spend approximately $\$ 3,000,000$ in new road equipment, which will include 1,000 new all steel 50 -ton box cars

## President White of Central RR. of New Jersey on

Necessity of Changes in Railroad Regulation.
Speaking at the annual dinner of the Mid-Day Luncheon Club of Springfield, Illinois, on May 15, President R. B. White of the Central Railroad of New Jersey pointed out the necessity for changes in present railroad regulation, which he said was designed to cover a far different railroad very nature of the now existing. He pointed out that the
vitur that regulated so far as public int business requires that it be doubtful that this point has not been exceeded in the light of present-day conditions. Mr. White stated that while large economies have been effected in railroad operation since the close of Federal Control, and that as a result, net earnings have been more satisfactory, freight traffic was not only not growing in proportion to the increase in population as heretofore, but had been almost stationary for the past
few years. Further, senger earnings of $37 \%$ there had been a decrease in pasrecognize the development of the motor transports was in keeping with the times but the system under which they were allowed to operate on the public highways seemed unfair, and he also directed attention to the Government-owned inland waterways system operating in direct competition with the railroads, which he stated paid no taxes and were unregulated as to rates or otherwise.
Various forms of competition and nibbling at the freight rates, he declared, were reaching proportions which were likely to endanger the credit of the railroads and he under-
took to poin it occur. He repeated that ens of such a situation, should failed to earn the return, in any year since the passage of the Transportation Act, which Congress and the Commission had
said they should earn. He stated that this return was not based upon what the railroads believed their properties to be worth but was based upon a valuation arrived at by using a theory formualted by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, a formula thoroughly impractical as applied to business generally. Present at the dinner were representatives of almost every line of business in the Middle West, as well as many railroad executives from various sections of the country.

## Ralph Hornblower Elected Governor of Investment Bankers Association of America.

Ralph Hornblower of Hornblower \& Weeks has been elected a governor of the Investment Bankers Association of America to represent the New England district. He succeeds Frederick Boynton of F. S. Moseley \& Co., who resigned because of his removal from Boston to New York.

## ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

Two New York Stock Exchange memberships were reported posted for transfer this week; that of Arthur McCabe to Joseph T. McCarthy for $\$ 525,000$, with rights and that of Samuel B. Legg to James F. Nick for $\$ 419,000$ ex rights. Eight new members were reported elected by transfer of rights this week, making a total of 185 added since the Exchange voted to increase the membership from 1,100 to 1,375 .

The New York Cotton Exchange membership of Calvin H. Thomas was reported sold this week to Charles W. Shepard for $\$ 30,500$. Last preceding sale was $\$ 39,000$.

A United Press despatch this week reported a St. Louis Stock Exchange membership sold to Lester J. Wade, Jr. for $\$ 20,000$. This is stated to be the highest on record, the last preceding sale having been at $\$ 8,500$.
Formal announcement of the consolidation of the international investment house of Blair \& Co., Inc., of New York, with the Bancamerica Corporation, security affiliate of the Bank of America, N. A., was announced May 20, and the newly merged institution started on its career as of that date. It will be known as the Bancamerica-Blair Corporation and will function as the investment banking affiliate of the Bank of America. The combined institutions, Bank of America, N. A., and Bancamerica-Blair Corporation will have capital and surplus of over $\$ 127,000,000$ and total resources of more than $\$ 500,000,000$. The consolidation plans were reported in these columns March 23, page 1843. This week's announcement says:
As a result of the consolidation, which is unique in international banking experience, the interests of a national bank and its security affiliate are consolidated with those of a privately owned investment banking house.
The consolidation will unite the world-wide organization developed by The consolidation will unite the world-wide organization developed by
Elisha Walker and his associates in Blair \& Co., Inc., together with the Elisha Walker and his associates in Blair \& Co., Inc., together with the
international business created by A. P. Giannini, who as the tead of the international business created by A. P. Giannini, who as the head of the Transamerica Corporation, directs a corporation with resources of over
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institutions will bring substantial advantares institutions will bring substantial advantages to all. The Bank of America, he stated, will benefit particularly with respect to its depositary and trust departmenis. The Bancamerica-Blair Corporation, he pointed out, will derive the benefit of increased capital, thus provided, together with the combined experience of the personnel.
"Improved facilities for the securities and banking business," he said, "are thus assured."
out the activities of each. The supplement each other and completely round out the activities of each. The Bank of America will have 31 banking
offices in Greater New York. The securities company will offices in Greater New York. The securities company will have offices
in the following cities: Albany, Boston, Buffalo, Ohicago, Cincinnati, Oleveland, Hartford, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Oako, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Portles, Mrwaukee, Minneapolis, Oakland, Omaha, San Diego, San Francisco, Scranton, Seattle itand, Me., St. Louis, St. Paul, San Diego, San Francisco, Sc
will have offices in Europe.
Pending the necessary alterations of The Bank of America, N. A., BuildCorporation will be temporarily City, the operations of Bancamerica-Blair Under plans of consolidation, conducted at 24 Broad Street.
who has been President of Blair \& Co.. Inc., becomes Bancamerica-Blair Corporation. He will also act as President of the Executive Committee of the Bank of America. Dr. A. H Giairman of the continue as Chairman of the Board of America. Dr. A. H. Giannini will Delafield as its President. The respective organizations of the two mersing institutions and also of the Bank of America will remain as before The Board of Directors of Bancamerica will remain as before. Elisha Walker, President; George Armsby, Roger K. Ballard, Leo V. Bel. den, Georges Benard, Harry Bronner, J. Cheever Cowdin, Edward V. Belfield, J. Grant Forbes, A. H. Giannini, Edward F. Hayes, Clarence IewiGeorge N. Lindsay, Henry Lockhart, Jr., Hunter S. Mayston, Jean Mence Lewis, Henry C. Olcott, John E. Rovensky, Lewis P. Sheldon and W. H. Snyder The Bank of America is one of the oldest banks in the United States, having been organized in 1812 by the New York directors of the First Bank of the United States, which was organized by Alezander He first in connection with his work as Secretary of the Treasury. Its capital was
subscribed in large part by the use of the stock of The Bank of the United
States in lieu of cash subscription States in lieu of cash subscriptions.
Blair \& Co. was founded by John I. Blair. For a number of years, its earlier activities were devoted to the financing of many important railroad
systems in the United States systems in the United States and Canada. Later, when industrial concerns
began to finance publicly, the firm beame began to finance publicly, the firm became a large factor in flotations of
that character. The firm has been placed in the American market ber one of the principal issuers of loans placed in the American market for the governments of Canada, Argentine,
Chile, Cuba, Rumania, Norway, Poland and municipal issues, including Poland and Jugoslavia, besides provincial Antioquia, as well as Italian hydro-electric issues. In addition, it is represented on the boards of over one hundred American and European corporations and is the dominating factor in the Petroleum Corporation of America, a $\$ 100,000,000$ investment trust organized earlier this year, chiefly for investment in the oil industry.

The main office of the Farmers' Loan \& Trust Co. of New York was moved over the week-end from the William Street location occupied for so many years to temporary quarters at 43 Exchange Place. The moving involved the transfer of about $\$ 2,000,000,000$ in cash and securities and also the records and equipment of departments employing 500 people. Some of these records date back to 1822, when the Farmers' Loan \& Trust Co. was chartered. On the William Street side, between Beaver and Exchange Place, the company will erect a monumental building for which plans have been in preparation for more than a year. Demolition of the existing building already has begun. The Farmers' Loan \& Trust Co. first located on William Street in 1822 , when it erected a $21 / 2$ story building whieh was the headquarters of the company until 1890. Additional purchases were made in successive years until 1909, when the additional buildings erected had involved an investment of $\$ 1,500,000$. Twice before in its history the Farmers' Loan \& Trust Co. has been located on Exchange Place. From 1852 to 1859 the main office was at 28 Exchange Place and from 1866 to 1882 at 26 Exchange Place. The site of the new building of the Farmers' Loan \& Trust Co. originally was part of the "country estates or original Dutch settlers Burghomaster Augustyn Heermsn. and Ship Carpenter Tymen Jansen." Upon completion of details connected with the consolidation of the National City Bank of New York and the Farmers' Loan \& Trust Co., the trust business of both will be amalgamated and carried on under the name of the City Bank Farmers Trust Co. in the new building at 22 William St. The proposed union of the interests of these two institutions was noted in our issue of April 6, page 2213.

On May 21 the Corn Exchange Bank of New York assumed its new title-"Corn Exchange Bank Trust Company." The change, to which reference was made in our issue of April 20, page 2574, was approved by the stockholders on May 14, at which time also they ratified the proposal to change the par value of the stock from $\$ 100$ to $\$ 20$ per share. Walter E. Frew, previously President of the institution, has become Chairman of the Board, Dunham B. Sherer, who had been a Vice-President, is now Vice-Chairman, and Henry A. Patten, likewise heretofore a VicePresident, has been made President. The other officers are: Ralph Peters, Jr., Frederick T. Martin, Richard D. Brown, Edward S. Malmar, John R. McWilliam, John W. Ross, Edward B. MacKenzie, Frederick K. Lister, Theodore G. Spratt and John S. Wheelan, Vice-Presidents; Mathies J. Fischer, Sec. \& Treas.; Robert F. Crowell, Asst. Sec.; Iienry C. White and Charles D. Wheelock, trust officers.

The Corn Exchange Bank Trust Co. will continue to transact a commercial banking business. In addition, it will transact a trust company business, acting as executor, trustee, and in all other trust capacities.

In response to inquiries concerning possible changes in the capital structure of Chatham-Phenix National Bank \& Trust Co. of New York or a splitting of the valuation of the bank's shares, Louis G. Kaufman, President, stated that no such action could be taken except by the board of directors, which would probably act upon whatever recommendations its executive committee might see fit to make. The committee has given consideration to the advisability of proposing such action to the board.

At its weekly meeting this week the executive committee of The National City Bank of New York appointed James McLean a Trust Officer. Mr. McLean previously held the title of Assistant Trust Officer and has been located at the bank's head office.
The Central National Corporation, the securities affiliate of the Central National Bank of New York, reports net earn-
ings for the month of April amounting to $\$ 140,484$. Net earnings for the first four months of 1929 amounted to $\$ 313,666$, which after allowing for Federal taxes, is at an annual rate equivalent to over $51 / 2$ times the preferential $\$ 3$ a year dividend on the Class A participating stock. These figures compare with earnings of $\$ 66,514$, for the first four months of active operation, ended Oct. 311928

The Chase National Bank of New York has opened an American Express travel office on the main floor of its building at Pine and Nassau Streets, making available the worldwide travel facilities of the American Express organization. Complete arrangements for travel accommodations can thus be made through the Chase Bank. Establishment of the travel office as one of the activities of the bank follows the approval by stockholders of both the Chase National Bank and the Chase Securities Corporation of the plan for affiliation with the American Express Co., reference to which appeared in our issue of May 18, page 3291. The travel service includes steamship bookings, itineraries, domestic and foreign hotel reservations, private motor tours through Europe, airplane tickets for all routes, cruise memberships for any cruise of any company, or membership in a tour with escort.

The annual meeting of the Bond Club of New York for the election of officers for the ensuing year and three members of the Board of Governors will be held June 26 at the Bankers Club, 120 Broadway. In connection with this election, the Nominating Committee this week submitted to members the following names who were unanimously nominated to hold office for one year:

For President: Pierpont V . Davis, of the National City Co.
For Vice-President: George N. Lindsay, of Bancamerica-Blair Corp. For Secretary: Milton S. Harrison, of Field, Glore \& Co.
For Treasurer: John W. Cutler of Edward B. Smith \& Co.
Members of the Board of Governors nominated to serve for 3 years:

Harry M. Addinsell, of Harris, Forbes \& Co.
Robert E. Christie, Jr., of Dillon, Read \& Co
John D. Harrison, of Guaranty Co. of New York.
The Nominating Committee which submitted the above ticket for the consideration of members consists of E. C. Granbery, Chairman, C. Everett Bacon, Winthrop H. Battles, Perry E. Hall and Wm. B. Scarborough.

The formation of the J. Henry Schroder Trust Co. of New York with authority to conduct a general banking and trust company business is formally announced by the J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp. The directorate contains the names of men well known in banking circles here and in England. The new institution is organized under the laws of the State of New York and has been admitted as a member of the Federal Reserve System. The British members of the board are Baron Bruno Schroder, senior partner of the banking firm of J. Henry Schroder \& Co., and Frank C. Tiarks, also a member of the London house of Schroder and a director of the Bank of England. The offices of the new trust company will be located at 46 William St. Baron Bruno Schroder, Chairman of the Board of the J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp., will be Chairman of the Board of the trust company, and Prentiss N. Gray, President of the banking corporation, will also be president of the trust company. In a statement regarding the new trust company the J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp. has made known its purpose as follows:
The J. Henry Schroder Trust Co. offers a complete domestic banking and trust company service in addition to the facilities provided by the J ,
Henry Schroder Banking Corp. For this purpose, a specially qualified Henry Schroder Banking Corp. For this purpose, a specially qualified
personnel has been organized and banking quarters have been completely personnel has been organized and banking quarters have been completely equipped.

The Board of Directors, in addition to Baron Schroder and Messrs. Gray and Tiarks, is composed of Julius H. Barnes, President, Barnes-Ames Co., New York; Gerald F. Beal, Vice-President, J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp., New York; H. G. P. Deans, Vice-President and Director, Continental Illinois Bank \& Trust Co., Chicago; John McHugh, Chairman of the Executive Committee, the Chase National Bank of the City of New York; Stephen Paul, Vice-President, J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp., New York; Manuel E. Rionda, Vice-President, Czarnikow-Rionda Co., New York; John L. Simpson, Vice-President, J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp., New York; Manuel E. Rionda, Vice-President Czarnikow-Rionda Co., New York; John L. Simpson, VicePresident, J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp., New York, and George A Zabriskie, Pillsbury Flour Mills Co., New York. The officers are: Baron Bruno Schroder, Chairman of the Board; Prentiss N. Gray, President; Stephen

Paul, Gerald F. Beal and John K. Simpson, Vice-Presidents; Thomas A. Shields, Secretary and Trust Officer; Harold A. Sutphen, Treasurer, and William A. Tucker, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.
Announcement was made on May 21 that the International Union Bank at 21st Street \& 5th Ave. has acquired, through an exchange in stock, control of the Community State Bank at Avenue A and East Houston St., New York, and the Unity State Bank at 18th Avenue and 46th Street, Brooklyn, giving the merged institutions combined capital and surplus of $\$ 2,250,000$ and resources of over $\$ 11,000,000$. The Community State Bank and the Unity State Bank will be maintained with their present personnel as branches of the International Union Bank. The International Union Bank was established in 1924 with a capital and surplus of $\$ 500,000$ by the Needle Trades Union in co-operation with the employers in the Garment district. The Community State Bank was founded in 1927 and at the present time has resources of $\$ 2,500,000$. The Unity State Bank was organized last spring and its resources are reported as $\$ 1,000,000$. The present officers of the International Union Bank are: Solomon Fillin, President; S. M. Schatzkin, Chairman of the Board; Philip Kaplowitz and Irving Rosenweig, VicePresidents, and Clifford W. Ludlow, Cashier. The merger will be presented for ratification at stockholders' meetings of the three institutions to be held June 5, at which time the terms of the stock transfer will also be announced.

At the annual meeting of New York Chapter, Inc., American Institute of Banking, Section American Bankers Association, held May 14 in the Chapter Rooms in the Graybar Building, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:
President, Alan G. Warner, Chatham Phenix National Bark \& Trust Co., First Vico-Pres., Jere V. D. Stryker, Federal Reserve Bank; Second Vice-Pres., Lawrence O. Freer, The National Park Bank; Treasurer, Payson G. Gates, Bankers Trust Co.; Chief Consul, Arthur Gardner, Bankers Trust Co.

The following were elected to serve on the Board of Governors for the term ending May, 1932:
William Clements, Citizens' Savings Bank; William Corcoran, The New York Trust Co.; Herbert DeBevoise, The Chemical National Bank; Charles W. Devoy, Bank of American National Assn.; Hobart M. McPherson, The National City Bank; George T. Newell, Manufacturers Trust Co.; Louis H. Ohlrogge, The National Park Bank; Wilard schenck, The Seaboard National Bank; Daniel Schmelder, state Bank
and George W. Wright, The Bowery Savings Bank.

Charles R. Stusz, Central Hanover Bank and Trust Co., who recently won the New York Chapter Public Speaking contest was winner at the New Haven contest, will represent District No. 1, which includes New York and the New England States, at the National Convention to be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma on June 10. The contest is an annual affair for the prizes offered for public speaking by Mr. Giannini of the Bank of Italy National Trust and Savings Association, San Francisco.
The fearing which life insurance trusts are assuming in modern banking is indicated by the fact that after June 1 Harvey Weeks, General Agent for the Buffalo branch of the Provident Mutual Life Insurance Co., will become permanently associated with the Central Hanover Bank \& Trust Co. Mr. Weeks. has had a broad experience in insurance matters. He is Past President of the Buffalo Life Underwriters' Association, and is its present representative on the National Underwriters' Committee. Mr. Weeks is the author of a work on the fundamentals of insurance selling to be published by Harper \& Brothers in September. Mr. Weeks' association with the Central Hanover Bank \& Trust Co. marks, it is stated, the beginning of an era of high specialization in the matter of co-operation between financial insitutions and insurance companies.

The Commercial National Bank \& Trust Co. of New York announces the election to its board on May 23 of William H. Vanderbilt, Rhode Island State Senator, and prominent in transportation lines operating in New England. Mr. Vanderbilt, son of the late Alfred G. Vanderbilt, and a great-grandson of the first William H. Vanderbilt, whose father (Cornelius Vanderbilt) founded the New York Central \& Hudson River RR., is President and Director of Automotive Transportation Co., a director of Colonial Air Transport, Inc., Equitable Office Building Corp. and Rochester Gas \& Electric Co.

The Irving Trust Co. of New York announced on May 23 the election of William H. English, Chairman of the Finance

Committee of the Paramount Famous Lasky Corp., to its board of directors.

According to the Brooklyn "Eagle" of May 18, Bankruptey Referee Edward C. McDonald, on that day awarded the 2,100 Italians who had deposited some $\$ 750,000$ in the defunct private bank of L. Scotto \& Son, Brooklyn, of which Raphael Scotto was President, an initial dividend of $10 \%$ of their original deposits and made a ruling which is believed will result in their eventually receiving possibly as much as 60 cents on the dollar. The "Eagle" went on to say:
The ruling was that all assets that had belonged exclusively to the bank to whom he owed some 2250 , to whom he owed some $\$ 250,000$, not sharing therein. The ruling provides further that the depositors shall share with realty creditors in moneys
obtained from the sale of real estate and business interests that were held by Scotto.
Mr. McDonald at the same time auctioned off the properties at 238-40 Columbia St., the quarters which were occupied by the bank and the Scotto Realty Co. The successful bidder was Jacob Scharf and the of a shoe store at 200 Columbia St. He obtained this property for $\$ 49,300$. While there was $\$ 285,566.31$ cash in the possession of the Court today prior to the sale of the Columbia St. buildings and lesser properties, it was said by Edward Ward McMahon, counsel for the trustees, that pending liquidation litigation makes it impossible to estimate at this time the total of Scotto moneys which will be recovered.
As noted in our issue of May 18, page 3293, Raphael Scotto, the former President of the failed bank, was sentenced to from four to ten years in Sing Sing on May 13. Closing of the institution in the latter part of September 1928 was referred to in the "Chronicle" of Oct. 6 last, page 1900, and its affairs referred to in subsequent issues.

Stockholders of the Genesee Valley Trust Co. of Rochester, N. Y., at a special meeting on May 20 ratified a proposed increase in the company's capital from $\$ 400,000$ to $\$ 1,000,000$, recently recommended by the directors, according to the Rochester "Democrat" of May 21. Under the resolution the par value of the stock will be changed from $\$ 100$ a share to $\$ 25$ a share. The total amount of stock will be increased to 40,000 shares of the par value of $\$ 25$ a share, of which 16,000 shares will be exchanged for the 4,000 shares of $\$ 100$ par value at present outstanding, and 24,000 shares will be offered to the stockholders at the price of $\$ 62.50$ a share, payable on or before June 30 1929. The proceeds of the increased capitalization will give the company combined surplus and undivided profits of $\$ 2,400,000$ and total capital resources of approximately $\$ 3,400,000$. The paper mentioned adds:

Any portion of the 24,000 shares not subscribed by present stockholders at $\$ 62.50$ will be offered for general sale at not less than that price under William J. Simpson is President of the bank.

Advices from Rochester on May 14 to the "Wall Street Journal" stated that ground would be broken that week for a new $\$ 1,000,000$ building for the Genesee Valley Trust Co.

According to a dispatch from Rochester, New York, to the "Wall Street Journal" on May 14, the Rochester Trust Co. of that city proposes a five-for-one split up in the company's shares, reducing the par value from $\$ 100$ a share to $\$ 20$ a share. The institution is erecting an additional bank building at a cost of $\$ 500,000$, which is expected to be completed this fall.
Effective April 27, the Liberty National Bank \& Trust Co. and the Third National Bank, both of Syracuse, N. Y., and capitalized, respectively, at $\$ 400,000$ and $\$ 300,000$, were placed in voluntary liquidation. Both institutions have been taken over by the First Trust \& Deposit Co. of the same city. Reference to the proposed consolidation of the banks appeared in the "Chronicle" of March 6, page 1676, and April 6, page 2216.

In our reference last week (page 3293) to the reduction of the par value of the stock of the Boulevard Trust Co. of Brookline, Brookline, Mass., from $\$ 100$ a share to $\$ 10$ a share, the name of the bank was erroneously given as the Boulevard Trust Co. of Boston, whereas it should have read the Boulevard Trust Co. of Brookline.

On Tuesday of this week (May 21) the executive committee of the Atlantic National Bank of Boston recommended to the directors a plan whereby the par value of the stock will be reduced, the capital increased, valuable rights issued to stockholders and the existing dividend rate on the stock will be increased, according to the Boston "Transcript" of the same date. A special meeting of the Board has been called for May 28 to consider the proposed changes. The plan provides that the par value of the bank's shares be reduced
from $\$ 100$ to $\$ 25$ a share and four new shares issued in exchange for each present share, and the capital increased from $\$ 6,350,000$ to $\$ 8,000,000$ by the issuance of 66,000 additional new $\$ 25$ par value shares at the price of $\$ 62.50$ a share. It is recommended that 63,500 of the new shares be offered to the stockholders in the proportion of one share for each four shares of the new $\$ 25$ par value stock held, and that the remaining 2,500 shares be disposed of by the Board of Directors. These sales will add $\$ 2,475,000$ to the bank's surplus and undivided profits account, bringing it up to $\$ 7,859,526$. An increase in the existing quarterly dividend rate from $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 3$ a share was also recommended by the executive committee, the first $\$ 3$ distribution to be payable July 1 to shareholders of record May 28. Dividends of $\$ 10$ a share annually have been paid on the capital stock since 1924. In conclusion the "Transcript" said:
The Atlantic National Bank, originally incorporated in 1828, was chartered under the national bank Act in 1864 with a capital of $\$ 500,000$ which was increased in 1865 to $\$ 750,000$. No change was made in the capital from that time until 1913, when it was raised to $\$ 1,500,000$. Seven years later it was raised to $\$ 2,000,000$ and in 1923 to $\$ 4,500,000$. Two years
later, in February, 1925, stockholders were offered the right to later, in February, 1925, stockholders were offered the right to subscribe to 5,000 shares of stock at $\$ 200$ per share, raising the capital to $\$ 6,000,000$. The following year rights were issued to subscribe to 10,000 shares at $\$ 200$. raising the capital to $\$ 6,000,000$, and last year the present total of $\$ 6,350,000$ was attained.
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Bank stock was quoted 405 bid of the capital changes, Atlantic National a new high record. Local bank stock dealers estimated the rights tote to a new high record. Local bank stock dealers estimated the rights to
worth between $\$ 8$ and $\$ 9$, but reported there was no trading in them. In 1928 Atlantic National stock ranged between $\$ 330$ and $\$ 300$ a shar and in 1927 sold as high as $\$ 308$ and as low as $\$ 260$.

Patrick J. Kennedy, President of the Columbia Trust Co. of Boston, and a prominent politician of that city, died on May 18 after a prolonged illness. Mr. Kennedy served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives for five successive terms, from 1886 to 1890. In 1892 and 1893 he was a member of the State Senate and in 1888, 1896 and 1900 was a district delegate to the Democratic National Convention. He was one of the original members o the Board of Strategy which represented the so-called Democratic city machine. At one time, also, the deceased banker served as Fire and Election Commissioner.

According to the Boston "Transcript" of May 18, the First National Corporation of Boston, an affiliation of the First National Bank of Boston, has notified the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation of a proposed increase in its authorized and outstanding capital from 10,000 shares of the par value of $\$ 100$ a share to 30,000 shares of the same par value. The additional stock- 20,000 shares-will be offered to the shareholders at $\$ 150$ a share. All of the stock is at present owned by the First National Bank, so that the capital increase does not represent public financing.

A reduction of the par value of the stock of the Naumkeag Trust Co. of Salem, Mass. from $\$ 100$ a share to $\$ 10$ a share, together with the issuance of ten new shares in exchange for each share of stock now outstanding, has been agreed upon by the directors and will be recommended to the stockholders, according to the Boston "Transcript" of May 21. The company's present capital is $\$ 250,000$.
Stockholders of the East Hampton Securities Co., the trading unit of the East Hampton Bank \& Trust Co. of East Hampton, Conn., on May 8 approved a proposed increase in the authorized capital of the company from $\$ 100,000$ to $\$ 200,000$, according to a dispatch from East Hampton on May 8 to the Hartford "Courant." At a subsequent meeting of the directors of the company, the issuance of the $\$ 100,000$ additional stock at this time was approved. The new shares, par value $\$ 25$ a share, are being offered to stockholders of record May 15 in the proportion of one new share for each share held at the price of $\$ 30$ a share, the premium of $\$ 5$ a share to be applied to surplus account. The new stock will be payable June 17. At the same meeting the officers of the company were reappointed and in addition Norman N. Hill was named a Vice-President and Miss Mary F. Waall, Assistant Secretary. The advices also said:
The T. S. Brown Insurance Agency was organized with the same directors as the security company, with the addition of Earl S. Stevens, Assistant Treasurer of the bank, and the following officers: President, Clark W.
Burnham; Vice-President, Hubert C. Hodge; Treasurer, Oharles E. TorBurnham; Vice-President, Hubert
kleson; Secretary, Earl S. Stevens.
Statements on the operations of the company for the first year were made
Starl S. Stevens by Mr. Burnham and Mr. Richter.

Pursuant to a recommendation of the directors, the stockholders of the City Bank \& Trust Co. of Hartford, Conn., at a special meeting on May 29 will take action on a proposed reduction of the par value of the company's shares from
$\$ 100$ to $\$ 25$ a share. If the reduction is approved by the shareholders, the consent of the State Banking Commission will be sought, and when secured the shares will be split and distributed on the basis of four shares of $\$ 25$ par value stock for each share of $\$ 100$ par value now outstanding. In reporting the matter in its issue of May 17, the Hartford "Courant" said in part:
The present capital of the City Bank \& Trust Co. is $\$ 1,000,000$, represented by 10,000 shares of a par value of $\$ 100$. The action in reducing par value does not in any way change the capital. The question was directed to President Campbell as to whether the directors had contemplated an increase in capital at a later date as has been rumored, and was answered, "We have no report to make on that matter at this time." The record of the City Bank \& Trust Co. is one of the outstanding achievements of banking in the State of Cor.necticut. In the past thirteen years it has shown growth in deposits of approximately $1,200 \%$. It has developed a substantial trust business and has the largest savings department of any commercial bank in Connecticut.
The City Bank \& Trust Co. has been a large holder of the principal New York citk bank stocks and local insurance company shares, and aside from large profits which it has from time to time taken, it still has an investment account made up of bank and insurance stocks in excess of $\$ 6,000$, carried on its books at cost, the present market price of which is several millions of dollars in excess of the cost.
One of the interesting features contained in the officers' and directors' last report to stockholders shows that stock of the bank in 1916 sold at $\$ 130$ a share and that those who had subscribed to all the capital increases, of which there have been six in the last ten years, have received a yearly average return in dividends and market apprecie since January 1 this year, quotation for stock has increased $\$ 450$ a
and is now $\$ 1,800$ bid, no stock offered.

The proposed merger of the Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lives \& Granting Annuities, Philadelphia, and the Bank of North America \& Trust Co. of that city, under the title of the former, was ratified by the stockholders of the institutions at special meetings May 22, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of the following day. The consolidation plan provides for an exchange of stocks on a share-for-share basis. It is expected that the union will become effective June 1, "thus making the Pennsylvania company the largest State-chartered banking institution in Philadelphia from the point of total resources." Items with reference to the merger appeared in our issues of April 13, April 20, and May 11, pages 2404, 2575 and 3133, respectively.

At a special meeting held May 9 stockholders of the Chestnut Hill Title \& Trust Co. of Philadelphia approved the proposed increase in the bank's capital from $\$ 125,000$ to $\$ 250,000$, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of May 10. The plan provide for the issuance of 2,500 shares of new stock (par value $\$ 50$ a share) to stockholders of record May 8 at the price of $\$ 100$ a share in the proportion of one new share for each share held. Reference was made to the proposed increase in the bank's capital in our issue of May 4 page 2936.

The new Colonial bank building of the Holmesburg Trust Co. of Philadelphia at the corner of Frankford Ave. and Rhawn St. was formally opened on May 15 with a reception to the depositors and the general public which lasted from noon until 9 p. m., according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of the following day. A committee headed by William M. Rowland, President of the institution, received the constant stream of visitors. Other officers of the institution, besides Mr. Rowland, are Joseph H. Brown Jr. ,Vice-President, and Albert E. Green, Secretary and Treasurer.

From the Philadelphia "Ledger" of May 10, it is learned that the par value of the capital stock of the Girard Trust Co. of that city is to be reduced from $\$ 100$ a share to $\$ 10$ a share, action to that effect having been recommended by the Board of Managers on May 9. The stockholders will vote on the proposal at a special meeting on July 15 . The "Ledger" added:
In announcing the action of the managers, the company said that the price that has been commanded by the stock has made difficult a wider distribution of it, "To bring the quotation to a figure that will allow persons desiring to do so to acquire stock at less expenditure, and in the belief that new associations thus formed will be to the benefit of the company, this action has been taken," the statement continued.
The last public sale of Girard Trust stock was at auction on May 9 , when it sold at $\$ 1,650$ per share. The company now has outstanding 40,000 shares of stock, and when the new
have outstanding 400,000 shares.

On May 21 the Integrity Trust Co. of Philadelphia established its main office in the new Integrity Building at the Southeast corner of 16th and Walnut Streets, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of May 21. The new quarters occupy more than three-fourths of the first floor of the building, or approximately 10,350 square feet. The paper mentioned describes the banking rooms as follows:

The main banking room is entered through a revolving bronze door and inclosing vestibule, with marble and with a ceiling height of twenty-six feet, four feet wide by 103 feet long, with a celling heile marble. The central
and is divided into three aisles by piers of Hutevile aisle is the public space forming a concourse through the bank officers'
 spaces. Thise central desk of ornamented bronze, monel metal, and etched glass. large central desk of ornamented bronze, monel meta, and etched glass.
The concourse part of the public space will accommodate benches for visitors, and is separated from the bank officers by a rail of imported Pyrenees black and white marble, with ornamental gates. The lower part of the bank screens around the rotunda are of this same marble. The bank screen itself is of bronze and glass of a modern light design without cornice. The floor of all the public space is in a modern design of imported marbles and different-colored terrazzo with brass lines and ornaments.
marbles and dirferent-cored walls are composed of pilasters of Hauteville
The main banking room was marble on a base of Pyrenees black and white, framing large panels of marboted Rose de Provence marble with a border of marble inlays. In each of these five large panels is a beautiful relief of white Italian marble depicting industry, trade, agriculture, transportation and navigation, respectively-work, the sculptor, A. Bottiau. The ceiling of the main respectively-work divided into square compartments by Hauteville marble
banking room is banking from is dier to pier.
The safe deposit department is located in the basement. The mezzanine floor contains the title department and the investment department. The exterior of the bank consists of ten large square-headed openings containing bronze sash, in the lower part of which are panels of St. Genenver gold vein imported marble with bronze ornaments. The base of the building under these windows, and the frame of the bank and office building entrances, are of imported Swedish emerald pearl granite.
Stockholders of the Equitable Trust Co. of Wilmington, Del., held their annual meeting on May 20, when R. R. M. Carpenter, Caleb S. Layton and John B. Jessup were elected new members of the Board of Directors and retiring directors were re-elected, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of May 21. At a special meeting the stockholders voted to reduced the par value of the bank's stock from $\$ 100$ a share to $\$ 25$ a share, thereby increasing the number of outstanding shares from 15,000 to 60,000 . Combined surplus and undivided profits of the company amount to $\$ 3,090,000$.
The Cincinnati "Enquirer" of May 18 says that authorization to double the capital of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks National Bank, Cincinnati, was received on May 17 from the Comptroller of the Currency, according to Joseph J. Castellini, President. The existing capital of the bank is $\$ 400,000$. It has $\$ 100,000$ surplus and undivided profits of more than $\$ 40,000$. Total resources are in excess of $\$ 5,600,000$. The institution has been in operation since 1923.

Frederick A. Stacey, President of the Central National Bank of Chillicothe, Ohio, and a prominent business man of that place, died on May 18 at the age of 84. Among his other interests, the late banker was President of the Chillicothe Gas \& Light Co., Vice-President of the Stacey Manufacturing Co. of Cincinnati, and a director of the Red Wing Corporation of Dayton, Ohio.

Ferdinand Herbruck, President for the past 32-years of the George D. Harter Bank of Canton, Ohio, died on May 6 after a long illness. Mr. Herbruck, who was 85 years of age, began his long career as a clothing clerk, entering the banking field in the early eighties.

Theodore Wentz, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Lincoln National Bank \& Trust Co. of Ft. Wayne, Ind., died suddenly of heart disease of May 17. The deceased banker, who was 62 years of age, was widely known as one of the organizers in 1904 of the old German-American National Bank of Ft. Wayne. In 1918, when the name of the institution was changed to the Lincoln National Bank \& Trust Co., Mr. Wentz remained as Chairman of the Board.
Announcement was made on May 16 of the appointment of Harold E . Wood as Vice-President and a director of the $\$ 6,000,000$ Foreman Sećurities Co., the newly formed investment banking organization of the Foreman National Bank of Chicago, according to the Chicago "Evening Post" of that date. Mr. Wood will become one of the three active heads of the investment concern, the other two Vice-Presidents being Robert B. Whiting and Edwin M. Stark. The paper referred to printed the following concerning Mr. Wood's career:
Mr. Wood started as a bond salesman in 1919 for his father's firm, Kalman. Wood \& Co. of St. Paul, and five years ago founded his own investment house under the name of Harold E . Wood \& Co. This firm, with offices in St. Paul and Minneapolis, is now one of the largest independent distributers of securitles in the northwest, Mr. Wood, in accepting the appointment with the Foreman Securities Company, will sell his interest in the firm ment with the Forema his partners.
which he founded to his partners.
Mr. Wood has been President of the St. Paul association and one of the founders and President of the Twin City Bond Club. For three years he was Secretary-Treasurer and member of the executive committee of the Minnesota group of the Investment Bankers Association of America and a member of its national committee on publications.
With reference to Mr. Whiting and Mr. Stark, the Chicago "Evening Post" in its issue of May 14 had the following to say:

Mr. Whiting has been associated with the bank for nearly six years.
Prior to this he was with Stevenson Brothers \& Perry, Kissel, Kinnicutt \& Co., and John Burnham \& Co. in Chicago, and previously with the Equitable Trust Co. in New York.
Mr. Stark likewise is well known in the investment field. His business abilities led him to an important connection.with the firm of Sanderson \& Porter, consulting engineers in New York City. His next affiliation was as a general partner of the New York banking firm of Redmond \& Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, where he was head of the underwriting department. He resigned from Redmond \& Co. last year and became vice-President of the Foreman Trust \& Savings Bank.
In the same issue of the "Post" it was stated that the new Foreman Securities Co. will occupy the entire sixth floor of the Foreman National Bank Building at 33 North La Salle St. The new offices will be occupied by July 1, it was said. The new company, it was stated, will be used to greatly enlarge the scope of the investment business heretofore conducted by the Foreman Trust \& Savings Bank, the affiliated institution of the Foreman National Bank.

Ernest E. Hart, President of the Commonwealth Trust \& Savings Bank of Chicago, died on May 15 of pneumonia after a short illness.
According to the Chicago "Post" of May 3, the Citizens' State Bank of McHenry, Ill., was closed by its directors on May 2, who announced that they did so voluntarily for the protection of the depositors and creditors. "Frozen assets" was the principal cause of the bank's embarrassment. State bank examiners who made a cursory inspection of the institution's books on May 3 reported that neither depositors nor creditors would incur any substantial losses. The "Post" continuing said:
Auđitors, under Chief Bank Examiner Justin J. Jaeger of Geneva, immediately began work on the books, preparatory to a report to State Auditor Oscar Nelson. Upon the auditor depends the question of placing the institution in bankruptcy.
The Citizens State Bank was organized forty-two years ago as the Fox River Valley State Bank. Fremont Hoy, one-time President, was sentenced
to prison six years to prison six years ago for fraud.

The Chicago "Post" of May 13 stated that Eugene I. Burke, a Vice-President of the Citizens' State Bank of Champaign, Ill., has been chosen as President of the newly organized Upper Avenue Bank of Chicago, to be located in the Palmolive Building, at Michigan Avenue and Walton Place, that city, according to an announcement on that day (May 13) by Roy C. Osgood, a Vice-President of the First Union Trust \& Savings Bank of Chicago, and a director of the new bank. Mr. Osgood also announced that Edward C. Schumann, for some twenty years in responsible positions with the First National Bank of Chicago, has been selected as Cashier of the new institution. According to present plans the Upper Avenue Bank will open late in June. Mr. Burke, the President-elect of the new bank, is a graduate of the University of Illinois. He has been many years with the Champaign bank and has been active in State Banking Association work in his area. He will also serve as a director of the Lake Shore Trust \& Savings Bank of Chicago.
On May 21 the respective directors of the Merchants' National Bank of Detroit and the Dime Savings Bank of that city, unanimously ratified the proposed union of the banks to form a new institution under the title of the Bank of Michigan, according to the Detroit "Free Press" of May 22. The consolidation will become effective May 27. The quarters now occupied by the Dime Savings Bank and the National Merchants' National Bank in the Dime Savings Bank Building and Ford Building, respectively, will be continued. From the paper mentioned we also take the following:
At a meeting of the board of directors of the Dime Savings Bank, held after the stockholders meeting, a dividend of $\$ 26.25$ per share was declared payable June 1 1929, to stockholders of record at the close of business May 25 1929, and a stock dividend of $100 \%$ was likewise declared to stockholders of record at the close of business May 25, also payable June 3. The stock transfer books of The Dime Savings Bank were ordered closed on May 25 and remain closed until June 3. The board of directors of The $\$ 1.67$ per share Manal Bank of Detroit declared a dividend in the sum of $\$ 1.67$ per share, payable June 1 1929, to stockholders of record at the close of business on May 25. The stock transfer books of the Merchants National Bank were ordered permanently closed on May 25.
June 3.20 par value stock of Bank of Michigan will be issued on and after
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and Howard F. Smith were elected directors of the Dime Savings Bank. Mr. Kennedy is President of the Kelsey Hayes Wheel Corp., while Mr. Smith is Treasurer and a Director of the Jefferson Park Land Co., Ltd., and also a director of the Dominion Sugar Co., Ltd., and the Troy Oak Land Co., Ltd.
As indicated in an item appearing in the "Chronicle" of April 20, page 2577, the new Bank of Michigan will be capitalized at $\$ 5,000,000$ with surplus and undivided profits of about
$\$ 4,000,000$ while total resources of the organization will approximate $\$ 100,000,000$. John Ballantyne of the Merchants' National Bank, will be Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Michigan, while T. W. Palmer Livingstone, President of the Dime Savings Bank, will be Chief Executive.
Ward A. Detwiler, President of the Bryant \& Detwiler Co., has been made a Director of the Bank of Detroit, Detroit, Mich., according to the Detroit "Free Press" of May 18, which went on to say:
Mr. Detwiler is a graduate of the Engineering School of the University of Michigan. In 1906 he became one of the organizers of the Bryant \& Det-
wiler Company, which is to-day one of the leading building organizations wiler Company, which is to-day one of the leading building organizations
in this part of the country.

It is learned from the Detroit "Free Press" of May 21 that the Guardian Detroit Bank, Guardian Trust Co., and Guardian Detroit Co., all of Detroit, comprising what is now known as the Guardian Group, will be unified as the Guardian Group., Inc., a holding company, such action to be followed, it is understood by a reduction of the par value of the new holding company's shares from $\$ 100$ a share to $\$ 20$ a share, and the exchange of five shares for each share outstanding, according to a re-organization plan. The plan was declared operative by the re-organization committee the previous night (May 20), it is said. The holding company will take over the entire capital stock, except directors' qualifying shares, of all three corporations in the group. The following is taken from the paper mentioned:
Mors than $96 \%$ of the unified stock of the three Guardian institutions has been deposited with the Guardian Trust Co., depositary, for which interim certificates have been issued.
It is expected that the new stock will be placed on a dividend basis beginning July 1 next.
each effect the five for one split up of the unified stock, stockholders of $\$ 20$ par
The new $\$ 20$ par value is now permitt
banking code, which became law April 19 under the revised Michigan for the original basis of $\$ 50$ par shares at the suggestion of the Sta substituted Commissioner, who has requested, that all Detroit banks in case of reduction in par of their stock use the same unit.
Holders of interim certificates of record May 24 will be offered rights to subscribe to the new holding company stock at $\$ 90$ a share in ratio of one share for every 10 shares held, represented by the certificates. Rights expire July 1 1929. The additional capital paid in will be for the use of the Guardian Detroit Company or its subsidiaries.
Park Starganization plan also provides for ownership of the Highland Park State bank and Highland Park Trust Company by Guardian Detroit Group, Inc. For each share of stock of the Highland Park State Bank stockholders will receive five shares of the new holding company stock, and ors will receive five shares of thadn Park Trust Company held, stockto subscribe to new change for both the Highland Park State Bank and Highland Park Trust change for both
Company stocks.
As of the date of the last bank call (Mar. 27 1929), the aggregate deAs of the date of the last bank call (Mar. 27 1929), the aggregate do-
posits of the Guardian Group of banking institutions were $\$ 85,319,273.47$. and the aggregate resources, not including the Guardian Detroit Company were reported at $\$ 105,756,621.95$.
Officers of the new Guardian Group, Inc. (as given in a dispatch from Detroit May 20 to the "Wall Street Journal") are: Henry E. Bodman, Chairman of the Board; Robert O. Lord, President; John C. Grier, Jr., James L. Walsh, and Phelps Newberry (and Treasurer), Vice-Presidents, and Lewis K. Walker, Secretary.

Formal opening of the new home of the Metropolitan Trust Co. (heretofore of Highland Park, Mich.) at 147 Congress St., Detroit, took place on May 20, according to the Detroit "Free Press" of the following day. The new quarters were thronged with visitors and large quantities of flowers were sent by friends and business associates to mark the occasion. The new home offers more than twice the accommodation of the bank's former quarters in Highland Park "while officers of the institution declare the change will make the bank metropolitan in character and service as well as in name." Harvey B. Wallace is President of the institution and Colonel Walter C. Cole, Executive VicePresident.
The American National Bank of Grand Rapids, Mich., an application to organize which was approved by the Comptroller of the Curreney on Mar. 14, is scheduled a begin business June 1. It has been organized with a capital of $\$ 500,000$ and surplus of $\$ 250,000$, the stock in shares of $\$ 100$, having been offered at $\$ 150$ per share. The officer of the bank are John H. Schouten, President; Ned B. Alsover; Vice-President, \& Cashier, Fred H. Travis, Assistant Cashier.

Advices from Flint, Mich., on May 3 to the Detroit "Free Press" reported that the Bank of Linden, Linden, Mich., has
been placed in receivership at the voluntary request of its Cashier, Frank E. Glerum, and that no attempt will be made to re-open the institution, which had been in existence 17 years. The dispatch furthermore said:
Officials of the Union Industrial Trust Company of Flint, as receivers, declared that the affairs of the village bank would be settled as soon as possible. The receivers are protected by a circuit court injunction from
any embarrassing suits filed by creditors or depositors of the bank during any embarrassing
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The Board of Directors of the Second National Bank of Saginaw, Mich., on May 1 announced the officers of the institution to be as follows: George B. Morley, Chairman of the Board; R. Perry Shorts, President; W. H. Wallace, Albert H. Morley, Ray T. Maynard (and Cashier), and Alfred H. Perrin, Vice-Presidents; Mervyn E. Curran, Thomas M. Morley, John J. Spencer and John A. Stewart, Assistant Cashiers, and Emil A. Tessin, Trust Officer.
The arrest on May 4 of Stewart B. Gordon, President for thirty years, and Rollin C. Gordon, Cashier of the failed Midland County Savings Bank of Midland, Mich., for alleged falsifying of the report made to the State Banking Department, was stated in advices on that day from Midland to the Detroit "Free Press." Each furnished bonds of $\$ 4,000$ and was released after being bound over to the April 13 term of the Circuit Court. The arrests followed a conference between Chief Examiner M. C. Taylor, Prosecutor C. E. Morris and the Gordons. The dispatch went on to say:
Prosecutor Morris announced that the bank cashier had estimated losses at $\$ 175,000$. This will be offset, it is stated, by $\$ 25,000$ capital stock,
$\$ 50,000$ surplus and $\$ 25,000$ assessment against stockholders. The bank had total resources of $\$ 816,000$, according to the March 27 statement.
Prosecutor Morris said over $\$ 59,000$ in notes were admitted by Cashier Gordon to be fakes made up to cover dwindling assets. Heavy losses had been suffered by the bank through carrying large amounts on paper and failing to make collections, the bankers explained. It was learned today that friends of the Gordons put up $\$ 15,000$ last week in an attempt to cover a loss and stave off failure. An attempt to merge the bank was given up when the allegedly fraudulent paper and heavy losses were found. There were several mortgages, $\$ 17,700$ of which were recorded on April 17, running to the bank from S. B. and R. C. Gordon and L. D. Madill, and the county records reveal that the land is on the assessment rolls for only a small part of the mortgage. The Madill mortgage and several others were given with the idea of bolstering assets, and no money changed hands, the cashier explained, according to the prosecutor.
the Gordons' bank had been operated for over forty-three years.
Failure of the Midland County Savings Bank on May 1 was noted in the "Chronicle" of May 4, page 2937.

Acquisition of three Jamestown, N. D. banks by the First Bank Stock Investment Co. of St. Paul and Minneapolis (an organization formed recently by the First National Bank of St. Paul and the First National Bank of Minneapolis) was reported in a dispatch from St. Paul to the "Wall Street News" on May 10. The acquired banks are the Farmers' \& Merchants' National Bank, the Security Savings Bank and the Citizens' National Bank. The three institutions will be consolidated into one large bank. The purchase brings the number of banks acquired by the holding company in North Dakota to five. The Merchants' National Bank of Fargo has resources of $\$ 3,000,000$, the First \& Security National Bank of Valley City, $\$ 1,500,000$, while the three Jamestown institution have resources of $\$ 1,500,000$.

Later advices from St. Paul to the same paper (May 22) stated that the Aberdeen National Bank and the First State Savings Bank of Aberdeen, S. Dak., have also been acquired by the holding company. The former is said to be the largest bank in northern South Dakota with resources of $\$ 3,557,000$. The resources of the First State Savings Bank of Aberdeen are approximately $\$ 1,000,000$. The resources of the member banks of the First Bank Stock Investment Co. are now said to exceed $\$ 275,000,000$.

The First National Bank of St. Paul will erect a 21 -story building of the tower type, adjoining and harmonizing with its present 16 -story building, at a cost of approximately $\$ 2,500,000$, according to advices from St. Paul to the "Wall Street News" on May 17. The first three floors of both buildings will house the bank. The portion of the new structure above the banking floors will adjoin but not open into the old building. The new banking quarters will be the home of the enlarged First National Bank which resulted when the First National Bank and the Merchants National Bank of St. Paul were united recently.

A dispatch to the "Wall Street News" on May 9 from St. Paul, Minn., reported that a proposed consolidation of the First National Bank and the Northwestern National Bank,

Grand Forks, N. D., has been announced. The new institution will have combined capital and surplus of $\$ 500,000$ and deposits of approximately $\$ 7,000,000$. Otto Bremer, Chairman of the Board of the American National Bank of St. Paul, and associated with a large number of banks throughout the Northwest, will be a Vice-President of the new organization.

On May 15 announcement was made of the conversion of the Central State Bank of Des Moines, Iowa, to the National system under the title of the Central National Bank \& Trust Co. of Des Moines. The institution, which began business over thirty-four years ago, has resources of more than $\$ 10,000,000$. No change has been made in the bank's personnel.
The new Mercantile-Commerce Bank \& Trust Co. of St. Louis-formed by the consolidation of the Mercantile Trust Co. and the National Bank of Commerce-began operations on May 20 in enlarged quarters of the former Mercantile Trust Co. at Eighth and Locust Streets, according to the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of May 21. There were no formalities, but open house was in effect throughout the day. Numerous congratulatory messages and floral pieces, many of the latter bearing the names of financial institutions and individuals in other cities, were received. The Mer-cantile-Commerce Co., the investment unit recently organized as a subsidiary of the enlarged bank, is located, it is said, in the extension on the second floor of the enlarged quarters. This company, in addition to taking over the operations of the bond department of the former Mancantile Trust Co., it is understood, also supersedes the Federal Commerce Trust Co., a subsidiary of the former National Bank of Commerce. With combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of $\$ 17,500,000$, the new bank is said to be the second largest in St. Louis. George W. Wilson, former President of the Mercantile Trust Co., is Chairman of the Board of the enlarged bank, and John G. Lonsdale, former President of the National Bank of Commerce, is Chief Executive. Other officers of the new institution, as named in the "Globe-Democrat" of May 19, are as follows:
Vice-Presidents: W. L. Hemingway, Arthur F. Barnes, Davis Biggs, W. M. Chandler W. B. Cowen, F. E. Eaton, Thomas C. Hennings, G. N. Hitch. Ch Mefille C. H. McMillan, E. J. Mudd, Hitchcock, L. D. Kelly, wimam Mareinhard, Oliver H. Richards, A. W. F. J. Paro, J. Hugh Powers, H. H. Reinhard, J. J. Freell, Secretary; C. R. Thias, J. C. Walker and A. L. Wenan and A. A. Van Nest, Asst. Secretaries; Jolley, O. E. Kaiser, J. A. Nconan and A. A. Van Nest, Asst. Secretaries, Guy R. Alexarder, Treasurer.; E. L. Black, F. J. Heuerman, Kruse, R. J. Jones, E. F. Kallemeier, G. H. Kheensh. H. H. Schafer, Arthur B. SulliKunz, J. M. Murphy, Wh, Asst. Treasurers; Joseph W. White, Trust Officer; William H. Lawrence, J. A. McCarthy, John P. Newell, Douglas C. Sachse and George F. Torrey, Asst. Trust Officers.
and George F. Torrey, Asst. Mrust Savings Dept.; Edwin G. Cox, Pierce J. Dooley and L. E. Donahue, Asst. Mgrs. Savings Dept.; Joseph J. Reynolds, Mgr. Safe Deposit Dept.; Arthur Smith and Clarence Schaeffer, Asst. Mgrs. Mafe Deposit Dept.; Philip H. Zepp, Mgr. Real Estate Dept.; Samuel A. Mitchell, Counsel; Edgar H. McCullough, Asst. Counsel; Oscar G. Schalk, Mitcheil, Counsel E. G. Kehde, Asst. Comptroller.
Announcement of the organization of the MercantileCommerce Co., referred to above, was made on May 16, according to the "Globe-Democrat." The new company, it was stated, would have branch offices at New York (14 Wall Street) and at Houston, Tex. Sidney Maestre, heretofore a Vice-President of the Mercantile Trust Co., is President of the new company. Other officers of the company, named in the paper mentioned, are: John G. Lonsdale, Chairman of the Board; George W. Wilson, Chairman of the Exec. Comm.; W. W. Ainsworth and Thomas Rielley, ViceExec. Comm.; Secretary; Alphonse Schneiderhahn, Asst. Secretary; W. A. Bell and F. Roessler, Asst. Treasurers, and R. C. Obermann, Sales Manager. A. W. Snyder, a resident Vice-President, it was said, will be in charge of the Houston office.

A dispatch by the Associated Press from Charlotte, N. C. on May 21, printed in the Baltimore "Sun" of the next day, reported that the Continental Trust Co. of Charlotte, a State institution, failed to open its doors on May 21 and was turned over to John A. Campbell, Jr., Assistant State Bank Examiner. A formal notice posted on the door, signed by John Mitchell, Chief Bank Examiner, stated that the bank's affairs had been placed under the control of the North Carolina Banking Commission, and explained that the action had been taken to protect the interests of the depositors. The dispatch furthermore stated that a formal notice filed with the Clerk of the Court for Mechlenburg County said the bank had voluntarily suspended business after a meeting of its directors and officers.

A press dispatch from Gastonia, N. C., on May 17 to the Raleigh "News and Observer" reported that the Commercial Bank \& Trust Co. of Gastonia (the failure of which on April 6, last, was noted in the "Chronicle" of April 20, page 2578) on May 16 opened its doors for the purpose of liquidation with G. N. Henson of the State Corporation Commission in charge. The dispatch continuing went on to say:
Payments on assessments will be received, and payment on notes and paper due the bank will also be taken in.
Thursday was the final day for the payment of stock assessments by stockholders of the bank. If the full amount is not paid in by the close of the day, judgments will be recorded against the property of the defaulting stockholders, it was stated by Mr. Henson. Some stockholders have already paid in their full assessment and others have not. Announcement channels, that is, through the State Corporation Commission.

Directors of the Atlanta \& Lowry National Bank, Atlantu, Ga., on May 14 approved a reduction in the par value of the bank's shares from $\$ 100$ a share to $\$ 10$ a share, increasing the number of shares from 40,000 to 400,000 , according to the Atlanta "Constitution" of May 16. The directors also surplus account. Under this transfer, the capital structure of the institution will include $\$ 4,000,000$ capital, $\$ 3,500,000$ approved a transfer of $\$ 1,000,000$ from undivided profits to surplus, and about $\$ 600,000$ in undivided profits. Deposits of the institution aggregate approximately $\$ 50,000,000$. The proposed reduction in the par value of the bank's shares and the increase in the surplus will be submitted to the stockholders within the next thirty days.

Following the meeting of the directors of the Atlanta \& Lowry National Bank, the directors of its affiliated institution, the Trust Company of Georgia, approved a transfer of $\$ 1,000,000$ to the company's surplus account from undivided profits, in order that the capital structure shall comprise $\$ 2,000,000$ capital, $\$ 2,000,000$ surplus, and $\$ 750,000$ in undivided profits. At the same meeting the directors organized the Trusco Securities Co. with 100,000 shares of no par value capital stock. The new company will operate as a subsidiary of the Trusco Investment Co. Assets of the Trusco Investment Co. and the new Trusco Securities Co., it is stated, are about $\$ 4,000,000$. Combined resources of all the institutions approximate $\$ 75,000,000$.

From the Avon Park (Fla.) "Highlands County Pilot" of May 15 it is learned that a new banking institution, the People's Bank, has been organized and will open for business some time between May 25 and June 1. J. A. Caldwell was appointed President of the new bank on May 13 and was authorized by the directors to state that the institution would open for business some time between May 25 and June 1. W. C. Carter of Winter Haven, Fla., is to be Executive Vice-President and Cashier, while S. J. Pendleton of Avon Park is to be a Vice-President. Mr. Carter and associates, will own $49 \%$ of the $\$ 25,000$ capital of the new institution, it was said.

From the Los Angeles "Times" of May 15 it is learned that G. R. Dexter, President of the Guaranty Building \& Loan Association of Hollywood, Cal., has been appointed President of the Bank of Hollywood, succeeding Gilbert H. Beesemyer, who becomes Chairman of the Board. Samuel Kress, who, with Mr. Dexter, owns the new Bank of Hollywood Building, was appointed a Vice-President, and other changes in the bank's personnel were the naming of Charles E. Hammel, Maurice DeMond, Clifford Gillespie and Kurt J. Koenig, Vice-Presidents and Charles Lumpkin, Cashier.

Through the Los Angeles headquarters of the Bank of Italy purchase was announced on May 3 of the John D. Spreckels Building in San Diego, Cal., the largest commercial structure in the city, for the sum of $\$ 3,000,000$, according to the Las Angeles "Times" of May 4, which furthermore said:
The bank will take possession on July 1, and will completely remodel the ground floor for its banking operations in San Diego. In the new quarters will be consolidated, according to the announcement, the three Bank of Italy branches in San Diego. These include the San When the bank takes Trust office, and the Union Bank office. When the bank takes possession, the name of the building will be

From the San Francisco "Chronicle" of May 18 it is learned that the approval of the Comptroller of the Currency was obtained the previous day to a consolidation of the Bank of Bishop \& Co. at Honolulu and the First Natiomal Fank of Honolulu, two of the pioneer banking institutions of the Hawadian Islands. The new name for the merged banks,
it was said, would be the Bishop First National Bank of Honolulu. The paper mentioned went on to say:
Further carrying out of the plans of those active in the consolidation. as previously announced, it was stated further to the "Chronicle" in a cable from its special correspondent, that the merger of Bishop with the Ealdwin Bank of Maui was nearing completion, an official announcement being
expected shortly. expected shortly.
A new bank is being organized in Seattle, Wash., according to the Seattle "Port-Intelligencer" of May 7 which states that application had been made to the State Banking Department Supervisor of Banking at Olympia for a charter. The prime movers in the enterprise are Joshua Green, Albert Brygger, Hugh C. Gruwell, and Charles H. Gaches, all officers of the People's Bank \& Trust Co., and Lawrence J. Coleman, owner of the Coleman Building and identified with many prominent business undertakings in Seattle. Control of the new bank will be owned by Mr. Coleman and Mr. Green. None of the other directors of the People's Bank \& Trust Co. except Mr. Green will be members of the Board of the new bank, which is to be known as the People's First Avenue Bank. Capital and surplus will be $\$ 200,000$. The new bank will be located in the Coleman Building at the corner of First Ave. and Columbia St.

In order to obtain a wider distribution of the stock of the United States National Bank of Portland, Ore., the directors on May 17 approved a reduction of the par value of the bank's shares from $\$ 100$ a share to $\$ 20$, thereby increasing the number of shares from $30,000(\$ 3,000,000)$ to 150,000 shares, according to the Portland "Oregonian" of May 18. Stockholders of the bank will meet on June 21 to vote on the proposed change. The bank at present has a capital structure in excess of $\$ 7,000,000$, made up as follows: Capital $\$ 3,000,000,000$, surplus $\$ 2,000,000$, and undivided profits and reserves $\$ 2,366,131$. The Portland paper goes on to say in part:
United States National stock is now selling at from $\$ 585$ to $\$ 600$ on the
exchange and it is anticipated by the directors that $\$ 20$ prer exchange and it is anticipated by the directors that $\$ 20$ par value shares
will stand at $\$ 120$. How far the 500 stockholders will go in releasing their will stand at $\$ 120$. How far the 500 stockholders will go in releasing their
shares to buyers is problematical, but the directors anticipate some selling shares to buyers is problematical, but the directors anticipate some selling. especially should the stock show a tendency to rise.
We are informed that the San Francisco branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce (head office Toronto) recently has been incorporated as a State bank under the laws of California with the title of the Canadian Bank of Commerce (California). The capital authorized is $\$ 5,000,000$; capital paid-up $\$ 1,300,000$ and surplus $\$ 325,000$.

## THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The stock market has been depressed the present week, and periods of unsettlement and irregularity have characterized the daily trading, with only an occasional manifestation of strength in some special issues. On Wednesday the market literally went to pieces, following the announcement from Washington late on Tuesday that the Federal Advisory Council had recommended to the Federal Reserve Board that it permit any of the Reserve Banks to raise their rediscount rates to $6 \%$ if they desired to do so. Other noteworthy features of the week were the advance of the rediscount rate at San Francisco to $5 \%$ and the favorable Supreme Court decision in the St. Louis and O'Fallon Railway valuation case. The weekly report of the Federal Reserve Bank made public after the close of business on Thursday showed a decrease of $\$ 45,000,000$ in brokers' loans in this district, the first reduction since the early part of April. This week's reduction was due entirely to the curtailment of loans by local banks. The borrowings from other than banking lenders having increased $\$ 63,000,000$. Call money renewed at $7 \%$ on Monday continued at that rate until Wednesday afternoon when it dropped to $6 \%$ for the rest of the week.
On Saturday the market was weak with general declines, though a few standard issues like United States Steel, and General Motors were moderately higher at the close. Aeroplane stocks also moved against the trend, Curtiss at one time being up about 6 points, while Wright closed with a net gain of $31 / 2$ points. Burroughs' Adding Machine also was conspicuous on the upside as it forged ahead to another new top with a gain of 7 points at 325 . American Commercial Alcohol went over the top into new high ground with an advance of $31 / 2$ points to 52 and Chemical \& Dye closed with a gain of 4 or more points. General Electric made a net gain of $2 \frac{1}{2}$ points on the day.
The outstanding topic of interest on Monday was the decision of the Supreme Court in the O'Fallon Valuation Case and as a result sweeping advances were recorded late in the
afternoon all through the railroad list. At the height of the upward swing St. Louis \& San Francisco was up over 24 points, Chesapeake \& Ohio 22 points, New York Central over 12 points and there were many other substantial advances among the lesser lights. Motor shares, on the other hand were extremely weak, Packard leading the downward rush with a decline of eight points to $1371 / 2$. Chrysler slipped to a new low at $771 / 2$ with a loss of five points and General Motors had yielded nearly three points at its final price of $781 / 8$. General Electric dipped about 11 points, American Can slumped nearly seven points, Case Threshing Machine 18 points and Curtiss Aero about 12 points. Anaconda also dropped about nine points and Montgomery Ward, and a long list of other stocks suffered similar recessions. Advance Rumley again turned acutely weak. On Tuesday the market was somewhat confused and uncertain during the early trading but the brisk rally late in the day brought some improvement in the copper shares and in a number of individual issues, though the general list displayed considerable heaviness and most of the stocks closed below the levels of the previous day. The weakness was most conspicuous in the motor stocks and steel shares, United States Steel, common sinking below 173 on a new low for the movement followed by Bethlehem Steel which sagged below 103. New low prices for the year were recorded by Hupp, Chrysler and also by General Motors. General Electric was one of the outstanding strong stocks and bounded forward about nine points to 281 . The railroad issues were represented on the upside by New York Central which gained about 10 points to 190 , New Haven which closed with a gain of $21 / 4$ points at $1017 / 8$, Norfolk Western which advanced $41 / 2$ points to $2041 / 2$ and Northern Pacific which improved about three points. Radio Corporation was especially conspicuous for its advance to 94 with a gain of nearly four points in spite of all efforts to drive it downward.

The storm of selling orders that engulfed the market on Wednesday carried prices sharply downward with losses to many of the active leaders ranging from 3 to 8 or more points while some of the more spectacular speculative issues registered losses considerably higher. The break came as a result of the overnight news that the Advisory Council had recommended to the Federal Reserve Board that it approve raising of rediscount rates to $6 \%$ by such Federal Reserve Banks as requested that privilege. Motor shares were especially weak, General Motors slipping below 74 with a loss of nearly 5 points followed by similar losses in such issues as Chrysler, Hupp, Packard and Hudson. General Electric suffered a loss of 7 points, Westinghouse Electric moved down over $41 / 2$ points and New York Central $31 / 2$. In the rally later in the day oil shares moved to the front, Pan American "B" being taken in large blocks at a point or two higher and Sinclair and General Asphalt were also in strong demand at higher prices.

Contrary to the general expectation the trend of the market was generally upward on Thursday though here and there throughout the list there were stocks that failed to respond to the forward swing. One of the noteworthy features of the day was the sensational run-up of General Electric which sold as high as $2781 / 4$ with a gain of more than 9 points. Allied Chemical \& Dye forged ahead 8 points to 285 , followed by American Can with a gain of nearly 5 points. Public utilities were particularly active and forged ahead under the leadership of American and Foreign Power which scored a gain of 6 points to $1033 / 4$. Radio Corp. closed at $951 / 8$ with a gain of 4 points, Westinghouse Electric improved over 2 points and United States Steel common closed at $1711 / 4$, with a gain of more than 4 points on the day. Motor shares came back with a rush under the guidance of Packard Motor Car which bounded forward more than 7 points to $1423 / 4$. Chrysler moved up to $733 / 8$ with a gain of about 3 points, and both Hudson and Hupp improved a point or more. Railroad shares were firm throughout the morning and moved briskly forward with New York Central in the van with a gain of $41 / 4$ points to $1871 / 4$. Columbia Graphophone was a noteworthy feature of the afternoon trading as it surged forward nearly 8 points to $75 \frac{1}{2}$. Case Threshing Machine, on the other hand, had a sinking spell and dipped more than 16 points to close at 334 .

The market was without definite trend on Friday, advances and declines alternating during most of the session, though on the whole, the tendency was toward lower levels. Railraod shares attracted the most attention as Atchison climbed upward to 209 as compared with the previous close at 202 and Pere Marquette surged forward $71 / 4$ points to

1611/4. General Electric was strong in the early trading and sold up to $2827 / 8$ at its top for the day but receded to $2731 / 2$ where it was off over 4 points. Motor stocks were represented on the upside by Chrysler which crossed 78 but dropped to $741 / 2$ with a net gain of $11 / 8$ points. United States Steel, was off $21 / 4$ points at 169 , Bethlehem Steel $11 / 2$ points to $991 / 4$. Toward the end of the session considerable selling pressure developed, realizing being particularly heavy in the final hour
transactions at the new york stock exchange DALLY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY

| Week Ended May 24. | Stocks, Number of Shares. |  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { State, } \\ \text { Municlpal } \\ \text { Foreion } \\ \hline \end{gathered}\right.$ | Untted States Bonds. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1,249,640 | \$2,888,000 | 0 |  |
| Monday | 4,409,520 | ${ }_{8,361,0}$ | 2,265,000 | 619,000 |
| Wednesday | 4,844,130 | 8 8,445,000 | 2,021,000 | 792,000 |
| Thursday | - $\begin{aligned} & 3,814,220 \\ & 3,272,030\end{aligned}$ | $6,710,000$ $7,039,000$ | 2, | 6077,000 <br> 375,000 |
| Total_.......... <br> Sales at New York Stock Exchanpe | 21,401,390 | 843,691,00 | \$10,485,000 | \$2,767,00 |
|  | Week Ended May 24. |  | Jan. 1 to May 24. |  |
|  | 29. | 1928 | 1929. | 192 |
| -No. of | 21,401,390 | 14,739,060 | 452,545,920 | 331,20 |
| Bonds. | \$2,767.000 | S3,739,000 13.776 .000 | 851.885 .050 $249,754,150$ | \$75, |
| State and foreign bonds | 10,485,000 | + | 722,865,500 | 1.200 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

Total bonds
${ }_{\$ 56,943,000} \prod_{\$ 55,442,000} \frac{1024,504,700}{\$ 1,638,437,840}$ DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EX'CHANGES.

| Week Ended May 241929. | Boston. |  | Phlladelphia. |  | Baltsmore. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Shares. | Bond Sa | Shares. | Boxd Sales | Shates. | Bona |
| Saturd | *23,074 | \$23,000 | $a 40,643$ | \$13,000 | b3,341 | \$17,000 |
| Monday | *51,506 | 21,000 | a62,368 | 8,000 | b3,499 | 16,000 |
| Tuesday | *58,553 | 67,000 17,000 | ${ }_{a 66,429}^{a 48,418}$ | 11,100 25,000 | b3,559 | 37,000 26,000 |
| Wednesday | * ${ }_{*}^{* 86.148}$ | 17,000 23,000 |  | 28,000 28,100 | 85,590 | 28,600 |
| Friday | *45,751 | 15,000 | a59,500 |  | b3,233 | 21,000 |
|  | 303,203 | \$166,000 | 360,005 | \$85,200 | 23,244 | \$145,600 |
| Prev, week revis | 304,827 | \$251,500 | 391,190 | \$132,700 | 19,961 | \$121,000 | * In addition, sales of rights were: Saturday, 8,785; Monday, 25,261; Tuesday 35,826; Wednesday, 54,987; Thursday, 42,375.


b ${ }^{b}$ In addition sales of rights were: - Saturday, 118; Monday, 144; Tuesday,
23; Wednesday, 70; Thursday, 27; Friday, 95. Warrants-Tuesday, 100; Thurs23; Wednesday, 70; 2. Scrip-Thursday, 10-20.

## COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings will again show a small increase 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 25) bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be $2.7 \%$ larger than for the corresponding week last year. The total stands at $\$ 12,135,019,976$, against $\$ 11,817,240,226$ for the same week in 1928. At this centre there is a gain for the five days ended Friday of $3.1 \%$. Our comparative summary of the week follows:

| Clearinos-Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended May 25. | 1929. | 1928. | Per Cent. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ne | \$6,454,000,000 | \$6,260,000,000 | +3.1 |
| Chicago | 511,019,070 | $571,139,889$ $455,000,000$ | -10.5 |
| Philadelp | 448,000,000 | 376,000,000 | -1.1 |
| Boston- | 112,314,486 | 101,843,354 | -29.7 |
| St. Louis | 107,100,000 | 111,700,000 | -4.1 |
| San Francisco | 169,885,000 | 201,140,000 | -15.5 +0.5 |
| Los Angeles | 174,290,000 | 171,524,368 | $\pm 2.8$ |
| Pettsour | 230,436,464 | 168,544,038 | +36.7 |
| Cleveland | 126,122,900 | 108,821,716 | +15.9 |
| Baltim | 74,159,225 | 82,405,192 | -10.0 |
| New Or | 46,799,089 | 50,642,522 | -7.6 |
| Thirteen citles, 5 | \$8,986,830,552 | \$8,832,228,079 | +1.7 |
| Other citles, 5 days | 1,125,686,095 | 972,614,035 |  |
|  | \$10,112,516,647 | \$9,804,842,114 | +3.1 |
| All cities, 1 da | 2,022,503,329 | 2,012,398,112 | +0.5 |
| Total all citles for | \$12,135,019,976 | \$11,817,240,226 | +2.7 |

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 18. For that week there is a decrease of $3.4 \%$, the 1929 aggregate of clearings for the *hole country being $\$ 13,159,921,010$, against $\$ 13,619,773,114$ in the same week of 1928. Outside of this city the decrease is $3.4 \%$, the bank exchanges at this centre recording a loss of $3.4 \%$. We group the cities
now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the New York Reserve district (including this city) there is a loss of $3.4 \%$, in the Boston Reserve District of $9.4 \%$ and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of $4.4 \%$. In the Cleveland Reserve District there is an increase of $12.5 \%$, but in the Richmond Reserve District the clearings are smaller by $2.3 \%$ and in the Atlanta Reserve District by $0.8 \%$. The Chicago Reserve District registers a decline of $4.7 \%$, the St. Louis Reserve District of $6.1 \%$ and the Minneapolis Reserve District of $5.1 \%$. In the Kansas City Reserve District there is a gain of $3.3 \%$ and in the Dallas Reserve District of $5.8 \%$. The San Francisco Reserve District suffers a loss of $8.3 \%$.
In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

GUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS

| Week Ended May 181929. | 1929. | 1928. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Inc.or } \\ \text { Dec. } \end{array}\right\|$ | 1927. | 1926. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Federal Reserve Dists. |  |  |  |  | 3 |
| 1st Boston .... 12 citles <br> 2nd New York_11 ." | $\begin{array}{r} 571,287,039 \\ 8.638,031.091 \end{array}$ | $630,906,154$ | -9.4 | $603,119,360$ | 567,096,319 |
| 3rd Phlladel 'la_10 * | 618,580,805 | 647,040,876 | -4.4 | ${ }_{631,012,550}$ | 5,483,711,665 |
| 4th Cleveland-- 8 ". | 513,683,829 | 456,737,595 | +12.5 | 434,909,818 | 400,054,049 |
| 5th Richmond -6 ${ }^{6}$.. | 187,199,727 | 191,581,825 | -2.3 | 193,303,607 | 209,495,773 |
| ${ }_{7 \text { th }}$ Athanta----13 ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | $193,668,107$ $1,088,718,315$ | 1,142, 1856, ,125 | -0.8 | $193,669,291$ $1,034,653,305$ | $216,945,786$ $1,060,676,480$ |
| 8 th St. Louls.--8 8 | 1, ${ }_{229,508,288}$ | 1,142,856,415 | -4.7 | $1,034,653,305$ <br> $226,304,819$ | $1,060,676,480$ $227,848,419$ |
| 9 th Minneapolis 7 | 127,867,763 | 134,747,820 | -5.1 | 116,575,823 | 122,606,907 |
| 10th KansasClty 12 | 245,556,388 | 237,714,303 | +3.3 | 237,980,216 | 223,843,429 |
| 11th Dallas_-.-- 5 | 78,449,410 | 74,134,944 | +6.8 | 75,143,515 | 73,143,603 |
| 12th San Fran_-17 | 667,338,248 | 727,784,712 | -8.3 | 567,695,549 | 626,006,103 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } \\ & \text { Outside } \\ & \mathrm{N} . \\ & \mathbf{Y} . \text { City } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 13,159,921,010 \\ 4,673207 \end{gathered}$ | $13,619,773,114$ | $-3.4$ | $10,596,241,968$ | $9,655,6!$ |
| Oanada_-------31 citles! | 505,184,414 | 541,818,820 | -6.2 | 387,576,833 | 345,337,996 |

We now add our detailed statement, showing last week's figures for each city separately, for the four years:

| Clearings at- | Week Ended May 18. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1929. | 1928. | Inc. or Dec. | 1927. | 1926. |
|  | Reserve Dist | Boston | \% | \$ | \$ |
|  |  | - B23,367 | $+2.0$ | 756,014 |  |
| Portland | 4,200,705 | 4,291,849 | +2.1 | 3,573,713 | 3,659,100 |
| Mass.-Boston.- | 500,564,313 | 555,000,000 | -9.8 | 545,000,000 | 510,000,000 |
| Fall River. | 1,634.325 | 2,779,948 | $-41.2$ | 2,191,228 | 2,116,029 |
| Lowell. | 1,436,200 | 1,264,679 | +13.6 | 1,305,213 | 1,065,778 |
| New Bedford.- | 1,537.619 | 1,189,145 | +29.3 | 1,279,188 | 1,547,741 |
| Springfield | 6,266,704 | 6.596,705 | -5.0 | 6,038.224 | 5,955,403 |
| Worcester | 4,164,007 | 3.732,968 | +11.6 | 3,625,274 | 3,696,063 |
| Conn.-Hartford | $19,831,417$ $8,890,695$ | 23,618,168 | -16.0 | 16,486.979 | 15,322,698 |
| RiI.-Providence | 21,329,800 | 20,989,200 | 1.6 | $7,212,190$ | 6,995,979 |
| N. H.-Manche'r | 795,302 | $20,989,200$ 760,248 | +1.6 +4.6 | $14,840,200$ 811,137 | $15,353,200$ 693,111 |
| Total (12 eities) <br> Second Feder <br> . Y.-Albany -- |  | 630,906,154 | -9.4 | 603,119,360 | 567,096,319 |
|  |  |  | York. |  |  |
|  | al Reserve D 7,132,519 | istrict-New | $-26.2$ | 7,725,419 | 6,085,351 |
| Binghamton.-- | 1,470,889 | 1,322,093 | +11.2 | 1,134,502 | 1,170,100 |
| Buffalo. | 64,663,494 | 64,492,090 | +0.3 | 54,295,411 | 51,256.057 |
| Elmira | 1,346,891 | 1,277,705 | +5.4 | 1,182,879 | 1,059.000 |
| Jamestow | 1,350,777 | 1,333.021 | 1.3 | 1,438,492 | 1,495,258 |
| New York | 8,485,933,741 | 8,782,245,408 | -3.4 | 6,155,449,240 | 5,322,569,567 |
| Rocheste | 15,923,636 | 15,664,196 | +1.7 | 13,418,229 | 13,703,860 |
| Syracuse | 7,809,108 | 7,093,494 | +10.1 | 6,502,551 | 6,109,253 |
| Conn.-Stamford | 4,580,686 | 4,894,881 | -6.4 | 4,189,960 | 4,205,118 |
| N. J.-Montclatr | 937,895 | 1,198,664 | -21.7 | 963.797 | 769,352 |
| Northern N. J. | 46,881,455 | 48,472,520 | $-3.3$ | 35,573,635 | 35.861,123 |
| Total (11 citles) | 8,638,031,091 | 8,937,658,506 | -3.4 | 6,281,874,115 | 5,444,264,039 |
| Third Federal | Reserve Dist | rict-Philad | elphia | - 1.087 |  |
| Pa . - Altoon |  | 1,787,086 | -13.5 | 1,687,724 | 1,696,901 |
| Bethlehem | 4,973,962 | 4,904,003 | +1.4 | 4.210 .305 | 4,154,535 |
| Chester.- | 1,393,460 | 1,287,501 | +8.3 | 1,356,063 | 1,341,220 |
| Lancaster | 2,007,778 | 1.995,852 | +6.0 | 2,017,066 | 2,355,501 |
| Philadelph | 584,000,000 | 608,000,000 | -3.9 | 597,000,000 | 550,000,000 |
| Reading | 5,354,425 | 5,099.657 | +5.0 | 4,651,608 | 4,589,533 |
| Scranton | 6,821,517 | 6,717.984 | +1.5 | 6,173,408 | 6,314,605 |
| Wilkes-Ba | 3,924,307 | 4,600,004 | -14.7 | 4,985,771 | 4,353,208 |
| York | 2,350,724 | 2,294,735 | +2.5 | 1,763,454 | 2,023,806 |
| N. J.-Trent | 6,208,619 | 10,354,054 | -40.0 | 7,166,951 | 6,882,356 |
| Total (10 cl | $\left.\begin{array}{r} 618,580,805 \\ \text { al Reserve D } \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ | $647,040,876$ | -4.4 | 631,012,550 | 583,711,665 |
| Fourth Feder |  |  | eland. |  |  |
| Ohlo-Akron | $\begin{aligned} & \text { eserve D } \\ & 8,343,000 \end{aligned}$ | istrict-Clev | +16.8 | 7,584.000 | 6,456,000 |
| Canton- | 6,014,900 | 4,455,022 | +35.0 | 4,316.682 |  |
| Cincinna | 81,833,219 | 83,001,361 | $-1.4$ | 80.389.096 | 74,188,424 |
| Cleveland | 185,137,482 | 144,471,807 | +28.1 | 131,346,001 | 114,217,425 |
| Columb | 17,786,300 | 18,141,600 | -1.1 | 17,963,300 | 15,545,700 |
| Mansfield | 2,514,151 | $2,236,541$ | +12.4 | 2,392,512 | 2,223,251 |
| Youngstow | 7,309,590 | 6,487,125 | +12.7 | 5,487,142 | 4,231,882 |
| Pa.-Pittsbu | 204,745,187 | 190,799,139 | +7.3 | 185,431,085 | 179,252,104 |
| ) | 513,683,829 | 56,737,595 | 12.5 | 434,909,818 | 400,054,049 |
| Fifth Federal | Reserve Dist | rict-Richm ond- |  | 1,259,078 | 1,506,422 |
| W.Va.-Hunt'g'n | 1,214,013 |  |  |  |  |
| Va. - Norfolk | 5,073,569 | 5,946.571 | -14.7 | 5,367,078 | 7,754,324 |
| Richmond - | 44.459.000 | 46,411,000 | -4.2 | 46,164,000 | 48,382.000 |
| S. C.-Charleston | 2,510,000 | 2,100,000 | +19.5 | 2,104,171 | 2.032.565 |
| Md.-Baltimore- | 103,372,128 | 106.309,942 | -2.8 | 110,533,454 | 121,852.904 |
| D.C.-Washing'n | 30,571,017 | 29,484,305 | +3.7 | 27,875,826 | 27,967,558 |
| Total (6 cl | 7,199,727 | 1,581,825 | -2.3 | 193,303,607 | 209,495,773 |
| Sixth Federal F | Reserve Dist <br> $* 3.500,000$ | rict-Atlant |  |  |  |
| Tenn.-Knioxville |  | 3,448,238 | $+1.5$ | *3,300,000 | $3,074,896$$21.981,443$ |
| Nashville. | 24,169,100 | $\begin{aligned} & 22,794,064 \\ & 53,636.894 \end{aligned}$ | +6.0 |  |  |
| Augusta |  |  | +15.6 +3.2 | 53,134,630 | $59,655,812$ |
| Augusta | $62,005,039$ $1,816,547$ | $\begin{array}{r} 53,636,894 \\ 1,759,922 \end{array}$ | +30.8 | 1,810,197 | 1,723,116 |
| a. - Jack'nvile | 1,621,647 | 2,344,764 $17,361,378$ |  | 21,898,270 | 30,535,155 |
| Miami. | $17,633,648$ $2,946,000$ | $\begin{array}{r} 17,361,378 \\ 3,164,000 \end{array}$ | +1.6 |  |  |
| la.-Birming'm | $25,872.021$$2,205,386$ | $\begin{array}{r} 25,365,348 \\ 1,884,090 \end{array}$ | +2.0 | -5,952,967 | 1,970,812 |
| Mobile |  |  | +17.1 | 1,974,775 |  |
| Viss,-Jackson.- | 2,2056.086 | $1,884,090$$2,183,000$ |  | 1,510,446 | $1.558,000$309,173 |
| Vlcksburg | $\begin{array}{r}\text { 4, } \\ 48,523,880 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |  | $-7.6$ |  |  |
| .-New Orleans |  | 5 59,950,307 | $-19.1$ | 52,478,492 | 54,179,694 |
| Total (13 cities) | 192,668,107 | 194,181,125 | -0.8 | 193,669,291 | 216,945,786 |


| Clearinas at- | Week Ended May 18. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 929. | 1928. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Inc. } \\ \text { Ded } \end{gathered}$ | 1927. | 1926. |
| Seventh FederMich.-Adrian -- | Reser | $\frac{\mathrm{strict}}{\text { s }}$ Chi |  | s | s |
|  |  |  | -9.5 |  | ${ }^{253,057}$ |
| ${ }_{\text {D }}^{\text {Ann }}$ Arbor |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grand Rapids. |  | 221,618,027 | +16.9 | $\begin{array}{r} 185,059,005 \\ 8,130,696 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 0,321,245 \\ 9,752,681 \end{array}$ |
| Ind.- Ft . Way | $4,258.000$ $4,556.411$ | $1 \begin{aligned} & 3.642,000 \\ & 3.552,630\end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 2,67,550 \\ 3,377,811 \\ 3, \end{array}$ |  |
| Indianapois | 29,670,000 | 27,3 |  | 3.377.811 | 25.598,000 <br> 3,164,400 |
| South Bend | 6,166.2 | 3.847 .000 $5.901,597$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 22,956.000 \\ 3.513,300 \\ 6 \\ 6 \end{array}$ |  |
| Werre Hatere- Mlwakee |  | 5,901,597 47.659 .021 | - 12.0 <br> +4.5 |  | $\begin{array}{r} 42,72+549 \\ 2,563,562 \end{array}$ |
| Ia.-Ced. Raplds | $\begin{array}{r} 3,232,137 \\ 10,957,486 \\ \hline 7,286684 \end{array}$ | 2,777,755 |  | 43,496,996 <br> 2,899,375 |  |
| Sloux Clty |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & , 2,863,810 \\ & 9,883,859 \\ & 5,83,85 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,563.562 \\ 10,904.257 \end{array}$ |
| Waterloo |  | - $1,000.829$ |  | $1,449,901$1,722386 | $\begin{aligned} & 6,42,542, \\ & 1,398,604 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| III.-Bloomin | 710,562.387 |  |  |  |  |
| Cecatur |  | 779,592,948 |  | ${ }^{721,963,369}$ |  |
| Pecatur | $\begin{array}{r}710.566,387 \\ 1,47.278 \\ 6,77737 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | - 4,2137746 | -8.9+8.4+13.0+8.8 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,50,407 \\ 5,554,555 \end{array}$ | ${ }^{729}$ |
| Rockfo |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 5,004,955 \\ & 3,85,455 \\ & 2,856,962 \end{aligned}$ |
| Spr | ${ }_{2,876,412}$ | 3,086,471 | $\begin{gathered} +13.0 \\ +8.7 \\ +8.8 \end{gathered}$ | ¢, $2,887,904$ |  |
| Total (20 citles) | 1,088,718,315 | $\overline{1,142,856,415}$ | -4.7 | 1,034,653,305 | $\underline{1,060,676,480}$ |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{lr} \text { trict-St. } & \text { St. Lo } \end{array}$ |  |  |  |
| Ind.-Evansvi |  |  | ${ }_{-7}{ }^{\text {4is }}$ | ${ }_{14,252,453}$ | 5,881,941 |
| Ky.-Louisville-- | 38,814,667 | $156,300,000$ $43,66,923$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 14,90,000 \\ 37,699,670 \end{array}$ |  |
| Owensboro- | 38,383,251 | 355.440 | +7.8+8.0+8 | 24,187,376 |  |
| Tent | 22,897,486 | $14,280.672$312,7741 |  |  | ( $\begin{aligned} & \text { 20,919,475 } \\ & 13,212,695\end{aligned}$ |
| Ark.-Little Rock | $\begin{array}{r} 14,979,989 \\ 413,816 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} +8.0 \\ +4.8 \\ +32.3 \\ +6.5 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 13,137,932 \\ 1,469,337 \\ 1,499 \end{array}$ |  |
| Quincy -....-- | 1,524,879 | 1,630,644 |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 3,212,695 \\ 1,485,382 \\ 1,495,558 \end{array}$ |
| Total (8 eltles). | 229, | 24,428,836 | -6.1 | 6,304,819 | 227,848,419 |
| ederal | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Reserve Dis } \\ 8.151 .701 \\ 85.393,572 \\ 26.579 .982 \\ 2,166.746 \\ 1,331,170 \\ 695,592 \\ 3,549,000 \end{array}$ | trict-Minn | eapolis |  |  |
| Minn.-Duuth.: |  | $\begin{array}{r}8,704,119 \\ 86,798,205 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |  |  | $8,284,933$ $76,146,160$ |
| Pea |  | 31, | $-16.5$ | 29, | - |
| Ab |  | -1,425,650 | +9.0 |  | 1,847,427 |
| S. D.-Aberdeen Mont.-Blllings |  | 1,425,650 | - $\begin{array}{r}\text { - } \\ +2.4 \\ +2.1\end{array}$ | 1,188,707 | 1,476.662 |
| Helena .-.-. |  | 3,318, |  | 2,518 | 2,769,248 |
| Total (7 cities) - | Reserve Dis | $134,747,82$ | -5.1 | 116,575,823 | 122,606,907 |
| enth |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { trict - Kans } \\ \left.\begin{array}{r} 389.775 \\ \hline 87950 \end{array}\right) \end{array}$ |  |  |  |
| Hastings |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 446,439 \\ & 408.358 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r}347,228 \\ 442.578 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| Lincoln | $4.746,940$45.677134 | 487,950 $4.763,113$ 45888.080 | ${ }_{-0.1}^{+29.9}$ | 4,776,999 |  |
| Omaha |  | 3,329,088 8,563,850 |  | 40,348,039 | - 40.592 .831 |
| Kan.-Top | ( |  | ${ }_{-2.5}^{-4}$ | 8, 837,674 | 7,457,865 |
| Mo.-Kan. | 142,711,525 | ${ }_{136}$.017.372 |  | 143,148,203 |  |
| St. Joseph | $\begin{array}{r}7,310.000 \\ 29.356 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 7.157 .530 \\ 28,524,215 \\ 1,162,999 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} +2.9 \\ +20.9 \\ +27.2 \end{array}$ |  | 7,518,607 |
| Colo-Col. Spgs. |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 28,539,601 \\ 1,087,541 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 26,678,571 \\ 1,052,075 \\ 1,278,848 \end{array}$ |
| Pueblo. | 1,844,119 | 1,450,320 |  | 1,302,617 |  |
| es) | 245,556,388 | 237,7 | +3.3 | 237,980,216 | 223,843,429 |
| enth Fede | ral Reserve |  |  |  |  |
| T Dallas | $52,256,943$$14,432,892$ | ${ }_{13,897,152}^{48,674}$ | + +7.4 | $\begin{array}{r}1,641,196 \\ 48.440,831 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 1.447,529 |
| Forth w |  |  |  | ${ }_{13} 13.682,313$ | (e. |
| La.-Shreveport- | 5,111,606 |  |  | 002,000 |  |
|  |  | 5,199,880 |  |  | ,800,073 |
| Total (5 cittes). | ,449,410 | 74,134,944 | +5.8 | 75,14 | 3,143,603 |
| Tw |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wash. | 35, | ${ }^{51,680,930}$ |  | 46.720, | 45,122,998 |
| Spokane | 13,814.0 | 13,300,000 | 3.9 | 12.452, | 12.373.000 |
| Yakima | 1,439.7 |  |  | 1.433 |  |
| Ore-Portland | 50,208.660 | 38,333, 207 |  | 45.391 | 39,991 |
| Cal-Fresno | 19,726,959, | 17,579,7739 | $+1.2$ | - | 17,717 |
| Long Be | 9,742,395 | ${ }_{8,657,765}$ |  | 7.71 |  |
| Los Ang | 408,000 | 250,658,000 |  | 197.20 |  |
| Oakland | 1,286,533 | 24,158,3 |  | 18,645 | 20.9 |
| Pasaden | 8,510,5 | $8,644,2$ |  | 7,415 |  |
| Sacrame | 020. | 7,101, |  | 7.08 |  |
| San Diego | 7.018.336 | 5,710,7 | + | 4,808.0 | 5.667.934 |
| San Francisco | 214,002,467 | 287,091,0 | -25.5 | 189,372,000 | 179,924.000 |
| Santa Ba |  | 3,213,90 |  | 2,213 |  |
| Santa Barbar |  | 1,798,817 |  | 1,398.013 |  |
| nia Mo | 2,627,000 | 2,738,500 | ${ }_{4}^{+0}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,164,543 \\ & 2,924,400 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,501,070 \\ & 2,745,400 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | 667,338,248 | ,784,712 | -8.3 | 7,695,549 | 526,006,103 |
|  | 13159 921,010 | 13619 773,114 | -3.4 | ,9641,96 | 5,692,57 |
| Outside New York | 4,673,987,269 | , 337,527,706 | $-3.44$ | 1.440,792,72 | 33,123,005 |
|  |  |  | 1619 |  |  |
|  | 29 | 1928. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Inc. or } \\ \text { Dec. } \end{gathered}$ | 1927. | 1926. |
| Ca | 160 |  |  |  | $10781{ }^{\text {d }}$ |
| Tonoreaz | 169.112.047 | 206, 540,396 | -18.1 | 125,281,355 | 107.871 |
| Winnipeg | , | 76,442,247 | 4 | 44,695 |  |
| Vancouv | 25,710 | 20,211,1 | +27.2 | 17,704,370 | 16.191,511 |
| Quebec- | 7,107,399 |  | +18.5 | ${ }_{6,252,}^{8,324,}$ | ${ }_{6}^{7.2935}$ |
| Hallfax. | 3,603,782 | ${ }_{3,513,317}^{6,013,763}$ | + +2.6 | 2,999, | 2,857,694 |
| Hammilo | 7,033 | 6.568 |  | 5.733 | 5,183,547 |
| Calgary- | 13,352,4 | 11,963,9 | +1 | 6,649,731 | 6.40 |
| Vietoria. | ${ }_{3,028,194}^{2,1828,91}$ | ${ }_{3}^{3,682}$ | -17.8 | ${ }_{2,488,451}^{2,86,85}$ | ${ }_{2,469}^{2,57}$ |
| London. | 3,304,760 | 3,899;453 | -15.2 | 3,344,2 | 3,125,882 |
| Eamont | 7,723.453 | 6,950 |  | 5,408 |  |
| Brandon | 5,560,155 | 4,489,9 | +25 | 4,288. | 4,456,155 |
| Lethbridge | 629.810 688,352 | ${ }^{616,8}$ | ${ }_{-20.3}^{+2.1}$ | ${ }_{564}^{628}$ | ${ }_{537,624}^{640.024}$ |
| Saskatoon | 2,591,898 | 2,415,011 | +7.3 | 1,948,950 | 1,830,716 |
| Moose Jaw | 1,332,244 | 1,037,114 | +28. | 1,123,982 | 1,066.912 |
| Brantford- | 1,410,908 | 1,333,86 |  | 1,171,025 | 1,038. |
| Fort westmin | 1,040,080 | 980.057 | ${ }_{+}^{+6.1}$ | 1,000.659 | 1,197.855 |
| Medicine H | +420,839 | 471,436 | $\pm 10.7$ | 32,1801 | 288 |
| Peterboro | 936,062 | 856.974 | $+9.2$ | 887, | 80 |
| Sherbrook Kitchener | 1,250, | 940,242 | +32.9 | 1,018.472 | 1,010 |
| Windsor- | ${ }_{7}^{1,202}$ | ${ }_{5}^{1,2459,917}$ | +3.9 | ${ }^{1,185,289}$ | ${ }_{4}^{1.0237,046}$ |
| Prince Alber | ${ }_{481.028}$ | , 386.6 | +24.4 | 377,077 |  |
| Moneton- |  | ${ }^{962} 5244$ |  | 815 | 885. |
| Kıngston- | 84 | ${ }_{8351.690}^{831 .}$ | +1.2 | 89 | 705,643 |
| Sarnia | 755,091 | ${ }_{730,738}$ | $+3.3$ | 732,162 |  |
| Total (31 citles) | 505,184,414 | 541,818,820 | -6.2 | 387,576,838 | 345,337,9 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

Condition of National Banks March 27 1929. -The statement of condition of the national banks under the Comptroller's call of March 271929 has been issued and is summarized below.-For purposes of comparison, like details for previous calls back to and including Dec. 311927 are included.
ABSTRACT OF REPORTS OF CONDITION OF NATIONAL BANKS IN THE UNITED STATES ON DEC. 311927 AND FEB. 28, JUNE 30 , OCT. 3 AND DEC. 311928 AND MAR. 271929 (in Thousands of Dollars).

$a$ Includes customers' liability under letters of credit. $b$ Excludes "acceptances of other banks and bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement, now shown separacey. standing have not been included with total deposits for calls prior to Oct. 31928 .

Public Debt of United States-Completed Returns Showing Net Debt as of Mar. 311929.
The statement of the public debt and Treasury cash holdings of the United States, as officially issued Mar. 31 1929, delayed in publication, has now been received, and as interest attaches to the details of available cash and the gross and net debt on that date, we append a summary thereof, making comparisons with the same date in 1928:
cash availhable to pay maturing obligations.

|  | $\underset{\$}{\mathrm{Mar} .31} 1929 .$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar. } 311928 \\ \$ \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Balance end of month by dally statement, \&o...-...Add or Deduct-Excess or defielency of recelpts over or under disbursements on belated Items.--........ | 427,807,235 | 444,816.761 |
|  | -2,325,991 | -7,183,466 |
|  | 81 |  |
| Deduct outstanding obligations: |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| Matured interest obilgations | 24,452,689 | 36,154,603 |
| Disbursing offleers' checks | 74,693,516 | 75,406,651 |
| Discount accrued on War Savings Certif | 5,858,690 | 6.720,025 |
| Settlement warrant checks | 3,523,156 | 2,773,952 |
| Total. | 108,528,051 | 121,055,231 |
| Balance, deflitt ( $\rightarrow$ ) or surpl | 316,053,19 | +316,578,064 |

## THE CURB MARKET.

The recommendation of the Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Board that re-discount rates be raised to $6 \%$ caused a sharp drop in Curb stocks in nearly all issues. on Wednesday of this week. Thereafter uncertainty was the chief characteristic though to-day's market showed a better tone. In the utility group Allied Power \& Light com. fell from $557 / 8$ to 50 and recovered to 54. Amer. Gas \& Elec. com. declined from $1643 / 8$ to 150 . Amer. Superpower, com. A broke from 161 to $1455 / 8$ sold back to 165 and closed to-day at $1621 / 2$. The com. B slumped from $1531 / 2$ to $1451 / 2$ and recovered to $1653 / 4$. Buff.-Niagara \& East Pow. sold down from $841 / 2$ to $601 / 2$. Electric Bond \& Share com. dropped from $1011 / 4$ to $913 / 8$ and ends the week at $921 / 2$. Electric Investors broke from $1577 / 8$ to $1361 / 2$, but recovered finally to $1511 / 2$. Southeastern Power \& Light, com. was off from $935 / 8$ to $855 / 8$, the close to-day being at $905 / 8$. Among míscellaneous issues Aviation Corp. of Amer. dropped from $715 / 8$ to $641 / 4$ and sold finally at 66 . Bendix Aviation, com. lost 14 points to $851 / 4$ and finished to-day at $871 / 4$. Consol. Aircraft sold down from $435 / 8$ to 38 with a final recovery to $411 / 2$. Consol. Instrument was off from $337 / 8$ to $281 / 8$. Deere \& Co. was down over 38 points to $3601 / 2$. Fokker Aircraft declined from $627 / 8$ to $545 / 8$ and closed to-day at 55 . Goldman Sachs Trading fell from $1061 / 8$ to $993 / 4$ and rested finally at $1005 / 8$. GrigsbyGunow com. lost 18 points to 138 , recovering finally to $1441 / 2$. Oil stocks in comparison with the rest of the market show only slight losses.

A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 3493.
daily transactions at the new yorí curb market.

| Week EndedMay 24 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Stocks } \\ & \text { (No. Shares) } \end{aligned}$ | Rtohts | Bonds (Par Value). |  |
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|  |  |  | Domestlc | Foretion Governmen. |
| Saturda | 882,900 | 28,740 | 8779,000 | \$120,000 |
| Tuesday | $1,217,800$ $1,370,000$ | 51,900 73,670 | $1,271,000$ $1,246,000$ | 191,000 215,000 |
| Wednesday | 1,416.800 | $\begin{array}{r}113.670 \\ \hline 8\end{array}$ | 1,408,000 | ${ }^{383,000}$ |
| ${ }_{\text {Friday }}$ Thur | $1,127,680$ $1,273,900$ | 98,440 101,390 | $1,219,000$ $1,414,000$ | 226,000 126,000 |
| Total | 7,289,080 | 467,810 | 87,337,000 | \$1,261,000 |

## New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

 (Au prices dollars per ssare.)| Alliance R'lty |  | ${ }_{100}^{\text {a }}$ | Lawyers West- | Brd | A8k | N. Y. Inv't'rs | ${ }^{\text {B }}$ d | Ast |
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| Amsurety new | 175 | 185 | chest M \& T | 325 | 365 | 1st pret-... | 98 |  |
| New ( $\mathrm{S}_{2}$ Opar) | 10 i | $10{ }^{\circ}$ | ${ }_{\mathrm{N}}^{\text {Mtge }} \mathrm{Y}$ Titie Bud | 175 | 185 | $\underset{\text { Westchester }}{\text { 2d pref }}$ |  |  |
| Home Tilie ${ }_{\text {Laws }}$ | 300 337 | 375 345 | Mortgage.- | 72 | 73 | Title \& Tr - | 1160 | 180 |
| Lawyers Titie <br> \& Guarante | 400 | 410 | us Casualty. | $\begin{aligned} & 450 \\ & 108 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 40 \\ & 112 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |

## 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 8 1929:

## GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amounted to $£ 158,216,669$ on the and represents an increase of $1456,043,567$ on the previous Wednesday., and represents an increase of
an effective gold standard was resumed
The bulk-about $£ 720,000$ - of the $£ 804,000$ bar gold available in the open market this week was secured by the Bank of England, as shown in the figures below, and the balance was disposed of as follows: $£ 3,0,000$
for the home trade,
$£ 35,000$ for the Continental trade and $£ 15,000$ for India The following movements of gold to and from the Bat been announced, showing a net influx of $£ 1,991,901$ during the week under review:
Received - $\qquad$
 Of the receipt on the 6th instant, $£ 1,000,000$ was in sovereigns from dus tralia. The amount recirved yesterday was in bar gold of which about

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720.000 \text { was from South Africa, but the source of the }
$$ £720,000 was from South Africa, , but the source of the balance- $£ 93,394-$ and the $£ 200.532$ bar gold received on the 6th instant is not known The

withdrawals consisted of $£ 13,691$ in bar gold and $£ 14,000$ in sovereigns The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold registered from mid-day on the $29 t \mathrm{th}$ ult. to mid-day on the 6 th inst.:

 Other countries

## £1,292,366

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## SILVER.

£321,933
Sellers have been inclined to hesitate following the decline in the market and more steadiness has been maintained during the past week. China has prices, culminating yesterday in a rise of 3 -16d. for both positions, thus carrying the quotatiions to $25.1 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. and 259 -16d. for cash and two months' delivery respectively. The upward movements have corresponded to some
setback in the Japanese exchange, and it is thought therefore that the silver operations formed the counterpart of operations in yen. Indications that the market was overstrained proved well-founded, as following the advance, holders of silver on china account were willing sellers and to-day prices reacted sharply a fall of 3 -16d. and
ing quotations down to $255-16 \mathrm{~d}$.
Until yesterday, when American operators were keen to take advantage the Indian Bazaars have made forward sales had been more restricted, but rompt shipment.
The 3 d inst. saw the cash, quotation once more at a discount as compared Weing then established; to-day, however, rates were again quoted even at
$255-16 \mathrm{~d}$. 25 5-16d.
The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of silver
registered from mid-day on the $29 t \mathrm{th}$ ult. to midd-day on the 6th inst.:
 The stock in Shanghai on the 4th inst. consisted of about $78,500,000$
ounces in sycee, $126.000,000$ dollars and with about $78,500,000$ ounces in sycee, $125,000,000$ dollars and 9,180
silver bars on the 27 th ult. Quotations during the
Quotations during the week:



The silver quotations to-day for cash and two months' delivery are each

## ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKET-PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, \&c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

| Sliver, p. oz.d. ${ }_{25}^{\text {May } 18 .}$ | Mon., | Tues., | Wed., | Thurs., | Fri., |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | May 20. | May 21. | May 22. | May 23. | May 24. |
|  | Holiday | 251/3 | 25 1-16 | 24 13-16 | 24 13-16 |
| Gold, p. fine oz. $84.111 / 2$ | Hollday | $84.111 / 2$ | $84.113 / 8$ | $84.111 / 2$ | 84.111/2 |
| Consols, $21 / 28$. | Hollday | $543 / 8$ | 541/6 | 54 | 541/8 |
| British, 5s. | Hollday | 1007/3 | 1003/4 | 1005/3 | 100\%/8 |
| British, $41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$.. | Hollday | 961/8 | 961/8 | 96 | 961/8 |
| French Rentes (in Paris) fr. | Hollday | 75 | 74.90 | 74 | 74.6 |
| French War Lin |  |  |  |  |  |
| (in Paris) _fr. | Hollday | 101.45 | 101.55 | 101.35 | 101.30 |
| The price of silver in New York on the same days has been: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.): |  |  |  |  |  |
| Foreign...... 535/3 | 533/4 | $537 / 3$ | 531/8 | 531/3 | 535/8 |

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National Banks.-The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED WITH TITLES REQUESTED.
May 15-The First National Bank of Trenton, Mich $\begin{array}{r}\text { Capital. }\end{array}$ Building, Detroit, Milchigan.
May 15-The Central National Bank of Paterson, N. J-F-- $\quad$ Cot-. 500,000 Paterson, N , J
Ninth Avenue National Bank \& Trust Co. of Nev York, N. Y.
Correspondent, Maurice M.'W Wckoff, 1320 Madiso
Ave., New York, N. Y.

500,000 APPLICATION TO ORGANIZE APPROVED.
May 17-The First National Bank of Sayreville, N. J.
Correspondent, Fred S. Davis, 394 Main St., Sayrevilie,
APPLICATION TO CONVERT APPROVED.
May 16-Union Planters' National Bank \& Trust Co. of Mem-
phis, Tenn-r Union Planters Bank \& Trust Co. of
Memversion of Tenn.
CHARTERS ISSUED
May 14 -The First National Bank in Brooksville, Fla--...
May 15-Central National Conyersion of Central state Bank of Des Moines, Iowa.
May 15-The Nebraska National Bank of Minden, Neb-.-- Neb.
May 15- The Nebraska National Bank of Minden, Neb-...
40,000
May 15-The Merchants National Bank \& Trust Co. of Fargo, President, H. W. Gearey; Cashier, E. E. Simonson. 250,000
May 15-The National Bank of Valley City, N. Dake-1. Fouks,- 100,000
May 16-The North Broad Nattonal Bank of Philadelphia, Pa-- 250,000 President, Herbert Hope; Oashier, R. M. Flood.

CHANGE OF TITLES.
May 15-Brotherhood National Bank of San Francisco, Calif., to "City
May 15-The Palisades Park National Bank, Palisades Park, N, J., to May 16-The First National Bank of Huntington, N. Y, , to "First Na-
May 17-The First National Bank of New Canaan, Oonn., to ", "The First National Bank \& Trust Company of Now Oanaan." VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.
May 16-The Louisville National Bank \& Trust Co., Louisville,
Capital. Effective close of business May 15 1929.-Ciq. Com- $\$ 750,000$ board of directors of the Hiquidating bank. Succeeded by new State bank. The liquidating bank has six
May 16-The First National Bank of Big Sandy, TennEffective May 161929 Liq. Agent, Penn Peopes Union
Bank \& Trust Co of Camden, Tenn. Absorbed by
Peoples Trut Peoples Union Bank \& Trust Co. of Oamden, Tenn.
May 16-The Planters National Bank of Detroit, Texas. ......
Effective May 13 1299. Lq. Agent, W. W. Holiowy.
Detroit, Texas. Absorbed by Oitizens State Bank of Detroit, Texas.
Detroit, Texas.
BRANCH AUTHORIZED UNDER AOT OF FEB. 251927. May 16-The Second National Bank of Boston, Mass, Location of
branch, in the Park Square district, Boston.

Auction Sales.-Among other securities, the following not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction
in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Buffalo on Wednesin New York, Bos
By A. J. Wright \& Co., Buffalo:

##  Boston, temp. ctt.. par 55 .... 81.50 lot

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 1929 and sub, coup. attached: $\$ 3,000$ Jan. 1 1942, July 1929 and sub. coup.
attached; S17,000 Island Develop. Co. 3-yr. 6s, Feb. 15 1930, Aug. 1929 and
sub. coup. attached; $\$ 15,000$ Kenshire Apartments (Kengyle Bldg. Corp.,
Chicago) 1st $61 / \mathrm{sis}$, Oct. 151940 , Oct. 1929 and sub. coup, att. 15 hed; 1940, Oct.
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Corp., Chicago) 1st $61 / 28$, Oct. 151941 Oct, 1929 and sub. coup. attached City, 1 st 6 s , Mar. Mar. 15 1939, Corp., N, Y.
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and and sub coup, attached; $\$ 5,000 \mathrm{~N}$. Y. $20-\mathrm{yr}$. sink. fund 6, FFe. 111947 , Aug,
1929 and sub. coup. attached; $\$ 1,000$ Lords Court Exchange Place Corp share or part in Lords Court Exchange Pec. 11942 , June sink, fund 51/2s, due
Dand and sub. coup Realty Corp. 1 st . Cerial Penney Bldg. $51 \mathrm{~s}, ~ M a y$ 1941, Nov. 1929 and sub, coup, at-
tached: $\$ 57,000$ Home Mtge. Co., Dur ham, No. Caro., $51 / 1 \mathrm{~s}$ bonds, ser. 1
Nov. 1929 and sub. coup. attached Maturitles as follows: $\$ 11,000$ May 1
$1932, \$ 15,000$ Nov. $1932, \$ 9.000$
 $\$ 17,782.39$ Los Angeles, Cal., St. Impt installment 7s, Jan. 2 1935, coupons
covering prin. payment due Jan. 21930 and sub. coup. attached; coup. coversub. coup. attached; unpaid coupons totalling \$484.77, covering prin. and
int. payments due Jan. 2 1929, attach.
$88,697.01$ spec. tax bills, St. Impt. Dist. Tulsa, Okla., 7s, due Dec, 11933, in-
stallment coupons covering prin. and int. due Dec. 11929 and sub. coup. attached; also install. coupons covering unpald prin. and int, totalling $\$ 132.85$,
due Dec. 1 1928, attached or available $\$ 1,526.24$ (duplicates) install. bonds for street assessment, Clty and Co. of San Francisco, Calif., D. F. Roberts to A.J
Ralsch 7s, due July 101934 . Four in Raisch 7s, due July 101934 . Four in-
stallments paid on bond No. 3186 of
\$105.40 each, balance amount unpaid $\$ 105.40$ each, balance amount unpaid
$\$ 632.47$; three installments pald on $\$ 632.47$; three installments pald on
bond No. 185 of $\$ 127.75$ each, balance stallment 7s, Long Beach, Callf, due Jan. 2 1935: prin. coup. due Jan., 1930
and sub. coup, attached; Int, coup, due July 1929 and sub. coup. attached;
$81,728.84$ St. Impt. instail 78 , Angeles, Calif., due Jan. 2 1935; prin. coup. due Jan. 1930 and sub. coup.
attached; int. coup. due July 1929 and sub. coup. attached; unpald int. and prin. coup, due Jan. 1929, $\$ 30.70$, at-
tached or available........ $\$ 3,000$ lot Boston:

## Shares. Stocks. 10 Saco-Lowell Shops 1st pref_... per $\$ h$ 10 No. 57 . 10 Saco-Lowell Shops 1st pref..... $571 / 2$ No. Bost. Ltg. Prod. com. un$691 / 4$ 6 units First Peoples Trust .-....................... 90  10 Hood Rubber Co. $71 / 5 \%$ pret.-.- $521 / 2$ 50 Beacon Participations, 20 Beacon Partlecpations, Inc., cl. A pref 35 Great Northern Paper Co., $21 / 4$ ex-div. 35 No. Bost. Ltg. Prop. com- 6014 mon $v . t$ t. ${ }^{\circ}$............-84-843/ 16 No. Bost. Ltg. Prop. common undeposited 11 units First Peoples Trust................ 50 Nevs England Pub Corp. .com.... 40 $81 / 3$ 50 . Co. com. 60 40 Jones, McDuffee \& Stratton. 50 Beacon Partlcipations Inc. cl. A preferred $3 \mathrm{3} / 4$ 2 Amer. Mrg. Co. common................. 48 5 Amer. Mrg. Co. pref-C.-........ 64 300 Atlantio Pub. Util. Inc. of Del. class A................221/2-22 5/8 elass A pret .........201s.-21 $1 / 2$ ex-div. 25 Saco-Lowell Shops 2 d pret...... $281 / 4$ 5 Hood Rubber Co. $71 / 2 \%$ pref 21 Merrimac Chemical Co. par $\$ 50$.  S12.000 1st Per Cent. Charles H. Hemenway to Henry H. Senders and Everett J. Holmes dated Oct. 171927 , on 20 acres dated Oct. 17 1927, on 20 acres of land on West St., Weymouth,

By R. L. Day \& Co., Boston:

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| 17 Milten Men \& Management |  |
|  50 Metropoltan Tr. Co... par $\$ 50 .-1$.100 Real Estate-Land Title Trust |  |
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## DIVIDENDS

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid
The dividends announced this week are:

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| New England Power Assn., com. (qu.) <br> Preferred (quar.) |  |  |  |
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|  <br>  Standard Gas \& Electric, 88 p pret. (quar.) |  |  |  |
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| Equitable (quar.) Companies. <br> Fulton (quar.) <br> U. S. Mtge. \& Trust (two months) |  |  |  |
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and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.
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Preterred. Preferred -...... Androscoggin \& Kennebec, pref...-..Atlant1c Coast Line RR., com Balttmore \& Ohlo, com. (quar.) Bangor \& Aroostaok, com. (quar.)
Preferred (quar.) Canadian Pacific, com. (quar.).Chesapeake Corporation (in stock Chesspeake \& Ohio, preferred-
Chestunt Hill (quar).
Chicago Burlington \& Quincy.-.

 Special guar. stock (quar.).
Colorado \& Southern, 1st pret. onsolldated RRs. of Cuba pref. (qu.) Preferred
Preferred
Delaware \& Hudson Co..............
Hudson \& Manhattan, common Hudson \& Manhattan, common. Kansas Okianoma \& (quar.)--.
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Mentral, common (quar.) Preterred (quar.)
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Nash. Chat. \& St. Louls (in stock) ew Orleans, Texas \& Mexlco (quar.)
Y. Clic. \& St. Louls, com. \& pt. (q) Y. Y. H. \& Hartford, com. (quar.)
 ntario \& Quebec capital stock
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Public Utilities.
Amer. Gas \& Elec., com. (quar $)$ Common (1-50th share common stock) Preferred (quar.,
Amer. Power \& Light, com.-(quar.).-...-
Com. (1-50th share com, stock) Amer. Teleg. \& Cable (quar.) Amer. Water Wks, \& Elec, Ist pf. (qu.)
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$\$ 7$ cum. pret., ser. A (quar.).......
Baton Rouge Elec. Co Baton Rouge Eliec. Co, pret. A (quar.) Brazillan Tr., Lt. \& Pow., com. (quar.)
Brooklyn City RR. (quar.) Brooklyn Edison Co. (quar.)
Brooklyn Unlon Gas (quar.) Buff. Nlag. \& Fast. Pow., com. (qu.) Class A (quar.)
Ftrst preferred (quar.)..................... Central III. Publlo Serv., prd. (qu.).
Central Indlans Power, pref. (quar.) Central Public Serv...cl. A (quar.) -
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Cleveland Electric nlum., pref. (quar.)
Community Water Service, pref. (qu.) Communily $\begin{aligned} & \text { Riter Power, pref......... } \\ & \text { Consol. Gas of N. Y., com. (quar.) }\end{aligned}$.
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Empire Gas \& Fuel, $6 \%$ pref. (mthly.)
$7 \%$ preferred (mthly.).
$8 \%$ preferred (mthly.).
Engineers Public Service, com. (quar.)
$\$ 5$ preferred (quar.)
Fall River Electric Llght (quar.)......... Federal Light \& Tract., com. (qu.)....
Common (payable in com. stock) Preferred (quar. -
2Federal Water Service, class A A (quar.)
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Gulf states Utilites, $\$ 5.50$ pref. (qu.) $\$ 6$ preferred (quar.)....
Hackensack Water, com.
Havana Electric Ry., pret. (quar.).-.0. Illinols Power, $6 \%$ pref. (quar.) Indlanapolis Water, $5 \%$ pref. A (quar.
Indlana Service Corp., $7 \%$ pref. (quar.) $6 \%$ preferred (quar.)
Keystone Telephone,
ref. (quar.). Loulsville Gas \& Electric Co
Common A and B (quar.)



| Name of Company. |  |  |  | Name of Company. |  |  |  |
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| Armour Armitrong Coors ( (quar.). |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Columbus Auto Parts, pret. (quar.) Community Motors Service Co. |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  | Holders of rec. May ${ }^{21 a}$ |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  | Corno Mills (quar <br> Coty. Inc., stook dividend |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | *Holders of rec. May 15 -Holders of rec. May 20 |  |  |  |  |
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| 00t |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & \text { Joct. } \\ & \text { Oc } \end{aligned}$ | Holders of rec. May 13 | Crucible Steel, pref. (quar.) |  |  |  |
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| -r) |  |  | *Holders of rei. Sept. 30 | Preferred (quar.) - David \& Frete, Ltd. (Montreal) --- <br> David \& Frere, Lt <br> Class A (quar.) ................. |  | June |  |
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$n$ Coty. Inc., declared a stock dividend of $0 \%$, $\boldsymbol{o}$ British-Amer. Tob, dividend is 10 pence per share. All transfers recelved ${ }_{p}$ Electric Shareholdings Corp in time for payment of dividend to transferes. rate of $50-100$ th of a share of common for each share preferred held
duction for expenses of depositary Express dividend is 20 Belgian franes less deR R O Grande Oll stock to be placed on a $\$ 2$ per annum basls. 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 $11 / 5$ shares on each 100 shares, the first $13 \%$ having been declared payable April 25 with the intention to declare a second ${ }^{8}$ Four shillings per share payable at rate of exchange prevaling on fourth day
preceding June 28 . To be quoted ex-dividend at the rate of $\$ 4.8665$ per $£$ sterling, equivalent to $\$ 0.9733$.
$t$ Subject to stockholders approval at meeting June 3.
$u$ Holland Furnace dividend $621 / 5 \%$ cash or $2 \%$ in stock.
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on July 2 .
w Less deductlon for expenses of deDositary. x Alliance Investment declared a stock dividend of $4 \%$ payable in quarterly
installments. y Peoples Light \& Pow. com. A stockholders have privilege up to and including
June 18 of applying above dividend to purchase of additlonal com $1-50$ th share for each share held. 2 Holders of Federal Water Service class A stock may apply the dividend to pur-
chase of additional class A stock at rate chase of additional
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 181929.

| Clearing House Members. Members. | *Capital. | *Surplus a Undiotded Proftes. | Net Demand Deposits Averape. | TYme Deposits Average. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bank of N. Y. \& Trust Co-.- | ${ }_{6,000,000}^{\mathbf{8}}$ | $\stackrel{\mathrm{S}}{\mathrm{~S}, 539,100}$ | $\stackrel{8}{60,759,000}$ | $\stackrel{\mathbf{1 1}, 282,000}{\mathbf{S}}$ |
| Bank of the Manhattan Co.-- | 22,250,000 | 42,559,300 | 178,702,000 |  |
| Bank of America Nat. Ass'n.- | $25,000,000$ $100,000,000$ | $38,364,400$ 111246 20,500 | 142,073,000 | 47,437,000 |
| Chemical Bank \& Trust Co. | $100,000,000$ 6,000 | 111,246,500 | $\begin{array}{r}\text { a876,499,000 } \\ 141 \\ \hline 1099\end{array}$ | 164,383,000 |
| Guaranty Trust Co. | h70,000,000 | h 115632000 | 14726,550,000 | 10,954,000 |
| Chat. Phen. Nat. Bk, \& Tr.Co | 13,500,000 | 15,698,000 | 155,224,000 | $98,041,000$ $40,067,000$ |
| Hanover Bank | 121,000,000 | 179,117,700 | 329,229,000 | 42,452,000 |
| Corn Exchange | 12,100,000 | 21,352,500 | 177.485,000 | 32,725,000 |
| National Park Ban Frst National Ban | $10,000,000$ $10,000,000$ | 26,601,000 | $129,679,000$ $220,381,000$ | $9,598,000$ |
| Irving Trust Co | 40,000,000 | 55,037,800 | 356,921,000 | 44,292,000 |
| Continental Bank | 1,000,000 | 1,550,500 | 7,823,000 | 693,000 |
| Chase National Bar | 61,000,000 | 79,908,400 | c574,026,000 | 65,315,000 |
| Fitth Avenue Bank | $\begin{array}{r} 500,000 \\ 11,000,000 \end{array}$ | $3,869,100$ $16.614,400$ | 25,274,000 | 983,000 |
| Bankers Trust Co. | 25,000,000 | 77,498,400 | d334,940,000 | $6,887,000$ $55,893,000$ |
| U. S. Mtge. \& Trust | 5,000,000 | 6,533,400 | 56,627,000 | 5 5,248,000 |
| Title Guarantee \& Trust Co. | 10,000,000 | 23,854,300 | 34,701,000 | 2,280,000 |
| Fidelity Trust Co. | $4,000,000$ 3,000 | $3,812,600$ <br> $4,160,400$ | 41,076,000 | 5,202,000 |
| Lawyers Trust New York Trust | - $\begin{array}{r}3,000,000 \\ 012,500,000\end{array}$ | - $\begin{array}{r}4,160,400 \\ 032,041,100\end{array}$ | $19,490,000$ $138,112,000$ | 2,239,000 |
| Farmers Loan \& Tru | 10,000,000 | 23,212,700 | e112,072,000 | 23,938,000 |
| Equitable Trust Co | 30,000,000 | 28,625,000 | f334,808,000 | 41,048,000 |
| Com'l Nat. Bank \& Trust Co- | 7,000,000 | 7,332,000 | 32,653,000 | 2,949,000 |
| Harriman Nat. Bk. \& Tr. Co- | 1,500,000 | 2,840,300 | 32,317,000 | 5,063,000 |
| Clearing Non-Member. Mechanics Tr. Co., Bayonne- | 500,000 | 817,200 | 3,155,000 | 5,610,000 |
| Totals. | 517,850,000 | 948,284,700 | 5,358,506,000 | 798,841,000 |

[^0]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 17:

INSTITUTIONS NOT IN CLEARING HOUSE WITH OLOSING OF BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK ENDED FRIDAY, MAY 171929.
NATIONAL AND STATE BANKS-Average Figures.

|  | Loans. | Gold. | Oth. Cash Including Bk. Notes | Res. Dep., <br> N. Y. and Elsewhere. | Dep.Other Banks and Trust Cos. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Gross } \\ \text { Deposits. } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ManhattanBank of U. S | 251,916,800 | \$3,000 | 4,801,700 | 45,185,900 | 4,500 |  |
| Bryant Park Bank | 2,036,600 | 91,800 | 4,174,300 | 149,000 |  | 263,077,000 |
| Chelsea Exch, Bk. | 22,729,000 |  | 1,785,000 | 1,256,000 |  | 22,132,000 |
| Grace National.-- | 18,416,900 | 3,000 | 68,200 | 1,519,000 | 1,604,700 | 15,749,500 |
| Port Morris.....- | 3,834,200 | 31,400 | 93,300 | -191,900 |  | 3,500,900 |
| Public National.- | 134,864,000 | 27,000 | 1,933,000 | 7,783,000 | 13646,000 | 133,124,000 |
| Nassau Nationsi.- | 23,263,000 | 100,000 | 324,000 | 1,780,000 | 436,000 | 20,920,000 |
| Peoples National - | 8,200,000 | 5,000 | 122,000 | 581,000 | 74,000 | 8,100,000 |
| Traders National. | 2,464,100 | 50,400 |  | 193,200 | 157,500 | 2,082,900 |

TRUST COMPANIES-Average Figures.

|  | Loans. | Cash. | Res've Dep.. N. Y, and Elsewhere. | Depos. Other Banks and Trust Cos. | Gross Deposits. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Manhattan- | ${ }_{52,427,400}$ |  |  | 8 | 5 |
| American.-.....-- | 52,427,400 $17,728,110$ | $10,471,700$ 876,139 | 1,066,000 | 24,100 | 51,060,900 |
| Bronx County .-...- | 22,299,302 | 590,430 | 1,811,252 |  | 22,179,730 |
| Central Unlon | 332,789,000 | *43,505,000 | 5,372,000 | 5,121,000 | 332,501,000 |
| Empire | 80,614,600 | *5,357,100 | 3,612,000 | 3,585,400 | 77.756,100 |
| Federation | 18,182,316 | 245,267 | 1,365,792 | 182,091 | 18,463.492 |
| Fulton. | 14,640,800 | *1,942,700 | 244,200 |  | 14,147,600 |
| Manufacturers | 397,559,000 | 3,207,000 | 58,075,000 | 2,183,000 | 361,062,000 |
| United States. | 69,715,322 | 3,150,000 | 6,400,795 |  | 53,485,453 |
| Brooklyn. | 119,820,200 | 3,255,000 | 19,343,500 |  | 115,953,200 |
| Kings County <br> Bayonne, N. | 29,162,021 | 1,953,471 | 2,484,418 |  | 27,151,760 |
| Mechanic | 1,701,969 | 254,324 | 730,554 | 334,554 | 9,316,634 |

*Includes amount with Federal Reserve Bank as follows: Central-Hanover:
$\$ 41,506,000$; Emplre, $\$ 3,753,000$; Fulton, $\$ 1,814,100$.

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.

|  | $\begin{gathered} M a y 22 \\ 1929 . \end{gathered}$ | Changes from Prevtous Week | $\begin{gathered} M a y 15 \\ 1929 . \end{gathered}$ | May <br> 1929. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Capt | ${ }^{5} 550,000$ | Unchanged | 86,550,000 | 0 |
| Surplus and profits.--.- | 02 | Unchanged | 116,024 | 0 |
| Individual deposits...--- | 663,016,000 | - $3,197,000$ | 666, 213,000 | 1.169.533.000 |
| Due to banks- | 123,674,000 | -2,731,000 | 126,405,000 | 133,264,000 |
| Time deposits ---7.--- | 266,443,000 | +1,655,00 | 264,788.000 | 688 |
| Exchanges for Clg. House | 29,342,000 | - ${ }^{3228,0}$ | 5,949,000 $29,790,000$ | ${ }^{6} \mathbf{6 , 7 6 4 7 , 0 0 0}$ |
| Due from other banks--- | 86,967,000 | +5.595,000 | 81,372.000 | 86,240,000 |
| des in legal deposit's.- | 79,080,000 | 10,000 | 79,790,000 | 81.249,000 |
| Res've excess in F.i. | $7,868,000$ 786000 |  | $7,901,000$ 467,000 | $8,132,000$ $1,527,000$ |

Philadelphia Banks.-The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending May 18, 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.


## Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, May 23 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 weens and with those or che 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 3429, being the first item in our department of "Current Events and Discussions."
combingd resources and liabilities of the federal reserve banks at the close of business may 221929.



## 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. The comment of the Reserve Board upon the figures for the latest week appears in our department of "Current Events and Discussions," on page 3429 immediately preceding which we also give the figures of New York and Chicago reporting member banks for a week later.


 banks is now omittedi in its spacecthe number of cities included has been substituted. 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. The figures are now given in
cound millions instead of in thousands. PRINCIPAL RESOURCES AND LIABI

BUSINESS ON MAY MEMBER BANKS IN RAGH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRIGT AS AT CLOSE OR

| Pegeral Reserve Distitct. | Total. | Boston. | Neto York | phisa. | Cleeolana | Rtchmond | Atanta. | chicapo. | St. Louts. | M nneap. | Kan. Cuv | Datas. | San Pras. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Loans and taveatments-tota | $\begin{aligned} & { }_{22,156}^{8} \end{aligned}$ | ${ }_{1}^{3}, 486$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8,444 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8 \\ & 1,211 \end{aligned}$ | $\stackrel{8}{2,181}$ | ${ }^{3} 676$ | ${ }_{6}{ }_{62}$ | $\frac{3}{3,306}$ | ${ }^{8} 701$ | ${ }^{368}$ | ${ }^{5} 687$ | ${ }_{483}$ | ${ }_{1}^{8}, 961$ |
| Loans-total | 16,301 | 1,099 | 6,273 | 895 | 1,518 | 518 | 516 | 2,595 | 524 | 244 | 452 | 347 | 1,319 |
| On securities. All other | $\begin{aligned} & 7,223 \\ & 9,078 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 465 \\ & 634 \\ & 636 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3,074 \\ & 3,200 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 466 \\ & 430 \end{aligned}$ | 700 818 | 188 329 | 150 366 | $\begin{aligned} & 1,209 \\ & 1,386 \end{aligned}$ | ${ }_{283}^{241}$ | 82 162 | 123 329 | 103 <br> 244 | ${ }_{897}^{422}$ |
| is vestments-tot | 5,855 | 386 | 2,171 | 316 | 663 | 158 | 136 | 71 | 177 | 124 | 23. | 135 | 642 |
|  | (2,872 | $\begin{aligned} & 190 \\ & 196 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,164 \\ & 1,006 \end{aligned}$ | ${ }_{212}^{104}$ | 319 344 | 75 84 | ${ }_{71}^{65}$ | 332 380 | 71 106 | 69 <br> 55 | ${ }_{125}^{110}$ | 95 41 | 378 264 |
| Reserve with F. R. Bank_ Cash In vault. | 1.682 227 | 95 17 | 790 66 | 78 13 | 125 28 | 39 11 | ${ }_{9}^{41}$ | 248 36 | 45 6 | 23 5 | 54 10 | ${ }^{34} 7$ | 110 18 |
| Net demand deposits Time deposits Government deposits | $\begin{gathered} 13,139 \\ 6,795 \\ 605 \\ 105 \end{gathered}$ | 891 458 5 | $\begin{aligned} & 5,803 \\ & 1,720 \\ & 46 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 723 \\ 207 \\ 5 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.027 \\ 955 \\ 9 \end{array}$ | 354 239 | 332 236 | $\begin{gathered} 1,850 \\ 1,238 \end{gathered}$ | 377 <br> 232 | 209 131 | 487 181 | 302 141 | 785 98 10 |
| Due from banks. Due to banks.- | ${ }_{2}^{1.099}$ | $\begin{array}{r}53 \\ 110 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 137 878 | 62 158 158 | 93 201 | ${ }_{95}^{48}$ | 73 100 | ${ }_{4}^{219}$ | 57 110 | 48 69 | 111 118 | 57 81 | 142 179 |
| Barrowings from F. R. Bank | 626 | 69 | 197 | 31 | 68 | ${ }_{30}$ | 47 | 62. | 20 | 12 | 35 | 14 | 40 |

Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.
The following shows the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at the aline of business May 221929 In comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year

| Resources- <br> Gold with Federal Reserve Agent $\qquad$ Gold redemp. fund with U. S. Treasury. | May 22 1929. May 15 1929. May 231928. |  |  | Resources (Concluad)-Gold held abroad...... | $\text { May } 221929 .$ | May 15 S 1929. May 231928 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 261,034,000 | 261,034,0 | 075,000 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 10,664,000 | 15,685,000 | Due from torelgn banks (\%) |  | 217,000 | 218,000 |
| Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notea | 271,151,000 | 271,698.000 | 191 | Uncollected ite | 187,965,000 | 251,653,000 | 16,563,000 |
| Gold and gold certificates held by bank. | 190,111,000 | 156,248,000 | 330,820,000 | All other res |  |  | $16,563,000$ $1,798,000$ |
|  | 505,125,000 | 486,300,000 | 385 | Total resources | 1,306,000 | 1,326,000 | 1,798,000 |
|  |  | 914,246,000 |  |  | 1,507,077,000 | 1.584,848,000 | 1,569,045,000 |
|  |  | 50.293,000 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | LLabluties- Fed'l Reserve not | 275,051,0 | 277,973,000 | 336,811,000 |
| Non-reserve |  | 36,895,000 | ,000 | Fedi Reserve note |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} 73,568,000 \\ 123,757,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 171,324,000 \\ 83,048,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 250,948,000 \\ 56,832,000 \end{array}$ | Government ${ }_{\text {Gorelgn bank (See }}^{\text {Fotel }}$ - | $\begin{array}{r} 913,102,000 \\ 3,202,000 \\ 1,635,000 \\ 8,741,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 931,019,000 | $947,128,000$$4,128,000$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $1,379,000$ $9,365,000$ | $1,512,000$ $9,840,000$ |
| Total bills disc | $\begin{array}{r} 197,325,000 \\ 27,441,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 254,372,000 \\ 35,115,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 307,780,000 \\ 65,249,000 \end{array}$ | Total deposits . .-.................- | 926,680,000 | 944,770,000 | 962,608,000 |
| Buls bought in ode |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| S. Gov | $\begin{array}{r} 155,000 \\ 18,409,000 \\ 2,120,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 155,000 \\ 17,279.000 \\ 5,295,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,744,000 \\ 7,462,000 \\ 22,238,000 \end{array}$ | Capital pald in Surplus. <br> All other liabilities | $\begin{array}{r} 70,704,000 \\ 56,202,000 \\ 71,282,000 \\ 7,158,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \begin{array}{r} 57,523,000 \\ 71,048,000 \\ 7,282,000 \\ 7,252,000 \end{array} \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 157,825,000 \\ 44,086,000 \\ 63,007,000 \\ 4,708,000 \end{array}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Treasur |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total U.S. Government securities.Other securitles (see note) Forelgn Loans on Gold. | 20,684,000 | $\begin{array}{r} 22,729,000 \\ 1,915,000 \end{array}$ | 31,444,000 | . 1,507,077,000 |  | 1,584,848,000 | , 569,045,000 |
|  |  |  |  | Ratio of total reserves to deposit and Fed'l Res've note llabilities combined. Contingent liability on bills purchased for forelgn correspondence. |  |  |  |
|  | 15 |  |  |  | 84.4 | 78.9\% | 2.5 |
| Total bllls and securitles (See Note)... | 247,365,000 | 314,131,000 | 404,473,000 |  | 25,605 |  |  |
| NOTE,-Beginning with the statement of Oct. 71925, two new items were added in order to shorrespondence........... 125,605,000 115,792,000 $\quad 76,918,000$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| forelgn correspondents. In addition, the eaption "All other earning assets," previously made up of Federal Intermediate Credit Bank debentures, was changed so Other securities," and the oaption "Total earning assets" to "Total bills and securities," The latter term was adopted as a more accurate descriptlon of the total of the dis rountacceptances and socurities acquired under the Drovisions of Sections 13 and 14 of |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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Wall Street, Friday Night, May 241929. Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks. - See page 3461. Stock Exchange sales this week of shares not in detailed list

| STOCKS <br> Week Ended May 24 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sales } \\ \text { for } \\ \text { Week. } \end{gathered}$ | Range for Week. |  | Range Since Jan. 1. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Lowest. | Highest |  | est. H | Highes |
| Ind. \& Misc. (Conc.) Par. |  |  | Shares2,8003,2001,70018,40025,400 |  |  |  |  |  |
| West Dairy pret | B rights e Prod** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Westract Chlorine Prod* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Woolworth Co new wiio |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bank, Trust \& Insurance Co. Stocks. Equit $\operatorname{Tr}$ Co of N Y.. 100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * No par value. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Quotations for U. S. Treas. Ctfs. of Indebtedness, \&c. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| turty. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 96 <br> 96 <br> 96 <br> $9925_{38}$ <br> $992{ }^{93}$ |  |
| June 151929 Bept. 151929 Dec. 151929 | $\begin{aligned} & 43 \% \\ & 43 \% \\ & 414 \% \end{aligned}$ |  | ${ }^{99^{211_{31}}}$ $9^{99^{16} 32}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 43\% |  |  |

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.


New York City Realty and Surety Companies.-p. 3464
United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.Dally Record of U. S. Bond Prtces. May 18 May 20 May 21 May 22 May 23 May 24

|  |  | ${ }^{9727 z_{32}}$ | 9720 | $9710_{32}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | $710_{32}$ |  |
|  |  |  | 16 | 290 | 116 |  |
| Converted $4 \%$ bonds of High |  | 97 |  |  |  |  |
| 32-47 (Ftrst 48) - Low- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| unts |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | ${ }_{99}{ }_{92}{ }^{9}$ | ${ }_{983 z_{22}}^{9931}$ | ${ }_{98183}^{98 z_{32}}$ | ${ }^{9811_{35}}$ |  |
| (Cl |  | 9932 |  | ${ }^{9813_{32}}$ | 98142 |  |
| Total sales in $\$ 1,000$ units ond converted $41 / \%$ ( H |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| bonds of 1932-47 (Frrst Lo |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Second 41 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total sales |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 44\%\% bonds of 1933-38.. Lo |  | 99433 | 9837 | 99183 |  |  |
| (Fourth 43/8) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total sales in 81,000 untsts |  |  | 51 | 101 |  |  |
| asury | 1081832 | $108{ }^{10}{ }^{32}$ | 1073032 | 107 | $100^{3032}$ |  |
| 478. 19 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total sates in 51,000 undts | 10 | $108{ }^{1038}$ | $10720{ }^{27}$ | ${ }^{106} 99$ | ${ }_{136}^{106293}$ |  |
| High | 104 | $10411{ }^{3}$ | 104438 | $10314{ }^{122}$ | 103 |  |
| , | 104 | 104153 | $103{ }^{323}$ | $1022^{22}$ |  |  |
| Total sales sn 81.000 units |  | $10110{ }^{2}$ |  | 176 |  |  |
| 3\%s. |  | $1011^{103}$ | 1003 |  |  |  |
|  | $1011_{3}$ |  | 10 | 100 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Totar sates in \$1,000 un |  |  | 53 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Note. The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:


Foreign Exchange.-
To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4.841/2(3)
$4.84 \%$ for checks and $4.847 / \% 4.8431-32$ for cables.
Commercial banks, sight, $4.8419 @ 4.847-16$; sixty days, $4.79 .11-16$ ninety days,
$4.779-16 @ 4.77 \%$, and documents for payments, $4.7815 .16 @ 4.79$ 11-16. Cotton for payment, $4.8321-32$, and grain for payment $4.8321-32$ To-day's (Eriday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' franes were $3.903 / 3$ (3)
3.90
short for short. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were $40.15 @ 40.19$ for Exchange at Paris on London, 124.10 francs, week's range, 124.13 francs high and 124.11 francs low.
The range for foreign exchange for the week follows: Sterling, Actual
How for week the week
Low for $\qquad$ $4.8411-16$
$4.8413-32$ Cables $^{4.651-16}$
$4.8427-32$

 ${ }_{3.90}^{3.90} 13-16$ ${ }_{40.17}^{40.21 / 2}$

## Report of Stock Sales-New York Stock Exchange



Occupying Altogether Eight Pages-Page One

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see preceding page.


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- BId and asked prices; no sales on this day. $x$ Ex-dilidend.


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New York Stock Record-Continued-Page 7
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New York Stock Exchange-Bond Record, Friday, Weekly and Yearly


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IDue Feb. 1.

New York Bond Record-Continued-Page 4

a Due May, e Due June, \& Due August.

New York Bond Record-Continued-Page 5


Lower Austrian Hydro El Pow－


 Mfrs $\operatorname{Tr}$ Co etfs of partle in
$A$ I Namm \＆ A I Namm \＆Son 1st 6s＿1
Market St Ry 7s ser A April
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Metr Ed 1st \＆ref 5 s ser C．－．
 Without warrants Mid－Cont Petrol 1st 6158－－1940
Midvale Steel \＆Conv 15 s 1936
Milw E1 Ry \＆Lt
 Montana Power 1st 5 s A．．．．．． 1943
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Montecatlin MIn \＆Agric－ Montecatini Min \＆Agric－
Deb 7s with warrants＿．．．－1937
Without warrants＿－．．．．．．

 Mortgage－Bond Co 4s ser 2－1966 A
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 1st cons 615 s serles B．．．．． 1962 M N

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 20－years 168 ．．．．．．．．． 1947 Mo Am Edison deb 58 ser A．－1940 1957 M
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Nor States Pow 1st \＆ref 5 －yr 68 serles B＿－ 1941 A North W T 1st fdg 435 sig Bd -1934
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| Pacifle Tel \＆Tel 1st 5 S | Pgn－Amer P \＆T T conv s i 6s＿1934 M Pan－Am Pet Co（of Cal）conv $88^{\circ} 40$ ． Paramount－Fam＇g－Lasky 6 s ＿1947 J Park－Lex 1st leasehold 635s－1953 J Pat \＆Passalc G \＆El cons 5 s 1949 M

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Outside Stock Exchanges
Boston Stock Exchange.-Record of transactions at the Boston Stock Exchange, May 18 to May 24, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

| Stocks- | $\begin{gathered} \text { Friday } \\ \text { Last } \\ \text { Sase } \\ \text { Price } \end{gathered}$ | Week's Range of Prices. Low. H40 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sales } \\ \text { for } \\ \text { feek. } \\ \text { Shares. } \end{gathered}$ | Ranoe Since Jan. 1 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Low. | Hion |
|  | ${ }_{963 / 2}$ |  | 65 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 54 | 100 Mar | $\begin{aligned} & 116 \\ & 108 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | 101 | $\begin{array}{ll} 114 & 116 \\ 101 & 1033 / 2 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |
| oston \& Maine Common unstamped_100 |  |  |  | 87 Apr |  |
| Ser C 1st pt unstpd.. 100 |  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{cc} 90 & 913 / 2 \\ 70 & 70 \\ 97 & 97 \end{array}\right.$ | 185 185 | $\begin{array}{ll} 87 & \mathrm{Appr} \\ \hline & \mathrm{Apr} \\ \hline & \mathrm{Apr} \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 106 \\ & 94 \\ & 132 \end{aligned}$ |
| Prior preferred stpd.. 100 |  | 105 | $\begin{array}{r} 185 \\ 1,099 \end{array}$ |  |  |
| Ser A 1st prd stpd ... 100 |  | $\begin{array}{ll}112 & 114 \\ 102 & 102\end{array}$ | +105 | 112 | ${ }^{89}$ |
| Ber C 1st pret stpd.. 1 no |  |  |  | 100 |  |
| Ser D 1st pfd stpd... 100 |  | 141102170 | 140 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 160 \\ & 100 \end{aligned}$ |
| Boston \& |  |  | 7 |  | 107 |
| East Mass St R | $\stackrel{-7}{19}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 190 \\ & 129 \\ & 35 \end{aligned}$ | 170 |  |
| Prefer |  |  |  |  | 72 |
|  | 58 |  |  | ${ }_{62}^{42} \mathrm{M}$ | $561 / 3$ 80 |
| aine C |  | ${ }^{66}{ }^{668}$ | \% ${ }^{85}$ |  |  |
|  | 122 76 | 1/103\%/4 | 2,333 | ${ }_{120}^{82}$ | 10433 |
| neylvan |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Inv | ${ }_{13}^{20}$ | 19 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,275 \\ 583 \end{array}$ | ${ }_{17}^{17}$ |  |
| Amer Chatillon Corp..... Amer Cittes Pr \& Lt CorD <br> Amer Class B |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{lll}231 / 6 & \mathrm{Mar} \\ 70 & \text { Apr }\end{array}$ |  |
| Amer. \& Gen Soc Corp-..- |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{75}^{30}$ May |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| mmer T |  | 2083/ $215 \%$ | 189,310 | ${ }^{193}$ Jan | 238\% Apr |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 17 | ${ }^{1,960}$ |  |  |
| 兂 |  |  | $\stackrel{10}{20}$ | ${ }^{22} 15$ | 107 |
| Capital Adminis Co Litd- |  | $41 \quad 41$ |  |  | 94 |
|  |  |  | 65 | 41 May | ${ }^{43}$ May |
| Oolumbia Graph' Oontinental Securites CorD Credit Alliance Corn ol A | --..-. | $\begin{gathered} 41 \\ 673 / 85 \\ 101 \\ 101 \\ 101 \end{gathered}$ | 3,088 | ${ }_{101}^{101} \mathrm{May}$ |  |
|  | - $361 / 2$ | 101 101 | 1,763 |  |  |
| Eastern Manufacturing--5 |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{lll}473 / 6 & \text { Jan } \\ 5\end{array}$ |
| Eastern SS Preferred. | 1013 <br> 463 <br> 1 |  | 1,100 2,199 | $\square$ | ${ }^{5}{ }^{5} \% \mathrm{M} / \mathrm{May}$ |
|  |  | 451/4 461/4 |  | pr |  |
| Eastern Utllity Inv Corp.- | 40\% | 100 |  | Ma |  |
|  |  | 27 |  |  |  |
| Eateon Eliec |  | 299 |  | ${ }_{28}^{280}$ Jan |  |
|  | 100 | 100101 | 740 | 100 |  |
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| neral All |  |  | 1 | 14 Apr |  |
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| lette Sate | 1083 | 10 | 1,093 |  |  |
| elf Bros C |  | 1 | 0 |  |  |
| athaways |  | 2931/ 303 | 1,230 |  |  |
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|  |  | 423/8 $451 / 4$ |  | 37 AD |  |
| Preferred |  |  |  | , |  |
| 俍suranshares |  | 22 |  |  |  |
| H |  | 131 |  | 2 |  |
| Hydro El Sy |  | 431/2 44 | 2,495 | 43 May |  |
| dader Peab |  | , | 211 | ${ }^{\text {co3/ }}$ AD |  |
| -w's |  |  | 00 |  |  |
| ssachuset | 149 | 148149 |  | 128 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | May |
| argenthaler | 113 | 1061107 |  |  |  |
| tlonal Lea |  |  | 168 | $27 / 8 \mathrm{ADP}$ |  |
| ${ }^{\text {tse }}$ |  |  | 34 | May |  |
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| ece Button |  |  |  |  | M |
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| seve |  |  | 150 | 14 Ma |  |
| wmut As8 |  | ${ }_{33}^{223 / 5} 36{ }^{241}$ | ${ }_{4}^{6,8}$ | 221/2 Ma |  |
| ${ }_{4}+\mathrm{Co}$ | 128 |  |  |  |  |
| rrimgton | 76 | ${ }^{75} 56$ |  | 70 |  |
| ower Mrg |  | ${ }^{93 / 3} 1810$ | 73 | 8 Ja |  |
| 1-Continen |  | 30 | 36 | 2036 |  |
| Prater |  |  |  | $104{ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |
| nion C |  | ${ }^{600} 1$ | 34 | May |  |
| Ion T |  | 47.50 | 1,52 |  | 52 |
| ted Stoe | 31 | $\begin{array}{lll}6595 & 69 \\ 31 & 31\end{array}$ | 2,54 |  |  |
| Pril |  | ${ }_{41}{ }^{31} 41$ |  |  |  |
| d |  | 90390 |  |  |  |
| 8* | 1 | $\begin{array}{ll}41 & 413 \\ 23\end{array}$ | 3,871 | 403 |  |
| Utillity Equit |  |  | ${ }_{1,475}^{120}$ | 23 | 271/ Mar |
|  |  |  | , | 12 AD |  |
| Venezuelan M | 6 | 60, 6 | 1,94 | ${ }^{66}$ |  |
| ste | 2913 |  |  | ${ }_{50}^{22 / 8} \mathrm{M}$ | 323/ May |
| altham Wat |  |  |  | ${ }_{139}^{50} \mathrm{Ma}$ |  |
| West |  |  |  | Ma |  |
| Westrield Mrg co com...- |  |  | S35 | May |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 1,410 \\ 300 \end{array}$ |  |  |
|  | 55 |  | 35 |  |  |
|  |  |  | 10 |  | 5036 Mar |
|  |  | $3{ }^{3}$ | , | 3 M |  |







## 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 18) and ending the present Friday (May 24). It is compiled entirely from the daily reports of the Curb Market itself, and is intended to include every security, whether stook or bonds, in which any dealings occurred during the week covered.


| Stocks（Continued）Par． | Friday Last SalePrice． | Week＇s Range of Prices． Low．High． |  | Range Since Jan． 1. |  | Stocks（Contnued）Par． | $\begin{gathered} \text { Friday } \\ \text { Last } \\ \text { Sale } \\ \text { Price. } \end{gathered}$ | Week＇s Range of Prices． <br> Low．High． |  | Range Stuce Jan． 1. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Lov． | High． |  |  |  |  | Low． | Htoh． |
| auman（Ludwig） |  |  |  |  |  |  | 26 | 8 | 25，100 |  |  |
| Common－．．．－．－．－${ }^{\text {Co }}$ |  | $\begin{array}{lll}317 / 8 & 317 / 8 \\ 96\end{array}$ | 10 | ${ }^{30} 10 \mathrm{Apr}$ | ${ }_{100}^{32}$ May |  |  |  |  | $\mathrm{Mar}^{\text {Feb }}$ | Mar |
| Collanca |  |  | 4，0 | ${ }^{15}$ | 24 May |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 991／4 May |  | 101／2 |  | 38，900 | Mar |  |
| Bendix C |  |  |  | 100 | 195 May | Gamewell | 23\％ | $811 / 2$ |  | Mar |  |
| anson ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 481 | 11 |  | ${ }_{481 / 3}^{9}$ |  | Gears \＆Fo |  | ${ }^{231 / 4} 8$ |  |  |  |
|  |  | 40 |  |  |  | General A |  | 171／3 181／4 |  | $13 \% / \% \mathrm{Apr}$ | n |
| 1188 （E W）Co | 46 | 42 |  | 39 | $561 / 3 \mathrm{Jan}$ | General Ar |  | 85 |  | ${ }^{66}$ Apr |  |
| umenthal（8） | 851／2 |  |  | 80 | ${ }^{973}{ }^{\text {che }}$ May | General Ba |  |  |  |  |  |
| tany Cons |  |  |  | b | 4 Jan | Gene |  | ${ }_{543 / 4}^{69}$ | 13 ， | Ja | 吅 |
| Bridgeport Mach |  | 434 | 4.1 | ${ }^{1} 18$ Jan | 31／2 May | General Cable warrants |  | 2614323 | 2 | 17\％Jan | 47 Mar |
| Briggs \＆Stratton |  | 333／3 |  | 331／2 May | ${ }_{17}{ }^{38}$ Mar |  | 131／8 |  |  |  |  |
| IIl Corp elass A． |  | 1919 | ， | $19.1{ }^{\text {May }}$ | $26 \% \mathrm{Apr}$ | Gen Elect |  | ${ }_{42}{ }^{42}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 000 \\ & 100 \end{aligned}$ |  | ${ }_{49}^{20 / 8} \mathrm{Jan}$ |
| ass B |  |  |  | May | 1234 Mar |  |  | $205 \quad 205$ |  | 205 Mar |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Brilio }}^{\text {Mrg }}$（itol－My | 892／ | 19 |  | Apr | $109 \%$ Feb | Gen In | 341／2 | $341 / 2$ |  | 341／2 May | 343，Mar |
| fit Amer |  | 30\％30\％ | 200 | 293／3 Apr | 32\％Feb | G |  |  |  | 46 Apr |  |
| Amish Cela | \％ |  | 8，10 |  |  | ${ }_{\text {Ged }}{ }_{\text {Pr with }}$ | ${ }^{90}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} 18 & 191 / 4 \\ 90 & 913 / 8 \end{array}$ |  | dr |  |
|  |  | 28 |  | May |  | Glib | 21 |  |  |  | 25\％Jan |
| Bruce（E L） | 12 |  |  |  | ${ }_{67}^{567 / 2} \mathrm{May}$ |  |  | 110110 |  | ${ }_{95}^{421 / 3} \mathrm{Jan}$ |  |
| uld |  | ${ }_{29}^{41 / 3} \quad 34$ | 2，30 | ${ }_{29}{ }^{\text {mar }}$ | $321 / 2 \mathrm{Mar}$ | hen Al | 1217／8 | ${ }_{120} 125$ | 1，10 | 1193／4 Jap |  |
| ${ }^{3} .50 \mathrm{co}$ |  | 481／848 |  | $481 /{ }^{\text {May }}$ | 50 Jan | Goldber |  | 左 | 1，00 | 17 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Goldm |  | ${ }_{91}^{993 / 1061 / 5}$ |  | －93 | 121／4 Mar |
| arroug |  | 6111 <br> $271 / 28$ <br> 28 | 12. | 25\％Mar | $441 / 2$ May |  |  | 25 | 19，80 | ${ }_{18}{ }^{23}$ J Apr | 1071／2 May |
| zza Clark | 73／ | 7\％7\％ | 300 | 63／2 Feb | 171／2 Jad | ${ }_{\text {Gorl }}$ |  |  |  | 1／6 May |  |
| Cable Radio Tube v t c．－．＊ | 162／6 |  | 22，100 |  | 193／4 May | Gorbam Mr |  | 69\％72\％ |  | ay |  |
| pital |  | 77 |  | ${ }_{\text {May }}^{\text {Apr }}$ | ${ }_{44} 7{ }^{\text {a }}$ May |  |  |  | 13，100 | \％．May | b |
| eter | 36 | 351／2 3 | 1. | May | 37 May | Amer de | 831／2 |  |  | ${ }^{621 / 2}$ Jan |  |
| arman \＆Coci | 36 | － 3031430 | 1.5 | 33\％May | ${ }_{48}{ }^{\text {che }}$ | $\mathrm{Gt} \mathrm{Atl}^{\text {a }}$ |  | 4178117\％ |  | ${ }_{\text {lis }}{ }^{35} \mathrm{Mar}$ |  |
| erpilla |  | 80 |  | 69 | 88 May |  | 430 | 46 |  | 332 | 494 May |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 16 |  | 12 |  |
| lanese Cor | ${ }_{10}^{4}$ | $\begin{array}{rr}40 \\ 105 & 44 \\ 109\end{array}$ |  | ${ }_{104}^{\text {40 }}$／${ }^{\text {May }}$ Mar | $\begin{array}{lll}571 / 2 & \mathrm{Feb} \\ 122 & \mathrm{ADr}\end{array}$ | ${ }_{\text {Grigs }}^{\text {Grelf }}$ |  | 95 $132 \%$ 155 | 10，400 | ${ }_{129}^{95}$ | ${ }_{183}^{97}$ Man |
| ontritugal |  |  |  | 8 May |  | Ground Grip |  | 硡 |  | 27 | 433／6 Mar |
| sath S | 31 | $307 / 3$ 323 | 3, | 301／8 | $407 / 3 \mathrm{Jan}$ | Guardlan Fir |  | 63 | 1，600 | 7 | 701／6 May |
| necker C | 65 |  |  | Jan | ${ }^{44} \begin{array}{ll}\text { 92 } & \text { Jan } \\ \text { Mar }\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 103107 |  | $97 / 4 \mathrm{Mar}$ | 109 Jan | Hail | 297／8 | 2\％ | 6，100 |  |  |
| Cittes Service |  |  | 19，300 |  |  | Hapdin | 3 | $3{ }^{3} 31 / 2$ | 2，300 | 3 May |  |
| Preferred |  | 961／8 $981 / 2$ |  | May | ${ }^{\text {983，May }}$ | Hartma |  | $\begin{array}{ll}20 & 20 \\ 59 & 65\end{array}$ | 12200 | ${ }_{46}^{20}$ |  |
| Bankers＇ |  | $561 / 4.561 / 4$ | 100 | 5614 May | $561 /$ May |  | 6214 | 58\％673 |  | 41 | May |
| Clty Machtne \＆ | 26 |  |  | ${ }_{25}^{24 / 4}$ Apr |  |  | 211 |  | ， 20 |  |  |
| y Radio Stores |  | 25 ${ }^{28} / 28$ |  | ${ }_{251 / 2}^{25}$ Mar | $\begin{array}{ll}31 \\ 331 / 2 & \text { Feb } \\ \text { Feb }\end{array}$ | Hercues Pred |  | ${ }_{117}^{117}$ | 00 | 115 |  |
| Igate Paimolive |  |  |  |  | $80 \%$ Jab | Heyden Ch | 31 | 硅 |  |  |  |
| 隹 | 1／8 | ${ }_{37}^{17}{ }^{37}{ }^{1 / 8}$ |  | ${ }_{351 / 8}^{1 / 8 \mathrm{May}}$ | ${ }_{45 \%}^{2}$ Jan | Ho | 23 | ${ }_{23}^{244}$ | 1，100 |  |  |
| ， |  | 33 |  | ${ }^{28}$ May |  | Horn（A |  | 25330 |  | 253 |  |
| nsolidated Airc |  | 38 43\％ |  |  |  | Horn $\& H$ |  |  | 析 | 531／4 May |  |
| Consol Automatic |  |  | 25，500 | May |  | Houdane－He |  | $497 / 85$ | ， | 44\％／8 AD |  |
| 83.50 | 27 | $24 / 18271 / 2$ | 1，500 | May |  | Housh＇d Fl | 49 | 49 | 2，700 | 45 Ma | n |
| nsolidated |  | 7 | 100 | ${ }^{57 / 8} \mathrm{Apr}$ | Feb | Huyle |  | $25^{251 / 2} \quad 26$ |  | $231 / 1$ |  |
| Consol Dairy Pr |  | ${ }^{38} 80$ |  | 37\％Mar |  | aygrade Foo |  |  | 1，400 |  |  |
| Consol Instrument | 28\％ |  | ， | ${ }_{\text {Jeb }}$ | ${ }_{35}^{27}$ Mar | Am dep ras |  |  |  |  |  |
| Consol Laundries |  | 16\％ $17 \%$ | 4，200 | May |  | Imp Tob |  | 24 |  | \％／8 ADr |  |
| Cons Ret sto |  | 283／3 29 | 800 | ${ }^{283 / 2}$ May |  | ${ }^{\text {Indus }} \mathrm{F}$ | ${ }^{35}$ | 36 | 00 |  |  |
| sol | ${ }_{34}^{22}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| on（W B |  | 27\％ 27 | 10 | 27 | 43\％ | Insurs | 21 | $214 \%$ | 17，6 | 21 |  |
| r－Bes |  | $40 \quad 43$ |  | 39 Apr |  | Lng |  | $27.281 / 8$ |  |  |  |
| （ 33 cum pret with |  |  |  | 48 May |  |  | 17 |  | ${ }^{1,000}$ |  |  |
| Class A with |  |  | 800 | May | 21／3 Fob | 86 |  | 79 |  |  |  |
| orroon \＆Reynolas | 100 | 00 | 700 | 100 Apr | 102 Apr | Inter | ， | $2{ }^{2} 20$ | 0 |  | 26\％May |
| rtalds Ltd |  |  |  |  |  | Old st |  | 120120 | 100 | $123 / 2 \mathrm{Ja}$ | 120 May |
| Reck Wheel ElMIg com 100 |  |  |  |  |  | Internat Safee | ${ }_{647} 331$ | $331 / 84$ $641 / 466$ | 1，400 |  |  |
| Crock Pr （erred |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2911 / 2309 \\ & 103 / 4104 \end{aligned}$ | 175 | ${ }_{100}^{12731}{ }^{\text {Jan }}$ | 104 Mar | Inter Sleepin |  |  |  |  |  |
| rosse \＆Black |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{\text {xpress }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Crowley Miline |  | $\begin{aligned} & 493 \\ & 50 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 100 \\ 1,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & \text { Mar } \end{aligned}$ |  | Interstate H |  | $\begin{array}{ll} 231 / 2 & 26 \\ 251 / 8 & 281 / 4 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 200 \\ 1,100 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 231 / 2 \mathrm{May} \\ & 251 / 8 \mathrm{May} \end{aligned}$ |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Curtigs }}$ Curtisispl |  | 391／2 413 |  |  |  | Investo | $51 /$ | ［10 51 | － 13,600 | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { 23 } & \\ \text { 23ar }\end{array}$ |  |
|  | 24 | $24.25 \%$ | 27，500 |  | 29\％／4 Apr | Isot |  |  |  |  |  |
| Curtiss－Reld Ad Arcratt |  |  |  |  |  | Amer deposit |  |  |  |  |  |
| d with stk pur |  | $32 \%$ $29 \%$ 31 |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 35 \\ & 363 / 2 \\ & \text { Mar } \end{aligned}$ | Johnson <br> Jonas \＆ |  | 13.13 | ${ }_{900}^{200}$ |  |  |
| venport |  | 23\％ |  | 181／Jan | 34.1 Feb | ${ }^{53}$ cum |  | 46 | 00 |  |  |
| Davis Drux store |  |  | 200 | ay |  | ${ }_{\text {Karata }}^{\text {Ken }}$ |  | ${ }_{25}^{19} \quad 19{ }^{191 / 4}$ | 60 |  | 2436 Mar |
| Amer shi |  |  | 00 |  |  | Kensto | 5 | $\begin{array}{lll}25 & 25 \\ 331 / 86\end{array}$ | 5，700 |  |  |
| sere \＆ C |  | 56 | 1，650 | 546 | $642 . \mathrm{Feb}$ | Kleln（1） |  | 241／8 $251 / 8$ | 㖪 | $231 / 2 \mathrm{Mar}$ | 281／6 Jan |
| De Forest Radio |  |  |  |  |  | Klein |  | 19 |  |  |  |
| De Am dep rts new | 10 |  | 5，300 |  |  | Knott |  | 31 323 | 5，100 | 30\％May |  |
| Amer dep rts old | 101／2 | 10318 | 2, | ${ }_{7}^{10 / 8}$ May | $103 / 4 \mathrm{May}$ | Kobacke | 60 | $60 \quad 63$ | 400 | $41{ }^{\text {Jan }}$ | r |
| troit Michigan |  | 4436 | 100 | 44\％May | $461 / 4 \mathrm{May}$ | ${ }_{\text {Ame }}$ | 53 |  |  |  |  |
| Dixon（Jos）Cruelble |  | 168168 |  | 1601／Jan | 173 Mar | Koppe |  | $101^{1 / 8} 101$ | 300 | $1001 / \mathrm{Apr}$ | $1013 / 2 \mathrm{May}$ |
| Doenl |  |  | ${ }_{9}^{2,300}$ | ${ }_{24 \%}^{27}$ Mar | ${ }^{42} 45$ Jan | K |  | 1515 | 00 |  |  |
| Douklias Aircrait ${ }^{\text {Dine }}$ |  |  |  | 51／8 May |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Durant Motors Inc． | 10\％ | 10\％／412 | 7，000 | 10 | $19 \%$ Jan |  | 181 | $\begin{array}{lll}371 / 4 & 37 / 3\end{array}$ | ${ }_{500}^{500}$ |  |  |
| Durham Duplex Raz |  |  | 1，400 |  | 537／8 Mar | Lakeg | 25 | 2078 25.3 | 2，500 | $20 \% \mathrm{May}$ |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Puz Co }}{ }_{\text {Prior }}$ pre |  |  | 1.4 | $1 / 2 \mathrm{Apr}$ | $41 / 2 \mathrm{Jan}$ | Lane |  | $7_{71}^{51 / 8}{ }^{514}$ | 50 | $7_{0} 51 / \mathrm{Mapr}$ |  |
| Class A | 3 |  |  | May | $7{ }^{7} \mathrm{Jan}$ | Lazarus（F |  | 5 | 60 |  | ${ }_{49} 9$ Mar |
| tern R |  | $211 / 8213 /$ | ${ }_{400}$ | $201 /{ }^{20} 4$ |  | Letcour | ${ }_{26}^{183}$ | 188 | 1，100 | 185．May | ${ }_{39}^{183 / 2}$ Japr |
| Essler Electrio | 261／4 | 231／2 $283 /$ | 10，500 | May | 28\％May | Preterred |  | 363 | 200 | 363／3 Mar | 39 Jan |
| ${ }_{\text {Fabrice }}$ Fanishing |  | 17 | ${ }^{300}$ | ${ }^{17} 414$ May |  | Lehlgh Coal \＆ | 15 | 151 | 1，500 |  | 172 |
| Fageol Motors ${ }^{\text {chen }}$ | $203 / 2$ | $20^{4 / 8} 223$ | ${ }^{5,600}$ | $21 / 5$ May | $34 \%$ Feb | Mueller St |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fajardo sugar－ |  | 100100 |  | ${ }_{79}{ }^{\text {A }}$ A | ${ }^{1243 / 6} \mathrm{Jan}$ | ${ }_{\text {Lerner }}$ | 597 | $\begin{array}{lll}54 & 597 / 5\end{array}$ | 2，900 |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Fandango }}{ }_{\text {Fand }}$ Farmer ${ }^{\text {candy }}$ com | 3／ | $3^{331 / 2} 30{ }^{43 / 2}$ |  |  | $401 / 2 \mathrm{Mab}$ | Ley（Fred T） |  | 11\％ |  | ${ }^{57} 18$ May |  |
| Fansteel Product |  | $111 / 4$ | 700 | $10 \% \mathrm{Mar}$ | 213／3 Jan | Libby Owens Sheet | 169 | 167 |  | 167 May |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Federal Screw Worl }}^{\text {Federated Metals }}$ |  | ${ }^{65}$ | 300 100 | $643 / \mathrm{Apr}$ | ${ }_{39}^{76}$ May | Lily－Tuild Cup Co | 21 | 2136 | 6，000 | ${ }_{19}^{18 / 4} \mathrm{Apr}$ | ${ }_{\text {26\％}}{ }^{23 \%} \mathrm{Mar}$ |
| Federated Metals tr ${ }^{\text {cose }}$ |  | ${ }_{60} 31 / 4$ |  | 60 AD | 731／8 Apr | Loew＇s Inc stk |  | 左 | ${ }_{30}$ | 61／8 May | 14. |
| Fiat，Amer | 263／8 | $281 / 8$ | 28 | 26 May | 29\％3 May | London Tin Syndicat |  |  |  |  |  |
| Film Inspect |  |  | 10 | May | ${ }_{53}{ }^{\text {\％}}$ May | Am dep rets ord reg |  | $\begin{array}{ll}151 / 2 & 151 / 2 \\ 10 & 11^{\text {a }}\end{array}$ |  |  | \％ |
| Fireman＇s Fund | 110 | 110 122／2 |  | 101 Mar | ${ }^{155}$ Feb | MacMarr Stores com | 38 | $38 \quad 41$ | 4，000 | ${ }^{3}{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{Apr}$ | 43\％May |
| Firestone Tire \＆ $\mathbf{R}$ | 285 |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{ll} \\ 109 & \\ 109 & \text { Adr } \\ \text { May }\end{array}$ | Malacas Amer de |  |  |  |  |  |
| \％preterred． |  |  |  | 109 | $1107 /$ Jan | Mangel | 37 | 36.43838 | 8.1 | $331 / \mathrm{Apr}$ | 383／May |
| ${ }_{\text {Fokker Air Corp }}$ | 55 | $\begin{aligned} & 545 / 8627 / 8 \\ & 30 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 43,600 \\ 100 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} 185 / 4 & \mathrm{Jan} \\ 30 & \mathrm{Apr} \end{array}$ | 67\％Jan | Mani |  |  |  | ${ }_{46} 101 /{ }^{\text {May }}$ | 53 May |
| Ford Motor |  |  |  |  |  | Manning Bo | 19 | 19 |  | 173／3 Jan |  |
| Amer dep rets ord reg．$\varepsilon 1$ | 17／38 | $\begin{array}{lll}173 / 6 & 183 / 8 \\ 503 / 2\end{array}$ | 27，700 | $153 / 6$ $50 \%$ May Jay | 20\％Jan | ${ }_{\text {Mapes }}^{\text {Mar }}$ | 26 | $\begin{array}{ll}38 & 38 \\ 261 / 28 \\ 28\end{array}$ |  | ${ }^{381 / 6}$ Apr | 567／Jan |
| Class B | ${ }_{82}$ |  |  |  | 172 Apr | Massey H |  | 66 |  | 66／4 May |  |
| most D |  | 1313 14 | ${ }_{2}^{1,700}$ | 13 May | ${ }_{23}^{151 / 2}$ Apr | Mavis Bot |  | $7 \%$ | 7. | 71／Apr | 1114 Mar |
| For |  |  |  | ${ }_{25}^{22} \times 1 / \mathrm{Mpr}$ | （1／3 May | M | ， | ${ }^{35}$ |  | ${ }^{34}$ Mar | n |
| Forhan Co | 267／ | 2714 | ${ }^{6} 60$ | $24 / 3 \mathrm{ADr}$ | 33\％／Feb | McCoror Ra | 30 | 31 | 3，000 |  | n |
| $\xrightarrow{\text { Foundation Co－－}}$ Forelgn thares |  |  | 4，100 | 13\％Feb | 193／Mar | Meatlan stores clasg A－ |  | ${ }_{56}^{47}$ |  | 55 | 897／Apr |






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## CURRENT NOTICES

-Stein Bros. \& Boyce, members of the New York, Baltimore and Washington Stock Exchanges and associate members of the New York Curb Mar ket, who established business in 1853, announce the opening of two branch located in the Louisvine, Ky., Focated at 427 W. Jeferson s.., and the othe President of Block, Fetter \& Trest In ., Louissill investment bint has been made a ceneral partnor of Stein Bros Borce and whbe in charge of the Louisville office. Block, Fetter \& Trest, Inc are being liquidnte and its entire personnel will beome associated with the Louisville office of Stein Bros. \& Boyce. The Louisville office will offer to investors a complet financial service with private wire connections direct with New York. Lewis W. Cole and Vertner B. Smith will become managers of the Stock Exchange department and Earl E, Major, Vice-President of Block, Fette \& Trost, Inc., will be the manager of the investment department. Th Atlanta office will be under the management of Campbell McD. Krenson, who will represent the firm in Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina. Stein Bros. \& Boyce, whose main office is n Baltimore, is one of the largest firms south of New York and the opening of the Louisville and Atlanta offices will give this firm eight branch offices in the South, the other offices being in Washington, D. C., Richmond, Clarksburg, W. Va., Charleston, W. Va., Winston-Salem, N. C., an Asheville, ducers with copper selling at 150 . has been prepared by Frazier Jelke \& Co., 15 Pc., 19c., and 20c. a pound estimate is based on capacity operations and production costs for 1928 as indicated in recently pubished annual reports. On the basis of an
 Cons 38.84 a share, incus 1 inters in the current earnings of Nevada to be earning 517 a a share Phelps Dige, $\$ 10$, The tapulation indicates the the adse leading producers last pear was about $147 / \mathrm{c}$ a pound Production reading producers ast year was about $14 \% \mathrm{c}$. a pound. Production cost pointed out that production costs in most cases now are a little higher than in 1928 since the wages of miners are increased as copper prices advance.
-An incident of some interest to "Old Timers" in Wall Street occurred on May 1, when Jay Cisco, Inc., opened its offices at 111 Broadway, New York. The old name of Cisco, long associated with banking and invest ments, now reappears in Wall street after an absence from the financia charge of the new firm generation. John Jay Cisco, Jr., who is in persona Assistant Secretary of the United States Treasury at New York unde President Lincoln, and established the banking house of John J. Cisco \& Son, which was located at 59 Wall St. Some years ago John Jay Cisco, Jr was associated with White, Weld \& Co., 14 Wall St., and more recently he has been with Krenn \& Dato, Inc., exclusive representatives of the Edith Rockefeller McCormick Trust.
-More than $\$ 390,000,000$ will be spent in construction and development of airports in this country during 1929, according to an analysis prer pared by James C. Willson \& Co., 39 Broadway, New York, for Curtis This expenditure should be equalled or surpassed for several years to come continues Willson \& Co., adding, however, that "despite these vast expen ditures, competent observers agree that the development of airports has been definitely behind that in other phases of the aircraft industry.
-Alexander Warden, who for the past two years has been New England to become manager of their New York office. Mr. Warden, who is wellknown in investment and financial circles, was one of the organizers of the Bond Club of Boston. Previous to his Boston connection, he was with the National City Co. of New York and also connected with the Van sweringen interests.
-Announcement is made of the retirement of J. E. Weissenfluh, from the firm of Weissenfluh \& Co., Scranton, Pa. The name of the corporation has been changed to Surdam \& Co., with the following officers: W. B , Treasurer. President, H. C. Wetjen, V.-Pres., and Truman A. A drading business as formerly conducted by Weissenfluh \& Co.
-At the regular meeting of the board of directors of the Great Northern Investing Co., Inc., Edward Nicoll Townsend was elected a director of Co company. Mr. Townsend is a member of the firm of E. N. Townsend President and director of the West Hempstead National Bank
-Ernest H. Abbes, formerly with the Seaboard National Bank, Clem V. Geis and L. R. Hanower announce the formation of Abbes, Geis \& Co.. New York in bank and insurance stocks, with offices at 150 Broadway with them as manager of the trading department.
-George A. Gaston, receiver of the Central Vermont Ry. and official financial representative of the Canadian National Rys., sailed at midnight last night on the S . S. Homeric of the White Star Line for England. Mr. tional System.
-Archibald Little, formerly with the Fred F. French organization, with Frank D. Maguire, formerly a member of the New York Curb Market Association, announce the formation of Little \& Maguire, Inc., with offices at 149 Broadway, New York, to deal in investment securities.

- Peter P. McDermott \& Co., 42 Broadway, New York, have issued a descriptive circular on the Bank of the Manhattan Co. Building, in which The Starrett Corp. will own a substantial equity, and which will be the tallest office building in the world.
-Stone \& Webster and Blodget. Inc., with offices in New York, Boston and Chicago, announce that Arthur P. Lascelles has joined their sales organization and will be located at 520 Marine Trust Building, Buffalo, New York. \& Announcement has been made of the formation of Willard Johnstone Willard Johnstone. President and Treasurer and B. E. Reinhold, Secretary. Willard Johnstone, President and Treasurer and B. E. Reinhold, Secretary. 11 Broadway, N. Y. City, have prepared for distribution analyses of U. Broadway, N. Y. City, have prepared for Iistrib
-Wm. R. Compton Co., 44 Wall St., New York, announce the appointment of George M. Callahan, formerly of Moody's Investors Service, as manager of their investment service department.
-Romaine A. Philpot has been appointed Vice-President of the NorNorme National Securities, the investment firm afrid Normandie National Bank, New York.
-Colvin \& Co
of Fiat, one of the foremost European manufacturers of automobiles, aeroplare engines, and Diesel engines.


## Quotations of Sundry Securities



Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.-In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the second week of May. The table covers eight roads and shows $1.64 \%$ increase over the same week last year:

| Second Week of May. | 1929. | 1928. | Increase. | Decrease. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Canadian National | \$4,958,080 | \$4,769,421 | \$188,659 |  |
| Canadian Pacific- | 4,055,000 | 3,992,000 | 63,000 |  |
| Georgia \& Florida | 25,800 | 23,700 | 2,100 |  |
| Mobile \& Ohlo.- | 265,325 310,889 | -2889,476 |  | 22,805 38,587 |
| St Louis Southwestern | 450,500 | 410,504 | 39,996 |  |
| Southern Railway Syster | 3,615,133 | $3,631,135$ |  | 16,002 |
| Western Mar | 344,964 | 335,641 | 9,323 |  |
| Total (8 roads) | \$14,025,691 | \$13,800,007 | \$303,877 | \$77,349 |

In the following table we show the weekly earnings for a number of weeks past:


Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.-The table following shows the gross, net earnings and net after taxes for STEAM railroads reported this week to the Inter-State Commerce Commission:


Other Monthly Steam Railroad Reports.-In the following we show the monthly reports of STEAM railroad companies received this week as issued by the companies, where they embrace more facts than are required in the reports to the Inter-State Commerce Commission, such as fixed charges, \&c., or where they differ in some other respect from the reports to the Commission:

Erie Railroad Co.
(Including Chicago \& Erie Railroad Co.)

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Month } \\
& 1929 .
\end{aligned}
$$

$\begin{array}{lrllll}\text { Operating revenues_-.----- } & 10,594,677 & 9,730,899 & 41,433,458 & 38,109,169 \\ \text { Operating exp. and taxes_--- } & 8,399,528 & 8,047,884 & 33,112,103 & 32,328,691\end{array}$ Operating income-_-_-

Hire of equipment and joint $\overline{2,195,148} \overline{1,692,014} \overline{8,320,354} \overline{5,779,478}$ | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Hire of equipment and joint } \\ \text { facility rents-Net debit.-- }\end{array}$ | 365,606 | 370,963 | $1,503,030$ | $1,479,580$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | $\begin{array}{cccccc}\text { Net ry. operating income_- } & 1,829,542 & 1,321,050 & 6,817,324 & 4,299,897 \\ \text { Non-operating income...--- } & 258,878 & 356,709 & 1,079,649 & 1,429,919\end{array}$



Net income.............. $\quad 886,106 \quad \frac{450,022}{3,028,945} \xlongequal{811,793}$
Interoceanic Railway of Mexico.

 Net earnings. Percentage exps. to earnings. $\begin{array}{rrr}207,541 & 80,791 & 255,897 \\ 82,76 \% & 92,59 \% & 88,86 \% \\ 1,644 & 1,646 & 1,644\end{array}$



The Kansas City Southern Railway Co.


|  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| Total operating revenue.-- $\overline{6,938,153}$ | 6,360,522 | $27,050,187$ | $26.509,213$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| Total operating expenses-- $\overline{5,093,421}$ | 4,633,089 | 19,759,168 | 19,159,206 |
|  | $\overline{\substack{1,379.464 \\ 1.85 ; 179 \\ 20 ; 353}}$ | $\begin{gathered} 5.866,: 86 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5.915,483 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

## Southern Pacific Lines.

-Month of April- -Jan. 1 to April 30-

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 $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Maint. of way \& structures_- } & 3,404,767 & 3,390,888 & 12,816,655 & 9,411,887 \\ \text { Maint. of equipment....... } & 4,668,561 & 4,599,289 & 17,965,510 & 13,296,949\end{array}$ Maint. of equipment..
Transportation $\qquad$
$\qquad$
Transp. for invest.-C-C.-C.--
Railway oper, expenses $\frac{108,417}{18,343,918} \frac{134,431}{18,481,320} \frac{438,792}{\frac{300,375}{20,818,46}}$ $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Income- } \\ \text { Net rev. from ry. operations. } & 7,082,605 & 7,458,983 & 25,642,269 & 18,559,664\end{array}$ Uncollectible ry. revenues.-. Equipment rents (net)


|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Maryland } \\ \text { Month o } \\ 1929 . \end{gathered}$ | Railwa April 1928 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Co. } \\ & - \text { Jan. } 1 \text { to } \\ & 1929 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { April } 30 \\ 1928 . \\ \$ 8 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Operating reven | 1,440,134 | 1,462,821 | $5,934,984$ $4,117,156$ | $6,214,645$ $4,333,996$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Taxet operating r | 409,699 | 414,877 85,000 | $1,817,828$ 320,000 | $1,880,649$ 340,000 |
| Operating incor | 329,699 | 329,877 | 1,497,828 | 54 |
| Equipment rents. | 56,412 | 32,453 | 241,543 | 173,117 |
| Joint facility rents | -17,164 | -15.736 | -69.021 | -64,566 |
| Net railway oper. | 368,9 | 346.594 | 670,350 | 649,200 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Gross in | 386,201 | 361,354 | 1,734,247 | 1,696,561 |
| xed | 248,578 | 252,046 | 996.645 | 1,010,32 |
| Net income | 137.623 | 109,308 | 737,602 | 686,237 |



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:

| Arkansas (Electric Power <br> Gross earns. from operation_ Operating expenses \& taxes | wer \& \& Light - Month of 1929. <br> 569,972 305.813 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ight Co } \\ & \text { Corp. Sul } \\ & \text { March- } \\ & \text { 1928. } \\ & \text { s. } \\ & 289,919 \\ & 287,673 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | bsidiary) <br> 12 Mos. End 1929. <br> 7,439,313 <br> 3.878,369 | $\begin{gathered} \text { i. Mar. } 31 \\ 192.8 . \\ 6.50 .243 \\ 3.438 .243 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net earns. from operation- | $\begin{array}{r} 264,159 \\ 16,699 \end{array}$ | 232.246 26.499 | $\overline{3,560,944}, \overline{243,693}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3,070,000 \\ & 204,210 \end{aligned}$ |
| Total income Interest on bonds Other interest \& deductions. | $\begin{array}{r} 280.858 \\ 109.184 \\ 6.427 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 258,745 \\ 96,684 \\ 3,988 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,804.637 \\ 1,224.387 \\ 149,883 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 3 ; 274,210 \\ & 1,065.676 \\ & 101,336 \end{aligned}$ |
| - Balance. | 165,247 | 158,073 | $\begin{array}{r} 2,430,367 \\ 685,295 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.107,198 \\ 672,507 \end{array}$ |
| Balance |  |  | 1,745,072 | 1,434,691 |
| Bangor <br> s earnings. <br> ating expenses \& taxes. |  |  | co. <br> 12 Mos. En 1929. | $30$ |
|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1,995,145 \\ & 909,255 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,893,817 \\ & 868,228 \end{aligned}$ |
| Gross incom | $\begin{aligned} & 80.542 \\ & 16.872 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \begin{array}{l} 76.603 \\ 22.790 \end{array} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,085,890 \\ 237,368 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,025,589 \\ 299,600 \end{array}$ |
| Net income | 63,670 | 53,813 | $\begin{aligned} & 888,522 \\ & 262,743 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 725,989 \\ & 234,593 \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Common stock |  |  | 269,214 | 194.750 |
| Balance |  |  | 192,609 | 181,283 |

> Birmingham Electric Co. | Month of March- | Mos. End. Mar. 31 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1929. | 1928. | 1929. |
| $\$ 1928$. |  |  |

Brazilian Traction, Light \& Power Co., Ltd.


Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit System. Month of April- 10 Mos. End. Apr. 30.
1929.
$\$ 8$






Central Illinois Light Co.

| (Subsidiary of <br> Gross earnings Operating expenses, including taxes and maintenance. | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \text { Illinoi } \\ & \text { Commonw } \\ & \text { Month of } \\ & \text { 1929. } \\ & \text { sin. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Light C } \\ & \text { alth Powe } \\ & 4 \text { pril } \\ & 1928 . \\ & 40 . \\ & 400,044 \end{aligned}$ | Co. <br> Corp.) <br> 2 Mos. End 1929. <br> 4,870,893 | $\begin{gathered} \text { April } 30 . \\ \text { 1928. } \\ 4,511,847 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 247,132 | 233,042 | 2,870,867 | 2.714,105 |
| Gross incon | 170,627 | 167,001 | $2,000,026$ 362.231 | $1,797,742$ 381.591 |
| Fixed charges |  |  |  |  |
| Net income--..-Dividends on preierredProvision for retirement reserv |  |  | $1,637,794$ 407,028 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,416,151 \\ 411,883 \end{array}$ |
|  | e. |  | 310,800 |  |
|  |  |  | 919,965 | 731,468 |
| Chicago Surface Lines. |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Gr |  |  | 5,284,261 | 3,993,440 |
| Residue receipts |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | +122,725 | \$1,43,025 |
| Joint accoun |  |  | 222,038 | 241,165 |
|  |  |  | \$857,044 | \$868.415 |

## Consolidated Gas Utilities Co.

| (And Subsidiaries) |
| :---: |
| Month of April- |
| 1929 Mos. End. Apr. 30. |
| 8.1928. |

 $\begin{array}{cccccc}\begin{array}{c}\text { Balance avail. for reserves, } \\ \text { Fed. taxes \& dividends.- }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}55,003 \\ 23,697\end{array} & 69,395 & 430,643 & 281,750 \\ \text { Div. require. on class A stk-- } & 94,790 & \ldots\end{array}$

Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Co.

| Railway operating re Railway operating e | $\begin{aligned} & 1929 . \\ & 716.162 \\ & 427,669 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1928 . \\ & 727.390 \\ & 453,255 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1929 . \\ 3,031,473 \\ 1,805.468 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1928 . \\ & 3,188,174 \\ & 1,888,548 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Balance ----------1.-. -- | 288,493 32,766 | 274,134 26,955 | $\begin{aligned} & 1,226,005 \\ & 137,665 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,309,625 \\ & 133,869 \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  | 247,1 | $\overline{1,088,340}$ | 175,756 78,412 |
|  | 24,496 |  |  |  |
| rents, \&c-- | $\begin{array}{r} 280,2 \\ 91,8 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 270,917 \\ 98,147 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}1,160,612 \\ 369,789 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 254,169 \\ & 393,279 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | $\begin{array}{r}188,345 \\ 88,259 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}172,769 \\ 83,597 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 790.822 \\ & 402,932 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 860,889 \\ & 445,929 \end{aligned}$ |

 Hudson \& Manhattan Railroad Co.

Hudson \& Manhattan Railroad Co.



| Nebraska Power Co. <br> (American Power \& Light Co. Subsidiary) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gross earnings from oper-.-- | $\begin{aligned} & - \text { Montho } \\ & 1929 . \\ & 446,570 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
|  |  | 419,662 221,648 | 5,460,051 $2,802,743$ | - $4,991.041$ |
| Net earnings |  |  |  |  |
| Other income | 12,675 | 198,402 | $\begin{array}{r} 2,657,308 \\ 192,495 \end{array}$ | $2,379,063$ 177,111 |
| Total income- | 224,381 | 207.416 | 2,849,803 | 2,556,174 |
| Other int. and deductio | 67,250 17,899 | $\begin{aligned} & 67,250 \\ & 14,754 \end{aligned}$ | $807,000$ $196,392$ | $\begin{aligned} & 807.000 \\ & 17.809 \end{aligned}$ |
| Balance | 139,232 | 125,412 |  |  |
| Dividends on preferi |  |  | 34,000 | 1,664,000 |
|  |  |  | 1,482,411 | 1,237.365 |

Nevada-California Electric Corp.
(And Subsidiary Companies)

| Gross operating earnings_-Oper. \& gen. exp. \& taxes. | $\begin{aligned} & 1929 . \\ & 372,726 \\ & 197,683 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 192 . \\ & 377.533 \\ & 164,381 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \begin{array}{c} 1929 . \\ 5,52,104 \\ 5,538,599 \\ 2,538 \end{array} \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Operating profits Non-oper. earns. (net | $\begin{array}{r}175,043 \\ 10,334 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 213,151 7,219 | $\begin{array}{r} 2,982,505 \\ 141,815 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,981,964 \\ & 88,151 \end{aligned}$ |
| Total income | 185,377 123,099 | 220,370 123,036 | 3,124,321 $1,473,030$ | $\begin{aligned} & \overline{3,070,116} \\ & 1,408,039 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\underset{\text { Depreciation }}{\text { Balance }}$ | 62,277 47,402 | 97,333 42,018 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,651,290 \\ 621,174 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,662,076 \\ 593,556 \end{array}$ |
| Balance $\qquad$ Disc. \& exp. on securs. sold Miscell. | $\begin{array}{r} 14,875 \\ 7,958 \end{array}$ | ${ }_{7}^{55,314} 7$ | $\overline{\substack{1,030,116 \\ 97,182}}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,068,520 \\ 94,362 \end{array}$ |
| (net credit) | 24,711 | 579 | 57,167 | 5.683 |

Gross rev. from all sources maintaining the property

Taxes payable to city, State Available for charges..... Rentals payable to city for original subways
 Ry. stock not assenting to

| Month of April- 10 Mos. End. Apr. 30. |
| :--- |
| 1929. |
| 1928. |
| 1929. |

 $3,545,832 \quad 3,217,840 \underset{25,335,159}{32,716,413}$ $2,605,661 \overline{2,482,219} \overline{22,413 ; 004} \overline{23,253,142}$ 203,597 $\xrightarrow[234,146]{2,011,315} \underset{2,758,651}{20,40,68}$ $\overline{2,402,064} \overline{2,248,072} \overline{20,401,688} \overline{20,494,491}$ Miscellaneous rentals.......

| 222,450 | 221,800 | $2,212,713$ | $2,214,383$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 150,686 | 150,686 | $1,506,866$ | $1,506,867$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| 25,380 <br> 219,480 | $\frac{25,380}{24,615}$ | $\frac{253,808}{257,265}$ | $\frac{253,808}{236,782}$ |
| $1,982,988$ | $\frac{422,481}{1,825,591}$ | $\frac{4,220,654}{16,181,034}$ | $\frac{4,211,840}{16,282,651}$ | Interest pay. for use of bor-

owed Money
find sink

1st mtge $5 \%$ bouds.......
$7 \% \%$ secured notes.......
$6 \%$ 10-year notes.

Int. on equip, trust ctis.
Other items

| 699,407 | 699,883 | 6,97 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 194.307 | 1,928 |  |
|  |  | 481,525 |  |
| 190.973 8.451 | 194. | 1,935,5 | 1,9 |

Balance before deducting Div. rental @a $5 \%$ on Man. modified guar. stock (pay-

Balance after de Man. div. rental (subject to readjust. (see note).-

Note.- The above stated results from the subway and also from the sys the company, and are, consequently tentative because they are subject to such readjustment pram mary and sitated by the final adjudication of objections made by the Transit ComSuch adjudication items in the accounting under the contract with the city. is payable to the city with a corresponding change in that bo the subway system

$$
48
$$

$\overline{1,142,580} \overline{1,144,859} \overline{11,450,795} \overline{11,492,093}$ $\begin{array}{llll}839,485 & 706,110 & 4,730,239 & 5,044,364\end{array}$ | 231,870 | 231,870 | $2,318,708$ | $2,318,708$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | 607

n. Kansas City Public Service Co

Surplus avail for redemp.
New Bedford Gas \& Edison Light Co.

| Gross revenuesOperating expenses and taxes | $\qquad$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April- } \\ & \text { 1922. } \\ & 38 . \\ & 206,373 \end{aligned}$ | 12 Mos. Ended Apr. 30 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 5 | - |
|  |  |  | 2,627,228 | 73 |
| terest | 168,694 | 138,915 | 1,786,327 | 1,72 |
|  | 32,742 | 29,328 | 336,700 | - 372,018 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

New York Dock Company
$\begin{array}{cc}\text { Month of April- } 12 \text { Mos. Ended Apr. } 30 \\ \text { 1929. } \\ 1928 . \\ 1929 . & 1928 .\end{array}$

| Revenues | $\begin{aligned} & 803,067 \\ & 30, \end{aligned}$ | $329,115$ | $\stackrel{s}{\mathrm{~s}} \mathrm{1,321}$ | $1,274,808$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Expense | $\begin{array}{r} 303,067 \\ 159,394 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 329,115 \\ 171,144 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,104,31 \\ \hline 885,545 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,274,808 \\ \hline 671,389 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| Net revenues Less taxes, inter | $\begin{array}{r} 143,672 \\ 81,169 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}157,970 \\ 105,135 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}518,776 \\ 323,002 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 603,419 \\ & 388,524 \end{aligned}$ |
| Net incom | 62,502 | 52,835 | 195,773 | 214.8 |

## Subsithe Ohio Edison Co.

| Gross earnings.-.-.-.-.--- | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Month of April } \\ & 1929 . \\ & 186,179 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | er Corp.) <br> 2 Mos. End. April 30. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 107,288 | 2,200,500 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Gross in | 93,117 | 74,518 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,139,890 \\ 188,652 \end{array}$ | 911,244 |
| Divicencome---- |  |  | 951.237 163.259 | 751,912 <br> 152,693 <br> 1 |
| ion for retiren |  |  |  |  |
| lance |  |  | 633,978 |  |

Philadelphia \& Western Railway Co. Month of April 1928.


## Balance

Portland Electric Power Co.

| Month of April- | 12 Mos. End. Apr. 30. |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1929. | 1928. | 1929. |



| Southern Inc(Subsidiary of | diana Gas \& Electric Co. Commonwealth Power Corp.) ${ }^{\text {Month of April- }} 12$ Mos. End. April 30. |  |  | April 30 1928. <br> 3,066,602 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 1929 . \\ & 275,025 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1928 . \\ & 198 . \\ & 255,458 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
|  | 160,206 | 143,668 | 1,880,777 | 1.746,230 |
| Gross incon | 114,818 | 111.789 | 1,376 | 1,320,372 |
| den |  |  |  |  |
| vision fo |  |  | 393,8 246,9 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

South Carolina Power Co.
(Subsidiary of Southeastern Power \& Light Co. Month of 12 Mos. End.
Mar. 1929. Mar.31 ${ }^{29}$. 29. Gross earnings from operations
Operating expenses, incl. taxes and maintenance. 265,043
142,722 Net earnings from operations
 122,321
8,940

Total income131,261 Balance
Other dedu ictions.Baalnce

ividends on cumulative preferred stoc
Balance for reserves, retirements and dividends.

520.801 173,073

Southern Canada Power Co., Ltd.

Gross earnings.-.-
Operating expenses

 \begin{tabular}{l}
Mos. End. <br>
1929. <br>
$1,237.505$ <br>
416,750 <br>
\hline

 

April 30. <br>
1928. <br>
s. <br>
$1,00.443$ <br>
338.869 <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}

## Utica Gas \& Electric Co

(Subsidiary of Mohawk \& Hudson Power Co.)

Net earnings.


| *193,654 ${ }_{\text {76,441 }}$ | *172,993 80,384 | $\begin{gathered} * 2,059,238 \\ { }_{943,935} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 117.213 27,817 | $\begin{aligned} & 92,608 \\ & 19.964 \end{aligned}$ | $1,115,303$ 273,235 |

$\frac{2,067,189}{952,978}$


Joint Facility Rents.-There was a net credit to joint facility rents of
$\$ 3,089,488$, an increase of $\$ 111,859$. This reflects an increase of $\$ 22,966$ \$3,089,488, an increase of $\$ 11,859$. This refletets an increase or $\$ 22,906$
in the amount received for faciilities maintainee by this company and a
in decrease of 888,893 in the amount paid for use of facilities maintained by
other companies. Miscellaneous. Operations. - This account includes only the operation of the company's livestock yards at Buffalo, the gross income of which for
1928 was $\$ 806.434$ a a decrease of $\$ 37,967$, while net income was $\$ 34,576$, a derease of 10,468 . partly-operaung through acquisition of new properties, notably increased $\$ 765,128$, Mise partly through acquisition of new properties, notablay on the west side of N. Y. City, and through increased rentel incoment it ine ajjustment or rentals, referred to in the report for 1927 , between the company and the New York
State Realty \& Terminal Co. (the capital stock of which is entirely owned by the company), affecting properties in the Grand Central Terminal area. The increase of $\$ 1,452,142$ in income from miscellaneous physical propthe Grand Central Terminal area. fit from separately operated properties is due to smaller receipts from operation of the Pittsburgh McKeesport \& Youghiogheny RR. Dividend income decreased $\$ 11,656,173$, mainly the result of the inclusion in 1927 of extra dividends on the company's holdings of stock of The
Michigan Central RR. The Pittsburgh \& Lake Erie RR., and the Reading Co. and the reduced dividend income from stock of the American Express Co.. Amear. and accounts. A large part of this increase is due to the adjustment of Terminal area. Other items are larger interest receipts from the State of New York and municipalities in connection with the financing of grade crossing elimination and interest received at final settlement with the purchaser of the company hefred installment of the purchase price.
Acquisition of Capital Stock of Michigan Central RR.-The company acauired during the year 197 shares of capital stock of Michigan Central
RR. at a cost of $\$ 197,000$, making its holdings on Dec. 31 1928, 186,038 shares, or $99.29 \%$ of the total outstanding.
Advances. - Additional advances of si5.000 for construction purposes
were made to The Hudson River Connecting RR. Corp., the total to were made to The Hudson R1v
Dec. 311928 being $\$ 24,595,000$. There was advanced to The New York \& Harlem RR. in connection mith the operaton advances on that account to Dec. 311928 , $\$ 2.608,286$. The company advanced to The Toledo \& Ohio Central Ry. $\$ 146,000$ to emable it to pay maturing principal installments under
making the total advanced to Dec. 31 1928, $\$ 2.756$, 039 .
Adyances to The Kanawha \& Michigan Ry. to enable it to pay maturing principal installments under equipment trus.s. and for other purpases, were $\$ 86,197$, bringing the total advances on Dec. 31 1928 to $8,204,3$.
Advances to the Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corp., of which the company owns the entire capital stock and the entire output of which it takes
for fuel suply for fuel supply purposes,
Dec. 31 1928, $\$ 1,675,000$.
eland Union Terminals Co., after application to repayment of advances of $\$ 2,307,500$ from proceeds of bonds issued and
sold by the Tarminal company during the year, stood on Dec. 31 , 1928 at $\$ 10.550,600$. The Pittsburgh McKeesport \& Youghiogheny RR. for
Advances to
 for the same purposes having been advanced in pittsburgh \& Lake Erie RR. The total of such advances by
McKeesport \& Youghiogheny RR. to Dec. 31 1928, was $\$ 16,066,848$. Mckeesport \& Youghoghery RR. Cincinnati Ohicago \& St. Louis Ry. repaid to the company $89,000,000$ upon the advances previously
leaving a balance on Dec. 311928 , of $\$ 1,250,000$ pany held on Dec. 31 1927, notes of the Cleveland \& Youngstown Ry
 by a payment of $\$ 985,865$, leaving a balance de $\begin{aligned} & \text { Western RR.'s Stock. - } \\ & \text { S85.041. }\end{aligned}$ The balance due to the company in connection with the sale in 1922 of it holdings of stock of The Lake Erii \& Western RR. Was reduced to $\$ 520,000$ by payment during the
chase plice.
Stoctholders. -The following table shows the number of stocholders of the company at the end of each year
 Proposed Issue of Bonds by Boston \& Albany RR.-By resolution adopted
by the board of drectors of this company on Jan . 11 - 928 , the Boston \&
Albany RR was rever Albany RR. Was reguested to iss ed at par for payment to this company on account of capital expenditures for additions and improvements to the
property of the Boston \& Albany RR . and it leased lines made during the period Jan. 11917 , to June 30192 ,
was authorized by the board of directors of the Boston \& Albany RR. by resolution adopted March 12 1928, and application to the appropriate public authorities for approval of the issue of the bonds and of the guaran thereof by this company has been made. Proposed Leases of Lines of Controlled Companies.- The proceedings before
the I.-S. C. Commission in which the company is seeking the authority of the Commission for the leasing of the Michigan Centra, RR., the Cleveand Cincinnati Chicago. St. Louis RY: 1 Dcc. 31 1928, but see "Chronicle" of Feect 2 ification, in New York. ity and Vicinity.- The plan of the Committee of Engineers indicating changes to be made in the location and grades of the 30th st. iraravements was tentaDuyvil and St. Johns Par with some municina Apportionment of the City
tively approved by the Board of Estimate and Ansion of New York on May 24 1928, and referred to the Transit Commission for Netermination in connection with the elimination of the remaining grade
crossings on the 30th St. branch. Hearings were held by the Transit crossings on the 30th St. branch Hearings were herd of the Board of
Commission and decision reserved pending the report Appraisers as to the yalue of the lands and rights involved south of 60th St. The Board of Appraisers has made its report and final hearings have been
ordered by the Transit Commission so that a decision may be rendered ordered by the Transit Commission so that a decision mhe elimination of
and agreements prepared with the City of New York. The and agreements prepared with of Manhattanville and Dyckman St, have breen crossleted and praced in service excent for a portion of the freight
bard at Manhat yard at Manhatanville. An experimental Diesel oilelectric locomotive
was placed in service during the year, south of 72 nd St . on the 30 th St . was plac
Wranches. - Requests of telegraphers for increases in wages and changes in
working conditions were submitted to arbitration during the year and working conditions were submitted to arbitration during the year and
under the awards the company will be subjected to an additional expense under the awards
of apprimately Inceo.000 par annum.
Increased Rates for Transportation of Mail. - In May 1925, the carriers petitioned the I--S. Commission for an increase in mail transpor tation rates. With the co-peration orsen to make a complete analysis of pas-
Commison, the rairoads arranger to
senger train service for a test period of 35 days, namely Sept. 16 to Oct. 2019.5 . The data so developed were used by both the July 1927. As a result the I.-s. C. Commission issued an order increasing rates for the transportation of mails a approximately
1928, and granted a flat increase of $15 \%$ retroactive to the datective from which the carriers respectively filed their petitions. The estimated effect of this or approximately $\$ 1,196,000$ and of all the New York Central systemp liny by $\$ 1,625,900$, while the retroactive increase is estmated at $\$ 3,950,000$ fo this company and $\$ 5,315,000$ for the eommission with respect to the re-
questioned the power of the -s . Co Come in the United States Court of Claims, which on April 2 1928, rendered its
decision upholding the Commission's power. The Government appealed
from this decision to the United States Supreme Court where the case was pending at the end of the year. But see "Chronicle" of March case was page 1928.]
company, with the approval of the I.-S. Western Ry. Commission June 20 1928, the from the Gary \& Western Ry., a subsidiary of the Chicago Lake Shore \& in exchange, a railroad 7.53 miles long in the viciniy of Gary. Ind., and a segment, 7.53 miles long, of the former Chicago Indiana \& Southern Ry. in the same vicinity. Since 1908, as an incident to certain local relocations Gary, the company and its pred service of the steel and other plants at RR.., has operated the Gary \& Western Ry under Indiana \& Southern \& Southern RR. Eastern Ry. has operated this segment of the Chicago Indiana mission issued a certificate authorizing On Oct. 31 1928, the I.-S. C. ComFayette \& Greenbrier RR. between Swiss and Nallen, W. Va. 29 miles in accordance with the agreement between the Chesapeake \& Ohio and this company providing for joint ownership and operation of the new line. right of way has been largely acquired and construction work started This project will insure future coal reserves to this company in both the high and low volatile coal fields along the Gauley and Meadow Rivers and Rail and Air Service.-In order to accommods.
gers desiring a faster service, an arrangement was entered into with the Universal Air Line System by which planes of that company connect at from Cleveland, Chicago, Minneapolis and St. Louis. This arrancement became effective in Sept. 1928 and a number of passengers have taken advantage of this service. While this company does not sell through tickets nor act as agent for the airplane company, it does make reservations for
opErATING STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.
[Including Boston \& Albany RR. and the Ohio Central Lines.]
1928.
1927.

 | Pass. carried one mile-- | 220754514 | 3,273593747 | 71,279968062 | $69,169,940$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Rev. per pass. per mile- | 3.01 cts. | 3.03 cts. | 3.05 cts. | 3.05 cts. |
| Pass. |  | 3122188 |  |  | Pass. rev. per train mile-

 Rev, per ton per mile.-

Including Boston \& Alb FOR CALENDAR YEARS.


Total oper. revenues_


Total oper. expenses--
Net operating revenues Net operating revenues. Railway tax accruals.--
Uncoll. railway revenues
Ry. operating income_ 64 Equip, rents, net debit.-
Joint facility rents, net cr
Net ry Merating inc.
Miscell. Operations-

Miscell. oper. income_-
Total operating income_ Inc. from lease of road Miscell. rent income cal property eparately oper. proper-ties-profit.-........Inc. from fd. sec. \& accts. and accounts-....... other reserve funds.-Total non-oper. inc..-
Gross income.-...... Rent for leased roads.. Miscellaneous rents.-
Miscell. tax accruals. Separately oper. proper-
Int. on funded debt-Int. on unfunded debt,-
Amort. of discount on funded debt........Maint. of invest. organiz.
Miscell. income charges






1926
248,385

 85,994,505
 $\begin{array}{r}12,350,633 \\ \hline 20,40,958 \\ \hline\end{array}$
Inv

##  <br>  <br> Mis Imp riv

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Cash
Spee
Loan
LTaf

Total deductions
Net income Disposition of Net Inc. Rate of dividends.-. Sink. \& other res. funds
$\begin{array}{lrll}175,851 & 159,054 & 145,179 & 125,465\end{array}$

Surp. for year carried to
profit and loss
Shares of capital stock
outstanding (par $\$ 100$ )
Earns. per sh. on cap
stock
$\begin{array}{r}46,516 \\ 50334 \\ 34,854 \\ 175 \\ \hline\end{array}$
35,030
15,303
4.635
810

## Seaboard Air Line Railway.

(Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)
Extracts from the annual report of the company for the year ended Dec. 31 1928, together with income account and balance sheet, will be found under "Reports and Documents" publi subsequent page. Our usual comparative tables were published in V. 128, p. 1220
traffic statistics-years ended dec. 31.







## Florida East Coast Railway. (Flagler System.)

(Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)
general statistics for calendar years.


 INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

## ${ }_{\text {Freight- }}$



$\qquad$
 \$17,161,562 $\qquad$

Total oper. revenues_ $\$ 13,874,723 \$ 17,859,635 \$ 20,427,460 \$ 29,132$ Transportation way, \&c.


## cin



## Hire of freight cars (debt balance)

 Joint facility rents \$ Interest on funded debt.Rents, \&c.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.
Miscellaneous charges. 8729,57
40,57
$.142,70$ $\$ 1,210,08$
63,419
$3,182,35$ $\begin{array}{r}\$ 2,130,911 \\ 85,936 \\ 3,002,925 \\ \hline 188,815\end{array}$ $\$ 2.181,474$
74,965
$2,008,525$


## International Telephone \& Telegraph Corp.

(Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)
The remarks of President Sosthenes Behn, together with the income account and balance sheet for 1928, will be found under "Reports and Documents". on subsequent pages. Our usual income account was given in $V$. 128 , p. 1726 . The balance sheet was published in V. 128, p.1903.




 | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Notes \& trust ac- } \\ \text { centances rec }\end{array}$ | $1,408,491$ | $1,559,833$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


 Total....... $\overline{195,511,767} \overline{188,828,160}$ Total......--195,511,767 $\overline{188,828,160}$ -V. 128. p. 3012

## West Jersey \& Seashore Railroad.

(33rd Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)
INCOME ACCOUNT-YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31.
Operating Revenues-
Freight--

Incidental Joint facility-O-Credit -
$\begin{array}{r}1928 . \\ \$ 4,882,121 \\ 5,074,522 \\ 80,285 \\ 114,230 \\ 177,134 \\ 148,579 \\ 7,225 \\ \hline\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{r}\$ 5,078,385 \\ 6,001,097 \\ 78,180 \\ 139,572 \\ 179,199 \\ 156,138 \\ 11,244 \\ \hline\end{array}$


1925 | 1925. |
| :--- |
| $\$ 4.899 .369$ |
| 7.788 |

Total.

10,484,098

## 



$\begin{array}{r}\$ 8,084,156 \\ 2,399.94 \\ 1,070,83 \\ \hline 938 \\ \hline\end{array}$

$\qquad$
 Joint facility rents....-
Net rallway oper. inc_ $\frac{167,414}{\$ 970,614} \frac{\operatorname{Dr} \cdot 179,747}{\$ 546,700} \frac{C r .3,264}{\$ 1,162,092} \frac{\operatorname{Dr} \cdot 169,979}{\$ 1,178,305}$ Non-Operating Income-
Inc. from lease of road.Inc. .romease
Misc. rent incomead-:
Misc. nonop. phy. prop
Inc. from unfunded senc. from unfouded se
curities and accounts.
giscellaneous income.

Gross income.
Deductions-
Rent from leased ferries. Miscellaneous rents.-.: Miscell. tax accruals...:-
Int. on funded debt
Int. on undunded debt.
Misc, income charges
Net income Net income
Approp.t. sinking fund
Didends Balance, surplus.
Earns. per shion $\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { and } \\ \text { shs. cap. stik. (par } 550 \text { ) }\end{array}\right)$ $\qquad$

 $\$ 1,233,191$
114.420
$512(237$ $\begin{array}{r}\$ 183,485 \\ 70,964 \\ 12,572 \\ \\ \hline\end{array}$ 22.357
31.261 $\overline{\$ 1,217,218}$

| $\$ 131,532$ | $\$ 786$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| 88,985 | 75.962 |
| 9,736 | 14,523 |
| 37,146 | 24,554 |
| 4,175 | $-\cdots--$ | $\begin{array}{r}\text { Dr. } 828,470 \\ \$ 6,731 \\ 12.773 \\ 215.909 \\ 2,568 \\ \hline\end{array}$

$$
\$ 1,233,191
$$

\$481,527

## GENERAL



Great Northern Iron Ore Properties.
(22nd Annual Report of the Trustees-Year Ended Dec. 31 '28.) TRUSTEES' STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

| ietpts from- | 1928. | 1927. | 1926. | 1925 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Leonard |  | \$200,000 | \$50,000 | \$200,000 |
| North Star iron ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | S1,000,000 | ${ }_{925,000}^{764,270}$ |  | 470,320 |
| ${ }_{\text {Arthur }}$ Grant Iron Mininin | 856,000 | 425,000 | 325,000 | 800 |
| Harrison Iron ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  | 175,000 | 15,000 |
| Tyler fron M |  |  |  |  |
| Van Buren Iron Mining | 200,000 |  | 150,000 | 20,000 |
| tal recelpts | 84,181,000 | \$2,314,270 | \$2,316,000 |  |
| Interest, | 19,040 | 9,073 | 7,709 | 8,436 |
| Total rece | 200,040 | \$2,323,343 | \$2,323,709 | ,713,436 |
| Tonse | 74,40 | 72.196 | 72,121 | ${ }^{87.316}$ |
| Dividends on | 4,125,000 | $\stackrel{20000}{\$ 1.50}$ | \$1.50 | \$1.75 |
| lace for perta | 631 | 1,146 |  |  |
| Balance brought fo | 8,41 | 197,27 | 195,6 | 194,563 |
|  |  | \$198,416 | 3197,270 | \$195,6 |

CONSOL. INCOME OF THE TRUST AND THE TRUSTEES' INTEREST IN
INCOME OF THE PROPRIETARY COMPANIES.
 Net royalty and ore sales income-
Int., dividends and other income Taxes
 x Balance....................... Consol. net Inc., before deple.Dividends .-....... $\qquad$ x Trustees' interest in the net distributable income of propretary companles.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.
reat Northern Iron Ore Propertles and their interests in pro

## (Trustees C

 $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Autos., furnl're, offlce bldgs., \&c } & 30,547 & 2,53,783 & 27,882 & 29,008 \\ \text { Advance royatty disbursements - } & 215,325 & 292,896 & 351,021 & 753,312 \\ \text { Advance account Alworth lease-- } & 249,408 & 224,408 & 199,408 & 174,408\end{array}$ Advance under mining contracts: Butler Bros., \$23,307; Orwell Iron Co., $\$ 273,472$............-
Defd accts., chlefly royalty sus.
Securities- Notes Mesabi Cliffs $\begin{array}{rrrr}296,778 & 396,779 & 525,527 & 740,707 \\ 1,310,637 & 1,285,398 & 1,251,106 & 2,022,691 \\ & 149,189 & 335,463 & 575,016 \\ 434,000 & \ldots-\ldots & \ldots \ldots & \ldots-\ldots\end{array}$ Iron Mining Co Irontes: Butler Bros.-..................
Notock: Mace Iron Mining Co. (total issue. S50,000........
Stock: Mesabi Range Townsite

| 434,000 | $-\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots+\cdots$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,400 | Co. (total issue, $\$ 2,000$ ) -... Cash (truste by trustees for cash) tary cos., $\$ 1,266,799$ )

Royalties \& account Royalties \& accounts .....
Interest receivable-......
Royalty ore in stock plle.

Total assets
$\overline{\$ 42,942,146} \overline{\$ 45,334,020} \overline{\$ 47,402,698} \$ 49,998,083$ Capital stock -................--1/ $\$ 1,138,400$ \$1,138,400 $\$ 1,138,400 \quad \$ 1,038,400$ taxes, estimated, $\$ 610,829 \ldots . .$.
Deferred accts. (chiefly advance royalty collected, $\$ 1,601,521$.Surplus pald in, earned, \&c.:
Pald- In sur. at date of acquis.,

Pald-In sur. at date or acquis.,
development. $\quad \$ 14,868,391$ by

Undivided surp., propy cos.,
$\begin{array}{llllll}\$ 1,307,884 \text { undist. receipts, } & 1,506,932 & 2,044,708 & 1,833,842 & 1,600,235 \\ \text { trustees, } \$ 199,048 . . .-\cdots-- & & & & & \end{array}$
Total liabilitiles................... $\$ 42,942,146 ~ \$ 45,334,020 ~ \$ 47,402,698$ \$49,998,083 The balance sheet shows only such amounts as represent the interest of the trustees
after elimination of outside stock holdings in the North Star Iron Co. of Wes Vlrginla.-V. 128, p. 1064

## St. Louis Southwestern Railway

(38th Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)
Chairman Winslow S. Pierce, New York, May 1, wrote in brief:
Investment in Road and Equipment. - Expenditures made for additions
and betterments during the year just ended, after allowing for retirement and adjustments, amounted to $\$ 1,791,673$. Capital Stoc and Dividends.- No change has been made in the capital suring the coming year 8,300 shares of additional common stock wili be issued in exchange for new lines of railway.
The directors declared the regular divid
stock during 1028 which was paid from surdend of $5 \%$ on the preferred Proposed New System. -The application asking authority of the I.-S. C.
Commission for unification of Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR., The Kansas Commission for unification or Missouri-Kansas-Toxas RR., The Kansas
City Southern Ry. and St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Lines has been withdrawn and there is no plan for consolidation of St.

President Daniel Upthegrove, April 25, wrote in substance:
Operating Results.-The following summary shows in non-technical
language, the operating and income results for year 1928 compared with the previous year.

Transportation of passenge
Mansportation of passengers--
Other souress and other services

$\qquad$
 After paying operating, expenses, taxes and rentals;
 Traffic.- The territory served by the system's lines is still in its develop-
ment sta.e. The subject to fluctuations which in some years have been violent. The nature of the traffric itself has been undergoing a marked but steady change from farm and manufactured products. A substantial part of our traffic neither ormiziates nor terminates on our ilines and comparatively little of it finds In 1910 tomnage originated by the handled. In 1928 the toniginated by the system was $71 \%$ of the total tonnage $52 \%$ of the total tonnage handled In 1928, he overhead traffic handled by the system, that is traffic which found neither origin nor destination
upon the system's lines. controlled by solicitation, constituted $36 \%$ of the upon tha system siled, controlled by solcitation. conssitu red
total trads in the
Southwestern Revied, while the overhead traffic oo all rall the location of the system's lines is such that it can a avana larger expenses incurred in scuring this overhead business. With so larree a portion of its rarfric dependent upon conditions beyond
its control, and resulting in frequent fluctuations, the traffic position of the system cannot be accurately ascertained by the observation of one year or
even of a few y(ars. It has increased upon this system at the rate of about $4 \%$ per year
while the increase in amount of traffic has been gratifying, it has been accompanied present serious products, offset by increase in the lighter loading commodities.
The inevitable effect of this change in the nature of the tonnage will be tically constant from 1921 to 1927 at $1 / / 2$ cents per revenue ton mile, but in 1928 it feil to 1.37 cents. A further decline in 1929 and subsequent years
is anticipated, due to a general reduction in rates ordered by the I.-S. $C$. Commission in 1928, a possible decrease in divisions and changes in the The second problem w the increased spoeed and the reduced train loan demanded by tha hishly
competitive traffic now handled. Fast freight train schedules have been
shortened as much as $20 \%$ during the past year. This makes it necessary o maingove yards and terminal facilities and to reduce grades south of
to ine Bluff: ortherwise, participation in this high class traffic cannot be continued pystront has never been an important carrier of passengers. Its passenger traffic has been largely local or short haul traffic. With the
development of hard roads and consequent increase in thise of public and private automobiles, passenger traffic fell off at a rapid ratel
It appears that since 1918,, passenger traffic has been declining at the rate of over $15 \%$ per annum, while passenger train miles have remained
constant, because in most instances the minimum number of trains per mitted by law was operated. In 1927, the local passenger traffic formerly owned vehicles, $25 \%$ by motor-coach carriers. and $25 \%$ by railroads. By all the passenger traffic then handled by bothe the trains and the motor
coaches could be handled by the latter with but a slight increase in the Co. was organized, Southwestern Transportation Co. has acquired franchises to operate
1,590 route miles paralleling practically all main and branch lines. Examount of $\$ 1.000 .000$, of which $\$ 277,685$ had been expended to Dec. 21 1928, and $\$ 633,735$ had been expended as of the date of this report. Ef
fective in Dee. 1928, and Jan. 1929, 317.550 passenger train miles pe During were it is planned to discontinue additional passenger train mile It is believed that by the substitution of motor busses for passenger traiss substantial savings will be effected by the rail way company, but a reason Construction.-In 1928, the company entered into contracts subject to or a short line from Malden to Memphis through the st. Francis basin. Gideon \& North Island RR., the Deering Southwestern Ry, and the Blythe ville, Leachville \& Arkansas Southern Ry Ry and surveys made for the
construction of approximately 30 miles connecting these three short ine construction of approximately 30 miles connecting these three short lines
with the main line of the company at Malden. Appropriate applications approved. The purpose of the project was to shorten the company's route Louis and the important cities in the St. Francis basin of Bly between St. Cours and the important cities in the St . Francis basin of Blytheville and cities by 110 miles. The line as now authorized, terminates at Rivervale, a point between 40 and 50 miles from Memphis. Reconnoissance surveys
will be made shortly, looking towards the continuation of the line into
The capital stock of the short lines will be acquired through the exchange of 8,300 shares of the company's common stock. The cost of the project
from Malden to Rivervale will be approximately $\$ 2000,000$. The company is a one-third owner of a modern bridge across the Mississippi River at During 1928, the line between Mt. Pleasant and Tyler, a distance of 67 miles, was relocated and reconstructed, and the grade line reduced from relayed with nementum. The line has been completely graded and partially Fill be completed in August 1929 . When completed, this work will cost
$\$ 2,183,000$, of which road and equipment will be $\$ 1,295,000$. Upon the ompletion of this line it will be possible to handle the same tonnage per the building of a new yard at Tyler.
This yar is now under construction and should be completed in Sept.
1929, at a cost of $\$ 600,000$, of which $\$ 445,000$ will be charged to capital. ave been let and it is planned that this or the line from Tyler to Corsicana 1930, at an estimated cost of $\$ 3,137,000$, of which $\$ 2,742,000$ will be capitai. to lines not previously ballasted together with the application of ballast racks to accommodate Ionger trains. It is planned to reconstruct and ballast the present line from Corsicana to Waco in 1930 or 1931 , at an
estimated cost of $\$ 1,400,000$, of which approximately half will be charged
Due to the necessity of concentrating upon revision of grade between Mt. Pleasant and Corsicana, the revision of grades between lllmo and
Jonesboro, from a ruling grade of $0.5 \%$ to one or $0.3 \%$ has been deferred. This work is necessary and its estimated cost is $\$ 675,000$
Pacific Ry, and The Kansas City Southern RR. in the construction of a modern union passenger and mail terminal at Texarkana, Ark.-Tex. The total cost of the project was $\$ 1,667,000$, of which this company sumed $21 \%$. In connection with this project, it is contemplated that the company wil construct a cut-orf to the new terminal, at an estimated
cost of $\$ 135,000$, all chargeable to capital and which will very materially educe operating ex
boro, Ark. for the purpured approximately 100 acres of land near Jonespoint, which is urgently needed. The ground which will be released by the onstruction of the new yard will prove valuab ocation of industries. The estimated cost of the new yard is $\$ 550,000$
ompany to acquire 15 heavy freight locomotives at an estimated cost of reight-train cars mits (including conversion of revenue cars to work cars) at a total cost of $\$ 400,000$, making a total cost of new equipment for the next five years of
$\$ 7,550,000$. It will be necessary to improve and better existing yits of equipment to an amount of approximately $\$ 700,000$, of which approximately 5000,000 will be capital.
During the same period it is planned to retire 41 locomotives, 31 passenger nvolve charges to operating expenses of $\$ 510,000$ and a reduction in capita ccount of $\$ 4,023,000$.
ext few years at an approximate cost of $\$ 575,000$ of which $\$ 500$ during the capital. Federal Valuation. On April 13 1929, the I S C Commission down its final valuation of the system property. This valuation figures the arrier propernes at sin mission as non-carrier property, nor does it include value of the company's nterest in incorporated joint facilities. Additions and betterments since 779. The amount of materials and supplies and cash on hand held by the ystem on Dec. 31 1928, is $\$ 6,698,849$ in excess of the amount of so-called working capital included in the final valuation.
of valuation ission's valuation seems to be in accordance with its principles of valuation announced in prior cases, which we believe to be fundamentally property, in the event the Commission's valuation should ever become 1915) is now so remote that we do not consider the decision of more than bringing valuation down to date should be approved by the Supreme Court in the test case now pending before it. In the latter event, vigorous attack upon the principles of valuation used by the Commission in fixing
our valuation will be necessary in view of the recapture provisions of the our valuation will be

## rraffic statistics for Calendar years.


 Rate per ton per mile.
Earns. per pass. train m
Earns. .er frtt. train m
Gross earning per mile-

CLASSIFICIATION OF
$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { Cottonseed \& } \\ \text { except oil }\end{array}\right]$ products Cottonseed \& products
oxecept oil. products.-:
Otherarric. products of animals. Products or animalts_-
Pituminous col
 Orude petroleund, sto.
Other mineral products. Products of forerests.-.--
Pefined petroleter Refined petroleum, \&c.--
Other mpd. products.--
Total.
Revenues-
Freight re
Passenger
Mail exp
Massenger-... Ec
Mail express
Incidental, \&c.
RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS

| Total oper. revenue. $\overline{\$ 25,575,765} \overline{\$ 24,206,526} \overline{\$ 25,692,826} \overline{\$ 26,132,262}$ |
| :---: |
| Expenses. |

Maint. of way \& struc
Maintenance of equip't: Traffic expenses
Transportation.
General
Total oper. expenses
Net earnings. Vet aarcruans
Tncollectible
Operating income-
Other Ry. Oper. In Hire of fit. caprer. Tr. Cr. Bal. Rent from pass--tries.Total ry oper. income 84,83
Deduct. from Ry. Oper.Inc. Rent for iocomotives _--Rent for work equip cars-
Joint facility rent deducNet ry. operating inc-
Total non-operating inc-
Gross income
Gross income
Deduct from Gross Inct.
Iiscell rent denuct Miscell. rent deductions.
Missell tax tax accruals
Interest on funded debt.
Int on unfunded debt_
Maint. of invest. org Maint. of invest. org--
Miscel. income charges.

Net income -
Disposition of $\overline{\text { Net In Inc }}$ nc. applied to sink fds Inc. approp. for invest
in phys' property...
Income bal. trans.
profit and loss Income bal. trans.
profit and loss.-.

$\qquad$ \$4,413,30 $\qquad$ $\$ 4,164,372$
555,750
$\$ 4,720,122$ $84,891,778$
211,990 \$4,817,854 $\begin{array}{rr}\$ 5,103,768 & \$ 5,089,030 \\ \$ 4,323 & \$ 3,286\end{array}$

| $\$ 4,323$ | $\$ 3,286$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| $2,655,515$ | $2,667,974$ |
| 11,773 | 10,193 |
| 25,652 | 2704 |
| $\$ 2,405,539$ | $\$ 2,379,292$ |
| $\$ 58,625$ | $\$ 32,099$ |
| 1,336 | $\ldots \ldots$ | $\$ 1,759,36$

994,68 $\$ 1,814.64$
994,68 $\$ 2,345,578$
994,682 $\begin{array}{r}\text { \$2,347, } 193 \\ 994,682 \\ \hline\end{array}$

| CONDENSED B |
| :---: |
| B | Assets-

Road and equip
ment ment. Int infil. Misc. invest'ts. Speciai deposits. Agents and con
ductors' bals Trantic. \&c., bal.
Loans bill
bet Loansed bills rec.
Miscell. acets.. Miscell. accts.
Int \& divs. ree.
Mat 1 \& supplies Mat' ' \& suppocees
Oth. curr. assets
Whit
 Oth. unads. deb.
 Total .......-14 - $45 \overline{45,9}$

United Shoe Machinery Corporation (\&Sub. Cos.) (Annual Report-Year Ended Feb. 29 1929.)

## Chairman E. P. Brown says in part:

Business on the whole throughout the year has been satisfactory. Our production, machinery, mercuandising and service departments have been
busy. Our research and experimental departments have been active in keeping in touch with new experimental departments have with developments and improvements may secure the best possible machinery equipment and the most economical application thereof the new office building at the corner of Federal and will be ready for occupancy early in 1930 . The building will be 24 storie in height with a total floor area of 306,989 square feet, or which the cor facilities for its home office requirements, The demand for the remaining space for stores and offices indicates a rental return that will show a satis factory income upon the area a vailable for lease. The entire cost of the land
and building will be paid from the treasury of the corporation without outside financing.
The corporation's claim as allowed by the Mixed Claims Commission for
losses arising from the World War has been reduced by the receipt of payments amounting to $\$ 1,037,226$.
INCOME

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING FEB. 1929.
Combined earnings
Ombined earnings or
United Shoe M. Corp.
(of N. J. and Maine). $\$ 9,119,0$
eserve for taxes
\$9,234,9

 DEC. 31

Net for taxes
Net Income-
$\times$ Preferred divideñ
xCom. divs, Balance, sur. for year_ders392.412
Previoussurplus--.-1

Com,divs. (stock) | Com. divs. (stock) .....- |
| :--- |
| Total surplus |
| $\$ 15,546,756$ | Earns.per sh. on com---s

x Aproximate (inserted by Ed.).

unfunded secs, \& accts. iiscellaneous inct
 PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED DEC, 31 $\$ 1.97$ Credits-Balance, surplus, Jan. 1,_-_
Net inc. for year end. Dec. 31, per
Ne.
inc. statem't...-
 Total credits_-_-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.
Debits
(as above). appropriations of surp. Uncollectible bal. of revised Guaranty Surp. approp. for invest. in physical Loss on retired road and equipment.,
Loss on Medix Run Coal Co. stk.... Debt expense on sec. reacquired.---
${ }_{G E}$
Balance, surplus Assets
Inv. in road and
equipment...Inv. in road and
equipment and
Improv'ts onleased Improv'ts on leased
rallway property rallway property
Cash in sink, fund
 Securtites propertedy Searrs. unpledged.
Cast
Matured interest
DIve Divs, on com, and Trattio \& car servIte batane entio Agents
tors
balances.
banduMirso. scotst recediv.
 Int.ed divs RecepvDeterred aseets U. s. Govt.)

NERAL BALAN 1928.
8 1928. 1927. anty period, file have been restated to conform to revised return the profit anty period, filed with I.-S, O, Commission.
x After deducting $\$ 2,043,552$ accrued depreciation on equipment.-
©. 128, p. 1222 .

## St. Regis Paper Company.

(Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)
President F. L. Carlisle May 15 wrote in substance: For the first time there is submitted not only the comparative balance sheet and earnings statement of the parent company, but also the come
parative consolidated balance sheet and earnnings statement of the co and its subsidiaries, The companies inlcuded in the consolidated financial statements are as follows
(1) In the paper manufacturing group: St. Regis Paper Co., St. Reeis
Paper Co or
Canada,
 (2) In the prbilic utility groupe Northeastern Power Gorp., Power
Oorp. No New York, Power Klectric Securitles Corp. Northern New

 River Power oorp balance sheet shows current assets on Dec. 31 1928


 soidated investment account wase reuucead debt, including purchase monej
 eastern Power Corp. common stock, representing over $52 \%$ of the total ${ }^{1}$ 1927. In November 1928 the common stockholders reecived rights to sub 1250,000 was made on Dec. 20 , so prac Based on 600,000 shares of common stock whig 1928 outstandin during practically the entire year, the consolidated net income for 192 amounted to $\$$ On 750,000 shares of common stock outstanding Dec, 31 1928 the consolidated net income was $\$ 7.50$ per share.
On Feb. 281929 the company purchased the assets of the Bates Valy Bag Corp.: the largest manufacturers of multi-wall paper bags in th This corporation and its subsidiaries own plants for the manufacture of
paper bags in Chicago, Ill.; Los Angeles, Calif.; Birmingham, Ala.; Toledo Ohio Nazareth, and Oakmont, Pa.: Covington, Va.; Menominee, Mich. developed a patent system of packing cement, lime, gypsum, plaster and other rock products, also sugar, flour and fertilizer, including patent auto matic machines for packing and patent paper valve bags. che corporatio for open-end bags. It leases the use of its machines to cement and other manufacturers and also lic
sell its patent valve bag.
CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT-YEAR ENDED DEC. 31.
 Operating and general expenses, interest, deprec.,
all taxes \& ded. for minority int. in subsids...-




SURPLUS ACCOUNT (COMMON STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY).




Total surplus at end of period $\$ 37,205,433 \$ 24,608,571$ BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 (PARENT COMPANY ONLY)


## Dominion Steel Corporation, Limited.

Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)
Pres. C. B. McNaught, Feb. 22, wrote in part: The properties of the companies controlled by the corporation have been planned, The Dominion Iron \& Steel Co.'s affairs are still being administered by
National Trust Co ., receiver and manager. The interest on its $5 \%$ 1st National Trust Co, receiver and manager. The interest on its $5 \%$ ist
matio. bonds has been paid up to Jan. 11929 , but no payment of interest nents have been made on account of the sinking funds of either of these ssues since the year 1925 . Interest and sinking fund payments in connec-
tion with Dominion Coal Co.'s and Cumberland Ry. ©ool Co's $5 \%$ Ist mtge. bonds and the interest and installments on the corporation's $6 \%$ During the year the corporation acquired control or the long estabished
Peck Rolling Mills of Montreal. The operation of this property is being Peck Roling Mills of Montreal. The operation of this property is being
continued without any material change in organization or management.
*CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT YEARS END. DEC. 31. $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Combined profits from operations } & 1928 . & 1927 & 1926 .\end{array}$ arter deducting mifg., seling and
admin, ex., but before charging
sinking funds, depreco
funded debt, deprec. and int. on
Provision for sinking funds, deprec
Provision for sinking funds, deprec.
\& depletion of minerals Interest on bonds and debentures.-..-
Propor. of disc. on bonds written off. Net profit for year-.................
Surplus at Dec. 31 .
Adustment of Wabana ore sales (apAdjustment of Wabana ore sales (ap-
plicabele to pror years
istrib to
$\begin{array}{lll}3,187,516 & 4,358,114 & 3,833,274\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lll}1,049,464 & 1,038,917 & 1,089,625 \\ 1,182,821 & 1,027647 & 1,15965\end{array}$解 Balance surplus Dec. 31.........-- $\overline{\$ 6,414,314} \overline{\$ 5,626,661} \overline{\$ 13,610,938}$ x Does not include any provision for deprec. of plants and properties of the
Dominion Iron \& Steel Co., Ltd., or Nova Scotia Steel \& Coal Co., Ltd. * Includes Dominion Iron \&s sieel Coo, Ltd., operated since July 21926

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31
[With which are incorp. the assets and liabilities of Dominion Iron \& See

Oo., Ltd., whose affairs are presently being managed by Nat. Tr. Co., Ltd.1 | Assest- | 1928 | 1927. | 1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Cost of proper- | 8 | 8 | Llabiules | ties

Britsh
Steel
Complire
Corp stocks.
Other.....
ther stocks and debentures-:trustees...... Bonds purchiased
for sink. fund. Inventorles.
Trade
and
and and bill sec.,
lesse reserves. Other account

recelvable... Investments... | and on hand |
| :--- |
| Bal. rec. on Hl | of curf. an accts.

Deferred charges Deferred charges
to operations.


Total_... $\overline{106,581,213} \overline{104,764,5}$

Llabitutes6\% Co. pret Coal
Dominion Iron
Steel Co pret $\begin{array}{lll}\$ 879,344 & \$ 2,015,723 & \$ 1,508,464 \\ 5,626,661 & & 3,610,938 \\ 12,012,115\end{array}$ 0,359

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In (test. in secur.
(temporiry). Cash-........ Deter. charges.
Total-......-256,299,976 $\overline{251,164,921}$ Total_.......-256,299,976 $\overline{251,164,921}$ x Oil lands, leases and development, steamships, refineries, marketing
stations and facilities, \&c., $\$ 298,330,549$. less reserve for depreciation and
 Delaware), preferred $8 \%$ non-cumulative stock, $\$ 148,400$ common, $\$ 783,-$ 800 . Caloric Co, preferred $8 \%$ cumulative stock, $\$ 57.514$. common,
$\$ 783.800$. Mexican Petroleum Co. (California) stock, $\$ 1,154$.-V. 128,
p. 3867 .

## GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

## STEAM RAILROADS.

I.-S.-S. C. Commission Authorizes Cuts in Wheat and Fiour Rates.-The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized Eastern and Western railroads to
reduce freight rates on export wheat and wheat flour. N . Y . .Sun," May 22 reit Cars in Need of Repair.-Class 1 railroads on May 1 had 142,543 freight cars in need of repair or $6.5 \%$ of the number on line, according to
reports just filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the Amerireports just filed by the carriers with the Car Service Division of the Ameri-
can Railway Association. This was an increase of 369 cars over the num-
and ber reported on Aprill 15. at which time there were 142,174 cars, or $6.4 \%$
Freight cars in need of heavy repairs on May 1 totaled 101.528 , or $4.6 \%$ Freight cars in need of heavy repairs on May 1 totaled 101,528, or $4.6 \%$.
an increase of 886 compared with April 15 , while freight cars in need of light an increase of 886 compared with April 15 . While freight cars in need of light
repairs totaled 41,015 , or $1.9 \%$, a decrease of 517 compared with April 15 . Surplus Freioht Cars.-Class I railroads on May 8 had 203.467 surplus Car Service Division of the American Raillway Association announced.
This was a decrease of 17,354 cars compared with April 30 , at which time This was a decrease of 17,354 cars compared with April 30 at which time
there were 220.821 cars. Surplus coal cars on May 8 totaled 65,823 , a
decreese decrease of 21,544 cars. within approximately a week, while surplus box
ders totaled 93.426 , an increase or 3.474 for the same Deriod. Reports
carso
also showed 24.708 surplus stock cars, an increase of 1,295 cars over the cars totaled 93,426 , an increase of 3,474 fors in increase of 1,295 cars over the
also showed 24,708 surp
number reported on April 30 , while surplus refrigerator cars totaled 12,376 .

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 a decrease of 38 for the same period. May 18.- (a) Gross and net earningsMatters Covered in Chronicle of Man
of U. S. RR. for the month of March, p. 3252: (b) I.-s. C. Commission of U. S. RR. for the month of March, p. .252: (b) I.-S. O. Commission
approves temporary reduction in freight rates on wheat and flour for appoves temporary reduction in freight rates on wheat and flour for
exportsi
wheat $3288 ;($ e $)$ T Temporary reduction in freight rates on wheat and

 rair shopmen obtain wage increases-Erie. Canadian National and Grand
Trunk grant 63\% advance May 1, p. 3289. (h) Canadian roads cut rail
rates on grain
United

Boston \& Albany



 | Ry.tax accr.\&uncoli.rev. | $1,726,575$ | $1,83,686$ | $1,830,558$ | $1,696,081$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Equip. \&joint facil.rents. | $1,039,871$ | $1,182,183$ | $1,024,484$ | $1,049,369$ |



-V . $127, \mathrm{p}, 405$.
Denver \& Summit Ry.-Incorporated. -
talization of $\$ 3,000,000$ to take over and operate the 61929 with a capithe Colorado \& Southern between Denver, Colo., and Leadville. Three resimed as the incorporators Johnston, J, W. Reed and Max P. Zall, were named as the incorporators. Previously the Colorado \& Southern had
offered to give this branch to any person or group who would guarantee
to operate it

Mahoning Coal RR.-Earnings.-

 Taxes
Tntere Taxes-1.-.....................
Interest
Other deductions....... ct that in 8377,594
in addix Decrease in other income due mainn sto the fact that in 1928 in addi-
tion to 3 months accrued of dividends on the company's holdings of stock of the Lake Erie \& Eastern RR. there was included the dividends for 6 months on that stock, payable Jan. ${ }^{1} 1$
is included in 1929.-V. 128, p. 3182 .

Maine Central RR.-Stockholders Favor Listing.W. J. Lanigan, Jr., 120 Broadway, New York City states that over
614 stochhoders of the company, including many banks and investment
houses have indicated that they favor the listing of the con houses have indicated that they favor the listing of the common stock
upon the New York Stock Exchange. On Dec. 3111928, according to the
figures contained in the annual report, the company had 1,830 common figures contained in the annual report, the company had 1,830 common
stockholders and oover a third in number of all of the holders of common
stock have indicated their desire to have the stock listed. -V . $128, \mathrm{p}, 3347$.

New York Central RR.-To Open New Station.-
President P. E. Crowley of the New York Central Lines and his official family will open on May 27 a hancsome new passenger station at south
Bend. Ind. The new station is the climax of improvenents in that city
on which the New York Central has been working for the past three years. on which the New York Central has been working for the past three years.
The major part of the change has consisted of the elevation of the tracks
for a distance of three miles through the principal part of the city the de pressing of street grades and the elimination of of 13 grade crossings by the
construction of 11 subways and the diversion of two streets. Four main
consur construction of 11 subways and the diversion of two streets. For main
track have been provided where formerly there were oly two Fright
facilities have also been improved The new station has concorse 128
by 55 feet with vaulted celling 50 feet in height facilities have also been improved. The new station has a concours 128
by 55 feet, with vaulted celling 50 feet in height. The Grand Trunk rail-
road will share the use of the new station.-V. 128 , p. 3448 .

Paris Orleans RR. (Compagnie du Chemin de fer de Paris a Orleans).-Earnings.-
Calendar Years-
1928. Calendar Years-
Recipts (after taxes)
Passensers Passengers.-.
Freight-1-.
Miscellaneous Total-(apter taxes):
Expend.
Gen. exp., pens's, \&c Gen, ex., pens's, \&
Operating expenses
Maintenance. Maintenancene-
Total_.................
Net.
nt. on bonded debt
Int.on bonded debt.

\section*{| $\mathbf{S 1 7}, 953,199$ | $\$ 17,927,153$ | $\$ 18,368,841$ | $\$ 15,019,482$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $57,69,942$ |  |  |  |
| $1,007,910$ | $51,185,683$ | $1,765,330$ | $1,212,50,301$ |
| 1, | $17,321,190$ |  |  |
| $1,207,549$ |  |  |  | $\overline{\$ 76,656,051} \overline{\$ 70,878,166} \overline{\$ 69,830,648} \overline{\$ 53,548,222}$

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## PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of May 18.- (a) Public utility earnings in Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of May 18.- (a) Public utility earnings in
March p. 3257; (b) Industrial activity based on consumption of electricity
above last year-April sets new high rate in plant operations, p. 3368 . Allegheny Gas Corp.-To Split Up Stock.The directors have recommended an immediate increase of the authorized
common stock (no par value) to 300.000 shares from the present 150,000
shares. The adition shates to be issued wil be offered to the present
stockholders shares. The additional shares to be issued will be ofrered to the present
stockholders This proposed 2-for-1 splitup will increase the outstanding
stock for 121,500 shares to 243,000 shares. A special meeting of the
stockholders will be called to approve of this plan Gackholders wiil be called to approve of this. Alan.
Gas sales for the first four months of 1929 were Gas sales for the first four months of 1929 were $\$ 153,000$, which is ex-
pected to show approximately $15 \%$ increase in net earnings over the corpecteonding period or 1928 New Nes sales contracts and expaver the or cor-
respone
properties are expected to continue to increase earnings.-V. 128 , p. 1551 .
American Commonwealths Power Corp.-To Increase Stock-Further Acquisitions Planned. -
An increase has been authorized by the board of directors in the class
A common stock from $1.500,000$ authorized shares to $3,000,000$ shares, A common stock from $1,500,000$ authorized shares to $3,000,000$ shares,
and in class B common stock from $1,000,000$ authorized to $2,000,000$
shares, both or no par value. A meeting of stockholders has been called
 equired for the purposes of the corporation.
President Frank T. Hulswit, May 15, in a letter to the President Frank T. Hulswit, May 15,
common stockholders, says in substance:
Common stockholders, Says in substance:
Report of Prooress.- Since March 111929 we have completed the pura subsidiary, the American Gas \& Power Co , as or Mas Investments in Other Public UTilitites.-Regardless of the financial requirements incident to the substantial growth of your own corporation, through
accuisition or additional properties and the natural growth of the proper-
ties already owned ties already owned, your corporation has retained its substantial interests
in the voting stocks of the United Light \& Power Co, the American Super-
 mportance. As of May 151929 these securities, all listed on either the
New York Stock Exchange, the New York Curb Market or the Boston
toreck Exchange, have an indicated market value exceeding $\$ 8,300,000$. These securitiess are carried on the books of yourr corporationg at their cost,
approximately $\$ 4,700,000$, indicating an appreciation lin value of $\$ 3,600$. 0 , approximately $\$ 4,700,000$, indicating an appreciation in value of $\$ 3,660,000$ :
New Securilies Issued. - In order to provide funds to partially pay for
 $34,000,00020$-year $6 \%$ conv. Sold debentures. These securities were or-
fered to the pubhic at 97 and accrued interest and subsequently sold at 103 and accrued interest. The issue was very well received by investors and
This issunu is convertitibe into class A common stock of American Com-
monwealths Power Corp. up to May 1 1932 at $\$ 25$ per share, thereafter, monwealths Power Corp. up to May 11932 at $\$ 25$ per share, thereafter,
for two years at $\$ 30$ per shate and thereafter for 5 years at $\$ 5$ per share.
It is confidently expected that this issue of conv. debentures will be converted into common stock in a comparatively short time.
The corporation has also sold to its bankers, 100,000
The corporation has also sold to its bankers, 100.000 shares of class A
common stock, the proceeds of which and of the $6 \%$ conv. gold debentures common steck, the preceeds or which and of the $6 \%$ conv. gold debentures Birmingham Gas Co. by providing your subsidiary corporation, American Gas \& Power Co... with funds to do so through the purchase of additional
amounts of the $6 \%$ pref. stock and common stock of American
Powert Co., which stocks are now owned and held in your corporation's
The balance of the purchase price of the Birmingham Gas Co. was provided for by the sale to the Birmingham Gas Co. 's bankers of $\$ 5,000,000$
30 -year $5 \%$ 1st mtge. bonds and 30,000 shares of $\$ 6$ 1st pref. stock of that
 Resident Vice-Pres. and Gen, Mgr, B B. H, EHilott, Superintendent, Frede-
rick E. Webster. Treasurer, and Aibert Vermeer, Secretary,
Additonal

 hend on Dec. 22 1r228, an issue of $1.500,000$ shares of class A commmon stock
and $1,000,000$ shares of class B common stock. Due. however, to the continued growth of your corporation beyond the zed amounts or the coammon stocks ors, your corporation be now further increased, so as to provide for a continuation of growth in the future.
There is now outstanding, or there will be shortly, 805,494 shares of class A common stock (inclusive of that recently sold to partially pay for
the Birmingham Gas Co.) and, in accordance with the terms of the $6 \%$ conv. gold debentures recently sold to your bankers, it is necessary for your corporacion to set aside 160000 or shares of class A common stock to There ane also outstanding 398.000 ortion warrantses entiecting to do so. horders
thereof to purchase on or berore Sept. 30 1929, a like number of shares of thereof $t \supset$ purchase on or before Sept. 30192 a a like number of shareer of
class $A$ commonon stock at $\$ 20$ Per share, or thereatter and before June 301930 , cas A common stock at $\$ 20$ per share, or thereatter and berore June
at $\$ 2$ per share. It is ilkewise necessary that the purchase of these shares
be provided for. The total number of shares of class A common stock which must, there fore, be earmarked or set aside, aggregates 558,000 . This, plust, there
now outstanding, aggregates $1,363,494$ shares out of a total authorized Issue of 1,500,000.
Furthermore, there is in process of accuisition, another important prop-
erty which will be partially paid for throught the issuance of class A com. stlk. stock be immediately increased and the board of directors has seen fit to stock be immediately increased and the board of airectors has seen fit to
also recommend an fncrease in the authorized amount of class B common
atock at this time.-V. 128. D. 2989 .

American Public Service Co.-Earnings.-
Period End. Mar. $311929-1$
Gross earnings of subsidiaries
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { 3Months. } & \text { 12Months. } \\ \$ 1,722,218 & \$ 7,052,587\end{array}$ subsidiaries for retire. \& stocks owned by $\begin{array}{cc}340,017 & 1,506,236 \\ 91,606 & 1,59,031\end{array}$ Total earnings
Interest \& other deductions of American Public Ser-
$\$ 431,623$
$\$ 2,035,266$ vice Co o.
Net for retirement \& stocks of American Public
$\$ 431,076$ \$2,018,944

Atlantic City (N. J.) Electric Co.-Registrar.-
-V.125, p. $1706 . \quad 1$
Buffalo Niagara \& Eastern Power Corp. - Extra Div.The directors have declared an extra dividend of 30 cents per share in
addition to the regular quarterly diviend of 30 conts er share on the class
" A " stock (no par value) both payable July 1 to holders of record June 15 . Quarter End. Mar. 31 Operating revenue.-. Operating expenses.
Retirement expense.
Taxes.
Operating income:-
Non-operating income
$\underset{\text { Interess }}{\text { Grosome }}$


Interest, \&cc....
$\underset{94,222,469}{ } \begin{gathered}90,856\end{gathered} \begin{aligned} & \$ 4,008,808 \\ & 79.094\end{aligned}$

Net income-
xPreferred dividends.
$\begin{array}{cc}\$ 4,313,325 \\ 1,180,797 & \\ \left.\begin{array}{c}\$ 4,087,902 \\ 1,191,049 \\ \hline\end{array}\right)\end{array}$
 Requirements for dividend on first preferred and preferred stocks or
Buffalo, Nagara \& Eatern Power Corp, and for preferred stocks of sub-
sidiary, Cmant Bidialo, Niagara \& Eastern Power C.
sidiary companies.- V .128 , p. 2625.

California Oregon Power Co.-New Vice-Pres. Halford Erickson, Vice-President in charge of operation of the Byllesby
Engineering \& Management Corp., announces that Perry 0 . Crawford Who has been Vice-president and Geeneral Mances that of therry O. Crawforna Power Co, since Sept. 1 1926, has resigned to become president of American
Utilities Service Co., a public utility company recently organized, with headquarters in Chicago. Mubic Mtility company recently organized, with newly formed company on June 1 r. Erickson that Chauncey M. Brewer
Vice-prencidement and is is made by Mr General Manager of Mountain States Power Co Vice-President and General Manager or Mountainsar of the Co., ha Oregon Power Co., succeeding Mr. Crawford. Mr. Brewer also will con-
tinue vice-President and General Manager of the Mountain States Power
Canadian Hydro-Electric Corp., Ltd.-A pril Output.This corporation, controlled by the International Paper \& Power Co..
produced $165,345,000 \mathrm{k}$. W. h. of electric energy in April. an increase of $70 \%$ over the output in April 1928. In the first four months the corpora-
tion generated $661,384,000 \mathrm{k}$. w . h.. practicall double its output in the Central States Edison Co. Deb
Central States Edison Co.-Debentures Offered.Yeager, Young \& Pearson are offering at 99 and int. $\$ 450,0006 \%$ gold debentures, series A (with stock purchase warrants attached)
Dated April 1 1929: Due April 1 1949. Interest payable (A. \& O.) at
office of trustee. Denom. $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 500$ c*. Red. all or part by lot, on first day of any month at 105 prior to April 1 1934, thereafter, but prior to but prior to April 1 1948 at 102; thereafter until maturity at pare, with int. added in each instance, trustee. without deduction for normal Federal income tax not to exceed $2 \%$ per annum. Company will agree to refund to holders of these debentures, upon proper and timely application, Conn.
Penn. and Calif. personal property taxes not exceeding 4 mills per annum each, Maryland securities tax not not exceeding 41/2 mills per annum, District of Columbia, Mich. and Kentucky personal property taxes not exceeding
5 mills per annum each, and Mass. income tax not exceeding $6 \%$ per annum on the interest. Warrants.-Each $\$ 100$ debenture will be accompanied by a stock purchase warrant, non-detachable except when exercised, entitling the holder to purchase after oct. 11929 (or at such earilier date as the com pany may designate) 30 shares of the common stock (no par) of the Central
States Edison Corp., the parent corporation, as follows: Prior to April 1 1932 at $\$ 5$ per share; thereafter to Appili 1 1935 at $\$ 7.50$ per share, therearter
to April 1938 at $\$ 10$ per share. In the event that these debentures are called for redemption prior to April 1 1938, warrants may be exercised before, but
not after, date of such redemption. Similar warrants entitling the holder to purchase 15 shares of stock will accompany 8500 debentures.
Data from Letter of Walter L. Black, Pres. of the Central States
Company-A Delaware corporation. Supplies, through subsidiaries, to over 9,100 consumers in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska,
Kansas, Oklahoma and Alabama. The combined poplation Kansas, Oklahoma and Alabama. The combined population of the terri-
tories served is in excess of 50,000 . The physical properties include electric generating stations with a combined installed capacity of $3,800 \mathrm{~h} \cdot \mathrm{p}$., of
which $1.600 \mathrm{~h} . \mathrm{p}$. is hydro-electric; substation which 1,600 h.p. is hydo-ecectric; substation capact,
290 miles of electric transmission lines. 6 miles of gas transmission lines, 30
mile of 140 tons dailly.
1 st lien $51 / 2 \%$ gold bonds, series A.-.-.

 $\qquad$ | 450,000 |
| :--- |
| 609.500 |
| 65,500 | Common stock (no par)--.......................... 10,000 shs. b10,000 shs. restrictions of the trust indenture and trust agreement.

batlowne by the Central States Edison Corp.
 certain adjustments in the amount of $\$ 15,388$, which gives effect to present operating conditions, are reported by Haskins \& Sells, as follows:
Gross earnings ${ }^{\$ 517,029}$ Operating expenses, maintenance and locai taxes.
Interest requirements first lien bonds $\qquad$
Balance
$\$ 136,652$
 of electric energy,
water services. \% from natural gas, $8 \%$ from artificial ice and $2 \%$ from Pur services. Proceeds will be used to defray a part of the cost of acquiring
additional properties and for other corporate purposes.-V,
Central States Edison Corp.-Stock Offered.-Yeager, Young \& Pierson, Inc., are offering 40,000 shares of no par common stock at $\$ 6.50$ per share.
Cumpany.-A Maryland corporation. Owns, operates and manages
public utility properties. Throush ownership of all of the common capital stock of the Central States Edison Coorssee above and oover 95\% capital of the
common capital stock of the Madiso Light \& Fuel Co., it supplies or will presently supply through subsidiaries electric light and power, gas, water,
ice and other public utility services to over 10,000 consumers in Nebraska, Indiana, Kansas, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Oklahoma and Ala-
bama. The total population of territory served is in excess of 60,000 .

The physical properties of the operating companies include electric which $1,600 \mathrm{~h} . \mathrm{p}$. is hydro-electric, substation capacity of $3,000 \mathrm{k}$.V.a.,
290 miles of electric transmission lines, 15 miles of gas transmission inines, 40 miles of gas distibuting mains, and ice plants having a combined capacity Capitalization-
Cumulative preferred stock $\$ 7$ series (no par)
Common stock (no par)
Authorized. Outstanding. Common stock (no par) $\qquad$

* Of this amount 27,000 shares will berese

The subsidiaries as March 31 bereserved for the exercise of warrants.
${ }^{2}$ E 500 preferred stock outstanding in the hands of the public. operating subsidiaries, including those to be acquired, after certain adjustments giving effect to present operating conditions, are reported as

Balance-
Interest and dividend charges ofsubsidiaries.
Anual dividend requirements, preferred stock

## Balance

 sale of electric energy, $12 \%$ from the distribution of manufactured and natural gas, $17 \%$ from ice and $2 \%$ from water.-V. 128, p. 1225 .

Cities Service Co.-Regular Dividends. The directors have declared regular monthly dividends of $21 / 2$ cents per
share in cash and $13 / 2$ of $1 \%$ in stock on the common stock; 50 c . a snare on the preferred and preference " BB " stocks, and 5C. a share on the preference
" ${ }^{\text {B }}$ stock, all payable June 1 to holders of record May 15 . The common cash dividend is equivalent to 10 cents per share, the rate
paid on the old $\$ 20$ par shares which were recently split up on a basis of




Commonwealth \& Southern Corp.-Large New Public
Utility Holding Company Organized-New Corporation Will Utility Holding Company Organized-New Corporation Will
Own Over $40 \%$ of Commonwealth Power, Southeastern Power and Penn-Ohio Edison Common Stocks-Company in Addition Will Have Over $\$ 45,000,000$ in Cash.-
\& Announcement was made May 23 of the organization of Commonwealth than $40 \%$ of the common stocks of Commonvealth Power Corp, South-
eastern Power \& Light Co. and Penn-Ohio Edison Co. as a result of arrangements just concluded with the American Superpower Corp. and certain other large holders of the stock of these companies. The now corporation will
also have, in addition to the securities referred to above, $\$ 45,000,000$ in The largest single stockholders of the new corporation will be the American Superpower Corp.
eastern combined gross earnings of Commonwealth Power Corp; South-
Light Co. and Penn-Ohio Edison Co. exceed $\$ 130,000,000$ per annum. The operating subsidiarias serve over i.s.0 communitites in
11 States. They have more than $2,300,000 \mathrm{~h} . \mathrm{p}$. installed electric generating

1. capacity, of which more than one-haif is hydro instectrice, and they supply
electric service to approximately $1,000,000$ customers. The combined electric service to approximately $1,00,000$ customers. The combined
annual output excees five billion k.w.h.
For the year ended April 30 1929, the gross earnings of the CommonFor the year ended April 30 1929, the gross earnings of the Common-
wealth Power System were $\$ 60,475,444$ gommonwealth Power Corp. in 621 communities with a popularion estimated to be in excess of $2,360,000$ located in 5 important industrial and asricultural States- Michigan, Ohio,
Indiana. Ilinois and Tennessee. The installed electric Indiana, Minois and Tenessee. The installed electric generating capacity
is in excess of 899,000 h. . and the annual output now exceeds $2,000,000$, ond
k.w.h. The compony 's largest operating subsididiaries are Consumers Co. operating in Michigan, and the Tennessee Electric Power Co.
For the year ended March 31 1929, the gross earnings
For the year ended March 31 1929, the gross earnings of the Southsidiaries of Southeastern Power wholeste Co furnish electric power and light practically, the entire State of Alabama, Northwesternunities, Incida, Eastern The installed electric generating capacity owned and leaserd psover $1,200,000$ annual output exceeds $2,300,000,000$ k.w.h. The latrect opervening come panies of the System are Alabama Power CO. and Georgia Power Co.
Gross earnins of the Penn-Ohio Edison Co Syster for the year ended System are Pennsylvania Oinio Power \& Livht Co. Operating in the Youngstown, Ohio district, the Northern Ohio Power \& Light Co., operating in
Akron, Ohio and vicinity and Pennsylvania Power. Co.. operating in
Wron System exceeds 330,000 h.p. and electric service in supppied to over 1171.00 J
customers in 152 communities. The annual electric output now exceeds customers in 152 com.
$1,000,000,000 \mathrm{k} . \mathrm{w} . \mathrm{h}$.


Detroit Edison Co.-Earnings.Operating revenue April 30 Operating revenue-
Non-operating revenue.

## Total revenue- Operating $\&$ non-

 Amortization of debt discount \& expense Miscellaneous deductions

- Net income $\qquad$
Drydock East Broadway \& Battery RR.-Denied Fare Increase. The Transit Commission rejected May 21 as illegal the 7 -cent fare tariff
sheetts filed on June 221928 by the company, one of the Third Avenue Railway s subsidiary surrace car lines. The opinien, written by Chair William G. Fullen, declared that the question of "reasonable return" raised
 1860 and subsequent years. courts, but dor the colined to onpany saidine the that the case would be taken into the
study of the Commission study of the Commission's decislon. The 77 cent fare schedules were filed soon after the Federal courts had granted a 7 -cent fare order to there I.R.T.
The Drydock's example was followed by the Eighth \& Ninth Avenue The Drydock's example was followed by the Eighth \& Ninth Avenue RYy
companies and the steinway Railways of Queens, whose cases are pending before the Commisision. Like the Drydock, these two companies filed increased fare schedules under Section 29 of the Public Service ComIn all three cases the Commission granted hearings after suspending the schedules, but reversed the legal question as to whether the proceedings were properly brought under Section 29 . Chairman Fullen's decision
rested on the theory that they were improperly brought.-V. 124, p. 1819.
Edison General Italian Electric Co. of Milan.-Increases Dividend-Capital Stock Also Increased to 1,100,000,000 Lire-Rights.-
Gross earnings for the year ended Dec. 311928 were $249,038,051$ lire.
against $208.512,873$ lire in 1927 . Net earnings after bond interest were $98,567,721$ lire, asainst $88,393,446$ lire in 1927. Out of the profits for the year 1928 the company has paid a dividend of $94,026,128$ lire as compared
with $80,658,702 \mathrm{lire}$ in 1927 . out of the profits of the European custom the company pays its dividends 367.426 lire in dividends makes the payment for 1929 at the rate of 50 lire per share, azainst 45 ilre per sar share on the ordinary shares and 37 lire against
32 lire on the posterzate sharas for the preceding 32 lire on the postergate shares for the preceding years. increased from 375 lire to 500 lire. This was accomplished by thares was from the special reserve of $153,976,267$ lire, representing capital definitely
invested in fixed invested in fixed assets, as determined by reeent revaluation of plants. To
 shares by balance brought forward from the previous year and by the reserve
funds of the Societa. Serbatio Aplini, which was merged in 1928 . Together. lire to 950,000,000 ilire appearing in the balance sheet of Dec. 311928 . 1 , 1 , new shareso of common stock with a par value of 500 ilire, all reserved at the

Eastern Shore Public Service Co.-Earnings.-
Earnings for the Year Ended December 311928. Avalable for interest, \&c
Interest on ong term debt
Other deductions $\qquad$
$\square$ Net
$\$ 342,368$
Engineers Public Service Co.-Stock Increased.common stock aummon stock to $4,000,000$ shares, from $3,000,000$, and an increase in the
authorized preferred stock to $1,000,000$ shares from 700,000 .-V. 128, p .

3351. 

Essex \& Hudson Gas Co.-Merger Prevented.See Public service Electric \& Gas Co. above.-V. 127, p. 2955.
Federal Light \& Traction Co.-Electric Output.electric output or itports that for the quarter ended March 311929 , the
subsidiary
companies was 56.575 .523
kwh, an increase of $17.5 \%$ over the $48,1100,127 \mathrm{kwh}$, reported for the corresponding
quarter ended March 311928. The total output for the 12 months ended March 31 1929, was $216,-$ months ended March 311928 .-V. 128, p. 2992, 2459 .
Florida Public Service Co.-Earnings.-

od




Balance, surplus
$-\mathrm{V} .126, \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{p}, 865$.
$\$ 75,245$
$\$ 148,305$
$\$ 261,955$
$\$ 33,859$

Florida Power Corp. (\& Subs.).-Earnings.-

Period Ended March 31 1929-
Gross operating revenue --.... Gross operating revenue--..
Availabel for interest,
Interest on long-term debt. Interest on long-te
Net for retirement \& dividends
General Gas \& Electric Corp.-Class A Stock Offered. Harris Forbes Corp., Pynchon \& Co. and Associated Gas \& Electric Securities Co., Inc., are offering approximately 430,000 shares common stock, class A (priced at market) Class A stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange.
Business. - Corporation controls through subsidiaries public utility sumers in important communitiecs in South Carolina and Florida, and the
Lexinton Water Power Co, which in tond Lexington Water Power Co, which is constructing a hydro-electric develop-
ment on the Saluda R1ver, 10 miles west of Columbia, S. C. the initial ment on the saluda River, 10 miles west of Columbia, S. C. the initial
installation of which is to $130,00 \mathrm{k}$.w. and which is expected to be in operation about Sept. 11930 .
public utility and allied enterprises and to the the extent that such investines of sits
are temporary it are temporary, it is planned to replace them permanently with similar Common stock (no par valueat:
Class '."." (incl. this issue)
Class '.

Capitalization (as of April 30 1929).
ar value):
Class "B"
$\$ 8$ cumulative preferred stock
$\$ 7$ cumulative preferred stock

 it is proposed to reacquire in exchange for common stock, class th, on the participations. Upon completion stock, class "A" for each eight dividend
additional shares of common stock, class. "A." A . Subsidiary Companies:
Funded debt-1--iliquidāion value-
Mrefored stock
Minority common stocks
$\begin{array}{r}\text { S } \\ 6,92844,700 \\ \hline\end{array}$
Earnings. - The following statement reflects the present annual shis. Earnings.-The following statement reflects the present annual cash
 Expense

$\begin{array}{r}\mathbf{8 5 , 5 3 7 , 7 9 7} \\ 1,084,603 \\ \hline\end{array}$
Balance for class " $A$ " and class " $B$ " stocks*
\$4,453,194
commonstock outstans "Ans, dividend participations as retired in exchange for
 class
stocks, class " $A$ ". and class " B ."
In the above income all dividend income is taken at the cash dividen rates. The dividends on certain of the stocks of companies, not controlled by this corporation, are taken in stock. Taking such stock dividends at the
market value of the dividend stock increases the net earnings applicable to the common stocks, class " A " and class "B," on the above basis, by
upwards of $\$ 1,700,000$, making the earnings applicable thereto, $\$ 6,138,194$
 been paid on the common stock, class "A,", since issuance, and in 1928 an
extra cash dividend of 50 c . per share was declared and paid, which it is expected will continue annually hereafter. The holders of common stocks stock, class "A., at $\$ 25$ per share, to the extent of the dividends receivable in lieu of receiving the cash dividend. On this basis, the shares obtained
for the dividend are equivalent to a stock yield of 8 . Assets- Balance Sheet of the Corporation at April 301929.


Aects. \& loans recelvable--:-
Interest \& dividends recelv.
Deterred debilts............

## T. V 128, p. 3185.

Hamburg Elevated, Underground \& Street Railway Co.-Earnings.-
According to cable advices to Brown Brothers \& Co.. Co. reports gross
arnings for the year ended Dec. 311928 of $\$ 15.271 .403$ or an increase op nearly $10 \%$ over 192 , Net earnings in 1928 after liberal depreciation, amounted to \$1,470,179, or more than three times the annual interest
requirement on funded debt outstanding on Dec. 31 1928. Before deducting depreciation, such interest requirement was earned more than
dix times in 1928 and about $5 \%$ times $\ln 1927$. six times in 1928 and about $5 \%$ times in 1927 .
Year Ended Dec. 31 abin
Year Earnings De... 31

## Operating expen Depreciation--

Net earnings after depreciation
646,801 Com. stocks, statel

| 14,258 |
| :--- |
| $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Accounts payable } \\ \text { Acrued llabiltles }\end{array}$ |




## Houston Gulf Gas Co.-New Well.-

This company, a subsidiary of the United Gas Co.. has completed a This is the company's second producing oil well in the Reegurio field, and is
13 oco acres. A third well is on top of the sand and will be brought in,
it is expected, in the next week few days.-V. 127, p. 1807.

Houston Natural Gas Corp.-Pref. Stock Offered.-An issue of $\$ 500,0007 \%$ cumulative preferred stock (par $\$ 50$ ) is being offered at $\$ 48$ per share by George D. Morgan, Galveston, Texas.
Dividends exempt from normal Federal income tax. Maryland Trust
Co. Baltimore, Md., transfer agent. Dividends payable Q.-J. Red. in Co. Batimore, Mon ony in part on andend date upon three weeks notice at $\$ 55$ per
whole or in
share and dividends. share and anvidends. In. Delaware. Owns all of the stocks and bonds of the
Collowing public utilities: Houston Natural Gas Co., Texas Natural Gas
fald following public utilities: Houston Natural Gas Co.. Texas Natural Gas
Utilities, Tex-Mex. Natural Gas Co. and Guf Cities Natural Gas Co Through these wholly owned subsidiaries, corporation supplies naturai Wharton, Beevile, Richmond, Bay City, Baytown, Freeport, La Porte,
Goose Creek, Pelly Pasadena, South Houston, West University Place,
 Agua Dulce, Brumi and oukr mines
exceed 337,000 carninhs.- The consoidated earninss of the corporation and its subs.
for the three years ending Dec. 311928 Nov. and Dec. 1928 , estimated are given below. Whitman, Requardt $\&$ R Smith, Engineers, Bsitimated
estimate the minimum net earnings in 1992 at appoximately
estimore, and maximum net earnings at $\$ 450,000$ and are based in part upon the
expected benefits from construction recently completed, work now in progress and new extension contemplated. The average of these estimates
for 1929 is shown below:

Gross revenues.... Oper. exps. cos-1 of
taxes. main Net income avail. for int. $\begin{array}{llll}35,980 & 270,833 & 746,782 & 1,080,000\end{array}$ Maximum ann. div. req. On this issue-arning shown above, approximately $40 \%$ are derived from
Of the net earn served. Capitalization- Authorized. Outstanding.

 * 50.000 shares class "A" stock reserved for subscription rights under Warrant attached and to
Sile of the remainder of the class "A" stock is restricted to the price pro-
visi visions of the warrants attached to the bonds, which is s10 per share during
 to provide funds for additional extensions and other corporate purposes.-
Hudson County Gas Co.-Decision Upheld.-
See Public Service Electric \& Gas Co. below.-V. 127 , p. 295
International Telephone \& Telegraph Corp.-Subsidiary Expands.-
This corporation through its subsidiary, the International Standard
Electric Corp., is entering into the field of the manufacturing of electrical communication apparatus in Germany by the purchase of a substantial interest in the Ferdinand schucharat berin elephone is inelegraph works. distribution of telephone, telegraph and radio apparatus, as well as to to Germany the benefit of the great inventions and technical experience Corp. and its associated companies.
The Ferdinand Schuchardt factory, located in Berlin, is one of the oldest of the communication apparatus factories in Europe. It has kept up closely
with the development of modern electrical communication and occupies a prominent position in the field. The International Standard Electric Corp., the principal manufacturing organization of the International system, has eactories in england, France,
Belgium, Spain, Italy, Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Australia, China $\stackrel{\text { and }}{-\mathrm{V}} \mathrm{Japan}$ with a $128, \mathrm{p} .3186$.
Keystone Public Service Co.-Earnings.-


Net for retirement \& dividends
-V .127, p. 2684. $\qquad$
Manhattan Ry., N. Y. City.-Stockholders Form Com-mittee.-A stockholders' committee has addressed the following letter to the stockholders:
The property was leased in 1903 to the Interborough Rapid Transit ${ }^{1922}$ to $94 \%$ of the stockholders consented to reduce their guarantee from Rapid Transit palid $\$ 4$ dividends on its own stock, the Manhattan stock
wonld would be restored to ${ }^{\text {Th}}$
troversy arose between the Oity of New York and the Interborough company questioning certain preferentials and because of this controversy the dividends to the holders who have consented to reducing their dividends
from $\$ 7$ to $\$ 5$ have not been paid, but the stockholders who refused to from $\$ 7$ to $\$ 5$ have not been paid, but the stockholders who refused to
consent to the modification of the lease and reducing their dividends have continued to receive their \$7 dividend annually. There is now due
on the modified stock of the Manhattan Ry.approximately $\$ 10$ accumulated dividends. which the Interborough has deposited with a try accumulated pending settlement of the preferential dispute and to which the holders tually be paid, but will be delayed for a considerable period unless the stockholders co-operate in an effort to have these dividends released.
Besides the importance of securing an early decision on these accumulated dividends, it is of outstanding importance that the stockholders should be represented at conferences and in negotiations involving the adjustment of the controversies now pending between the city, the Transit Com-
mission and the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. Suprem we believe that the recent decision of the U. S. Supreme Court in the Co. in no way adversely affects the Manhattan Ry. or its stockholders.
In fact, it is interesting to note that the Court, in its opinion, referred
to thet to the value of the Manhattan for rate-making purposes, as being in excess
 The undersigned owners of a very substantial percentage of the issued stock of your company and representing a number of other large stock-
holders, have determined that the interests of the stockholders require the organization of a protective committee, the purposes of which will be to make further careful investigation of the aftairs of your company
and its relation to the transit situation in this city. With the view of planning and cetermining the proper course to pursue in the interests of the stock-
holders. consistent always with the public interest. Such a holders, consistent always with the public interest such a union of
stockhoders by concerted effort will better safeguard the interests of all concerned, and accordingly, a stockholders' protective committee has
been organized by the undersigned. It is not proposed at this time to ask for the deposit of stock but to seek representation in the present crisis for the stock of other owners who may desire to join in this concerted effort the rights and equities of the stockholders and to secure for them pn early resumption of dividends, as well as a fair price for their stock in the event it is impoped unification of the city's tractions should be consummated.
import that it should represent a very large proportion of the The com stoc
liminary expensee will serve without compensation and any ncessary preE. M. Hamilin E Co., Boston, member of N. Y. Stock Exchange), Michael Board of First National Stores), Morton'F. Stern Hon. Peter G. Ten Eyck, Albany, N. Y., with Charles R. Jeffers, Sec.-
V. 128, p. 3351. . V. 128. p. 3351

## Michigan Electric Ry.-Successor Company.-

$(5 \%$ due 1944$)$ ) of deposit issued by any of the depositaries of the Michigan Electric Ry. bondholders' committee, and to the holders of the bonds:
by the treorganization of the Mrehlsan Electric Ry. has been consummated and its subsidiaries, of the properties of the Michigan Electric Ry.. in
exchange for which the new company is authorized to
shar sharout capital stock on the basis of one share for each sion face or principal
amount of Michigan Electric Ry. 1st \& ref. mtg. Eold bonds, series (5\% due 1948), with all coupons maturing on and after Jan. 11925 sttached pay and asssume all indebtedecess reauired by tew company has hart to be paid and all
costs incident to the receivership and reorganization.

Those entitled to capital stock of the new company can obtain possession thereof as follows, vizi.
(1) Holders of certificates of deposit issued by any of the depositaries
should present such certificates to the Irving Trust should present such certificates to the Irving Trust Co, 60 Broadway, Electric shares Corp. stock certificates to be delivered in exchange should be issued. (2) Holders of undeposited bonds of Michigan Electric Ry. should
 Instructions as to the name or names in which the Michigan Electric sued.-V. 128, p. 3186
Michigan Electric Power Co.-Earnings.Operating revenues Eangs for Year Ended December 31 1928. Operating revenues
Operating expenses Uncollectible bills

Net operating income.
Non-operating income.
Gross income
mortization of of ebest discount paid or accrued
Misctlaneous amortization chargeable to income
Retirement apropriation
Retirement appropriation---
Net income for the year-
Earned surplus, Jan. 11928 .
Earned surplus, Jan. 11928 - Miscellaneous credits \& debits (net)
Total surplus-
Earned surplus, Dec. 311928 Earnings for Period Ending March 311129.
Gross operating revenue
Available for interest. \&c
nterest on long-term debt


## Michigan Public Service Co.-Earnings.- Earnings for Year Ended December 31 1928.

Operating revenues -incl- retirement approp. $\$ 27.851$ )
Operating expenses
Taxes, other than Federal.
Net operating income-
Von-operating income.
Gross income
Interest on funded debt
iscertios interest deductions
Net income-
urplus Jan.

Miscellaneous credits.
Total surplus $\qquad$

Surplus Dec. 311928
Earnings for Periods End. March 311929.
Gross operating revenue--
Interest on long-term debt
Net for retirement \& dividends
$\$ 39,260$

## $\begin{array}{r}\$ 743,844 \\ 43,122 \\ 22,796 \\ 32 \\ 37490 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r}\$ 274,934 \\ 1,846 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $\$ 276,780$


$\$ 163,998$

## $\begin{array}{r}\$ 701,410 \\ 277,165 \\ \hline\end{array}$

 $\begin{array}{r}277,165 \\ 78.729 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $\$ 340,116$3,174 $\$ 343,290$
113,806
1 $\begin{array}{r}44,589 \\ 10,841 \\ \hline\end{array}$

Middle West Utilities Co. (\& Subs.).-Earnings.Period End. Mar. $311929-$ 3 Months. 12 Months. $\begin{array}{ccccc}\text { Net of subsidiaries for retirement \& stocks owned } & 4,-881,789 & 18,836,351 \\ \text { by Middle Wets Utilities Co- }\end{array}$ Other earnings of Middle West Ütilities Co. (net)-:
Total earnings
uct.- of Míd

| $\$ 6,331,552$ |
| :---: |
| 521,568 | | $\$ 24,473,363$ |
| :---: |
| $1,528,413$ |

Net for retirement \& stocks of Middle West
$\$ 5,809,984$ \$22,944,951
128, p. $\overline{1} 895$.
Northeastern Power Corp.-Power Output Higher.-
An increase of $33 \%$ in the power output of corporation is revealed by the production figures for the rirst 1 monthis or the ypril 30 1929 totalled $243,558,907$ $\mathrm{k} . . \mathrm{w} . \mathrm{h}$. . Whereas during the corresponding months of 1928 , the aggregate
output was $183,001,425 \mathrm{k} . \mathrm{w} . \mathrm{h}$.V. 128 , p. 2629 .

National Power \& Light Co. (\& Subs.).-Earnings. (National Power \& Light Co. acquired controtiof Lenigh Power securities of income is given to indicate the earnings of National Power \& Light Co. Securities Corp. for these periods on the basis of control as it existed March
Ser 1929.)

Comparative Consolidated Statement of Income
(Inter-Company Items Eliminated)
Subsidiary Companies:
12 Months Ended March 31-
Gross earning
Net earnings $\qquad$

| 1929. |
| :--- |
| $79,977,9$ |

Other income
Total income
Preferred dividends to public.-.-.-....................
Renewal \& reppacement (deprec.) appropriations
Proportion applicable to minority interests
Balance
Power
Bal. of sub. cos.' earns. applic. to National Power


Expenses of Nationai Powe \& Light Oo I- Light Co
Rance $\overline{\mathbf{S 1 2 , 5 3 9 , 6 1}}$

Divs, on com. stk. of Nati Power \& Light Co...

$\begin{array}{r}\$ 10,783,074 \\ 5,418,327 \\ \hline \$ 5,364,747\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{r}\$ 9,032,605 \\ 2,036,638 \\ \hline\end{array}$

| $\$ 6,995,967$ |
| :---: |


|  |  | Balance Shee | March 31. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| sets |  | 1928. |  | 1929 | $\frac{1928 .}{\$}$ |
| Investments .-. 13 |  | 126,549,484 | xCapital stock_- 1 |  |  |
| Cash-..- | 206,028 | 562,266 | 6\% Gold deb., |  |  |
| ree,-subs. | 2,753,025 | 7,876,000 | ${ }^{\text {seres. }} 12026$-- | 9,500,000 | 9,500,000 |
| Notes \& loans | 2,56,025 | , | Divs. declared.- | 245,516 | 245,516 |
| rec.-others | 1,5 | 1,529,700 | Loans payable.- | 2,180,000 | 2,700,000 |
| Acts.ree.-subs |  |  | Accts. payable- |  | 251,489 |
| Acts.rec-others |  | 18,731 | Accrued | - 237,769 | 253,944 |
| expense | 688,849 | 695,926 | Subscr. |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Stk, subs, rights } \\ & \text { (contra) } \end{aligned}$ | 125,000 |  | sto cos |  |  |
|  |  |  | Reserve......- |  | 288,503 |
|  |  |  | Surp | 4,808,482 | 4,798,284 |
| tal | 1,536,066 | 138,161,086 | Total | 41,536,0 | ,161,086 |
| $\times$ Capital Sto | di | ng March 31 |  |  |  |
| preferred st |  |  |  |  | . 295 shs. |
| Common stock |  |  | 仿 |  |  |
| mmo |  |  | 5,41,7.5 | shis. | 7.5 shs. |
| V. 128, p. 1 | 4. |  |  | sis. | . 5 sh |

## New Brunswick Light, Heat \& Power Co.-Merger.-

See Public Service Electric \& Gas Co. below.-V. 127, p. 2956
Ohio Electric Power Co. (\& Subs.).-Earnings.
Earnings for the Year Ended Dec. 311928.


## Paterson \& Passaic Gas \& Elec. Co.-Merger.-

Public Service Electric \& Gas Co.-Decision UpheldMerger Prevented.
W. Emlen Roosevelt, Chairman of the committee formed to protect the holders of stocks of two groups of gas and electric companies leased
to the Public Service Oorp. of New Jersey, issued the following statemen this week
"The New Jersey State Court of Errors and Appeals has unanimously
 Group companies: Hudson County Gas Co, $8 \%$ stock, Essex $8 \%$ Hudson
Gas Co., $8 \%$ stock; The Paterson \& Passalc Gas Electric Co, $5 \%$ stock Somerset Union \& Middiesex Lighting Co. $4 \%$ stock: New Brunswick
Lifhtt. Heat \& Power Co. $5 \%$ stock; into the Public service Electric \& Gas Co. on the terms offered two years ago last April. Naturally. I am
most pleased with the result. As this is the highest court in the state of New Jersey, stockcholders in these subsidiary gas and electric companie
can now rest assured that the Publlc Service Electric \& Gas Co canno can now rest assured that the Public service Electric \& Gas Co cannot
deprive them of their investment on unfair terms just because it is the
majority stockholder in the companies in question.s junt

Public Service Co. of Oklahoma.-Earnings.-
Period End. Mar. 31 1929-
Gross operating revenues
Gross operating revenues-:-
Available for interest, \&cट-:
Interest on long term debt-

- Net for retirement \& dividends


Somerset Union \& Middlesex Lighting Co.-Merger.
See Public Service Electric \& Gas Co. above.-V. 127, p. 2957
Standard Gas \& Electric Co.-New Director.-
Mresident John J. O'Brien announces that at the directors' meeting held holders' meeting last week company were reelecte. Alrectors were re holders' meeting last week all directors were re elected, with the addition
of J.P. Pulliam, Vice-President and Gen. Mgr. of the Wisconsin Public Service. Corp., who replaces A. W. Robertson who had previously resigned. -V. 128. p. 2994.
Suburban Light \& Power Co., Alliance, O.-Increase The stockholders recently ratifified an increase in the common stock,
par value, from 100.000 shares to 600.000 shares, the new stock to be par value, from 100.000 shares to 600,000 share
offered to present shareholders.- V . $126, \mathrm{p} .3929$.

United Gas Co.-Awards Contract. -
The company has let a contract to the Smith Brothers Construction
Co. of Dallas, Tex., for laying the South Texas Pipe Line Co.'s 16-lnch gas line from donverse, 12 miles north of San Antonio, Tex., to productive gas areas in Bee and Refugio counties. Right-of-way for to the line has
 Co.. is a subsidiary of the United Gas Co. The new line, in connection
with the present line of the Southern Gas Co., another subsidiary. Wil be capable of supplying a volume of gas to the city of San Antonio greatly
in excesict be capabse of its present or anticipated requirements, and will also supply
in exer and
other towns and industries which are not now served with natural gas. other towns and industries which
it is announced.-V. 128, p. 3352 .
United Gas \& Utilities Corp.-Registrar.-
The Chase National Bank has been appointed registrar for 125,000
United Light \& Power Co.-Pref. Stock Offered.-Otis \& Co.. Bonbright \& Co., Inc., the Harris, Forbes Corp., Field Glore \& Co., J. G. White \& Co., Inc., the Dominion Securities Corp., Ltd., and R. V. Mitchell \& Co., are offering at $\$ 100$ per share and div. 500,000 shares $\$ 6$ cumul. conv. 1st pref. stock (no par value).
Preferred as to assets and dividends over the common stock. Oumular tive dividends at the rate of $\$ 6$ per share per annum payable Q .-J Jed
all or part by lot at any time on not less than 60 days' notice at $\$ 105$ per
share plus divs, Entitied in liquidation to $\$ 100$ per share plus divs. Divs.
exempt from the present normal Federal income tax exempt from the present normal Federal income tax Trited Lighter apents. Co.. Chicago. Registrars: Bankers. Trust Co., New York, and Conti-
nental Illinois Bank \& Trust Co.. Chicago. Con Convertiole.- Each share of pref. stock is convertible at any time up to
and including July 1 1934. into 2 shares of the no par value class A com.
stock and including July 1 1934, into 2 shares of the no par value class A com.
stock of the company. The company has agreed to safeguard this conversion privilege by appropriate protective provisions.
Data from Letter of William Chamberlain, President of the Company, Company.-Tncorp in Maryland in Nov 1923 as the successor to a
company incorp. in Maine in July 1910 . It now furnishes various public
 Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Tennessee Texas and Wisconsin, and in the city of Brandon, Manitoba, Canada. Co., Detroit City Gas Co., Milwaukee Gas Light Co., and San Antonio Public Service Co. Among the larger cities served are: Columbus, O.
Detroit, Grand Rapids, Anm Arbor and Muskegon, Mich.; Milwaukee and
Wis Midson, Wis.; Kansas City, Mo.; Binghamton, N. Y.: Lincoln, Neb. Chattanooga, Tenn,: San Antonio, Tex.: Rock Island, Moline and East
Moline. .ll.. La Porte, Ind.; Davenport, Cedar Rapids, Ottumwa, Mason Based on acctual percentage or ownership in subsidiary equities, in the 12 months ended March 311929 , approximately $4.53 \% \%$ of gross earnings
was derived from the sale of electric light and power, $34.75 \%$ from the sale of gas, $10.48 \%$ from street railway and $7.42 \%$ froer, miscellaneous ser ${ }^{28.68 \%}$ Purpose. $1.64 \%$ and $14.44 \%$ respectively. pref. stock will be used for the retirement of $\$ 13,500,000$ secured $51 / 5 \%$ United Light \& Railways Co., all of the present outstanding pref. stock The United Light $\&$ Power Co. consisting of 160,618 shares of class A $A$
pref. stock, first se ies, and 76.7 on shares of class B pref. stock, first series, pref. stock, first se ies, and 76,770 shares of class B Pref. stock, first series,
and $\$ 6,000.000$ of unfunded debt and for other corporate purposes. The outstanding first series of class A and class B pref. stocks have been called
for redemption as of July 24 1929. for redemption as of July 241929 .
Fanitalization-

| Authorized. Outstanding. |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{y}$ |
| $50,395,100$ | Olass A pref. stock (no par value)-........- $1,000,000$ shs. x 500,000 shs.

 $x \$ 6$ cumul. conv. 1st pref. stock.
restricted by provisions of mortgages and indence of additional funded debt shares reserved for conversion of $\$ 6$ cumul. conv. 1st pref, stock and 180.000 shares under option
There will be outstanding in the hands of the public, upon completion of this financing, securities of the subsidiary companies as follows: funded debt, $\$ 207,157,292 ;$ pref. stock, $\$ 60,667,506$ and common stock, $\$ 32$,521,238 (paid-in surplus pertaining thereto, $\$ 8,492,661$. Total assets of the company and its susidiaries as shown by the consolidated balance
sheet as of March 311929 , adjusted to give effect to this financing, are
$\$ 510.068,778$. Earnings.
subsidiaries, adjusted to give effect to this finemancing, for the the 12 months ended March 31 1929, with comparative fipures for the 12 months ended March 00 additional cash resources resulting from this financing, is as
$\$ 7.00,000$ and Years Ended March 31-
Gross earnings of subsidiary and controlled cos. 1929.1928. (atter eliminating inter-company transfers) - .-. $\$ 90.638,883$. $\$ 85,657,654$
Operating expenses



| Net earns. of subs. and controlled companies .-. $\$ 30,770,143$ |
| :--- |
| Non-operating earnings. |
| 229,391 |
| $\$ 27,325,005$ | Net earnings, all sources

Interest on bonds, notes, \$30,999,535
Interest on bonds, notes, s.-. of subsiaiary \& con-
trolled companies Amortization of bond and stock discounts of sub- ${ }^{10,777,582}$ Div. on pref. stks, of subs companies--.-.
proportion of net earns. attrib. to com. stk. not
owned by co
8,450,254
Gross inc. avail. to United Lt. \& Power Co.... $\$ 10,899,871$
Deductions: : Interest on funded debt...........
Deductions: Interest on funded debt--................

Balance available for com, stock dividends
Note - Earnings of American Lisht $\$ 4,736,643$ the fuil 12 months period are included herein together with subsidiaries for in this connection for the full 12 months period. Thus this statement shows the current rate of earnings on the stocks of United Light \& Power
not the actual earnings thereon for this period.-V. 128, p. 3188 .

Utilities Power \& Light Corp.-New Stock Created. The stockholders this week approved an amendment to the company's
charter providing for the creation of an authorized issue of $5,000,000$ share of common stock without par value. One share of the new common stock is
to be issued to the holder of each share of class " B " stock. whether now
 3352 .

Washington Water Power Co.-Pref. Stock Offered. An issue of cumul. $\$ 6$ pref. stock (no par value) is being offered by Murphey, Favre \& Co., Seattle, at $\$ 102$ and div. Company. - Is one of the most important hydro-electric properties in
the Pacific power and light service in an extensive area, including spokane and 90
other communities in eastern Washington and 15 communities in northern other communities in eastern Is asditin, water is distributed in Marcus and in the northern
Idaho Electric Co, the Spokane United Rys. and the Spokane Central Heeating
Co Co Cheian Electric Co owns a power plant on the Chelan River in cen-
trai Washington and certain storage riwhts on Lake Chelan , while street trailway service and steam heat are supplied to the City of Spokane. Wash., by the Spokane United Rys. and the Spokane Central Heating Co, ro-
spectively Total pulation of the territory served by the company and
subsidiaries is estimated at 213,000 .

> z Capitalization upon Completion of Present Financing,



 $\begin{array}{lll}1 \text { st ref. mtge. bonds, } 5 \% \text { due July } 11939-1.39 & \text { (Closed) } \\ 20-\text { year } 3 \%-4 \%-5 \% \text { gold debs., due May } 1.39 & \text { (closed) }\end{array}$ $51,007,000$
y $1,400,000$
$x$ Limited by the conservative restrictions of the mortgage. at the rate of $3 \%$ per annum to May 11925 incl., at the rate of $4 \%$ par
annum thereafter to May 1 1932, incl., and thereafter to maturity at the rate of $5 \%$ per annum
$z$ It is contemplated that the Washington and Idaho residents who hold
American Power \& Light American Power \& Light Co. 86 preferred stock acquired by them in ex-
change for their common stock of the Washington Water Power Co be given an opportunity to trade their American Power \& Light Oo. $\$ 6$
pref. stock, or any part thereof, for $\$ 6$ preferred stock of the Washington

Water Power Co. and that holders of $\$ 6.50$ pref. stock of the Washington stock. This will require substantial number of shares. The capitalization figures do not take into consideration the shares of $\$ 6$ pref. stock of the
Washington Water Power Co. which will be required for these purposes. Gross earnings from oneration

Operating expenses, including taxes | $\$ 8,069,302$ |
| :--- |
| $3,696,204$ |

 Total income-
Interest on bonds
Other in Other interest and deductions $\begin{array}{r}\$ 4,836,814 \\ 591 \\ 83,727 \\ \hline\end{array}$
Balance
\$4,162,082 Anual dividend requirements on 49,34 shares of $\$ 6.50$ pref.
stock and on 40,000 shares of $\$ 6$ pref, stock to be outstanding
upon completion of present financing.

Bal. for renewals \& replacements (deprec.) reserve \& surplus_- $\$ 3,601,346$ Earnings for the 12 months ended Dec. 311928 , as shown above, after
deducting expenses and interest charges, were equal to more than seven times the annual dividend requirements on the total amount of $\$ 6.50$ pref. stock and $\$ 6$ pref. stock to be outstanding upon completion of present
financing.-V. 126, p. 3592 .
Western Continental Utilities, Inc.-Listing.-
The Los Angeles stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 148,000 Earnings applicable to the common stock for the year ending JJan. 31
1929 were 1929 were estimated at $\$ 468,451$ before charges for depreciation, Federal charges have not yet been worked out in detail, but on the basis of recommendations made by engineers and accountants it is expected that the
company's net income available for dividends will be approximately $\$ 166 .-1$ company S net income ave to 2.14 times the annual dividend requirements on
800 . This is equivalent the class A stock, and is almost sufficient to pay the class B stock $\$ 1$ per
share if the approximately $10 \%$ less than for the year just closed
The dividend policy with regard to the class B stock has not yet been paid on the class A stock. In addition, the class A stockholders are at pres ent being given the privilege of turning in their dividends in payment for additional class A stock at a price of s13 per share. As the stock is worth
almost twice that figure, it will be seen that the current dividend on the class A stock is approximately $\$ 2.50$ per share per year.
Pro Forma Consolidated Balance Sheet Jan. 311929.
[Giving effect as of Jan. 31192 to (a) the incorporation of the Western
Continental Utilitites, Inc.; (b) the acquisition of the common stock of Western Utilities Corp., Southwest Telephone Co., Southwestern States Teleof the water companies made by Reaburn \& Bowen and of the appraisals companies by W. W. Hardinger; (d) the issue and sale of 15 -year conv. $6 \%$ ties. Inc.: (e) the a pplication of proceeds in redemption of part of the bonds and gold notes of the Western Utilities Co. and for capital stocks acquired. Continental Utilities. Inc., for 50,000 shares of common stock of Western Utilities Corp.]
xTelephone companies -...... $810,152,587$ Capital stock (no par) -....--283,363,446 YWater companies
Investmen

| Svectal deposits. |
| :--- |

Materials and suppiles.
${ }^{\text {Acc 'ts }}$ Cecelvable, less reserves
Deferred charges.


 $1,200,000$
528,000
,


 and Jan. v1 1929, plus subsequent additions. y Sound values as appraised by Reaburn \& Bowen as at March 11928 and April 301928 , plus $z=$ Reprentented by 60.000 shares of class A and 100,000 shares of class B
ommon stock.ommon stock.-V. 128, p. 2463 .

## INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Montclair Carpenters and Bricklayers to Get 5-Day Week July 1.-A 5 -day
week for carpenters and bricklayers in Montclair. N. J. will go into effect week
on
$10 \%$
 ers have granted the 5 -day week and a $10 \%$ wage increase to 8,000 plumbers
In $N$. Y City. The change rom the 512 -day week and the 812 daily
wae to Wage 1 for the Brooklyn plumbers and on Aug. 1 for those in the other
Joroughs. N . Yo Times., May 21 . 5 . Judoe Grain Brings Peace in Building Trades.-Danger of a lockout of was averted Juny 22 by an an agreemenent between the parties in dispute ar-
ranged by Supreme Court Justice Thomas C . T. Crain, who acted as Matters. Covered in "Chimesticle" May 23, p. 31. (a) Incease in employment and wages in Pennsylvania and Delaware, p. 3270 ; (b) Oopper holds at
18c. dispite quiet trade; (c) Big producers of copper order $10 \%$ tion-Anaconda group takes lead in effort to stabilize price, p. 3277 . tarily grants it to 2,500 employees-Increases pay $10 \%$, p. 3278
Acadia Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.-Earnings.Calendar Years-
Net trading profit
Not trading
Bend Interest
Deprecia
Surplus for year
Profit and loss surp

| 1928 | 1927, |
| :---: | ---: |
| $\$ 398.484$ | $\$ 316,926$ |
| 185.830 |  |
| 211,991 | $10 ; 363$ |

Aeronautical Industries, Inc.-Earninas
The company reports for 4 months ended April 30 1929. realized net
pronit of $\$ 143,316$ after reserve for taxes equivalent to $\$ 1.43$ a share on


April 30 showed an appreciation over cost of s160.582 compared with a
Corresponding appreciation as of Jan. 311929 of $\$ 137,827$.
 alue or securities and deducting thir reserve for taxes the fifmeres indicated an asset value or s.initi.278 or 821,41 per share of stok outstanding.


 Committee created in February and consisitity of the two just nemed and
James to. Willson, Pres. of National Aviation Corp-V. 128, p. 1730 .
Advance Bag \& Paper Co., Inc.-Earnings.Income Account Year Ended Dec. 311928. Gross profits of parent co \& \& subs. available for bond int
Bond int.-parent co. \& subs.
$\$ 916.578$
288.425
 complete operation of the Southern Advance Bag \& Paper Co. plant, pro-
vides for 6 months' interest charges on that company's funded indebted-ness.-V. 126, p. 2648 .
Affiliated Investors, Inc.-Stocks Offered.-Craigmyle \& Co. and Vought \& Co., Inc., New York, are offering the unsold portion of 10,000 units at $\$ 105$ per unit, each unit consisting of 1 share of series A $\$ 6$ cumulative preferred stock and $1 / 2$ share of common stock.
Series A 86 cum. prof. stock is fully paid and non-assessable. entitled to dends over the common stock. Red. on any div. date. in whole or in part.
 O-J. Divs. exempt from present norm
cial Trust Co. of New Jersey, custodian.
Capitatization-

## par) par) ).

 40,000 shs. 20,000 shss. Company. -Incorp in Delaware in 1927. The charter grants broad powers for investinct in diversified securities.
Earnings.-
For the carried at cost, the net earnings after reserve for Federal taxes, reserve for organization expenses and allother expenses and ccarges, amounted to over
2Yítimes preerered stock dividends paid and accrued. 2y/ times prefereded stock divididend spalis and accrued. share on the average number of shares outstanding. There has in addition been set aside a reserve for the year out of arrinngs of an amount equal to
$\$ 3.86$ per share on the common stock on the averase number of shares $\$ 3.86$ per sh
outstanding
Thistanding,
This reserve covers a profit on securities sold at the market price and mmediately repurchased. All of these securities have been resold, sub-
imequent to Jan. 31 1929, with additional profit to the corporation. sequent to Jan. 31 1929, with additional profit to the corporation. as mentioned above for the year Gross earns, inci. profits reserved as mentioned above for the year Investments. The investment policy of the corporation is modeled after the unrestricted British type of investment trust. As of Jan. 311929 , the portfolio was divided approximately as fors certificate of incorporation proides that not more than $5 \%$ of the total funds, invested and available for nyestment, may be invested in the securities of any one corporation or ther entity.
Management Compensation. - The sole compensation of the management consists of the management's right to purchase one share of common stock the issue price for each share thereof otherwise issued board; Jarvis W Directors.-Harry T. Peters, Chairman of the advisory board; Jarvis W.
Rockwell Jr., Vice-Pres. and director: Ronald M. Craigmyle, Pres. \& direcor; Dr. Henry Parker Willis, director; Frederick D. Vought, director; Edward Groth, Treas.; Hamilton A. Long, Sec.
Members of the board of directors, advisory board and officers receive no Dividend.-A div. of $10 \%$ payable in common stock has been declared V. common stockhoiders of record as of June 10, payable July 1 1929.-
V. 3353 .

Ahumada Lead Co.-Earnings.-
 \& other charges., to. loss 13,660 loss 18,294 175,142 $\quad 363,837$ \& other charges.- Whittaker states that in the first quarter of 1969 the
President 0.17 .142
R. company produced 6,805 dry tons of ore, from which the smelter returned
$2,699,740$ pounds of refined lead, an average of 396.7 pounds a ton. Sales for the three months came to 2,699,740 pounds. to The company had on March

Ainsworth Manufacturing Corp.-Initial Dividend.The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of $621 / \mathrm{cc}$. per share on the common stock, payable June 1 to holder
(See offering in V. 128, p. 1398.)-V. 128, p. 2995.

Air Investors, Inc.-Sells Int. in Interstate Lines.-
See Aviation Corp., (of Del.) below.-V. 128, p. 3188
Airway Electric Appliance Corp.-Earnings.April net profit of the company was $\$ 141,942$ after charges, depreciation and taxes. Net profit for first 4 months of 1929 was $\$ 561,272$ after above

Aldred Investment Trust.- 50 c. Semi-Annual Div.-
The trustees have placed the shares of the trust on a semi-annual dividend basis, having declared a semi-annua 1929 In the future semi-a payable June will be pald on June 1 and Dec. 1 in each year.
dividends
An initial dividend of 50 c . per share was paid Dec. 1 last for the year An initial dividend of

Allied Products Corp. (\& Subs.).-Earnings.Income Account for Period Oct. 10 to Dec. 311928.

Balance surplus. $\begin{array}{r}\$ 136,201 \\ 39,472 \\ \hline\end{array}$ -V. 127, p. 3400 .



## Amalgamated Sugar Co.-Earnings.-

Income Account Year Ended Feb. 281929 .
Net profit from operations for the year ended Feb. 281929
Defuct addititonal losses sustained on fixed assets disposed of -
not provided for by reserves
$\$ 132,026$
Net profit-_-_
Previous surplus 108,858

Previous surplus. ${ }^{523,168}$

Total surplus

Surplus at Feb. 281929
American Bemberg Corp.-Earnings.-
Income Account Year Ended Dec. 301928.
Operating profit after deducting selling, admin. \& gen. exps
Profit on operati-
Interest earned (net)
Total income-...-.-.-.-.-.
Net profit $\begin{array}{r}8619.153 \\ 183.750 \\ \hline\end{array}$

Earned per share on 280.000 outstanding shs. of common stock
$\$ 435,403$

American Colortype Co.-Dividend of 60 Cents.The directors have declared the regular dividend of 60 cents per share
on the common stock, payable June 29 to holders of record June 12. A similar payment was made on March 31. An extra disbursement of 60 cents per share was also made on Feb. 28 last.
Income Account Year Ended Dec. 311928.
Shipments
Manufacturing costs
Total expenses.... $\qquad$
Operating profit .
 $\$ 1.121 .182$
 $\begin{array}{r}120,000 \\ 13,071 \\ \hline\end{array}$
United States income tax

90,500
195,990
7,488
Net profit - $\begin{aligned} & \text { Earned per share on } 130,000 \text { shs. of outstanding common stock }\end{aligned}$
\$694,133 - (n. 128. p. 1731.-

American Commercial Alcohol Corp.-Inaugurates Dividends on Common Stock.-Also Declares Stock Dividend of $3 \%$ -
The directors have placed the common stock (no par value) on an annual dividend basis of $\$ 1.60$ per share in cash by the declaration of a regular
quarterly dividend of 40 cents per share to be paid July 15 to common quarterly divdend ord on cents per share
stockholders of record on
June
Lhe 129 .
The directors further declared a $3 \%$. stock dividend in common stock
payable on July 151929 to common stockholders of record June 20 . This payable on July 151929 to common stockholders of record June 20 . This
stock dividend is to be considered as an extra dividend a applicable to the first
 as extras semi-annually as earnings and conditions in the industry warrant.
 The voting trustees of the common stock at a subsequent meeting took stock to voting trust certificate holders of record on the same dates. ileges so as to become stockholders of record on June 20 will be entitled lieges so as to become stockholders of record on June 20 will
to receive both the cash and stock dividends.-V. 128, p. 3353 .

American Eagle Aircraft Corp.-Recapitalization Plan.In connection with the proposed increase in the capitalization from
200,000 shares to $2,000,000$ shares of no par value capital stock, to be 20,000 shares to $2,000,000$ shares of no par value capital stock, to the
approved by the stockhoiders at a meeting on May 27 , it is announced that the plan contemplates an exchange of 1 share of the present stock for
shares of the new stock. In addition to this exchange, each stockholder of shares or the new stock. In addition to thisexchange, eachstockcolder or
recor at the close of business on June 1 1 1929 will receive the right to
subscribe to 1 share of new stock for each share of old owned as of record subscribe to 1 share of new sto
on June 1 at $\$ 3.75$ per share. to be Porterfield Aviation Interests, Inc.a a wholly owned subsidiary, is
tranted an option upon 400.000 shares of new stock at the price of $\$ 4$ per share. The remaining $1,000,000$ shares are to remain unissued and
American Encaustic Tiling Co., Ltd.-Earnings.-
 -V. 128, p. 1908.

American Express Co. $90 \%$ of Stock Assents to PlanExchange Offer Expires May 31.-
Holders of approximately $90 \%$ of the stock have assented, it is understood, to the plan of affiliation of the company with the Chase National
Bank and Chase Securities Corp., and minority stockholders are being reminded that the opportunity to exchange their shares under the plan The stockholders of the Chase National Bank and Chase Securities Corp. approved the or plan at a special moeting held on May 16 and Ameri-
can Express stockholders who participate will receive their Chase stock on can Express stockholders who participate will receive their Chase stock on
July 1. The final distribution of dividends on such American Express
 s.ock wir the that dividends on Chase stock, the pressent rate being $\$ 18$ per
winn receive or $\$ 3.60$ on the new split-up stock.- $V$. 128, p. 3189, 2808 .

American Factors, Ltd.-Earnings.-
Calendar Years-
Gross earnings-... Territing expenses-.-.Gapital stock tax icenses, stamp, bond \& Amortization of bond Amortization of bond
discount and expense.
Bond interest_-.....-. Bond interest_ Sundry items---7------
Res. for income taxes.-capital stock Incorp, exp, writen off-
\$2

$$
3.428
$$

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\text { b) } 1,200,000 \\
46,817
\end{array}
$$

Balance, surplus.
Trans. to capital stock Previous surplus.-.--
Over-assessm't inc.
Over res. for inc. taxes.Profit \& loss surplus
Shs.cap.stk.outst.(pars 20 Profit \& loss surplus
Shs.cap.stk.outst.(par $\$ 20$ )
Earns. per share.
 American Founders Corp.-Depositary.-
The Seaboard National Bank of the City of New York has been appointed dion and Founders General Corp. to receive American Founders Corp. tion and Founders General Corp. to receive American Founders Corp.
$\$ 6$ cumul. Ist pref. series $D$ stock and agent to issue allotment certificates
therefor.- V . 128, p. 3189 .

## American Glanzstoff Corp.-Earnings.-

Statement of Income Account. Year Ended Dec. 301928.
Operating loss

Total operating loss
Commission earned on sales of foreign merchandise, \&c-${ }_{243,323}^{5107}$

Loss on operations.
$\$ 185,656$
184,706
Net profit for the year

- V. 128, p. 1908 . $\qquad$
American Machine \& Foundry Co.-New Machine.The company has placed on the market a new high speod cigaretete pack-
ing machine. capable of packing 85.000 to 95,000 cigarettes an hour.
This




American Motor Transit Corp.-Notes Offered.-Lane, Piper \& Jaffray, Inc., Minneapolis, recently offered $\$ 2$, 000,000 one-year $7 \%$ collateral trust gold notes, at 100 and interest.
Dated Apr. 15 1929; due Apr. 15 1930. Principal and int. (A. \& O.)
payable at Continental Illinois Bank \& Trust Co., Chicago, trustee. Interest payable at Continental ilinois Bank \& Trust Co., Chicago, trustee. Interest
payable wihout deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of $2 \%$. Denom, $\$ 1,000 c^{*}$. Red, all or part, upon 30 days notice, at 101
and int, on or before Oct. 15 1929; thereafter prior to maturity at $1001 / 2$ int.
Data from Letter of O. S. Caesar, Pres, of the Corporation. Business. - Corporation owns and operates through subsidiary companies the Greyhound and yelloway motor bus lines, comprising the largest long maintaining regular schedules, extend across the continent from New York to San Francisco, reaching paractically all of the important cities in the
Eastern Middle Western and Far Western States. The lines of the system serve the Atlantic Seaboard from New York to Jacksonville, Fla, and the
Pacific Seaboard from Los Angeles to Portland. Ore. During 1928 the present subsidiaries of corporation operated $24,185,499$ bus miles, carrying 4,487,752 passengers.
car and observating companies own 551 modern buses, largely of the parlor Provision is made for systematic maintenance and repair of coaches at weli equipped garages and service stations operated by the companies along
their routes. Passenger terminal facilities are owned or leased in the principal cities served.
Operating Subsijiari
stock (except $\$ 270,760$ preferred stock) of subsidiary companies opeapital the Greyhound Lines. Corporation has acquired all of the outstanding capital stock of the companies operating the Yelloway Lines, namely, California Transit Co., operating in California and Oregon; Pioneer South-
western Stages, Inc., whose line extends from Los Angeles to Denver and Pioneer Stages, Inc., covering the middle western and central eastern territory between Denver and New York. Corporation also owns the stock of subsidiaries engaged in furnishing such auxiliary services as the
financing of motor buses, and the management of motor bus lines. Agreements have been made which are now being concluded effect the consolidation of the corporation's subsidiaries operating in will states west of the Mississippi River with certain railroad owned bus lines
and the bus operating subsidiaries of Pickwick Corp. It is expected that and the bus oper economies resulting from such consolidations, the net earnings accruing to American Motor Transit Corp. will be materailly increased. subsidiaries during the two years ended Dec. 311928 :


 Int. on equipm't notes $\&$ div. on pref. stk. of subs.,
outstanding in hands of public.-..................
Net a avail. for int. on fund. debt \& Fed. inc. tax-- $\overline{\$ 1,273,973}$
nn. int. on fund. debt now to be outst'd'g(this issue)
140,000 Capitalization - Authorized.

 Particic. pref. stk. (no par) div. $\$ 8$ per sh...... 150.000 shs.
Common stock (no par) $\$ 2,000,000$
15,000 shs.
78,260 shs
 stock at $\$ 20$ per share on or before Apr. 151930 . 45,000 shares reserved for conversion of convertible preferred A stock, si ries 1.
Purpose.- Proceeds will be used to reimburse the e corporation for a por-
tion of the cost of the capital stock of California Transit Co., Pioneer tion of the cost of the capta, Incestern Stages, Inc., to provide funds for the purchase of new equipment, to increase working capital, and for other corporate purposes.
capital sty.- Secured by pledge with the trustee of all the outstanding O. applicable to dividends on its capital stock during the year ended
Dec. 31 1927, were $\$ 363,419$, and during the year ended Dec. 31 1928 Dec. 31.1927 , were $\$ 363,419$, and during the year ended Dec. 311928 were
$\$ 531,671$.

American Printing Co.-Bal. Sheet Dec. 31-
 Total_...........17,218,679 $\xlongequal[14,651,627]{ }$ Total_.......... 17,218,679 14,651,627 Contingent liability for $\$ 1,600,000$ bonds of Borden Mills, Inc., guaran-
teed.-V, 126 , p. 3931 .

American Snuff Co.-Split-Up Approved.The stockholders on May 7 approved a change in the authorized and
outstanding common stock from 110,000 shares, par $\$ 100$ each, to 440,000 outstanding common stock from 110,000 shares, par $\$ 100$ each, to 440,000
shares, par $\$ 25$ each, four new shares to be isued in exchange for each share
owned -owned.-V. 128, p. 2466.

| American Toll B Catendar Years- |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gross revenue | \$1,123,233 | \$933,265 |
| Operation and | 201,078 | 122,412 |
| Publicity and traffic |  | 50,518 |
| Taxes, insurance \& S. F. off | 162,787 | 166,900 |
| Interest and bond discou | 488,921 | 349,444 |
| lance before depr | \$270,447 | \$243,991 |

American Yvette Co., Inc.-EAarnings.-The company reports net income for March of $\$ 36,399$, equal to $12.46 \%$
of sales. Using March, said to be one of the poorest months of the Year,
as a basis, the annual net is set at $\$ 435,000$ However officils as a basis, the annual net is set at $\$ 435,000$ However, officials point out
the monthly net beginning with June should exceed $\$ 50,000$, and profits for the year should be at the rate of $\$ 500,000$, equal to $61 / 2$ times the preferred dividend requirements and available for common, after preference
dividends $\$ 4.66$ per share.-V.128, p. 2272 .

American Zinc, Lead \& Smelting Co.-Resumes Div.The directors have declared a dividend of $6 \%$ on the pref. stock, par $\$ 25$, payable July 1 to holders of record June 14. Quarterly dividends of $6 \%$
$\underset{\text { Amparo Mining Co.-Earnings.- }}{\text { Calendar Years- }}$ Calendar Years-
Gross earnings_-.
Operating expenses


Anaconda Copper Mining Co.-New Directors.-
Charles E. Mitchell, Chairman of the National Oity Bank, and T. Fisher, of Detroit, have been elected directors in place of A. H. Melin T. Fisher, of Detroit, have been elected directors
and George H. Church.-V. 128. p. 2996, 2984.

Anchor Cap Corp.-Earnings.-
Earnings for Quarter Ended March 311929.
Net sales and rentals of machinery
Provision for reserves
General expenses ---
Other deductions (net)
Federal taxes.......
 $\$ 205,522$
$\$ 0.65$
Consolidated Balance Sheet March 311929
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Assets- } \\ \text { Land, bldgs., mach. \& equip.- } \$ 4,493,760 & \text { Liabilities- } \\ \text { Nates }\end{array}$

 Call loans
 453,006
601,400

Prepald insurance and taxes-- 44,475 Total (each side) ........... $\$ \overline{12,866,477}$ x Represented by 42,055 no par shares of $\$ 6.50$ preferred stock, 209,748
no par shares of common stock and $\$ 683.491$ earned surplus of subsidiaries. no par shares of comm
-V .128, p. 1908.
 a Argo Oil Oo.'s proportion, $\$ 369,099$, minority stockholders' proportion,
$\$ 61,259$. x After deducting miscellaneous earnings.-V. 127, p. 2959 .


Arrow Aircraft \& Motors Corp.-To Establish Service Stations.-
Following the lead of the motor car makers this company is establishing service stations throughout the country for convenience of owners of the
Arrow Sport 60 and $90 \mathrm{~h} . \mathrm{p}$. bi-plane. The corporation announced that At will have between 10 and i2 such stations in operation in different sec-
tions of the United States before the end of this year According to President Mark W. Woods, present plans call for 25 sta-
Hons in all. They will have available all parts of the Arrow plane, it was said.-V. 128, p. 2996.
Associated Electrical Industries, Ltd.-Earnings.-
Operating profit $n$ come Accou
Interest on debenture stock-
Inepreciation
Income Account Year Ended December 311928.
Transfer to general reserve-
Net profit
Dividends on
preference- shares $\qquad$ $\begin{array}{r}41,45 \\ 56,65 \\ \hline\end{array}$

Balance, surplus
Previous surplus.

ع135,663 | 78,915 |
| :--- |
| 54,574 |

Profit and loss surplus. | £2,1744 |
| :--- |
| 99,676 |

Gross earnings
Federal. income
Depreciation.
Ear
Int. on
Net profit
-..... $\qquad$
$\underset{\text { Brevious surplus.-- }}{\substack{\text { Bala } \\ \text { Pr }}}$
Total surplus.
Earns. per shar- $13 \overline{5}, 000$ shares common stock (no par)
V. i28, p. 2810 .

## . 128. <br> Atlantic Lob

 Sales. -ar....-.aNet earnings
anet earnings --.......-
Total income
Obsolencence of equip't
Devel. Work. \& drill.exp
Lease rentals, \&c.-
Rep. set
os. set up for est. loss
on sale oo aband plant
on saluipo aband. plant
\&upquip. materials \&
supples.
Adj. of 1924 deficervi.-.

$$
\text { Cr.4,150 Cr. } 41,384 \frac{55,867}{145,000}
$$ of develop.e. exp.

 Profit \& loss, deficit_- $\$ 11,327,882$
a After all administrative and operating charges.-V. V. 126, p.
$\$ 11,157,867$
$\$ 101$.
Atlantic Mortgage Co., Durham, N. C.-Balance Sheet.

Assets-

| Assets- Furniture and fixtures |
| :---: |
| Cash in banks |
| Notes and mtges receivable. |
| Current investments |
| Accounts recervabl |
| Accrued int. recelvab |
| curity for bo |
| Unamortized dise. an |
| Insur. policies |
| der |

 Accrued int. on bonds Bonds outstanding
$\qquad$
tracts
turplus \(\left.\begin{gathered}114,518 <br>
4.910 <br>
22,788 <br>

13\end{gathered} \right\rvert\,\)| Re |
| :--- |

.. $\$ 350,000$ | 50,000 |
| :---: |
| 514.895 |
| 32,919 | 32,919

$3,408,000$

4,833
63,456

Total.

- V. 128, p. 2094
$\overline{\$ 3,985,241}$
Total
$\overline{83,985,241}$
Auburn Automobile Co.-Listing.-
hares of York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 163,315 shares of common stock (no par value), with authority to add to the list
4,005 additional shares on official notice of issuance and payment in full in accordance with stock purchase warrants now outstanding, making
the total amount applicd for 167,360 shares. Sales- Consolic
Sales - Net...
Cost of sales.
Selling expense

Net profit from ope
$\underset{\text { Detal }}{\text { Totalion }}$
Other deductions-
Deduct Federal inc
Deduct Federal income tax--
Minority stockholders' proportion

Consolidated net profit.-. | $.478,986$ |
| :--- |
| , 7750.489 |
| 550.144 |
| 486,220 | -V. 128, p. 2095.

Aviation Corp. (of Del.).-Acquires Interstate Air Lines Harvey L. Williams, President of Air Investors, Corp., on May 17, sale of Interstate Air Lines, Inc., a subisdiary of the United Aviation Corp., Aviation Corp. It is stated that more than 8500,000 was paid for the Anterstate Airp. Lines, Inc. .which has been in operation about 8 months, and
has air mail contracts connecting Chicago, Evansville, Nashyille. Chat has air mail contracts connecting Chicago, Evansville, Nashville, Chat-
banooga and Atlanta. and St. Louis, Evansville and Louisville. Their eontract of 78 cents, is one of the towest, it is stated.
This announcement follows closely the purchase of
This announcement follows closely the purchase of interests in Western
Air Express and the Aviation Corp. of the Americas, two of the most
important air mail and air passenger systems in the country, by the Aviaimportant air mail and air passenger systems in the
bion Corporation which became known on May 13 .
$51 \%$ of Universal Aviation Stock Deposited for Exchange.The committre consisting of $L$. H. Piper, George M. Pynchon, Jr., and
Lestan Aviation Corp., have issued a statement that more than $51 \%$ of the outstanding stock of Universal Corp. has been deposited to be exchanged for
stock of the Aviation Corp. on a share for share basis. The time within stock of the Aviation Corp. on a share for share basis. The time within
which stockholders of Universal could deposit their shares to be exchanged for stock of the Aviation Corp. expired May 201929.

Acquires Over $51 \%$ of Stock of Colonial Air Transport, Inc.See that company below.-V. 128, p. 2095.

Bailey View Court, Bronx, N. Y. City.-Definitive Ctfs. The Prudence-Bonds Corp. announces that definitive certificates against the first mortgage loan on the property located at 114 -ad fer delivery in
Bronx, N. Y., known as Bailey View Court are reay for dill exchange of the interims now outstaning Corp, and the $51 / 2 \%$ guaranteed Prudence certificates are legal for trust funds in the State of New York.
See also V. 28, p. 3190 .

Baltimore American Insurance Co.-New Pres., \&c.See National Liberty Insurance Co. below.-V. 128, p. 731.
Bates Valve Bag Corp.- Changes Name.Announcement has been made by the corporation that it has changed its name to the Bag \& Machine Corp. The business of the Bates corpora-
tion was acquired by St. Regis Paper Co. on Feb. 28. See V. 128, p. 1733 .

Baxter Laundries, Inc.-Earnings.-
Net sales_Income Account for 52 Weeks Ended Dec. 291928. Net sales----1-
Operating costs
$\underset{\text { Expenses.---. }}{\text { Gros }}$ $\$ 4,250,331$

$2,179,315$ | $\$ 2,071,016$ |
| :---: |
| $1,478,089$ |

$\xrightarrow{\text { Operating profit }}$
${ }^{\text {Depreciation }}$ -
$\begin{array}{r}\$ 592,927 \\ 143,213 \\ 168,327 \\ \hline 18,207\end{array}$
Federal and State income taxes
Other deductions....
$\begin{array}{r}30,500 \\ 16,942 \\ \hline\end{array}$

Total surplus--...-.-.
Dividends on preferred stock
Dividends on closs A stock
$\begin{array}{r}\$ 259,514 \\ 102,671 \\ 13782 \\ \hline\end{array}$
 $x$ This does not include net earnings of approximately $\$ 32,000$ of the Hennepin Laundry Co.، Minneapolis, for a period from Jan. 1 to Ju.
1928, the date acquired by Baxter Laundries, Inc.-V. 126, p. 1815.
Bayway Terminal, Inc.-Balance Sheet.-

(John) Bean Mfg. Co.-Consol. Bal. Sheet Dec. 31 1928.-Assets-

## \section*{} <br> \&

 Inventori $\qquad$ Investmentsreserves)
Leased milk sterilizers (net)
Auto equipment \& (net)
New production development. Prepayments.
Good-will Good-will- -V. 128. p. 2467.

Bendix Corp. (IIl.).-Co-registrar.-
The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed co-registrar for the common
Berland Shoe Stores, Inc.-A pril Sales Increase.-

(Sidney) Blumenthal \& Co., Inc.-5 $1 / 4 \%$ Back Divs.the preferred stock and a dividend of $51 / 4 \%$ on account of accumulations on the preferred stock, both payable July i to holders of record June 15 .
A dividend of $14 \%$ on account of arrearages was paid on Feb. 1 last.-V. A dividend o
128, p. 2996.
Blum's, Inc.-Initial Preferred Dividend.-
$\$ 3.50$ curectors have declared an initial dividend of $\$ 1.02$ per share on the $\$ 3.50$ cum. conv. pref, stock, no par value, payable June 1 to holders of
record May 24 . This covers the period from Feb. 15 to June 11929 . For
(H. C.) Bohack Co., Inc.-Earnings.Quar. End. May 4 Gross sales
Shares com, stock outstanding (no par)
Earns. per share on com. stock

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Bon Ami Co. (Del.)., N. Y. City.-Extra Dividends.The directors on May 23 declared an extra dividend of $\$ 1$ a share and the regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 1$ a share on the common stock A, payabie
July 30 to holders of record July 15, and the regular quarterly dividend of
50 cents a share 50 cents a share and an extra dividend of 50 cents a share extra of 50 cents was also paid on the common B stock on Jan. 5 1927, Jan. 171928 and on Jan. 17 1929.-V. 128, p. 2996.
Borg-Warner Corp.- $50 \%$ Stock Dividend.regular quarterly have declared a $50 \%$ stock dividend, in addition to the common shares. The regular dividends are payable July 1 to holders of record June 15. The $50 \%$ stock dividend is payable Aug. 15 to holders of $\$ 4$ annual basis, and the $2 \%$ quarterly stock divs. would be discontinued. On both Jan. 2 and April 1 last, a quarterly dividend of $2 \%$
$\$ 1$ in cash were paid on the common shares.-V. 128, p. 3191 .

## (C.) Brewer \& Co., Ltd.-Earnings. -

 Calendar Years-Grose earnings.-.--
Expenses and losses.--337,504
 Balance, surplus
-V .127 , p. 2960 .
 Hide

Brillo Manufacturing Co.-Earnings.-



British Columbia Pulp \& Calendar Years-
perating profit Operating profit
Bond interest Bond interest
Depreciation_
Taxes

Net profit
it ividend
Balance surplus
Previous surplus
$\$ 42.173$
38,934
Previous surplus--
-
Profit \& loss surplus. Sarnings per sthare
EV. 124, p. 377 . $\qquad$

$\square$ | $\$ 54.400$ |
| :--- |
| 100 |

British Type Investors, Inc.-Capital Increase and 4-for-1 Split-up.-
The directors have recommended a 4 -for- 1 split-up of the stock and an
increase in the authorized capitalization to 500.000 class . A , shares. After
 balance of 340,000 authorized shares for necessary expansion. This is the
second 4 -for- 1 split-up within 15 months. The stockholders' meeting to vote upon the proposed 4 -for- 1 split and
capital increase will be held June 3.-V. 128 , p. 3355. Calendar YearsSales
Cost

Sal $\qquad$ | Co.-Earnings.- |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1928. |  |
| $\$ 3,279.514$ | $\$ 2.2407,278$ |
| $2,348,328$ | $1,906,904$ |

Gross profit
Other income $\qquad$

Interest_

| \$931,185 44.278 | \$ $\begin{aligned} & \text { \$333,374 } \\ & 21,677 \\ & \$ 3505\end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| \$975.463 | \$355,051 |
| $\begin{array}{r} 238,968 \\ 17,012 \end{array}$ | 122,318 32,271 12 |
| 53,783 |  |
|  |  |
| $\$ 577,910$ 100,000 | \$180,085 75,000 |
| \$5.77 | \$2.40 |

Premium on bonds redeemed, dies, jigs \& patterns
Fritten off----
Net profit
Shares of capital stock outstanding. $\qquad$ $\begin{array}{r}\$ 577.910 \\ 100.000 \\ \hline 5.77\end{array}$ . 127 p. 1107.
Brown Shoe Co., Inc.-Semi-Annual Report.-




 | $\begin{array}{l}\text { Earns. } \\ \text { shs. com. stk. (no par) }\end{array}$ | $\$ 1.65$ | $\$ 1.62$ | $\$ 1.77$ | $\$ 0.96$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $-\mathrm{V} .127, \mathrm{p} .2552$, |  |  |  |  |

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { (Edward G.) Budd Mfg. Co.-Earnings.- } \\
& \text { Calendar Years-) }
\end{aligned}
$$ 1927. dentures in development of new models Earnings for Quarter Ended March 31

Net income after int, deprec. $\&$ Federal taxes...
Shares common stock outstanding (no par) Earnings per shane-

Bush Terminal Co.-Regular Cash and Stock Dividends Declared on Common Stock.
The directors have declared the regular quarterly cash dividend of 50 c . a
share and a quarterly stock dividend of $112 \%$ on the common stock, no par share and a quarterly stock dividend of $113 \%$ on the common stock, no par
value, both payable Aug, 1 to holders or record June 28. Like amo vere paid on this issue in eeach of the six precerding quarters. On July 15
wad Oct. 151927 the company paid dividends in stock at the rate of $2 \%$
and quarterly with no cash payment.-V. 128, p. 2997.

By-Products Coke Corp.-Stock Split-up Approved.-
The directors have recommended and stockholders have approved at a special meeting held May 23 an increase in the authorized common stock
from 200,000 no par shares to 800,000 no par shares. The common stock from 200,000 no par shares to 800,000 no par shares. The common stock
will be split up on the basis of 4 -for-1, the stockholders of record June 15 to receive four new shares for each share held.
It is the intention of the directors to piace the new common stock on a ${ }^{256}$. quarterly or $\$ 1$ annual basis. The company on the present stock is payily for the old stock. The stockholders also approved a reduction in the authorized preferred
steck from $\$ 2.000,000$ to nothing. The entire outstanding perferred stock stock from \$2,000,00 an enled and retired.
had provioustly been company's plants are operating
President D . D. Caldwell stated that the compan at present at $100 \%$ of capacity.-V. 128, p. 3356 .

Cabot Manufacturing Co.-Earnings.-



| Assets- |  | 1927. | Ltabilities- | S2,000,000 | $\begin{gathered} 1927, \\ \$ 2,000,000 \\ 270 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ${ }_{\text {¢ }} 1928$. | ${ }_{\text {1927. }}$ | Capital stock-- |  |  |
| Real est. \& mach., |  |  | Notes payable-.- |  |  |
| water DWr.rts. \& |  |  | Accounts payable- | 140,395 36879 | 107,446 |
| develop'ts --. | 385,553 | 82,370,678 | Res. | 36,879 100000 | - 39,329 |
| acts. receiv. |  |  | sur | 1,230,445 | 1,130,411 |
| cash. | 418,667 <br> 13,500 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,311,325 \\ 15,183 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

x After deducting $\$ 1,067,034$ for depreciation.-V. 126, p. 2969 .
California Cotton Mills Co.-Balance Sheet.-
Balance Sheet as of Dec. 311928.

| Assets- |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Land |
| Cash idgs. |
| in banks \& on . | Notes paya

Accruals.
Cash in banks \& on hand...
Accounts recelvable -.......................
Adv. on raw material purch.-
Notes \& accounts recelvable.-
Investments...................
Construc, work in progress...
Total
After $83,909,620$ depreciation.-V. 126, p. 3596.

Calamba Sugar Estate.-Earnings.Years Ended Sept. 30
Gross income..-1.
Interest expenses, \&c. Net income
Preferred dividends
Common dividends.
Balance, surplus


Calumet \& Hecla Consolidated Copper Co.-To Keep Office in Boston.
The Shaw interests gained an important victory at the special meeting
of stockholders held May 23 to consider a proposal to remove the maia of secutive officeso of the company from Boston to New York. Quincy A.
exect
Shaw mustered 745,404 votes against the proposition, and 700,203 shares were in favor of it. The result completely eliminated the possibility that the favored the removal, might Quincy A. Shaw, a director of the company and formerly its president, came to New York last week and continued the nght for proxisto concen balance the meeting. He made a statement at that time, indicating that the real issue at stake was the disposition of suits pending in Massachusetts Courts against Chairman Agassiz and Presicent MacNaughton, queste that removal of the office from Boston might impede justice in these cases.

Canada Gypsum \& Alabastine, Ltd.-Earnings, Net profit $\$ 977.591$
210.799
227 Depreciation and depletion 227,181
48,771
Dominion income tax. $\$ 490,840$
206,886
Net income \$283,954
Balance surplus.
Previous surplus $\begin{array}{r}\$ 283,954 \\ 215,475 \\ \hline\end{array}$

Total surplus--.-.................... $\begin{array}{r}\$ 499,429 \\ 60,250 \\ \hline\end{array}$ Premium paid on redemption of bonds--..--
Written of discount on bonds and debentures $\begin{array}{r}60,250 \\ 200,000 \\ \hline\end{array}$

## Profit and loss, surplus <br> $\$ 239,178$

Canadian Fairbanks-Morse Co., Ltd.-Resumes Common Dividend.-
A dividend of 50 c . per share was paid on the common stock, no par value,
April 15 to holders of record March 30 A. A. total distribution of $\$ 2.64$ per share was made in 1920; none since. Record or dividends paid on this issue follows: On $\$ 100$ par shares, in 1917, $27 \% \%$. 1918 , 1
1920 on no par stock, $\$ 2.64$ per share.-v. 127, p. 2233 .
Canton Co. of Baltimore.-Earnings.-
Rev., rentals \& storage
Other income Exp.,oper.\& maint-...Mxp, oper. \& maint-... Taxes disc. on bonds.-. $\begin{array}{r}1928 . \\ \quad \begin{array}{r}181,051 \\ \hline 35,743 \\ \hline\end{array} \mathbf{r} \\ \hline\end{array}$ Int. \& disc. on bonds
$\qquad$
 End. $Y$ Y
$1,26$.
9,508
3,543 $\begin{array}{r}\text { Year Ended } \\ \text { May } \\ 31.26 . \\ \$ 708.747 \\ 214,218 \\ \hline\end{array}$
 Balance, surplus $-\overline{-} \overline{0} \overline{0}$
Earns. per sh. on 22, shs. capital stoc
$-\mathrm{V} .126, \mathrm{p} .3597$
Casein Co. of America (N. J.).-Earnings.Calendar Years-

Earns. \& inc. sub. $\qquad$ $\begin{array}{r}1927.65 \\ \begin{array}{r}134,219 \\ 132\end{array} \\ \hline\end{array}$ \begin{tabular}{l}
1926.18 <br>
$\left.\begin{array}{l}1974.618 \\
140.068 \\
\hline\end{array}\right)$ <br>
\hline 834,50

 $\begin{array}{r}1925 . \\ \$ 417.45 \\ 126.655 \\ \hline\end{array}$ 

Net earnings--...-.- <br>
Divs, <br>
$\$ 341,801$ <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}

 Less-Divs. on pr.stk
Divs.on Dry M.Co.stk
 Surp. adjustment.-.

(J. I.) Case Threshing Machine Co.-Changes Name.Effective June 1 next, the name of this company will be changed to
the J. $I$. Case Co. This change of name will not in any way effect the corporate identity of the corporation.
President Leon R. Clausen states that the primary reasons for the change in name are: First, to remove the confusion that has existed because the same town, Racine, Wlis., second, because the company's line of prod ucts has expanded over the past 20 years so that "threshing machine" is its corporate name no longer signifies ${ }^{\text {o }}$
tures. -V .128, p. 1911, V . 127 , p. 956 .
Celluloid Corporation.-Earnings.-

 813.518


$\begin{aligned} & \begin{array}{r}\text { Surplus (subject to participating div. of } \\ \text { declared) } \\ \text { dom thereof, when }\end{array} \$ 419,769 \\ & \$ 1.17\end{aligned}$ Earns. per share on 1

Certo Corp.-To Dissolve-Transfer of Assets to Postum Co., Inc. Consummated. -
The stockholders will vote June 3 on approving a proposition to dissolve the corporation
"The transfer of the assets to Postum Co. Ine., pursuant to the contrac approved by stockholders at the special meeting held April 41929 , has been consummated and the assets of Certo Corp. now consist of 351,000
shares shares of the capital stock of Postum Co. Inc. In andinion, ind liquidation of the corporation, Which has been set aside pursuant to the provisions
of the contract. The Certo Corp. has, accordingly, now ceased to do of the co
business.
"Under the agreement above referred to Certo Corp. has agreed to dis-
solve and to distributetto itsis stockholders the 351,000 shares of Postum solve receved upon the transfer The director of Certo Corp. have ac-
cordingly, called a special meetingiof stockholders to act upon the procordingly, called a special meetingiof stockholders to
position to dissolve the corporation."-V. 128, p. 2635 .

Cessna Aircraft Co., Wichita, Kan.-New Factory.The company announces that its new $\$ 100,000$ factory nearing completion planes weekly, using both a day and night shift of workers. The plant is
expected to be opened June 8 . The company is now employing 60 men but 200 will be necessary for a fuil complement for the new factory,
Orders now on hand from Curtiss Flying Service Inc , which the entire output of the present plant, call for a prodection rate of 12 planes weekly, the limit of the new plant employing only a day shift. Production to date has concentrated on the four-place transport monoplane model developed by clyce V. Cessna, founder and president of the company capable of developing 140 miles an hour motor, this plane has shown itself
place Cessna model. however, has caused the company for to enter the six sixplace Cessna model. however, has caused the company to enter intensive
production of it, with the present schedule calling for 40 four-place models monthly and 10, six-place models. This production will mean a monthly
gross income of $\$ 500,000$ which the company expects to maintain for the next year, according to Mr. Cessna.-V. 128, p. 2274.

Chesebrough Mfg. Co. Consol.-Extra Div. of 50c.The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50 c . per share and the
usual quarterly dividend of 1 1 per share on the $\$ 3,000,000$ common stock,


Chrysler Corp.-Balance Sheet March 31-

 Market 'le esecur- $11,001,609$ Notes recelvable $\begin{aligned} & 1,501,036 \\ & \text { Acta }\end{aligned}$ Acte frecelvana. $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Inventories } & \text { Gol.... } & 53,791, \overline{8} 2 \overline{3} & 612,246\end{array}$ Pret.stk.sk. Fund.
 Deferred charges $1,413,419$ 25,000,000 $\mid$ xAPter depreciation $\$ 42,356,199$. y Represented by $4,411,990$ outstanding Our shares or commarantive income account was published in V. 128,p.2814.v. 128. p. 3356.

City Stores Co.-Initial Common Dividend.share on the new have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 25 cents per record June new common stock, no par value, payame July 1 to holders of
Claude Neon Electrical Products Inc.-Earnings.-
 Coca-Cola International Corp. - Initial Class A Div. share on the common stock no par value, payable July 1 to holders of share on the common stock, no par value, payable July 1 to holders of
record June 12129 , and an initial semi-annual dividend of $\$ 3$ per share
on the no par value $\$ 6$ cumul. class A stock, payable July 1 to holders of on the no par value $\$ 6$ cumul. class A stock, payable July 1 to holders or
record June 121929 and
A regular quarteriy dividend of $\$ 2$ per share was paid on the common A regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 2$ per share was paid on the common
stock on April 1 This compares with quarterly dividends of $\$ 3$ per share
paid prior to the distribotion early this year of a stock dividend of one paid prior to the distribution early this year of a stock dividend of one
share of new class A stock for each share of common stock held. Earnings for Calendar Years.


$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Earnings per share_-...- } & 228,8 \\ \$ 11\end{array}$ 1926.
$\$ 1,740,655$

5,900 | 1925. |
| :---: |
| \$1,757,000 |
| 12,509 |


Dividends received
Payments by stock-............
Expenses
Net income-
Dividends paid
Balance, surplus

 | $\$ 1,746,555$ |
| ---: |
| 10,558 |
| $\$ 1,735,997$ |
| $1,740,655$ |

| $\$ 1,769,509$ |
| :---: |
| 9,535 | | $\$ 1,759,974$ |
| :--- |
| $1,757,000$ |


| def $\$ 4,658$ | $\$ 2,974$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| 246,325 | 251,000 |
|  | $\$ 7.04$ |
| $\$ 7.01$ |  | rch 31

$\$ 5$
19 5 S 1927,
$\mathbf{S 6 0 8 , 3 8 7}$
def $\$ 54$ def $\$ 1,202$

 Total_.........s6,815,209 $\overline{s 6,866,988}$ Total_.........s6,815,209 $\overline{s 6,866,988}$ x Represented by 452,796 shares no par class A stock and 452,796 no
par shares common stock.-V. 128. p. 406 .
Colonial Air Transport, Inc.- Deposits-Merger- A committee consisting of John F. O'Ryan, Cecil P. Stewart, John H.
Trumbull and James W. Wadsworth in a notice to the stockholders of the Colonial Air Transport, Inc., the Colonial Western Airways, Inc., and the class of stock of each of the above companies has been deposited, and that more than $51 \%$ or the stock to be be iscued in exchange for the deposited stock has elected to take in exchange therefor shares of the common stock of The
Aviation Corp. in accordance with the plan. Accordingly, the committee hereby declares the the plan operative.
The committee has determined to receive deposits without penalty up to the close of business on May 31111929 , to which time the original period tor the making of deposits is hereby extended. All stockholders desiring
to take advantage of the plan and to come under the same must accordingly deposit their respective plares in the respective companies with the depos-
itary, the Murray Hil Trust Co., 279 Madison Ave., N. Y. City, on or
it

Columbia Gorge Motor Coach System.-Equip. Notes. Offered.-An issue of $\$ 120,000$ equip. mortgage $6 \%$ gold notes was recently offered at 100 and int. by Lane, Piper \& Jaffray, Inc., Minneapolis.
Notes are dated April 11929 and mature serially Oct. 11929 to April 1 Trust Co. Portland, Ore., trustee, or at the payable at Security Savings \& \&
Trinnesota Loan \& Trust Co., Minnea., Porlis. Minnd
Business.- Comp
the leading motor coach an Oregon corporation, owns and operates one of the leading motor coach transportation systems in the Pacific Northwest,
The ilines are, 352 milies in length extending over the Oregon Trail Highway
from Portland, Ore., to Salt Lake City, Utah, and serving intervening and
adjacent territory including the cities of Bend and Pendleton, Ore., and
Boise City and Pocatello, Idaho. Upon completion of present financing, the company will own 50 modern
motor coaches, largely of the parlor car and observation parolor car type Management and Control. Company is controlled through stock owner-
 Secirity.-These notes are a direct obligation of company and are to be
secured by a closed first mortgage upon 25 Fageol, Pioneer and White motor coaches, which coaches, on the basis of cost less depreciation as of coaches to be acquifred during April 1929 are valued at $\$ 187,773$. ton, Ore., until March 11929 , when extended only as far east as Pendle-
Blue and Twin Falls, Idaho, and the Co., operating between Pendleton, Ore. between Twin Falls, Idaho, and Salt Lake City Utah. The operations of
the two last included in the figures gaiven have athough been audited and are therefore noe
durine operations of both companies Coach systemere profitable. The earnings of Columbia Gorge Motor
public accountants, were as, re reported by Wells \& Erickson, certified public accountants, were as follows:
Operating revenue-- incl. maintenance and taxes chargeable to
Operating expenses,
operation_-...................................................
$\$ 459,311$
Net operating income, before deducting deprec. and Fed. taxes
$\begin{array}{r}384,921 \\ \$ 74,390 \\ \hline\end{array}$

Columbia Graphophone Co., Ltd.-29 1-10c. Div.The directors have declared a dividend of 29 1-10c. a share on the "Ameri-
can" shares, payable June 1 to holders of record May 24.-V. 127, p. 3251
$\underset{\text { Years Ended-_ }}{\text { Columbia }} \underset{\text { Feb. } 28^{\prime} 29 \text {. Feb. } 29 ' 28 . \text { Feb. 28'27. Feb. } 28{ }^{\prime} 26}{ }$ Profit from oper., after
provid' g for bad debts,
$\begin{array}{cc}\begin{array}{c}\text { provid' } \mathrm{C} \text { for bad debts, } \\ \text { depr. } \\ \text { others ore records.-- }\end{array} & \$ 882,579\end{array}$
Total income used facil -
\$882,579
\$737,401
22,738
$\begin{array}{r}\$ 230,119 \text { loss } 8847,203 \\ 40,095 \\ 83,356 \\ \hline 20,210\end{array}$ $101, \overline{2} \overline{7} \overline{3}$
Net prof. for fical yr--
Dividends paid $\$ 781,306$
329,280

8760,139
$\$ 270,214$ loss $\$ 763,846$

## $\$ 760,139$

$\$ 270,214$ loss 8875,311
 Surp. at end of period
Earns. per sh. on 82,524
$\$ 1,309,578$
$\$ 857,551$
def 8902,587
def $\$ 1193,562$

Columbia River Longview Bridge Co.-Bridge Over $25 \%$ Completed Is Expected to Be Ready for Traffic in Feb. 1930. The Columbia River Longview Bridge over the Columbia River between
Longview, Wash. and Rainier, ore is thore than $25 \%$ completed and Longvew, Wash, and Ramier, Oree. is more than $25 \%$ completed and
ionpeted ob oready for traffic in February 1930 according to informa-
tion received by New York bankers. Excavations have been completed, $90 \%$ of the concrete for piers has been poured and more than 6,000 tons
of structural steel, which is half the total requirements, has 6 , or structural steel. which is halr the total requirements, has been shipped
from the mill. The bridge is being erected at a cost of about 5 S.800.000
for the Columbia River Longview Bridge Co. by the Bethehem steel
Co.. which has guaranteed the bridge compa.s boud Co.: which has guaranteed the bridge companys s bonds and debentures
until July 1935 or earlier completion of the bridge.-V. 128, p. 1736 .
Combined Holdings Corp.-New Name. -The name of the Standard Oilstocks Corp., depositor for "Standard Oilstocks Trust Shares" has been changed to the above title. The following notice has been issued in connection with the change
This issue was originally offered on May 1 1929, under the designation
"standard oilstocks Trust Shares." The corporate title of the denositor Standard oilstocks Trust Shares." The corporate title of the depositor
was
standard Ollstocks Corp." Subequently it was brught to the attention of the depositor chacd corporate titie and the designation of the investment trusts. To avoid such possible confusion the deposisting
corporate name was changed on May 15 1929, and the agreement of tris corporate name was changed on May 151929 , and the agreement of trust
was amended as of May 16 1929, by a supplemental agreement changing the was amended as of May 16 1929, y a a supplemental agreement changing the
designation of the trust shares to Combined Trust shares of Standard oil
Group)." The supplemental agreement also makes a change in the method Group)." The supplemental agreement also makes a change in the metho
of determining the offering price of trust shares Each Combined Trust share (of Standard Oill Group), irrespective of date of issue, ranks equally with all other shares and each represents a $1-1,000$ th
interest in in unit. originally porations of the Standard Oil Group, to be deposited with Fidelity-Philament of trust dated March 251929 .
Commercial Investment Trust Corp.-Stock Dividend.The directors have declared the regular quarteriy dividend of $\$ 1$ per share
in cash and $1 \%$ in common stock on the common stoek, payable July 1 to holders of record June 5. In lieu of fractions of shares distributable by reason of the stock dividend. checks based upon the bid price of the common
tock on the New York Stock Exchange at the close of business stock on the New York Stock Exchange at the close of business on the
date on which the stock sells ex-dividend, will be paid to stockholders entitled thereto. A stock dividend of $1 \%$ was also paid on the common stock on Jan. 1 and A Arili 1 last.
The regular quarterly dividends of $\$ 1.75$ on the $7 \%$ 1st pref. stock and of
\$1.62/3 on the $61 / 5 \%$ ist pref. stock also were declared, payable July 1 to
holders of record
Commercial Solvents Corp.-Regular Cash Dividend. The directors have declared the regular quarterly cash dividend of $\$ 2$ The company on April 1 last paid a $2 \%$ stock dividend in addition to the usual quarterly cash dividend of $\$ 2$ per share.
Philip L . Reed, Treasurer of Armour \& C ., Chicago, has been elected
a director to fill a vacancy.-V. 128 , p. 2998 .,

## Consolidated Chemical Industries, San Francisco.-

 Expansion.-An authoritative statement says:Both the plant at Baton Rouge, La., and the platit at Houston, Tex.,
are running 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to take care of the broadening demand for sulphuric acid by the large refineries in the South. The Houston unit shipped the largest tonnage of sulphuric acid in its history during the month of April.
The Shell Oil Co. recently
construct a large referinery at purchased a site and announced that it would mile of the Consolidated Chemical plant on the Houston Ship Channel about six miles south of Houston. The plant will represent an investment of approximately $\$ 15,000,000$, and its construction is progressing rapidily.
It is understood that the refinery will be in complete operation within the next four or five months. The Tidal Oil Co, also has recently announced the purchase of 750 acres. of land at Deer Park, neer Houston, and planst to
build thereon a complete refinery including lubricating build thereon a complete refiniery, including, lubricating mand pacturing
facilities. This is an operating subsidiary of the Tide Water Associated facilities. This is an operating subsidiary of the Tefier
Oil .o. Sulphuric acid is a vital necessity to these refineries.
With these two large installations being completed and with the natural
and healthy growth of the industry it is evidient the and healthy growth of the industry, it is evidient that there will be a large
increase in demand for sulphuric acid. In order to meet this reguire increase in demand for sulphuric acid. In order to meet this requirement,
the Consolidated Chemical Industries has purchased a site at Forth Wortht Tex, and construction on a new contact sulphuric acid plant was commenced
on April 25. This plant will represent a total investment of approximately
$\$ 350,000$. Shipments of acid to Northern and Western Texas, heretofore
made from Houston, will, upon completion of the Fort Worth unit, be more conomically made from that location, leaving an additional' tonnage community. The new unit at Fort Worth will have a capacity of this 1,500 tons of acid per month, which will wimportably take care of the the
requirements for Northern and Western Texas for the time being the requirements for Northern and western Texas for the time being. The
cogpany's new plant at Forth Worth should be in production within coypany's ne
about 90 days.
The new alum plant 1ocated at Bastrop, in Northern Louisiana, is of esign. It is approximately $80 \%$ complete at the present date and will national Paper Co. at Bastrop, La,. on Aug. 1 1929.
The plant at made to the Inter-
Baton Rouge is ideally located, being adjacent to the large of the Shell Oil refinery at Good Hope, and the big Pand the near vicinity thestrehan. It is also only some 75 miles up the river from New Orieans where the company has recently accuired sulphuric acid contracts with Sol Peiser, President of the Cons
just arrived at Buenos Aires, Argentine, to supervise thical Industries, has here or the company s new plant which will treat bones for shipment to this South San Francisco. This plant, together with the land on tidewater at Buenos Aires, will represent an investment of $\$ 750,000$ and wiewater a lieted and in operation the latter part of this year. This Argentine subwith an adequate supply of bones for the manufacture of glue, bone blac and bone meal and other by-products. A substantial saving in the cost of lack business is showing a normal and healthy expansion, the shipments Through a plan of advertising and due to the extreme high grade quality hroughout the poultry and cattlesections of the South and on the Pacific of glue in the company's bay shoreplant under way for doubing the outpu ment in facilities there will be under way within the next 60 days.-V. 128 , p. 3193

Consolidated Publishers Inc. (\& Subs.).-Earnings.Gross income from advertising, circulation \& adver. comm

$\begin{array}{r}\$ 7,512,693 \\ 6,145,928 \\ \hline\end{array}$
$\$ 1,366,765$
Total income
Interest (other than on collateral trust notes)
Interest on $6 \% \%$ collateral trust notes
Amortization of bond discount
Reserve for Federal income tax incl. tax on profit on sale of sub.-
Charged off for reduc. of good-will in connection with sale of sub
$\begin{array}{r}81,451.178 \\ 49.33 \\ 252.23 \\ \hline\end{array}$

Total surplus-


Earned surplus at Dec. $311928 .$.
-V .123, p. 3325.
\$1.628,472
Continental Department Stores, Inc.-Balance Sheet. Consolidated Balance Sheet as of January 311929.
Assets.
10 Cash and Govt. bonsts. Noteos rec., less. discounts. Merchandise Inventories.
 Organization expense Organization expense-
*Leaseholds owned by the company had a value in excess of $\$ 320,000$ by recent appraisal.-V. 128, p. 1561 .

Continental Insurance Co.-To Increase Stock.-
The stockholders will vote June 21 on increasing the authorized capital
stock (par $\$ 100$ ) from 1,500,000 shares to $2,000,000$ shares.-V. 128, p. 565 .
Continental Mortgage Guarantee Co.-Organized. legal real estate and other buspiness interests to of operate on a large scale in the field of guaranteed first mortga ges was announced this week. The new
corporation, which has been formed under the insurance tew corporation, which has been formed under the insurance law of the State
of New York, will start business with a capitalization of 85.00 , 000 , con-
sisting of 50,000 shares of $\$ 100$ par value capital stock, all of which has been privately subscribed through Wm. Henry Barnum \& Co., Inc. loans secured by conservative first mortgages on improved real estate, the company selling such mortgages with or without guarantles of payment.
At the outset, operations of the company, whose headquarters will bie estabished at 250 Park, Ave., New York, will be centered exclusively in New York and vicinity but subsequently may be extended to other cities.
While the initial capitalization is sufticient to give it rank among the larger corporations in this field, the announcement reveals the inong tention
to make application presently to increase the authorized capital stock to
to company is beins statement of purpoase the authorized capital stock to
conther with the fact that the
 scope of the program which the have mapped out for the compony. ${ }^{\text {and }}$.
John Y. G. Walker, of Walker Bros., will be Chairman of the Board Wm. Henry Barnum will be its President. Other directors of of the Board and
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incude. Brafford Brinton; Mortimer N. Buckner (Chairman, New York
Trust Co.) Hendon Chubb of Chubb S.


 Francis K. Stevens (Vice-Pres. Brown, Wheelock, Harris, Vought \& Co.
Inc.); and Weld M. Stevens (Vice-Pres.)

## Continental Motors Corp.-Opens Branch Office.

 of the company in Los Angeles to take care of its rapidly a branch office west of the Mississippi. "We have been contemplating this move fora considerable time, declared President Junson in a recent interview.
an For the past few years the name of Continental has been synonymous unprecedented demand. We have long felt the need for such an expanslon program, and with our fast, growing activities in the field of aviation, this
time has definitely arrived."-V. 128, p. 734 .

## Copeland Products, Inc.-Earnings.-

Period End. Apr. $30-1929-M o n t h-1928 . ~ 1929-4 ~ M o s .-1928 . ~$ $\begin{array}{lllll}\begin{array}{l}\text { deprectiation and taxes } \\ \text {-V. } 127, \text { p. 3546. }\end{array} & \$ 102,546 & \$ 66,336 & \$ 163,432 & \$ 106,408\end{array}$
E. Cosden Oil Co.-New Certificates Ready.-

Holders of outstanding certificates for the old shares of common stock have been notiried to surrender the same to the transfer agent, the Guaranty
Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, for cancellation, and such holders
will receive in place thereof cortificates for three shares of the new stock Holders of outstanding certificated for preferred stock have also been notified to surrender the same to the transfer agent, the Guaranty Trust
Co., for cancellation, and such holders will receive in place thereof cert tificates for an equal number of shares with the new name of the corporarion, Cosden Oil Co., thereon in place of theold certificate
name Cosden \& Co., Inc., so surrendered.-V. 128 , p. 3357
Crane Co., Chicago.- Larger Common Dividend.standing directors have declared a quarterly dividend of $13 \% \%$ on the outProviously the company, paid quarterly dividends of 13/2 on this stock, the last payment. 15 1929.-V. 128 , p. 1542 .
Credit Alliance Corp.-Reduces Indebtedness.The corporation announces that its indebtedness has been reduced to
the extent of $\$ 596,000$ as of May 11929 . Out of an issue of $\$ 2,500,000$ industrial equipment collateral trust gold notes there has been paid off
$\$ 1,500,000$ of this amount, $\$ 500,000$ having been redeemed on May 1
1 May 1 1931. Through the sinking fund, the $5 \% \%$ debentures have been reduced $\$ 96,000$, leaving outstanding $\$ 5,504,000$ of these bonds.
Volume of Business.-
The corporation reports that the volume of business for the first quarter ended March 31 1929 totaled $\$ 12,386,622$. This compares with $\$ 9.617,814$
for the same quarter in 1928, $\$ 6.333,265$ in $1927, \$ 3,103,292$ in 1926, and
$\$ 841,914$ in 1925 .-V. 128, p. 2815 .
Crocker-Wheeler Electric Mfg. Co.-Earnings.-

Net income for yarnings for year Ended Dec. 311928.

## Additional compensation

Federal taxes.-...-riteoffs
$\begin{array}{r}\$ 127,319 \\ 6,498 \\ \hline\end{array}$

Net profit
vidends.
Balance, surplus
Previous surplus
$\$ 84,962$
60,382
2,82



## Curtiss Airports Corp.-Registrar.- <br> The Central Hanover Bank \& Trust Co. has been appointed registrar for 2,500,000 shares voting trust certificates for capital stock.-V. $228, \mathrm{p} .3194$.

Debenhams Securities Ltd., England.-Earnings.Divs. received from Debenhams, Ltd. Anded Mar. 311929.

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De Haviland Aircraft Co., Ltd.-American Depositary Receipts Representing Ordinary Shares.-
Peter R. Lawson \& Co. have arranged through the Guaranty Trust Co.
of New York for the issuance of American Depositary receipts representing the company's ordinary shares. The American depositary receipts in f1 each. Cash dividends declared on deporited deposited ordinary shares of to registered holders of American depositary receipts in dollars at current
rate of exchange. See V. 128, p. 3194, 3357.

Devoe \& Raynolds, Inc.-Class A Stock Increased. The stockholders on May 20 increased the authorized class A stock.
no par value, from 110,000 shares to 300,000 shares.-See also V . 128 . (Jos.) Dixon Crucible Co.-Bal. Sheet Dec. 31 1928.-

 a equipment.-.
 Products \& materials....... 3,508,161 Total (each si

- 128 , p. 1913.
Dominion Textile Co., Ltd.- Report.
Years End. Mar. Sales.
Prorits-
Interes.

$\begin{array}{r}1925-26 . \\ \$ 21,78.269 \\ 1,707.344 \\ 197,965 \\ \hline\end{array}$



 | Profit \& loss balance- | $\$ 7,211,414$ | $\$ 6,862,659$ |  | $\$ 6,529,988$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | a Including rentals, \&c.-V. 128, p. 3357 .

(S. R.) Dresser Mfg. Co.-Dividends.-
The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents
 er share on the class B stock, both payable June 1 to holders of record
May 21 . Initial dividends of like amount were paid on the respective
Mtocks on April 1 last.-V.
Donahoe's Inc.-Listed.-
The Pittsburgh Stock Exchange has approved for listing 65,000 shares
class "A" participating. cumulative, preference stock of
 Trust Co Pi Pittsburgh.
 lass 4 partic. preference $\left(\$ 1\right.$ cum.) (no par) .... 300,000 shs. ${ }^{2} 50.000$ shs.
Oommon stock (no par). To be presently outstanding.
enterprise started by Peter J. Donahoe and his son the outgrowth of an Commenced business Ausust 1903 in the old Pittsburgh Mariket House. operating a butter, egg, cheese, tea and coffee stand. The business, as now
conducted, is that of retailing all kinds of foodstuffs with several cafeterias

$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Net profit_-.-.-.------------.-- } & \$ 220,796 & \$ 219,434 & \$ 205,772\end{array}$ x During 1928 the values of fixtures and equipment in leased buildings
were reduced by a write-off against reserve for depreciation, as being fully
depreciated, depreciated, thus reducing the depreciation charge item for the year 1928. Officers.-Pres., Peter J. Donahoe; Vice-Pres., T. Kernan Donahoe
Treas.. John A. Donahoe; Sec., John M. Huston.
(E. I.) du Pont de Nemours \& Co.-Extra Dividend, \&c. -The directors on May 20 declared a quarterly dividend of $\$ 1$ a share and an extra dividend of 50 cents a share, making a total of $\$ 1.50$ a share on the new $\$ 20$ par value common stock. The quarterly dividend is payable June 15 and the extra on July 3, both to holders of record May 29. A quarterly dividend of \$1 a share was paid on this issue on March 15 last (See V. 128, p. 1236).
The regular quarterly dividend of $11 / 2 \%$ on the debenture stock was also
declared, payable July 25 to holders of record July 10 . declared, payable July 25 to holders of record July 10 . finance eommittee.
Edmon Gillet, and the recognized commercial director of the Credit Lyonaise, France, of the company, representing important stock holdings resulting from the recent acquisition by the du Pont company of the French holdings Durham Duplex Razor Co.
Durham Duplex Razor Co.-Earnings.of 1929 of $\$ 83,000$.
President $T$
President T. O. Sheehan says. "The company reports that by June they will have earned substantially more than the total dividend on the prererred stock for the entire year. That would leave 7 months' earnings common dividends."-V. 128, p. 2638
Durham (N. C.) Hosiery Mills.-Earnings.Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 311928.
Sales, less discounts, allowances and freight-
Cost of goods sold (including depreciation).
Cost of goods sol
Administrative expense
incl. int., uncollectible acc'ts, \&c. (net)



$\$ 867,458$
Shrinks surplus of book values of investments
Deferred charges written off: Advertising and brand promotion Reserves created: Hosiery inventory losses, $\$ 89,140$ in claims, \&c.Liabilities for street in materials and supplies, $\$ 22,448$.
Liabilities for street assessments entered on books-7.--
Appreciation of property values written off, $\$ 2,446,404 ;$ adjust-
ment of depreciation on basis of standard res
ment of depreciation on basis of standard rates, $1919-1928$,
$\$ 1,653,317$; obsolete machinery, 1919-1928, $\$ 249,011$; values
of real property, \&c., written down to approximate market
Deficit, Dec. 311928 -
-V. 127, p. 553.

## Eisler Electric Corp.-Admitted to Curb.-

The common stock, which was offered through Bonner, Brooks \& Co.
May 14, has been admitted to trading on the New York Curb Market. The Central Hanover Bank \& Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent for 200,000 shares of the capital stock, no par value. See also offer-

Emerson-Brantingham Corp.-Earnings.Gross profit from operations after deducting cost of

manufacturing, discounts, freight, \&c., but be| manufacturing, discounts, freight, \&c., but be- |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| fore charging depreciation. |  |  |
| Interest on receivable \& miscellaneous income------ | $\$ 846,469$ | $\$ 939,265$ | $-\quad 104,750 \quad 115,143$ Total

Distribution \& selling expenses, collection exp., \&c-
Administrative \& general expenses, including proAdministrative \& general expenses, including proBad and doubtful notes and accounts written off.-Provision for depreciation_--.-.-.-.-.
$\begin{array}{rr}\$ 951,220 & \$ 1,054,408 \\ 984,145 & 1,052,814\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{cc}201,048 & 134,941 \\ 45,617 & 46,259 \\ 100,496 & 128,332 \\ 233,939 & 283,612\end{array}$ Net loss for period_

$\$ 614,026 \quad \$ 591,551$
Dec. 31 28.Oct. 3127.

Empire Oil \& Refining Co. (\& Subs.).-Earnings.Income Account Year Ended Nov. 301928.
Oposs earnings $\$ 36,953,237$
$26,562,528$

Net earnings from operations_--.-.--
Profit on sale of leaseholds and gas weils $\$ 10,390,709$ Profit on sale of stock of Cushing Pipe
Total income.
 Interest on funded debt. Amterest on floating debt-...-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.-.
Net income before providing for depreciation and depletion
Equitable Office Bldg. Corp.-Common Stock Placed on a \$2.50 Annual Dividend Basis.
The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of $621 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. per share on
the common stock, no par value, payable July 1 to holders of record June 15 the common stock, no par value, payable July 1 to holders of record June 15
In each of the preceding 3 quarters a dividend of 50 c . per share was paid.
V. 128 , D. 2275 .

Fiat (Turin, Italy).-Earnings, \&c.
The New York Curb Market has authorized the listing of American
depositary receipts of the National City Bank of New York for Fiat stock Earnings Years Ended December 31.
(Lire figures have been
$1925,4 \mathrm{c}, ; 1926,3.9 \mathrm{c}, \mathrm{i}$

|  | Net | Prior | Earned on | Earned |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sal | Earnings |  | Comm | Sh |
| 24,800,000 | \$2,660,000 | \$520,0 | \$2, | 07 |
| 33,900,000 | 5,640,000 | 530,000 | $5,110,000$ | 2.55 |
| 49,400,000 | 9,380,000 | 740,000 | 8,640,000 | 4.32 |
| 52,900,000 | 8,827,000 | 811,000 | 8,016,000 | 4.08 |
| 56,800,000 | 7,114,000 | 1,056,000 | 6,056,000 | 3.02 |
| 57,536,061 | 9,482,386 | 1,161,829 | 8,320,557 | 4.16 |
| onverted at | the fol | tes: | 4.5c.; 1 | 4.3c | Balance Sheet Dec.



 $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Cash and market- } \\ \text { able securities_- } & 10,949,667 & 9,455,369 & \text { Accounts payable_15,410,990 } & 11,833,737\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Notes \& accts. rec.15, } 1513,178 & 17,430,105 & \text { Accr. } \\ \text { Inven. on contr } & 1,405,886 & 1,380,316\end{array}$
 (Lira figures converted at rate of 5.239 c . to one lira.) -V. 128, p. 3358.
Financial Investing Co. of New York, Ltd.-Stock Div. The directors have declared a quarterly common stock dividend of $1 / 2$ of This on the common stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June cents a share.-V. 128, p. 3195.
First Trust Bankstock Corp.- $10 \%$ Stock Dividend.At a meeting of the board of this corporation, under First Fiscal Corp. management, held on May 20, the directors declar
to be paid to stockholders of record June 151929.
$\underset{\text { Quarter End. Mar. 31:-Earnings.- }}{\underset{\text { Fondion }}{ } \text { Co. }}$
 Comparative Balance Sheet.
Dec. 3128. Oct. 3127 .

Assets-
Cash...............
Custom. notes \&
accts. rec accts. rec.-...... Dlants sold -....
Sundry
work, febters., \&c.-Inventories-.--. Inventory or heavy
line repair parts. Securities rec.-.-
Miscell real e-tate
Land,bidgs.,mach. Land,bldgs.,mach Organiz. exp., pre pald ins., ece.-
Loss from


Total_.-.-.-.-. 7,494,697 11,164,660 Total........... 7,494,697 11,164,660 Contingent liabilities in respect of export trade acceptances sold, and
drafts discounted $\$ 12,864$. x Represented by 132,845 shares no par -V. 127, D. 1258.

## Employers' Group Associates, Boston.-Rights.-

In order to take care of the increasing business of its subsidiaries and for ingly, they have authorized an increase in the number of common shares of no par value from 220,000 to 330,000 .
The trustees now offer to shareholders of record May 17 , the privilege
of purchasing on or before June $141929,110.000$ common shares at $\$ 3450$ or purchasing on or bhare at the rate of one new share for every two old shares held. Payment for shares purchased must be made in full at the Peabody Trust Co., Kidder, Peabody \& Co. and United Sates Trust Co. of Boston, Mass. Kidder, Peabo
that a further attempt be made to agree upon a consent decree in form
acceptable to your company. In this manner, the subject was again
 This revised draft contained no findingse that your company had been quirement that your company should divest itself of any oof itsed assets or
stockholdings; or that any of its services to advertisers should be curtailed. Further than this, the proposed decree seemed sikely to produce certain constructive results, such as the elimination from the outdoor industry
of controversial questions which have hampered the progress of the medium for many years, and the placing of outdore advertisisy upon a seeliling
basis such as to permit of the adoption of sales methods comparable to those employed by other major media. Under these circumstances, and
upon the advice of counsel, the decree was signed on May 71929 and upon we in efrect.
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I feel that the termination of the investigation and litigation, which had
been pending in one form or another for more than three years, and in been pending in one form or another for more than three years, and in
Which there was a suggested dissolution oo the company, has removed
the doubt and uncertainty that must have influe Which there was a suggested dissolution or the company, has removed
theo doubt and uncertainty that must have influenced the past attitude of
many national advertisers towards the use of the medium, and thereby eflects substantial progress.-V. 128, p. 3002 .
General Public Service Corp.- $3 \%$ Stock Dividend.The directors have declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 3-100ths
of a share on the common stock, payable June 29 to holders of record June 3 .

Gold Seal Electrical Co.p Inc.-Stock Split-Up, \&cc.The stockholders this week approved a 4 -for-1 split-up in the capital
stock and authorized an increase from 144.00 shares to 600,000 shares,
both without par both without par value. The new certificates are now ready The New
York Trust Co. has been appointed registrar and the United States Corpo-
ration Cos The directors have approved plans for a new factory containing 150 ,
000 sq. feet of floor space. The site of the building was not announced. This piant will have a capacity of 100,000 radio tubes a day.
of cons addition to plant capacity was made necessary by the recent sisning
3360 .
Goodyear Tire \& Rubber Co., Akron, O.-Resumes Common Dividend.-The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of $\$ 1.25$ per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 1. This is the first dividend declared on the common since the reorganization in 1921
Both unit unit and dollar volume of sales for the four months ended April 30 were substantially ahead of the corresponding period of last year it was stated.-V. 128, p. 2277, 1564 .

Gorham, Inc.-Elects Officers.-
Officers were elected at the first meeting of the board of directors held ferently orrganized corporation formed for the purpose of therging the the
fewelry firms of Black. Starr \& Frost. Spaulding \& Co of mer
 occion or ofricers, dol. At M. Pope. President of the First National Corp.
of Boston. Was added to the board of directors.




## Graham Paige Motors Corp.-Earnings.-

The company reports for the month of April net earnings after all charges incluang Federal taxes of $\$ 407,890$. Net profit for the first 4 months, of
1929 amounted to $\$ 931,532$ as against $\$ 732,821$ for the same period in 1928 .

Granger Trading Corp.-Initial Dividends-Earnings.The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 40 cents per
share on the no par value capital stock, payable June 21 to holders of The corporation reports arnings or s47, D24 for its first quarter of opera-
tion ended April 30 1929 equal to 81.85 per share and equivalent to an tion ended April 301929 equal to $\$ 1.85$ per share and equivalent to an \& Co.. the securities held in the portfolio were valued at the market as of to cio the securities held in the portfolio were valued at the market as of
the elos while all expenses were deducted save taxes and the
contingent management fee. Of the total earnings, $\$ 16,579$ was accrued contingent management fee. Of the total ea
profits on open arbitrages.- V . $128, \mathrm{p} .2818$.

Gray Telephone Pay Station Co., Hartford, Conn.Stock Offered.-A limited number of shares of the company, whose capitalization has been increased from $\$ 100,000$ at the time of its organization in 1891 to $\$ 1,500,000$, solely through the declaration of stock dividends, is being placed on the market at a price of $\$ 1,176$ share by Shaw \& Co., members of the Hartford Stock E ange.
In addition to stock dividends amounti- $\quad 0200 \%$ in $1914,100 \%$ each
in 1925 and 1926 , and $25 \%$ in 1929 , the co.. any has paid cash dividends in 1925 and 1926 and $25 \%$ in 1829 , the $45 \%$, the cash paid cash dividends
regularly, varying from $6 \%$ in 1897 to $45 \%$ rate for the
lost two years being $20 \%$ regular and $10 \%$ extra, the rite now in for last two years being $20 \%$ regular and $10 \%$ extra, the rate now in effect. The company manufactures under various patents all the telephone pay
station equipment used in the United States and Canada and has also fart
nished such equipment to Entland. Belgium, Italy, Australia, Arrentine station such equipment to England, Belgium, Italy, Australia, Argentine,
nished sum, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Chile and other Coreign countries.
Peru, A large percentage of the company's output is distributed in the United
States by the Western Electric Co.. in Canada by the Northern Electric Co Ltd., and in foreign countries by the International Telephone \& Telegraph Co. As a side line the company manufactures a patented lock which the
American Bell Telephone Co . has adopted as standard on all telephone pay
The company owns a $662-3 \%$ interest in the capital stock of the Long
Sor Security Lock Co, of Hatrord which manutactures a modification of the
telephone lock for the general trade. This lock recently was installed in telephone lock for the general trade . This lock recently was installed in
the new Hartford National Bank \& Trust Co. of Hartford. The lock the new Hartford National Bank
which is an innovation the tre trade is manufactured for such purposes as safe deposit boxes and gas meters.
Net earnings of the company last year, exclusive of the appreciation of
securities held, amounted to $\$ 836.195$, or $\overline{72 \%}$ on the eapital of $\$ 1,200.000$. Surplus was reported as $\$ 1,872,757$, against $\$ 1,074,004$ in 1924, not twithstock dividends from $\$ 300,000$ to $\$ 1,200,000$ The net book value of securities held as of Dec. 31 last was $\$ 2,106,244$, the actual market value
of these securities being $\$ 3,193,980$. The offering of shares by shaw \& Co. does not represent any new or
additional financing on the part of the corporation. Great Atlantic \& Pacific Tea Co. of America.-Earns. Consolidated Income Account (Co. \& Subs.)-Years End. February. 1928.

 $\underset{\text { Preferred dividends.... }}{\text { Neflent }}$ Common dividends.-... Surplus adjustments

Balance | $\$ 24,220,982$ |
| :---: |
| $9,384,027$ |
| $18,411,119$ |
| $7,410,566$ |

 $\begin{array}{rrrrr}\text { Shs. com. stk. outst'g. } & 2,039,592 & 2,025,008 & 1,992,218 & 1,960,000 \\ \text { (no par) } \\ \text { Earns. per } \text { sh. on com-:- } & \$ 11.02 & \$ 8.23 & \$ 6.18 & \$ 5.49\end{array}$

Consolidated Balance Sheet.
Feb. 28 '29. Feb. 29 '28.


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Deferred 864,970 1,715
 $2,990,000$
$27,363,102$
 -V. 128, p. 3360 .
Great Lakes Aircraft Corp.-To Enlarge Plant.-
Following announcement of new orders for aircraft a ctually placed and in negotiations, totaling sonson or its plant. The extension will provide
to the Austin Co. for expansion of in 10,000 square feet additional manufacturin space for the company' i
present stright line production of planes. The company plans to extend
to its production to 10 planesa a day, Construction
ill start next week. See also V. 128, p. 3360 .

Great Northern Investing Co., Inc.-Stock Offered.Great Northern Bond \& Share Co., Inc., New York, is offering 13,000 shares class A stock at $\$ 28$ per share. Class A stock has priority over class B stock both as to assets and diviis entitled to $\$ 2.50$ per share per annum when and as declared in priority to the class B stock. After the full $\$ 2.50$ per share on class A has been paid, B stock parti ipate equally and ratably in reserve, then class A further clavidend class
dividends as declared. Transfer agent, Central Hanover Bank and Tru
Registrar. Equitable Trust Company, New York City.
 Class A stock (no par
Class B stock (no par) 100,000 shs. Companu.-W incorp. in New York in 30.000 shs. 26,000 shs. ception has been engaged in the buying, selling, underwriting of bonds,
stocks, tions, and governments. Earnings. - Starting with but $\$ 200,000$ paid-in capital, the first 6 months
earnings on the outstanding preferred stock. The second years' audit, that as of
Dec. 31 1928, on an average working capital of approximately $\$ 600.000$. shows a net profit of better than $18 \%$. In addition thereto the company had an apprection in market alue of securties or over $\$ 234,000$ which 1928 were 86.52 after all charges.
Dividends. -The current rate
share per annum, making the dividend requirements on this stock is $\$ 22$ per
Realizer Realiized profits, plus appreciation in market values of securities as audit
of Dec. 311928 , after deduction or Federal taxes and full dividends on preferred stock amounted to over $\$ 280,000$, or

Balance Sheet December 31 1928, (Before Present Financing).
$\xrightarrow{\text { Assets- }}$
anks....
Securities at co----
securties at cost *-............
Accunts recelvable......
Interest \& dividends acerued.
 $\$ 247,000$

Total (each side) .s1,0
Guaranty Founders Trust.-Stock Offered.-Offering is being made of 200,000 shares (no par class A stock by a New England banking group composed of E. E. Nazzaro \& Co., R. A. Gallagher \& Co., E. M. Dickinson, John D. Woodfin, John Torrey Hawkins, Glober \& Co., T. K. McAllister \& Co., and the Atlantic Mortgage Investment Co. of New Haven.
The trust is of the general management type and is capitalized with two classes of common stock, 200,000 shares of class A, of which this issue is
a part, and 600,000 shares of no par class B stock. There will be no bonded issues, the trustees considering the growth of capital value a principal
objective and have retained Shaw Loomis and Sayles as investment counsel objective and have retained shaw
for security, analysis and research.

Guelph Carpet \& Worsted Spinning Mills, Ltd. Pref. Stock Offered.-Hanson Bros., Inc., Montreal are offering $\$ 1000,00061 / 2 \%$ cumul. conv. preferred stock at par ( $\$ 100$ ) and divs., carrying a bonus of 1 share of no par common stock with each 3 shares of preferred.
Preferred shares carry fixed preferential dividends cumulative from May 1 the Bank of Montreal in Canada. Preferred as to assets in the event of dissolution up to $\$ 100$ per share and divs or if such liquidation be volundiv. to date of redemption upon 30 days. notice. Transfer agents, the Royal Trus
Montreal.
into comvertible.-Preferred shares are convertible at the option of the holder par value con shares until May 1 1931, on the basis of three shares of no 1933, on the basis of 216 shares of no par value common stock for each share or preferred; thereafter until May 11935 , on the basis of two share Capitalizatio
63
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Issued.
$\$ 1,000,000$
$63 / 2$ cumul. conv. pref. stock (par $\$ 100$ ) $\qquad$ *Thi
shares.

Data from Letter of H. Quarmby, Man. Dir. of the Company.
Company-Incorp. in 1929 to acauire the business of the predecessor
company of the same name. Company's manufacturing plants are situated in Guelph. Ont., and are completely equipped for spinning and capret weaving and for handling material from raw wool to finished product. The business, established over 50 years ago, has experienced a sieacy growt
until its spinning mill is now the largest and its carpet mill the secord and carpets. Assets.- The depreciated value of the company's fixed assets amounts
to $\$ 931,238$. Net current assets, after deducting all current liabilities amount to $\$ 886,062$. Total depreciated net tangible assets, including of $\$ 1$ ) amount to $\$ 1, \$ 17$ (which goodwill is valued at the nominal sum stock outstanding. The book value of the 35,000 shares of common stock Earnings.- Net earnings for a period of four years and six months ending
Mar. 31 1929, after all operating expenses, depreciation and Federal taxes at present rates, and allowing for certain non-recurring items were as follow
al192
b1926
b1927 152,932 b1928 c1928. $-\$ 159.108$
$-\quad 95,268$ anded Months ended Aug. 31. b Years ended Aug. 3. 7 month
end Listing.-Application will be made to list the share Montreal or
Toronto.-V. 126, p. 3306 .

Hahn Department Stores, Inc.-Expansion.Antonio, Texas and Maas Bros. of Tampa, Fla., Hahn Department Stores Inc. now have a chain of 29 stores throughout the country doing a gross business of approximately $\$ 115,000,000$ annually Nuegotiations are being carried on with additional stores doing a gross business of $\$ 200,000,000$
annually, and it is expected that many of these will be added by the Hahn anganization before the end of the current year.
orgere
sales of the stores for the first quarter of 1929
w Sales of the stores for the first quarter of 1929 were $\$ 24,508,276$ compared
with $223,276,308$ in the corresponding quarter of 1928 an increase of
$\$ 1,231,968$.
ir resident Lew Hahn, in outlining the progress of the group thus far, says:
one great field for the betterment of results is, of course, the combining of buving operations. For this purpose is now teing completed oon the
New York buying offices of Hahn Department Stores Purchasing Corp., a subsidiary. Within the next month we shanl Hlace at the disposal of all Hahn units a complete New York buving office with a staff of experienced,
capable buyers who will be constantly in the market to procure desirable merchandise for the stores. These offices will be most complete and con-
venient buying offices thus far set up."- V . $128, \mathrm{p} .3003$.

Hamburg-American Line.-Earnings.-

Catendar Years (In German Reichsmark)-


Res. for deprec. of seagoing vessels \& aux. craft.
Res. for realty. bldgs., plants, \&c. Transfer to real estate tax res; account Bonus to members of board of supervisors Dividend on RM130.000. 20 -
Dividend on RM $30,000,000$
Vividend i27, p. 3099


Handley Page, Ltd.-Offering of Stock. $10 \%$ preference stock is announced by W. C. Simmons \& Co., New York. The offering does not represent new financing. The price of the stock is given at the market at about $\$ 6.50$.
Handley Page. Ltd., capitalization consists of 497,860 shares of $10 \%$
partic. pref. stock of 8 shillings par value. In addition, there are 150,000 partic. pref. stock of 8 shillings par value. In atdition, there are 150.000
ordinary shares of 1 shilling par value. The company has no funded debt The company is the creator and owns the patent rights of a deviece known tating taking off and landingrtance of planes as well as in the the pevention of tail-
spins. source of income. The company has recently settled with the British Air
Ministry whereby patestry in Whereay trity will pay $\$ 500,000$ in respect to the company's
patain. It was recently anmounced that Imperial A irway, Ltd., had ordered a fleet of 40 passenger planes from Handley Page, given at one time in England
Earnings in 1928 show a ne
to reserves. Net curreat assets of Dec. 311928 are given as $\$ 481,489$. Aminary, carried at $\$ 24.000$. The present market value of these holdings Is stated to be about $\$ 242,000$. The shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange and application has
been made for trading privileges on the New York Curb Market.
(P.H.) Hanes Knitting Co.-Bal. Sheet Dec. 31 1928.-Plastets-

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| :---: |
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Notes receivable
Other accounts receivable-...
Captais stock In other corp.
Deferred charges


Ltablitites-
Preterred $7 \%$ cumu. stock..
C $\$ 2,000,000$
$1,500,000$ Class B common stock ........ $2,250,000$ Accounts payable taxes and other acSurplus.
10,200
15,343
83,590

Hecla Mining Co.-Earnings.

$\begin{array}{r}1928 . \\ 80.183 \\ 16.127 .183 \\ \$ 6.15 \\ \hline\end{array}$


$\qquad$

Net profit-

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\$ 493.038
$$

### 30.49

 1,070,377
## -V. 128, p. 3003

Hightstown Rug Co.-Earnings.Hhe company reports for quarter ended March 311929 net earnings pany) of $\$ 179,783$ before interest, depreciation and Federal taxes.-V. 128.

Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, Ltd.-Earnings.-



Taxes-

Net income Dividends--
Balance, surplus
Earns. per sh. $4,920.000$
def $\$ 796,692$
$\$ 252,308$
$\$ 394,080$
$\$ 2,159,911$ - shs. cap. stk. $4,920,0000$
$\qquad$

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\$ 1.26
$$

$\$ 1.33$


Houdaille-Hershey Corp.-Listing-- the listing of 262.783 the New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 262,783
shares of class B (no par) stock with authority to add 17.171 shares of class
B stock, upon official notice of issuance for conversion of class A stock. B stock, upon official notice of issuance for conversion of class A stock.
making the total applied for 434.500 shares of class B stock. making thatiotal applied fortas in Michigan on Jan. 301929 through the The consolidation was made on a s share, fors share basis and was approved by
the stockholders of the three consolidating corporations on Jan. 281929. the stockholders of the three consolidating corporations o
Income Account Year Ended Dec. 311928.


| Operating profit_-.-. - |
| ---: | :--- |
| Miscellaneous income (net) |


 Oorp., Hershey Corp., Oakes Products Corp., their subsidiary and pre-
decessor companies.

Income Account Two Months Ended March 311929.
Profit for period-al.
Dividends
Dividends paid April 1929 on A stock.
Balance, surplus. 3377,735
107,514
98,429
 $\begin{array}{r}\$ 171,792 \\ 408,553 \\ \hline\end{array}$

Capital and surplus-March 311929 $\qquad$ $\$ 4,591,715$ William $V$ C. Ruxton of Spencer Trask \& Co., and member of the Baard
of Governors of the New York Stock Exchange, has just been elected to

Hudson Coal Co.-Earnings.

## Calendar Years- Received from sales of Cost of coal sold ind incl renewals, replac

 $\begin{array}{ll} & 1927 . \\ \$ 42,629,055 \\ \$ 40,928,714 \\ \$ 57,574,566\end{array}$ state \& local taxes).onenewals, replac. $\begin{array}{rr}40,906,760 & 40,167,429 \\ 18,212 & 21,273\end{array}$ 55,461,977 Net operating income--
Other income, int., rentals, \&c -----
 Total income- on 1st mtge. sink. fund $\overline{5} \%$ gold $\$ 2,130,031 \quad$ \$2,134,832 Oonds-...Federal taxes
$\begin{array}{rr}1,750,000 & 1,020,833 \\ 313,435 & 186,836\end{array}$
$\qquad$ $1,4 \overline{8}, \overline{0} \overline{5} \overline{4} \quad 1,3 \overline{0} \overline{3}, \overline{8} \overline{2} \overline{3}$ 277,551
330,900
214,345


Hudson Motor Car Co.-Outlook.-
President William J. McAneeny, at the company's 20 th annual meeting
on May 20 , stated that 1929 thus far has been the most successful seaso in Hudson history and that prospects or the remainder of the year are
bright. He said in part: "Since the introduction of our oresent Hudson and Essex models we have enjoyed a consistent and record breaking demand. Shipments for the first three months of the year were 10.048 cars.
This volume resulted in first quarter earning of \$4,45.783 of 48.86 a
share, the most favorable first quarter showing we have ever made. The share, the most favorable first quarter showing we have ever made. The
second quarter will be larger wive expect 120.000 cars. or more. On such
a volume second quarter earnings will likewise establish a new record.
For a volume second quarter earnings will likewise establish a new record. For the public and earned a larger sum for our shareholders than in any similar
period.-- See also V. 128, p. 3197.
Independent Oil \& Gas Co.-Debentures Called.
There have been called for redemption on June 17 next $\$ 1.500,000$ of Payment will be made at the Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway N. N. Y. company up to and including the elose of business on June 17 1929, at

Indiana Pipe Line Co.-To Decrease Capitalization and Change Par Value of Shares-Capital Distribution Probable.The stockholders at a special meeting to be held on June 25 will be asked
to approve a reduction in the authorized and outstanding capital stock from $\$ 5,000,000$ to $\$ 3,000,000$ and a change in the par value of the shares from
$\$ 50$ to $\$ 10$. If this action is approved, the directors will distribute to stock$\$ 50$ to $\$ 10$. If this action is approved, the directors will distribute to stock-
holders assets not reauired for the company's operation and also exchange three new shares of $\$ 10$ par for each old share of $\$ 50$ par. Net profit for the quarter ended March 31 1929, anter taxes, depreciation
and other eharges, amounted to $\$ 127,941$.-V. 128, p. 1917.

Indian Refining Co. (\& Subs.).-Earnings.-

## Net sales- Cost

## Cet sales- of sales Selling \& ge

Earnings for the Quarter Ended Mar. 311929
Miscellaneous incenpenses.
Depreciation-.................
Interest \& discount on fund debt

Gross surplus

Preferred Divs.. | $\$ 1,133,077$ |
| :---: |
| 32,867 |

Profit \& loss surplus, Mar. 311929
Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.

## Cash in bo Cash in banks on hand.

 Receivables. Recelvables...Advanaes....
Speetial deposil Specances- 1 -.....
Prepaid dexps. Prepaid ex
Inventorles
Securt suentoripes....
Saurtites owned
Cash in sink. fds.
 Refiner's tank cars
sell s stat
Havole $\& e$


| $\begin{array}{r} 1,388,500 \\ 44,254 \end{array}$ |
| :---: |
| 21,751 |
| 235,862 |
| 3,281,512 |
|  |
| 73,541 |
| 16,285,160 |
| 850,000 |
| 79,792 | $\overline{\$ 1,100,210}$

Total.. $-\overline{\text { s23,513,650 }} \frac{64,087}{\$ 23,770,107}$ Not The above balance sheets Total_....... $\$ 23,513,650 \$ 23,770,107$ 246, 147 shares of common stock (par $\$ 10$ at at $\$ 21$ per sharet to the she sale the applica-
tion of the proceeds thereof to the reduction of current liabilitities and of stan of the proceeds thereof to the reduction of current liabilities and of outstanding first mortgage serial gold bonds and refunding preferred stock.

Industrial Credits Service, Inc.-Status, \&ec.-
Company.-Organized in 1927 in New Jersey with power, among other
things, "t buy, sell, hold, underwrite and generally deal in bonds and stocks, and real estate mortgage securities, to provide management services to cirents, to engage in financial and other undertakings and to conduct
other business relating thereto." The company manages its own portfolio of securities and provides advisory management service to the Investment Fund of New Jersey (an investment trust). Hughagement-George E. Bailey Newton A. K. Bugbee. Hamilton Cross,

 City, N. J.
5\% secured gold notes, Authorized Capitalization.
Capital stock (par $\$ 5$ ).
d
Notes.-Interest payable --...................................... $\$ 500.000$ Denom. $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 500$. Red. at par and the ofrice of the corporation. time on 30 days notice. The secured gold notes are "the prior oblligation stocks, at the purchase secured in full in whatever amount outstanding by instistutions, holding companies related thereto. investment trusts, bonds and real estate mortgages on improved property, and cash, or any of these
deposited with the Trust Company of New Jersey as custodian only, or with any other bank or trust company in Jersey City designated by the
company as depositary or custodian."

Dividends.- Beginning Nov. 1928, and quarterly thereafter, a dividend
of three epert cert 3 ( $\%$ ) has been paid on the capital stock outstanding.
office. -Jersey
International Arbitrage Corp.-Stock Offered.-The Bank of United States, New York; Wachsman \& Wassall, International Arbitrage Corp. and Nehemiah Friedman \& Co., Inc., New York, are offering $\$ 250,000$ capital stock (par $\$ 50$ ) at $\$ 50.50$ per share.
Transfer Agent: The Bank of United States. Registrar: American Trust
Co., Depositary and Clearing Agent: The Bank of United States.
 Company.-Has been organized in New York to engage in arbitrage
transactions in securities or foreign exchange or to loan money on call transactions in securities or foregn exchange or to loan money on call
against collateral if no arbitrage is available. price and the sale at the same time of its component parts or its equivalents at a higher valuation. Arbitrage between two cities is also engaged in
where the same issue is traded in at both places by buying it in the lower Where the same issue is traded in at both places by buying it in the lower
market and selling it immultaneoussy in the higher nee. Arbitrage in foreign
exchange is well exchange is well krown throughout the banking world. and consistse in for buying
a specific currency in one financial center and selling instantly its equivalent at a higher valuation in another foreieg market. simple artirrage transaction is entered into unless a profit is indicated by
Opportunities to arbitrage are afforded by stock split-
ups, mergers, reorganizations, stock dividends, stock increases, convertible ups, mergers, reorganizations, stock dividends, stock increases, convertible
stocks and bonds, bonds with warrants, redemptions and warrants. Earminds. The turno wit of wapratats, ir edemptions and warrants.
Eartrage is frequent. Based on
actual operations it is estimate
 of 6 times to possibly 20 times a year. Net earnings conservatively esti-
mated on Actual firsures on several arbitrage trades recently effected show average
profits of $35 \%$ rowed capital. If borrowed capital to the extent of only $50 \%$ had been
employed this profit could have been increased to 620 plor employed this profit could have been increased to $62 \%$ per annum.
clenaememe. The Bank of United States will act as depositary and
clearing clearing agent for the company and will handle all its funds and securities A management contract has been entered into with Nehemiah Friedman \&
Co., nnc, who have had successful experience in arbitrage. to manage the Corporation's arbitrage operations. These services will be rendered by
Nehemiah Friedman \& Co., Inc., at their own cost for which they will receive one-third of the net, profits. No warrants, options, or free stock
have been given to any one. There will be no any onficer. salaries, no rentals or other ordinary expenses to be paid by the corporation excent' the cost of organization, bank charges,
transter and registrar fees, interest, brokers' commissions and auditor's Directors.- Charles S. Aronstam, Nehemiah Friedman, J. Heit, Louis L
Maltz, Edwin Mayer, Edward Pohil, Louis Segal. Maurice Survis, Alvin L. Maltz, Edwin Mayer, Edward Pohl. Louis Segal. Maurice Survis, Alvin Is
Wachsman, Raymond L. Wise.-V. 128. p. 3362 .

International Nickel Co. of Can., Ltd.-Earnings.-Earnings.-...-
Totalincome--.-.-.-.-.-.-.
Administration and general expense
Net operating income-
Interest paid and accrued
Retirement system
Profit.-.
Prêerred.
..............
Balance -
 a Figures of the Mond Nickel Co, Lt . included. b Equivalent to
36 cents per share on the common stock after allowing for pref. dividend. Consolidated General Balance Sheet.
 $\mathbf{x}$ Figures of the Mond Nickel Co. included. y Issued or issuable in ex-
change for stock of the International Nickel Co. (now Nickel Holdings Corp) change forstock or tie international Nickel Co. (now N

International Standard Electric Corp.-Expansion. See International Telephone \& Telegraph Corp. under "Public Utilities"
above. V . 124, p. 2128 .
Interprovincial Brick Co. Ltd.-Earnings.-

Previous deficit-.........................................................................................

- Total deficit -120. p. 2018.
$\$ 71,841$
Investment Fund of New Jersey.-Subscribers.-
In a statement made public May 23 . A. Harry Moore, Chairman, says,
I. Of the subscribers to investment Fund of New Jersey certificates, $28 \%$ are women, owning on the average 22 certificates forsey certificates, $28 \%$ woman. The
general average of certificates owned per person, including men and women, generale certificates. In the list of suber pribers are repepresented and women, 27 cities in
Is 36
the states of New Jersey, New York, Colorado, Rhode Istand, Massach the States of New Jersey, New York, Colorado, Rhode Island, Massachu-
setts, Connecticut. West Vryinia and Michigan. This indicates a wide spread desire among small investors to participate in the diversified
Investment feature provided by investment trusts."-V. 128, p. 3004 .


## Jefferson Electric Co.-Two Quarterly Dividends.-

The directors have declared two regular quarterly dividends of 75 c. per
share on the outstanding 12000 shares of no par value capital stock. share on the outstanding 1 , oold shares or no par value capital. stock.
payable July 1 and Oct. 1 to holders or record June 15 and Sept 17 .re.
spectively. In addition to the regular quarterly dividend oo 7 Sc. per share, with compantery on April 1 paid an extra dividend of 50 . This compares
1929 inclusive.-V. 128 . 6212 c . per share paid from April 11928 to Jan. 1
(Rudolph) Karstadt, Inc. (Rudolph Karstadt Aktienzesellschaft), Germany.-Permanent Bonds.-
The International Acceptance Trust Oo. is prepared to exchange tem-
porary lst mtge, coll. $6 \%$ sinking fund bonds, due Nov, 1943 now
 standing for permanent engraved bonds, at its office, 52
City. (See offering in V .127, ,, 2966 .)-V. 128, p. 121.

Kayser Hosiery Motor Mend Corp. - Transfer Agent.-
The Bank of America $\mathrm{N} . \mathrm{A}$. has been appointed transfer agent of 4.000 The Bank of America N. A. has been appointed transfer agent of 40,000
shares of preferred and 100,000 shares of common stock, no par value.V. 128 , p. 3363,3198 .

Keith-Albee-Orpheum Corp. (\& Subs.).-Earnings.Income Account Year End. Dec. 311928 .
Income: Theatre admissions, $\$ 30,580,582$; rents, concessions
 Expenses: Performers' salries, $\$ 10,019,737$; moving picture ser-
Vice, $\$ 3,37,33$, orther salaries. $\$ 7,658,869$; operating expenses
\&
Deprec. of cap. assets \& amortization of leasehoids.
${ }^{3}$

\$866,677 1.905.085

Total income...-. Investments \& advances written off, \$322,993; int. \& $\begin{array}{ll}\text { discount, } \$ 1,460,434 ; \text { lease deposit forfeited, } \$ 50,000 \ldots \ldots & 1,833,427 \\ \text { Provision for Federal inc. } & 54,000\end{array}$ Min. int. in the earn. of B. F. Keith-Albee Vaudevilie Exchange. together with div. paid on the prer. stock of Orpheum Oircuit
Inc. not proposed to be acquired by Keith-Albee-Orpheum
Net profit applic. to the int of Keith-Albee-Orpheum Corp.
Adjustment of surplus of subsidiary company 527,427

Total surplus_-_-_-
Production expense prior to Jan. 1928 written off
Dividends on preferred stock
Deficit at Dec. 311928
$\$ 356,908$
Cr.16,901

Kendall Company.-Earnings.-
Tet earninss before charges Quarter Ended March 231929.

Depreciation.Interest charges.

$\begin{array}{r}\$ 624,843 \\ 161.577 \\ 82.500 \\ 45,147 \\ \hline\end{array}$
 -V. 128. p. 3005
(I. B.) Kleinert Rubber Co.-Stock Sold.-Hallgarten \& Co., Hayden, Stone \& Co. and A. G. Becker \& Co. have sold at $\$ 40.50$ per share 54,400 shares common stock (no par value).
 Common stock (no par) .-......................... 500,000 shs. 190,000 shs. Transfer Agents: Manufacturers Trust Oo, and the First National Bank
of Boston. Registrars: Commercial Natienal Bank \& Trust Co. New of Boston. Registrars: Commercial Nation
York, and second National Bank, Boston.
Data from Letter of Victor Guinzburg, Chairman of the Board. History and Business.- The business was started over 50 years ago, the present company having been incorporated in New York over 21 years.
Company is Company is one of the leading manufacturers of soft rubber goods in the
werld. its products comprising a wide range of popular priced articles, including dress-shields, baby goods, sanitary lingerre, bathing caps, gridues.
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hover constantly being, added to the line in order to provide wide diversification. Practically every large department store in the United States sells Kleinert's goods and they are sold in druy and dry goods chain stores to a large
extent Distribution to the smaller outlets is obtained through jobbers.
Besid pansides its main manufacturing plants at college Point, L. ., the comin Paris, London and Toronto as well as agencies in the chief cities of Purpose.-The present offering represents in part the acquisition of holdon of hold-Earnings.-Net earnings of the company and its subsidiary (and the prenew funds provided by this financing (interest upon t38 net adaitional charges and Federal income taxes not less than present rates, omitting amortization of discount on the $6 \%$ serial gold notes, amounting to $\$ 12.774$ on company's values), as certified by Touche, Niven \& Co.. for the past calendar years have been as follows:
 Dividends,- Quarterly dividends on this sto
1929, at the annual rate of $\$ 2.50$ per share.
 -V .122, p. 2201.
Koppers Gas \& Coke Co. (\& Subs.).-Earnings.Net profit Earnings for the Year Ended Dec. 311928.


Gross income
Depreciation
Federal taxes (est.)
Intere


Total surplus
\$6,284.503


(Joseph) Kreutzer Corp. (Airplane Mfrs.).-New Plant. The corporation announces the completion of plans for the erection of a
new factory at Culver Oity, Calif., to be started immediately. The new plant will give the corporation a production of 6 planes per week. Orders
mow standing on the books of he company will more than absorb the entire
1929 production. Two contracts alone now held call for the delivery of 70
Kreutzer planes during 1929,60 to the Western Aircraft Co. and 10 for
export trade, to be delivered to Steel Inc.
Kresge Department Stores, Inc. (\& Subs.).-Earns.-


Total
Interest
Deprecia
Depreciation-

Store Corp
Profit on or ore Royal
Store Corp. real estate
Preferred dividends
Shalance, surplus
Sh. of com. out. (no Shs.or com.out.(no
Earned per share.
-V .127, p. 2240 .

Lane Drug Stores, Inc.-Earnings. The company for April reports net earnings of $\$ 22,186$ after all operating expenses and charges. current operations of the corporation, which was organized recently to consolidate a chain of drug stores operating in the
South, Richmond D. Lane, Pres., said that the company's earnings are just beginning to reflect the readjustments made at the time of the con-
solidation. Net profits at present are equal to more than twice the dividend yequirements on the convertible preferred stock, on which the regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents a share has been declared, payable July 1


Data from Letter of J. Lindsay Nunn, President of the Company Company.-Has been organized in Delalaware and will acquire all of the
issued and outstanding shares of stock (except directors' qualifying shares) The Herald-Times Corps: owning and publishing the E1 Paso "Times" and E1 Paso "Herald," morning and evening daily news Papers, and the This company aiso owns and operates a modern and fully equipped engraving plan and wil supply all of the associated newspapers with etchings, enrillo 'Diobe-News, Publishing Oo.. Inc, owning and publishing the Ama
 "Morning Avalanche-Journal Publishing Co., Inc., owning and publishing the "Morning Avalanche". and the "Evening Journal,", morning and evening
newspapers, and the "Sunday Avalanche Journal," in Lubbock Teve the "Avalaneche," having been founded in 1898 and the "Journal" in 1923 ., the The combined daily net paid circulation of the above named newspapers is reported to be
bined total of $30,226,287$ lines of advertising and in to $1928,32,575,720$ lines.
Each bers of the Associated Press with full day and night leased wire service. pany and its subsidiaries azailable for dividends for the income of the com1927 and Dec. 3111928 , after all charges including interest on the 15-year tax based on adjusted net income at current rate, and giving effect to
savings based an current newsprint savings based on current newsprint contracts and salaries now agreed to
averaging $\$ 72,271$ per annum, as certified to by Haskins Soll averaging $\$ 72,271$ per annum, as certified to by Haskins \& Sells, adjusted
by the management to reflect other estimated economies averaging $\$ 33,991$. are as follows:
Calendar Years-
 Net, arter interest, depreciation and Federal tax-
Per share on $\$ 2$ dividend convertible preference stock
Per share on common stock
*No effect has been given to benefits which should arise from 3.23 been durng 1928 for the promotion of circulation which axpenditures have Assets.-Palmer, DeWitt \& Palmer of New York City, newspaper ap-good-will, Associated Press memberships contracts tiried to an aggregate present value, free and clear of ail debts, of $\$ 4,520,000$ Which amount, after deducting the s1, 500,000 of 15 -year secured $6 \%$ debenture share for this issue of $\$ 2$ dividend series conv. preference stock. Purpose. - Proceeds of the sale of this $\$ 2$ convertible preference stock
together with the proceeds of the sale of the $\$ 1,750,000$ 15-year secured
 subsidiary companies (except directors' qualifying shares), for working capital and for other corporate purposes.
Listing. Company has arreed to make application to list on the Chicago
Stock Exchange this \&2 dividend series of convertible preference stock and Stock Exchange this s2 dividend series of convertible preference stock and
the voting trust certificates for common stock

Liquidometer Corp.-Large Contract.Corporation's announcement of a larye with the U. Stract to . Navy is seen in the gauges for fuel oil, gasoline, fresh water, lubricating oil, trim, blast engine pump, and other tanks in the new U. S. submarines $V-5$ and $V-6$ now being
built in the Portsmouth, N. H. and Mare Island. Calif Nay $V-4$. Among other marine contracts on which the company is now working in its Long Island City plant is one for the Tidewater Oil Co,'s tanker have recently been installed on the U. S. Shipping Board freighters ${ }^{\text {I }}$ Defiance" and "Triumph," and are in the specifications for installation on the
Coast Guard Cutters 50 , 51 and 52 now being built at Oakland, Calif.

> Loft, Inc.-Stock Increased.-

The stockholders on May 21 increased the authorized capital stoek (no
par value) from 650,000 shares to $1,500,000$ shares.- $\mathrm{V} .128, \mathrm{p} .2643$. , p. 2643
Lynch Glass Machine Co.-Earnings.-
 - -. 127, p. 2694.

Mac Andrews \& Forbes Co.-Earnings.-


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$\stackrel{N}{\mathrm{~N}}$ Properts - acct
InventoriesNotes \& accts. Due from cust
Advances ${ }_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{Investments}}$
and accrued int. Cash -.............
$\begin{array}{llll} & \text { After deductin } & 19,102 & 7,089\end{array}$ Total (ea. slde) _ $\$ 6,356,236$ \$5,670,759
Lamson \& S The diren Sessions Co., Cleveland.-Extra Dividend.won to the regular quarterly dividend of $621 / 2$ cents a share on the com addistock, par \$25, both payable June 15 to holders of record June 5 . An
initiai quarterly dividend of $621 / 2$ cents a share was paid on this issue on

Lawyers Mortgage Co., N. Y.-Offers Mtge. Certificates. The company is offering a total of $\$ 935,00051 / 2 \%$ guaranteed mortgage
sertificates divided in series as follows: land and building Nelson Ave. and West 165th St.. Bronx, N. Y., total land and building Woodycrest Ave. and West 165 th St., Bronx, N. Y., total valuation $\$ 420.000$, matures April 15 1934; (c) series of $\$ 195.000$ secured by
land and building at 1547 Longfellow Ave., Bronx. N. Y., total valuation and and buildinge 1511 1934. (d) series of $\$ 180$. N. ..., total valuation building Boston Road \& Seabury Place, Bronx, N. Y., total valuation $\$ 287,500$, matures Jan. 15 1934.-V. 128, , p. 3364 .
Lehigh Valley Coal Corp.- Co-Registrar.-
The Bankers. Trust Co. has been appointed co-registrar for the no-par
value stock and $\$ 50$ par value preferred stock.-V. 128, p. 1241.
Lessings, Inc.-Extra Dividend.-
and an extra dividend of 10c. a share, both pavable July 1 to holders of record June 11 In In the previous quarter the company paid a quarterly of
15 c . a share and an extra of 5 c . a share. as compared with a quartery
 Lindsay Nunn Publishing Co.-Pref. Stock Offered.An issue of 40,000 shares of $\$ 2$ dividend series (no par) convertible preference stock is being marketed by Paul C. Dodge \& Co., Inc., New York and Chicago, and R. V. Mitchell \& Co., Cleveland, at $\$ 30$ per share and div., to yield about $6.67 \%$.
Dividends (cumulative at rate of $\$ 2$ per share per annum) payable $Q$.-M.
Preferred over the common stock in the event of liguidation, dissolution or winding up (whether voluntary of involuntary) at $\$ 33$ per share plus plus., ,ive., Transfer, agent , National Bank of the Republic of Chicago:
registrar. registrar, State Bank of Chicago.
Convertible at any time into voti
the basis of $1-150.000$ part of the authorized common stock for each share vent of its call for redermpnvertible preference stock converted. In the the ractional part of the authorized common stock protects the convert for a right against dilution of the common stock.

Marmon Motor Car Co.-Record Shipments.-
This company established another shipping record last week when
1.657 Marmon model 68 model 78 and Roosevelt cars were shipped in the 6 day period ending May 18, President G. M. Williams ann unced. This
total shows a verage dally shipments for the week of 276 Marmon and Roosevelt cars as compared with a schedule of 250 cars a day established shortly
after the Roosevelt was announced to the public less than 2 wonths ago.

Mathieson Alkali Works.-Increased Common Stock Placed on a $\$ 2$ Annual Dividend Basis-Div. Also Payable in Stock at Holder's Option.-
The directors have declared a quarterly cash dividend of 50 cents per
share on the increased common stock, no par value, payable July 1 to holders share on the increased common stock, no par value, payable July, , to holders
of record June 7 This dividend is also payable, at he holder's option, in
or the
 stock outstanding prior to the $300 \%$ stock dividend recently announcen,
and compares with quarterly dividends of 81.50 each paid from April 21928 and compares with quarterly dividends of $\$ 1.50$ each paid from Ap .
to April 11929 , incl., on the old common stock.- $\mathrm{V} .128, \mathrm{p} .2821$.

Mayflower Associates, Inc.-Stock Sold.-Announcement is made by Foster, McConnell \& Co. of the sale of 300,000 shares of stock (price on application). The initial paid-in capital amounts to about $\$ 18,000,000$
Transfer agent, Bankers Trust Co. Registrar, The Chemical National
Bank of New York. Capitalization-
 History and Business. Company, formed in Delaware, has succeeded
to the business and assets of its predecessors which were originated, financed to the business and assets of its predecessors which were originated, financed
and managed by Foster, McConnell \& Co. In addition to other broad and managed by Foster, McConnell \& Co. In adation to other broad
charter provisions the corporation, as its diretors may from time to time
determined, is empowered to buy, sell, trade in or hold stocks and securities and other assets of any kind, and to participate in syndicates and underwritings. It is expected that the corporation will continue to be
active primarily in securities representing natural respurces in the United active primarily in securrtries.
States and foreign cound
Earnings. The business
Earnings.- The business. was started on Feb. 141924 with an initial
capital of $\$ 423,000$. On Jan. 311929 the realization value of net assets capital of $\$ 423,000$. On Jan. 311929 the realization value of net assets
after Federal income taxes and payment of dividends of $\$ 533,466$ amounted after Federa income taxes and payment of dividends of $\$ 53,466$ amounted
to $\$ 5.329,738$ nn March 81927 capital was increased $\$ 2,000,000$ by
cash subscriptions. cash subscriptions.
The corporation or its predecessors have never borrowed for any purpose corporation may do so in the future.
Since Jan. 311929 additional shares have been sold privately. No com-
missions have been paid for the sale of this stock, the entire proceeds havmissions have been paid for the sale of this stock,
ing been paid into the treasury of the corporation.

## Consolidated Balance Sheet April 151929

Assets-
Cash, In bank, with broker \&
loaned on call

Interest recelvable-...........
practlcally equivalent to
Tal

| $4,662,236$ |
| :---: |
| 55,938 |

 599,765
$5,000,000$ s18,066,817 Total Directors.-The following will constitute the board of directors: Archibald Dougles, H, ENbert Foster Jrilian York, Nohn C. Grier Jr, Detroit,
 os Angeles.
Management Contract.-MrcConnell and Foster, under the supervision on the board of directors, will act as managers of the investments of the 1929, provides as sole compensation to the managers an option to purchase shares of stock of the corporation in a total amount equivalent to 1714\% of the greatest number of shares outstanding at any time during the term
of the contract, at $\$ 64$ per share if the option is exercised during the first of the contract, at $\$ 64$ per share if the option is exercised during the first If exercised during the third year.
As of April 15 1929, the directors (and their families) owned in excess of
150,000 shares of which the partners of Foster, McConnell \& Co excess or 75,000 shares. Ourb Market
Mergenthaler Linotype Co.-Extra Div. of 50 Cents.The directors have declared an extra div. of D0c., per share in addition to the regular quartery diviend or shat stock, both payable Jun e29 to holders or record June S. Like amounts were paid on March 30 last, and on
Dec. 31 1928. From June 30 1926 to Sept. 29 1928, incl. there was paid
hat Quarterly, in addrition to the usual $\$ 1.25$ dividend, an extra dividend of 25
quarts 1926 to Set. 29 1928, incl., there was paid

Merit Hosiery Co., Inc.-Initial Dividend.-
hare on the $\$ 3$ cumul. conv. preference stock, no par value, payable June share on the $\$ 3$ cumul. conv, preference stock, no par value,
1 to holders of record May 20 . See V. 128, p. 1411,1242 .
Mexican Eagle Oil Co., Ltd.-Report.-
The London financial agents of the company issued the following statement: improvement in conditions, brought about by the modification of the Petroleum law, has enabled the company to pursue with greater confidencea
normal exploration programme, and to prepare plans for an extension of its normal experations into new areas offering good prospects for the development of additional supplies. The company is, at present, concentrating Tabasco, with the object ores operated normally throughout the year on a satisfactory throughput. Various improvements completed during year on year
are now working with resultant economy in operations and improved yields. are now working with resultant economy in operations and improved yields.
The production and purchases of crude oil and the total shipmients of the The production and purchases of crude ond and the total shipments of the
company, including products sold in Mexico and Central America, and oils used in operation for the last three years, were. ,051,00 bis. 8, 00,500 bbls. $13,245,500$ bbls due to the Tonala field being put into exploitation The financial results of the company for the year 1928 are bound to be adversely arfected by the continue.
for refined products. $-V .128$, p. 2821 .

Mexican Petroleum Co., Ltd. (of Del.).-Earnings.


 Prefered divs. $(8 \%)$
Oommon divs.-.
(12\%)5,487,480(87) $39784143(12) 5487,468(12) 5487,432$
 Miscellaneous-int. ic-
Unamort, discount, \&c-
4.148,071


Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31
1928

Pan Amer. Pet. \&
class B stock
 Accounts with ar
filiated cos Cash.
Acets. Accts. receiva
Oil stoks... Mat'l's \& suppilies-
Denosit with Mex $\underset{\text { Deposit with Mex. }}{ }$ Govit
Govt. to protect
 -V After deducting $\$ 70,660,668$ reserve for depreciation and depletion.
Mexican Seaboard Oil Co.-Rights.-
The directors have determinee to issue and sell 248,877 additional shares (not 248,887 shares as previously stated of the company's stock (without
par value at $\$ 32$ ver share These additional shares are to be offered for
aubscription pro rata to stockholders of record May 291929 , all subscriptions aupo such ofrering to be accompanied by payment in fuil at the Bankers
urust Co 16 Wall St N. Y. City on or before June 251929 Bran Trust Co. 16 , made to have this offering underw fitten at the offering pricements are
for a cash commmision of $\$ 2$ per share, in which underwriting one or more
persons identified with the company through stock holdings and (or) as directors may participate. See also V 128 , p. 336


 Deficit_-...-........- $\overline{\$ 1,332,906} \overline{\$ 2,232,246} \overline{\$ 2,134,642} \overline{\text { sur. } \$ 109,601}$ Above earnings include International Petroleum Co.-V. 128, p. 3365.
Mid-Continent Petroleum Corp.-Earnings. Quarters ended Marci 31-
Net profit Neat proholds
Lnterest-. $\qquad$ Corp.
1929.
$\$ 2,430.026$
219,683
89 Earnings.
11.680 .536
$\$ 561,272$
191,874
1 .107

Net income before depreciation,
depletion and Federal taxes.---
$\$ 2,120,991$
$\$ 1,032,390$
$\$ 2,880,850$ - V. 128, p. 2475 .
(I.) Miller \& Sons, Inc.-Earnings.-

Sales-_--
Cost of sales Income Account Year Ended Dec. 311928.

$\qquad$

Operating income.
Interect on 1st mortgage and leasenold bonds
Bond discount and expense written off
Interest on bank loans, \&c......-......-.

Net profit
preferred stock-....... 8794,534
93,708
Balance, surplus-1-1-1--
Shares of common stock outstanding-
$\$ 700,826$
$\times 170.000$
Earned per share
$\times$ Incl. 4,000 shares subscribed to by employees.---
Missouri State Life Insurance Co.-Business.-
President Hillsman Taylor reports a gain of $30.7 \%$ in written business during the first four months of 1929 . Agencies and branches combined
wrote $\$ 126,755,195$ during the first four months of 1929 against $\$ 96,968,230$ in 1928.
$\$ 1.00$ the 27 branches 17 reported written business amounting to over
$\$ 1.00,000$ for each of the four month. St Louis raxks first with a total $\$ 1.000,00$ for each of the four months. St Louis rasks first with a total
of $\$ 6.018,600$. Chicago second with $\$ 3,248,230$, while Newark, Los Aneles
and Pittsburgh are next in line with $\$ 2,791,000, \$ 2,588,792$ and $\$ 2,417,223$ ond Pittsburgh are next in inine with $\$ 2,791.000, \$ 2,588,792$ and $\$ 2,417,223$
and
respectively. Tulsa, Nashville. Seattle. San Francisco, Indianapolis, City foil Grand Rapids, Little Rock, Memphis New Orleans and Kansas V. 128, p. 2475 .
"Montecatini" Societa Generale per l'Industria Mineraria ed Agricola (Italy). -

Comparative Profit and Loss Account. Years Ended Dec. 31.



 Operating revenue
Operating costs. Operating costs.
Other income Other income--
Taxes
Interest, \&c.-. $\begin{array}{rllll}\text { Balance, surplus....- } & \$ 1,036,849 & \$ 1,182,935 & \$ 1,968,100 & \$ 2,104,394 \\ \text { Previous surplus.....- } & 1,387,791\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ll}\mathbf{2 0 4 , 8 5 6} \text { def } 1,763,244 & \text { def1,549,429 }\end{array}$

 Motor Products Corp. $\$ 5$ Extra Dividend. - - The directors have declared an The directors have declared an extra dividend of 85 per share on the
common shares. payyable June 6 1929. to holders of record June 11929 . common shares. payable June 61929 , to holders of record
(See V. 128, p. 1744).-V. 128, p. 2644 .
Murray Corp. of America.-Common Stock Placed anon An Annual Dividend Basis of $\$ 3$ in Cash and $3 \%$ in Stock.The directors have declared initial quarterly dividends of 75 cents per
share in cash and ${ }^{2}$ of \% in stock on the common shares of no par value share in cash and $3 / 1 /$ of $1 \%$ in stock on the common shares of no par
both payable July 15 , to holders of record July 1.-V. 128, p. 3008 .

Muskegon Piston Ring Co.-New Vice-President-To Pay Dividends in Stock Instead of in Cash.Julius Rubiner, Vice-President of Ungerleider Financial Corp. has been Net earnings for April amounted to $\$ 41,709$, after all charges including Federal income tax. This is at the annual rate of 10 . 105 per share or stock
now outstanding. This compares with earnings for the first quarter of now outstanding. This compares with earnings for the first quarter of
1929 ameunting to $\$ 1.68$ per share or at the anual rate of $\$ 6.72$ and
con compares with total earnings of $\$ 3.18$ per share ereported for the entirie year of for any one month in the history of the company and are enderstoord to in the companyring output. production costs resulting from the steady increase
in expected that output will be largely in-
creased during the bate creased during the balance of this year.
Owing to the large amount of money which has been expended by the
company, uring the recent months for increase in plant facilities, and the company's program for further increase in productive capacity, the directors have announced the policy of declaring stock dividends at the annual rate of $8 \%$ or $2 \%$ quarterly, in lieu of the 75 cents per share quarterly cash
dividend which has been paid heretofore. The next quarterly dividend is
payable on July 1 to holders of record
Muskogee Company, Phila.- $\$ 4$ Dividend.-
The board of directors on May 23 declared a dividend of $\$ 4$ per share on
the no par capital stock, payable June 15 , to holders or record June 61929 .
Charles E . Ingersoll is President and F .
National Department Stores, Inc.-Expansion.This corporation, through its President, Victor W, Sincere, announced a lease for this store's first uptown branch, to be located in the heart of the 69 sth street development, started somed 12 y earrago by bo John $\mathbf{H}$. Mceclatchy
Work on the new store has started and it is expected to be opened for busiess in November of this year. It will be located in a benilding to occupy 435.000 peonle. and will be designed to serve a potential shopping district of

The decision of Frank \& Seder to build an uptown store to obviate traffic congetion in the center or the city and to to better serve the rebidante traffic
ane is in line
line with the policy of National Department Stores in ins 13 other units throughout the East and Middle West. Already B. Nugent \& Bro., the St. Louis store, has opened an uptown branch, and is negotiating for
further sites. The Bailey Co. of Cleveland will open a similar unit at 101st St. and Euclid Ave. in June, to be followed by two other units. The other stores in the chain are considering uptown localities, according to Mr. Sin-
cere, following the precedent set by banks and other institutions in large cere, following
cities to better
$\mathrm{V} .128, \mathrm{p} .2644$.

National Container Corp.-Stocks Sold.-Jerome B. Sullivan \& Co., Arnold \& Co. and W. T. Bonn \& Co. have sold privately 30,000 shares $\$ 2$ convertible preferred stock (no par value) at $\$ 27.50$ per share to yield $7.27 \%$ and 16,700 shares common stock (no par value) at $\$ 22.50$ per share. The common shares were purchased from individuals. The $\$ 2$ convertible preferred stock will be preferred over the common
stock as to cumualtive dividends at the rate of $\$ 2$ per share per annum and as to assets in the case of voluntary or ingoluntary liquidation up to
$\$ 32.50$ per share plus div. Dividends are payable $Q$. M . (acruing from
 Convertible into common stock, share for share. Preferred and common stock wil have equal voting rights, share for share, Until all the pre-
ferred stock shall have been redeemed or converted or provision made for the redemption thereof the company, before it declares or pays any dividend on its stock other than the Preferred stock, shall deposit in trust with a bank
or trust company in New York City a sum equal to be sodeclared or paid on such other stock; and said fund shall be used only
for the cedemption or retirement of the preferred stock as directors shall for the redemption or retiren
from time to time determine
Transfer agent, Manufacturers Trust Co. Registrar, Irving Trust Co. Capitalization-
S2 convertible preferred stock (no par)
Common stock (no par) Common stock (no par) -............................-110,000 shs. 70,000 shs. shares under option reserved for conversion of preferred stock and 10,000

Data from Letter of Samuel Kipnis, Pres. of the Corporation. Company.- Recently incorporated in New York to acquire all of the outstanding capital stock of Airdepot Realty Corp. Company whose properties are to be acquired is the largest individual manuafacturer of
corrugated containers in the New York Metropolitan district, and was incorporated in 1928 to acquire the forlowing four concernst, Columbia
Corrugated Co., Inc., Wm. Herman \& Coi, Inc., New York Corrugated Case Co., Inc., International Corrugated Box Corp.
These concerns had all been profitably engaged in the manufacture of corrugated paper containers for many mears. and were consolidated for the
purpose of effecting economies in production and sales costs ate purpose of effecting economies in production and sales costs attendant
upon such a combination. Early in 1928, in order to bring about contral control of manufacturing and to expedite distribution, an associated comcontract with the U. S. Government for the acquisition of an ad into a and thoroughly modern plant located in the heart of the Long Island City Corp. is in possession of the plant and will, upon the payment of the balance of the purchase price ( $\$ 550,000$ after the completion of this financing). be entitlid to receive a deed in fee to said property
and their predecessor corporations after Federal incompanies to be acquired rate but beforessa) rentals paid or expenses of the building, including depreciation based on cost, which are offset by rental income under exising
leases with outside tenants and (b) interest to be eliminated by the present leases with outside tenants
refinancing was as follows:

$\$ 13$ Included in the above carnings are net pronts of $\$ 4,650$ for 1928 and suaranteed 1929 on an account which is doubtful but which has been Listed.- Application has been made to tis

## Assets-

 Aceountsreept.rable., trade -
Inventories. Inventories
Deposits $\&$ adv. pay. of insur.
 Dert, charges, net of amortiz.:
Patents trade-marks.....
Good-will
ce Sheet as at Mar. 311929.

## Liabultites ccounts payabl


 $\begin{array}{r}\$ 183,943 \\ 13,409 \\ 6,197 \\ \hline\end{array}$ ${ }_{23,145}^{6,197}$

| 550,000 |
| :--- |
|  |
| 75,000 |

(Oscar) Nebel Co., Inc.-Earnings.-
For Year Ending December 311928
Gross profit from operations
Selling, general \& administra

Net profit---7.
-V .128, p. 2476.
49,047

National Food Products Corp.-Subscription Warrants. subscription warrantst for class B stock without par value, 1927-1942 issue.

National Liberty Insurance Co.-New Pres., \&c.The directors of this company, the Baltimore American Insurance Co. National Liberty group of insurance companies, announced last week the election or wilred Kurth as President of the three companies, succeeding
C. Tyrner. resigned. It was also announced that Frank E. Burke,
representing the Home It representing the Home Insurance Co., and Sidney J. Weinberr, partner
in Goldman, Sachs \& Co., and Treasurer of the Goidman SachsTrading
Corp. were elected directors The firance commireters of the three companies.
Tatchings. Chairman: Sidneach compayy wil be composed of Waddil Catchings, Chairman; Silney J. Wempany, will be composed of Waddill
Kurth. Mr. Catchings, a partner in Goldman. Ralph Jonas and Wilfred
Jonts \& Co. and Mr Mr man, af director of the Manufacturers Trost Co., are President and Chair
Trading Corp.-V. V . 128, committee, respectively, of the Goldman Sachs
Nehi Corp.-April Sales.
with s205.832 in April 1928, an increase of more than ins. compared excessive floods in the compan's southern or terre than $105 \%$. Due to
quarter of 1929 were $\$ 472,319$, as compared the with $\$ 633,291$, for the first quanter of 1929 were 842,319 as compared with $\$ 633$, , ald, for the corre-
sponding period of 1928 but this lag in the production program was more
than made up during the sales amounted to $\$ 897,470$, showing a gain of $\$ 58,347$ or $6 \%$ over the
corresponding period a year corresponding period a year ago.
Common Dividend No. 2.-
of The directors announce the declaration of a quarterly dividend (No. 2) or record May 15 and the regular quarterly dividend of 11.31 per share on An ist pref, stock, payable July 11929 to stockholders of record June 15 .
An initack quarterly dividend of cents per share was paid on the com-
mon stock on Mar, Earns, for Catendar Years.

Net profits-
Other income
Discount income-
Discount interest -.............................................
Net profits after provision for bad debts \& Fed. tax.
Earns. per share on common stock

| 1928. |
| :---: |
| $-\$ 1.786,824$ |
| 879,241 |

$\begin{array}{r}1927.03 \\ \$ 1,717,053 \\ 906,066 \\ \hline\end{array}$

Earns. per share on common stock...................
Neild Manufacturing Corp.-Earnings.-
Calendar Years-
Gross earnings before depreciation_................ losss62,0
$\stackrel{1927}{\$ 205,000}$ Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

 Mry. \& mdse. ${ }_{471,39}^{471,939}$| Accounts |
| :---: | :---: |
| Prollt |

 Total_.........s2,536,728 \$2,734,272 Total_-.......-\$2,536.728 $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 7 3 4 , 2 7 2}^{2}$
(Herman) Nelson Corp., Moline, Ill.-Earnings.Calendar Years-
Net onerating profit
Interest, discounts


## Earnings per share

outstanding (par $\$ 5$ )-...........
New Bedford Cotton Mills Corp.-Earnings.
Balance Sheet Dec. 311928.
Real estate \& machinery $-\ldots-. \quad \$ 2,343,025$ Capital stock
 $\qquad$ - $\$ 1,800.000$

Total.
-V .128 28, p. 416 .
. $\overline{83,214,562}$
otes \& accounts payabie-
Total-.....................-.- $1,069,814,562$
New Bedford (Mass.) Cordage Co.- $33 / 4 \%$ Dividend.and the recturs have declared a dividend of $3 \% \%$ on the common stock
June 1 to anue 1 t te hlders quarterry dividend of $13 \%$ on the preferred stock, payable May 17 . Three months ago a dividend of $21 / 2 \%$
was declared on

Assets-
Balance Sheet Dec. 311928.
Cash \& acco
LIablutites-
Sundry accounts payable
\$11,127
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { U. S. treasury notes. } & \\ \text { Real estate, bldgs, } \& \text { machin'y } & 150,000 \\ 533,568\end{array}$

Total
104, p. 2122
$\overline{\mathbf{.} 1,157,439}$ from Jan. 11910.
Preferred stock....

281,831
200,000
110

New England Confectionery Co.-Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.-
 c marks........... Mash-1ails \& supd T. S. Govt. securs. Acets. \& notes rec.-
Other investments


## -V. 126, p. 3769

N. Y. Title \& Mortgage Co.-Partial Payment Plan.The company, at the current rate of operation, will pay to 35,000 in-
vestors, $\$ 31,000,000$ as interest on its guaranteed mortgages and certifi-
cates, according to a statement made on May 20 by President Harry A.

Kahler. This is the largest sum the company has yet paid out in any
one year on interest accounts and represents a high point pits its operations.
ond at which a partial payment plan for making the securitites of the company at which
avallable
p. 3366 .

New Haven Clock Co.-Balance Sheet Dec. 31 .

Total_........-\$4,041,451 $\overline{\$ 4,095,544}$ Total_.......... $\$ 4,041,451 ~ \$ 4,095,544$ $\times$ After depreciation of $\$ 1,578,035$.-V. 128, p. 3009 .
New York Investors, Inc.-Seeks Authority to Acquire Over $10 \%$ of Capital Stock of Cotton Belt Road.-
The corporation has applied to the Missouri P. S. Commission for permis-
sion to accuire and hold more than $10 \%$ of the capital stock of St. LouisSouthwestern Ry. Under Missouri laws foreign corporations cannot hold
more than $10 \%$ or the stock of Missouri common carriers or other public more than $10 \%$ of the stock of Missouri common Income Account for Calendar Years [Including the Prudence Co., Inc.] 1928.


Commissions, discounts, \&c-
Sales of securitiest, lesss cost cost
Sales of real estate, less cost
Total income-

vertising, cost of financing, \&c-
Reserve for Federal and State taxes.
Reserve for profit shares-.-.
Reserver er employees'
Assets charged
Total expenses.
Net profit-
ividends paid- Pradence o. preferred.
Realty Associates, preferred
Balance, surplus
Balance, surplus
Earns. Der share
$-\mathbf{V}$. 128. p. 3220
100,000 shs. com. stk (no par) Kellogg \& Sorp.-Stock Offered.-Baker, at $\$ 36$ per share 250,000 shares of class A common stock (no par value) of the corporation, which has been formed by these houses and American Founders Corp. primarily to acquire equity investments in South American enterprises. The stock is listed on the Boston Stock Exchange.
The class A common stock is preferred as to assets up to the total amount tock outstanding at the time of liquidation or dissolution divided ratably and after distribution to class B stock then outstanding of the todal amount ing assets 4 times as much as acech share of class A stock stock. per share per annum before any dividend divident, non- non-cumulative up to $\$ 2$ 25 conts persh share on class $B$ stock. There wil be outstanding upon completion of this financing, 250,000
shares of the total authorized 1,2500000 hhares of class A common, and $1,000,000$ shares of the authorized $1,250,000$ shares of class B no par com-
mon stock. The class B stock to be outstanding will be purchased by American Founders Corp., Domestic and Foreign Investors Corp., and
Baker, Kellogg \& Co., Inc., far $\$ 1,000,000$ in cash, and a substantial amount of class A common presently to be outstanding has been subscribed for by
interests associated
with the group. The corporation will begin operation with total assets of not less than
$\$ 9.125 .000$ in cash, recelved from the sale of the class A and class B stocks. The remaining authorized but unissued 250,000 sharess of class B common such stock dividend may be paid holders of class B stock unless class A

Northern Manufacturing Co.-Stock Offered.-Offering was made May 8 of 65,000 shares of common stock by Field \& Co. of Newark, N. J., at $\$ 22$ per share. The offering does not represent any new financing by the company.
Negistrar and transfer agent: United States Corporation Co., New York,
Capitalization-
Preference stock (no par value)
Common stock (no par value). $\qquad$ Authorized. Outstanding. $* 50,000$ shares of the thorized common sto 200,000 shs. 150,000 shs. Dividends.-As the entire cumulative dividend of 75 c . per share, amounting to $\$ 37,500$ for 1929 , has already been paid or set aside out of earnings, the reamining earnings of the company will be available for dividends on
the common stock to the amount of 75 c . per share per annum the comm oomson stock will be entitled to share equally with the preference
after the stock in the further payment of dividends to the amount of 75 c . per share per annum. All , other earnings are avilable for dividends on the common

Data from Letter of N. M. Mains, President of the Company. Company. - A New Jersey corporation. Is engaged in the manufacture,
national distribution and sale of high-grade radio tubes, which are nationally known under the company's trade name "Marathon." Company was organized Aug. 29 1924, developing a business among jobbers, chain stores and radio receiving set manufacturers exclusively; since that ctime
the trade name "Marathon" has become sufficiently popular with the trade the trade name Marathon has become sumany to sell its tube the trade throughout case at higher prices than are obtained for other tubes sold by independent makers.
The company at this time cannot supply the demand for Marathon tubes
and has on hand orders which alone will keep the factory operating full capacity for many months to come. The present capacity of this plant is 11.000 tubes per day and it has accuired a lot of 4.500 square feet adioining the plant which the company owns in fee, and on which will be built im-
mediately another plant. In addition the company has leased two floors in an adjoining building. With these facilities the production will be stepped up to 25.000 tubes per day within a comparatively short time.
Earnings.-Company entered into its present rate of production mencing with July 1 1928. Since that time for the seven succeeding months ending Jan. 31 1929, the net profits were $\$ 191,072$. Whereas the company early in the year estimated the earnigs for 1929 at approximately $\$ 500,000$

position of over 6 to 1 . The patents, trade marks and good-will of the
company are carried on the books at 8 . the New York Curb Market.-V. 128 make application to list this steck on the New York Curb Markeo.-1. 12. D. 1410.
Norwalk Tire \& Rubber Co.
6 Months End. Mar 6 Months
Gross profit
Expenses
Operating loss

## Loss- Depreci <br> Lepreciation, d c

- Vet loss...- $127, \mathrm{p}$.

Occidental Petroleum Corp.-Earnings.Quarter Ended March 31- 1929.


Orange-Crush Co.-New Contract. A contract has been, signed by company, providing for the sale of its

Outboard Motors Corp.-Lockwood Division Sales.The Lockwood division reports sales for April 1929 of $\$ 175,091$, as
atainst $\$ 11,508$ in the corresponding month of 1928 Net
$\$ 35616$ Nerrings were $\$ 35.616$, as compared with 22,094 in the same month last year.-V. 128 .
Pacific Steamship Co.-Earnings.Calandar Years-
Operatingrevenues...
Oper. exp. \& taxes.-.
Oper. Inc. before depr
Gross income.
Miscell. inc. charge
Interest-1-............
Net profit, -.-............
Surpl. thegin. of the yr.
Sales of shares, \&c
Gross surplus
Divs. on pref. stk., paid $\begin{aligned} & \$ 1,182,401 \\ & \$ 2,664,457 \\ & \$ 1,304,069 \\ & \$ 1,172,385\end{aligned}$

Surplus at end of the yr $\$ 830,573 \quad \$ 1,042,060 \quad \$ 1,060,877 \quad \$ 998,794$ x Consisting of $\$ 1,050,000$ for restoring to surplus amount previously
allocated to 30,000 shares no par value of common stock and $\$ 700,000$ proceeds from sale of 20,000 shares of re-acquired no par common stock.V. 126, p. 3312

Packard Motor Car Co.- $\$ 1.50$ Extra Dividend.The directors have declared an extra dividend of $\$ 1.50$ per share on the
outstanding $\$ 30.042 .640$ common stock, par $\$ 10$. payable July 31 to holders of record July 11. Regular monthily dividends of 25 cents per share are also being paid on this issue. An extra dvidend or or. per share was
payable on May 31 last, one of si per share was paid on July 311928
and Nov. 301928 , and one of 50 cents per share on Dec. 311928 .

To Split-Up and Change Par Value of Common Shares.The directors have called a special stockholders meeting for June 19 to vote on splitting up the stock on a 5 -for- 1 basis and on changing the par
value from $\$ 10$ to no par It is expected that the new stock will be issued
on Sept.

Pan American Airways, Inc.-Starts First Air Mail Service to South America.
This company operating company for Aviation Corp. of the Americas,
started the first United States air mail for South An the longest air mail line in the world, extending from Miami, Flerida, over the combined routes of Pan Ame Chilean border. Through serican Grace Airways will provide 6-day mail service from Peru to the United States, cutting travel time to less than one-half. The through service wil
be operated on regular weekly schedules for the present under U . Post be operated on regular weekly schedules for the present under
Office Department foreign air mail contracts. which were previously awarded Pan American-Grace Airways. The Pan American Airways, Inc. is at
present operating 4,560 miles of airways under contract between the United States, Mexico, West Indies, Central America and Panama Canal Zone.
This company will operate the South American line from Cristobal to Guayampii, Ecuandor, via Colombia, as sub-contractors to Pan American-
Grace Airways, an affiliated company jointly owned by Aviation Corp. Grace Airways, an affriliated company ${ }^{\text {jo }}$
of the Americas and W. R. Grace \& Co.

New Director.
Frederick B. Rentschler. President of United Aircraft \& Transport The election of Mr. Rentschler follows the acquisition of a substantial stock interest in Aviation Corp. of the Americas by the United corporation Which controls the Boeing and Pacific. Air Transport groups. Through
this transaction Pan American Airways, Inc., added the support of this prominent Western aeronautical group, to its affriliations with 10 major
railroad systems and with a number of prominent American aviation rairoad systems and with a number of prominent American aviation
interests. Also by the terms of this agreement Pan American Airways acquired attractive traffric con
concessions in Western Mexico.

Orders 53 Additional Multi-motor Transports.-
the United for 8 -hour air transport service for mail and passengers between Zone; 50 and 60 -hour service to Peru and Chile, were to Panama Canal by J. T. Trippe. President and GGeneral Managere of Pan Amererican Air-
ways, Inc. This fast air service clips 17 days from the best steamer time Ways, Inc. This fast air service clips 17 days from the best steamer time
to Buenos Aires and 20 days to Santiago, Ohile, bringing the most distant coaitallos of Siresth America as close to the Unile, United States as New Orleans
and St. Louis are to New York City by rail. Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, Chairman of the Technical Committee, additional landing fields and entabistated that: Wishments of facilities faster equipment nitht flying; the transport time can be reduced to approximately 80 hours to Buenos
Aires. Air mail and passengers will arrive in that city approximately one night flying division in Central America in 24 hours, and Santiago,
Chile, will be approximately within 70 hours of this country. Plans for cous raster service over present Pan American Airways routes and to other
countries in South America have been carefully studied for some time by construction, work to make this program possible is going ahead as rapidly as possibal of 22 multi-motored passenger transports, the largest fleet parated American routes to Mexico. West indies. Central and South America: orders have been placed for an additional 53 multi-motored planees, on
which delivery has been promised within six months and which are to be used on the extended routes of Pan American Airways.
At the present time the Pan Amerian system is operating on 7.500 on the west coast of South Amperica. Plans are going ahead rapidiy for
the early extension of service from the Canal Zone along the north coast
of Colombia and Venezuela to Maraca, with later extension to Trinidad over a route from this point along the entire east coast of South America to Rio de Janeiro. Buenos Aires and Montevideo. The first service
between the United States and Buenos Aires, however probably will be operated on the west coast route, now on regular sched dule as far as Mol Mol
lendo, Peru. This route is soen to be extended southward to Santiago,
lis Chile, and thence over the Andes to Buenos Aires. De luxe passenger
service is now available in multi-motored transports over 3,300 miles op
or siter
the Pan American Airways system and thener planes
miles daily on regular schedules.-V. 128, p. 3010 .

Parraffine Companies.-Extra Dividend.To the directors have declared an extra dividend of $2 \%$ in stock in addition both payable June 27 to holders of record June 17 , In each of the 2 preceding quart ters regular dividends of $\$ 1$ per share were paid and in addition,
an extra cash dividend or 25 cents per share was distributed on Dec. 27 last.
Previously the Previously, the company paid quarterly cash dividends of 75 cents per
share. In March, June and September 1928 . extra disbursements of 75
cents per share were also made.-V. 128 , p. 1922.

Parker Rust Proof Co.-Consolidation Approved.A plan to consolidate this company and the Wolverine Enameling Co., a the former held on April 10.
Under the plan the Parke
$4441 / 2$ shares and not more than 657 shares of the outstanding stock of the per share, the stock so acquired to be transferred to it. Of the remaining
 shares of stock in the consolidated company, and the holders of the remainsing 2121 stockares of the Wolverine company, may sell said, shares for 8400 a
ing
share cash or may exchange said shares for shares in the consolidated comsany on the basis of $62-3$ shares sho each share now held.
The consolidated company shall have an authorized capital of 19,244 The consolidated company shall have an authorized capital of 19,244
shares of pref. stock (par $\$ 10$ retirable on Aug. 231946 and 130,00 shares
of no par common stock. The pref. stock shall be exchanged, share for of no par common stock. The pref. stock shall be exchanged, hanare for
share. .or the present outstanding pref stock of the Parker company, and
of the no par common stock there shall be issued 5,620 shares to the holders of the no par common stock there shall be issued 5,620 shares to the holders
of 83 share of Wolverie company stock, and there shall also be issed
Parker shares for Wolverine shares on the same basis to those Wolverine stockholders holding said $2121 /$ shares who have the pres of ee selling their decositing their stock with the Bank of Detroit, and that there shall be issued
60,000 shares to the then stockholders of the Parker company, share for 60,000 shares to the then stockholders of the Parker company, share for
share, in exchange for their present holdings. The balance of said authorized shares will be held available for proper corporate purposes. for the year 1928 amounted to $\$ 99,944$ and or neterer n $67.0362-3$ shares, which the pref. arvidens, amounts to over $\$ 6$ a share to be presently outstanding in the consolidated company. This combined cerning of over $\$ 6$ a share is arrived at without makny any allowance for estimated by M. M. O. Baker and of tarles H. Brodt of that company at $\$ 40,000$
lor said year.-V. 125, D. 2823 .

Park \& Tilford, Inc.-E Earnings.-
Quarter Ended Mar. $31-1929$.
et profit after charges Net profit atter charges
and Federal taxes.-- $\begin{aligned} & \text { Quater } \\ & \text { and }\end{aligned}$ $\begin{array}{lrr}\text { Shares common stack } & 204,019 & 200,000 \\ \text { outstanding (no par)_ } & 2041.30 & \$ 1.11\end{array}$

## -V .128, p. 2647

## Parker Pen Co. (Wis.).-Earnings.-

Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31
Gross profits on sales
Selling, general and administrative expenses.
Net profits from operations-
Other income, less miscellaneous charges.-...............
Total profits
Net profits of parent co. and fully owned sub. cos of Parker--
Proportionate share (66.75. interest) of net loss of
Osmia, A. G. (Germany) for period ended Dec. 31 1928.--
Consolidated net profits-
1927.
$\$ 40,347$
200,000
$\$ 0.20$

| for Federal and State |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 46,704 | 74,942 | 33,502 | 55,560 |

 x After depreciation of $\$ 699,434$. y 30,277 shares class A no par value
preferred and 65,000 shares no par value class B common stock.-V. 128 ,

Permutit Company.-Earnings.
Income Statement for the Year 1928.
Total sales
Untilled orders at end of year


| Condensed Balance $S$ |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |
| Cash in bank and | 9290, |
| Liberty, \&c., bond |  |
| Notes receiva |  |
| Accounts re |  |
| Merchandise |  |
| Machinery |  |
| Real |  |
| coks in oth |  |
| Copyrights, tra |  |
| vances |  |
|  |  |

Capitalization-
Capitalization-
7\% cumul. preferred stock (par $\$ 100$ )
Common stock (par $\$ 100$ )
heet Dec. 311928

Common stock $\qquad$ . $81,833.43$ Preterred stock
Capital surplus
Earned surplus $-2,662,800$

Business.- Company is the largest manufacturer and distributor of water
softening machinery for industrial use. Its systems have been installed in hotels, canneries, hospitals, \&c., throughout the world with highly satis factory results. Company manufactures water softeners for househol purposes for which there is an increasing demand. Another product of the company is the Ranarex
best in its field, and is now in use by large utility steel and
Addither to be the Additional products of the company are water filters and boiler auxiliarles Factories are located in Brooklyn, N. Y. and Birmingham, N
offices in the principal cities of the United States and Canada Directors.-Kenneth B. Schley (Moore \& schley); W. M. Flook (Chairman, American Brown Boveri Electric Corp.) : Felix E. Kahn (Dir. Para-
mount Farmous Lasky Corp.) H. Kreigsheim (Pres.); Osmund K. Fraenkel
(Attorney ant Law): Fred Goordon Blackstone Thomas L Fray Attorney at Law; Fred Gordon Blackstone. Thomas L. Fray
Atlantic Investing Corp .. 67 Wall St., New York recommend the purchase

Penick \& Ford, Ltd., Inc.-To Increase Stock. The stockkolders will vote June 11 on increasing the authorized no
par value common stock from 450,000 shares to 750,000 shares.-V. 128 .
p. 3367 .
Peoples National Fire Insurance Co.-New Pres., \&cc.Phelps Dodge Corp.-New Shares Placed on a \$3 Annual Dividend Basis.-
the present outstanding
 $\$ 3$ per share on the old shares of $\$ 100$ par value which were recently split-u year, quarterly dividends of $\$ 2.50$ per share were paid on the old stock.
Philadelphia Insulated Wire Co.-Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.-
 Notes \& acets. rec. Inventories.-...-
U. S. Govt. secur: Securltiles $1 . . . . . .$.
Demans
Acrued lons-.. Accrued interest-:-
Due fr. U. .Treas:
Prepaid tnsurance.

## Total.

V. 127, p. 3716

Pilot Radio \& Tube Corp Offering of Class A Sta An issue of 100,000 shares of class A (no par) stock is being offered by Trumbull, Wardell \& Co. and Jerome B. Sullivan \& Co. at $\$ 17.50$ per share. The stock is being purchased from individuals.
is Class A stock and class B stock have equal voting rights. Class A stock of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation is entitled to no distributive share or the assets. Class B stock is convertible share for share into class A
stock whenever or dividends shall amount to before any deduction for Federal income taxes别 Transfer Agents: First Union Trust \& Savings Bank, Chicago, and Irving Trust Co.. New. Yorkk Registrars: National Bank of the
and Chase National Bank of the City of New York.
Capitalization- Authorized. Outstanding
 a 25,000 shares are reserved for conversion of class $\mathbf{B}$ stock.
b 5,000 shares have been reserved by the management for sale to em
Data from Letter of Isidor Goldberg, President of the Corporation. over a business which h. March, 1929, in Delaware, and proposes to take over a business $\begin{gathered}\text { men han } \\ \text { mana }\end{gathered}$
 $\$ 5,000$ from whic
tributed
The corporation propose to maputar overy part necese The corporation proposes to manufacture every part necessary to the
assembling of a radio receiving set, as well as other electrical articles, and assembing or a radiorecction of similar parts for television receiving sets as well as complete television sets for home use Company has contracted to acquire from che predion and its broadcasting station is in ammission at the present time (call letters W2XCL, wave length 143.5 meters)
The predecessor company's products are widely distributed, about $40 \%$ The predecessor company's products are widely distributed, about $40 \%$
of its production being sold abroad, in Europe, Africa, South America. and the orient. Earnings,-The net sales and net profits of the predecessor company
available for dividends for the 2 years ended Dec. 31 1928, after all charges available for dividends for the 2 years ended Dec. 311928 , after all charges
including depreciation and Federal income taxes at the present rate of $12 \%$ and after eliminating non-recurring charges for salaries and interest of and arter eliminating non-recurring cenarges for
$\$ 6,618$ in 1927 and $\$ 24,162$ in 1928, are as follows:
1927-
$\begin{array}{rr}\text { Net Sales. } & \text { Net Profits. } \\ \$ 85,172 \\ 1,419,141 & \$ 161.039 \\ 322,622\end{array}$
Net sales and net profits for the first quarter of 1929, after all charges including depreciation and Federal income tax were: Net sales, $\$ 407,703$
Net profit, $\$ 105,483$, which is a substantial increase over the first quarter of 1928 .

Pinchin, Johnson \& Co., Ltd.-Shares Introduced to New York Market.-
Hallgarten \& Co. have purchased privately a block of the ordinary shares
of this company, largest makers of paints and varnishes in the Britsh Em of this company, largest makers of paints and varnishes in the British Em-
pire. An offering of "American shares" based upon deposit of the Enclish pire. An offering or . American shares based upon deposit of the Engish
shares with Guaranty, Trust Co. will shortly be made. It is expected that
the
 The business of Pinchin, Johnson \&s Co. Was established nearly 100 years
ago, some of the units subsequently acquired having been established as early as 1770 . Manufacturing units a re located in England, India, Aus-
tralla and Continental Europe, with distributing units in all the prin tralia and Continental Europe, with distributing units in all the principal
cities of Great Britain, Europe, India, Australia and South Americe. Net earnings of the company have grown rapidly in recent years, the amount avaiable after depreciation- and dividends upon the preference
shares having grown trom $\$ 563,000$ in 1926 to nearly 81.900000 in 1928
At the end of last year the company acguired importtant units in India and At the end of tast year the company accuired important units in India and Since 1924 dividends shave been paid at the rate of $30 \%$. Early this year
a stock dividend of $331-3 \%$ was declared and the shares were split 2 for 1 . The management state that it is contemplated the existing dividend rate can be maintained
no circumstances would board of directors adopted a resolution that under in any way between British and foreign owners of shares whether in relation to the rights of dividend, voting or otherwise, or to the transfer or or dealing
in such shares, or to the offered to shareholders, or to subscribe for any other shares of the company The dividends paid on the stock are subject to the usual British income tax of $20 \%$, but in the hands of most American holders of such shares it is possible to use this payment as a credit ayainst American taxes. In effect
this makes the dividends practically British tax free in the hands of American holders.

Porto Rican American Tobacco Co.-Stock Increased.class B stockholders on May 17 increased the authorized no par value
common stock from 150,060 shares to 300,000 shares.-V. 128

Postum Co., Inc.-Acquisition Consummated.-

## See Certo Corp. above.-V. 128, p. 2823.

Purity Bakeries Corp. (\& Subs.).-Earnings.- ${ }_{16 \text { Weeks Ended }}$ Apr. $20^{\prime 2}$. Apr. $21{ }^{\prime}$ 28. Apr. 23 '27.
 Earnings per share.
-V .128, p. 1415.

| Calendar Year rofit after taxes | $\begin{array}{r} 192, \\ \$ 28, \\ 175, \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 19 \\ \mathbf{x} 19 \\ \hline 17 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1926.411 \\ & \$ 348,416 \\ & 146,316 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Balance, surplus Pronit and loss surplus. Shares of capital stock outstanding (par \$10)Earns. per sh. on cap.stk. $x$ Including $\$ 38,218$ der | 3,650,720 | $\begin{array}{r} 815,962 \\ 3,565,207 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 202,095 \\ 2,086,125 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}\$ 172,578 \\ 1,884,029 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} 219,470 \\ \$ 0.99 \\ \text { ived from sa } \end{gathered}$ | 219,47 80.8 | 146.316s2. | 6.316$\$ 2.18$ |
|  |  | so |  |  |
| Rand Mines, Ltd <br> Calendar Years- <br> Dividends received Other income. | $\begin{aligned} & 1928 n u a \\ & \substack{1919.330 \\ 143,343} \end{aligned}$ | Report. <br> £436.357 <br> 273,423 | $\begin{gathered} 1926 . \\ \substack{191.834 \\ 284,832} \end{gathered}$ | 1925 <br> 168,614 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Total income <br> Administration exp., \&c. Taxes, \&c. | $\begin{array}{r} 5562,673 \\ 36,483 \\ 33,738 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5709,780 \\ 35.810 \\ 38,775 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4716,666 \\ \hline 27,232 \\ 44,209 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2662,739 \\ 27.587 \\ 59,404 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Net income ividends. | $\begin{array}{r} 2492,452 \\ 511,287 \end{array}$ | 511,287 | $\begin{array}{r} £ 645,225 \\ 511,287 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \mathbf{e 5 7 5 , 7 4 8} \\ \mathbf{5 1 1 , 2 8 7} \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

## Reliance Bronze \& Steel Corp.-Transfer Agent.-

Ree Empire Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent of the commo ock, no par value. See also V. 128, p. 2823.
Reliance Manufacturing Co.-Increases Common Div.ock from $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 3$ per share. A quartery dividend of 75 cents cor share was declared payable July 1 to holders of record June 14 (see V. 127 , p .1689 ),
April business and profits were reported to be the largest in the history April business and profits were
the company.- V . 128 , p. 1069 .
Republic Fire Insurance Co.- Stock Increased.to increase the authorized capitalization from $\$ 1,000,000$ to $\$ 5,000,000$ The regular quarterly dividend of $5 \%$ on the 100,000 shares of common
The retanding, was declared payable July 1 to hoiders of record June 20 tock outstands were re elected and the following officers named: R. A
Alirectors
ne W. J. Reynolds, E. S. Inglis, J. A. Campbell, J. R. Barry, O. H. E., Surwig The report of the manager, Corroon \& Reynolds, Inc. showed total preceding year; a voluntary reserve of $\$ 1,035,641$ and surplus to policyand gains to stockholders for 1928 were $\$ 481,055$, equivalent to $\$ 8.04$ a share on the average number of shares outstanding during the year, and
to $\$ 4.31 \mathrm{a}$ share on the 100,000 shares outstanding Dec. 311928 . -V : 128 ,

Reynolds Spring Co.-Listing.-
The Los Angeles Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 495,220 3. Mos.End. Mar.31-

Net income.-
Assets
Cash
Ascest \& notes ree
Accrued int
Inventories
Investments
Fixed assets-....iil
Patents, good-wii
ana developm't

| Deferred charges.- | 554,599 |
| :--- | ---: |
| 68,255 |  |

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Richfield Oil Co. of California.-Bonds Offered.-In connection with the plan now effected for physical consolidation of Pan American Western Petroleum Co. and subsidiary properties with the Richfield Oil Co. of Calif., a new issue of $\$ 25,000,000$ 1st mtge. \& collateral trust gold bonds, series A $6 \%$ convertible, is being offered by a banking syndicate headed by Bond \& Goodwin \& Tucker, Inc., Hemphill, Noyes \& Co., Bancamerica-Blair Corp., Hayden, Stone \& Co., Cassatt \& Co. and Hunter, Dulin \& Co. The bonds are priced at 99, to yield $6.10 \%$
Dated May 1.1929; due May 1 1944. Principal and int. payable at Se-
curity-First National Bank of Los Angeles, trustee, or at the option of the holder, in N. Y, City at the principal office of the Bank of America, N. A..
without deduction for any normal Federal income tax up to $2 \%$ which may lawfully be paid at the source. Semi-annual int. payable M. © N. D. De
nom. $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 500$ Red. in whole or in part on 45 days' notice at $102 / 2$ and int. Company agrees to
tion therefor is made within 90 days after payment, the following taxes Penn., Conn. and Calif. personal property taxes, not, exceeding 4 millis per annum; Dist. of Col. personal property tax not exceeding 5 mills per annum,
Maryland securities tax, not exceeding $41 / 2$ mills per annum; Tennesse property tax not exceeding 5 mills per annum; Kentucky State tax not ex ceeding 5 mills per annum; and Mass. income tax not exceeding $6 \%$ per annum on the int. payabie theren. A semlannual
ing Nov. 11929 is provided, which is calculated to retire $50 \%$ of this issue by maturity.
Data from Letter of James A. Talbot, Chairman of the Board. for the purpose of acquiring all or substantially all of the outstanding capita stock of the United Oil OO. (incorp. in 1909 and Richfield Oil Co. (incorp.
in 1911), and to engage in the business of producing. refining and market. trade names "Richrield" (gasoline), "Richfield-Ethyl" (Easoline), and
 stock (Voting) of Pan American Western Petroleum Co.. Which in turn Pan American Petroleum Co.. its operating sursidiary
Sccurity and Assets.- In the opinion of counsel these bonds will be a direct property and interests in real property (except U. S. Government leases in ,real property hereatter accuired by the company, and by de interests the trustee of: (1) substantially all of the canital stock of the United Oi
class B common stock of PankAmerican Western Petroleum Co., being
at teast $83.85 \%$ of the total outstanding capital stock of said company. and its subsidiaries, for the two years ended Dec. 311928 (including earnngs of Pan American Western Petroleum Co. and its subsidiaries from
June 281928 , the date of accuisition of the voting stock, less proportion applicable to minority interest), after elimination of interest and discount on indebtedness converted into capital stock or retired by this or prior
financing, as certified by Peat, Marwick, Mitchell \& Co, were as follows: Years Ended Dec. 31- 1927. Net earnings before deducting depletion, depre-
ciation, bond interest and Federal tax.-.
N ev bsefor The above net earnings for 1928. after deducting depletion and depreciation but before bond interest and Feterat income tax, are equivalent to appresently to be outstanding, and after deducting from such net uarnind debs annual interest requirement of the $\$ 12,857,200$ 1st mtge. $6 \%$ bonds of Pan American Petroleum Co., the balance is $88,268,676$, equivalent to over 5 , $/ 2$ ended March 311929 net earnings on like basis were over six times the interest requirement of this bond issue for such period. Co. for the period The operations of Pan American estern Pertroleum Co. for the period effect to in the foregoing statement, as the consolidation of the management
with that of Richrield Oil Co. of Calif. has resulted in economies and savings which were not in effect during that period.
Property and Territory.-Richfield Oil Co. as now constituted own or lease 82.071 acres Calif. and its subsidiaries, one-half of which is proven and semi-proven territory situated in the Los Angeles basin and Ventura, Kings, Tulare, Santa Barbara, Kern and Orange County fields of California, on which are located 560 wells producing crude gross per annum Modern refineries strategically located in the centre of the Southern Caiifornia oil fields and in proximity to the company's chief distributing centres, together with their cracking units have a dally through-
put capacity of 146.500 barrels. Products of the company are distributed to over 9,000 dealer outlets through 87 bulk distributing stations and distributors located throughout its territory in California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Oregon, Montana, Washington and British Columbia. Company accuivition of several didstributing companies operating in Pennsylvahia,
New York, New Jersey, Maryland and the New England States. During the last two years the company has built up a substantial export business countries in the Orient, Africa, Australia, Europe and South America. Harbor terminals and facilities owned or leased are located at Long Beach. San Pedro, Richmond and Oakiand; California; Portland, oregon, Seattle, York City. Marine equipment having a combined carrying capacity of 295.888 barrels. Owned equip-
ment includes over 500 miles of pipe lines interconnecting the company's oil fields, refineries, harbor terminals and principal distributing stations, 120 tank cars (an additional 209 tank cars being under lease), 1,203 autoof $21,000,000$ barrels. the outstanding $\$ 4.750,000$ principal amount of Richniel ${ }^{\text {and }}$, Co. of Calif. of the outstanding $\$ 10,266,000$ Pan American Western Petroleum Co. $6 \%$
gold notes, due Jan. $1940 ;(3)$ the liquidation of $\$ 3,047,840$ current notes Conerrion.-These bonds wiil be convertible into common capital stock
of Richfield Oil Th. of California, at the option of the holder, interest and of Richfield Oil Co. of California, at
dividends to be adjusted as follows:
Each $\$ 1.000$ principal amount of bonds convertible into:
(1) 18 shs. of stock ( $\$ 55.55 \mathrm{a}$ sh.) from May 1929 to Apr. 301932 (both (2) 17 dates inclusive). or sha stock ( 58.82 a sh.) from May 11932 to April 301935 (both (3) 16 shs. of stock ( $\$ 62,50 \mathrm{a}$ sh.) from May 11935 to April 301938 (both (4) 15 shs. of stock) $\$ 66.67 \mathrm{a}$ sh.) from May 11938 to April 301941 (both

The indenture will contain provisions designed to protect the conversion privileze against dilution. In the event any of these bonds are called
for redemption, the conversion privilege with respect to bonds so called for redemption, the conversion privilege with respect to bonds so calied
shall continue up to and including the tenth day prior to the date for recempshall
tion.
Ca
Capitalization-
Richfield Oil Co. of Calif. 1 st mtge. \& collat. Authorized. Outstanding. tr. gold bds.s.ser. A $6 \%$ conv., dan . 15
 $7 \%$ preferred stock ( $\$ 25 \mathrm{par}$ )

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 $\mathbf{a}$ All series. $\quad \mathbf{b} 675,821.33$ shares reserved for conversions, \&c.Sinking Fund.-A sinking fund is provided in the indenture, calculated sinking Fund-A sinking fund is provided in the indenture, calculated
to retire by maturity not less than $50 \%$ of the largest principal amount of bonds of series A at any time outstanding, by purchase if obtainable at not exceeding 1021/2 and accrued interest, or, if not so obtainable, by their
redemption by lot. Provision is made for the deposit with the trustee semi-annually commencing Nov. 11929 , until all bonds of series A are re-
tired, of bonds of said series pal a mount of said bonds, which amount is to be proportionately increased
in the event any additional bonds of series A are issued. The indenture will further provide that series A bonds converted into common stock of the company may be credited by the company on its obligation to retire such bonds as above provided.
Richfield Oil Co. of Calif. and Subsidiaries-Consolidated Balance Shee
Dec. 311928 (After Present Financing).

| Assels- |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Properties._.-.-...- $890,767,736$ | Pre | $10$ |
| 隹 |  | 3,576,821 |
| Investments and advances.-- 13.098 .054 |  |  |
|  | Min. stockholders int |  |
| recetrable_.............- 5,406,936 | Res. for U. S. Govt. claim... | 5,000,000 |
| undry acets. \& notes receiv- | 1 st mtge. \& coll. trust 6 | 25,000,000 |
|  | 1 st |  |
|  | Dmer. ${ }^{\text {Ameded }}$ eredits |  |
| enses .-...-...-.-- $2,645,802$ |  |  |
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|  | r. purch. contract oblig'ns |  |
|  | te gas |  |
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|  | Pret. stock divis. payable |  |

Total (each side)
$\$ 126,755,713 \left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { Pref. stock divs. payable.... } \\ & \text { Prov. for Federal tax........ }\end{aligned}\right.$
13,9556
25,000
-V. 126, p. 3368.
Rich's Inc.-Initial Preferred Dividend.-
An initial quarterly dividend of $11 / \% \%$ has been declared on the $61 / \%$
cumulative convertible preferred stock, par $\$ 100$, payable June 30 to

Rio Grande Oil Co.-Earnings.-
Quarter Ended March 31-


1928.
$\$ 1.569,789$
309,904
18 Depletion and depreciation..........................................

Net income. .
$\$ 1,263,325 \quad \$ 126,844$

Roberts \& Oake, Inc.-Bonds Offered.-First Union Trust \& Savings Bank, The Foreman Trust \& Savings Bank, Chicago, and A. C. Allyn \& Co., Inc., are offering at 99 and int. $\$ 1,500,000$ 1st mtge. sinking fund $6 \%$ gold bonds. Dated May 1 1929: due May 1 1944. Int. payable $M$. \& $N$. Denom,
$\$ 1.000, \$ 500$ and $\$ 100 \mathrm{c}^{*}$. Red. all or part on any int. date on 30 days prior notice to and incl. May 11932 at 105 and int. this premium of $5 \%$ to maturity. Interest payable without deduction for normai Federal in in come tax not to exceed $2 \%$. First Union Trust \& Savings Bank, Chicago,
trustee. Upon application company will refund any taxes paid on the income from or on the ownership of these bonds under the laws of any State
or Possession of the United States, not in excess of 5 mills per annum on or Possession of the United States, not in excess of 5 mills per annum on
each dollar in principal amount to holders resident in such State or
Possession.

Data from Letter of C. J. Roberts, President of the Company. Company.-Organized in Delaware. Is acquiring the business and assets
of Roberts \& Oake, (111.), engaged in the processing and sale of high grade pork products. The business was established as a partnership in 1895 and peratiorp. in Illinois Sept. 11 1900. Company has shown a profit from its ocated in in every year but one since its inception. The Chicago plant
locion Stock Yards, in addition to being one of the most modern and erficient plants of its, type in the country, constitutes a real under the well-known "Sweetmeat Brand,". Chrough its own sales force to retail butcchers, commissaries and chain store groups.
Seccirity. - Boonds are secured by a direct closed first mortgage on all of appraised by Manufacturers Appraisal Co. as of Jan. 161929 at a sound Value of $\$ 2,131,310$. Other real estate holdings located, in Marshalltown,
OWa, are included at the depreciated book value of 58,929 . The bonds thus, represent less than $69 \%$ of the total value of the fixed assets.
Net tangible assets as shown by the balance sheet as of Dec. 311928 are $\$ 3,780,116$, or more than $\$ 2,520$ for each $\$ 1,000$ bond.
Earnings. - Net earnings for the 5 years ended Dec
he payment of intereston on these bonds after deducting depreciation have averaged $\$ 401,763$, or more than 4.46 times the maximum annual interest equirements on these bonds. Net earnings for the year ended Dec. 311928 , imilarly computed, were $\$ 720,495$, or more than 8 times such maximum Sinking Funa.- Company convenants to pay to the trustee, in semiannual payments beginning April $301931,8130,000$ annually to be applied
first to the payment of bond interest and the balance to be used for the purchase and redemption of these bonds. If bonds are available for the maturity by the operation of the sinking fund.
 Common stock (no par value)
*75,000 shares reserved for conversion privilege of convertible preference
Purpose-- Proceeds will be used to provide a portion of the cash requird
to complete the purchase of the assets of Roberts and Oake, an llinois to complete the purchase of the assets of Rob
corporation, and for other corporate purposes.
Rockland \& Rockport Lime Corp. (\& Subs.).-Earns. Results for the Year Ended December 311928

Gross inceme. Net eper. profit
Other ineome (net) - det 327,488

Net operat. proflt....-
Interest, depl. $\&$ deprec.



$\begin{array}{llllllll}\text { Surplus Dec. } 31 & 1928 \text { _ } & \$ 240,779 & \$ 86,796 & \$ 147,794 & \$ 41,943 & \$ 517,312\end{array}$ No depletion has been charged to operations during the current year on the books
(Wm. A

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| Addit. Fed. taxes 192 | 4,40 |  |  |  |
| Trans. |  | 60,00 |  |  |
| lance, surp |  |  |  |  |
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| Com.shs.out. (par |  |  |  |  |
| Earns. per com. share | \$2.3 |  |  |  |
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(Helena) Rubinstein, Inc.-Extends Operations.waxpansion of the business of this corporation into two foreign countries The company has opened a manufacturing plant in Toronto, Canada, with sufricient orders on hand to ensure pronteabe operations.
The company also announced that it it entering the South Ammerican field
for the first time. It made its first shipment to Argentina this week.for the first time.
V .128 . p. 2840 .

Ryan Car Co.-Earnings.

| Calendar Gross sales Deprating expenses Depreciation | $\begin{gathered} 1928 . \\ \begin{array}{c} 1,60,25 \\ 1,59.137 \\ 10,569 \end{array} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1927,{ }^{192} \\ \mathbf{\$ 2 , 0 4 9 , 0 7 1} \\ 1,995.874 \\ 92,409 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1926.640 \\ \begin{array}{r} 1,402,640 \\ \\ 1,486.255 \\ 79,207 \end{array} \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1925 . \\ \$ 4 ., 24.242 \\ 4,074.370 \\ 81,924 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Operating defici Other income... | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 25,481 \\ 7,766 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 39.212 \\ & 62,472 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 163,523 \\ 39,485 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 132,052 \\ 46,479 \end{array}$ |
| Total deficit Dividends paid | \$17.715 | $\begin{aligned} & f . \$ 23,260 \\ & 40,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 124,038 \\ 40,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 85.573 \\ & 140.000 \end{aligned}$ |
| Year's defficit-- | 817.715 | \$16,740 | \$164,038 | \$225,573 |

Ruud Manufacturing Co.-Expansion.-
In order to take care of its expanding business, the company has begun
onstruction of additional plant facilities directly across Smallman Ave. construccion of from its present plant directly across smallman Ave., pany, as well as some of the manufacturing departments, will be moved into the new building and the entire plant facilities will be greatly improved
Ryan Consol. Petroleum Corp. (\& Subs.).-Report.-
 x. 126 . p. 2804 .

St. Mary's Mineral Land Co.-Earnings.Receipts. Years-

 | S1, $1928 ., 185$ |
| :--- |
| $\times 534,158$ | 1927.

$\$ 500,7$
473,1

Cash on hand
 $\$ 516.027$ 1245.

Safety Car Heating \& Lighting Co.-Earnings. Calendar Years-
Despreciation-
Gross prorits-
Depreciation,
Federal taxes.
Nividends. proft.
Surplus -- -
Earns. per sh. on $98.62 \overline{0}$ )
shs. cap. stk. (no par).


$\$ 59,176$ $\begin{array}{r}\$ 1,005,838 \\ 986,200 \\ \hline\end{array}$

$\begin{array}{r}\$ 1,188,574 \\ 986,200 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $1 \times \$ 2$
${ }^{x}$ an sale of Jersey City plant
Salt Creek Consolidated Oil Co.-Earnings.-
$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Calendar Years- } & 1928 . & 1927 . & 1926 . & 1925 .\end{array}$ $\begin{aligned} & \text { Net inc. before deprec., } \\ & \text { deplet., \& Fed. taxes_ }\end{aligned} \mathbf{\$ 6 5 6 , 3 3 9} \quad \$ 767,743 \quad \$ 1,788,329 \quad \$ 2,035,710$ $\mathbf{x}$ After deducting taxes

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 .
A Assets- $\qquad$ Oll land
Fild inv,
Cash.
Not
$\qquad$ Notes receivableActss. recelvable1928.
8.
728,969
288.626
26.657
10605
 1927.
88
$.538,405$
262.299
506
7500
75.686
579.924
16,226 Liabitittes-
Capitaltock
Accountoct payabie.
Divs. payabie....
1928. 8 8. ${ }^{1927}$ ${ }_{8} 1927$.

Total

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\overline{-16,763,341} \overline{15,819,526}
$$ $\$ 6$ after deducting $\$ 5.175,053$

$\$ 6.536,318$ reserve for dep
oii Co.-V. 128, p. 1571 .

Salt Creek Producers Association, Inc. (\& Subs.). Earns. Cal. YearsNet income $\qquad$ $\begin{array}{r}1928 . \\ \mathbf{y 8 3 . 3 2 6 , 4 2 9} \\ 4.382,702 \\ \hline\end{array}$ \begin{tabular}{l}
1927. <br>
$\mathbf{8 3 . 3 2 1 . 3 8}$ <br>
$4,644,41$ <br>
\hline

 

1926. <br>
$\times 85.181 .430$ <br>
6.735 .829 <br>
\hline
\end{tabular} $\begin{array}{r}1925 . \\ \times \$ 4.629 .45 \\ \hline\end{array}$

 Shares of capital stock Earnstanding (par \$10)$1,496.859$
$\$ 2.23$ $1,496,859$
82.22 1,496.85 x After expenses, $\& \mathrm{c}$. but but
$\$ 298,334$ but before depietion.

| $\cdots$ | Consolidat |  |  |  |  |
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|  | $1928 .$ | $1927$ | Ltabames- |  |  |
| Oil lan |  | ,682,401 | Capital stock |  |  |
| Held inv, \& equip. | ${ }^{\text {b237,618 }}$ | ${ }_{269}^{159,431}$ | Acounts pay | 30,919 30 |  |
| Stock of other cos. | 290.67 |  | Dividends pay |  | - $\begin{gathered}21,20 \\ 119\end{gathered}$ |
| J.s. | 4,311 | ${ }_{4}^{4,691,504}$ | Res. for taxes \& |  |  |
| Accts. | , | (1,143,996 | conting, reserve | ${ }_{297,897}^{252,02}$ | ${ }_{369,145}^{270,281}$ |
|  |  |  |  | 235,756 |  |
| ontracts rec., dc |  | 1087,5 <br> 137 |  |  |  | Deferrect chargree. 95,383

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\overline{32,993,723} \overline{37,817,242}
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Total.......

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\overline{32,993,723} \overline{37,817,242}
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a After deducting depletion. b After deducting depreciation.-V. 126
Schiff Co.-Initial Common Dividend.-
Thare directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 25 c . pe share on the no par value commo
record May 31.-V. 128, p. 3368 .
Schulco Company, Inc.-Comparative Balance Sheet.
 Mt . sink. fund 6 . 6 gold b. bond purch
Cash in bank Cash in banks........
Cash deposit with Cash deposit with
trustee for int. on trustee for
1st mtass. Cash for amort. 1st 511,250
120,00
154,345

$\qquad$ Accts. payable | Mar |
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| $-\quad$ on |
| on | Cash deposit. with

trustee for int.
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bonds........ld
bond Accts. receeivable.
Total $\ldots . . . . . . . . . ~$
$\times$ Represented
$\boxed { 8 8 , 0 0 0 , 3 0 1 } \longdiv { \$ 8 , 0 2 4 , 4 5 6 }$
Total
88,000,301 $\$ \overline{88,024,45}$
Scott Paper Co.-Earnings.-


#### Abstract

Calendar Years- Sales to customers Cost of min Cost of customers (net) Maintenance


 Maintenance-Expenses.-1---------

Balanee, surplus
Shs. com. stock outsta. Shs. com. stock
Earnins per sare
-V. 128, p. 1750 .
Scovill Manufacturing Co.-Larger Dividends.The directors have dectared a quarterly dividend of $\$ 1$ per share on th
capital stock, par $\$ 25$, payable July 1 to holders of record June 20 . Pr capital stock, par viously the company paid quarterly dividends of 75 cents per share the la payment at this latter rate having been made on April 1. An extra dividen of 25 cents was also paid on March 1 last.-V. 128, p. 904

Segal Lock \& Hardware Co., Inc.-Acquisition.The company announces that it has closed negotiations for the acquisi
tion of 100 of of the capital stock of the Universal Safety Razor \& Blad

Separate Units, Inc.-Extra Dividend-New Directors.Ain extra dividend of 25 cents per share, in addition to the regular quarterly of record June 10. Like amounts were pald on Jan. 2 and April 1 last. $\begin{aligned} & \text { Francis B , Thorne, of New York, and } \mathrm{E} \text { Gill Hinton, Richmond, } \mathrm{Va} \text {., }\end{aligned}$ Francis B Thorne, of New York, and ${ }^{\mathrm{E}} \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{i}}^{\mathrm{G}} \mathrm{G}$.
have been elected directors.-V. 128, p. 2106 .
Shaffer Stores Co.-Registrar.-
The Central Hanover Bank \& Trust Co. has been appointed registrar
for 200.000 shares of the common stock.-V. 128, p. 3368 .
Shell Transport \& Trading Co., Ltd.-Dividend.The Equitable Trust Co of New York has received word from its London
offree that the "Shell Transport \& Trading Co., Ltd.. has announced a dividend of 3s. . per ordinary shate, which is equivalent to 6s. per American share". Further notice of the rate and date of payment of the divi-
dend in New York will be piven out by the Equitable Trust Co. of New
York York at a later date. A distrlbution of 2 se . per ordinary share was made
on Jan. 22 last and one of 3 . per ordinary share on July 23 1928. V . 128, p. 265

Selfridge \& Co., Ltd., London, Eng.-Earnings.-
Years End. Jan. 31-
Proftit atter exp_--
rofft sale of securities
Deb. .naterestit-.-........-
Income taxes \& deprec..
Net profit
Preference dividends reef. orcinary dividends Staff part share divs
Ordinary dividends.

(W. A.) Sheaffer Pen Co.-Earnings.-

## Years End Net profit_ Taxes

Net income-
Preferred dividends.
1929.
$\$ 1,38,873$
177,668

| $1928.292,477$ |
| :--- |



 | $\$ 795,048$ | $\$ 1,021,767$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| $3,387.804$ | $2,680.240$ |
| 56.21 | $\$ 5.75$ |

Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing Co.-Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1928.-
Assets-
Steel tanks, tank sites, bldgs. Cash equipment-.............................. Accounts receivable Materials \& suppilies....... bonds. expense on gold
$\qquad$ Liabilitites-
Candtal stock.-
Earned surplus. $\qquad$ $860,000,000$ Reserves for depreciation. $1,000,585$
$42.000,000$ $12,151,21$
$87,308.442$
60,123 Unadjusted eredits.
Iecounts paye Accounts payable.
Acerued taxes...

## Total

$\qquad$
Total.
$7,675,341$
3911.121
$6,795,949$
-V. 126, p. 3314.
Sloss-Sheffield Steel \& Iron Co.-Earnings.Calendar Years-
Operating profits. Interest
Depreciation \& depletion
Federal taxes
 Balance, surplus
Total prof. Shs. com, out. (par siō) Earns. per share on
"Snia Viscosa" (Societa Nazionale Industria Applicazioni Viscosa), Turin, Italy.-Earnings.-

 Int., allowances \& bank-
commissions $-\ldots-$ $\int_{27,451,914}\left\{\begin{array}{llll}37,879,490 & 39,616,339 & 33,526,280 \\ 17,843,415 & 26,308,942 & 13,638,028\end{array}\right.$ Taxes and rates-.....-.expenses, \&e-.....--
Net income-.........Extraordinary reserves.

 $\begin{array}{crccc}\text { Assets (Lire)- } & \text { Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. } 31 . \\ \text { 1928. } & 1927 . & 1926 . & 1925 .\end{array}$
 $\begin{array}{cccccc}\text { Real estate, furniture \& } \\ \text { fixtures_-..........- } & 9,097,799 & 8,342,643 & 8,918,941 & 8,913,348 \\ 3,190,537 & 1,592,920 & 1,221,968 & 67,975,189\end{array}$ Cash
Shareholders for uncalled
3, 190,53
 Oredits $w$ with shareholders
Bills receivable-...... Sunsrecivabie--------
Raw materorials,- mdse. Raw materials. mdse. \&
miscellaneous stocks - 130 .
 Due from subs. cos...
Total $\qquad$ 900.720








Southern Ice Co.-Earnings.GTross sales and earnings $31-$ Net sales (ice and coal) Delivery
Operating income---
Non-operating income (net) Gross income expenses.
$\qquad$

## -Valance--. 128 . p. 1071

| 929. 302.092 | $\begin{aligned} & 1928 . \\ & \$ 1,208.6 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 812,193 |  |
| 436,261 64,297 |  |
| $\begin{array}{r} \$ 311,635 \\ 9,028 \end{array}$ |  |
| $\begin{array}{r} \$ 320,663 \\ 63,937 \end{array}$ |  |
| 526.72 |  |

South Penn Oil Co.-Earnings.-



Net income
Dividends.
Dividends
Rate.s.
Balance, surplus Provious surplus.
Adjust. of surplus Adjust. of surplus. Profit \& loss surplus_-_
Shares cap. stock standing (par \$25) standing (par $\$ 25$.
Earns. per sh. on cap.st
$\times$ Par value $\$ 100$.

 $\overline{\text { s28,033,686 }} \frac{\cdots-\cdots}{\$ 26,122,52}$ Condensed Balance Sheet December 31. Assets-


 Materials, madse. \& Stocks in 1-न...... 7,478,279 10,829,263 bends \& mtges. -V. 128, p. 2824.
Southwest Dairy Products Co.-Acquisitions.President C. M. Conway announces the acquisition of the plants of th Forth Worth, the M-B Ise Kream Co. of Waco and a number of other plants. The purchase of these plants, Mr. Conway said is another extension of th company's plan to deve
The company now has invested between $\$ 8,000,000$ and $\$ 9,000,000$ in properties and facilities for buying and marketing tie various commodities which it handles. These include ice cream, milk, butter and cheese condensed milk and other aairy by-products increased production as it is
facilites and to install plants for handing inction to developed throughout the entire territory.
The company already operates in the principal cities of Texas, Arkansas Fort Worth. San Antonio and Houston. It also has facilities in 40 othe Fort Worth, San Antonio and Houston. It also has facilities
communities in the same general territory.-V. $128, \mathrm{p} .417$.

Sparta Foundry Co.-Acquires Oil Piston Ring Co.Formation of the company, manufacturer of individually cast, gray fron
piston rings for automobiles, trucks, tractors and aeroplanes is revealed in the announcement that company has acquired the assets and business o the Oil Piston Ring Co. This company includes among its custoreorss the Ford, Chevrolet and Buick motor car companies, Curtiss and Wright aero
plane corporations and a great number of the principal industrial organi zations of the United States.
Company sales have increased on an average of $100 \%$ each year since
1922. Increase in net earnings since company's inception has beer 1922. Increase in net earnings since company's inception has been abou in proportion to sales increase. For four months enced April 001929 ne
earnings after depreciation and Federal taxes amounted to $\$ 170,000$, equiva lent to over $\$ 10$ per share on outstanding comm n stock.
A banking syndicate composed of A . W. Clutter \& Co A banking syndicate composed orin. Inc., wilt shortly offer $2{ }^{2}$. Geistert \& of common stock. Upon completion of this financing the company wil have 50,000 shares common authorized, all of which will be outstanding with no preferred stock or funded debt.
Standard Oilstocks Corp. - Changes Name.
Shares in the investment trust composed of common stock of companies
in the Standard Oil group issued under the name of Standard Oil stocks in the Standard Oil group issued under the name of Standard Oil stocks change being made to avoid confusion of the investment pubic with other
existing trusts because of possible similarity of names. The name of the depositor company likewise has been changed to Combined Holdings Corp.. having formerly been Standard Oilstocks Corp. The trust was orisinated the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co., trustees, Philadelphia, Pa. See also V. 128, p. 3014.

| Standard Plate <br> Calendar YearsOperating profit Miscellanoous income. | $\begin{aligned} & 1928 . \\ & \$ 606,880 \\ & 193,274 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1927 .{ }^{1920} \\ \begin{array}{c} 660.520 \\ 174,831 \end{array} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1926 . \\ 81,335,829 \\ 189,192 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gross prof | \$80e, 154 | \$835,351 | \$1,525,021 |
| Admin, general seling | ${ }^{69} 8.389$ | ${ }_{47} 7220$ | 30, 308 |
| Depreciation | 294,261 | 321,037 | 320,286 |
| Interest, d | 227,256 | 232,288 | 230,075 |
| Exper |  |  | 29,700 |
| Net profit | loss\$490,374 | 3517 | \$79,606 |
| Prior preferenc |  |  |  |
| Balance, surplus | loss 8490,37 | def. 5517,580 | f. $\$ 51,92$ |
| Results for Quarter | Ended Mar |  |  |
| Net after depreciation.- $\quad \$ 99.820$ | \$19,349 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1926 . \\ & 3900.183 \\ & \hline 0,0 \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | def\$195,973 | def\$170.106 | \$31.646 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Interest and discount-_ 56,794 | 56,606 | 57,235 | 55,988 |
| Net profit-_------- defs93,297 | ef\$229,921 | def\$192,400 | \$27,6 |

-V. 127 , p. 2551.
Standard Screw Co.-Earnings.-




Earns. per share on

Stanley Co. of America (\& Subs.).-Earnings. Period-
Earnings.-.-
 Federal income taxes
Minority interest

Net income.
Dividends.
Surplus
Shares cap. stock outstand. (no par)
Earns. per share--ialion, \&c.- y Includes Federal taxes
$\mathbf{x}$ After depreciation

> Comparative Balance Sheet. Dec. 29.28 Dec. $11^{\prime 2} 21$


 Cash . A . For constr. Loans, notes and ance'ts receivable Advance deposits. Deterred \& prepald

Total assets_....95,897,741 $83,495,599$ Total liabilltes_95,897,741 83,495,599 $\mathbf{x}$ The capital and surplus is represented by 904,958 shares of no par stock Stanley Crandall Co of Washington is in arrears in dividends in the of minority holder gregate amount of $\$ 148,216$, of which there is due to
$\$ 18,567$, being dividend on 5,305 shares.-V. $128, \mathrm{p} .2824$
Stein Cosmetics Co., Inc.-Acquires Kaya, Inc.-
As an initial step in its proposed expansion program, this corporation
announces the acquisition of Kaya, Inc., throush the purchase of all of the common stock of that company, including valuable patents, and trade marks. The Kaya company wany estanclished about 7 years ago by Jot John $\mathrm{S}_{\text {. }}$
Ahrn under the name of Kaya Incense Co and manufacturers sych weil Ahrn under the name of Kava Incense Co., and manufacturers such weli
known brands of incense, in both cone and powdered form, as ${ }^{\text {sum }}$.Madame Buterly, ". Flowery Kingdom,", KKana Temple Incensen, and '"Chinese
Musk Incense. The Kaya company has an established trade with F. W Musk Incense." The Kaya company has an established trade with F. W. Co. as well as a number
throughout the country
It is proposed to operate the Kaya company as a unit of the Stein company and shortly to combine the manufacturing operations of both comwhich is expected to result in a saving of overhead expense and an increase in sales.
No new financing is planned in connection with this accuisition, and the
No announc is expected to be made by the company within a short time. industry is expecte
-V .128 , p. 2650 .

## Sterling Securities Corp.-New Directors-Hayden,

 Stone \& Co. Acquires 100,000 Class A Stock.-Charles Hayden and Steele Mitchell, of Hayden, Stone \& Co., have
been elected directors. Mr. Mitchell was also made a member of the executive and the finance committees. The board now consists of 24
Hayden, Stone \& Co. have purchased from the Sterling company 100.000 Sterring class $A$ shares, thereby increasing the outstanding class A stock
to 600,000 shares. It is understood that this stock will not be offered to to 600,00 shares, It is unde
the public.- V. 128, p. 3369 .

Stock Exchange Building Corp., Ltd.-Bonds Offered.McLeod, Young, Weir \& Co., Toronto are offering $\$ 550,000$ $6 \%$ 1st (closed) mtge. sinking fund gold bonds at 99 and int, Dated Feb. 1 1929; due Feb. 1 1944. Denom. $\$ 1.000$, $\$ 500$ and $\$ 100$. The Toronto General Trusts Corp.
Company. - Incorp. under the laws of the province of British Columbia. Security. - The bonds are secured by a first fixed specific mortgage and the city of Vancouver and an 11 -story-and-basement, fireproof, office ouncing now being erected thereon. The bonds are also a floating charge charged. Company has agreed to have the building fully completed Earnings.- Pemberton \& Son, Vancouver. Ltd., and R. V. Winch \& Co. Ltd., who will be the managers of the building, estimate gross annuai
Levenue at $\$ 131,882$, which, after allowing $10 \%$ for vacancies and deducting revenue at $\$ 131,88$, which, after allowing $10 \%$ for vacancies and deducting
50,350 for cost or maintenance. including monicipal taxes, leaves an
estimated net annual revenue of $\$ 68,344$. This is over 2.07 times annual $\$ 50,350$ ror net annual revenue of $\$ 68,6$,
estimated net
interest requirements on these bonds.

| Stromberg Carburetor Co. of America, Inc.-Earn |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gros |  |  | 25 |  |
| Expenses, |  |  |  |  |
| Deduct'ns, |  |  |  |  |
| Profits fo | $\$ 630,207$ | \$194,953 $\mathbf{2 6 , 5 0 0}$ | $\begin{array}{r}8537,746 \\ 74,600 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 3720,681 91,000 |
| Net inco vidends | $\begin{aligned} & 554,507 \\ & 180.000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 168,453 \\ (\$ 2) 160,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 463,146 \\ (\$ 6) 479,634 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 629,681 \\ (\$ 6) 479,754 \end{array}$ |
| rpius |  |  | 8 |  |
| s. cap.stk. | 0.000 | 80,000 |  |  |
| Earns. per sh. on cap.stk -V. 128, p. 3205. | \$6.93 | \$2.10 | \$5.79 |  |
| Stutz Motor Car Co. of America, Inc.-Earnings.- |  |  |  |  |
| $d-$ | 0 Mos End | $\begin{aligned} & 12 \text { Mos } \\ & \text { Dec } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 12 \text { Mos End } \\ & \text { Dec. } 31 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ $\$ 2,120,337$ |
|  |  |  |  | 3,120,425 |
| Selling \& | 2,74 | , |  |  |
|  |  |  | 通 |  |
|  | 0,60 |  |  |  |
| Net profit--- |  |  | 570, |  |
| Interest, \&c., deductions |  | $\begin{aligned} & 144,2 \\ & 164, \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 120.28 \\ 84,2 \end{array}$ | 279,949 247,245 |
| Net |  |  |  |  |
| evious surplu | 2,878,00 | 686,6 | 2,277,62 | 4,001,359 |
|  | 83,123,883 |  | \$2,643,13 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Surp. paid in by conversion of deb. bonds.-. Adjustments | Cr. $23.5 \overline{5} \overline{4} 4$ | Cr. $37.5 \overline{4} \mathbf{2}$ |  |  |
| Profit and loss surplus. Earns. per sh. on 232,827 -V . cap. stk. (no par) -V. 128, p. 3205. | \$3,147,468 | \$2,878,0 | \$2,686,647 | \$2,277,6 |
|  | \$1.05 | 30.84 | \$1.56 | Nil |

Cuperior Oil Corp. (\& Subs.).-
Cardar Years-
Earnings.--
 Operating expenses, \&c-
Abandoned leases $\&$ un-
und ${ }^{\text {proven acreage written }}$ Unusual losses \& exp-:-Denietion-
Net loss. 6 Mos.End.Marnings Grossense. ine-:-
Dep
Depreciation.,


| 203 | 332,948 | 163,811 | 226,640 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} 188,83 \overline{6} \\ 637,001 \\ 1068.1177 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 227,128 \\ & 506,804 \\ & 505506 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 19 \overline{92}, \mathbf{9} 9 \overline{8} \\ & 478.404 \\ & 503.419 \end{aligned}$ |
| 798,036 | 1.068,127 | 505,506 |  |
| \$662,153 | \$545,059 | sur. 875,850 | \$737,862 |
| $3^{3}$ Month | Ended | March 31. |  |
| 1929. | 1928.114 | 192 |  |
| 495.850 | 3,162 | 264.10 | 205,688 |
| 134,940 248,185 | 195.498 119,868 | 295,257 169,916 | 102,956 | Net profit -128 p. $192 \overline{2} \overline{5}$.

$\qquad$ Alassets- 1929. 1928. Ltabtitities- Mar. 1929. Bldgs., mach. \&c.

 a Represented by 100,000 shares, par $\$ 100$. g includes accrued taxee and interest. comparative income account was published in V. 128, p. 3205.
Swedish Match Co.-Final Div. of $10 \%$-New Director.The shareholders at their annual meeting held May 22 approved the 1928. The directors were also autoriorized to pay an interm dividend or
190 ( $\$ 15,000,000$ ).
Gunnar Ekstroen has been elected a director to fill the vacancy occasioned
by the death of Gunnar Mellgren. Earns. for Cal. Years- 1928.

 Balance Dec. 31.-. Trans. to reserve fund

- Balance carried for

Taylor-Wharton Iron \& Steel Co.-Earnings.-
Gross profits
Repairs $\&$ mai
Deprecia
Earnings for Year Ending Dec. 311928.
Depreciation maintenance-
Bond interest \& discount
Other

Total surplus Lass on sale of machinery \& equipment

Surplus Dec. 311928 $\qquad$ $\$ 576.088$
$\$ 10.74$ Earnings per share
Texas Pacific Land Trust.-Earnings.Calendar Years-
Oash on hand Jan.
ncome fr. rentals, min.
sales, bills rec.,int.,\&c.
Total receipts
Gen. exp. \& other costs
Govt., State county
 $\begin{array}{crrrr}\text { municipal taxes_....-- } & 337,640 & 377,967 & 90,784 & 196,558 \\ \text { Demand loans_-.....- } & 120,000 & 180,000 & \ldots & \end{array}$
Cash on hand Dec. 31- $\$ 191,951-\$ 163,053-\$ 362,928-\$ 75,983$
-V .126, p. 3140.
385 Fifth Avenue Corp.-Increasing Size of Building Will Be Financed Without Any Call on Mandel Plan Stockholders.The additional cost incident to increasing the size of the new 385 Fifth by the abrogation of the so called "Ficth Avenue Covenant", of 1862 will
be financed without increasin the capitalization of the 385 Fifth Avenue Co financed without increasing the capitalization of the 385 Fifth Avenue
Corp. or calling upon The Mandel Plan stockholders for any additional Corp or calling upon The Mandel Plan stockholders for any additional
investment, Henry Mandel, President of Henry Mandel Associates, Inc.,
The abrogation of this old treaty gives an additional ground area of
1,250 square feet, and the dimensions of the entire structure now under
anne construction are to be increased in proportion. The acquisition of this strip of land at the rear of the plot bounded by 36 th St. and Fifth Ave., N. Y. City, adds approximately $\$ 300,000$ to the market value of the
property for which $\$ 1,500,000$ was paid. The "Fifth Avenue Covenant," drawn up in 1862 , was designed to preserve the strip of land as an open space and thus prevent structures to the rear from blocking out the "light and ventilation," and the restrictions have been adhered to until now
the treaty, were purchased for the shareholders of The Mandel Plan it was understood that the 385 Fifth Avenue Building could extend only 100 feet eastward from Fifth Avenue. It soon became evident, however, that
the building, with its receding stores. Wwas a far greater guarantee oo tight and ventilation" than the mere existence of an open space not wide enough
to absorb the shadow of a great modern building. See also V. 127, p. 3721 .

307-313 West 79th St., (N. Y. City).-Definitive Ctfs.-
 for delivery in exchange for the interims now outstanding.
guaranteed Prudence certificates are legal for trust funds in the State of New York.-V. 122 , p. 413 .

Thompson Products, Inc.-New Contract.-
This corporation has obtained a contract to supply the Wright Aeronautical corp. with its valve requirements for the remainder of the year.
In view of the increased output of the Wright plant, this order is expected to ageregate $\$ 800,000$, equivivalent to more than twice the 1928 sales to
Wright by Thompson Products. Inc. it is announced. Wripht by Thompson Products. Inc. It it announced.
are equipped with valves made by the Thompson corporation include the output of Pratt \& Whitney, Curtiss, and otther leading ese alers
of airplane engines. As a result fo the aviation expansion in progress this of arplane engines. As a result fo the aviation expansion in progress this
year, aviation, sales of the Thompson corporation are expected to triple year, aviation, sales of the Thom,
those of $1928 .,-\mathrm{V} .128, \mathrm{p} .3370$.

Tide Water Associated Oil Co. (\& Subs.).-EAarnings.
3 Months Ended March 31
$1929 . \quad 1928 . \quad 1927$. 3 Months Ended March 31 otal volume of business done by the company and its subs.is as repre
sented by their combined gross
sealed and earnings excl. of inter
sompany sales and transactions-- $\$ 37,025,196 ~ \$ 31,784,248 \$ 43,713,344$
Total expenses incident to opera-
tions, incl. repairs, maint., pen-
tions, incl. repairs, maint. pen-
slons, admin., insurance, retire. of
physical prop., cance.litation of
leases, develop., exps. on both pro-
ductive \& unproductive acreage
ductive \& unproductive alcreage,
abandosed except deprec, and deple
chang Federal income tax....---
Operating income
-.-..-.-.......
---
$32,144,115 \quad 26,198,01$

Total income-..-.-. funded deb̄t
Int.,. disc. and prem.
Deprec. and depl. charged off.

Deprec and depl. charged off
Estimated Fed. income tax.

earns. (includes div. on subs. pref.
stock)
$\qquad$

$\$ 2,048,541$| $\$ 2,530,471$ |
| :---: |

434,870 $\qquad$ 458,998 1,637,903
Tide Water Assoc. Oil Co. stock
holders' proportion of

urplus adjustments
Total surplus.

| $-\$ 13,166,193$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| $1,095,885$ |

Total net consol. earned surplus-x $\mathrm{x} \overline{\$ 12,070,308}$
Shares com. stk. outstanding (no par)
$4,852,519$


Carns. per share
$\times 0$ which $\$ 2.027 .012$ appropriated surplus.
Tide Water Oil Co. (\& Subs.).-Earnings.-
3. Months End. March 31 done by company and

Total volume of business done by company and
subss as represented by combined gross sales and
earnings exclusive of inter-co. sales and trans-
actions.-.-- in incident on orations incl. repairs. maint., pensions, adminis, insurance, retire. of ense on both productive \& unproductive acreage. abandoned wells and all other charges except
deprec. and deple. and Federal income tax.....
Operating income
Total income
Depreciation and depletion charged off...............
$21,254,044 \quad 14,343,452$

Net income-
Outside stockholders proportion of profits.
Tide Water Oil Co. stockholders' proportion of profitter
Earned surplus at beginning of year
Total surplus
Adjustments applicale to surplus of prior years Preferred dividends

Earned surplus-end of period
aald-in surplus
 Note. Operations of Tidal Osage Oi OO. are not included in the con-
solidated statement for the first quarter of 1929 , due to that company's merger with Darb Petroleum Corp merger with Darby Petroleum Corp. therefore, or proper comparison the
abovorigures for the first quarter of i 928 are revised accordingly.-V. 128 ,
p. 3015 . p. 3015.

Tower Manufacturing Corp.-Transfer Agent.-
The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent in New York
for the common stock.- $\mathbf{v}$. 127 , 837 . ${ }^{2}$.
Trico Products Corp.-Earnings.-
Quarter Ended March $31-$
Net profit after charges and taxes
Net profit after charges and taxes
Shares common stock outstanding (no par)
Asse
4

| , |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Land, bulldings, |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Dividiend saya | ces- ${ }^{594,944}$ |  |
| surrend |  |  | $\begin{array}{ll}\text { able } & \\ \text { able } \\ & 210,939 \\ 61,000\end{array}$ |  |
|  |  | RortgatesReserves.Surplua | -.- 20,000 |  |
| Notes \& accts. rec- 798,587 |  |  | Surplus.-.-......... 1,954,783 | ,543 |
| Invent. der.charg |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| $\times$ After depreciation and amortization.-V. 128, p. 1926. |  |  |  |  |
| Tung-Sol Lamp Works, Inc.-Earnings. etc.- |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1927,026 \\ & 8993 \\ & 52,192 \end{aligned}$ | 1926.$\$ 979.507$ | ${ }^{925} .$$90.885$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { per } \\ & \text { inc } \end{aligned}$ | $618,7$ |  |  |  |
| Gross income. <br> Deduct. i incl. disc. \& amortization <br> Federal tax provisions.- | 084,094 | \$1,045,218 | ,013,76 | 8886,235 |
|  | 250,996 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 17.784 |  |
| Dividends on class A stk. Dividends on com. stock | 44,68 | $\begin{aligned} & 300,000 \\ & 150,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 270,000 \\ & 120,000 \end{aligned}$ | 3652,768 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Balance................. | \$744 |  | \$319,6 | 652,768 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Net profit from oper Other income |  | $\begin{array}{r}\$ 265,844 \\ 11,614 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 273,279 \\ 10,639 \end{array}$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Gross income....-. allowed, int. paid, amortiz, chgs. \& sund. deductions |  | \$277,458 | \$283,918 | 221,221 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Provision for Fed. inc. taxes. |  |  |  |  |
|  | 36,936 | 30,456 | 34,288 | 25,700 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

President Harvey W. Harper announces that the company has received
a license from the Radio corp. artamerica
the R.C.A. patents on a very satisfactory royalty basis without limitation as
to volume of business. This right does not cover the American Tel. \&
Tel. rights under their patent in the communication field. The license Tel. rights under their patent in the communicaton ther
accuired by Tung-sol Lamp Works, Inc., runs for 17 years and covers the right to operate under their patents
hereafter during that period. hereafter during thod.
The Tung-Sol Lamp Works, Inc., announces that it has acquired all of the for radio and automotive merchandise in Los Ango ies distributing ofrices Atlanta. The company also has a manufacturing plant in, Chicand and present, the company is engaged in the production of condensers for radios motor boats. Brown \& Caine, Inc., at the present time have orders on hand to keep the fact
balance of this year.-V. 127, p. 3263 .
Truscon Steel Co.-Earnings.-
Gross income
Earnings Quarter Ended March 311929
$\$ 6,496,730$
$6.270,319$
Profit before Federal taxes
\$226.411
Union Carbide \& Carbon Corp.-Acquisition. The corporation has acquired all of the outstanding capital stock of the
Meraker Smelting Co. Ltd.. it was announced on May 23. The acquired company owns and operates four hyro-electric power stations on the Kopperaaen River in Norway which supply power to its three plants
which produce calcium carbide and ferroalloys. It also owns unde which produce calcium carbide and ferroalloys. It also owns unde
veloped water power resources of $30,000 \mathrm{~h}$. . and the port of Murviken veloped water po
$-\mathrm{V} .128, \mathrm{p}, 3370$

United Aircraft \& Transport Corp.-Earnings.-
 Earns per shareon
-V .128, p. 2652

United Carbon Co.-Earnings.-
Oper. profit after deduct. manufact, sell.
Other. proft after deduct. manufact., sell., gen. \& administ. exp-
Total income
Depreciation \& depletion
Bond interest \& discount.
Provision for contingencies---
Provision for Federal income tax


Net profit-
Balance, Jan. 1929 .--
Sundry adjustments-


 Earns. per share on 212,564 shs. com. stock
Consolidated Balance Sheet March 311929.

| Assets- |  | Not |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\$ 624.452$ | Note |  |
|  |  | Dividend payable July 1929 |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Bal. of Fed. in |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Res. for Fed.tinc. tax c cont'g |  |
| , |  |  |  |
| Construction in progress... | 32,057 |  |  |
|  |  |  | 1,591, | Construction in progress. Trade marks contracts, «c--

1 Unamortized bond discount \&

137,575
 x After allowance for depreciation and depletion of $\$ 3,897,453$. y Rep-
resented by 212,564 shares common stock.-V. 128, p. 3370.
United Corp. (Seattle, Wash.) - Proposes to Change Name-To Increase Capitalization. mendations of the trustees: (1) That the name of this corporation be changed to "United National (2) That the authorized stock be increased from 180,000 shares, consisting
of (a) 150,000 shares of partic. preference stock, and (b) 30,000 shares of common stock, to $1,200,000$ shares of stock, consisting of (a) $1,000,000$ shares of partic preference stock, and (b) 200,000 shares of common stock.
(3) That stockholders waive their preference rights to subscribe for the next 150,000 shares of partic. preference stock to be issued. This corporathan $\$ 32$ per share net to the corporation, without again offering to stockholders preferential rights thereto. Stockholders waiving their rights
prior to May 20, 1929, will receive a warrant entitling them to their pro rata shared partic. preference stock as to which preferential subscription authorized partic. preference stock as to which preferential subscription
rights shall be so waived and as shall be sold and issued by this corporation. (4) That the board of trustees be increased from 3 , Ehrlichman, May 4, says:
President Ben B.
It is National Corp" because of the better fitness of the latter name for a corporation which is expected to be national in its scope and activities. organization of United Corp. there has come into existence another corporation of the same name, sponsored by J. P. Morgan \& Co. and Bonbright poration. is recommended that the authorized stock be increased in order to provide for further expansion as opportunities for profitable use of addi tional funds present themselves.
It is recommended that stockholders waive their preferential rights by this corporation after such authorized increase of the stock becomes effective, in order to place the corporation in position to carry on any
negotiations which may require the issuance of a substantial amount of negotiations which may require the issuance of
Partic. preference stock.-V. 128, p. 2825.1417 .
United Industrial Corp. (Vereinigte Industrie-Unternehmungen A. G.), Germany.-To Increase Capital.This corporation, one of Germany's largest industrial and will increase it companles and controlled $100 \%$ by the German Reich, wecordine to it share capital from RM $12,00,00$ Harris, Forbes \&\& Co. All the shares will be sub-
formation received by Hall
scribed by the Reich, at RM 147 for RM 100 par value, and will be paid for partly with cash and partly with RM 100 p During the fiscal year ended March 311929 nearly all the operating
companies in which the company holds participation paid substntial dividends. Of these, the Reichs-Kredit-Gesellschaft A. G., the only banking institution controiled outright by the Reich, paid a dividend of $8 \%$; Elektrowerke A. G. and Bayerische Kraftwerke A. G., important German electric
power companies, paid dividends of $8 \%$ and $6 \%$, respectively; Vereinigte Aluminium-Werke A. G., the dominant factor in aluminum production in Germany, paid $9 \%$, and Mitteldeutsche stickstoffwerke A. G., one of the
important nitrate producing companies, paid $8 \%$. important nitrate producing companies, paid The total amount of dividend payments received by Viag during the fiscal year $1928-29$ from its operating companies amounted to RM $15,132,000$,
or $\$ 3,600.000$, based on an exchange of RM 4.2 to the dollar, as against
RM $14,547,000$ or $\$ 3463,000$ for the fiscal year ending March 1928 .
Net earnings after deduction of expenses and taxes, available for bond Net earnings after deduction of expenses and taxes, avallable
interest and dividends, amounted to RM $14,677,000$, or $\$ 3,494,000$, the
current fiscal year, as against RM $12,505,000$, or $\$ 3,000,000$, for 1928 , current niscal year, as against Rys were equivalent to over 3.3 times totai
For the curent fiscal year earning
annual interest requirements of RM $4,436,600$, or $\$ 1,056,333$ on funded



 United National Co
United States Distributing Corp.Oenars.End.Mar. $31-1929.1928$.
1927.1
1926.
 United States Finishing Co.-Earnings.-


Net profit-
Other income.

## $\underset{\substack{\text { Intotal } \\ \text { Federal }}}{\substack{\text { Then }}}$

Net income.
Preferred dividends
Balance, surplus
Shs.com.outst.(par $\$ 100$ )

$128, \mathrm{p} \cdot 283$.
United States Rub tions on a Moderate Scale.-
Pesident $F$, Dis to continue pianting operations on a m moderate sceale on its great ruphiner
plantations in the Far East during the current year. alsos states:
The company's holdings are in Sumatra and Malaya. The number of
treess now totals more than 122,000 ,000 covering more than 140 sauare mil

 Por this policy has been the rapid growth in the number of uses, to which
rubber is put in the everyday ilife or the world and the companys convic tion that tuls growth will naycrease or the the than than slacken.
Another reason is found increase trather that than stacken.俍

Universal Aviation Corp.- $51 \%$ of Stock Deposited.
Seo Aviation Corp. (or Del)
Universal Gypsum \& Lime Co.-Balance Sheet Dec. 31




Cash
Matretabie eceir-
Trade
Trarke raceel veculus-
Inventories
Total $\begin{array}{r}150,041 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $\overline{\$ 7,560,433} \begin{array}{r}628,009 \\ \hline 8,310,028\end{array}$


 ${ }^{34,0207,000}$
 The
2852.

Uvalde Rock Asphalt Co., San Antonio, Texas Bonds Offered.-Central Trust Co., San Antonio, Tex recently offered $\$ 300,000$ 1st mtge. \& coll. $61 / 2 \%$ seriai gold bonds at prices to yield from $6 \%$ to $61 / 2 \%$ according to maturity
 Principal and int. (A. \& . O.) payable at Central Trust Co., San Antonio,
Texas. trusteo. Denom. $\$ 1$, oon and s 500 et. Red. all or part on any int.
 crushing and marketing of natural rock arsphat from it own quarrying
 Beaumont, where it does a large volume of business.
acres of land in Uvalde County, Texas, containing extensive deposits of natural rock asphalt. Reports in the hands of the company show that these properties contain an actually proven supply, tested by core drills, sufficient
for over 10 years operation, and indicate that this supply is unlimited. Company also owns approximately 615,000 tons of unmined rock asphalt rushing plant with a present daily capacity of approximately 2,000 tons, 3 steam locomotives, 35 railroad dump cars and other equipment. Company also owns valuable real estate in the cities
Capitalization-
1st mtge. and coll.
$61 / 2 \%$ bonds
$\$ 100)$
$\begin{array}{rr}\text { Orized. } & \text { Outstanding. } \\ \$ 300,000 & \$ 300,000\end{array}$
 Assets.-The balance sheet as of April 1 1929, after giving effect to this
financing, shows total assets of $\$ 2,022,023$, equivalent to over $\$ 6,740$ for each $\$ 1,000$ bond of this issue. The same balance sheet shows current assets
of $\$ 1,178,917$ as compared with current liabilities of $\$ 19,003$ or a ratio of The company agrees that during the life of these bonds it will maintain a minimum ratio of current assets to current liabilities of 3 to 1 , and that no cash dividends will be paid on the common stock which will depreciate the net worth of the company to below
Earnings.-For the 5 year period ending Dec. 31
available for
dinterest taxes were $\$ 873,341$ or an annual average of $\$ 174,668$. This is approxiapproximately 3.5 times the greatest annual principal and interest charge approximately 3.5 times the greatest annual principal and interest charges.
Net earnings for 3 months period Jan. 11929 to April 1 1929, were $\$ 39,530$, equivalent to over twice the maximum annual interest charges on this issue. the is estimated that sales, including receipts from paving contracts, for the year 1929 will exceed $\$ 2,000,000$ on which basis net earnings availabe
for interest charges on this issue, after depreciation, depletion and Federal taxes, may be expected to exceed $\$ 175,000$. liquidate existing bank loans to provide additional permanent working capital.
Vick Chemical Co.-Organizes New Financial Subsidiary -Stockholders To Receive Bonus in Stock of New Co.-Rights.Pres. H. S. Richardson, in a letter to the stockholders, announces the
ormation of the Vick Financial Corp., a subsidiary, which was organized for the purpose of carrying out a larger financial program already approved for the purpose of carrying out a larger financial program aiready approved The capitalization of the new company, which was organized in Delaware,
issued as a bonus immediately and 400,000 shares will be offered to stock-
holders at sio per share. It is understood that no pref. stock offering
will made at present
Chemical Co the common stock of the new company for each two shares of Vick Chemical Co. stock held on that date. In addition the stockholders of record the same
date will be given the right to subscribe to two additional shares of the nem company's common stock at \$10 per share on the basis of each share of As part of the financial set-up of the new company, the Vick Chemical respect Mr. Richardson in his letter points out of its investments. In this company has earned for its stockholders approximately $\$ 9,700,000$, of
which $\$ 5,650,000$ has been distributed in dividends. Of the balance of has been reserved for future development the business, and the remainde the maximum benefit for the company from the employment of such funds, the directors have decided, after careful consideration of many plans, to
segregate a part of such investments in a separate corporation under the management of a board of directors which will include men of prominence in the banking and financial field, as well as directors of your company. banking connection to conduct negotiations Chemical Co. an investment the future expansion of the business, but it should permit of more profit able use of the securities that are being transferred and experienced invest-
ment management for those that are being retained."-V.

Vadsco Sales Corp.-Consol. Balance Sheet Jan. ,2 1929. [Except as to French subsidiary shown under investment.]

Cash \& call loan
Cust. accts. rec. less disc. \&c Nundry acets. receivable Marketable securitis. Merchandise inventories Securitles \& real estate mtges

Capital stock of and advs. to | $\$ 872,052$ |  |
| ---: | ---: |
| $2,664,467$ | $A$ |
| 104,941 | A |
| 124,077 | S |
| $1,010,500$ | P |
| 33,230 | P |
| $2,048,965$ |  |
| 264,491 |  |
|  |  |
|  |  | gante-net_-...............--

Net fixed assets.---.-.
Goodwill, brands, trade-mks. \& formulae ---1.-........-. 141,820
$2,515,763$

Total_
 eceivable assigned aggregate $\$ 410,831$.-V. V. 128, p.1752. and mortgage Vick Fick Chemical Corp.-Organized.-
(V.) Vivaudou, Inc. (Now Vadsco Sales Corp.). Earnings. -
 Cost of sales., disc., \& Other deductions (net) Res. Fed. taxes.

## Net profit

家:
Prem. on sale of stock--
Prem, on pref. stk. ret'd
Reorgan
Prem, on pref. stk, ret'd
Reorganization
Reduction
P

| Pref. divs. paid (cash) <br> Charges not applicable to | 200,046 | 204,690 | 121,761 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year's operations --- | Cr. 13.6 6\% 7 | Cr | 2,741 | 54,489 |

Fininary. tax a a duss Cr.13,627
Deferred
250,000
 shares of no par value to 300,000 shares, par $\$ 10$. y Change in common
stock from $\$ 10$ par to no par. $z$ Includes other deductions. less other stock from $\$ 10$ par to no par. z Includes other deductions, less other
income. The other income includes net loss of French subsidiary com-
pany amounting to $\$ 43,818$. V , 128,
Viking Oil Co., Clarendon, Pa.-Stocks Offered.-F. Y. Toy \& Co., Inc., New York, are offering 18,000 shares pref. stock $\$ 2$ cumul. and participating, and 18,000 shares com. stock in units of 1 share of each at $\$ 31$ per unit.
Dividend cumul. from April 15 1929. payable Q.-J. Red. all or in part by
lot on any div. date upon 30 days' notice at $\$ 35$ per share and divs. In the
event of event of voluntary liquidation 1s entitled to to $\$ 35$ per
the event of invore and divs. divs. before any distribution shall be made to the common stock. Preferred stock shall have full voting rights when cumulative dividends agrregating
\$3 per share shall have accumulated and be unpaid, which right shall con-
tinue until tinue until all unpaid accumulated dividends have been paid or provision entitled to oner, and in such case, the holders of this preferred stock shail be
of this preferred sto share held. Corporation will refund to holders
ons of this preferred stock, resident in such states, respectively, upon proper
application within 60 days' after the payment thereof. Conn. personal property tax not exceeding 4 mills, Kentucky 5 mills personal property tax and the Mass. income tax on the dividend thereon not exceeding $6 \%$ of such dividend per annum. Dividends exempt from present normal Federal
income tax free of Penn. State 4 -mills tax. Transfer Agent Guaranty Trust Co. of New York. Reoistrar. Bankers Trust Co., New York. cash divs, in thividends.-After the $\$ 2$ cumul. div, on the pref. stock and cash divs. in the amount of $\$ 1$ per share have been paid on the common
stock, one-half in dollars of all additional earnings of the corporatin any one year up to $\$ 2$ per share on the outstanding pref. stock shall be
 Capitalizatio $\qquad$

$\qquad$
$\qquad$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { uthorized. } & \text { Outstanding. } \\ 40,000 \mathrm{shs}, \\ 20,000 & \mathrm{shs}\end{array}$ Data from Letter of L. C. Jamieson, Pres. of the Corporation. Company-Owns and operates a complete modern plant for the manu-
facture of ubricating oils, located in Warren County, Pa., In the heart of
the Pennsylvanin manufacture of " brigh fields. "Corporation is engaged primarily in the pounding with lighter oils to manufacture high viscosity lubricating oilssuch as are used in automobile, marine and airplane enslines, and in high
grade machinery lubrication. In producing its product, it uses $100 \%$ pure Pennsylvania oils only.
Balance She of Dec. 311928 , as having a sound depreciated value or 300,813 . The Dalance sheet shows current assets of $\$ 233,290$ as compared to current
liabilities of $\$ 52,103$, or a ratio of 4.47 to 1 , and having net working capital
of $\$ 181,186$. of $\$ 181.186$.
and 1927 were mostly confined to plant construction and development 1926 its processing equipment. During this time, however, the corporation was concurrently eqgagment in partial production but it wat sint until March 1928,
that the corporation began settled volume production of its "bright stock." that the corporation began settled volume production of its "bright stock,"
The operations since July 1927 have been continuously profitable and Federal taxes but adjusted to take credit for an officer's salary in the
amount of $\$ 18,000$, which has been discontinued, amounted to $\$ 109,769$.

This is equivalent to over 2.74 times the $\$ 2$ cumulative preferred dividend.
On Apriv 11929 , the corporation had contemplated production of "bright stock" for the balance of the year from one of the largest oil companies in the United States, on a sliding price
ccale which carries protective clauses on raw material costs. Gross sales or the quarter ended March 311929 were over $42 \%$ in excess of the same
period in 1928.
Dividends. The directors have declared the initial quarterly dividend on
the preferred stock. payable July 151929 to holders of record July 11929. Purpoesred stock, payable July 151929 to holders of record July 11929 . corporation and the proceeds wil be used for the retirement of bank loans 3nd for other corporate purposes; the remainder r
Listing. Company has agreeed to make application to list the common
Ve the pitsiorgn stock exchange.
Viking Pump Co.-Distribution on Old Shares.-
 purchased when the financial structure of the company was rearranged. with a capitalization of 40,000 shares of no par cumpor. pref stock, and 100,000 shares of no par common stock. The new stock is listed on the
hicago Exchange.-V. 128, p. 3206.
Vogt Mfg. Co.-Dividend No. 2.-
The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 50 c . per eecord June 15. An initial, quarterly dividend of 50 c . per share was paid
on April 1 last.-V. 128, p. 1248 .
Vulcan Corp.-Bonds Offered to Stockholders Under Plan of Reorganization.
The common sto
H. A. Boyless, announced sums protective committee, through attorney 18 that the plan of reorganization which Was adoyleds, by theunced May 18 that the plan of reorganization which
woeckholders and other interests having
been approved by the been approved by the Common Pleas Court of Scioto County at Ports-
mouth, Ohio, and also on appeal by the Court of Appeals, has now been declared operative
declared operative.
The common stockholders' protective committee, having secured the
submission to the common stockholders of the prior right to purchase the submission to the common stockholders of the prior right to purchase the re turned over to the creditors in accordance with the plan written notices were mailed by the First National Bank, as transfer agent of the hem. the right to subscribe for these wonds carrying the stock bonus. While this formal notice is being sent to the stockholders of record, the
nolders of certificates of deposit, who have in many instances sold and a proportion to their holdings, and if any of them desire to subscribe for arger amounts, it is probable, that their subscriptions will be filled.
The forms of notice and subscription may be had, upon application b The forms of notice and subscription may be had, upon application by
ny certificate holder, from the First National Bank or from R. A. Wester'rust Bldg., or a broker.
The subscriptions and payment must be received before June 3.-
Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc.-To Split-Up Common Stock New Shares to be Placed on a $\$ 3$ Annual Dividend BasisExtra of $121 / 2$ Cents Also to be Paid.-
The stockholders will vote June 21 on increasing the authorized number
shares of common stock from $2,500,000$ shares without par value to $, 500,000$ shares and on splitting the shares of common stock outstanding o that there will be two shares of common stock for each share thereof reviously outstanding.
In a letter addressed
In a letter addressed to the stockholders, President Harry M. Warner
states: "In view of the satisfactory progress made by the company it is contemplated that not later than Sept. 11929 an initial quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share will be declared and paid upon the common stock outstanding after the split-up, this being at the annual rate of $\$ 6$
per share upon the common stock now outstanding. From time to time os it may be deemed advisable the directors expect to declare extra dividends. Accordingly it is contemplated that an extra dividend of $121 / 2$ cents per share will be declared and paid upon the common stock out-
standing after the split-up, simultaneously with the initial quarterly
ividend
"Within the next two weeks the auditors will have completed their
eport covering the operations of the company for the six months ended eport covering the operations of the company for the six months ended of all such subsidiaries for the entire period) after Federal taxes and reduc tion for now outstanding minority interests, will be in excesse of $\$ 7,000,000$
or, after deducting earnings of recently acquired subsidiaries applicable o the portion of such six months' period prior to the date of their acquisition,
n excess of $\$ 5,300,000$. On the basis of the operations for the first 10 weeks of the current quarter, it is expected that the earnings for this quartaxes, and after deduction for minority interests. At the present time
bhere are outstanding approximately 362,000 sharers of pref. stock and
$1,160,000$ shares of common stock. After allowing for the acquisition of il the outstanding minority interest in Stanley Co. of America in acof all of the pref. stock of the Warner company now outstanding the com aon stock outstanding prior to the split-up would be $1,349,062$ shares."
Warner-Quinlan Co.-Earnings.-
Quarter End. Mar. 31

Warren Bros. (Asphalt) Co.-Sub. Co. Business.-
This company, through one of its recently acquired companies, the lego, Calif. Through another of its companies, the Mexico Construction Vo. it has built runways to the air fields at Clovis
N . M, and another at Winslow, Ariz.-V. 128 , p. 2654 .
Washington Oil Co.-Earnings.-

$-\frac{150,283}{\$ 129,473} \frac{119,300}{\$ 102,437}-122,055-105,135$
Net earnings for year -- $\$ 58,152-\$ 23,192-\$ 21,179-\$ 70,438$
$\begin{array}{lrrrr}\text { ihs. cap. stk. out. (par } & 15,849 & 15,849 & 15.849 & \times 10,000 \\ \$ 25) \\ \text { Sarned per share-..-- } & \$ 8.10 & \$ 6.46 & \$ 9.83 & \$ 9.04\end{array}$

Dther equip., \&o......
nvestment secur.....
Mat.,merch.,oll stk.\&c
3111s \& acots. rec........

## 128, p. 1248.

Westchester First National Corp.-Registrar.-
egistrar in New York for 80,090 shares of preferred stock (par $\$ 25$ ), 160 , egistrar in New York for $80,0 \star 0$ shares of preferred stock (par $\$ 25$ ), 160,000
hares of class A common stock (no par value), and 40,090 shares class B
ommon stock (no par value).-V. 128, p. 3206 .

Wells Fargo \& Co.-Balance Sheet April 30.-



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Weston Electrical Instrument Corp.-Earnings.-

Federal taxe Class A in ividends \begin{tabular}{|c}
$\$ 261,677$ <br>
31,999 <br>
\hline

 

8136,474 <br>
19,155 <br>
\hline

 

$\mathbf{8 1 6 9 , 5 5 0}$ <br>
22,424 <br>
\hline $1 / 24$
\end{tabular} ${ }^{\$ 247,616} 22,257$ \$229,678 \$117,319$\$ 147.126$

43,550| $\$ 215,359$ |
| :---: |
| 50,000 |

Surplus of mannufac $\$ 117,319$
re, repairs, $\stackrel{\$ 103,576}{ }$ 8165,359
selling andThe net income of $\$ 229,678$ for 1929 is equivalent under the participatingprovisions of the shares to $\$ 1.52$ a share earned on 75,000 no-par shares
of class A stock and $\$ 1.27$ a share on 150,000 shares of no-par conmerof class A slock ana with 69 cents a share, on class A stock and 44 cents a
stock. This compares wisstock. This compares with 69 cents a share on class A stock and 44 cents a
share on common stock in first quarter of 1928 .-V. 128, p. 2654 .
White Eagle Oil \& Refining Co.-Earnings.-Quar. End
Sales net -
Cost of sales$\$ 3.1920 .628$
$2,783,105$ Cost of salee

## \& seling exp

Profit from operation
Misc. income credits

| \$273,660 | \$360,116 | $\$ 427,722$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 437,523 \\ & 65,837 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |Total income--.--

Misc. income chargesNet income- $\frac{10 \text { def } \$ 139,170}{\text { def } \$ 34,840} \times \$ 388,006 \times \$ 416,915$
y $\times 80.85$
28, p. 721
Rock Mineral Springs Co.-Ea ..... arnings.
$\mathbf{1 9 2 8}$.
$\$ 3.392 .862$
81.024 ..... 1927.Whi
Calend
Sales
Other in
Selling income$\$ 3,474,786$Not

availableNet-1.-.-.-.....................| $\mathbf{2}, 474,571$ |
| :---: |
| $2,072,51$ |${ }^{51.2155} 5$

First preferred dividends (7

$\qquad$ $\begin{array}{r}\$ 1,063,679 \\ 130.403 \\ 150,000 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r}\text { } \$ 1,150,215 \\ \hline 129,843 \\ \hline \quad 150,000 \\ \hline 600,000 \\ \hline\end{array}$ ..... | 130,400 |
| :--- |
| 150,000 |
| 600,000 |$\$ 1,402.215$

252,000Second preferred dividends $(15 \%)$
Common dividends ( 83 )

Balance, surplus| $\$ 270,372$ | $\$ 183,276$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| $1,865,703$ | $1,710,873$ |
| 5,171 | 2,074 |dititions-

Total surpluss deductions| $\$ 2,141,246$ |  |
| ---: | ---: |
| 14,798 | $\$ 1,896,223$ |
| 30,520 |  |Profit and loss surplus

Earned per ommon

1929.| Net profit after gen. admin. \& selling expenses, \&c. |
| :--- |
| Federal and other taxes_..................... |
| 194,700 |1928.

$\$ 266.81$
50.700
5
Earned per share on common. $\$ 217.146$
$\$ 0.73$ ..... $\$ 216.181$
$\$ 0.72$

1928. ..... Investments......
Acts. rec. \&tr.ac.
Inventories
Accts. ree. \& tr. ac.
Inventories.-...
Interes Interest
Notes recelvabie-:-
Treasury stock$-x$ Represented by 200,000 shares of no par value. -V . 128, p. 906 .Wickwire Spencer Steel Co.-Reorganizationproved by Committee Representing Bond and Note Holders.-A plan of reorganization has been completed by the reorganization com-mittee representing company's first mortcage 7 s , prior lien 7 s and the $7 \%$
class A notes. While other details remain, it is expected that formal an-
nonouncement of the new plan will be made in a few days.The plan proposes to take up certain bonds, notes and other obligations别$\$ 3.639,340$ class $\mathbf{B}$ notes or the stock.
care of the cash requirements of the plan. In addition, the new companyis to have 600.000 authorized common shares

The Wickwire first mortgage bonds, prior lien bonds and class A notes
are to receive common stock in exchange for their securities on the following are to
basis:
Fir

> First mortgage $7 \mathrm{~s}, 20$ shares of new common for each $\$ 1,000$ bond
Prior lien $7 \mathrm{~s}, 20$ shares
Clas

Prior lien $7 \mathrm{~s}, 20$ shares of new commen for each $\$ 1,000$ bond,
Class A notes, including scrip, 30 shares of new common for 1st mtebtedness to be paid in full in cash consists of: American Wire Fabric 107 or a principal sum of $\$ 1,196,581$; Wickwire $71 / 2 \%$ notes, $\$ 1,195,500$
 receivership trade interest at 70 on $\$ 10,856,000$ prior $\$ 126,653$ for payment of interest at $7 \%$ on $\$ 10,856,000$ prior lien bonds.
The $\$ 1,500,000$ Goddard lease obligation,
purchase the Gooddard plant at Worcester, Mass., is to be settled for \$1,--
000,000 in cash
Common Stockholders Protective Committee to Oppose Plan. We have received the following letter, dated May 23, and signed by Alexander Guttmann:
Alexander Guttmann, Chairman of the common stockholders' pro-
tective committee of the wickwire
Spencer
 reorgancion or the whenwire spencer class B noteholders are entirely
of the common stockholders and the clater eliminated. This plan is alleged to have been approved by the reorganization committee, composed of, representatives of the bondholders comMr. Guttmann advises all security holders of common stock or class B
notes of the Wickwire Spencer Steel Co. that necessary legal steps will
而 notes of the Wickwire Spencer Steel Oo. that necessary legal steps will
be taken to oppose any such plan of reorganization. The oompany's
financial position is strong and the earnings are better than in many years.
The common stockholders and class $\mathbf{B}$ noteholders should be allowed to participate in any plan of reorganization and if denied such privilege they Consolidated Income Account for Calendar Years. Prop, from oper, after
deduc. for selling, ad-
 $\xrightarrow{\text { Total income.- }}$ int. paid \& accrued
epreciation.

$\qquad$

| Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet | Dec. 311928 |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 854,357$ |  |
| $1,025,966$ |  | Assets-

Cash
Notes \& trade acce....................
Accounts recelvable. $\qquad$
 Subsidlary \& ts assets Permanent assets

Total (each side)
2,109,086

|  | Liabilities- |
| :---: | :---: |
| \$772,213 | Accounts payable.-.-.....- |
| 47,613 | Accrued salarles and wages.- |
| 1,947,124 | Other accrued accounts.-.-- |
| 6,950,733 | Ore contracts payable. |
| 1,552,521 | Real estate mortgages |
| 111,657 | Other note \& acc'ts payable.- |
| 20,480,233 | Purchase money mtge.--.--- |
| 246,991 | Deferred liability |
|  | 10 -year $71 / 2 \%$ secured notes, Wickwire Spencer Steel Co. |
|  | Am. Wire Fabrics Corp. 1 st 7 s |
|  | Wick. Spen. Steel Co. 1st 7s. |
|  |  |
|  | Unsecured notes, Wickwire Spencer Steel Co. |
|  | Reserves for contingencl |

-V. 128, p. 578
Widlar Food Products Co.-Acquisition.-
The company has purchased the W. C. Pressing Co., of Norwalk, Ohio \& Orr Co. The new property will be operated as a divisional unit of the Widlar Company, C. W. Brand. President of the Widlar company, has
been elected President of the W. C. Pressing Co. H. W. Madison, a VicePresident of the former company, wressing have general charge of operations and sales. Expansion of the acquired company's operations will be carried out immediately, including a substantial addition to the plant at Nor-
walk now in course of erection. A substantial addition to the Widlar company's Berea Road pickle plant is now in process of construction and when complete will cover five acres of floor space. With the acquisition
of the Pressing plant, the Widlar company now operates four distinct of the Pressing plant, the Widlar company now operates four distinct manufacturing units, a coffee roasting plant and a pickle and condiment
plant in Cleveland, a pickle plant in Wiggins, Miss., and the W. C. Pressing Co. plant in Norwalk. wed an increase of $12 \%$ compared with the previous Apr. 301929 , sales showed an
12 months.-V. 128, p. 269.

## Wilcox Rich Corp.-Earnings.-



Wil-Low Cafeterias Inc.-Earnings.-
Earnings for Quarter Ended March 311929.

$\begin{array}{r}\$ 1,145,97 \\ -\quad 13157 \\ \$ 0.8 \\ \hline\end{array}$ Earns. per share on.
-V . 128 , p .2654 .
Wilson \& Co., Inc. 13 \% Back Dividend. The orirectots have deatared a pack divtando of 11 \% \% on the $7 \%$ cum: pret. stock, payaie paid on April l last.-V. 128, , p. 1418.
Win
Wilson Line, Inc.--Earnings.-
Earnings for Year Ended March 311929
Freight revenue
income
Total income
Water line operating expenses, maint., rents taxes.
nterest-1--
Net profit
$\qquad$
Net pronit dividends
$\begin{array}{r}\$ 117.196 \\ 52,500 \\ \hline\end{array}$
Balance availabe for common stock-
Earrings per share
and
Winton Engine Co.-Common Stock Offered.-Offering is being made of a block of 33,000 shares of no par common stock at $\$ 73$ per share by August Belmont \& Co., John Burnham \& Co., Inc., and H. W. Noble \& Co. Included in this offering are 25,000 shares of stock representing new financing on the part of the company, the proceeds of which will be used to retire an aggregate principal amount of $\$ 992,500$ 10 -year $6 \frac{1}{2} \%$ sinking fund gold debentures and to provide for additional working capital. The balance of the offering has been purchased from individual stockholders.
Transfer agents: Continental Illinois Bank \& Trust Co., Chicago, and Guaranty Trust Co. of New York. Registrars:
Bank, Chicago, and National City Bank of New Y
Capitalization-
Convertible preference stock (no par)
Common stock (no par)............. $\qquad$ Authorized. Outstanding
30,000 shs. 30,000 shs
ved against * 30,000 shares reserved against the exercise of conversion privies. and employees upon such terms as the board reserved for sale to officers Convertible preference stock entitled to preferential cumulative determine. at the rate of $\$ 3$ per annum; redeemable at $\$ 45$ per share plus vidends nd unpaid dividends; convertibleshare for share into common stock. While any convertible preference stock is outstanding no dividends may be paid
on the common stock which will reduce net current assets below $\$ 750.000$. Listed. Company has agreed to make application to list this stock on the
New York Curb Market and the Chicago Stock Exchange.
Data from Letter of Geo. W. Codrington, Pres. of the Company.
History.-Company was formerly conducted as a department of the Winton Co., manufacturers of motor cars. It was segregated from the latter in 1925 and organized as a separate corporation, the business of
which was confined to the construction of engines. The oresent company was formed in Aug. 1928, and purchased substantially all of the business and assets of its predecessor. Although inheriting many obligations from earnings. to liquidate company and its predecessor have been able, out of of the plant and, with one exception, show an improvement in sales and earnings in each year since the date of segregation.
The company manufactures the well known Winton Diesel and gasoline ongines. As one of the pioneers in this field it has devoted a large proportion argely attributable to this policy, plus stress on quality of material and workmanship.
The business is divided into the following classifications: (a) marine
gines for rail motor cars; (c) Diesel and gasoline auxiliary power plants for marine use: (d) generator sets; The
arkets sales volune is divided notably valuable in stabilizing earnings. Norma to owners of yachts and commercial vessels; $25 \%$ Product.-Winton marine engines $15 \%$ to industrials main and auxiliary power plants in yachts and commercial vare used for yond eavy duty engines enable the company to fulfill the power requirements of vessels ranging from 50 to 250 feet. Winton stationary Diesel engines are industrial plants.
cars has constiture and sale of Winton engines for installation in rail motor ears. These cars have fully demonstrated their econy's business for several emand for them has increased to the point where over 400 are in operation Northern, New York Central, Northwestern, Pennsylvania, Rock Island nion Pacific and Atchison. These cars, in single units, or as tractors o

 fireproof steel and glass construction, well adapted to straight line proare maintained in New York, Boston Waare feet of floor space. Sales offices Earnings. - The following tabulation is based upon the earnings of th company and its predecessor company for the three years ended Dec. 31 Federal income taxes at current rates, and after restoring to income certain of interest and charges aggregating $\$ 59,939$ for the total period, consisting Earnings for the four months ended April 301929 based on the cone company, ooks $\$ 24,065$ for this period.

Annual average three years ended Dec. 311928
Year ended Dec. 311928
Four months ended April 301929 .
311928
Based on 65,000 shares after providing for divide
[Adjusted to Bive effect to the sale of 25,000 shares of Stock.]
Assets-
Notes \& ash rects. ree., less re
Onventories..........

Land, bldgs., mach., equip. de $1,348,657$
Cap. stock of predecessor Cap. stock of predecessor co-
Patents \& patent rights

Total.

## 27. p. 3419.

$83,502,067$ cald in surplus
(The) Worth Building, Brooklyn, N. Y.-Definitive Ctfs the first mortage loan on the property located at 493-5 Fulton St., Brook lyn, N. Y., are ready for delivery in exchange for the interims now out-
outstanding. This loan of $\$ 600,000$ was made to the Wortheo Corn outstanding. This loan of $\$ 600,000$ was made to the Wortho Corp
and the $51 / 2 \%$ guaranteed Prudence certificates are learl for trust funds in
the State of New York. See offering in V.

Worth, Inc. (Md.)-Earnings.-
The company (including subsidiaries) reports: Sales for the year ende year. After depreciation of $\$ 70,268$ and all other charges a net loss o
$\$ 134,283$ for the year was shown. $\$ 88,754$ of this loss was accounted fo in the opening and operating of the Toledo and New Bedford stores.

## Assets- <br> Consolidated Balance Sheet January 311929.

## Cash.....



Inventories
Prepaid ins
Stock of W
$\$ 170,869$ N
Liabilitites-
Notes payable
$\qquad$

| 336,463 | Accounts payable |
| :--- | :--- |
| 402,340 | Advertls |

Stock of Worthco Corp \& supl Furniture, fixtures \& improve.
to leased properties Deferred charges................

$\qquad$ | .. | 1 |
| :--- | :--- |
| its |  | Goodwill \& leaseholds..

$$
\begin{array}{r}
443,637 \\
40,600
\end{array}
$$

Total
$\qquad$ . $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 0 4 3 , 8 2 2}$ Res. for cust. unctaimed credit
deposits on deposits on leases, \&cc ---.-. Common stock.. pref. stk stk.-. 35,73
$\mathbf{2 4 3 , 1 2}$
$\mathbf{y} 65,000$
39,87

22 Total. stock, $\$ 26,000$
$\overline{-82,043,822}$ x Cumulative unpaid dividend on class A stock, $\$ 26,000$. Represented
by 65,000 no par shares. y Represented by 65,000 no par share. - V .128 , p. 3016

Wright Aeronautical Corp.-Earnings.-
Nuar. End. Mar. 31 -
$\begin{array}{lll}1929 . & 1928 & 1927 . \\ \$ 533,925 & \$ 470,898 & \$ 133,670\end{array}$
Shs. cap. stk. outstand-
Earns. per share.-
$\begin{array}{rr}300.000 & 250,000 \\ \$ 1.78 & \$ 1.88\end{array}$
250.000
$\$ 0.53$
250.000
$\$ 0.8$

## Yates American Machine Co.-Earnings.9 Mos. End. March 31- Net income after charges <br> 

(L. A.) Young Spring \& Wire Co.-Extra Dividend.and the regular quarterlared an extra cash dividend of 25 cents per share stock, no par value, payable July 1 to holders of per shard June the common 15 . An extra
distren distribution of 25 cents per sh
April last.-V. 128, p. 3210 .

## CURRENT NOTICES

-Irving Riesenburger, Vice-President of the Queensborough Nationa Bank, has become associated with the sales department of Salmon, Wee \& Co., 63 Wall St., N. Y. C.

- Clark, Dodge \& Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange 63 Wall St., N. Y. City, an
become associated with them.
- Movicar
-McVickar \& Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announc the opening of a branch office at 145 West 45 th St., under the managemen of Cecil Winik.
-Messrs. Winslow, Lanier \& Co., members New York Stock Exchange announce the removal of their offices to the ground floor at 49 Wall Street New York.
-Josephthal \& Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, 12 Broadway, New York, have prepared an analysis of Pan-American Pe troleum.
circular on the Investing Corp., 67 Wall St., New York, have prepurest -Estabrook \& Co, have issued a circular giving information regardin several issues of railroads, public utility, industrial and real estate bonds.
Broad St.. New York, have prepared a specialletter on Insurance Stocks.


## Tisurats and 7ocaments.

# INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH CORPORATION 

## ANNUAL RE PORT-1928.

New York, May 201929
the Stocloholders:
In view of the continuing extension of the activities of ur Corporation, as well as the expanding list of Stocklders in the United States and other countries, it is desirle that this report should cover not only the activities and erations for the year 1928 and succeeding months, but nerally the development of the International Corporation d again review its purposes and policies.
With the association during 1928 of the Mackay System hich includes Postal Telegraph, Commercial Cables, Comercial Pacific Cables and Mackay Radio, and the previous sociation in 1927 of All America Cables, there was welded gether an International Communications System with a tionwide telegraph service in the United States, and cables tending to the West Indies, Central and South America, rtain principal countries of Europe and the Far East, and rving through connecting telegraph and cable services nada, Mexico and practically all other countries of the orld.
The development of national telephone systems, by the stallation of modern equipment as well as by the most lvanced engineering and commercial practices, should be inestimable value in the economic and social development the countries served. Through interconnection with our mmunications system, these countries will be further beneted and will in turn add to the comprehensive services the International System.
The establishment, wherever practicable, of national anufacturing plants for the production of telephone, teleaph and wireless apparatus, cables and accessories, will eet the demands of governments and companies which, by istom or regulations, require national manufacture. The sociation of these national plants, with the Laboratories nd other services of the International System, will assure e highest quality and efficiency in their products.
The International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation as not organized with a single profit-making purpose to self, nor with the desire of imposing American practices its foreign activities. There appeared to be a fruitful eld of service to be rendered in bringing together under one neral organization electrical communications systems, and e extension by the parent company to the associated comanies of the technical and financial facilities and direction at might be needed for their intensive and efficient develment. The best American practices have been suggested, at never imposed. On the contrary, the management has ways been ready and quick to adjust American practices other national conditions and to adopt such local practices were conducive to the successful development of the arious entities. The combined and co-operative effort of e Associated Companies of the International System is aily justifying the purposes and policies of your Corpotion.
The association of the several enterprises now forming art of the International System, in addition to the techcal, managerial and financial advantages, should result in ppreciable economies and general efficiency throughout ie system. In the initial periods of these associations, owever, economies are not immediately realized, due in art to duplications which must of necessity be gradually iminated. It is also well to bear in mind that, particularly uring the initial development period of the International ystem and even in its successive periods of development, rge investments are made and will be carried without amediate return of income on such investments, or with adequate return on investments in companies which are adergoing reorganization and expansion.
It is generally recognized that wire and wireless commucations services are complementary to each other, and the dvantage of their association is manifest as it permits of le most efficient and economical use of both wire and wiress in their respective fields. In Great Britain, France, ermany and Italy, unification of the cable and wireless rvices, through consolidation or joint working agreements, as been or is being effected.
The desirability of consolidating the radio communicaons services of the Radio Corporation of America with the mmunications services of the International Telephone and elegraph Corporation has been recognized by both Corpotions, and a tentative plan has been agreed upon under hich the communications services of the Radio Corporaon of America may be acquired by the International Corpotion when the law permits.

An agreement was signed on December 311928 between All America Cables, Incorporated and the Compagnie Francaise des Cables Telegraphiques (Paris) which provides for the operation during a twelve year period by All America Cables of the United States and Haiti Telegraph and Cable Company and the French Antilles Cable System connecting Cuba, Haiti, Santo Domingo, Porto Rico, St. Thomas, Ouracao and Venezuela, which cables total some 3,200 nautical miles.

On December 111928 an offer was made through a Bank ing Syndicate for the acquisition of the Ordinary (Common) shares of the United River Plate Telephone Company, Limited, the Shareholders of that Company having been given the opportunity to deposit their shares and to receive in payment either part cash and part stock of the International Corporation, or all cash, and the operation was completed to the satisfaction of all. At this date the International Corporation has acquired $99.9 \%$ of the outstanding Ordinary (Common) shares of that Company.
One of the gratifying results of the acquisition of the United River Plate Telephone Company, Limited, was the increase in the list of British Stockholders of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation. Temporary certificates were issued to the shareholders of the United River Plate Telephone Company, Limited, who deposited their shares against payment, part in cash and part in stock of the International Corporation, and it is expected that, when the definitive stock certificates are issued, there will be over 1,300 new British holders of the stock of your Corporation. The stock of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation is listed on the London Stock Exchange
The United River Plate Telephone Company, Limited owns and operates the largest telephone system in South America. As of December 311928 the Company had 194,566 telephones in service in the Argentine. Of this number, there were 131,154 telephones in Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina, which has a population of over $2,000,000$ inhabitants.
There was acquired by your Corporation in July 1928 the controlling stock interest in Creed \& Company, Limited, of Croydon, England. This Company, which was established in the year 1912, is engaged in the development and manu facture of automatic printer telegraph equipment and accessories for use on land lines and submarine telegraph cables as well as the manufacture of apparatus and equipment for manually operated telegraph circuits. Due to the development work of Mr. F. G. Creed, the founder, and the high quality of their equipment, their apparatus has been dis tributed throughout the world. Mr. Creed, who will continue as Chairman of Creed \& Company, Limited, will at the same time carry on his development work for the Company.

The International Standard Electric Corporation during the current year has acquired a substantial interest in the Ferdinand Schuchhardt Berliner Fernsprech-und Telegraphenwerk, A. G. (telephone and telegraph apparatus factory), located at Berlin. It is planned in co-operation with German industrialists and bankers to develop this and other factories in Germany in order to provide for a larger national distribution of telephone and telegraph equipment as well as to develop an export trade in such equipment.
The Postal Telegraph and Cable Corporation was organized May 181928 to acquire the interests of The Mackay Companies, which include the ownership or operation of Commercial Cables from the United States and Canada to Great Britain and Ireland, France and Cuba, aggregating approximately 27,000 nautical miles; Commercial Pacific Cables from San Francisco to the Hawaiian Islands, Midway Island, Island of Guam, Philippine Islands and Shanghai, with a branch connecting at the Bonin Islands with the Japanese Government cable to Japan, with a total of slightly over 10,000 nautical miles; Postal Telegraph, with its nationwide telegraph service throughout the United States; and Mackay Radio, with a point-to-point wireless telegraph system between certain principal cities in California, Washington and Oregon and a Pacific ship-to-shore wireless service.

The Postal Telegraph and Cable Corporation, of which the Common stock is all held by the International Corporation, has acquired to date through the exchange of securities $98 \%$ of the Common shares and $95 \%$ of the Preferred shares of The Mackay Companies as well as all but $\$ 200,000$ of the total of $\$ 20,000,000$ of $4 \%$ Bonds and $4 \%$ Debenture stock of The Commercial Cable Company

All America Cables, Incorporated, which became associated in 1927 with the International Corporation, owns and
operates cables and connecting land lines between North America, the West Indies, Central and South America, and its system comprises nearly 27,000 nautical miles of cables and connecting land lines. Its cables and land lines extend to 23 countries and islands and through connecting companies practically every island in the West Indies and all countries of Central and South America are served by this system.

The Cuban American Telephone and Telegraph Company, which is jointly owned by the American Telephone and Tele graph Company and the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation, and which owns and operates the three Key West-Havana cables, reported for the year 1928 a satis factory increase in telephone traffic and, in addition, the carrier telegraph equipment installed on these cables was remodeled and six new channels added so that there are now available nine carrier telegraph channels on the three cables.

The Trans-Andean telephone service connecting Chile with the Argentine and Uruguay was successfully inaugurated by the Presidents of the three countries on June 22 1928. The traffic between the Argentine, Uruguay and Chile will be further increased by the connection of this service with the United River Plate Telephone Company's system. Subject to necessary agreements with the Governments concerned and with connecting companies, it is planned to extend this international long distance service through southern Brazil to Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro.

During the year 1928 the International Corporation's associated system in Spain, Cuba and Mexico were placed in communication with each other through the connecting services of the French Post Office, the British Post Office and the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. Telephone service between Spain and the United States was inaugurated on October 131928 by His Majesty King Alfonso XIII and President Coolidge; and with Cuba, the service was inaugurated by His Majesty the King and President Machado on November 13 1928. Telephone service between Spain and Mexico was established on November 30 1928.

The International Radio Company of Argentina, an Assoclated Company of International Corporation, is installing a wireless telephone station at Buenos Aires for service with Spain, which it plans to inaugurate in the early fall of this year. This service will be available to the United River Plate Telephone system and the other associated telephone systems in the adjoining countries.

The International Radio Company of Argentina is also Installing a station at Buenos Aires for service with the United States of America and it is planned to inaugurate this service shortly after the end of the current year. The Buenos Aires station, which will connect with the Argentine telephone system and other assoclated telephone systems, will communicate in the United States with the wireless telephone station and telephone system of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.
The International Radio Company of Chile, another Associated Company, has ordered the equipment for its station at Santiago, Chile, and will establish as promptly as practicable wireless telephone service with Europe and the United States.
The International Standard Electric Corporation has installed on a transatlantic liner short-wave wireless telephone equipment which will be put under the severest tests with the view of developing ship-to-ship and ship-to-shore commercial wireless telephone service. This should make it possible for travellers to be in constant touch with one or more shore stations as well as with other ship stations. The commercial appilication of this service will be actively developed.

## communications companies.

The Postal Telegraph and Cable Corporation, through its Associated Companies, Postal Telegraph, Commercial Cables and Mackay Radio, handled an increasing volume of traffic.
Postal Telegraph is a very important part of the communication system of the International Corporation and all necessary steps are being taken to develop its service within the United States as well as to meet its obligations in connection with international communications. A large number of telegraph printers, which receive and send the written message on the same principle as a typewriter, are being installed both in the central operating offices and with customers.

As a result of contracts entered into with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and associated companies (Bell System) and, subject to the terms of these contracts, every telephone, whether on the premises of a customer or in a public telephone pay station, may be used to send Postal telegrams, and the telephone companies will bill and collect for such telegraph service. This arrangement has already been put into effect in a great number of cities and towns and will be extended as rapidly as possible. Postal Telegraph under these contracts may secure additional facilities within municipalities and between munici-
palities and, by these means, extensions to new territory an relief over existing routes can be quickly obtained.

Facsimile telegraph service, known as "Photograms," wa inaugurated for the first time in the United States by Posta Telegraph in September 1928 and its use is being develope Commercial Cables during the year 1928 maintained it high standard of service and with its cables working direc with England, France and Germany an almost instantaneou service is given to these countries.
During the preceding months of the current year there ha been a large increase in traffic handled by Commercia Cables. The rates for night letter messages to Great Britai and Ireland were reduced to 4 c . per word and for week-en letter messages to 3 c. per word. Reduction of present rate for these services to other countries will be put into effec as soon as necessary arrangements are made in the countrie served.

Mackay Radio inaugurated on May 1st of this year its ne short-wave wireless telegraph service between San Fran cisco and Honolulu and it is proposed to promptly exten the service to the Philippine Islands.
On the Atlantic the ship-to-shore wireless telegraph serv ice was inaugurated on May 15th of this year by Macka Radio from its station located at Sayville, Long Island. Th station is equipped with a modern short-wave system an will be arranged to communicate in due course with th other radio telegraph stations being installed in Sout America and Europe by the International System.

The total number of messages handled by Postal Tele graph, Commercial Cables and Mackay Radio during th year 1928 amounted to $47,665,930$ as compared with 45 , 329,101 in 1927.
All America Cables, Incorporated, during the year 192 maintained and developed its efficient services to the Wes Indies, Central and South America.

Under agreement with the Compagnie Francaise de Cables Telegraphiques (Paris), All America Cables too over as of January 11929 the operation of the United State and Haiti Telegraph and Cable Company's cable from Nel York to Cape Haitien and the cables of the French Antille System connecting Cuba, Haiti, Santo Domingo, Porto Ric St. Thomas, Curacao and Venezuela.

As an interesting result of this operation All Americ Cables has made important reductions in cable rates $t$ Haiti, Santo Domingo, Curacao and Venezuela, thereby cor tinuing the long established policy of this Company providing at reasonable rates the best possible facilities the countries it serves.
The total number of messages handled by All Americ Cables during the year 1928 amounted to $2,549,456$ as com pared with $2,372,877$ during 1927.
The submarine cables operated by the Communication Companies now total approximately 65,000 nautical mile and it is planned to supplement the present cable system b the latest type of telephone and telegraph cables to provid for telephone service to certain countries and much greate telegraph capacity to most of the countries served by th International System.

The efficiency and capacity of the cables, wires and wire less equipment now in service may be increased somewha but the new types of cables, carrier current for wire servic and shortwave wireless equipment will have so much greate traffic capacity that new commercial practices and service must be adopted to absorb these capacities. It cannot b denied that the engineering development of communicatio facilities in respect to cables, wire and wireless, has ou distanced the adoption of more advanced commercial prad tices in the use of such services. Commercial developmen studies are being emphasized and it is confidently expecte that within a reasonable time greater facilities and mor varied types of service will generally be available and tha in consequence, the volume of traffic handled by our com munication services will be very much greater.

## TELEPHONE OPERATING COMPANIES.

The development and expansion of the associated tele phone operating companies during 1928 were generally ver satisfactory.
The Compania Telefonica Nacional de Espana, whic undertook to carry out an exacting five year program a provided for in the concession contract, will complete thi program well ahead of the specified time and has also place in service additional plant to take care of the ever-increas ing demand for long distance service.
Spain has to-day one of the very best telephone system. in the world. This development of a complete and highl efficient national telephone system in less than a five yea period is an outstanding achievement. Nearly $58 \%$ of th telephones in service are of the Rotary automatic system a higher percentage of automatic telephones to total sta tions than exists in any other country in Europe.
In Madrid, where complete automatic telephone servic was inaugurated in 1926, there was an increase during 192 of 5,426 telephones, with a total of 29,362 telephones i service at December 31 1928. Complete automatic tel phone service was inaugurated in Barcelona, Bilbao, Cor
dova, Malaga, Seville and Valencla during the year 1928 and automatic service will be established in Cadiz, Granada, Murcia, Oviedo, Valladolid and Vigo during the current year.
During the year 1928 telephone service was extended to 314 cities and towns, of which 125 were given local and long distance service and 189 long distance service. As of September 1 1924, when the Compania Telefonica Nacional de Espana started to operate, there were but 581 cities and towns with long distance service and at the end of the year 1928 there were 2,051 communities connected and forming part of the Spanish telephone system.

It is worthy of note that, at the time the concession was granted by the Spanish Government, international telephone communications from Spain were limited to inadequate service from Barcelona and Madrid, in addition to the frontier towns, with certain cities of France and Switzerland. The total daily average messages from Madrid and Barcelona were 169 messages. At the present time every telephone in Spain can avail itself of thoroughly efficient international long distance service, connecting with Lisbon (Portugal), Gibraltar, Ceuta (Morocco) and principal cities and towns of Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Holland, Italy, Luxemburg, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland. The average daily messages for the first quarter of 1929 between Spain and Portugal, England, France, Switzerland, Belgium and Germany were over 745 messages. The economic value to Spain, as represented by this large growth in its international communications services, must remain umquestioned.

In addition to the services established with the other European countries mentioned, long distance telephone service was established between Spain, and the United States and Canada, and with the Associated Companies of the International Corporation in Mexico and Cuba.
As a result of these long distance services in a period of less than five years every telephone in Spain, which in 1924 could connect with not more than 25,000 telephones, may now be connected with over $20,000,000$ telephones on this side of the Atlantic in addition to approximately $7,000,000$ telephones on the European Continent.
Notwithstanding the economic depression in Cuba, due to the low price of sugar, the Cuban Telephone Company had a net increase of 4,870 telephones. There was an increase of 3,609 telephones in the City of Havana, which city on December 311928 had a total of 50,123 automatic telephones in service.
There was also a satisfactory increase of long distance telephone service with the United States. Through the Cuban American Telephone and Telegraph Company's cables and the wire and wireless system of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, the subscribers of the Cuban Telephone Company may be connected with over $80 \%$ of the world's telephones.
The development of the Porto Rico Telephone Company's system has been somewhat retarded by the economic situation resulting from the devastating hurricane of September 131928 and a short period of rehabilitation is required. An exemplary spirit was shown by the staff and emplovees in repairing and reconstructing the damaged lines and equipment and putting them back into service with a minimum of delay. There were in service, on December 31 1928, 12,156 telephones, a decrease of 246 telephones as compared with December 31 1927, which, howerer, should be more than made up during the current year.

The Mexican Telephone and Telegraph Company's system was increased by 7,020 telephones to a total of 32,085 telephones in service at December 31 1928. At the end of the current year, with the completion of the exchanges now under construction, Mexico City will be provided with complete automatic telephone service.
The long distance lines, connecting at the American border with the American telephone system, have been satisfactorily maintained under all conditions and the toll service revenues for the year showed an increase of over $190 \%$.
The Chili Telephone Company, Limited, had an increase of 3,543 telephones, with a total of 31,116 telephones in service on December 31 1928. A special telephone law has been submitted by the President of Chile to the Chilean Congress and, when enacted, it will permit of the organization of a national telephone company and an intensive development of the telephone system of Chile.

The support which has been received from the Government of Chile has been most gratifying and is an encouragement to intensify the reconstruction and expansion program in order to provide Chile with the best possible telephone service and thereby effectively assist in the economic development of that progressive country.
The United River Plate Telephone Company, Limited, which operates telephone systems in Buenos Aires and other principal cities of the Argentine with connecting long dis tance lines, became associated with the International Corpo-
ration as af January 11929.
In Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina, the fourth largest city in the Americas and the eighth largest city in the world, there is a real opportunity to plan the develop-
ment of the plant and service so that the people of Buenos Aires may be justly proud of having one of the best telephone services in the world.

A complete engineering and commercial survey is being made of this property and, subject to satisfactory agreement with the Government of the Argentine, a considerable expansion of the properties and services rendered by this Company will be undertaken.

The Montevideo Telephone Company, Limited, which became associated with the International Corporation during 1927, has continued to maintain its services and minor extensions have been made. There have been no major developments, however, pending action on the part of the Government with respect to a new concession contract which would permit of the installation of a complete automatic telephone system in Montevideo and the extension of modern telephone service throughout the Republic of Uruguay.
The activities of the Companhia Telephonica Rio Grandense (Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil) were principally devoted to improving maintenance conditions and rebuilding of certain portions of its telephone and telegraph plant. As a result of these improvements, the Company was able to handle an increase of approximately $31 \%$ in telegraph traffic.
During the year direct radio telegraph service was inaugurated between Porto Alegre, Brazil, and Buenos Aires, Argentina, which service connects all points in the State of Rio Grande do Sul. Brazil, with all telegraph stations in Argentina.

The Sociedad Co-operativa Telefonica Nacional (Montevideo) and the Compania Telefonica Argentina (Buenos Aires) have made normal progress; maintenance conditions have been considerably improved and the outstanding achievement of these Companies during the past year was the establishment, in connection with The Chili Telephone Company, Limited, and All America Cables, Incorporated, of long distance telephone service between Uruguay, Argentina and Chile.

## MANUFACTURING COMPANIES.

The International Standard Electric Corporation's Associated Companies have manufacturing plants in Antwerp, Budapest, London, Madrid, Milan, Paris, Shanghai, Sydney, Tokyo and Vienna.
The consolidated sales of the International Standard Electric Corporation and Associated Companies for the year 1928 totaled $\$ 48,976,425$ as compared with $\$ 43,491,948$ for 1927. The increase in sales was $12.6 \%$ and the estimated sales for 1929 indicate an even greater increase than obtained in 1928.

Orders on hand on January 11929 were $\$ 30,442,558$ as compared with $\$ 29,085,166$ on January 1 1928. The increase of orders on hand was particularly satisfactory as the speeding up of production and availability of increased factory capacity has resulted in generally cutting down the delivery time on major equipment from one-quarter to onehalf the time previously required.

The generally recognized high quality of the products of our factories, as well as of their engineering services, gives every promise of the continuing development of this principal manufacturing branch of the International Corporation. By the development of national factories, it is possible to cater to the national characteristics and meet the desires of government administrations and companles which favor national manufacture.

The Rotary automatic system, which was developed by the engineers of the International Standard Electric Corporation and is a principal product of a number of the factories of the Standard, has met with increasing success in its operation. Among the principal cities in which this system has been or is being installed may be mentioned Antwerp, Auckland, Barcelona, Brussels, Bucharest, Budapest, Copenhagen, Geneva, The Hague, Madrid, Mexico City, Oslo; Paris, Rio de Janeiro, Shanghai and Zurich. It is expected that, with the continuous development of this system by our laboratories tending to lower the cost of production, there will be an increasing sale of this machine-driven automatic system.

In other factories of the Standard Corporation the step-by-step automatic system is being produced with increasing distribution to those cities and countries which are using that system and here again our laboratory developments have indicated that we will be able to produce a step-by-step automatic type simpler in construction and lower in cost.

The development of both the machine-driven (Rotary) and step-by-step automatic systems will be interesting to watch, for, as may be seen, we occupy a principal position in the development, manufacture and distribution of the Rotary system as well as a strong position in the development, production and distribution of the step-by-step system and we are, therefore, able, irrespective of the type of system desired, to maintain our important position in the manufacture and distribution of automatic systems.

The Standard Corporation is also manufacturing improved manual telephone systems and has made marked progress in the development and manufacture of wireless
apparatus, long distance telephone cable systems and equipment for the transmission of pictures by wire. The Standard factories and also a number of other cable factories, which have been licensed to manufacture the Standard system, have continued to supply the major portion of the long distance telephone cable systems in Europe and other parts of the world.
The London factory completed the installation during 1928 of step-by-step automatic equipment for the Sloane, Bermondsey and Welbeck exchanges of the London area and, in addition to important orders on hand for the London area, has also in production orders for step-by-step automatic equipment for the Newcastle and Maidstone areas. The London factory has also placed in production an order of 16,000 lines of Rotary automatic equipment for Cairo, Egypt.
The Paris factory successfully completed on contract time during 1928 the installation of the first 6,000 line Rotary automatic equipment for the Paris area and an additional 14,000 lines were turned over to the French Telephone Administration on April 14th of the current year. There are on order for delivery during 1929 and 1930 a total of 34,000 Rotary automatic lines for the Paris area.
The Antwerp factory during the year 1928 completed the Paille Rotary automatic exchange in Brussels and has on hand orders for over 50,000 Rotary automatic lines for Brussels, Antwerp, Liege and Ghent.

A total of 139,860 Rotary automatic lines manufactured by the Antwerp factory were put into operation during the year 1928, the larger part of which was exported for installation in 27 cities and 10 countries. Among the export orders now in production are 16,800 lines for Geneva, Switzerland, 14,000 lines for Copenhagen, Denmark, and 9,000 lines for Shanghai, China.
The Madrid factory is now fully equipped and has begun the manufacture of Rotary automatic equipment for the Spanish telephone operating company, which equipment was imported from the Antwerp factory during the initial construction period of the Spanish telephone system.
The Budapest factory has continued its successful production of Rotary automatic equipment and is carrying out in a satisfactory way its principal installation of 70,000 Rotary automatic lines in Budapest, the capital of Hungary.

The Tokyo factory has on order and in production the first nationally made step-by-step automatic equipment. It is expected that the national manufacture of automatic equipment will be considerably developed to provide in a large measure for the increasing demand for telephone service in Japan.

The Shanghai factory showed a very satisfactory improvement in business in spite of the unsettled condition in China and its sales were increased more than $93 \%$ over the previous year. Among the interesting orders received during 1928 was an order from the Canton municipality for 4,000 lines of Rotary automatic equipment.

Compagnie des Telephones Thomson-Houston (Paris), an Associated Company of the International Corporation, increased its volume of sales for the year 1928 to $78,999,434$ francs as compared with $71,614,504$ francs for 1927. Orders on hand on December 311928 amounted to 42,714,337 francs as compared with $42,449,909$ franes at the close of the previous year. Among the sales and installations made during 1928 of the step-by-step automatic equipment manufactured by this factory may be mentioned the exchanges for Rabat, Casablanca and Fez (Morocco) and Tunis (Tunis).

Creed \& Company, Limited, of Croydon, England, which became associated with the International Corporation during 1928, has met with increasing success in the manufacture and sale of cable and telegraph equipment and it is planned to enlarge the facilities of this company during the ensuing year to meet anticipated increase in sales. This is fully borne out by their sales during the first quarter of the current year.

## RESEAROH LABORATORIES.

The International Communications Laboratories, Inc., of New York was organized by your Corporation for the purpose of research and development in connection with our cable, telegraph and wireless systems in the United States.

These laboratories will also carry on research and development work in terminal equipment for new types of submarine telephone and telegraph cable.
The European laboratories, which are located at London and Paris, have been extended and supplied with the most advanced equipment to enable the scientific workers to explore the complete field of research and to successfully bridge the gap between this and the practical utility field in a manner which should result in satisfying the national characteristic requirements of our international clientele; improved communications to the user; better and more economical manufacturing methods for our Manufacturing Companies and in establishing our System as second to none in the type, quality and range of the communication services which it offers.

The London and Paris laboratories are complementary to each other in that the field of research and development is divided between them but a uniformity of methods is followed which, combined with their location, permits a truly international spirit and outlook. In this connection it is interesting to note that representatives of fifteen nationalities are on their payrolls and that among the employes are graduates of practically every university internationally known for its scientific training.

The practical results already obtained from our laboratories are too numerous to mention in this report. They have extended into the entire field of communications as well as to the designing of apparatus with the view of bringing about, to the fullest extent possible, standardization and lower cost of production in the factories. Among certain developments of note, the following may be mentioned:
The development of a new telephone hand set, equal in every way to the best known types but with very distinct advantages both in respect to its manufacture and maintenance as well as greater satisfaction to the users.
As a result of scientific research in our laboratories, a new process of making cable has been evolved which produces a more efficient long distance telephone cable than any previously known type.
In the radio broadcasting field the development in our laboratories has resulted in our obtaining the order for the world's largest radio broadcasting station, to be located at Prague, Czechoslovakia, and with a capacity of 120 KW .
The research and development work carried on during 1928 has resulted in 144 inventions which have been considered worthy of patent protection. Some of these inventories have been incorporated in wire and wireless telephone equipment already furnished to our customers. The filing of 715 patent applications in 41 countries and the grant of 273 patents in 31 countries to our Manufacturing Companies in 1928 shows good progress in the endeavor to secure protection under the patent laws for the products and processes of the International System.
On December 311928 your Associated Companies owned 1,395 pending patent applications, 5,560 patents, and were licensed under more than 3,500 patents and patent applications owned by others. These patents and patent applications are spread over a total of 69 countries.

## NEW YORK GENERAL OFFICES.

The expansion of the International Corporation not only made it necessary shortly after moving to our new General Offices in the International Telephone Building at 67 Broad Street to occupy all of the building under lease, but it was recognized that the option which was held for the purchase of this building should be anticipated and that the adjoining properties should be acquired, so that an addition to the building might be constructed with a minimum of delay. Accordingly, all of the adjoining property on Broad Street up to and including the corner of South William Street was acquired during 1928, the present building-67 Broad Street -has also since been purchased and construction of the addition to our building has been started. It is expected that such addition, which will more than double our present floor space, will be completed and ready for occupancy by May 11930.
The present building at 67 Broad Street was designed by our own architects and a minimum of alterations will be required in the building of the addition. When completed the entire building will form a unit of attractive architecture which will extend on Broad Street from the corner of Beaver Street to South William Street, with a total floor space of 454,000 square feet and an over-all height of 456 feet, including the tower structure above its 33 office floors.
In the building will be installed the central operating rooms of the Postal Telegraph, Commercial Cables, All America Cables and Mackay Radio with ample room for the development of these services.
The International Telephone Building Corporation, a subsidiary of your Corporation, has taken title to the present building and the adjoining property as well as to the two buildings of All America Cables at 89 Broad Street and 33-37 South William Street and the 253 Broadway building previously occupied by The Mackay Companies.

## ORGANIZATION.

The stockholders approved at the Annual Stockholders' Meeting held on May 91928 the issuance of 13,000 shares for subscription by employees. This stock was offered to the employees for subscription on a basis of one share of stock at par for each $\$ 600$ of salary received and with a miximum subscription on the part of any employee for 50 shares of stock. The subscriptions received from 8,592 employees were for a total of 21,491 shares and the stock was allotted pro rata to permit all subscribers to obtain one or more shares of stock.

In view of the inadequate amount of stock available for employees subscription in the past and the keen desire of the old and new employees to subscribe for the stock of your Corporation, the Banking Syndicate, through which was
consummated the acquisition of the United River Plate Telephone Company, Limited, was approached with the view of acquiring a block of 60,000 shares of International stock for subscription by the employees. The Banking Syndicate readily co-operated in the transfer of these shares to be made available for subscription by the employees of the International System through a trust in such form and manner as may be determined by your Board of Directors.
From this block of stock your Board of Directors has decided to make an immediate offering of stock to officers and employees of your Corporation and Associated Companies. Officers who are directors are not excluded from participation, this being considered a just measure in order not to differentiate between officers of equal rank who may or may not be directors of your Corporation; and, as in the past, a reasonable maximum number of shares for distribution to any one employee under the offer will be determined. As this block of stock will not in itself be sufficient to take care of the anticipated subscription by the employees in the immediate future, your Board of Directors has also decided to issue for the benefit of employees an amount of stock not in excess of one-tenth the amount of stock which may be issued from time to time to the stockholders, for cash, at an issue price of not less than the amount to be paid by the stockholders.

The approval by the stockholders at the meeting held on May 81929 of the action above outlined is most gratifying, as these measures will undoubtedly tend to stimulate the interest and efforts of the staff and employees in the development of the International System.
The International Telephone Pension and Benefit Plan as approved by your Board of Directors was put into effect as of January 11929 for the employees of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation and recommendation made that such a plan be adopted as soon as practicable by the Associated Companies of the International System.

Very careful consideration was given to the preparation of this plan. All well-known pension and benefit plans in the United States and foreign countries were studied and expert actuarial advice obtained and it is believed that the International Telephone Pension and Benefit Plan, as adopted, is considerably in advance of any other known plan to which there is no contribution on the part of the employees.

The outstanding feature of the plan is the continuity of the pension to dependents. Your Board of Directors felt that protection should be provided, within reasonable limitations, for the dependents of those whose deaths occur in the service and of the pensioners. The education of minor children and the requirements of dependent widows and mothers during the difficult period of readjustment must appeal to all and it is believed that this insurance of the future is one that should be given to the employee and that it will bind them ever closer to the companies they serve.
Your Board of Directors has also approved a group insurance plan for the International System, which will permit the employees to obtain life insurance to the extent of their nnual salaries at a minimum cost to them. This group insurance plan will be promptly placed in effect for the employees of the International Corporation and will be extended to the Associated Companies as soon as practicable.
Including the employees of the Companies associated since the first of the current year, there are now over 85,000 employees in the cable, telegraph, wireless, telephone, manufacturing and laboratory branches of the International System. These employees, who are distributed through nearly all countries of the world and are keenly interested in the development of their respective national enterprises, are equally interested in the development of the International Corporation because of the benefits derived by their respective enterprises from their association with our System and of the greater opportunity which they can all find in the International System.

## FINANOIAL.

During the year 1928 the outstanding capital stock of your Corporation was increased from $1,301,994$ shares to $1,422,785$ shares, or an increase of 120,791 shares. Of this number 13,316 additional shares were issued in exchange for outstanding stock of All America Cables, Incorporated; 94,475 shares were issued in connection with the acquisition of the Postal Telegraph and Cable Corporation's Common stock, and 13,000 shares were made available for subscription by the employees under the third special offer for the sale of International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation stock to employees.
At the end of 1928 there was a total of 16,568 stockholders of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation as compared with 11,682 at the end of 1927. As of April 27 1929 the total number of stockholders was increased to 18,043 , not including all of the new stockholders who will result from the acquisition of the Ordinary (Common) shares of the United River Plate Telephone Company, Limited.

As of January 11929 your Corporation issued $\$ 56,911,400$ rincipal amount of Ten Year Convertible $41 / 2 \%$ Gold Deenture Bonds, as authorized by your Board of Directors n December 10 1028, to provide for additional capital re uirements and for funds necessary to acquire the Ordinary (Common) shares of the United River Plate Telephone Company, Limited. These Bonds are convertible into Common stock of your Corporation after July 11929 on the basis f $\$ 200$ in Bonds for $\$ 100$ par value of stock and subject an incresing rate of conversion as well as certain ad justment provisions of the conversion rate. The stockholders of the International Corporation were offered these Bonds at a price of $\$ 98$ for $\$ 100$ principal amount of Bonds and in the ratio of $\$ 100$ principal amount of Bonds for each $21 /$ shares of stock held by the stockholders on the date of record, December 21 1928. Those of the stockholders who did not subscribe were able to dispose advantageously of their rights.

At the Special Stockholders' Meeting held on May 81929 the stockholders approved the change and increase of the authorized capital stock of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation from $2,500,000$ shares of $\$ 100$ par value each to a total of $15,000,000$ shares without par value. The stors and outstanding capital stock from $\$ 100$ par value per share to no par value stock and a split of three shares no par value stock for each share of $\$ 100$ par value stock now issued and outstanding.

The Consolidated Balance Sheet and Statement of Consolidated Income and Surplus Accounts of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation and Associated Companies, presented herewith, show the important changes resulting from the expansion of your Corporation.

Regular dividends at the rate of $6 \%$ per annum were distributed quarterly, adequate reserves were established and the balance of net income was transferred to surplus. The net earned surplus at the end of the year was increased by $\$ 5,835,659.55$ and total earned and capital surplus amounted to $\$ 34,709,760.93$ at December 311928.
Too much cannot be said for the enthusiastic efforts of the staff and employees of the International System as a whole, but particular mention may be made of the staff and employees of Postal Telegraph, who are out for a traffic record during the current year and an increasing share of the telegraph business of the United States.

For the Board of Directors,
SOSTHENES BEHN, President.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET-DEO. 311928 ASSETS
Plant and Property
$-\$ 209,339.119 .81$
$-\quad 15,933,722.28$
Investments in and Advances to Assoc. \& Allied Cos

Special Deposits
$44,910,113.75$
$979,474.57$
Deferred Charges:

Miscellaneous Accounts and Investments
${ }^{12,415.744 .10}$
Current Assets:

Merchandise, materials and supplies--



103,683,849.70 \$389,914,332.74

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET-DEC. 311928 LIABILITIES
Capital Stock: Common stock of International Telephone and Telegraph
ommon stock of International Telephone and Telegraph
Corporation-Authorized $2,500,000$ shares of $\$ 100$ par
value each- outstanding $1,422,785$ shares
$\$ 142,278,500.00$
$40,580,589.51$
Minofity Stockholders' Equity in Common Stock and Sur- $15,617,828,4$ Minority Stockholders' Equity in Common Stock and Sur-
plus of Companies Herein Consolidated...... Funded Debt:
International Telephone and Telegraph

Aeferred Llabilities:
Deferred Liabilities:
Subscribers deposits.
Subscribers' deposits. $\quad \$ 337.645 .36$
Current Liabilities:
Notes and bills payable
Accounts and wages pay
$\qquad$
33,516.876.73

8,162,764.66

Accounts and wages payable-..-able:-

Reserves:
43,056,395.17

Surplus:
11,991,617.30
Capital
Earned
$\$ 13,238,083.69$
$21,471,677.24$
34,709,760.93
$\$ 389,914,332.74$
EDWIN F. OHINLUND, Comptroller.

STATEMENT OF OONSOLDATED INCOME AND SURPLUS
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEC. 31 1928 (After giving effect for full year to earnings of properties acquired durins the pertiod aning eftect interest fand divir to earnings of properties acquired during
Issued durging the period by Issued during the period by Associated Companies to acquire properties.) Earnings: CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT
Telephone, telegraph and cable operating
revenues and kross proftit on
revenue, telegraph and cable operating
rees for services profit on sales....- $\$ 71,444,763,79$ Feese for services.
Interest

Divs. (including $\$ 458,676.86$ from Asso-
ciated Companies not
Miscellaneous (ciated not consolidated).--


## $\begin{array}{r}\$ 3,224,508.43 \\ 2,730,746 \\ 927,236.66 \\ \hline\end{array}$ <br> $\qquad$

 6,882,491.65| $\$ 81,234,824.18$ |
| :--- |
| $58,180,995.62$ | $\$ 23,053,828.56$

Capital Surplus-January 11928
Additions during year-net
7,708,854.13
Capital Surplus-December 31 1928_................................. 13,238,083.69
Total surplus-December 31 1928_...............-- $834,709,760.93$
EDWIN F. OHINLUND, Comptroller.

Net Income before Deducting Interest on Debenture Bonds. $\$ 16,171,336.91$ Deduct: Interest on 25 Year 41/2\% Gold Debenture Bonds........

Net income.
$\$ 14,506,336.91$
CONSOLIDATED SURPLUS ACCOUNT
Earned Surplus-January 1 1928..........- $\$ 15,636,017.69$
Add:
Net in
A. Net income,
Deduct:
Dividends--
Sundry surp
undry surplus charges--net (including
Companies fore earnings of Associated
period prior to the year applicable to
adjustments for interest and dividend
charges applicable to such prior period)

14,596,336.91
$\$ 8,173,740.00$

586,937.36
\$30,232,354.60
$\$ 8,173,740.00$

THE NEW YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY

EXTRACTS FROM REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO THE STOCKHOLDERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECE MBER 311928.

To the Stockholders of
The New York Central Railroad Company:
The Board of Directors herewith submits its report for the year ended December 311928 with statements showing the income account and the financial condition of the company.

## THE YEAR'S BUSINESS.

Business handled in 1928 compared favorably with that in 1927.' Traffic during the first six months was substantially less than during the same period the previous year, but a sharp recovery occurred during the last six months, which was a reversal, generally, of the trend in 1927.
While the number of tons of revenue freight carried showed a decrease as compared with 1927, there was a slight increase in the revenues derived therefrom. Passenger revenues again showed a decrease from the preceding year although the number of passengers carried was greater, due to the increase in commutation passengers, indicating the continued growth of the suburban territory surrounding New York City served by the company's lines. Although there was a small decrease in operating revenues, total operating income for the year was slightly greater than in 1927. The net income for the year, however, decreased more than $\$ 8,000,000$ as compared with 1927. This decrease is attributable to the reduced receipts representing dividends upon the company's stock holdings, as set forth on page 8 [pamphlet report.] The principal factor in the lessened dividend income was the receipt in 1927 of an extra dividend of more than $\$ 9,000,000$ upon the company's holdings of stock of The Michigan Central Railroad Company, while no extra dividend was paid by that company in 1928.
The capital structure of the company was further improved during the year by the issue of an additional \$41,975,900 of stock and the retirement of $\$ 50,000,000$ of funded debt. This makes the ratin of capital stock to total capitalization $42.74 \%$ as compared with $38.34 \%$ at the end of 1927 .
The company continued during the year its large expenditures on improvements to roadway and structures and in purchase of equipment in order that its business might be handled more efficiently and economically and its passengers accommodated with greater comfort. A detail of some of the more important projects is given later in this report.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR

Including Boston and Arbany Rallroad and The Ohio Central Lines.]

Operating Income-
Raillway Railway operations:
Railway revenues Railway operating $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Year Ended } & \text { Year Ended } & \\ \text { Dec. } 311928 . & \text { Dec. } 311927 . & \text { Increase ( }+ \text { ) or } \\ 6,911.27 \text { miles } & 6.906 .21 \text { miles } & \text { Decrease }(-) \text {. } \\ \text { operated } & \text { operated } & 5.06 \text { miles } \\ \$ & \$ & \$\end{array}$ . $381,733,244.32383,377,311.19-1,644,066.87$ $-288,250,203.20293,399,836.25-5,149,633.05$
Net revenue from rail-
way operations..-
Percentage of expenses
to revenues Rallway tenues-.-.-...Uncollectible accrualsay rev-
enues.--------

| $(75.51)$ | $(76.53)$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| $29,136,903.40$ | $25,193,779.94$ |
| 130.53 .88 | 106.110 .97 | $+3 .(-1.02)$

Ry. operating income
$\frac{\overline{64,215,593.84}}{5,082,960.30} \frac{}{64,677,578.03}$
$\qquad$
Equipm't rents, net debit
Joint facility rents, net credit.-...-........--
Net railway operating Miscellaneous operations:-
Revenues....-.......
Expenses and taxes.-.
Miscellaneous operat-
ing Income
Total operating income Non-Operating IncomeIncome from lease of road. Miscellaneous non-operating physical property ... Separately operated proper-
ties-profit. Dividend Income--..--
Income from funded securiIncome from funded securi-
ties and Income from unfunded and rities and accounts Income from sinking and Miscellaneorve funds....-Miscellaneous income-..--

$\qquad$
$34,576.33 \quad 45,045.06$ $-10,468.73$

| $121,460.21$ | $118,545.02$ | $+2,915.19$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $4,678,141.05$ | $3,913,012.56$ | $+765,128.49$ |
| $1,670,448.10$ | $218,305.67$ | $+1,452,142.43$ |
| $625,521.14$ | $1,046,006.81$ | $-420,485.67$ |
| $19,604,392.20$ | $31,260,564.75$ | $-11,656,172.55$ |
| $3,251,582.82$ | $3,230,591.21$ | $+20,991.61$ |
| $4,330,899.54$ | $2,551,845.74$ | $+1,779,053.80$ |
| $187,673.12$ | $168,311.39$ | $+19,361.73$ |
| $124,622.45$ | $101,495.85$ | $+23,126.60$ |

Total non-operating in-
come.-------Gross income $\ldots-\cdots-\cdots \frac{-\cdots, 594,740.63}{} \quad 42,608,679.00-8,013,938.37$ Deductions from Gross Income $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Rent for leased roads_-..- } & 14,117,576.90 & 14,360,838.39\end{array}$ Miscellaneous rents....... Miscellaneous tax accruals ties-loss.-. Interest on funded debt--Interest on unfunded debt-
Amortization of discount on
funded funded debt--....-.
Maintenance of investment organization.............. Total deductions from gross income.......
Net income. $1,381,959.8$
$1,738,060.87$ 52,899.70 $52,899.70$
$7,744,694.35$
752 243.261 .49
+488.320 .60 $29,292,539.92$
$456,765.77$ $+52,899.70$
$-1,547,845.57$
$+417,246.71$ $456,381.85 \quad 501,155.70-44,773.85$ $\begin{array}{rrr}3.777 .75 & 5,266.60 & -1,488.85 \\ 268.683 .93 & 257.794 .58 & +10.889 .35\end{array}$ $46,516,953.82 \quad 45,912,405.81$ $\frac{+604,548.01}{-8,230,680.20}$


Surplus for the year car-
ried to profit and loss_ $15,303,754.43 \quad 27,942,658.08-12,638,903.65$ PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.
alance to credit of profit and loss, Dec. 31 1927_-......- $\$ 217,926,914.65$
dditions:
Surplus for the year 1928--
Profit on property sold (net)
Profit
Profit on securities sold (net)
Profit on securities sold (net) (net), unrefundable
Sundry adjustments (nets
overcharges, and uncollectible accounts
$\$ 15,303,754.43$
$169,349.46$
$26,953.997 .39$
$\begin{array}{r}26,953,997.39 \\ 348,580.29 \\ \hline\end{array}$
$42,775,681.57$
eductions:
Surplus appropriated for investment in Depreciation prior to July 1 1907, on equipment retired during year-... Cancellation of indebtedness of Raquette Lake Railway Co. account deficit from operation prior to Jan. 1 1928
$\$ 230,763.37$ $534,400.39$
$812,020.17$

326,795.71
1,903,979.64
Balance to credit of profit and loss, Dec. 31 1928_-.-\$258,798,616.58 OPERATING EXPENSES.
Operating expenses were as follows:

eneral expenses.-.
Total

> NET INCOME BEFORE DIVIDENDS AND OTHER APPROPRIATIONS.

The net income of the company was $\$ 50,334,485.10$, a derease of $\$ 8,230,660.20$, and amounted to $10.86 \%$ upon the apital stock outstanding at the end of the year.

## DIVIDENDS.

o. $54,2 \%$ on $4,213,008.95$ shares, declared March 141928 , payable May $11928,798.95$ shares, declared June 131928 , payable Aug. 1928 - 58.
 ,426,017.90 8,431,597.90 $8,726,145.60$ 9,271,117.90
Total for year, $8 \%$ $\qquad$ Dividends were not paid on unconverted scrip, equalling 33.4 shares for hree quarters and 32.4 shares for the final quarter, nor on $5-100$ ths of a vare held by the company. With respect to dividend No. 56 , the amount luced by crediting thereon, as an adjustment, the aggregate amount in xcess of par, at the rate of $\$ 1.27$ per share, paid by subscribers to addiingle payment plan.

## SURPLUS.

After charges for dividends aggregating $\$ 34,854,879.30$ and other appropriations amounting to $\$ 175,851.37$, there remained a surplus for the year of $\$ 15,303,754.43$ which was carried to the credit of profit and loss. At the end of the ear the total corporate surplus was $\$ 261,796,939.61$, which includes profit on securities sold referred to on page 10 pamphlet report].

INCOME ACCOUNT COMPARISONS FOR RECENT YEARS.


PROPERTY INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS.
Changes in the property investment accounts for the year, shown in detail elsewhere in this report, were:

## Road Increased----

## quipment increased. --.-.-.-.-.-.


A net increase of. 4,540,727.8
$-\$ 37,843,298.26$

The company sold to the Rochester Central Power Corporation its holdings of the capital stock of the Mohawk Valley Company, amounting to 511,430 shares, at $\$ 75$ per share, and to E. L. Phillips its holdings of the capital stock of the New York State Railways, consisting of 136,043 shares of common stock, at $\$ 25$ per share. The total consideration
received from the sale of these stocks was $\$ 41,758,325$. The cost of acquiring them, incurred in the years 1905-1910, was $\$ 16,447,408.30$.
The company sold 3,000 shares of stock of the American Railway Express Company for $\$ 389,130$. This stock was carried upon the books of the company at par, $\$ 300,000$.
The company sold 15,900 shares of stock of the American Express Company at $\$ 225$ per share, receiving $\$ 3,577,500$. The amount at which this stock appeared on the books of the company plus the cost of transfer tax stamps was \$1,997,067.64.

The Federal tax of over $\$ 3,000,000$ on the profits from these transactions was charged against 1928 income, while the profits were credited directly to the company's surplus through profit and loss account.

ISSUE OF ADDITIONAL CAPITAL STOCK.
Stockholders of record at the close of business on June 15 1928 were offered the right to subscribe on or before August 291928 for additional stock of the company to the extent of $10 \%$ of their holdings. This stock was offered at par, payable in two installments of $\$ 50$ per share each, due August 29 and December 14 1928, respectively, with an option to subscribers to make a single payment on or before dugust 291928 of $\$ 101.27$ per share; stock subscribed for under the two payment plan being entitled to dividends payable on and after February 1 1929, and stock subscribed for on the single payment plan being entitled to dividends payable on and after August 29 1928. Upon subscriptions under this offer $\$ 41,975,900$ of stock was issued during the year, making the total stock outstanding on December 31 1928, \$463,559,135.
RETIREMENT OF $\$ 50,000,000$ OP LAKE SHORE AND MICHIGAN SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY BONDS.
There became due on September 1 1928, $\$ 50,000,000$ of twenty-five year $4 \%$ bonds issued in 1903 by The Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company (a corporate predecessor of this company). The retirement of these bonds was provided for by the use of the proceeds of the sale of capital stock offered to the stockholders for subscription, as hereinbefore set forth, and other funds in the treasury.

CHANGES IN THE COMPANY'S CAPITAL STRUCTURE.
The following table shows the record of capital stock, funded debt, the ratio of capital stock to total capitalization, and surplus:

| Dat | Capital Stock Including Premium Thereon. | Funded Debt. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { Capitaltzation } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| c. 3119 | \$249,590,460 | \$681,240,153 | \$930,830,613 | $26.81 \%$ | \$37,550,480 |
| Dec. 31191 | 249,590,460 | 672,929,007 | 922,519,467 | 27.06\% | 65,642,319 |
| Dec. 3119 | 249,849,360 | 690,665,086 | 940,514,446 | 26.57\% | 75,803,749 |
| Dec. 3119 | 249,849,360 | 688,297,201 | 938,146,561 | 26.63\% | 81,680,770 |
| Dec. 311919 | 249,849,360 | 671,666,782 | 921,516,142 | 27.11\% | 87,721,721 |
| Dec. 31192 | 249,849,360 | 748,366,477 | 998,215,837 | 25.03\% | 90,055,227 |
| Dec. 311921 | 249,849,360 | 739,592,969 | 989,442,329 | 25.25 | 100,246,999 |
| Dec. 311922 | 268,233,920 | 762,956,287 | 1,031,190.207 | $26.01 \%$ | 101,519,922 |
| Dec. 31192 | 268,326,080 | 769,979,489 | 1,038,305,549 | 25.84\% | 123,173,460 |
| Dec. 3119 | 305,310,300 | 776,916,391 | 1,082,226,691 | $28.21 \%$ | 140,170,197 |
| Dec. 3119 | 387,655,085 | 696,501,507 | 1,084,156,592 | 35.76\% | 159,892,921 |
|  | 387,655,085 | 694,380,124 | 1,082,035,209 |  | 187,821,081 |
| ec. 31192 | 425,682,285 | 684,629,139 | $1,110,311,424$ | 3284\% | $220,524,740$ |
| c. | 468,206,961 | 627,268,271 | 1,095,475,232 | 42.74\% | 261,796,940 |

CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION.
Effective May 91928 appropriate changes in the by-laws of the company having been made, the Finance Committee was discontinued and an Executive Committee of seven members was appointed as follows:

> Albert H. Harris, Chairman George F. Baker Willam K. Vanderbilt Harold S. Vanderbilt Jackson E. Reynolds Charles B. Seger Patrick E. Crowley

The Board records the election on June 131928 of James Simpson to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Hon. Chauncey M. Depew.
The following appointments were made: March 1 1928, Curtis M. Yohe, Assistant to President; August 1 1928, Edward Hungerford, Assistant Vice-President (Public Relations) ; February 1 1928, Robert N. Brockway, Assistant Treasurer.

The Board wishes to express its appreciation of the loyal and efficient service of the officers and employees of the company during the year.

For the Board of Directors,
P. E. CROWLEY, President.

| Investments- <br> Investment in road $\qquad$ |  | ASSETS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Investment in equipment: |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| Owned- |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| Miscellaneous physical property-1- |  |  |
| Investments in arfiliated companies: |  |  |
| 12,267,490.36 |  | 11,963,490.36 |
|  |  | 11,840,095.32 |
| 68,029,225.97 | Advance | 97,922,663.50 |
| Other investments: |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| $2,495,906.30$ $11,066569.54$ |  | 18,875.041.26 |
| $\begin{gathered} 66,569.54 \\ 12,444.98 \end{gathered}$ | Miscellaneous | $18,835,966.59$ $9,712.85$ |

Total investments
$\$ 591,202,8$ $150,321,151.46$
$224,630,413.61$
$134,345,900.76$
$45,582.06$ $13,35,582.06$
$28,262,011.43$

263,918,470.25

62,234,015.14 $\$$

\$97,364,756.9
$\$ 191,351.67$
$\$ 191,31.67$
4.010 .009 .31
850.701 .62
\$5,052,062.60
Unadjusted Debits-
$\$ 171,772.70$
$11,001,284.28$
Discount on funded debt --...-.


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Cash-
Special
Tranfic and bills recelvable
Net balance car-servivice balances receivable
Miscellaneous accounts recelvable and conductora
Material and supplies
Interest and dividends receivable-
Rents receivable-
Other current asse
```

> Total current assets .

Deferred Assets-
Working fund advances
Insurance and other funds

## Total deferred assets.

 ther unadjusted debits.Total unadjusted debits

| $15,175,458.82$ |
| ---: |
| $\$ 26,473,516.80$ |
| $\$ 1,613,850,728.24$ |

Lono Term Debt-
Funded debt unmature
Funded debt unmatured:
Equipment obliga
Mortgage bonds
Debenture
Debenture bonds-:-.--
Total long term debt Total capitalization

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Current Liabilities-
Trafflc and car-service balances payable
Audited accounts and wages payable.-
Miscellaneous accounts payable....---
Inveren
    Dividends matured unpaid-
    Uunded debt matured unpaí
    Unmatured rents accrued
raffic
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                    Total current Habilities
    Deferred Liabilities-
Liability to lesson compantes for equipment
Unadjusted Credits-
Tax liability-- casuaity reserves
Insurance and casual reserv
Accrued depreciation-equipment

Accrued deprectatlon-miscellaneous physical property-
Liability to lessor companies for securities acquifed (per contra)
Total unadjusted credits
Corporate Surplus-
ittiona to property
Additions to property throug
Miseclinanoous fund reserves.
Total corporate surplus.
$\begin{array}{r}\$ 1,406,779.76 \\ 1591.543 \\ 258.798 .616 .58 \\ \hline\end{array}$

| $\begin{array}{r} 57.784,740.39 \\ \hline \$ 1,459,541,279.90 \end{array}$ |
| :---: |
|  |  |
|  |
| \$78,173,597.94 |
| $\begin{array}{r} \$ 184,201.67 \\ 3,626,2424.43 \\ 8,67490.81 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| \$4,657,916.91 |
| $\$ 143,178.87$ $11,457.666 .13$ $125,001.00$ <br> $15,525,342.53$ |
| \$27,251,188.53 |
| \$1,569,623,983.28 |


|  |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |

Stock-
LIABILITIES.

## 

Total capital stock
$\begin{array}{r}1927, \\ \$ 421,285,435.00 \\ 4,396,850.00 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r}4,396,850.00 \\ \hline \$ 425,682,285.00 \\ \hline\end{array}$

$\begin{array}{r}17,560,200.00 \\ 37,000.00 \\ \hline \$ 684,629,138.64 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r}\$ 684,629,138.64 \\ \hline \mathbf{\$ 1 , 1 1 0 , 3 1 1 , 4 2 3 . 6 4} \\ \hline\end{array}$


Total current liabilities

\$65,597,361.23 | $\$ 14.715,322.52$ |
| :---: |
| $4,603,013.97$ |


\$18,413,999.08Deferred Liabilities-

$\begin{array}{r}\$ 1,176,016.39 \\ 21,421,809.30 \\ 217,926,914.65 \\ \hline\end{array}$
\$220,524,740.34

| $\$ 1,569,623,983.28$ |
| :--- |


\$155.793,903.17

$\begin{array}{r}\$ 1,176,016.39 \\ 21,421,809.30 \\ 217.926,914.65 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r}\$ 220,524,740.34 \\ \$ 1,569,623,983.28 \\ \hline\end{array}$
te surplus.--


Corporate Surplus-
Addittonan to property through income and surplus.
Profit and loss-balance.-.-.---
Total corporate surplus. 258,798,616.58 $\frac{\$ 261,796,939.61}{\$ 1,613,850,728.24}$
$\underset{\$ 27,230.727 .82}{\text { Comparison }}$


15,442,625.59 D | 30,$965 ; 571.25 \mathrm{D}$ |
| :--- |
| $29,893,437.53 \mathrm{I}$ | $\$ 16,818,759.3 \mathrm{I} \mathrm{D}$

$2,223,025.13 \mathrm{D}$
26.500 .00
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$1,760.865 .04 \mathrm{D}$
$2,797.05 \mathrm{In}$

$2,732.13 \mathrm{D}$ | $\$ 4,449,274.75$ |
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\$19,191,159.00 In
$\qquad$
\$394.145.69 In

| $\$ 28,593.83 \mathrm{In}$ |
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| $456,381.85 \mathrm{D}$ |

349.8883.7i D | $\$ 747,626,744.96$ |
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| In |

Comparison.
$42,273,700.00$ Comparison
$\$ 42,273,70.00 \mathrm{In}$
$250,975.90 \mathrm{In}$ $\$ 42,524,675.90$ $\$ 7,360,867.33 \mathrm{D}$
$50,000,00000 \mathrm{D}$
0 $\frac{--\cdots-\cdots \cdot-1}{\$ 57,360,867.33} \mathrm{D}$$\$ 1,017,444.18$

| $\$ 904,337.41$ |
| :---: |
| In |


$\$ 230,763.37 \mathrm{In}$
169.733 .97
In
40.871 .701 .93 $40,871,701.93 \mathrm{In}$
$\$ 41,272,199.27$

In | $\$ 41,272,199.27$ |
| :--- |
| $\mathbf{~} \mathrm{In}$ |

## CURRENT NOTICES.

-James D. Flaherty and Frederick D. Kron have been elected Assistant Vice-Presidents of W. A. Harriman \& Co., Inc., 39 Broadway. New York.
-A. T. McAllister \& Co., Philadelphia, have prepared an analysls of New York and Philadelphia bank and insurance company stocks.
-Andres, Posner \& Rothschild, 100 Broadway, N. Y. City, have pre pared a circular on National Rubber Machinery common stock.
-Clark Williams \& Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange. have prepared an analysis of Canada Dry Ginger Ale, Inc.
-Rankin, Jones \& Co., 149 Broadway. New York, have prepared a special circular on Atlantic Securities Corp. common stock.
-J. R. Pratt, formerly Chief Statistician of Parrish \& Co., has been appointed Economist of British Type Investors, Inc.
-Mathewson, McLennan \& Molson, members Montreal Stock Exchange, have prepared an analysis on Cockshutt Plow Co.
-Jones, Miller \& Oo., Philadelphia, have prepared a new analysis Flat. A detailed circular will be mailed on request.
-The Empire Trust Co. has been appointed registrar for the comm stock of the Middletown Dairy Products Co.
-William H. Botts has joined J. H. Young \& Co. as Kentucky repr sentative, with headquarters in Louisville.
-Walter H. Billingslea has become associated with Donovan-Voells $\&$ Co., 137 E. North Ave., Baltimore, Md.
-Lewis C. Sheridan, member of the New York Curb Market, is ne at Adamson \& O'Brien, 25 Broad St.
-Tooker \& Co., 120 Broadway. New York, have Issued an analysls St. Regis Paper Co. common stock.
-Nesbitt, Thomson \& Co., announce the removal of their head office 355 St. James St., Montreal.
-Paul C. Dodge \& Co., Inc., announce the opening of a New Yo office at 165 Broadway.

## SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY COMPANY

## EXTRACTS FROM REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 311928

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEOEMBER 31 1928.
COMPARED WITH YEAR ENDED DEOEMBER 311927.
 Railway Operating Exnenses $42,902,963,97 \quad 46,873,315.06 \quad * 3,970,351.09$

## Net Revenue from Rail-

way Operations.-.....-. Rallway Tax Accruals.... Uncollectible Ry. Revenues

| $4,542,243.16$ |
| :--- | 3,536,270.43$314,916,834.87$

$3,567,048.89$*\$574,591.7130,778.46 *12,551.51

| Ry. Operating Inco | 85,087.90 | ,316,349.64 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Equipment Rents-Dr. | 644,899.87 | 814,954.70 |
| Joint Facility Rents | 84,771.05 | 112,635.15 |

$170,054.83$
$+27,864.10$$* 333,342.81$
$172,902.89$

| Net Ry.Operating Income | $\$ 10,055,416.98$ | $\$ 10,388,759.79$ | $* \$ 333,342.81$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Other Income----------- | $2,408,433.63$ | $2,235,530.74$ | $172,902.89$ |



Net Income (exclusive of
Interest on Adjustment
Mtge. (Income) Bonds
-See Note) .-.-.-.--- $\$ 1,180,283.36 \quad \$ 1,281,576.54 \quad * \$ 101,293.18$

* Decrease.

Note.-In 1927 two installments of interest aggregating $\$ 1,250,000$ were declared payable and deducted from income in that year.

## GENERAL REMARKS.

Improvement in business conditions in the Southeastern territory, and a gratifying upturn in revenues of the Seaboard, were evidenced during the last quarter of 1928.

The Company sustained a decrease in its gross revenues in 1928 due to the temporary recession in business in sections of the country and particularly the Southeast. This was augmented by unusual weather conditions in the early part of the year, affecting the later citrus fruit and spring vegetable shipments, and by unprecedentedly heavy rains and storms during August and September, by which practically the entire Southeastern section of the country was more or less affected. Passenger revenue showed a decrease largely as the result of bus competition and the more extended use of private automobiles. Some of the decrease is accounted for by the discontinuance of unremunerative passenger train service.

The 1928-1929 crop year in Florida will show a largely increased production of citrus and other fruits, and vegetables over that of 1927-1928. The money returns from this increased production should stimulate the purchase of commodities that will result in added inbound freight traffic.

Business conditions in other Seaboard territory have improved. Activities in manufacturing, in mining, in agriculture, and in general business are pronounced. During the year more than 200 new industries and business enterprises were located on the lines of this Company.

There has been a marked improvement in tourist travel and further improvement is looked for in 1929, but local passenger travel has shown a decrease for the reasons hereinbefore stated.

The net increase in funded debt and loans and bills payable during the year amounted to $\$ 6,719,020$. This increase is attributable to the purchase by the Company during the year of the capital stock of the Charlotte Harbor \& Northern Railway Company at a cash cost of $\$ 5,237,009$, and the acquisition of new equipment costing in excess of $\$ 1,620,000$.

The outlook for 1929 in Seaboard territory is good, and substantial improvement in both gross revenues and net income is expected. There is no section of the country developing along more substantial lines than the Southeastern territory served by the Seaboard Air Line in the States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Florida, where exceptional opportunities are offered in agriculture, in citrus fruit growing, in manufacturing and in almost every line of endeavor. It is believed the development that will take place in this territory during the next few years will exceed most optimistic forecasts of to-day.

The Board of Directors desires to acknowledge and express its appreciation of the faithful and efficient performance of duties by the officers and employees of the Company during the year.

## GENERAL BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 311928.

 ASSETS.Investments-
Investment in

239,963,634.37
Deposits in Lieu of Mortgaged Property Sold
142,935.83
Miscellaneous Physical Property---
4.243.511.19

Other Investments.
\$276,724,736.63
Current Assets-
Cash with Treasurer-.------- $\$ 2,060,982.29$
Cash in Transit-.-.--------------633,946.10

 Traffic and Car Service Balances Receivable-
 Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable. Material and Supplies Material and supplies --.-.-.-.-........--Interest and Dividends Receivable ----------

2,694,928.39
977,560.75 $1,836,640.19$ $1,939,461.64$

382,362.97 $2,322,263.82$
$3,979,866$ 464.464.04 64.464 .04
4.479 .00 4.479 .00
100.887 .97

14,702.915.60
251.535.87

Total $1,043,936.23$
Unadjusted \$292,723,124.33
Grand Total_ $\qquad$
Capital Stock-

## LIABILITIES.

Common Capital Stock
837.019,100.00 Preferred 4-2\% Capital Stock.-. 23,894,100.00 Preferred $6 \%$ Capital Stock

37,300.00
Total_ $\$ 60,950,500,00$ Governmental Grants-
 8,507.47
Funded Debt Unmatured-
Equipment Obil $\qquad$
 S. A. L. Railway First Mortgage Bonds _--- 12,775,000.00 S. A. L. Railway Refunding Mtge. Bonds.S. A. L. Railway Company First and Con
solidated Mortgage Bonds, Series "A".-- $50,747,500.00$ Collateral Trust Bonds-
 Income Bonds-
S. A. L. Railway Adjustment Mtge Bond's 25,000,000.00 Miscellaneous Obligations-
Secretary of Treasury of U. S.-Notes.-- 14,443.887.84 Director General of Railroads, U.S.-Note $2,000,000.00$ Union Signal Construction Company-De-
ferred Payments under Interlocking and
Signal Contracts_
$1,188.300 .00$

## Total

Non-Negotiable Debt to Affiliated Companies

Total
Deferred Liabilities
Unadjusted Credits-
Accrued Tares

Reserv
Reserve for Outstanding Stock of Proprie-
Other Unadjusted Credits
Total
$1,647,800.99$
$15,683,258.35$
Corporate Surplus-
Additions to Property through Income and

Funded Debt Retired through Income and
Surplus
$\$ 685,675.65$

4.166.17

Total
$8,800,612.08$
Grand Total
$\overline{\$ 292,723,124.33}$
Accumulated and unpaid interest on Adjustment Mortgage (Income) Bonds amounting to $\$ 4,583,333.34$ and payable out of future income, or otherwise, or at the maturity of the bonds, and Company's contingent liability as guarantor of certain securities of other companies, are not comprehended in the above balance sheet

## The Commercial Markets and the Crops <br> COTTON-SUGAR-COFFEE-GRAIN-PROVISIONS

PETROLEUM-RUBBER-HIDES-METALS-DRY GOODS-WOOL-ETC.

## COMMERCIAL EPITOME

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New York, Friday Night, May 241929.
COFFEE on the spot was dull at $231 / 2$ to $233 / 4$ c. for Santos 4 s ; 17 c . for Rio $7 \mathrm{~s}, 16 \frac{3}{4} \mathrm{c}$. for Victoria $7-8 \mathrm{~s}$ and $201 / 2$ to $203 / 4$ c. for Robustas. Fair to good Cucuta $221 / 2$ to 23 c.; Colombian, Ocana $211 / 2$ to $221 / 2$ c.; Bucaramanga, Natural 23 to 24 c .; washed $24 / 4$ to $243 / 4$ c.; Honda, Tolima and Giradot $24 \frac{1}{4}$ to $243 / 4$ c.; Medelin $251 / 4$ to $253 / 4$ c.; Manizales $241 / 2$ to $243 / 4$ c.; Mexican washed 25 to 26 c.; Surinam 22 to 23 c .; Ankola $281 / 22$ to 34 c .; Mandheling 34 to 37 c .; Java 32 to 33112 c .; Robusta, washed $201 / 4$ to $201 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; Natural, Mocha 27 to 28 c.; Harrar 26 to $261 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; Guatemala, prime 26 to $2611 / 2$ c.; good $243 / 4$ to 25 c.; Bourbon 23 to $231 / 4$ c. Arrivals of mild coffee in the United States so far in May are 205,492 bags as against 207,383 in the same time last year; deliveries 217,575 against 212,733 last year. Stocks of mild coffee in the United States May 20th, 392,248 bags against 374,650 on May 1st and 335,317 at this time last year. On the 20th inst. early cost and freight offers from Santos were about unchanged, while those from Rio or Victoria for prompt shipment were firmer. On the 21st inst. cost and freight offers from Santos were about unchanged while those from Rio or Victoria were easier. On the 22nd inst. early cost and freight offers from Brazil were lower. For prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2-3s were here at $233 / 4$ to 24.10 c .; 3 -4s at 22.35 c. ; $3-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at $2133 / 4$ to 22.95 c . ; $4-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at 21.35 to 21.95 c .; $5-6 \mathrm{~s}$ at 21.05 to 22.10 c .; 6 s at 19 to 19.30 c .; $6-7 \mathrm{~s}$ at 18.70 to 19.60 c .; 7 s at 16.20 c .; $7-8 \mathrm{~s}$ at 15 to 17.60 c .; part Bourbon 5 s at $201 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; Peaberry 3 s at 22.85 c .; 4 s at 21.65 c .; $4-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at 21.60 c .; Rain-damaged $6-7 \mathrm{~s}$ at 17.40 c .; $7-8 \mathrm{~s}$ at 15 c .; Rio 7 s at 15.55 c .; $7-8 \mathrm{~s}$ at 15.20 c . Victoria 7-8s at 15.10 c .
On the 20th inst. futures advanced 6 to 16 points on Rio with sales of 24,500 bags and 7 to 12 on Santos with sales of 21,250 bags. Rio cost and freight offerings were stronger. There was no pressure to sell; quite the contrary. Rio and Santos near months were the firmest. Futures on the 21 st inst. were quiet and irregular. Boston covered Rio May and checked a downward tendency. Rio ended unchanged to 5 points lower with sales of 20,500 bags. Santos closed 8 points lower to 3 points higher with sales of 25,000 bags. Brazilian cables lower on both Rio and Santos. Europe bought as well as Boston or the decline would no doubt have been greater. On the 23 rd inst. prices ended 5 points lower to 8 higher on Rio and 5 points off to 7 up on Santos; sales of the two 61,500 bags about evenly divided. Liquidation for local and supposedly for European account told to a certain extent regardless of better cables and rather active Boston buying. The Comtelburo Lt. cabled the Exchange that Rio receipts from June 1st to 15th will be 6,515 bags daily. For the last half of May the daily average was 8,678 bags. To-day futures closed 4 to 19 points higher on Rio with sales of 38,000 ; and unchanged to 14 higher on Santos with sales of 27,000 bags. There was belated covering in the May delivery on both Rio and Santos contracts. Europe was selling Santos futures here. Final prices show an advance for the week of 33 to 35 points on Rio and 24 to 37 points on Santos.

## Rio coffee priees closed as follows:

 Spot unofficial_-.- prices closed as follows:
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May COCOA closed today unchanged to 12 points lower with sales of 321 bales. Final prices show an advance for the week of 3 to 5 points.
SUGAR-Cuban C. \& F. was $113 / 16 \mathrm{c}$.; some 19,000 bags of Porto Rico, due June 3rd sold at 3.58 c. delivered; also 1,000 tons Philippines due July 8 th to 10th at 3.61 c . Cuban port receipts for the week were 101,261 tons against 49,627 in the same week last year; exports 119,566 tons against 66,068 last year stock (consumption deducted) $1,524,379$ against $1,312,225$ last year; centrals grinding 11 against 4 last year. Of the exports 62,282 went to Atlantic ports; 10,006 to New Orleans; 4,853 to Interior United States; 2,793 to Galveston; 5,671 to Canada and 30,951 to Europe. Havana
cabled in one instance: "Receipts at Cuban ports 98,198 tons; exports 110,872 tons; stocks $1,436,797$ tons; mills grinding 13. The exports included 22,187 tons for New York, 18,516 to Philadelphia, 6,646 to Boston; 4,457 to Baltimore; 7,863 to New Orleans, 1,057 to Galveston, 3,726 to Brunswick, Ga., 4,978 to interior United States, 5,695 to Canada, 27,645 to United Kingdom, 486 to France and 7,619 to Gibraltar. The weather was reported rainy in some sections and very dry in others."
United States Atlantic port receipts for the week were 71,502 tons against 85,497 in previous week and 48,284 in same week last year; meltings 59,503 tons against 51,623 in previous week and 41,000 last year; importers' stocks 367,077 against 367,077 in previous week and 394,337 last year; refiners' stocks 299,200 against 287,201 in previous week and 138,552 last year; total stocks 666,277 against 654,278 in previous week and 532,889 last year. On the 21st inst. it is said fully 500,000 bags of Cuban raw were sold at $127 / 32 \mathrm{c}$. c. and f . One refinery bought 57,000 tons of Cuba in prompt position at $113 / 16 \mathrm{c}$. c. \& f . and 6,000 tons Philippines middle of June arrival on the same basis or 3.58 c . delivered. The next day a decline in futures tended to weaken spot raws. On the 22 nd inst. renewed tired long liquidation in sugar futures with some selling for hedge account by Cuba and Europe caused a decline of 3 to 7 points. Also 29,000 bags Cuba sold at $113 / 16 \mathrm{c}$. c. \& f. Refined was 5c. with trade quiet at times and withdrawals nothing great. Futures early in the week fell 1 to 3 points with sales of 29,300 tons. May liquidation told on the eve of the 24th when trading in that month will cease. There was also pressure to sell July and December. European markets were closed.

On the 21st inst. futures ended unchanged to 4 points net lower. Cuban interests sold the near months which touched new levels. Covering of hedges as actual sugar was sold out had a somewhat steadying effect. Half a million bags of the real sugar were, it is said, sold early in the week On the 23rd inst. prices ended unchanged to 1 point higher with sales of 36,200 tons. Prompt raws were rumored to have sold at $13 / 4$ c. but could not be confirmed. In London prices declined for shipment up to and including September to 8 s 6 d or 1.63 c . f.o.b. with buyers at $8 \mathrm{~s} 3 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{c}$. i. f. or about 1.60 c . f.o.b. The export pool declined bids of $8 \mathrm{~s} 4 \mathrm{I} / 2 \mathrm{~d}$ c.i.f. on July-August shipment. Natals sold to the United Kingdom for November-December shipment on a parity of 8 s 9 d c.i.f. or 1.68 c. f.o.b. Cuba. New York was quiet at $125 / 32$ c. Resale granulated was selling at 4.80 to 4.85 c . London private cables on the 23 d inst. reported the market easier for raws with sellers for shipment up to and including September at 8 s 6 d c.i.f., which is about equal to 1.63 c . f.o.b. There have been sales of Natals for November-December shipment to the United Kingdom on a parity of 8 s 9 d c.i.f. or 1.68 c . f.o.b. London terminal was unchanged to $11 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$ higher. London beet sugar was $3 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$ lower to $3 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$ higher.
Washington wired: "The estimated world total production of beet and cane sugar during 1929 is placed at $30,237,000$ short tons, as compared with 28,334,000 produced in 1927-28, according to revised figures received by the Bureau of Agriculture Economics of the Department of Agriculture. The only countries showing any noticeable change from the previous estimates are Poland and Netherlands. The estimate for the Polish crop has been raised from 804,000 short tons to 834,000 short tons, indicating an increase of 26.7 per cent over the previous season, while the estimate for Netherlands has been increased from 314,000 short tons to 343,0000 short tons, or 22 per cent above the 1927-28 crop. The total world beet sugar crop is now estimated at $10,173,000$ short tons of raw sugar of which Europe contributes $8,993,000$ short tons. Including the revised estimate for the Porto Rican crop the total world cane sugar crop is estimated at $20.064,000$ short tons, which is 8.4 per cent above the $18,503,000$ short tons produced in 1927-28."
Some argue that an analysis of the cane supply situation now that the raw manufacturing campaigns are drawing to a close affords but small hope of any advance at this time. Allowing for exports during 1929 of 1,250,000 tons of Cubas to other countries than the United States, some estimate that this country's available cane sugar supplies for the rest of 1929 exceed last year's by about 630,000 tons. Assuming that meltings continue at the present rate, this surplus over last year would be reduced on December 31st to 282,000 tons. As supplies on hand at the end of last year were some 353,000 tons, this would mean a carryover of about 635,000 tons. Any increase in the domestic beet production would probably serve to augment such carryover. It remains to be seen whether the increased rate of meltings can be continued, as although about 200,000 tons ahead to date, distribution is only 60,000 tons greater. The stimulus of low
prices, summer consumption and tariff anticipation may provide the necessary demand.

To-day futures ended 1 to 3 points higher with sales of 67,250 tons. An operator paid $1-13 / 16 \mathrm{c}$. for 21,700 bags of Cuba for first half June shipment and there is said to be nothing available now at this price. Final prices on futures show a decline for the week, however of 4 to
14 points. May today declined 2 points to the lowest 14 points. May today declined 2 points to the lo
price, 1.65 ., seen in the history of the exchange.
Prices?were as follows:

LARD on the spot was steady at one time with prime western 12.05 to 12.15 c .; Refined Continent $123 / 8 \mathrm{c}$.; South America $127 / 8 \mathrm{c}$.; Brazil $137 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. On the 21 st inst. prime
Western was still 12.05 to 12.15 c . Later prime Western Western was still 12.05 to 12.15 c . Later prime Western
advanced to 12.10 to 12.20 c . Futures on the 20 th inst. ended unchanged to 3 points higher with grain up and hogs 10 to 15 c . higher. Trading in futures was small however. Deliveries of lard at Chicago were 100,000 pounds on May contracts. Clearances of lard from New York last week were $9,470,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. against $6,776,000$ in the previous week
Futures on the 21 st inst. ended unchanged to 5 points higher. May showed the only advance. Hog markets were inclined to sag. The slip in grain prices of course did not help provisions. Chicago had receipts of 35,000 while there were 5,000 hogs left over. Total Western receipts of hogs were 105,500 against 85,700 a week ago and 114,500 last year. At Chicago on the 22 nd inst. 16,000 hogs were expected. New York reported clearances of around $4,000,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. of lard to English and Dutch ports. Futures on the 22nd inst. closed unchanged to 3 points lower. Hogs declined 5 to 10 c . Total receipts of hogs at all Western points were 104,300 against 99,300 a week previously and 98,500 last year. Nebraska State report said that the number of hogs on farms that will go to market during June, July and August was 14 per cent smaller than at this time last year. Futures on the 23rd inst. advanced 3 to 7 points with a demand for September and only moderate selling by packers and warehouse interests. Hogs were rather steadier.


PORK steady; Mess $\$ 30.50$; family $\$ 35$; fat back $\$ 27$ to $\$ 30$. Cash ribs 12.50 c . for 50 to 60 lbs . average. Beef quiet and 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 irregular; pickled hams 10 to $20 \mathrm{lbs} .203 / 4$ to $211 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; pickled bellies clear, 6 to $12 \mathrm{lbs} .181 / 4$ to $201 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; bellies clear, dry salted, boxed, 18 to $20 \mathrm{lbs} .143 / 8 \mathrm{c}$.; 12 to $14 \mathrm{lbs} .143 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Butter lower grades to high scoring $37 \frac{1}{2}$ to 44 c . Cheese, flats $221 / 2$ to $291 / 2$ c.; daisies 23 to 28 c. Eggs, medium to extras 29 to 34 c .; closely selected $341 / 2$ to 35 c .

OILS-Linseed was firmer at 10.4 c . for raw oil in carlots cooperage basis. Rather large quantities have been delivered by big crushers against standing contracts. There was a better demand for spot oil but most of it was for five and ten barrel lots. Later prices were easier and carlots cooperage basis was quoted at 10.3 c . Demand fell off. Cocoanut, Manila Coast tanks $63 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; spot N.Y. tanks 7 c . Corn, crude bbls., tanks, f.o.b. mill 8c. Olive, Den. $\$ 1.35$ to $\$ 1.40$; China wood, N.Y drums, carlots spot $141 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; futures $141 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; Pacific Coast, tanks futures. $133 / \mathrm{sc}$. Soya bean, bbls., N.Y. 11 $1 / 2$ c.; edible, corn, 100 bbl. lots 12 c .; olive oil, 2.25 to 2.30 c . Lard, prime 15 c .; extra -strained winter, N.Y. $131 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; Cod, Newfoundland 67 c . Turpentine $533 / 4$ to 59 c . Rosin $\$ 7.65$ to $\$ 10.05$.

COTTONSEED OIL sales today including switches 4,500 bbls. Prices closed as follows:

PETROLEUM-Crude prices were tending higher, owing to a marked gain in the demand for Mid-Continent crude the past few weeks and the abolishment of crude oil restrictions in Oklahoma. The Prairie Oil \& Gas Co. advanced Mid-Continent crude prices 17 to 41c. and similar advances were made by other big companies. On the 21 st inst. the Ohio Oil Co. advanced prices in Elk Basin and Grass Creek 29c. Lance Creek 30c., Rock Creek 22c., Big Muddy 15c. and Mule Creek 10 c . per barrel. The same company also raised the price of Illinois, Princeton, Lima, Indiana, Wooster and western Kentucky crudes 15c. The Joseph Seep Purchasing Company advanced Corning, Cabell and Somerset crude oils 15c. The Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana announced new prices in North Louisiana and Arkansas fields ranging from $\$ 1$ a barrel below 28 gravity to $\$ 1.85$ for 44 gravity and above. The Gulf Pipe Line Co. followed the increase in the price of Midcontinent crude oil by Prairie Oil \& Gas Co. and the Texas Co. met the advances in the Midcontinent,
North Texas, West Texas and Gulf Coastal fields. The

Humble Oil Co. posted new prices for West Texas, quoting 70 c . for below 25 gravity, plus 4c. for each degree with top price of $\$ 1.18$ for 36 degrees and above. Gulf Coast grade A oil was raised 10 c . to $\$ 1.30$. Grade B prices range from $\$ 1.15$ on gravities below 29 gravity with 5 c. spread for each degree. Salt Flat crude was up 25c. to $\$ 1.25$ and Mirando 10 c . to 90 c . Wheeler County quoted 90 c . for below 30 gravity with a 5 c . spread for each degree, making 44 degrees and above $\$ 1.65$. Gray County crude is 90 c . below 25 degrees with a 3c. spread for each degree. Carson and Hutchinson Counties are 90 c . below 32 gravity with a 5 c .
spread for each degree. Carson and Hutchinsu Counties spread for each degree. Carson and Hutchinsu Counties
are 90 c . below 32 gravity with a 5 c . spread for each degree Gasoline has also advanced. The Standard each degree. Indiana raised the price lc. throughout its territory, making the service station price 16c., while the tank wagon price will be 14 c . The Standard Co. of New Jersey announced an advance of 1 c in the price of U. S. Motor gasoline in bulk to 10 c in tank cars at refineries and distributing points along the Atlantic Seaboard. The Richfield Oil Co., WarnerQuinlan Co. and the Beacon Oil Co. met this adrance. Other leading refiners are expected to take similar action. The Sinclair Co. raised the price to 10c. at New York and Philadelphia. The Standard Oil Co. of Indianta adranced the tank wagon price of gasoline and naphtha fc. An advance in local tank wagon prices is expected. Heavy buying for export, a large increase in local consumption, and the advance in crude prices has caused higher prices for gasoline. The local market was firm at 10 c . for U. S. Motor in tank cars at refineries although one refiner was said to be quoting 9c. Bunker oil was firmer with the spot demand fully up to expectations. Spot $\$ 1.05$ at refineries and $\$ 1.10$ f.a.s. New York harbor. Heating oils were in good demand. Diesel oil was steady but quiet at $\$ 2$ to $\$ 2.10$ at refineries. Kerosene has been rather quiet; water white 8c. in tank ars at refineries and 9c. in tank cars delivered to nearby trade. Gasoline late in the week was firm owing to a steady increase in consumption. Crude oil prices were tending unward. The Texas Co. raised Smackover crude 10 c . a barrel. Tables of prices usually appearing here, will be found on an earifier page in
our department of ."Business Indications," in an article entitited "Petroleum and Its Products.
RUBBER-On the 20th inst. prices advanced 40 to 30 points. Near months were especially strong. Actual rubber was very firm. New York followed its own inclinations. The transactions were 393 lots. Crude rubber consumption by American manufacturers continued on a record breaking scale during the first half of May according to advices from the large tire-making centers by members of the Rubber Exchange of New York. Consumption approximated 23,000 tons it is said. If that is so the total for May will be close to the record figure of 47,521 tons established in April last. New York on the 20th inst. closed with May 23.40 c .; July 23.90 c . : Sept. 24.30 to 24.40 c . ; Oct. 24.60 c . Oa the 21 st inst. New York fell 90 to 100 points with London losing an early advance of $3 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$. London and Singapore were both sluggish. London's stock of crude rubber on May 18 was 30,955 tons against 31,127 tons a week previously, a decrease of 172 tons. New York closed on the 21 st inst. with May 22.40 c .; July 23.10c.; September 23.50 c .; Octaber 23.60c. December 23.90 to 24 c . Outside prices: Ribbed smoked spot and May $225 / 8$ to $227 / 8 \mathrm{c}$.; June $227 / 8$ to $231 / 8 \mathrm{c}$.; July-Sept. $233 / 8$ to $235 / 8$ c.; October-December $233 / 4$ to 24 c .; Spot, first latex crepe $231 / 8$ to $233 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. On the 22 nd inst. prices declined 70 points then rallied and ended 10 to 30 points lower with sales of 908 lost or 2270 long tons. London rallied $51 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$. Uptown manufacturing interests bought here and in Singapore. Actual rubber declined early but rallied later with futures. Here futures ended on the 22 nd inst. with May 22.20 c . Tuly 22.70 to 22.80 c .; September 23.20c.; October 23.30 c .; December 23.60c.; January 23.70c. Outside prices: Ribbed smoked spot and May $225 / 8$ to $227 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. ; spot, first latex crepe $231 / 8$ to $233 / 8 \mathrm{c}$.; thin pale crepe $203 / 8$ to $205 / 8 \mathrm{c}$.; rolled brown crepe 16 to $16 \Psi / 4$ c. ; No. 2 amber $203 / 4$ to 21 c .; No. 3 $201 / 2$ to $203 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. ; No. $4,201 / 4$ to $20 \mathrm{~T} / 2 \mathrm{c}$.

In Chicago Sears-Roebuck \& Co. midsummer sale book makes slight price reductions on all tire sizes. The $29 \times 4.40$ Allstate balloon tire is $\$ 5.98$ against $\$ 6.19$ in the spring and summer catalogue; the $30 \times 4.50$ Allstate balloon at $\$ 6.89$ against $\$ 6.98$.

Crude consumption for the first five months of 1928 it is urged may total 221,847 tons, an increase of almost 48,000 tons over the corresponding period of 1928, when the consumption totalled 173,898 tons. A consumption of 45,000 tons this month would also far exceed the consumption figures for any previous May. Manufacturers used 37,333 tons of crude during May, 1928 and 34,592 tons during May, 1927. The consumption of all kinds of crude during the first five months last year was $173,-$ 898 tons, during the same period of 1927 it was 168,259 tons and for the first five months of 1926 it totalled 158,328 tons. Some believe the important factor for the next few weeks will be shipments from the East, and meantime prefer purchases only on recessions. They estimate the arrivals from May 1st to May 17th, inclusive to be 25,000 tons and for the entire month of May in the neighborhood of 48,000 tons.

On the 23 rd inst. prices, with London off $1 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$, fell 60 to 90 points with sales of 922 contracts or 2,305 long
tons. The trade and uptown interests were the largest sellers. There were rumors that tire mills were curtailing output but they were not credited. It was supposed that London did not fully understand that it was mail order people not the mills who were cutting prices. On the 23 rd inst. New York closed with 21.50 c. ; July 22 c .;
September 22.40 c . Outside prices: Ribbed smoked spot and May $211 / 2$ to $213 / 4$ c.; June $215 / 8$ to $217 / 8$ c.; July-Sept.
$221 / 8$ to $223 / 8$ c.; Oct.-Dec. $221 / 2$ to $223 / 4$ c.; spot, first latex $221 / 8$ to $223 / 8 \mathrm{c}$.; Oct.-Dec. $221 / 2$ to $223 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; spot, first latex crepe 22 to $221 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; thin pale latex $221 / 2$ to $223 / 4$ c.; clean thin brown crepe $195 / 8$ to $197 / 8$ c.; specky crepe $193 / 8$ to 195/8c.; rolled brown crepe $153 / 8$ to $155 / 8 \mathrm{c}$.; No. 2 amber $197 / 8$ to $201 / 8$ c.; No. $3195 / 8$ to $197 / 8$ c.; No. $4193 / 8$ to $195 / 8$ c.
Paras, upriver fine spot $231 / 4$ to $231 / 2$ c.; coarse $123 / 4$ to Paras, upriver fine spot $231 / 4$ to $231 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; coarse $123 / 4$ to
13 c .; Acre, fine spot $233 / 4$ to 24 c .; Caucho Ball-upper $123 / 4$ to 13 c . London spot and May $111 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$. Singapore, June $111 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$; July and Sept. $111 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.
Washington wired May 23rd: "Crude rubber invoiced for shipment to the United States during the week ended May 18th totalled 11,191 long tons against 9,011 tons the preceding week, according to figures made public by the rubber division of the Department of Commerce. Invoices vised during the week by American consular of ficers at the principal shipping points called for the shipment of 8,026 tons from British Malaya, against 6,798 tons the preceding week; 2,028 tons from the Netherlands East Indies, against 1,148 tons; 1,011 tons from Ceylon against 852 tons and 126 tons from London and Liverpool against 213 tons."
To-day prices ended 69 to 100 points lower with sales of 1,105 contracts. There were 97 transferable notices issued or $1,572 \mathrm{up}$ to date. London at $2: 38 \mathrm{p}$. m. today was $1 / 4$ to $3 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$ lower with spot-May and June $10-13 / 16 \mathrm{~d}$; July-September $111 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$ October-December $11-5 / 16 \mathrm{~d}$ and January-March offered at $115 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$. Singapore ended $1 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$ lower. Final prices here show a decline for the week of lower. Fi
80 points.
HIDES-The sales of Argentine steers last week were 36,000 with the later trading at a decline of nearly 1c., namely at $161 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. City packer and country hides were quiet. The same may be said of common dry. There has been an absence of life and snap in the trading. Common hides, Maracaibo and Savanillas 20c.; Santa Marta rad.; Packer, native steers $131 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; ; butt brands 14 c .; Collo-
rativ, native 10 c . New York City calfskins, r-7s, 1.65 to $1.75 ; 7-9 \mathrm{~s} 2.15$ to $2.20 ; 9-12 \mathrm{~s} 2.80$. The New York Hide Exchange will open on June 4th.

## OCEAN FREIGHT rates declined.

CHARTERS included grain Montreal June 20-30 to Avonmouth 2 s 9d; wheat, Portland to U.K.-Continent $29 \mathrm{~s} 3 \mathrm{3d}$, June 15 -July $15 ; 35,000$
ars. Montreal, May, West Italy $171 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; 21,000 qrs. Montreal, May qrs. Montreal, May, West Italy $171 / 2$ c.; 21,000 qrs. Montreal, May
$18-28$. to Antwerp or Rotterdam $121 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. 35,000 qrs. Montreal, July, to Mediterranean 18 c . $\mathrm{F}^{50,000}$ qrs. Montreal, May, to Antwerp or Rotterdam $111 / 2$ c. ; 33,000 qrs. Montreal to Hull, 3s. Sugar-Cuba, Spain around $\$ 5$. Time:-Delivery Scrap iron, Gulf May-June, to across $\$ 1.80$; delivery North of Hatteras, redelivery, B. N. A. $\$ 1.25$ prompt; round trip. East Coast South America \$1.10. Tankers:New York 21c.; Black Sea, clean, July, to U.K.-Continent 15 s 6 d .
COAL-There has been little or no improvement in the domestic trade especially in Manhattan, though in the Bronx and in some of the commuting areas it has been rather brisk. Next week domestic retail prices may be advanced. In Pittsburgh prices are still the lowest since 1916. That has been the case for three months past. Pittsburgh Coal Co. officials quote lump coal at $\$ 2$ at the mine and slack at $\$ 1.10$. Domestic lump wheeled into cellar is $\$ 5.50$. The Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Co.'s price for the same service is $\$ 5.25$. Compared with a year ago Pittsburgh Coal Co. prices are 15 to 25 c lower. Anthracite, wholesale, grate $\$ 8$; stove $\$ 8.75$; pea $\$ 4.50$; egg $\$ 8.25$; chestnut $\$ 8.25$; Buckwheat $\$ 2.75$. Bituminous at piers f.o.b. navy standard $\$ 5.25$ to $\$ 5.50$; high volatile steam
$\$ 4.65$.

TOBACCO was reported to be in rather better demand. Consumer's stocks are supposed to have been considerably depleted. Java offerings increased and met with a fair demand. At Amsterdam offerings of the better grades were mostly taken by American buyers. Connecticut shade grown was in fair demand and unchanged. In North Carolina according to advices to the U. S. Tobacco Journal, owing to too much rain the ground was so wet that farmers could not prepare the land. It has retarded the planting. Washington, D. C., wired that a fair total of sales was recorded in Great Britain for March, with most grades participating and American grades predominating, featuring semi-bright Virginia strips, states a report by the Tobacco Section of the De-
partment of Commerce. The market inspection and gradpartment of Commerce. The market inspection and gradexperimentally for two years, will be expanded to include additional markets this year, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture. In Springfield, Mass., sales for the week ending Wednesday were $547,530 \mathrm{lbs}$. at an average of 11.95 c . This brings
the season's total sales up to $19,135,585$ at an average of 15.54 c .

COPPER was easier. Here and there a little more activity was noted but generally the demand was small. The Western Union Telegraph Co. was in the market for $2,500,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. of refined copper and wire, while another consumer it was reported wanted $3,500,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. if the proper delivery could be made. For domestic deliv-
ery 18c. was quoted while for export 18.30 c . was asked. Standard copper futures on the local exchange have been quiet with the ending on the 22 nd inst. nominally 17 c for all positions except December which was 17 to 17.25 c . In London on the 22 nd inst. spot dropped $£ 12 \mathrm{~s} 6 \mathrm{~d}$ to $£ 74$;
futures off 5 s to $£ 7215 \mathrm{~s}$; sales 1100 tons futures off 5 s to $£ 7215 \mathrm{~s}$; sales 1,100 tons futures; elec
trolytic advanced 7 s 6 d to $£ 84$; futures off 5 s to $£ 847 \mathrm{~s}$ 6 d . At the second session there was a further decline of 15 s on spot standard and 10 s on futures with sales of 300 tons futures. Later with London declining trade here
was slow with nominal prices 18 to 18.30 c . home and export. Small ingots are said to have sold at 17.75 c . delivered at the Exchange here on the 23rd inst. Sales were $100,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. In London on the 23 rd inst. spot standard fell $£ 2$ to $£ 72$; futures off $£ 110$ s to $£ 715$ s; sales 100 tons spot and 700 futures. Spot electrolytic fell 10 s to $£ 8310$ s; while futures rose 2 s 6 d to $£ 8410 \mathrm{~s}$. At the second session standard advanced 12 s 6 d ; total sales for the day 1,100 tons.
TIN was quiet. On the 22nd inst. sales of Straits were less than 100 tons and confined to prompt positions at $433 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. There was little or no demand for futures, with sellers asking 44c. On the exchange 150 tons sold. There were 9 tranferable notices issued. Prices on the 22nd inst. ended
at 43.30 to 43.40 for May 43.40 c . for June and 43.70 to at 43.30 to 43.40 for May 43.40 c . for June and 43.70 to
43.75 c . for October. In London on the 22 nd inst. spot advanced 15 s to $£ 19615 \mathrm{~s}$; futures up 7 s 6 d to $£ 1995 \mathrm{~s}$; sa'es
20 tons spot and 300 futures 20 tons spot and 300 futures. Spot Straits advanced 15 s to $£ 1985$ s; Eastern c.i.f. London dropped $£ 1$ to $£ 2015$ s on sales of 225 tons. Standard declined 2 s od at the second a fair trade; Straits held at 43.65 c . for prompt and 43.48 c . a for futures with the tone weaker. The Metal Exchange here will be closed on Saturdays during July and August. In London on the 23 rd inst. spot standard dropped 15 s to
$£ 196$; futures of 7 s 6 d to $£ 19817 \mathrm{~s} 6 \mathrm{~d}$; sales 50 tons spot and 450 futures. Spot Straits declined 15 s to $£ 19710 \mathrm{~s}$; Eastern c.i.f. London fell 5 s to $£ 201$ on sales of 325 tons. At the second session standard advanced 2 s 6 d ; total sales for day 605 tons. To-day prices ended at 43.35 c . for May, 43.65 c . for July and 43.60 c . for September with sales of 35 tons. Final prices show a decline of 10 points for the week except July which is 10 points higher.
LEAD was steady at 6.80 c. East St. Louis and 7c. New York. The gradual declines in London have been disturbing despite the fact that they had little effect on prices here as yet. There was a fair demand on the 22nd inst. Some producers prefer to buy, it is said, on the basis of average price at the time of delivery rather than at a fixed quotation. This is taken to mean in some quarters that lead was available at 6.75 to 6.80 c . In London on the 22 nd inst. prices fell 1 s 3 d to $£ 2313 \mathrm{~s} 9 \mathrm{~d}$ for spot and $£ 2311 \mathrm{~s} 3 \mathrm{~d}$ for futures; sales 100 tons spot and 100 futures. At the second session spot ended at $£ 2312$ s 6 d while futures were $£ 23$ 10 s with sales of 400 tons futures. Later there was a good demand for June. The American Company adheres to its price of 7 c . while the Central West quotes 6.80 c . London, however, has been weakening. On the 23 rd inst. spot declined 1s 3 d in London to $£ 23$ 12s 6 d ; futures off 3 s 9 d to $£ 237 \mathrm{~s} 6 \mathrm{~d}$; sales 50 tons spot and 300 futures.

ZINC was rather firmer. There was less cheap metal for sale. The statistical position at the mines was better Prices were 6.55 c . to 6.65 c . East St. Louis. London was unchanged on the 22 nd inst. at $£ 2616 \mathrm{~s} 3 \mathrm{~d}$ for spot and $£ 2611 \mathrm{~s} 3 \mathrm{~d}$ for spot and $£ 2611 \mathrm{~s} 3 \mathrm{~d}$ for futures; sales 100 tons spot and 575 futures. Later there was a fair demand with quotations 6.60 to 6.65 c . and resale lots 6.55 c . In London on the 23 rd inst. prices declined 1s 3 d to $£ 2615 \mathrm{~s}$ for spot and $£ 2610$ s for futures; sales 350 tons spot and 800 futures.
STEEL-Automobile interests are buying less and in other directions business has recently fallen off. There is no activity in new business so far as can be judged. Specifications have decreased. The output at the same time keeps up. Yet semi-finished steel is still scarce at Pittsburgh. Refiners of finished products are forced to adjust their rolling schedules to allow for this, but they manage very well. Wire rods are said to be in excellent demand and steady at $\$ 42$. with forging billets $\$ 41$. Pittsburgh reported that the rate of coldfinished steel bar specifications was unchanged. Shipments, it was added, were active and slightly in excess of incoming business, but producers still have a fair volume of business on books which is expected to insure, favorable operations through the remainder of the quarter. It is also stated that despite a slackening in automotive operations demand for material from these interests is well sustained, particularly from manufacturers of the lower priced cars. Cold finished bars are steady at 2.30 c . Pittsburgh.
PIG IRON trade gained very little. In the main it was still quiet. Low prices are said to have been accepted for

Buffalo. It is generally quoted $\$ 18$. to $\$ 18.50$. Cleveland sold 14,000 tons last week making 31,000 in two weeks. Recently Pittsburgh sold 30,000 tons of basic but since then trade there has been slow. In the Central West a good business was reported. It is stated that fully 50 per cent of the third quarter requirements have been contracted for at Chicago. But in New England last week the sales were less than 4,000 tons. There is a report that Birmingham iron will be shipped North after June 15 th at which time it is said, rail and water rates will be lowered $\$ 1.50$ per ton or more. Moreover there is talk of curtailing some of the production of the Alabama furnaces because the increase in stocks is overlapping the sales. In New York only car loads $a_{1}$ e being sold. Birmingham is reported rather steadier at $\$ 15.50$ for No. 2 foundry.
WOOL-A government report from Boston on May 21st said: "Sales of moderate quantities have been reported on some of the new fleece wools. The sales have been on the medium grades at prices slightly lower than recent quotations The $48 \mathrm{~s}-50 \mathrm{~s}$ strictly combing wools have sold at prices in the range of 44 c . to 45 c . in the grease, and the 56 s , strictly combing wools sold for 45 c . in the grease." London cabled May 21st: "Cables from Melbourne received today report wool exports from Australia and New Zealand from July 1, 1928 to April 30, 1929, Australian exports totalled 2,366,000 bales against $2,329,000$ for the same period in 1927-28. New Zealand exports from July 1, 1928 to April 30, 1929 totalled 643,000 bales against 624,000 for the July-April period in 1927-28." Later Boston reported prices on the average 48 s 50 s and 56 s strictly combing fleece wools are somewhat easier. The wools are offered at prices in the range of 44 to 45 c in the grease Manufacturers bid slightly under these prices on several lines of 48 s , 50 s strictly combing grades, but the dealers have refused to accept these offers for any quantity. Scattered sales were reported on the 56 s strictly combing grade at 44 c . in the grease.

Liverpool cabled the Journal of Commerce May 23rd: "During the coming month the June series of the East India auctions will be held here from Tuesday, June 4 to Friday, June 7th. At the opening of the sale the quantity of raw wool available, a large percentage being carpet wool, is announced as 20,000 bales. This is an average amount, with offerings usually running between 18,000 and 28,000 bales. Opinion at this time favors a continuation of the generally strong orices, especially on wanted grades, which were very firm in the last sale. Wasty sorts were down somewhat previously and are apt to remain on this basis."
SILK closed today 2 points lower to 3 points higher; July 4.85 to 4.86 c .; September 4.75 c .

## COTTON

Friday Night, May 241929.
THE MOVEMENT OF THE CROP, as indicated by our telegrams from the South to-night, is given below. For the week ending this evening the total receipts have reached 31,129 bales, against 27,000 bales last week and 40,133 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 11928 8,847,513 bales, against 8,022,783 bales for the same period of 1927, showing an increase since Aug. 11928 of 824,730 bales.

| Receipts at- | Sat. | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thurs. | Fri. | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Galves | 655 | 1,494 | 5,026 | 683 | 787 | 636 | 9,281 |
| Hoxaston. | $2 \overline{5} \overline{4}$ | 1,30̄1 | 1,142 | 612 | $1,67 \overline{6}$ |  | 5,737 |
| Corpus Christi-: | $5, \overline{25} \overline{5}$ | $\overline{5} \overline{6} \overline{5}$ | 1,0008 | ${ }^{9} 9 \overline{0} \overline{6}$ | 1,0010 | 1,292 | 1,292 |
| Mobile- | $150{ }^{2}$ | $\begin{array}{r}34 \\ 190 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 354 | 112 |  | 118 |  |
| Charleston. |  | 161 | 21 |  | 66 |  | 336 |
| Worfolk | 187 | $\overline{20} \overline{4}$ | 102 | 77 | 149 | 71 359 | $\begin{array}{r}194 \\ 1,078 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| New York | 231 |  | 17 |  | 2 |  | 231 |
| Boston-- |  |  |  |  |  | $1, \overline{0} \overline{8} 1$ | 1.081 |
| Totals this week- | 6,871 | 3,949 | 7,753 | 2,528 | 4.454 | 5,574 | 31,129 |

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 11928 and the stocks to-night, compared with last year:

| Receipts to May 24. | 1928-29. |  | 927-28. |  | Stock |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | This | Since $A$ ug 11928. | This | Since Aug 11927. | 1929. | 1928. |
|  | 9,281 | 2,177,192 | 18.314 | 95 | 224,604 | 280,988 |
| Texas | 5,731 | 2,828,61 | 10,282 | , 4917 | - ${ }^{9,335}$ |  |
| Corpus Chr | 292 | , |  | 176 |  |  |
| Port Arthur |  | 1,542,713 | 13,910 | 1,456,972 | 229.680 | 310,917 |
| Gulfport- | $\overline{6} 97$ | 269,350 | 4.9 | 285.897 | 16,182 | 17, $\overline{5} \overline{3} \overline{5}$ |
| Pansaco |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Savannah | 1,414 | 356,740 | 5,561 | 626,676 | 16,698 | 26,11 |
| Brunswie | $3 \overline{6}$ | 166.142 | 1,650 | 261.719 | 19,128 | 22.471 |
| Lake C | 194 | 125,505 |  | 130.485 | 177, $\overline{8} 2 \overline{7}$ | 28.2 |
| Norfoik | 1,078 | 227,964 | 1,631 | $\begin{array}{r}218.428 \\ \hline 189\end{array}$ | 61,853 | 56.41 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { N'port } \\ & \text { Now Yo } \end{aligned}$ | 231 | $50,987$ | 464 |  | 171,762 | 104 |
| - | 1,081 |  | 1,044 | 7,65 69,20 | 519 |  |
| Baltin Philad | 1,081 | 11 |  | 155 | 4,497 | 4,537 |
|  | 31,129 | 8,847,513 | 59,759 | 8,022,78 | 140.017 | 9,471 |

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

| Receipts at- | 1928-29. | 1927-28. | 1926-27. | 1925-26. | 1924-25. | 1923-24. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | Galveston. Houston--

New Orleans MobileSavannah.
Brunswick Charleston WharlestonNorfolk N'port N
All others Total this Since Aug. 1_ $\overline{8,847,513} \overline{8,022,783} \overline{1,292,854} 9,132,946-951,7956$ *Beginning with the season of 1926, Houston figures include movement of
cotton previously reported by Houston as an interior town. The distinction cotton previously reported by Houston as an in
between port and town has been abandoned
The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 55,723 bales, of which 5,410 were to Great Britain, 3,567 to France, 7,423 to Germany, 9,070 to Italy, 7,350 to Russia, 14,378 to Japan and China, and 8,521 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 76,363 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been $7,369,698$ bales, against $6,692,834$ bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week.

| Week Ended May 241929. Exports from- | Exported to- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Great } \\ \text { Britain. } \end{gathered}$ | France. | Germany. | Italy. | Russta. | Japan\& China. | Other. | Total. |
| Galveston |  | 874 | 1,490 |  |  |  | 3,816 | 6,180 |
| Houston. |  | 1,935 | 2,294 | 2,356 |  | 4,645 |  | 13,234 1,292 |
| Corpus Christi | 2,953 | 725 | 1,670 | 2,918 | 7,350 |  | 2,677 | 18,294 |
| Mobile..... |  |  |  |  |  | 2,000 |  | 2,000 |
| Savannah |  | 26 | 181 |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{936}$ |
| Charleston. | 936 |  |  | 3,800 |  |  |  | 3,800 |
| Norfolk.... | 854 | ---7 |  |  |  | 700 |  | 1,554 |
| New York | 50 |  | 496 |  |  | 6,632 | 24 | ,249 |
| Los Angeles | 617 |  |  |  |  | 200 |  | 200 |
| Francisco |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 5,410 | 3,567 | 7,423 | 9,070 | 7,350 | 14,378 | 8,521 | 55,723 |
|  |  |  | 16,908 | 10,184 | 19,711 | 9,990 | 3,815 | 76,363 |
| Total 1927. | 10,734 | 10,089 | 9,012 | 100 | 21,557 | 37,807 | 15,880 | 105,179 |

Aug. 1 May 241929
Exports from
Galveston. Houston-.. Texas City.-. Corpus Christ
Port Arthur
Le Lake Charles New Orle
Mobile Mensacola-Pensacola-
Savannah.
Gulfport Gulfport... Whimington.Norfolk.
New. Newport News
New York.. New York
Boston...
Baltimore. Baitimore-..
Philadelphia Los Angeles. San Franci
Seattle... Seattle...
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 Notal has never been our practice to fnclude in the above Note.-Exports to Canada.- It has never been our practice to
able reports of cotton shipments to Canada, the reason belng that virtually all the able reportined to the Domfinion comes overland and it is impossible to get returns concerning the same from week to week, while reports from the customs districts on
che Canadian border are always very slow in coming to hand. In view, however, of the Canadlan border are always very slow in coming to hand. In view, however, of the numerous inquiries we are recelving regarding the matter. we wirs save been 28,661
month of April the exports to the Dominion the present season haver bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were $15,02 \mathrm{~d}$
bsles. For the nine months ended April 301929 there were 227,119 bales exported, bales. For the nine months ended April 301929 there were 227,119 base
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:

| May 24 at- | Ón Shipboard Not Cleared for- |  |  |  |  |  | Leaving Stock. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Great } \\ \text { Britain. } \end{gathered}$ | France. | Ger- many. | Other Foreign | Coastwise. | Total. |  |
| Galveston | 6,000 | 5,000 | 6,800 | 20,000 | 4,000 | 41,800 19,587 | 182,804 210,093 |
| New Orleans-- | 4,103 | 918 |  | 14,360 200 | 120 | 19,587 1,400 | 15,298 |
| Savannah...-- |  |  | 1,200 |  | $\overline{3}$ |  | 19,125 |
| Mobile | 2,500 | 100 |  | 2,350 | 20 | 4,970 | 11,212 |
| Other ports ${ }^{\text {N-- }}$ | 2,000 | 1,000 | 5,000 | 17.0000 |  | 25,000 | 546,872 |
| Total 1929 | 14,603 |  | 13,086 | 53,910 | 4,143 | 92.760 | 1,047,257 |
| Total 1928-- | 19,793 | 10,139 | 16,623 | 50,563 | 2,647 | 99,765 | $1,199,706$ $1,549,170$ |
| Total 1927-- | 24,737 | 10,293 | 17.997 | 60,937 | 4,307 | 118,271 | , 549,170 |

[^4]insisted that there was to be no lockout in Lancashire. It turned out that there was none. At the Brandon Mill of Greenville, S. C., the strike was over, and the strikers in the Poinsett Mill of Greenville. S. C., and at the Woodruff Mill of Spartanburg, S. C., are also believed to be near a settlement of their disputes. Later came a reaction on a favorable long range weather forecast that is beginning in the middle of the present week.

On the 20th inst. prices advanced 15 to 22 points owing to heavy cold rains and high water in the Mississippi, Red and Arkansas Rivers and fears of floods. The Mississippi River was rising at St. Louis. A stage of 36 feet was forecast there for the 21st, or six feet above the flood mark. Two years ago the Mississippi reached 36.1 feet. There was apparently no fear of overflows in the lower Valley, such as 2 years ago, which did so much damage. The Missouri River at Hermann had risen to $251 / 2$ feet. The Holly Bend levee on the Arkansas River was reported to have broken at Russellville, Ark., and flooded 1,500 acres of farm land. The sales of cloths last week by a big company were the largest since the middle of April. Spot markets were firm with an excellent demand even for $7 / 8$ inch middling not to mention 1 to $11 / 32$ inch which are none too easy to obtain. The rainfall was 1 to 4 inches, the latter in Georgia. There were fears of a bullish weekly report on May 22nd. Grassy fields were complained of and weevil and other pests. Besides, it had been much of the time a wet May. Speculation was light. A Cotton Exchange "seat" sold at $\$ 30,500$, a decline from the last sale on April 18th of $\$ 8,500$. Outside participation in cotton had fallen off as grain prices had broken and the stock market had become irregular. Texas interests sold cotton, it was understood, rather heavily.
On the 22 nd inst. prices fell 18 to 24 points, with the weather and forecast generally better, the Liverpool cables poor and reports of heavy liquidation of late by Texas interests. Spot markets were lower. Worth Street was quiet. In North Carolina there is to be a curtailment of output beginning June 1st at four or five mills. The weekly weather report said that in general weather continued unfavorable for cotton in most sections of the belt because of too much rain in many sections and general coolness in northern districts. In the Atlantic Coast States much of the week was rather favorable, especially in the South, but in the North the latter part was too cool and in some parts too wet. In Alabama, Mississippi and Southern Arkansas the weather was partly favorable and progress of the crop was fairly good as a rule with growth rather slow in Louisiana, but conditions were rather satisfactory in general. In Tennessee most of Arkansas and in central and eastern Oklahoma the weather was decidedly unfavorable because of too much rain. Germination was poor, stands irregular and growth slow in many places, while fields continued too wet to work. In Texas rains were beneficial in the south and west, but in the upper coast and eastern and northeast portions they were unfavorable with chopping and cultivation delayed and considerable damage by excessive rains. General condition of the crop in this State is fair to good, but weekly progress as a whole was mostly slow.

On the 22nd inst. prices fell 18 to 24 points on better weather, lower Liverpool cables than were due, and rumors of enforced southwestern selling. A break in the stock market had some effect. Manchester was to be closed until Monday. There will be some curtailment of production in North Carolina beginning June 1st. Exports were small. Spot prices declined. Cotton markets the world over lacked snap. On the 23 rd inst. prices declined early on good weather for the third day in succession, and then rallied sharply on a better technical position, some fears of rains in the Western belt, free buying of December at 18.50 c ., and above, and some covering in other months. That included May, which was to go out at noon the next day. The trade bought. Supposedly this included buying by Japanese, whose mills are favored by the breaking down, it seems, of the Chinese boycott on Japanese goods. Moderate buying was done by Liverpool and the Continent. Stocks advanced and the rediscount rate here was not raised. Exports, it is true, continued to be small. Worth Street was quiet.
To-day prices ended at a decline of 6 to 21 points, generally 7 to 13 , owing to good weather over most of the belt and a favorable forecast for the Atlantic States. Some beneficial rains fell to-day in parts of Texas. In the central section rainfalls of 2 to 5 inches may not have been altogether favorable in every locality. Moreover, the night temperatures as a rule were still too low. Spot markets declined. Exports were small. Spinners' takings were smaller than last week. With stocks and grain lower, Wall Street and the West sold cotton. So did New Orleans and the South. A Chicago dispatch said that the Federal Reserve Bank there again asked permission to raise the rediscount rate, supposedly to $6 \%$. Cotton bears stressed this. The forecast for Western and Central belts was for wet weather and was therefore considered unfavorable. May moreover maintained its premium of 80 points over July
almost to the last. The technical position is considered rather bullish than otherwise. On the other hand, therewas no real snap to the speculation. Some think that now that the market is deprived of the sustaining influence of the May delivery with its $\$ 4$ a bale premium July will sag. Final prices show a decline for the week of 9 to 20 points, except on May, which went out at noon to-day 7 points higher than last Friday. Spot cotton ended at 19.45 c . for middling, a decline for the week of 25 points.

## Staple Premiums bow of average or six markets quoting for dill



Differences between grades established for delivery on contract May 311929. Figured from the May 23 average quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been: May 18 to May 24- $\qquad$ $\begin{array}{cccccc}\text { Sat. } & \text { Mon. } & \text { Tues. Wed. Thurs. } & \text { Fri. } \\ 19.85 & 19.90 & 19.90 & 19.70 & 19.70 & 19.45\end{array}$
NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.
 New York for the past week have been as follows:


Range of future prices at New York for week ending May 241929 and since trading began on each option:

| option for- | Range for Week. |  |  | Ranoe Since Beotrnino of Optton. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 19 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| June 1929- | 18.65 | May 22 | 18.99 May 20 |  | 29 |  | Mar. 9 | 9 |
| Aug. 1929-: |  |  |  | ${ }_{18.53}^{18.25}$ | Aprr. ${ }^{29} 1981929$ | 20.53 | ar. ${ }^{\text {ar. }} 6$ | 6 |
| Sept. 1929-: |  |  |  | 18.08 | Nov. 51928 | 20.63 |  |  |
| Oct. ${ }^{\text {Nov. } 1929 .-}$ | 18.35 | May 24 | 18.97 May 20 | 0 | 29192 | 20 | 15 | 1519 |
| Dec. 1929 |  | May 24 |  | 18.45 | May 241929 |  | Mar. 13 | 51929 |
| Jan. 19 | 18.45 | May 24 | 19.07 M | 18.45 | 5 May 241929 | 20.66 M | Mar. 15 | 1519 |
| ar. 19 |  |  |  |  | May 2319292 | 25 | Apr. | 119 |

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

 Total Great Britain..........-1,045,000 $\overline{859,000} \overline{1,554,000} \overline{946,000}$

 tock at Barcelon Stock at Ghent-

| Total Continental stocks | 747,000 | 844,000 | 1,113,000 | 509,000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total European stozks | 792,000 | 1,703.000 | 2,667,000 | 1,455,000 |
| India cotton afloat for E | 167.000 | 195,000 | 76,000 | 95,000 |
| American cotton afioat for Europe | 256,000 12000 | 416,000 | 432.000 110 | 114,000 |
| Egyt, Brazil,\&c, ,afloatfor Europe | ${ }^{1260.000}$ | 344, | 412,000 | 253,000 |
| ck in Bombay |  | 203 | 674,000 | 752.000 |
| Stock in U . | ,7017a | a 5877 | a 6566.451 | 1,301,436 |
| in | 70 |  |  |  |

 $a$ Houston stocks are now included in
they formed part of the interior stocks.
Continental imports for past week have been 73,000 bales.
The above figures for 1929 show a decrease from last week of 173,593 bales, a loss of 273,111 from 1928, a decrease of $1,124,472$ bales from 1927, and a gain of 499,996 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:


141,057 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all the towns have been 433 bales more than the same week last year.
OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.-We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows: $\xrightarrow[\text { Shipped- }]{ }$

Via St. Louis-
Via Mounds,
Via Rock Island
Via Louisville-.
Via other routes, \&c-

Berteen interior towns
Total to be deducted.-...-- -- -

| Week. Aug. 1. |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |
| 4,470 | 439,594 |
| 610 | 81.619 |
| $\overline{2} \overline{3}$ | 41,772 |
| 4,081 | 201,774 |
| 12,999 | 579,390 |
| 22,363 | ,349,722 | 1927-28-

Since
Week. Aug. 1 .

Leaving total net overland *--- 5,52
Including movement by rail to Canada
The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 5,529 bales, against 11,359 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 51,737 bales.

> In Sight and Spinners' Takings.
 $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Recet overland to May } 24 \ldots & 51,129 & 8,847,513 \\ \text { Ner } & 597,203\end{array}$



North. spinn's' takings to May $2427,7791,280,558$
 Week. Aug. 1. $\begin{array}{ll}59,759 & 8,022,783 \\ 11,359\end{array}$ Mino iow im agu kix $\frac{---\cdots-}{128,558} \frac{145,433}{15,220} \frac{13,492,593}{1,307,040}$

## * Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:
Week- Bales. Since Aug. 1-
Week-
1927
1926-May

27 $\qquad$ | Bales. | Since |
| ---: | ---: |
| $-126,186$ | $1926-27$. |
| $-119,904$ | $1925-26$. |
| $-125,71$ | $1924-25$. |

1926-May $28-$
1925-May 29 $\qquad$ $18,458,583$
$15,700,613$
$14,434,635$

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.-Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and

| Week Ended May 25 | on on- |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Saturday. | Monday. | Tuesday. | Wed'day | Thursd'y | Friday. |
| Galveston | 18.90 | 19.00 | ${ }^{19.00}$ | 18.80 18.83 | 18.80 18.83 | 18.70 18.77 |
| New Oriea | 18.60 | 18.60 | 18.60 | 18.40 | 18.40 | 18.30 |
| Savannah | 18.64 | 18.71 | 18.71 | 18.49 | ${ }_{18}^{18.50}$ | 18.75 |
| Norfolk- | 19.40 | 19.50 | 19.40 | 19.40 | 19.10 | 19.20 |
| Augusta. | 18.30 | 19.19 | 19.13 | 18.94 | ${ }_{18}^{18.15}$ | 18.85 |
| Memphis | ī $\overline{8} .81$ | 18.95 | 18.95 | 18.75 | 18.75 | 18.6 |
| Little Roc |  | 17.75 | 75 | 17.65 | ${ }^{17.65}$ | 78. |
| Dallas. | 18.00 | 18.20 | 18.20 | 17.95 |  |  |
| Fort Worth |  | 18.20 | 18.20 | 17.95 | 18.00 | 17.8 |

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.-The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Saturday, } \\ & \text { May } 18 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Monday, } \\ & \text { May } 20 . \end{aligned}$ | Tuesday, <br> May 21. | Wednesday May 22. | Thursday, May 23. | Friday, May 24. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 18.97-18.98 | 19.00-19.01 | 19.01 | 18.75-18.77 | 18.82-18.85 |  |
| July | 18.82-18. | 18.85-18.87 | 18.86-18.87 | 18.62-18.63 | 18.63-18 | 18.57-18.60 |
| August-. September October |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 18.69-18.73 | 18.68-18. | 18.65-18.66 | 18.44-18.4 | 18.46-18. | 18.3 |
| November | 18 | 79 | 18. | 18.54-18.56 | 18.55-18.56 |  |
| Janruary. | 18.83 Bld | 18.81-18.82 | 18.77-18.78 | $18.55 \quad \mathrm{Bid}$ | 18.5 |  |
|  | $\left\|\begin{array}{cc} 18.91 & \text { Bid } \\ \text { Steady } \\ \text { Barely } & \text { st'y } \end{array}\right\|$ | $1 \begin{gathered} 18.90 \\ \text { Steady } \\ \text { Steady } \end{gathered}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{cc} 18.86 & \text { Bid } \\ \text { Steady } \\ \text { Steady } \end{array}\right\|$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{cc} 18.63 & \mathrm{Bld} \\ \text { Steady } \\ \text { Steady } \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{gathered} 18.65 \\ \text { Steady } \\ \text { Steady } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 18.61 \\ \text { Steady } \\ \text { Steady } \end{array}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { March }-{ }_{\text {Tone- }} \\ & \text { Spot.... } \\ & \text { Options } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

ACTIVITY IN THE COTTON SPINNING INDUSTRY FOR APRIL.-Persons interested in this report will find it in our department headed "Indications of Business Activity," on earlier pages.

NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE.-Nominations.Nominations for offices to be filled at the annual election of the New York Cotton Exchange were posted (Monday), May 20. Gardiner H. Miller was renominated for President and Philip B. Weld of Post \& Flagg was named for VicePresident; T. Laurelle Guild, who has been a member of the Exchange since 1904, was nominated for Treasurer.
The nominations for the Board of Managers included eight of the present menbers of the board. Dr. Herran B. Baruch, John C. Botts Wriliam
S. Dowdell, Elwood p. McEnany, John H. McFadden Jr., Simon J. Shlenker, Geore M. Shutt and J. H. Hunter H. Wod were renomionated. The
new nomines for the Board op Managers follow: Eric Alliot, Harold L . new nominees Por the Board of Managers Woilow: Eric Alliot, Harold L
Bache of J. Bache \& Co. Lamar Le. Fleming of Anderson, Clayton \&
Fleming: Harry L. Goss, with Harriss \& Vose; Oharles S. Montgomery, Fache or Hi Harry L. Goss, with Harriss \& Vose; Oharles S Montgomery,
Feorge R. Siedenberg. of Rhd. Siedenberg \& Co., and Bulkeley L. Wells, George R. Siedenberg. of
with F. B. Keech \& Co .
Henry H. Royce was nominated for trustee of the Gratuity Fund, to serve for three years, William C. Bailey. William A. Boger and J. Victor de
Zerega were nominated for Inspectors of Election. The election will be held Zerega
June 3.

REVISED ESTIMATES OF COTTON ACREAGE, YIELD PER ACRE, AND PRODUCTION, 1928, BY STATES.-The Crop Reporting Board of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, from the reports and data furnished by crop correspondents, field statisticians, co-operating State Boards (or Departments) of Agriculture and agricultural colleges, and ginnings reported May 17, makes the following revised estimates of cotton acreage in cultivation July 1 , acreage finally harvested, yield per acre, and production, crop of 1928. Cotton ginnings for the 1928 crop, as reported
by the Bureau of the Census, May 17 1928, are also shown: by the Bureau of the Census, May 17 1928, are also shown: nevised estimates of the cotton crop of 1928, by states.

| State. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Area } \\ \text { tn Cutt- } \\ \text { vation } \\ \text { July } 1 \\ 1928 . \end{gathered}$ | Area Picked 1928. | Yeld of Lint Cotton Picked per Acre 1928. | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Production } \\ 1928 . a \end{gathered}\right.$ | Ginnings 1928 Crop as Reported by Census May 17 '29 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Virginia | Acres. 81,000 | Acres. 79,000 | Pounds. | Bales.f 44,000 | Bates.f |
| North Carolina | 1,892.000 | 1,860.000 | 215 | 836,000 | 836,474 |
| South Carolina | 2,485,000 | 2,361,000 | 147 | 726,000 | 726,039 |
| Georgia | 3,883,000 | 3,728,000 | 132 | 1,030,000 | 1,029,499 |
| Missour | 101,000 | 95,000 | 97 | 19,000 | 19,203 |
| Tennesse | 355,000 | 334,000 | 210 | 147,000 | 146,909 |
| Alabama | 1,145,000 | 1,107,000 | 185 | 428,000 | 429,284 |
| Mississippi | 3,154,000 | $3,534,000$ $4,209,000$ | 150 175 | 1,109,000 | $1,109,126$ $1,474,875$ |
| Louisiana. | 2,052,000 | 1,990,000 | 166 | 1,691,000 | 1,690,958 |
| Texas | 18,330,000 | 17,743,000 | 138 | 5,106,000 | 5,109,939 |
| Oklaho | 4,420,000 | 4,243,000 | 136 | 1,205,000 | 1,204,625 |
| Arkansas | 3,834,000 | 3,681,000 | 162 | 1,246,000 | 1,245,982 |
| New Me | 123,000 | 117,000 | 360 | 88,000 | 83,544 |
| Arizona | 202,000 | c200,000 | c357 | c149,000 | 149,458 |
| Calliforn | 223,000 | 218,000 | 378 | 172,000 | 172,230 |
| All 0 | 23,000 | 22,000 | 152 | 7,000 | 6,018 |
| U. S. total | 46,946,000 | 45,341,000 | 152.9 | 14,478,000 | 14,477,874 |
| Lower Cal.(old Mexico) d | 160,000 | 160,000 | 239 | 80,000 | e80,096 |

a Bales rounded to thoussands and allowances made for cross State ginnings.
c Including Pima long staple, acres 50,000, yield 284 pounds per acre, production 30,000 bales. d Not Included in California, figures, nor in United States total. e Ginnings 76,982 running bal

## Approved: <br> R. W. Dunlap,

OROP REPRRTNGGDOARD,
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J. A. Becker, S. A. Jones,
J. B. Shepard, C. F. Sarle,

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.-Reports to us by telegraph this evening indicate that the weather the early part of the week was unfavorable in many sections of the cotton belt, there having been too much rain. Nights were also too cool. The latter part of the week has been more favorable, temperatures being higher and the weather generally dry.
Texas.-Rains have been beneficial in the South and West portions of this State, but unfavorable in most other sections. The general condition of the crop is fair to good, but progress as a whole during the week has been mostly slow.

Mobile, Ala.-The weather the early part of the week was unfavorable, delaying farm work and causing considerable damage in the lowlands, by heavy rains. Crops are grassy and there are reports of boll weevil from scattered localities.


RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.-The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

| Week Ended | Recetpts at Ports. |  |  | Stocks at Intertor Towns. |  |  | Recetpts from Plantations |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1929. | 1928. | 1927. | 1929. | 1928. | 1927. | 1929. | 1928. | 1927. |
| Feb. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16. | 81.570 | 107,419 | 206,770 | 966,412 | 1,049,180 | 1,305,580 | 40,069 | 68,94 | 62.171 |
| 23-- | 80,866 | 75,323 | 210,193 | 936,027 | ,023,120 | 1,279,194 | 50,481 | 49,263 | 184.807 |
| 1. | 91,438 | 62,281 | 196,159 | 906,387 | 987,384 | 1,224,580 | 61,798 | 26,545 | 141,545 |
|  | 86,941 | 70,755 | 217,975 | 849,195 | 941.043 | $1,168,286$ | 29,749 | 24,434 | 161,681 |
| 15 | 106.350 97.085 | 73,234 76,637 | 227.560 185,888 | 814.522 | 916.246 | 1.097.531 | 71.677 | 48.437 | 156,805 |
| 29. | 78,041 | -88,473 | 168,766 | 781,667 752,959 | 887,170 863,788 | 1.036.360 | 64,230 | 47,561 | 124,717 |
| Apr. |  |  | 108.760 | 752,959 | 863,788 | 984,188 | 49,333 | 65,091 | 116,594 |
| 5.- | 59,884 | 80.232 | 140,928 | 711,349 | 835.361 | 922.735 | 18.274 | 51,805 | 79,475 |
| 12. | 48,659 | 73.019 | 131,290 | 679,205 | 803,203 | 889.925 |  | 40,861 | 98,792 |
| 19. | ${ }_{5}^{57,351}$ | 72.882 | 102,307 | 646,881 | 773,381 | 1,541,773 | 25,027 | 43,060 | 38,190 |
| 26 | 56,917 | 92,378 | 86,136 | 615,322 | 737,026 | 824,696 | 25,358 | 59,006 | 50,162 |
| May | 51,241 | 109,891 | 108,689 |  |  | 784,478 | 765 | 64.089 |  |
| 10-- | 40,133 | 110,912 | 89,089 | 518,890 | 649,289 | 742.667 | 765 | 68,977 | 47,278 |
| 17 | 27,000 | 84,323 | 73,651 | 481,152 | 620,320 | 710,044 |  | 55,354 | 41,028 |
| 24 | 31,129 | 59,759 | 67,486 | 446,703 | 587,760 | 656.451 |  | 27,199 | 13,893 |

The above statement shows: (1) that the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 11928 are $8,970,880$ bales; 137,578 bales. (2) That, although the receipts at the outports the past week were 31,129 bales, the actual movement from the plantations was nil bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 34,449 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 27,199 bales and for 1927 they were 13,893 bales.
WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings or amounts gone out of sight for the like period:

| Cotton Takings, Week and Season. | 1928-29. |  | 1927-28. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Week. | Season. | Week. | Season |
| Visible supply May 17 |  |  | 5,928,256 |  |
| Visible supply Aug. 1. | 5,744,013 | 4, 1775.480 | 5,928,256 | 4,961,754 |
| Aombay receipts to May 23 | 127,209 42,000 | $14,986,441$ $2,916,000$ | 128,558 | $13,492,593$ $3,054,000$ |
| Other India ship'ts to May $23 .-$ | 23,000 | 2,586,000 | 9,000 | 3,054,000 |
| Alexandria receipts to May 22 | 5,400 7 | 1,589,600 | 5,800 | 1,274,660 |
| ther supply to May 22 * | 7,000 | 553.000 | 12,000 |  |
| Deduct | 5,948,622 | 24,806,521 | 6,159,614 | 23,855,507 |
| Visible supply May 25 | 5.570,420 | 5,570,420 | 5,843,531 | 5,843,531 |
| Total takings to May 25_a | 378,202 | 19,236,101 | 316,083 | 18,011,976 |
| Of which America | 266,802 | 13,922,501 | 220,283 | 13,168,816 |
| Of which oth | 111,400 | 5,313,600 | 95,800 | 4,843,160 |

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, \&c.
$a$ This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by $a$ This total embraces since Aug, 1 the total estimated consumption by
Southern mills, $4,771,000$ bales in $1928-29$ and $4.561,000$ bales in $1927-28-1$
takings not being a vailable-and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern takings not being a vailable-and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern
and foreign spinners, $14.465,101$ bales in $1928-29$ and $13.450,976$ bales in
$1927-28$ of $1927-28$, of which $9,151,501$ bales and $8,607,816$ bales American.
b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS. The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

| May 23. Receipts at- |  |  | 1928-29. |  | 1927-28. |  | 1926-27. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Week. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Since } \\ \text { Aug. } 1 . \end{gathered}$ | . Week. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Stnce } \\ \text { Aug. } 1 . \end{gathered}$ | Week. | Since Aug. 1. |
| Bombay .-. . . - - - - . |  |  | 42,00 | 2,9 | 76,000 | 3,054,000 | 50,000 | 2,740.000 |
| Exports from- | For the Week. |  |  |  | Stnce August 1. |  |  |  |
|  | Great Britain. | Continent. | Japand China. | Total. | Great Britain. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Contt- } \\ & \text { nent. } \end{aligned}$ | Japan \& China. | Total. |
| Bombay- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1928-29 - | $\begin{array}{r} 2,000 \\ 10,000 \end{array}$ | 3,000 | 58,00051,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 63,000 \\ & 91,000 \end{aligned}$ | 54,00075,000 | 686,000 1,437,000 |  | $2,177,000$$1,682,000$ |
| 1927-28-- |  | 30,000 |  |  |  | 555,000 1 | 1,052,000 |  |
| Other Indla- |  | 16,000 |  | 16,000 | 13,000 | 316,000 1 | 1,371,000 | 1,700,000 |
| 1928-29.- | $\begin{aligned} & 5,000 \\ & 2,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 18,000 \\ 7,000 \\ 1,000 \end{array}$ | ----- | $\begin{array}{r} 23,000 \\ 9,000 \\ 1,000 \end{array}$ | 103,00097.50039,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 483,000 \\ & 461,000 \\ & 359,000 \end{aligned}$ |  | 586,000 |
| 1927-28-- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 558,500 |
| 1926-27.- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 398,000 |
| Total all- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1928-29-- | 7,00012,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 21,000 \\ & 37,000 \\ & 17,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 58,000 \quad 86,000 \\ & 51,000100,000 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1927-28.- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1926-27.- |  |  |  |  | 52,000 | 675,000 1 | 1,371,000 2 | 2,098,000 |

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 34,400 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 14,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an increase of 522,500 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.-We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years:

| Alexandria, Egypt, May 22. | 1928-29. | 1927-28. | 1926-27. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Receipts (cantars) This week. Since Aug. 1 | 8,027,371 | $\begin{array}{r} 29,000 \\ 6,028,914 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 210,000 \\ 8,235,668 \end{array}$ |


| Export (bales) - |  |  | This | Suin | This | Since <br> Aug. 1. | This | Since ug. 1. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| To Liverpool To Manchester, $\& \mathrm{c}$ To Continent \& IndiaTo America------- |  |  |  |  | 5.5001 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 8,000 |  | 5,700 1 |  | 5,750 |  |
|  |  |  |  | 167,8 | 1,250 |  |  |  |
| Total exports........- |  |  |  | 914 | 21,200 | 3,34 |  | 98 |
| Note.-A cantar is 99 lbs . Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs . This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending May 22 were 27.000 cantars and the foreign shipments 8,000 bales. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MANCHESTER MARKET.-Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both yarns and cloths is quiet. Merchants are buying very sparingly. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1929. |  |  |  | 1928. |  |  |  |
|  | $\stackrel{32}{32} \operatorname{Cosst} .$ | $81 /$ Lbs, Shirtnos, Common to Plnest. |  | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Cotton } \\ M \text { Mddr } \\ U p l^{\prime} G s \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{gathered} 32 s \text { CoD } \\ \text { Twosts. } \end{gathered}$ | 814 Los. Shistto Fsnest. |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Cotton } \\ \text { Midall } \\ \text { UDV'Gs } \end{gathered}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 15 . \\ & 22 . \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | d. 10.43 10.48 | $\begin{array}{cc} d . & d . \\ 143 / 0161 / \\ 14 \% @ 161 / 4 \end{array}$ |  |  | 10.25 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 15\%\% $16 \%$ | 134 | ${ }^{\text {@13 }} 137$ | 111.12 | 15 |  |  | 10.77 |
|  | 15:3@165/ |  | @137 | 11.10 | ${ }^{1511}$ @17 |  | @14 ${ }^{13}$ | 10.77 10.98 |
|  | 15/2.161/2 |  |  | 10.96 | 151/2 617 |  | (141 | 10.86 |
|  | 13,s@15s2 |  |  | 10.73 |  |  |  |  |
|  | $153 /$ (C116\% |  | @13 ${ }_{\text {¢ }}$ | 10.8 | ${ }_{15}^{15}$ |  | ${ }_{(114}^{14} 2$ |  |
|  | 15 @16 |  |  | 10.23 | (17 |  |  | 11 |
|  | 143@ |  |  | 10.02 | 164@17\% |  |  |  |
|  | 143 |  | @13 | 10.8 | C |  |  |  |
|  | 14\%@15\% |  | (1313 | 10.1 | 16 @17\% | 143 | (14) | 11.46 |

SHIPPING NEWS.-As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 55,723 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic reports, are as follows:
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { NEW ORLEANS-To Liverpool-May } 15-A m e r i c a n ~ P r e s s, ~ & 2,192 & 2,192 \\ \text { To Havre-May } 22 \text {-Winston Salem, } 625 \text {-. }\end{array}$
To Mavre-May Manchester-May 15 - American Press.
To Dunkirkster-May 2215 Winstorican Press, 761
To Bremen-May 18 - Wakwoond 620 , 100 .
To Bremen-May 18 Oakwoo, 620 ; Raimond, $\overline{8} \overline{0} \overline{0}-$
To Ghent-May 22 - Winston Salem, 1.950
To Tramburg-May 18 Oakwood, 250 - 10 -........................
….........-.
To Venice-May 22-Wert Hobomac. 150 .

To Leghorn-May 18-Quistconck, 145 -
Winston Salem, 150 .......................................
To Japan-May 2 - Ensiey 1 additional-
HoUsToN To To Havre May 11 . Effingham, 1,5
To Dunkirk-May 15 -Effingham, 39
To Rotterdam-May 15 -Effringham, 922
To Japan-May 16-Hamburg Maru, 3.32
To Ohina-May $16=$ Hamburg Maru, 1.32
To Conenhagen-May 20-Pennsylvania,
To Bremen-May 20 - Pennsylvania, 2,29
SAV To Genoa-May $23-$ Werrer 18
NEW YORK-To Bor 18 -Passett, 181 - .......
To China-May 18 -British Prince, 200 20 -.....
To Antwerp-May 17-Lapland, $24-$
To Manchester May 22 Coelleda, 50
LOS To Bremen-May 21 -George Washingtor, 496
To Liverpool-May 18 - 18 -Meissonier 20 - 617 -resident Madison 760
To China-May 20 -President Madison- $40 \overline{0}$
CHARLESTON - To Liverpool-May 21-Daytonian, 10

To Japan-May 24 -Silverguava, 200--
To Manchester May 22 Cold
To Chingor, 620 -
GALVESTON-To Havre Mry 13 , Effingham, 597 -
To Dunkirk-May 13 -Effingham, 2
To Rotterdam May May 13 Effingham, 2,045
To Bremen-May 17 - Pennsylvania, $1,490-1$


Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

| $\begin{gathered} \text { May } 18 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { May } 24 . \end{gathered}$ | Sat. |  | Mon. |  | Tues. |  | Wed. |  | Thurs. |  | Fri. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  p.m.p.m.p.m.p.m.D.m.p. m. D.m.p.m.p.m.p.m.p.m.D. m. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | d. | $d$. | ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | a. | ${ }^{\text {d }}$. | d. | ${ }^{\text {d. }}$ | d. | ${ }^{\text {d }}$. | ${ }^{\text {d. }}$ | $d$. | d. |
| Mane- |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{9} 9.97$ | 9.96 | 9.96 | 9.93 | 9.78 | 9.77 |  |  |
| July |  |  |  |  |  | 9.98 | 9.98 | 9.95 | 9.80 | 9.79 |  |  |
| August.------ |  |  |  |  |  |  | 9.97 9.93 |  | 9.79 9.75 | 9.78 9.74 |  |  |
| September----- |  |  |  |  | 9.94 9.90 | 9.93 9.89 | 9.93 9.89 |  | 9.75 9.72 | 9.74 9.71 |  |  |
| November-.-. |  | HOL | IDA | Y. | 9.87 | 9.86 | 9.86 | 9.84 | 9.69 | 9.68 |  |  |
| December -...- |  |  |  |  | 9.87 | 9.86 | 9.86 | 9.84 | 9.69 | 9.68 |  |  |
| January (1930) |  |  |  |  | 9.87 | 9.87 | ${ }_{9}^{9.86}$ | 9.84 | 9.70 9.71 | 9.69 9 |  |  |
| February .-.-- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 9.73 |  |  |  |
| April. |  |  |  |  | 9.92 | 9.92 | 9.91 | 9.89 | 9.74 | 9.74 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 9.93 | 9.93 | 9.92 | 9.90 | 9.76 | 9.76 |  |  |

## BREADSTUFFS

## Friday Night, May 241929.

Flour was reduced 10c. late last week, as wheat went to new lows, but it did not seem to help trade much, if at all. Export clearances on the 16th inst. from New York were 33,535 sacks for Germany. San Francisco wired May 21st that the Sperry Flour Company cut prices 20 c.

Wheat shows a moderate decline for the week with the export demand slow and the outlook for the American crop in the main favorable, though Canada has been suffering from dry weather. Prices on the 20 th inst. advanced $11 / 4$ to $2 c$. net with a decrease in the United States visible supply of $5,128,000$ bushels against $3,177,000$ a year ago. The total is still $103,326,000$ bushels against $54,092,000$ at this time in 1928. The technical position was better. Heavy rains prevailed in the Central West. Floods were reported. In parts of Missouri and Kansas there was heavy deterioration. Export business, it is true, was very moderate. World's shipments of wheat were $16,945,000$ bushels and slightly larger than expected. From July 1 world's shipments were $811,000,000$ bushels against $705,000,000$ last year. There was an entire absence of foreign news in view of the holidays in the United Kingdom and on the Continent The Canadian visible supply showed a decrease, while the total North American stock was given at $205,383,000$ bushels, a decrease of $7,757,000$ bushels for the week. On the 21 st inst. prices declined $3 / 4$ to $11 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. net with crop reports generally good though at one time $1 / 2$ to $5 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. higher led by December. There was rather too much rain. But in Europe the weather was better. Export demand was small. That was a disappointment after the European market had been closed since May 17th for holidays. The weather in the Northwest was clear. In Canada it was warmer. The forecast was for warmer weather in both the United States and Canada. Liverpool closed unchanged to $1 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$. lower as compared with Friday. The Argentine market was $11 / 4$ to $13 / \mathrm{c}$. lower at midday.

On the 22 nd inst. prices ended $1 / 2$ to $3 / 4$ c. higher. Winnipeg was up $11 / 4$ to $11 / 2$ c. Dry weather in Canada caused considerable buying. The weekly government weather report was considered rather bullish. It said that the week was unfavorable for the best development of the crop in the Eastern portion of the Ohio Valley and that there were many complaints of backward growth from Illinois, Indiana and Iowa. There were also some unfavorable private reports. And crop news from the Southwest was not altogether favorable. Early prices, however, were down to new lows for the season with the cables weak and the foreign crop news very favorable. Bradstreet's world's visible supply for the week shows a decrease of $12,250,000$ bushels. Export demand was small, i.e., 300,000 to 400,000 bushels. On the 23 rd inst. prices ended $1 / \mathrm{s}$ to $1 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. lower after being down 1 c . with Liverpool $3 / 8$ to $1 / 2$ d. higher, which was less than due. Buenos Aires fell $1 / 4$ to $1 / 2$ c. Warmer weather was reported on the Continent. There were some advices of rains in sections of the northern Argentine belt. Argentine exports for the week were estimated at $6,615,000$ bushels, or about 300,000
bushels larger than a week ago and about double the quantity exported for the same time last year. Crop reports from the Northwest were generally favorable. But dry weather in Canada tended to check any very marked decline. Export business was poor. Total open contracts $130,028,000$ bushels. To-day prices at one time were $1 / 4$ to $3 / 8 c$. higher, but closed $11 / 2$ to $13 / 4$ c. lower. Export demand was very slight. Some decline in corn affected wheat. Italy raised the import duty to $731 / 2$ c. from 57c. France raised the duty from 38c. to 54c. Both these higher duties are effective at once. They are of course designed to protect the home growers from the dumping of foreign wheat. Prices in Liverpool declined. This reacted to some extent on Chicago. At one time early the tone was firmer with reports of hot dry winds in Canada. Unfavorable crop reports moreover came from Kansas. The Argentine world shipments were large. The total outside of North America was $8,388,000$ bushels. There were persistent rumors that recently Russia bought wheat in this country. Final prices show a decline for the week of $\tau / 8$ to $1 \% / 8 \mathrm{c}$.
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF
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Indian corn has declined a fraction partly in sympathy with lower prices for wheat and partly because of better weather. The decline is slight, however, because the season is late and the cash demand has been good. On the 20th inst. prices ended $1 / 2$ to 1 c . higher. Missouri River points reported sales to Southeastern markets at a decided premium over Chicago July. The weather was bad for farm work and planting. From Kansas, Iowa and the Central belt generally came adverse reports as to the progress of planting. The visible supply last week decreased $3,346,000$ bushels. The total is now $19,481,000$ bushels against $28,131,000$ a year ago. On the 21st inst. prices ended $11 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. lower with better weather, foreign markets lower and the stock in Argentine available for export 179,000,000 bushels. Liquidation in Chicago was rather large. Stop orders were met on the way down. The shipping demand was only fair. Outside points seemed more disposed to sell their surplus. Offerings to Chicago, on the other hand, were still small.

On the 22 nd inst. prices of corn, like those of wheat, declined to new lows early in the day and then rallied, ending unchanged to $1 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. higher. Crop reports from Kansas and Nebraska were generally bullish and so was the weekly government weather report, which stated that very little progress was made during the period in farm work. On the 23 rd inst. prices ended $1 / 4$ to $3 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. higher. The weather was generally favorable for field work except in parts of Iowa, and there was a forecast for showers in Kansas, Nebraska, Illinois and Indiana. Planting made good progress in parts of the belt. About $50 \%$ of the Iowa seeding is reported finished and more than that in the Northwestern part. Shipping demand was fair. Spot arrivals met with good demand but were mostly applied on previous contracts. Country offerings and movement were very light. A fair run, after the planting is completed, is expected. Total open contracts, $54,856,000$ bushels. To-day prices ended $11 / 4$ to $11 / 2$ e. lower, partly in sympathy with the decline in wheat. Also the weather was better apart from some unwelcome rains in Illinois, Ohio and Nebraska. As a matter of fact, the season is late. Argentine shipments were smaller and tended to steady Liverpool. Final prices show a decline for the week of $1 / 4$ to $3 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.
daily closing prioes of corn in new york.

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Oats have declined as a reflex of lower prices for other grain. On the 20th inst. prices ended $1 / 4$ to $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. net higher. Offerings were small. A good shipping demand prevailed. The basis was firm. The United States visible supply decreased last week 841,000 bushels. The total is now $9,393,000$ bushels against $7,683,000$ a year ago. On the 21st inst. prices ended $1 / 2$ to $3 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. lower in response to the decline in other grain and liquidation in May coincident with larger deliveries and further sales to go to store. Crop news was not generally unfavorable, though the belt would certainly be the better for warmer weather. Meanwhile, however, there was a good cash demand and the receipts were moderate. On the 22 nd inst. prices followed those of other grain. The ending was unchanged to $1 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. lower. On the

23rd inst. prices ended $1 / 8$ to $1 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. higher. Orop reports were favorable. But May oats were firm with an open interest of $3,000,000$ bushels and stocks a vailable for delivery small. Total open contracts, $17,508,000$ bushels. To-day prices declined $1 / 4$ to $7 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. in sympathy with the lower quotations for other grain. Final prices show a decline for the week of $3 / 8$ to $11 / \mathrm{sc}$.

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## July delivery

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Rye declined only slightly in response to a drop in wheat, although there has been no export business and speculation has lacked life. On the 20th inst. prices rose 1 to $1 \mathrm{~s} / \mathrm{s}$ c. in response to higher prices for wheat. The United States visible supply is $6,719,000$ bushels against $1,106,000$ a year ago. On the 21 st inst. prices declined $11 / 2$ to $1 \frac{1}{8} \mathrm{c}$. in sympathy with the decline in wheat. Besides the much desired export demand was lacking. On the 22nd inst. prices declined early and then rallied, ending 1 to $11 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. higher in sympathy with other grain. On the 23 rd inst., in moderate trading, wheat fluctuations largely governed prices. They ended $1 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. lower to $1 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. higher. To-day prices declined $11 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. on May and July. There was no export demand. That is a cardinal defect in the situation. Final prices show an advance on May for the week of $\$ / 4 \mathrm{c}$., but other months are $1 / 8$ to $1 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. lower.
daily closing priges of rye futures in chicago. May delivery-
July delivery
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Closing quotations were as follows:

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FLOUR.
Spring pat.high proteIn.\$6.15@\$6.75| Rye flour, patents_-_-_-\$6.15@ $\$ 6.40$ Spring patents
Ulears. Pirst spring
Soft winter Soft winter straights....
Bard winter stralghts.
Bard semolina N
Oats goods
Corn flour Corn flouro. 2 , pound. 2.75 5/8 2.8 Hard winter patents - -
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Coarse.--
Fancy pearl Nos. 1.2.
3.60

Fancy Minn. patents.
All the statements below regarding the movement of grain -receipts, exports, visible supply, \&c-are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. First we give the receipts at Western Lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years:

| Receipts at- | Flour. | Wheat. | Corn. | Oats. | Bartey. | Rye. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chicago | bols. 196 zb <br> 20,00 <br> $-\cdots$ <br> 43,00 <br> $-\cdots$ <br> 138.00 <br> 55,00 | bush. 60 lbs . | bush. 56 lbs . | bush. 32 lbs . | bush.48los. | ush. 56 lbs . $232.000$ |
| Minneapolis- |  | 1,120,000 | 49,000 | 1,194,009 | 140,000 | -95,000 |
| Duluth. |  | 1,592,000 | 1,000 | 2,000 | 188,000 | 80,000 |
| Mılwauk |  | 40,000 | 51,000 | 58,000 | 89,000 | 5,000 |
| Toledo- |  | 57,000 | 20,000 | 401,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Detroit |  | 31,000 | 13,000 | 24.000 | 3,000 | 8,000 |
| Indianapolis.- |  | 34,000 | 122,000 | 102,000 |  |  |
| St. Louls |  | 378,000 | 463,000 | 404,000 | 2,000 |  |
| Peorla- |  | 21,000 | 334,000 | 150,000 | 74,000 | ,000 |
| Kansas City |  | 418,000 126,000 | 257,000 | 94,000 |  |  |
| St. Josep |  | 96,000 | 13,000 80,000 | 12,000 |  |  |
| Wichita |  | 90,000 | 51,000 | 2,000 |  |  |
| Sloux |  | 16,000 | 22,000 | 30,000 |  |  |
| Tot. wk. '29 | 446,000 | 4,079,000 | 1,897,000 | 2,683,000 | 612,000 | 426,000 |
| Same week,'28 | 468,000 | 7,456,000 | 3,425,000 | 3,081,000 | 689,000 | 406,000 |
| Same week,'27 | 437,000 | 5,301,000 | 2,477,000 | 2,756,000 | 507,000 | 757,000 |
| Since Aug. 1 - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1928 |  |  | 231,879,000 123,753,000 |  | $86,601,00024,118,000$$65.662 .00033 .733,600$ |  |
| 1927 | $20,015,000410,901,000267,081,000135,169,00065,662,00033,733,000$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1926 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, May 18, follow:


* Recelpts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, May 18 1929, are shown in the annexed statement:

| Exports from- | Wheat. | Corn. | Flour. | Oats. | Rye. | Barley. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| New York | Bushels. 1,027,000 | [Bushels. | Bushels. 107.388 | Bushets. | Bushels. | Bushels. <br> 434,000 |
| Boston. | 32,000 |  | 42,000 |  |  | 116,000 |
| Philadelph | 128,000 |  | 1,000 | 40,000 |  | 25,000 |
| Baltimore. | 148,000 |  | 2,000 |  |  | 451,000 |
| Newport News |  |  | 1,000 |  |  |  |
| Mobile |  |  | 1,000 |  |  |  |
| Gaw Galveston | 296,000 |  | 27,000 | 4,000 |  | --. |
| Montreal | 1,988,000 |  | 75,000 | 387,000 | 13,000 | 51,000 |
| Total week 1929 | 3,638,000 |  | 257,388 | 431,000 | 13,000 | 1,077,000 |
| Same week 1928 | 2,804,557 | 34,000 | 129,094 | 6,000 | 159,820 | 553,113 | July 11928 is as below:



The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, May 18, were as follows:


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Bengal.
Delhi.- $\qquad$ Delmer-M Central India Rajputana Ryderabad. Baroda.-
Mysore.
The detailed figures are as follows:

| Prootnces and States. |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { 1928-29 } \\ \text { (A pril } \\ 1929) . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1927-28 \\ & (A p r i l \end{aligned}$ (1928). | $\begin{gathered} \text { Increase }(\rightarrow) \\ \text { Decrease }(\rightarrow) \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Punjab_a | Acres. <br> 11,180,000 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Acres. } \\ 10,082,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Acres. } \\ +1,098,000 \end{array}$ |  |
| United Provinces_ |  |  | 7,491,090 | $\begin{aligned} & =350,000 \\ & -396,000 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Central Provinces and Berar- | $3,371,000$$2,332,000$ |  | 3,767,000 |  |  |
| Bombay-a |  |  | 2,273,000 | $\begin{array}{r} +59,000 \\ +59,000 \end{array}$ |  |
| Bihar and Orissa | $1,212,000$ |  | 1,189,000 | +23,000 |  |
| Northwest Front |  | 1,066,000 | 1.061,000 |  |  |
| Delhi | 49,000 |  | 48,000 | $+16,000$$+1,000$ |  |
| Ajmer-Mer | $1,660,000$ b |  | 37,000 | 4,000$-286,000$ |  |
| Central India |  |  | b1,946,000 |  |  |
| Gwalior. |  | 1,096,000 | 1,446,000 | $-350,000$$-59,000$ |  |
| Hyderabad | 1,003,000 |  | 1,034,000 | $\begin{array}{r} +59,000 \\ +3000 \end{array}$ |  |
| Baroda |  | 82,003,000 | 85,000 |  |  |
| Mysore |  |  | 3,000 |  |  |
| Total. |  | 31,504,000 | 631,691,000 | -187,000 |  |
| (2) YIELD |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prootnces and States. | $\begin{gathered} 1928-29 \\ (A p r l i \\ 1929) . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1927-28 } \\ & \text { (April } \\ & 1928) . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Incr'sec }+ \text { ( } \\ & \text { Dec'se }(\rightarrow) \end{aligned}$ | Yield p.Acre |  |
|  |  |  |  | 88-29 27-28 |  |
|  | Tons. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Tons. } \\ 3,310,000 \end{gathered}$ |  | $L b s$. | Lbs. |
| Punjab $a_{\text {_ }}$ |  |  | -222,000 | 619 | 735 |
| United Provinces-a | 2,588,000 | $2,762,000$ 697,000 | -174,000 | -812 | 826 |
| Central Provinces a | $\begin{aligned} & 552,000 \\ & 496,000 \end{aligned}$ | 697,000 588,00 | - | - ${ }^{367}$ | ${ }_{577}^{414}$ |
| Bombay - ${ }^{\text {Binar and Orissa }}$ | 517,000 | 427,000 | +90,000 | - 9504 | 804490 |
| Northwest Frontier | 240.000 32 | 232,00023,000 | 00 +8,000 |  |  |
| Bengal | 32,000 |  | +9,000 | 583 <br> 503 <br> 50 | 481 |
| Delhi | 11,000 | 19,000 | - 8.000 |  | 8888 |
| Ajmer-Merwar | 9,000 | 6285,000 | $00-5,000$ | ${ }^{611}$ |  |
| Central India | 206,000 |  | 00 -79,000 | 0 278 | 8328273 |
| Gwalior. | 222,000 | 6237,000 | +32,000 |  |  |
| Rajputana |  |  | -15,000 | 0 468 | $\begin{array}{r} 8473 \\ 175 \end{array}$ |
| Hyderabad | 59,0008,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 81,000 \\ & 21,000 \\ & \text { (c) } \end{aligned}$ | - 22,000 | $\begin{array}{c\|c} 0 & 219 \\ \hline & 448 \end{array}$ |  |
| Baroda |  |  | - |  | $\begin{aligned} & 553 \\ & 373 \end{aligned}$ |
| Total | 8,237,000 | b8,870,000 | ,00 -633,000 | 586 | b627 |

$a$ Including Indian States. $b$ Revised. $c 500$ tons.
WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED MAY 21.-The general summary of the weather bulletin, issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended May 21, follows:
The week was marked by a continuation of cool, wet weather in the
interior valleys and by abnormally high temperatures in the Great Basin interior valleys and by abnormally high temperatures in the Great Basin
of the West. Chart I shows that from the Ohio River, northern Arkansas,
and Oklahoma northward the temperatures averaged frem 6 deg. to as much as 11 deg. below normal, with the thes averaged frem ginus departures. in the
and central and upper Mississippi Valley and in the extreme northern Great
Plains. While the latter part of the week was cool in the more eastern States, the average temperature, for the period as a vhole, was near normal, and was somewhat above normal in the Southeast. In the central and west Gulf area it was moderately eool, with the weekly mal. West of the Rocky Mountains, except along the Pacific coast, malusually high temperatures for the season prevailed, With weekly averages
ranging from about 4 deg. to as much as 10 deg, above normal. East of the ranging from about 4 deg. o as quite general in the more northern States, Roch minimum temperatures as low as 30 deg. reported from points as far
with Northern States, with minimum temperatures from 6 deg. to as much as 12 deg. below freezing in some sections;
above zero at Duluth, Minn., on the 16 th .
Chart II shows that rainfall was again widespread and substantial to heavy, or excessive, in nearly all sections east of the Great Plains, except that the amounts were mostly light in the upper Mississippi Valley.
From the Ohio Valley southward the weekly totals ranged generally from 1.5 inches to about 5 inches, while like amounts were reported from the extreme lower Missouri Valley. In the west Gulf area and the extreme southern Great Plains substantial to heavy falls occurred, except in south-
ern Texas. In the Southeast and the Atlantic States the weekly falls were ern Texas. In the southeast and the Atlantic states the weekty
uniformly distributed and ranged mostly from 1 to about 3 inches, but
they were mostly less than 0.5 inch in the western Plains area from Kansas they were mostly less than 0.5 inch in the western Plains area from Kansas northward and northwestward. West of the
Because of coolness or wetness, in many places both coel and wet, conditions continued generally unfavorable for agricultural interests, especially for field work, over most of the eastern half of the country. Rainfall
was moderate to light in the Central-Northern States, including Wisconsin, warthwestern Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, and the northern Great Plains, and in this area field operations made good progress, as 2 rule, but at the same time temperatures were much too low for normal growth and germination of spring-planted crops, in less harm from frost in the eastern Lake region, the northern Ohio Valley States, and tho northern Appalachian section. most unfavorable conditions were noted over the central valley Kansas northeastward over the central Mississippi and ohio Valleys, where frequent rains and persistent coolness were decidedly detrimental, with farm work largely at a standstill during most of the week. In the
Atlantic States conditions were more favorable until near the close of the Atlantic states conditions were more favorable untir near the close of the
week when it was too cool for good growth in some sections too wet for
fleld work. Frequent rains unterfered with outside operations also in fleld work. Frequent rains unterfered with outside operations also in
the central and east Gulf areas but in Florida showers were helpful in many places. Rains were beneficial in western Texas and Now Mexico where wrought has prevailed. West of the Rocky Mountains warm, sunny
Rain is was favorable, especilly for shearing sheep and for young lambs. Rain is still needed in parts of the interior Pacific Northwest.
development of winter wheat in the Ohio Valley, although fair adver for best made in the eastern part and very good progress on the uplands of Kentucky; there were continued complaints of yellowing in Illinois and some
deterioration in Indiana due to flooding. It was cool for good growth in Iowa, but condition and progress were generally very good in Missouri, except for continued yellowing; the crop was coming into boot in the southern part of the latter State. Winter wheat continued in very good condition
in the Great Plains, although it was rather too cool for best growth in in the Great Plains, although it was rather too cool for best growth in Kansas and is nearly ready to head elsewhere in that State. Progress and condition were mostly fair to very good in the Southwest, except parts
of Oklahoma. In the East threshing has begun in Georgia, with heading Jointing was reported from Washington, but rain is again needed in Oregon. Conditions and progress of spring wheat were very good in North Dakota,
but growth was poor in Minnesota, although condition is still generally and doing well in South Dakota, although cool weather retarded growth Coolness and rain were rather unfavorable for oats in central and northern sections, with some local damage by frost, but in more southern parts
this crop did well, with threshing begun in the southeast. Rice was greatly this crop did well, with threshing begun in the southeast. Rice was greatly
benefited by rain in Louisiana; flax was damaged by low temperatures in the northern Great Plains.
CORN. Another we
Corn Belt. In the lower of unfavorable weather was experienced in the
could be accomplished because of Ohio Valleys very little planting now greatly, and in some places seriously, delayed. soil, and this work is
and Missouri very litte corn Kansas has yet been planted in considerable areas with conditions in some sections corresponding to those prevailing in
1927. In the Ohio Valley States but little work was accomplished, excent
for fair progress in northwestern 1litiois, and it was largely suspended
in northern in northrogress An northansas and central and eastern Oklahoma. In In addontion
in
to the unfavorable wetness over these areas, the weather continued too to the unfavorabe wetness
cool for proper germination.
In the northwestern belt the weather and soil conditions were much
better for planting and good progress was made rather generally, especially
 n this State planting in general is now only a few days later than normal.
From Nebraska nothward fairly good advance was reported. While
feid work was faved in this nortwestern area, temperatures were much
oo low for germination and warmer weather is needed badl w to insure goo low for stands. In thination and Atlantic Starmer weather is needed in in the Soudth condy to insure
gooditions were
mainl more favorable, though temperatures were unseasonably low the
latter part of the week. CoTTON-In Eeneral the weather continued unfavorable for the cotton
crop in most sections of the belt because of too much rain in many per-
sistently wet sections ond crop in most sections of the belt because of too much rain in many per
sistently wet sections, and a general coolness in the northern districts.
the Atlantic Coast States much of the week was rather favorable, especially
 in general. In Temnessee, most of Arkansas, and in central and eastern the weathessee, was decidedly unsfavorabdle because of too much rain and
continued cool weather. Germination was poor. stands are irregular, and growth sow weather. Germing places, whili wien poords continued too wet to work.
In Texas rains were beneficial in the south and west, but in the upper
In the coast and eastern and northeastern portions they were untavorabe we, with
chopping and cultivation celayed and considerable damage by excessive cropping and crultivation delayed and considerable damage by excessive
rains; the general condition of the crop in this state is fair to good, but
the weelsy prost

The Weather Bureau also furnishes the follo of the conditions in the different States: Viroinia.- Richmond: Farm work plogressed favorably first part:
latter part cool, with moderate general rain. Corn coming up to good stands in most sections. Part of week favorable for setting out tobocco
plants, warm weather neded. Pastures and meadows good to excellent.
Wheat and oats plants; warm weather needed. Pasture
Wheat and oats good in most sections.
North Caroiza
Naleigh.

 South Carotina. Coliumbia: Intermittent showers wand mheart headingi normai
temperatures beneficil. except too much moisture in sections of north-
west. temperatures beneficial, except too much moisture in sections of north-
west. Tobacco truck, tree fruit, rye, and minor crops improved. Oat
harvest checked by rain; wheat heading. Germination imf covto harvest checked by rain; wheat heading. Germination of cotton vary
good, but stands only fair account much replanting, incident to previous
gotr storms, with chopping general; corn same as cotton.
Georgia. Atlanta: Warm weather promoted growth; light rains favorable in south, but frequent showers. cloudiness, and change to colder at close unfavorable over north. Progress and condition of cotton in south
very good: well cultivated and squares forming on early-planted; ing and reppanting nearing completion in north where growth slow, plants
small, and fields grassy. Progress and condition of corn fair; much still small, and fields grassy. Progress and condition of corn fair; much still
to be planted. Threshing wheat and oats beegun.
Florida. Jacksonville. Progress and condition of cotton goodi light rain needed on some uplands, Rain relieved local drought in portions of
centrali, more needed on uplands. Corn good progress. Cane and peacentral; more needed on uplands. Corn good progress. Cane and pea-
nuts doing well. Melons fair to good. Early peaches on local markets.
Alabama. Montgomery: Week averaged warm frequent rains. pecially in central. Farm work much delayed and many reports, of grassy
fields in south and central. Corn planting continued in north; progress and condition of early-planted mostly fair. Oats, potatoes, truck, pasnorth; progress of early-planted mostly fair; stands vary from poor to goodi: chopping general in south and locally in central.
Mississippi. -Vicksburg: Progress and
Missisipipi.-Vicksburg: Progress and growth of corn mostly fair: south, but rather poor to fair elsewhere, with frequent rains and cool nights sout, but rather poor to pair eisewhere, with reseq
in north last of week; sow progress in choping
Lovisianna.- New Orlean: Rains generally fa
${ }_{\text {favarable, except in north- }}$ West where. - New Ory Warm weather badly needed. Cotton made rather slow growth, but condition generally satisfactory; necessary cultivation re-
sumed at close. Corn, cane, rice. pastures, and truck greatly benefited by
rain in south and now sumed at cose. Corn, cane, rice. pastures,
rain in south and now generanl doing well.
Teras.
Texas. - Houston: Cool, with general rains beneficial, where not exoats, truck and rice fair to good; oat harvest and potato digging prevented by rain. Progress and condition of corvest generally very good, altopough
bome damage by high winds and washing rain, and complaints of grassy
sol some damage by high winds and washing rain, and complaints of grassy
fields general. Moisture favorable for cotton in south and west, but unfavorable in much of upper coast, east, and northeast where replanting,
cultivation, and chopping delayed and considerable damage by excessive cultivation, and chopping delayed and considerable damage by
falls; general condition fair to good; progress mostly rather slow.
damage by washing and flooding. Some planting and cultivation in west, but field work practically suspended in central and east. Progress of winter wheat and oats pood and crops heading; condition fair to very good, except generally poor in south-central and southwest. Progress and condition
of corn generally poor as too cool and wet; crop late and much yet to be or corn generaly poor as too cool and wet; crop late and much yet to be
planted and replanted. Progress of coton poor as too cool and wet; germina-
tion poor and stands irregular; growth slow and much to be planted and tion poor and stands irregular; growth slow and much to be planted and Arkansas.-Little Rock: Progress of cotton good and stands usually fair to good in south; progress and stands elsewhere poor to only fair, due orth; much replanting and considerable not yet planted. Progress of corn very good, except
siderable stioll unplated.
Tennessee. - Nashvilile: Excessive rains unfavorable and dryness needed. Progress of upland corn poor; progress fair in east, but unfavorable for
rapid growth and cultivation; early plantings in central very good. Progress of eary-planted cotton poor, much replanting. Condition and progress
of winter wheat excellent; beginning to fill. Oats growing well, but require less mointsture.
Kentucky.-Louisville: Decidedly unfavorable as too cool and wet Heavy and frequent rains prevented most corn planting and cultivation;
considerable yet to plant in north and delay becoming serious; growth slow and stands irregular and often poor. Condition and progress of and standing water; heading generally in south and west.

## THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, May 241929.
With the appearance of a few consecutive days of sunny weather, textile retailers did better business toward the end of the week, and improved feeling manifested itself in those primary divisions where trade has suffered from the unseasonable weather of the past month or more. It is hoped that the protracted period of wet and comparatively cold weather is now at an end, and while it is contended in some quarters that Spring business will total a figure measurably below what might have been expected, it is pointed out that buyers have still to come into the market in a large way before Summer needs are supplied, and manufacturers anticipate moving a good volume of goods during the near future, particularly of the light weight types. The cotton goods situation is not appreciably changed. The need for curtailment of production is being generally recognized, and attention is centered on the convention of cotton
goods manufacturers at Atlantic City, where an informal movement is already under way to promote general restriction of output throughout the industry. Stress is laid on the relation of sales to production as the best barometer of regulating supply, an argument which has been advanced before without the success which its advocates had hoped for. The latter are now stronger in numbers and are again endeavoring to bring about a recognition of their contention that the best method of keeping production and consumption in a balanced ratio is by cutting down the former as soon as sales begin to slacken, instead of using statistics of stocks and shipments as a basis for regulation. Silks are among the textiles which have already benefited noticeably from the reappearance of sunshine. All grades are now said to be moving well, with prints still in a dominant position.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.-Cotton goods continue relatively quiet, with sentiment favorable in some quarters and discouraging in others. However, following quickened activity in retail quarters during the last few days, as a result of improved weather, the primary division became manifestly more optimistic, and seemed less disposed to dwell on such disquieting circumstances as the Congressional tariff discussions, high money and freight rates. The contention that the appearance of permanently warm weather will usher in much new business gained more adherents. It is known that stocks in retailers' hands are none too plentiful, and that they will have to come into the market for replenishment in a substantial way before the Summer needs of the public are satisfied-that is, provided public demand approximates anything like normal proportions. Meanwhile, the general situation is practically unchanged. The opinion is voiced in some quarters that prices are holding steadier than might have been expected considering how quiet business is. While the tendency toward weakness is still quite noticeable whenever selling pressure is applied by manufacturers, the low prices touched by grey cloths during the past fortnight are considered, by merchants in a position of authority, to be probably the lowest level to which they will sink for some time to come. With regard to curtailment, while some mills are already restricting production, with indications that others will follow suit in the near future, it is doubtful if such a policy will be pursued on a concerted scale. Co-operative curtailment, according to one source, will be confined to groups of mills. While single constituents are expected measurably to cut down production of their own account, they will probably do so on their own initiative and in accordance with the dictates of their own particular figures. It remains to be seen whether the discussions under way at Atlantic City will lead to the adoption of a plan for curtailment on a more intensive and co-operative basis than is indicated in the above. Print cloths are still being moved in large volume, although the amount of new business is reported to be somewhat less in places. 28 -inch $64 \times 60$ 's construction are quoted at $51 / 2 \mathrm{c}$., and 27 -inch $64 \times 60$ 's at $51 / \mathrm{sc}$. Grey goods 39 -inch $68 \times 72$ 's construction are quoted at $81 / 8 \mathrm{c}$., and 39 -inch $80 \times 80^{\prime}$ s at $101 / \mathrm{sc}$.
WOOLEN GOODS.-Active competition has had a bad effect on the plans of those who have been trying to improve the qualities of the cheaper suits for men which sell, at retail, around $\$ 22.50$. Mills not qualified to produce better goods to satisfy this demand, while they are in some cases reported to be planning to equip themselves for the manufacture of such, are in other instances said to be considering offering current merchandise to the trade at concessions. The action of lowering prices in this manner, it is contended, would open up a new market, since many retailers dealing in this type of suit are subject to severe competition, and would welcome the opportunity thus extended to them to undersell competitors. At the same time, those retailers who have been asking for finer fabrics are not expected to relinquish their policy, and it is doubtful, in view of what is called the growing appreciation of the public in the matter of well-cut cloths made from good cloth, if such adverse circumstances as those noted will permanently injure the business of those with more constructive marketing ideas. In the women's wear division, there is manifest good feeling on account of the generally acknowledged fact that the ensemble style has come to stay for some time. While there are a number of factors who complain that demand is not adequately reflecting this style-trend, it is pointed out that the unfavorable weather of the past few weeks is mainly responsible for the slowness of business. Even the current spell of warmer, sunnier weather is said to be stimulating buying in retail stores, and it is maintained by many factors that a large proportion of Summer and even, Spring buying has yet to be done, and it needs only continuously fair weather to bring a general buying movement.
FOREIGN DRY GOODS.-Linens continue much the same as ever. Without any particular developments in evidence business is steady and while some factors continue to complain of slow demand others find the volume of sales fairly satisfactory. Burlaps are moderately active. Light weights are quoted at 6.30 c ., and heavies at 8.50 c .

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## NEWS ITEMS

California, State of.-Legislative Session Closes.-The regular biennial session of the 48th State Legislature, which convened on Jan. 7, adjourned on May 15, the longest session held since 1923. The session was long because of the impeachment trial of Supreme Court Justice Hardy. According to the Los Angeles "Times" of May 16 the only measures passed by the Legislature that were of value to the State at large were the bank and corporation tax law and the intangible securities tax bill.

Florida Inland Navigation District.-Validity of Canal Bonds Sustained by Supreme Court.-The validity of the $\$ 1,887,000$ issue of canal bonds that was voted in 1928 and ratified during the recent session of the Legislature V. 128, p. 2863 -was approved by the State Supreme Court recently when it handed down a decision affirming the decree of the District Court of Colusia County. The "Manufacturers Record" of May 22 carried the following article on the subject:
The Florida State Supreme Court has sustained the validation by the by 11 counties of the State for the purchase of properties of the East Coast Canal Co. and to acquire the necessary rights-of-way, The project is Burgman. Daytona Beach, is Chairman. Mr. Burgman advises that should nothing interfere with present plans, he will call a meeting of the Commission for June 3 in Jacksonville to arrange details for advertising the bonds and invite bids for their purchase. Upon the sale of the bonds from the Kelsey interests will follow, the canal properties will be turned ver to the Federal Governmen he bottom, making it navigable from Jacksonville to Miami. In addition it is understood that the Government will expend S125,000 annually he properties, it is thought the Government may consent to improve resent conditions preparatory to the completion of permanent improvements. It is anticipated that navigation in the canal will be far better.
beginning with next fall, than it has ever been. The Fiorida Inland Navigation District was created by Act of the of Congress providing funds for the construction of the waterway and malidated by the Volusia County Court in August of the same year. The Dade County States Attorney objected to the validation proceedings and tok the case to the Supreme Court where it was reviewed and a
and Menwhile the Legislature enacted a bil validating the bonds, which was signed by Governor Doyle Carton on April 19 of this year, and on
Jersey City, N. J.-Mayor Hague Re-elected to Office. At the commission election held on May 14 the voters reelected Frank Hague to the mayoralty by a majority reported to have been 24,483 over the opposing ticket.

Maine (State of).-Savings Bank Investment Law Amended -An act of the 1929 Leglisature has made eligible for savings banks investment the bonds or notes of certain industrial corporations. The act adds to Section 27 of Chapter 144, Laws of 1923, the following sub-division: XIX. In bonds or notes of industrial corporations whose property is ocated principally within the United States and issued or assumed by companies of which the net income in each year of the nive years next pre
ceding such investment shall have been either. on the Not less than sion
(2) Not less than $\$ 2,000,000$ and not less than four times such interest. the bonds or notes authorized by this sub-division, and said bonds or note the bonds or notes authorizect to the provisions relating to certificates of public laws of 1923 .

Massachusetts (State of). Changes in Savings Bank Legal Investment List.-Roy A. Hovey, Commissioner of Banks, has issued the following bulletin dated May 161929 of securities added and dropped from list of securities considered eligible for the legal investment of savings banks and trust funds:

| Cities. | Cutes. <br> Paterson, N. J. | Towns. <br> Gorham, Me. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aloona, Pa. N. Y. | Roanoke, Va. | Houlton, Me . |
| Columbia, S. C. | schenectady, N. Y. | Kittery, Me. |
| Columbus, Ga. | Sheboygan, Wls. | Rumford, Me. |
| Councll Blufts, Ia. | Springfield, ${ }^{\text {O }}$. | ${ }_{\text {Stratford, }}$ S N , ${ }^{\text {M }}$ |
| Danville, III. | St. Joseph, Mo. |  |
| Decatur, III. | Wichita, Kan. |  |
| East Chicago, Ind. | Carroll, N . H . | Darien, Conn. |
| Harrisburg, Pa. | Fairfleld, Conn. | East Hampton, Conn. |
| Kalamazoo, Mich. |  | East Windsor, Conn. |
| Kansas City, Kan. | Ellsworth, Me. | Groton, Conn. |
| Macon, Ga. | Old Town, Me. | Mamaen, Conn. |
| Madison, Wis. | Westrorook, Me. | Southington, Con |
| Muncie, Ind. | Central Fals, Touns. | Trumbull, Conn, |
|  | runswick, Me. | Vernon, Conn. |
| Oshkosh, Wis. | Fort Fairfield, Me. | West Hartford, Conn. |

Public Funds Added to List

Al 1ssues of the following companie. Los Angeles Gas \& Electric Corp

New York City, N. Y.-Four Hundred City Engineers Demand Pay Hearning.- Charging that the Board of Transportation has failed to grant them the increased salary that was voted by the Board of Estimate on Jan 1 to all city engineers, four hundred Grade C engineers of the Board of Transportation demanded a public hearing before Chairman Delaney contending that they are the only class of employes who have been discriminated against. The New York "Times" of May 7 reported on the action as follows: Four hundred engineers of the Board of Transportation, members of
the Union of Technical Men, marched to the office of the Board, 49 Lafayette street, yesterday and demanded a pubic uearine John H. Delaney on what they charged of $\$ 3,120$ voted by the Board of Board to granan. 1 to all city ensineers. Those who participated in yesterday's protest were Grade Cemen, who contend thar of Transportation class the salary readjustment.
In the absence of Mr. Delaney, the men were received by Colonel John told then they them that thee were not refused permission to take time off for the demonstration, so used their lunch hour
George E. Carnahan, spokesman for the engineers, told Colonel Slat-
tery that there was nothing else for the men to do but to demonstrate tery that there was no manner chosen. He said that they had exhausted all avenues of appeal, "from the Mayor down," and that all their requests for a hearing had been ignored
Robert Ridgeway,
promised the men that the matter would be considered by the Board and prot the desired hearing would be granted. Mr . Delaney's refusal hitherto to

Oklahoma, State of.-Legislature Convened in Special Session.-The extraordinary session of the 12th Legislature convened at noon on May 16. The proclamation calling the session was issued by the Governor on May 1.

Supreme Court Justice Acquitted.-J. W. Clark, Justice of the Supreme Court, was cleared of impeachment charges by the State on May 10. Justice Clark has been acused of irrolatios in office and the verdict of ac quittal will automatically re-instate the Judge to the bench from which he was suspended when the Senate Court accepted the charges brought by the House.

Rhode Island (State of).-Amend Savings Bank Investment Regulation.-An amendment to the law prescribing conditions necessary for investment of savings banks funds in first mortgages on real estate was enacted by the 1929 Legislature. Sub-section B of Clause IX of Section 1 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws now reads:
(b) In loans secured by first mortgage on real estate subject to the following restrictions:
No such loan shall be made except upon the report of not less than two officers or trustees or directors, or agents duly authorized to the duty by
the board of trustees or directors, who shall certify according to their best judgment to the value of the premises to be mortgaged. Such report and certificate shaltion in writing, and shall
of the corporation.
Loans on improved unimproved real estate shall not cxceed $40 \%$ of such valuatio The aggregate amount of such loans shall not exceed $\% \%$ of such deposits, and real estate located out of Rhode Island.
In the event of any such mortgage loan continuing for five years unreduced in amount, the property upon which such loan is secured shall be re-examined and re-vaued, aromerty at the time of such re-examination, condition and value of the property at in the recreds of the corporation after the
shall be filed and presed in the sum shall be made as often as every fifth year, until such loan is paid. If at the time of any such revaluation it shall appear that the property mortgaged percentage limit of such value herein permitted for such loans, a rempuction in the amount or he loan sian be required and

## BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

ABILENE, Taylor County, Tex.-BOND ofFERING.-Sealed bids will be recelved by K. Rhae Wilson, City Secretary unts. P . m. on. May 31 for the purchase ore than June 15 1929. Due in from 1 to 40 years on an ap-
Dated not later to to
proximately tax level basis. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at some proximately Nax York. Chapman \& Cutler of Chicago or some other reputable
bank in New Yattorney will furnish the legal approval. All bids are to state if they
bond att include the usual expense of proceedings, printing of bonds, attorneys
ind
ind include the usual expense or prified check for $2 \%$ of the bonds bid for is required.
opinion, \&c.
ALABAMA, State of (P. Otii Montgomery) - BOND OFFERING.Sernor, for the purchase of a $85,000,000$ issue of coupon or registered public ernor, hor the purchase onge series J bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed $5 \%$.
road, highway and brige
Denom. si,000. Dated March 1929 and due on March 1 as follows:

 State in New York ilty. Storey, the purchaser. A certifie
will furnish the legal approval to the
2 $\%$, payable to the State Treasurer, must accompany the bid.
ALDEN, Luzerne County, Pa.-BOND SALE.-The First National Bank of Colifton Heights recently purchased at par an issue of $\$ 50,000$
$411 \%$ highway bonds. Dated May 1929 . Payable on May 1959 . $41 / 2 \%$ highway bonds. Dated May 11929 . Payable on May
These are the bonds offered unsuccessfully on April $11-V .128$, p. 2684. ANNISTON, Calhoun County, Ala.-BONDS OFFERED.- Sealed
 Prin. and int. (J. \& D.) payable in gold at the ©hase National Bank in
New York City. Storey, Thorndike, Palmer \& Dodge of Boston will furnish the legal approval.
(This supplements the report given in $\mathrm{V} .128, ~ p .3382)$.
ARCADIA, Bienville Parish, La-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids will be received until June 7 by F. Barnete,
ASTORIA, Clatsop County, Ore--INTEREST RATE.-The $\$ 33,-$
 to the contractor-V. 128 , p. 12 year.
ATLANTIC CITY, Atlantic County, N. J.-BOND OFFERING.-
Alealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on June 3 , by J. A. Paxson, Direc-
tor of the Department of Revenue and Finance, for three issues of $6 \%$
temporary coupen or registered bonds aggregating $\$ 2,630,000$ as follows: 1931 and $\$ 1,000,000$ in 1932 . 75,000 sch June bo as follows: $\$ 730,000$ in 1930 and $\$ 325,000$ in 1931 . 75,000 scheol bonds. Due on June 11930. and $\$ 325,000$ in 1931. in gold or equivalent at the Hanover National Bank. in N. \& D.) payable
Clay, Dillon and Vandewater of New York will furnish the legal approval Each bid is to be for all of the bonds. A certified check for $\$ 50,000$, payable
to the City, must accompany the bid.
ATOKA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Stringtown), May 27 by R.E. Wyrick, District Clerk, for the purchase of a 817,000 issue of semi-annual school bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed $6 \%$. A certi-
fied check for $2 \%$ is required.
AUDUBON, Camden County, N. J.-BOND OFFERING.-H. K. fawrence, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until $8: 30 \mathrm{p}$. m . on June 4 or registered bonds, aggregating $\$ 256,000$ :
$\$ 182,000$ assessment bonds. Due July 1 as follows: $\$ 30,000,1930$ to
 Dated Jaly 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and Int. (J. \& J.) payable Audubon. It is required that the bonds be sold to the bidder offering to commencing with the first maturities, and if the least amount of bonds, ake the same ameunt of bonds, then to the bidder offering the highest dditional amount of less than 81,000 for each istue. The approving opinertified check for $2 \%$ of the bonds bid for is required, payable to the

AVENUE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ventura County, Calif.on May $21-\mathrm{V} .128$, p. 3055 - was awarded to the First National Bank, of Ventura, for a premium of $\$ 1,250$, equal to 102.083 , a basis of about $4.73 \%$. BALTIMORE COUNT
BALTIMORE COUNTY (P. O. Towson), Md.-BOND SALE.-The
$\$ 1,000,00041 / 2 \%$ coupon school bonds offered on May $22-\mathrm{V} .128$, p. $\$ 1,000,00041 / 2 \%$ coupon school bonds offered on May $22-\mathrm{V}$. 128 , p.
$2863-$ were a warded to the First National Securities Corp., at a price of
100.387 a basis of 100.387 , a basis of about $4.40 \%$. Dated June 1 1929. Denom. $\$ 1.000$.
Due June . 1 , as follows: $\$ 65,000,1930$ to 1944 , incl.: and $\$ 25,000,1945$. Prin. and int. (J. \& D. . ) payable at the Second National Bank, Towson.
Legal opinion, is requested, of Elmer J. Cook, Towson, will be furnished.
BARTLESVILLE, Washington County, Okla.-BOND OFFERING. Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk, until May 27, for the pur-
chase of an issue of $\$ 169$ (These bonds were unsuccessfully offered for sale on Mar. 18-V. 128 N. Mex.-BOND OFFERTNG SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Albuquerque June 20, by Mrs. HR T, Gardner, County Treasurer, for the purchase
of four issues of $6 \%$ school bonds aggregating $\$ 17.750$, as follows. 15,000 school district No. 3 bonds aggregating $\$ 17,750$, as fonom. $\$ 1,000$. Due $\$ 1,000$ from 1,500 school district No. 23 bonds. Denom. $\$ 500$. Due $\$ 500$ from June
11932 to 1934 , incl.
750 school dirict 750 school district No. 7 bonds. Denom. $\$ 100$, one for $\$ 150$. Due 500 school district No. 10 bonds. Denom. $\$ 100$. Due $\$ 100$ from June
11932 to 1936, incl. Dated June 1 1929. Prin. and semi-annual int, payable at the State
Treasurer's office or at Kountze Bros. in New York City. A certified Treasurer's office or at Kountze Bros. in New York City. A certified
check for $5 \%$ of the bid, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.
(The election on these bonds will be held June 11). BETHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. York), York County S. C.-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids will be received until noon on of a $\$ 22,000$ issue of $6 \%$ school bonds. Denom, $\$ 1,000$. Dated June 11929
Due on July 1 as follows: $\$ 1,000,1935$ to 1942, and $\$ 2,000$ from 1943 to
1949, all inclusive. Prin. and int. $(\mathrm{J}$. J .) payable at a bank in N. Y. City
The purchaser is to pay for the printing of the bonds and the appro ion of the bond attorney, is so desired. All bids are to be addressed to
Marion \& Finley of York, S. C. A $\$ 1,000$ certified check must accompany the bid.
Pa. BEAVER TOWNSHIP (P. O. Wampum), Lawrence County and 128, p. 2685 -were awarded at par equally between R. E. McKinney and M. S. Johnston, both of Wampum. Bonds are dated May 151929 .
Due $\$ 2,000$, June 15 from 1930 to 1933 incl. No other bid was received. BINGHAM, Broome County, N. Y.-BOND OFFERING. -Harry
H. Evens, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m . (Eastern Standard time) May 28, for the purchase of $\$ 750,00041 / 2 \%$ West Junfor Due April 1, as follows: $\$ 20,000,1930$ to 1966 incl.; $\$ 10,000$, 1967
Prin, and int. payable in gold at the City Treasurer's office. A certified
check for $2 \%$ of the bid is required, payable to the City Comptroller.

BREVARD, Transylvania County, N. C.-BOND SALE.-A $\$ 36,000$ issue of $51 / 2 \%$ refunding bonds has been, purchased by an unknown investor
Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Dated Mar. 1 1929. Due $\$ 11,000$ on Mar. 1950,1954 and 1958 and $\$ 3,000$ in 1959. Prin. and int. (M. \& S. is payable in New
York. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer \& Dodge of
Boston. BRISTOL COUNTY (P. O. Taunton,) Mass.-TEMPORARY LOAN emporary loan, due in six months on a discount basis of $5.74 \%$. The following bids were also submitted:
Bidder- N Discount Basis.
Old Colony Corp.
M. O. Durfee Trust Co., Fall River
Guaranty Co. of New York (plus \$3)
------ $5.79 \%$
$\qquad$
BRISTOL, Sullivan County, Tenn.-BONDS VOTED.-At the special election held on April $27-\mathrm{V} .128$, p. 2685 -the voters
ance of $\$ 20,000$ in bonds for street widgning purposes
BROADFORD, McKean County, Pa.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 129,000$ issue of $41 / 2 \%$ coupon street sewer and bridge bonds offered for sale on Pittsburgh. Due May 1, as follows: $\$ 18,000$, 1930 and 1931 , and 1939 and in Bradford.
BRONXVILLE, Westchester County, N. Y.-BOND SALE.-The p. 3382 - Were awarded to Batchelder, Wach \& Co., of New York, at a price of 100.31, a basis of about $4.44 \%$. Bonds are dated June 11929 . $\$ 5,000,1139$ to 1949 , incl. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the Gramatan
National Bank \& Trust Co., Bronxville. Legality to be approved by Clay, Dillon \& Vandewater of New York City.
BROOKVILLE, Jefferson County, Pa.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 45,000$ 414\% coupon borough bonds offered on April 4-V. 128 , p. 1773 - Were Due $\$ 4,500$, Oct. 1 from 1929 to 1938 inclusive
BURNSVILLE, Yancey County, N. C.-BOND SALE.-A $\$ 70,00$ issue of $6 \%$ refunding bonds has been purchased by an unknown investor. De-
nom. $\$ 1,000$ Dated Mar. 1929 . Due $\$ 7,000$ from Mar. 1950 to 1959
incl. New York City, Legal opinion of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer \& Dodge
of Boston will be furnished.

BURNSTAD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P, O. Burnstad), Logan County,
N. Dak.-BOND SALE.-A $\$ 10,000$ issue of $5 \%$ school building bonds N. Dak.-BOND SALE.-A $\$ 10,000$ issue of $5 \%$ school building bonds
has been purchased at par by the State Board of University and School
Lands. Due in 1949.

BYRON, Ogle County, III--BOND SALE.-The $\$ 3,0005 \%$ improvement bonds offered on May $7-\mathrm{V}$. 128, p. 3055 -were awarded to the Byron
State Bank Only one bid was received. Bonds mature $\$ 300$, May 11930
to 1939 inclusive.

CAMDEN, Camden County, N. J.-BOND SALE.- The issue of
$\$ 1,750,0005 \%$ semi-annual munisipal building bonds was awarded to a syndicate composed of Chase Securities Corp. and Stephens \& Co., both of New York, and C. G. Collings \& Co. of Philadelphians Dated June 1
1929. Due June 11934 . Legality to be approved by Hawkins, Delafield
\& Longfellow of New York. low of New York.
CAMDEN, Ouachita County, Ark.-ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. p. $3383-$ bears interest at $5 \%$ and was awarded to W. B. Worthen \& Co. of Little Rock, at a price of 107 , a basis of about $4.27 \%$. Due from 1932 to
1951 inclusive.

CARTERET COUNTY (P. O. Beaufort), N. C.-BOND SALE - The $622-$ was awarded to Walter, Woody \& Heimerdinger, of Cincinnati, as
\&
CEDAR COUNTY (P. O. Tipton), Iowa.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 92,000$ p. 3222 -was awarded to Geo. M. Bechtel \& Co. of Davenport for a prem1929. Due from May 11930 to 1944 incl. of about $4.54 \%$. Dhe only other bid was an offer
of 101.45 by the Carleton D. Beh Co. of Des Moines,

Va.- BOND ELECTION.-On June. 8, Ceredo) Wayne County, W $\$ 400,000$ in $6 \%$ bonds for road
improvements will be passed upon by the qualified electors. CHICKASAW COUNTY (P. O. New Hampton) Iowa.-BOND Markle, County Treasurer, for $\$ 100,000$ annual county court house bonds.
Mat Int, rate not to exceed $5 \%$. Deenom, $\$ 1,000$. Dated June 11929 . Due on be opened after all open bids are in. Blank bonds to be furnished by pur-
chaser. County will furnish the legal approval of Chapman \& Cutler of Chicago. A certified check for $3 \%$ of the bonds, payable to the county
treasurer, is required.

CHOCTAW COUNTY (P. O. Ackerman), Miss.-BONDS NOT SOLD for sale on April $1-\mathrm{V}$. 128 , p. 2151 has not as yet been sold. bonds offered
1 1929 . Due $\$ 1,000$ from April 11930 to 1954 , incl. April
CHRISTIAN COUNTY (P. O. Hopkinsville) Ky.-BONDS VOTED.-
CLARENDON, Donley County, Tex.-BONDS REGISTERED.-
The Sttae Comptroller on May 18 registered a $\$ 75,000$ issue of $51 / 2 \%$ serial
waterworks bonds.
CLARKE COUNTY (P. O. Osceola), Iowa.-BOND SALE.-The
$\$ 11.000$ issue of annual primary road bonds offered for sale on Apr $16-1$ $\$ 11,000$ issue of annual primary road bonds offered for sale on Apr. The
V. $128, \mathrm{p} .2151$-was awarded to Jackley-Wiedman \& Co. of Des Moines, as 5 s , for a premium of $\$ 56$, equal to 100.509 , a basis of about $4.92 \%$,
Dated May 11929 . Due on May 11944 and optional after five yeurs. only other bidder was the Iowa National Bank of Des Moines.
CLEAR LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mt. Vernon) Skagit
County, Wash.-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids will be received until June 1, by W. H. Whitney, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a
15.000 issue of semi-annual school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed $6 \%$.
Dated July S15,000 issue of sem
Dated July 11929.
CLINTON COUNTY (P. O. Frankfort), Ind.-BOND OFFERTNG.Earl McDonald, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m .
May 25 for the purchase of $\$ 35,600$ William D. Thomas Road No. 402 , Center Township, road improvement bonds. Douponas rate $5 \%$ No. 402 , 4 ,
are dated Mayds
1930 to 1939 incl. Interest payable semi-annualiy.
CLINTON COUNTY (P. O. St. Johns), Mich.-BOND SALE. - The $3223-$ were awarded to the Detroit $\&$ Security Trust Co. of De Deroit, pas
$51 / 2$, at par plus a premium of $\$ 225$, equal to 100.214 . Bonds are to
mature serially in from 17 to 5 yor COLUMBIA COUNTY (P. O. Magnolia), Ark,-BOND oFFERING.--
Sealed bids will be received by Emmett Atkinson, County Judge, until

COMANCHE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16 (P. O. Elgin), okfa.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 6,500$ issue of semi-annual school bonds as 5 s , at par. Due $\$ 500$ from 1934 to 1946 incl
COMPTON UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Compton), held on May 177 the voters authorized the issuance of $\$ 675,000$ in bonds to build junior high schools by a large majority. The actual count was

CORTEZ, Montezuma County, Colo.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 13,000$
issue of coupon Sanitary Sewer District No. 1 bonds offered for sale on
April $30-\mathrm{V} .128$. issue of cound
April $30-128$, , .2686 -Was a warded to Mr. Al. Rust of Dolores. Due
in 15 years and one in 15 years and optional in 10 years.
COTTLE COUNTY (P. O. Paducah), Tex.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 200.000$ issue of $5 \%$ serial road, series C bonds offered for sale on May BONDS NOT SOLD.-The $\$ 150,000$ issue of $5 \%$ court house bonds
offered at the same time-V. $188, \mathrm{p}$. Other bidders and their bids for the bonds were as follow


Price Bid.
.06 .95

CROOK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16 (P. O. Moorcraft)
Wyo.-BOND SALE. The $\$ 28,000$ issue of $5 \%$ school bonds offered for sale on May $20-\mathrm{V}$. 128, p. $3056-$-was awarded to Geo. W. Vallery \& Co.,
of Denver, for a premium of $\$ 14$, equal to 100.05, a basis of about $4.99 \%$.
Dated June 11929 . Due from June 11940 to 1954
CULBERSON COUNTY (P. O. Van Horn) Tex.-BOND SALE.A $\$ 20,000$ issue of $51 / 2 \%$ road bonds has recently been awarded at par to
the sinking fund. Due on Feb. 15, as follows: $\$ 2,000,1930$ to $1934 ; \$ 1,000$,
1956 and $\$ 3,000,1957$ to 1956 and $\$ 3,000$. 1957 to 1959 . 15 , as follows: $\$ 2,000,1930$ to $1934 ; \$ 1,000$,
(These bonds are a part of the $\$ 75,000$ issue already partly sold-V. 28, p. 3383.)
DAKOTA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO, 40 (P. O. Farming
ton), Minn.-BOND SALE.-A ton), Minn,-BOND SALE.-A $\$ 45,000$ issue of school bonds has been DE FUNIAK SPRINGS, Walton County, Fla.-BOND OFFERING.-
Sealed bids will be received until noon on June 3, by J. F. Howell, Town Sealed bids will be received until noon on June 3, by J. F. Howell, Town ment bonds. Denom. $\$ 500$. Dated April 1 1929 and due on April 1 , as
follows: $\$ 4,000,1930$ to 1938 and $\$ 2,000$ in 1939. The bid must specify where payment of the principal and interest is desired. Purchaser will be check for $2 \%$ is required.
DELAWARE COUNTY (P, O. Muncie), Ind,-BOND OFFERING.on June 8, for the purchase of $\$ 4,805.206 \%$ ditch improvement bonds.

Dated Jan. 11 1929. Due semi-annually on May and Nov. 15. Prin. and
int. (May and Nov. 15) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. DELAWARE, State of ( $\mathbf{P}$. O. Dover) - BOND CALL. - Howard M.
 1918, 1919 and 1920 and interest will cease on the above date.
DENTON COUNTY (P. O. Denton), Tex,-BONDS REGISTERED.- $\overline{\text { PI }}$ On May 14 the state
DENTON COUNTY (P. O. Denton), Tex-BOND SALEE-An issue of \$199,593.20 road and bridge refunding
DESCHUTES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED GRADE SCHOOL DIS-
 awarded
108.38.
DORMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Pittsburgh), Allegheny County, Pa.-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids will be received by J. ©
 943 and $\$ 4,000$, 1944 to 1958 , all incl. Int. Dayable on May and Nov. 1 . rinting or by the Department of Internal Affairs. A $\$ 1,000$ certified check, payable to the Districe Treasurer, must accompany the bid.
DUBOIS COUNTY (P. O. Jasper), Ind.-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed ids will be received by Johin Searer, County Treasurer. until 10 a. a. on. on
May 29 , for the purchase of $\$ 8,800$ 41/2\% Bainbridge Township road im51930 S440. Jan. and July 151931 to 1939 inclusive, and \$440, Jan. 15 T40. Prin. and int (Jan. and July 15) payable at the office of the County
Treasurer. A certified check for $2 \%$ of the bonds bid for, payable to the
bove-mentioned official is required bove-mentioned official, is required
DUMAS SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. O. Dumas), Desha eoun purchased by the Merchants \& Planters Titie \& Investment Co. of DU PAGE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36 (P. O. Wheaton), III.- BOND SALLE.-An issue of $\$ 50,0005 \%$ school bonds has recently
been purchased by Halsey, $\mathrm{Stuart} \& \mathrm{Co}$. of Chicago. Due $\$ 10,000$. 1930 to 1934 incl.
DYERSVILLE, Dubuque County, Iowa.-ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

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EASLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13 (P, O, Easley), Pickens County S. C. - BOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids will be received until
June 1 by Edin L. Bott, secretary of the Board of Trustees, for the施
EASTLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Eastland), Eastland County, Tex. - BONDS REGISTERED.-The $\$ 75,000$ issue of
$5 \%$ serial school bonds offered for sale on May $20-\mathrm{V} .128$, p. $3384-$ s register
ELBOW LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Elbow Lake), Grant County, Minn.- BOND SALE.-A $\$ 5,000$ issue of $4 \%$ school bonds has
been purchased by an unknown investor. Due $\$ 1,000$ from July 11939 been purchased
ELKHART COUNTY (P. O. Goshen), Ind.-BOND SALE.-The \$145,000 41/ \% coupon bridge bonds offered on May $16-\mathrm{B}$. 128 , p. $3223-$
 1947 incl.,
Fletcher Savings \& Trust Co., Indianapolis
City National Bank.
ELLERY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, Chautauqua County. N. Y. BOND OFFERING. - Sealed bids wifl be received by the 5\% school bonds. Dated June 1 1929. Denom. $\$ 1.000$. Due Dec. 1 as and semi-annual int. payable at the Bank of Jamestown, Jamestown. A
certified check for $2 \%$ of the bonds bid for is required. ang ayainst the district at the present time school bonds in the amount of
ELMIRA, Chemung County, N. Y.-BOND SALE.-The following two issues of $41 / 2 \%$ bonds aqngregating $\$ 525,000$ offered on May $20-1$.
128, p. $3384-$ were awarded to Roosevelt \& Son of New York, at 100.3185 ,


75,000 Gray St, widening bonds. Due June 1 as follows: $\$ 5,000,1935$
Bonds to be dated June 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. \& D. B. Payable at the office of the above-mentioned official.

Marine Trust Co., Buffalo, $41 / 2 \%-$ Terchants National Bank, Elmira | Price Bid |
| :--- |
| 100.267 | Manufacturers \& Traders-Peoples Trust Co., Buffalo.-..--------100. 10.476

ENON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Franclinton), Wahinton Parish, La.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 20,000$ issue of $5 \%$ school building bonds offered for sale on May 14-V. 128 , D. 3223 - Was sold at par to the
Dasting
Denom. sion. Dated Washington Bank \& Trust Co. of Franklinton. Denom. \$100. Dated
May 15 1929. Due serially in 20 years. Int. payable on May 1. ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass.-TEMPORARY LOAN.-The \$200.000 temporary loan offered on May $21-$ V. 128, p. 3384 - was awarded
the Salem Trust Co. of Salem on a discount basis of $5.10 \%$. Loan is payable on May 71929 .
EUGENE, Lane County, Ore--BOND orFEERING.-Sealed bids will be received until 7.30 p . m. On June 3 by B. S. Bryson. City Recorder, is not to exceed $6 \%$. Teal, Winfree, McCulloch \& Shuler of Portland will furnished the legal approval. A certified check for $2 \%$ of $t$,
required. (The election on these bonds will be held on May 27 .)
EVANSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Evansville), Vanderburg County,
bonds has been purchased by Harris, An Forbses \& OO. or Chicaeno. Bonds

Prin. and int. payable at tae

FAIRFIELD, Greene County, Ohio- -BOND SALEE-An issue of FAIRFIELD, Greene cound and special assessment bonds haverecently
$\$ 36,50051, \%$ water works
been purchased by Poor \& Co. of Cincinnati, for a premium of $\$ 111.11$, equal to 100.304
FAYETTEVILLE, Fayette County, Tenn--BONDS OFFERED.Sealed bids were reccived until $1 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. On May 22 by the Town Clerk for
the purchase of a $\$ 42,500$ issue of $5 \%$ semi-annual school bonds. Due in the purch.
20 years.

FLINT, Genessee County, Mich.-BOND OFFERING-Ned J Verpurche of two issues of bonds aggregating $\$ 600,000$ as follows: $\$ 300,000$ storm water sewer and $\$ 300,000$ intercepting sewer bonds. Denom. $\$ 1$. Prin.
Dated June 151929 . 19 , incl. P24 and interest payable semi-annually at the N all City. Chapman o Bids may be made on split rate basis. If bids are so made the bonds will be warded on an interest cost basis. The City reserves the right to,reject
bide bids and sell at auction.
must accompany the bid.
FORREST TOWNSHIP, III-BOND SALE.-Hill, Joiner \& Co. of
 FORT THOMAS, Campbell County, Ky.-BOND SALE.-The twe issues of bonds aggreged to N. S. Hill \& Co. of Cincinnati, ass 5 s , for a
premsum wore awarde
premium of $\$ 975$, equal to 101.25, a basis of about $4.81 \%$. The issues premium of $\$ 975$, equal to 101.25 , a basis or about $4.81 \%$.
are divided as foliows:
$\$ 50.000$ sewer bonds. Due from Nov. 11934 to 1948 , inclusive.
28.000 incinerator bonds. Due from Nov. 11934 to 1948 , inclusive.
28.000 incinerator bonds.
The other bids (all for 5 s) were as follows:

provident Savings Bank \& Trust Co
ptis Co

FOSTORIA, Seneca County Citizens Corp, of Columbus, recently purchased two issues of $5 \%$ Fontare as follows: disposal plant
vement bonds.
GADSDEN, Etowah County, Ala.-BOND OFFERING,-Sealed bids of an issue of $\$ 100,000$ school bonds.
GERMAN SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Bartholomew County, Ind.hip Trustee, until $9 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. on June 5 for the purchase of $\$ 50,000$ school bullding construction bonds, to bear a coupon rate or $4 / 2 \%$. Bonds are

GIBSON COUNTY (P. O. Princeton), Ind-BOND OFFERING.May 25 for the purchase of the following issues of $41 / 2 \%$ bonds aggregating S
$\$ 18,400$
$\$ 18,900$ 3.500 P $\$ 920$. May and Bonds are dated May and Nov. 151930 to 1939 inclusive. Interest payable semi-annually.
GLENDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hamilton County, O.-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids will be received by R. R. Payne, Secretary of
Board of Education, until $8: 15$ p. m. on June 12 for the purchase of $\$ 72,000$ school bonds. Rate of interest is not to exceed $6 \%$ Bonds are dated
March 11928 . Denom. $\$ 1.000$ Due $\$ 3,000$. Sept. 11929 to 1952 incl. Prin and int. (March and September) payable at the Provident Savings
Bank \& Trust Co. of Cincinnati. A certified check for 11.440 . payable to the Clerk-Treasurer of Board of Education, must accompany each pro-
posal. Legality to be approved by Peck, Shaffer \& Williams of inciunati.
GOLIAD COUNTY (P. O. Goliad), Tex.-BOND SALE.-OR the $\$ 125,000$ isusue of 850.000 block was awarded to the B. F. Dittmar Co. of 122 . Pntonio- . or a premium of $\$ 1,920$ equal to 103.84 . The Court de
Sane
clined to sell the entire issue. The bids received on the $\$ 125,000$ bonds were as follows.

Pruaden Jacinto Trust Co
Garrett \& Co Irving Co
Well, Roth \&
Ryan, Sutherland \& Co
GOODMAN, Holmes County, Miss.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 20,000$ issue of $6 \%$ semi-annual sewerage ssolem instanation on May $7-\mathrm{V} .128$. D. 2688 -was awarded
Due $\$ 1.000$ from 1930 to 1949 inclusive.
GRANITE, Greer County, Okla--BOND SALE.-A $\$ 35.000$ issue of $6 \%$ semi-annual city bonds has recently been purchased by
National Bank of Granite for a $\$ 50$ premium, equal to 100.14 .
GRANT COUNTY (P. O. Marion), Ind.-BOND OFFERRING.on Ma a a. for the purchase of $\$ 29,30041 / 2 \%$ highway construction bonds.
Dated May 15 1929. Denoms $\$ 1,465$. Due $\$ 1,465$ May and Nov. 15 from 1930 to 1939, both incl. interest payable semi-annually.
GRANT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Las Lunas),
Valencia County, N. Mex.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 50,000$ issue of school bonds offered for sale on May $21-\mathrm{V}$. 128, p. 2866-was awarded to Heath
 GRAYSON COUNTY (P. O. Sherman), Texas.-BOND OFFERTNG road bonds, will be received untili $2 \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{m}$. on June 11 , by A. C. Sanders,

GREEN TOWNSHIP, Monroe County, Ohio.-BOND OFFERING -Sealed bids will be recelved by R. K. MCCaslin, Township Clerk, until 12 m. on May 25 . for the purchase of $\$ 2.0006 \%$ road improvement bonds.
Dated Oct. 1928 Denoms. 5500 . Due 500 Oct. 11930 to 1933 incl
Dincld Dated Oct. 11928 . Denoms. $\$ 500$. Due $\$$ certified check for $10 \%$ of the bonds

GREENWOOD, Leflore County, Miss.-BOND ELECTION.-A
 GUTHRIE CENTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Guthrie Center) Guthrie County, 1owa.-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed Secretary of the Board of Education, for the purchase of an $\$ 80,000$ issue of $43 \%$ semi-annual school bonds.
Due as follows: $\$ 3,000$ from 1931 to $1934 ; \$ 4,000,1935$ to $1939 ; \$ 5,000$
$1940 ; 44,000,191 ; \$ 5.000,1942, \$ 6,000,1943 ; \$ 5,000,1944 ; \$ 6,000,1945$
to 1947 and $\$ 5,000$ in 1948 , 0 optional after 1934,
HATTIESBURG, Forrest County, Miss.- BOND OFFERING.Sealed bids will be received by $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{E}$. Astes, Commissioners
May 30 , for the purchase of a $\$ 50,000$ issue of airport bonds.
HAYWOOD COUNTY (P. O. Brownsville), Tenn--BOND SALE- on May 22-V. 128. p. 2688 -was awardred tom Joseph, Hutton \& Estes of Nashville. Due $\$ 5,000$ from April 11934 to 1943 inclusive.
HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bellmore), Nassau County, N. Y.-BOND OFFERING Jesse \& STith, District for the purchase of $\$ 170,000$ coupon or registered school bonds, rate of


 bsid for, payable to the thoard of Education.
HENDERSON COUNTY (P. O. Hendersonville), N. C.-BOND
 to 100.428 , a basis of about 5.43\%. The issues are described as followss.
$\$ 155,000$ school road and bridge funding bonds. Due $\$ 5,000$ in 1932 and
 t the National Bank of Commerce in New . York. semi-annual int. payable The other bidders and their bids were as follows:

Walter, Woody $\&$ Heimerdinger of Cin Davidi Robinnon $\&$ Oo or oroteod--
Ryan, Sutherland $\&$ Co, of Toledo

| Price Bia |
| :--- |
| $\$ 351,22$ |
| 351.47 |
| 350,47 |

HENRY COUNTY (P. O. New Castle), Ind.-BOND SALE.-The
 HOMESTEAD, Dade County, Fla,-BONDS NOT SOLD.-The p. $2510-$ has not as yet been sold. Dated oct. 11928 . Due $\$ 4,000$ from 1931 to 1945 and $\$ 5,000$ from 1946 to 1953 , all incl.
Sealed bids were received until 11 a. m. (daylight saving time) May 24. by D. P. Day, Town Treated May 1 1029 Denom. \$1 as follow: $\$ 3,000,1930$ to 1941 , incl. and $\$ 2,000,1942$ to 1949 , incl Principal and interest payable at the First National Bank, Boston. The Boston, which will certify as the supervision or the First National Bank and the seal impressed thereon and the validity of the bonds will be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden \& Perkins, Esqs. of Boston.
HUDSON, Summit County, Ohio-BOND OFFERING.-B, S the purchase of 996,402 . $135 \%$ street improvement bonds. Dated June semi-annually. A certified check for $10 \%$ of the bonds bid for tor payabable to semi-annually. A certified check for $10 \%$ of the bonds bid for, payable to
the village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.
HOMPHREYS COUNTY MAIN SEPARATE ROAD DISTRICT road bonds offered for sale on April 1-V. 128, p. 1602 -was awarded to the Merchants Bank \& Trust Co. of Jackson, at 100.50 a a wasis of about
$5.94 \%$. Dated March 1 1929. Due from 1930 to 1954 , ncl.
. DRAIVAGE 1 DISTRICT
ILIFF DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Sterling), Colo-BOND Board of Directors, until 7:30 p . Board ou or $6 \%$ semi-annual irrigation bonds. for the purchase of a $\$ 50$. $\$ 1,000$ certified check
000 issue of must accompany the bid.
INDIANAPOLIS, Marion County, Ind.-BIDS.-The following is a list of the bids received on May 15 for the $\$ 693,00041 / 2 \%$ airport bonds
awarded to the American National Co., Chicago, at 103.57 , a basis of Bidder-
American National Co., Chicago
letcher Savings \& Trust Co., Fletcher American Co Trust Co, Bankers Company of N. Y. And the Old Colony Corp
Continentai'Ilinois Co. and Detroit Co... National City Co
Northern Trust Co., Ames, Emerich \& Co., Wm. R. Compton
Halsey, Stuart \& Cocurities Corp
Premium
$\$ 22,848.21$

OWA, State of (P O, Des Moine
NG.-The following is a detailed tabulation voted by the various counties during the year and also those counties con-
templating the issuance of bonds, as it appeared in the Des Moines "Regis-
ter") ter of May 17:



##  <br> May 24 -Crawford May 27 -Dubuque. <br> 800,000 250,000 $.300,000$ $.200,000$ $, 500,000$ 900,000 $, 700,000$ 375,000

May 27 -Webster
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| $1,900,000$ |
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| 550,000 | $1,000,000$ 450,000

$1,500,000$
$1.660,000$
$1,300,000$
Total- $\begin{array}{r}\text { Total voted \& submitted } \$ 85,7385,000 \\ \$ 89,75\end{array}$
Bremer Elections Planned.
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May 27 -Van Buren.


* Votes same day on $\$ 500,000$ secondary road bond issue.

IRONDEQUOIT (P. O. Rochester), Monroe County, N. Y. - BOND SALE.-The following issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating Son \& Co., of New York, at 100.613, a basis of about $5.58 \%$ :
$\$ 83,425.82$ street improvement bonds. Due June 1 as follows: $\$ 5,425.82$, $19,000.00$ sewer bonds. Due $\$ 1,000$, June 11930 to 1948 incl
Bonds are dated June 11929 . Prin. and int. (J. \& D. payable in gold
Bren at the Union Trust Co
County, N. Y.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 15.000$ issue of River), Suffolk bonds offered on May 18 V. 128, p. 3385 were awarded to the First National Bank of East Islip, at par. Due \$750 Feb. 11930 to 1
JAMESTOWN, Chatauqua County, N. Y.-BOND OFFERING-
ealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on May 31, by G. S. Doolittle, Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on May 31, by G. S. Doolittle, gating $\$ 139,634.13$ as follows:
of indebtedness. Due on July 1 , as follows:
00 and $\$ 9500$ from 1931 to 1939 incl. $29,245.95$ sewer bonds. $\$ 3,000$ check payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

Interest rate is not to exceed $6 \%$. Dated July 11929 Principal and
int. (J. \& J.) payable at the City Treasurer's office in New York exchange.
JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Waurika), Okla.-BOND SALE.-A
$\$ 25,500$ issue of school district No. 53 bonds has recently been purchased
by the Taylor-White Co. of Oklahoma City as $51 / 4 \mathrm{~s}$ for a $\$ 10$ premium,
equal to 100.039 .

JOHNSON CITY, Washington County, Tenn.-BONDS VOTED - At a special election held on May 22 the voters approved the issuance of $\$ 510,000$ in bonds divided as follows: $\$ 300,000$ or school expansion; $\$ 125,--$
000 ofor additional water supply, $\$ 60,000$ for fire stations and $\$ 25,000$ for a
sewer extension sewer extension.
JOHNSON COUNTY (P. O. Iowa City), Iowa.-BOND OFFERING on May 27 , for $\$ 105.00041 / 2 \%$ county road bonds. Denom. \$1, 000 . Dated
May 1 1929. Due on May and Nov. 1 from 1932 to 1944, incl. After all the open bids are in, sealed bids wiil be opened. Both the printed bonds by the county $A$ certified check for $3 \%$ of the bonds offered, payable to
the treasurer is required

KALAMAZOO TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ${ }^{2}$ (P. $\mathbf{O}$.
 Nuveen \& Co. of Chicago
KEARNEY, Buffalo County, Neb.-BOND SALE.-An issue of
 KENBRIDGE, Lunenberg County,
Sealed bids will be received until 8 p . M. on Ju.-BOND OFFERING.-
Mayor, for the purchase and sewer system bonds. Dated Mar. 1 1929. 51/2\% coupon water works $\$ 10,000,1939 ; 1944,1949$ and 1954 and $\$ 50,000$ in 1959 Prin. and int.
M. \& S.$)$ payable at the Bank or Lunenberg in Lenbridge. Purchaser to pay the expenses of approval of bonds and legal opinion. A si, 000 cer tified check must accompany the bid
KENT, Portage County, Ohio.-BOND ofFERING.- Frank Bechtle, of $\$ 6.075 .68$ \% sewer mains construction bonds. Dated March 1929 Due Sept. 1 as follows $\$ 1,075.68,1930: 11,000,1931$ to 1935 incl. Interest
payable on March and Sept. 1. A $\$ 500$ certified check payable to the City
Trasur Treasurer is required.
NO. 4 (P. O. AND LANCASTER COUNTIES SCHOOL DISTRICT received until Maay 24, by, T . B. Clyburn, Secretary or the Board of Trustees.
for the purchase of a $\$ 10,000$ issue of $6 \%$ semi-annual school bonds.
KIOWA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 112 (P. O. Carnegie) Kka.- BOND SALE.-The $\$ 5,000$ issue of school bonds offered for sale on
May $13-\mathrm{V} .128$, p. 3225 -was sold to the Piersol Bond Cor, of Oklahoma
 Other bids were as follows:

KIRKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kirkwod) St. Louis
County, Mo.-BONDS VOTED.-At a special election held on May 18
 KNOX COUNTY (P. O. Vincennes), Ind.-BOND SALE.-The awarded to Edwin N. Watts of Princeton. Dated Nov. $1519 . \mathrm{i}$. 28. Denom. were.
$\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 1.050$. Due $\$ 11,050$, May and Nov, 151930 to 1939 incl. $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 1,050$ Due $\$ 11,050$, May and Nov. 151930 to 1939 incl.
These are the bonds offered on Dec. $15-\mathrm{V}, 127$, p. 2992 -The bid of the Meyer-Kiser Bank of Indianapolis, which was the only one submitted was rejected, as Matson, Carter, Rooss \& McCord of Indianaponis did nos
approve the legality of the issue due to a technicality-V. 127, p. 3576 .
KNOXVILLE, Knox County, Tenn--BOND SALE.-The $\$ 800,000$ Issue of 4y/ coupon or registered public improvement bonds offered for York, at a price of 98.85 , a basis of about $4.51 \%$. Dated May 11929 . Due from 1938 to 1968 incl.
The following is an official tabulation of the other bids:
Bankers Company of New York
Commelce Union Co.: White Weld \& Co.: Geo. B. Gibbons \& Stone: Stranahan, Oates \& Harris-- First National Company of $790,400.00$
 Id, Oolony Corp. for I. B. Tisrett \& © ${ }^{-0}$ Guardental Illinois Co. for Harris Trust \& Savings Bank..........
 The Provident Savings Bank \& Trust Co 789.680 .00
$789,272.00$ The Provident Savings Bank \& Trust Co$785,689.60$
$762,320.00$
KOSSUTH COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 86 (P. O. Algoma)
owa.-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids will be received until on June 6 . by H. N. Kruse, Ounty Treasurer. for the purchase of a $\$ 5.500$
issue of $5 \%$ drainage bonds. Dated June 1 1929. Due from 1933 to 1939 ncl. Prin and int. (J. \& D . 1) payable at the County Treasurer's office.
Successful bidder to furnish blank bonds, and legal approval. Open bids
will also be received.
wif also be recelved.
LA GRANGE COUNTY (P. O. La Grange), Ind-BOND SALE-30 (V. $128, \mathrm{D} .2689$ were awarded at arar to 25 local investors.
$\$ 10,800 \mathrm{~W} . \mathrm{R}$. McDonald et al Milford Township bonds. Denom. $\$ 540$.
 8,000 Sanford N. Misher et al Van Buren Township bonds. Denom.
$\$ 400$. Due $\$ 400$ May and Nov. 151930 to 1939 inclusive. Three issues are dated April 151929 . Bonds are issued for road improve-
LANCASTER SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lancaster County, Pa.- BOND
SAAE.- The $\$ 390.000414 \%$ coupon school bonds offered on May $22-\mathrm{V}$.
$128, \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{S}^{2} 58$.

 1947 incl.; $\$ 35,000,1948$; and $\$ 40,000,1949$.
Vilid Platte) Grise Gravity drainage district No. 11 (P. O. BOND SALLE. Th The $\$ 9.000$ issue of $6 \%$ - coupon drainage bonds offered for
sale on May sale on May $18-$ V. 128 , D. 2867 -was awarded to J. Franklin Schell, of $5.81 \%$. Due erom 1930 to 1954 . The only other bid was a a premium offer of
$\$ 1511$ by Dr. Chas. F. Boagmi of Opelouss.
LARAMIE, Albany County, Wyo.-BOND SALE.-A 90,000 block of the $\$ 184,000$ issue of viaduct bonds offered for sale on May $21-\mathrm{V}$. 128 , p.
2510 -was jointly awarded to the International Trust Co. and Bosworth 2510 -was jointly awarded to the International Trust Co and Bosworth,
Chanute Loughrige \& Co., both of Denerer, s. $55 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$, at 100.03 , a basis of
about $5,49 \%$ Dine
LAUDERDALE COUNTY (P. O. Ripley), Tenn.-BOND ELECTION On July 11 a special election will be held in order to have the voters pass
upon the issuance of $\$ 100,000$ in bonds to establish a memorial park and
buing.
LEHIGH COUNTY (P. O. Allentown), Pa.- BOND SALE.-The
 Denom. \$1.000. Due May 1, as follows: \$50,000; 1934; \$75,000, 1929;

Harr Forbes \& Co. \& National City Co., New York-
M. M. Freeman \& Co $\qquad$ ${ }^{\text {Bid. }}$
101.20
101.14


LEXINGTON, Davidson County, N. C.-BOND OFFERING. Sealed
bids will be receeved by R. P. Earnhardt, City Clerk, urtil 2 p. Me on May
R.


 Yor $2 \%$ payable to the City Treasurer must accompany the bid.
LIBERTY COUNTY (P. O. Liberty), Tex.- BONDS DEFEATED. At a special election held on May 18 , the voters defeated a proposition to
issue $82,500,000$ in bonds for road buiding purposes. Atwo thirds maiority
was neessary to win and unofficial reports state that the issue failed by a was necessary
small margin.
(These bonds were previously defeated in February.-V. 128, p. 1265).
LINDEN, Union County, N. J. - BOND SALE.-The two issues of
coupon or registered bonds aggregatin\% $\$ 475,000$, offered for sale on May


98,000 of the $\$ 100,000$ issue of fire house and apparatus bonds take of
as 51 is, payinng $\$ 100.000$, equal to 102.04 , a basis of about $5.07 \%$.
Due from June 11930 to 1962 , incl.
LINNEUS, Linn County, Mo.-BOND SALE,-A $\$ 25,000$ issue of $51 / 2 \%$ street improvement bonds has b
investor. Due from 1930 to 1949 .
LOCKPORT, Niagara County, N. Y.-BOND SALEE-George B.
 and $\$ 4,084.07$ in 1939 .
LOS ANGELES COUNTY (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.-BOND SALE. on May $20-\mathrm{V}$. 128 . p. 3386 Was awarded to the Security-First National
 both issues bringing a total prem
about S.9.0. Dated July 11.123
No other bids were submitted.
Los Angeles County SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. issue of sewer bonds offered for sale on May $14-\mathrm{V}$. 128 , p . $3225-$ was Cointly both of Los Angeles, as $51 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$. Dated June 1 I 1929 . Due $\$ 10,000$ from
Jond 1930 to 1969 incl.
(This completed the report given in $\mathrm{V} .128, ~ p .3386$.
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Los Angeles) Calif.- BOND SALE.-Of the two issues of $5 \%$ semi-annual bonds aggre
gating $\$ 62.900$ offere on May 13 ( $V 128$, p. 3058 ) the $\$ 12.900$ issue of a premium of $\$ 12.91$, equal to 100.10, a basis of about $4.98 \%$ Dut from May 11930 to 1955 incl. There ware no bids received for the $\$ 50,000$ issue
of Keppel Union High school District bonds. Due from May i 1930 to 1954 inclusive.
The following statements accompany the official offering notice: laws of the State of California continuously since July 11900 .
The assessed valuation of the taxable property in said school district The assessed valuation of the taxable property in said school district
for the year 1928 is $\$ 5.799 .495$, and the amount of bonds previously issued and now outstanding is \$185,000. miles, and the estimated population of said school district is 8,200 .
San Gabriel School District has been acting as a school district under the laws of the State of California continuously since July 11900 .
The assessed valuation of the taxable property in said school district Por the year 1928 is $\$ 88866.020$, and the amount of bonds previously issued San Gabriel School District includes an area of approximately 5.69
square miles, and the estimated population of said school district is 10,610. LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.- BOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids will be received by two issues of $5 \%$ bonds, aggregating $\$ 168,000$ as follows. $\$ 103,000$ Lynwood School District bonds. Due on June 1 as follows:
 at the County Treasury. A certified check for $3 \%$, payable to the Chairat the of the Board of Supervisors, must accompany the bid.
LUMBERTON, Robeson County, N. C.- BOND SALE.-The $\$ 65,000$ ${ }^{\mathrm{p}} \mathbf{i} 3226$-was awarded to Prudden \& Co. of Toledo as $51 / \mathrm{s}$. for a premium

MAHASKA COUNTY (P. O. Oskaloosa), Iowa. - BOND SALE.-The $\$ 150,000$ issue of annual primary road bonds offered for sale on May 16 . Lous. as. 434 s. for a premium of $\$ 830$, equal to 100.553 , a basis. of about
$4.65 \%$. Dated May 11935 to 1944 , incl. Optional after 5 years.
MAMARONECK (P. O. Mamaroneck), Westchester County, N. Y.gating 8480,000 offered on May $16-\mathrm{V}$. 128 , p. 3226 -were awarded as : $\$ 255,000$ Park District No. 1 'bonds. Due May 1 as a follows: $\$ 5,000,1930$ 225,000 highway improvement bonds. Due $\$ 15,000$, May 11934 to Bonds are dated May 11929.
MANTENO, Kankakee County, III-BOND SALE.-W. L. Slayton and duolodo, are reported to have purchased an issue of $\$ 8,000$ village
bonds due in 1955. Bonds bear a coupon rate of $6 \%$, payable semiannuaily.
MARATHON COUNTY (P. O. Wausau), Wis.-BOND SALE.-The S. 120 , p. 3226 - was awarded to the Continental 11 fino sals Co. of Chicago, for a premium of $\$ 3,300$, equal to 100,942, a basis of about $4.40 \%$. Due
on Mar. 1 as follows: $\$ 21.000,1940 ; \$ 234,000,1941$ and $\$ 95,000$ in 1942 . Bidder bids were as frinows \& Savings Bank
Kruetzer Wisconsin Co
American securities ${ }^{-}$
MARBLEHEAD, Essex County, Mass.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 45$. Issue of $43 \%$ se sewer bonds offered on May 21, has been purchased by M.
M. Freeman \& Co, of Phlladelphia, at a price of 100.08 . Bonds mature years.
MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Phoenix), Ariz.
 iffered for sale on May 15
317.500 school listrict No
for a premium of


35,000 school district No. 45 Donds to the Citizens State Bank of Phoenix,
as 5 s. for a premium of $\$ 36$. 10 , equal to 100.103 , a basis of about as 5 s. for a premium of $\$ 36.10$, equal to 100.103 , a basis of about
$4.99 \%$ Denom $\$ 1.000$ Due May as follows. $\$ 3,000$.
1940 to 1944, and $\$ 4,000$ from 1945 to 1949, all incl. (Authorized by election on Mar. ${ }^{\text {Pri. and int. (M. \& N. N.) payable at the County }}$
Treasurer's office or at the Bankers' Trust Co. in New York Oity. Treasurer's office or at the sanners thation of the other bids: City.
The following is an official tabulation of the other bids

| Bidder |  | Rate of |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Anglo-Lond | \$17 |  | 20.00 |
| Weil, Roth \& Irving | -17,500 | 51/2 | 18. |
| Stranahan, Harris \& Oa | - 17.500 | 5\%\% | 550.00 |
| Stranahan, Harris \& | 17.500 | $5{ }^{5} 5$ | 10.00 |
| Peck-Brown \& ${ }^{\text {co }}$ Co | 17,500 | 5 $5 / 2 \%$ |  |
| United States National Co. | - 17,500 | 51/2\% | 1006. |
| School | . 45. |  |  |
| Valley Bank ---Ts orais, In | -- 35.000 | 51\%\% | 390.33 415.00 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Weil, Roth \& Irving Co...- | -- 35,000 | 51/2\% | 219 |
| United States National Co. | -- 35,000 | 51/2\% | each \$1000 |
| Sidio, Simons | 0 |  | ${ }_{94}^{29}$ |

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.-BOND OFFERING, $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. on June 10 for the purchase of the following issues of $5 \%$ ' bonds aggregating sivo,000
$\$ 123,000$ bridge construction bonds. Denom. $\$ 615$. Due $\$ 12,300$, Apr. 1 47,000 1930 to 1939 incle bonds. Denom. $\$ 1,175$. Due $\$ 2,700$, Apr. 11930 to Bonds are dated. Apr. 1 1929. Prin. and int. (A. \& O. 1) payable at the
offrice of the County Treasurer. Arcertified check for 3 o o tha bonds bid
for, payable to the Board- of County Commissioners, is required. MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind-BOND OFFERING,
Clyde E. Robinson, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until
 tion bonds. Dated May 1 Prin. and Demi-annual int. Duabable at May and
Nov. 1930 to 1939 incl
of the above-mentice MARION MO Well Count
MARION, McDowell County, N. C.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 15,000$ issue or coupon water bonds offered for sale on May $21-\mathrm{V} .128$. p . $3387 /$,
was awarded to R . L. Durfee \& OC. of Toledo as 58 s , for a premium of $\$ 112$, equal to 100.746, a basis of about $5.68 \%$ Duee on Apr. 1 as follows:
$\$ 500,1933$ to 1942 and $\$ 1,000,1943$ to 1952 , all incl. The other bids
were were as follows:
Biddet
Havehest Bond Co
Davies-Bertram Co-
Magnutt Irving Co
Magus © Oo
$B i d$
$\$ 460.00$
32.50

MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Marion), Linn County, bowds. -ffered for sale on May $20-\mathrm{V}$. 128 , $\mathrm{p} ; 3387$-was awarded to the equal to 100.148, a basis of about 4.48\% on oted June 1 1929. Due
$\$ 10,000$, June 11943 and 1944, and $\$ 5,000$ in 1945. Int. payable on June \$10,000, Jun
and Dec. 1
MARLIN, Falls County, Tex.-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids will
be received by J. M. Kennedy, Mayor, until June 11, for the purchase of a $\$ 75,000$ issue of $5 \%$ semi-annual paving bonds.
MARSHALL COUNTY (P. O. Holly Springs), Miss.- BOND SALE.
An issue of $\$ 100.00053 \% \%$ road bonds has been purchased at par by 1. MARTIN COUNTY FRESH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 1 serial water supply bonds was registered by the state Comptroller on May

MARYLAND, State of (P. O. Annapolis).-BOND OFFERING.Sealed blds will, be received until noon on June 12 by John M. Dennis, $\$ 4,280,000$ as ${ }^{2}$, $750,00041 /{ }^{2} \%$ bridge bonds. Dated June 151929 . Due from June 15

 one of the terms of this offering that the bonds when of the Attorney-General of Maryland to this effect will be delivered to the purchaser. Bidders may. if they, wish, make their bids "subject to legal-
ity," but not their own counsel's opinion, without maling their bid contyy, but not their own counsel's opinion, without makn th eitate Treas-
ditional. A certified check for $5 \%$ of the bid, payable to the State urer, is required.
MATOACA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Matoaca), Chesterfield County, Va.-BOND ELECTION. The voters will pass approval on May
29 on the proposed issuance of $\$ 50,000$ in bonds for additions to the present school buildings.
of MAYSVILLE, Mason County, Ky.-BOND SALE.-A $\$ 60,000$ issue Cincinnati, for a premium of $\$ 11$, equal to 100.18 .
(These bonds were authorized by the council on Apr. $17-\nabla .128$, p. 2867.) CMERIDEN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Meriden) bonds has recently been purchased by Geo. M. Bechtel \& Co. of Davenport, as $43 / \mathrm{s}$, for a premium of $\$ 530$, equal to 101.68 .
MIAMI, Ottawa County, Okla.-BOND SALE.-The two issues of were awarded to the Ottawa County National Bank, of Miami, as $51 / 2 \%$. bonds, at par. The issues are described as follows: $\$ 25,000$, public park
and $\$ 25,000$ electric light bonds. Dated April 11929 . Int: payable on
Ditil

## April \& October 1.

MILFORD, Ellis County, Texas.-BONDS REGISTERED.-The S30,000 issue of $6 \%$ sanitary sewer system bonds that was recently sold
(V. 128, p. 2868) was registered on May 17 by the State Comptroller. MINOT, Ward County, N. Dak.-BOND SALE.-A $\$ 300,000$ issue at par by a syndicate composed of the Wells-Dickey Co, Kalman \& Oo.
and the Drake-Jones Co., all of Minneapolis, Dated May 1 1929. Due and the Drake-Jones Co.. all of Minneapolis, Dated May 1 . 1929. Due
in anual installments in from 3 to 20 years. Prin. and int. is payable a in annual instaliments in from 3 to $\begin{aligned} & \text { Irsolis. } \\ & \text { the Fational Bank in Minneapo }\end{aligned}$
MOBILE, Mobile County, Ala.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 175,000$ issue of $5 \%$ public impt. series GH bonds offered for sale on May $14, \mathrm{~V}^{128}$. D. Birmingham, for a 8500 premium, equal to 100.285 , a basis of about $4.94 \%$
MONROE, Green County, Wis.-BOND SALE.-A $\$ 10,000$ issue of
$41 \% \%$ semi-annual water main extension bonds has recentily been purchased by local investors.
MONROE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Monroe),
Orange County, N. Y.-BOND OFFERING:-F, L. Jacqmein, District

##    he Board of Education <br> MONTANA, State of (P. O. Helena)- $-B O N D S$ NOT SOLD. - The   

MONTGOMERY, Montzomery County, Ala.-ADDITIONAL DE-

 Palmer \& Dodge of Boston.
MOODY, MCLennan County, Tex - BOND OFFERING,-Sealed bids will be received until noon on May 27 by T. P. Money, Mas.
MORRIS COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Daingerfield) Texas. BOND RNEGISTERED. - An issue of S100.000 5 .
bonds was registered on May 13 by the State Comptroler.
NASHUA, Hillsborough County, N. H.-TEMPORARY LOAN.discount basis of $5.94 \%$, due in seven months.
NEWINGTON, Hartford County, Conn.-BOND OFFERING.-



NORTHAMPTON COUNTY (P. O. Jackson), N. C.- BOND SALE.28. D. 2511-was awarded to the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapoils as
 onds were as follows



NORTHAMPTON, Hampshire County, Mass.- BONDS OFFERED.

 rust Co . Boston, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the orficicias and the seal impresed thereon, and the validitity of the
bonds will be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden \& Perkins, Boston.
NORTH HEMPSTEAD COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (PD





NORTH HEMPSTEAD, GREAT NECK PARK DISTRICT (P. OO
 warded to Roosevelt \& Son. of New York, at a price of 100.239 , a basis of

NRICT NO. LEBANNON AND CANAAN CENTRAL SCHOOL DIS-
 Dayling saving rimo, on June 8, or the purt to exceed $6 \%$. coupon or
 River Trust Co.. Hudson in New Tork exchange or at the Chase Natisonal
Bank, New York Cits. The approvin opinion of Olay, Dillon © Vande

MOUNT LEBANON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allegheny n May of about 4.4.\%.O. Bonds are dated April 1 1929. and mature on Aprill 1 .
as follows $\$ 7,000,1934$ : $\$ 12,000,1939,1944,1949$, 1954 and in 1959 .
MULTOMAH COUNTY (P. O. Portland), Ore.- BOND OFFERING. Bailey, County Clerk, for the purchase of a $\$ 500,000$ issue of coupon. St: Johns Bridge bonds. Interest $r$ rate is not to exceed $5 \%{ }^{\circ}$ Donom. S1,000. Dated July 111299 . Duee 820.000 from July 11935 to 1959 inclusive.
Prin. and semt-annual int. payabie in Eold at the states fiscal agency in Prin. and sem-annual int. payabie in gol areasuer. Stores, Thorrnike, Palmer \&ode of Boston will furrish the legal approval. These bonds
were authorized on May 18 1928. All bonds shall be sold for delivery at
 check for $5 \%$ or the bidd payable to the County Clerk. is required.
bonds were unsuccessfuly offered on March $6-V .128, p .1603$.
MURRREESBORO, Rutherford County, Tenn-- BOND ELECTION. a propectaa eection will be hedd on June 19 for the purpose or passing upon
putposese, 8300,000 bond issue to be used for funding and water system purposes.
MEOSHO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Neosho), Newton County,
 Due from 1930 to 1949 .
NEWLIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Nowlin) Hall County, Tex.- BOND OFFERING- Sealed bids will be received by $\$$ the Secretary of the Board of
NEW MEXICO, State of (P. O. Santa Fe)- BOND SALE.-OP the




NEWPORT, Newport County, R. I. - BIDS REJECTED.-Tho follow-
ing bild were


 approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden \& Perlins of Boston.
Harris. Forbes \& Co
Rate $\begin{array}{r}\text { Bid. } \\ -98.00 \\ -9.68\end{array}$
Valuation for year 192
inancial Statement, May 71929 Sinking fund bond

Serial bonds (including issue advertised). ${ }_{2,224,000.00}^{163,47.94}$
Total net debt-
Population (1920) 82,387,471,94
NOBLE COUNTY (P. O. Albion), Ind-BOND OFFERING.- Sealed County Treasurer, for the purchase of the following issues of $5 \%$ bonds aggregating \$21,720: 10,620 Elkhart Township bonds. Due $\$ 505$. July 1 1930; $\$ 505$, Jan, and Bonds are dated May 151928 inclus
NORTH BERGEN TOWNSHIP (P. O. North Bergen), Hudson improvement bonds have been purchased by a syndicate composed of B. J.
Van Ingen \& Co., Eldredge \& Co., Morris Mather \& Co., M. J. Schlater Co., Stephens \& Co.. Hoffman \& Co., Seasongood \& Mayer, Prudden \& gold at the steneck Trust Co. of Hoboken. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield \& Long
1929. Due April 241935 .

ONECO TOWNSHIP (P. O. Orangeville) Ill.-BOND SALE.-The $514 \%$ road bonds. Dated May 11929 . Due $\$ 3,000$, 1931 to 1940 incl Principal and interest payable in Chicago. Legality approved by Chapman \& Cuttler, Esqs. of Chicago.
OOLOGAH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Oologah) Rogers County on April $24-V .128$, p. $2868-$ Was awarded at par for $41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$, to the county
sinking fund. Due $\$ 1,500$ from 1932 to 1949 incl.

ORANGE COUNTY (P. O. Paoli), Ind.-BOND OFFERING.-Jessie , for the purchase of $\$ 18,0005 \%$ Can Creek County unit road Dated June 3 1929. Denom. $\$ 900$. Due $\$ 900$, May and Nov. 151930
to 1939 inclusive. Interest payable on May and Nov. 15 .
ORANGE COUNTY (P. O. Santa Ana), Calif.-BOND ELECTION -On June 25 the voters of this county will ballot upon the proposed issu-
ance of $\$ 16,500,000$ in $5 \%$ bonds for flood control purposes. It is reported
that the bonds will mature serially over a 40 year period

PASADENA, Los Angeles County, Calif.-BOND ELECTION.The Board of City Directors has designated June 18 as the date for a spectal dam in the San Gabriel Canyon and a water aqueduct to Pasadena.

PENN TOWNSHIP, St. Joseph County, Ind.-BOND OFFERING.$7.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. on June 11. for the purchase of $\$ 10.0005 \%$ school improvement o 1939 inclusive. Prim. waka Loan \& Trust Co., Mishawaka. A certified check for $3 \%$ of the

PERRYTON, Ochiltree County, Tex.-BONDS NOT SOLD.-The $\$ 48,000$ issue of $5 \%$ semi-annual street improvement bonds offered on April 4-V. 128, p. 2155 -has not as yet been sold. Dated April 11929.
Due $\$ 1,000$ from 1931 to 1940 and $\$ 2,000$ from 1941 to 1959, all inclusive.
PETERS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Venetia), Pa.receive sealed bids until 7 p. m . (Eastern standard time) on May 27 fo Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Due May 1 as follows: $\$ 15,000,1934$, and $\$ 4,000,1935$ to 1944 incl. The approving opinion of Burgwin, Scully \& Burgwin of Pitts-
burgh will be furnished. A certified check for $\$ 2,000$, payable to the Disrict Treasurer, is required

PEWAUKEE, Waukesha County, Wis.-BOND SALE.-Two issues Appleton State Bank of Appleton, for a $\$ 225$ premium, equal to 100.47 , a $\$ 32,000$ water works bonds. Due $\$ 1,000$ from 1930 to 1937 and $\$ 2.000$ 15.000 from 1938 to 1949 ant incl. $4, ~ \$ 1,000$ from 1935 to 1948 incl

15,000 sewerage system bonds. Due $\$ 1,000$ from 1935 to 1948 incl .
Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Dated Mar. 1 1929. Prin. and int. is payable at the
PHOENIX, Maricopa County, Ariz.-BOND SALE.-An issue of \$106,000 $6 \%$ improvement bonds has recently been purchased by the
Hanchett Bond Co. of Ohicago. Dated April 31929 . Prin. and int. J. \& J.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer

PITTSFIELD, Berkshire County, Mass.-TEMPORARY LOAN.-
The Old Colony Corp. of Boston, purchased a $\$ 300,000$ temporary loan on a discount basis of $5.80 \%$
PIXLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Visalia) Tulare County, Calif. County Clerk, until 10 a. m. on June 3, for the purchase of a $\$ 25,000$ issue 1954 incl. Prin, and int. (M. \$1,000. Due $\$ 1,000$ rom May County Treasurer. A certified check for $5 \%$, payable to the Ohairman of s, is required.
POPULAR BLUFF, Butler County, Mo.-BONDS VOTED.-At a special election held on May 14 the voters authorized the issuance of water
works system improvement bonds amounting to $\$ 100,000$ by a majority of about 15 to 1 .
PORTLAND, Cumberland County, Me.-TEMPORARY LOAN.awarded to Salomon Bros. \& Hutzler of Boston. at a discount basis of $5.92 \%$ plus a premium of $\$ 3.25$ Loan is payable on Oct. 71929 at the

PORTLAND, Multnomah County, Ore-BOND SALE -A A $\$ 40,000$ Portland, at. price of 102.85, a basis of about $5.58 \%$. Dated Aug. 1 1927. Pue on Aug. 11937 and optional after 1930.

PORTSMOUTH, Rockingham County, N. H.-TEMPORARY LOAN. - The Piscataqua Savings Bank of Portsmouth, purchased on May
17 , a $\$ 50,000$ temporary loan at a discount basis of $5.98 \%$, due in $31 / 2$ 17, a $\$ 50,000$ temporary loan at a disc
months. These were no other bidders.

PULASKI COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Little Rock, Ark.-BOND SALEE. A At $\$ 39,000$ issue of drainage b
purchased by the Columblan Trust Co. of Topeka.

PUTNAM COUNTY (P. O. Greencastle), Ind.- BOND OFFERING.
AlVa E Lisby County Treasurer Fill receive sealed bids until 12 m .
on May 28 , for the purchase of the foliowing issues of $41 / 2 \%$ bonds, agreegating $\$ 3,2.20:$. F. C. Tilden et al, road improvement bonds. Dated April 151929.
Denoms. $\$ 400$. Due $\$ 400$ July 15 1930; $\$ 400$ Jan. and July 151931 7,120 Andrew Trester et al, road. improvement bonds. Dated April 15
 $4,400 \mathrm{R}$ R. A. Sandy incl., and $\$ 300 \mathrm{Jan}$. 151940. Denoms. $\$ 220$. Due $\$ 2200$ July 15 190nt 190 onds. $\$ 220$ Jan. and Juyly 151931
to 1939 incl., and $\$ 220$ Jan. 151940 . 7,120 Virley. Greenlee et al, road improvement bonds. Denoms. $\$ 356$.
Dated May 151929. Due $\$ 356$. July 15 1930; $\$ 356$ Jan. and July
15 1931 to 1939 , incl., and $\$ 356$ Jan. 15 1940. , 640 M . M. Miller et al, road improvement bonds. Dated May 151929. to 1939, incl,, and $\$ 232$ Jan. 15 1940. $\$ 232$ Jan, and July 151931 Interest payable semi-annually. A certified check for $5 \%$ of the amount
of bonds bid for is required.
QUAKER CITY, Guernsey County, Ohio.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 4.5005 \%$ coupon village's share improvement bonds offered on May $17-$
V. 128, p. 3060 , were awarded to the Quaker City National Bank at a premium of $\$ 10$, equal to 100.22 , a basis of about $4.97 \%$. Bonds are
dated Apr 11929 Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Due $\$ 500$, Oct. 11930 to 1938 incl. Int. payable Apr. 1 and Oct. 1.
RANDOLPH COUNTY (P. O. Winchester), Ind.-BOND OFFERn June 3, for the purchase of $\$ 64,00043 \%$ Rufus R. Macy et al, highway mprovement bonds. Dated May 151929 . Denoms. $\$ 800$ Due $\$ 3,200$
REDDELL GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Reddell) rainage, series A bonds offered for sale on May $18-\mathrm{V} .128$, p. $2869 \%$
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RHOME SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Rhome) Wise County, Texas. chased by an unkonwn investor.
RICHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Columbia) S. C.-BOND SALEE.-The May 21 - V. 128 , . 3228 was awarded to the South Carolina National
 basis of about $4.71 \%$. Due from June 11934 to 1952.
RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Sidney), sale on May 11 -V. 128 , p. $2691-$ was awarded at par to the State Board of
RIVIERA, Palm Beach County, Fla.-BONDS NOT SOLD.-The $\$ 30.000$ issue of $6 \%$ coupon refunding bonds offered on May 7 -V. . 28 . p.
$3060-$ has not not as yet been sold. Dated Feb. 1 1929. Due from 1932 to
1954 , incl.


ROCKVILLE CENTRE, Nassau County, N. Y.-BOND SALE,-The
 of New York, at 100.1747, a basis of about $4.58 \%$.
$\$ 60,000$ water bonds. Due $\$ 3,000$ May 11930 to 1949 incl.
, inclusive figng syson 1930 to 1944 Dated May 1 1929. Prin. and int. (May and Nov.) payable in gold at
the First National Bank of Rockville Centre. ST. ANNE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Kankakee County, III.-BOND
SALE.-The S $65,0005 \%$ coupon school bonds offered on May 7-V. 128 ,



ST. CLAIR COUNTY (P. O. Ashville), Ala.- PRICE PAID.-The \$50,000 issue of 6\% refunding warrants that was purchased by Steiner
Bros.of Birmingham-V. 128, p. 3388 -was awarded to them at par. Due
on April on April 1 1934.
ST. CLOUD, Stearns County, Minn.-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed
 aggregating $\$ 75,000$ as follows:
$\$ 50,000$ water works bonds. Due on July 11949 and optional after July 1 1939.
25.000 sewer bonds. Due on July 111949 and optional after July 11939 . 19 .nom. $\$ 1,000$. Dated July 1 1929. Successful bidder to pay for the Denom. 81,000 . Dated July 1 1929. Successful bidder to pay for the
printing of the bonds. Payable at the St. Cloud Guaranty Trust Co. A

SAN DIEGO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. San Diego), Calif.- BOND SALE.-The two issues of bonds, aggregating \$47.000


 payable at orne of
-5 SANDUSKY, Erie County, Ohio-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 40,7505 \%$ street improvement bonds offered on May 18. were awarded to the Sinking
Fund at par. Dated May 1 1929. Due from Nov. 11930 to 1938, incl. WSANFORD, Lee County, N. C.-BOND SALE.-A S77,000 Issue of Bosworth \& Co. of Toledo, for a premium of $\$ 707$, equal to 100.91 .
SCARSDALE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P, O.
 102.30 a basis of about $4.33 \%$. Dems. $\$ 1,000$. Due June 1 as follows: $\$ 2,000$,
 264,500 se

 National Bank \& Trust Co. Scarsdale.
Gidder- -1 bibons \& Oo.. Inc., and Roosevelt \& Son
Geo. Bel
Batcheider, Wack \& Co., and Stranahan, Harris \&
Batcheider, Wack \& Co., and Stranahan, Harris \& Oatis, Inc.......--101. 101.09

 interest is not to exceed $41 / 2 \%$ \%.
$\$ 400,000$ sewer bonds. Due S20,00, June 11930 to 1949 incl.
310,000 High School bonds. Due June 193 ind 310,000 High Schooi bonds. Due June 1, as follows: $\$ 15,000,1930$ to
256,000 public inclus., imd $\$ 17,000$. 1945 to 1949 incl. 256,000 public improvement bonds. Due June 1 as follows: 1930 to 1933 incl., and $\$ 13,000,1934$ to 1949 incl. 45,000 school equipment bonds. Due $\$ 3,000$, June 11930 to 1944 incl.
24.000 park boads. Due $\$ 2,000$, June 1930 to 1941 incl. All of the above bonds are dated June 1 1929. Denoms. $\$ 1,000$. The
 1945 to 1949 incl. Interest payable sem-annually. A certified check for $\$ 20,700$, payable to the city, must accomapny each proposal.
of Reed, Hoyt \& Washbuorn of New York, will be furnished.
SEATTLE, King County, Wash.-BOND SALE. - The two issues of
cupon or registered bonds aggregating $\$ 1,300,000$, offered for sale on May $17-\mathrm{V}$. 128, , p. 2869 -were awarded as follows:
$\$ 900,000$ municipal light and power bonds to Eldredge \& Co. of New York, and associates, as 5 s. at 96.90, a basis of about $5.25 \%$. Due
\$44.000 from 1990 to 195 incl
 and $\$ 28,000$ from 1945 to 1949 , all inclusive.
The following is an official list of the bidders and their bids:
Rate
Rater
Bider
Light
Bonds.
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Eldredge \& \& East'n Trust Co.; Old National
Spokane \& East'n Trust Co.; Old National
Eldredge \& Co, Mississippi Valle Trust Co.: $4 \frac{3 / 4}{2}$

* 8854,280 Eldredge \& Co.; Mississippi Valley Trust Co.,
Spokane \& East'nTrust Co.i Old Nationai
Bank \& Union Trust Co.; Dean Witter \& Co.: Ferris \& Hardgrove-.- Cincinati-:-
 $\begin{array}{ll}5 \% & -4 .,-\overline{40} 0 \\ 6 \% & 385,200 \\ 5 \% & \end{array}$ 872,100
912,150
866,700 Richards \& Blom, Inc.; Seasongood \&
Mayer; Stephens \&o.; M. F. Schlater
Mo. Inc.; Morris Mather \& Co.; Batch- 5\% elder, Wack \& Co-al \& Broom; Baillar-
Geo. H. Burr, Conrado
geon, Winslow \& Co.; Dean, Witter \& geon, $\begin{aligned} & \text { Corris } \& \text { Hardgrove; First Securi- } \\ & \text { tion }\end{aligned}$

$41 / 2 \% \quad 380,244$
Per $\$ 100$
$\$ 100.08$
Kent, Grace \& Co.: Seipp, Princell \& Co.;
Wm. P. Harper \& Son.
Per $\$ 100$
Wm. P. Harper \& Son. Minnessota Co.:
Continental llinois Co.
Wheelock \& Co. First Minneapolis Co
$51 / \frac{1}{6 \%}$
Per $\$ 100.55$
Wheelock \& Co.: First Minneapolis CO- $5 \%$------- 855,000
Geo. H. Burr, Conrad \& Broom; Baillar-
成 * Succe-ssfui bid.
SENECA COUNTY (P. O. Tiffin) Ohio-BOND SALE.-The Tiffin National Bank, and the Commercia National Bank, both or Tirrin, jointly,
purchased on May 9 , several issues of bonds aggregating $\$ 42,200$, and purchased on May 9 , several issues of bonds aggregating $\$ 42,200$, and
maturing serialy in from 1to 10 years. at a a price of par. Bonds bear interest
at the rate SHANNON COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 203, III.-BOND SALEE. The White-Phillips Co. of Davenport, recently, purchased an issue
of $\$ 20,000$ school bonds bearing a coupon rate of $51 / 4 \%$, at a price of par. of $\$ 20,000$ school bonds, bearing a coup
Bonds are in denominations of $\$ 1,000$.
SHARON, CHERRY VALLEY AND ROSEBOOM CENTRAL coupon school londs offered on May $16-V$. 128 , p. 2870 were awarded as
$43 / \mathrm{s}$ to Batchelder, Wack \& Co. of New York, at 100.09 , a basis of about

SHARON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mercer County, Pa,
OFFERING.-MOND sealed bids until 1 p. m. on May 31 , for the purchase of $\$ 425,000$ coupon
school bonds. Interest rate is $41 / 2 \%$ Bonds are dated June 1511929 . school bonds. Interest rate is $41 / \%$. Bonds are dated June 15 1929.
Denom. $\$ 1.000$ Payabe on June 15 1959. A certified check for $\$ 1,000$,
payable to the school District, is requred.
SHELBY COUNTY (P. O. Shelbyville) Ind.-BOND OFFERING.Sealed bids will be recelved by Henry booher.
$10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. on May 27 , for the purchase of the following issues of $41 / 2 \%$ 'bonds aggregating $\$ 46,800$ : 7,760 Lisererty Tusvernhip bonds. Due $\$ 388$, May and Nov. 151930 to The bonds are dated May 151929.
SHELBYVILLE SCHOOL CITY, Shelby County, Iowa.- BOND May is-V. $128, \mathrm{D}$. 2870 - were awarded to the Fletcher Saving \& $\&$ Trun
 anestly 2 , and to 1948, incl, and $\$ 3,000$, Jan. 21949 . Principal and in-
terest ( Jan at the First Natlonal Bank, Shelbyville.
Other bidders were as follows. Other bidders were as follows:
Bidder-


101.01
100.82
100.00

SHREVEPORT, Caddo Parish, La--BONDS VOTED.-At a special in bonds as follows: $\$ 1,500,000$ for the purchase of a suitable army airpor: site by a count of 1,051, 'ror", to 144 "against" and $\$ 300,000$ for a municipal
airport by a vote of 935 to 284 .

SIDNEE, Cheyenne County, Neb.-BOND OFFERING. - Sealed bids
will be recelved until 8 p. m. on May 27 by B. Stiles Town Mlerk, for the wurchase of a 86,000 issue of on May $5 \%$, by B. Stiles TVown Clerr, for the
pormi-annual funding bonds. Denom.
$\$ 500$. Datea April 15, 1929.

SILVER LAKE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P) O. Lake
Park) Dickinson County, Iowa.-BOND DESCRIPTION.-The $\$ 45,000$ Parke ickinson onds that, was purchased by Geo. M. Bechtel \& Co oo
issue of school bor
Davenport- V . 128, p. 1440-bears interest


SOUTHGATE ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. South Gate), Calif. PorRICE PAID. The $\$ 224,000$ issue
of $6 \%$ semi-annual improvement bonds that was jointy purchased by by
W. Cavalier \& Co, and C. F. Childs © Co 128, p. 2513 -was awarded to them at a price of 10.446, a basis of about
$5.95 \%$. Dated Feb. 19 1929. Due from Feb .191934 to 1948 .

SPARTA, Monroe County, Wis. - BOND $S A L E$. The $\$ 10,000$ issue
Of semi-annual coupon street improvement bonds offered for sale on of $5 \%$ semi-annual coupon street improvement bonds offered for sale on
May $116 . \mathrm{V}$ 128, 3389 was awarded at par to the Bank of Sparta.

Bidder-
Whitips Co--
Hanchett Bond Co $\qquad$ Price Bid.
97.85
97.61
STAMFORD, Fairfield County, Conn.- TEMPORARY LOAN.The old Colony Corp. of Boston, on'May 16 , purchased a sloo. 000 tem-
porary loan on discount basis of 5.84\%. The loan is dated May 161929 ,
and is payable on Oct. 4 1929. Other bidders were:
Bidder
First Stamford National Bank (plus $\$ 2.00$ ) $\qquad$ Discount Basis.
$5.89 \%$
$5.97 \%$

STOREY COUNTY (P. O. Nevada), Iowa.-BOND SALE.- The
$\$ 300,000$ issue of road bonds offered for sale on May 15 (V. 128, p. 3060 )

 Bidders.
Gechtel \& Co..
Ballard-Hassett Co.......
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SUFFERN, Rond Cor
 of \$291.50 equal to 100.583, a basis of about 4.60\% York, Dat Jun aremium Denom. $\$ 1.000$ and $\$ 500$. Due $\$ 2,500$ June 1930 to 1949 , incl. Prin.
and int. (June and Dec. Dayable at the office or the Village Clierk. Legal-
ity to be approved by Olay, Dillon \& Vandewater of New York.

SUPERIOR, Nuckolls County, Neb.-PRICE PAID.-The \$35,792.39 issue of $4 \% \%$ semi-annual paving districts bonds purchased by the
Peters Trust Co. of Omaha-V. 128, p. 2513 -was awarded for a premium Peters Trust Co. of Omaha-V. 128, D. 2513 -was awarded for a premium
of 351 , equal to 100.98 , a basis of about $4.63 \%$. Due from May 11931 to
1939 , incl.

TACOMA, Pierce County, Wash.-BOND SALE.-An $\$ 80,000$ issue of 41,\% garbage utility bonds has recently been jointly purchased by by
Drumheller. Ehrlichman \& White of Seattle and Murphey. Favre \& Co . Spokane. Denom. S1,000. Dated May 1 1929. Due from May 11931 to
1937, incl. Prin. and int. (M. \& N. 1) payable at the City Treasurer's offrce or at the State's fiscal agency in Naew York City. Coupon bords
registerable as to principal. Legality to be approved by Preston, Thorgrimon \& Turner of Seattle

TAMPA, Hillsborough County, Fla.-NOTE SALE.-The two issues
 Due in 6 months.

TARBORO, Edgecombe County, N. C.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 115.000$ issue of electric light bonds offered for saie on May 17 (V. 128 , p. 2693)
was jointly awarded to John Nuveen \& Co. of Chicago and Braun, Bos-


TENAFLY, Bergen County, N. J.-BOND SALE.- A syndicate com-
St



THOMASVILLE, Davidson County, N. C.- BOND OFFERING.May 28 for the purchase of four issues of bonds, aggregating $\$ 95.000$. as foll street working machinery bonds. $\$ 11,000$ water, $\$ 4,000$ sewer and $\$ 18,-$

 to the City Treasurer. is required A certiried check for $2 \%$ or the bid, payable
tor sale on May 24-V. 128, p. 3389 .

TILLMAN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

 to exceed 7\% . 1932 to 1947 , and $\$ 3,000$ in 1948 . A certified check for $2 \%$ is required.
TIPTON COUNTY (P. O. Covington), Tenn.-BOND SALE.-The
$\$ 100.000$ issue of high school bonds offered for sale on May $20-\mathrm{V} .128$, \$1. 3389 was jointly awarded to Joseph, Hutton \& Estes, of Nashville, and Little. Wooten \& Co. of Jackson, as 5 ys . for
equal to 101.08 . Eleven other bids were received.
TIPTON COUNTY (P. O. Tipton), Ind.-BOND OFFERING.-Willis A. Kendall, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids untill June 7 for the
purchase of an issue of $\$ 4,520.806 \%$ Oharles W. Hutcherson et al road im-
provement bonds. Bonds are in denom. of $\$ 904.16$. Due 8904.16 June provement bonds. Bonds are in denom, of \$904. 16 . Due $\$ 904.16$ June 1
1930 to 1934 incl. Interest payable on June and Dec. 1 . A certified check
for $21 / 2 \%$ of the amount of bonds bid for is required.
Will be received by Erie County, N. Y. WOND Schulmeister, City Treasurer, until Seled bids June 3 for the purchase of $\$ 20,0005 \%$ coupon improvement bonds. Dated
July 1 D 1929 . Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Due $\$ 1,000$ July $1,194 \theta$ to 1959 incl Principal and interest. payable at the Chase National Bank, New York. A certified check for $\$ 1,000$, payable to the above-mentioned official, must
accompany eaeh proposal.
Legal opinion of Thomson, Wood \& Hoffman of New York will be furnished the purchaser.
TONAWANDA, Erie County, N. Y. - BOND SALE.-The $\$ 25.0005 \%$ coun Bonds are dated Jan. 1 1929. Denom, \$1.000 Due 81,000 Jan. ${ }^{1} 1935$
to 1959 incl.; Prin. and int. payable at the Chase National Bank, New
York York.


| Price Bid |
| :---: |
| 101.5974 |

100.217
100.47
101.926

TORAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Elyria), Lorain County, Whil receive sealed bids until noon on June 18, for the purchase of $\$ 115.000$

 hished thelpurchaser Authority: Section 2293-12 Chapter 14, General
Code of Ohlo. A certified check for $\$ 500$ payable to the District is required.

TREMONT TOWNSHIP (P. O. Tremont), Tazewell County, III.BOND A WARD.- The First National Bank of
an issue or $\$ 50,0006 \%$ road graveling bonds.

TROY, Oakland County, Ohio- BOND SALE.-The following issues or $5 \%$ bonds aggregating $\$ 19,735$, offered on Aprii 18 (V. 128 , p. 2336 ),
were awarded at par the First Troy National Bank \& Trust Co., Troy.
No other bid was submitted: $\$ 9,400$ special assessment sanitary sewer bonds. Due $\$ 940$ March and
Sept. 1 from 1930 to 1934 inclusive. 3,900 special assessment Boulevard lighting bonds. Due March 1 as
follows: $\$ 700,1930$, and $\$ 400,1931$ to 1934 inclusive. 2,105 judgment bonds. Due Sept. 1 as follows: $\$ 605,1930$, and $\$ 500$,
1931 to 1933 inclusive.
1,500 special asssessment sidewalk, curb and gutter improvement bonds.
Due $\$ 300$ March 1 from 1930 to 1934 inclusive.
1,450 special assessment street paving bonds. Due
1,380 special assessment grading and graveling bonds. Due March 1 as The judgment bond issue is dated Sept. 1 1929, the others are dated
March 1 1929. Interest payable on March and Sept. 1. TUSTEN AND COCHECTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1



UPPER CHICHESTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until noong (Eastern standard ime) on May 29 , for the purchase of 830,000 issue of coupon school bonds. Dated June 1929 . Denom, $\$ 1,000$ The bonds are issued subject to the
faverable opinion or Townsend. Eiliott \& Munson. Essis. of Philadelphia.
A certified check for 3600 is required, payable to the School District.

VALLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 (P. O. Frazer),
Mont.-BOND AWARD.-The $\$ 21.387 .20$ issue of $6 \%$ semi-annual school Mont. BOND $A W A R D$. The $\$ 21,387.20$ issue of $6 \%$ semi-annual school
bonds offered for sale on May $14-V .12, \mathrm{p}$. $2870-$ will be purchased at par by the Stater of Montana. Due in 10 years and optional on any interest paying date.
VALLEY COUNTY. SCHOOL DISTRICT NO, 24 (P. O. Oswego),
Mont.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 12,000$ issue of $6 \%$ school refunding bonds


VAN BUREN COUNTY (P. O. Paw Paw), Mich.- MATURITY.Paw Paw at $100.78(\mathrm{~V}, 128$, p .3230$)$, mature annually on May ${ }_{1}$ I as follows: Paw
$\$ 5,000,1930$ to 1937 inclusive, and $\$ 6,000,1938$ and 1939. Interest cost 1 , 1 as follows:
basis about $5.09 \%$.

VERMONT (State of), P. O. Montpelier.
Cave, State Treasurer, states that $\$ 2,800,00033 / \%$ flood restoration bonds have been a warded as follows:
$\$ 1,000,000$ to the National Life Insurance Co. of Montpelier.
$1,000,000$ to local banks (Montpelier
500,000 to the Burlington Savinss Bank of Burlington.
100,000 to the Burlington Trust Co of Burl
100,000 to the Allen National Bank of Burr Haven.
00,000 to the Peoples National Bank of Barre.
Bonds mature annually on Dec. 11229 to 1948 and are part of an issue 1927 (V.125, p. 3088). Of the bonds authorized, $\$ 700,000$ remain unsold 30 the initial issue of $\$ 5.000,000$ was privately purchased at par by $J$. ${ }^{\text {P. }}$
Morgan \& Co. of New York. These bonds also bore a coupon rate of $3 . / 4 \%$ (V. 126, p. 446).

VOLUSIA COUNTY (P. O. De Land), Fla.-BOND SALEE.-A $\$ 36,000$ issue of right of way bonds has recently been pu
Merchants Bank \& Trust Co. of Daytona Beach.
WAHPETON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wahpeton), Richland
 issue or $\$ 150,000$ coupon school building bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed
 designated by the purchaser. Junell. Dorsey. Oakley \& Dr trust company apolis will furnish the legal approval to the purchaser. A certified check
for $2 \%$, payable to the District Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

AusALLIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wallis) Austin County, Tex.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 50.000$ issse of $5 \%$ coupon school bonds offered for sale on May $20-\mathrm{V}$. $128, \mathrm{D} .3389$ was awarded
at par to Garret \& Co oo Dallas. Dated May 10 . 1929 . Due from 1942
to 1969 , inclusive. No other bids were submitted.

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Vicksburg), Miss.-BOND ELECTION.issuance of special election will be held for the purpose of passing upon the
for a new jail. 000 in bonds for a new courthouse building and $\$ 60,000$
 Stage, Olerk of the Board of Education, will recelve sealed bids until 2 p . mis daylight saving time), May 28 for the purchase of $\$ 250,000$ coupon

 Bank, Warwick, in New York exchange or at the National Park Bank,
New York itty. A certified check for $\$ 5,000$, payable to A M. H Holmes
Treasurer, is required wreasurer, is required. The approving opini,

## 7 WASHITA COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. has recently been jointly purchased by the Security Nation sciool bands

 and 1938 and $\$ 500$ in 1939 , and $\$ 10$ in 1939 , $\$ 1,000,1940$ to 1947 and $\$ 1,500$ in 1948 .
WAYNE, Wayne County, Mich-BOND SALEE-The following issues or $5 \%$ water bonds offered on May $21-V$. 128 , p. 3389 -were awarded to
the Wayn Savings Bank \& Fidelity Trust Co., for a premlum of $\$ 269.00$
equal to 100.68 equal to 100.68, a basis of about $4.88 \%$. 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.
bonds. Due June 1, as follows: $\$ 578.40,1931 ; \$ 500,1932$ and $15,578.40$ 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. lage (excl, special Asst. bonds) is $\$ 209,500$. Assessed valuation for 1929
is $\$ 5,400$,ood. is $\$ 5,400,000$
WEST CARROLL PARISH ROAD DISTRICTS (P. O. Oak Grove),
La.-BOND SALE.-The two issues of road bonds aggregating $\$ 78.000$,




WESTFORD TowNSHIP (P. O. Foxlake, Wis. BOND OFFERINGi

 Treasurer:
WEST SALEM (P. OO. Sallem, Marion County, Ore.-BOND SALE
 not consummated because o
WESTSIDE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT ${ }^{(P)}$. ${ }^{\circ}$. West



WEST IIRGINIA, State of (P. O. Charleston)-BOND OFPERING.











 Financial Statement.
Assessed valuation
Bonded indebt
1919 Virginia debt bonds (original issue $\$ 13,500,000$ ) 58,710,000
Total bonded indebtedness (including this offer) - $\$ 64,824,800$ pursuant to the Good Roads Amendments to the Constitution and payable erially, last maturity Jan. 11954.
The Constitution of West Virgini
of bonds outstanding for roads shall at no time exceed aggregate amount Constitution of West Virginia does not authorize the issuing of bonds The Constitution of West Virginia does not authorize the issuing of bonds for
any other purpose. Population (1920 census), $1,463,701$.
WEYMOUTH, Norfolk County, Mass.-BOND SALE
Colony Corporation of Boston purchased on May 16, an issue of $\$ 15$,000 water bonds, maturing serially in from 1 to 15 years, at a price of 102.10 Other bidders were: coupon rate of $41 / 2 \%$. Int. payable semi-annually

WEYMOUTH, Norfolk County, Mass.-TEMPORARY LOAN.-The on May 17, on a discount basis of $5.795 \%$. Loan matures in six month and was sought by the following other bidders: Discount Basis.
First National Bank, Boston
Bank of Commerce \& Trust
Discount Basis.
WHITE COUNTY (P. O. Monticello), Ind.-BOND OFFERING.June 10 for the purchase of $\$ 22,050.446 \%$ Otto F . Strantz et al., ditch construction bonds. Dated June 11929 . Due annually on June 1 from WHITE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P, W
WHITE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. White Rock), Roberts
County, S. Dak.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 6,000$ issue of $5 \%$ coupon, semiannual school refunding bonds offered on April $12-\mathrm{V} .128, \mathrm{p} .2337$-was awarded at par to the State of South Dakota. Denom. $\$ 300$. Dated May
281929 . Due from 1930 to 1950 and optional after 1930 . WINSLOW, Dodge County, Neb.-BOND SALE.-A $\$ 12,000$ issue of water bonds has been purchased by local investors, as $41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$, at par.
Due in 20 years and optional after 5 years.

WINDSOR, Hartford County, Conn.-BOND OFFERTNG-Sealed
bids will be received bry bids will be received by John C. Conklin, Town Treasurer, until 5 p. m.
on June 3, for the purchase of $\$ 142,00041 / 2 \%$ school bonds. Due July 1 as
follows: $\$ 23,000$ 1931 and 1932 and $\$ 24,000,1933$ to 1936 incl. A certifollows: $\$ 23,000,1931$ and 1932 ; and $\$ 24,000,1933$ to 1936 incl. A certifficial, is required. Legality to be approved by Storey, Thorndike,
WOBURN, Middlesex County, Mass.-BOND OFFERING.-W H. H. Waving-time) on May 29, for the purchase of $\$ 24,000$ issue of $41 / 2 \%$ coupon
saving or registered water main bonds. Dated June 1 1929. Due $\$ 3,000$ June 1
1930 to 1937 , incl. Prin. and int. (J. \& D.) payable in Boston. The bonds which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed theron, and the validity of the bonds will be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden \& Perkins, Esqs., of Boston
WOOD COUNTY (P, O. Bowling Green), Ohio.-BOND OFFERING. - Ju. Cummings, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until $1 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. $\$ 150,500$ : 75,000 to 1934 incl. improvement bonds. Due $\$ 7,000$, Mar. and $\$ 8,000$, Sept. 1 20,000 road improvement bonds. Due $\$ 2,000$, Mar. and Sept. 11930 8,000 road improvement bonds. Due $\$ 800$, Mar. and Sept. 11930 to 7,500 road improvement bonds. Due $\$ 500, \mathrm{Mar}$. and $\$ 1,000$, Sept. 1 Bonds are dated Mar. 1 1929. Prin. and int. (M. \& S.) payable at the offered must accompany each proposal.
WOODVILLE, Sandusky County, Ohio.-BOND OFFERING.the purchase of $\$ 64,000$ water works bonds, to bear interest at the rate of $5 \%$, payable semi-annually. Bonds are dated June 11929. Due annually on
WORCESTER COUNTY (P. O. Snow Hill), Md.-BONDS VOTED.$\$ 300,000$ bonds, for the purpose of purchasing sites, building and equipping new buildings in Snow Hill, Berlin, Ocean City, Pocomoke City, Bishop-
ville, Whaleyville and Newark. A majority vote of 727 was polled in favor of the proposition.
YAMHILL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 40 (P. O. McMinnon May Ore.-BONDS OFFERE issue of school bonds. Due $\$ 5,000$ in 1939 and $\$ 10,000$ from 1940 to 1945 . YOUNGSTOWN, Mahoning County, Ohio.-BOND OFFERING.James E. Jones, Director of June 8 , for the purchase of $\$ 493,951.025 \%$ street improvement bonds. Payable on Oct. 1 as follows: $\$ 98,790.22$,
$1930 ;$ and $\$ 98,790.20,1931$ to 1934 inel. Prin. and int. (A, \& O . 1) payable bonds bid for, payable to the Director of Finance, must accompany each proposal.
Anyone desiring to do so may present a bid or bids for such bonds based upon their bearing a diferever that where a fractional interest rate is bid tisement, provided, however, that where a raction fraction shall be $1 / 4$ of $1 \%$ or multiples thereof.
such
YUMA COUNTY (P. O. Yuma), Ariz.-BONDS NOT SOLD.-The two issues of $5 \%$ bonds aggregating $\$ 400,000$, offered on May 11- $\dot{\mathrm{V}}$. 128 , p. 2694 - Were not sold as all the bids were rejected. The highest bid was a tender of 95.07 by the Elmer J. Kennedy Co., of Los Angeles Smith. Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, until June 18, for the purchase of the above issues of bonds. The issues are divided as follows: $\$ 375,000$ highway and $\$ 25,000$ aviation field bonds. A certified check for $5 \%$ must accompany the bid.
XENIA, Greene County, Ohio.-BOND OFFERING. - Sealed bids will
be received by T. H. Zell, City Auditor, until 12 m . on June be receive of $\$ 12,300.51 / 2 \%$ special assessment sewer extension bonds.
 incl.; $\$ 2,000,1938$; and $\$ 1,300,1939$. A certifled check for $2 \%$ of the posal. Le

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.
KITCHENER, Ont.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 233,227.64$ issue of $41 / 2$ and $5 \%$ improvement bonds offered on May $20-\mathrm{V}$. 128 , ${ }^{\text {p }}$. 3390 -were awarded to H. R. Bain \& Co., of Toronto, at
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then 4ublic at one hundred and five per centum of the principal debt, together with July 1, 1929. coupon.
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Numbers 1 to 50. incl STATE HIGHWAY IO OF STATE HIGHWAY LOAN OF 1919. Dated Jan. 1. 1919: Due Jan. $1,11959-41 / 2 \%$
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