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The Financial Situation.

An event of this week was the announcement, on July 10, that Ogden L. Mills, the acting Secretary of the Treasury, had authorized the Federal Reserve Banks to purchase, at the option of holders, for account of the sinking fund of the U. S. Treasury, \$75,000,000, or thereabouts, aggregate face amount of 3½% Treasury notes, of Series A, 1930-32, at 98 and accrued interest. The offer is to remain open until the close of business on Tuesday of next week (July 16), or at such earlier date as the full amount shall have been tendered. Purchase for account of the sinking fund are of course a common occurrence and the only particular in which the present offer to purchase differs from previous operations is in the method adopted for making the purchases.

The Treasury Department asks for tenders of the notes at a fixed price, instead of pursuing previous practice and going into the open market to make purchases or buying through the Federal Reserve Banks. The Treasury notes now to be bought were originally exchanged (in March 1927) for the Second Liberty Loan bonds, which the Treasury had called for redemption. These notes were issued at par, of course, but have been selling at a discount in the open market for over a year, and the market price on the day of the Treasury announcement was 97 24/32 bid, and 98 asked. The Treasury Department is of course desirous of acquiring the bonds as cheaply as possible, and evidently feels that in inviting tenders it stands a good chance of getting the bonds without the risk of running up the price, which might be encountered in undertaking to purchase the notes in the open market. Washington dispatches state that purchase will be made out of the residue of the \$185,000,000 surplus with which the Treasury closed the fiscal year ending June 30 1929.

If the Treasury Department had made purchases in the open market or through the Federal Reserve

Banks, as in the past, the operation would have attracted little or no notice. Indeed, the general public would have been unaware of what was going on, and hence would necessarily have been in entire ignorance of the matter. As it is, considerable speculation has been indulged in as to the purpose and intent of the Treasury Department in making the purchase. Does the Treasury Department intend to ease the money situation and with that end in view does it intend to place \$75,000,000 at the disposal of the money market? If so, will not that be in conflict with the policy of the Federal Reserve Banks in seeking to prevent the use of credit in aid of stock speculation? Assuming that to be the case, what are the Federal Reserve authorities going to do about the matter? Will they sell some more of their United States Government securities so as to offset the action of the Treasury Department? Are the Reserve authorities and the Treasury Department working at cross purposes? These are some of the questions that have been asked.

All this may be dismissed as idle talk, and it may be taken for granted that the Federal Reserve and the Treasury Department are in complete harmony. The Treasury is simply carrying out one of its daily operations in the ordinary course, and is not concerned as to the effect upon the money market, nor are the Reserve authorities, it may be assumed, giving the matter any thought or consideration. The operation is really a minor one, and of little consequence alongside the big jobs of financing in which the Treasury Department is obliged to engage at quarterly periods such as the recent June financing, when the Treasury Department had to provide for taking up \$500,000,000 of maturing certificates of indebtedness, besides inviting subscriptions for a new issue of certificates for \$400,000,000, and making income tax collections to a huge aggregate, so that the total Treasury turnover easily exceeded \$1,000,000,000.

This week's action of the Treasury Department, however, in inviting tenders of Treasury notes does show that the Treasury Department has independent means of affecting the money market, whether it so intends or not; \$75,000,000 is not a large amount in these days of big transactions, but it is nevertheless of sufficient consequence to influence the course of the money market in times of strain, when, as the saying goes, "every little helps." Treasury purchases of bonds or notes do not stand alone in that respect. Of vastly greater importance is the power which the Treasury Department possesses, at times of the quarterly financing and the heavy income tax collections, to swell Government deposits with the member banks. Against such Government deposits the member banks are not required to hold any cash reserves, and accordingly they are all "velvet."

One recent illustration will suffice to show what important factors these Government deposits become at the quarterly periods. On June 12, just before the Government's June financing and before the receipt of the first installment of the quarterly income tax collections, Government deposits with the reporting member banks were only \$46,000,000. The following week (June 19) they were up to \$260,000,000, having increased in that single week in amount of \$214,000,000. The result was to create an artificial period of temporary ease, the misleading character of which appeared when the call money rate on the Stock Exchange, after being held unchanged at 7%, suddenly advanced to 10%, and then, after being maintained at the latter figure, on the 1st of July spurted to 15%. Since the middle of June these Government deposits have been reduced, but even on Wednesday of last week (the figures for the present week will not be known until next Monday evening) the amount still stood at \$193,000,000. It is to be remembered, too, that these amounts relate merely to the reporting member banks, that is, the banks making reports each week. If we could have reports for the whole body of member banks the amounts would be very much larger.

This week's returns of the Federal Reserve Banks show no very great or material changes from the returns of a week ago. They are important, however, in the testimony they afford that the credit strain remains at close to the maximum, and cannot be said to have been lessened or relieved in any substantial degree. Brokers' loans on security collateral, after the tremendous expansion for the previous three weeks, when the total was increased in amount of no less than \$485,000,000, went down the present week in the relatively insignificant extent of \$14,000,000. The loans made by the reporting member banks in New York City for their own account decreased from \$1,255,000,000 to \$1,201,000,000; the loans for account of out-of-town banks rose from \$1,580,000,000 to \$1,624,000,000, while the loans for account of others were slightly reduced, dropping from \$2,934,000,000 to \$2,930,000,000. The grand aggregate under all the different heads stands at \$5,755,000,000 the present week, against \$5,769,000,000 last week. A year ago, on July 11 1928, when the total was already unduly swollen, the amount of these brokers' loans was only \$4,243,000,000.

As it happens, too, member bank borrowing at the Reserve institutions has further increased during the week, the total of the discount holdings of the twelve Reserve institutions being reported at \$1,153,041,000, July 10, against \$1,125,083,000 on July 3. The Reserve Banks have continued their policy of undertaking to offset, in part at least, this increase in borrowing by reducing their holdings of acceptances, purchased in the open market, and also their holdings of United States Government securities. Acceptance holdings were diminished during the week from \$73,922,000 to \$65,976,000, and the Reserve Banks have further reduced their holdings of Government securities, these having dropped during the week from \$141,382,000 to \$136,144,000. Nevertheless, the total of bill and security holdings the present week stands at \$1,365,826,000 against \$1,350,852,000 last week. At the same time member bank deposits with the Federal Reserve Banks heavily declined, falling from \$2,380,165,000 to \$2,

302,874,000. In the circumstances the Reserve Banks had no alternative except to add to the volume of Federal Reserve notes in circulation, and the total of these increased over \$96,000,000 during the week, rising from \$1,736,259,000 to \$1,833,004,000. We notice that the Federal Reserve Board remarks that "the usual post-holiday return flow of currency being more than offset by issuance of the new small size notes," but that is difficult to believe.

Borrowing at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York has been particularly heavy, the discount holdings here having further risen from \$425,254,000 to \$439,320,000, at which figure comparison is with only \$194,426,000 on May 29. Again, as in previous weeks, the Reserve institutions, while diminishing their own holdings of acceptances, have added to their purchases of acceptances made for account of foreign correspondents. During the week under review, the total of the bill holdings for foreign correspondents increased further from \$428,711,000 to \$440,592,000. Since May 1 up to the present week (July 10) the twelve Reserve Banks have diminished their own holdings of acceptances from \$170,421,000 to \$65,976,000, but have increased their acceptance holdings for foreign correspondents from \$349,257,000 to \$440,592,000.

The monthly crop report issued by the Department of Agriculture at Washington on Wednesday of this week was looked forward to with a great deal of interest, as affording knowledge regarding the impairment of the leading grain crops during June by adverse weather. The report is far from being as satisfactory as the earlier reports of this year. This is especially true as to the outlook for the Winter wheat crop, there being not only a considerable drop as to condition covering the past month, but the indicated yield from this year's harvest as now estimated is 40,000,000 bushels under the indicated production one month ago. This is a particularly large loss for June for this very important crop. The first report on corn also is rather below what might be wished for, with the acreage for this year somewhat under the average for preceding years and the condition even below that of last year's corn crop at this time, and still further below the average of other preceding years. Spring wheat has also declined quite heavily in condition during the month, likewise oats and rye.

The July 1 condition of corn is indicated by the Department at 77.6% of normal. These figures compare with 78.1% at the corresponding date a year ago and a ten-year average July 1 condition of 82.6%. This average, however, is largely made up of the high July 1 condition for the years prior to 1924. There has been only one year since 1923 when the July 1 condition was above 80%, and that year was 1925, at 86.4%. This year's acreage for corn, too, is somewhat reduced, being placed by the Department at 98,333,000 acres, against 102,350,000 acres a year ago, and a five-year average of 100,899,000 acres. The probable production the present year, based on present condition, is put at only 2,662,050,000 bushels, which compares with the harvest last year of 2,835,678,000 bushels. This is based on the estimated yield of 27.1 bushels per acre, whereas last year it was 28.2 bushels per acre, and in six of the past ten years has been as high as it was last year or above that figure, reaching 31.5 bushels per acre in 1920. Conditions as to corn may

change very materially for the better at almost any time up to the end of the season.

As to wheat, however, the crop of Winter wheat is at this time practically made. The July 1 condition of Winter wheat is now placed at 75.9% of normal, against 79.6% on June 1 of the present year, a loss of 3.7 points in the past month. A year ago the July 1 condition of Winter wheat was 75% of normal and during June there was an improvement of 1.4 points. Furthermore, conditions were so improved later in the harvest that an additional 33,000,000 bushels of Winter wheat was added to the production for that year over the indicated yield of July 1 1928. The July 1 estimate of Winter wheat from this year's production is now placed at 582,492,000 bushels. The June 1 estimate this year was 622,148,000 bushels, and the actual harvest last year was 578,133,000 bushels, being somewhat less than the indicated yield for this year.

For three of the five years prior to this year, the Winter wheat crop has been less than is now indicated for the production of 1929. The latest estimate is based on an average yield of 14.6 bushels to the acre, whereas the final yield last year was 16 bushels per acre. In the July 1 estimate of Winter wheat for the crop harvested last year the average yield per acre was placed at 15.1 bushels. The yield for the past ten years has averaged 14.9 bushels per acre. In four years out of the last five years, Winter wheat has improved in condition during June, from one to 3.9 points. The loss this year during June has been largely in Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado, where hot winds and insect damage has been great. The area for harvest of Winter wheat is now estimated at 39,885,000 acres as compared with the estimate for May 1 this year of 40,467,000 acres, after Winter killing had been deducted, and 36,207,000 acres the actual harvest of last year.

In the case of Spring wheat, too, the situation as a whole has become quite unsatisfactory. The condition of Spring wheat on June 1 this year, when the first report for that crop was issued by the Department of Agriculture, was 84.8% of normal. The July 1 condition for Spring wheat other than Durum, the former being much the most important part of the Spring wheat crop, was 74.4% of normal, more than 10 points below that reported a month ago. On July 1 1928 the condition of the Spring crop, other than Durum, was 71.7% of normal, while the 10-year average condition on July 1 is 82.6%. Production this year of Spring wheat, other than Durum, based on the July 1 condition, is now indicated at 193,099,000 bushels—the harvest last year was 231,288,000 bushels, and the five-year average production has been 200,423,000 bushels. The area sown this year is now placed at 15,514,000 acres, in comparison with 15,478,000 acres last year and a five-year average of 14,965,000 acres. Durum wheat, covering the condition in four States, makes even a poorer showing than other Spring wheat, the July 1 condition for Durum being 67.5% of normal, against 76.2% on July 1 of last year, and a 10-year average condition of 80.4%. The estimate of the crop of Durum wheat for this year is now placed by the Department at 58,278,000 bushels, against 92,770,000 bushels harvested last year, and a five-year average of 59,988,000 bushels.

For all wheat a production of 833,869,000 bushels is now indicated, against last year's harvest of

902,191,000 bushels and a five-year average of 809,668,000 bushels. Stocks of wheat on farms on July 1 this year are estimated at 44,741,000 bushels compared with 23,729,000 bushels a year ago, and an average for that date covering a period of years of 28,887,000 bushels.

Other grains also suffered deterioration during the month just closed. The condition of oats is placed by the Department at 79% of normal on July 1, against 82% on June 1, a decline of three points during that month, and 79.9% a year ago, while the 10-year average is 81%. The probable production this year is placed at 1,247,147,000 bushels, against last year's harvest of 1,448,677,000 bushels. Rye likewise has made unsatisfactory progress, the July 1 condition of 76.2% of normal comparing with 83.6% on June 1, but with 66.7% on July 1 of last year. The 10-year average condition for July 1 is 82.2%. This year's production is estimated at 41,949,000 bushels, against 41,676,000 bushels harvested last year. The five-year average harvest of rye, however, is 54,793,000 bushels. For barley there is an estimated production this year of 317,000,000 bushels, compared with 356,667,000 bushels last year; rice, 32,700,000 bushels against 41,900,000 last year, and tobacco 1,493,000,000 pounds, which compares with 1,378,000,000 pounds harvested in 1928.

The Department of Agriculture has also this week issued its estimate of the cotton acreage of the country for the current season. The Department finds an increase of 3.2% over the revised figures for the area planted last year. The area under cultivation is put at 48,457,000 acres. This compares with 46,946,000 acres under cultivation a year ago, according to the estimate made then, and 48,730,000 acres planted for the crop of 1926, which latter was the largest crop on record, both as to area and production. The Department's figures for area this year are only a fraction of one per cent. under the record figures of 1926. Eight of the ten leading cotton States show an increase in area planted this year over that of a year ago. The Southern tier of States are all included with a larger acreage this year, among them Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas; also the important States of Oklahoma and Arkansas, as well as that of North Carolina. On the other hand, the Department's estimate as to South Carolina is slightly less for this year, and the same is true as to Tennessee and Missouri. For the States of smaller production an increase is shown, especially for California.

The stock market has maintained a good tone this week, though there has been considerable irregularity in the course of prices. Sales to realize profits have been on a large scale, and have been features of the transactions on nearly every day. Considering the extent and general character of the rise in prices in preceding weeks, this was a perfectly natural development. The market took such sales well, and while some reaction occurred in the particular stocks affected whenever such selling was in progress, quick recovery ensued when the selling ceased. The general trend of values throughout has continued towards higher levels. At the same time there has been no such large general upward sweep as has marked the course of fluctuations in other recent weeks, and yet there have been large further advances in special stocks.

The money market played little part in influencing speculative activities in stocks. The easing of money rates so confidently predicted in certain quarters after the first few days of July has not been in evidence, but this apparently has given those operating for higher prices little concern. The call loan rate on the Stock Exchange on Monday after renewals had been effected at 7%, spurted to 9%, and this 9% figure has been maintained unchanged the rest of the week. At times it looked as if the rate would go higher, but apparently there has been a concerted effort on the part of the big banking institutions who are borrowing large sums at the Federal Reserve Bank not to let the rate go above 9%. Yesterday, the fact that the weekly statement regarding brokers' loans given out after the close of business on Thursday evening showed some falling off in the total—albeit a very trifling contraction, after the huge expansion in the three weeks preceding—revived speculative hopes in quite a remarkable way, and prices moved forward at a greatly accelerated pace, positive buoyancy developing and causing the most pronounced, the most general advance of the entire week.

The volume of trading has continued on the enlarged scale noted last week and the week before, the daily sales on the Stock Exchange running in the neighborhood of 4¼ million shares, and on Friday showing a total substantially above that figure. At the half-day session on Saturday last, the sales on the New York Stock Exchange were 1,586,260 shares; on Monday they were 3,522,160 shares; on Tuesday, 4,247,250 shares; on Wednesday, 4,209,630 shares; on Thursday, 4,211,310 shares, and on Friday, 4,759,180 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange, the sales last Saturday were 876,500 shares; on Monday, 1,315,700 shares; on Tuesday, 1,446,800 shares; on Wednesday, 1,630,200 shares; on Thursday, 2,026,500, and on Friday, 2,771,800 shares.

As compared with Friday of last week, prices are irregularly changed, but quite generally higher, with some large advances in special cases. Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. closed yesterday at 197 against 200½ on Friday of last week; United Aircraft & Transport at 129 against 131½; American Can at 168 against 158¼; United States Industrial Alcohol at 188¼ against 185⅞; Commercial Solvents at 458½ against 443¾; Corn Products at 103 against 101⅞; Shattuck & Company at 177 against 170½; Columbia Graphophone at 67⅞ against 77¾ with rights; Brooklyn Union Gas at 224 against 202¾; North American at 153 against 145¾; American Water Works & Elec. at 135 ex div. against 140¼; Electric Power & Light at 79¼ ex div. against 77¾; Federal Light & Traction at 98 against bid 98½; Pacific Gas & Elec. at 69 against 68¼; Standard Gas & Elec. at 134 against 118¼; Consolidated Gas of New York at 143⅞ against 126¼; Columbia Gas & Elec. at 96⅞ against 89⅞; Public Service of N. J. at 116¼ against 108¼; International Harvester at 115 against 110; Sears Roebuck & Co. at 173⅞ against 167¼; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 145 with rights against 114; Woolworth new at 91½ against 92; Safeway Stores at 169¾ against 167½; Western Union Telegraph at 221½ against 207⅞; American Tel. & Tel. at 246⅞ against 229⅞; Int. Tel. & Tel. at 110 against 106.

Allied Chem. & Dye closed yesterday at 340½ against 333¾ on Friday of last week; Davison Chemical at 53 against 55; E. I. du Pont de Nemours

at 188¾ against 202; Radio Corporation at 79¼ against 88⅞; General Electric at 347½ against 354; National Cash Register at 127 against 122; Wright Aeronautical at 131¼ against 130; International Nickel at 50½ against 51½; A. M. Byers at 142⅞ against 144; Timken Roller Bearings at 105¾ against 107⅞; Warner Bros. Pictures at 61⅞ against 58⅞; Motion Picture Capital at 57½ against 52¼; Mack Trucks at 98 against 100½; Yellow Truck & Coach at 39 against 43; National Dairy Products at 84 against 78; Johns-Manville at 191 against 188; National Bellas Hess at 43½ against 46⅞; Associated Dry Goods at 48⅞ against 50; Commonwealth Power at 220 ex div. against 221; Lambert Company at 151¼ against 147½; Texas Gulf Sulphur at 71⅞ against 74⅞; Kolster Radio at 36½ against 37¼. Among the stocks that established new high records for the year during the week, the following may be mentioned:

STOCKS MAKING NEW HIGH FOR YEAR.

Railroads—	Indus. and Misc. (Concluded)—
Chesapeake & Ohio	Elec. Auto Lite
Delaware Lack. & Western	Engineers Public Service
Great Northern preferred	Exchange Buffet
Hocking Valley	Fleischmann Co.
Nash. Chatt. & St. Louis	Follansbee Bros.
New York Central	Glidden Co.
New York Chicago & St. Louis	Granite City Steel
Norfolk & Western	Hoe (R.) & Co.
Pere Marquette	Int. Business Machines
Reading	Int. Telephone & Telegraph
Union Pacific	Kinney Co.
<i>Industrial and Miscellaneous—</i>	Kraft Cheese
Air Reduction	Lima Locomotive Works
Allegheny Corp.	Ludlum Steel
Allied Chemical & Dye	Michigan Steel
Amer. Bank Note	Midland Steel Products preferred
Amer. Can	Morrell (J.) & Co.
Amer. Ice	National Biscuit
Amer. Locomotive	National Dairy Products
Amer. Power & Light	North American Co.
Amer. Radiator & Stand. Sanitary	Penick & Ford
Amer. Rolling Mill	People's Gas Light & Coke
Amer. Shipbuilding	Philadelphia Co.
Amer. Telephone & Telegraph	Poor & Co. class B
Amer. Water Works & Elec.	Public Service Corp. of N. J.
Atlantic Refining	Purity Bakeries
Atlas Tack	Remington-Rand
Borden Co.	Republic Iron & Steel
Bethlehem Steel	Shattuck (F. G.)
Brooklyn Union Gas	Simmons Co.
Canada Dry Ginger Ale	Standard Gas & Electric
Case Threshing Machine	Sun Oil
Chicago Pneumatic Tool	Thatcher Mfg.
Coca Cola	Underwood-Elliott-Fischer
Columbian Carbon	Union Carbide & Carbon
Columbia Gas & Elec.	U. S. Industrial Alcohol
Commercial Solvents	U. S. Steel
Consolidated Gas	Van Raalte
Continental Baking class A	Vulcan Detinning
Continental Can	Waldorf System
Corn Products Refining	Warner Bros. Pictures
Cutler-Hammer	Western Union Telegraph
Cuyamel Fruit	Yale & Towne
Detroit Edison	Young Spring & Wire
Eastman Kodak	Youngstown Sheet & Tube

The copper stocks have been laggards. Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at 117⅞ ex div. against 118⅞ on Friday of last week; Greene Cananea at 174⅞ against 177; Calumet & Hecla at 42 against 43⅞; Andes Copper at 52¼ ex div. against 52¾; Inspiration Copper at 43¾ against 46¼; Calumet & Arizona at 127½ against 131⅞; Granby Consol. Copper at 81¼ ex div. against 81½; American Smelting & Refining at 107⅞ ex div. against 110¼; U. S. Smelting & Refining at 55½ against 58½.

Some of the oil stocks have been inclined to weakness on the inability to curtail the output of oil. Simms Petroleum closed yesterday at 35¾ against 32 on Friday of last week; Skelly Oil at 40⅞ against 43; Atlantic Refining at 69 against 75⅞; Pan American B at 59⅞ against 58; Phillips Petroleum at 37 against 38⅞; Texas Corporation at 62⅞ against 62½; Richfield Oil at 41¼ against 42¼; Marland Oil at bid 26 against 35; Standard Oil of N. J. at 57⅞ against 57⅞; Standard Oil of N. Y. at 38¾ against 39½; Pure Oil at 26⅞ against 29⅞.

The steel group has again shown great strength. U. S. Steel closed yesterday at 203 against 197 $\frac{5}{8}$ on Friday of last week; Bethlehem Steel at 119 against 112 $\frac{1}{4}$; Republic Iron & Steel at 110 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 105 $\frac{1}{8}$; Ludlum Steel at 104 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 102; Youngstown Steel & Tube at 154 against 142 $\frac{1}{4}$. The motors have been under selling pressure. General Motors closed yesterday at 71 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 77 $\frac{1}{8}$ on Friday of last week; Nash Motors at 86 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 90; Chrysler at 71 against 78 $\frac{5}{8}$; Packard Motors at 132 ex div. against 138 $\frac{1}{2}$; Hudson Motor Car at 87 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 90, and Hupp Motors at 45 against 46 $\frac{3}{4}$. The rubber stocks have also yielded to selling pressure. Goodyear Rubber & Tire closed yesterday at 123 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 129 $\frac{7}{8}$ on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich at 81 against 82 $\frac{5}{8}$, and United States Rubber at 51 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 52 $\frac{3}{8}$, and the preferred at 78 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 80 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Railroads stocks have, the most of them, moved within a narrow range, with irregular changes for the week. New York Central closed yesterday at 219 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 218 $\frac{5}{8}$ on Friday of last week; Pennsylvania RR. at 90 against 90 $\frac{1}{2}$; Erie RR. at 78 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 79 $\frac{5}{8}$; Del. & Hudson at 210 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 213 $\frac{1}{4}$; Baltimore & Ohio at 127 against 129; New Haven at 110 against 110 $\frac{1}{8}$; Union Pacific at 252 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 245 $\frac{1}{2}$; Canadian Pacific at 241 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 239 $\frac{7}{8}$; Atchison at 245 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 242 $\frac{1}{4}$; Southern Pacific at 138 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 138 $\frac{1}{4}$; Missouri Pacific at 96 against 96 $\frac{1}{4}$; Kansas City Southern at 97 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 99; St. Louis Southwestern at 94 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 98; St. Louis-San Francisco at 126 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 125; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at 58 against 58 $\frac{1}{8}$; Rock Island at 136 against 133 $\frac{1}{2}$; Great Northern at 117 against 113 $\frac{7}{8}$, and Northern Pacific at 112 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 111 $\frac{3}{8}$.

Stock exchanges in the important European centers have been generally cheerful this week, share prices moving upward in most sessions both in England and on the Continent. The sudden and substantial improvement in sterling exchange Monday was the immediate cause of the change in sentiment at London. In France and Germany improvement was brought about largely through relaxation of political pressure, fears of Cabinet overturns having been dispelled in great part. The London Stock Exchange was quiet but steady at the opening Monday, British funds improving generally as sterling was marked upward in relation to dollar exchange. The receipt by the Bank of England of £750,000 in gold from abroad aided the recovery. A sharp upward movement took place in rubbers, but share prices otherwise showed little improvement. Tuesday's market was a broader one, with gilt-edged securities leading almost the entire list to higher levels. Much interest was displayed in the new Cables & Wireless, Ltd., shares, which replaced Marconi and other telegraph stocks absorbed by merger. Prices were well supported in most sections of the list on Wednesday also, notwithstanding a reaction in sterling exchange. Rubber shares again moved upward, and Cables & Wireless, Ltd., also responded to continued demand. Gilt-edged securities opened firm and wavered a little late in the day, but showed no changes of consequence. The London market turned dull Thursday, with British funds easing off as a result of the continued drop in sterling. The industrial market was quiet and irregular. Gilt-edged securities were again easier in yesterday's session at London on further weakness in sterling.

Trading was on a very limited scale, however, and price changes otherwise were few.

The Paris Bourse was active and firm in the opening session of the week, stocks rebounding after a Cabinet crisis failed to materialize over the weekend. Prospects for ratification of the new Young Plan and of the debt accords seemed much improved and traders displayed more interest in stocks than for some time previously. Tuesday's session was again a rather quiet one, but stocks remained firm. Copper stocks and rubber shares showed general improvement. After an extremely quiet opening Wednesday, the Bourse suddenly brightened up as numerous orders to buy stocks were received. French colliery and chemical issues were especially favored in the buying. A decided upswing took place Thursday, the improvement embracing almost the entire list as buying assumed larger proportions. Bank stocks, motors and chemicals were marked upward substantially, with rails and steels showing lesser gains. The improvement was maintained in yesterday's final session of the week. The Berlin Bourse was occupied with a bullish demonstration in mining shares at the opening Monday. These issues showed a lively turnover at higher prices, although the list otherwise was rather irregular. The general trend was uncertain Tuesday also, although minor upward movements occurred throughout the day in individual issues in the electrical and shipping sections. These were offset, however, by declines in department store shares and artificial silks. Trading at Berlin was listless Wednesday, with shares inclining rather toward weakness. The upward movement of the previous day in electricals and shipping stocks was not maintained, and selling movement dominated the market toward the close. The tendency Thursday also was uneven, but with more firmness apparent. The mining group was again taken in hand and whirled upward, and this gave a better tone to the entire list. Confidence appeared to spread also regarding the reparations developments and the early flotation of German bond issues in the United States, these factors contributing to a firm close. A steady tone prevailed in yesterday's market at Berlin.

European chancelleries were again occupied this week with plans for giving effect to the new Young Plan for final settlement of the problem of German reparations payments and for settling the various international questions dependent on the new arrangement. Progress has been slow on these matters, partly because of the inherent difficulties involved in a sweeping rearrangement of the political and economic relations of the Reich with the other nations of Western Europe, and partly because both France and England have been struggling with internal political questions of grave moment. The Young Plan was signed by the experts in Paris June 7 with the date of its application tentatively fixed at Sept. 1 next. It now appears that the conference of Government Ministers necessary to place the plan in operation will be held Aug. 6 but the place and scope of the gathering remains the subject of negotiation.

The British Government suggested formally last week that the proposed conference for placing the Young Plan in operation be held in London. As on former occasions, however, protest has again been made by France, Foreign Minister Briand replying

Tuesday of this week that the international conference should be held in a neutral country. If any large capital were chosen for the conference, M. Briand argued, it ought to be Paris, because the French interests are greater than those of any other country. France, the note added, was willing to meet the other interested Governments on neutral ground, and to discuss not merely the Young Plan but also evacuation of the Rhineland and the setting up of a "commission of conciliation" to watch over the area now occupied. M. Briand again urged that several conferences be held, one for dealing with the technical problems involved in giving effect to the Young Plan, and the other for dealing with ancillary political matters.

There were indications in the exchanges between the British and French Governments that the larger political questions involved are already under serious consideration. Plain intimations have been given by the German Government that it considers evacuation of the Rhineland and also of the Sarre basin an indispensable corollary of acceptance of the Young Plan by the Reichstag. Germany is also known to be decidedly averse to the setting up of any "commission of conciliation" to function for the former Allies in the Rhineland when the troops are withdrawn, even though this commission was discussed at Geneva on Sept. 16 last, when the entire European rearrangement now in progress was initiated. It appears, according to recent reports from London and Paris, that the new Labor Government of England is less inclined than its Conservative predecessor to favor the French viewpoint and is more apt to support German contentions in so far as Rhineland evacuation is concerned.

The French note to Britain, according to an Association Press report of Tuesday from Paris, declared that only the new reparations plan, evacuation of the Rhineland and the commission of conciliation were mentioned in the agreement reached at Geneva last September. It was maintained, therefore, that the question of giving up control of the Sarre Basin was implicitly excluded from the coming conference. British officials, according to a London report of Thursday to the New York Evening Post, believe that the Kellogg Pact has introduced a new factor into the question of European security and that evacuation of the Rhineland should be considered with that factor in view and not be made contingent on any further reparations payments by Germany. The Young Plan, moreover, expressly abrogates any external control of Germany, it is held. "Hence," the dispatch added, "the British Government made no allusion to the proposed committee of conciliation and verification in its recent note to France. The British regard both the Rhineland occupation and the proposed committee as anachronisms after the Kellogg Pact and the Young Plan, while the French are organizing a whole battalion of experts to deal with these subjects at the ensuing conference."

German officials, meanwhile, are giving signs of increasing impatience at the long delay in giving effect to the recommendations of the experts. An interview on the matter was given by Foreign Minister Stresemann last Sunday to Jules Sauerwein, foreign editor of the *Matin* of Paris, and the remarks made by Dr. Stresemann were reproduced Tuesday in the New York "Times." "It is my impression," Herr Stresemann said, "that enough time has already

been spent on the preliminary formalities about the convocation of the government's conference. World opinion does not look upon these continual oscillations about the date and the place as in any way a favorable sign. I hope, therefore, to see this controversy ended very soon, for, compared to the important problems which must be solved, these questions are very secondary. I believe that we are confronted with a task in which vital interests and hopes are involved, and such being the case, it does not seem to me good to prolong unnecessarily the political tension which has existed among the peoples and parliaments interested for the past six months. The business world, too, has the right to demand this uncertainty be ended, so that it can get to work on the new basis. I do not think, therefore, that it will be right to divide into several stages the work of the conference. That would only increase the existing tension, with consequent danger. The time has come to reach a solution of the political evolution of the past few years. And from the present situation the conclusion seems impossible that there should be any divergence."

Distinct progress has, however, been made in one respect at least during the past week. It will be recalled that operation of the new Young Plan was made contingent, by the experts at Paris, on a prior settlement between Belgium and Germany of the claims made by Belgium for worthless German marks left after the occupation by German troops. Negotiations for this settlement have since proceeded in Brussels and Berlin, and a final arrangement was arrived at yesterday. The Belgian Cabinet Council approved the settlement, according to a press dispatch from Brussels, and details will be made public in Berlin and Brussels to-day.

Vigorous steps for ratification of the new Young Plan and of the French debt accords with Great Britain and the United States were taken this week by the Coalition Government of France, headed by Premier Raymond Poincare. The plan and the accords have been indissolubly linked, so far as France is concerned, both by M. Poincare and by the large Chamber Commissions on Finance and Foreign Affairs. The Premier argued before the Commissions for several weeks that the accords should be placed in effect through simple ratification by decree of the President of the Republic. Both Chamber Commissions, however, have voted overwhelmingly for ratification with reservations to the effect that France will only pay on the debt accords to the extent that the Young Plan reparations payments are made by Germany. The long discussion by the Premier before the Chamber of Commissions has made it necessary for the Government to go before the Chamber several times and request postponement of scheduled debates on these matters, and the deputies in every instance have evinced great nervousness and apprehension. Speedy action is now becoming imperative, owing to the close approach of the Aug. 1 due date of the \$407,000,000 war stocks payment due the United States. Ratification of the Mellon-Berenger debt accord will automatically merge this payment with the general French debt to this country. If the accord is not ratified by Aug. 1 the payment will be due and Premier Poincare has intimated that in that case it will be made. That eventuality, however, would bring an additional complication, the British Gov-

ernment having notified France that it will demand an equivalent payment under the Churchill-Caillaux accord.

Although the Premier and the Chamber Commissions continued to differ on the method of ratification of the debt accords, debate was finally begun in the Chamber of Deputies Thursday. M. Poincare began the discussion, making a strong plea for unreserved ratification. Contrary to his custom, the Premier refrained from the usual elaborate review of the history of the case, but squarely confronted the Chamber with its responsibilities. Again indicating the link between the Young Plan and the debt accords, M. Poincare said: "There are two ways in which you may destroy the Young Plan; first, by non-ratification, and second, by ratification with reservations unacceptable to our creditors." The Premier was described in an Associated Press dispatch from Paris as confronting the Chamber in a combative manner while he pressed home the following argument: "How can we ask Germany to bind herself to pay us during sixty years if we are not prepared to do likewise toward our creditors?" This, the dispatch said, was received in an ominous silence. M. Poincare proceeded to draw a picture of what would happen unless the accords were ratified. "It means," he said, "that France will be called before an arbitration tribunal where the United States has a clear case, merely presenting little slips of paper signed by France acknowledging the debts. French acknowledgment of indebtedness to the United States, he declared, bound France just as strongly as Treasury bonds. Beginning Tuesday the sessions of the Chamber will be extended until midnight in order to obtain a vote before July 20, if possible.

Representations have been made to the Secretary of State at Washington by numerous foreign governments against the increases in import duties in the proposed Hawley-Smoot tariff bill. Although the fact that protests had been made was known previously, the number of the representations and their tenor were not made public until Wednesday, after insistence on such action by Senator Harrison of Mississippi. Access to the notes was finally granted newspaper correspondents in Washington on that day by Senator Smoot of Utah, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, to which the memoranda were referred by the State Department. Representations, it appears, have now been made by twenty-five countries, and by thirteen dependencies. The protests of dependencies were transmitted in most cases by the plenipotentiary of the parent country, the British Ambassador, for example, forwarding notes in behalf of six dominions and colonies of Great Britain, as well as protests from organizations in England. This caused dispute in Washington as to the number of "nations" filing protests. It appeared finally that there were more than fifty notes, some of the Governments sending as many as five or six communications.

The notes, according to the Washington correspondent of the New York "Times," vary in tone from plain indications of retaliation to a pleading for justice in the opening of our doors to merchandise as a means of payment for the stream of American exports to every nation in the world. Among the more serious protests, the dispatch indicated, is that of the Spanish Government, "which will find itself obliged to proceed to the denouncement of the

modus vivendi under which commerce is carried on between that country and the United States, if further barriers to the entry here of Spanish products are created by the pending tariff bill." The French Government protested the lack of a give-and-take policy on the part of the United States, the report continued, Ambassador Claudel pointing out that the minimum French tariff rates have been applied to almost all American merchandise without the slightest corresponding advantage having been gained for French trade. Emphatic protests were also made by Greece, Italy, Switzerland, the Netherlands and many other countries, although in some cases the notes consisted merely of representations by trade bodies which were transmitted by the Ministers and Ambassadors concerned. Many of the Latin-American countries were included among those making protests. The Uruguayan Minister, Dr. J. Varela, argued that adoption of the proposed tariff rates by Congress will cause the undoing of all that was accomplished by the "good-will" mission of President Hoover late last year.

British foreign policy and the "safeguarding of industries" duties of the former Conservative Government were subjects of a good deal of debate in the House of Commons in London this week, the first division of the present House occurring after a warm discussion of the safeguarding duties, Tuesday. The foreign policy of the new Labor Government, as disclosed in the King's speech which was read early last week, was freely discussed last Saturday by Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary in the Conservative Cabinet. Three points occupied the former Foreign Secretary—Russia, the optional clause of the World Court statutes, and Rhineland evacuation. On Russia he declared that if Prime Minister MacDonald resumed diplomatic relations with Moscow without guarantees against Third International propaganda, he would be false to himself and his country. As for the optional clause, he warned against going too far and too fast in giving such power to the World Court. In regard to Rhineland evacuation, he declared Britain should act only in harmony with her former allies.

Foreign Minister Arthur Henderson replied for the Labor Government, remarking in regard to Russia that the Labor Party had always been against Communist propaganda on British soil, and stood by that position. There would be no renewal of relations with Russia, he added, until the Moscow Government had given every pledge that Third International activities would cease in Britain. On the optional clause of the World Court, Mr. Henderson criticized the policy of his predecessor as a do-nothing policy. "We have the Kellogg Pact and the Locarno treaties," he said, "but unless we go on forward and take the next step those instruments will not be as influential as they might be if further steps were taken. The optional clause is only the first step toward completion of these pacts." Sir Austen and Mr. Henderson agreed, however, that the dominions should be consulted fully before action is taken on Russia or the World Court issue. A formal statement on evacuation of the Rhineland was delayed by the Government until Monday, when Foreign Secretary Henderson stated that the Labor Cabinet was anxious for evacuation at the earliest possible moment, and hoped it would not be carried out by stages or degrees. The Government's aim, he

added, was to co-operate with France and Belgium in effecting simultaneous and complete evacuation. Determination of the exact date of evacuation, he indicated, would be one of the tasks of the coming international conference of Foreign Ministers.

The question of the "safeguarding of industries" duties was introduced in the House Monday by Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, President of the Board of Trade in the late Conservative regime. Sir Philip sought to obtain from the new Government a declaration as to where the country and empire stood in regard to safeguarding and other duties, urging that it ought to be the aim of every government and the policy of every British industry "to achieve a real partnership in dominion development." William Graham, the new President of the Board of Trade, replied briefly that the Labor Government did not propose to depart from the traditional British free-trade policy. "We take the stand," he said, "of resisting all tariff devices which do not contribute to the aggregate volume of the trade of the world. As far as we can make a contribution, it will be a contribution to fiscal freedom and not to fiscal restriction."

The debate was resumed Tuesday, and a vote taken on a proposed Conservative amendment to the King's speech dealing with this point. Leopold S. Amery, former Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, spoke for the Conservative opposition, arguing that Britain should follow the American example and establish free trade throughout the empire, while placing heavy duties on goods from outside the empire. Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer, replied for the Labor Government, saying it was sympathetic to the plan for promoting a greater trade unity among the members of the empire. He revealed that plans were under way for treatment of that problem at the Imperial Conference next year. He also made it perfectly plain, however, that the Labor Party was against protection and that the Government was going to do away with safeguarding duties when the right time came. A division of the House followed, which the Labor Government won handsomely with 340 votes against 220. The Liberals voted solidly with Labor, while the Conservative vote was reduced by 40 absentees.

The fifth biennial congress of the International Chamber of Commerce assembled in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, Monday, for a week's discussion of important economic problems. Twelve hundred delegates, each a leader in his own industry, gathered for the meeting. Forty countries were represented. The United States alone sent more than 100 notable commercial leaders, headed by Thomas W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Co., who was Mr. Morgan's alternate at the Paris reparations discussion. Three American groups were formed before departure of the United States representatives on the liner Statendam, June 29. The group on industry and trade was headed by Silas H. Strawn; that on finance by Willis H. Booth, and that on transportation and communication by A. J. Brosseau. Six representatives were sent by the Department of State, while the Department of Commerce sent eight. The items on the agenda of the gathering included the financial rehabilitation of China, the relative merits of the operation of economic enterprises by public authorities and by private initiative, and the work of the

League of Nations in connection with commercial policy and trade barriers.

There was considerable apprehension at Amsterdam as the meeting opened Monday that the highly controversial subject of the proposed new United States tariff would come before the meeting in open and possibly acrimonious discussion. This matter was, indeed, touched on in the opening address by Alberto Pirelli, the retiring President of the International Chamber. "We cannot deal here with the tariff policies of particular states," Signor Pirelli said, "as that is a matter of national sovereignty. But we cannot ignore the fact that the effect of measures taken will be proportionate to the importance of the country that takes them, and for this reason the attitude of the great industrial countries, and therefore of the United States of America, deserves our special attention. The United States and Europe are customers of each rather than rivals, and that our American friends certainly will not deny. They will admit that the United States has more to gain from the development of Europe as a customer, taking nearly half the export of the United States, than to fear from an increase of European competition on the markets of the world. We believe in the development of international trade relations on as free a basis as possible. We are by no means all free traders in the great organization. We recognize the special position of certain countries and of certain industries, but we know that you cannot sell unless you purchase; that you profit more if your neighbors are prosperous than if they are impoverished: in a word, that co-operation carries us furthest when it leads to better business for everybody." Although this address seemed to open the way for discussion of the American tariff, Signor Pirelli let it become known on the following day that he would rule out of order any attempt to discuss the tariff measure now before the United States Senate.

The first few days of the Congress were devoted to committee meetings, in the course of which a number of resolutions were drawn up for submission at plenary sessions. One of the most important resolutions was drawn up Tuesday by the Committee on International Settlements, which proposed the unanimous endorsement by the Congress of the new Young Plan for final settlement of the reparations problem. In another section of the Congress on the same day, Magnus W. Alexander, President of the National Industrial Conference Board, stressed the need of adequate international industrial statistics as an aid to world progress. A technical committee considered measures to prevent falsification of letters of credit, corrupt commercial practices, the protection of industrial property and of patents on inventions, double taxation of foreign corporations, the transport of goods by mail, airplane and automobile, and the financing of highways.

Economic reconstruction of China, and the prospect of future loans to that country, constituted the chief topic at Wednesday's meeting of the Congress. Mr. Lamont, as the leader of the American group, delivered an address in which he thanked fifteen Chinese delegates for coming half way round the world to participate for the first time in the deliberations of the Chamber and to enlighten the delegates on present conditions in China. He warned the Chinese, however, that their country's international credit was at a low ebb, adding that no

loans on any scale calculated to be really helpful could be made in New York or in European capitals until the Chinese themselves took careful measures for the re-establishment of their country's financial and political stability. "A great part of China's indebtedness to foreign countries is in default," Mr. Lamont remarked. "Much of the specific security set aside for such foreign indebtedness and for the service of such loans has been sequestered. Until these conditions are removed there can be no question of further credits on a material scale for any purpose. In this process of restoration, the holders of all loans to China, whether American, British, French or any other nationality, must receive equally fair treatment. Each loan must, in the scheme of things, be treated upon its merits and not upon the grounds of future credit favors to be received."

Control of the Russian owned Chinese Eastern Railway through Manchuria was suddenly assumed by Chinese officials Thursday, with the likelihood that relations between China and the Soviet will again be strained to the breaking point thereby. Chinese authorities took charge of the 1,000-mile railway line after ousting some 30 Russian officials at Harbin and other points, and control was later extended also to cover the Central Telegraph and Eastern Telegraph and Telephone lines, which are parts of the rail system. When the coup was completed, the Chinese Foreign Minister, C. T. Wang, announced a severance of diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia. The action was attributed by the Chinese to the need for retaliation against communistic propaganda. Diplomatic circles in Washington and elsewhere, however, looked upon the step as the culmination of a long process of attrition, designed to bring the railway under Chinese domination. The line is the central artery of communication between the Russian port of Vladivostok and European and Asiatic Russia. Although wholly within Chinese territory, the railway was administered jointly by China and Russia, not without friction. Soviet authorities in Moscow declined to comment on the development in the absence of precise information. Much concern was manifested in Tokio, Japanese officials fearing that seizure of Russia's great strategic line might serve as a precedent for similar action against the equally important South Manchurian Railway, which is owned by Japan.

There have been no changes this week in the re-discount rates of any of the central banks of Europe. Rates continue at 7½% in Germany; at 7% in Italy; at 5½% in Great Britain, Holland, Norway and Spain; 5% in Denmark; 4½% in Sweden; 4% in Belgium, and 3½% in France and Switzerland. London open market discounts for short bills are 5¼@5 5-16% against 5 5-16@5⅜% on Friday of last week and 5 5-16@5⅜ for long bills against 5⅜@5 7-16% the previous Friday. Money on call in London yesterday was 4⅛%. At Paris open market discounts remain at 3½%, and in Switzerland at 3¼%.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended July 10 1929 shows a slight increase in gold holdings, namely, £5,776. This follows losses of £4,501,146 last week and of £3,293,540 the previous week. Circulation contracted £261,000, which, together

with the gain in bullion, brought about an increase of £267,000 in reserves. There was a general falling off in deposits, public deposits decreasing £19,066,000 and other deposits £10,328,454, while the subdivisions of the latter, bankers' accounts and other accounts, decreased £10,198,339 and £130,115 respectively. By reason of the large reduction in deposits, the proportion of reserves to liabilities is now 41.93%, compared with 33.01% last week, 44.79% two weeks ago and 47.76% this week last year. Loans on Government securities expanded £6,010,000, while those on other securities contracted £35,629,324. "Discounts and advances," which showed a decrease of £36,138,775, almost offsetting the large additions made to the item the two previous weeks, and "securities," which increased £509,451, are the constituent items of loans on other securities. The Bank rate remains 5½%. Below we give a comparison of the various items for five years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	July 10 1929.	July 11 1928.	July 13 1928.	July 14 1926.	July 15 1925.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	368,839,000	136,362,000	137,584,580	141,468,970	143,148,680
Public deposits.....	9,230,000	16,210,000	10,033,559	9,352,400	12,594,780
Other deposits.....	102,527,832	104,703,000	100,424,862	114,011,892	115,229,033
Bankers' accounts.....	65,360,123	-----	-----	-----	-----
Other accounts.....	37,167,709	-----	-----	-----	-----
Govnm't securities.....	43,291,855	30,629,000	48,916,982	38,925,328	36,006,733
Other securities.....	39,649,422	50,588,000	46,362,296	72,876,165	71,684,455
Disc't. & advances.....	16,182,431	-----	-----	-----	-----
Securities.....	23,466,991	-----	-----	-----	-----
Reserve notes & coin.....	46,872,000	57,746,000	33,233,847	29,616,114	38,168,422
Coin and bullion.....	155,711,707	174,356,917	151,068,427	151,335,084	161,567,002
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	41.93%	47.76%	30.09%	24%	29½%
Bank rate.....	5½%	4½%	4½%	5%	5%

a On Nov. 29 1928 the fiduciary currency was amalgamated with Bank of England note issues, adding at that time £234,199,000 to the amount of Bank of England notes outstanding.

The Bank of France in its statement for the week ending July 6, reports another gain in gold and bullion, this time of 25,355,025 francs, raising the total of the item to 36,650,055,730 francs, as compared with 36,624,700,705 francs last week and 36,616,599,447 francs two weeks ago. A loss was shown in note circulation of 81,000,000 francs, decreasing the total to 64,840,648,715 francs. Due to a decrease of 443,000,000 francs French commercial bills discounted now stand at 7,679,559,675 francs. Credit balances abroad gained 5,000,000 francs and bills bought abroad rose 10,000,000 francs. Creditor current accounts dropped 119,000,000 francs while advances against securities rose 203,000,000 francs. A comparison of the various items of the Bank's return for the past three weeks is shown below:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week. Francs.	July 1929. Francs.	Status as of June 29 1929. Francs.	June 22 1929. Francs.
Gold holdings.....Inc.	25,355,025	36,650,055,730	36,624,700,705	36,616,599,447
Credit bals. abr'd.....Inc.	5,000,000	7,304,755,436	7,299,755,436	7,254,755,436
French comm'l bills discounted.....Dec.	443,000,000	7,679,559,675	8,122,559,675	6,347,559,675
Bills bought abr'd.....Inc.	10,000,000	18,441,377,006	18,431,377,006	18,416,377,006
Adv. agt. secur's.....Inc.	203,000,000	2,524,757,064	2,321,757,064	2,354,757,064
Note circulation.....Dec.	81,000,000	64,840,648,715	64,921,648,715	62,970,648,715
Cred. curr. acct's.....Dec.	119,000,000	17,996,633,745	18,115,633,745	18,213,633,745

In its statement for the first week in July, the Bank of Germany reports a gain in gold and bullion of 83,075,000 marks, raising the total of the item to 1,994,459,000 marks, as compared with 2,105,378,000 marks last year and 1,802,123,000 marks in 1927. Due to a decline of 228,634,000 marks in note circulation the item now aggregates 4,610,013,000 marks, as against 4,426,661,000 marks the corresponding week last year and 3,676,547,000 marks two years ago. Reserve in foreign currency increased 8,402,000 marks, notes on other German banks

gained 9,181,000 marks, while investments showed a decrease of 11,000 marks. Deposits abroad remained unchanged. A loss was shown in bills of exchange and checks of 202,650,000 marks, in advances against securities of 114,479,000 marks and in other assets of 38,914,000 marks. Silver and other coin rose 1,029,000 marks, other liabilities increased 1,735,000 marks whereas other daily maturing obligations dropped 27,468,000 marks. Below we give comparative figures of the Bank's return for the last three years:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	July 6 1929.	July 7 1928.	July 7 1927
	Reichsmarks	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.
Assets—				
Gold and bullion.....Inc.	83,075,000	1,994,459,000	2,105,378,000	1,802,123,000
Of which depos. abr'd.....	Unchanged	59,147,000	85,626,000	57,876,000
Res've in for'n curr.....Inc.	8,402,000	368,928,000	239,549,000	73,542,000
Bills of exch. & checks Dec.	202,650,000	2,798,568,000	2,305,256,000	2,317,629,000
Silver and other coin.....Inc.	1,029,000	116,891,000	84,290,000	91,966,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bks. Inc.	9,181,000	12,505,000	16,289,000	16,838,000
Advances.....Dec.	114,479,000	79,852,000	27,255,000	71,853,000
Investments.....Dec.	11,000	92,878,000	93,996,000	93,051,000
Other assets.....Dec.	38,914,000	523,135,000	604,253,000	491,689,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation.....Dec.	228,634,000	4,610,013,000	4,426,661,000	3,676,547,000
Oth. daily matur. oblig. Dec.	27,468,000	603,845,000	483,769,000	587,889,000
Other liabilities.....Inc.	1,735,000	330,962,000	215,836,000	328,074,000

Money rates in the New York market were maintained at a rather high level throughout the past week. The renewal rate for call loans Monday was fixed at 7%, but the figure on new loans was advanced in the course of the day until it reached 9%. The latter figure prevailed thereafter without deviation on all call loan transactions on the Stock Exchange throughout the week. The market, moreover, was apparently kept tightly in hand, since there was no overflow offered in the outside market at a concession at any time. Withdrawals by the banks were fairly heavy, some \$40,000,000 being taken out Monday, and a further \$20,000,000 Tuesday. In yesterday's market some \$10,000,000 was withdrawn. Time money rates have moved somewhat higher. The belief prevailed for a time that issuance of the new small currency Wednesday might cause stringency because of the "curiosity demand." Although the expected curiosity inquiry made its appearance, no tightness was occasioned by this development as other bills were turned in for the most part in exchange. Introduction of the new currency passed, therefore, without any reflection in the money market. Brokers' loans against stock and bond collateral were reduced \$14,000,000 for the week ended Wednesday night, according to the statement of the New York Federal Reserve Bank. This was the first decline in five weeks. Gold movements through the Port of New York for the week ended Wednesday consisted of imports of \$10,589,000 and exports of \$307,000. The imports, however, were offset almost entirely by additional ear-markings of gold for foreign account of \$9,994,000.

Dealing in detail with the call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, the renewal rate on Monday was 7%, but as the day progressed there was an advance to 9% for new loans. This 9% then remained the only rate, day after day the rest of the week, all loans being at that figure, including renewals. Time money has stiffened again. On Monday the quotation was 7¼@7½ for all dates; on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday it was 7½% for all dates and on Friday at 7½@7¾% for all dates. Commercial paper has shown a little more life this week. On Tuesday dealings showed a slight increase in volume and the rest of the week this moderate increase in activity has been maintained.

Rates for names of choice character maturing in four to six months continue at 6%, while names less well known are 6¼@6½%, with New England mill paper quoted at 6¼%.

The market for prime bank acceptances has continued brisk, with the supply insufficient to meet the requirements, though offerings were somewhat more liberal toward the latter part of the week. On Saturday last rates were reduced another ⅓ for all maturities in both the bid and the asked column. The posted rates of the American Acceptance Council are now 5¼% bid and 5⅛% asked for bills running 30 days, and also for 60 and 90 days, and at 5⅜% bid and 5⅛% asked for 120, 150 and 180 days. The Acceptance Council no longer gives the rates for call loans secured by acceptances, the rates varying widely. Open market rates for acceptances have also been reduced as below:

SPOT DELIVERY.

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

FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.

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

There have been no changes this week in the rediscount rates of the Federal Reserve Banks. 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 July 12	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston.....	5	July 19 1928	4¾
New York.....	5	July 13 1928	4¾
Philadelphia.....	5	July 26 1928	4¾
Cleveland.....	5	Aug. 1 1928	4¾
Richmond.....	5	July 13 1928	4¾
Atlanta.....	5	July 14 1928	4¾
Chicago.....	5	July 11 1928	4¾
St. Louis.....	5	July 19 1928	4¾
Minneapolis.....	5	May 14 1929	4¾
Kansas City.....	5	May 6 1929	4¾
Dallas.....	5	Mar. 2 1929	4¾
San Francisco.....	5	May 20 1929	4¾

Sterling exchange has been irregular this week, but while the rate fluctuated more widely the tone has been firmer. The range this week has been from 4.84¾ to 4.85 for bankers' sight, compared with 4.84¼ to 4.84½ last week. The range for cable transfers has been from 4.84⅞ to 4.85 13-32, compared with 4.84 13-16 to 4.85 the previous week. The greatest firmness in sterling came in the early trading embracing transactions in the short session on Saturday, an active market on Monday and the greater part of Tuesday. This buying, it would seem, was influenced by traders under the impression that owing to the heavy gold movement from London last week there were grave dangers that the Bank of England might increase its official rate of rediscount. Hence it would seem that the higher average quotations registered, as they were largely the result of Monday's strong covering, do not indicate a radical change in the trend of exchange. Bankers' state that a further factor in the better tone of sterling this week arises from the fact that sales of sterling bills from Paris and the use of the proceeds to build up French balances at New York has now practically ceased. Although call money against Stock Exchange collateral in New York is still at high levels, the undertone of money on this side is easier, as evidenced by

further reduction in the rate for bankers' acceptances. This, of course, is a factor favoring a higher sterling rate and one which is further enforced by the fact that money rates in London are firmer than they were some weeks ago and more attractive to surplus funds at various European centers.

English securities continue to show an upward trend, which is also a favorable factor for sterling, as it has a tendency to withdraw funds from the Continent. London dispatches during the week stated that London bankers and business men are satisfied that there will be no marking up in the Bank of England's official rate of rediscount unless the drain of gold should continue on an alarming scale. Evidently the gold drain has let up materially this week. The London bankers state that the Bank management is known to be greatly averse to raising the official rate further in view of the hardships which it might impose on British trade. It is thought in London that practically the whole of the large credit lately arranged by Germany in the United States has been used to effect gold withdrawals from London. Nevertheless the German requisitions are now believed to be nearly at an end. The strain on credit at Berlin incidental to the turn of the half-year came to an end last week and at present exchange rates gold exports to Berlin from London are barely profitable. Bankers both in London and New York incline to the opinion that the visit of Governor Montagu Norman of the Bank of England will result in understandings with American banking authorities in both New York and Washington which will prevent an undue drain on London during the difficult autumn period. While official information regarding Mr. Norman's visit cannot be obtained, it would seem that the strength of sterling this week might be regarded in part as an outcome of conversations between himself and New York bankers interested in maintaining the stability of exchange.

This week the Bank of England shows an increase in gold holdings of £5,776, the metal reserve standing at £155,711,707. The ratio of reserve to liabilities now stands at 41.93, compared with 33.01 on July 3. The improvement in the ratio is due principally to a reduction in both public and private deposits. On Monday the Bank of England received £750,000 in sovereigns from abroad, exported £40,000 in sovereigns, sold £6,847 in gold bars and bought £20 in foreign gold coin. On Tuesday the Bank set aside £500,000 in sovereigns for the account of a foreign central bank, bought £209,100 in gold bars, and exported £4,000 in sovereigns. The Tuesday purchase of gold bars was from the £290,000 of South African gold available in the London open market. for which the Bank paid, according to London dispatches, 84s. 11½d. On Wednesday the Bank bought £111 in foreign gold coin. On Thursday the Bank of England sold £150,749 in gold bars, bought £23,471 in gold bars, and exported £22,000 in sovereigns. On Friday the Bank received £6,000 in sovereigns from abroad and exported £2,000 in sovereigns.

At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week July 3-July 10, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$10,589,000, of which \$5,506,000 came from Argentina, \$4,868,000 from England, \$108,000 from Ecuador and \$107,000 from other Latin American countries. Exports consisted of \$107,000 to Mexico and \$200,000 to Venezuela. The Reserve Bank reported an increase of \$9,994,000 in gold earmarked

for foreign account. There was no gold movement either to or from Canada during the week. Montreal funds continue at a discount. On Saturday the discount on Montreal was ¾ of 1%; on Monday 23-32; on Tuesday 11-16; on Wednesday 5; on Thursday and Friday ½. In tabular form, the gold movement at the Port of New York for the week ending on July 10, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:

GOLD MOVEMENT AT PORT OF NEW YORK—JULY 3-JULY 10, INCLUSIVE.

<i>Imports.</i>	<i>Exports.</i>
\$5,506,000 from Argentina	\$107,000 to Mexico
4,868,000 from England	200,000 to Venezuela
108,000 from Ecuador	
107,000 chiefly from other Latin American countries	
\$10,589,000 Total	\$307,000 Total
NET CHANGE IN GOLD EARMARKED FOR FOREIGN ACCOUNT.	
Increase.....\$9,994,000	

Referring to day-to-day rates sterling exchange on Saturday last was steady and inclined to firmness. Bankers' sight was 4.84 7-16@4.84½; cable transfers, 4.84 7/8@4.84 31-32. On Monday sterling was stronger. Bankers' sight was 4.84 3/8@4.85; cable transfers 4.85 15-16@4.85 13-32. On Tuesday the market was slightly easier. The range was 4.84 3/4@4.84 15-16 for bankers' sight and 4.85 7-32@4.85 3/8 for cable transfers. On Wednesday sterling was under pressure. The range was 4.84 9-16@4.84 13-16 for bankers' sight and 4.85 3-32@4.85 3-16 for cable transfers. On Thursday the market was irregular. The range was 4.84 9-16@4.84 3/4 for bankers' sight and 4.85 1-16@4.85 1/4 for cable transfers. On Friday the market was still easier; the range was 4.84 1/2@4.84 3/4 for bankers' sight and 4.85@4.85 1-16 for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were 4.84 5/8 for demand and 4.85 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4.84 7-16; 60-day bills at 4.79 5/8; 90-day bills at 4.77 1/2; documents for payment (60 days) at 4.79 5/8; seven-day grain bills at 4.83 5/8. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4.84 7-16.

The Continental exchanges have been dull, although demand for foreign currency has been much better during the past few weeks than was the case a month or so ago. However, none of the currencies was in such demand this week as during the period around July 1, when they were under the influence of mid-year settlements. Of course, the American tourist requirements are a factor giving a good tone to the Continental currencies. Although there is a slightly easier tone to the money market in New York, rates here and as well as American securities are strongly attractive to European funds. French francs have averaged slightly firmer. It is believed that the Bank of France has practically ceased accumulating funds on this side with a view to meeting debt payments of the French Government to the United States. This week the Bank of France shows an increase in gold holdings of 25,355,025 francs and an increase in sight balances abroad and of negotiable bills bought abroad combined, of 15,000,000 francs. Fairly close estimates indicate that the Bank of France now holds approximately 26,000,000,000 francs of foreign exchange, equivalent in American values to about \$1,000,000,000. It is estimated that 60% of this is in sterling and the remaining 40% in dollars. To this total should be added approximately 10,000,000,000 francs of foreign exchange equivalent to approximately \$400,000,000

constituting the French treasury's own reserve. Of this 75% is believed to be held in dollars and the remainder in sterling. Up to the present the adverse balance of foreign trade has had no particular effect on these holdings of foreign exchange. It is true that the Bank of France has lost approximately 2,660,000,000 francs of its exchange holdings since the first of the year, but that loss was due principally to the export of capital by private banks. It is probable, however, that during the autumn months the heavy import movement will necessitate the selling of exchange by the Bank of France.

German marks ruled fractionally easier the early part of the week, both in this and other markets. This was attributed largely to the cessation of demand for transfers to Berlin which were so much in evidence a week or more ago in connection with midyear settlements. Bankers believe that for the time being at least there is less likelihood of gold withdrawals by Germany from either at New York or London. Money rates in Berlin are relatively easier than they were a few weeks ago and it is evident that there has been a considerable increase in short-term borrowing from foreign sources, including New York. However, owing to the continuance of high money rates here it is believed that German industry is finding a larger share of its credits in markets nearer home, especially Paris, Amsterdam and Zurich. This week the Bank of Germany shows an increase in its gold reserves of 83,075,000 marks, the total standing at 1,994,500,000 marks on July 6, which compares with 2,105,378,000 marks on July 7 1928. German expert reviews at the end of the half-year emphasize the recent reduction in outside loans, especially of reduced accommodation extended from New York since the upturn in money rates on this side. The Reichskredit Gesellschaft, an independent economic research institution, in its semi-annual review of Germany's economic development says that the curtailment of this foreign capital movement cannot be viewed with unconcern. These views seem to run counter to those of Dr. Schacht regarding the problem of erecting barriers against foreign capital. The sum total of foreign loans in the first half of 1929 aggregated only 500,000,000 marks, against 2,250,000,000 marks in the corresponding period of 1928. The review states that ample capital, improved methods of production, and increased merchandise exports are alike indispensable in Germany's economic recovery and that "inasmuch as the development of reservoirs of domestic capital will be impossible without an unobstructed inflow of foreign capital, any such handicap will definitely retard economic reconstruction."

Italian lire have been dull, although ruling comparatively steady. The most noticeable demand for lire comes from tourist requirements and emigrant remittances. Lire, as is the case with marks and any other currencies, feel adversely the effect of the transfers for the security markets as the result of the high money rates prevailing in New York.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 123.89 on Friday of this week, against 123.98 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 3.91 $\frac{1}{4}$, against 3.90 $\frac{7}{8}$ on Friday a week ago; cable transfers at 3.91 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 3.91 $\frac{1}{8}$, and commercial sight bills at 3.91, against 3.90 $\frac{5}{8}$. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.89 for checks and at 13.89 $\frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers, against 13.88 and 13.88 $\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week. Final quotations for Berlin

marks were 23.81 for checks and 23.82 for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.80 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 23.81 $\frac{1}{4}$ a week earlier. Italian lire closed at 5.22 $\frac{3}{4}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 5.23 for cable transfers, as against 5.23 and 5.23 $\frac{1}{4}$ 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 $\frac{1}{8}$, against 2.96; on Bucharest at 0.59 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 0.59 $\frac{1}{2}$, on Poland at 11.23, against 11.23, and on Finland at 2.52, against 2.52. Greek exchange closed at 1.29 $\frac{1}{4}$ for checks and at 1.29 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, against 1.29 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 1.29 $\frac{1}{2}$.

The exchanges on the countries neutral during the war have been quiet. The exchanges on Denmark, Sweden and Norway continue to advance gradually owing to the improvement in business in the Scandinavian countries and in some slight measure to increase in tourist demand for exchange. Holland guilders have been ruling fractionally higher, notwithstanding the transfer of Dutch funds to London and Berlin and to other nearby markets owing to more attractive opportunities for employment there. Spanish pesetas have been steady and on the whole fractionally higher than a week ago. The steadiness of the peseta would seem to indicate that the Spanish fiscal authorities have decided upon the present figure, from 14.47 to 14.50, as the stabilization point of the currency preparatory to the re-establishment of the gold standard. Some confusion exists in the minds of bankers here as to what course Spanish authorities intend to adopt to accomplish stabilization. Comments in the London press indicate that the same uncertainty exists there in foreign exchange circles. The statement issued from Madrid last week was positive enough in declaring that the Government intended to re-establish the gold basis for the peseta, but it contained statements that are difficult to reconcile as to the method to be pursued. In one place the announcement stated that the Government intended to introduce the gold standard "at the most opportune moment in such a way as to interfere as little as possible with the national policy." It is being pointed out in London that this would logically seem to indicate stabilization at the present level of around 14.50. However, the statement also declares that the re-introduction of the gold standard will coincide with the revalorization of the currency. This phrase might well indicate that an upward revision in the stabilization rate from present levels would immediately precede the adoption of the gold basis. Such a procedure would undeniably disturb the national economic situation. If the uncertainty, caused by the statement continues it is quite possible, in the opinion of foreign exchange traders, that the bull support which the currency is now receiving may be alienated and lower levels again prevail. A London dispatch yesterday stated that a contract for renewal of the sterling credit to the Spanish Government for the stabilization of the peseta has been signed and will run for another year. The group includes Midland Bank, Barclays Bank, Lazard Bros. & Co., Anglo-South American Bank, Morgan, Grenfell & Co. and Samuel Montagu & Co.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.13 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 40.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.15 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 40.14 $\frac{1}{2}$, and commercial sight bills at 40.10, against 40.09. Swiss francs closed at 19.22 $\frac{1}{4}$, for bankers' sight

bills and at 19.23¼ for cable transfers, in comparison with 19.22¼ and 19.23¼ a week earlier. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.62½ and cable transfers at 26.64, against 26.62½ and 26.64. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.79 and cable transfers at 26.80½, against 26.78½ and 26.80, while checks on Norway finished at 26.64 and cable transfers at 26.65½, against 26.63½ and 26.65. Spanish pesetas closed at 14.50 for checks and at 14.51 for cable transfers, which compares with 14.44 and 14.45 a week earlier.

The South American exchanges have been dull. Exchange on Argentina has been ruling fractionally lower despite the flow of gold during the past several weeks from Argentina to both New York and London. This week, as noted in the review of sterling exchange, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York accounts for imports of \$5,506,000 from Buenos Aires. As stated here last week, and on several other occasions, this is the season when exchange on Buenos Aires should be firm. But various business unsettlements and labor disturbances, while gradually mending, have been detrimental to the peso rate. The high money rates in New York for the past year have also been detrimental to Argentine exchange, as they have caused for the time, at least, a cessation of many bond projects necessary to industrial development in the Argentine. Very much the same remarks apply to Brazilian exchange, although this week the milreis has been steady and on average shows a fractional improvement over a week ago. Argentine paper pesos closed on Friday at 41.97 for checks, as compared with 42.00 on Friday of last week, and at 42.02 for cable transfers, against 42.05. Brazilian milreis finished at 11.87 for checks and at 11.90 for cable transfers, against 11.86 and 11.89. Chilean exchange closed at 12.10 for checks and at 12.15 for cable transfers, against 12.10 and 12.15, and Peru at 3.98 for checks and at 3.99 for cable transfers, against 3.98 and 3.99.

The Far Eastern exchanges have been dull, the silver currencies inclining to ease due to the ruling prices of silver, which are much lower than they were a few weeks ago. Japanese yen show decided improvement, owing altogether to the announcement by the new Japanese Finance Minister, Junnosuke Inouye, with respect to the removal of the ban on gold imports. In a recent interview given to the Tokio press he promised an official statement of the Government on the subject in the near future, and gave assurances that the matter will be taken up in conjunction with the planning of the new budget in September, and that the Government will make all possible reductions in expenditures on the present budget in preparation for the coming step. He intimated that the currency would be placed on the gold standard at the latest by next spring if the plans of the new Government work out successfully, regardless of the course of yen exchange rates in the meantime. Extracts from the text of the announcement of the new Japanese Government covering important points regarding the proposed removal of the ban on gold exports from Japan, have just been given out by the Financial Advisor to the Japanese Government in New York. The principal items follow:

The Government, by carrying through drastic retrenchment of the finances of the central and local governments, contemplates giving impetus to general economic readjustment as well as economy in spending of the nation. In enforcing the above readjustment, the Government expects to find a way for considerable curtailment and economy of the army and navy expenditures in so far as is consistent with the national

defence; and a similar policy will be followed as far as possible in the budget of the current fiscal year.

In the fiscal year of 1930-1931 no new Government loan will be raised in the "General Account" and in the "Special Account" annual amount of the new issue will be limited within the program already drawn up. The percentage of the funds to be spent for the redemption of the national debt will be increased, and it is expected that the total amount of the national debt will not increase more than the outstanding amount at the end of the current fiscal year; no effort will be spared to decrease the said amount. Utmost effort will also be directed toward suspension of new issues of local Government loans.

The lifting of the gold export is a fundamental condition necessary for the reconstruction of the public finances as well as that of private economy, and, above all, the circumstances do not warrant allowing a long delay for its realization. Upon completion of the various preliminary steps, the lifting of the gold embargo is promised in the near future.

Closing quotations for yen checks were 45¾@45 13-16, against 44 11-16@44 7/8 on Friday of last week. Hong Kong closed at 48 1-16@48 7-16, against 48@48 5-16; Shanghai at 57½@57 7/8, against 57 3/8@57 5/8; Manila at 50, against 50; Singapore at 56¼@56 1/4, against 56 1/8@56 1/4; Bombay at 36 1/8, against 36 3-16, and Calcutta at 36 1/8, against 36 3-16.

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

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACTS OF 1922 JULY 6 1929 TO JULY 12 1929, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers to New York Value in United States Money.					
	July 6.	July 8.	July 9.	July 10.	July 11.	July 12.
EUROPE—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Austria, schilling	.140446	.140480	.140459	.140462	.140460	.140476
Belgium, belga	.138826	.138848	.138872	.138880	.138911	.138914
Bulgaria, lev	.007231	.007220	.007229	.007229	.007225	.007225
Czechoslovakia, krone	.029596	.029596	.029597	.029593	.029593	.029595
Denmark, krone	.266305	.266321	.266436	.266406	.266363	.266365
England, pound sterling	4.848497	4.851354	4.852678	4.850397	4.850625	4.849825
Finland, marka	.025154	.025146	.025157	.025162	.025141	.025148
France, franc	.039110	.039123	.039143	.039142	.039139	.039143
Germany, reichsmark	.238115	.238105	.238150	.238153	.238155	.238156
Greece, drachma	.012919	.012920	.012920	.012924	.012925	.012925
Holland, guilder	.401439	.401577	.401696	.401621	.401588	.401567
Hungary, pengo	.174293	.174305	.174373	.174300	.174320	.174340
Italy, lira	.052298	.052305	.052315	.052304	.052301	.052301
Norway, krone	.266401	.266433	.266545	.266539	.266482	.266483
Poland, zloty	.112002	.111880	.111898	.111900	.111909	.111885
Portugal, escudo	.044900	.044900	.044930	.044910	.045062	.044930
Rumania, lei	.005946	.005946	.005946	.005945	.005937	.005936
Spain, peseta	.144238	.144571	.144951	.144871	.144744	.144950
Sweden, krona	.267986	.268020	.268072	.268065	.268048	.268034
Switzerland, franc	.192314	.192327	.192335	.192319	.192305	.192306
Yugoslavia, dinar	.017558	.017563	.017569	.017568	.017560	.017557
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo tael	.598958	.599166	.597916	.592916	.593125	.597083
Hankow tael	.590781	.591250	.590000	.589375	.590000	.590337
Shanghai, tael	.574464	.574732	.573392	.573660	.574017	.575089
Tientsin tael	.609791	.610416	.609583	.608750	.609583	.610416
Hong Kong dollar	.479446	.479535	.479642	.479553	.479553	.480178
Mexican dollar	.412083	.412083	.418437	.411875	.412083	.412500
Tientsin or Peiyang dollar	.415416	.415416	.422083	.413750	.415416	.414583
Yuan dollar	.412083	.412083	.418750	.410416	.412083	.411250
India, rupee	.359646	.359637	.359682	.359639	.359671	.359671
Japan, yen	.446562	.446968	.452250	.452063	.454214	.453303
Singapore (S. S.) dollar	.558750	.558750	.559125	.558816	.558750	.558750
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar	.992421	.992611	.992901	.992995	.994609	.994585
Cuba, peso	.999172	.999050	.999112	.999112	.999112	.999112
Mexico, peso	.479450	.480033	.479750	.479825	.479825	.479575
Newfoundland, dollar	.989375	.989580	.989963	.990437	.992125	.992047
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	.953922	.953872	.953577	.953801	.953735	.953811
Brazil, milreis	.118545	.118563	.118550	.118500	.118820	.118586
Chile, peso	.120274	.120406	.120551	.120398	.120400	.120602
Uruguay, peso	.962371	.962742	.964883	.965227	.965581	.967281
Colombia, peso	.966200	.966200	.966200	.966200	.966200	.966200

Owing to a marked disinclination on the part of two or three leading institutions among the New York Clearing House banks to keep up compiling the figures for us, we find ourselves obliged to discontinue the publication of the table we have been giving for so many years showing the shipments and receipts of currency to and from the interior.

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

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

Saturday, July 6.	Monday, July 8.	Tuesday, July 9.	Wednesday, July 10.	Thursday, July 11.	Friday, July 12.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 202,000,000	\$ 124,000,000	\$ 166,000,000	\$ 157,000,000	\$ 163,000,000	\$ 162,000,000	Cr. \$74,000,000

Note.—The foregoing heavy credits reflect the huge mass of checks which come to the New York Reserve Bank from all parts of the country in the operation of

the Federal Reserve System's par collection[scheme]. These large credit balances, however, reflect only a part of the Reserve Bank's operations with the Clearing House institutions, as only the items payable in New York City are represented in the daily balances. The large volume of checks on institutions located outside of New York are not accounted for in arriving at these balances, as such checks do not pass through the Clearing House but are deposited with the Federal Reserve Bank for collection for the account of the local Clearing House banks.

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

Banks of	July 10 1929.			July 12 1928.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 155,711,707	---	£ 155,711,707	£ 174,356,917	---	£ 174,356,917
France a	293,200,445	(d)	293,200,445	233,407,815	(d)	233,407,815
Germany b	96,765,600	c994,600	97,760,200	100,987,600	994,600	101,982,200
Spain	102,456,000	28,904,000	131,360,000	104,320,000	28,417,000	132,737,000
Italy	55,434,000	---	55,434,000	52,831,000	---	52,831,000
Netherlands	39,398,000	1,805,000	38,203,000	36,254,000	1,958,000	38,212,000
Nat. Belg.	28,561,000	1,270,000	29,831,000	22,800,000	1,248,000	24,048,000
Switzerl'd.	19,839,000	1,462,000	21,301,000	17,882,000	2,365,000	20,247,000
Sweden	12,968,000	---	12,968,000	12,811,000	---	12,811,000
Denmark	9,591,000	431,000	10,022,000	10,103,000	615,000	10,718,000
Norway	8,155,000	---	8,155,000	8,168,000	---	8,168,000
Total week	819,079,752	34,866,600	853,946,352	773,921,332	35,597,600	809,518,932
Prev. week	814,719,386	34,936,600	849,655,986	685,576,540	35,664,600	721,241,140

a These are the gold holdings of the Bank of France as reported in the new form of statement. b Gold holdings of the Bank of Germany are exclusive of gold held abroad, the amount of which the present year is £2,481,300. c As of Oct. 7 1924. d Silver is now reported at only a trifling sum.

The Protests Against the Pending Tariff Bill.

Never before, in the history of American tariff making, has such a world-wide and impressive volume of protest against a pending tariff bill been lodged with the State Department as that the existence of which was made known on Wednesday. Some forty different communications, representing twenty-five different countries, have been turned over to the Senate Finance Committee, which has before it the Hawley bill passed by the House. Great Britain is represented by several communications from the British Ambassador at Washington dealing in general with the effect of the proposed measure on the trade of the Empire, and by specific protests from Australia, various West India colonies, and the Irish Free State. Eleven European countries—France, Italy, Spain, Belgium, The Netherlands, Norway, Denmark, Austria, Switzerland, Greece and Turkey—have filed their protests either against the bill as a whole or against some of its provisions, a number of these countries transmitting several communications; and similar protests have come from Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Guatemala, Uruguay, and far-off Persia. The end, apparently, is not yet, for a press dispatch on Thursday reported that a protest was being prepared by the German Government and would be presented at an early date. It has been evident for some months that the proposed revision of the tariff was exciting grave apprehension in Canada, and the opposition in Argentina has been conspicuously outspoken. With the exception of the British Government, which has not yet acted officially, most of the leading industrial and commercial States of Europe, and a considerable number of those of Central and South America, have either joined in formal protest against the threatened tariff changes, or are known to be irritated and alarmed at the impending danger to their industry and trade.

A noticeable feature of the protests is the comprehensive arraignment of the new tariff policy which a number of them embody. The Australian memorandum, for example, points out that "if further restrictions be placed on Australian trade by tariff increases affecting Australian products, it is inevitable that feeling against American trade preponderance will grow." The French Ambassador reminds the State Department that the pending bill "has aroused lively protests in France on the part

of numerous groups of exporters and manufacturers"; that "the special situation resulting from the agreement of October, 1927, by which the minimum French tariff has been granted to almost all American merchandise without the slightest corresponding advantage having been obtained for French trade, gives a serious character to these complaints," and that "the temporary abolition of Treasury agents in France can scarcely be considered an advantage since it has entailed worse treatment for French products under the form of arbitrary applications of the basis of evaluation according to scale prices in the United States." The Spanish Minister for Foreign Affairs, in a note to the American Ambassador at Madrid which the latter was asked to transmit to Washington, stated frankly that in view of the unfavorable trade balance with the United States, "the series of restrictive measures and impediments" which characterized American tariff policy, and the "importunities" which the Government is receiving "not only from specially interested quarters but from Spanish public opinion in general," the Government might "find itself obliged to proceed to the denouncement of the existing *modus vivendi*" under which trade between Spain and the United States is carried on.

Reports from Amsterdam, where the International Chamber of Commerce opened its fifth biennial conference on Monday, indicate that while a formal discussion of American tariff policy may be avoided, the widespread hostility to that policy comes near to being the uppermost thought in the minds of the European delegates, and that some, at least, of the American delegates are seriously concerned about it. The French delegates in particular, it is reported, are of the opinion that the situation has passed the point where mere debate is likely to be of much avail, and that the time has come for some form of direct action. According to the correspondent of the New York "Times," the French delegates came prepared to urge, unofficially if not officially, the creation of "international committees for each branch of industry doing an extensive export or import business with the United States," each committee to "study how best to supplant American exports to Europe, either of domestic production or from purchases in other European countries," together with the question of "finding markets to take the place of the American market, especially for those products virtually excluded by the American tariff or which might be excluded in a trade war between the United States and Europe." The plan also includes the establishment of a European central trade bureau at Washington to obtain direct information regarding tariff changes under the proposed flexible provisions of the Hawley bill; "the possibility of calling a diplomatic conference of the interested nations with a view to revising the present scope of the 'most favored nation' clauses in anticipation of the expiration of present trade agreements and treaties with the United States;" and "an extension of preferential treatment to the participating nations, not only on tariff questions but in other fields, such as foreign enterprises, transit facilities and customs formalities."

Senator Smoot, Republican Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, in a statement given out on Wednesday when a digest of the communications was made public, seemed inclined to make light of the protests. Referring to a criticism by Senator

Harrison, a Democratic member of the committee, Senator Smoot was reported as saying that the communications "are not protests from foreign Governments. . . There are not 38 nations protesting against the tariff revision. There are 25 countries, including possessions, that have sent protests of interested parties against rates provided in the House bill." Unless the digest given out by Senator Smoot is incorrect, a number of the protests, an apparent majority indeed, appear distinctly as protests of Governments, while some of them, notably those of Spain and France, are weighty remonstrances. The fact that a foreign Government chooses to limit its protest to rates which will particularly affect one or more of its own industries, and that in so doing it has supported the representations of particular classes of its own producers or merchants, does not justify a dismissal of the communication as only the protest of "interested parties." The substantial fact of the situation is that some twenty-five Governments, alarmed at the injury which the pending tariff bill threatens to do to their industries or trade, have filed diplomatic protests with the State Department against a measure which they believe to be unjust.

From every point of view the matter is occasion for deep regret. As a number of the protesting countries have taken pains to point out, the abstract right of the United States to frame any kind of tariff that it desires is not in question. Tariff making, like other legislation, is a sovereign right which every nation exercises as it thinks best. The broad equities of international comity, however, may not with safety be left out of consideration. Thoughtful Americans, without regard to party, will feel chagrin when they realize that more than a score of nations, some of them among the best customers for American exports and all of them nations whose esteem is worth having, have been stirred to hostility by a tariff program which threatens to cut deeply into their prosperity. The reflection upon American policy is the more marked because hardly a single American industry needs the additional tariff protection which the Hawley bill proposes to bestow. The only creditable reason for taking up tariff revision at all at this time was the hope that alteration of a few of the rates might bring some benefit to agriculture, but that hope has been overwhelmed by a program of wholesale revision which has produced a volume of criticism abroad such as the United States has never had to meet before.

It is quite possible that the United States will not have to face a tariff war, at least of a general or concerted kind. European rivalries are still too keen to make easy a combined effort to exclude American products from European markets, and any such plan as the French delegates at Amsterdam are said to have evolved is probably too elaborate for immediate realization. What cannot be done directly, however, may be done indirectly, and with cumulative effects that may easily be serious. A Vienna dispatch to the New York "Times" on Wednesday reported that the Central Chamber of Commerce of Czechoslovakia had resolved that if the new American duties were put into effect against the products of that country, retaliatory measures "against the importation of American goods which can apparently be done without, or procured from other countries, will be considered as a last resort." A boycott of American goods in Czechoslovakia might not be a serious matter, but a widespread attempt to displace American

goods by such methods as the resolution suggests might well become a very serious matter indeed.

Mr. Hoover, who has been represented as opposed to a general revision of the tariff, is reported to have advised Senate leaders on Thursday to apply the principle of "adequate protection" to the pending tariff bill. Precisely what is meant by "adequate protection" is not clear, but it is certainly to be hoped that Mr. Hoover will use his influence to prevent the kind of tariff legislation against which this unprecedented volume of criticism from abroad has been lodged. He is handicapped by his commitment to the extension of the so-called flexible provisions of the tariff bill, under which the ability of the President to raise tariff duties on the recommendation of the Tariff Commission, without the approval of Congress, will be increased, but he may still do much to moderate the excesses of the Hawley bill unless the Senate proves utterly recalcitrant, and to remove from the bill the valuation provisions which foreign producers and exporters find irritating and burdensome. The country should not be left in the position of seeking to abate the evils of war in guns and naval vessels, while at the same time provoking ill feeling and reprisals in industry and trade.

Our Contribution to World Co-operation.

In an article in the July number of the "Atlantic Monthly," entitled "America at the Crossroads," Francis Bowes Sayre, a professor of law at Harvard University, after pleading at length for a return to the policies of Washington in foreign affairs, concludes his thesis as follows: "If the World War has proved anything, it has proved the breakdown of the old methods—the positive danger of seeking security through gunpowder and poison gas. The nation which chooses to place its main reliance in its own powerful armament is courting disaster. Huge armaments breed fear, and fear breeds hate, and hate breeds war. There is no escape from that. The experience of the World War has shown with terrible clarity that the outcome of every modern war of world importance depends, not on the armament of any single nation, but upon the alignments and grouping of nations which take place before and during hostilities; and these war-deciding alignments depend in the last analysis upon international friendships, upon the degree of international co-operation which has interlocked the interests of various nations, upon the existence or non-existence of a confidence that a given State is working for purposes and ideals shared by the majority of mankind. Guns and battleships no longer measure security; other factors have become more potent. A nation which chooses to refrain from international co-operation or to strip itself of its 'friends' is under modern conditions depriving itself of its surest defenses. To-day, no matter what its armament, no single nation can conquer the world; armed isolation, if long continued, is the most dangerous course which a wealthy nation can pursue." . . .

And then follows: "The future destiny of the United States is to-day hanging in the balance. The foreign problems pressing in on us are likely to become more rather than less acute. It will not be possible to straddle the problem many years longer—in the same Congress to adopt a Kellogg Peace Pact and a bill inaugurating a new navy-building program. The time is fast coming when

America must make her choice, and crowding events will make that choice irrevocable." . . . "Will America, with all her youth and buoyancy, choose armed isolation, the old method which brought inevitably the world conflict of 1914? Or will she choose international co-operation and the effort to substitute law for war? If America is true to her tradition, to the course set by Washington and followed for over a hundred years, there can be no question what her choice will be."

But we must go back a little in Mr. Sayre's article to get the full meaning of these statements which in themselves alone ring so true. He writes: "For over nine years America has steadfastly refused to join the League of Nations; she has refused to accept membership in the World Court even though membership involves no obligation to submit disputes to it; in her 1928 series of arbitration treaties it is the old Permanent Court of Arbitration as established under the Convention of 1907 and not the new World Court to which, if the Senate yield its consent, disputes may be referred. For the past nine years, until the signing of the Kellogg Peace Pact, America has lifted not a finger to forward the movement of international arbitration." . . . "As this post-war decade draws to a close, America is approaching, partly as a result of her changed policy, and partly as a result of the general world situation, a parting of the ways, involving a coming crisis in her affairs as grave as any she has faced." He then cites: First, the problem of the war debts, "America's unyielding insistence upon full payment, and her continued refusal to modify her position, may cause the relations between herself and the debtor States to become seriously strained. The danger is that the United States may be stripped of her friends. Furthermore, America's insistence upon payment forces the debtor States to look at the problem from a common point of view and to make common cause; the inherent nature of the situation inevitably separates the interests of America from those of the European nations." Mr. Sayre thinks "the maintenance of high American tariff barriers adds to the problem." The second factor is thus defined: "To-day the representatives of some fifty nations are learning at Geneva through hard experience the difficult lesson of co-operation—how to give and take, and even, at times, to sacrifice present national interests for the sake of larger ultimate gain. But America is not sharing the experience." And to all this he appends at the very last: ". . . Choice unquestionably will depend upon what the great rank and file of Americans—over a hundred million strong—living in quiet homes throughout the length and breadth of our land demand. It is a time when no true patriot, no genuine lover of America, no honest Christian, can afford to be silent. All the world hangs upon America's answer." But are we to forget that the answer in both cases has already been given? Are we to forget that the American people have said in emphatic terms that the United States will not join the League of Nations and is of the same opinion still? Are we to forget that a credit granted European nations in a time of dire stress and danger out of sheer goodwill is still a debt and ought to be paid without a murmur?

It seems to us there is a contradiction in the learned law professor's argument. Individual nor nation can co-operate when the will is surrendered

to the will of a League or an Association of States. It is suggested that danger to the peace of the world lies in alliances made preceding or during a war. Is it an answer to say that this danger is removed when all the States enter into one League or Alliance? What is the cost? That against a recalcitrant State or States all others in the League shall by the League be forced to enter a war against the seceding members? We must define this much-used word co-operation. It has become a sort of fetish. We use it in all our movements toward consolidation, in society, in politics, in industry. If we will only "co-operate" we will straightway reach Paradise and Utopia. But it all depends upon the object sought. If we, as a people, seek the peace of the world, and we most ardently do, our best contribution is to think and will peace, *at home*. A "war to end war," and *force* peace upon the world, seems to have failed, though we helped all we could, without entering into any hard-bound political alliance. Co-operation, in a true sense, is the voluntary giving of our contribution to the result as a whole. Let every nation do the same and there will be peace forevermore. Washington envisioned no League of Nations, nor did Jefferson. They both warned against "entangling alliances." Are we now, after a hundred years, to put a new interpretation upon "peace and honest friendship"? To contrast isolation and goodwill with isolation and armed force is not possible. We are not arming, according to advocates of preparedness, *for* war but *against* war. We do not refuse to enter the League of Nations because of any intention to withdraw our trade and goodwill from the States of the World but because we are eager to give them both, voluntarily and freely, without compulsion. This is co-operation in the fullest sense. There must be a condition of independence if any sort of an integer, State or political, is to co-operate, and preserve its identity, its will.

Our own dual form of government is based on the idea of independent co-operation of free units. In its field of political operation the State is as free as the nation. Yet there is a Union, a unity of purpose without surrender of sovereignty. Seven States agree upon the distribution of the waters of the Colorado River and the Federal Government builds the Boulder dam. Co-operation is the antonym of merger. As we continue to pursue our policy of non-interference with the conflicting affairs of the States of Europe, so are we furthering the peace of the world—and according to the teachings of the "Founding Fathers." Put us into the general alliance and we surrender our rights and opportunities *with* our principles. We are no longer separate and apart. And there is too much talk of entering into these affairs by one route or another. There is a wrong conception of co-operation. Living our separate State-life in peace and with goodwill to all we are fulfilling our manifest duty and, as we believe, our intended destiny. We should seek no leadership, nor permit circumstances to thrust it upon us. There must be followers if there is a leader, and peace is the product of free co-ordinate units.

As to the colossal and unfortunate war debts with which the world is burdened, for the United States to yield to the compulsion that to demand payment is to make for war would be to destroy honor with sovereignty. What we may do in the future in this behalf will be voluntary, and not because of any duty incurred, or forced upon us.

We regard tariffs as breeders of wars. And in this let Europe clean its own house. We may here rise to heights of abnegation. The American people as a whole are not utterly unselfish; and in tariffs, as does every other State, they are thinking most of their own benefits. But this is not a valid argument for doing away with our tariffs as a duty to foreign States that still practice the same form of interference with free trade. It is enough for us to say that the tariff is an obstacle to goodwill and we will in time banish it as far as possible in our own behalf and the welfare of the world. When as a nation and people we do our duty in the light of goodwill and common trade with all peoples, we are co-operating in the highest sense.

Congress in Recess.

Comment is sometimes to the effect that the people "breathe a sigh of relief" when Congress adjourns. The recess of a Special Session designed to afford "farm relief" and "limited tariff revision," on the same basis, can only awaken mingled feelings of satisfaction and apprehension. The farmer knows that Congress has done the best or worst for him according as the law enacted works out in practice. On the other hand, business as affected by tariff schedules must bide its time until the return in October. The farmers must be content; but we imagine that this content will be materially heightened, through the intervening Summer months, as favoring weather promises good crop yields or the reverse. And this suggests the thought that broad acres and bumper crops are a primal consideration no matter what laws are passed. "Business," however, is widely affected by tariffs, though their application be limited.

This fact brought up a curious debate near the close of the session before recess. A resolution to limit the work of sub-committees to tariffs on farm products, and such other products as were immediately affected by these, caused some embarrassing questions to be put to its author. That prosperity is due to "the tariff" has long been an assertion of the Republican party, lately pronounced with great vehemence and enthusiasm. Why, then, limitation in revision? Why not make it general in the interest of equality of so-called prosperity? And, by the same rule, must not limited revision of schedules, tariff being the magic key to present "prosperity," seriously affect all the schedules? The debate was sharp, though in the end the resolution was lost, and "business" must continue at considerable uncertainty.

It is an interesting phase of our public life that, once in force, we continue in our tendencies; and can so rarely right-about-face in our legislative efforts in behalf of the people. We have come, insensibly perhaps, to assume that government has paternal power to ban or bless our individual commercial and financial efforts, and yet we confine our efforts to the old methods. As an instance we can rarely reduce one schedule of tariff-tax without increasing another. Immediately there is conflict and dissatisfaction, as shown by the popular reception of the present bill as passed by the House; we seem incapable of downright abandonment of any law we once enact. The tariff, a bone of contention for so many decades, is with us, and we have not the courage to advocate even a gradual reduction, unless we tie a string to it such as "for revenue only."

No one dares to propose to cut the "Gordian knot." In the last campaign the Democratic party, a "low-tariff" party in the past, in theory at least, forsook its ancient principles and stood for a mixed form of "protection." And what the outcome will be of the present recess revision by the Senate Finance Committee no one knows. And here we arrive at the reason for the alleged "sigh of relief" over the adjournment or recess of Congress. We have a popular government, a representative democracy. But we are constantly in the keeping of Congress. And that body has become obsessed with its own power and purpose. It is our guardian and trustee, with unlimited and self-defined powers. We, the people, are both for it and against it. We suffer—and absolve it.

And all this, or such parts of it as may be true, constitutes, if we stop long enough to think about it, a serious problem that is facing popular government in its representative-democratic form. This has been recognized, in a way, in the agitation for "initiative and referendum." But the random efforts in this direction have proved that what is known as a "pure democracy" cannot become efficient in a nation as large and as diversified in society, commerce, and industrial interests, as ours. It has not worked well in our politics. It is now practically an abandoned doctrine. We are bound more firmly to the "representative" features of our government than ever before. But that does not make Congress supreme over all. It only adds to the assumed powers of that body. And thus Congress accentuates the drift toward paternalism and enlarges the scope of bureaucracy.

What Congress cannot do directly it seeks to accomplish through commissions. This Federal Farm Board is the most recent and one of the most flagrant examples. And the strange thing is that the people are supine, indifferent, when not, in class divisions, eager in their acceptance. Yet the "sigh of relief" on the disappearance of the Congress from the scene of action! A people with inalienable rights, bound to the Juggernaut of their own Law! A people supplicating to their Congress in one breath and rejoicing at its dissolution in the next! And a Congress that, through edicts and investigations, towers over the daily lives of the people, accepting their ostensible worship, and dealing out favors like a demigod!

It happens that this is a called session, called for a specific purpose, though Congress, on the part of some of its members, denies the attempt to fetter it in any way. And this correlates with its own acceptance of itself as guardian and trustee of the people. We are attributing no selfish purposes to its members. We are offering no criticism of any one Congress. We are attempting to question its assumed power as a political body (though this is in the line of duty as defined by its majorities). When the people sought to escape from the autocratic power of tyrants, when they framed a *limited* form of government, a government denied certain powers over human rights, did they, or could they, prevision a Congress, as part of a triune government, that would exalt itself as ruler over the industries and occupations of citizens, that would so interfere with natural laws which surround and support the ordinary relations of men (that they may live and prosper in order to *maintain* the unsubstantial fabric of a popular rule) as that sovereign citizens should rejoice

when freed from its immediate domination? No. They regarded it as a division of government which rules best when it rules lightly. What are visible effects of this Summer recess? No longer the front pages teem with debates that range from foreign debt settlements to criticisms of killings by prohibition enforcement officers, from limitation of farm acreage to prohibitive taxation on stock exchange transfers, from beet sugar interests to the employment of coal miners through a tax on South American oil, and from banks to boodle, wherever found. Congress is in recess and the people can think consecutively of their own affairs!

Is it not time to insist that the people have fallen into a wrong conception of Congress; and that Congress has come to overrate its importance as an independent division of the Government? Not so long since, a popular saying repeated itself: "If Congress would adjourn for ten years the country would be better off." A few years ago, in Congress and out of it, a few men were advocating the superiority of Congress over the upreme Court—that notwithstanding an adverse decision on the constitutionality of a law, its re-enactment by Congress should override the Court and the law stand. These ideas may be but foam on the waves of popular discussion, but they point to a belief that Congress is the center and core of our Government.

Yet Congress is not a body of unlimited power. Rightly it has no jurisdiction over business. It was not intended to have. Our whole theory of government is woven about the preservation of individual rights, the right to initiate enterprise and to own and operate property. A law-abiding people can be so hampered by laws as no longer to be free. Laws may become so numerous as to become conflicting—the citizen may be so placed as to be unable to obey one without violating another. This is not the reasoned conception of "liberty under law." The primal object of government is not to amass a code of laws.

The dual fault of people and Congress is the exaltation of a division of government originally intended to formulate laws providing for the raising of revenue in support of the Government, for certain directive duties of its administration, and for police powers to effectuate these inherent elements of rule. We have departed far and wide from these ideas. We have set up or condoned a legislative body that hesitates at no law-making, however much it curtails the freedom of business, restricts the natural rights of citizens, or interferes with the natural needs of commerce.

The people are to blame that they turn their eyes always to Congress for relief from what they deem injustice. One favor granted begets another. Labor relief and an eight-hour day have been quickly followed by a law to benefit farmers, to raise agriculture to an "equality" with other industries. What may follow is idle speculation. Yet the people, through public sentiment, are not demanding Congress refrain from these special statutes. Rather they are asking for more, and in the same breath expressing satisfaction when the law-making will cease, for a time, to grind. This cannot go on for another half-century without establishing the complete domination of Congress over the current affairs of the people. Laws will be master, and citizens only the servants of the ideas of Congress as to the manners and customs of life.

Our people are not lacking in inherent respect for law. But when in the exercise of natural rights they meet a directing and restrictive statute at every turn in their individual affairs they come quite easily to praise or blame Congress as the new laws seem to help or harm them. Hundreds of specific acts are passed, investigations in furtherance of theoretic ideas of conduct in business and social affairs are inaugurated and prosecuted. It would be hard to show that all these investigations result in information upon which to base a new law. They are too often after the fact, too often they seek to ascertain infringement of existing law, placing Congress in the attitude of detective and prosecutor.

But the main consideration, as far as the people are concerned, is that Congress in acceding to these demands grows by what it feeds on, and proceeds on its own initiative to enact laws which when not class legislation are specialized statutes for reforms that are not demanded or needed. No wonder there is a "sigh of relief" when an adjournment or recess is taken! And there seems to be no remedy in sight. Yet public opinion, if it be outspoken, can in time effect a change. And the change should be a right-about-face; a return to less law and more liberty; a disposition to repeal onerous statutes and minimize future enactments.

Mercantile Insolvencies During the First Half of 1929.

The insolvency record for the first half of the current year testifies quite definitely to the improved trade situation that has prevailed during that period. We published last week the record for June and for the earlier months of the year, but now the completed return for the second quarter has been issued, in which the statement by geographical divisions is set forth. As for the first quarter, the detailed figures covering the second three months indicate further improvement, so far as business failures are concerned. The number of such defaults is reduced, not only as compared with the preceding three months, which is to be expected, but it is less than for the corresponding period of last year. The liabilities also show a reduction for important sections of the country.

Our comments are based on the insolvency record compiled from the reports prepared by R. G. Dun & Co. There were in the three months just ended 5,685 mercantile failures in the United States, with liabilities of \$107,860,328, these figures comparing with 6,487 similar defaults in the first quarter of this year, involving \$124,268,608 of indebtedness, and 5,773 insolvencies in the second quarter of 1928 for \$103,929,208. The improvement as to the number of defaults during the second quarter of this year was wholly in the trading division. Thus, 3,808 trading failures for the past three months compare with 4,008 in the corresponding period of 1928. On the other hand, there were 1,510 insolvencies of manufacturing concerns in the second quarter of this year, against 1,415 during the same period of the preceding year, and 367 among agents and brokers in comparison with 350 similar defaults for the second three months of 1928. The increase in liabilities, however, was for the divisions embracing trading failures for the agents and brokers. For trading concerns the indebtedness shown for the second quarter this year of \$51,224,321 compares with \$48,729,582 in the corresponding period of 1928,

while for agents and brokers, \$14,538,218 compares with \$12,010,649 for the second three months a year ago. On the other hand, the liabilities reported for the second quarter this year in the case of defaults in manufacturing lines was \$42,097,789 against \$43,188,739 in the same period a year ago. The variations are not great in any one of the three different classes into which the insolvencies record is separated, and are mainly due to small differences as to the larger failures in the two periods under review.

The betterment as to the number of insolvencies this year is mainly in the West and for the three Pacific Coast States, although as to the latter the second quarter of 1928 showed quite an increase as compared with the same three months of 1927. The Southern Central States also make a very satisfactory showing this year and there is a small reduction in the number of failures this year in the New England division, as well as in the section embracing the five Northern Central States—those lying East of the Mississippi River and North of the Ohio. For the three Middle Atlantic States, defaults in the second quarter of 1929 were more numerous than they were a year ago, and there was as well a small increase for the South Atlantic division. As to liabilities, five of the eight geographical sections of the country make quite a reduction in the amount reported this year, this improvement mainly relating to the South, the West and the Pacific Coast States. There are three sections in which a substantial increase is shown in the amount of indebtedness reported for the second quarter of this year, the three being the New England States, the Middle Atlantic and the Mountain division, the increase as to the latter being entirely due to some large lumber failures in one of the States of that section. Furthermore, some large defaults in Massachusetts, New York and the other two Middle Atlantic States also contributed to the heavier indebtedness reported this year over a year ago.

The increase in New England is practically all of it in Massachusetts. For that State both the number of failures in the second quarter of this year and the liabilities are substantially larger than they were in the same period a year ago. There were more defaults this year for Massachusetts in the divisions embracing manufacturing concerns and for agents and brokers, than there were last year, and the indebtedness was also heavier this year; for trading concerns, however, there was a slightly smaller number this year, but liabilities for that division showed an increase. A small increase also appears in the number of failures for the past three months in Rhode Island, but for the other New England States a decrease is shown.

For the Middle Atlantic States, the increase this year is wholly in New York and New Jersey, and appears for both States in the number of defaults and in the amount of liabilities reported for all three divisions, manufacturing, trading and the brokerage class. There were some large failures in all three classes, this adding considerably to the indebtedness, particularly for those in New York. The comparison as to Pennsylvania between the two years shows no change of importance. Manufacturing defaults in that State were more numerous this year than last, but the liabilities were smaller. On the other hand, there was a small reduction in the number of trading failures in that State this year.

In the South the improvement in the second quarter of this year reflects in the main a somewhat better situation in Florida, where business defaults this year have been considerably reduced as compared with the last two or three years. To some extent the same condition applies to West Virginia, owing to the coal mining troubles of last year, and to Texas, where there has been a decided improvement this year. In some of the other Southern States, however, insolvencies during the past three months have been more numerous, among them North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Virginia, and Oklahoma. Liabilities in some of these States also have been considerably in excess of a year ago. Both manufacturing and trading defaults have been more numerous in North Carolina. In Florida there has been a notable reduction in trading defaults and the same is true as to Texas. Conditions have also improved this year in respect to mercantile failures in Maryland, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

In the Central and Western divisions the statement for the second quarter of this year makes an excellent showing in comparison with a year ago. Insolvencies have been less numerous this year in Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Iowa, and Nebraska, and in most of these States the liabilities also are less this year than they were last year. The only noteworthy exception as to the latter is in the case of Illinois, where the number of manufacturing defaults this year exceed that of last year and where the amount involved was considerably heavier than it was a year ago. Liabilities for trading insolvencies in that State were also considerably higher this year, but there was quite a reduction in the number of trading failures this year. In Michigan, too, the number of defaults this year was less than it was last year, but the indebtedness involved shows an increase, which is reflected in the increased number of manufacturing failures for that State with much heavier liabilities this year.

For Indiana the improvement appears in both manufacturing and trading divisions, and the same thing is true as to the statements for Minnesota and Missouri. More insolvencies occurred in the second quarter this year than a year ago in Ohio, Wisconsin and Kansas, but the indebtedness involved this year was considerably reduced as to the two States first mentioned. Both manufacturing and trading failures in Ohio and Wisconsin show an increase this year. As to Ohio the total liabilities for that State this year in manufacturing lines is for quite a heavy total. For Kansas, there was quite an increase in the number of failures this year and the amount involved was heavier, the latter in part owing to a single large default in the class embracing agents and brokers.

For the Mountain States some improvement appears, although there is a slight increase in the number of defaults this year for Colorado and Montana. The three Pacific Coast States make a reduction in the number of failures this year, which is entirely covered by the return from California, in which State, also, nearly all of the decrease as to liabilities appears. Both Washington and Oregon show a larger number of defaults for the second quarter this year than occurred in the corresponding period of 1928. Furthermore, the former of these two States also records quite a large increase in the

amount involved, the increase in number and liabilities for Washington reflecting some heavy defaults in the number class.

THE BANK INSOLVENCIES.

The record of bank failures for the second quarter of this year does not show material alteration from earlier returns, except for one feature which should properly be considered entirely separate from the quarterly report. For the past three months R. G. Dunn & Co. show 148 defaults of banking concerns in the United States, involving a total of \$54,457,541 of indebtedness. These figures compare with 81 similar defaults in the first quarter of this year for \$37,508,830 and 92 in the second three months of 1928 involving \$28,952,552.

Included for the past three months are some 67 banks for Nebraska, with liabilities of \$19,086,000. The Legislature of that State at its last session repealed the Bank Guarantee Fund law, and many banks, which has previously been declared insolvent but had been operated by the Commission created under that law, are now in receivership—hence this unusual number. The actual insolvency as to most of these banks dates back a year or two. Not one of them, however, has previously been included in the Dun record.

Omitting the figures for Nebraska, it appears that four-fifths of the banking failures during the second quarter of this year were in the South and in the six Central Western States, comprising the same group to which Nebraska belongs. Furthermore, nearly two-thirds of the liabilities were also confined to these two sections. For a number of years this has characterized the record of banking failures. In the South there have again been a number of banking defaults reported for Florida, although insolvencies in commercial lines in that State now show some improvement, to which reference has been made above.

To return to the situation in Nebraska again, it appears that during the past two years and a half there have been in that State 140 insolvencies of banks, with total liabilities in excess of \$45,000,000. This has been under the Bank Guarantee Fund law, which is now repealed. That particular legislation has proven a rather costly experiment to the taxpayers of that State.

The World Bank's Power—Identifying the Federal Reserve with the Bank for International Settlements.

[Editorial in New York "Journal of Commerce" of July 6.]

The official organ of the International Chamber of Commerce has published a statement by Mr. Lamont emphasizing the importance of the Bank of International Settlements incorporated in the Young plan. The large powers that are assigned to the bank were at first minimized when hope was entertained that the United States might consent to become officially connected with it through the Reserve banks. It is evident, however, that to Mr. Lamont the importance of the bank lies not in its usefulness as a mere clearing house for transfers of reparations and other international debt payments but in the large discretionary powers with which it has been endowed. "In its natural course of development," he says, "the bank may become an organization not simply or even predominantly concerned with the handling of reparations but also with furnishing to the world of international commerce and finance important facilities hitherto lacking."

Meantime the bank will be carrying on various purely banking functions both of a commercial and investment sort, such as receiving and crediting current reparations payments, accepting long-time deposits and employing them in

intermediate credit operations, making advances for short periods and arranging for the commercialization of reparations bonds. Its operations will, in fact, be extremely varied and will call for a high and disinterested quality of banking ability.

As the "Journal of Commerce" recently pointed out, the International Bank is, in fact, empowered to do many things which the Federal Reserve banks may not be themselves. Unless some action is taken by Congress redefining the powers of the Reserve banks in foreign operations, in order to permit their participation in an institution of large and vague competence, there is no warrant in law for permitting the Reserve banks to be represented in the new organization. Furthermore, apart from the legal restrictions, the tasks assigned to the bank or those that may conceivably fall to its lot are of a character that might be subject to serious abuse if nationalistic, political considerations were permitted to influence the acts of the directors.

In spite of assertions to the contrary, dangers on this score are great since the heads of the various central banks who will be in control cannot be considered to be emancipated from political allegiance to their respective Governments. The United States, in any case, is well aware that policies that might suit both the financial and political aims of European countries might be diametrically opposed to our domestic interests. We can protect those interests better by refusing participation than by conceding a representation that would leave one American to face a company of European bankers.

Of course the end will not be gained should the Administration refuse official recognition only to suffer private interests to commit the Reserve banks to policies that they may not directly assist to develop.

Public-Utility Earnings During May.

Gross earnings of public-utility enterprises in May, exclusive of telephone and telegraph companies, as reported to the Department of Commerce by ninety-five companies or systems operating gas, electric light, heat, power, traction and water services and comprising practically all of the important organizations in the United States, were \$189,750,000, as compared with \$190,000,000 in April, and \$180,255,407 in May 1928. Gross earnings consist, in general, of gross operating revenues, while net earnings in general represent the gross, less operating expenses and taxes, or the nearest comparable figures. In some cases the figures for earlier years do not cover exactly the same subsidiaries, owing to acquisitions, consolidations, &c., but these differences are not believed to be great in the aggregate. The following summary presents gross and net public-utility earnings by months from January 1926, the figures for the latest months being subject to revision.

PUBLIC UTILITY EARNINGS.

	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.
<i>Gross Earnings—</i>	\$	\$	\$	\$
January	177,473,781	191,702,022	196,573,107	203,000,000
February	165,658,704	177,612,648	187,383,731	194,000,000
March	167,642,439	179,564,670	187,726,994	195,000,000
April	166,927,022	176,467,300	181,143,683	190,000,000
May	159,135,618	171,255,699	180,255,407	189,750,000
Total (5 months) ..	836,837,564	896,602,339	933,082,922	971,750,000
June	157,744,715	167,975,072	178,696,556	-----
July	153,245,315	161,638,462	173,645,919	-----
August	153,188,101	162,647,420	173,952,469	-----
September	159,519,246	169,413,885	179,346,145	-----
October	170,733,069	177,734,493	190,795,668	-----
November	176,000,649	182,077,497	198,032,715	-----
December	188,146,705	194,985,134	202,000,000	-----
Total (year)	1,995,415,364	2,113,074,302	2,220,552,394	-----
<i>Net Earnings—</i>				
January	66,974,941	73,746,891	79,013,279	92,000,000
February	61,555,164	66,907,757	74,296,576	86,000,000
March	60,696,920	65,412,739	72,811,146	85,000,000
April	59,471,359	64,907,729	68,971,324	83,000,000
May	54,993,907	61,194,779	67,732,911	82,500,000
Total (5 months) ..	303,692,291	332,169,895	362,825,236	428,500,000
June	55,699,751	59,167,096	67,537,149	-----
July	49,238,806	53,980,280	62,260,333	-----
August	49,844,522	53,551,164	61,809,794	-----
September	56,930,481	61,897,207	68,235,698	-----
October	60,878,181	65,259,727	73,670,561	-----
November	65,844,729	70,214,468	81,363,806	-----
December	73,023,848	78,937,417	91,000,000	-----
Total (year)	715,152,609	775,177,254	868,702,577	-----

Facts Regarding the History of New Jersey—A Correction.

The following calls attention to some inexcusable and quite unpardonable misstatements that appeared in one of our articles a few weeks ago. The Editor can only express

regret that they found their way into the columns of his paper.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY.

Princeton, N. J., July 3 1929.

The Editor, The Commercial and Financial Chronicle, New York City.

Dear Sir: My attention has been called to an article on New Jersey in your issue of May 4, and in particular to the opening paragraph of that article wherein is related what the author calls "a bit of unwritten history" telling how narrowly "New Jersey was saved in the early days of the Revolution." According to the writer, Elisha Boudinot and William P. Smith, two Princeton trustees, stopping at New Brunswick one evening, found the inhabitants meeting to decide whether to join revolt against British rule or remain loyal. President Witherspoon of Princeton earnestly advocating loyalty to Great Britain; Mr. Boudinot thereupon took the opposite side and finally won the support of his hearers, who refused to listen to President Witherspoon any further and voted enthusiastically to join the movement against Great Britain. I venture to say that the "Financial Chronicle" has never printed a paragraph more completely perverting the facts than this.

(1) The piece of alleged "unwritten history" was published correctly thirty-five years ago and is also given in my recent biography of President Witherspoon where it is discussed at some length.

(2) The story concerns Elias Boudinot and not Elisha; and it was told by Elias Boudinot in his "Journal," published in 1894.

(3) The true story is just the reverse of what the "Financial Chronicle's" article states.

(4) Far from advocating adherence to the Crown, President Witherspoon had called the meeting to lay before the people the reasons for breaking away from the Crown, and he had made an eloquent plea for independence. The meeting had adjourned until the afternoon when a vote was to be taken. It was at this time that Mr. Boudinot and Mr. Smith arrived.

(5) More cautious than Dr. Witherspoon, Mr. Boudinot took the floor and argued against independence at that time. He felt the action of Dr. Witherspoon was premature. Word was passed to Dr. Witherspoon that he was giving offence, whereupon he ceased his effort, and the meeting adjourned.

It seems extraordinary that any writer on New Jersey should know so little about one of the State's most historic characters as to make the blunder of alleging that President Witherspoon advocated loyalty to Great Britain against independence. He was one of the earliest public men in New Jersey to perceive that separation was inevitable; and it was because of his activities in hastening the event that he was considered by the British their arch-enemy in New Jersey.

This is a matter neither of commerce nor finance; but I trust that in the interests of truth and accuracy in historical writing you may find space in your columns for this correction.

Very truly yours,
V. LANSING COLLINS.

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

For the month of May returns of the earnings of United States railroads are of the same character as the returns for preceding months in showing moderate improvement in the comparison with last year in the case of gross earnings and net earnings alike. The expression "moderate" in speaking of the extent of improvement is obviously called for, seeing that the present increases follow losses or indifferent results in May of both the two years immediately preceding. But while this qualifying remark seems proper to guard against too much significance being attached to the gains now disclosed, the important thing, after all, is that railroad income is now on the road to betterment, with the changes, speaking of the roads as a whole, in the right direction, whereas prior to the advent of 1929 the reverse was the case. Stating the results in a nutshell our tabulations for the month of May, which include all the roads that are required to file monthly reports with the Inter-State Commerce Commission at Washington, show a gain of \$26,179,817 in the gross earnings over the same month last year, or 4.86%, and \$17,754,001 gain in the net earnings (before the deduction of the taxes), or 12.09%. The grand aggregates for the two years are as follows:

Month of May—	1929.	1928.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)	%
	\$	\$	\$	
Miles of road (182 roads).....	241,280	240,798	482	+ .20
Gross earnings.....	536,723,030	510,543,213	+26,179,817	+4.86
Operating expenses.....	389,924,238	381,498,422	+8,425,816	+2.12
Ratio of expenses to earnings.....	72.65%	74.73%		-2.08
Net earnings.....	146,798,792	129,044,791	+17,754,001	+12.09

The underlying causes of the better revenues in 1929 are found, as in the months preceding, entirely in the greater activity of trade and business. As far as certain key industries are concerned, like the production of motor vehicles and most of the leading branches of the iron and steel trade, an unusually high record of activity has been maintained all through the current year. The activity in such industries has been on a scale never before witnessed. On the other hand in the case of many other branches of business, not favored in an equal degree, activity has not been quite so pronounced and in some instances no doubt only little in excess of that enjoyed in May last year.

One great division of human endeavor, namely the agricultural world, has been an important exception to the state of prosperity which has been the fortunate lot of other classes of the country's population. This has been so for quite some time, but during May grain prices in the markets of the

world dropped to a new low level, intensifying the depressed state of agriculture and correspondingly diminishing the consuming capacity of the farming population. There can be no doubt that as a result of the great drop in grain prices during May, the purchasing power of many Western farmers was greatly lessened, thereby adversely affecting railroad traffic and railroad revenues in that part of the country, besides which the volume of the grain traffic itself was heavily reduced because the owners of the grain would not ship it to market at the inordinately low prices prevailing. What an important part in affecting the revenues of the roads concerned, this shrinkage in the grain traffic must have played, will appear when we say that at the Western primary markets the receipts of wheat, corn, oats, barley and rye, for the four weeks ending May 25 1929 aggregated only 38,782,000 bushels, as against 61,396,000 bushels in the corresponding four weeks of 1928. We discuss the details of the Western grain movement in a separate paragraph further along in this article.

Automobile production during May was almost 50% larger than in May last year, the number of motor vehicles turned out in the United States in that month of the present year having been 603,969 as against only 425,783 in May 1928. Steel production for the month was of unparalleled magnitude, the calculated output of steel ingots, according to the American Iron & Steel Institute, being 5,273,167 tons, as compared with only 4,207,212 tons in May 1928. The increase it will be seen is in excess of a million tons, this year's total establishing a new high record for any month in the history of the steel trade. A new high record in the make of pig iron was also reached in May 1929. The "Iron Age" of this city puts the production of iron in May 1929 at 3,898,082 tons, as against 3,283,856 ton in May 1928 and 3,390,940 tons in May 1927. Back in May 1923, which held the previous high record, the production was 3,867,694 tons.

Incidentally the early opening of navigation on the Great Lakes the present year was a great advantage to the ore-carrying roads, both to those carrying ore from the mines to the head of Lake Superior and those carrying it from the lower lake ports to the iron furnaces. This will explain the large increases in earnings shown by roads of that class—the Duluth & Iron Range reporting \$321,747 gain in gross and \$269,115 gain in net; the Duluth, Missabe & Northern

\$1,152,901 gain in gross and \$1,066,018 gain in net and the Elgin Joliet & Eastern \$231,087 gain in gross and \$224,840 gain in net. Doubtless the huge gain on the Great Northern Ry., which reports an addition of \$1,759,344 to gross and \$1,445,993 to net, is attributable to the same source, the Northern Pacific, which is without ore-carrying lines, showing only \$246,301 gain in gross and \$562,282 gain in net. The two ore-carrying roads first mentioned above suffered heavy reductions of their earnings last year owing to the late opening of lake navigation at that time.

As to the coal traffic, which plays such an important part of the freight movement of so many of the roads in different parts of the country, the anthracite coal shipments to tidewater aggregated only 4,817,334 tons in May 1929, against 6,313,174 tons in May 1928, and as a consequence most of the anthracite carriers have suffered considerable losses of earnings either of gross alone or of both gross and net. Total anthracite production in May 1929 was 6,308,000 tons against 8,124,000 tons in May last year. Bituminous production, on the other hand was larger the present year, aggregating 40,172,000 tons, against 36,624,000 tons in May 1928. Perhaps the best idea of the course of railroad tonnage as a whole is found in the weekly statements of the loading of revenue freight furnished by the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. For the four weeks ending May 25 1929 these car loadings of revenue freight aggregated 4,205,709 cars against 4,005,155 cars in the corresponding four weeks of 1928, and 4,108,472 cars in the same four weeks of 1927.

Under the favoring conditions so generally prevailing, all the great East and West trunk line systems show substantial additions to gross and net revenues alike—in most cases, however, following substantial losses in the same month of last year. The Pennsylvania Railroad has added \$4,785,314 to gross and \$2,887,781 to net. Last year in May the Pennsylvania reported \$2,417,423 decrease in gross with \$429,441 increase in net. The New York Central this time shows \$2,249,659 gain in gross and \$714,683 gain in net. This covers merely the operations of the New York Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, the whole forming the New York Central Lines, the result is an increase of \$3,612,496 in gross and of \$1,510,217 in net. Last year in May the New York Central Lines showed \$766,424 decrease in gross and \$48,509 decrease in net. The Baltimore & Ohio the present year has enlarged its gross by \$1,969,665 and its net by \$1,144,815, after a falling off of \$1,742,666 in gross and of \$665,223 in net in May the previous year. The Erie has added \$489,520 to gross, but shows \$38,797 decrease in net; a year ago in May the Erie reported \$168,354 increase in gross and \$233,533 increase in net. The Lehigh Valley the present year, probably by reason of its reduced traffic in anthracite coal, shows \$208,844 decrease in gross and \$256,723 decrease in net, which comes after \$254,937 decrease in gross with \$402,230 increase in net in May last year. The Delaware & Hudson and most of the other anthracite carriers, as already remarked, all show losses the present year, but the Lackawanna is an exception to the rule and reports \$237,877 increase in gross and \$166,338 increase in net, notwithstanding the reduced shipments of anthracite, though as a matter of fact the Lackawanna itself shared very little in the falling

off in the anthracite movement, having transported 901,538 tons of anthracite in May 1929 against 904,956 tons in May 1928.

Western roads give a pretty good account of themselves, notwithstanding the reduction most of them suffered in their grain traffic. Up in the Northwest, as already related, several of them had the advantage of a much larger ore traffic by reason of the early opening of lake navigation. The Milwaukee & St. Paul, which in May last year made such a splendid showing, then adding \$1,132,130 to gross and \$1,364,049 to net, the present year shows \$342,755 further increase in gross, but loses \$50,096 in net. The Chicago & North Western, which a year ago enlarged its gross by \$539,301, though then recording \$34,687 loss in net, this year shows \$181,344 gain in gross and \$359,686 gain in net. Among other large systems the Chicago Burlington & Quincy this time reports \$393,540 increase in gross and \$573,081 increase in net; the Rock Island \$660,293 increase in gross and \$86,977 increase in net; the Southern Pacific \$1,207,461 increase in gross and \$1,107,112 increase in net, and the Union Pacific \$77,193 decrease in gross, with \$409,000 increase in net. In the Southwest the Atchison has to its credit \$1,462,714 gain in gross and \$1,882,834 gain in net; the St. Louis-San Francisco \$582,495 gain in gross and \$172,188 gain in net, and the Missouri Pacific \$813,626 gain in gross and \$234,588 gain in net. The Texas & Pacific and several of the smaller roads in that part of the country have suffered a diminution of their earnings. In the case of the Texas & Pacific the loss amounts to \$548,930 in gross and to \$500,672 in net. This last, however, follows no less than \$1,374,783 gain in gross and \$987,745 gain in net in May last year.

In the South the comparisons this time are irregular. The Atlantic Coast Line is able to show \$288,430 increase in gross and \$151,472 increase in net, following its heavy losses of the two preceding years. But the Florida East Coast shows \$661,112 decrease in gross and \$499,975 decrease in net, after its bad exhibits of the two previous years. The Seaboard Air Line has added \$371,453 to gross and \$308,028 to net, after its heavy falling off in May 1928. The Louisville & Nashville, after its heavy decrease in May last year, has suffered a further reduction the present year of \$310,044 in gross and of \$322,197 in net. The Southern Railway, which suffered relatively light shrinkage in May 1927 and May 1928, shows a further moderate contraction the present year with \$153,593 decrease in gross and \$3,397 decrease in net. This is for the Southern Railway proper. Including the roads which go to form the Southern Railway System, the result, as it happens is \$84,945 increase in gross and \$196,801 increase in net. In the following we show all changes for the separate roads for amounts in excess of \$100,000, whether increases or decreases, and in both gross and net:

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

	Increase.		Increase.
Pennsylvania.....	\$4,785,314	Clev Cinc Chic & St Louis	\$423,002
New York Central.....	2,249,659	Chic Burl & Quincy....	393,540
Baltimore & Ohio.....	1,969,665	Wheeling & Lake Erie....	387,704
Great Northern.....	1,759,344	Pittsburgh & Lake Erie..	383,133
Atch Top & Santa Fe (3)	1,462,714	Seaboard Air Line.....	371,453
Southern Pacific (2)....	1,207,461	Los Angeles & Salt Lake..	370,383
Dul Missabe & No.....	1,152,901	N Y Chic & St Louis.....	363,240
Norfolk & Western.....	888,558	Chesapeake & Ohio.....	363,119
Missouri Pacific.....	813,626	Det Toledo & Ironton....	360,129
Wabash.....	693,980	Chic Mil St Paul & Pac..	342,755
Bessemer & Lake Erie....	682,049	Duluth & Iron Range....	321,747
Chic Rock Isl & Pac (2)..	660,293	N Y N H & Hartford....	311,263
St. Louis San Francisco (3)	582,495	Illinois Central.....	310,478
Michigan Central.....	502,066	Atlantic Coast Line.....	288,430
Erie (3).....	489,520	Northern Pacific.....	246,301
Minneapolis St Paul & Sault Ste Marie.....	475,692	Virginian.....	244,857
		Del Lackawanna & West	237,877

Jan. 1 to May 25.	Flour. (bbls.)	Wheat. (bush.)	Corn. (bush.)	Oats. (bush.)	Barley (bush.)	Rye. (bush.)
Toledo—						
1929	-----	5,014,000	752,000	2,937,000	43,000	32,000
1928	-----	2,548,000	694,000	1,270,000	15,000	25,000
Detroit—						
1929	-----	608,000	311,000	506,000	72,000	114,000
1928	-----	703,000	421,000	511,000	13,000	129,000
Peoria—						
1929	1,297,000	649,000	9,787,000	2,509,000	1,511,000	88,000
1928	1,471,000	462,000	11,136,000	4,285,000	1,314,000	45,000
Duluth—						
1929	-----	17,017,000	723,000	775,000	2,585,003	1,293,000
1928	-----	19,499,000	404,000	350,000	1,591,000	3,581,000
Minneapolis—						
1929	-----	30,389,000	4,054,000	6,073,000	6,433,000	2,201,000
1928	-----	37,247,000	4,980,000	8,507,000	8,335,000	1,583,000
Kansas City—						
1929	-----	20,893,000	19,402,000	1,924,000	45,000	-----
1928	-----	14,881,000	24,508,000	1,492,000	-----	-----
Omaha & Indianapolis—						
1929	-----	8,022,000	16,472,000	6,758,000	2,000	-----
1928	-----	6,338,000	26,488,000	7,343,000	30,000	31,000
St. Joseph—						
1929	-----	593,000	2,463,000	1,188,000	33,000	1,000
1928	-----	539,000	4,863,000	1,527,000	21,000	9,000
St. Louis—						
1929	-----	2,453,000	5,466,000	525,000	-----	-----
1928	-----	2,638,000	6,035,000	496,000	5,000	1,000
Wichita—						
1929	-----	4,586,000	2,529,000	210,000	-----	-----
1928	-----	5,725,000	1,467,000	164,000	-----	-----
Total all—						
1929	9,613,000	109,412,000	119,645,000	46,410,000	17,821,000	5,267,000
1928	9,748,000	113,316,000	159,748,000	60,745,000	19,370,000	6,594,000

The Western live stock movement, as already stated, was also on a reduced scale. The receipts at Chicago during May the present year comprised only 16,061 carloads, as compared with 17,869 carloads in May 1928. At Omaha the receipts embraced but 6,050 carloads, as against 7,122 carloads, and at Kansas City 8,153 cars, against 8,756.

As to the Southern cotton movement, this, too, was on a diminished scale as compared with the month last year, both as regards the shipments overland and receipts at the Southern outports. Gross shipments overland were only 35,141 bales, as compared with 47,472 bales in May last year 1928; 75,379 bales in May 1927; 63,513 bales in May 1926; 29,004 bales in 1925; 40,534 bales in 1924; 65,395 bales in 1923 and 139,348 bales in 1922. At the Southern outports the receipts reached only 134,735 bales in May 1929, against 369,125 bales in 1928, and 345,312 bales in 1927. The details of the cotton receipts at the different Southern ports are shown in the table we now present:

RECEIPTS OF COTTON AT SOUTHERN PORTS IN MAY AND FROM JAN. 1 TO MAY 31 1929, 1928 AND 1927.

Ports.	May.			Since Jan. 1.		
	1929.	1928.	1927.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Galveston	35,771	114,794	59,416	556,279	346,084	904,324
Texas City, &c	26,540	60,898	65,723	537,076	406,982	978,688
New Orleans	43,782	94,462	75,433	514,428	492,983	874,649
Mobile	7,504	24,341	19,327	83,133	75,363	99,339
Pensacola	424	179	100	1,048	1,602	2,623
Savannah	7,016	36,131	61,422	72,743	164,753	365,382
Charleston	6,473	18,781	29,103	30,172	72,176	188,819
Wilmington	1,166	8,628	18,925	21,898	52,699	75,318
Norfolk	6,059	10,811	15,863	41,135	60,742	131,205
Lake Charles	-----	100	-----	-----	1,024	-----
Total	134,735	369,125	345,312	1,857,912	1,666,952	3,620,417

Carrying our comparison of railroad earnings back beyond last year, as far as the roads as a whole are concerned, it has already been indicated that results for May 1928 and May 1927 were either poor or indifferent. In May 1928 our tabulations showed \$8,823,323 decrease in gross with \$840,317 increase in net, and in May 1927 our tables also showed relatively slight changes, namely \$1,088,017 increase in gross, with \$1,063,507 decrease in net. An important fact to remember however is that this followed quite substantial improvement (we are speaking of the roads as a whole) in May 1926 over May 1925, when our compilation showed \$28,515,298 gain in gross, or 5.85%, and \$15,677,492 gain in net, or 13.89%. Moreover, these gains in 1926 succeeded substantial improvement in 1925 over 1924, our tabulations for May 1925 having recorded \$11,114,584 increase in gross and \$16,805,030 increase in net. On the other hand, it is essential to bear in mind that these increases for 1926 and

1925 came after tremendous decreases in 1924, and to that extent constituted merely recovery of what was then lost. Our statement for May 1924 showed no less than \$70,476,133 falling off in the gross and \$30,448,063 falling off in the net. But these losses in turn followed prodigious gains in the year preceding—that is in May 1923, when the totals were of exceptional size. In May of that year the roads were in enjoyment of an unexampled volume of traffic, and our compilations showed an addition to the gross (as compared with the preceding year) of no less than \$97,510,054, or 21.77%, and an addition to the net in the sum of \$32,573,715, or nearly 35%. It should be remembered, too, that the 1923 gains in net were simply the topmost of a series of increases that began long before 1923. Thus in May 1922, when business revival had already begun, but when the carriers suffered a very notable reduction of their coal tonnage by reason of the strike at the unionized coal mines then prevailing throughout the country (coal loadings then having fallen off 47.4% as compared with May of the year before) there was only a very small improvement in the gross earnings—only \$4,069,751, or less than 1%—but there was at the same time a contraction in expenses of \$23,995,177 and this brought about an augmentation in the net in amount of \$28,064,928, or roughly 43%. There was improvement also in the net in the year preceding (1921), though gross at that time was declining, owing to the collapse in trade. The decrease in the gross then was \$13,214,331, but it was accompanied by a reduction in expenses of \$58,054,141, thus leaving a gain of \$44,839,810 in the net earnings. The loss in the gross at that time was only 2.89%, which, of course, failed to reflect either the great falling off in traffic or the extent and magnitude of the depression in trade under which the country was then laboring, the reason being that railroad rates, both passenger and freight, had been advanced and the added revenue from the higher rates served to that extent to offset the loss in earnings resulting from the shrinkage in the volume of traffic. Contrariwise, the saving in expenses then achieved was effected in face of higher wage scales, the Railroad Labor Board having the previous summer awarded a 20% increase to the employees, at the same time that the Inter-State Commerce Commission granted the carriers authority to put into effect higher rate schedules for passengers and freight. Had business and traffic remained normal, the higher rate schedules would, according to the computations made at the time, have added \$125,000,000 a month to the gross revenues, and the higher wage schedules would have added \$50,000,000 a month to the payroll of the carriers, as was pointed out by us at the time.

On the other hand, in any attempt to appraise correctly the big reduction in expenses effected in 1922 and 1921, and the steady improvement in operating efficiency since then, the fact should not be overlooked that, as a result of the antecedent prodigious increases in the expenses, net earnings in 1920 had been reduced to very low levels. High operating costs had been a feature of the returns for many years preceding, and it so happened that in May 1920 the so-called "outlaw" strike, which served so seriously to interfere with railroad operations the previous month, continued with greatly aggravated consequences. In these circumstances, it was no surprise to find that although gross earnings in-

creased \$38,629,073 over the amount for May of the previous year, the augmentation in expenses reached no less than \$61,001,464, leaving a loss in net of \$22,372,391.

But, as already stated, the 1920 decrease in net was merely one of a series of losses in net that had been continuing through successive years. As indicating how expenses had been mounting up, it is only necessary to note that in May 1919, though gross earnings increased as compared with 1918 in amount of \$35,132,305, the augmentation in expenses reached \$69,091,093, leaving a diminution in the net of \$33,958,788. Similarly for May 1918 our compilations registered \$31,773,655 increase in gross, but \$14,459,024 decrease in net, owing to an increase of \$46,232,679 in expenses. For the three years combined, therefore, the loss in net for this single month was \$70,790,203, in face of an increase in gross earnings of \$105,535,033. Expenses in the three years for this month increased \$176,325,236. Even prior to 1918 rising expenses were a feature of the returns, though not, of course, to anywhere near the extent which subsequently developed. In the following we show the May comparisons for

each year back to 1907. We give the results just as registered by our own tables each year, though in 1908 and prior years a portion of the railroad mileage of the country was unrepresented in the totals, owing to the refusal at that time of some of the roads to furnish monthly figures for publication.

Year.	Gross Earnings.			Net Earnings.		
	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Increase or Decrease.	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Increase or Decrease.
May.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1907	144,267,760	121,074,984	+23,192,776	43,765,836	37,319,290	+6,446,546
1908	133,680,555	172,218,497	-38,537,943	38,076,927	50,922,678	-12,845,751
1909	196,826,686	170,600,041	+26,226,645	64,690,920	49,789,800	+14,901,120
1910	230,033,834	198,049,990	+31,983,895	70,084,170	64,857,343	+5,226,827
1911	226,442,818	231,066,896	-4,624,078	69,173,574	70,865,645	-1,695,071
1912	232,229,364	226,184,666	+6,044,698	66,035,597	68,488,263	-2,452,666
1913	263,496,033	232,879,970	+30,616,063	73,672,313	66,499,916	+7,172,397
1914	239,427,102	265,436,022	-26,007,920	57,628,765	73,385,635	-15,756,870
1915	244,692,735	243,307,953	+1,384,785	71,958,563	57,039,160	+14,619,397
1916	308,029,096	244,580,685	+63,448,411	105,598,255	71,791,320	+33,806,935
1917	353,825,032	308,132,969	+45,692,063	109,307,435	105,782,717	+3,524,718
1918	374,237,097	342,463,442	+31,773,655	91,995,194	106,454,218	-14,459,024
1919	413,190,468	378,058,163	+35,132,305	58,293,249	92,252,037	-33,958,788
1920	387,330,487	348,701,414	+38,629,073	28,684,058	51,056,449	-22,372,391
1921	444,028,885	457,243,216	-13,214,331	64,882,813	20,043,003	+44,839,810
1922	447,299,150	443,229,399	+4,069,751	92,931,565	64,866,637	+28,064,928
1923	545,503,898	447,993,844	+97,510,054	126,173,540	93,599,825	+32,573,715
1924	476,458,749	546,934,883	-70,476,133	96,048,087	126,496,150	-30,448,063
1925	487,664,385	476,549,801	+11,114,584	112,859,524	96,054,494	+16,805,030
1926	516,467,480	487,952,182	+28,515,298	128,581,566	112,904,074	+15,677,492
1927	517,543,010	516,454,998	+1,088,016	126,757,878	127,321,385	-1,063,507
1928	509,746,395	518,569,718	-8,823,323	128,780,393	127,940,076	+840,317
1929	536,723,030	510,543,213	+26,179,817	146,798,792	129,044,791	+17,754,001

Note.—Includes for May 92 roads in 1907; in 1908 the returns were based on 143,310 miles of road; in 1909, 220,514; in 1910, 229,345; in 1911, 236,230; in 1912, 235,410; in 1913, 239,445; in 1914, 246,070; in 1915, 247,747; in 1916, 248,006; in 1917, 248,312; in 1918, 230,355; in 1919, 233,931; in 1920, 213,206; in 1921, 235,333; in 1922, 234,931; in 1923, 235,186; in 1924, 235,894; in 1925, 236,663; in 1926, 236,833; in 1927, 238,025; in 1928, 240,120; in 1929, 241,280.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, July 12 1929.

In the seasonable lines of merchandise, trade is larger, favored by the recent warmer temperatures. In particular the sales are satisfactory in light summer wear and vacation goods. They are in the van in jobbing and retail lines. Among the big industries, iron, steel and cognate lines are leaders. As a rule, commodity prices have been steady notably in cotton and grain while rubber has advanced and some of the non-ferrous metals have advanced especially tin, though as a rule transactions have not been large. The sugar market was recently oversold and shorts have paid the penalty as the trend is toward more sensible methods of marketing in the world. Once more, too, coffee prices have disappointed those who thought the market could be sold short with impunity. Collections however, in general trade, it must be confessed are not entirely satisfactory. In fact some reports say they are slower. Cotton crop reports have been in the main more favorable, but as regards the grain crops the opposite has been the case. In the furniture trade sales are relatively small, although at Chicago the total made a better showing. The falling off in building is attributed partly to high money rates, partly to more or less overbuilding and finally to the fact that labor is standing in its own light by its aggressive attitude towards builders, particularly in moving for a more general adoption of the five day week and curious as it sounds higher wages at that. Such high handed proceedings are bound eventually to work out their own cure.

The jewelry trade is not altogether satisfactory. In some parts of the country the higher grades are selling well, but in others even the cheaper kinds are dull. It is noticed that there has been a large trade in refrigerators and adding machines. New Orleans trade has been injured by the trolley strike. In the Birmingham, Ala. district the recent failure of five banks has had some injurious effect on retail business. The building of airplanes is increasing to an extent that attracts general attention. Of course it affords a new outlet for labor and recalls the stimulus to employment given in the middle of the last century and later by the introduction of railroads coincident with a similar fillip as steamships began to ply the ocean in great numbers. The airplane industry is merely in its infancy. There seems no doubt that time will come when air navigation under very strict regulations will be about as safe as any other form of navigation and in a way usher into a new era for the race.

There is less business in brass goods. Also the trade in box material at San Francisco has been cut down by the damage by frost to fruit crops earlier in the year. Mail order

sales in June increased 4.9% over those of May, and for the month of June were 28.7% larger than in June last year. Indeed they were the largest of any June on record. For six months ending June 30 they increased 30%. That was also a new peak in such business. In automobile manufacturing one concern at least has made so large a gain in output as to offset decreases due to model changes among some other manufacturers.

It is a sign of the times that on Thursday London newspapers devoted their principal news pages to protests from 38 countries against the proposed increases in the United States tariff. They declare that the whole world, aroused by the American high tariff proposals, will retaliate by excluding the United States from the overseas markets. The worst of this is that it is the cupidity of the few who bring down on the United States as a whole the just criticism of the family of nations which detects the greedy element in such tariffs, however specious the explanations.

Wheat advanced about a cent on bullish crop reports by the U. S. Government and continued drought in the American Northwest and Canada. The advance was curbed, however, by profit taking. The Government crop report pointed to 582,000,000 bushels of winter wheat or 40,000,000 less than on June 1 and only 3,000,000 more than was harvested last year. The spring wheat yield is called 251,000,000 bushels or 73,000,000 less than last year. Taking winter and spring wheat together the total is only 834,000,000 or 70,000,000 less than last year. Meanwhile the Northwest and Canada still need rain; also Argentina and Australia. The Canadian crop which was recently estimated at 400,000,000 bushels is now said to be not much over 325,000,000, against 500,000,000 last year. Allowing for exaggeration of damage by prolonged drought in the spring wheat areas on both sides of the Canadian border, and the evil effects of a wet winter wheat harvest in the Southwest of this country, the crop outlook seems none too promising. Today Chicago and Winnipeg were up 1¾ to 3c., Corn declined about 2c. partly because of good weather and a lack of any urgent cash demand. The crop is late and the government report was bullish, but private reports seem more reassuring. Other grain declined slightly. Provisions advanced with the hog supply expected to be moderate. Cotton advanced slightly. No one influence especially dominated. The weather was good for growth of the plant, but it also fostered the weevil. The acreage gained only 3.2% over that of last year, whereas some private estimates had pointed to an increase of 4 to 5½%. The textile figures for June were bearish, showing sales of less than 80% of the output, but this had been largely discontinued. The showing of the first half of the year reveal sales of 93.5% of

output against 89 in the same time last year and shipments of 99½% against 93½ in the like period of last year, which was not a bad showing under the circumstances.

Rubber advanced roughly ¼ to ½c, with consumption increasing, and London and Singapore prices rising as shipments to consuming markets decreased. Sugar advanced noticeably as it is expected that Cuba and Europe will be joined by Japan in concerting measures to obviate unwise marketing and the conservation of prices. There will be no attempt to limit crops. The past has taught its lesson. Simply there will be an effort to regulate marketing within bounds that tend to protect the growers' interest. Coffee has advanced moderately in narrow markets despite lower Brazilian prices for both Brazilian and European interests bought. Tin advanced about a cent with London prices rising. Pig iron here has been quite at a decline in the southern product of 50c but at the West quite a good business has been done. Steel has been in fair demand and steady. Scrap has advanced 25 cents. Coal has been in rather better demand. Cattle prices are at the highest of the year, i. e. \$16.50 for fancy steers and \$14.50 for the average. Hogs at \$11.45 also reached the year's peak thus far. Wool has declined at the London auction sales 5 to 7%. In this country wool has been as a rule quite, though combing is reported to have sold more freely. In cotton goods finished fabrics especially printed goods sold well, favored by the warm weather. Unfinished goods were quiet or sold to only a moderate extent. Aside from a demand for dress goods for the fall season, woollens and worsteds were quiet. Piece silks on new lines for fall trade were in good demand. Ray silk was in better demand and firmer.

The stock market has witnessed some of the irregularity inevitable in the enormous list of shares traded in daily and with money 9% but has on the whole acted very well. Brokers' loans were reduced, slightly, i. e., \$14,000,000, but light as the falling off was it had a reassuring effect. Government bonds advanced. The West Coast is again trading in stocks on a noticeable scale. Last winter it is said to have at times furnished nearly one-third of the business. To-day stock trading got within hail of 5,000,000 shares again as some prices advanced to new high levels with public utilities and United States Steel leading. The tendency is towards expanding stock business without reckless advances or declines in prices. Railroad shares showed an upward trend. Meanwhile the tendency is towards gold shipments from London to New York under the pulling power of high money rates here. This may be the precursor of lower money rates here next week. In to-day's big trading the more conspicuous features were American Can, General Electric, Sears Roebuck & Co., Montgomery, Ward & Co., Allied Chemical, American Telephone, United Corporation, U. G. I., Columbia Gas, Consolidated Gas, Public Service and North American, New York Central and Alleghany Corporation.

Fall River wired that the heavy curtailment is believed to be a move in the right direction and mill men are said to be showing more optimism. At least, some of them turned down business rather than grant price concessions. The Worcester Woolen Mills of Worcester, Mass., which have been closed for several weeks to liquidate will resume operations shortly. New Bedford, Mass., said that a practical lawful and workable plan for effectively putting a stop to ruthless practice of selling below cost in fine cotton goods industry has been advanced by a group of New England men. Providence, R. I., wired July 9 that necessary curtailment is said to have begun in Rhode Island mills early this week. The mills controlled and operated by the Lonsdale Company in various parts of the State, closed for two weeks. Operations are to be resumed, July 15. The Esmond Mills, Esmond, closed for one week. The plants of the Berkshire Fine Spinning Association, Inc., in Rhode Island, also closed for one week, to reopen July 8th.

Spartanburg, S. C., wired that the Woodruff Mill of the Brandon Corporation will curtail one week out of each month for the next three months; also that two mills of the Fort Mill Co. would close this week for the summer vacation. Charlotte, N. C., wired that a number of cloth mills were expected to close for two weeks or longer. In Durham, N. C., district all cotton mills are reported to have resumed operations on Monday after a week or 10 days suspension but spinning and weaving mills contemplate operating only four days per week for an indefinite period. Richmond, Va., wired July 11th after a week of idleness the majority of Piedmont Carolina's textile mills are again in operation.

It has been customary for the mills to close for the first week in July. Over-production has been discussed by millmen for many months as one of the main reasons for the present lack of prosperity in the textile industry. At South Boston, Va., the Halifax Cotton Mills are reported to have closed down last Saturday for a period of two weeks, this being the annual vacation time for all employees when such repairs as may be necessary are made. At Exeter, N. H., July 7 the carding and spinning departments of the Exeter Manufacturing Co. will close for the summer vacation on July 13th to reopen on August 5th. The bleaching and finishing departments will be operated on full time.

The strike of 19,000 garment workers in this city seems to be nearing the end after conferences between employers and workers. Increases in wages and the insurance question are deferred. Operatives are expected to be back at work by next Tuesday or Wednesday. Terms of agreement for a new three year contract between the three employers' associations and the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union will be submitted for ratification this evening to a conference of spokesmen for the four organizations. Unless unforeseen obstacles arise the new agreement will be approved to-night, submitted to-morrow to the general strike committee and the next day to the shop chairmen of the union. On Monday a referendum will be held in the various meeting halls at which the new compact, in the opinion of union leaders, will be finally approved.

New Orleans reported rumors that a general union walk-out in sympathy with the striking street car men may be called.

Department store sales in June were 1 per cent larger than in the corresponding month last year, according to preliminary reports made to the Federal Reserve system by 448 stores. On a daily average basis, however, the sales were 5% larger than a year ago. An increase in total sales was reported by 204 stores and a decrease by 244.

The sales of twenty-five chain-store systems in June totalled \$122,291,578 against \$100,192,504 in June 1928, an increase of \$22,099,074 or 22 per cent. This is a new high June record. In the first six months of 1929 sales totalled \$664,291,242, also a new high record against \$545,721,588 for the first six months of 1928 an increase of \$118,569,654 or 21.7 per cent.

On the 7th inst. here the temperature rose to 89, the lowest being 72 and three persons were prostrated. The nearby beaches were thronged. On the New York street level the heat was as usual greater than official maximum. Throughout the North and East the weather was similar to that in New York. In Chicago it was 70 to 78. Boston had 70 to 92 degrees; Cincinnati 70 to 88, Cleveland 68 to 86; Detroit 70 to 82; Kansas City 68 to 84; Milwaukee 64 to 82; Minneapolis 76 to 82; Montreal 86; Omaha 64 to 84; Philadelphia 72 to 92; Phoenix 80 to 106; Portland, Me. 56 to 78; San Francisco 58 to 64; Seattle 56 to 76; St. Louis 66 to 82; Winnipeg 58 to 76. While New York on the 8th inst. sweltered in heat of 88 degrees with high humidity and little relief in sight, they were wearing furs and overcoats in Denver with the mercury at 50 degrees. At Cheyenne and Lander, Wyoming, it was even down to 42, and at Missoula to 46 degrees. This country seems to be able to supply almost any kind of weather on the same day or thereabouts. The day before at Phoenix, Arizona, it was 106. Later in the week, when it was close to 90 here, it was 110 in Phoenix. On the 9th inst. the maximum temperature here was 88 at 4 p. m., but it was 86 as late as 9 p. m. and 85 at 10. On the previous day it was also 88 up to 6 p. m. and 86 at 9. The persistency of the heat until such late hours of course made it all the more trying. Houston had 60 to 76 degrees, Chicago 68 to 88, Cleveland and Detroit 70 to 82; Kansas City 66 to 80; Milwaukee 68 to 82, St. Paul 58 to 72; Montreal 66 to 84; Omaha 58 to 80, Philadelphia 74 to 92, Phoenix, Arizona, 110; Portland, Maine, 58 to 64; San Francisco 64 to 66; Seattle 56 to 72; St. Louis 70 to 84; Winnipeg 46 to 74. On the 8th inst. Paris, France, shivered in a temperature of 43 Fahrenheit, and on the 9th inst. it was still only 66. Rome last week had an average temperature of 93 but early in the present week it was 84.

On the 11th inst. the weather here, though only a little cooler at 85 maximum, was more comfortable from the lessened humidity. The minimum temperature was 66; at Boston 66 to 80; Philadelphia 70 to 88; Chicago 66 to 72; Cincinnati 66 to 86; Detroit 64 to 76; Minneapolis 64 to 86; Phoenix, Ariz., 82 to 104; Seattle 62 to 68; St. Louis 70 to 86; Winnipeg 58 to 86, Kansas City 68 to 82. To-day the temperatures here were 71 to 81. The forecast was for cloudy weather to-night and to-morrow with probably local thundershowers to-morrow.

Preliminary Report of Federal Reserve Board on Retail Trade in June—Sales Larger Than Year Ago.

Department store sales in the aggregate for June were 1% larger than in the corresponding month a year ago, according to preliminary reports made to the Federal Reserve system by 448 stores; on a daily average basis, however, the sales were 5% larger than a year ago. Increase in total sales was reported by 204 stores and decrease by 244 stores. In making this known July 8 the Board says:

The change in sales varied considerably for different parts of the country, ranging from an increase of 9% in the Minneapolis Federal Reserve District to a decrease of 7% in the Atlanta district.

Percentage changes in total sales between June 1928 and June 1929 are given by districts in the following table:

Federal Reserve District.	Percentage of Increase or Decrease in Sales—June 1929, Compared with June 1928.	Number Of Stores Reporting.	
		Increase.	Decrease.
Boston.....	-2.6	30	51
New York.....	+4.4	25	15
Philadelphia.....	-2.2	19	21
Cleveland.....	+2.3	15	19
Richmond.....	+5.0	24	15
Atlanta.....	-6.5	6	17
Chicago.....	+4.8	22	38
St. Louis.....	+1.4	7	11
Minneapolis.....	+8.7	7	8
Kansas City.....	+5.1	13	6
Dallas.....	-2.4	11	10
San Francisco.....	-0.1	25	33
United States.....	+1.4	204	244

Note.—The month had 25 business days this year, 26 last year.

Annalist's Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices.

The Annalist weekly index of wholesale commodity prices is 148.8, an increase of 2.2 points over last week (146.6), and compares with 151.1 for the same period last year. The Annalist, announcing this, says:

The increase this week continues the reversal of the price index started late in May, when the index stood at 142.7. Since then the index gained 6.1 points, the gain being almost wholly due to gains made by the farm products group, whose index increased 10.7 points, with synchronized increases in the food products group of 9 points. The gain this week is again caused by increased prices of commodities in the farm products group, specifically wheat, cotton, potatoes and livestock. Steers and hogs enjoyed the major price increases, with moderate increases in prices of lambs and eggs. Increased farm products prices were promptly passed on to the food products group, the increase being 3.9 points for the week, caused by increased prices of beef, ham, pork, veal, eggs, flour, sugar, and potatoes.

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

	July 9 1929.	July 2 1929.	July 10 1928.
Farm products.....	146.5	142.3	154.7
Food products.....	153.4	149.5	153.5
Textile products.....	147.3	147.6	155.5
Fuels.....	163.1	163.6	160.9
Metals.....	128.3	128.4	120.0
Building materials.....	153.1	153.1	156.5
Chemicals.....	134.6	134.6	134.7
Miscellaneous.....	130.7	130.7	116.1
All commodities.....	148.8	146.6	151.1

Half-Year Record of Business Surpasses All Records, According to American Bankers' Association Journal.

The composite balance sheet of American business at the close of the first half-year reveals a strength and liquidity of position surpassing anything ever achieved in the past, says the American Bankers' Association Journal in its issue made available July 9. The review says:

"All three of the mainstays of the present era of prosperity continue to give a good account of themselves, with the steel industry operating at the rate of 57,000,000 tons annually, and the automobile industry aiming at an output of over 6,000,000 vehicles. Building construction has fallen only 12% behind last year in spite of the scarcity of mortgage money. A score of other industries of scarcely less importance have established new high production records in the period, and concern is even expressed that output may overrun demand in certain lines, notably the textiles. Distribution of commodities, however, is holding to a high level and the belated hot weather has resulted in a brisk movement of lighter weight apparel and other seasonable goods. Individual merchants who follow the style trend and operate along scientific methods need have no grounds for complaint, even against the competition of the chain store organizations.

"The surprisingly high rate of activity in manufacturing this year is now showing up in the statistics that are available covering the first five months, with June estimated, and it is found that in no less than 25 major industries there were apparently established new high records in the half-year just passed. These include pig iron and steel, automobiles and trucks, airplanes, motorboats, tires, crude petroleum and gasoline, farm implements, machine tools, electrical apparatus, copper, plate glass, sulphuric acid, silk and rayon, cotton goods, clothing, newsprint, flour, bakery and dairy products, confectionery and cigarettes.

"Of the three industries that have for so long been the backbone of the present era of prosperity, the steel industry is still running full blast with an output of ingots 14% ahead of last year and at the rate of 57,000,000 tons annually. Automobile and truck production records point to an output for the full year in excess of 6,000,000 vehicles, or one-third more than 1928, which was the previous best year. Building construction is hampered by the scarcity of mortgage money at reasonable rates and is down from 10 to 20% below last year but maintains an enormous volume nevertheless.

"Some industries, in fact, are running at a higher rate than is good for them, and unless production schedules are adjusted to conform fairly closely with orders and shipments, then a surplus of product results with its attendant price cutting and elimination of profit-margins. Textile authorities are warning the cotton goods mills that the present record-breaking operations are unwarranted and that unless the situation is corrected by a curtailment before long a depression in that particular branch of the textile industry is inevitable. A cheerful and possibly surprising development is the renewal of activity in American shipyards, which have been practically idle since the war but are now enjoying a revival in construction as a result of the Jones-White law, passed in 1928, which grants extra compensation for carrying mails, also loans at low interest rates, in accordance with which a program of building more than a score of large ocean-going vessels is gradually getting under way."

Bank of America N. A. in Reviewing Business Conditions Finds Outlook Better Than at End of Previous Month.

Business during the past month has been maintained at a high rate of activity and the outlook is brighter than at the end of May, although no fundamental changes occurred, according to the review of The Bank of America N. A. "The continuance of a high rate of industrial activity, improvement in process of principal agricultural products and a material reduction in credit strain were the outstanding developments during June," the review says. It adds:

"The seasonal recessions in operations of certain basic industries was, in the majority of cases, of less than the usual extent. All these factors have combined to give a brighter aspect to the general economic situation than was noticeable at the end of May. There has, however, been no fundamental change in conditions. The amount of credit employed in the securities market is still very large and a part of the recent relaxation in rates is due merely to seasonal influences. It is yet too early to form a reliable estimate of the probable size of crops now maturing, the return they will bring to producers and its effect upon the buying power of a large proportion of the population."

Regarding retail trade conditions the review says:

"The weather during the greater part of June was favorable to retail trade. During most of the month there was pronounced activity in this line of business. Higher temperatures stimulate buying of seasonal goods. There was strong demand, particularly for cottons. Retail shoe manufacturers reported a better demand. Department store sales in the New York district showed a moderate increase during May. Leading apparel stores reported an average increase of 5% in sales as compared with May, 1928. Chain stores reported a substantial increase in total sales during May. The greater percentage of increase was reported in the ten cent stores which showed agains of 17% in net sales during May as compared with May, 1928. Drug stores reported a gain of 12.4% and grocery stores a gain of 9.3%.

Mid-West Shippers' Advisory Board Looks for 11% Increase in Business Activity in Its Territory in Third Quarter of Year—Freight Traffic of 1,515,231 Cars Forecast.

A probable increase of 11% in the level of agricultural and industrial activity in Mid-West territory in the third quarter of 1929, as compared with the corresponding months a year ago, was predicted here at the nineteenth regular meeting of the Mid-West Shippers' Advisory Board, at Fort Wayne, Ind., on July 11. This forecast covered the states of Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin, western Indiana and northern Michigan. As contrasted with the increase of approximately 11% anticipated in Mid-West territory, consolidated reports of the Shippers' Advisory Boards throughout the country indicate a probable increase in business of 7% for the United States as a whole in the third quarter of this year, as compared with the corresponding months of 1928.

Comparing the months of July, August and September this year with the same months a year ago, the following increases in activity were forecast for Mid-West territory:

There will be a probable increase of 40% in the movement of iron and steel, the actual carloadings of these commodities amounting to 61,900 cars in the third quarter of 1928, while the estimated loading for the third quarter this year is 86,500 cars. Likewise, there was predicted an increase in coal movement of approximately 32%, from 380,000 cars in the third quarter last year to 500,000 cars in the next three months.

An increase of 25% was forecast for the movement of hay, straw and alfalfa, while increases of 20% and 15% respectively were predicted in the movement of grain and of flour, meal and other mill products.

Petroleum and petroleum products will show an increase of 10%, while approximately a similar increase is anticipated in the movement of potatoes. An increase of 8% was forecast in the movement of machinery and boilers, while increases ranging from 5 to 2% were forecast for the movement of fresh fruits and fresh vegetables other than potatoes, livestock, ore and concentrates, lumber and forest products, cement, lime and plaster, agricultural implements and vehicles, and paper, paperboard and prepared roofing.

A level of activity in the coming three months approximately equal to that of the third quarter of 1928 was reported for salt, brick and clay products, fertilizers quarter of 1928 and explosives.

Decreases were reported in four lines, amounting to 5% for poultry and dairy products, 7% for canned goods, 10% for sugar, syrup and molasses, and 15% for sand, gravel and stone. Consolidation of the reports of the various commodity committees comprising the Mid-West Shippers' Advisory Board indicates that the 26 principal commodity classes included in the forecast will produce a freight traffic

of 1,515,231 cars in the third quarter of 1929. This is an increase of 148,561 cars, or of approximately 11% above the total of 1,366,670 cars loaded with these same commodities in Mid-West territory in the third quarter last year.

The principal address at the meeting in Fort Wayne was made by Harry Hogan, President of the Fort Wayne Dime Savings Bank. L. M. Betts of Washington, D. C., Manager of the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association, reported on general transportation conditions throughout the United States, while W. D. Beck, Chicago District Manager of the American Railway Association, reviewed rail transportation conditions in Mid-West territory.

Survey of Ernst & Ernst Indicates Conservative Tendency in Business.

The net worth together with long-term debt capital of 914 companies in 25 business groups increased in the aggregate 6.2% during the year 1928, but plant and properties increased in smaller proportion, 4.6%, while net working capital was more by 8.9% at the close of 1928 compared with the close of 1927, according to a synopsis of studies made by Ernst & Ernst, accountants. There was a combined increase in working capital and fixed assets, it is stated, of \$1,533,725,000 of which 52.5% attaches to working capital and 47.5% was added plant investment. The exhibit below is said to confirm the same general trend indicated in previous studies made by Ernst & Ernst; namely, business on the whole seems to be strengthening its working capital position and it does not appear that there has been any extensive expansion of plant facilities beyond a normal increase in keeping with the current larger volume of business. Ernst & Ernst in presenting their conclusions state:

While this study cannot be considered as exact because of consolidations, mergers, expansions, &c., with their consequent effect, nevertheless, it is probably true that it does present a somewhat less favorable picture than if it were possible to disclose the actual conditions in detail, because such mergers or other acquisitions frequently result at the outset in a proportionately larger increase in the plant accounts than is added to or needed for working capital.

The compilations follow:

CORPORATION BALANCE SHEETS, 1928 COMPARED WITH 1927.

Classification.	Number of Cos.	Increase—1928 Over 1927.		
		Capitalization (Net Worth and Funded Debt, Excl. Reserves).	Net Working Capital.	Plants and Properties (Net).
Iron and steel.....	34	3.4%	7.7%	*0.4%
Oil producing & refining.....	68	5.5	16.9	2.1
Automobile mfrs.....	21	15.8	11.7	19.6
Machinery and tools.....	62	6.1	7.0	3.8
Department stores.....	57	12.4	8.8	20.3
Food products.....	70	12.9	6.8	13.1
Tobacco products.....	18	2.0	2.6	4.5
Electrical equipment.....	21	8.1	14.6	1.8
Rubber products.....	20	*1.3	*0.3	*1.1
Chemicals.....	20	13.9	12.9	16.3
Mining and smelting.....	51	1.9	21.0	*0.5
Meat packing.....	11	*0.7	3.3	---
Met products (sundry).....	39	*0.8	5.3	*1.6
Textiles.....	56	3.1	8.0	*0.4
Building supplies.....	50	9.1	9.7	9.0
Auto parts & accessories.....	43	15.8	18.7	17.5
Railroad equipment.....	16	*0.1	*6.4	0.8
Shoes.....	15	6.2	6.8	4.6
Business equipment.....	8	5.4	3.9	11.6
Paper products.....	21	10.5	*5.6	18.1
Clothing manufacturers.....	26	4.0	8.5	*6.2
Beverages & confections.....	17	9.0	16.0	*0.1
Amusements.....	11	10.1	7.1	20.8
Coal mining.....	14	*0.8	*8.7	0.2
Unclassified.....	145	5.0	9.6	4.3
	914	6.2	8.9	4.6

* Decrease.

Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight for the Half Year the Heaviest on Record.

Movement of freight in the first half of 1929 was the heaviest for any corresponding period on record, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced on July 9. Loading of revenue freight for the first 26 weeks this year totaled 25,596,938 cars, which exceeded by 75,898 cars the best previous record for that period made in 1927 and by 263,706 cars total revenue freight loading for the first half of 1926. It also was an increase of 1,135,165 cars over the corresponding period in 1928. Except for a few instances of local car shortage of a temporary nature, this heavy movement of freight, that has marked the first half of 1929, has been handled without difficulty by the railroads of this country.

For the week ended on June 29, loading of revenue freight totaled 1,095,724 cars, the largest number loaded in any one week so far this year and the peak week, so far as the first half of any year is concerned, in all time. Ordinarily

this total for any one week has never been reached before the latter part of July or in August. Compared with the corresponding week last year, the total for the week of June 29 was an increase of 92,025 and an increase of 74,286 over the corresponding week in 1927. Further details are as follows: Miscellaneous freight loading for the week totaled 436,346 cars, an increase of 43,694 cars above the corresponding week last year and 34,760 cars over the same week in 1927.

Coal loading totaled 165,664 cars, an increase of 19,375 cars over the same week in 1928, and 20,841 cars above the same period two years ago.

Live stock loading amounted to 22,967 cars, a decrease of 1,246 cars under the same week in 1928 and 3,289 cars below the same week in 1927. In the western districts alone, Live Stock loading totaled 17,914 cars, a decrease of 331 cars below the same week in 1928.

Grain and Grain Products loading amounted to 51,946 cars, an increase of 15,149 cars above the same week in 1928 and 7,697 cars above the same week in 1927. In the Western Districts alone, Grain and Grain Products loading totaled 39,009 cars, an increase of 13,389 cars over the same week in 1928.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight totaled 260,617 cars, an increase of 1,718 cars above the same week in 1928 and 72 cars over the same week in 1927.

Forest Products loading amounted to 69,457 cars, 2,648 cars above the same week in 1928 and 1,867 cars above the same week in 1927.

Ore loading amounted to 76,657 cars, 8,322 cars above the same week in 1928 and 10,253 cars over the same week two years ago.

Coke loading totaled 12,070 cars, 2,365 cars above the same week last year, and 2,085 cars over the corresponding week two years ago.

All districts reported increases in the total loading of all commodities compared with the same week in 1928, while, all, except the Southern reported increases compared with the same week in 1927.

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

	1929.	1928.	1927.
Four weeks in January.....	3,570,978	3,488,895	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
Four weeks in May.....	4,205,709	4,005,155	4,108,472
Five weeks in June.....	5,260,571	4,924,115	4,995,854
Total.....	25,596,938	24,461,773	25,521,040

June Building Construction in Seasonal Decline—F. W. Dodge Corporation's Review of Construction Activity in the 37 States East of the Rocky Mountains.

The volume of contracts awarded in the territory east of the Rocky Mountains during the month of June amounted to \$545,891,100, according to the F. W. Dodge Corporation. This total represents a decline of 7% when compared with the preceding month, but it should be remembered that the normal seasonal decline for June amounts to 6%. When compared with the June total for 1928, however, the past month's total represents a decline of 16%. The Dodge Corporation adds:

Of the eight districts mentioned below, two showed increases over the preceding month, one showed a decrease from May 1929, but an increase when compared with June 1928, and one district showed increases over both May of this year and June of last year.

In the total contracts awarded in the 37 States, the following classes were the most important: \$189,808,500, or 35% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$120,841,100, or 22%, for public works and utilities; \$80,884,200, or 15%, for commercial buildings; \$70,036,300, or 13%, for industrial buildings, and \$43,417,200, or 8%, for educational buildings.

The total volume of new building and engineering work started during the first six months of the year amounted to \$3,031,546,800 as compared with \$3,444,867,500 for the corresponding period of last year, a decrease of 12%.

New work reported in the contemplated stage during June amounted to \$634,073,400, representing a decrease of 25% when compared with the preceding month and a decrease of 38% when compared with June of last year.

New York State and Northern New Jersey.

Contracts awarded during June for new building and engineering work in New York and Northern New Jersey amounted to \$107,757,700. This volume represents a decline of 12% compared with the preceding month, and a decline of 39% compared with June of last year.

The most important classes of work included in the month's total were the following: \$32,440,700, or 30% of the total volume of construction, for residential building; \$22,997,600, or 21%, for public works and utilities; \$18,799,900, or 17%, for commercial buildings; \$14,166,700, or 13%, for industrial buildings; \$9,299,100, or 9%, for educational buildings; \$3,578,200, or 3%, for hospitals and institutions, and \$2,882,900, or 3%, for religious and memorial buildings.

The month's total brought the total volume of construction started since the first of the year up to \$687,521,300 as compared with \$933,713,600 for the corresponding period of last year, representing a decline of 26%.

The volume of new work reported as contemplated during the month amounted to \$108,528,400 as compared with \$255,983,400 for May of this year, a decline a 58%, and \$327,788,400 for June of last year, a decline of 67%.

The New England States.

New building and engineering work started in the New England States in June amounted to \$35,472,000. This total is a decrease of 19% from the amount for the preceding May and a decrease of 14% from the June 1928 total.

In the month's total there were included the following classes of work: \$15,865,100, or 45% of the total construction, for residential building; \$5,151,000, or 15%, for commercial buildings; \$4,906,000, or 14%, for public works and utilities; \$2,472,100, or 7%, for industrial buildings; \$2,212,400, or 6%, for hospitals and institutions; \$2,001,900, or 6%, for educational buildings, and \$1,122,200, or 3%, for public buildings.

The total construction volume for the first half year in this district is 16% below the first six months of last year. The total for the six months of this year amounted to \$207,866,900 as compared with \$248,046,100 for the corresponding period of last year.

New work reported as contemplated in this district during the month amounted to \$50,041,400 as compared with \$52,255,900 for the preceding month and \$83,716,800 for the corresponding month of last year.

The Middle Atlantic States.

The amount of new building and engineering work started during the past month in the Middle Atlantic States (Southern New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, and the District of Columbia) totaled \$63,794,900, an increase of 7% from the amount stated in the preceding month, but a decrease of 16% from the amount started in June of last year.

The total volume for the important classes of work were as follows: \$23,372,800, or 37%, for residential buildings; \$12,930,000, or 20%, for public works and utilities; \$9,449,600, or 15%, for industrial buildings; \$6,796,300, or 11%, for educational buildings; \$6,062,800, or 10%, for commercial buildings.

The volume of construction since the first of the year in this district amounted to \$387,933,400 as compared with \$423,895,900 for the corresponding period of 1928, a decrease of 8%.

The amount of contemplated projects reported in June was \$75,554,400, a decrease of 44% from the amount of contemplated work for the preceding month and a decrease of 11% from the June 1928 total.

The Pittsburgh District.

In the Pittsburgh District (Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky) there was a total of \$58,145,100 contracts awarded for building and engineering work. This amount was 19% less than the preceding month and 26% less than June of last year.

The most important classes of work included in the June total were as follows: \$17,230,000, or 30%, for residential building; \$16,890,400, or 29%, for public works and utilities; \$11,260,700, or 19%, for commercial buildings; \$5,216,300, or 9%, for educational buildings; \$3,660,000, or 6%, for industrial buildings, and \$2,391,500, or 4%, for religious and memorial buildings.

The total volume of new construction work contracted for during the first half of this year amounted to \$351,003,100, as compared with \$366,193,500 for the corresponding period of last year, a decrease of 4%.

Contemplated new work reported during the past month amounted to \$76,892,400, an increase of 2% over the preceding month, but a decrease of 20% when compared with the corresponding month of last year.

The Central West.

In the Central West (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Southern Michigan, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska) construction activity for June lagged slightly behind the record for the preceding month. The total for the month amounted to \$187,893,100, which is 6% less than the amount of construction work in May, but only 2% less than the June 1928 total.

Of all classes of work the following were the most important: \$29,698,600, or 16% of all construction, for commercial buildings; \$9,172,800, or 5%, for industrial buildings; \$14,354,600, or 8%, for educational buildings; \$83,771,900, or 45%, for residential buildings; \$40,698,500, or 22%, for public works and utilities.

The June contract record brought the amount of new work started for the first six months of the year to \$928,369,900, a decrease from \$1,015,784,600, or 9%, from the total for the first six months of 1928.

New work reported in the contemplated stage during the past month showed a slight decrease from the amount for the preceding month. There was a total of \$183,535,300 reported as contemplated, a decrease of 3% from the total for May 1929 and 47% from the total reported for June 1928.

The Northwest.

The amount of contracts awarded in June in the Northwest (Minnesota, the Dakotas, and Northern Michigan) showed a sharp decline from the total of the preceding month. The total for the month amounted to \$8,808,200, a decline of 34% from May 1929. However, compared with June 1928, the month shows a 44% increase.

The important classes of construction included the following: \$2,085,200, or 24% of all construction, for commercial buildings; \$1,699,400, or 19%, for residential buildings; \$2,761,200, or 31%, for public works and public utilities.

The June contract total brought the amount of new construction work started for the first six months of this year to \$48,576,300, an increase of 38% when compared with the corresponding period of 1928.

Contemplated work reported during the past month amounted to \$8,017,900, a decrease of 52% from the total for May and a decrease of 9% from the June 1928 total.

The Southeastern States.

The total contracts awarded in the Southeastern States (the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana) during the past month reached a total of \$70,198,100. This amount was 24% greater than the total for the preceding month and 36% greater than the total for June 1928.

The total volume for the important classes of work was as follows: \$30,177,200, or 43% of all construction, for industrial buildings; \$16,152,500, or 23%, for public works and utilities; \$10,948,200, or 16%, for residential buildings; \$5,566,600, or 8%, for commercial buildings; \$3,160,000, or 5%, for educational buildings.

The volume of construction for the first six months of the year amounts to \$307,440,100 as compared with \$292,834,300 for the corresponding six months of 1928, an increase of 5%.

Contemplated projects reported last month amounted to \$99,096,000. This was an increase of 28% over the total for the preceding month and an increase of 88% over the total for June 1928.

Texas.

In the State of Texas the volume of construction work started amounted to \$13,822,000 during the past month. This total represents a decline of 36% when compared with \$21,755,600, the total volume of new building and engineering work started during the preceding May. When compared with June of last year the month's total represents a decline of 47%.

The most important classes of construction included in the total for the month were as follows: \$4,480,400, or 32% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$3,414,900, or 25%, for public works and utilities; \$2,259,400, or 16%, for commercial buildings; \$1,671,800, or 12%, for educational buildings, and \$863,000, or 6%, for social and recreational buildings.

The volume of construction started during the first half of this year amounted to \$112,835,800 as compared with \$129,221,200 for the same period of last year, a decrease of 13%.

The amount of new construction work reported as contemplated last month was \$32,407,600, which represents an increase of 16% when compared with \$28,040,300, the amount reported for June of last year. When

compared with the May 1929 total, however, the June total represents a decrease of 29%.

Volume of New Building Construction in First Six Months This Year Slightly Below that of Same Period Last Year, According to Indiana Limestone Co.—Favorable Outlook for Last Half of Year.

New building in the United States for the first six months of the year was valued at about \$3,265,000,000, according to a summary issued July 5 by the Indiana Limestone Company of Chicago. This figure is based on reports from several hundred cities and towns. President A. E. Dickinson said that while the volume for six months had been slightly under the total for the same period last year, there is a splendid outlook for the next six months. He said:

"High money rates have adversely affected certain types of building. The apparent decrease in speculation in securities should release funds for sound investment.

"Residential building has suffered more than any other type. This is particularly true of apartment houses and the small home division. However, the steadily increasing trend toward apartment house living indicates renewed activity in that field.

"Public works, public utilities, commercial, industrial and educational construction constituted about 53% of all construction work the first six months of the year.

"According to figures based on preliminary reports for the month of June, new construction for the month had a value of approximately \$560,000,000.

"New York and New Jersey showed sharp recoveries from a rather slow start early in the year. Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia and Virginia recorded large totals. New England States were spotty at times, showing only a slight decline from last year, however.

"The Northwest has been a bright spot on the construction map since the advent of favorable weather. Most of the Southern States have shown a consistent high volume of building. The West, also, has been very active, Los Angeles still holding fifth place among leading cities of the country.

"The Middle West, which got off to a bad start because of severe weather conditions, has come back very favorably. Only a slight recession is shown from last year. Chicago, the hub of the section, has totaled a daily average of about \$1,500,000. A stimulating influence to the industry in this section is the completion of the \$10,000,000 World's Fair fund. Indications of construction activity along this line are already seen in certain parts of the city.

"Of the ten leading cities New York heads the list in valuation of building permits, with Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, Los Angeles, Boston, Seattle, Milwaukee, Baltimore and San Francisco following in order named."

Apartment House Construction in American Cities.

The trend toward apartment house dwelling continues in full swing. This fact is brought out by the table below compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor. The table shows the number and per cent of families housed in each class of dwelling for which permits were issued in 257 identical cities for the years 1921 to 1928, inclusive. The statement goes on to say:

In 1928, homes were provided in new buildings for 388,678 families in these 257 cities; 53.7% of these were in apartment houses, 35.2% in one-family dwellings, and 11.1% in two-family dwellings. In 1921 only 24.4% were housed in apartment houses, and 58.3% were housed in one-family dwellings.

This is the first year since the compilation of these data by the bureau that more families were provided for in new apartment houses than in one-family and two-family houses combined.

PER CENT OF FAMILIES PROVIDED FOR IN THE DIFFERENT KINDS OF DWELLINGS IN 257 IDENTICAL CITIES, 1921 TO 1928, INCL.

Year.	Number of Families Provided for in all Classes of Dwellings.	Per Cent of Families Provided for in—		
		One-Family Dwellings.	Two-Family Dwellings.*	Multi-Family Dwellings.
1921.....	224,545	58.3	17.3	24.4
1922.....	377,305	47.5	21.3	31.2
1923.....	453,673	45.8	21.2	33.0
1924.....	442,919	47.6	21.5	30.9
1925.....	491,222	46.0	17.5	36.4
1926.....	462,214	40.7	13.9	45.4
1927.....	406,095	38.3	13.4	48.3
1928.....	388,678	35.2	11.1	53.7

* Includes one-family and two-family dwellings with stores combined.

This is the third consecutive year that more family units have been provided in apartment dwellings than in one-family dwellings. Just what effect this change in the type of dwelling will have on the social, economic, and political life of the country is hard to determine. That it will have its impress on the character, life, and customs of the people is an undoubted fact. As before pointed out by the bureau it is changing the character of building labor by giving more work to certain trades, namely, structural iron workers, concrete workers, marble and stone cutters, &c., and less to other trades, especially carpenters.

In the 14 cities of the United States having a population of half a million or over 67.2% of the families provided for in 1928 were housed in apartment buildings, 22.1% in one-family dwellings and 10.7% in two-family dwellings. In 1927 the same classes of dwellings in these cities housed 60.8%, 25.8% and 13.4% respectively. These 14 cities provided new dwelling places for 236,113 families in 1927 and 232,681 families in 1928.

In 1928 Chicago provided for a larger portion of its families in apartments than any other city, 80.7% of the total housing units in new dwellings being in this class of building as compared with 12.2% in one-family dwellings.

The per cent of families housed in new apartment houses in New York in 1928 practically equals that of Chicago, 80.3% of the new housing units being in apartment houses and 12.4% in one-family dwellings.

Baltimore built a larger proportion of one-family dwellings than any other city in this population group, 86.4% of the dwelling units for which permits were issued in 1928 being in one-family dwellings and only 13.6% in apartment houses.

Most of the cities having a population of from 25,000 to 500,000 provided more new family housing units in one-family dwellings than in apartment houses. Even in the smaller cities, however, the popularity of the apartment house is growing.

1929 Building Costs Versus 1928—Results of Investigation by Greenebaum Sons Investment Co.

Building costs are lower this year than a year ago for certain classes of work, but higher for others, it appears from an investigation completed by the Research Department of Greenebaum Sons Investment Co. The trend is downward for residential, commercial and educational buildings, and upward for industrial and religious structures. For all classes of work the average is approximately the same for both years. Regarding the results of the study it is stated:

New homes and apartments this year are being put up at an average contract price of approximately \$4.80 per square foot of floor space without site, it is found from newest F. W. Dodge Corporation data. A year ago the unit price for such work averaged approximately \$5.00 per square foot.

Office buildings, stores and other commercial buildings are costing \$5.60 per square foot this year, or 35c. per foot less than the 1928 figure of \$5.95 per foot. This contrasts with a rising trend in factory costs which averaged \$6.85 per square foot a year ago, and now stand at approximately \$7.60 per square foot.

Schools this year are being built at a contract price of \$6.15 per foot, the Greenebaum study reveals, as against \$6.40 last year. Religious and memorial buildings are costing \$8.75 per foot where a year ago the average was \$8.50 per foot.

The general average of costs to June 1 this year is seen to be \$5.65; last year \$5.60.

Chain Store Sales Reach New High Records.

Sales of 19 leading chain store companies for the month of June totaled \$133,050,183, an increase of \$20,568,661, or 18.28% over the same month last year, according to a compilation of Merrill, Lynch & Co. of this city. Neisner Bros., Inc., F. & W. Grand 5-10-25-Cent Stores, Inc., and Lerner Stores Corp. led all others in point of percentage gain with increases of 52.4%, 50% and 49.1%, respectively. Sears, Roebuck & Co. led all others in point of dollar gain with an increase of \$10,078,860.

Sales of these same 19 chain store companies for the six months ended June 30 1929 amounted to \$729,856,105, an increase of \$120,631,135, or 19.80% over the corresponding period a year ago. A comparative table shows:

	Month of June.			First Six Months.		
	1929.	1928.	% Inc.	1929.	1928.	% Inc.
Montgomery Ward.....	21,953,639	19,179,246	14.5	122,807,540	96,567,915	27.2
Sears, Roebuck.....	35,747,979	25,669,119	39.3	192,728,711	146,099,065	31.9
Neisner Bros.....	1,247,783	818,603	52.4	5,740,795	3,714,111	54.5
National Bellas Hess.....	3,907,859	3,325,202	17.5	22,860,440	20,268,736	12.8
W. T. Grant.....	5,374,178	4,365,847	23.09	26,871,117	21,290,916	26.20
H. C. Bohack Co.....	2,132,993	1,891,065	12.8	11,277,416	9,886,831	14.0
F. & W. Grand.....	1,888,569	1,259,080	50.0	9,147,981	6,413,559	42.6
Isaac Silver & Bros.....	613,058	526,175	16.5	3,166,970	2,620,262	20.8
Jewel Tea.....	1,249,698	1,239,106	.8	7,618,129	7,156,787	6.4
Woolworth.....	23,609,078	22,401,399	5.30	135,808,268	125,281,459	8.40
Childs Co.....	2,175,354	2,040,751	6.6	13,319,555	13,164,351	1.1
Lerner Stores Corp.....	1,713,851	1,149,291	49.1	7,894,256	5,071,832	55.6
McCroly Stores Corp.....	3,334,490	3,099,133	7.5	19,025,547	17,548,622	8.4
S. S. Kresge.....	12,571,795	11,534,133	6.2	67,627,807	62,790,194	7.7
Western Auto Supply.....	1,467,000	1,117,211	31.3	6,619,154	4,966,075	33.32
Melville Shoe.....	2,515,237	2,158,365	16.53	12,612,272	10,359,149	21.75
National Tea.....	7,540,865	7,502,720	.50	45,015,243	42,284,378	6.45
J. S. Newberry.....	2,224,151	1,621,613	37.15	10,711,757	7,444,611	43.88
McLellan Stores.....	1,782,596	1,283,463	38.9	9,003,147	6,296,147	43.0
	133,050,183	112,481,522	18.28	729,856,105	609,224,970	19.80

Canadian National Railways Crop Report.

Reports covering the Western Canadian crop for the past week are not encouraging it is stated. The general need of rain throughout the Prairie Provinces becomes more urgent each day even if the present less than average crop prospect is to be maintained, according to the weekly crop report of the Canadian National Railways. Scattered rains varying in intensity have occurred chiefly in Northern Alberta and Saskatchewan and heavy showers on July 5 have further improved conditions in Northeastern Alberta and Northern Saskatchewan. The report adds:

All sub-divisions in Central and Southern Saskatchewan except Corning and Carlyle, and all sub-divisions in Manitoba except Rossburn, require rains immediately. Many points in central and southern sections, both in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, are now endeavouring to estimate the extent of the drought damage, the figures in those districts ranging from 20% to 40% loss. Frequent reports of plowing down crops or fall plowing or stubbled in have also come from these areas. High winds centering on July 2 evaporated moisture rapidly.

Northern Saskatchewan continues to report a favorable outlook. Porter, Tisdale, Brooksby, St. Brieux, Duck Lake and other divisions in that area report plentiful moisture supply with crops short and later because of the dry spring. Scattered hail damage has been negligible in extent. Northern Alberta received good rains but previous conditions have already seriously impaired crop prospects. Even if improved conditions continue the best that can be hoped for is a half crop.

Vegreville, Viking, Camrose, Blackfoot, Wabamum and other sub-divisions subscribe to this condition. Central Alberta reports an urgent

need of rain. Plowing down of crops is reported from Red Deer, Drumheller, Oyen and Three Hills sub-divisions, with other points estimating a quarter or half crop.

Heavy Rains in Dallas Federal Reserve District Affect Crops—Buying in Some Lines of Trade.

"The heavy and frequent rains during the last three weeks of May greatly retarded farm operations, seriously affected the growth and development of raw crops and reduced the volume of buying in some lines of trade," says the July 1 Monthly Business Review of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank. In its further comments it states:

In many portions of the District crops were greatly damaged by overflows and the washing of the soil and the growth of crops was impeded by the wet soil and cool nights. Due to the long period in which farm work was retarded, fields became foul and difficult of cultivation. The cotton crop in the older cotton belt of the District made slow growth and a considerable amount of the crop is late due to the delayed planting on account of wet soil and the large amount of replanting which has been necessary. The lateness of the crop together with the appearance of insects in large numbers are factors of major importance in considering the outcome of this year's crops. Offsetting to some extent these adverse factors, the abundance of moisture stimulated the growth of small grains and added considerably to the earlier prospects. The more favorable weather since the first of June has enabled farmers to make rapid progress with the cultivation of crops and to proceed with the harvesting and threshing of small grains. The physical condition of livestock and their ranges showed a further improvement during the past month and is now fair to excellent in most sections of the District.

Trade conditions reflected mostly the effects of seasonal factors. Sales of department stores in larger centers showed an increase of 9% as compared to the previous month but were 2% less than in the corresponding month a year ago. While the distribution of merchandise in wholesale channels was smaller than in the previous month due in part to seasonal influences and in part to the effects of adverse weather conditions, sales in a majority of reporting lines were larger than in May 1928. Late reports are to the effect that demand in most lines was fairly well sustained during the first half of June. Debits to individual accounts at banks in leading cities were practically the same as during the previous month and were 12% greater than in the corresponding month a year ago.

The deposits of member banks reflected a further seasonal decline during May, the daily average for the month being \$903,888,000 as compared to \$924,644,000 during the previous month. The actual deposits of these banks on June 13 1928 amounted to \$867,357,000. Federal Reserve Bank loans to member banks rose from \$22,525,972 on April 30 to \$25,908,865 on May 31 but had declined to \$22,631,261 on June 15. Loans on the latter date compared to \$10,181,998 on the corresponding date of 1928.

The number of commercial failures in the leventh [Dallas] Federal Reserve District were slightly lower in May than during the previous month but the volume of indebtedness involved in these defaults was considerably larger. As compared to a year ago, however, both the number of failures and the aggregate liabilities were considerably smaller.

Construction activity during May reflected a sharp decline from the record volume in April. The valuation of building permits issued at principal centers totaled \$8,148,240, which was 58.1% less than in the previous month and 25.7% less than in the corresponding month last year. The production, shipments and new orders for lumber showed a decline as compared to both the previous month and the same month last year. The production of cement was considerably larger than in either of these periods but shipments were smaller than a year ago.

Conditions in wholesale and retail trade are reviewed as follows:

Wholesale Trade.

The demand for merchandise in wholesale channels of distribution reflected a further seasonal decline during the past month but it exceeded that of a year ago in a majority of reporting lines. Distribution in many sections of the District was affected adversely by the heavy and almost continuous rains which impeded agricultural operations and placed an unfavorable outlook upon the agricultural situation. This had the natural result of causing consumers to delay purchases until crop prospects became more clearly defined. Furthermore, the unseasonable temperatures prevailing in many portions of the district had a tendency to retard the buying of seasonable merchandise. Late reports, however, indicate that consumer demand has improved somewhat since the appearance of dry, warm weather early in June. This improvement is being reflected in the demand at wholesale as retailers generally are keeping stocks closely aligned with consumer demand.

While the May distribution of dry goods at wholesale reflected a further seasonal decline of 5.5% as compared to the previous month, it exceeded that of a year ago by 2.5%. Reports indicate that the unseasonable temperatures prevailing in many sections of the district retarded the buying of Summer merchandise but that the recent period of warm weather is stimulating demand. Collections showed a decline as compared to the previous month.

The demand for drugs at wholesale was well sustained during the past month, sales being slightly larger than in April and 8.7% greater than in the corresponding month last year. The increase over a year ago was general throughout the district. Some dealers report that buying was being well sustained during the first half of June. Collections were well in line with those of the previous month.

While the May sales of wholesale farm implements firms reflected a further decline of 15.2% as compared to the previous month, they were 16.1% greater than in the corresponding month last year. Sales during the first five months of the current year have averaged 28.7% greater than during the corresponding period of the previous year. Reduced buying during the past month was due in part to the heavy rains throughout the District which seriously retarded farm operations and reduced the demand for tillage implements. Late reports indicate that while the demand during the first half of June was only in moderate volume it is exceeding that of a year ago. Collections showed a considerable decline. Prices remained generally steady.

Sales of reporting wholesale grocery firms during May reflected a slight decline as compared to the previous month and was 4.7% less than in the corresponding month last year. Sales during the first five months of 1929 were 1.9% less than in the same period of the previous year. Buying during the past month appears to have been somewhat spotty, sales being rather slow in those sections most seriously affected by the heavy rains

but fairly good elsewhere. Collections were well in line with those of the previous month.

The distribution of hardware at wholesale reflected a sharp decline during the past month, sales being 10.4% less than in the previous month and 5.0% smaller than in May 1928. The demand for those items used by farmers was reduced as a result of the retarded farming operations. Collections reflected a substantial decline from the previous month. Prices remained generally firm.

Retail Trade.

Retail distribution as reflected by department store sales in larger cities showed a seasonal gain of 9.3% as compared to the previous month but fell 1.8% below that during May 1928. The decline from a year ago was due in part to adverse weather conditions which restricted the demand for seasonal merchandise and in part to the fact that buying in May last year was generally active. The warm weather prevailing during June is stimulating demand for Summer goods.

Stocks on hand at the end of May were 3.2% smaller than a year ago and 3.0% below those on hand a month earlier. The ratio of stock turnover during the first five months of 1929 was 1.26 as compared to 1.19 during the corresponding period of the previous year.

The ratio of collections during May to outstanding accounts on May 1 was 37.1% which was the same as during the previous month and compared to 35.9% in May 1928.

Recessionary Tendencies in Business Conditions Reported by Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis reports that "influenced by continued unfavorable weather conditions, uncertainty relative to the outcome of some important crops, and a general disposition on the part of the merchants and the public to purchase cautiously, and await more definite developments, business in the (St. Louis) District exhibited slightly recessionary tendencies during the past thirty days as contrasted with the high rate of activity which marked the preceding several months." In its Monthly Review, made available June 29, the Bank adds:

In a number of lines investigated, notably those handling goods for ordinary consumption, the volume of sales fell below that of the corresponding period last year. Taken as a whole, however, the May volume of production and distribution of merchandise in this district was measurably larger than during the same month of 1928. Wholesale prices of commodities declined further during the month, notably in the case of cereals and some other important farm products.

The showing made by industry was relatively more favorable than in the distributive lines. This was true particularly of the iron and steel industry, in which only minor recessions in production were noted as compared with the peak levels of April and May. Activities at the textile mills were only slightly reduced, and at glass plants, packing establishments, stone quarries, cement plants and some other manufacturing, the rate of operations was as high as during the preceding two or three months. Distribution of automobiles decreased seasonally from May to June, but recorded a fair gain over May a year ago. There was a decrease in building operations in the housing category, but such construction as municipal improvements, public utility, extensions, river and levee work, highway building, etc., continued in as great volume as at any time in the past.

In virtually all merchandising lines, distribution was held down by the unseasonably low temperatures, and excessive precipitation during May and early June. The movement of spring apparel, hats, shoes, sporting and recreational goods, electrical supplies and other commodities ordinarily in heavy demand at this time of year, was in less than the usual volume. Lateness of the season and heavy rains seriously interfered with agricultural operations, and crops generally are from two to four weeks behind the seasonal schedule. These conditions are reflected in decreased demand for farm supplies and equipment, and merchandise generally for consumption in the rural areas. Debits to individual checking accounts in this district in May were 1.6% smaller than in April, and 3.2% below the May total last year. For the first five months this year, however, the total shows a gain of 3.8% over the corresponding period in 1928.

Slight Decline in Business Reported in Survey of Illinois Bankers' Association—Views of M. A. Traylor of First National Bank of Chicago—Adverse Effect of Installment Selling.

"Business Showing Slight Decline" is the headline of the Illinois Bankers' Association Bulletin, distributed to the bankers throughout the State, carrying a survey of business conditions in Illinois contributed to by over one hundred key bankers, one in each county. This survey is made semi-annually. The lead of the survey is provided by Melvin A. Traylor, President First National Bank, Chicago. According to Mr. Traylor, his reports indicate that there is some recession in business, even making allowances for seasonal fluctuations. During April he observed some recovery in building and construction, followed by a sharp decline in May. Freight carloadings, which increase seasonally, showed an increase for May that was less than usual for that month. Other reports, Mr. Traylor points out, disclosed a most ominous shrinkage in exports which is not confined to crude materials but is affecting manufacturers' exports as well.

There is also indicated a general weakness in the prices of international commodities. All in all, however, business activity has been extraordinarily high these past months. Mr. Traylor does not share in the fear that many have of a decrease in the purchasing power of the farm population. His studies do not show that there is very much connection

between the course of prices of such an important product as wheat and the swings of business activity. On the contrary, he says, "Periods of low agricultural prices seem to be followed by active business conditions."

It is stated that reports from other bankers throughout the State do not carry out the prediction made six months ago in the previous semi-annual survey by the Illinois Bankers' Association Bulletin that there was "a prosperous year ahead of business." This again is due to the pessimism of the agricultural communities because of the cold and wet season which retarded farm operations. One prominent down-State banker is said to express the opinion that the activities of the New York Stock Exchange are having an adverse effect on all business. In most localities bank deposits are reported as being slightly on the downward trend. The demand for credit is strong. Collections are not particularly good. Regarding its latest survey the Association also says:

Running throughout the survey is a strain of antagonism against installment selling, mail order houses and chain stores. The banks complain that these three industries take the cash out of the community and encourage the purchase of unnecessary by the people, thereby influencing detrimentally the liquidating of previously incurred obligations.

The outlook in the fruit and truck growing districts is excellent. It would appear that the Illinois peach crop will be of banner proportions. In some sections it has been necessary to have men work in the orchards to cull out the forming fruit. Too many buds have developed into peaches and it was feared that the trees would not be able to bear the ripened fruit.

In those sections where stock raising, feeding and dairying have been developed the farmers and the bankers both seem well pleased. Hogs, particularly seem to have been a profitable crop. Cattle feeders have been fairly well satisfied as they have at least received good prices for the crop consumed by the cattle.

One comment of a favorable nature is made to the effect that modern machinery on the farms has quite a tendency to offset unfavorable weather conditions. The farmer who is in a position to operate with machinery is not handicapped so much by the delay caused by a wet or cold Spring as is the one who is not so fortunate.

Conditions in South West as Viewed by Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce—Local Business Active for Mid-Summer Season—Slight Falling Off in Employment.

The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, in its Southwest Business Review for June states that "general local business conditions appear stronger than a year ago, and are especially active for the midsummer vacation season. Bank clearings, due largely to restricted stock market activities, show a decrease although still 6% ahead of 1928 for the first six months period." In its summary of local conditions the Chamber adds:

Building permits for the month are less in number*and in value. Construction activity seems confined to business property. 1929 is 4% ahead of 1928 for the first six months.

Employment shows the usual seasonal easing off, although motion pictures, rubber goods and printing groups show strength.

The furniture industry is planning its semi-annual Market Week for July 15-20. The mining industry has settled back to a more normal and healthy pace. The motion picture industry is showing speed progress in the production and distribution of sound pictures.

The petroleum industry especially in Southern California is again recording heavy production, and greatly in need of a conservative plan. Wearing apparel and millinery industries are showing greatly increased production, and successfully selling to a national market.

Postal receipts continue strong. Los Angeles again reached seventh place during May. Retail sales are holding up well and show improvement over a year ago.

As to employment conditions the Chamber says:

As has been the usual seasonal occurrence for the past three years, the Chamber of Commerce Index of Employment showed a falling off in June as compared with May, of about three points. However, the index is above that for the same month of last year, which has been the case throughout 1929 to date.

Compared with last month, the decline was evident in the lines of iron and steel, food, wearing apparel, furniture, clay products, and rubber products. Moderate increases took place in motion pictures, mill work, printing and lithographing and the petroleum industry.

Compared with June 1928, the past month found industrial employment in better shape. The only decreases noted over a year ago were in motion pictures, food products, and mill work. Of these three, that in food products only was of any considerable size, being due largely to a poor fish packing season and a short delay in the canning of deciduous fruits.

The best signs are to be found in the return of motion picture employment to a nearly normal amount. The revival in the iron and steel and clay products industries, and a general condition of steadiness in all other lines.

The following are the comparative figures:

June 1928.....	96.0
May 1929.....	100.6
June 1929.....	97.3

Business in Richmond Federal Reserve District at Approximately Seasonal Levels—Condition of 61 Reporting Member Banks as Compared with Year Ago.

The Richmond Federal Reserve Bank reports in its June 30 Monthly Review that May business was at approximately

seasonal levels in its district with no outstanding exceptions in either direction. "A decrease in the demand for Reserve Bank credit occurred in city member banks," says the Reserve Bank, "while country banks increased their rediscounting moderately, both changes being seasonal developments." In its District summary the Bank goes on to say:

Reporting member banks, located in the larger cities, reduced their outstanding loans more than usual, especially their commercial loans. Aggregate debits to individual accounts during the four weeks ended June 12 were seasonally lower than debits during the four weeks ended May 15 this year, chiefly due to holidays in the later period, and were practically the same as the volume of debits reported for the four weeks ended June 13 1928.

Business failures in the Fifth [Richmond] Reserve District in May were less numerous and liabilities involved were lower than in May last year, the District record being better than the National record in both number of insolvencies and total liabilities involved. Employment conditions in the District are about up to seasonal levels, and much better than in May a year ago. Coal production in May was larger than in either April this year or May 1928, and West Virginia took the lead in bituminous coal production from Pennsylvania. Textile mills operated full time in May and early June, but forward orders are scarce and a few mills have begun to curtail operations to some extent. Building permits and contracts awarded in May in the Fifth District declined from the levels of May 1928, but the work provided for was still in moderately large volume. May cotton consumption in the United States reached a record figure for that month, and reserve stocks of cotton in storage are lower than they were a year ago. Crops are late in development this year, but except in some parts of South Carolina agricultural prospects appear to be fairly good. Retail trade in the District in May was in larger volume than in May 1928, but wholesale trade was not satisfactory, falling below both April 1929 and May 1928 in volume.

In its June 30 Review the Bank presents a table in which are given the chief items of condition reported by 61 regularly reporting member banks on June 12 1929 are compared with similar figures reported by the same banks on May 15 1929 and June 13 1928, thus affording an opportunity for comparison of the latest available figures with those of the preceding month this year and the corresponding month a year ago. Regarding these figures the Bank says:

Between May 15th and June 12th, both this year, there was a decrease of \$1,360,000 in loans on stocks and bonds and an unusual decline for this season in all other loans, which are largely commercial and agricultural, amounting to \$8,182,000. Total investments in bonds and securities held by the reporting banks declined \$176,000 during the month under review, but their reserves at the Reserve Bank rose \$791,000 and their cash in vaults increased \$233,000 between May 15th and June 12th. Deposits declined further last month, demand deposits decreasing \$5,155,000 and time deposits falling \$178,000 between May 15th and June 12th. The decrease in loans previously mentioned was nearly twice as large as the decline in deposits, the excess in receipts enabling the reporting banks to reduce their volume of borrowing at the Reserve Bank by \$5,294,000 between the middle of May and the middle of June.

A comparison of the figures reported for June 12 1929 with those of June 13 1928 shows a total decline of \$10,282,000 in loans and discounts during the year. Loans on stocks and bonds rose \$2,870,000 during the year under review, but all other loans declined \$13,152,000. The reporting banks reduced their investments in bonds and stocks by \$12,853,000 between June 13th last year and June 12th this year, and also lowered their cash in vaults by \$1,310,000. Aggregate deposits declined sharply between June 13 1928 and June 12 1929, demand deposits falling \$20,482,000 and time deposits dropping \$12,349,000. Decreased deposits this year requiring lower reserves at the Federal Reserve Banks, the reporting member banks reduced their reserve deposits by \$4,719,000 during the year. The 61 banks were borrowing \$1,278,000 more from the Reserve Bank on June 12 1929 than on June 13 1928.

The accompanying table shows aggregate debits to individual, firm and corporation accounts in 24 cities of the Fifth Reserve District for three equal periods of four weeks, ended June 12 1929, May 15 1929, and June 13 1928.

Aggregate debits reported by the 24 cities totaled \$1,213,762,000 for the four weeks ended June 12 1929, a decrease of 4.5% under debits aggregating \$1,270,938,000 reported for the preceding four weeks this year, ended May 15th. This decline was largely seasonal, and due to holidays which occurred during the later period. Eighteen cities reported lower totals for the four weeks ended June 12th, most of the decreases being relatively small, but larger totals were reported by six cities, Charleston, W. V., Danville, Va., Durham, N. C., Portsmouth, Va., Roanoke, Va., and Spartanburg, S. C. It is interesting to recall that a year ago only seven cities reported larger debits for the June period in comparison with the May period, and among that seven Charleston, Durham, Roanoke and Spartanburg were listed.

A comparison of \$1,213,762,000 in debits reported for the four weeks ended June 12th this year with \$1,214,121,000 reported for the corresponding four weeks ended June 13 1928 shows a decline in the 1929 total of \$359,000, or slightly less than 3/100ths of 1%. Eleven of the 24 cities reported higher figures this year, but 13 cities reported lower 1929 totals.

Conditions in Pacific Southwest as Viewed by Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles—Slight Recession in Business Activity.

Business activity in Southern California and in the Pacific Southwest territory generally was maintained at a rate slightly less than that registered in the preceding months of this year, although in some lines activity either equaled or exceeded that for June last year. The decline may be ascribed to seasonal factors and is normally to be expected at this time of the year. This is the introductory paragraph of the Monthly Summary of Business Conditions in the Pacific Southwest territory compiled by the Research and Service Department of the Security-First National Bank

of Los Angeles, and released for publication July 1. The summary continues in part:

Industrial output, in the aggregate, continued at a high level during the month. Activity in the petroleum, iron and steel, and automobile tire industries was reported above that of May 1929 and June 1928. In a few industries, notably meat packing and furniture manufacturing, some seasonal curtailment in operations was noted during the month. Building operations in Los Angeles declined during the period both as compared with the previous month and with June a year ago.

Total volume of check transactions (bank debits) in Los Angeles was 1.5% less during June 1929 than during the same month a year ago, due in part to the fact that there was one less business day in the month this year, and in part to the fact that there was a large decline in speculative activity. Total transactions of the Los Angeles stock market declined 64.5% during the period compared with the same month last year. Bank debits in eight cities, exclusive of Los Angeles, in the Pacific Southwest territory recorded an increase of 5.9% during the four weeks ending June 19 1929, compared with the same period in June 1928. Business failures in Southern California during the four weeks ending June 27 were less in number than in any similar period since December 1926. Merchandise distribution at both retail and wholesale was reported by representative stores as being slightly greater during the month than in June 1928.

The general outlook for fruit crops in Southern California is good, although the season is from two to three weeks later than normal. Weather conditions during the month were favorable for growing crops, except in the San Joaquin Valley where slight damage to grapes was reported, owing to excessive temperatures prevailing during the latter part of the month. Crops in practically all producing districts are free from any serious pests and disease, although the usual care has been taken to prevent their occurrence.

Holiday Curtails Lumber Output.

The Independence Day holiday greatly restricted the lumber movement during the week ended July 6, the National Lumber Manufacturers Association reports. Many lumber mills are accustomed to shut down at this time for as much as a week or more to make repairs and alterations. The 560 softwood mills reporting give a combined production for the week of only 228,121,000 feet, or more than a third less than the output reported by 552 mills the week before. New business for the week was 16%, and shipments 10% above production.

Four hundred and fifty softwood mills reported unfilled orders on hand as the equivalent of 23 days' production, while 465 mills the week before showed unfilled orders as the equivalent of 22 days' production. For the week ended July 6, hardwood shipments and new business are reported by 228 mills as 2% and 7%, respectively, under production. On a yearly comparative basis, 374 identical softwood mills reporting for the week, and for a similar period a year ago, showed production about 10% less, shipments about 8% less and orders about 14% less than for the corresponding week last year. For 208 identical hardwood mills, production was nearly 18% greater, shipments about 10% greater and new business slightly more than 2% greater than last year.

Lumber orders reported for the week ended July 6 1929, by 560 softwood mills totaled 265,339,000 feet, or 16% above the production of the same mills. Shipments as reported for the same week were 251,984,000 feet, or 10% above production. Production was 228,121,000 feet.

Reports from 228 hardwood mills give new business as 40,833,000 feet, or 7% below production. Shipments as reported for the same week were 43,235,000 feet, or 2% below production. Production was 44,105,000 feet.

Reports from 450 softwood mills give unfilled orders of 1,134,197,000 feet, on July 6 1929, or the equivalent of 23 days, production. This is based upon production of latest calendar year—300-day year—and may be compared with unfilled orders of 465 softwood mills on June 29 1929, of 1,174,433,000 feet, the equivalent of 22 days' production.

The Association's statement also adds:

Identical Mill Reports.

The 344 identical softwood mills report unfilled orders as 838,556,000 feet, on July 6 1929, as compared with 882,770,000 feet for the same week a year ago. Last week's production of 374 identical softwood mills was 166,255,000 feet, and a year ago it was 185,339,000 feet; shipments were respectively 186,063,000 feet and 203,488,000; and orders received 182,923,000 feet and 213,700,000. In the case of hardwoods, 208 identical mills reported production last week and a year ago, 40,911,000 feet and 34,799,000 feet, shipments 40,646,000 feet and 37,949,000; and orders 38,636,000 feet and 37,894,000.

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wired from Seattle that new business for the 208 mills reporting for the week ended July 6, totaled 145,348,000 feet, of which 48,675,000 feet was for domestic cargo delivery, and 27,102,000 feet export. New business by rail amounted to 57,892,000 feet. Shipments totaled 140,535,000 feet, of which 48,540,000 feet moved coastwise and intercoastal, and 28,275,000 feet export. Rail shipments totaled 52,041,000 feet, and local deliveries 11,679,000 feet. Unshipped orders totaled 711,985,000 feet of which domestic cargo orders totaled 286,601,000 feet, foreign 224,554,000 feet and rail trade 200,830,000 feet. Weekly capacity of these mills is 238,109,000 feet. For the 26 weeks ended June 29, 140 identical mills reported orders 7.7% over production, and shipments were 4.9% over production. The same mills showed a decrease in inventories of 12.4% on June 29 as compared with Jan. 1.

Agricultural Department's Complete Official Report on Cereals, &c.

The Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture made public on July 10 its forecasts and estimates of the grain crops of the United States as of July 1, based on reports and data furnished by crop correspondents, field statisticians and co-operating State Boards (or Departments) of Agriculture. This report shows that the production of winter wheat is now placed at 582,492,000 bushels, which compares with the Department's estimate of 622,148,000 bushels a month ago and with 578,133,000 bushels harvested in 1928. The July 1 condition is given as 75.9% of normal, which compares with the June 1 1929 condition of 79.6% and the July 1 1928 condition of 75%. The ten-year average condition of winter wheat is 77.5%. The probable production of corn is placed at 2,662,050,000 bushels, which compares with 2,835,678,000 bushels harvested in 1928 and a five-year average production of 2,746,740,000 bushels. The condition of corn on July 1 was 77.6%, comparing with 78.1% on July 1 1928 and a ten-year average of 82.6%. Many of the principal crops show a decrease in area planted; among these being corn, oats, rye, rice and potatoes. Some other farm products show increased acreage. These include wheat, barley, cotton, hay, sweet potatoes and tobacco. Below is the report in full:

The July estimates of the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture indicate decreases this season in the acreages of corn, oats, rye, rice, potatoes and cowpeas, and increases in the acreages of wheat, barley, flaxseed, cotton, hay, sweet potatoes, tobacco, beans, peanuts, soybeans and sugar beets. Allowing for some late crops still to be planted and for usual loss of acreage from drought, flood and other causes, the total crop acreage harvested this season seems likely to be about the same as that harvested last season.

In general the acreages planted appear to be close to the intended acreages which farmers reported in March, the chief exceptions being in those areas where wet weather has interfered with the planting of corn and oats, and a few adjustments in the direction of the published suggestions of the Department.

It is still too early to forecast accurately the production of late planted crops, but the reports received from producers indicate that up to July 1 the weather was 2.7% more favorable for crops than it was last year, but in all groups of States the weather has on the average been less favorable than during the preceding ten years. In the country as a whole the condition of crops averages 3.7% below the 1918-1927 average. On the first of July crops were in a particularly critical condition in the northern Great Plains region, where drought and high temperatures prevailed and prospects were declining daily. The estimates for this area allow only for damage in evidence on the first of the month.

CORN.

The estimate of the area in corn this year of 98,333,000 acres is 2.3% below the acreage harvested in 1928. The present corn acreage decreases, totaling more than 1,500,000 acres, occurred in the eastern corn belt States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin, as well as in Missouri, where corn acreage was increased a year ago as a result of heavy winter wheat abandonment during the winter of 1927-1928. The abundance of rainfall in this area during April and May interfered to some extent with the plating of corn. Increases are indicated in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska. In most of the Southern States the 1929 corn acreages are below last year. Decreases are shown for the Far Western States, while the North Atlantic States show an increase of 3.9%.

The condition of corn on July 1 was reported as 77.6%, or one-half point lower than a year ago. The ten-year average condition (1918-1927) was 82.6%. In the eastern corn belt States the condition was 74.9% as compared with 76 last year, and in the western corn belt 79.4%, and 83 a year ago.

The 1929 corn crop from planting time to July 1 shows an entirely different picture than was the case last year. In 1928 the corn crop was planted in good season and made an excellent start, but was retarded by cold, wet weather the last half of June, while in early July the weather cleared, making cultivation and growth possible, and as a result the condition improved greatly during July.

This year the situation to July 1 has been just the reverse of last year in a number of the corn belt States. The corn crop made a very late, poor start in May and early June, but favorable weather the latter part of June resulted in material improvement over most of the corn belt.

The July 1 condition of the crop reflects the general lateness of the crop, but this does not necessarily indicate that the yield of corn this fall will be low, except perhaps in the most northern States, where the late crop may be in danger of early frosts. Moisture conditions are generally favorable for a good crop of corn in the States from Texas to Nebraska, where moisture is frequently a limiting factor. Excessive moisture in Missouri, Kentucky and Tennessee has resulted in late planting and slow growth.

The July 1 forecast of corn production on the basis of the July 1 condition is placed at 2,662,000,000 bushels, as compared with 2,840,000,000 bushels harvested in 1928.

WHEAT.

The first report covering all classes of wheat indicates a probable production of about 834,000,000 bushels in 1929, compared with 902,000,000 in 1928, 878,000,000 in 1927 and an average production of 810,000,000 during the five-year period 1923-27.

Winter wheat production indicated by condition on July 1 is 582,000,000 bushels, a reduction of 40,000,000 since June 1. This decrease was largely in the four States of Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado, where hot winds and insect damage were severe during the month. Condition is reported at 75.9%, compared with the ten-year average condition of 77.5%. The acreage for harvest is now estimated at 39,885,000 acres, as compared with the preliminary estimate of 40,467,000 on May 1. The acreage harvested in 1928 was 36,207,000 acres, and the average of the preceding five years 36,244,000 acres.

Spring Wheat Other Than Durum.—The acreage of spring wheat other than durum is estimated to be 15,514,000 acres, which is 4.5% greater than the acreage harvested in 1928 and 3.5% above the average acreage of the five years 1923-27. Condition on July 1 is reported at 74.4%, as compared with an average July 1 condition of 82.6%. Drought conditions in the

Dakotas, Montana and Minnesota are responsible for the low condition. The July 1 condition indicates a production of 193,099,000 bushels, which is 16% below the 1928 crop of 231,288,000 bushels, and about 3.5% below the average production of 1923-27.

Durum Wheat.—The acreage of durum wheat has been reduced 20.2% below the acreage harvested in 1928 and about 2% below the 1927 acreage. Condition on July 1 is reported at 67.5% of normal as compared with an average condition of 80.4%. Drought conditions in the Dakotas account for the extremely low condition this year. The July 1 condition indicates a production of 58,278,000 bushels, compared with 92,770,000 bushels produced in 1928 and an average of 60,000,000 bushels in the preceding five years.

Stocks of wheat on farms on July 1 are estimated at 44,741,000 bushels, compared with 23,729,000 bushels in 1928 and average stocks on July 1 of 28,887,000 bushels.

Oats.—The area seeded to oats this year is 40,222,000 acres, or a million and a half less than in 1928 and two and a half million less than the average acreage of the preceding five years.

The reductions were heaviest in the central tier of States from Virginia through the Ohio Valley States and Missouri to Kansas and Oklahoma. In most of these States seeding conditions were unfavorable. The acreage in the east north central States is 13% smaller than last year. In the South Atlantic and East Gulf States, where fall planted oats were badly killed out in the winter of 1927-28 and where the corn crop was poor last year, the acreage of oats has been increased by more than 20%. In the West, where feed supplies are short, the acreage seeded to oats is about 12% greater than last year.

The condition of oats on July 1 was 79% of normal, compared with 80 last year and a ten-year average of 81 at that date. Conditions are lowest in the Middle Atlantic and Ohio Valley States. They are fair rather than good in practically all other States.

The reported condition of 79% indicates a crop of about 1,247,147,000 bushels, which is 200,000,000 bushels less than last year and 100,000,000 below the average crop of the previous five years.

BARLEY.

The acreage in barley shows a sharp decrease of nearly half a million acres in the eastern corn belt where barley was extensively planted last year to replace winter-killed wheat. Elsewhere the barley acreage has continued to increase and the 13,595,000 acres planted this year represents an increase of 1,062,000 acres, or 8.5%, over the record acreage harvested last year. As a result of drought in the leading producing States, the condition of barley on July 1 averaged only 76.7%, compared with 81.3 last year and an average of 82.9% during the previous ten years. On account of this low condition, the prospective production is estimated at 317,264,000 bushels, compared with 357,000,000 bushels in 1928 and an average of 209,000,000 bushels during the previous five years.

RYE.

As a result of low prices and dry weather at planting time in the principal producing States, the acreage in rye shows a further reduction, the estimated acreage of 3,284,000 being 4.5% below the acreage harvested last year and below the acreage harvested in any year since 1916.

As a result of dry weather in Minnesota and the Dakotas, where half of the total acreage is grown, the condition of rye on July 1 averaged only 76.2%, indicating a yield of about 12.8 bushels per acre and a total crop of 41,949,000. Last year, as a result of an even lower yield, only 41,676,000 bushels were produced but the average production during the preceding five years was 54,793,000 bushels.

FLAX.

Flax acreage shows an increase of 17.2% over that harvested in 1928, the indicated acreage for 1929 being 3,092,000, compared with 2,638,000 revised harvested acreage in 1928 and 2,861,000, the five-year average. The largest increases were in North Dakota and Montana, where there was some shift from spring wheat acreage to flax.

The condition of flax on July 1 1929 was 71.5% of a normal, which was relatively low compared with 76.8% a year ago and the ten-year average for July 1 of 82.5%. Heat and dry weather were generally unfavorable to the crop in the Northwest area during most of the period of June 25 to July 7 and the effect of this damage may not be fully reflected in the July 1 condition.

The condition of flax on July 1 indicated a yield of about 6.4 bushels, which would result in a production of 19,885,000 bushels compared with 18,690,000 bushels harvested in 1928, and the five-year average production of 23,243,000 bushels.

RICE.

A sharp decrease in the acreage of rice is indicated. The acreage planted is estimated at 883,000 acres, compared with 965,000 acres harvested last year, representing a decrease of 8.5%. California and all the Southern States participate in the reduction, the reduction in California being especially marked. The condition of the crop on July 1 is reported as 83.7%, compared with 86.2% last year and 88.9% the average for the preceding ten years. This condition indicates an outturn of 32,686,000 bushels, compared with 41,900,000 bushels in 1928 and 37,100,000 bushels the average for the preceding five years.

BEANS, DRY EDIBLE.

The bean acreage increased about 10% over the acreage harvested last year and is about 12% over the average acreage of the previous five years. Earlier intentions were for an increase of about 20%. The Eastern bean States made increases of 20 to 30%, but in the West a late season and lack of moisture held the increase down to about 15% in the important States, and unfavorable weather conditions compared with the relatively less favorable prices for pinto beans led to some reduction of acreage of that type.

The condition of beans on July 1 was 83% of normal, or about 7% below the usual condition at that date. The yield cannot be accurately determined this early in the season, but with an average season from now on a production of about 18,200,000 bushels may be expected. This would be about 1,500,000 more than was harvested last year, but 500,000 above the average during the preceding five years. This figure may be cut by acreage losses, which in some seasons are heavy.

HAY.

The acreage of tame hay in the United States is estimated at 60,054,000 acres as compared with 57,768,000 acres in 1928 and the five-year average of 59,646,000. The increase of 4% as compared with last year is due chiefly to the increase of about 10% in clover and timothy hay in the eastern and central corn belt States, where both the acreage and yield were reduced last year by winter-killing.

The condition of tame hay on July 1 averaged 85.2%, compared with 76.7% on July 1 last year, and an average of 79.5% the previous five years. This condition indicates that production may be expected to be close to 99,000,000 tons, compared with 93,000,000 tons last year and an average of 92,800,000 tons during the previous five years. Practically all of this increase in production has occurred in the North Central States.

The acreage of alfalfa shows a slight decrease in California and Colorado but little change in other Western States. In the rest of the country the acreage is gradually increasing and the total alfalfa acreage in the United States is 3% larger than the acreage cut last year. The condition of alfalfa on July 1 is reported at 84.5% of normal, compared with 81.3% last year and an average of 86.5% during the previous ten years. This condition forecasts a production of 29,357,000 tons, compared with 29,100,000 tons in 1928 and a previous five-year average of 28,100,000 tons.

The acreage of wild hay that will be cut is dependent on growth and on the price at cutting time, but present indications point to about the same acreage as last year and to about an average yield, indicating about 12,810,000, compared with 12,900,000 tons last year and an average of about 14,400,000 tons during the preceding five years.

PASTURE.

On July 1 farm pastures were in better than average condition in most of the Central and Eastern States, but they were poor in Minnesota, the Dakotas and in most of the area from California east to Mississippi. In the country as a whole pastures averaged 87.5 on July 1 compared with 84.4 a year ago and 85.9 the average for the preceding ten years.

SOYBEANS.

Soybean acreage has increased about 7% compared with last year. Increases were about 5% in the important North Central States and 15% in North Carolina. Increases of 10 to 20% are shown in most other Southern States, except Virginia and Tennessee, where acreage is the same. The condition of soybeans is estimated at 81%, or about average for July 1.

PEANUTS.

The condition of peanuts was 80% on July 1, or slightly poorer than usual at that date. No estimate of production will be made until Sept. 1, when information will be available on the probable acreage to be harvested for the nuts.

Peanut acreage has increased less than 5% over last year; there were reductions of 5% in Georgia and 7% in Alabama. Acreage increased 5% in Virginia and 10% in North Carolina. In the Southwest, Texas increased 20% and Oklahoma 75%. Considering only acres grown alone, that is, excluding peanuts planted in with corn, Texas and Oklahoma combined now have two-thirds as many acres as Virginia and North Carolina combined and one-third as many as Georgia, Alabama and Florida.

COWPEAS.

Cowpea acreage has dropped 20% below that of last year. The relatively high price of seed compared with soybean seed is in part responsible. Decreases are general, the loss being more than a third in Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana and Missouri. Growing conditions were about as usual on July 1.

No estimates of production of annual legumes will be made before Sept. 1, when information can be obtained on acreage to be gathered for picking or threshing.

POTATOES.

Expected decreases in potato acreage have quite generally been carried out in all sections of the country. The preliminary estimate of plantings is 3,370,000 acres. The intended acreage as reported in March, less usual allowance, indicated 3,350,000. The 1929 acreage is about 12% below that of 1928, somewhat lower than in 1927, and only slightly larger than the average acreage from 1923 to 1927. The 19 Northern late States ordinarily producing a surplus of potatoes are estimated to have planted 2,210,000 acres, and the 16 deficient late States 811,000 acres, amounting to a decrease of about 10% from the 1928 acreage in each group. The remaining 13 States in the South with principally early potatoes have reduced acreage one-fourth from that of 1928.

The condition of the potato crop on July 1 was 83.1%, compared with 84.8 on the same date in 1928 and an average condition of 85.8 on July 1. On the basis of reported condition it seems likely that production this year will be close to 380,000,000 bushels, or about 18% short of the extremely large 1928 production, and about equal to the average crop of the preceding five years. The expected crop is lower than the 1928 crop by 14% in the 19 surplus States, by 27% in the 16 deficient States, and by 26% in the 13 Southern early States.

SWEET POTATOES.

The acreage of sweet potatoes is estimated at 814,000. This is less than 1% above the acreage harvested last year and is about the same as the average during the past few years. The condition, 79.4% of normal, forecasts a production of around 77,000,000 bushels, or about the usual supply.

In the important commercial sweet potato States of New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia this year's acreage is 78,000, or about 2,000 acres more than was harvested in 1928. The condition of the crop in this area is 83, compared with 82 on July 1 1928.

In Georgia and the Carolinas the present acreage is 244,000, or 4,000 acres less than harvested in 1928; and the condition on July 1 this year averaged 81% of normal, compared with 77 a year ago.

TOBACCO.

Tobacco acreage has been increased from a revised total of 1,895,400 acres harvested in 1928 to 2,002,800 acres planted in 1929, an increase of 5.7%. Significant increases were made in the important air-cured and fire-cured types. Flue-cured tobacco, representing 57% of the total, remains practically unchanged from last year. Burley, which sold at exceptionally favorable prices last year, increased in acreage 19%, or from 338,900 acres in 1928 to 402,900 acres in 1929. Other air-cured types which show increases are: One Sucker, 22%, from 26,300 acres in 1928 to 32,200 acres in 1929; Green River, 25%, from 27,000 acres in 1928 to 33,800 acres in 1929. Maryland acreage increased from 31,000 acres to 32,000 acres in 1929.

Fire-cured types as a rule have been increased, Paducah and Mayfield showing 131% of last year, or 51,700 acres compared with 39,600 acres harvested in 1928; Clarksville-Hopkinsville, 110%, or 115,700 acres compared with 105,000 acres last year. Virginia Dark shows a slight decrease from a year ago.

Moderate increases in acreage are shown in Connecticut and Pennsylvania. In the Miami Valley of Ohio an increase of about 24% is shown in the acreage of filler type tobacco. The Wisconsin binder districts show no change from last year.

SUGAR BEETS.

The acreage planted to sugar beets this year is 781,000 compared with 700,000 last year. Last year 56,000 acres were abandoned, leaving 644,000 for harvest. About 91% of the planted acreage is usually harvested.

The crop of beets this year is forecast from the July condition of 85.1 at 7,633,000 tons, compared with 7,101,000 tons last year and 7,370,000 tons, average for the previous 5 years. Last year the condition on July 1 was 89.1% and for the previous 10 years averaged 85.4.

SUGAR.

The beet sugar produced from this year's estimated crop of beets will be about 992,000 tons if average sugar content and extraction are obtained.

In 1928, 1,061,000 tons of beet sugar were made, the sugar content of the beets being 16.7%, which was the highest on record, with the single exception of 1924, and the extraction was 14.92% of the beets harvested, which was the highest in the past 16 years.

The average production of beet sugar for the five years 1923-1927 was 975,000 tons. The production of sugar in Louisiana is forecast at 218,000 tons, this forecast being based upon average sugar content and extraction and the assumption that 3,200,000 tons from about 85% of the acreage in the Louisiana cane belt will be used for sugar. Last year the production of sugar in Louisiana was 132,000 tons.

BROOMCORN.

Broomcorn acreage this year is estimated at 300,000 acres, which is but little above the 298,000 acres (revised) harvested in 1928 and is below the preceding five-year average of 344,000 acres.

Oklahoma and Texas acreages are below last year but Colorado and New Mexico together have 100,000 acres compared with 90,000 harvested last year.

The indicated production this year is 52,800 tons compared with 54,500 tons (revised) last year and a preceding five-year average of 56,291 tons. From present indications the large increase in production expected this year in New Mexico will be more than offset by decreases in Oklahoma, Colorado and Kansas.

FRUITS.

The crop of tree fruits seems to be light in nearly all parts of the country. In comparison with the fairly good fruit crops of last season, apples and pears seem likely to show a reduction of one-sixth, grapes, oranges and lemons a reduction of one-fourth, peaches and grapefruit a reduction of nearly one-third, and California prunes a reduction of more than two-fifths. Apricots, figs and olives seem to be the only important fruits that will show a production approaching or exceeding that of last year.

APPLES.

A total 1929 production of 154,300,000 bushels of apples is indicated by the July 1 condition of 53.7% of normal. The commercial crop is forecast at about 29,900,000 barrels.

The prospective total 1929 production is about 17% smaller than the 1928 crop, but about one-fourth larger than the 1927 crop. Prospects are particularly unpromising in some of the important commercial States, but the general shortage of fruit supplies is expected to result in rather close utilization of the crop this year.

PEACHES.

A slight decline in production prospects of peaches has occurred since June 1. The July 1 estimate of 47,075,000 bushels now compares with 68,374,000 bushels in 1928, 45,643,000 bushels in 1927 and the 1923-1927 average production of 52,224,000 bushels.

Compared with 1928, the North Central States now show a slight increase, but in all other divisions production is indicated to be lower with the South Atlantic States showing a decrease of about 43% from the 1928 crop of 16,375,000 bushels.

PEARS.

The 1929 pear production is indicated at 19,781,000 bushels. This estimate is slightly under that of a month ago and compares with the revised estimate of the 1928 crop of 24,012,000; the 1927 crop of 18,373,000 bushels and the 1923-1927 average production of 20,211,000 bushels.

All geographical divisions except the South Atlantic States show decreases compared with 1928, the biggest decrease occurring in the important Western States, where 1929 production is indicated at 12,675,000 bushels compared with the relatively large production of 15,947,000 bushels in 1928.

GRAPES.

Grape condition on July 1 was 70.0% of a normal, which was the lowest of record for the past 30 years excepting the year of 1921.

Practically every important producing State has reported an unusually low condition for July 1.

In California, the largest producing State, a severe spring frost was largely responsible for the present poor outlook of grapes.

FARM WAGES AND LABOR SUPPLY.

Farm wages for the country were about 2% higher on July 1 than a year ago. Wage increases are general except in the South Atlantic States, where some decrease is shown. The supply of farm labor is reported as 101.7% of demand, as compared with 105.5% a year ago.

CROP REPORT AS OF JULY 1 1929.

The Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture makes the following forecasts and estimates for the United States from reports and data furnished by crop correspondents, field statisticians and co-operating State Boards (or Departments) of Agriculture and Agricultural Colleges:

CROP.	ACREAGE.			YIELD PER ACRE.		
	5-Yr. Acre. 1923-27	1929.		Harvested.		Indicated by Condition July 1 1929.a
		Per Ct. of 1928.	1,000 Acres.	10-Yr. Average 1918-27.	1928.	
Corn.....bush.	100,899	97.7	98,333	27.8	28.2	27.1
Winter wheat....."	36,244	110.2	639,885	14.9	16.0	14.6
Durum wheat, 4 States....."	4,732	79.8	5,357	12.4	13.8	10.9
Other spr. wh't., U.S....."	14,965	104.5	15,514	12.6	15.6	12.4
All wheat....."	55,941	105.2	60,756	14.1	15.6	13.7
Oats....."	42,816	96.4	40,222	31.0	34.7	31.0
Barley....."	8,041	108.5	13,595	24.8	28.5	23.3
Rye....."	4,105	95.5	63,284	13.6	12.1	12.8
Flaxseed....."	2,861	117.2	3,092	7.5	7.1	6.4
Rice, 5 States....."	928	91.5	883	39.3	43.4	37.0
Hay, all tame.....tons	59,646	104.0	60,054	1.52	1.61	1.65
Hay, all clover and timothy d....."	34,086	105.8	32,841	---	---	---
Hay, alfalfa....."	10,781	103.0	11,378	2.60	2.63	2.58
Beans, dry edible.....bush.	1,555	110.0	1,737	11.2	10.5	10.5
Soy beans....."	---	107.4	---	---	---	---
Peanuts.....lbs.	---	104.6	---	---	---	---
Cowpeas.....bush.	---	80.5	---	---	---	---
Velvet beans.....lbs.	---	100.0	---	---	---	---
Potatoes.....bush.	3,359	87.9	3,370	106.4	121.2	112.5
Sweet potatoes....."	842	100.5	814	95.0	95.9	94.8
Tobacco.....lbs.	1,716	105.7	2,003	779	727	745
Sugar beets.....tons	4715	111.7	781	10.1	11.0	10.8
Sorgo for sirup.....gals.	374	101.1	352	81.3	77.5	---
Broomcorn.....lbs.	344	100.7	300	315	366	352
Hops....."	21	96.2	25	1,211	1,254	1,177

a Indicated yield increases or decreases with changing conditions during the season. b Acres remaining for harvest. c All spring wheat. d Including "sweet clover." e Principal producing States. (See below for separate crops.) f Short time average. The amount of wheat remaining on farms in the United States on July 1 1929 is estimated at 4.96% of the crop of 1928, or about 44,741,000 bushels, as compared with 23,729,000 bushels on July 1 1928 and 28,887,000 bushels, the average stocks of wheat on July 1 for the five years 1923-1927.

"OPEN CONTRACTS" IN FUTURES ON THE CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE FOR JUNE 1929 (BUSHELS).

(Short side of contract only, there being an equal amount open on the long side.)

June 1929.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Total.
1	134,157,000	255,191,000	15,451,000	*8,294,000	213,093,000
2 Sunday					
3	132,719,000	54,332,000	15,273,000	8,336,000	210,660,000
4	131,733,000	53,213,000	15,404,000	8,807,000	209,157,000
5	126,223,000	51,668,000	15,453,000	9,335,000	202,679,000
6	126,000,000	51,690,000	15,583,000	9,356,000	202,637,000
7	126,058,000	50,824,000	15,257,000	9,312,000	201,451,000
8	126,053,000	50,923,000	15,299,000	9,385,000	201,660,000
9 Sunday					
10	125,425,000	51,312,000	15,216,000	9,349,000	201,302,000
11	124,581,000	49,473,000	14,992,000	9,344,000	198,390,000
12	*123,907,000	49,637,000	14,975,000	9,426,000	*197,945,000
13	125,984,000	49,937,000	14,951,000	9,439,000	200,311,000
14	125,891,000	50,178,000	14,892,000	9,590,000	200,551,000
15	125,477,000	50,527,000	*14,831,000	9,546,000	200,381,000
16 Sunday					
17	127,022,000	50,892,000	15,003,000	9,724,000	202,641,000
18	127,223,000	50,854,000	15,050,000	9,688,000	202,815,000
19	127,743,000	52,054,000	15,559,000	9,677,000	205,033,000
20	128,988,000	51,927,000	15,720,000	9,640,000	206,275,000
21	128,205,000	51,570,000	16,718,000	9,468,000	204,961,000
22	130,415,000	52,058,000	16,030,000	9,494,000	207,997,000
23 Sunday					
24	138,612,000	50,695,000	15,681,000	9,283,000	204,271,000
25	133,320,000	54,897,000	15,670,000	9,284,000	207,532,000
26	132,723,000	50,896,000	15,462,000	9,260,000	208,341,000
27	134,271,000	49,631,000	15,605,000	9,300,000	208,897,000
28	139,516,000	49,981,000	15,547,000	9,480,000	214,524,000
29	139,772,000	*48,439,000	15,888,000	9,444,000	213,543,000
30 Sunday					
Average—					
June 1929	129,161,000	51,210,000	15,376,000	9,334,000	205,081,000
June 1928	92,547,000	38,174,000	23,901,000	10,249,000	209,871,000
May 1929	128,261,000	54,897,000	19,095,000	8,696,000	210,949,000
April 1929	146,314,000	68,315,000	25,671,000	8,971,000	249,271,000
March 1929	144,719,000	78,542,000	27,320,000	8,510,000	259,091,000
February 1929	127,350,000	79,574,000	26,288,000	9,343,000	242,555,000
January 1929	118,503,000	68,461,000	25,896,000	8,783,000	221,643,000
December 1928	129,515,000	78,736,000	28,548,000	10,366,000	246,165,000
November 1928	129,718,000	90,553,000	29,997,000	12,222,000	262,490,000
October 1928	120,644,000	81,548,000	29,314,000	11,826,000	243,332,000
September 1928	114,061,000	77,168,000	29,562,000	10,431,000	231,222,000
August 1928	111,279,000	79,207,000	26,765,000	9,005,000	226,256,000
July 1928	90,257,000	78,156,000	23,824,000	10,381,000	202,618,000

* Low. a High.

Early Termination of Strike In Cloak Industry In New York Expected As Result of Agreement for Adjustment of Differences.

The strike in the cloak industry in New York City, which has been in progress since July 2 is expected to be brought to an end next week as a result of the reaching of an agreement for a new three year working contract between the three employers' associations and the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union. In summarizing the terms of the agreement the "Times" of yesterday (July 12) said:

Unless unforeseen obstacles arise the new agreement will be approved tonight, submitted tomorrow to the general strike committee and the next day to the shop chairmen of the union. On Monday a referendum will be held in the various meeting halls at which the new compact, in the opinion of union leaders, will be finally approved.

In this event, strikers from the shops of the 6,500 members of the Industrial Council of Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' Association, Inc., will return to work Tuesday or Wednesday. They will be followed by contractors' employees. The last to return will be strikers from the independent shops.

At 11 o'clock last night the union and the contractors agreed on the major points of their contract, thus insuring the return to work on Tuesday or Wednesday of 12,000 employees more.

With the employees of the Industrial Council returning to work at the same time the strike will be over by Wednesday for nearly 19,000 unionists, with 11,000 workers in independent shops still out. However, since many independents will soon be members of the associated group a much larger number than the 19,000 will return to work by the end of next week.

Terms of Agreement.

Here is a summary of the terms said to have been agreed upon between the union and the Industrial Council, the style creators of the industry, after whose contract the other agreements are being modeled:

Establishment of a joint control commission to supervise standards and to maintain union standards in the shops.

Recognition of the right of the union to visit the shops of the manufacturers once every six months to check up union membership, and assure itself that the workers are in good standing.

Modification of the discharge clause so as to protect the union from reduction of the size of shops or from wage reductions.

Discharge of shop chairmen under the reorganization rights to be subject to review by the impartial chairman in cases where the union alleges discrimination because of union activity.

The period of reorganization shall be reduced from one month to a week. (There will probably be but two reorganizations in three years, as compared with three in the last two and a half years.)

Withdrawal of the Industrial Council's demands for the forty-two-hour week, optional piece work and Saturday work at single time.

Demand for a wage increase to be held in abeyance one year and then reopened before the impartial chairman.

No action to be taken for the present on the demand for unemployment insurance.

The foregoing terms were agreed upon at a dramatic six-hour meeting which broke up at 1 o'clock yesterday morning. During the meeting Benjamin Schlesinger, president of the union, almost collapsed after a fervid speech arguing the union's case. Lieut. Gov. Lehman was said to have saved the conference after a break appeared imminent.

The working out of the agreement followed the action taken last week by Gov. Roosevelt to effect an adjustment of the differences between the manufacturers and workers in the industry. At the Governors' invitation a conference, over which he presided, was held at Albany on July 5, at which were present representatives of the International Ladies' Garment

Workers' Union, the Industrial Council of Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers, the Merchants' Ladies' Garment Association and the American Cloak and Suit Manufacturers' Association.

At the Albany Conference it was agreed by all the factions to further confer in New York on July 10 on plans for settling the issues in dispute, that meeting being participated in by Lieut. Gov. Lehman and Raymond V. Ingersoll, Impartial Chairman. The call for the strike, effective at 10 A. M., July 2, was issued on July 1 by the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. The "World" of July 2 with reference to the strike orders said:

Under the instructions, the 15,000 now employed, and the others whose shops have not started on the fall trade, will report to their places of employment as usual and at the stroke of 10 lay down tools and march to sixteen halls engaged as strike and registration headquarters. From these halls pickets will be detailed.

The nominal cause of the strike is the failure of the 160 inside manufacturers who cut and complete garments under one roof, and whose wage scale sets the rates for the jobbers' and contractors' shops, and the International Union to agree on a wage scale to replace that which expired June 1.

It is stated that in response to the strike order, 25,000 of the 28,000 employes in the industry walked out. Many disorders resulting in arrests, have marked the course of the strike. It is noted that in the agreement for the settlement of the strike the employers have yielded their demand for a forty-two hour week, in place of the present 40-hour week. The "Herald-Tribune" of June 24 stated:

The union demands the modification of a clause in the old contract which permitted the employers, it is contended, to discharge shop chairmen for union activity. The union also demands the restoration of an unemployment insurance fund, the certification of shops and an increase in wages.

Activity of the Wool Weaving Industry During May—Production, Stock on Hand, &c.

The following statistics were made available July 6 by The Wool Institute, Inc.

Data contributed by 59% of the total loomage of the Weaving Division of the Wool Industry indicated increasing trends in production and billings and a slight increase in women's wear stocks on hand in excess of orders.

Women's wear stocks, woolsens and worsteds, increased 7% and the trend of men's wear stocks was indicated by a 4% decrease.

The figures demonstrate that the mills are continuing their policy of co-ordinating production and billings and have improved their stock position in spite of an increasing rate of production.

May Activity.

Yardage of Combined Groups Adjusted to a 6-4 Basis.

Production	12,644,368 yards
Billings	10,799,448 yards
Billings	\$20,572,181
Stock on hand	7,558,905 yards

Cotton Manufacturers Undertake Movement Against Price Cutting—National Manufacturers' Service Inc. Formed to Establish Uniform Cost System.

Associated Press advices from New Bedford, Mass., July 10, said:

Launching of a co-operative plan to prevent undercutting of prices and so to attempt to remedy the present demoralization of the cotton textile market was announced here today.

The plan is sponsored by Robert A. B. Cook, a Boston lawyer; N. H. Migley of Providence, and John C. Shaw, Jr., of New Bedford. Mr. Cook explained his plan after a conference with Lincoln Baylies, president of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers.

Mr. Cook is President and his associates are vice presidents of a new Massachusetts corporation, the National Manufacturers' Service, Inc. Cotton manufacturers will be asked to subscribe to obligations imposed by the corporation and to post a bond.

The corporation proposes to establish uniform cost systems, prosecute unfair trade practices and effectively prevent subscribers to the service from selling below their established costs, according to Mr. Cook. In addition trade statistics will be distributed, credits supervised and a legislative service maintained.

The plan would require acceptance by a large percentage of the cotton manufacturers, it is understood. Mr. Cook asserts this acceptance is in prospect and that the plan has been informally approved by government officials and passed by legal and banking authorities.

Federation of Master Cotton Spinners, at Manchester, England, Votes to Reduce Wages—200,000 Workers Affected.

From the New York "Evening Post" we quote the following Associated Press advices from Manchester, England. (July 12.)

The Federation of Master Cotton Spinners has favored by the requisite majority the proposal for reductions in wages in both American and Egyptian sections.

The Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers Association today sent out notices of a reduction in wages of 2 shillings 6 pence in the pound sterling (about sixty cents on \$5) to be effective July 29.

The Cotton Spinners have been considering a 12½% reduction in wages for several weeks, the operators contending that the poor condition of the trade made it necessary. It was estimated that 200,000 workers will be affected.

Representatives of the workers declared early in June that any attempt to reduce wages would be strenuously opposed by all organizations of operatives.

A previous item in the matter appeared in our issue of June 15, page 3924.

Production, Sales and Shipments of Cotton, Cloths During June and Six Months—Shipments in Latter Period 99.5% of Production.

Statistical reports of production, sales and shipments of standard cotton cloths during the first six months of 1929 and also for the month of June, were made public July 10 by the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York. The figures for June cover a period of four weeks. The Association states:

During the first six months of 1929 shipments were 1,835,332,000 yards. This was equivalent to 99.5% of production, which was 1,844,849,000 yards. Sales during the same six months period were 1,725,219,000 yards, or 93.5% of production.

Shipments during June (four weeks) were 252,008,000 yards, which was equivalent to 88.1% of production, which was 285,928,000 yards. Sales during the month were 228,244,000 yards, or 79.8% of production.

Stocks on hand at the end of June amounted to 401,260,000 yards, an increase of 9.2% during the month. Unfilled orders on June 30 amounted to 358,748,000 yards, a decrease of 6.2% since the beginning of the month.

Stocks on hand as of June 30 are slightly in excess of unfilled orders. This is a normal mid-year situation, but the current ratio of stocks to orders is unusually favorable when compared with the figures for previous years. On June 30 1929 stocks exceeded orders by 6.6 weeks' production at the current rate. A year ago this ratio was 2.2 weeks and in 1926 it was 2.8 weeks. On June 30 1927 unfilled orders exceeded stocks by five weeks' production, due to the abnormally large sales which were concentrated in the first half of the year because of prevailing low prices for cotton and cloths. Figures are not available prior to 1926.

The figures for the first six months of 1929 show a decided improvement over the same period in 1928, the ratio of shipments to production being 99.5%, compared with 93.5% in 1928. The ratio of sales to production during these six months was 93.5% in 1929, compared with 89% in 1928.

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

Production Statistics—June 1929.

The following statistics cover upwards of 300 classifications or constructions of standard cotton cloths and represent a very large part of the total production of these fabrics in the United States. This report represents all of the yardage reported to our Association and the Cotton-Textile Institute, Inc. It is a consolidation of the same 23 groups covered by our reports since October 1927. The figures for the month of June cover a period of four weeks.

June 1929 (Four Weeks)		June 1928	
Production was.....	285,928,000 yds.	228,244,000 yds.	228,244,000 yds.
Sales were.....	228,244,000 yds.	187,512,000 yds.	187,512,000 yds.
Ratio of sales to production.....	79.8%	82.1%	82.1%
Shipments were.....	252,008,000 yds.	217,512,000 yds.	217,512,000 yds.
Ratio of Shipments to production.....	88.1%	95.1%	95.1%

Production Statistics—First Six Months of 1929 and 1928.

The following statistics are a consolidation of the monthly figures published by us covering standard cotton cloths during the first six months of 1928 and 1929. They represent all of the yardage reported to our Association and the Cotton-Textile Institute, Inc., in the same 23 groups covered by our reports since October 1927.

	First Six Months of 1928	First Six Months of 1929
Production was.....	1,879,411,000 yds.	1,844,849,000 yds.
Sales were.....	1,672,530,000 yds.	1,725,219,000 yds.
Ratio of sales to production.....	89.0%	93.5%
Shipments were.....	1,756,928,000 yds.	1,835,332,000 yds.
Ratio of shipments to production.....	93.5%	99.5%
Stocks on hand at start.....	336,501,000 yds.	391,743,000 yds.
Stocks on hand at end.....	458,984,000 yds.	401,260,000 yds.
Change in stocks.....	36.4% increase	2.4% increase
Unfilled orders at start.....	386,726,000 yds.	468,861,000 yds.
Unfilled orders at end.....	302,328,000 yds.	358,748,000 yds.
Change in unfilled orders.....	21.8% decrease	23.5% decrease

PRODUCTION STATISTICS—RECAPITULATION OF MONTHLY TOTALS, 1928 AND 1929 (IN THOUSANDS OF YARDS).

	Production.	Sales.	Shipments.	Stock at End.	Unfilled Orders at End.
1928.					
January.....	297,669	194,114	266,947	367,223	313,893
February.....	300,323	256,328	285,404	382,142	284,817
March (5 weeks).....	358,271	350,101	337,819	402,594	297,099
April.....	286,005	335,117	270,172	418,427	362,044
May (5 weeks).....	349,325	269,845	326,244	441,508	305,645
June.....	287,818	267,025	270,342	458,984	302,328
July.....	221,826	187,439	217,540	463,270	272,227
August (5 weeks).....	302,470	340,810	324,073	441,667	288,964
September.....	253,688	387,151	278,110	417,245	398,005
October.....	284,899	401,953	307,402	394,742	492,556
November (5 weeks).....	341,841	375,163	347,949	388,634	519,770
December.....	279,207	225,189	276,098	391,743	468,861
Total.....	3,563,342	3,590,235	3,508,100		
1929.					
January (5 weeks).....	342,806	317,078	345,354	389,195	440,585
February.....	292,873	340,709	309,118	372,950	472,176
March.....	297,994	358,333	325,633	345,311	504,876
April.....	283,878	202,520	277,098	352,091	430,298
May (5 weeks).....	341,370	278,335	326,121	367,340	382,512
June.....	285,928	228,244	252,008	401,260	358,748

Cotton Manufacturing Plant at Newmarket, N. H. to Be Abandoned as Result of Strike.

From the New York "Evening Post" we take the following Associated Press advices from Lowell, Mass., July 5:

Walter B. Gallant, agent of the Newmarket, N. H., Manufacturing Company, and of the Lowell Silk Mills announced today that all the cotton's manufacturing machinery in the Newmarket plant would be liquidated and that the cotton plant would be abandoned. A strike of more than 1,000 employees caused the Newmarket plant to be closed for several months.

Mr. Gallant said that the company would continue to operate a small fraction of its holdings in Newmarket for the manufacture of silks. He said that 900 of the looms used in Newmarket were being operated here.

Discussing the Sugar Situation.

Vague rumors as to Cuba's plans, all without substantiation, continue to be the propelling force behind the advance in the sugar market, according to the current review of Farr & Co.

"Press reports indicate a strong possibility that a sliding scale of duties will be finally adopted in the tariff bill which is also said to contemplate an increase in the preference now enjoyed in Cuba," the review says. "If these features actually emerge in the bill as finally passed, substantial support will be found among many Cuban producers who believe that for next year a single selling agency is the best channel through which to obtain the preference in the United States. Protracted delay into the fall with values advancing and receding nervously in reflection of the latest reports, is the probable market effect of this uncertain condition.

"There is also tied up with the U. S. Tariff situation a conference among World Exporters of sugar including Cuba and Java now taking place in Brussels. Today, we learn that the next meeting has been postponed for two weeks. Cuba, with the large crop made this year and further expansion possible, is in a position to play a dominating hand in such a conference particularly in the light of her preferred position in the United States where she disposes of two-thirds of her crop. Java has never been willing to co-operate in any manner whatever but the situation likely to be brought about by the new tariff may produce a change in Java's attitude and it is possible that some constructive developments may be the result."

Petroleum and Its Products—Fear Present Production Rate Will Cause Serious Problem When Seasonal Consumption of Gasoline Drops—Oil Fields Continue to Flow at Record-Breaking Rate.

The tremendous production of petroleum in the United States, which is now discounted to some extent by the balancing increase in consumption of gasoline, will bring real trouble to the industry if not checked before the winter season sets in, it is feared by the industry's leaders who have led the fight for curtailment. As long as an adjoining well is producing to capacity, an oil well owner or operator will not consent voluntarily to cut his own production. This was discovered in California, where the voluntary restraint of production, after months of experiment, had to be dropped because of lack of co-operation. In that State the Legislature passed a State law covering curtailment, and this is to go into effect shortly. During this summer, at least thus far, gasoline going into consuming channels has assumed record-breaking proportions. Because of this, oil field operators have been blinded to the future.

The next conference of states interested in the production of petroleum will bring about a definite measure of curtailment, it is confidently expected. Problems which stood in the way of such a measure were brought into the open at the recent meeting and will be thrashed out, it is hoped, to the satisfaction of all before the industry's leaders, state representatives and Federal authorities meet again.

While there have been some fluctuations in crudes at wells, the price changes have not been of sufficient import to alter the following averages:

Prices of Typical Crudes per Barrel at Wells.

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

Bradford, Pa.....	\$4.10	Smackover, Ark., 24 and over.....	\$9.00
Corning, Ohio.....	1.75	Smackover, Ark., below 24.....	.75
Cabell, W. Va.....	1.75	El Dorado, Ark., 34.....	1.14
Illinois.....	1.45	Urania, La.....	.90
Western Kentucky.....	1.53	Salt Creek, Wyo., 37.....	1.23
Midcontinent, Oklahoma, 37.....	1.23	Sunburst, Mont.....	1.65
Corsicana, Tex., heavy.....	.80	Artesia, N. Mex.....	1.08
Hutchinson, Tex., 35.....	.87	Santa Fe Springs, Calif., 33.....	1.35
Luling, Tex.....	1.00	Midway-Sunset, Calif., 22.....	.80
Spindletop, Tex., grade A.....	1.20	Huntington, Calif., 26.....	1.09
Spindletop, Tex., below 25.....	1.05	Ventura, Calif., 30.....	1.18
Winkler, Tex.....	.65	Petrolia, Canada.....	1.90

REFINED PRODUCTS—U. S. MOTOR GASOLINE PRICES STILL HAVE FULL CENT SPREAD—SHELL UNION ENTERS NEW YORK—KEROSENE MARKETS DULL.

Refiners in this territory are still uncertain as to the market in U. S. Motor gasoline, as shown by the full cent spread in quotations which has gone through its second week. While the large refiner of the territory, Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, maintains its price of 11c. a gallon tank car at refinery, which it established on Saturday, June 29, others are selling at 10c. a gallon, the price on that date.

Demand for bulk gasoline was more or less routine this week. Of course there has been considerable movement, but this has been against existing contracts. A peculiar situation, in view of all reports as to the degree of consumption of gasoline, is the report that even the 10c. price level has been shaded on several occasions within the past few days to secure outstanding accounts for spot lots.

Contracts for deliveries over the month are not being booked in any great volume. Some deals have gone through at 10.25c. and at 10.50c. a gallon. A few refiners are quoting 10c. but are not willing to book July accounts at this level.

California gasoline in some quarters is being held at 11c., while in others it may be obtained at 10.50 or even a fraction less. The situation is such that operators are moving very carefully and are watching all developments likely to have an influence on the price question closely. The California gasoline situation is becoming interesting, due to the tanker problem. It is becoming increasingly difficult to secure charters for July or August shipments. As a matter of fact there are but one or two tankers available for September. The last reported rate for clean tankers was \$1.07 per barrel. In Mid-continent there has not been the same general improvement in gasoline consumption such as has marked the Eastern markets. Some sales for delivery over July are being made at from 1/4 to 1/2 cent below the market.

Kerosene has been quiet, with plenty offered at 7 3/4c., although some sellers are still quoting 8 cents. At Baltimore the market is firmer, with quotations ranging from 8 to 8 1/4c.

There has been a slight firming in the demand for marine fuel oils, but not of sufficient strength to bring about any upward revision of prices. Bunker fuel oil, grade C, is moving in a routine manner at \$1.05 a barrel f. o. b. New York Harbor refineries. Diesel oil continues steady.

The entry of Shell gasoline into the Eastern territory was heralded this week by large display advertisements in the daily press advising motorists to "change to Shell." The body of the announcement states that "Shell comes to New York! To the seasoned motorist that is front page news. It means that the largest producer and distributor of gasoline and motor oil in the world is ready to serve you."

It will be interesting to see the effect of this invasion of the Eastern trade by the powerful Shell interests. Their service stations are to be yellow and red, and will be placed at conspicuous locations, which have long been selected.

There were no announced price changes in refined products this week.

Gasoline, U. S. Motor, Tankcar Lots, F.O.B. Refinery.				
New York (Bayonne) 10-11	Arkansas	.06 3/4	North Louisiana	.07 1/4
West Texas	California	.08 3/4	North Texas	.06 3/4
Chicago	Los Angeles, export	.07 3/4	Oklahoma	.07
New Orleans	Gulf Coast, export	.08 3/4	Pennsylvania	.09 1/4

Gasoline, Service Station, Tax Included.				
New York	Cincinnati	.18	Minneapolis	.182
Atlanta	Denver	.16	New Orleans	.195
Baltimore	Detroit	.188	Philadelphia	.21
Boston	Houston	.18	San Francisco	.215
Buffalo	Jacksonville	.24	Spokane	.205
Chicago	Kansas City	.179	St. Louis	.169

Kerosene, 41-43 Water White, Tankcar Lots, F.O.B. Refinery.					
New York (Bayonne)	.07 3/4	Chicago	.05 3/4	New Orleans	.07 1/4
North Texas	.05 1/2	Los Angeles, export	.05 1/2	Tulsa	.06 3/4

Fuel Oil, 18-22 Degree, F.O.B. Refinery or Terminal.					
New York	1.05	Los Angeles	.85	Gulf Coast	.75
Diesel	2.00	New Orleans	.95	Chicago	.55

Gas oil, 32-36 Degree, F.O.B. Refiners or Terminal.					
New York (Bayonne)	.05 1/4	Chicago	.03	Tulsa	.03

Delegation Representing Oil Interests Sails for Europe to Study Marketing Problems Abroad—Will Participate in Conferences in London.

A group of American oil leaders sailed on July 7 on the Aquitania for England, where, according to the "Journal of Commerce," conferences will be held looking toward the solution of some of the most pressing marketing problems. The conferences are to be held in London, says the paper quoted; it adds:

A better understanding with foreign oil interests on numerous problems which threaten to disturb the relations of the oil industry of the United States and abroad is sought.

Sir Henri Deterding, head of the Royal Dutch-Shell, and Sir John Cadman, head of the Anglo-Persian Oil Co., are expected to participate.

Includes Industry's Leaders.

The delegation which sailed last night included: J. A. Moffett, vice-president of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey; G. P. Whaley, president of the Vacuum Oil Co.; Howard Cole of the Standard Oil Co. of New York; W. D. Anderson, representing the Atlantic Refining Co. and L. B. Stanford of the Sinclair Consolidated Oil Co.

R. C. Holmes, president of the Texas Corporation, and R. D. Matthews, vice-president of the Union Oil Co. of California, who left for Europe some time ago, will join the group in London.

Commenting upon the delegation's trip to Europe, oil executives here characterized it as the most important step ever taken toward the settlement of the world oil problems.

The main purpose of the conference is an investigation of conditions in the markets abroad in connection with the study which has been under way

for some time looking to an advance in the export price of United States gasoline.

It was pointed out that although the party actually represents the Petroleum Export Association, members will be in a position to speak for the entire domestic industry.

Also to Discuss Overproduction.

The presence in the party of Mr. Cole of the Standard Oil Co. of New York, and Mr. Whaley of the Vacuum Company led to the belief here that a renewed effort might be made to bring to an end the differences that are said still to exist between these companies and the Royal Dutch group despite numerous reports of a truce.

The problem of overproduction undoubtedly will be taken up at the conferences, which are to begin immediately, it was believed in oil circles here.

Reports on the conferences will be made by the delegates to the Petroleum Export Association.

Crude Oil Output in United States at High Rate.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude production in the United States, for the week ended July 6 1929, was 2,857,400 barrels, as compared with 2,815,400 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 42,000 barrels. Compared with the output for the week ended July 7 1928, of 2,383,850 barrels per day, the current figure shows an increase of 473,550 barrels daily. The daily average production East of California for the week ended July 6 1929, was 1,978,800 barrels, as compared with 1,954,900 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 23,900 barrels. The following estimates of daily average gross production, by districts, are for the weeks shown below:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION (FIGURES IN BARRELS)

	July 6 '29.	June 29 '29.	June 22 '29.	July 7 '28.
Oklahoma	717,800	698,400	679,650	584,000
Kansas	122,400	121,900	121,400	103,600
Panhandle Texas	88,400	86,550	93,850	64,200
North Texas	83,850	83,850	83,150	83,400
West Central Texas	52,450	51,900	50,850	57,500
West Texas	375,450	369,100	358,800	337,050
East Central Texas	18,200	18,300	18,700	22,250
Southwest Texas	77,750	79,800	81,800	25,100
North Louisiana	35,050	35,400	36,000	42,650
Arkansas	69,250	69,550	69,800	91,950
Coastal Texas	128,100	130,300	127,300	106,650
Coastal Louisiana	19,150	18,950	19,950	28,250
Eastern	119,100	117,350	116,900	111,500
Wyoming	51,050	52,900	50,050	55,850
Montana	11,600	11,550	11,550	10,450
Colorado	7,300	7,550	7,000	8,400
New Mexico	1,900	1,850	2,250	2,050
California	878,600	860,500	835,500	649,000
Total	2,857,400	2,815,400	2,764,500	2,383,850

The estimated daily average gross production for the Mid-Continent Field, including Oklahoma, Kansas, Panhandle, North, West Central, West, East Central and Southwest Texas, North Louisiana and Arkansas, for the week ending July 6, was 1,640,600 barrels, as compared with 1,614,750 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 25,850 barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover, (Arkansas) heavy oil, was 1,593,000 barrels, as compared with 1,566,350 barrels, an increase of 26,650 barrels.

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

	—Weeks End—	July 6.	June 29.	—Weeks End—	July 6.	June 29.	
Oklahoma—	Allen Dome	25,000	24,200	North Louisiana—	Haynesville	5,200	5,250
	Bowlegs	34,650	35,300		Uranita	5,950	5,900
	Bristow-Slick	18,750	18,750	Arkansas—	Champagnolle	7,700	7,200
	Burbank	19,700	19,750		Smackover (light)	8,050	8,100
	Cromwell	8,100	8,150		Smackover (heavy)	47,600	48,400
	Earlsboro	80,700	74,050	Coastal Texas—	Hull	8,150	8,400
	Little River	81,000	77,250		Pierce Junction	18,000	17,600
	Logan County	19,300	19,200		Spindletop	27,050	26,800
	Maud	12,250	12,850		West Columbia	6,250	6,450
	Mission	34,850	34,800	Coastal Louisiana—	East Hackberry	2,950	2,000
	St. Louis	79,350	81,350		Old Hackberry	2,100	2,300
	Searlight	12,050	12,250		Sulphur Dome	1,700	2,000
	Seminole	34,200	34,100		Sweet Lake	200	*300
	Tonkawa	9,950	10,000		Vinton	4,200	4,250
	Oklahoma City	17,250	9,800	Wyoming—	Salt Creek	29,000	30,850
	Carr City	14,100	13,650	Montana—	Sunburst	6,850	6,850
	Kansas—			California—			
	Sedgwick County	34,350	34,600		Dominguez	10,000	10,000
	Panhandle Texas—				Elwood-Goleta	25,900	29,500
	Carson County	7,550	7,650		Huntington Beach	45,000	43,500
	Gray County	52,950	51,300		Inglewood	23,500	23,500
	Hutchinson County	25,750	25,550		Kettleman Hills	3,400	3,400
	North Texas—				Long Beach	178,000	176,500
	Archer County	18,150	17,850		Midway-Sunset	66,000	64,500
	Wilbarger County	26,200	26,300		Rosecrans	6,300	6,300
	West Central Texas—				Santa Fe Springs	268,000	255,500
	Brown County	7,700	7,750		Seal Beach	50,000	50,000
	Shackelford County	11,700	11,800		Torrance	13,000	13,000
	West Texas—				Ventura Avenue	59,000	59,000
	Crane & Upton Counties	46,700	46,450				
	Howard County	43,350	42,500				
	Pecos County	117,500	110,100				
	Reagan County	18,100	18,200				
	Winkler County	140,300	142,250				
	East Central Texas—						
	Corsicana-Powell	7,600	7,700				
	Southwest Texas—						
	Laredo District	10,800	10,950				
	Luling	12,150	11,950				
	Silt Flat	47,900	50,200				

Weekly Refinery Statistics for the United States.

According to the American Petroleum Institute, which has just begun to publish weekly refinery statistics, companies aggregating 3,002,600 barrels, or 89.9% of the 3,338,600 barrel estimated daily potential refining capacity of the plants operating in the United States during the week ended July 6 1929, report that the crude runs to stills show that

British Tin Men Organize—Representatives of 167 Producing Concerns Form Association.

Associated Press advices as follows from London, July 11, appeared in the New York "Times" of July 12:

It was announced to-day that a British Empire Tin Producers' Association has been organized under the auspices of Sir Edmond Davis. Representatives of 167 tin producing companies having a total annual production of about 100,000 tons of tin ore attended the organization meeting.

The introduction of American methods in the British tin trade, utilization of research co-operation and efforts to increase consumption will be the program of the organization.

Lead Prices Lower—Copper Holds Firm—Buying of Major Non-Ferrous Metals Below Expectations.

Lack of domestic demand, inspired largely by weakness in London, brought out lower prices for lead here the market settling at 6.75 cents a pound, New York, which compares with 7 cents a week ago, "Engineering and Mining Journal" reports adding:

Copper producers held out for 18 cents, delivered Connecticut, with no indications of weakness, notwithstanding the fact that domestic sales for some time now have rarely reached 5,000 tons a week. Zinc sold in a small way at unchanged prices. Consumer and speculative buying sent the price of tin to 45 1/2 cents for spot Straits.

Considerable speculation is heard as to why manufacturers have not come into the market for copper. The principal reasons offered are that an unusually large percentage of scrap is being cleaned up; that sellers of manufactured goods containing copper had larger stocks to dispose of than was generally thought, and that the ultimate buyer has been inclined to hold off hoping for a price drop. Substitution of other metals and alloys may have been somewhat more of a factor than supposed. The vacation season also is regarded as a factor, the Hawthorne works of the Western Electric, for example, closing down completely for two weeks to give all employees a vacation. The present quiet must soon end, it is believed, even though it be not terminated by any huge buying wave.

Further Drop Reported in Steel Orders.

The unfilled steel orders on the books of subsidiaries of the United States Steel Corp. as of June 30 1929 aggregated 4,256,910 tons which is 47,257 tons below the unfilled tonnage of May 31 1929 and 170,853 tons under the total of 44,427,763 tons reached April 30 1929. On June 30 1928 the amount was 3,637,009 tons. Below we show the figures by months for the last six years. Figures for earlier dates may be found in our issue of April 17 1926, page 2126.

End of Month.	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
January	4,109,487	4,275,947	3,800,177	4,882,739	5,037,323	4,798,429
February	4,144,341	4,398,189	3,597,119	4,616,822	5,284,771	4,912,901
March	4,410,718	4,335,206	3,553,140	4,379,935	4,863,504	4,782,807
April	4,427,763	3,872,133	3,456,132	3,867,976	4,446,568	4,208,447
May	4,304,167	3,416,822	3,050,941	3,649,250	4,049,800	3,628,089
June	4,256,910	3,637,009	3,053,246	3,473,642	3,710,458	3,262,505
July		3,570,927	3,142,014	3,602,522	3,539,467	3,187,072
August		3,624,043	3,196,037	3,542,335	3,512,803	3,289,577
September		3,698,368	3,148,113	3,593,509	3,717,297	3,473,780
October		3,751,030	3,341,040	3,683,661	4,109,183	3,525,270
November		3,643,000	3,454,444	3,807,447	4,581,780	4,031,969
December		3,976,712	3,972,874	3,960,969	5,033,364	4,186,776

Steel Output Continues at High Level—Pig Iron Price Declines.

Fresh accumulations of steel orders and specifications since the opening of the third quarter give renewed assurance that the steel industry will operate through July and possibly even August at close to maximum capacity, says the "Iron Age" in its current issue. The "Age" also states:

Though the pace of steel buying has slackened in some districts, Chicago sales were the largest for any week this year. Heavy releases were also received by Pittsburgh mills.

Coming on top of a record half year which exceeded the largest previous six months' ingot output by almost 4,000,000 tons, the vitality of current demand is the more surprising. No evidence of the usual midsummer letdown is in sight.

July output probably will not fall short of the large June total of 4,881,370 tons, which was at a rate only fractionally below 100% of capacity. The holiday, heat and special repair shutdowns are primary checks at the moment to continued high performance.

Last month's unexpectedly large total brought the aggregate for six months to 28,967,174 tons, which surpassed that of the same period in 1928 by 4,169,101 tons and the previous all-time six months' record of 25,067,122 tons in the last half of 1928 by 3,900,052 tons. The output of each of the past four months has been larger than any monthly total ever before achieved. For the full year to July 1, the ingot output was 54,034,296 tons.

Backlogs of some products are being reduced, with the result that earlier deliveries are possible, particularly on hot-rolled and cold-finished bars, structural shapes and strip steel. In plates and sheets, however, mills have orders that will carry them through the summer without important additions.

Over the midsummer inventory period, many consumers have permitted their steel stocks to run low, and the volume of specifications received so far in July indicates that most buyers are now fairly certain that their summer needs will not be appreciably lower than in the second quarter.

The slowing down in the demand for steel from the automobile industry probably will be less than summer usually brings. Some parts manufacturers have again speeded up schedules to meet the calls from motor car makers preparing to bring out new models. Previous records for July and August are expected to be broken because of the continued high operations of the two leading makers of low-priced cars.

June automobile production, at 536,309 units broke all records for that month and made a half year's total of 3,380,088 motor vehicles of all types, exceeding the output in the first half of 1928 by 1,053,579 units.

Railroad inquiry for steel is noteworthy. Supplementary rail inquiries include 30,000 tons for the Great Northern and 5,000 tons for other North-

western roads. The Canadian Pacific has placed a large rail order with the Algoma mill. Bridges in New Jersey for the Pennsylvania will take 14,000 tons of shapes, and the Lackawanna Railroad has ordered 4,000 tons for catenary supports as a beginning of its electrification program. The Wabash has bought a car ferry requiring 2,500 tons. Meanwhile, car builders are taking steel heavily to complete recent car orders. Upward of 30,000 tons will be ordered for 4,000 car bodies recently placed by the Pennsylvania. New railroad equipment buying is light.

Several large gas line projects are taking shape. A line from the Panhandle of Texas to Chicago, also one from the Southwest to Nebraska and Iowa and others which are less definite promise heavy tonnages of pipe. The Texas-Chicago line has the backing of important oil interests.

Structural steel activity is such that a leading producer expects the third quarter to rival the second in volume. The week's total of new projects, at 49,000 tons, is the largest reported since the first week of June, while lettings were 45,000 tons. Awards of buildings only in the New York metropolitan district in the first half of the year took 243,285 tons of steel against 182,800 tons in the same period last year, a gain of 33%.

Southern pig iron presents the only marked sign of weakness in the whole iron and steel situation. A reduction of 50c. a ton, the second of that amount within a few weeks, has been made by the Alabama producers in an effort to move large stocks of iron, the accumulation of which has been due in part to the subnormal consumption by Southern cast iron pipe foundries. Price weakness has also developed on pig iron sales in New England, and moderate concessions in the Pittsburgh district have resulted from the extremely competitive situation existing there now. Pig iron buying is not in large volume.

Steel prices are fairly steady, though minor weakness has occurred in some districts on wire nails and black and galvanized sheets, while at Cleveland steel bars have dropped \$1 a ton to 1.90c. a lb.

Heavy melting steel scrap has advanced 25c. a ton at Pittsburgh, and signs there and elsewhere point to a definite turn upward.

The "Iron Age" composite price for pig iron has declined to \$18.54 from \$18.63 last week. This is the second drop in five weeks from the year's high of \$18.71. The finished steel composite price is unchanged at 2.412c., as the following table shows:

Finished Steel.				Pig Iron.			
July 9 1929, 2.412 c. a lb				July 9 1929, \$18.54 a Gross Ton.			
One week ago	-----	2.412c.		One week ago	-----	\$18.63	
One month ago	-----	2.412c.		One month ago	-----	18.63	
One year ago	-----	2.326c.		One year ago	-----	17.09	
10-year pre-war average	-----	1.689c.		10-year pre-war average	-----	15.72	

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

High.		Low.		High.		Low.		
1929	2.412c.	Apr. 2	2.391c.	Jan. 8	1929	\$18.71	May 14	\$18.29
1928	2.391c.	Dec. 11	2.314c.	Jan. 3	1928	18.59	Nov. 27	17.04
1927	2.453c.	Jan. 4	2.293c.	Oct. 25	1927	19.71	Jan. 4	17.54
1926	2.453c.	Jan. 5	2.403c.	May 18	1926	21.54	Jan. 5	19.46
1925	2.560c.	Jan. 6	2.396c.	Aug. 18	1925	22.50	Jan. 13	18.96

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

July thus far has not found its succession to six record months of steel production to be a handicap, states the "Iron Trade Review" of July 11. For midsummer, specifications for finished steel have not been excelled since the war, an unusual number of large projects is developing, and third quarter contracting is of such proportions as to make last week at Chicago, for example, the best in a year in new business, adds the "Review," continuing:

Barring the July 4 interruption, July production has been responsive to continue pressure for deliveries, especially of structural material and plates. Backlogs are being whittled down somewhat, but the industry anticipates no dip such as usually characterizes July and August and expects pending projects to mature in time to assure the customary fall uplift.

Among prospective work is a pipe line which four companies are projecting from Texas to Chicago, requiring probably 150,000 tons of pipe up to 24-inch diameter. Secondary rail buying at Chicago promises to put 30,000 tons on mill books shortly. Barge inquiries at Pittsburgh call for 10,000 tons of shapes and plates.

Automotive and farm implement manufacturers have moderated their schedules somewhat, a condition reflected chiefly in soft and cold finished bars and strip. Autobody sheet demand, however, belies a curtailment at Detroit. Neither Ford nor Chevrolet, accounting for 55% of all automotive production, has slackened perceptibly and some other makers are swinging into new models. The steel industry, nevertheless, is taking precautions against cancellations.

Prices generally are steady, save for some disturbance in pig iron. Southern iron has been sold as low as \$14.50, Birmingham, with reports of still lower levels, in the North, making it competitive with northern iron in most districts. Not in 13 years has southern iron been priced so low. Some concessions on silvery iron also are reported. In heavy finished steel some second prices have been extended into the third quarter.

In basic materials more than finished products is there an easier tendency. Pig iron selling, as usual, is not active so soon after the turn of the quarter. Lighter demand for beehive furnace coke has not been translated into lower prices. Iron and steel scrap prices are fortified by the record summer melt and occasional softness in price is not descriptive of the entire price structure. Semifinished steel is the most plentiful in weeks.

In sheets as in most finished products, the decline in production over the July 4 holiday about kept step with the downswing in bookings. At Pittsburgh other consuming lines are practically nullifying the loss in automotive orders. Galvanized and roofing sheet prices are weak. Though tin plate mills are not pressed to make deliveries, the last half is appraised as insuring a total output equally 1928.

With the 150,000-ton Texas-Chicago pipe line in the offing, freight car builders specifying heavily and barge and tank builders active, plates are the most active of the heavy finished lines. Ten thousand tons of tank work is pending at Chicago, with 3,900 tons having been closed the past week. Twenty river barges at Pittsburgh will require 10,000 tons. Third quarter bar coverage at Chicago is the heaviest since the war. At New York and Philadelphia each 25,000 tons of structural work nears the losing stage.

June with a daily ingot rate of 195,255 gross tons, or only 47 tons under the alltime record of May, rounded out an extraordinary half year in steel-making. June's total of 4,881,370 tons brought the six-month total to 28,967,174 tons, 17% above the first half of 1928, the previous peak.

Beginning with February, each month this year has developed a daily rate considerably in excess of last October's the previous summit in steel-making. To equal the 49,865,185 tons of open hearth and bessemer ingots made in 1928, an annual record, output in the remainder of this year could fall 17% below the last half of 1928 or 24% below the first half of 1929. The best July ingot rate was the 152,224 tons of a year ago, and steelmaking this month could shrink 43,000 tons a day, or 45%, without falling below it.

PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE.

The total production of Pennsylvania anthracite during the week ended June 29 is estimated at 1,350,000 net tons. Compared with the output in the preceding week, this shows an increase of 132,000 tons, or 10.8%. Production during the week in 1928 corresponding with that of June 29 amounted to 1,125,000 net tons.

Estimated Production of Pennsylvania Anthracite (Net Tons).

	1929		1928	
	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.
June 15.....	1,220,000	34,247,000	1,218,000	34,638,000
June 22.....	1,218,000	35,465,000	1,083,000	3,721,000
June 29b.....	1,350,000	36,815,000	1,125,000	36,846,000

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

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on July 10, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the results for the 12 Reserve banks combined, shows an increase for the week of \$15,000,000 in total bills and securities, an increase of \$28,000,000 in holdings of discounted bills being partly offset by decreases of \$7,900,000 in bills bought in open market and of \$5,200,000 in U. S. Government securities. Member bank reserve deposits declined \$77,300,000, while Government deposits increased \$4,200,000, Federal Reserve note circulation \$96,700,000 and cash reserves \$20,700,000. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Holdings of discounted bills increased \$14,100,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, \$5,900,000 at Chicago, \$5,200,000 at Boston, \$4,500,000 at Dallas and \$28,000,000 at all Federal Reserve banks. The System's holdings of bills bought in open market declined \$7,900,000, of Treasury notes \$3,000,000, of Treasury certificates \$1,700,000 and of U. S. bonds \$600,000.

Federal Reserve note circulation increased during the week at all Federal Reserve banks, the usual post-holiday return flow of currency being more than offset by issuance of the new small-size notes. The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago reported an increase in note circulation of \$26,800,000 and the other Federal Reserve banks increases ranging from \$4,300,000 at Philadelphia and Minneapolis to \$8,300,000 at Atlanta.

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 242 and 243. A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks, together with changes during the week and the year ended July 10, is as follows:

	July 10 1929.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) During	
		Week.	Year.
Total reserves.....	3,062,039,000	+20,740,000	+314,802,000
Gold reserves.....	2,901,817,000	+35,477,000	+306,941,000
Total bills and securities.....	1,365,826,000	+14,974,000	+129,339,000
Bills discounted, total.....	1,153,041,000	+27,958,000	+63,773,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obliga's	650,390,000	+40,492,000	—62,982,000
Other bills discounted.....	502,651,000	—12,534,000	—126,755,000
Bills bought in open market.....	65,976,000	—7,946,000	—121,666,000
U. S. Government securities, total	136,144,000	—5,238,000	—81,621,000
Bonds.....	42,668,000	—578,000	—18,300,000
Treasury notes.....	82,816,000	—2,963,000	—4,904,000
Certificates of indebtedness.....	10,660,000	—1,697,000	—58,417,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation	1,833,004,000	+96,745,000	+192,854,000
Total deposits.....	2,359,711,000	—78,237,000	—47,730,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	2,302,874,000	—77,291,000	—62,522,000
Government deposits.....	27,555,000	+4,182,000	+15,325,000

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

Beginning with the returns for June 29 1927, the Federal Reserve Board also commenced to give out the figures of the member banks in the New York Federal Reserve District, as well as those in the Chicago Reserve District, on Thursdays, simultaneously with the figures for the Reserve banks themselves, and for the same week, instead of waiting until the following Monday, before which time the statistics covering the entire body of reporting member banks in 101 cities cannot be got ready.

Below is the statement for the New York member banks and that for the Chicago member banks thus issued in advance of the full statement of the member banks, which latter will not be available until the coming Monday. The New York statement, of course, also includes the brokers' loans of reporting member banks. The grand aggregate of these brokers' loans the present week has decreased only \$14,000,000 after \$585,000,000 expansion in the preceding three weeks, leaving the total of these loans within \$38,000,000 of the high record established on March 20 1929, when the amount was \$5,793,000,000. The total of these loans on July 10 at \$5,755,000 compares with \$4,243,000,000 on July 11 1928.

CONDITION OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES.

	New York.		
	July 10 1929.	July 3 1929.	July 11 1928.
Loans and investments—total.....	7,461,000,000	7,525,000,000	7,194,000,000
Loans—total.....	5,781,000,000	5,843,000,000	5,271,000,000
On securities.....	3,048,000,000	3,117,000,000	2,666,000,000
All other.....	2,734,000,000	2,726,000,000	2,605,000,000
Investments—total.....	1,679,000,000	1,682,000,000	1,923,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	940,000,000	939,000,000	1,120,000,000
Other securities.....	739,000,000	742,000,000	804,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	740,000,000	753,000,000	745,000,000
Cash in vault.....	55,000,000	62,000,000	56,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	5,254,000,000	5,341,000,000	5,256,000,000
Time deposits.....	1,066,000,000	1,071,000,000	1,191,000,000
Government deposits.....	38,000,000	48,000,000	35,000,000
Due from banks.....	107,000,000	*134,000,000	97,000,000
Due to banks.....	894,000,000	989,000,000	932,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank.....	341,000,000	341,000,000	342,000,000
Loans on securities to brokers and dealers			
For own account.....	1,201,000,000	1,255,000,000	942,000,000
For account of out-of-town banks.....	1,624,000,000	1,580,000,000	1,554,000,000
For account of others.....	2,930,000,000	2,934,000,000	1,747,000,000
Total.....	5,755,000,000	5,769,000,000	4,243,000,000
On demand.....	5,369,000,000	5,383,000,000	3,201,000,000
On time.....	387,000,000	386,000,000	1,042,000,000

	Chicago.		
	July 10 1929.	July 3 1929.	July 11 1928.
Loans and investments—total.....	1,998,000,000	2,002,000,000	2,034,000,000
Loans—total.....	1,585,000,000	1,586,000,000	1,539,000,000
On securities.....	898,000,000	902,000,000	852,000,000
All other.....	687,000,000	684,000,000	687,000,000
Investments—total.....	412,000,000	416,000,000	495,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	168,000,000	168,000,000	229,000,000
Other securities.....	244,000,000	248,000,000	266,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	166,000,000	174,000,000	186,000,000
Cash in vault.....	20,000,000	17,000,000	19,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	1,195,000,000	1,217,000,000	1,253,000,000
Time deposits.....	628,000,000	628,000,000	690,000,000
Government deposits.....	11,000,000	14,000,000	2,000,000
Due from banks.....	143,000,000	141,000,000	161,000,000
Due to banks.....	313,000,000	327,000,000	357,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank.....	64,000,000	57,000,000	66,000,000

* Revised.

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

As explained above, the statements for the New York and Chicago member banks are now given out on Thursdays, simultaneously with the figures for the Reserve banks themselves, and covering the same week, instead of being held until the following Monday, before which time the statistics covering the entire body of reporting member banks, in 101 cities, cannot be got ready.

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

In the following will be found the comments of the Federal Reserve Board respecting the returns of the entire body of reporting member banks of the Federal Reserve System for the week ended with the close of business July 3:

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in 101 leading cities on July 3 shows an increase for the week of \$247,000,000 in loans, partly offset by a reduction of \$169,000,000 in investments, increases of \$275,000,000 in net demand deposits and of

\$111,000,000 in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks, and decreases of \$84,000,000 in time deposits and of \$67,000,000 in Government deposits.

Loans on securities increased \$221,000,000 at all reporting banks, \$227,000,000 in the New York district, \$9,000,000 in the Philadelphia district, and \$8,000,000 in the Cleveland district, and declined \$10,000,000 in the Chicago district, and \$8,000,000 in the San Francisco district. "All other" loans increased \$21,000,000 and \$9,000,000, respectively, in the New York and Boston districts, and declined \$7,000,000 in the Chicago district, all reporting banks showing a net increase of \$26,000,000.

Holdings of U. S. Government securities declined \$114,000,000 in the New York district and \$136,000,000 at all reporting banks, while holdings of other securities declined \$34,000,000.

Net demand deposits, which at all reporting banks were \$275,000,000 above the June 26 total, increased in all but one district, the principal increases by districts being: New York, \$128,000,000, Boston \$45,000,000, Chicago \$39,000,000 and Philadelphia \$20,000,000. Time deposits declined \$84,000,000 at all reporting banks, \$88,000,000 in the New York district and \$6,000,000 each in the Boston and St. Louis districts, and increased \$8,000,000 in the Philadelphia district.

The principal changes in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks for the week comprise increases of \$107,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, \$10,000,000 at Atlanta, \$8,000,000 at San Francisco, and \$6,000,000 at Cleveland, and decreases of \$21,000,000 at Boston and \$8,000,000 at Philadelphia.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of weekly reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ending July 3 1929, follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) Since		
	July 3 1929.	June 26 1929.	July 3 1928.
Loans and investments—total.....	\$22,485,000,000	+78,000,000	+171,000,000
Loans—total.....	16,925,000,000	+247,000,000	+782,000,000
On securities.....	7,760,000,000	*+221,000,000	+609,000,000
All other.....	9,165,000,000	*+26,000,000	+173,000,000
Investments—total.....	5,560,000,000	-169,000,000	-610,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	2,759,000,000	-136,000,000	-248,000,000
Other securities.....	2,800,000,000	-34,000,000	-364,000,000
Reserve with Federal Res've banks	1,724,000,000	+54,000,000	-56,000,000
Cash in vault.....	243,000,000	+11,000,000	-7,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	13,293,000,000	+275,000,000	-241,000,000
Time deposits.....	6,679,000,000	-84,000,000	-225,000,000
Government deposits.....	193,000,000	-67,000,000	+30,000,000
Due from banks.....	1,183,000,000	+98,000,000	-37,000,000
Due to banks.....	2,886,000,000	+332,000,000	-259,000,000
Borrowings from Fed. Res. banks.	826,000,000	+111,000,000	-134,000,000

* June 26 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 July 13, the following summary of market conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and radio:

ARGENTINA.

The general business level in Argentina has been maintained although there is slightly less optimism about the future. The strike in Rosario has tied up shipping in that port since Monday. Failure in June amounted to 9,900,000 paper pesos. There has been some increase in sales of passenger automobiles but sales of trucks have been slow. Argentine cereal exports in June amounted to 612,000 tons of wheat, 666,000 tons of corn, 115,000 tons of linseed, 26,000 tons of oats, 31,000 tons of barley, and 10,000 tons of flour. Wool exports amounted to 21,000 bales.

AUSTRALIA.

Settlement of the timber strike at Melbourne has improved the unemployment situation in that center but the strike continued at Sydney. The coal strike still continues. At recent wool sales, prices have shown a firmer tendency.

BRAZIL.

Exchange and the coffee market have been steady with a slight weakening tendency. Credit conditions continue strained and general business is extremely dull. Most observers prophesy a continuance of these conditions for several months. The Sugar Co-operative Association expects to make the following allotment of required exports to the different States for the present crop: Sao Paulo, 80,000 bags; Rio de Janeiro, 150,000 bags; and Pernambuco, 100,000 bags. The concreting of 15 miles of the mountain section of the Rio-Petropolis highway will be completed in time for the Latin-American road congress next month.

CANADA.

Merchants report a retail turnover generally heavier than last year as the result of the tourist traffic of the past week. Eastern Canadian demand for hardware is also exceptional, Montreal and Toronto reporting a very active business in lawn mowers, sprinklers and garden hose, but Winnipeg wholesalers report a smaller volume of business at many points in the Prairie Provinces. Retail lumber trade is considered equal to, if not better than a year ago, but Toronto mills are less active than earlier this year. Manufacturers prices of blue annealed and galvanized sheets have been advanced, and binder twine prices are slightly higher than a year ago. The wheat crop outlook is considered locally to be still spotty, with dry, cool weather the principal complaint in districts where the growth is backward. A normal crop is expected by powers in Ontario, fall wheat being reported by them as excellent and spring grains as making satisfactory progress. Conditions in Prince Edward Island are also believed to be very promising, and the prospects for both apples and soft fruits in British Columbia have improved with June rains which filled irrigation reservoirs.

CHINA.

Favorable weather conditions in both North and South China have relieved fears of poor crops. Prices on the Dairen exchange on future crops have consequently dropped slightly. Crop reports further indicate an increase of 6 to 10% in area planted over last year. Attention of the Mukden Government is directed to establishing a fixed rate of exchange of 60 fengpiao to one dollar (Mexican), raising a domestic loan of \$20,000,000 secured by the cigarette tax, for the redemption of fengpiao currency. Building continues active in the Mukden district. Fifteen hundred permits were issued during the first six months of this year, 60 of which were for stores and 20 for large residences and new buildings for the Northeastern

University. The majority of the permits, however, were for very cheap dwellings.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

The slackening during the first quarter of the year, which had been attributed to the severe winter, continued in the second, although industrial activity still remained higher than that of 1927, but below the level of the same period of last year. Generally speaking, reduced output is to be noted in the coal mines, the chinaware, cotton spinning and woodworking industries. The woolen branch is the only one of the textile lines well employed. Declining exports mar the otherwise satisfactory situation in the shoe industry. Cement and brick plants report a higher level of activity, while iron and steel production is still at a record level. At the middle of the year the money market was displaying some stringency, but the demands upon the National Bank were not excessive.

DENMARK.

The slow industrial and commercial improvement of the past few months, with increasing production and the development of greater competitive ability, continued during June. Practically all major industries showed progress, including a slight improvement in the branches of textiles, footwear and leather. Shipping also was fully occupied and stimulated by higher freight rates. Trade demands were accelerated and sales of automobiles were estimated to be higher than in 1928. Unemployment at the end of June was about 29,000, the lowest in several years. Prices on agricultural products remained generally satisfactory and the outlook for crops was promising. Bacon, butter and egg production and exports continued at a high level. Butter exports showed record figures and the high exports of bacon, although lower than last year's, were expected gradually to increase. Prices were satisfactory.

FRANCE.

Domestic business during June registered a moderate improvement in all principal lines except the cotton branches of the textile industry. Production and distribution were at higher levels, despite rising living and production costs. Foreign trade continues to show a heavy unfavorable balance and is the major weak spot in the general commercial situation. The present high level of production in most industrial branches is based on heavier immediate consumption. However, continuation of the heavy output is considered questionable in view of a perceptible restraint in buying resulting from rising price levels, increasing production costs, continued heavy taxation, which it is alleged exceeds current fiscal needs, the lack of improvement in buying by farmers, and the increasing difficulties encountered in foreign sales because of the high level of French export prices. Bank clearances, which have reached the highest point since June 1928, indicate a heavy turnover, but also partly reflect higher prices. An improvement in the distribution of merchandise is shown by a 10% increase in current car loadings over the similar period of last year. The iron and steel industry is maintaining a high output but forward orders have declined and steel exports are more difficult. Coal production and sales are strong. A slight improvement occurred in the tanning industry but activity in all branches of the textile industry is restricted. All ports show a substantial improvement in both mercantile and passenger traffic. The general agricultural situation has been further improved by mild temperature and moderate rainfalls.

INDIA.

The official Indian preliminary jute forecast estimates the crop acreage at 3,319,400 acres, which is said to be considerably less than the trade anticipated and as a result prices rose immediately and the outlook became bullish. Allowing for damage by excessive rainfall in certain sections, brokers predict that the crop yield will approximate 9,500,000 bales this season.

JAPAN.

Japanese business circles are favorably receiving the new Government, which was formed following the resignation of the Tamaka Cabinet on July 1. Financial retrenchment is expected to be the leading policy of the new Government with no vital change in other policies. The stock market remained moderately steady during the week, despite the political situation. Industrial activity continues slow, except in the iron and steel and cement industries.

MEXICO.

Manufacturing is increasing steadily it is reported. According to an official Mexican forecast, the cotton crop will be substantially smaller next season, owing to the fact that the shortage of water for irrigation purposes has caused a decrease in the acreage.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

The fishing industry has been handicapped by cold weather, the cod fishery having been delayed two weeks. Wholesale and retail trade is quiet, few tourists have arrived, and a slight recession in summer trade is anticipated as compared with 1928. Buyers are now leaving for American and foreign markets for Fall stock.

PANAMA.

Imports into the Republic of Panama during June amounted to \$1,302,000 of which 74% came from the United States. Total imports for the fiscal year ended June 30 1929, amounted to \$17,312,000, of which 69% was supplied by the United States. Construction activities declined somewhat during June. The National Aviation Commission held its first meeting and after giving consideration to the proposal submitted by the Scadta company for the transportation of air mail between Panama and Colombia decided to defer action. The Pan American Airways has reduced its transisthmian service to one trip daily. The National Aeronautical Association has received its charter and held its first meeting.

SIAM.

Reports received from Bangkok indicate that business in Siam is very dull and that credits are greatly restricted. The condition is attributed to partial failure of the rice harvest, recently completed.

SOUTH AFRICA.

After the interruptions of the political campaign which terminated June 12 in the re-election of the Nationalist party, trade conditions appear to be returning to their normal winter level. There have been no spectacular developments, but progress on the whole has been consistent toward the resumption of active trading, the cooler weather of early June having favorably influenced demand in many seasonal commodities. The industrial situation is satisfactory, with recent machinery imports pointing to steady expansion in factory and mining output. The building and allied trades are well occupied, and both the number and valuation of building permits in the larger cities continue at a high level. June rains hindered building operations to some extent, but the demand for lumber and other structural materials has been good, with overseas prices firm. The used car problem is more prominent in the motor trade, which is experiencing a slack period, particularly in the medium priced models where competition is very keen. Sales on extended credit terms tend to increase and most distributors are well stocked. With the exception of winter cereals and

forage, agriculture has apparently profited little by the late fall rains, and the corn estimate has again been reduced to 18,643,000 bags (of 200 pounds) from the estimate of 19,025,000 bags made in May. Rhodesia, however, expects a record crop of 1,970,000 bags. Drastic curtailment of tobacco planting in that Colony has reduced acreage to 18,300, 60% less than in 1928. The Mauritius sugar crop is expected locally to exceed 225,000 tons as the result of May and April rains.

SWEDEN.

General conditions in Sweden remain satisfactory with the leading industries well occupied. It is estimated that automobile sales for the second quarter are about 10% below sales for the same period of 1928 which may partly be ascribed to the high sales of last year and the late season of 1929. The favorable trend in the paper market continues and prices are firm. After a period of low turnover the bourse has recently shown increased activity. The present outlook in agriculture is better than last year and indicates greater yield for practically all crops.

UNITED KINGDOM.

The British industrial situation is not greatly changed from the position reported upon a month ago. The business hesitancy incidental to the recent election period has been largely dispelled by the early establishment of the Labor Party in power, but complete stability awaits a definite intimation of the new Government's intentions respecting such matters as present tariff protection, the condition of the coal industry, unemployment, and intra-Imperial trade. At a general meeting on July 2 between the Federation of Master Cotton Spinner's Associations and the Operative Spinners' Amalgamation, the latter unanimously rejected the proposal to reduce wages of operatives. No further meeting to discuss the subject has been arranged between employers and the workpeople. As announced in Parliament, the Government's program regarding the coal industry includes consideration of the matters of co-ordination of selling agencies, ownership and control of minerals, and length of the miners' working day. Definite action on the subjects, however, has not yet been taken or announced. The coal markets are firm, with brisk forward business. The export subsidy of the Central Collieries Commercial Association has been discontinued partly owing, it is alleged, to the drain on the association's financial resources. In some local quarters it is believed, however, that the step presages an early breakup or drastic alteration in the existing marketing scheme of the Yorkshire and Midland districts. Unemployment among industrial workpeople, considered collectively, has fluctuated recently only within narrow ranges around 10% of the total. The total of registered unemployed in Great Britain on June 17 was 1,123,000, as against 1,163,000 a year previous. The number of blast furnaces in operation increased during May; the total now operating is 27 higher than the aggregate at the beginning of the year. A fair volume of business and a few price reductions are reported in industrial chemical lines. Generally speaking, the chemical export trade remains good. Petroleum imports continue at a good volume. Automotive sales have been assisted by continued fine weather. The engineering trades have shown improvement during the past month. Shipbuilding prospects are better, and this is reflected by substantial orders placed within marine engineering firms and steelmakers. Steel fabricators are experiencing seasonally improved business. Electrical machinery trade is steady. Cotton cloth business is very restricted and the situation is generally dull. The woolen goods trade is generally unsatisfactory and much attention is being given to the matter of reducing production costs. Rayon business is active in all branches. The line trade is generally better employed.

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

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Textile business continues depressed and prospects for improvement in the trade are uncertain. Textile credits are tight and reliable estimates indicate that retail and provincial dealers are doing only from 30 to 50% of their normal business. Such estimates have psychological effect on general buying. Some importers and dealers do not anticipate a revival in business before September but expectations are somewhat more optimistic in other quarters. As a result of slow demand from New York and London, the abaca market was quiet during the past week. Total receipts amounted to 33,584 bales and 29,420 bales were exported, the United States taking 16,901 bales. To-day's f. o. b. quotations are 27 pesos per picul of 139 pounds for grade E; F, 25; I, 24; JUS, 21; Juk, 17, and L, 14.50. (One peso equals \$0.50.) The copra market continues steady to firm. Arrivals last week were about 100% less than anticipated and all oil mills operated at reduced capacity. Current f. o. b. steamer prices for warehouse grade resacado are Manila, 10.50 pesos per picul; Cebu, 10.125; Hondagua and and Iloilo, 10; and Legaspi, 9.87 pesos.

PORTO RICO.

The economic situation in Porto Rico remains unchanged with no improvement in sales or collections. This is the quiet season in trade and commercial transactions are slowing down considerably. Preliminary data indicate that the total value of shipments from Porto Rico to the United States for the six months period ended June 30 was \$41,759,000 as compared with \$62,556,000 in the same period of 1928. Shipments during June were \$6,276,000 as against \$9,458,000 in June, 1928. Custom receipts during June totaled \$151,000 or well below those of the previous June, when they amounted to \$204,000. Bank clearings totaled \$18,002,000 as compared with \$23,350,000 in June 1928. Registration of new automobiles during the month amounted to 171 units as compared with 245 units registered in the same month of last year.

Montagu Norman, Governor of Bank of England, Taking American Vacation.

From the New York "Times" of July 2 we take the following:

The mystery surrounding the visit of Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, to this country was cleared up, in a measure, yesterday when it was learned that he had entered the country via Canada and motored to Bar Harbor. His visit is primarily social, it is understood. He intends to have a quiet vacation here with a few of his many American friends.

When the Governor of the Bank of England does come to New York his stay is expected to be short, although bankers believe the opportunity to discuss international central banking policies with officials of the Federal Reserve System here and in Washington will not be overlooked.

From London June 28 the same paper reported the following:

The visit to New York of Sir Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, is ascribed by the City to the Bank's desire to discuss fresh meas-

ures with the American banking authorities for easing the international money situation. Particularly, measures are likely to be considered for tiding over the awkward autumn period. Meanwhile, however, the Bank of England's position is reasonably satisfactory. As compared with a year ago, although its total gold holdings are considerably less, the banking reserve is £1,700,000 higher.

No rise in the bank rate is considered probable in the near future, unless the situation in foreign exchange and the resultant gold movement were to take sensational form. In financial circles generally, a better exchange market position is anticipated in the next few days, and hopefulness was expressed this week over the outcome of Governor Norman's visit.

August 6 Reported as Date of Conference of Governments to Bring Into Operation Young Plan For Settlement of German Reparations.

London Associated Press Advice July 11 state:

The conference to discuss the Young plan for settlement of the reparations problem, it is learned from authoritative sources, will open on Aug. 6. No decision has yet been made as to the place of meeting.

Efforts are being made here to have the conference in London. This may be possible in view of the acceptance of London by all the countries concerned, with the exception of France.

The British Government, however, is employing every argument to induce France to accept London as the meeting place, because it would be highly inconvenient for members of the British Cabinet to leave London during the busy Parliamentary session.

Since it is thought that the conference will last about a month and would be followed by the League of Nations meetings at Geneva, which the Ministers would be required to attend also, the Ministers might be obliged to be absent from Parliament for a period of eight or nine weeks.

Thomas W. Lamont at Congress of International Chamber of Commerce Tells China That Further Credits Are Dependent Upon Its Clearing Up of Foreign Indebtedness Now in Default.

Replying to the appeal of leading Chinese business men who addressed the fifth biennial congress of the International Chamber of Commerce at Amsterdam July 10, and who asked for the co-operation of European nations to help forward the reconstruction of China, Thomas W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Co., Chairman of the American delegation of 150 to the Congress, stated that in his opinion no helpful good sized loans would be available to China in the New York or European money markets until adequate measures had been taken for the restoration of China's international credit. The foregoing advices were contained in a special cablegram from Amsterdam to the New York "Journal of Commerce,"—the further account of that paper stating:

The plenary session today was devoted chiefly to the consideration of Chinese affairs. President Pirelli of the International Chamber of Commerce presided.

In addition to Mr. Lamont the speakers included Lord Balfour of Great Britain, and members of the Chinese delegation. Fifteen business men and public officials formed part of the delegation headed by Kia Ngau Chang, governor of the Bank of China.

The Chinese speakers emphasized the point that co-operation with foreign powers in reconstruction of their country was largely dependent on the granting of complete Chinese autonomy and the abolition of extra-territorial treaties.

Warns on International Credit

Mr. Lamont warned the Chinese that their country's international credit was at a low ebb, adding that the Chinese themselves take careful measures for the re-establishment of China's financial and political stability.

"A great part of China's foreign indebtedness is in default," said Mr. Lamont. "Much of the specific indebtedness and for the service of such loans has been sequestered. Until these conditions are removed there can be no question of further credits on a material scale for any purpose. In this process of restoration, the holders of all loans to China, whether American, British, French or any other nationality, must receive equally fair treatment. Each loan must, in the scheme of things, be treated upon its merits and not upon the grounds of future credit favors to be received."

Mr. Lamont expressed the International Chamber's confidence in the aims and aspirations of the Chinese Government and its faith in the ultimate achievement of those aims. It was the International Chamber's sincere desire, he said, to assist China in the long, slow and patient work of reconstruction and restoration of credit.

Cites Difficulties

"We appreciate the stupendous difficulties China has faced and is facing in changing a monarchy in existence for thousands of years into a republic along Western lines," he said. "After seventeen years of unsettled government following the Manchu dynasty a stable government seems at last to have been established."

"We want to see the new regime in China which has been described as idealistic turn out to be as realistic as it is idealistic."

In the course of an exclusive interview with your correspondent Mr. Lamont remarked that he considered that the presence of the Young Progressive Chinese Group was a forward looking step.

A resolution was adopted expressing the pleasure of the Congress at the attendance of the Chinese group at the business sessions and heartily welcoming the Chinese delegates.

Group meetings included discussions on commercial policy and trade barriers, international fairs and exhibitions, transport and communications.

Tomorrow will be given up to an excursion through the city and around the harbor of Rotterdam.

Business sessions will be resumed Friday, on which day Julius H. Barnes of New York, vice president of the chamber, will deliver an address on "Public or Private Ownership."

London Bankers Renew Peseta Stabilization Credit.

The following from London appeared in the "Wall Street Journal" of yesterday (July 12).

Contract for renewal of the sterling credit to the Spanish Government for the stabilization of the peseta has been signed and will run for another year. The group includes Midland Bank, Barclays Bank, Lazard Bros. & Co., Anglo-South American Bank, Morgan, Grenfell & Co. and Samuel Montagu & Co.

Nicaraguan Bonds Retired—Drawing Held for Withdrawal of \$200,000 of 1918 Issue.

Associated Press advices from Managua, Nicaragua, July 6, were reported as follows in the "Times" of July 7:

The Resident High Commissioner, Irving Lindberg, and the Finance Minister, Antonio Barberena, to-day supervised a drawing to retire \$200,000 worth of Nicaraguan 5% customs bonds of 1918, redeemable in 1953.

The large sum retired to-day tripled the requirements of the law. Maintenance of peace by United States marines and by the National Guard has produced an unusual increase in customs receipts.

The original issue of the bonds redeemed was for \$3,750,000 and there is a balance of \$1,847,000 yet to be redeemed. The early redemption was estimated to have saved a large amount of interest.

Chile Borrows \$5,000,000—Swiss and Dutch Banks Participate in Subscription.

A wireless message from Geneva July 5 to the New York "Times" said:

The Government of Chile has just concluded a loan of \$5,000,000 at 6% with Swiss and Dutch banks, the Swiss banks subscribing \$3,000,000 and the Dutch \$2,000,000.

The money is destined for the improvement of public works. American banks lost the deal because they asked higher interest.

Bonds of Kingdom of Norway Drawn For Redemption.

The National City Bank of New York, as fiscal agent, has issued a notice to holders of Kingdom of Norway 20-year 6% sinking fund external loan gold bonds, due August 15 1943, to the effect that \$433,000 aggregate principal amount of the bonds have been drawn by lot for redemption at par and accrued interest on August 15. Payment on the drawn bonds will be made upon presentation and surrender at the principal office of The National City Bank of New York, 55 Wall Street on August 15, after which date interest on the drawn bonds will cease.

Joint Stock Land Bank of Lincoln, Neb., Omits Dividend as Precautionary Measure.

The following is from the New York "Times" of July 7:

Directors of the Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank of Lincoln, Neb., have decided to omit the usual dividend due at this time, according to a letter sent out to stockholders.

The passing of the dividend, the directors explained, is not to be considered a loss to stockholders but is made simply as a precautionary measure to preserve and protect present earnings and thus strengthen the position of the bank. This precaution is considered advisable, it is explained, in view of the unsatisfactory commercial banking conditions in Nebraska.

The forthcoming statement of the bank, it is explained, will show earnings at about the same rate as last year. Agricultural conditions, the directors say, are not what they should be, but there is evidence that there has been vast improvement and that efficient farming to-day is in most respects a satisfactory business.

Chase National Bank Establishes All-Time Record for Bank Clearings—Its Exchanges of \$815,352,462.69 on July 2 Largest of Any Bank in History of New York Clearing House.

The largest volume of exchanges ever cleared by an individual bank in the history of the New York Clearing House was recorded by the Chase National Bank on July 2 with a turnover of \$815,352,462.69—approximately 30% of the day's total clearings of \$2,922,000,000. New high records were established by the Chase Bank both in the amount brought to the clearing house and the amount received. Its credits on July 2 totaled \$404,582,537.89, while its debits aggregated \$410,769,924.80. This huge volume of clearings reflects the magnitude of the operations carried out in connection with mid-year settlements by the country's leading banks, of which the Chase National Bank is one of the three largest. Thousands of individual items are involved in the daily exchanges, each of which must go through the bank's machinery and be correctly tabulated.

Wood Netherland Elected President of St. Louis Federal Land Bank—Also Becomes Head of Intermediate Credit Bank of St. Louis.

Wood Netherland, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Federal Land Bank here, formerly Cashier of the First National Bank of Fort Smith, Ark., has been elected President of the Land Bank, it was announced on June 27, according to the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat." The item says:

The office carries with it the presidency of the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of St. Louis.

Netherland succeeds H. Paul Bestor, who resigned recently when he assumed the Chairmanship of the Federal Farm Loan Board at Washington.

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Netherland also has been appointed district director by the board at Washington to fill the unexpired term of Bestor.

Vacancy Unfilled

There is a vacancy of Treasurer created by his elevation. It is understood a prominent banker from the corn belt of Illinois will be chosen, but his name was not forthcoming last night.

Other district directors of the Bank are: L. M. Smith, Ozark, Ill., and A. P. Patton, Jonesboro, Ark.; and local directors, C. E. Hopkins, Pontiac, Ill.; W. W. Martin, Doniphan, Mo., and Oliver J. Lloyd, director at large. A local director will be elected soon from Arkansas to fill the unexpired term of the late L. M. Burge.

Assets of the Bank, according to the latest statement, total \$111,000,000 and of the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank \$5,400,000.

Analysis by Woodward, Butler & Co. Shows Rise of Nearly 500% in Stock of Hanover National Bank and Central Union Trust Co. in Ten Year Period.

An average investment of 15 shares each of Central Union Trust Co. and Hanover National Bank—merged in May of this year to form the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Co.—presents the interesting picture of both appreciating nearly 500% in the ten-year period from July, 1919 to July 1929. Fifteen shares of Central Union bought for \$7,050 in 1919 are to-day worth \$40,185 with accumulated dividends, an appreciation of 470%, while 15 shares of Hanover National bought at the same time for \$11,850 are similarly worth \$66,245, a rise of 459%. This comparison is brought out in an analysis of these two old institutions, prepared by Woodward, Butler & Co., specialists in bank stocks. It recalls that the Hanover Bank was organized during the "Gold Boom" of 1851 and has continued to be known as the "Bankers' Bank" due to its widespread service to out-of-town institutions. Central Union Trust Co. was the result of the merger of the Central Trust Co. and the Union Trust Co. Both banks have experienced a steady growth over the years, due in no small degree, according to the analysis, to the few changes in the chief executive offices. Neither of the banks has yet affiliated itself with any security or investment corporation. In 1928, Central Union Trust earned \$76.13 a share while Hanover National earned \$52.19 a share.

John G. Lonsdale of St. Louis Reappointed Chairman of Finance Department of U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

John G. Lonsdale, President of the Mercantile-Commerce Bank and Trust Co., of St. Louis, has been reappointed Chairman of The Finance Department, United States Chamber of Commerce, for 1929-30. He has served in the same capacity since 1925. Other bankers and business men who will serve on the committee are Vice-Chairman, Felix M. McWhirter, President Peoples State Bank, Indianapolis; William J. Filbert, Comptroller, United States Steel Corp., New York; J. H. Frost, President Frost National Bank, San Antonio, Tex.; W. F. Gephart, Vice-President First National Bank in St. Louis, St. Louis; George J. Gruen, Gruen Watch Manufacturing Co., Cincinnati; George W. Holmes, President First National Bank, Lincoln, Neb.; Fred I. Kent, Financier, New York; Thomas W. Lamont (ex officio), J. P. Morgan & Co., New York; Walter Lichtenstein, Executive Secretary, First National Bank, Chicago; E. E. Lincoln, Economist, International Telephone & Telegraph Corp., New York; W. S. McLucas, Chairman of Board, Commerce Trust Co., Kansas City, Mo.; Prof. O. M. W. Sprague, Harvard Graduate School of Business administration, Cambridge, Mass.; Oscar Wells, President First National Bank of Birmingham, Ala.; Rollin A. Wilbur, President Investment Bankers Assn., The Herrick Co., Cleveland; Theodore Wold, Vice-President Northwestern National Bank, Minneapolis.

Call Loans of Canadian Banks, Held Outside Canada, \$322,182,343 at End of May—Increase of Over \$20,000,000 in Month.

Canadian Press advices from Ottawa July 5 published in the Montreal "Gazette" state:

Call loans of Canadian banks, held outside Canada, increased from \$301,764,922 at the end of April to \$322,182,343 at the close of May 1929, or an advance of \$20,417,421. Savings bank deposits in the banks of Canada during May dropped \$21,897,186. The monthly statement issued today from the Department of Finance shows that savings bank deposits in Canadian banks at the close of April last amounted to \$1,508,551,619. At the end of May the figure had decreased to \$1,486,454,435.

The statement shows that, at the end of May, the banks had a deposit in the central gold reserve amounting to \$57,880,866, as compared with \$61,830,866 at the close of the previous month.

The statement follows:

	May 1929.	April 1929.	May 1928.
Reserve fund	\$150,731,824	\$146,631,527	\$133,566,700
Note circulation	168,245,164	170,932,697	162,402,410
Demand deposits	663,515,282	633,814,898	696,072,649
Notice deposits	1,486,454,433	1,508,351,619	1,516,206,532
Deposits outside Canada	410,354,894	398,764,312	407,529,978
Current coin	65,103,016	75,376,978	64,163,602
Domestic notes	126,409,002	131,285,167	133,057,863
Deposit C. G. R.	57,880,866	61,830,866	65,995,332
Call loans, Canada	272,311,040	262,674,368	269,392,692
Call loans outside	322,182,343	301,764,922	262,742,355
Current loans, Canada	1,311,219,161	1,320,489,538	1,207,363,245
Current loans outside	247,658,021	251,641,802	279,095,054
Total liabilities	3,491,422,747	3,492,795,219	3,399,520,549
Total assets	3,510,908,888	3,518,070,202	3,417,664,438

J. H. Allen Indicates Reason for Withdrawing from "First Call Money Company of America."

Details of the brief career of the Merchants' and Traders' Bancshares Corporation, parent company of the First Call Money Company of America, which is in process of liquidation, were revealed on July 5 in a statement by John H. Allen, who was President of the corporation. This is learned from the New York "Times" of July 6, which says:

Mr. Allen stated that his connection with the company was of only three weeks' duration. At the end of that time, finding that public response to the offering of shares had been insufficient, in his opinion, to warrant going ahead with the project, he recommended that the funds collected should be returned intact to those who had subscribed for stock. When this suggestion was not approved by a majority of the Board of Directors, Mr. Allen resigned.

Text of the Statement.

His statement follows:

"My connection with the Merchants' and Traders' Bancshares Corporation covered a period of approximately three weeks and developed from an invitation to attend a dinner at an uptown hotel, at which there were present most of those who later appeared as directors of the corporation, at which time the plan and purpose of the corporation were outlined, the organization of which had already taken place.

"Most, if not all, of those who were present at the dinner agreed to serve on the Board of Directors and the meeting was adjourned to meet about a week later. Among those who attended were representative business and professional men, and between the two meetings two New York Stock Exchange houses were represented, one at the first and one at the second meeting.

"At the second meeting practically all except perhaps two of the Board of Directors were present, officers were elected, and I was asked to become President of the company. Previous to the second meeting and subsequent to the first one, I was told that approximately \$2,500,000 of the stock had been taken, and I think, although I do not know, that other directors were told the same thing.

"At the second meeting a contract was made for the marketing of the stock, and the public offering took place shortly thereafter.

Says He Became Uneasy.

"Within two or three days after the public offering I inquired about the proceeds of the sale of the shares and was told that everything was proceeding satisfactorily and that the returns would be made without delay.

"This went along for about a week, and on May 22, becoming uneasy, I called the Board of Directors together and told them that if the representations regarding the sale of the stock were not correct or if sales had been made which had not been lived up to that I believed the company should either return to those who had subscribed and paid for shares the amount of the subscription without any deduction or that the sale of stock should continue and the entire proceeds held intact by the company without deduction for expenses or commission until such time as enough shares had been sold to enable the company to be declared operative.

"This suggestion did not meet with the approval of the majority of the Board of Directors; therefore, I resigned as President and Director, which fact was reported in the New York "Times" on May 24.

"On this date approximately \$53,000 had been received by the company and had been held intact; therefore those who had subscribed and paid for their shares at that time would have received one hundred cents on the dollar."

An item regarding the reported winding up of the affairs of the Call Loan concern appeared in our issue of July 6, page 57.

Bond Dealers Seek Uniform System—Municipal Issues Marketed on Different Bases in East and West—Undivided Account Urged—Conferences on Problem.

One of the most vexatious problems that have confronted the municipal bond trade for more than a generation, that of reconciling the divided and undivided forms of account used respectively by dealers in the West and in the East, may be solved in the near future as a result of conferences held by dealers in municipal issues in Chicago, St. Louis and Detroit, says the New York "Times" of July 6. The account further stated:

The Western municipal houses, it is said, are willing to adopt the undivided form of account used in the East provided there is sufficient compensation for distributors. The need for closer co-operation has been apparent during recent months because of the increase in the number of large municipal loans requiring national distribution.

The undivided account, long in use in the West, provides that each member of a syndicate undertaking to distribute a given issue shall assume a definite liability for a certain number of bonds of average maturity. When a dealer sells his portion of the issue his liability is extinguished and he profits or loses according to his efforts, regardless of how the rest of the members of the account fare.

It has been pointed out to the Western dealers that even although their accounts are thus divided their bids to the various municipalities must

necessarily be undivided, for if any member in an account fails to take up his bonds when delivered by the municipality the other members of the account must take up his participation pro rata, as all bids are signed jointly. In the past the divided form of account has worked out rather well because the loans purchased by Western groups have been smaller than those purchased by Eastern syndicates. When a very large issue of bonds is offered it is usually necessary to market them throughout the United States, and therefore groups for this purpose are usually formed in New York, where there is a greater number of municipal dealers who have branches all over the country.

The Eastern form of account, known as the undivided liability account, provides that each member shall assume a certain percentage of liability for any unsold bonds in the account, regardless of the amount of bonds which that member sells. In this type of account it is possible for a member to sell more than his original participation and yet be liable for his proportionate share of the unsold balance.

The very nature of the municipal bond business makes an undivided account preferable, but it is obviously unfair that certain members of an account must distribute more than their participation and receive no more compensation than members who distribute less than their participation. Conversations are now taking place between leading municipal houses here to overcome this objection to the undivided account by the adoption of the principle of an "oversellers' commission, which shall be chargeable directly to "undersellers," thereby compensating each member for the exact amount of his sales.

Stock Swindle Loss Put at \$300,000—1,000 Out-of-Town Speculators Victimized Since June 1 by Fugitive Brokers.

From the New York "Times" of July 6 we take the following:

Within the past few weeks approximately \$300,000 was paid by about 1,000 out-of-town stock speculators to a set of brokers here, whom the speculators had never seen and whom they knew only as voices on the telephone. Deputy Attorney General Selvaggi is now searching for the brokers without being sure he could prosecute them successfully if he succeeds in arresting them.

Mr. Selvaggi declared last night that speculative gullibility established a new high level in these operations, showing the old confidence game being worked by long distance telephone.

The operations were so widespread, he said, that he has spent the past three days reconstructing them, as a result of the raid made last Wednesday by the stock fraud officers of the Attorney General's Department on two offices maintained under the name of E. M. Corey & Co. at 55 and at 110 West Forty-second Street, and another office under the name of J. B. Sutton & Co., at 113 West Forty-second Street, all linked by private telephone.

Mr. Selvaggi explained that the raid had been made on the complaint of a Philadelphia lawyer who tried since June 20 to collect the proceeds of the sale of twenty-five shares of General Motors stock which he had bought outright on June 5 for \$1,800 and later instructed a telephone voice to sell for him. The lawyer, however, went to the brokers first on Tuesday and made such a protect directly to them before going to the stock fraud office, that the brokers drew their money out of their three banks and left town.

The raiders next day found only the three offices and a staff of nine bewildered stenographers, hired within the past two weeks, attempting to deal with the 1,000 out-of-town customers who were beginning to clamor by telephone for their stock or their money.

Operations Began June 1.

The seized records showed operations started June 1, but that the bulk of the \$300,000 had been collected during the past two weeks from 1,000 active customers, and that 2,000 additional customers throughout the country were under intensive solicitation by long distance telephone.

The raiders answered all telephone calls and broke the news to the anxious speculators that the brokers had disappeared, but did not find one who knew his broker as anything more personal than a firm name and a voice.

The victims were doctors, lawyers and professional men. Many said they preferred to make no complaint and take their losses rather than admit how they had been taken in. For this reason, Mr. Selvaggi explained, the name of the original complainant was withheld.

According to the accounts given to the raiders by the customers, the missing brokers offered an opportunity to speculate on margin, on the scale of small over-the-counter lots.

Larceny Prosecution Possible.

If a Federal prosecution is therefore eliminated, Mr. Selvaggi explained, it might nevertheless be possible to prove larceny in the State courts under the Martin Stock Fraud Act, if it were possible to identify any of the telephone salesmen or the principals responsible for their operations.

He said the only public record indicating responsibility was a certificate filed with the County Clerk on May 31, as required, declaring that Edgar M. Corey was about to do business at 55 West Forty-second Street and that he lived at 535 West 110th Street. Investigation revealed that some one of that name lived there two years ago.

The only descriptions obtained by the raiders were supplied by the stenographers who said there was a Mr. Corey in the office who was a "very distinguished looking, gray-haired man, about 55 years of age." There was also a Mr. Marks, described as "very stocky, red faced and dark haired."

Two of the stenographers were found in the luxurious offices of E. M. Corey & Co. at 55 West Forty-second Street, where they said they had no mail to handle but only long distance telephone messages to connect with 110 West Forty-second Street. Similarly at the offices of J. B. Sutton & Co., 113 West Forty-second Street, seven new stenographers gave the same account of their duties and described Mr. Sutton in a way that might have fitted Mr. Corey. The telephone operator said her chief job was to make connections with 110 West Forty-second Street and to send messengers there when called for.

At 110 the raiders found what was apparently the operating center, a sound proofed office with twenty telephones and directories of practically every State in the nation, a blackboard with figures and a door opening into a room that was pitch dark, in which a back door was concealed. This secret back door led into a hall different from the one on which the front door opened. The place was in disorder. The telephone company was already looking for some one to pay a bill of several thousand dollars.

From the papers scattered around the floor, Mr. Selvaggi found that the brokers had used three banks, M. Berardini's State Bank at 38 Mulberry Street, the Inter-State Trust Company at 130 West Forty-second Street,

and the Sterling National Bank and Trading Company at Forty-second Street and Lexington Avenue.

He served orders on all three to hold all funds of the Corey and Sutton firms, but it was too late. The brokers had drawn the money out just before the raid, and left word with the stenographers that they were going away for a holiday.

When-Issued Order Reversed by Court—Federal Appeals Bench Holds Seller of Rights May Cancel Sale if Plan Is Changed—"As Issued" Not Binding—Decision Affects Rights to Purchase Bank of America Stock.

The following is from the "Times" of July 7:

The seller of rights to purchase stock on a "when, as and if issued" basis under a plan agreed upon by the directors of the corporation whose stock is involved has the right to cancel such sales if a plan is subsequently adopted which changes entirely the complexion of the first plan. This opinion was handed down yesterday by Judge Augustus N. Hand of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, reversing a decision by Judge Henry W. Goddard of the Southern District Court on the appeal of Maxwell Civic and Carolyn Civic, bankrupts, doing business as Civic & Co., dealers in over-the-counter securities.

Judge Hand's decision reaffirms the position taken by Henry K. Davis, referee in the bankruptcy of the Civic firm, against claims made against it by Albert H. Danino for \$27,425, Stone & Co., for \$1,880 and Weingarten, Toolan & Co. for \$9,600. The case involved the sale of rights to these three purchasers by the Civic concern to purchase stock of Bank of America under the plan announced by the bank's directors on March 27.

Under the original plan the Bank of America in consolidating with the Bowers and East River National Bank and the Commercial Exchange Bank, under the title of the Bank of America National Association, offered to its shareholders the right to subscribe for new stock of \$25 par value at \$110 a share. Such rights were sold by Civic & Co. The Bank of America directors announced a new plan on April 4, calling for the payment of \$125 a share with the added \$15 representing an interest in the bank's security affiliate, the Bancamerica Corporation, subsequently known as the Bancamerica-Blair Corporation.

"We think it reasonable to suppose that both sides contracted with reference to the original plan," wrote Judge Hand, "and that the words 'as issued' related to rights to purchase stock of the consolidated bank and did not include rights or obligations to purchase units which comprised shares of the consolidated bank and the Bancamerica Corporation. Any other interpretation of the contract involves too fundamental a change in the subject matter to have been within the contemplation of the parties.

"Here the rights purchased were never issued, but something entirely different. In such circumstances and because of the action of third parties in adopting a new and different plan the contract had nothing upon which to operate and was consequently at an end."

Wheeling & Lake Erie R. R. Settles for Stock Corner—Terms Made With R. J. Marony, Who Was Unable to Convert Preferred Shares.

The Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway has made a settlement out of court in an action brought against it by R. J. Marony, Vice-President and Assistant Secretary of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad, in connection with the practiced, although not technical, corner in Wheeling stock early in 1927. This is learned from the New York "Times" of July 9, which says:

The settlement was made as the case was about to go to trial. Although the terms were not announced, it was learned yesterday that it involved a substantial cash payment by the Wheeling to Mr. Marony. He sought to recover \$22,000 from the railway.

The settlement followed a ruling by Federal Judge William Bondy adverse to the Wheeling. Judge Bondy held that the railroad could not plead Inter-State Commerce Commission rulings to show it was not compelled to convert its preferred stock into common immediately at the time when competitive buying of the stock produced a situation which, while never, designated technically as a corner by the Stock Exchange authorities, nevertheless had most of the aspects of a corner. Wheeling stock scared to great heights at the time.

Many Unable to Convert Shares.

Owners of Wheeling preferred who saw the sensational rise in the common sought to profit by the situation through converting their preferred into common, but in view of the railway's failure to carry out this conversion at the time of the rise, many were unable to do this. As a result, court actions were begun against the Wheeling, which were based on the grounds that the railways should have made preparations for such conversion.

In his complaint Mr. Marony alleged that on or about Feb. 7, 1927, he was the holder and owner of 500 shares of Wheeling preferred, and that he then offered the stock at the transfer agency of the railroad, and unsuccessfully demanded delivery of common stock in return. Meanwhile, he had sold common stock at the high prices then prevailing against his holdings of preferred.

In reply, the railroad cited an amendment to the Inter-State Commerce act of 1920, which made it unlawful for any carrier to issue capital stock without the consent of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, and asserted that after preferred holders began to seek conversion of their holdings into common in February, 1927, it immediately applied to the Commission for permission to make the exchange. The Commission later gave this authority, but too late for the purposes of those who sought to profit by the advance in price of Wheeling.

Defense Point Stricken Out

In granting a motion by counsel for Mr. Marony to strike out this defense, Judge Bondy said:

"The statement by the defendant in its certificate of incorporation and stock certificate, that any holder of preferred stock may convert such stock into common stock imposed the obligation of the defendant to use a reasonable diligence to do everything necessary to keep itself in readiness lawfully to comply with its promise to convert its preferred

stock on presentation and surrender, and therefore impose the obligation on it to obtain, with diligence, the approval of the Commission."

In striking out another defense motion, Judge Bondy held that the plaintiff need not be a stockholder of record to bring action.

Mr. Marony was represented by Cook, Nathan & Lehman, by Harold Nathan, Frederick F. Greenman and Nathan Green. Davis, Polg. Wardwell, Gardiner and Reed, by R. S. Coutante, who appeared for the Wheeling.

Volume of Trading on Los Angeles Curb Exchange in First Six Months of Present Year.

The volume of trading on the Los Angeles Curb Exchange, amounting to 25,098,672 shares for the first six months of 1929, has given that market fourth place among the Exchanges of the nation in share turnover, it was announced on July 8 by Phillip S. Leo, Secretary and Manager of the Curb, in an analysis of its activity. Rating of the first four Exchanges has been tabulated as follows: New York Stock Exchange, figures not yet available; New York Curb Exchange, 235,925,659 shares; Chicago Stock Exchange (no Curb Exchange), 28,871,000 shares, and Los Angeles Curb Exchange, 25,098,672. The monthly tabulation for the Los Angeles Curb follows:

	Shares.	Market Value.
January.....	5,558,056	\$29,727,146
February.....	4,823,125	21,387,240
March.....	4,135,697	28,552,566
April.....	4,410,477	28,870,718
May.....	3,586,925	23,977,670
June.....	2,584,392	8,687,187
	25,098,672	\$135,201,903

Listing of 66,150,438 shares with a market value of \$1,897,177,627 during the six months ending June 30 last also was announced by Mr. Leo. Activity in new listings, involving 53 issues of 47 companies, is believed to be a record among Western Exchanges for new listings in any six months' period. Of the companies whose stocks were listed, 15 were industrial, 14 oils, 7 aviation, 3 mining, 3 financial and 4 miscellaneous.

New York Stock Exchange Amends Rule for Delivery of Security in Which an Irregularity Figured.

The following announcement regarding a change in the rules for delivery of the New York Stock Exchange was made on July 11, by Ashbel Green, Secretary of the Exchange.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.
Committee on Securities.

July 11 1929.

Rule No. 102 of the Rules for Delivery has been amended effective July 12 1929, by substituting "3:00 o'clock p. m." for "2:15 o'clock p. m.", so that the said Rule, as amended, will read as follows:

"A security with an irregularity having been delivered may be returned up to 3:00 o'clock p. m. to the party who delivered it, who must immediately give the party presenting it either the security in proper form for delivery, or pay the market price of the security and assume all liability for non-delivery."

ASHBEL GREEN, Secretary.

Proposal for Extension of Activities of Federal Reserve System to Include Mortgage Companies to Be Discussed before Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce July 18.

A proposal that the activities of the Federal Reserve System be enlarged to include title and mortgage companies will be presented by Joseph M. Gross, real estate operator of Brooklyn, at a luncheon meeting to be held July 18 at the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, according to the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, which says:

Mr. Gross has invited United States Senator Copeland and Congressmen Celler, Somers and La Guardia to attend the luncheon and this group will be asked to introduce the necessary legislation at the next session of Congress. Various banking and real estate men of Brooklyn also have been invited.

"Sometimes title companies are placed in an embarrassing position when they have to stop making loans on mortgages because their funds are tied up in secured investments," said Mr. Gross. "With the Federal Reserve System in vogue, as an adjunct to the present Reserve System for banks, title companies will always be in a position to get money on their sound collateral. It will also put an end to the calling in of mortgages which so often causes hardship to small home owners."

Move to Liberalize National Bank Laws Due at Next Session—Aim to Put Them in Position to Compete With State Institution—Support of Representative McFadden Seen Necessary for Government to Accomplish Purpose.

A determined drive in the December Congress for legislation to liberalize restrictions against national banks and to put these Governmental instrumentalities in a better position to compete with State banks and trust companies is now regarded as an assured fact, it was learned at Washington July 8, according to the Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce." The further advances to that paper follow:

With withdrawals from the National system taking a dangerously serious trend in the last year, the Administration is said to be con-

cerned with the situation and anxious to do something that will maintain the National system on a plane of greater power in the financial world.

Would Reopen Fight

About the same objective was behind forces which strived to bring about the passage of the McFadden bill, sponsored by Representative McFadden (Rep.), Chairman of the House Banking and Currency Committee. The McFadden bill was passed, but in an amended form and did not quite accomplish the result desired of placing the National banks on parity with the State banks and trust companies, according to some officials.

A drive for liberalization of National banking immediately would bring about the reopening of the fight between the State and National bank groups in Congress, the former fearing possibilities of unlimited branch banking, a move which would place the smaller State institutions at a material handicap.

While Secretary of the Treasury Mellon and Under-Secretary Ogden L. Mills have been quiet on this subject, possibly considering it an unpropitious time to bring up the matter, it was the understanding that it is desired that the National banking system, if possible, be maintained at its full strength.

It was disclosed that inquiries have been received from many parts of the country as to the possibilities of relaxation of restrictions on the National banks. Officials said that while the number of National banks is slowly declining, the resources of the system gradually are becoming greater.

Territory Served Decreased

Nevertheless, it was pointed out, the concentration of the banks through mergers and consolidations has brought about a contraction in the territory served by them. Scores of small National banks have turned over their field to the State institutions and many communities have been deprived of the particular services offered by the national institutions.

Comptroller of the Currency J. W. Pole recently brought up this question, describing the necessity to the Government of the National banks and pointing out the many withdrawals from the National system. He proposed at that time a National conference of bankers, economists and business men to assist in drafting banking amendments to be submitted to Congress. However, that plan has been dropped as unworkable and the matter will be given study in the Treasury Department.

Undoubtedly the matter will be discussed with President Hoover soon by high Treasury officials, with a view to determination of the Administration's attitude and the laying out of a program for the winter session of Congress. To get results the Government would need the support of Chairman McFadden.

Senator King Expects Stock Market Inquiry by Senate—Brokers' Loans Gain Despite Federal Reserve Efforts to Cut Credit, Senator Finds—Glass and Brookhart Urge Legislation on Speculation.

Prediction that the Senate Banking and Currency Committee will make a comprehensive investigation into the banking, stock market and financial situation after the present recess of Congress was made on July 9 by Senator William H. King, of Utah, a leading Democratic member of the Finance Committee. In reporting this July 9 a Washington dispatch to the New York "Herald-Tribune" said:

Senator King referred to the matter in connection with the latest figures as to brokers' loans. These figures show that in spite of all the efforts of the Federal Reserve Board for some months to cut down the volume of the country's credit which goes into speculation, brokers' loans have climbed up again until they are not far from the high point.

It has been made apparent that the efforts of the Reserve Board to exert influence on member banks and keep them from lending money in speculative channels have not sufficed to hold brokers' loans down for any great length of time.

Exhaustive Inquiry Proposed

The King resolution, which is now in the hands of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee and which was considered before the recess, proposes an exhaustive investigation into speculative loans, use of the credit of the country to further speculation, the extent to which the Federal Reserve System is being used to help speculative operations and how the general level of credit for ordinary business or for agriculture is affected by the great tide of speculative operations.

Among other things, there would be an inquiry as to how far interest rates for ordinary commercial loans have been forced upward and whether industries are being adversely affected by the situation. What legislation is needed to remedy conditions would, of course, be studied by the committee.

If the inquiry is ordered, as Senator King expects that it will be, and as he has been assured by some of the leading members of the Banking and Currency Committee it will be, it will probably consume many weeks. Not improbably, there will develop an investigation comparable to the old Pujio inquiry of years ago into the alleged "money trust."

May Shade Tariff Issue

Important as the tariff controversy will be after the recess of Congress ends, it is possible that the proposed financial investigation, if it gets under way, will become of greater prominence.

Meantime, there is talk of various kinds of legislation to meet the situation. Senator Carter Glass, who is one of the Banking Committee, has proposed a tax on stock transactions of a speculative rather than investment character. Senator Smith W. Brookhart has proposed such a tax also. While these amendments are proposed as additions to the tariff bill, any investigation by the Banking Committee would bear directly on such legislation. Senator Brookhart also proposes to prevent member banks, state banks and interstate corporations from making speculative loans.

On the other hand, there are various proposals to restrict the power of the Federal Reserve Board. The procedure of the Board in the last few months has evoked a chorus of criticism against the Board and there have been demands that the Federal Reserve measure be over-

hauled and made much more restricted. The course of the Board in seeking to raise rediscount rates has been made the occasion for many bitter attacks upon it.

Federal Reserve Bank of New York Becomes Non-Member of Stock Clearing Corporation.

(The addition (effective July 15) of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to the list of non-members of the Stock Clearing Corporation was made known in the following notice to members, issued July 10 by S. F. Streit, President of the Corporation:

Stock Clearing Corporation,
18 Broad Street, New York.

July 10, 1929.

To Clearing Members
Dear Sirs:

Commencing Monday, July 15th, 1929, the method of delivery and receipt of securities between Clearing Members and certain Non-Members through the medium of the Central Delivery Department, will become effective with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The addition of this banking institution will increase the list of Non-Members so that that list will now include:

- The Bankers Trust Company,
- The Federal Reserve Bank of New York,
- The Guaranty Trust Company.

It is the desire of the Board of Directors of this Corporation to urge upon you to actively co-operate in Non-Member delivery and to see that your office use the Stock Clearing Corporation as the regular medium of delivery between yourselves and these three Non-Members.

Yours very truly,
S. F. STREIT, President.

It is noted in the "Times" that the Stock Clearing Corporation does for securities much that the New York Clearing House does for bank checks. All deliveries are made to the clearing corporation and all securities are received from it. At the close of the day's business transactions are balanced and the clearing member or non-member receives or gives a check in settlement.

Almost since the start of the Federal Reserve system, the twelve Federal Reserve Banks, says the "Herald-Tribune" of July 11, have been affording to out-of-town member institutions the service of delivering securities and holding them for safe keeping. Continuing the item we quote said:

In the past whenever a member bank has desired to sell some stock held for it by the Reserve Bank it has directed the latter to deliver the shares to a certain broker, and in the event of a purchase of stock the country bank has ordered the broker to make delivery to the Federal Reserve.

Delivery and receipt of such stock will be simplified for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York by the central delivery department of the Stock Exchange. This service is one of the many rendered member banks by the central banking system.

A total of 375 member firms of the Stock Exchange now use the central delivery facilities for delivery or receipt of all clearing stocks. Of the approximately 1,200 stocks listed on the exchange, 440 of the most active issues are cleared through the Stock Clearing Corporation and delivered through the Central Delivery Department. Since May 29 all of the cleared stocks have been on the list of those handled by the central delivery system.

The record number of 10,162 deliveries was handled Monday by the Department representing 2,725,000 shares actually delivered. Average deliveries through the department now run slightly more than 2,000,000 shares a day. Non-clearing stocks, bonds, Curb and over-the-counter stocks still are cleared in the old manner.

Boston Federal Reserve Bank Reduces Buying Rate on Acceptances.

The "Wall Street Journal" of yesterday (July 12) contained the following credited to the Boston News Bureau:

Federal Reserve Bank of Boston has reduced its buying rate on acceptances 1/4 of 1% on one to 45 days and 1/2 of 1% on longer bills.

The new rates are 5 1/4% for one to 120 days and 5 1/2% for five and six months.

Former rates were 5 3/4% for one to 45 days; 5 1/2% for 46 to 90 days; 5 1/2% for 91 to 120 days and 5 3/4% for 121 to 180 days. Rate on sales contracts is reduced to 5 1/4% from 5 3/4%.

The "Wall Street News" observed:

No present market change is contemplated by dealers in acceptances rates at this center. Reduction in buying rates by Boston Federal Reserve Bank is regarded as merely a technical adjustment, as Boston's buying rate has been out of line with the prevailing market and institution has been buying practically no bills recently.

Quotations are unchanged as follows:

	Bid	Asked		Bid	Asked
30 days	5 1/4%	5 3/4%	120 days	5 3/4%	5 1/2%
60 days	5 1/4%	5 3/4%	150 days	5 3/4%	5 1/2%
90 days	5 1/4%	5 3/4%	180 days	5 3/4%	5 1/2%

\$1,000,000 In New U. S. Paper Currency Shipped to Banks in Central America.

More than \$1,000,000 in the new U. S. paper currency was carried out on July 11 on the Panama mail steamer Colombia, bound for banks in Central America, according to the "Times" of July 12 which said:

The demand for the new small-sized bills in Central American countries is almost as great as in the United States, and most of the larger banking firms have long lists of applications for the new money, officials of the line said.

Rediscount Recognition to Installment Paper by Federal Reserve System Proposed by John R. Walker of Morris Plan Corporation of America.

At New Orleans, July 3, John R. Walker, President of the Morris Plan Corporation of America criticized the Federal Reserve System for failing to take cognizance of the shift in commercial credit that has accompanied the growth of instalment selling during the past decade. With the nation's annual turnover from instalment buying and selling now estimated at \$8,000,000,000, Mr. Walker told the Directors of the New Orleans Morris Plan Corporation that the Federal Reserve had failed to keep pace with the changing tide of commerce although credit had definitely shifted from the manufacturer and producer to the consumer. He argued that if the Federal Reserve would give rediscount recognition to sound instalment paper at its banks, the cost of financing instalment trading would be lessened and a burden lifted from the millions of Americans who buy out of income. Mr. Walker said:

"Instalment finance corporations, such as the Industrial Acceptance Corporation, which handles all such financing for General Electric, Radio Corporation of America, Johns Manville and other national manufacturers, are tremendously handicapped by the fact that this paper is not eligible for rediscount under the Federal Reserve System.

"The underlying purpose of the Federal Reserve System was to provide a medium for expanding the currency of the country to meet the requirements of trade, so that the purchasing power of the dollar would remain constant and not fluctuate disastrously as it had done in the past every time we had a money panic and contraction of credit.

"At the time the System was created, consumer-credit, the term given to instalment financing, was a matter of relatively small importance and was not taken into account. Trade was then financed largely through credits extended by the manufacturer to the wholesaler, by the wholesaler to the retailer and by the retailer to his customers, the latter being limited to thirty days.

"Now with the burden of credit resting upon the consumer, who pays out of income over a twelve month period, it is necessary that the System revise its operations to co-ordinate with present-day financing by making such paper eligible for rediscount. Thus money rates for this time financing would be lowered and the consumer would find the financial costs attached to buying on time reduced.

"In my opinion, the increasing stringency of the credit situation which has been developing during the past two years with its resulting higher interest charges, depressed bond values and a serious handicap to the business of the country, is due to the failure of the Federal Reserve System to keep pace with this changing method of financing the business of the country.

"And the only real remedy for the situation which I can see is for the Federal Reserve Board to cease moralizing with the banks over the increase of collateral and brokers' loans, which is in fact only a normal expression of the increasing capacity of the population to purchase securities, and direct its attention to a revision of the Federal Reserve Act which will make instalment finance company paper, totaling hundreds of millions, eligible for rediscount."

Federal Reserve Policy Commended by A. G. Becker & Co.

In the face of the rather general criticism of recent Federal Reserve Policy, comment to the effect that the policy of the Federal Reserve Board has been wholly sound and well conceived is contained in the current Investment Bulletin of A. G. Becker & Co., which points out that in discriminating against borrowings for security transactions the Reserve authorities have kept in mind the true function of Central Bank reserves and have been aware of their responsibility to the fundamental business interests of the country.

The Review points out that in effect the Federal Reserve Board has said:

"There is a difference between the expansion of credit for commercial uses and for security speculation. The difference lies in the fact that there is nothing inherent in the financing of rising security prices that is essentially temporary in character. A loan for the manufacture of commodities will be paid off when the goods are sold. But a loan for the purchase of securities will be paid off only out of savings and if loans are granted freely prices will continue to rise, there will be no incentive to pay off loans but rather to increase them to benefit further from rising prices. Such a condition if permitted to continue would mean the financing of ownerships and would constitute a permanent impairment of the country's banking reserves. When the need for which they were originally created arose, the reserves would not be available."

The article concludes with the statement that the point of the Federal Reserve Board's policy is presumably that we still have a reserve.

Representative McFadden's Proposal for Nationwide Branch Banking Powers for National Banks Opposed by Representative Johnson of Texas—Says Plan Would Concentrate Wealth in Large Cities.

Opposition to the recent proposal of Representative McFadden of Pennsylvania that nationwide branch banking powers be given national banks was voiced by Representative Johnson (Dem.), of Corsicana, Tex., in a statement made public July 2, referring to recent discussions of the subject in the House Committee on Banking and Currency.

In giving the statement of Representative Johnson, the *United States Daily* of July 3 said:

The proposal for chain banks, Representative Johnson said, threaten the existence of the banks in smaller cities and the establishment of such institutions, he added, would tend to reduce the wealth of small communities and concentrate that wealth in cities to a far greater extent than has been done by the operation of chain-store systems.

Permanent Policy Favored.

Representative McFadden (Rep.), of Canton, Pa., chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee, in a speech before the Illinois Bankers' Association on June 20, said the McFadden Act of 1927 encouraged branch banking in the larger cities but prohibited its further expansion in the country districts. Mr. McFadden said that he believed the time is ripe for Congress to reach a definite conclusion upon a permanent policy. Without committing himself to a program, or forecasting what his Committee may do, Mr. McFadden said there were several policies which Congress could adopt for establishment and maintenance of a unified system of commercial banking, among them giving "nation-wide branch-banking powers to the national banks." The full text of Representative Johnson's statement follows:

The banks in the smaller cities and towns of the United States should begin now to combat a movement which threatens their existence. A drive is now on by a powerful group to secure legislation giving nation-wide branch-banking power to national banks.

Ultimately this would mean the elimination of all banks except those in the larger cities. Banks in other places would become mere branches of a large chain system; they would be owned, operated and controlled by capitalists living in distant cities; the profits, instead of being distributed and invested in the communities where made, would go elsewhere; the only employes in these branch banks would be a clerical and subordinate force, with no power to make loans except on orders from some executive officer in a distant city.

What the chain system of stores has meant in reducing the wealth of communities and concentrating it in the cities would be infinitely worse in chain banking. Branch banking means chain banking; that is its logical result, and that is what is desired by its advocates.

When Congress passed the McFadden Bill in 1927, which gave a limited right of branch banking to certain banks in some cities, where competing State banks had such right, there were those of us who voted against the bill, on the ground that it was the opening wedge and that the next step would be to give this power generally to all banks everywhere.

We so charged in the debate on the bill, but the proponents of the bill vigorously denied that such was contemplated or would ever be done, and declared that if such attempt was made they would oppose it; but within less than two years our prophecy is being fulfilled and the ardent champions of that bill have thrown off the mask and now declare that it was "an emergency measure" and a "permanent measure should be passed giving this right to all banks everywhere."

The ultimate and final effect of branch banking means the elimination of unit banks and the ownership of all banks by a few small groups. Monopoly, always dangerous, is fraught with extraordinary hazard when applied to the business of banking which controls the credit of the country.

Such a monopoly could and would dominate and control all business; it could mould and shape the politics of the country, and even the Federal Government would in time be subservient to the autocratic will of this super-monopoly.

The entire citizenship of the country should be interested in averting this threatened menace.

Representative McFadden's proposal was referred to in our issue of June 22, page 4086.

Irving Fisher on Stock Market and Tight Money—Believes Market Will Continue Rightfully to Absorb Credits in Large Volume—Says Credit to Reduce Stringency in Other Fields Should Come Through Release of Gold by Federal Reserve System.

An article entitled "Is the Stock Market to Blame for 'Tight Money' at Home and Abroad," is contributed by Irving Fisher, Professor of Economics, Yale University, to the July issue of "The Financial Diary," edited by S. S. Fontaine and published by Benjamin, Hill & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange. Prof. Fisher states that "there are ample reasons for believing that the Stock Market will continue rightfully to absorb credits in volumes comparable with the recent past, and that to check this process would harm American and foreign developments as well." In propounding the question, "What then can be done in the way of providing fresh volumes of credit to reduce stringency in other fields?" Prof. Fisher says "the answer may be found in the still excessive reserves of the Federal Reserve System, and in the so-called 'hidden reserves' of our gold currency and bullion used to back gold certificates in circulation." He contends that "a gold reserve is emphatically something to be used when needed, and not to lie idle except when not needed. A better appreciation of this truism abroad would permit the European central banks to release fresh streams of credit for the industries and trade of their respective nations, with comparative independence of the disposition of American credit resources." Prof Fisher's article in full follows:

Repeated complaints emanating from European capitals are to the effect that American stock speculation has interfered with the general price level, depressing it, and interfering with the rehabilitation of the fortunes of Europe. Certainly, the United States represents so large a segment of world production and trade that anything that seriously affects the American money market must affect the world money market. If money is "tight" here, it might be expected to be "tight" abroad, where the means of credit are relatively more slender.

It is not surprising, therefore, that the central banks of Great Britain and the Continent should have advanced their discount rates, that capital for business and industry abroad should be restricted, and that price levels

in Europe should continue to sag. The League of Nations Economic Consultative Committee lays the increase in rates to the "violent stock exchange boom" in this country, and thus accounts for the increase in the Federal Reserve rate of discount to 5%, and of call loans to as high as 20%.

Further, foreign financing has felt the stringency so that its volume in this country has been cut by one-half as compared with last year, and by more than three-quarters if the loans floated by five American corporations engaged in foreign business be excluded. Of course, the high money rates in Wall Street have discouraged the flotation of foreign issues. That, together with the continued depression of average prices in Great Britain and various Continental countries has given rise to much grumbling about the speculative propensities of Americans and their frenzied absorption of credit resources. It is taken for granted that stock prices are enormously inflated, so that foreign exhortations to deflate them have joined the chorus of domestic objurgations against the long-continued American "bull" market.

It is the old story over again of the dog that bit the stick that beat him, instead of reckoning with the beater. The stock market is the occasion of the higher money rates; it is berated, and legislators and government officials seem to have joined hands in the effort to curb its activities. They seem to wish to restrict the volume of call loans. Once that is accomplished, they feel that everybody will breathe easier. We shall have "easy money" again for business, and the absorption of foreign capital issues will be resumed in full measure. With the discouragement of the stock market, the rates for call money, it is claimed, will go down. There will be a flight of capital back to Europe for the use of European entrepreneurs, and with rising prices trade and industry will be stimulated into full employment and increased purchasing power of the foreign masses.

Manifestly, in this reasoning it is not seen that call loans are a very integral part of the process of floating foreign as well as of domestic loans and stocks issues, and of holding outstanding securities still unsold to outright investors. President Simmons of the New York Stock Exchange rightly observes that its function of floating domestic and foreign securities in large volume is vital to the commerce and industry of the world. The past seven years have witnessed tremendous increases in the rate of productivity of American industry, with attendant increases in value of the physical assets of corporations and in corporate earnings. Consolidations and mergers have taken place on an unprecedented scale, with the selling of new stock issues to the public.

It is hardly conceivable that the industrial revolution, with its enhanced rate of improvement in all processes, should not throw a greatly added burden on the stock exchanges, by reason of their function of disposing of the new security issues. For expanded productive facilities must be financed, and added values must be reflected in higher prices of securities.

Moreover, with the level of commodity prices 40% higher than the pre-war level, the very decrease in purchasing power of the dollar must be responsible, in large degree, for the higher level of stock prices.

This is true, especially, in the case of common shares. For it is certain that preferred securities, with their fixed return, cannot participate further in a period of prosperity than the added assurance of payments contracted for. Hence the greater part of the rise in values will find lodgment in common stocks. Thus the change in purchasing power of the dollar alone might conceivably account for a price level of common stocks double or treble that of 1913.

It should be added that the income from stocks is now capitalized at a lower rate than obtained a few years ago. Participation by the investment trusts in the market, with their huge diversified holdings, has largely taken risks out of common stock investments. Income has accumulated at a great rate, with the savings in large-scale production and the growing economies of science and invention. Wise administration of credits, according to the volume of trade by the Federal Reserve Board, has added another factor in reducing the speculative elements of business. On these and other accounts, interest rates have lessened and incomes have found a higher capital valuation. President Hoover's Committee on Recent Economic changes calculates that the accelerated rate of income will continue for at least two more years. So there have been increased earnings, which are discounted at a lower rate, with vastly enhanced capital values and stocks prices.

These are ample reasons for believing that the stock market will continue rightfully to absorb credits in volumes comparable with the recent past, and that, to check this process would harm American and foreign developments as well.

What, then, can be done in the way of providing fresh volumes of credit to reduce stringency in other fields?

The answer may be found in the still excessive reserves of the Federal Reserve System, and in the so-called "hidden reserves" of our gold currency and bullion used to back the gold certificates in circulation.

Of the reserves above the legal minimum, the Federal Reserve Board has stated that during 1928 there was between \$1,400,000,000 and \$1,500,000,000. In May last this sum had increased by about \$250,000,000. In response to commercial demands, some \$600,000,000 more of gold might be released through retirement of the billion dollars in gold certificates, which are backed dollar for dollar in gold; these, converted into Federal Reserve notes, would need only 40% instead of 100% gold backing. Then there are about \$400,000,000 in circulating gold coins, which might be recalled at need. In all, added credit issues might be based on more than two and a half billions of available or "free" gold, in the ratio of, say, 14 to 1, which is the present ratio of expansion on engaged gold. The new expansion might grow to thirty-five billion dollars of "bank money."

Such potential expansion, held in reserve and utilized with careful regard to the indexes of expanding trade and industry, should form a useful backlog to our national prosperity for some years to come. If at any time these reserves should be exhausted, yet other measures might wisely be considered, such as increasing the legal ratio of notes and deposits to reserves, until the supply of currency and credits should again be adjusted to the demands of trade.

For a gold reserve is emphatically something to be used when needed, and not to lie idle except when not needed. A better appreciation of this truism abroad would permit the European central banks to release fresh streams of credit for the industries and trade of their respective nations, with comparative independence of the disposition of American credit resources.

New Paper Money of Smaller Size Put into Circulation.

The new paper currency, of smaller size than that heretofore in use was put into circulation on July 10. Eventually the new money will replace the old, issued in its present size since 1861, but the process of retiring the latter will, as was pointed out in a radio talk by Under Secretary of the Treasury Ogden L. Mills on July 6, be gradual and it

will be some months before the old bills will disappear from circulation. In indicating the difference in the size of the old and the new Mr. Mills stated that the present size of the currency is 7 7-16 by 3 1/2 inches. The new size is 6 5-16 by 2 11-16 inches. Mr. Mills also said:

The first issue of the new small-size currency will include all kinds, except National bank notes, and all denominations from \$1 to \$20. Small-size gold certificates and Federal Reserve notes in denominations above \$20 will be issued at a later date. The small size National bank notes will be printed and issued in order of charter numbers, beginning about July 15.

The issue of the new small-size currency will be made through the Federal Reserve Banks and branches. Stocks of the new-size currency have already been placed in Federal Reserve custody in the 12 Federal Reserve Banks and in certain of their branches. The Federal Reserve Banks have been authorized to make available on July 10 to the commercial banking institutions of their respective districts limited amounts of new small-size currency. But let me emphasize that the amounts available for issue on July 10 will be strictly limited. We anticipate, of course, a curiosity demand which, for a comparatively short period of time, will increase the demand for currency, and we are prepared to meet that curiosity demand, but only to a limited extent.

At the outset the New York banks received for distribution through the local Federal Reserve Bank about \$5,000,000 of the new money. Throughout the entire New York Federal Reserve District \$18,600,000 to \$20,000,000 was made available, while throughout the country approximately \$3,921,000,000, or \$696,000,000 pieces were put into circulation. In noting the call for the new bills on the first day they were put into circulation, the "Times" of July 11 said:

Curious citizens stormed the downtown banks early in the morning for the new bills, presenting a good-tempered imitation of panic scenes. The "run on the banks" began as soon as their doors opened and continued all day. Clerks, runners, stenographers, brokers and the casually curious, paraded before the paying windows, passed in their limp, crumpled old-fashioned bills which had suddenly grown ugly, and came away with the new.

Enough for Everybody.

There was actually little expansion of the amount of paper money in circulation. The Treasury Department had chosen a good day to make the new issue, a day unmarked by special demands for currency. As a result, the banks cared for the rush with little trouble, and everybody who asked was able to carry away at least one of the new notes.

Toward the close of business it became impossible to meet all demands in full. Bank tellers noted that in the financial district the money of larger denominations was most desired. But there were still new \$1 bills ready for distribution in the tellers' cages at the end of the day when the supply of fives, tens and twenties was gone.

A description of the new money has previously been given in these columns, one item with regard thereto having appeared in our issue of June 1, page 3618. Among other facts incident to the new currency Under Secretary Mills pointed to the fact, in his radio talk, that "from the time the paper is delivered by the mill until the notes are put into circulation, an estimated gross saving amounting to almost \$1,500,000 a year will be derived from the change in size."

Treasury Department Authorizes Federal Reserve Banks to Purchase \$75,000,000 3 1/2% Treasury Notes For Sinking Fund.

Announcement was made on July 10 by Acting Secretary of the Treasury Mills that the Federal Reserve Banks have been authorized to purchase, at the option of holders, for account of the sinking fund, \$75,000,000 or thereabouts, of 3 1/2% Treasury Notes of Series A-1930-32, at 98 and accrued interest. The 3 1/2% Treasury Notes Series A-1930-32, (offered in exchange for second Liberty Loans Converted 4 1/4% bonds) were issued in March 1927; they are dated March 15, 1927, the maturity date being fixed as March 15, 1930, and were made subject to call March 15, 1930. The announcement issued this week by Acting Secretary Mills follows:

Acting Secretary Mills today announced that he has authorized the Federal Reserve Banks to purchase, at the option of holders, for account of the sinking fund, up to \$75,000,000 or thereabouts, aggregate face amount of 3 1/2% Treasury notes of Series A-1930-32, at 98 and accrued interest.

This offer will remain open until the close of business on Tuesday, July 16, 1929, and without further notice will then terminate, or at such earlier date as the full amount shall have been tendered.

Tenders will be accepted in the order in which received, and those making tenders will be notified of acceptance or rejection. Any notes tendered for purchase must be forwarded at the owners own expense and risk, and such notes may accompany the tender, or may be forwarded upon receipt of notification from the Federal Reserve Bank of acceptance of offer. In any event the notes accepted must be received at the Federal Reserve Bank on or before Thursday, July 18 and the Federal Reserve Bank on that date will make payment for such notes at 98 and accrued interest from March 15 to July 18, 1929. Any Treasury notes Series A-1930-32, presented for purchase under this offer, should have attached the coupon bearing date, September 15, 1929, and all subsequent dates.

Regarding the Treasury Department's action the Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce" on July 10 said:

The Treasury's action automatically will release about \$75,000,000 in additional funds for the call or other money markets and to that degree will ease the credit situation. While hardly sufficient in volume to have a far-reaching effect, it is a significant move.

Between July 1 and July 10 the Treasury had purchased \$25,000,000 for the sinking fund and with the new operation completed \$100,000,000 additional funds will have been added to the liquid money of the country.

Furthermore, the Treasury is taking advantage of the bond market to make purchases for the sinking fund at a saving. About \$400,000,000 will be required for this purpose during the current fiscal year. As the interest charges decline there is an increase in the annual purchase of bonds for the sinking fund.

The bonds authorized to be purchased were issued in connection with the funding of the second Liberty loan. Originally \$1,360,000,000 were put on the market, of which \$1,138,000,000 were outstanding June 30.

The Treasury does not frequently go into the open market for the purchase of securities for the sinking fund, although this procedure has been employed occasionally. As a rule, purchases for the sinking fund are made directly from the banks. The opinion existed that millions of dollars worth of the 3½% issue were in the hands of investors as well as the banks.

The offer was slightly above the prevailing market price for the Treasury notes, but it was believed by officials that it was sufficiently high to obtain the required number of securities.

The effect would be much as though the Federal Reserve banks went into the market to purchase bonds, one of the methods used in easing the credit situation. The move has been made at a time when there is need for large funds in agriculture and industry and may be a combined plan of the Treasury and Reserve Board to make available this required capital.

Already it has been reported that the Reserve Board has under consideration a money-easing move through encouragement to member banks in certain localities where conditions are strained, to borrow at the Reserve banks.

Additional Appointments By President Hoover to Federal Farm Board—Board to Meet July 15.

In addition to the five who as we indicated last week (page 61) have accepted appointment as members of the Federal Farm Board, two others have been named to the Board. On July 8 it was announced that William F. Schilling of St. Paul, Minn., President of the Twin City Milk Producers' Association, has been chosen as a member of the Board to represent the dairy interests. Yesterday (July 12) the appointment was announced of Charles A. Wilson of Rochester, N. Y., to the Board. From 1914 to 1920 Mr. Wilson was New York State Commissioner of Agriculture during Governor Whitman's term and is a past president of the New York State Horticultural Society. He is referred to as a dairy farmer operating extensive property at Hall, New York. With one member yet to be chosen, the Board is constituted as follows:

Alexander Legge, Chairman, representing general business;
James C. Stone of Lexington, Ky., representing tobacco and serving as Vice-Chairman.
Secretary Hyde of the Agricultural Department, ex-officio.
Carl Williams of Oklahoma City, representing cotton.
C. B. Denman of Farmington, Mo., representing live stock.
Charles C. Teague of Los Angeles, representing the fruit growing industry.

William F. Shilling of St. Paul, representing the dairymen.
Charles A. Wilson of New York, representing miscellaneous branches of the agricultural industry.

W. R. Moscrip who had been invited to become a member of the Board, declined, because, as was noted in these columns last week, of the pressure of his business affairs. President Hoover announced on July 5, that he had issued a notice to the newly appointed members fixing July 15 as the date for the first meeting of the Board in Washington.

Report of Robert Moses, Moreland Commissioner, on Investigation of New York Banking Department in Relation to Failed City Trust Co.—Department Demoralized in Administration of Frank H. Warder—Recommendations as to Legislation Would Abolish Private Banks.

The declaration that "the Banking Department was demoralized in the administration of Frank H. Warder"—former New York State Superintendent of Banks—is made in the report of Robert Moses, Moreland Commissioner, submitted to Gov. Roosevelt on the "Investigation of the Department of Banking in Relation to the City Trust Company." As was noted in our issue of June 22, page 4095, charges of accepting gratuities were preferred against the former Superintendent as a result of the investigation into the Banking Department undertaken by the Moreland Commission, following the closing of the City Trust Company of New York in February. The report of Commissioner Moses was presented to the Governor under date of July 10. It is a voluminous document of 67 pages and goes at length into the history of the failure of the trust company, reciting the contributing causes, the responsibility of individuals, and proposing recommendations as to administration and legislation. In his report Commissioner Moses says "if the history of the City Trust has demonstrated anything it is that there should be no more private banks anywhere in the State. * * * Their operations are obscure and difficult to supervise. They serve no purpose which cannot be

served by a State bank or trust company * * or by a bank * * under Federal supervision." In proposing the revision of the State Banking Law to insure the responsibility of directors and officers, Commissioner Moses says: "Section after section of the banking law establishes what the officers shall do and what they shall not do. These provisions of law were violated every day by the officers of the City Trust Company, and yet it is impossible to hold these persons responsible because of the lack of penalties." Further below we give the recommendations of Chairman Moses. In that part of his report bearing the heading "Responsibility of Individuals" Mr. Moses says in part:

Responsibility of Individuals

This is a roster of the persons shown by this investigation to have been primarily responsible for the failure of the City Trust Company. Excepting Frank H. Warder, no official or employees of the Banking Department appears on this list. While examples of carelessness, inefficiency and bad judgment have been found, the responsibility, as far as the department is concerned, must rest on its former head alone. Similarly minor employees of the City Trust and related companies who were in no sense officials or executives are not referred to in this roster. With few exceptions they seem to have been honest, hardworking and underpaid. They have had more than their share of the misfortunes of the bank, and it is to be hoped that they will be provided for in the new organization which is to take its place.

Frank H. Warder.

The evidence shows that Frank H. Warder is a faithful public official who accepted gifts and gratuities, including money and securities; that he knew of the dishonest management and bad conditions in the Ferrari banks and deliberately prevented exposure and proper official action; that he authorized the expansion of these enterprises and placed the seal of the state's approval on Ferrari's methods. He prostituted his department and the banking law for unworthy friends and illegal personal gain, and this offense is the more heinous and contemptible because it threatened the small savings of the poor, the ignorant and the defenseless, and undermined the confidence of all foreign groups in the financial system and the very government of the State.

Warder has been held by Justice Cropsey for the special grand jury.

Francesco M. Ferrari.

Obviously it is unnecessary to discuss the liability, criminal or civil, of Francesco Ferrari because of his death. His banking activities are discussed throughout this report.

The Directors.

Up to the present time there appears no basis for holding or indicting Judge Mancuso or any other member of the board of directors as such. Although the statute requires that each director of a trust company take an oath that he will diligently and honestly administer its affairs, the courts hold that a neglect of the general duty so assumed is not in itself an indictable offense. If, therefore, the directors escape prosecution it will be due to the weakness of the law and not to any particular virtue of their own. In any event, there is ample ground for civil action against all of them.

Francis X. Mancuso.

Francis X. Mancuso is a Judge of the Court of General Sessions. He was a judge at the time he became Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Harlem Bank of Commerce and a director of the Atlantic State Bank, and, of course, when he became Chairman of the Board of the City Trust Company.

It is difficult to reach positive conclusions as to the part he played in the affairs of the City Trust Company and its predecessors. He testified that he was not really intimate with Ferrari, although he knew him socially, and that he became identified with the Ferrari banks because he thought that he would be rendering a service to the Italian community. He insisted that as a bank director and Chairman of the Board he was only a rubber stamp; that he was easy going and did not really know what was happening; that when he requested information, which was seldom, he was put off by Ferrari or given assurances which seemed to be satisfactory; that he did not follow the work of the officers of the bank, and that in fact he regarded his position as being largely honorary and decorative.

It is not necessary at this point to dwell at length upon the undesirability of having a judge of any court act as a director, much less as chairman of the board, of a bank. In accepting such a position Judge Mancuso must have known that he ran the risk of considerable criticism and that he was lending not only his own name and his political and social affiliations to the Ferrari enterprises, but also the dignity and weight of his position on the bench.

It seems to me that Judge Mancuso's testimony was lacking in frankness and accuracy. In the first place he knew Ferrari much better than his testimony at early private and public hearings would indicate. Among other things he was the guest of Ferrari on numerous occasions, visiting him at Hightstown, accompanying him to Atlantic City with other directors and staying there several days at Ferrari's expense. He became a director of the Federal Securities Corporation, and while he resigned after attending only one meeting the fact is that he did become a director and must have known something about this very dubious corporation or else that he lent his name and the dignity of his office to a concern about which he knew nothing.

As to the semi-annual reports of the board of directors of the Harlem Bank of Commerce to the Banking Department required by the banking law, one of which was omitted entirely and another of which was made long after it was due, as to the failure of the bank examiners to make their regular semi-annual examination of the Harlem Bank of Commerce and Atlantic State Bank in the spring of 1928, just before the merger, Judge Mancuso has nothing to say beyond the statement that this circumstance did not attract attention. Similarly, the judge admits that after the examination of the Harlem Bank of Commerce, in the fall of 1927, and of the City Trust Com-

pany, in the fall of 1928, he showed no particular interest in the reports of the Banking Department, did not ask to see any disciplinary letters and was not disturbed because he did not seem them.

Accepting Judge Mancuso's statement that the minutes of the board of directors were falsified, that he did not see or approve a number of the larger loans, he never saw the disciplinary letters from the Banking Department after the fall examination of 1927 and 1928 and that he was regarded as having voted in favor of numerous transactions which, as a matter of fact, were never brought to his notice, he none the less admitted that he knew of the \$375,000 loan to the Jalna Corporation. He said he thought this was secured by a third mortgage on the Park Row Building, and that he had been informed by officials of the bank that two appraisals had been made.

Other directors testified that they never saw the larger loans, including the Jalna loan. Di Paola's testimony to the contrary seems to me incredible. Judge Mancuso at least knew more about the Jalna loan than some of the other directors and we may assume that he got his knowledge otherwise than at directors' meetings. The acceptance of Judge Mancuso's statement as to the minute book, however, does not excuse his laxity and ignorance as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Assuming that he knew nothing about the majority of the transactions involving loans, and that he did not know about any of the frauds, perpetrated in the Ferrari banks, or about the manipulation of the bank stock, and the activities of the various Ferrari corporations which were closely intertwined with the banks, it seems to me inconceivable that he could have thought that these banks were expanding and prospering.

If the only transactions were those which Judge Mancuso admitted came to his attention, the volume of business under those circumstances would not have justified increases in capital in the stocks of the banks, would not have supported the dividends which were paid, would not have justified the merger, and certainly would not have justified the price at which the stock was sold.

Judge Mancuso's conception of his position as Chairman of the Board is best illustrated by his statement that after the death of the president he did not feel that he was at least temporarily the responsible head of the City Trust Company. He had some difficulty in suggesting who was the head of the bank, but finally said he thought it must be the cashier. He indicated that he was an unwilling participant in the hectic meetings and conferences immediately following Ferrari's death, that he did not take a leading part in the proceedings, and that he was merely a passive instrument in the hands of other persons. This may be so; the fact is that he was the Chairman of the Board and that he was at least the nominal head of the bank.

I also find difficulty in crediting Judge Mancuso's testimony that neither before Ferrari's death, nor in the week that followed it, did he have any conception of the actual condition of the City Trust Company. There was so much discussion of the condition of the bank in the course of the week following Ferrari's death on the part of directors, on the part of the Superintendent of Banks, on the part of Dr. Giannini and his auditors, and on the part of numerous others, that it does not seem possible that Judge Mancuso did not have some understanding of the desperate straits into which this bank had fallen, even assuming that he had no inkling of the facts before Ferrari's death.

I believe that Judge Manuco deserves censure for his lack of frankness and accuracy, for indifference and neglect of his banking duties and for being a mere catspaw at a time when his position in the bank, in the community and on the bench required that he exercise leadership and responsibility for the protection of depositors and stockholders who were attracted and lulled into a sense of security by his name.

Anthony Di Paola

Di Paola was secretary of the board of directors. As such he falsified minutes, withheld information, including official communications from the Banking Department, and recorded motions and actions which never arose in the board. He dictated most of Ferrari's important bank correspondence and acted generally as his chief aide. He prepared, signed and swore to numerous false statements in the quarterly call reports and the regular semi-annual directors' reports to the Banking Department. He was a party to the skipping of the semi-annual examination of the Harlem Bank of Commerce before the merger. He knew the relations between Ferrari and Warder, used and understood fully the significance of the word "Redraw" on checks and bank records, took care of favors for Ferrari, such as getting a discount or reduction on an automobile for a bank examiner who was actually examining the bank at the time, was a party to the large illegal loans, forgeries, falsifications of records, manipulations of stock certificates, the purchase of the bank building and the attempts to obtain Saphir's Prudential stock and Rose's City Trust certificates.

Di Paola has been held by Justice Cropsey for the special grand jury.

Frederico Ferrari

Frederico Ferrari's appearance in the United States in 1913 has already been referred to. Frederico testifies that he had a quarrel with his brother and did not see him for almost seven years. Meantime, he had been writing to Italy to his father, who came to New York in 1924 to reconcile the two brothers. As a result Frederico Ferrari went to work for Francesco at the private bank at 109th Street and Second Avenue. He started as a messenger, and eventually became the executive vice-president of the City Trust Company.

Ferrari called his brother Frederico "il cretino," which the latter translated as "the dumb-bell," and Di Paola as "the book." Frederico received a salary of \$75 a week and paid a chauffeur \$35 of it.

Frederico unhesitatingly did anything that his brother told him, and signed his own or his brother's name to any paper given to him. He signed two directors' reports of the Harlem Bank of Commerce and one of the City Trust Company without making an examination and without the presence of a notary. He made false affidavits as to the condition of the bank; signed fictitious names to checks and other documents, or used the names of real people without their authority; indorsed other people's names on checks when he claimed not to know what the word "indorsement" signified, and even witnessed the indorsements himself; signed batches of stock certificates with any names furnished by his brother or Di Paola; approved foreign deposit slips where he knew there were no genuine transactions involved; signed his name to the minutes of directors' meetings when he was outside of the room during the entire meetings; ordered the clerk in charge to falsify the safe deposit records so as to transfer a box from his brother's name to his own after his brother's death; opened his brother's box after his death without the approval of the executors of the estate; kept in his own box all sorts of papers and records of his brother's, including documents

that his brother had no right to possess; and was generally an agent for dummy for Ferrari in the bank and in other corporations. He was, for example, President of the Lancia Motor Sales Company, and this was cited to the Banking Department as proof of his fitness to be a director of the Harlem Bank of Commerce.

Edward F. Glynn, Counsel to the Bank

Edward F. Glynn was about thirty-two years old in 1925 when he left the Banking Department, where he received a salary of \$3,750 a year, to practice law. He had been for about five years Secretary to Superintendent McLaughlin. He was a nephew of the Governor. While he was still in the Department of Banking, but after he had resigned and was on his final vacation, Ferrari came to him at the office of Curtin and Glynn where he had desk room and made him counsel to the bank on part time at \$5,000 a year and paid him \$500 as a retainer by check to cash. Glynn claims to have devoted about three days a week to Ferrari's work, notwithstanding that beginning with 1926 he received \$5,000 as a Special Deputy Attorney General, besides practicing on his own account. In 1926 Glynn complained to Ferrari that his salary was inadequate, and thereafter in addition to this compensation, Ferrari carried a joint stock account in a brokerage house for himself, Glynn and others. Glynn and Ferrari exchanged tips and otherwise pooled information, and Ferrari financed the operations. Glynn never furnished any capital and said there were no losses. His profits in less than three years were over \$12,000. In addition he received a \$2,000 fee to represent Ferrari in litigation with De Vita, a private banker, which never reached trial. Glynn also represented Ferrari in several minor personal matters.

Glynn represented the Ferrari banks in formal negotiations with the Banking Department for increases in capital and in the number of directors, for the establishment of the Murray Hill branch and for the merger of the two banks. He states that all of these requests affecting the Ferrari banks went through the department as a matter of routine, although he received little consideration when he represented other banking enterprises before Superintendent Warder. Ferrari promised him an additional \$10,000 for his work on the merger, in spite of the fact that Warder gave an informal approval after less than fifteen minutes conversation with Glynn and in the absence of any documents or evidence other than the merger agreement itself. Glynn states that he knew nothing of internal conditions in the banks, that he always supposed that their transactions were honest and Ferrari all that he claimed to be; that he had no suspicion of the true relations between Warder and Ferrari; knew nothing of the failure of the Banking Department to examine the banks before the merger, of the results of other examinations or of disciplinary letters, and never asked Ferrari or any other City Trust official about them; and finally, that, although he had no specific knowledge of their operations, he was disturbed about Ferrari's numerous other companies, and cautioned him to stick to banking and leave other enterprises alone.

The evidence does not contradict Glynn's claim that he had no knowledge of the real conditions and practices in the banks, of Warder's connections with Ferrari, or of the consequent failure of the Banking Department properly to supervise the Ferrari institutions. Glynn was within his rights in capitalizing his experience in the Banking Department, and in accepting compensation from Ferrari, but his insistence that his services in connection with the merger were worth an extra \$10,000, is not convincing. Glynn should have known a good deal more about the condition of the Ferrari banks in representing them before the department. He not only found out nothing, but showed no curiosity. He seems to have regarded his duties as perfunctory, to be performed when Ferrari's moves required official approval. The conclusion follows that Glynn was another Ferrari catspaw used for his experience in the Banking Department and because his name was valuable.

In reciting the history of the failure of the City Trust Company Commissioner Moses says, in part:

Ferrari Arrives.

In 1912 Francesco M. Ferrari came to this country from Italy. His family was of some means and owned considerable land near Naples; his grandfather apparently was a general and a marquis of the Two Sicilies before the union of Italy. In any event the title was never recognized after the union and therefore did not descend to Francesco's father. The family lived on the land, Francesco receiving some education for the bar but never qualifying. His brother Frederico, who went into the army when he was sixteen and stayed there for many years, testified that he visited Francesco in Naples while on leave, and that Francesco was "like a lawyer," and at any rate had engagements in the police courts where persons of education could then practice without being admitted to the bar. Francesco was married at this time, and shortly afterward emigrated to the United States. Stories are current to the effect that Francesco was guilty of frauds involving the Italian immigration and other laws, and that he left Italy under a cloud. It appears that he was charged with larceny in connection with a business transaction in 1913, after he had left Italy, but the case was not pressed.

When he first landed in this country in 1912 he became a clerk in a shipping office. In 1913 Frederico Ferrari followed Francesco to the United States. He testified that he found his brother living in the Bronx with a wife and one child and with the family of his brother-in-law, Gennaro Dell'Osso. At this time Francesco was working for a private banker named De Vita, at 108th Street and First Avenue. De Vita's private bank later became the Harlem Market Branch of the Atlantic State Bank, which was one of the two banks merged into the City Trust Company.

Francesco Ferrari then opened a transmission agency of his own. In 1919 he applied for a license as a private banker, the application being made by Salvatore Cotillo. Judge Cotillo experienced considerable difficulty in obtaining the license, the Banking Department being doubtful of Ferrari's capacity to operate a private bank and two years passed before Judge Cotillo was able to obtain a license. In 1921 Ferrari opened his bank at 2112 Second Avenue, at the corner of 109th Street, and embarked on his career as a capitalist.

He learned the ropes quickly. He had imagination, ambition and restless energy, and quickly absorbed the basic ideas of American salesmanship.

He was shrewd, vain, pompous and boastful, with a large element of showmanship in everything that he did. People seemed to be taken in by his promises, no matter how extravagant they were. Witness after witness has testified to this. "He promised the earth"; "he promised the Woolworth Building" . . . were phrases used by a number of different people. He took great pride in having been appointed Consul to the Republic of San Marino, a semi-independent

republic of about 8,000 inhabitants near Florence. In the Park Row Building, New York City, Francesco Ferrari's name still appears on the register in the lobby, followed by the words "General Consul of San Marino." Of course, there is no work in New York City for a General Consul or Consul General of San Marino, whose subjects are under the protection of the Italian Consul General, and certainly nothing which would normally lead the reputed owner of a large building to indicate that this was his chief work in life. On occasions Ferrari was not above indicating that he was the Italian Consul General and a representative of the Kingdom of Italy. In 1925 and 1927 he was decorated by the Italian Government for services to Italy in this country and for his work for the Italian Hospital. Ferrari made shrewd use of his titles and decorations to advertise himself in the press and otherwise.

Ferrari's Activities Expanded

In 1923 Congressman La Guardia applied to the banking department on behalf of Ferrari for approval of the organization of the Harlem Bank of Commerce. The chief examiner at this time reported he was not satisfied with the financial responsibility of the proposed board of directors and a long delay ensued. In May, 1925, Ferrari graduated from a private banker into a bank president. He had in some way acquired title to the building at the corner of 109th Street and Second Avenue, next to the private bank at 2112 Second Avenue.

The private bank became the Harlem Bank of Commerce and Ferrari also became influential in the Atlantic State Bank of Brooklyn, which his friend Count Michael Magnoni, was president. Ferrari became vice-president of this bank and subsequently its president when Count Magnoni returned to Italy.

The Atlantic State Bank had a branch on Graham Avenue, in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, formerly the private banking business of Palumbo and Granozzi, and one in Manhattan, in the Harlem Market section, on First Avenue, which was formerly the private banking business of Salvatore De Vita, where Ferrari was once employed.

In 1926 the Harlem Bank of Commerce received authority to establish a branch in the Murray Hill section, Thirtieth Street and Third Avenue.

Applications were made from time to time to increase the capital of the Harlem Bank of Commerce and the Atlantic State Bank, and such increases were approved by the banking department. The stories of one of these increases and of the source of the original capital of the Harlem Bank of Commerce are told in this report. It will suffice to say here that these funds were never actually paid in and that the transactions were bold and complicated frauds. The other increases were brought about in a similar way and, apparently, a substantial part of the capital of the City Trust Company itself was never really paid in.

In 1928 the Harlem Bank of Commerce and the Atlantic State Bank were merged with the approval of the banking department. The merged bank was known for a short time as the Harlem Bank of Commerce. The name was then changed to the City Trust Company.

During this period Ferrari's other activities also expanded greatly. He had apparently studied the practices and growth of holding companies, investment trusts and corporations generally, and the various possible relationships of such agencies to banks and banking. He developed a following consisting of window dressers, good names, prominent business men, promoters, small tradesmen, local political leaders, etc., with men of Italian extraction in the great majority, but with a sprinkling of others to leaven the lump. He also began to employ lawyers for all sorts of purposes. He appointed Edward F. Glynn, who had been secretary to the Superintendent of Banks during Mr. McLaughlin's incumbency and who had left the department to practice law, as counsel to the Harlem Bank of Commerce and Atlantic State Bank.

Gifts to the Warders

In 1926 Warder moved from a small flat on the upper West Side to a larger apartment at 115th Street and Riverside Drive. Ferrari helped Warder obtain a reduction in the rental of this apartment, guaranteed a three-year lease and paid the first month's rent. Ferrari furnished four Oriental and two domestic rugs for this apartment. The Oriental rugs cost \$1,241 and were paid for by Di Paola at the Harlem Bank of Commerce on Ferrari's order. Ferrari also provided and personally supervised the arrangement of a set of Louis XVI furniture for the parlor. Virginia Warder received a Chrysler car costing \$2,209 in that year, through the Lancia Motors Company, one of the Ferrari companies, and subsequently Ferrari arranged an appointment for Mrs. and Miss Warder at a Cadillac agency, at which the Chrysler was traded in and cash was paid for a Cadillac. Ferrari then bought back the old Chrysler from the Cadillac dealer. Ferrari's chauffeur testified that presents of chickens, eggs and bottles were delivered by him at Ferrari's order to Warder's apartment. There is also some evidence to show that Ferrari gave Mrs. Warder jewelry. Mrs. Warder when interrogated on this point several days before her death, refused to answer on the ground that it might tend to incriminate her. Mr. and Mrs. Warder made a trip to Atlantic City in 1927 and sent the hotel bill to Ferrari. In the fall of 1928 Ferrari paid at least part of the return passage of Mrs. Warder and Miss Warder on the Cunard liner Aquitania.

We now turn to the evidence of gifts of securities and cash from Ferrari to Warder.

James L. Miller, the vice-president of a national bank, who was a personal friend of Warder and a partner in various investments, testified that in the summer of 1927 Warder asked him to hold ten shares of stock in the Harlem Bank of Commerce for him, explaining that he had received them in payment for a "bad debt." In June, 1928, Miss Warder gave this official her check for \$80 to exercise rights for four additional shares in connection with an increase in capital. Miller regularly collected the dividends and paid them to Warder by his own checks. These ten shares were evidently the qualifying shares which Fiore, one of the Harlem directors, paid for, but never received. The certificate was made out to Fiore and indorsed in blank. Fiore testified that the indorsement was a forgery. The shares were then reissued to an apparently fictitious person and were then transferred to Miller. Warder's holding of stock in any state bank was, of course, illegal. The possession of stock in this particular bank under these peculiar conditions is particularly significant.

What Warder Did For Ferrari.

We now turn to what Warder, through the Banking Department, did for Ferrari. Here again the facts must speak for themselves.

Possibly some of the minor acts or omissions were not part of any conspiracy or agreement between Warder and Ferrari, but may be traced to accident, carelessness or to some fortuitous circumstance. The evidence is overwhelming, however, that the more important favors referred to below which Ferrari received at the hands of the Banking Department were a direct outcome of his relations with Warder.

The Banking Law calls for examination of banks by the Banking Department semi-annually. The Harlem Bank of Commerce and the Atlantic State Bank were examined as of November 17, 1927, so that the next examination was due in June, 1928, or just prior to the merger. This examination was omitted on the specific instruction from Warder to the chief examiner, who could remember no similar order in all his experience.

It must be presumed that Warder knew the condition of the Ferrari banks when the merger came to him for approval. He saw the examination reports and the disciplinary letters of the fall of 1927, and ordered the 1928 spring examination to be skipped. In spite of this he approved the merger without question or comment, at a time when the capital and surplus of the Harlem Bank of Commerce were gone and there was an additional impairment of about \$200,000, and when surplus of the Atlantic State Bank was gone and half the capital, or about \$250,000, was impaired. This is a conservative estimate, based solely on the items which received unfavorable mention in the reports of the Banking Department at the time. The actual conditions was probably worse. Obviously, this situation called for the closing of one or both of these banks or their drastic overhauling, rather than for a merger which not only left the same officials and directors in charge, but confirmed and perpetuated their methods and invited the increased confidence of the general public.

The Harlem Bank of Commerce increased its capital three times and the Atlantic State Bank four times, with a further increase for both banks at the time of the merger, making a total of eight capital increases, all of which were approved without question by Warder. An increase from \$200,000 to \$500,000 for the Harlem Bank of Commerce, more fully described in the next chapter of this report, became effective in March, 1927. An examination made several days after the capital increase was approved listed twelve violations of law, called attention to the large amount loaned on the Park Row Building, and made other criticisms of conditions which ultimately caused the downfall of the bank.

The examinations by the department of both Ferrari's banks in 1927 and of the City Trust Company in November, 1928, are marked by curious omissions which it is hard to believe were the result of carelessness or incompetence on the part of the examiners. Assets were adversely commented upon, but were nevertheless given full value with few and comparatively insignificant exceptions. In the examination of the Harlem Bank of Commerce of November, 1927, which was after Ferrari had foisted his original private bank buildings on the Harlem bank at an inflated price of \$345,000, the examiner makes no adverse comment. The real estate schedule in the report was prepared by an employee of the bank and the original worksheet bears no evidence of a check by the examiner. The assessed valuation of the buildings is given at \$232,000, although the correct figure was \$130,000. In the 1928 examination the figure was entered correctly as \$130,000. The sale of the bank buildings and the major manipulations in foreign exchange accounts are described in greater detail elsewhere in this report. They began at the time of the organization of the Harlem Bank of Commerce in 1925. In the Department examinations the false accounts were never verified by direct communication with foreign depositaries, but the real accounts of insignificant proportions were carefully verified in this way. Had the fundamental requirements of a proper audit been met in any examination, gross fraud and overstatements of assets would have been discussed to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The City Trust Company was first examined by the Banking Department on November 20, 1928. The examiner's report, although incomplete, contained an arraignment of conditions severe enough to warrant immediate drastic action by the Department. The report was referred to the third deputy toward the end of December. He took it up with arder promptly. Warder, instead of immediately summoning or communicating with the directors, said he thought it best to bring down some of the officers of the bank to discuss the situation. On January 26, 1929, Pawling was called into Warder's office and found Ferrari there.

When Ferrari's attention was called to the findings in the report he stated that some of the conditions complained of had already been corrected. Nevertheless, Warder said he would have to call these matters to the attention of the board of directors. Pawling dictated a disciplinary letter on January 29 which was not even transcribed for weeks, ostensibly because Ferrari died on February 1, although there was no good reason why it should not have been mailed immediately to the directors. As a matter of fact, if matters had taken a normal course the letter would have reached the City Trust directors long before Ferrari's death.

The acts and omissions of the Banking Department with reference to the City Trust Company and its predecessors, take on added significance in the light of the events which occurred after Ferrari's death and especially of the conduct of Warder between that time and the date of his resignation as Superintendent.

Ferrari's Death.

On Thursday, January 30, 1929, Ferrari telephoned the main office of the City Trust Company that he was ill. He became rapidly worse and refused to be moved until the next day, when he was taken by ambulance to the Fifth Avenue Hospital. He was operated on for acute appendicitis by Dr. Tilton in the presence of several other reputable physicians. He died shortly after the operation, either as the result of shock or peritonitis.

There is no foundation for the rumors to the effect that Ferrari committed suicide or died through willful neglect of a chronic disease. His death occurred early in the evening, and there followed a series of extraordinary events which led to the closing of the City Trust and to the public scandal now under investigation.

Officials of the City Trust Company, led by Di Paola and Labate, hurried from the hospital to the apartment of the Superintendent of Banking, Frank H. Warder. Judge Mancuso and other directors were summoned from their beds. George V. McLaughlin, former Superintendent of Banks, and then head of the Brooklyn Trust Company, was notified by Warder. Conferences were held, lasting through the night and well into the next day. Flashnick, Ferrari's personal attorney, appeared. Other bankers were sent for or communicated with, and the word went around that there would be a run when the public knew of

Ferrari's death, that the news must be suppressed for a day or two, and the bank sold immediately to prevent a crash.

Among others, word was received from Dr. Giannini, President of the Bank of America, that he was interested. The directors did not return at the time agreed, but began negotiating with other banks.

On the Monday following Ferrari's death, Giannini put several auditors into the bank and soon discovered a number of forgeries and accommodations, and also evidence that some of the foreign credit items were fictitious. On Tuesday Warder assigned several Banking Department examiners, who were given no instructions beyond being told to look into the books and records and to watch Giannini's men. Giannini protested to Warder that the Department examiners were in his way, and also told Warder that he had discovered disquieting conditions in the bank, and Warder replied that he was unduly pessimistic. On Thursday Di Paola asked Giannini to withdraw his auditors, because they were in the way, and said that anyway another purchaser had been found for the bank. Apparently the new purchaser did not materialize, because on Friday evening the City Trust directors and Warder asked Giannini to come back and take over the bank on a liquidating basis and agreed to pay Giannini \$200,000 in addition. Evidently the directors and Warder were getting desperate, because they had been in touch with the Italian Ambassador, who came to New York and urged Giannini to take over the bank as a service to the Italian people. Giannini agreed to take up the new proposition, and on Saturday put twenty-two auditors into the City Trust to examine all the branches. On Sunday night the auditors had found the records so untrustworthy that Giannini notified the directors and Warder that he would have nothing further to do with the proposition, and on Monday, February 11, Warder was forced to close the bank.

At that time there were 16,936 depositors, of whom 13,347 had thrift or savings accounts and only 3,589 had checking accounts. The total amount of deposits was approximately \$6,500,000, of which almost \$5,000,000 was represented by the thrift or savings accounts. The skies did not look very bright for the depositors.

Warder resigned on April 22, 1929. He had already made quiet preparations to go to Europe. In the meantime, through the efforts of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor and others, a group of representatives of the larger banks was called together to save the depositors of the City Trust Company by taking over the bank. Finally, a group was brought together under the name of the Mutual Trust Company.

The new bank found difficulties in getting started because of unfavorable publicity affecting the City Trust Company, because of the Federal bankruptcy investigations into several Ferrari corporations, and the proceedings in the Supreme Court initiated by stockholders of the City Trust Company, and because of the demand for an investigation by the Governor under the Moreland act. The negotiations for the reopening of the City Trust Company went on after the Moreland investigation got under way. They finally resulted in an arrangement under which the Mutual Trust Group will merge with the International Germanic Bank, the Mutual group guaranteeing the deposits of the City Trust Company up to \$6,000,000. This arrangement is about to become effective, with the result that the depositors of the City Trust Company will be paid in full.

It has not been possible to trace the major part of the funds, stocks or other valuable things illegally or improperly taken from the City Trust Company or obtained from the other Ferrari companies by manipulations involving the bank. There is strong evidence that papers and money belonging either to the estate or to the City Trust Company were taken to New Jersey by some of his relatives immediately after his death. The tracing of these assets is the function of the Banking Department as part of the City Trust Company liquidation. In this connection, interested parties should be cautioned as to the extent of these assets. The losses in the City Trust Company and other Ferrari companies were large, but all of them did not represent real money. When the bank closed, the capital and surplus of \$2,225,000 was gone, and the deposits were impaired to the extent of over \$2,250,000, but these are only bookkeeping figures. Much of the capital was never paid in. There were losses due to mismanagement as distinguished from theft. All the manipulations involving illegal acts cannot be added to establish a total actually in the hands of offending parties. In many cases, one illegal or fictitious transaction was made merely to hide an older one, to bolster up a shaky enterprise or pay back some one whose money or stock had been misappropriated and who was becoming insistent or ugly. In other cases the manipulations were carried on to create paper profits out of which to pay cash dividends. Toward the end, the web he was weaving was so tangled that it is doubtful whether even Ferrari knew the way out.

The recommendations as to administration and legislation made in the report follow:

The Banking Department was demoralized in the administration of Frank H. Warder. This is well illustrated by the fact that after the closing of the City Trust Company, when charges of official corruption were in the air, he invited DiPaola into the department and gave him the desk of the Chief Examiner, who was absent. Di Paola was afraid to go to the main office of the bank in Harlem, which was the only place where he could have been useful to the examiners. The effect on the State employees of the presence of Ferrari's chief aide at such a time can well be imagined. Warder was timid, cowardly and dishonest. The first two of these qualities must have been known to all of the executives and employees who saw him daily in the department. His dishonesty was known to at least a considerable number shortly before he resigned. He was not an executive, and did not understand either organization or men. The outward aspect of conservatism which he cultivated to a marked degree enabled him to pass muster with the banking fraternity and the general public. No department could be sound under such a head, irrespective of the quality of its subordinates. The Banking Department has its fair share of able, honest and ambitious employees, as demonstrated by the excellent work of the men assigned by Mr. Broderick to assist this inquiry. What it needs more than anything else is the restoration of its morale, and there is every evidence that this is proceeding rapidly under the new Superintendent.

The following recommendations regarding administration and legislation are based upon generalizations from the record of the City Trust Company. Undoubtedly, you as Governor will wish to analyze these

recommendations with great care and to consult with the new Superintendent and the banking profession before a decision is reached on the drafting of bills for the consideration of the next Legislature.

As to Banking Department Personnel.

The Banking Department personnel should be organized like that of a large accounting staff in private employment. The rank and file of examiners are underpaid. There should be three grades: a junior grade of routine assistants with annual salaries from \$2,500 to \$3,500, a second grade of examiner at salaries from \$4,000 to \$5,500 and a grade of senior examiner in charge of large examinations receiving from \$6,000 to \$8,000 a year. The chief examiner's salary should be not less than \$9,000. Deputies should receive from \$7,500 to \$10,000. The force should be greatly increased so that there will be a sufficient number to make thorough examinations. In addition to the Superintendent, all other officials of the Banking Department should be prohibited by law from holding, owning or speculating in stock or bonds under their jurisdiction.

As to the Jurisdiction of the Department.

There seems no good reason why every banking institution should not be under either State or Federal jurisdiction. At present the strongest and the weakest escape; among the former are the great banking houses on Wall Street; among the latter, institutions like Clawke Brothers, which recently failed.

As to Private Banks

The Banking Department supervises private banks only in cities. If the history of the City Trust Company has demonstrated anything, it is that there should be no more private banks anywhere in the State. There is no good reason for them. In the cities many of them are operated by foreigners who cannot speak, read, write, or even understand English. Their operations are obscure and difficult to supervise. They serve no purpose which cannot be served by a State bank or trust company or by a branch of such an organization, or by a bank or branch under Federal supervision. There are at present only fifty private banks under State supervision, several of which are in liquidation. I would suggest for consideration that private banks both in and out of cities be given a period of two years in which to convert into State or national banks. Thereafter no private banks would be permitted. If this change in the law is made, the definition of banks and bankers should be made broad enough to cover all institutions doing a banking business.

As to savings and thrift accounts

Savings and thrift accounts in banks other than savings banks should be subject to the laws governing investments by saving banks. The failure of the City Trust Company would have been impossible if the greater part of its deposits had not been in the form of savings and thrift accounts. Only a bank having numerous small long-term accounts deposited by people who have little contact with the bank or interest in its operations could have undergone the manipulations which went on in the City Trust Company. There can be no good reason why a savings bank should be subject to peculiarly stringent rules, while another bank around the corner invites and maintains exactly similar accounts without any special restrictions. I therefore recommend that all banks having savings accounts be given a period of three years to adjust their savings investments so as to bring them into line with the regulations which apply to savings banks.

Revision of the Banking law generally to insure responsibility of directors of officers

The most effective way of insuring real supervision by directors would be to impose a statutory duty upon them supported by criminal as well as civil penalties to diligently and honestly administer the affairs of the bank. The present oath has been declared ineffective by the courts. The proposed remedy is drastic, but it is doubtful whether anything short of it will accomplish the result. In addition, the banking law should be revised so as to impose proper penalties for infractions. These penalties should run to the individuals instead of to the bank. Section after section of the banking law establishes what the officers shall do and what they shall not do. These provisions of law were violated every day by the officers of the City Trust Company, and yet it is impossible to hold these persons responsible because of the lack of penalties.

For example, it is futile to provide that a bank shall be fined \$100 a day if the semi-annual reports are not forthcoming on time. One of the semi-annual directors' reports of the City Trust Company was never submitted to the Banking Department at all, and another was submitted months late. Obviously, certain officers and directors were responsible for this, including the chairman and the secretary of the board of directors, the president and the examination committee, but none of these can be held responsible in the present state of the law. Moreover, the first deputy testified that within his memory no bank had ever been fined \$100 a day when reports were late, and that the present provision of the law is ineffective.

There should be a specific provision in the banking laws as distinguished from the penal law, prohibiting bank officers or employees from making false or misleading entries on records of any kind, and establishing proper penalties. It should also be provided that all accounting and financial records should be kept in English.

As to the Chairman of the Board

It should be provided by law that the Chairman of the Board of Directors, must see to it that all loans are actually passed upon at regular meetings of the Board. He should be personally liable if this is not done. There should be proper credit statements for all loans over a certain amount, such amount to be fixed on the basis of the capital and surplus of the bank. Bank examiners should have the specific power to require such statements from the borrowers if not found in the files of the bank.

As to disciplinary letters

Disciplinary letters should be required by law to be sent to every member of the Board of Directors in writing, and an examiner should be required to attend the first meeting of the Board of Directors following the sending of the disciplinary letter to see that it is read and understood by the Directors.

As to qualifications and duties of Directors

Every Director of a bank before his name is approved by the Banking Department should be personally interviewed by an official of the department. He should be given a pamphlet prepared by the department setting forth the duties of Directors. He should be required to

swear that he had read it. Persons holding the office of judge or District Attorney or any similar position, should not be permitted to be Directors of banks. There should also be a statutory duty on the part of the Secretary of the Board to preserve minutes of the Board of Directors with a penalty if they are not preserved.

As to relations of a bank or its officials with other financial institutions and companies

There should be more stringent provision against the borrowing of money by officers of banks through allied corporation, and against the payment of extra compensation to officers by allied companies.

Borrowing money from other banks on the basis of pledges of stock not yet authorized by the Banking Department should be prohibited.

Brokerage houses selling stock directly to a bank or manipulating its stock for a bank should be subject to civil liability.

The entire subject of investment trusts, holding companies and related corporations should be restudied in the light of the relation of the City Trust Company and Prudential Bank to other Ferrari companies.

Ferrari, as the single voting trustee, controlled the Prudential Bank, although his name did not appear as a Director, and although the amount of stock which he personally held was negligible.

The Post Security history shows how a corporation can be organized for the purpose of evading the law that a bank may not deal in its own stock.

Other dangers are demonstrated by the Federal Securities Corporation. That corporation owned a large block of the stock of the bank. The bank, on the other hand, made loans secured by the Federal Securities stock as collateral. The failure of the bank would involve the Securities Corporation and vice versa.

As to physical conditions in banks

The Banking Department should be responsible for the physical plant and condition of banks, and banks should be forced to provide quarters which are adequate in size, sanitary and modern in equipment. Plant conditions in the City Trust Company are far below the proper standards which should be maintained in New York State. When the main Harlem office of the bank was in operation it must have been greatly overcrowded, and practically impossible to ventilate. There was not even adequate space for proper filing; and a proper examination by the Banking Department under these conditions, with business going on, must have been impossible.

As to capital and capital increase

It should be required by law that the Banking Department investigate original capital and increases in capital to see that the cash on hand was actually paid in, and not fictitious; and that in the case of mergers or conversions the assets and liabilities of the existing institutions are correctly stated.

Report to Creditors of Clarke Brothers of New York, Indicates Shrinkage In Assets of Between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000—Payment to Creditors Estimated at 5% to 25%—Partners Indicted.

The amount which the depositors of the private banking firm of Clarke Brothers, of 154 Nassau Street, this city, are likely to receive is estimated at from 5 to 25% in a statement to the creditors of the concern, issued July 9 by D. W. MacCormack, head of the receivership department of the Irving Trust Company. The naming of the Irving Trust Company as Receiver for the firm was noted in our issue of July 6, page 74. In summarizing the asset position of the firm Mr. MacCormack gives the aggregate value of the assets as shown on the books of Clarke Brothers as \$5,852,377; the minimum present estimate, according to Mr. MacCormack's report is \$640,000 and the maximum present estimate \$1,830,000, indicating says the statement "a minimum shrinkage of \$4,000,000 in the assets of Clarke Brothers and a maximum shrinkage of over \$5,000,000." The book liabilities, it is added, "are in the neighborhood of \$5,575,000, of which \$225,000 consist of secured claims." The amount due depositors is given as \$4,990,248. As to the causes of the failure the statement says:

"It is too early to estimate in detail the cause of this failure. The firm has been paying a high interest rate, 5½%, on a large portion of its deposits. It appears to have been operating at a loss for a number of years. The losses in the last six years alone appear to be in excess of \$1,000,000. Partnership withdrawals also appear to have been heavy. The following list indicates withdrawals by and loans to partners now appearing on books:

James Rae Clarke	\$162,360.59
Phillip L. Clarke	4,891.56
Hudson Clark Jr.	57,339.82
J. F. Bouker	18,154.25
*William H. Clarke (deceased)	162,248.84
Total	\$404,995.16
* Partner in 1927.	

The statement to the creditors follows:

July 9, 1929.

Irving Trust Company, Receiver.

STATEMENT TO CREDITORS OF CLARKE BROTHERS

The preliminary examination of the books of Clarke Brothers has been completed by Lybrand, Ross Brothers and Montgomery, accountants for the Irving Trust Company, Receiver, in co-operation with Messrs. White and Case, attorneys for the Receiver, according to the books the assets of the firm amount to \$5,615,010.88; liabilities to \$5,352,934.51; and capital and surplus \$262,076.37.

The examination made by the accountants has developed additional liabilities and contingent liabilities over those shown on the books, bringing the total to \$5,574,723.83. Liabilities to depositors included in the above total are as follows:

Depositors:	
Special interest accounts	\$3,719,753.00
Interest thereon to July 1 1929	87,113.29
	\$3,806,866.29
Checking accounts	1,176,977.74
Late deposits	6,404.80
	\$4,990,248.85

The assets as shown by the general books of the firm amount to \$5,615,010.88. Additional asset items amounting to \$237,367.07 bring the total of assets, according to the books, to a figure of \$5,852,377.95.

Three items in the total of the book assets require special attention:	
Stocks and securities at book value	\$1,513,434.95
Private ledger	1,858,102.47
Loans and discounts receivable	2,075,651.85

Stocks and Securities.

A list of stocks and securities drawn by the Receiver's accountants from the several records of the firm totals \$1,513,434.95. This list includes debit entries against the Georgia Fullers Earth Company totaling \$457,800 and also shares in a number of unknown companies and likewise certain mortgages. A substitute list drawn from private books of the firm was furnished by Mr. P. L. Clarke, one of the partners. In this list, which agrees as to totals with that drawn off by the Receiver's accountants, the shares of the unknown companies are eliminated and in substitution therefor the shares of the Georgia Fullers Earth Company owned by the firm are given a valuation of \$1,291,320.

Exclusive of the Georgia Fullers Earth Company this list of mortgages and securities cannot be appraised at more than \$100,000 at present. The Fullers Earth Company which is carried at \$1,291,320 represents, according to present information an investment or advances by Clarke Brothers amounting to \$174,000. There is a possibility that these shares may have value, but the property is not yet in production and its development has not been possible due to lack of funds; therefore, for the present, its shares can be given no asset value, or at best be valued at \$174,000, the amount of the investment therein.

Unless the detailed examination of the items comprised in this classification should result in appraisals much higher than now appear probable, it must be reduced from \$1,513,454 to from \$100,000 to \$400,000, reflecting a shrinkage of from \$1,100,000 to \$1,400,000.

Private Ledger Account.

The general ledger includes an account reflecting assets carried in the private ledger and amounting to \$1,858,102.47. The balance as shown in the private ledger is approximately \$800.00 more than that shown in the general ledger. The private ledger account, insofar as the investigation has gone, appears to have no real asset value with the exception of possible realizations on personal assets of partners. Withdrawals by the partners as detailed in this ledger amount to over \$312,000.

In this private ledger there is an item entitled Suspense—\$374,646—for which there is not present explanation. There is also an item of \$840,000 against the New York Port Terminal Company. It appears that if the Port Terminal Company was ever formed, it was never on an operating basis and that, according to statements of the partners, the major part of the items shown as an investment in this company were actually entries to cover losses in operations of Clarke Brothers. In general this entire item of over \$1,800,000 must be considered as worthless for present purposes, although as indicated above there exists the possibility of realizations on the personal assets of the partners. Such possible realizations cannot, with information now at hand, be expected to exceed \$400,000. This would leave a minimum estimated shrinkage of \$1,400,000 and a maximum shrinkage of \$1,800,000 on this item.

Loans and Discounts Receivable.

The item of loans and discounts receivable, amounting to \$2,075,601.85, includes only \$455,363.91 of loans and discounts not yet due. Approximately 50% of items not yet due are pledged as collateral with banks. The overdue notes amounting to \$1,620,237.94 are classified as follows,—demand notes being considered as maturing in the year of their date:

1929	\$327,802.22
1928	128,281.74
1927	109,399.06
1926	41,539.34
1925	225,411.48
1924 and prior	535,095.57
	\$1,387,534.41
Unallocated difference between lists from maturity record and control account	252,703.53
	\$1,620,237.94

It will be seen that of the over due notes \$535,000 became due on or prior to 1924, \$503,000.00 in the years 1925 to 1928 inclusive, and \$327,000.00 in 1929.

Included in the loan account are loans to partners amounting to \$75,000.00 which are in addition to the withdrawals indicated in the private ledger. There is also an item of \$183,000.00 covering loans extending over a number of years to Milton C. Quimby, and another item of \$25,000.00 against Milton C. Quimby (endorser). According to the statements of the partners they financed the operations of Mr. Quimby over a considerable period on the understanding that he was negotiating public utility mergers, oil mergers, mineral concessions in Russia, etc. On account of the period during which the greater part of these notes have been overdue and on account of the comparatively small total of notes not yet due, it does not appear that a value of more than from \$300,000.00 to \$750,000.00 can be placed on these notes at this time. This would indicate a shrinkage on this item of from \$1,325,000.00 to \$1,775,000.00.

Other Assets.

The other assets of the firm, as shown by their books, including cash on hand and in banks, bonds, furniture and fixtures, etc. amount to \$405,240, of which \$127,253.00 represent cash and \$114,100.00 bonds. The maximum estimated realization on the items in the group is \$280,000.00 and the minimum \$240,000.00, indicating a shrinkage of from \$125,000.00 to \$165,000.00.

Summary of Asset Position.

In view of the preceding analysis of the book assets of Clarke Brothers, it would appear that the realization value of the various items will have to be estimated as follows:

Items—	Value as Shown on Books of Clarke Bros.	Minimum Present Estimate.	Maximum Present Estimate.
Stocks and securities.....	\$1,515,434	\$100,000	\$400,000
Private ledger.....	1,858,102		400,000
Loans and discounts receivable.....	2,075,601	300,000	750,000
Cash on hand and all other assets as shown by books.....	405,240	240,000	280,000
	\$5,852,377	\$640,000	\$1,830,000

This would indicate a minimum shrinkage of \$4,000,000 in the assets of Clarke Brothers and a maximum shrinkage of over \$5,000,000.

Estimate of Dividends to Creditors.

The book liabilities are in the neighborhood of \$5,575,000 of which \$225,000 consist of secured claims.

Book liabilities.....			\$5,575,000
Secured claims.....			225,000
			\$5,350,000
		Minimum Estimate.	Maximum Estimate.
Assets.....		\$640,000	\$1,830,000
Less secured claims.....		225,000	225,000
Estimated balance available for unsecured creditors.....	\$416,000	\$1,605,000	
Unsecured claims.....	5,350,000	5,350,000	
Estimated possible div. after allowing for expenses of admin.	5%	25%	

The accountants are now examining the security and other records of the firm with a view to determining whether there have been any withdrawals other than those stated.

The partners of Clarke Brothers in discussing their hope of reorganizing the business have not indicated that they had any expectations of immediate realization on the assets carried on their books, but that they were expecting to obtain additional funds to be used until something could be worked out in some of the various ventures in which they held interests.

One of these was a public utility merger. Communication with the principals mentioned by the partners brought forth the statement that the deal in which the Clarke Brothers were interested has been closed without their participation and that there are no profits accruing to them from that source. They also stated that they were interested in an oil syndicate. This was supposed to be a syndicate for the acquirement of oil properties. Inquiries of individuals, when Clarke Brothers asserted were principals, brought forth denials that they were in any way interested in the matter. They have also been interested in an oil and mine concession in the former Georgian Republic and other Russian States. There is obviously no asset value to be credited to a concession to be granted by a state which would have to regain its independence to make the concession effective. Another item in their investment column is that of the Georgia Fullers Earth Company. This company is not in production and it has not been possible as yet to appraise its prospects.

This is naturally a gloomy picture for the creditors. The Receiver, however, feels it its duty to present such information as it has to the creditors as fully and clearly as is possible. In endeavoring to show the actual situation it has been necessary to eliminate many items from the statement of assets. This does not mean that no effort will be made to collect these apparently worthless items. On the contrary, the utmost pressure will be brought to bear for the collection of all outstanding accounts and notes and for the maximum possible realization on all ventures on which Clarke Brothers or the individual partners have been engaged.

Regarding Milton C. Quimby referred to in the above, the "Times" of July 10 said:

The one hope held out for the victims of the crash is a promise by members of the firm and Milton C. Quimby, a promoter to whom the report shows the firm paid \$174,000 direct and perhaps much more in the form of investments in his oil and other promotion schemes, that they will raise a "considerable" amount not later than tomorrow with a view of refinancing what is now believed to have been one of the biggest bank failures in years.

Quimby, whose address is unknown to the investigators, appeared in the case yesterday for the first time. With James Rae Clarke and J. F. Bouker, members of the bankrupt concern, Daniel Hanlon, an attorney, and a man known as "Cocheu," he called on Mr. MacCormack and said he expected to raise the "considerable sum." He and the others begged Mr. MacCormack not to make public until then the report of his accountants. Their request was refused on the ground that the report was rightfully the property of the creditors.

Quimby, under the name of Milton Quinn, was indicted in April, 1922, with Charles W. Morse, now dead, and twenty-one others for alleged misuse of the mails to defraud prospective investors in the United States Steamship Company. In 1926 the indictment against Quimby, or Quinn, was dismissed by Federal Judge Thomas D. Thacher. At that time he had desk room in the office of former Surrogate John P. Cohan, at 42 Broadway. Quimby's attorney is John P. Halpin of the firm of Laughlin, Gerard, Bowers & Halpin, at 57 William Street. In 1928 Quimby sued the New York Edison Company for \$750,000 he held it owed him as a fee for services in getting for the Edison Company the stocks, bonds and franchises of the Long Acre Electric Light and Power Company.

Mr. Bouker of the bankrupt firm was a vice president several years ago of the Irving Trust Company, now its receiver.

United States Attorney Charles H. Tuttle, who interested himself in the affairs of the firm when some of the depositors besought him to investigate the suspension and determine whether the bankruptcy laws had been violated announced on July 9, according to the "Times" that he would file an information on July 10 upon which to base a public investigation into the failure. The "Times" of July 10 added:

Mr. Tuttle said that after receiving the reports of expert accountants and postoffice inspectors and questioning several hundred depositors he felt it was due the depositors and the public and was also in the interest of justice that a public inquiry should be conducted by the government. This investigation will seek to ascertain whether the Federal statutes relating to fraudulent bankruptcies, concealments and misuse of the mails have been violated.

To Seek Further Assets.

Another investigation of the bankrupt firm, with a view to discovering further assets, if any, probably will begin tomorrow before Referee in Bankruptcy John L. Lyttle, at 299 Broadway. Colonel

D. W. MacCormack, head of the receivership department of the Irving Trust Company, receiver, announced yesterday that the trust company's attorneys would ask Referee Lyttle to open such an inquiry tomorrow if convenient. Mr. Tuttle said later that, if the referee's investigation and that before the United States Commissioner both opened on the same day, there should be no serious conflict.

Garrett W. Cotter is the only United States Commissioner sitting in this district now. Should the testimony adduced before him justify such action, he could hold persons involved for the grand jury. Ordinarily, Mr. Tuttle explained, he would go before the grand jury at once, but in this case he felt that the depositors and the public were entitled to know all the facts. All hearings before the commissioner will be public and testimony will be privileged.

Report Juggling of Assets.

Additional reports of accountants for the receiver disclosed yesterday indications of considerable juggling of figures by members of the firm with respect to securities listed on the books as assets. After the accountants had taken from the books a list of securities aggregating \$548,000, Philip Clarke of the firm prepared another list which he said was the proper one. In this list the entire \$548,000 was transferred in a jump to the Georgia Fuller's Earth Company appreciating the latter concern's assets by that amount and bringing them up to \$1,291,320.

Following the issuance of Mr. MacCormack's statement to the creditors of the firm, the "Herald-Tribune" of July 9 quoted Mr. Tuttle as follows:

Tuttle Blames State Officials.

Mr. Tuttle said: "The reports made to me and the information made public by the Irving Trust Company as receivers emphasize the extraordinary character of this failure on the part of a firm of private bankers which has continuously been subject to the jurisdiction of the Banking Department of the State of New York and which for years has apparently been utilizing the funds deposited in its savings accounts and in its general deposit accounts in gross disregard of first principles of conservative banking and of the statutory restrictions upon banks contained in the laws of this state.

"It is evident that these practices which have finally wrought this disastrous failure would have been revealed by the slightest examination of the books of the firm; and if the firm had refused to permit the Superintendent of Banks to make an examination, Sections 39 and 57 of the State Banking Laws authorized the Superintendent to summon before him persons and papers and to take possession of the business and property of the bank.

Tuttle Explains U. S. Attitude

"The Federal Government," continued Mr. Tuttle, "has no general jurisdiction over State banks and no jurisdiction over the violation of State banking laws, but it does have a duty to enforce the Federal laws against fraudulent bankruptcies and concealments and against using the mails in furtherance of fraudulent schemes. It would be unthinkable that this disastrous failure should go without any Government inquiry at all and without any Governmental effort to fasten responsibility for the heavy losses suffered by this multitude of small depositors whose moneys have apparently been diverted into oil speculations and promotions in Russia.

"Inasmuch as the Superintendent of Banks has taken no action, I will push an investigation under the foregoing Federal statutes, and to this end I will invite all depositors at this bank to place with me at once any correspondence or circulars which they have received from the bank or any of its representatives soliciting accounts or making representations concerning the character of the banking business done or setting forth the rates of interest to be paid on deposits."

From the account of the affairs in the "Times" of July 10 we take the following:

Although Superintendent Broderick of the State Banking Department said recently that Clarke Brothers had refused to permit an examination of their affairs by his department on the ground that it had no supervision, Mr. Tuttle declared that several depositors had told him and his aides that the firm had informed them it "could be relied upon because it was under the supervision of the State Banking Department." Other witnesses, according to Mr. Tuttle, said Clarke Brothers had sent out statements not longer than two months ago setting forth the concern's absolute reliability and soundness.

Broderick Refuses to Talk.

Superintendent Broderick refused yesterday to "enter into any argument" with Mr. Tuttle, who insists that the State Banking Department has supervision over and is actually required to examine twice a year the affairs of such concerns as Clarke Brothers. Mr. Tuttle made it clear, however, that Mr. Broderick, personally, was in no sense responsible for the department's failure to put through its examination of Clarke Brothers, as he had been in office only a very short time.

It was said yesterday that the State Banking Department actually had begun examination of Clarke Brothers in 1923 and was stopped by the firm with the statement that the State was acting without authority. Mr. Broderick said that, without a complaint having been made against such a concern, his department lacked authority to compel its submission to supervision.

On July 11 the four partners in the firm of Clarke Brothers were indicted by a grand jury on charges of using the mails to defraud. The "Post" of July 11 said:

The indictment was returned after the Grand Jury, sitting for two hours had listened to testimony from fifty witnesses, many of them women. All were depositors whose savings were wiped away in the bank's crash.

The partners named in the indictment are James Rae Clarke, Hudson Clarke Jr., Philip L. Clarke, brothers and John F. Bouker.

The indictment contains two counts—one of using the mails to defraud, another of conspiring to use the mails in furtherance of a scheme to defraud.

Auditors Report on Withdrawals.

The true bill findings shared interest, in the day's developments, with three other items.

United States Commissioner Cotter authorized United States Attorney Tuttle to proceed tomorrow with a public inquiry into the affairs of the failed bank.

An auditor's report indicated that the partners of the bank had withdrawn \$386,512.03 more than the ledgers of the firm showed.

Banking Suspensions for the Second Quarter of 1929 As Reported to R. G. Dun & Co.

From the "Weekly Trade Review" of R. C. Dun & Co. we take the following, regarding banking suspensions in the second quarter of the year:

A sharp increase in banking suspensions in the United States, due mainly to larger figures for the Central West, is shown for the second quarter of this year, compared with the returns for the corresponding period of 1928. As reported to R. G. Dun & Co., such suspensions for the country, as a whole numbered 148 during the three months recently ended, with liabilities of \$54,457,541, as against 92, involving \$28,952,552, in the second quarter of last year. Numerically, the most adverse showing, as already intimated, was made by the Central Western section, with a total of 102 suspensions for \$26,293,257, and 67 were included for Nebraska, with an indebtedness of \$19,086,000. The legislature of that State, at its last session, repealed the Bank Guarantee fund law, and many banks which had previously been declared insolvent, but which had been operated by the commission created under that law are now in receivership—hence the unusual number for this State.

Elsewhere than in the Central West, increases in number of banking suspensions occurred in the Middle Atlantic States, the South Atlantic group, the Central East and on the Pacific Coast, more than offsetting slight decreases in the South Central and Western sections. The liabilities increased in all geographical divisions except the Western group, the amount for the Central West being practically double that for the second quarter of 1928.

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

Section—	Number			Liabilities 1929.
	1929.	1928.	1927.	
New England.....	2	1	1	\$5,985,000
Middle Atlantic.....	21	13	9	10,454,000
South Atlantic.....	8	9	5	4,751,200
Central East.....	10	5	11	3,563,900
Central West.....	102	60	46	26,293,257
Western.....	2	4	6	660,000
Pacific.....	3	1	3	2,770,184
United States.....	148	92	81	\$54,457,541
1928.....	92	---	---	28,952,552

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

Two New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange memberships were reported sold this week that of Addison Leavens to Charles Slaughter for \$24,000, and that of George H. Earlo, 3d. to J. S. Bache & Co. for the same consideration.

A treasury membership on the Los Angeles Stock Exchange was reported sold this week for \$150,000.

The Irving Trust Company of New York announced on July 9 the appointment of Charles A. Cook, Vice-President and General Manager of Madelon Modes, Incorporated, as a member of the Advisory Board of its Seventh Avenue Office, Seventh Avenue at 37th Street. The trust company also recently announced the appointment of Samuel A. Salvage, 171 Madison Avenue, and Louis N. Messing, President of the Jonas & Naumburg Corporation, as members of the Advisory Board of its Twenty-eighth Street Office, Madison Avenue at 28th Street.

The Chase Securities Corporation of New York, which in the last year has opened fourteen offices in this country and Europe, announces the opening of another new office at 111 Sutter Street, San Francisco. This action represents another step in furtherance of the Corporation's policy of establishing its investment service throughout the world. Chase Securities Corporation is the investment affiliate of the Chase National Bank which is one of the large international banks of America, and with the recent acquisition of the American Express Company provides world-wide facilities. The San Francisco office of Chase Securities Corporation will be in charge of Adolph R. Snoble, Assistant Vice-President. Mr. Snoble has spent many years of his business life in California. With Mr. Snoble will be associated D. G. Saunders as District Sales Manager and B. W. Luke as Deputy Treasurer.

In another item in the front part of our paper to-day we refer to the record volume of clearings of the Chase National on July 2.

Total resources of \$1,556,010,960.33 and deposits of \$1,041,909,263.10, including outstanding checks, are shown by the statement of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York as of June 29, the first published since the merger of the Trust Company and the National Bank of Commerce on May 6 last. Capital, surplus and undivided profits are \$186,418,068. Undivided profits show a gain of \$2,021,896, as compared with the aggregate of undivided profits shown by each bank separately in their last statements prior to the merger, published in March. The above figures do not give effect to the increase in capital and surplus of \$100,000,000

authorized by the stockholders on June 24, for which subscriptions will close July 22.

The Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company of New York has announced the promotion of two officers and the appointment of four new officers at their Forty-second Street office. S. H. Tallman was promoted from Assistant Vice-President to Vice-President; R. C. Faust from Assistant Treasurer to Assistant Vice-President; A. J. Clabby was made an Assistant Treasurer, and J. C. Hart, S. J. Clages and F. G. O. Wernet were made Assistant Secretaries. Subsequent to the foregoing changes the Board of Trustees of Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company at their regular meeting on July 9 announced the appointment of the following officers: John C. Higbie, Assistant Secretary; John B. Henneman, W. G. Allen, Robert M. Moorhead and James A. Laird, Assistant Treasurers.

Complete details of the plan under which the newly organized Mutual Trust Company, the instrumentality through which depositors of the City Trust will have their deposits available rather than to await the results of liquidation by the State Superintendent of Banks, will be merged into the International Germanic Trust Company of New York, were made known in a letter mailed out to the stockholders of the latter company on July 6. It is emphasized that the International Germanic Trust will have no direct dealings with the City Trust but will act through the Mutual Trust and will be guaranteed against loss by the interests which organized the Mutual. As was indicated in our issue of July 6 (page 75) a special meeting of International Germanic Trust stockholders will be held on July 22 to ratify the merger agreement. Proxies were sent out with the call for this meeting and with the Board of Directors' explanation as to how the plan will operate. The practical effect of the merger will be to bring into the International Germanic Trust \$6,000,000 in additional capital and surplus, all of which is in cash and against which, it is stated, no liabilities exist. The International Germanic Trust thus will have capital funds of \$12,000,000 when the merger becomes effective. It is estimated that the maximum cost to the International Germanic for its part in the program would be \$125,000, which would be treated as the consideration for the five branches of the City Trust Company and its 20,000 depositors.

Henry C. Von Elm, President of Manufacturers' Trust Company, announces the appointment of Theodore Hurnos and John M. Schmitt as Assistant Secretaries, both of them located at the Union Office of the company, 801 Westchester Avenue, the Bronx. Frank R. Long, Assistant Secretary, has been transferred to the office at 1046 Southern Boulevard, where he will assist C. P. Ranges in the management of that office.

The National City Bank of New York has capital of \$110,000,000 and surplus of \$110,000,000, while its investment affiliate, The National City Company, has capital of \$55,000,000 and surplus of \$55,000,000, making a total of \$330,000,000. Undivided profits of the bank, as reported June 29 1929, amount to \$15,260,406. The capital stock of the City Bank Farmers' Trust Company is \$10,000,000 and the surplus \$10,000,000. The combined institutions, therefore, have capital, surplus and undivided profits of over \$365,000,000, not including the substantial undivided profits of The National City Company, which figure is not obtainable.

The Bancamerica-Blair Corporation, the securities affiliate of the Bank of America, N. A., has opened an office in the Candler Building, in Atlanta, Ga. Arthur M. Hoagland, who will be Manager of the new office, has been engaged in the investment security business for over eighteen years, the past two of which have been spent in Atlanta. It is expected that the Atlanta office of the Bancamerica-Blair Corporation will become the headquarters for that company's Southern activities.

The statement of The Commercial National Bank and Trust Company of New York, made public in response to a call from the Comptroller of the Currency, shows, as of June 29, total resources of \$97,970,489, a gain of \$21,217,299 over the figure of \$76,753,190 carried in the bank's initial statement on March 27 1929. Deposits during the three months' period have increased from \$59,534,951 to \$76,589,036. Of significance in the present statement is the

item surplus and undivided profits, which stands at \$7,886,351, compared to \$7,332,000 previously reported, indicating a net increase for the quarter of \$554,351, and a total operating profit of \$886,351 since the bank first started business on January 9 1929.

Ethelbert H. Low was elected a Vice-President of the Corn Exchange Bank & Trust Co. of New York at a meeting of the directors this week.

The stockholders of the Chase National Bank and of the National Park Bank of New York were formally notified on July 10 that special meetings of the shareholders of both institutions had been called for August 12 to ratify the consolidation of the two banks, as recently proposed by the boards of directors. Stockholders of the Chase Securities Corp. and of the Parkbank Corp. will meet on the same day to approve the merger of the Parkbank Corp. with Chase Securities. Details of the plan of consolidation were given in our issue of June 22, page 4098.

The International Acceptance Bank, Inc., announces the following elections: Assistant Vice-President, Benjamin Strong, Jr.; Assistant Treasurers, John C. Becker, R. T. Giblin, J. J. Moran, James D. MacDouall, Alfred J. Moutrie and J. Phelps Wood. The Bank of Manhattan Co. and the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., both of New York, recently issued their first combined statement of condition since the merger of these two institutions took place in March of this year. While there are no previous figures with which comparisons can be made the statement shows a total capital of \$22,250,000, surplus and undivided profits of \$43,210,812.37, total deposits of \$519,405,202.15, and total resources of \$675,852,777.28. The International Acceptance Bank, Inc., reports satisfactory results from the first six months of the year. Its July 1 balance sheet shows further growth in its business during the 12 months period since June 30 1928. The total resources July 1 1929 were \$127,311,596, compared with \$121,317,562 on the corresponding date of 1928. The new figures show acceptances outstanding of \$60,600,237, as compared with \$59,608,628 on June 30 1928. Capital and surplus is \$13,750,000 with undivided profits of \$4,150,294. Since the publication of the last statement, as of Dec. 31 1928, the sum of \$1,250,000 has been transferred from undivided profits to surplus.

J. Howard Ferguson has been appointed an Assistant Cashier of the Commercial National Bank and Trust Co. of New York.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. of New York held July 11, Wallace C. Von Arx, Assistant Trust Officer, was appointed Trust Officer. Mr. Von Arx has been associated with the bank for six years, actively engaged in the administration of the Corporate Trust Department. This department will be located at 55 Cedar St. on and after July 22. William C. McAdam was appointed Assistant Manager of the Times Square office, located at Broadway and 44th St.

The Guild State Bank of New York announces that S. I. Chittenden, one of the senior bank examiners of the State Banking Department, has accepted the office of Vice-President. He will be in charge of the technical operations of the bank. Mr. Chittenden has been with the State Banking Department for twelve years and before that was associated with banks in Malone and Plattsburg, N. Y., and with the Chase National Bank of the City of New York. He will assume the duties of his new office upon the acceptance of his resignation by the State Banking Department. The newly organized Guild State Bank, as we announced in our issue of July 6, page 78, expects to begin business shortly after Labor Day.

The Directors of the Port Morris Bank of New York this week voted to recommend to stockholders an increase in capital from \$200,000 to \$300,000. Rights will be given to stockholders to subscribe to one new share for every two shares held at \$20 per share. This will add \$100,000 to surplus, as well as to capital, and will raise total resources of Port Morris Bank to over \$4,500,000. Stockholders of Port Morris will meet August 15, to ratify the above plan. Rights will be issued to stockholders of record August 20, and will expire Sept. 15. Effective May 15, the par value of the stock of the bank was reduced from \$100 to \$10 per share.

Col. Harry R. Moody, 53 years old, Assistant Vice-Pres. of Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., of New York, died unexpectedly in San Raphael Hospital at New Haven on July 10. After starting on a motor tour on July 5, from his residence, in Brooklyn, a sudden attack of appendicitis compelled him to undergo an operation at the New Haven hospital on the following day. A brief period of apparent convalescence was followed by the relapse which proved fatal. During seven years in the organization of the Metropolitan Trust Co. and that of the Chatham Phenix, Col. Moody became the head of the Service Department of the latter institution and was widely known among officials of trans-Atlantic shipping services.

As a Captain in the Quartermaster Corps during the World War, Col. Moody was an assistant of the late General George R. Goethals in the Packing Division of the Military Organization at Washington which had charge of assembling and forwarding the material for the use of American forces overseas. At the close of the War he was made a Major and subsequently was commissioned a Lieut. Colonel in the Officers Reserve Corps. Within the past month he completed a term of army duty. Following his discharge after the Armistice and prior to beginning his banking career in 1922, Col. Moody acted as consultant to a number of exporting firms with reference to packing problems.

At a meeting held July 9, Nicolas J. Gerold, partner of Josephthal & Company and Fred Lavis, President, International Railways of Central America, were elected to the board of directors of Hibernia Trust Company of New York.

The first rivet to be placed in the main steel columns of the Bank of Manhattan Company skyscraper, the tallest in the world, now being erected in Wall Street was driven July 10 by Col. W. A. Starrett, Pres. of The Starrett Corporation, and Raymond E. Jones, Vice-President of the Bank of the Manhattan Company. A golden rivet was used. The event was witnessed by a number of officials and representatives of firms identified with this project, including Starrett Brothers, Incorporated, who are constructing the building; Levering & Garrique Co., engineers and fabricators who designed and are supplying the steel for the new structure; Spencer, White & Prentiss, Inc., in charge of the foundation work; G. L. Ohrstrom & Co., Inc., bankers for the Starrett Corporation, and the Forty Well Street Corporation, owners of the new building. The golden rivet was driven in one of eight massive steel columns which will carry the trusses for the main banking floor, and will support the tower of the building, which will rise more than 840 feet above the street level. Each of these columns, which are said to be the heaviest ever used in the construction of any building in the United States, weighs approximately 22 tons and each is designed to sustain a load of over 4,600,000 pounds.

The Murray Hill Trust Company of New York, in its statement of condition on June 29 shows total resources of \$17,120,508 with deposits of \$11,663,499. The report of Murray Hill Allied Corporation, a wholly owned affiliate, is not included in the statement. It is officially announced that earnings of the bank and its affiliate, for the first half of 1929, are at the annual rate of \$19 per share.

Application to organize a new bank in Syracuse, N. Y., under the title of the Lincoln National Bank was recently approved by the Comptroller of the Currency. The new institution will be capitalized at \$750,000.

Stockholders of the Medford Trust Co., Medford, Mass., have approved a five-for-one split-up in the bank's stock, reducing the par value from \$100 a share to \$20 a share, according to the Boston "Herald" of July 4. As a result of this action the bank's capital of \$500,000 will consist of 25,000 shares instead of 5,000 as heretofore.

On July 9 stockholders of the Pittsfield National Bank & Trust Co., Pittsfield, Mass., and of the Third National Bank of that city, both located in the Berkshire Life Insurance Co. Building, voted unanimously to merge the institutions, according to a dispatch from Pittsfield on that day, appearing in the Springfield "Republican" of July 10. The consolidated institution will have a capital of \$450,000, surplus of like amount, and undivided profits of \$200,000. The dispatch went on to say:

The agreement of consolidation provides that stockholders of the Third National bank may exchange their stock share for share in the consolidated bank, and in addition may subscribe to one new share in the consolidated

bank at the rate of \$140 a share for each five shares of Third National Bank stock now held by them. The same agreement provides that stockholders of the Pittsfield National Bank & Trust Company may exchange their stock in the consolidated bank, share for share.

It is expected the new bank will have these officers: Chairman of the board, Ralph B. Bardwell; President, Charles W. Power; First Vice-President, Z. Marshall Crane; Second Vice-President and Treasurer of the Pittsfield Securities Corporation, Monture A. Andrew; Third Vice-President and Cashier, Malcolm W. Lehman. Mr. Crane will continue as President of the securities corporation. The bank and security company will occupy quarters now used by the two banks.

Official announcement was made July 1 of the change in the name of the Foreman Securities Co., securities affiliate of the Foreman National Bank, Chicago, to the Foreman National Corporation, and of an increase in capitalization from \$500,000 to \$5,000,000. The Foreman National Corporation will be doing business with a paid-in capital and surplus of \$6,000,000, which is trustee for the benefit of Foreman National Bank stockholders. This change in name, it is thought, will more definitely identify the company with the Foreman National Bank, and is in line with an expansion policy that is expected to make the Foreman National Corporation an important factor among the underwriting and distributing houses in the Middle West. Executive direction of the Foreman National Corporation will be in the hands of Robert B. Whiting, Edwin M. Stark and Harold W. Wood, Vice-Presidents. The Foreman National Corporation will occupy the entire sixth floor of the new Foreman National Bank Building at 33 North LaSalle St., Chicago. A branch office will be opened soon in New York.

John C. Evans, Assistant Vice-President of the Union Trust Co., Detroit, will be one of a commission of five Michigan men selected by Governor Green to go to North Russia to locate and mark the graves of men who lost their lives there during the World War. Mr. Evans is Treasurer of the Polar Bears Association, comprised of soldiers who served in North Russia during the World War. Because 4,000 Michigan men saw service on this front, the State of Michigan is financing the commission. The Commission, which includes in addition to Mr. Evans, Gilbert T. Shilson, Chairman, Walter Dundon, Ray Durham, and Michael Macalla, will sail July 18 to be gone about three months.

A press dispatch from Ypsilanti, Mich. on July 1, appearing in the Detroit "Free Press" of the following day, stated that the Peoples National Bank of Ypsilanti, an institution organized in 1924, has merged with the First National Bank of that place. The combined resources of the institutions, it was said, total \$4,500,000. Officers of the First National Bank are D. L. Quirk, Jr., President; D. C. Griffin, Vice-President, and Guy A. Spencer, Cashier. The dispatch furthermore stated that Walter Sturm, former Cashier of the People's National Bank, will be retained as an officer of the First National Bank.

Affiliation of the First & American National Bank of Duluth, Minn., with the Northwest Bancorporation (a holding company formed recently) was announced on July 3 by E. W. Decker, President of the Northwest Bancorporation and of the Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis, according to the Minneapolis "Journal" of the same date. The addition of the Duluth bank, an institution with deposits in excess of \$31,000,000 and resources of approximately \$40,000,000, increases the number of banks in the Bancorporation group, exclusive of Minneapolis, to 15. In Minneapolis the Northwestern National Bank and its affiliated banks and the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. are members of the Northwest Bancorporation. Total resources of the Bancorporation now are in excess of \$214,500,000, Mr. Decker announced. The First & American National Bank is a consolidation of the First National Bank and the American Exchange National Bank effected in April last. It will continue to operate as an individual unit under the management of its present officers and directors, the former including David Williams, Chairman of the Board; Isaac S. Moore, President; Philip L. Ray, Executive Vice-President; J. Daniel Mahoney, Edward L. Palmer, George W. Ronald, Walter J. Johnson and Willis A. Putnam, Vice-Presidents; W. Gordon Hegardt, Assistant Vice-President, and William W. Wells, Cashier. The First National Duluth Co., the bank's investment company, has also become affiliated with the Northwest Bancorporation, Mr. Decker said. Philip L. Ray is President. The paper mentioned also quoted Mr. Decker as saying:

"Banking, like every other business, has become national in character. Closer relationships in this northwest territory will tie us closer together,

make us better bankers and enable us to offer a greater financial service to our respective communities and to the northwest as a whole.

"The importance of Duluth at the head of navigation on the Great Lakes is rapidly increasing. Duluth has always been interested in the development of its natural waterways. Now, with the combined interest of banks comprising the Northwest Bancorporation, it is to be hoped greater and quicker results may be attained in this and in other undertakings which tend to increase the industrial and shipping importance of that city."

That two Des Moines (Iowa) banks—the Iowa National Bank and the Des Moines National Bank—have effected a merger, subject to the approval of their respective stockholders, a majority of whom favor the plan, was reported in advices from that city on July 10 to the "Wall Street Journal," which went on to say in part:

The project will be consummated about August 1. With the Iowa National as its subsidiary, the Des Moines Savings Bank & Trust Co.

Name of the new bank will be Iowa-Des Moines National., Louis C. Kurtz, president of the Des Moines National, will be chairman of the board, and Clyde E. Brenton, now president of Iowa National, will be president of the merged institution.

Present capital stock of the two banks will be increased so the new concern will have a combined capital and surplus of \$3,000,000. According to published statements of the two banks as of June 29, the consolidated institution will have deposits in excess of \$35,000,000 and total resources of \$40,000,000. This will make the new organization the largest bank in Iowa.

Announcement was made on July 3 of the consolidation of five State banks in Stoddard County, N. Dak., with the James River National Bank at Jamestown, N. Dak., was announced on July 3 by Gilbert Semington, State bank examiner, according to a press dispatch from Bismarck, N. Dak., on July 3, printed in the Minneapolis "Journal" of the same date. The James River National Bank is affiliated with the Northwest Bancorporation. The banks which have transferred their business to the James River National Bank are: Millarton State Bank of Millarton, the Spiritwood State Bank, the Buchanan State Bank, the First State Bank of Edmunds, and the Eldridge State Bank.

On July 1, the First National Bank of West Minneapolis, Hopkins, Minn., changed its name to the First National Bank of Hopkins, to conform to the change in the name of the place in which it is located.

The First National Bank of Tulsa, Okla., capital \$2,500,000, and the Tulsa National Bank, capital \$750,000, were consolidated on June 22 under the title of the First National Bank & Trust Co. with capital of \$2,500,000.

The First National Bank of Miami, Okla. and the Ottawa County National Bank of that place were consolidated on June 24. The new institution, under the title of the First National Bank of Miami, is capitalized at \$250,000.

The Farmers' & Merchants' National Bank of Reno, Nev., recently changed its title to the First National Bank in Reno.

Following the closing on June 27 of the Avondale Bank & Savings Co. of Avondale, Ala. (a Birmingham, Ala. suburb), and the City Bank & Trust Co. of Birmingham, both headed by J. B. Lassiter, three more banks in Birmingham and vicinity have closed their doors, namely on July 6 the Southside Bank of Birmingham and the Woodlawn Savings Bank, Woodlawn, and on July 8 the Leeds State Bank, Leeds, according to the Birmingham "Age-Herald" of July 7 and July 9. From the latter paper it is learned that definite steps have been taken to reopen the City Bank & Trust Co. and officials of the Southside Bank and the Woodlawn Savings Bank have declared that their institutions are solvent and will reopen for business at an early date. The following we take from the July 9 issue of the paper mentioned:

State banking officials under Judge C. E. Thomas, State Superintendent of Banks, have taken over the affairs of each of the banks and reports on their conditions will be made public when audits are completed.

Depositors of the banks have been assured that their interests will be fully protected by the State Department of Banks and Judge Thomas issued a statement from Montgomery Monday, saying that "all banks at Birmingham are well provided with collateral and there is no need for further apprehension or restlessness."

Attorney General Charlie C. McCall, together with County Solicitor George Lewis Balles, will conduct investigations through the County Grand Jury into the banking situation.

In addition, Gov. Bibb Graves, with the aid of W. C. Oates, of the State Securities Commission, has begun another probe into the closing of the Avondale and City Banks.

Following the organization of the Grand Jury, Judge McElroy charged the inquisitorial body on the general aspect of its investigations and then pointed out that the court "gives to you in special charge all of the provisions of the criminal code of this State relating to banks and banking. . . . If evidence comes before you showing probable cause for believing that any person has been guilty of any felony in connection with the banking laws it is your duty to indict."

Judge McElroy also pointed out that the grand jurors could return an indictment for a misdemeanor in connection with violations of the banking law if 12 of their number believed it was necessary for the public good. . . .

The same issue of the "Age-Herald" also contained the following press dispatch from Montgomery, Ala., under date of July 8:

Judge C. E. Thomas, commenting on the closing Monday morning of the Leeds State Bank in Jefferson County, said the closing was on account of the fact that the institution was unable to realize on its assets as quickly as needed. The run on this bank during the forenoon Saturday, ran the bank's cash very low, he added, and its officials were not convinced that it could stand a further run Monday morning.

From communications received by him Monday from Birmingham, Judge Thomas said, he is very much encouraged over the possibility of opening up two of the closed banks with new capital all paid in, as soon as the state banking laws can be fully complied with.

Capt. William C. Oates, Secretary-Examiner of the Alabama Securities Commission, began Monday the commission's part in investigation of the closing of the Avondale Bank & Savings Company and the City Bank & Trust Company. In this work he is being aided by C. H. Moses, certified public accountant, of Birmingham.

The accidental death of two officers and the severe illness of a third have marked the closing of the Birmingham district banks. Shortly before noon on July 6, the morning that the Woodlawn Savings Bank closed after suffering a heavy "run," Dr. A. W. Bell, President of the institution, was drowned while swimming in the Coosa river. His body was not recovered until the evening of July 9. Dr. Bell was also until recently, it is understood, President of the Leeds State Bank, which closed July 8. The following we take from a dispatch by the Associated Press from Birmingham on July 7, appearing in the New York "Times" of July 8:

Dr. Bell was said to have drowned shortly before noon when apparently he was seized with cramps. He had gone to his country place at Vincent, twenty miles from here, to spend the week-end and was swimming with a party of friends who said he was caught in an undercurrent and carried down stream before aid could reach him.

Meanwhile, J. B. Lassiter, President of the City Bank and Trust Company and Avondale Bank and Savings Company, remained in a state of collapse in a New York City hospital, where he was carried when advised of the closing of the two banks last week.

John R. Wallace, Cashier of the Avondale bank and a nephew of Lassiter, died the day before the bank closed from a bullet wound, which members of his family said was accidentally inflicted. After investigating Wallace's death, Coroner J. D. Russum of Jefferson County rendered a verdict of accidental death.

Officials of the Southside Bank, which closed yesterday, said it would remain closed until the situation has been relieved. The bank is solvent, they said.

The East Alabama National Bank of Eufaula, Ala., an institution capitalized at \$125,000 and with deposits of approximately \$250,000, failed to open for business on July 1, following the reported admission by its President, Allen M. Brown, of a shortage in his accounts and his surrender to the Federal authorities at Montgomery, Ala., according to Associated Press advices from Eufaula on July 1, appearing in the New York "Times" of the following day. A notice on the door of the bank stated:

"The board of directors deem it to the best interest of depositors and all others that this bank be closed. Its affairs are in the hands of the Controller of the Currency."

An Associated Press dispatch from Montgomery on the same date, also appearing in the "Times" of July 2, stated that a warrant charging the former President with alleged violation of the national banking laws was sworn out before W. A. Jordan, Federal Commissioner, that morning and he was arraigned a few moments later. Preliminary hearing was set for July 10 and bond fixed at \$10,000. This the former banker announced he was unable to furnish and he was remanded to jail. In his cell, it was said, he declined to discuss the shortage other than to say: "You may say for me that I am short in my accounts and am willing to pay for it by working it out." A more recent dispatch by the Associated Press from Montgomery (July 10), printed in the "Times" of July 11, reported that the former President, after waiving a preliminary hearing before Commissioner Jordan, was held to the Federal Grand Jury and admitted to bail in the amount of \$10,000. He told the Commissioner, it was said, that the shortage would exceed \$75,000 and that the withdrawals had extended over a period of five years. The dispatch furthermore stated that the affairs of the bank had been placed in the hands of R. E. Shoemaker, Examiner.

Supplementing our item of last week (page 81) with reference to the closing on July 5, of the People's Bank of Jacksonville, Fla., capitalized at \$300,000, advices from Jacksonville appearing in the New York "Times" of July 6, contained the following:

A. P. Anthony, President of the bank, says it is his belief that all depositors will be paid in full. His statement, in part, is:

"On March 26 1928, a syndicate of wealthy business men of New York obtained an option for a two-year period on the controlling interest in the People's Bank of Jacksonville, and at the same time August Heckscher and M. H. Lewis became directors of the bank.

"Immediately the institution reflected increased deposits and improvements in all respects as advantages of this connection, and in a few months the bank was on an earning basis.

"With this roseate outlook the syndicate exercised its option on 1,900 shares out of a total of 3,000 more than a year before it would have been required to do so, taking over control of the bank on Jan. 18 1929, and promptly announced its policy, which included immediate increase of capital to \$500,000, with a surplus of \$100,000.

"The directors proceeded to authorize this action but the funds were never made available. This syndicate was composed of August Heckscher, Clarence Lewis and M. H. Lewis, the last named acting as manager of the syndicate.

"A short time after control of this bank was purchased, a syndicate member invested in other down-State banks which subsequent events have shown were not in sound condition and which have since defaulted.

"Internal dissension among the syndicate members followed this venture."

The semi-annual statement of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans, La., as of June 30 1929, showed total resources of \$62,700,000 as compared to \$54,600,000 one year ago. Deposits this year are \$50,200,000 which is an increase from \$48,200,000 as of June 30 1928. The capital account, which includes surplus, undivided profits and reserves, totals this year \$6,520,000 while the amount last year was \$4,940,000. This increase is accounted for by a new capital stock issue authorized by the stockholders for the purpose of taking care of the growing business of the bank.

The regular quarterly dividend of 5% was distributed to stockholders on July 1 and the usual quarterly dividend on salaries divided among the employees, this distribution being based on salaries and length of service.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Whitney-Central Trust & Savings Bank of New Orleans has been called for July 31 to vote on a proposal to change the bank's name to the Whitney Trust & Savings Bank.

J. Dabney Day, President of the Citizens National Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles, and one of the outstanding bankers of California, died suddenly of heart disease on June 22, while spending the week-end at his Santa Monica beach home. The deceased banker, who was in his 57th year, was born at Ladonia, Tex. Upon his graduation from the Ladonia High School, he entered Hill's Business College at Waco, Tex. where he completed the law course. Later he entered the banking field. In 1907 Mr. Day organized and became Cashier of the Traders' State Bank of Dallas and for several years held executive positions in Texas banks. In 1920 he left Dallas, where he was then a Vice-President of the City National Bank, to accept a Vice-Presidency with the First National Bank of Los Angeles. Subsequently, Mr. Day became President of the Citizens National Bank of Los Angeles and its affiliated institution, the Citizens Trust & Savings Bank, and upon their consolidation in March of last year, was chosen President of the new organization, the Citizens National Trust & Savings Bank,—the office he held at his death.

The Arcadia National Bank, Arcadia, Cal., a newly organized institution, opened for business on June 29 at 232 North First Avenue, Arcadia, according to the San Francisco "Chronicle" of that date. Officers of the new bank are J. L. Byrne, President; F. S. Einhart and J. W. Lambert, Vice-Presidents and W. L. D. Brown, Cashier.

Following a meeting of the directors of the Citizens National Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles on July 5, it was announced by M. J. Connoll, Chairman of the Board, that Alois S. Cowie, Junior Vice-President, in charge of Foreign Credits and acceptance financing, had been elected Vice-President. Mr. Cowie who has been with the Citizens Bank since 1927, was formerly with the Hellman Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, and previous to 1920 was with the financial department of the American Express Co. He is a member of the Foreign Trade Committee of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, and of the California Development Association and is also a member of the Foreign Trade Club.

A press dispatch from South Pasadena, Cal. on June 28, printed in the Los Angeles "Times" of the following day, reported that the South Pasadena National Bank, with deposits in excess of \$700,000, had closed its doors on that day because of inability to meet payments. The failed bank was organized four years ago and was capitalized at \$100,000. Frozen assets and a small "run" the afternoon of July 8 resulted in the directors' decision to close the doors and place the institution in the hands of I. I. Chorpeneing, a National bank examiner. The advices furthermore stated that officials announced "that all depositors will be paid 100 cents on the dollar and that the institution may be reopened within ten days as a branch of a large chain system."

An increase of \$10,200,000 in the deposits of the Citizens National Trust and Savings Bank of Los Angeles during the past year was announced on July 1 by M. J. Connell, Chairman of the Board. This increase amounts to approximately 10% of deposit totals. Owing to the increase in capital effected this spring the capital, surplus and undivided profits have risen from \$11,136,834 to \$15,590,476. Of this increase \$4,000,000 was provided by the new subscription and the balance of \$453,000 represents profits over and above the dividend, which was twice increased during the period. Total resources of the bank grew in proportion to these figures showing an increase of \$17,630,000.

The promotion of C. E. Neill, Vice-President and General Manager of the Royal Bank of Canada (head office Montreal) to the newly created office of Vice-President and Managing Director, was reported in the Montreal "Gazette" of July 4. Morris W. Wilson, heretofore Senior Assistant General Manager, will succeed Mr. Neill as General Manager. Mr. Neill's new position will enable him to continue the active direction of the bank, but will at the same time relieve him of many of the details of administration which require to be handled by the General Manager. With reference to the banking careers of the two executives, the Montreal paper said:

Mr. Neill entered the service of the Bank in 1889; in 1900, eleven years later, he was appointed Manager of Vancouver branch and three months later was made Supervisor of British Columbia branches. In 1903 he was moved to head office and appointed chief inspector of the bank. Promotion to the position of Assistant General Manager came in 1907 and in 1916 he succeeded E. L. Pease as General Manager. His appointment as Vice-President was made in January, 1927.

He is also a Governor of McGill University and a Director in several large Canadian companies. He was President of the Canadian Bankers' Association for two years—in 1926 and 1927.

Morris W. Wilson, the new General Manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, entered the service in 1897, the institution at that time being known as the Merchants Bank of Halifax. Mr. Wilson's early experience, which was marked by steady progress, took him to many of the bank's branches in the Maritime provinces. So rapid was his promotion that in 1911, he was appointed Manager of Vancouver Branch, a post which he filled with ability during the trying times of business contraction that marked the next few years.

Mr. Wilson was made Chief Inspector of the Bank in 1916; a year later he became Superintendent of Branches; and in 1922, he was made senior Assistant General Manager of the Bank—the position which he now relinquishes to become General Manager.

Announcement is made by the Dominion Bank (Head Office Toronto, Canada) of the retirement of Evan A. Begg, Superintendent of Branches. Mr. Begg began his career in the Federal Bank at Strathroy, Ont., in 1882 but joined the Dominion Bank in 1884 and after serving various posts in Toronto Branch became Assistant Inspector at the Head Office in 1895, Secretary in 1905, Chief Inspector in 1907, Assistant to the General Manager in 1912, and Superintendent of Branches in 1920. He is a very well known banker and notice of his decision to retire will be heard with great regret in financial and business circles. The following appointments are also announced: Dudley Dawson (late Manager of Toronto Branch) to be Superintendent of Branches at the Head Office; Mr. C. S. Howard, Foreign Superintendent at the Head Office; Robert Rae (late New York agent) to be Manager Toronto Branch.

The Directors of Westminster Bank Limited, London, have declared an interim dividend of 10% for the half-year ended June 30 on the £4 shares, and the maximum dividend of 6¼% on the £1 shares for the same period. Dividends 2s. per share and 1s. 3d. per share respectively (both less income tax), will be payable on Aug. 1.

Aggregate resources of Barclays Bank Limited of London, not including those of affiliated banks, are reported in its semi-annual statement of condition as of June 29, details of which were received by cablegram on July 9 by the representative's office at 44 Beaver Street, New York, as being \$1,904,001,895. This compares with an aggregate of \$1,799,912,284 as of the end of June last year, an increase of more than \$100,000,000. Advances to customers and other accounts are reported as \$870,554,174 against \$852,556,006 a year ago, while bills discounted are up from \$179,936,008 to \$201,873,057 and the item of acceptances shows an increase from \$79,616,730 to \$116,481,153. These changes clearly reflect the continued expansion and use of the London discount and acceptance market. The bank's investments are up approximately \$45,000,000 at \$295,145,750, of which \$272,424,868 represents securities of or guaranteed by the British Government. On the side of liabilities, the feature is the increase recorded in deposits which now stand at \$1,656,979,657, a gain of \$67,225,189 over the \$1,589,754,468

reported as of June 30, 1928. All figures have been converted into dollars at the rate of \$5 per pound sterling.

The directors of the Midland Bank Limited of London, announce with regret the retirement of E. W. Wooley from the position of Joint Managing Director after having completed upwards of 46 years service with the Bank. Mr. Wooley retains his seat on the Board. Mr. Wooley entered the service of the institution (then the Birmingham and Midland Bank) in 1883 at the Head Office in Birmingham. At that time the late Sir Edward Holden was the Accountant of the Bank and Mr. Wooley continued to be closely associated with him during a period of 36 years until the death of Sir Edward in 1919. At the age of 22 Mr. Wooley was appointed Accountant at the Leeds branch on the amalgamation with the Leeds and County Bank Limited. Two years later, when by the absorption of the Central Bank of London, Ltd., the Midland Bank entered the London Bankers' Clearing House and transferred its Head Office to London, Mr. Wooley took the position of Head Office Accountant. He held the post of Inspector of Branches from 1897 to 1901 when he was appointed Chief Inspector. Subsequently Mr. Wooley occupied in succession the positions of Chief Accountant and Assistant Manager at the Threadneedle Street branch until in 1914 he became a Joint General Manager. This position he retained until 1920 when he was appointed a Joint Managing Director. Mr. Wooley's association with the Bank thus extends over a period of 46 years, during which the number of offices has increased from five to over 2,000.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The stock market has been active and strong during the present week and while price movements have occasionally shown brief periods of irregularity the trend has generally been toward higher levels. Speculative interest has centered largely in the public utility group and telephone stocks, though specialties also have enjoyed a generous share of the buying. The noteworthy features of the week included the unfilled tonnage report of the United States Steel Corporation as of June 30 showing a decrease of 47,257 tons from the total shown on May 31, the twenty million dollar 5½% gold debenture bond offering of the Cities Service Power & Light Company, the twenty-five million dollar offering of 5½% sinking fund debenture gold bonds of the Koppers Gas & Coke Co., and the twenty-five million dollar offering of First Mortgage Gold Bonds of the Canadian International Paper Co. The report of the Federal Reserve Bank made public after the close of business on Thursday showed a decrease of \$14,000,000 in brokers' loans in this district the present week. Call money renewed at 7% on Monday morning advanced to 9% in the afternoon and continued unchanged at that rate during the balance of the week.

On Saturday early irregularities turned later in the day into brisk rallies and despite the high increase in brokers' loans shown the night before, many of the more popular speculative stocks moved into new high ground before the closing hour. Telephone stocks led the upward swing, International Tel. & Tel. shooting upward with a gain of 3¾ points to 109¾, while American Tel. & Tel. was bid up 3¾ points to 232½. Western Union closed at 209¾. Oil stocks were fairly buoyant throughout the session, Atlantic Refining assuming the leadership as it moved across 77 with a gain of 2 or more points followed by Sun Oil with a similar advance and Wesson Oil, pref. with a gain of nearly 3 points. Postum Cereal ran up about 2 points. Changes in the railroad group were unimportant though there was some special buying in Del., Lack. & West., which soared upward 5½ points to 132½. In the so-called specialties group Case Threshing Machine was the star feature as it bounded ahead and closed with a net gain of 23 points at 355. Eastman Kodak was in strong demand and scored an advance of 11¾ points to 205¾.

The market opened somewhat higher on Monday and despite the fact that call money advanced to 9%, continued its upward swing most of the day. Atlantic Refining again featured the oil stocks as it rose into new high ground for the present shares. United States Steel, common was the strong feature of the session as it moved briskly ahead and closed with a net gain of 4½ points at 201. Republic Iron & Steel, Bethlehem Steel and most of the independent issues were strong and closed with substantial gains. Columbia Graphophone moved briskly ahead nearly 4 points to 73. The outstanding features of the merchandising group were Sears-Roebuck which ran up about 3 points to 170½ and

Montgomery-Ward which improved about 3 points to 117. Railroad stocks were firm and substantial gains were recorded by New York Central, New Haven and Erie. In other parts of the list new peaks were registered by Allied Chemical & Dye above 340, Youngstown Sheet & Tube above 150, International Business Machine at 230 and Corn Products at 106. Peoples Gas moved into new high ground early in the day and there was a strong demand at higher prices for American Car & Foundry, Pressed Steel Car and National Cash Register, the latter running ahead about 4 points to 126.

On Tuesday the market was somewhat mixed, liquidation affecting several speculative favorites. While a brisk demand carried other stocks to higher levels. Two notable new tops were recorded in the early trading, American Can crossing 161 with a gain of 3½ points and Amer. Tel. & Tel. shooting into new high ground at 241 with a gain of about 7 points. Copper stocks displayed decided improvement, Anaconda crossing 120 with a gain of 2 points and Greene-Cananea advancing about 4 points. Motor shares ran into heavy selling and most of them dropped from 2 to 4 points. Food shares were in demand, Borden Company moving up to 99⅞ with a gain of more than 3 points and Shattuck Company which jumped more than 6 points into new high ground around 177.

The market turned irregular on Wednesday though for a short period during the early trading the tone was quite buoyant. Public utilities moved up to the front under the guidance of Brooklyn Union Gas, which scored an advance of 13 points at its high for the day and closed at 211 with a gain of 10¼ points and Consolidated Gas followed with a gain of 4¾ points. Among the outstanding features of the day were the advance of Amer. Tel. & Tel. to a new top at 242½ and its equally sharp drop to 237½, where it was off more than 3 points. Gold Dust, and National Dairy Products were in brisk demand, the latter selling at new peak prices and there was considerable activity in Johns-Manville, Warner Bros. and Montgomery-Ward at higher prices. Motor shares and electric stocks were under pressure and most of them extended their early losses. Consolidated Gas, again lifted its top with a gain of nearly 5 points, American & Foreign Power gained 3 points to 121, American Power & Light 2½ points to 143½, Brooklyn Union Gas 10¼ points and Peoples Gas 5 points. Radio Corporation was heavily sold and dipped to 77½, where it was off about 5 points from its previous close. Other gains worthy of note were Auburn Auto Company 17½ points, American Rolling Mills 6⅝ points, and National Biscuit 7⅞ points.

On Thursday the market was again irregular many popular favorites developing considerable weakness, while others moved vigorously forward. Public utilities dominated the trading throughout the day, Consolidated Gas leading the upward swing as it broke into new high ground for the present shares. Brooklyn Union Gas bounded forward to 225 closing at 220 with a net gain of 9 points. Other strong stocks in the public utility group included Columbia Gas which surged forward 4⅝ points to 88⅞, Standard Gas & Electric which reached a record top at 128⅝, United Gas Improvement which ran up nearly 3 points to 51½, American Water Works which gained 8 points to 148½ and Detroit Edison which improved 5½ points to 290. Some of the independent steel shares were active and strong particularly Midland Steel, pref. which ran up over 12 points to 290. Ludlum Steel, pref. moved ahead about 4 points to 117½ and Bethlehem Steel sold up to 117⅜ at its high for the day and Granite Steel closed with a gain of 3½ points. Chesapeake & Ohio attracted considerable speculative attention as it shot forward 5¼ points to 249¼ followed by Rock Island with a 2 point gain. American Can forged ahead 4 points to 165, and Air Reduction gained 3½ points at 157½. American Tel. & Tel. 3½ points to 241. Aeroplane stocks were featured by Wright Aero with a gain of 5½ points to 132¾, Curtis Aero with an advance of 2¼ points to 160¼ and United Aircraft Transport about 3 points to 129½.

The stock market was buoyant on Friday and a long list of stocks, particularly among the public utilities, advanced to new high ground. United States Steel again raised its top and crossed 203. Bethlehem Steel forged ahead to 120 and Republic Iron & Steel closed at 112. Public utilities again moved to the front under the leadership of Consolidated Gas which sold up to 144 at its high for the day. American & Foreign Power pushed ahead about 6 points, Brooklyn Union surged forward 6 points to a new peak. North American ran upward 3 points and Standard Gas & Electric registered a

similar advance. Railroad shares were higher, Atchison moving ahead 1½ points, Ches. & Ohio 4½ points to 253½ and Texas & Pacific 4 points. New tops were registered by many of the more active speculative issues including among others American Can, Youngstown Sheet & Steel, American Rolling Mills, Fleischmann, Mathieson Alkali, Commercial Solvents and United Gas Improvement. Amer. Tel. & Tel. reached new high ground as it crossed 246 with a gain of 5⅝ points. The final tone was good.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended July 12	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, etc., Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds	United States Bonds.
Saturday	1,586,260	\$3,933,500	\$1,497,000	\$149,600
Monday	3,522,160	8,769,000	2,280,000	409,500
Tuesday	4,247,250	11,471,000	2,568,000	537,500
Wednesday	4,209,630	10,576,000	2,093,000	266,000
Thursday	4,211,310	10,384,000	2,465,000	389,500
Friday	4,759,180	12,188,000	1,746,000	556,000
Total	22,535,790	\$57,321,500	\$12,649,000	\$2,288,100

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended July 12.		Jan. 1 to July 12.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Stocks—No. of shares.	22,535,790	11,632,330	577,522,640	425,157,806
Bonds.				
Government bonds	\$2,288,100	\$7,034,000	\$68,720,700	\$117,552,750
State and foreign bonds	12,649,000	17,290,800	329,892,650	468,470,565
Railroad & misc. bonds	57,321,500	35,138,500	1,025,646,000	1,451,376,025
Total bonds	\$72,258,600	\$59,463,300	\$1,427,259,350	\$2,037,399,340

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended July 12 1929.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	*24,155	\$14,000	434,562	\$9,000	1,192	\$14,000
Monday	*47,984	18,000	478,873	23,000	3,708	43,000
Tuesday	*61,486	9,000	479,634	25,000	3,695	12,000
Wednesday	*64,837	24,000	482,969	20,000	63,519	15,500
Thursday	*61,595	44,000	4138,934	10,500	2,514	23,500
Friday	56,495	56,000	476,422	4,000	3,707	11,000
Total	316,552	\$165,000	491,394	\$91,500	18,335	\$119,000
Prev. week revised	281,179	\$12,000	554,828	\$47,000	15,973	\$102,700

* In addition sales of rights were: Saturday, 594; Monday, 972; Tuesday, 1,665; Wednesday, 1,726; Thursday, 1,732.
 a In addition there were sold: Rights—Saturday, 6,700; Monday, 5,220; Tuesday, 2,400; Wednesday, 2,600; Thursday, 11,500; Friday, 13,100. Warrants—Saturday, 1,700; Monday, 1,300; Tuesday, 2,000; Wednesday, 1,000; Thursday, 2,400; Friday, 3,500.

b In addition, sales of scrip were: Wednesday, 7-20.

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings will again show a very substantial 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, July 13) bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 21.6% larger than for the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$13,215,774,575, against \$10,866,436,439 for the same week in 1928. At this centre there is a gain for the five days ended Friday of 21.6%. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended July 13.	1929.	1928.	Per Cent.
New York	\$7,207,000,000	\$5,217,000,000	+38.1
Chicago	577,486,500	605,017,684	-4.6
Philadelphia	473,000,000	425,000,000	+11.3
Boston	428,000,000	366,000,000	+16.9
Kansas City	139,237,288	138,527,364	+0.5
St. Louis	119,500,000	124,700,000	-4.2
San Francisco	175,820,000	174,739,000	+0.6
Los Angeles	178,954,000	180,852,000	-1.0
Pittsburgh	164,016,975	139,948,628	+17.2
Detroit	172,620,117	158,533,163	+8.9
Cleveland	136,457,038	120,007,438	+13.7
Baltimore	89,842,101	80,425,222	+11.7
New Orleans	53,876,240	58,455,644	-9.5
Thirteen cities, five days	\$9,914,840,249	\$7,789,206,143	+27.3
Other cities, five days	1,098,305,230	1,094,198,880	+0.4
Total all cities, five days	\$11,013,145,479	\$8,883,405,023	+24.0
All cities, one day	2,202,629,096	1,983,031,416	+11.1
Total all cities for week	\$13,215,774,575	\$10,866,436,439	+21.6

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot furnish them to-day, inasmuch as the week ends to-day (Saturday) and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon to-day. Accordingly, in the above the last day of the week has in all cases had to be estimated.

In the elaborate detailed statements, however, which we present further below, we are able to give final and complete results for the week previous—the week ended July 6. For that week there is an increase of 18.6%, the 1929 aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$14,520,345,409, against \$12,242,401,980 in the same week of 1928. Outside of this city the increase is only 2.8%, the bank exchanges

at this centre recording a gain of 27.6%. 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 an expansion of 27.7%, in the Boston Reserve District of 18.9% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 10.9%. The Cleveland Reserve District shows a loss of 1.1%, the Richmond Reserve District of 1.9% and the Atlanta Reserve District of 3.5%. The Chicago Reserve District falls 7.5% behind, the Minneapolis Reserve District 3.3% and the San Francisco Reserve District 3.9%. In the St. Louis Reserve District the totals are larger by 0.8%, in the Kansas City Reserve District by 8.8% and in the Dallas Reserve District by 8.3%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Week End, July 6 1929, 1929, 1928, Inc. or Dec., 1927, 1926. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (1st Boston, 2nd New York, 3rd Philadelphia, etc.) and Outside N. Y. City, with dollar amounts and percentage changes.

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

Main table with columns: Clearings at, Week Ended July 6, 1929, 1928, Inc. or Dec., 1927, 1926. Rows are organized by Federal Reserve District (e.g., First Federal Reserve District - Bangor, Portland, Mass., Boston, etc.) and include 'Grand total' and 'Outside N. Y.' rows.

Table with columns: Clearings at, Week Ended July 6, 1929, 1928, Inc. or Dec., 1927, 1926. Rows include various Reserve Districts such as Seventh Federal Reserve District - Michigan, Ann Arbor, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Lansing, etc., and Tenth Federal Reserve District - Nebraska, Hastings, Lincoln, Omaha, etc.

Table with columns: Clearings at, Week Ended July 4, 1929, 1928, Inc. or Dec., 1927, 1926. Rows include Canada (Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Ottawa, Quebec, etc.) and various U.S. Reserve Districts (Fourth Federal Reserve District - Cleveland, Fifth Federal Reserve District - Richmond, etc.).

* Estimated.

THE CURB EXCHANGE.

Advancing prices for utility issues in an active market was the feature in the Curb Exchange this week, the upward movement extending also to the miscellaneous list.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB MARKET.

Table with columns: Week Ended July 12, Stocks (No. Shares), Rights, Bonds (Par Value) Domestic, Foreign Government.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of June 26 1929:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amount to £162,469,470 on the 19th inst. (as compared with £163,241,482 on the previous Wednesday).

The following movements of gold to and from the Bank of England have been announced, showing a net efflux of £3,405,970 during the week under review:

Table with columns: Received, Withdrawn, and dates June 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26.

Of the withdrawals, all in bar gold, about £3,400,000 was for Germany. The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold registered from mid-day on the 17th inst. to mid-day on the 24th inst.:

Table with columns: Imports, Exports, listing countries and values.

The Southern Rhodesian gold output for the month of May last amounted to 48,189 ounces, as compared with 48,210 ounces for April 1929 and 47,323 ounces for May 1928.

The balance of trade figures (in lacs of rupees) for India for May last were as follow: Imports of merchandise on private account... 21.23 Exports, including re-exports, of merchandise on private account... 26.38

SILVER.

The week under review has been quiet and at 24 1/2 d. and 24 5-16 d. for cash and two months' delivery respectively, prices remained unchanged for three consecutive working days.

In the return of the Bank of France dated the 14th inst., the holding of demonetised silver coin showed a decrease of about 100,000,000 francs as compared with the return of the previous week.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of silver registered from mid-day on the 17th inst. to mid-day on the 24th inst.

Table with columns: Imports, Exports, listing countries and values in lacs of rupees.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

Table with columns: (In lacs of Rupees), June 15, June 7, May 31, listing items like Notes in circulation, Silver coin and bullion in India, etc.

The stock in Shanghai on the 22nd inst. consisted of about 79,500,000 ounces in sycee, 124,000,000 dollars and 7,340 silver bars, as compared with about 78,600,000 ounces in sycee, 126,000,000 dollars and 7,780 silver bars on the 15th inst.

Table with columns: Quotations during the week, Bar Silver per Oz. Std., Bar Gold per Oz. Fine, listing dates and rates.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and two months' delivery are respectively 3/4 d. and 3-16 d. below those fixed a week ago.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

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

Table with columns: Sat. July 6, Mon. July 9, Tues. July 9, Wed. July 10, Thurs. July 11, Fri. July 12, listing securities like Silver, p. oz. d., Gold, p. fine oz., Consols, etc.

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been: (in Paris) fr. 102.45, 102.20, 102.15, 102.25, 102.40; Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.): 52 1/4, 52, 52 1/2, 52 1/2, 52 1/2.

Government Receipts and Expenditures.

Through the courtesy of the Secretary of the Treasury we are enabled to place before our readers to-day the details of Government receipts and disbursements for June 1929 and 1928 and the twelve months of the fiscal years 1927-28 and 1928-29:

Large table with columns: Receipts, Expenditures, listing various categories and values for 1929, 1928, and 12-month periods.

Excess of ordinary rects. over total expenditures chargeable against ordinary rects. 345,408,991

Table with columns: Receipts, Expenditures, listing various categories and values for 1929, 1928, and 12-month periods.

Total ordinary... 341,359,835... 316,813,439... 3,298,859,486... 3,103,264,855

Total expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts... 420,472,735... a figures for the fiscal year 1929 include \$12,167,000 for loan made to the Hellenic Republic under authority of the Act approved Feb. 14 1929.

Preliminary Debt Statement of the United States June 29 1929.

The preliminary statement of the public debt of the United States June 29 1929, as made upon the basis of the daily Treasury statement, is as follows:

Table of Preliminary Debt Statement of the United States June 29 1929, categorized into Bonds, Treasury Notes, Treasury Certificates, Treasury Savings Certificates, and Debt Bearing No Interest.

COMPARATIVE PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT.

[On the basis of daily Treasury statements.]

Table comparing public debt statements for August 31 1919, When War Debt Was June 30 1928, Mar. 31 1929, and June 30 1929.

Treasury Money Holdings.

The following compilation, made up from the daily Government statements, shows the money holdings of the Treasury at the beginning of business on the first of April, May, June and July 1929:

Table of Treasury Money Holdings showing cash and bullion, Treasury notes and certificates, and cash in banks from April 1 1929 to July 1 1929.

* Includes July 1 \$6,745,681 silver bullion and \$2,021,918 minor, &c., coin net included in statement "Stock of Money."

Treasury Cash and Current Liabilities.

The cash holdings of the Government as the items stood June 29 1929 are set out in the following. The figures are taken entirely from the daily statement of the United States Treasury as of June 29 1929.

Table of Treasury Cash and Current Liabilities, divided into GOLD, SILVER DOLLARS, and GENERAL FUND, with Assets and Liabilities.

Note.—The amount to the credit of disbursing officers and agencies to-day was \$291,197,679.79. Under the Acts of July 14 1890 and Dec. 23 1913 deposits of lawful money for the retirement of outstanding national bank and Federal Reserve bank notes are paid into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, and these obligations are made, under the Acts mentioned, a part of the public debt. The amount of such obligations to-day was \$45,230,053. \$455,490 in Federal Reserve notes and \$15,269,225 in national bank notes are in the Treasury in process of redemption and are charges against the deposits for the respective 5% redemption funds.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 312.—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:

Table showing receipts of grain (Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye) at various ports from Chicago to St. Louis, comparing the week ending Saturday, July 6 1929, with the same weeks in 1928 and 1927.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, July 6 1929, follow:

Table showing total receipts of flour and grain at seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, July 6 1929, and since January 1 1928.

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several eastboard ports for the week ending Saturday, July 6 1929, are shown in the annexed statement:

Table with columns: Exports from, Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, Barley. Rows include New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, Newport News, Mobile, New Orleans, Galveston, Montreal, Houston, and weekly totals for 1929 and 1928.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1929 is as below:

Table with columns: Exports for Week and Since July 1 to, Flour, Wheat, Corn. Sub-columns for Week July 6 1929 and Since July 1 1929. Rows include United Kingdom, Continent, So. & Cent. Am, West Indies, Other countries, and weekly totals.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, July 6, were as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.

Large table showing grain stocks for United States and Canadian. Columns: Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley. Rows list various ports and cities with bushel quantities and weekly totals for July 6 1929, July 7 1929, and July 7 1928.

Summary table for San Francisco Stock Exchange. Columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Rows include Associated Gas & Elec, Bank of America, Barnsdall Oil, etc.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, July 6 to July 12, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Rows include American Co, Anglo & London P Natbk, Associated Gas & Elec, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Rows include Firemans Fund Ins, Foster & Kleiser com, First Sec Ogden, etc.

Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, July 6 to July 12, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Rows include Associated Gas & Elec, Bank of America of Calif, Barnsdall Oil, etc.

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Shares. Stocks. \$ per sh. Shares. Stocks. \$ per sh. 100 Boston & Montana Devel. Co., par \$10. \$1 lot Boston temp. ctf., par \$5. 50c. lot 5000 City Hollinger Mines, par \$1. 25c. 1,000 Baldwin Gold Mines, par \$1. 3c.

DIVIDENDS.

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

The dividends announced this week are:

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Categories include Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, Banks, Fire Insurance, and Miscellaneous.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Categories include Miscellaneous (Concluded), Electric Securities, General Laundry Mach'y, Gillette Safety Razor, Halle Bros., Homestake Mining, Humbersone Shoe, International Paper, Kroger Grocery & Baking, Landay Bros., Lincolnton Printing, Mass. Investors & Trust, Midwest Oil, Niagara Falls, National American, National Tile, New Jersey Cash Credit, New Process, N. Y. & Honduras Rosario Min, Plymouth Cordage, Pyrene Manufacturing, Raymond Concrete Pile, Republic Service, Riverside Por. Cement, Royal Typewriter, Savannah Sugar, Scott Paper, Selby Shoe, Shell Transp. & Trad., Sinclair Consol. Oil, Skelly Oil, Skinner Organ, Storkline Furniture, Sunbeam, Tobacco Products, United States Realty, Universal Leaf Tobacco, Utility & Industrial Corp., Vlek Chemical, Warchel Corp., Western Air Express, Western Steel Products, Willard (W. E.) & Co., Wil-Low Cafeteria, Willys-Overland Co., Witherow Steel, Woolworth (F. W.) Co., Youngstown Sheet & Tube, Zenith Radio Corp.

Below we give the dividends announced in previous week and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding tables

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam) and Public Utilities.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes section for Public Utilities (Continued).

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Public Utilities (Concluded), Banks, Trust Companies, Fire Insurance, and Miscellaneous. Lists various companies and their financial details.

Table with two main sections: 'Miscellaneous (Continued)' on the left and 'Miscellaneous (Continued)' on the right. Each section lists company names, their preferred percentages, when they are payable, and the dates and conditions for book closings and dividends. The data is organized into columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable., Books Closed Days Inclosed., and then the same four columns repeated for the second section.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, July 11 and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve banks at the close of business on Wednesday. In the first table we present the results for the system as a whole in comparison with the figures for the seven preceding weeks and with those of the corresponding week last year. The second table shows the resources and liabilities separately for each of the twelve banks. The Federal Reserve Agents' Accounts (third table following) gives details regarding transactions in Federal Reserve notes between the Comptroller and Reserve Agents and between the latter and Federal Reserve banks. The Reserve Board's comment upon the returns for the latest week appears on page 210, being the first item in our department of "Current Events and Discussions."

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 10 1929.

Table with columns for dates from July 10 1929 to July 11 1928. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold with Federal Reserve agents, Gold redemption fund, Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes, Total gold reserves, Reserves other than gold, Total reserves, Non-reserve cash, Bills discounted, U. S. Government securities, Bonds, Treasury notes, Certificates of indebtedness, Total U. S. Government securities, Other securities, Foreign loans on gold, Total bills and securities, Gold held abroad, Due from foreign banks, Uncollected items, Bank premises, All other resources) and LIABILITIES (F. R. notes in actual circulation, Deposits: Member banks, Government, Foreign banks, Other deposits, Total deposits, Deferred availability items, Capital paid in, Surplus, All other liabilities, Total liabilities, Ratio of gold reserves to deposits and F. R. note liabilities combined, Ratio of total reserves to deposits and F. R. note liabilities combined, Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents, Distribution by Maturities, F. R. notes received from Comptroller, F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent, Issued to Federal Reserve Banks, How Secured: By gold and gold certificates, Gold redemption fund, Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board, By eligible paper, Total).

*Revised figures.

NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 1925, two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption, "All other earning assets," previously made up of Federal Intermediate Credit Bank debentures, was changed to "Other securities," and the caption, "Total earning assets" to "Total bills and securities." The latter item was adopted as a more accurate description of the total of the discounts, acceptances and securities acquired under the provision of Sections 13 and 14 of the Federal Reserve Act, which, it was stated, are the only items included therein.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 10 1929

Table with columns for Federal Reserve Bank of (Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Dallas, San Fran.) and rows for RESOURCES (Gold with Federal Reserve Agents, Gold held excl. agst. F. R. notes, Total gold reserves, Reserves other than gold, Total reserves, Non-reserve cash, Bills discounted, U. S. Government securities, Bonds, Treasury notes, Certificates of indebtedness, Total U. S. Gov't securities) and LIABILITIES (F. R. notes in actual circulation, Deposits: Member banks, Government, Foreign banks, Other deposits, Total deposits, Deferred availability items, Capital paid in, Surplus, All other liabilities, Total liabilities).

RESOURCES (Concluded)—Two Cities (00) omitted. Table with columns: Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran. Rows include: Other securities, Foreign loans on gold, Total bills and securities, Due from foreign banks, Uncollected items, Bank premises, Allover, Total resources, LIABILITIES, F. R. notes in actual circulation, Deposits, Member bank—reserve acct., Government, Foreign bank, Other deposits, Total deposits, Deferred availability items, Capital paid in, Surplus, All other liabilities, Total liabilities, Memoranda, Reserve ratio (per cent), Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents, F. R. notes on hand (notes rec'd from F. R. Agent less notes in circulation).

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE ACCOUNTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JULY 10 1929.

Federal Reserve Agent at—Two Cities (00) omitted. Table with columns: Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran. Rows include: F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent, F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bank, Collateral held as security for F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bank, Gold and gold certificates, Gold redemption fund, Gold fund—F. R. Board, Eligible paper, Total collateral.

Weekly Return for the Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System.

Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board, giving the principal items of the resources and liabilities of the 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 210 immediately preceding which we also give the figures of New York and Chicago reporting member banks for a week later.

Beginning with the statement of Jan. 9 1929, the loan figures exclude "Acceptances of other banks and bills of exchange or drafts sold with endorsement," and include all real estate mortgages and mortgage loans held by the bank. Previously acceptances of other banks and bills sold with endorsement were included with loans, and some of the banks included mortgages in investments. 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 any more subdivided to show the amount secured by U. S. obligations and those secured by commercial paper, only a lump total being given. The number of reporting banks is now omitted; in its place the 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 round millions instead of in thousands.

PRINCIPAL RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN EACH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT AS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON JULY 3 1929. (In millions of dollars.)

Federal Reserve District. Table with columns: Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran. Rows include: Loans and investments—total, Loans—total, On securities, All other, Investments—total, U. S. Government securities, Other securities, Reserve with F. R. Bank, Cash in vault, Net demand deposits, Time deposits, Government deposits, Due from banks, Due to banks, Borrowings from F. R. Bank.

Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The following shows the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at the close of business July 10 1929, in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Resources—July 10 1929, July 3 1929, July 11 1928. Resources (Concluded)—July 10 1929, July 3 1929, July 11 1928. Table with columns: July 10 1929, July 3 1929, July 11 1928. Rows include: Gold with Federal Reserve Agent, Gold redemp. fund with U. S. Treasury, Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes, Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board, Gold and gold certificates held by bank, Total gold reserves, Reserves other than gold, Total reserves, Non-reserve cash, Bills discounted, Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations, Other bills discounted, Total bills discounted, Bills bought in open market, U. S. Government securities, Bonds, Treasury notes, Certificates of indebtedness, Total U. S. Government securities, Other securities (see note), Foreign Loans on Gold, Total bills and securities (See Note), Resources (Concluded)—Gold held abroad, Due from foreign banks (See Note), Uncollected items, Bank premises, All other resources, Total resources, Liabilities—Fed'l Reserve notes in actual circulation, Deposits—Member bank, reserve acct., Government, Foreign bank (See Note), Other deposits, Total deposits, Deferred availability items, Capital paid in, Surplus, All other liabilities, Total liabilities, Ratio of total reserves to deposit and Fed'l Resv note liabilities combined, Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondence.

NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 1925, two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption "All other earning assets," previously made up of Federal Intermediate Credit Bank debentures, was changed to "Other securities," and the caption "Total earning assets" to "Total bills and securities." The latter term was adopted as a more accurate description of the total of the discount acceptances and securities acquired under the provisions of Sections 13 and 14 of the Federal Reserve Act, which it was stated are the only items included therein.

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, July 12 1929.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 229.

The following are sales made at the stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week Ended July 12., Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include Railroads, Ill Cent leased line, N O Tex & Mex, N Y State Rys, Pacific Coast, etc.

Table with columns: Indus. & Miscell., Par., Shares, \$ per share. Rows include Alliance Realty, Amalgamated Leather, Am European Secur., etc.

Table with columns: Columbia Gas & El pf B, Fairschmann Co, Fisk Rubber, Continental Oil, etc. Rows include Columbia Gas & El pf B, Fairschmann Co, Fisk Rubber, etc.

Table with columns: Harb-Walk Ref, Hartman Corp, Helme (G W), Hercules Powder, etc. Rows include Harb-Walk Ref, Hartman Corp, Helme (G W), Hercules Powder, etc.

Table with columns: Pitts Steel pref, Pub Ser of N J pf, Radio Corp pf B, etc. Rows include Pitts Steel pref, Pub Ser of N J pf, Radio Corp pf B, etc.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked. Rows include Sept. 15 1929, Dec. 15 1929, Mar. 15 1930, etc.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Rows include Alliance R'ty, Am Surety new Bond & M G, New (\$20par), etc.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Rows include Banks—N.Y., America, Amer Union, Bryant Park, Central, Century, Chase, etc.

*State banks. †New stock. ‡Ex-dividend. § Ex-stock div. ¶ Ex-rights.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.

Below we furnish a daily record of the transactions in Liberty Loan bonds and Treasury certificates on the New York Stock Exchange. The transactions in registered bonds are given in a footnote at the end of the tabulation.

Table with columns: Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices, July 6, July 8, July 9, July 10, July 11, July 12. Rows include First Liberty Loan, Converted 4% bonds, Fourth Liberty Loan, Treasury, etc.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were: 43 1st 4 1/8s, 13 4th 4 1/8s.

Foreign Exchange.

Table with columns: High for the week, Low for the week, High for the week, Low for the week. Rows include Sterling, Paris Bankers' Francs, Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders, German Bankers' Marks.

The Curb Market.—The review of the Curb Market is given this week on page 232. A complete record of Curb Market transactions for the week will be found on page 263.

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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); SALES FOR THE WEEK; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads, Industrial & Miscellaneous); PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928 (Lowest, Highest).

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Dividend. ‡ Ex-rights.

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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and 'Sales for the Week'. Rows list various stock symbols and their corresponding prices.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing various stock categories such as 'Indus. & Miscel. (Con.)', 'Preferred', and 'Warrants' with their respective share counts and prices.

PER SHARE

Table showing price ranges for various stocks, categorized by 'Lowest' and 'Highest' prices.

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* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. @ Ex-div. and ex-rights. x Ex-dividend.

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

IGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and corresponding stock prices per share.

Main table of stock listings with columns for 'Sales for the Week', 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan 1.', and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928'. Lists various companies like Indus. & Miscel. (Con.), Corn Products Refining, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. x Ex-dividend.

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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and price ranges per share.

Sales for the Week.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928

Main table listing various stocks with columns for share sales, stock names, and price ranges for the current year and previous year.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-div. 75% in stock. ‡ Ex-dividend. § Shillings. ¶ Ex-rights.

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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and price ranges for various stocks. Includes sub-headers like 'per share' and 'Sales for the Week'.

Main table listing individual stocks with columns for 'NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1.', and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928'. Includes stock names like 'Mallison (H R) & Co.', 'McCrory Stores class A', etc.

* Bid and asked for prices; no sales on this day. Ex-dividend. Ex-rights.

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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1., PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928. Rows list various stocks like Indus. & Miscell. (Con.), Phillis Read C & L, Phillis Morris & Co., Ltd., etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. * Ex-dividend * Ex-rights

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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Sales for the Week); STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscel. (Con.) Par); PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like 23 1/2, 42 1/2, 37 3/8, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day z Ex-dividend y Ex-rights

Table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended July 12, Price Friday July 12, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Fla Cent & Pen 1st ext g 5s, Calv Hous & Hend 1st 5s, etc.

Table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended July 12, Price Friday July 12, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Louisville & Nashv (Concluded), Man G B & N W 1st 3 1/2s, Mich Cent Det & Bay City 6s, etc.

Due Feb. 1.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Price (Bid, Ask, Low, High), Range (Since Jan 1), and various other market data. Includes sub-sections for 'BONDS N Y STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS N Y STOCK EXCHANGE'.

d Due May. e Due June. & Due August.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended July 12, Price Friday July 12, Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries for Winston-Salem SB 1st 4s, Wls Cent 50-yr 1st gen 4s, Sup & Dul Div & terru 1st 4s, etc.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended July 12, Price Friday July 12, Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries for Cuban Dom Sug 1st 7 1/2s, Cumb T & T 1st & gen 5s, Cuyamel Fruit 1st s f 6s, etc.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Boston Stock Exchange, July 6 to July 12, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Railroad, Boston & Albany, Boston Elevated, Boston & Maine, Miscellaneous, and Mining.

Table with columns: Bonds (Concluded), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes bonds like Calumet & Hecla, Cliff Mining Co., Copper Range Co., etc.

* No par value z Ex-dividend.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, July 6 to July 12, both inclusive compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes stocks like Abbott Laboratories com., Acme Steel Co., Adams (J D) Mfg com., etc.

Main table containing stock market data with columns: Stocks (Continued), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various companies like Cons Serv Co, Construction Material, Quaker Oats, etc.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, July 6 to July 12, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Cincinnati Stock Exchange transactions with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists companies like Ahrens-Fox, Alum Ind., Am Laundry Mach, etc.

Table of stock transactions for Cleveland Stock Exchange, July 6 to July 12, 1929. Columns include Stock (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

* No par value.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, July 6 to July 12, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock transactions for Cleveland Stock Exchange, July 6 to July 12, 1929. Columns include Stock (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

* No par value.

Table of stock transactions for Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, July 6 to July 12, 1929. Columns include Stock (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, July 6 to July 12, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock transactions for Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, July 6 to July 12, 1929. Columns include Stock (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

* No Par Value. t new stock.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, July 6 to July 12, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock transactions for St. Louis Stock Exchange, July 6 to July 12, 1929. Columns include Stock (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Stocks (Concluded) Par	Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range of Prices		Sales for Week Shares	Range Since Jan. 1.		Stocks (Concluded) Par	Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range of Prices		Sales for Week Shares	Range Since Jan. 1.			
		Low	High		Low	High			Low	High					
Baer St'bg & Cohen com.*	20	12	12	20	7	Mar	12	May	50	54	2,000	31	June	54	July
Bentley Chain Stores, com.*	20	20	20	39	18	Mar	12	July	49	49 1/2	300	48	Jan	53	Mar
Boyd-Walsh Shoe...*	50	37 1/2	37 1/2	50	37 1/2	July	40	Jan	15	15	80	12 1/2	Apr	15 1/2	May
Brown Shoe com...100	45 1/2	44 1/2	45 1/2	1,670	39	July	46 1/2	June	19 1/2	19 1/2	2,000	18 1/2	July	25 1/2	Jan
Burkart Mfg, pref...*	15	15	15	64	14	July	20 1/2	Jan	45	46	700	45	June	45 1/2	May
Chic Ry equip com...25	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4	12	6 3/4	July	9	Feb	5	5 1/2	3,300	3 3/4	June	5 1/2	July
Preferred...25	18 3/4	18 3/4	18 3/4	24	16	Jan	20	June	3 1/2	3 1/2	22,500	1 1/2	May	3 1/2	July
Coca-Cola Bottling, sec...1	60	57	62	1,032	37	Jan	62	July	5	5 1/2	3,300	3 3/4	June	5 1/2	July
Consol Lead & Zinc A...*	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	40	10 1/4	Jan	17 1/4	May	3 1/2	3 1/2	22,500	1 1/2	May	3 1/2	July
Corno Mills Co...100	200	200	200	10	190	Jan	200 1/4	Apr	156 1/2	156 1/2	10,000	156 1/2	July	156 1/2	July
Elder Mfg com...*	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	15	30	Mar	36	Jan	76	76	1,000	76	July	84 1/2	Jan
1st preferred...100	108	108	108	107	47	Apr	110	Apr	53 1/2	53 1/2	15,000	50	Apr	54 1/2	Jan
Emerson Electric pfd...100	81	81	81	30	72	Mar	81 1/2	June	51 1/2	51 1/2	1,000	51	Mar	51 1/2	Jan
Emerson Electric pfd...100	99	99	99	35	99	July	106	June	43 1/2	45	7,000	43 1/2	July	50	Mar
Ely & Walk Dry Gds com...25	30 3/4	30 3/4	31	110	27 1/2	July	33 1/2	July	65	65	3,000	45	June	65	Jan
Fulton Iron Works, pfd...100	30	30	30	30	37	July	39 1/2	July	58 1/2	58 1/2	5,000	53	Jan	59 1/2	May
Granite Bl-Metallic...10	80c	80c	80c	100	50c	Mar	90c	July	102	103 1/2	23,500	101	June	105 1/2	Jan
Hamilton-Brown Shoe...25	14 3/4	15	15	350	13 1/2	June	24	Feb	104	104 1/2	17,000	102 3/4	Mar	106	Jan
Hussmann Refr com...*	27	27 1/2	27 1/2	215	22	Apr	35 1/2	Feb	98	98 1/2	8,000	98	June	100 1/2	Feb
Huttig S & D com...*	15	15	15	50	15	July	22 1/2	Jan	94	94	1,000	93	June	99	Jan
Hydraulic Press Br com...100	2 1/2	2 3/4	2 3/4	40	2 1/2	July	4 1/2	Feb	156 1/2	156 1/2	10,000	156 1/2	July	156 1/2	July
International Shoe com...*	74 1/2	73 3/4	74 3/4	1,799	63	Apr	74 1/2	July	76	76	1,000	76	July	84 1/2	Jan
Preferred...100	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	60	104 1/2	June	110	Feb	53 1/2	53 1/2	15,000	50	Apr	54 1/2	Jan
Johnson-S & S Shoe...*	65 1/4	65	66	350	54	Feb	67 1/2	June	51 1/2	51 1/2	1,000	51	Mar	51 1/2	Jan
Key Boiler Equip...*	60	60	60 3/4	475	45	May	62	June	51 1/2	51 1/2	1,000	51	Mar	51 1/2	Jan
Knapp Monarch com...*	107	107	107	50	21	Jan	108	July	101	101	1,000	101	Jan	101	Jan
Lact-Chr Clay Prod com...100	100	100	100	50	99 1/2	Apr	100 1/2	June	101	101	1,000	101	Jan	101	Jan
Laclede Gas Light pref...100	100	100	100	50	99 1/2	Apr	100 1/2	June	101	101	1,000	101	Jan	101	Jan
Laclede Steel Co...20	48 1/2	48 3/4	48 3/4	75	48 1/2	July	57	Mar	101	101	1,000	101	Jan	101	Jan
Landis Machine com...25	78	80	80	1,193	47 1/2	Jan	80	July	101	101	1,000	101	Jan	101	Jan
Moloney Electric A...*	60 1/2	60	61 1/2	1,574	52 3/4	May	63	Apr	101	101	1,000	101	Jan	101	Jan
Mo Portland Cement...25	41	40 1/4	42	640	40 1/4	July	55 1/2	Jan	101	101	1,000	101	Jan	101	Jan
Nat Bearing Metal com...*	110	106	119	150	77	Apr	119	July	101	101	1,000	101	Jan	101	Jan
Preferred...100	100	100	101	335	99	May	101 1/2	Apr	101	101	1,000	101	Jan	101	Jan
Nat Candy common...*	33	29 1/2	33	3,106	18 1/2	Jan	34 1/2	June	101	101	1,000	101	Jan	101	Jan
Second preferred...100	96	97 1/2	96	26	96	July	99	Mar	101	101	1,000	101	Jan	101	Jan
Nicholas Beazley...5	20	20 1/2	20 1/2	555	19	July	22 1/2	Mar	101	101	1,000	101	Jan	101	Jan
Pedigo-Weber Shoe...*	28	28	28	55	26 1/2	June	33 1/2	Jan	101	101	1,000	101	Jan	101	Jan
Pickrel Walnut...*	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	50	21	Jan	25	Jan	101	101	1,000	101	Jan	101	Jan
Rice-Stix Dry Goods com...*	19	19 1/2	19 1/2	705	18 1/2	July	24 1/2	Jan	101	101	1,000	101	Jan	101	Jan
Scruggs-V B D G com...25	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	300	15 1/2	July	19 1/2	Feb	101	101	1,000	101	Jan	101	Jan
First preferred...100	75	75	75	25	75	July	80	Jan	101	101	1,000	101	Jan	101	Jan
Second preferred...100	75	75	75	200	75	July	75	July	101	101	1,000	101	Jan	101	Jan
Scoulin Steel pref...*	30 1/2	30	31	775	30	July	42 1/2	Jan	101	101	1,000	101	Jan	101	Jan
Securities Inv com...*	38 1/2	34	38 1/2	635	30	Apr	38 1/2	July	101	101	1,000	101	Jan	101	Jan
S'western Bell Tel pref...100	117 1/2	117 1/2	118	378	116 3/4	June	121	Mar	101	101	1,000	101	Jan	101	Jan
Stix Baer & Fuller com...*	34 1/2	34 1/2	35 1/2	348	32 1/2	Apr	44 1/2	Jan	101	101	1,000	101	Jan	101	Jan
St Louis Pub Ser com...*	16 1/2	16 1/2	18	306	16 1/2	July	24	Jan	101	101	1,000	101	Jan	101	Jan
Preferred A...*	75	75	75	10	74	June	81	Jan	101	101	1,000	101	Jan	101	Jan
St Louis Ser & Bolt com...25	26	26	26	30	24	Jan	26	Jan	101	101	1,000	101	Jan	101	Jan
Steinberg Drug pref...*	50	49 1/2	50	1,240	49 1/2	July	52 1/2	May	101	101	1,000	101	Jan	101	Jan
Wagner Electric com...15	45 1/2	44 1/2	47 1/2	2,672	37	May	50	Feb	101	101	1,000	101	Jan	101	Jan
Street Railway Bonds															
United Rys 4s...1934	80	80 1/2	80 1/2	\$7,000	80	July	85	Jan							
Miscellaneous Bonds															
Moloney Electric 5 1/2s...1943	94	93	94	16,500	92	June	95 1/2	Feb							
Scoulin Steel 6s...1941	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	1,000	94 1/2	July	101	Feb							

* No par value.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, July 6 to July 12, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Stocks—	Par	Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range of Prices		Sales for Week Shares	Range Since Jan. 1.		
			Low	High		Low	High	
Almar Stores...*	5 1/2	5 1/2	6 1/4	4,665	5	Apr	8 1/4	Jan
American Stores...*	70	70	72 1/2	2,300	65 1/2	May	97	Jan
Bankers Securities pref...50	50 3/4	50	51 1/2	2,200	50	July	63 1/4	Jan
Bell Tel Co of Pa pref...100	114 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2	714	114	Jan	118	May
Bornot Inc...*	10	9	9 3/4	200	8 3/4	Jan	9 1/2	Feb
Budd (E G) Mfg Co...*	21 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2	31,955	14	June	16 1/2	Mar
Preferred...*	91	90	91 1/2	696	56 1/2	Jan	94	June
Budd Wheel Co...*	9	6 3/4	8 1/2	3,500	34	Jan	108 1/2	Jan
Cambria Iron...50	39 1/2	39 1/2	40	330	39 1/2	June	41 1/2	Jan
Camden Fire Insurance...*	32 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	3,100	31	June	42 1/2	Jan
Central Airport...*	9 1/2	9 1/2	10	300	9 1/2	June	13	May
Central Properties com...*	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	900	7 3/4	Mar	11	Mar
Consol Trac of N J...100	47	47	47	34	47	July	61	Jan
Elec Storage Battery...100	89	83	89	679	79 1/2	June	92 1/2	June
Fire Association...10	46	46	46 1/2	1,549	45 1/2	June	52 1/2	Mar
Horn & Hardart (Phil) com...*	205	205	210 1/2	40	114	Jan	123	Feb
Horn & Hardart (N Y) com...*	52	52	52 1/2	900	51 1/2	May	62 1/2	Jan
Preferred...100	100 1/2	101	101	35	100 1/2	May	108	Feb
Insurance Co of N A...10	78 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	500	77	June	91	Jan
Lake Superior Corp...100	19	15 1/2	21 1/4	25,100	14	Mar	42	Jan
Lehigh Coal & Nav...50	156 1/2	155	157	700	146	Mar	169 1/2	May
Lit Brothers...10	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	200	19	June	26	Jan
Manufac Cas Ins...59 1/2	59	60	60	1,000	59	Feb	71	Jan
North East Power Co...*	66	69	69	1,100	40	Mar	75	June
Pa Cent L & P com pref...*	76 1/2	78	78	70	76 1/2	June	81	Feb
Pennroad Corp...*	22	23 1/2	23 1/2	43,500	15 1/2	May	26	Apr
Pennsylvania Insurance...139 1/2	139 1/2	141 1/2	141 1/2	1,800	136	Feb	175	Mar
Pennsylvania RR...50	89 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	21,800	73	Mar	91 1/2	July
Pennsylvania Safe Mfg...50	93 1/2	100	100	2,415	89	June	100	July
Phila Dairy Prod pref...50	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	330	85	July	93 1/2	Jan
Phila Elec of Pa...25	122 1/2	128	128	290	81 1/2	Apr	128	July
Phila Elec Pow pref...25	32 3/4	33	33	3,800	32 3/4	July	34 1/2	Mar
Phila Inquirer...25	42	42	42 1					

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 (July 6) and ending the present Friday (July 12). It is compiled entirely from the daily reports of the Curb Market itself and is intended to include every security, whether stock or bonds, in which any dealings occurred during the week covered.

Table with columns: Week Ended July 12, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., Stocks (Continued), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. The table lists various stocks and their performance metrics.

Stocks (Continued) Par	Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range of Prices		Sales for Week Shares	Range Since Jan. 1.		Stocks (Continued) Par	Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range of Prices		Sales for Week Shares	Range Since Jan. 1.	
		Low.	Hgh.		Low.	Hgh.			Low.	Hgh.		Low.	Hgh.
Godchaux Sugars Inc.		28	28	50	28	July	28	July					
Goldberg (S M) Stores													
\$7 pref stk pur warr.	80	80	80	300	80	June	88	Jan					
Goldman-Sachs Trading	105 1/4	105 1/4	107 3/4	30,600	93	Feb	121 1/4	Mar					
Gold Seal Elec Co new	20 3/4	19 1/2	22 3/4	13,500	17	May	27 1/2	May					
Gorham Inc com A	38 3/4	35	33 3/4	2,400	31 1/2	June	33 3/4	July					
\$3 cum pref with warr.		50	50 3/4	800	50	May	61	June					
Gorham Mfg common	61	61	62 3/4	300	60	July	82	Apr					
Gotham Knitbac Mach.		8 1/2	9 1/4	1,900	7 3/4	June	19 1/4	Feb					
Gramophone Co Ltd													
New	40 3/4	39 3/4	40 3/4	1,500	39 3/4	July	41	July					
Grand Rapids Varnish	19 1/4	17 1/2	19 1/4	1,400	17 1/2	June	22	June					
Gt Atl & Pac Tea 1st pf 100		116	117 3/4	70	115	Jan	117 3/4	Feb					
Non vot com stock	400	382	429 1/4	650	332	May	494	May					
Greenfield Tap & Die com		15 1/2	16	600	12	Jan	19 1/2	Feb					
Creff (L) & Bro pf cl X 100	95	95	95	50	93 1/2	Feb	97	Jan					
Grisby-Grunow Co com	196	149	196	8,300	120	Apr	196	Jul					
Ground Gripper Shoe com		39	41 3/4	1,200	27	Jan	43 3/4	Mar					
\$3 preferred	39 3/4	39	40	1,700	32	Jan	42 1/4	Mar					
Guardian Fire Assurance	10	69 3/4	64 1/4	70 3/4	8,500	57	Apr	70 3/4	May				
Guardian Invest		9	8	500	8	July	9	July					
Hall (C M) Lamp Co.		23 1/2	23 1/2	1,000	20 1/2	Mar	26 1/2	Jan					
Hall (W F) Printing	10	30 3/4	31	1,500	26	Apr	35	Jan					
Handley-Page Ltd													
Am dep rets partic pref.		5 1/2	5 1/2	400	4 1/2	June	5 1/2	June					
Happiness Candy St of A		2 1/2	2 1/2	200	2	June	2 1/2	Jan					
Hartman Tobacco com 10		20	20	200	20	Jan	22	Jan					
Haygart Corp	63 1/2	62	64 1/2	10,000	46	Jan	82 1/2	Mar					
Haseltine Corp	55	55	63 1/2	4,200	41	Apr	70 1/2	May					
Helena Rubenstein Inc com	17 1/4	17 1/4	18 1/4	1,100	17 1/4	June	26 1/4	Jan					
Hercules Powder com		129 1/2	129 1/2	100	96 3/4	Jan	130	Feb					
Hires (Chas E) com A		24 1/2	25	900	23 1/2	Jan	25 1/2	Feb					
Holt (Henry) & Co cl A	23	23	23	200	23	Apr	24 1/2	Jan					
Hood Rubber	21 1/2	20	22	1,000	18	Jan	27 1/2	Jan					
Hormel (Geo A) & Co com		53 1/2	53 1/2	100	33 1/2	Jan	57	Feb					
Horn & Hardart com		54	52	600	51 1/2	July	61 1/2	Feb					
Preferred	50	99 1/2	100	300	99 1/2	July	105	Jan					
Huyler's of Del com		23	23	400	23	July	32	Jan					
Hygrade Food Prod com	40	34 1/2	41 3/4	14,500	34 1/2	July	49 1/2	Jan					
Imperial Chem Industries													
Am dep rets ord shs reg £1		8 3/4	8 3/4	300	8 1/4	May	11 1/2	Feb					
Imperial Tob of Canada	5	10 1/4	10 1/4	100	9 3/4	June	11 1/2	Feb					
Imp Tob of G B & Ire		23 1/4	23 3/4	200	22 1/2	June	33 3/4	Jan					
Indus Finance com v t c 10		28 1/2	29 1/2	1,000	27	June	58 1/4	Jan					
Insur Co of North Amer 10	79 1/2	78 3/4	79 3/4	1,500	76 1/2	May	90 1/2	Jan					
Insurance Securities	26 3/4	25 3/4	26 3/4	2,700	25	June	33 3/4	Jan					
Insur shares of Del com A	22 1/4	21 1/4	22 1/4	15,700	20	Jan	28 1/2	July					
Int Merc Marine new		3	3	3,000	2 1/2	June	2 1/2	June					
Internat Perfume com		15	15	600	14 1/2	June	24 1/2	Jan					
Internat Products com	9 1/4	9	9 1/4	700	7 1/2	July	14 1/4	Jan					
\$6 preferred	100	78	78	100	78	July	83 1/2	Feb					
Inter Projector com		29	26	29 1/2	40,600	19 1/2	Apr	30 1/2	June				
Internat Safety Razor B	31 1/2	27 1/2	32	1,800	25	Feb	46	Jan					
International Shoe com		74	73 1/4	3,500	60	Feb	74 1/4	July					
Interstate Hosiery Mills		20 1/2	23 1/4	800	20 1/2	July	32 1/4	Mar					
Investors Equity com	62	54	62	8,500	45	Mar	62	July					
Irving Air Chute com	33	29	33	6,000	21	May	41 1/4	May					
Jaeger Machine		32 1/4	32 1/4	25	32 1/4	July	45	Jan					
Jefferson Electric		49	49	100	42	May	59 1/2	Mar					
Johnson Motor		46 1/4	49 1/4	900	45	June	60	Mar					
Jonas & Naumborg com		7	7	400	7	June	20	Mar					
Karstadt (Kudolph) Am shs		18	18	400	18	June	24 1/2	Mar					
Kermath Mfg common	15 1/4	14 1/4	16 1/4	5,500	12 1/2	May	17 1/2	May					
Keystone Aircraft Corp.	45 3/4	42 1/4	45 3/4	9,800	31 1/2	Mar	50	Jan					
Klein (H) & Co part pf	20	18	18 1/2	200	18	Jan	24 1/2	Feb					
Kleinert (J B) Rub com		40 1/2	40 1/2	100	40 1/2	May	41 1/2	Mar					
Kobacker Stores com		54 1/2	59	300	41	Jan	71 1/2	Mar					
Koister-Brandes, Ltd.													
Amer shares	£1	5 1/2	6 1/2	8,100	4	May	12 1/2	Mar					
Lackawanna Securities	39 3/4	39 1/4	39 3/4	1,300	37	May	45 1/4	Jan					
Lake Superior Corp	100	18 1/2	20 1/2	2,100	13	May	41 1/4	Jan					
Lakey Foundry & Mach		24	25	1,400	20 1/2	May	35 1/4	Jan					
Landry Bros class A		18	19	300	18 1/2	Jan	23	Feb					
Land Co of Fla	5 1/2	5 1/4	5 1/2	200	5 1/4	May	13	Jan					
Lane Bryant Inc com		69 1/2	69 1/2	100	68	June	81 1/2	Jan					
Lazarus (F & R) & Co com	39	34	39	1,500	32 1/2	June	49	Mar					
Lefcourt Realty		24	24 1/2	200	23 1/2	July	39	Jan					
Preferred		35	35	100	35	July	39	Jan					
Lehigh Coal & Nav	60	154	156	600	149	Apr	172	Jan					
Lerner Stores Corp com	63 1/4	62 1/2	64	500	44	Feb	65 1/2	June					
Ley (Fred T) & Co Inc	62 1/4	55 1/2	62 1/4	5,000	55 1/2	June	64 1/2	Mar					
Libby, McNeil & Libby	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	1,100	11 1/2	May	15	Jan					
Libby-Owens Glass new		46 1/2	48 1/2	2,100	46 1/2	July	48 1/2	July					
Libby Owens Sheet Glass	25	185	190 1/4	1,400	148	June	220 1/4	Feb					
Liberty Dairy Prod com		30	30	100	30	July	30	July					
Lily-Tulip Cup Corp		23 3/4	24	5,700	18 1/4	Apr	24 1/2	June					
Lit Brothers Corp	10	19 1/2	19 1/2	200	19	Apr	26 1/4	Jan					
Loews Inc stk pur warr		5	7 1/4	400	4 1/2	July	14	Mar					
London Tin Syndicate Am													
dep rets ord reg £1		16	16 1/4	100	14 1/4	Apr	22 1/2	Mar					
Louisiana Land & Explor	8 1/4	8	8 1/4	6,600	8	July	14 1/2	Feb					
MacMarr Stores com		40	39	40 1/2	3,500	35	Apr	43 1/2	May				
Mangel Stores com	34 1/2	34 1/2	35 1/2	800	33 1/2	Apr	38 1/2	May					
6 1/2 % pref with warr	100	100	100	200	100	Jan	103	Mar					
Manning Bowman & Co A	17 1/2	17 1/2	18 1/4	400	17 1/2	Jan	20 1/2	Jan					
Class B		11	11 1/4	300	11	July	13 1/4	Jan					
Mapes Consol Mfg	41 1/2	40	41 1/2	700	37	June	42	Jan					
Marion Steam Shovel com	27 1/2	25	27 1/2	1,400	23 1/2	Apr	56 1/2	Jan					
Maryland Casualty Co	25	142	140	142	75	Mar	175	Jan					
Mavis Bottling Co of Am	6 1/4	3 1/2	6 1/4	26,800	3 1/2	July	11	Mar					
Mayflower Associates Inc	73 1/4	73 1/4	75 1/2	2,000	67	June	76 1/2	July					
McCord Rad & Mfg cl B		40	40	22	40	Apr	51 1/2	Jan					
McLellan Stores class A		51	53	800	42	June	59	Jan					
Mead Johnson & Co com	52 1/4	49	52 1/4	800	49	July	59 1/4	Apr					
Merritt Chapman & Scott	34	32 1/2	35	8,900	24 1/2	Apr	35	July					

Stocks (Concluded)		Frday Last Sale	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range Since Jan. 1.		Public Utilities (Concl.)		Frday Last Sale	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range Since Jan. 1.		
Par.	Prctc.	Low.	Hgh.	Shares.	Low.	Hgh.	Low.	Hgh.	Par.	Prctc.	Low.	Hgh.	Shares.	Low.	Hgh.	
Stand Steel Prod com..*	82 1/2	82	85	600	78	Feb 85	July	Brazilian Tr Lt & Pow ord..*	58	56	56	59	1,700	48 1/2	May 70	Mar
Starrett Corp com..*	30 1/2	29 1/2	31 1/2	7,300	28	Apr 32	July	Brideport Gas Light..*	7 1/2	60 1/2	60	63	1,000	60 1/2	July 61	July
Steln Cosmetics com..*	21	21	22	9,300	15 1/2	Mar 22	May	Brooklyn City RR..*	100	7 1/2	7 1/2	8 1/2	4,900	7 1/2	July 10 1/2	Jan
Steln (A) & Co com..*	26 1/2	26	27	300	26	June 38 1/2	Feb	Certificates of deposit..*	104 1/2	100	100	105	13,400	61 1/2	Mar 11 1/2	June
Stirn Bros class A..*	11 1/2	11	11 1/2	400	10	42	Mar 47 1/2	Feb	Buff Nlag & East Pr com..*	105	99 1/2	105	13,800	49 1/2	Apr 109 1/2	June
Stinnes (Hugo) Corp..*	135 1/2	130	135 1/2	13,200	130	July 135 1/2	July	Class A..*	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	400	24 1/2	June 26 1/2	Jan	
Stone & Webster Inc..*	22 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2	300	22 1/2	July 34 1/2	May	Carolina Pow & Lt pref. 100..*	105	108	108	25	105	Feb 11 1/2	Apr	
Strauss (Nathan) Inc com..*	24 1/2	18 1/2	25	6,000	18 1/2	July 25	July	Cent Atl States Serv v t c..*	46	45 1/2	46	3,800	35	Jan 46	May	
Stromberg-Carl Tel Mfg..*	40	39 1/2	40	400	39 1/2	July 61 1/2	Feb	Cent & S'west Util..*	100	116	116	100	80	Mar 116	July	
Stroock (S) & Co..*	13 1/2	13 1/2	18 1/2	3,700	12	June 35 1/2	May	Cent & S'west Util..*	100	103 1/2	103 1/2	150	98	May 103 1/2	July	
Stutz Motor Car..*	194	180	195	450	158	June 195	July	Central States Elec com..*	163 1/2	146	163 1/2	6,700	73 1/2	Mar 163 1/2	July	
Superheater Co..*	100	128	129 1/2	600	123 1/2	July 139 1/2	Jan	Central States Elec com..*	100	57 1/2	57 1/2	91,200	38 1/2	June 52 1/2	July	
Swift & Co..*	234	234	36	4,900	22 1/2	Mar 37 1/2	Jan	New..*	100	151	151	300	103 1/2	Jan 155 1/2	June	
Swift International..*	22 1/2	22 1/2	24 1/2	2,000	16 1/2	Mar 22 1/2	June	6% pref with warr..*	100	86 1/2	86 1/2	1,300	80 1/2	May 87 1/2	Feb	
Syrac Wash Mach B com..*	51 1/2	50 1/2	52 1/2	1,300	43 1/2	Apr 69 1/2	Feb	Convertible preferred..*	278	249	278	4,100	97	Jan 278	July	
Taggart Corp common..*	36 1/2	31	36 1/2	26,300	25	Feb 36 1/2	July	Conv pref new w l..*	135 1/2	124	135 1/2	5,100	110	Jan 135 1/2	July	
Thermold Co com..*	109 1/2	95 1/2	109 1/2	3,900	90	Feb 109 1/2	July	Warrants..*	70	65	70	2,100	71 1/2	Jan 71 1/2	Jan	
7% cum conv pref..*	100	50	52	900	50	May 52	July	Cities Ser P & L \$6 pref..*	85 1/2	81 1/2	85 1/2	2,800	60	May 85 1/2	July	
Third Nat Investors com..*	52	52	57	2,500	46	Jan 89 1/2	Jan	Cleveland Illum com..*	117 1/2	114	122	12,700	56	Mar 125 1/2	July	
Thompson Prod Inc o a..*	50 1/2	50 1/2	51	1,100	50	Jan 58 1/2	Jan	Columbus Elec & Pow..*	310	290	310	220	215	Jan 310	July	
Thompson Stratret pref..*	50 1/2	50 1/2	60	1,400	49 1/2	Jan 70 1/2	May	Com w'th Edison Co..*	102 1/2	100	102 1/2	2,100	97 1/2	July 104 1/2	July	
Tishman Realty & Constr..*	44	44	45 1/2	400	44	July 55 1/2	Jan	Com w'th Pow Corp pt. 100..*	25 1/2	25	26 1/2	566,200	22 1/2	June 29	June	
Tobacco & Allied Stocks..*	44	44	45 1/2	400	44	July 55 1/2	Jan	Commw'ch & Sou Corp..*	9 1/2	9 1/2	10 1/2	221,500	8 1/2	June 12 1/2	July	
Tobacco Products Exports..*	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,600	2	May 3 1/2	Jan	Com w'th Util com cl B..*	137 1/2	133 1/2	140 1/2	19,900	88 1/2	Apr 106	June	
Todd Shipyards Corp..*	57	60	800	56	June 76 1/2	Jan	Connecticut Elec Service..*	100	98	98 1/2	600	130	June 136	June		
Transamerica Corp..*	136 1/2	136 1/2	137 1/2	13,800	125	Feb 143 1/2	May	Cons G E L & T Balt com..*	100	137 1/2	140 1/2	19,900	88 1/2	Apr 102 1/2	Jan	
Transocean Air Transp..*	28 1/2	28 1/2	32 1/2	36,000	21 1/2	May 32 1/2	July	Preferred Class A..*	100	98	98 1/2	500	98	July 102 1/2	Jan	
Voting trust etc..*	27	31 1/2	5,000	30	July 31 1/2	July	Duke Power Co..*	100	194 1/2	199 1/2	600	155	Jan 210	Jan		
Trans-Lux Pict Screen—								East States Pow B com..*	100	60 1/2	62	700	42 1/2	Feb 72 1/2	July	
Class A common..*	11 1/2	11	11 1/2	2,300	5 1/2	Jan 24	Mar	Elec Bond & Sh Co com..*	139	123 1/2	142 1/2	231,600	73	Mar 142 1/2	July	
Travel Air Co..*	47	47	48	1,100	45 1/2	Apr 61	Jan	Preferred..*	104 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2	2,400	101 1/2	Feb 109 1/2	Jan	
Tri-Continental Corp com..*	34 1/2	32 1/2	35	35,600	30	Jan 35 1/2	June	Elec Investors..*	253	205 1/2	258	48,900	77 1/2	Jan 258	July	
6% cum pref with warr 100..*	104	104	104 1/2	3,700	104	Apr 107 1/2	Jan	Elec Pow & Lt 2nd pt A..*	99 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2	1,500	96 1/2	June 101	Feb	
Triplett Glass..*	20	18 1/2	20	700	18	July 33 1/2	Feb	Empire Gas & F 7% pt. 100..*	58	54	58 1/2	10,300	39	Mar 62	May	
Am rets for ord sh reg..*	390 1/2	351	410	2,300	305	June 595	Jan	Empire Gas & F 7% pt. 100..*	34 1/2	32 1/2	35	4,200	23	Mar 35	Jan	
Tubize Artificial Silk cl B..*	46 1/2	45 1/2	46 1/2	900	45 1/2	July 49 1/2	Jan	Empire Power Corp part stk..*	49 1/2	46 1/2	50	3,200	46 1/2	Feb 63 1/2	Feb	
Tungsol Lamp Works new..*	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	300	42 1/2	June 50	June	Engines Pub Serv war..*	34 1/2	32 1/2	35	4,200	23	Mar 35	Jan	
\$3 cum conv pref..*	48 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	300	42 1/2	June 50	June	Federal Water Serv cl A..*	49 1/2	46 1/2	50	3,200	46 1/2	Jan 102	Mar	
Union Amer Investment..*	59 1/2	59	59 1/2	1,500	51 1/2	May 72 1/2	Feb	Fla Pow & Lt \$7 cum pref..*	100	100	100	100	100	Jan 102	Mar	
Union Tobacco com..*	7 1/2	6	7 1/2	15,100	5 1/2	July 20	Jan	Galveston-Houston Elec 100..*	100	19 1/2	19 1/2	100	17	July 19 1/2	July	
United Carbon pref..*	100	100	100	400	92	Jan 102 1/2	Mar	Preferred..*	100	46 1/2	46 1/2	100	46 1/2	July 46 1/2	July	
United Chemicals \$3 pref..*	37 1/2	37 1/2	38 1/2	1,400	34 1/2	June 61 1/2	Feb	Georgia Power \$6 pref..*	100	97 1/2	97 1/2	100	95 1/2	July 106 1/2	Feb	
United Dry Goods com..*	17 1/2	17 1/2	18 1/2	2,400	15 1/2	May 20 1/2	Apr	Internat Superpower..*	80 1/2	80 1/2	81 1/2	1,500	80 1/2	July 81 1/2	July	
United Milk Prod com..*	10 1/2	9	10 1/2	500	9	July 21	Jan	Internat Util class A..*	47	47	48 1/2	600	41 1/2	May 51	July	
Un Piece Dye Wks..*	36	36	37 1/2	1,500	35 1/2	Jan 53	Mar	Class B..*	19 1/2	18	20 1/2	6,000	14 1/2	Mar 22 1/2	Jan	
United Profit Shar com..*	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	400	5	May 11	Mar	Class B..*	19 1/2	18	20 1/2	6,000	14 1/2	Mar 22 1/2	Jan	
United Retail Chemists—								Warrants..*	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	9,100	11 1/2	Jan 23 1/2	Jan	
Class A v t c..*	3	3	3	100	3	July 3	July	Italian Super Power..*	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	500	5 1/2	Jan 15	Jan	
Class B v t c..*	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	100	1	June 3	Apr	Warrants..*	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	500	5 1/2	Jan 15	Jan	
United Shoe Mach com..*	67	66 1/2	67 1/2	500	64	June 85 1/2	Feb	Long Island Light com..*	89 1/2	82 1/2	89 1/2	9,600	48 1/2	Apr 89 1/2	July	
United Stores Corp..*	23	20 1/2	23	4,600	20 1/2	July 28 1/2	June	7% preferred..*	100	107 1/2	108 1/2	200	107	June 113	Mar	
Non-cum conv class A..*	45 1/2	45 1/2	47 1/2	2,700	45 1/2	July 54 1/2	Jan	Marconi Internat Marine	29 1/2	27 1/2	29 1/2	387,500	19 1/2	Mar 29 1/2	July	
\$6 cum conv pref..*	81	80 1/2	81 1/2	1,800	80 1/2	July 91 1/2	Jan	Marconi Wrel T of Can..*	9 1/2	7 1/2	9 1/2	187,000	7 1/2	Feb 10 1/2	Mar	
U S Dairy Prod class A..*	49	49	49 1/2	200	48 1/2	Jan 51 1/2	Mar	Marconi Wireless Tel Lond	19 1/2	17 1/2	19 1/2	4,200	17 1/2	July 22 1/2	Jan	
U S Finishing com..*	154	142	156	16,000	90	Jan 156	July	Class B..*	19 1/2	19	20	4,000	18	June 20	July	
U S Foli class B..*	61 1/2	59 1/2	61 1/2	4,200	54 1/2	May 74 1/2	Feb	Class B..*	19 1/2	19	20	4,000	18	June 20	July	
U S Freight..*	93 1/2	90	93 1/2	6,900	81	May 109 1/2	Feb	Class B..*	19 1/2	19	20	4,000	18	June 20	July	
U S Gypsum common..*	20	17 1/2	17 1/2	2,000	17 1/2	Apr 18 1/2	Apr	Memphis Nat Gas..*	14 1/2	14	14 1/2	1,500	12 1/2	Mar 20	May	
U S Lines com..*	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	800	17 1/2	Apr 18 1/2	Apr	Middle West Util com..*	270 1/2	219 1/2	270 1/2	18,600	158 1/2	May 270 1/2	July	
U S Radiator com..*	54	54	55	300	47 1/2	Apr 56 1/2	Mar	Prior lien..*	124	124	124	100	119 1/2	June 124 1/2	Jan	
Common v t c..*	54	54	55	300	47 1/2	Apr 56 1/2	Mar	6% preferred..*	123	120	123	200	115	June 124 1/2	Jan	
U S Rubber Reclaiming..*	20	20	21	200	16	Jan 31	Mar	Marquette & Hud Pow com..*	91 1/2	100	104	97	50	Apr 104 1/2	Feb	
Universal Aviation..*	13	13	14 1/2	1,400	13	July 27 1/2	Mar	2d preferred..*	105	105 1/2	105 1/2	200	104	June 110 1/2	Jan	
Cts of deposit..*	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	300	14 1/2	July 22	Mar	Warrants..*	70 1/2	67	71	6,400	23 1/2	Mar 72	Mar	
Universal Insur..*	25	25	27 1/2	400	24 1/2	Jan 27 1/2	Feb	Municipal Service..*	21 1/2	20 1/2	22	1,800	20 1/2	July 33 1/2	July	
Utility Equities Corp..*	28 1/2	25	28 1/2	2,900	24 1/2	May 27 1/2	Jan	Nat Elec Pow class A..*	40 1/2	34 1/2	41 1/2	2,600	30	May 41 1/2	July	
Utility & Ind Corp com..*	30 1/2	29 1/2	30 1/2	25,200	23 1/2	June 27	June	Nat Power & Lt pref..*	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	250	105 1/2	July 110	June	
Preferred..*	30 1/2	29 1/2	30 1/2	4,700	27	June 31	June	Nat Pub Serv com class A..*	24 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2	2,000	22 1/2	Mar 26	Feb	
Vanadium Alloy Steel..*	78 1/2	78 1/2	80 1/2	500	72	June 83 1/2										

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		Low.	High.	Low.	High.		Low.	High.			Low.	High.		Low.	High.				
Borne, Scrymser & Co.100	35	35	36	100	35	July	46 1/2	Feb	United Eastern Min	1	7 1/2	7 1/2	12,300	3 1/2	June	1 1/2	Feb		
Buckeye Pipe Line	50	69 1/2	69 1/2	400	65 1/2	July	74 1/2	Jan	United Verde Extension	50c	17 1/2	17 1/2	7,900	15 1/2	Feb	26	Mar		
Chesebrough Mfg.	25	180	170	193 1/2	2,400	140 1/2	Jan	193 1/2	United Zinc Smelting	*	7 1/2	7 1/2	1,000	5 1/2	May	2 1/2	Jan		
Continental Oil vtc(ME)10	20 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	14,200	17 1/2	Jan	29	Mar	Unity Gold Mines	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	4,200	3 1/2	June	2 1/2	Apr		
Humble Oil & Refining	25	125 1/2	121 1/2	126 1/2	29,300	89 1/2	Feb	126 1/2	Utah Apex	5	3 1/2	4	900	3 1/2	June	6 1/2	Mar		
Illinois Pipe Line	100	200	309	150	285	Jan	340 1/2	May	Utah Metal & Tunnel	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	3,100	95c	Jan	2 1/2	Mar		
Imperial Oil (Canada)	*	29 1/2	28	30 1/2	41,100	26 1/2	May	30 1/2	Walker Mining	1	4 1/2	4 1/2	1,600	2 1/2	Jan	4 1/2	Mar		
Indiana Pipe Line	50	104	104	100	81 1/2	Feb	104	July	Wenden Copper Mining	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,600	1 1/2	Jan	2 1/2	Jan		
New		26 1/2	27	200	26 1/2	July	27	July	Yukon Gold Co.	5	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,700	1 1/2	May	1 1/2	Jan		
National Transit	12.50	23	23	23 1/2	1,200	21 1/2	Mar	25 1/2	Bonds—										
New York Transit new		14 1/2	15 1/2	600	10	July	15 1/2	July	Abbotts Dairies 6s	1942	100	100	1,000	98 1/2	Jan	100 1/2	May		
Northern Pipe Line	100	58 1/2	58 1/2	50	52	June	63	Jan	Aditibi P & P 6s A	1953	83	83	84 1/2	66,000	82 1/2	May	87 1/2	Jan	
Ohio Oil	25	71 1/2	72 1/2	1,700	64 1/2	Jan	75 1/2	June	Alabama Power 4 1/2s	1967	92 1/2	92 1/2	47,000	90	May	95 1/2	Jan		
Penn Mex Fuel	25	38	27 1/2	40	5,900	23 1/2	July	44 1/2	Allst 1st & ref 5s	1956	99	99	7,000	98	June	103	Jan		
Solar Refining	25	37 1/2	37 1/2	39 1/2	200	37 1/2	June	50	Allied Pk 1st col tr 8s	1939	52 1/2	52 1/2	13,000	45	Jan	57 1/2	Feb		
South Penn Oil	25	53	53	53 1/2	2,800	40 1/2	Feb	60 1/2	Certificates of deposit		47 1/2	50	12,000	45	June	55 1/2	Feb		
Southern Pipe Line	10	20 1/2	21	21	4,000	13	Feb	22 1/2	Debutent 6s	1939	47 1/2	52	6,000	48 1/2	Mar	57 1/2	Feb		
Southwest Pa Pipe Line 100	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	50	62 1/2	Apr	70	Jan	Certificates of deposit		50	53	25,000	45 1/2	Jan	54	Mar		
Standard Oil (Indiana)	25	56 1/2	55 1/2	58	24,200	54	Mar	63	Aluminum Co s 1 deb 5s	1952	100 1/2	100 1/2	46,000	100	Feb	102 1/2	Jan		
Standard Oil (Kansas)	25	20 1/2	20 1/2	21 1/2	600	18	Jan	22 1/2	Aluminum Ltd 5s	1948	96	95 1/2	96 1/2	25,000	95 1/2	May	98 1/2	Apr	
Standard Oil (Ky)	10	37 1/2	37 1/2	38 1/2	4,700	35 1/2	May	45 1/2	Amer Aggregates 6s	1943	98	98	98 1/2	17,000	98	June	115 1/2	Jan	
Standard Oil (Neb)	25	47	47	300	45 1/2	Feb	50 1/2	Mar	Amer Com Int Pr 6s	1949	104 1/2	103 1/2	105 1/2	107,000	97	May	106 1/2	July	
Standard Oil (O) com	25	119	121	117 1/2	550	110 1/2	Feb	129	Amer G & El deb 5s	2028	94 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2	105,000	93 1/2	Feb	97 1/2	Jan	
Preferred	100	117 1/2	117 1/2	10	115	May	124 1/2	Mar	American Power & Light		104 1/2	104	105	63,000	103	June	106 1/2	Jan	
Swan-Finch Oil	25	15	15 1/2	300	14	May	18	Jan	6s, without warr	2016	96 1/2	95 1/2	96 1/2	50,000	94	Mar	97 1/2	May	
Vacuum Oil new	119 1/2	116	119 1/2	3,600	105 1/2	Jan	133 1/2	Mar	Amer Roll Mill deb 5s	1948	87	86 1/2	87	5,000	86 1/2	July	97 1/2	Jan	
Amer Concr Oil Fields	1	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	11,800	3 1/2	May	7 1/2	Amer Seating 6s	1936	96 1/2	96 1/2	87	2,000	104	June	122	Jan	
Amer Maracaibo Co	5	4	3 1/2	4	2,700	3 1/2	May	8 1/2	Without warrants		107 1/2	108	2,000	91 1/2	June	97 1/2	Mar		
Argo Oil Corp	10	2 1/2	2	2 1/2	300	1 1/2	Feb	4 1/2	Appalachian El Pr 5s	1956	96 1/2	96 1/2	85,000	87 1/2	Feb	99 1/2	Jan		
Arkans Nat Gas Corp com	10	12 1/2	8 1/2	12 1/2	165,000	3 1/2	Jan	12 1/2	Arkansas Pr & Lt 5s	1956	91	94	94 1/2	21,000	98	Mar	98 1/2	Jan	
Preferred	10	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	800	7 1/2	Mar	9	Arnold Print Wks 1st 6s	1941	93	93	93	3,000	93	May	98	Jan	
Class A	10	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	114,300	0 1/2	Jan	12 1/2	Asso Dye & Press 6s	1938	110	77	77 1/2	8,000	69	June	94	Jan	
Atlantic Lobos Oil com	5	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	300	1 1/2	Jan	2 1/2	Associated G & E 5 1/2s	1977	110	103 1/2	110	95,000	98 1/2	Jan	131	Mar	
Preferred	5	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	100	1 1/2	May	4 1/2	Con deb 4 1/2s w/ war	1948	129 1/2	121 1/2	130 1/2	122,000	99 1/2	Jan	148	Feb	
Carib Syndicate new com	4	4	4 1/2	4 1/2	4,700	2 1/2	Feb	4 1/2	Without warrants		109 1/2	107 1/2	109 1/2	27,000	94 1/2	Jan	120 1/2	Feb	
Colon Oil	1	6 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	300	6	May	15	Assoe'd 8th Har 6 1/2s	1933	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	4,000	85 1/2	May	88	Feb	
Consol Royalty Oil	1	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	600	6 1/2	July	11 1/2	Assoe' Telep Util 5 1/2s	1944	97	97	97	19,000	97	June	97 1/2	June	
Cosden Oil Co	1	89 1/2	81	89 1/2	14,300	45	June	89 1/2	Atlas Plywood 5 1/2s	1943	85	85	1,000	84	July	103 1/2	Jan		
Creole Syndicate	1	8 1/2	8	8 1/2	11,300	8	May	11 1/2	Bates Valve Bag 6s	1942	105 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2	20,000	102	Apr	110 1/2	Jan	
Crown Cent Petrol Corp	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,900	1 1/2	Feb	2 1/2	With stock purch warr		118	116	118	42,000	106	Mar	118 1/2	Jan	
Darby Petroleum Corp	1	14 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	4,100	14	Jan	26	Beacon Oil 6s, with warr	1936	99 1/2	99	99 1/2	19,000	98	Mar	102 1/2	Jan	
Derby Oil & Ref com	25	195 1/2	175 1/2	202 1/2	55,300	142 1/2	Jan	202 1/2	Bel Tel of Canada 6s	1955	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	60,000	98 1/2	June	102 1/2	Feb	
Gulf Oil Corp of Penna	25	195 1/2	175 1/2	202 1/2	55,300	142 1/2	Jan	202 1/2	1st 5s series B	1957	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	60,000	98 1/2	June	102 1/2	Feb	
Homackia Oil	1	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	200	3 1/2	June	7 1/2	Berlin City Elec 6 1/2s	1959	100	100	100	3,000	90	July	94	Apr	
Houston Gulf Gas	1	14 1/2	14 1/2	15 1/2	800	14 1/2	June	22	Boston Cons Gas deb 5 1/2	1947	100 1/2	100 1/2	2,000	99 1/2	June	103	Jan		
International Petrol	10	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	8,000	1 1/2	July	2 1/2	Boston & Maine RR 6s	1933	100 1/2	100 1/2	101	6,000	98 1/2	Apr	103	Jan	
Internat Petroleum New	5	25	24 1/2	26 1/2	15,000	22 1/2	Jan	29	Buffalo Gen Elec 6s	1956	101	101	101	4,000	100	June	104	Jan	
Kirby Petroleum	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,100	1 1/2	May	3 1/2	Burmelster & Wain of Co	penhagen 15-yr 6s	1940	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	5,000	97 1/2	Jan	99 1/2	July
Leonard Oil Developm't	25	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	24,500	2 1/2	June	6 1/2	Canada Cement 5 1/2s	1947	98	98	98 1/2	7,000	97 1/2	Apr	101 1/2	Jan	
Lion Oil Refg	1	35	33	35	500	23 1/2	Mar	33 1/2	Canadian Nat Rys 7s	1935	105 1/2	105 1/2	106 1/2	14,000	105	June	110	Jan	
Lone Star Gas Corp	25	85	81	85	500	87	Jan	87	Capital Admin 5s A	1953	105 1/2	103	105 1/2	59,000	96	June	105 1/2	Jan	
New when issued	25	34 1/2	33 1/2	35	1,300	32 1/2	June	35 1/2	Carolina Pr & Lt 5s	1956	98	97 1/2	98 1/2	117,000	97	June	102 1/2	Jan	
Magdalena Syndicate	1	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	1,500	3 1/2	Jan	1 1/2	Cent States Elec 6s	1948	87	84 1/2	87	48,000	83	May	90 1/2	Jan	
Mexico Oil of Mexico	1	2	2	2	100	1 1/2	Feb	2 1/2	Cent States P & Lt 6 1/2s	1953	92	91 1/2	92	13,000	89 1/2	Jan	92 1/2	Jan	
Mexico Ohio Oil	1	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	100	2 1/2	July	3 1/2	Chic Pacum Tool 5 1/2s	1942	99	99	99	3,000	93 1/2	Jan	101 1/2	Jan	
Mo Kansas Pipe Line	1	28 1/2	28 1/2	30 1/2	3,900	15 1/2	Jan	42	Chic Rys 5s ctf dep	1927	82	82	82 1/2	7,000	77 1/2	Mar	84 1/2	June	
Mountain & Gulf Oil	1	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	200	7 1/2	Jan	1 1/2	Childs Co deb 6s	1943	83 1/2	83 1/2	85	10,000	83 1/2	July	90	Jan	
Mountain Prod Corp	10	12 1/2	12	15	5,000	12	July	22 1/2	Childs Stores Realty		92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	2,000	92 1/2	June	99 1/2	Jan	
Nat Fuel Gas new	5	34 1/2	32 1/2	35 1/2	2,600	24 1/2	Apr	35 1/2	5 1/2s series A	1949	94	94	94	1,000	94	May	103	Feb	
New Bradford Oil	5	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	1,500	3 1/2	July	5	Cincinnati St Ry 5 1/2s	1952	94	94	94	1,000	94	June	103	Feb	
N Y Petrol Royalty	1	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	400	16	Feb	24 1/2	Cities Service 5s	1966	85 1/2	85 1/2	86 1/2	32,000	85 1/2	July	90 1/2	Jan	
Nor Cent Texas Oil Co	1	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	1,800	8 1/2	Jan	11 1/2	Cities Service Gas 5 1/2s	1942	87 1/2	86 1/2	88	30,000	86 1/2	June	92 1/2	Jan	
Pacific Western Oil	1	16	16 1/2	16 1/2	2,100	16	May	24	Cities Serv Gas Pipe L										

Bonds (Continued)	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range Since Jan. 1.		Bonds (Concluded)	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range Since Jan. 1.				
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.			Low.	High.						
Harpur Mining 6s.....1949	92 1/2	92 1/2	93	29,000	85 1/2	May	93 1/2	Mar	93	92	93	19,000	81	June	94 1/2	Feb
With warrants.....	89	87	89	7,000	82 1/2	May	97	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	22,000	83	July	91	Feb
Hood Rubber 7s.....1936	89	87	89	7,000	82 1/2	May	97	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	22,000	83	July	91	Feb
10-yr conv 5 1/2 s.....1936	76	75 1/2	78 1/2	24,000	68	May	84 1/2	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	9,000	103	June	140 1/2	Jan
Houston Gulf Gas 6 1/2 s '43	88	87	88	10,000	75	July	92 1/2	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	6,000	95	July	116 1/2	Jan
6s.....1943	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	13,000	76	July	92 1/2	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	1,000	48	May	79 1/2	Jan
With warrants.....	85 1/2	85 1/2	86 1/2	88,000	81	May	92	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	8,000	99 1/2	June	102	Jan
Hung-Italian Bank 7 1/2 s '63	87	87	87	5,000	87	June	98 1/2	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	75,000	98 1/2	Mar	100 1/2	Mar
IH. Power & Lt 5 1/2 s May 1957	-----	91 1/2	91 1/2	3,000	91 1/2	July	96 1/2	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	2,000	76	June	89	Mar
5 1/2 s series B.....1954	-----	97 1/2	99	7,000	97	Apr	101	Feb	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	21,000	96	Mar	89 1/2	Jan
Indep Oil & Gas deb 6s 1939	108 1/2	107 1/2	110	81,000	102 1/2	Feb	120	May	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	1,000	95	June	105 1/2	Mar
Ind'polis P & L 5s ser A '57	98	97	98	75,000	95 1/2	May	100	May	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	4,000	84	Apr	91 1/2	Jan
Int Pow Secur 7s ser E 1957	96 1/2	96	96 1/2	29,000	91 1/2	Mar	96 1/2	July	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	13,000	86 1/2	Mar	94 1/2	Jan
Internet Securities 5s.....1947	-----	85 1/2	86 1/2	88,000	83	May	92	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	18,000	98	June	101 1/2	Jan
Interstate Nat Gas 6s 1936	126	126	126	19,000	126	July	126	July	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	20,000	97	Apr	79	Jan
With warrants.....	89	89	90 1/2	23,000	88 1/2	July	96 1/2	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	2,000	108	June	130	Feb
Interstate Power 5s.....1957	-----	90 1/2	91	9,000	89 1/2	May	97	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	14,000	88	Apr	92 1/2	Jan
Invest Co of Am 5s A 1942	102 1/2	100 1/2	102 1/2	62,000	95	Apr	107	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	4,000	84	Apr	91 1/2	Jan
Without warrants.....	78	78	78 1/2	17,000	78	Jan	83	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	13,000	86 1/2	Mar	94 1/2	Jan
Iowa-Neb L & P 5s.....1957	90 1/2	90	91 1/2	23,000	90	June	94 1/2	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	18,000	98	June	101 1/2	Jan
Isarco Hydro-Elec 7s.....1952	91	89	91	22,000	86 1/2	Feb	91 1/2	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	20,000	97	Apr	79	Jan
Issotta Fraschini 7s.....1942	-----	86	86	1,000	86	July	91	May	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	2,000	108	May	110	Jan
Without warrants.....	86	86	86	1,000	86	July	91	May	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	2,000	108	May	110	Jan
Italian Superpower 6s 1963	78 1/2	76 1/2	78 1/2	297,000	75	Mar	82	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	187,000	82 1/2	May	93	July
Without warrants.....	78 1/2	76 1/2	78 1/2	297,000	75	Mar	82	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	187,000	82 1/2	May	93	July
Kelvinator Co 6s.....1936	-----	75	76	6,000	67 1/2	June	79	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	3,000	98 1/2	Jan	100 1/2	Jan
Without warrants.....	75	76	76	6,000	67 1/2	June	79	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	3,000	98 1/2	Jan	100 1/2	Jan
Koppers G & C deb 5s 1947	-----	95 1/2	96 1/2	95,000	95 1/2	June	100 1/2	Apr	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	1,000	95 1/2	July	100 1/2	Jan
Lehigh Pow Secur 6s.....2026	103	102 1/2	103 1/2	149,000	102 1/2	Mar	106	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	11,000	96 1/2	July	100	Jan
Leonard Tietz Inc 7 1/2 s '46	-----	99 1/2	99 1/2	42,000	99	May	102	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	5,000	95 1/2	July	100 1/2	Jan
Without warrants.....	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	42,000	99	May	102	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	5,000	95 1/2	July	100 1/2	Jan
Libby, McN & Libby 5s '42	90 1/2	90 1/2	91 1/2	21,000	90 1/2	June	94	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	11,000	96 1/2	July	100	Jan
Lone Star Gas Corp 6s 1942	96	96	97	46,000	96	Mar	99 1/2	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	5,000	96	Jan	102 1/2	Feb
Long Island Lfg 6s.....1945	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	6,000	102 1/2	June	106	Feb	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	14,000	95 1/2	July	100 1/2	Jan
Louisiana Pow & Lt 6s 1957	92	91	92 1/2	21,000	90	July	96 1/2	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	5,000	97	Jan	102 1/2	Feb
Manitoba Power 5 1/2 s 1951	-----	98 1/2	99	15,000	98 1/2	June	101	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	176,000	89	June	98 1/2	Jan
Mansfield Mining & Smeltg	-----	101	101	2,000	96	Mar	103 1/2	June	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	2,000	81	May	87 1/2	Feb
7s with warr.....1941	-----	101 1/2	103 1/2	123,000	101 1/2	July	104 1/2	Apr	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	1,000	96 1/2	June	100 1/2	Jan
Mass Gas Cos 5 1/2 s.....1946	102 1/2	101 1/2	103 1/2	7,000	92 1/2	June	99 1/2	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	11,000	96 1/2	July	100	Jan
McCord Rad & Mfg 6s 1943	93 1/2	93 1/2	94 1/2	7,000	92 1/2	June	99 1/2	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	238,000	109 1/2	July	96 1/2	Jan
Metrop Edison 4 1/2 s.....1968	-----	96	96	5,000	93 1/2	Mar	99	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	2,000	91	July	96 1/2	Jan
Milwaukee Gas Lt 4 1/2 s '67	-----	96 1/2	96 1/2	2,000	95 1/2	July	100 1/2	Feb	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	23,000	99 1/2	July	104	Jan
Minn Pow & Lt 4 1/2 s.....1978	-----	90	89 1/2	14,000	87 1/2	June	92 1/2	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	13,000	96 1/2	Jan	98 1/2	Jan
Montreal L H & P col 6s '51	99	98 1/2	99 1/2	11,000	96 1/2	Apr	101 1/2	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	5,000	96	Jan	102 1/2	Feb
Morris & Co 7 1/2 s.....1930	100	99 1/2	100 1/2	21,000	99 1/2	Mar	101	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	1,000	97	Jan	100 1/2	Jan
Munson S S Lines 6 1/2 s '37	-----	116 1/2	110	116 1/2	180,000	97	May	116 1/2	July	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	81	May	87 1/2	Feb
With warrants.....	116 1/2	110	116 1/2	180,000	97	May	116 1/2	July	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	81	May	87 1/2	Feb	
Narragansett Elec 5s A '57	98	97 1/2	98 1/2	23,000	97	Mar	100 1/2	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	26,000	98 1/2	Apr	103	June
Nat Distillers Prod 6s '35	-----	102 1/2	103	26,000	98 1/2	Apr	103	June	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	9,000	99 1/2	May	100 1/2	Jan
Nat Food Prod 6s.....1944	-----	99 1/2	99 1/2	9,000	99 1/2	May	100 1/2	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	21,000	102	Mar	105 1/2	Feb
Nat Power & Lt 6s A 2026	103 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2	21,000	102	Mar	105 1/2	Feb	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	16,000	83	Jan	83	Jan
Nat Public Service 6s 1943	80	80	81	16,000	78 1/2	June	83 1/2	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	120	May	163	Jan	
Nat Rubber Mach 6s 1978	-----	130	130	3,000	120	May	163	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	10,000	98 1/2	Jan	108 1/2	Jan
Nat Trade Journal 6s 1938	-----	76 1/2	78 1/2	10,000	76 1/2	July	98 1/2	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	6,000	98 1/2	Jan	108 1/2	Jan
Nelsner Realty deb 6s 1948	-----	99 1/2	102	6,000	98 1/2	June	108 1/2	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	34,000	87 1/2	Apr	97 1/2	Jan
New Eng G & El Assn 6s 1948	91	90 1/2	91 1/2	11,000	88 1/2	June	97 1/2	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	11,000	88 1/2	June	97 1/2	Jan
5s.....1947	-----	89	91 1/2	11,000	88 1/2	June	97 1/2	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	1,000	99 1/2	July	101	Feb
N J Pow & Lt 5s.....1956	-----	99 1/2	99 1/2	1,000	99 1/2	July	101	Feb	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	88	May	94	Feb	
N Y & Foreign Invest—	-----	89	91	24,000	88	May	94	Feb	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	106,000	90	Mar	93 1/2	Jan
5 1/2 s A with warr.....1948	-----	90 1/2	91 1/2	106,000	90	Mar	93 1/2	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	34,000	104 1/2	Jan	108 1/2	Jan
N Y P & L Corp 1st 4 1/2 s '67	91 1/2	90 1/2	91 1/2	106,000	90	Mar	93 1/2	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	2,000	87	Apr	92	Jan
Niagara Falls Pow 6s 1950	105	105	105 1/2	34,000	104 1/2	Jan	108 1/2	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	13,000	97 1/2	May	101 1/2	Jan
Nippon Elec Pow 6 1/2 s 1953	-----	88	88	2,000	87	Apr	92	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	24,000	100 1/2	May	104	Feb
Nor Ind Pub Serv 5s 1966	98 1/2	98 1/2	99	13,000	97 1/2	May	101 1/2	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	100 1/2	May	104	Feb	
Nor States Pow 6 1/2 s 1933	102 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	24,000	100 1/2	May	104	Feb	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	98	June	103	Feb	
North Texas Utilities 7s '35	-----	98	98	5,000	98	June	103	Feb	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	29,000	97 1/2	June	101	Jan
Ohio Power 5s ser B.....1952	-----	97 1/2	98	29,000	97 1/2	June	101	Jan	83	82 1/2	85 1/2	34,000	89 1/2	June	93 1/2	Jan
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Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "f".

Main table containing various financial data including Public Utilities, Railroad Equipments, Chain Store Stocks, Investment Trust Stocks and Bonds, and Sugar Stocks. Each section lists company names, security types, and their corresponding prices.

* Per share. † No par value. ‡ Basis. § Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. ¶ Last sale. ** Nominal. †† Ex-dividend. ‡‡ Ex-rights. ††† Canadian quotation. †††† Sale price.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the first week of July. The table covers five roads and shows 2.68% increase over the same week last year.

First Week of July.	1929.	1928.	Increase.	Decrease.
Canadian National.....	\$4,920,138	\$4,798,858	\$121,282	-----
Canadian Pacific.....	4,051,000	3,971,000	80,000	-----
Minneapolis & St. Louis.....	241,587	225,604	15,983	-----
St. Louis Southwestern.....	487,300	474,000	13,300	-----
Western Maryland.....	305,297	274,528	30,771	-----
Total (5 roads).....	\$10,005,322	\$9,743,990	\$261,336	-----
Net Increase (2.68%).....			261,336	-----

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

Week.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Increase or Decrease.	Per Cent.
1st week Mar. (11 roads).....	\$13,838,516	\$13,385,303	+453,213	3.38
2d week Mar. (11 roads).....	14,087,158	13,715,106	+372,052	2.70
3d week Mar. (11 roads).....	14,485,659	13,818,627	+667,032	4.82
4th week Mar. (9 roads).....	10,580,198	10,378,281	+201,917	1.94
1st week Apr. (9 roads).....	14,258,006	13,394,590	+863,416	6.45
2d week Apr. (8 roads).....	13,704,380	12,849,259	+855,121	6.65
3d week Apr. (7 roads).....	13,934,100	12,745,841	+1,188,259	9.33
4th week Apr. (8 roads).....	20,100,633	16,956,008	+3,144,625	18.51
1st week May (8 roads).....	14,083,977	13,198,800	+885,177	6.71
2d week May (8 roads).....	14,025,691	13,800,007	+225,684	1.64
3d week May (8 roads).....	13,987,172	14,015,235	-28,063	0.20
4th week May (8 roads).....	19,926,465	20,132,939	-206,474	1.03
1st week June (8 roads).....	16,362,466	16,187,145	+175,321	1.07
2d week June (8 roads).....	14,179,746	13,805,018	+374,728	2.70
3d week June (8 roads).....	15,414,954	13,974,488	+1,440,466	10.30
4th week June (7 roads).....	20,931,896	18,619,998	+2,311,898	12.41
1st week July (5 roads).....	10,005,322	9,743,990	+261,336	2.68

We also give the following comparisons of the monthly totals of railroad earnings, both gross and net (the net before the deduction of taxes), both being very comprehensive. They include all the Class 1 roads in the country.

Month.	Gross Earnings.			Length of Road.	
	1928.	1927.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	1928.	1927.
January.....	\$456,520,897	\$486,722,646	-\$30,161,749	239,476	238,608
February.....	455,681,258	468,532,117	-12,850,859	239,584	238,731
March.....	504,233,099	530,643,758	-26,410,659	239,649	238,729
April.....	473,428,231	497,865,380	-24,437,149	239,852	238,904
May.....	509,746,395	518,569,718	-8,823,323	240,120	239,079
June.....	501,676,771	516,448,211	-14,871,440	240,302	239,066
July.....	512,145,231	508,811,788	+3,333,443	240,433	238,906
August.....	556,908,120	556,743,013	+165,107	240,724	239,205
September.....	554,440,941	564,421,630	-9,980,689	240,633	239,205
October.....	616,710,737	579,954,887	+36,755,850	240,681	239,602
November.....	530,909,223	503,940,776	+26,968,447	241,138	239,982
December.....	484,848,952	458,660,736	+26,188,216	237,234	236,094
1929.....				1929.	1928.
January.....	486,201,495	457,347,810	+28,853,685	240,833	240,417
February.....	474,780,516	456,487,931	+18,292,585	242,884	242,668
March.....	516,134,027	505,249,550	+10,884,477	241,185	240,427
April.....	513,076,026	474,784,902	+38,291,124	240,956	240,816
May.....	536,723,030	510,543,213	+26,120,817	241,280	240,798

Month.	Net Earnings.		Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	
	1928.	1927.	Amount.	Per Cent.
January.....	\$93,990,640	\$90,549,436	-\$3,441,204	-3.80
February.....	108,120,729	107,579,051	+541,678	+0.50
March.....	131,840,275	135,874,542	-\$4,034,267	-2.96
April.....	110,907,453	113,818,315	-\$2,910,862	-2.56
May.....	128,780,393	126,940,076	+1,840,317	+1.45
June.....	127,284,367	129,111,754	-\$1,827,387	-1.41
July.....	137,412,487	125,700,931	+11,711,556	+9.32
August.....	173,922,684	164,087,125	+9,835,559	+5.99
September.....	180,359,111	178,647,780	+1,711,331	+0.96
October.....	216,522,015	181,084,281	+35,437,734	+19.56
November.....	157,140,516	127,243,825	+29,896,691	+23.49
December.....	133,743,748	87,551,700	+46,192,048	+52.74
1929.....				
January.....	117,730,186	94,151,973	+23,578,213	+25.04
February.....	126,368,848	108,987,455	+17,381,393	+15.95
March.....	139,639,086	132,122,686	+7,516,400	+5.68
April.....	136,821,660	110,884,575	+25,937,085	+23.39
May.....	146,798,792	129,017,791	+17,781,001	+13.78

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 themselves, where they embrace more facts than are required in the reports to the I.-S. C. Commission, such as fixed charges, &c., or where they differ in some other respect from the reports to the Commission:

Interoceanic Ry. of Mexico.

	—Month of March—		—Jan. 1 to March 31—	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings.....	1,098,694	1,278,556	3,395,722	3,432,087
Operating expenses.....	1,004,291	1,118,171	3,045,421	3,207,361
Net earnings.....	94,402	160,385	350,300	224,725
Percentage expenses to earnings.....	91.41	87.46	89.68	93.45
Kilometers.....	1,644	1,646	1,644	1,646

Pere Marquette Railway Co.

	—Month of May—		—Jan. 1 to May 31—	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Railway oper. revenues.....	4,042,633	3,824,260	18,899,538	17,127,983
Railway operating expenses.....	3,042,681	2,805,561	13,089,161	12,409,575
Net rev. from rail. ops.....	999,951	1,018,699	5,810,377	4,718,408
Net railway oper. inc.....	533,622	683,153	3,906,126	3,271,148
Other income, net.....	52,064	19,522	381,375	196,286
Bal. before deduct. of int.....	585,686	702,675	4,287,502	3,467,434
Total interest accruals.....	212,451	216,985	1,079,366	1,085,378
Surplus.....	373,235	485,690	3,208,136	2,382,055

National Rys. of Mexico.

	—Month of March—		—Jan. 1 to March 31—	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings.....	6,739,748	10,418,085	24,810,343	29,004,433
Operating expenses.....	7,002,075	8,640,590	22,176,883	25,200,503
Net earnings.....	262,326	1,777,495	2,633,459	3,803,929
Percentage expenses to earnings.....	103.89	82.94	89.39	86.88
Kilometers.....	8,710	11,818	8,710	11,818

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:

Baton Rouge Electric Co.

	—Month of May—		—12 Mos. End. May 31.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings.....	\$93,774	\$82,470	\$1,175,498	\$1,045,976
Operation.....	47,902	40,976	539,402	491,262
Maintenance.....	5,946	6,422	65,427	71,739
Taxes.....	9,948	9,765	112,685	114,313
Net operating revenue.....	29,976	25,305	457,982	368,661
Income from other sources.....			10,552	
Balance.....			468,535	368,661
Interest and amortization.....			90,326	72,257
Balance.....			378,209	296,133

Blackstone Valley Gas & Electric Co. (and Subsidiary Companies)

	—Month of May—		—12 Mos. End. May 31.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings.....	\$531,128	\$484,737	\$6,346,868	\$6,000,325
Operation.....	258,217	259,922	3,053,086	3,112,744
Maintenance.....	30,874	27,674	270,223	259,309
Taxes.....	35,843	31,411	391,123	379,190
Net operating revenue.....	206,192	165,729	2,632,436	2,249,081
Income from other sources.....			1,830	40,993
Net income.....			2,634,266	2,290,074
Deductions.....			105,500	105,500
Balance.....			2,528,766	2,184,574
Interest and amortization.....			572,571	541,496
Balance.....			1,956,195	1,643,077

California Consumers Co. (And Subsidiary Companies)

	—Month of May—		—12 Mos. End. May 31.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross sales—Ice.....	\$108,433	\$110,990	\$1,135,451	\$1,266,396
Ice cream.....	45,203	52,488	501,241	502,304
Cold storage.....	26,437	24,217	423,105	321,749
Refrigeration.....	9,315	8,842	101,350	88,646
Water service.....	801	755	6,850	6,391
Total.....	190,190	197,294	2,167,999	2,185,488
Oper. expenses—Operating.....	111,633	119,012	1,310,433	1,371,332
Maintenance.....	7,819	11,535	116,367	148,312
Total.....	119,452	130,547	1,426,801	1,519,644
Operating income.....	70,737	66,747	741,198	665,843
Other income.....	16,656	11,217	144,183	87,803
Balance.....	87,394	77,964	885,381	752,847

Cape Breton Electric Co., Ltd.

	—Month of May—		—12 Mos. End. May 31.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings.....	\$54,434	\$50,409	\$679,738	\$660,036
Operation.....	30,652	33,365	399,621	394,847
Maintenance.....	6,935	6,974	87,538	96,581
Taxes.....	2,741	2,106	32,422	31,416
Net operating revenue.....	14,104	7,962	160,155	137,191
Interest charges.....			68,856	68,419
Balance.....			91,298	68,772

Central Arizona Light & Power Co. (American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)

	—Month of May—		—12 Mos. End. May 31.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earns. from operation.....	\$222,336	\$186,804	\$2,538,872	\$2,029,262
Operating expenses & taxes.....	128,997	112,118	1,515,669	1,225,255
Net earns. from operation.....	93,339	74,686	1,023,203	804,007
Other income.....	4,980	2,662	46,629	42,324
Total income.....	98,319	77,348	1,069,832	846,331
Interest on bonds.....	12,863	12,977	155,357	156,673
Other int. and deductions.....	442	381	13,047	4,845
Balance.....	85,014	63,990	901,428	684,813
Dividends on preferred stock.....			62,585	49,346
Balance.....			838,843	635,467

Columbus Electric & Power Co. (And Subsidiary Companies)

	—Month of May—		—12 Mos. End. May 31.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings.....	\$371,936	\$345,887	\$4,354,438	\$4,369,758
Operation.....	108,956	108,818	1,280,185	1,360,070
Maintenance.....	21,517	21,227	246,695	243,293
Taxes.....	39,429	36,888	435,096	391,757
Net operating revenue.....	202,032	178,952	2,392,461	2,374,638
Income from other sources.....			11,752	6,457
Balance.....			2,404,214	2,381,095
Interest and amortization.....				

Coast Counties Gas & Electric Co.

	Month of May		12 Mos. End.	May 31.
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross sales—Electric.....	129,043	118,385	1,230,320	1,182,340
Gas.....	60,514	53,993	733,222	651,768
Total.....	189,557	172,378	1,963,543	1,834,108
Oper. expenses—Operating.....	111,521	98,366	1,192,335	1,098,866
Maintenance.....	6,471	6,322	78,795	87,646
Total.....	117,993	104,688	1,271,130	1,186,513
Operating income.....	71,564	67,690	692,412	647,595
Other income.....	5,336	5,218	46,900	45,782
Balance.....	76,900	72,908	739,312	693,377

Dixie Gas & Utilities Co.

	Month of May		12 Mos. End.	May 31
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross revenues (all sources).....	121,757	95,178	1,960,911	1,440,844
Operating expenses, maintenance and local taxes.....	69,902	64,678	1,047,559	856,163
Net earnings.....	51,854	30,500	913,351	584,681
Interest on funded debt.....	22,683	23,750	274,766	234,458
Miscell. int. and deductions.....	3,709	752	44,854	43,452
Bal. available for reserves.....	26,393	24,502	319,621	277,910
Federal taxes and divs.....	25,461	5,998	593,730	306,770
Preferred stock dividends.....	9,597	9,292	115,508	111,586

Eastern Texas Electric Co. (Delaware)

(And Subsidiary Companies)

	Month of May		12 Mos. End.	May 31
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings.....	818,979	633,769	8,777,390	7,422,557
Operation.....	359,552	294,930	4,037,323	3,735,273
Maintenance.....	48,456	34,590	477,042	424,767
Taxes.....	53,443	47,427	589,054	521,524
Net operating revenue.....	357,527	256,820	3,673,970	2,740,991
Income from other sources.....			105,325	25,805
Balance.....			3,779,295	2,766,797
Deductions.....			1,266,410	1,067,792
Balance.....			2,512,885	1,699,005
Interest and amortization.....			549,766	478,298
Balance.....			1,963,118	1,220,707

Eastern Utilities Associates

(And Subsidiary Companies)

	Month of May		12 Mos. End.	May 31
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings.....	737,005	671,885	8,909,290	8,390,362
Operation.....	360,027	354,321	4,273,746	4,290,833
Maintenance.....	45,298	39,271	409,058	390,689
Taxes.....	67,941	59,441	746,719	684,579
Net operating revenue.....	263,738	218,850	3,479,766	3,024,260
Income from other sources.....	57,628	57,099	3,772	51,006
Balance.....	206,110	161,751	3,483,539	3,075,267
Interest and amortization.....			691,117	646,960
Balance.....			2,792,421	2,428,306
Dividends on preferred stock of subsidiaries.....			127,152	127,152
Balance.....			2,665,269	2,301,154
Amt. applicable to com. stk. of subs. in hands of public (as of May 31 1929).....			128,620	108,406
Bal. applicable to reserves & East. Util. Associates.....			2,536,649	2,192,747

El Paso Electric Co. (Delaware).

(And Subsidiary Companies)

	Month of May		12 Mos. End.	May 31
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings.....	287,660	257,034	3,321,142	3,073,084
Operation.....	127,111	118,413	1,476,377	1,422,025
Maintenance.....	16,895	17,924	198,292	182,651
Taxes.....	25,160	23,185	274,992	258,864
Net operating revenue.....	118,492	97,510	1,371,479	1,209,541
Income from other sources.....				8,623
Balance.....			1,371,479	1,218,164
Interest and amortization.....			221,330	202,155
Balance.....			1,150,149	1,016,009

Florida Power & Light Co.

(American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)

	Month of May		12 Mos. End.	May 31.
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings, from oper.....	919,576	886,557	11,239,168	11,914,518
Oper. exp., incl. taxes.....	490,087	503,144	6,021,320	6,459,919
Net earnings from oper.....	429,489	383,413	5,217,848	5,454,599
Other income.....	105,230	197,095	1,262,425	2,542,325
Total income.....	534,719	580,508	6,480,273	7,996,924
Int. on mortgage bonds.....	216,667	216,667	2,600,000	2,308,333
Int. on debentures (all owned by Am. Pr. & Lt. Co.).....	110,000	110,000	1,320,000	1,320,000
Other int. and deductions.....	5,189	12,639	114,920	350,815
Balance.....	202,863	241,202	2,445,353	4,017,776
Dividends on preferred stock.....			1,131,010	967,225
Balance.....			1,314,343	3,050,551

Fort Worth Power & Light Co.

(Southwestern Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)

	Month of May		12 Mos. End.	May 31.
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earn. from operation.....	277,421	246,611	3,362,062	3,095,116
Operating expenses and taxes.....	146,777	129,627	1,733,251	1,675,768
Net earn. from operation.....	130,644	116,984	1,628,811	1,419,348
Other income.....	4,057	2,721	37,838	23,470
Total income.....	134,701	119,705	1,666,649	1,442,818
Interest on bonds.....	14,542	14,542	174,500	174,500
Other int. and deductions.....	2,600	2,514	31,315	31,044
Balance.....	117,559	102,649	1,460,834	1,237,274
Dividends on preferred stock.....			160,832	160,832
Balance.....			1,300,002	1,076,442

Fall River Gas Works Co.

	Month of May		12 Mos. End.	May 31
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings.....	85,549	81,330	1,014,485	1,047,031
Operation.....	47,955	48,879	543,920	558,724
Maintenance.....	5,542	7,591	65,667	80,073
Taxes.....	13,429	10,758	173,273	160,964
Net operating revenue.....	18,622	14,101	231,623	247,269
Interest charges.....			22,227	17,485
Balance.....			209,395	229,784

Federal Light & Traction Co.

	Month of May		12 Mos. End.	May 31.
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings.....	667,668	607,575	8,230,043	7,331,098
Oper., admin. exp. & taxes.....	414,176	379,462	4,856,585	4,517,938
Total income.....	253,492	228,113	3,373,458	2,813,160
Interest and discount.....	96,807	87,137	1,138,091	1,004,409
Net income.....	156,685	140,976	2,235,367	1,808,751
Preferred stock dividends:.....				
Central Ark. Public Service Corp.....			104,830	104,768
New Mexico Power Co.....			531	
Springfield Gas & Electric Co.....			69,268	66,151
Balance after charges.....			2,060,738	1,637,832

Galveston Electric Co.

	Month of May		12 Mos. End.	May 31
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings.....	112,546	104,866	1,342,165	1,353,143
Operation.....	52,292	54,334	648,228	667,277
Maintenance.....	17,207	10,979	145,000	123,800
Taxes.....	6,334	6,692	69,056	79,087
Net operating revenue.....	36,711	32,860	479,880	482,979
Interest and amortization (public).....			110,976	116,444
Balance.....			368,904	366,535
Interest and amortization (G.-H. E. Co.).....			166,063	156,537
Balance.....			202,840	209,997

Galveston-Houston Electric Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

	Month of May		12 Mos. End.	May 31
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings.....	441,716	435,518	5,262,637	5,190,466
Operation.....	202,180	206,895	2,435,398	2,445,461
Maintenance.....	65,068	62,185	715,900	666,903
Taxes.....	34,725	34,930	391,649	398,644
Net operating revenue.....	139,742	131,506	1,719,689	1,679,456
Income from other sources.....				1,004
Balance.....			1,719,689	1,680,461
Interest and amortization.....			875,977	872,102
Balance.....			843,711	808,358

Galveston-Houston Electric Railway Co.

	Month of May		12 Mos. End.	May 31
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings.....	49,181	54,585	617,174	684,590
Operation.....	20,956	22,334	262,119	290,561
Maintenance.....	8,315	9,917	85,053	108,568
Taxes.....	2,565	2,584	31,665	30,415
Net operating revenue.....	17,343	19,749	238,336	255,044
Interest and amortization (public).....			125,535	127,060
Balance.....			112,801	127,984
Interest and amortization (G.-H. E. Co.).....			145,309	140,756
Balance.....			32,508	12,771

Georgia Power Co.

	Month of		12 Mos. End.
	May 1929.	May 31 '29.	May 31 '29.
Gross earnings from operations.....	1,986,121	24,002,324	24,002,324
Oper. expenses, incl. taxes and maintenance.....	1,012,693	11,392,653	11,392,653
Net earnings from operations.....	973,428	12,609,671	12,609,671
Other income.....	116,637	1,268,657	1,268,657
Total income.....		1,090,065	13,878,328
Interest on funded debt.....			4,855,496
Balance.....			9,022,832
Other deductions.....			414,075
Balance.....			8,608,757
Dividends on \$5 and \$6 cumul. preferred stock.....			2,349,660
Balance for reserves, retirements and dividends.....			6,259,097

Haverhill Gas Light Co.

	Month of May		12 Mos. End.	May 31
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings.....	55,359	51,201	706,021	706,303
Operation.....	36,236	35,174	456,409	469,499
Maintenance.....	2,267	1,858	27,580	34,969
Taxes.....	6,271	5,488	70,368	65,463
Net operating revenue.....	10,584	8,680	151,661	136,370
Income from other sources.....			3,550	
Balance.....			155,212	136,370
Interest charges.....			10,321	4,639
Balance.....			144,890	131,731

Houston Electric Co.

	Month of May		12 Mos. End.	May 31
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings.....	287,354	282,228	3,383,455	3,225,893
Operation.....	134,795	135,255	1,612,240	1,562,808
Maintenance.....	38,441	40,154	474,399	425,579
Taxes.....	25,530	25,445	287,781	286,568
Net operating revenues.....	88,588	81,372	1,009,033	950,935
Interest and amortization (public).....			346,192	354,295
Balance.....			662,841	596,640
Interest and amortization (G. H. E. Co.).....			62,205	40,739
Balance.....				

Illinois Bell Telephone Co.

	—Month of May—		5 Mos. End. May 31	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings	\$ 7,744,479	\$ 6,811,645	\$ 37,327,955	\$ 32,908,926
Operating income	1,679,118	1,398,893	8,004,460	6,491,495

Jacksonville Traction Co.

	—Month of May—		12 Mos. End. May 31	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings	\$ 98,918	\$ 104,433	\$ 1,177,796	\$ 1,268,975
Operation	48,469	52,740	597,323	648,322
Maintenance	14,697	13,309	163,239	168,220
Retirement accruals	14,608	15,576	190,985	222,270
Taxes	9,215	9,286	106,664	107,796
Operating revenue	11,927	13,520	119,583	122,364
City of South Jacksonville portion of oper. revenue	577	656	6,338	7,291
Net operating revenue	11,349	12,863	113,245	115,072
Interest and amortization			160,928	165,814
Balance			47,682	50,741

Kansas Gas & Electric Co.
(American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)

	—Month of May—		12 Mos. End. May 31	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earns. from operation	\$ 459,509	\$ 424,663	\$ 5,521,463	\$ 5,190,851
Oper. expenses and taxes	246,892	246,548	2,965,051	2,968,458
Net earnings from oper.	212,617	178,115	2,556,412	2,222,393
Other income	23,383	31,940	379,922	345,687
Total income	236,000	210,055	2,936,334	2,568,080
Interest on bonds	85,000	85,000	1,020,000	1,020,000
Other int. and deductions	6,193	18,861	66,788	188,971
Balance	144,807	106,194	1,849,546	1,359,109
Dividends on preferred stock			464,512	464,146
Balance			1,385,034	894,963

The Key West Electric Co.

	—Month of May—		12 Mos. Ended May 31	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings	\$ 18,039	\$ 20,381	\$ 241,986	\$ 253,484
Operation	8,616	9,503	107,487	116,937
Maintenance	1,512	2,388	20,961	25,173
Taxes	1,580	1,265	17,506	12,565
Net operating revenue	6,330	7,223	96,030	98,807
Interest and amortization			28,842	29,609
Balance			67,188	69,197

Mississippi Power Co.

	—Month of May—		12 Mos. End. May 31 '29.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings from operations	\$ 279,443	\$ 335,162	\$ 3,357,162	\$ 2,982,458
Operating expenses, incl. taxes and maintenance	176,930	198,245	1,982,458	1,982,458
Net earnings from operations	102,513	136,917	1,374,704	1,000,000
Other income	12,632	132,973	132,973	132,973
Total income	115,145	269,890	1,507,677	1,132,973
Interest on funded debt			430,001	430,001
Balance			1,077,676	480,535
Other deductions			597,141	241,332
Balance			480,535	241,332
Dividends on cumulative preferred stock			241,332	241,332
Balance for reserves, retirements and dividends			355,809	355,809

(The) Montana Power Co.

(And Subsidiaries.)

	—Month of April—		12 Mos. End. April 30	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings from operation	\$ 912,875	\$ 822,903	\$ 10,778,206	\$ 9,426,915
Oper. expenses and taxes	284,258	279,361	3,579,067	3,422,367
Net earnings from oper.	628,617	543,542	7,199,139	6,004,548
Other income	57,577	5,202	228,874	182,202
Total income	686,194	548,744	7,428,013	6,186,750
Interest on bonds	179,913	193,839	2,286,230	2,269,668
Other interest and deductions	23,841	12,115	174,252	145,664
Balance	482,440	342,790	4,967,531	3,771,418

(The) Ohio Power Co.

(American Gas & Electric Co. Subsidiary.)

	—Month of May—		12 Mos. End. May 31.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings from oper.	\$ 1,394,361	\$ 1,235,193	\$ 16,273,320	\$ 15,145,133
Oper. expenses & taxes	912,535	811,642	10,130,388	9,812,298
Net earnings from oper.	481,826	423,551	6,142,932	5,332,835
Other income	214,362	191,949	2,428,775	2,279,921
Total income	696,188	615,500	8,571,707	7,612,756
Interest on bonds	224,983	187,854	2,556,032	2,534,964
Other int. and deductions	73,330	60,362	489,386	524,264
Balance	397,875	367,284	5,526,289	4,553,528
Divs. on pref. stock			995,373	859,878
Balance			4,530,916	3,693,650

Pacific Power & Light Co.

(American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)

	—Month of May—		12 Mos. End. May 31	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earns. from operation	\$ 389,655	\$ 371,213	\$ 4,785,810	\$ 3,994,154
Operating exp. and taxes	208,247	204,201	2,515,707	2,263,937
Net earns. from operation	181,408	167,012	2,270,103	1,730,217
Other income	3,888	726	62,008	10,775
Total income	185,296	167,738	2,332,111	1,740,992
Interest on bonds	37,996	37,996	458,244	455,950
Other int. and deductions	66,217	61,436	785,451	443,938
Balance	81,083	68,306	1,088,416	841,104
Divs. on preferred stock			406,350	406,193
Balance			682,066	434,911

Pacific Public Service Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

	—Month of May—		12 Mos. End. May 31.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross sales—Electric	\$ 129,043	\$ 118,385	\$ 1,230,320	\$ 1,182,340
Gas	60,514	53,993	733,222	651,768
Water	102,304	103,383	1,145,542	1,158,489
Ice	108,433	110,990	1,135,451	1,266,396
Ice cream	45,203	52,488	501,241	502,304
Cold storage	26,437	24,217	423,105	321,749
Refrigerating	9,315	8,842	101,350	88,646
Water service	801	755	6,850	6,391
Total	482,052	473,056	5,277,084	5,178,086
Operating expenses	285,965	274,303	3,168,903	3,083,575
Maintenance	27,007	27,328	311,465	321,683
Total	312,972	301,632	3,480,368	3,405,259
Operating income	169,079	171,423	1,796,776	1,772,827
Other income	25,282	16,460	215,583	133,948
Balance	194,361	187,884	2,012,359	1,906,776

Pacific Telephone & Telegraph System.

	—Month of May—		5 Mos. End. May 31.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Operating revenue	\$ 8,522,930	\$ 7,536,553	\$ 41,217,555	\$ 36,910,187
Net after interest	1,402,404	1,209,249	6,455,093	5,599,572
Balance after dividends	449,904	256,749	1,692,593	837,072

(The) Philippine Railway Co.

	—Month of June—		12 Mos. End. June 30	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross operating revenue	\$ 49,050	\$ 45,719	\$ 738,143	\$ 665,033
Operating income	9,700	3,558	218,811	149,094

Ponce Electric Co.

	—Month of May—		12 Mos. End. May 31	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings	\$ 28,940	\$ 26,021	\$ 333,371	\$ 349,412
Operation	12,275	11,885	147,385	174,444
Maintenance	1,685	1,233	22,059	24,012
Taxes	2,661	2,719	24,035	34,573
Net operating revenue	12,317	10,182	139,890	116,882
Interest charges			4,532	1,658
Balance			135,358	114,724

Savannah Electric & Power Co.

	—Month of May—		12 Mos. End. May 31	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings	\$ 172,255	\$ 177,466	\$ 2,216,375	\$ 2,237,206
Operation	70,128	74,936	883,211	935,663
Maintenance	11,827	12,012	145,054	154,599
Taxes	16,938	14,206	187,560	189,355
Net operating revenue	73,359	76,311	1,000,548	957,587
Interest and amortization			448,155	455,511
Balance			552,392	502,076

Sierra Pacific Electric Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

	—Month of May—		12 Mos. End. May 31	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings	\$ 113,150	\$ 110,759	\$ 1,428,142	\$ 1,293,657
Operation	35,538	32,360	524,207	412,987
Maintenance	6,836	6,998	97,681	77,369
Taxes	13,122	14,588	164,632	174,353
Net operating revenue	57,652	56,812	641,620	628,946
Interest and amortization			60,813	54,370
Balance			580,807	574,576

Tampa Electric Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

	—Month of May—		12 Mos. End. May 31	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings	\$ 381,155	\$ 409,098	\$ 4,608,478	\$ 4,710,102
Operation	166,207	163,655	1,934,345	1,984,970
Maintenance	25,691	31,553	344,082	340,270
Retirement accruals	41,960	43,293	544,002	528,082
Taxes	28,988	27,383	317,640	327,562
Net operating revenue	118,308	143,212	1,468,406	1,529,416
Income from other sources				17,977
Balance			1,468,406	1,547,393
Interest and amortization			52,708	58,849
Balance			1,415,698	1,488,543

(The) Washington Water Power Co.

(And Subsidiaries.)

	—Month of April—		12 Mos. Ended Apr. 30	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings from oper.	\$ 694,742	\$ 611,308	\$ 8,508,384	\$ 7,525,497
Oper. expenses and taxes	312,809	287,997	3,793,114	3,526,254
Net earnings from oper.	381,933	323,311	4,715,270	3,999,243
Other income	7,285	3,426	523,586	173,329
Total income	389,218	326,737	5,238,856	4,172,572
Interest on bonds	48,864	49,410	589,025	594,208
Other int. and deductions	18,338	4,863	107,964	97,383
Balance	322,016	272,464	4,541,867	3,480,981
Dividends on preferred stock			312,221	237,681
Balance			4,229,646	3,243,300

Western Union Telegraph Co.

	—Month of May—		5 Mos. End. May 31.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross revenues	\$ 12,493,000	\$ 11,739,000	\$ 59,229,000	\$ 54,178,000
Operating income	1,323,000	1,640,000	6,331,030	5,933,000

Table with columns: Month of May, 12 Months End. May 31. Sub-columns: Gross Revenue, Net Oper. Revenue, Gross, Net Oper. Revenue, Surplus Aft. Chgs. Lists various utility and power companies.

Table titled 'New York City Street Railways' with columns: Companies, Gross Revenue, Net Revenue, Fixed Charges, Net Corp. Income. Lists companies like Brooklyn City, Manhattan & Queens, etc.

have been published during the preceding month will be given on the first Saturday of each month. This index will not include reports in the issue of the "Chronicle" in which it is published.

Michigan Central Railroad Co. (83rd Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)

The text of the report is cited fully under "Reports and Documents" on following pages, together with the tabular summary of financial operations affecting income for the years 1928 and 1927.

OPERATING STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS. Table with columns: Operations, 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Passengers carried, Revenue tons moved, etc.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS CALENDAR YEARS. Table with columns: 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Miles operated, Net ry. oper. income, Total oper. income, etc.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31. Table with columns: 1928, 1927, 1928, 1927. Rows include Assets (Road & equip't, Impt. on leased property, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Equip. oblig'n's, etc.).

Table for Great Northern Railway Company. Columns: 1928, 1927. Rows include Capital Stock, Funded Debt, Unfunded Debt, etc.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Reports.—An index to annual reports of steam railroads, public utility and miscellaneous companies which

Decrease. Unfunded Operation.—Applications for approval of the plan for the unification of Great Northern Ry., Northern Pacific Ry. and Spokane Portland & Seattle Ry. a.e still pending before the I.-S. C. Commission.

Subsidiary Companies Absorbed.—The properties of the following subsidiary companies have been acquired by purchase, as of Dec. 31 1928: Great Northern Terminal Ry., freight terminals located in St. Paul, Minn., Minneapolis Belt Line Co., freight yards and engine terminal facilities at Fridley and yard tracks in Minneapolis, Minn. Minneapolis Western Ry., tracks serving various industries and mills in Minneapolis, Minn. Duluth Terminal Ry., between St. Louis River at Duluth and Union Station at Duluth, including yard tracks on Rice's Point, St. Louis County, Minn. Watertown & Sioux Falls Ry., between Watertown and Sioux Falls, So. Dak. Montana Eastern Ry., Snowden, Mont., to Richey, Mont., and Fairview, Mont., to Watford City, No. Dak. Great Falls & Teton County Ry., between Bynum and Pendroy, Mont. These subsidiary companies are now, and for some years past have been, operated as part of the railway system. All of the capital stock of each of the companies is owned by the Great Northern Ry. Through this transaction economies will be effected by the elimination of inter-company entries, separate sets of books, various reports to governmental authorities, payment of license and other fees and corporate meetings and further corporate records. The application to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to acquire these properties was approved Feb. 16 1929.

Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has ordered the company to prepare data for bringing the valuation of its properties, which has been made as of June 30 1915 down to Dec. 31 1927. Lists are to be submitted showing all materials and structures added to the property since the date of the original inventory, and also all materials and structures which have been retired, to the end that the inventory may show the physical property as of the later date. The Commission is also collecting price data showing construction costs as of the later date. The extent to which such construction costs will be used in determining the new valuation has not been announced.

Extension of Line into California.—An application has been filed with the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to build an extension from Klamath Falls, Ore., to a point near Lookout, Calif., a distance of approximately 58 miles. Simultaneously with the filing of this application by the Great Northern an application was filed by the Western Pacific for authority to build a line from Paxton to a point near Lookout, approximately 115 miles. The construction of these two pieces of track, which will make physical connection between the Great Northern and the Western Pacific, will establish a new railway between the northwestern and southwestern parts of the United States and provide an advantageous route for handling the growing traffic between those regions, and will also give both the Great Northern and the Western Pacific access to the pine lumber producing territory and agricultural valleys between Klamath Falls and Westwood. This territory, which is roughly 200 miles long by 100 miles wide, is now without railway facilities, connecting it directly with San Francisco and southern California or with the Northwest. It is said to be the largest productive area in the United States without railway transportation.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS FOR 6 MOS. ENDED JUNE 30 1929.
Statistics for the first six months of 1929, 1928 and five-year average, 1924-1928, are given below:

	1929. (June Estimated.)	1928.	1924-28. Five-Year Average.
Revenue from freight transportation.....	\$4,500,000	\$39,740,061	\$36,704,717
Revenue from passenger transportation.....	5,100,000	5,366,726	5,944,808
Rev. fr. mail, express & other sources..	6,700,000	4,860,696	4,844,020
Total railway operating revenues.....	\$56,300,000	\$49,967,483	\$47,493,545
Railway operating expenses.....	41,200,000	38,234,058	36,697,923
Net revenue from railway operations..	\$15,100,000	\$11,733,425	\$10,795,622
Railway tax accruals.....	4,250,000	4,169,205	4,476,206
Equipment and joint facility rents.....	Dr.150,000	Dr.121,999	Cr.294,412
Net railway operating income.....	\$10,700,000	\$7,442,221	\$6,613,823
x Other income.....	6,000,000	6,117,081	5,818,278
Total income.....	\$16,700,000	\$13,559,302	\$12,432,102
y Interest and other deductions.....	9,400,000	9,534,480	9,234,150
Balance available for dividends.....	\$7,300,000	\$4,024,822	\$3,197,952
Net railway oper. income for 12 months.....	\$31,294,069	\$28,850,902	\$28,850,902
x Includes \$4,150,895 dividend from C. B. & Q. stock. y Includes \$3,705,065 interest on bonds issued for purchase of C. B. & Q. stock.			

Freight Traffic.—A synopsis of the tons of freight moved and revenues received for the years 1928 and 1927 is given below:

	1928.		1927.		Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	
	Tons.	Gross Rev.	Tons.	Gross Rev.	Tons.	Gross Rev.
Commodity.		\$		\$		\$
Prod. of agric.	6,794,458	34,320,193	6,101,472	28,610,074	+692,986	+5,710,119
Animals & pro.	553,824	4,335,803	557,299	4,316,897	-3,475	+18,906
Prod. of mines	19,812,988	19,128,731	19,375,241	18,855,937	+437,747	+272,794
Prod. of forests	3,968,926	14,463,202	3,684,302	14,366,922	+284,624	+96,280
Mfrs. & misc.	4,462,977	31,732,402	4,124,694	28,255,200	+338,283	+3,477,202
Total.....	35,593,173	103,980,331	33,843,008	94,405,030	+1,750,165	+9,575,301

The increase in revenue from agricultural products is due principally to larger grain and apple crops. During 1928 the company handled 163,000,000 bushels of grain, or an increase over 1927 of 24,000,000 bushels. The movement of apples in 1928 amounted to 21,753 cars, as compared with 16,277 cars handled in 1927. There was an increase in the movement of iron ore over 1927 of 541,587 long tons; the Great Northern iron ore traffic in 1928 totaled 13,530,795 long tons. There were substantial increases in the movement of crude petroleum, petroleum products, agricultural implements, automobiles and auto trucks.

Passenger Traffic.—There was a decrease of 9.53% in the total passenger revenue compared with 1927. During the past five years this source of revenue has gradually declined. The cause is the increasing use of automobiles.

The Great Northern on June 10 1929 inaugurated 63-hour service between Chicago and the Pacific Coast west-bound, and 61-hour 15-minute service east-bound, which is the same time as the fast trains operating between Chicago and California coast points have made for several years. Distance, grade and curvature are all very favorable on the Great Northern and the new schedule can be made with absolute comfort and with the same on-time dependability as the Oriental Limited which will continue as a 68-hour train. It will not be necessary to provide additional train mileage as two through trains have been operating for many years; but the fast train will be distinctively equipped with de luxe Pullman cars as a companion train to the Oriental Limited, which will take the place of the slower Glacier Park Limited that has been operating the standard Pullman equipment regularly in use on most trains. The new train will be called The Empire Builder in honor of James J. Hill, and will save a business day at coast points or at eastern terminals. It will also traverse the most scenic region in the northwestern United States in daylight. Completion of the Cascade Tunnel made possible these and other improvements in passenger service.

Northland Transportation Co.—The company, a Great Northern subsidiary which operates bus lines principally in Minnesota, increased its road mileage from 2,733 to 3,333 miles. During the year 1928 there were handled 3,157,121 passengers, or an increase of 560,429 over the year 1927. This service, supplementing the railway trains as it does, has been very successful both from the standpoint of the public and the railway company.

Wage Increases.—The increase in wages, settled by direct agreement or awarded by arbitration boards, in 1927, 1928 and 1929 amount to approximately \$2,100,000 per year, or over 4%. Wages are now at the highest point in railway history, being above the war-time peak in average per hour and average per employee per year.

Changes of Line and Electrification in the Cascade Mountains.—The extensive improvements in the Cascade Mountains have been successfully completed. The longest tunnel (7.79 miles) in the Western Hemisphere was placed in service on Jan. 12 1929. This, together with the line changes on the east and west slopes of the Cascades, constitutes an entirely new and very advantageous crossing of that range.

STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Avg. miles of road oper.	8,276.64	8,164.14	8,188.21	8,242.09
Number passengers car'd.	2,512,026	3,108,427	3,081,457	3,642,749
Pass. carried-1 mile.....	368,238,758	400,566,250	409,510,459	441,498,635
Rev. per pass. per mile.....	3.124 cts.	3.175 cts.	3.185 cts.	3.161 cts.
Revenue tons carried.....	35,593,173	33,843,008	35,117,929	33,494,620
Tons carried 1 mile.....	10,127,253,509	8,958,349,961	8,902,870,446	8,517,913,981
Rev. per ton per mile.....	1.027 cts.	1.054 cts.	1.048 cts.	1.058 cts.
Net rev. from ry. oper. per train mile.....	\$2.006	\$1.882	\$1.972	\$1.792

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Freight revenue.....	\$103,980,331	\$94,405,030	\$93,346,740	\$90,098,763
Passenger revenue.....	11,505,351	12,716,616	13,041,085	13,955,742
Mail and express.....	5,408,346	5,008,601	5,034,497	5,029,651
Other transportation.....	1,859,205	1,905,243	1,838,775	1,879,641
Incidental.....	3,877,193	3,619,762	3,862,635	3,724,766
Joint facility (net).....	106,665	248,753	260,177	236,497
Total oper. revenue.....	\$126,737,091	\$117,904,005	\$117,383,909	\$114,924,060
Maintenance of way.....	18,319,787	14,812,274	14,140,177	14,297,715
Maintenance of equip't.....	18,991,651	20,094,411	17,856,698	17,200,941
Traffic.....	2,897,158	2,645,367	2,639,778	2,354,083
Transportation.....	39,374,519	37,446,431	37,294,132	38,406,298
Miscellaneous.....	1,588,363	1,456,022	1,481,558	1,449,468
General.....	2,807,921	2,676,389	2,621,005	2,662,601
Transp. for inv.—Cr.....	744,254	775,315	748,084	543,368
Total oper. expenses.....	\$83,235,116	\$78,355,579	\$75,285,464	\$75,827,288
Net rev. from ry. oper.....	43,501,975	39,548,425	42,098,445	39,097,672
Railway tax accruals.....	10,297,997	9,046,049	9,699,807	9,801,946
Uncollec. ry. revenues.....	13,916	Cr.227	15,339	7,844
Railway oper. income.....	\$33,190,062	\$30,502,604	\$32,383,299	\$29,287,882
Equip. rents (net deb.).....	1,517,996	994,896	808,498	726,135
Joint facil. rents(net deb.).....	377,996	305,168	294,372	285,564
Net ry. oper. income.....	\$31,294,069	\$29,202,540	\$31,280,429	\$28,276,183

Non-Operating Income—

Income from lease of road	\$1,497	\$1,581	\$1,728	\$4,582
Miscell. rent income.....	658,961	630,518	502,631	590,914
Misc. non-op. phys. prop.	183,913	69,318	101,096	69,917
Dividend income.....	9,771,836	9,663,283	9,472,727	9,310,875
Inc. from funded secur.	872,726	1,311,274	2,316,394	807,706
Income from unfunded securities and accounts.....	1,373,170	906,001	568,641	438,911
Miscellaneous income.....	190,017	256,297	212,454	205,343
Gross income.....	\$44,326,192	\$42,040,813	\$44,456,100	\$39,704,431

Deductions from Gross Income—

Separately oper. property	\$68,087	\$31,287	\$35,638	-----
Rent for leased roads.....	105,067	116,549	118,288	\$119,727
Miscellaneous rents.....	8,957	10,775	9,035	8,904
Miscell. tax accruals.....	103,921	105,723	91,027	75,820
Int. on funded debt.....	18,397,673	18,349,499	17,931,341	17,591,927
Int. on unfunded debt.....	138,349	101,094	16,630	155,490
Amortization of discount on funded debt.....	258,382	257,347	247,378	236,803
Miscell. income charges.....	77,525	82,614	63,505	80,364
Net income.....	\$25,168,230	\$22,985,923	\$25,943,258	\$21,435,396
Inc. applied to sinking & other reserve funds.....	\$15,451	\$15,243	\$5,512	\$6,291
Div. approp. of income.....	12,449,205	12,447,355	12,445,855	12,369,145
Income balance transferred to prof. & loss.....	\$12,703,573	\$10,523,324	\$13,491,891	\$9,059,960
Shares of capital stock outstanding (par \$100)	2,490,047	2,489,672	2,489,349	2,489,165
Earns per sh. on cap. stk.	\$10.10	\$9.63	\$10.42	\$8.61

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1928,	1927,	1928,	1927,
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets—				
Inv. in road and equipment:				
Road.....	421,530,066	389,829,612		
Equipment.....	102,516,019	104,661,701		
Impts. on leased ry. property.....	147,874	132,408		
Sinking funds.....	44	922		
Depos. in lieu of mtge.prop.sold.	56,455	53,829		
Misc. phys. prop.	3,488,163	3,296,772		
Inv. in affil. cos.:				
Stocks.....	171,563,683	185,176,820		
Bonds.....	26,787,600	26,787,600		
Notes.....	2,432,406	3,820,908		
Advances.....	29,456,603	24,805,865		
Other Invest'mts:				
Stocks.....	1,069,613	1,069,434		
Bonds.....	2,197,611	2,195,611		
Notes.....	146,700	53,000		
Miscellaneous.....	1,375,932	1,995,897		
Cash.....	23,106,682	23,064,264		
Demand notes & deposits.....	35,000	35,000		
Time drafts and deposits.....	6,045,000	6,515,000		
Special deposits.....	400,645	454,712		
Loans & bills rec.	58,889	4,458,642		
Traff. & car serv. balances rec.....	1,399,671	1,282,755		
Net bal. rec. fr. agents & cond.	1,224,880	2,639,638		
Misc. acct's. rec.	11,610,948	11,549,318		
Mat'l & suppl's	10,814,296	10,404,003		
Int. & divs. rec.	49,491	86,470		
Oth. curr. assets	50,105	62,580		
Work. fund adv.	134,471	178,203		
Other def. assets	15,124,706	14,082,491		
Rents and Insur. premiums paid in advance.....	70,499	46,136		
Disct. on funded debt.....	5,628,701	5,859,738		
Oth. unadj. deb.	10,342,809	11,142,508		
Total.....	\$48,865,564	\$35,740,839		
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Liabilities—				
Capital stock.....	249,004,650	248,967,250		
Premium on capital stock.....		81,268	81,268	
Grants in aid of construction.....		343,716	335,152	
Fd. debt unmat.	340,082,615	341,628,915		
Non-nego. debt to affil. cos.....		1,762,856	1,533,854	
Loans & bills pay.		6,500,000	6,500,000	
Traff. & car serv. bal's. payable.....		1,017,099	830,305	
Audited acct's. & wages payable.....		3,316,508	6,053,887	
Misc. acct's. pay.		1,029,968	1,183,771	
Int. matur. unpd		8,501,181	8,512,955	
Funds. mat. unpd		9,525	9,816	
Div. mat. unpd				
Equipment.....		284,500	285,500	
Unmatured int. accrued.....		354,656	379,348	
Other current liabilities.....		122,249	150,613	
Other deferred liabilities.....		15,256,091	14,301,893	
Tax liability.....		9,154,041	7,465,340	
Ins. & cas. res'v'e		2,235,250	2,228,665	
Accrued deprec.: Road.....		3,316,508	2,664,841	
Equipment.....		32,477,667	29,580,086	
Miscell. phys. property.....		52,156	44,154	
Other unadjust. credits.....		8,530,630	8,618,974	
Add'ns to prop. through inc. & surplus.....		34,772,912	34,713,272	
Fund. debt retired through inc. & surplus.....		1,555,300	1,554,321	
Sink. fund res.				

The company carried 4,846,919 passengers, a decrease of 481,070. Inter-line passengers decreased 42,849, local 253,507, and commutation 204,714. The decrease in all classes of travel was due, in part, to lighter operation of mills along the line of this company during the early part of the year, and to a large extent, to the effect upon passenger business, both local and interline, of increased use of privately owned automobiles and the operation of bus lines.

Railway Tax Accruals.—Railway tax accruals were \$2,038,877.06, an increase of \$33,922.

Capital stock tax in Pennsylvania increased due to the issue of additional stock in the latter part of 1927 and a credit adjustment in that year. Additional land was purchased in Pennsylvania and there were increased rates in property taxes in both Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Federal income tax decreased as a result in the reduction in rate and adjustments applicable to prior years.

Property Investment Account.—Changes in the property investment account for the year were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description (Road, increase; Equipment, decrease; Miscellaneous physical property, decrease) and Amount (\$465,243; 937,171; 339).

Net decrease \$472,267

Valuation.—No decision has yet been made by the I. S. C. Commission as to the company's protest in respect to the tentative valuation of its properties.

Increased Rates for Transportation of Mail.—In May 1925, the carriers petitioned the I.-S. C. Commission for an increase in mail transportation rates. With the co-operation of the Post Office Department and the Commission, the railroads arranged to make a complete analysis of passenger train service for a test period of 35 days, namely, Sept. 16 to Oct. 20, 1925. The data so developed were used by both the Post Office Department and the railroads in presenting their case to the Commission at hearings in July 1927. As a result, the Commission issued an order increasing rates for the transportation of mails approximately 15% effective Aug. 1, 1928, and granted a flat increase of 15% retroactive to the date from which the carriers respectively filed their petitions. The estimated effect of this order will be to increase the annual mail pay from Aug. 1, 1928, of this company by approximately \$10,000, while the retroactive increase is estimated at \$26,000. The Government questioned the power of the Commission with respect to the retroactive feature of its order, as a result of which a test case was instituted in the United States Court of Claims, which on April 2, 1928, rendered its decision upholding the Commission's power.

The Pittsburgh, McKeesport & Youghiogheny RR.—The company advanced to The Pittsburgh, McKeesport & Youghiogheny RR. for additions and betterments and equipment the sum of \$58,154, an equal amount for the same purposes having been advanced by The New York Central RR. The total of advances by this company to The Pittsburgh, McKeesport & Youghiogheny RR. to Dec. 31, 1928, was \$16,366,848.

Operating Statistics for Calendar Years.

Table with 5 columns: Year (1928, 1927, 1926, 1925) and various operating statistics such as Miles operated, Tons (revenue) freight, Revenue tons one mile, etc.

OPERATING RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 5 columns: Year (1928, 1927, 1926, 1925) and various financial results including Earnings, Expenses, Total oper. revenue, Net railway oper. inc., etc.

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Table with 4 columns: Year (1928, 1927) and two sections: Assets (Road & equip., Inv. in affil. coos., Stocks, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Prem. on stk. sold, Funded debt, etc.).

Fonda, Johnstown & Gloversville RR.

(58th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.)

President J. Ledlie Hees, reports in substance:

General Statement.—Gross revenues for the year were \$1,036,156, a decrease of \$114,772, as compared with the previous year. Freight revenues amounted to \$419,124, a decrease of \$30,493. Passenger revenues on the electric division amounted to \$531,715, a decrease of \$76,934, or 14.47%, and passenger revenues on the Steam division decreased \$3,999. Other transportation and incidental revenues showed a decrease of \$3,346. Operating expenses, including depreciation charges of \$36,042, amounted to \$749,352, a decrease of \$33,452.

Economies have been in effect the entire year in all departments in order to still further reduce operating expenses to offset the falling off in freight revenue and in passenger revenue, due to privately owned automobiles. Passenger traffic continues the decline which has been characteristic of railroad business, having decreased 27 1/2% in 5 years. Your officers have considered the advisability of bus and truck operation by the company in its territory to increase its revenues and have had surveys made of the cost of such operations. Studies have been made for the co-ordination of rail and bus service by the company in the cities of Amsterdam, Gloversville and Johnstown, and applications for franchises have been submitted recently to the Councils of Amsterdam and Gloversville.

The company's payroll amounted to \$494,872, or 47.8% of gross revenue, a decrease of \$28,759. This reduction in payroll was due in part to the acceptance of the company's employees of a reduction in wages for 6 months, May to Oct., incl., and a reduction in salaries of general officers. Taxes were \$75,964, a decrease of \$1,049. Non-operating income was \$91,425, an increase of \$4,419, and miscellaneous operating income (Sacandaga) showed an increase of \$1,135. Income available for interest charges amounted to \$253,891, and after deductions of said charges of \$324,131, the net income showed a deficit of \$70,240. This is the first year in its history that the company has not earned its interest requirements. The above deficit would have been \$28,284, if deductions of \$41,956 had not been previously made for depreciation charges and "amortization of discount on funded debt." The deficit for the year was partially offset by a refund of Internal Revenue taxes for prior years amounting to \$36,638, and interest.

Financial.—During the year there were charged to investment, road and equipment expenditures for additions and betterments as follows: Road—paving and street improvements, cities of Amsterdam, Gloversville and Johnstown, \$6,172; other improvements, \$777. Equipment—snow-sweeper, completion \$2,539; or a total for road and equipment of \$9,298. This account was credited \$3,440 for equipment retired and also \$70,686 for original cost of 2.08 miles of track abandoned in city of Amsterdam.

No securities have been issued since 1911 other than \$550,000 4 1/2% bonds in year 1922 to retire an equal amount of 6% bonds maturing in Oct. and Nov. of that year. All additions to property and equipment since 1911, amounting to \$918,450, have been paid from surplus earnings and bank loans.

During the year land was purchased in the Village of Fort Johnson, N. Y. at a cost of \$21,347, to be used in part by the company, for a private right of way in said village, and in addition, to provide for the completion of the double tracking on the Gloversville-Schenectady line; agreement having been made with the State Highway Department and village of Fort Johnson for the removal of company's tracks from the village streets. This expenditure will insure the company a more safe operation, the vehicular traffic being particularly heavy at that point. On Aug. 1, 1928, the mail revenue of the company was increased 80% in common with other short-line railroads, through a decision of the I.-S. C. Commission. This increase will amount to approximately \$4,300 per year. The increase is retroactive to July, 1925, and the revenue to company for back pay, after deduction of attorneys' fees, should amount to about \$8,300. During the year \$14,500 was paid for settlement of claims for loss of property by fire on April 20, 1926, in the village of Fonda, damage claimed to have been caused by one of the company's locomotives. Dividends on preferred stock which have been continuous since its issue in 1909, have been deferred for the present because of unsatisfactory operating results.

Line Abandoned.—Under date of June 13, 1928, with the approval of the New York P. S. Commission, 2.08 miles of track, on the Amsterdam City lines, from Leslie and East Main Sns. to Rockton Junction were abandoned, the earnings of this portion of line not being sufficient to bear the cost of an extensive paving program ordered by the city.

Federal Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission advised this company under date of March 26, 1928, of its intention to make a valuation of company's property. The work has steadily progressed throughout the year and it is expected that the Commission's tentative valuation will be submitted at an early date.

New York Central Unification.—In the latter part of July, 1926, the New York Central RR. applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to acquire control of the railroad systems of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Rwy, the Michigan Central RR., and Chicago, Kalamazoo & Saginaw Rwy., under leases for the term of 99 years. In view of the fact that this company's lines connect only with the lines of the New York Central RR. and that, therefore, any plan for the ultimate consolidation of the railway properties of the United States into a limited number of systems, as provided in the Transportation Act of 1920, must contemplate the consolidation of this company's lines with those of the New York Central RR. it was deemed advisable for this company to intervene in the proceeding and to present the pertinent facts to the I.-S. C. Commission for such action as it should deem proper under the circumstances, which was accordingly done. A number of other connecting short lines also intervened for the same purpose.

A hearing upon the application was held in Jan., 1927, and after the filing of briefs a proposed report was submitted to the Commission by one of the Examiners in charge of the hearing, in which the dismissal of the application was recommended, because of its failure to provide for the inclusion of the connecting short lines. Thereafter the case was reopened upon motion of the New York Central to permit it to introduce evidence regarding connecting short lines, which it had not done at the original hearing, where it relied solely upon its objection to the evidence of intervening short lines on the ground that it was not relevant to the matter before the Commission.

A second hearing was thereupon held in Jan., 1928, at which the information originally supplied by this company was brought down to date and the New York Central also introduced evidence concerning the properties of this company and of the other connecting short lines. Briefs were again filed and oral argument heard by the Commission, which, under date of Jan. 14, 1929, made its report which was to the effect that the authority requested by the New York Central should be granted, on condition, however, that before the proposed leases became effective the New York Central should offer to acquire the steam railroads of the Fonda and the properties of certain other intervening short lines, for considerations equal to the commercial value of the same as determined by agreement between the parties or by arbitration.

Preliminary negotiations on the basis of the Commission's report were undertaken with the New York Central, but it was found that no satisfactory basis could be arrived at for separating the electric railroads from the steam railroads of this company. As the question of the practicability and propriety of such separation never had actually been in issue in the hearings before the Commission, application was thereupon made for the reopening of the proceedings so that this question could be properly presented and argued, with the end in view of amending the condition imposed on the New York Central so as to require it to make an offer to acquire all of the railroads, both steam and electric, of this company. The Commission, however, refused to reopen the proceedings, and, unless it grants relief in some other way, this probably terminates the matter so far as this company is concerned. But compare New York Central in V. 129, p. 126.

Sacandaga Reservoir.—The Appellate Division, Third Department, unanimously affirmed the Judgment of Condemnation and the Final Order and Judgment confirming the award of Commissioners. This award was \$1,442,130, on which the Court allowed 5% additional allowance and the costs and interest for 30 days amounting in all to the sum of \$1,522,902. The railroad company and the New York Trust Co. after the decision of the Appellate Division, Third Department, appealed therefrom to the Court of Appeals and the Court of Appeals affirmed the Appellate Division with certain modifications. This Court allowed interest from May 14, 1926, to Aug. 30, 1927, on the award which amounted to \$112,005.43, and it also provided that the railroad company should have at least one year from the tender or payment of the award in which it may relocate and reconstruct those portions of the railroad taken in the condemnation proceedings. The total award, extra allowance, costs and interest now amount to the sum of \$1,627,696.55. The entire matter was settled June 27, 1929 by cash payment of \$1,727,696.55.

RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Operating Revenue—				
Freight revenue	\$419,123	\$449,617	\$472,804	\$453,288
Passenger, steam divis.	19,959	23,958	29,851	36,978
Passenger, elec. divis.	531,715	608,648	642,142	689,449
Mail, express, &c.	65,359	68,704	72,236	66,129
Total oper. revenue	\$1,036,156	\$1,150,928	\$1,217,034	\$1,245,843
Operating expenses—				
Maint. of way & struc.	\$139,848	\$159,151	\$182,074	\$165,077
Maint. of equipment	124,881	127,815	136,165	149,363
Traffic expenses	9,837	7,344	7,931	7,936
Power	66,784	66,740	65,842	68,948
Transportation	342,781	351,809	350,364	351,051
General expenses	65,220	69,945	73,483	78,782
Total oper. expenses	\$749,352	\$782,804	\$815,859	\$821,157
Net rev. from ry. oper.	286,804	368,124	401,175	424,687
Railway tax accruals	75,964	77,012	73,627	86,200
Railway oper. income	\$210,840	\$291,112	\$327,547	\$338,487
Miscellaneous income	10,281	9,146	16,653	20,414
Non-operating income	91,425	87,006	72,121	65,121
Gross income	\$312,546	\$387,264	\$416,323	\$424,021
Deductions	382,786	385,902	384,911	381,068
Divs. on pref. stock	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Bal. to profit & loss	def\$100,240	def\$28,639	\$1,411	\$12,954
Earns. per sh. on 25,000				
shs. com. stk. (par \$100)	Nil	Nil	\$0.06	\$0.52

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Assets—	1928.	1927.	Liabilities—	1928.	1927.
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Invest. in rd. and equipment	10,200,311	10,271,160	Common stock	2,500,000	2,500,000
Emps. on leased railway prop.	24,379	23,270	Preferred stock	500,000	500,000
Miscel. phys. prop.	442,942	442,625	Funded debt	7,000,000	7,000,000
Invest. in affil. co.	265,415	244,167	Loans & bills pay.	235,000	248,000
Other investments	8,600	8,600	Accts. payable	242,866	203,584
Cash	22,976	41,490	Accr. liabilities	72,800	73,086
Loans & bills rec.	17,740	18,740	Unadj. credits	Dr. 1,779	Dr. 9,546
Accts. receivable	38,837	64,064	Acc. deprec.	777,526	750,746
Materials & supp.	110,672	121,574	Surplus	248,194	399,201
Deferred assets	30,275	29,990			
Disc. on fund. debt	140,946	146,859			
Unadj. debits	271,964	252,528			
—V. 129, p. 125.			Total (each side)	11,574,609	11,665,070

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STEAM RAILROADS.

Surplus Freight Cars.—Class 1 railroads on June 23 had 239,233 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service, the car service division of the American Railway Assn. announced. This was a decrease of 9,968 cars compared with June 15, at which time there were 249,201 cars. Surplus coal cars on June 23 totaled 71,725 a decrease of 3,067 cars within approximately a week while surplus box cars totaled 122,098 a decrease of 4,483 for the same period. Reports also showed 25,500 surplus stock cars, a decrease of 1,432 cars under the number reported on June 15, while surplus refrigerator cars totaled 13,628, a decrease of 921 for the same period.

Freight Cars in Need of Repair.—Class 1 railroads on June 15 had 139,666 freight cars in need of repair, or 6.2% of the number on line, according to reports filed by the carriers with the car service division of the American Railway Association. This was a reduction of 4,968 cars under the number reported on June 1, at which time there were 144,634, or 6.5%. Freight cars in need of heavy repairs on June 15 totaled 102,739, or 4.6%, an increase of 1,680 compared with June 1, while freight cars in need of light repairs totaled 36,927, or 1.6%, a reduction of 6,648 compared with June 1.

Locomotives in Need of Repair.—Class 1 railroads of this country on June 15, had 7,965 locomotives in need of repair, or 13.8% of the number on line, according to reports filed by the carriers with the car service division of the American Railway Association. This was an increase of 162 compared with the number in need of repair on June 1, at which time there were 7,803, or 13.6%. Locomotives in need of classified repairs on June 15, totaled 4,457, or 7.7%, an increase of 216 compared with June 1, while 3,508, or 6.1% were in need of running repairs, a decrease of 54 compared with June 1. Class 1 railroads on June 15 had 5,592 serviceable locomotives in storage compared with 5,690 on June 1.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of July 6.—(a) Wabash Ry. asks fifth Eastern trunk line; seeks authority to combine nine roads with New York-Chicago terminal. (b) I-S. C. Commission orders revision of railroad freight rates on iron and steel in official classification territory, p. 69. (c) Western engineers take vote for strike, p. 70. (d) Railroad purchases in 1928 were \$1,271,341,000, p. 70. (e) President Ashton of American Railway Association expects capital expenditures of railroads this year to exceed those of last year, p. 70.

Alberta & Great Waterways Ry.—Merger.—

See Northern Alberta Rys. below.—V. 111, p. 587.

Augusta & Savannah RR.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors recently declared an extra dividend of 1/4 of 1% in addition the usual semi-annual dividend of 2 1/4%, both payable July 5 to holders of record June 15. An extra payment of 1/4 of 1% was also made in Jan. last.—V. 106, p. 1342.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Hearing.—

The I-S. C. Commission has assigned for hearing on July 24 the application of the B. & O. to acquire control of the Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh RR. by purchase of its majority stock. The hearing will be held at Washington before C. V. Burnside, Assistant Director of the Bureau of Finance.—V. 129, p. 125.

Boston & Maine RR.—Denies Merger Plans.—

The following statement was made by the Boston & Maine RR. on July 3: "Boston & Maine RR. has taken no step looking to absorption of the Bangor & Aroostook or the Maine Central railroads, and the Boston & Maine is accumulating no stock of any other line."—V. 128, p. 3997.

Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn RR.—Add'l Stock.—

The company has applied to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities for approval of an issue of 4,080 shares of additional stock at \$100 a share. No date has been set for the hearing. The proceeds are to be used for funding floating debt incurred in connection with recent electrification of the road and the making of permanent improvements incidental thereto.—V. 127, p. 2680.

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway.—Bonds.—

The I-S. C. Commission June 29 authorized the company to procure the authentication and delivery of \$756,000 consolidated-mortgage bonds to reimburse its treasury, in part, for expenditures made for capital purposes.—V. 128, p. 4150.

Canadian National Rys.—Joint Ownership.—

See Northern Alberta Rys. below.—V. 128, p. 4316.

Canadian Pacific Ry.—Joint Ownership.—

See Northern Alberta Rys. below.—V. 128, p. 4316.

Central Canada Ry.—Merged.—

See Northern Alberta Rys. below.—V. 123, p. 2514.

Central Vermont Ry.—To Reorganize Road.—

Announcement of plans for the formation of a new Vermont company to take over the property of the Central Vermont Ry., after the sale of

the property at public auction July 29, was made July 10 by receiver John W. Redmond. Present plans, Judge Redmond, said, call for the creation of an operating company to be known by the name of Central Vermont Railway, Inc.

It is not expected, the statement further said, that there will be any bidders at the auction except the principal creditor, the Canadian National Railway. The required legislation has been passed to enable the Canadian National to own the stocks and bonds of the new company, and if the Central Vermont Railway property is purchased on July 29 in behalf of the Canadian National, that company will occupy substantially the same relation to the new company that it has for years occupied in respect to the old Central Vermont Railway, that is, the new company will be a subsidiary of the Canadian National Railway.

It will take some months after the sale on July 29, Judge Redmond continued, to close the receivership, which has been in effect since Dec. 12 1927, and to turn the property over to the new company.

"The receivers have substantially completed their principal task of rehabilitating the property of the Central Vermont Railway Co.," Judge Redmond said. "That railroad is to-day a better railroad than it was before the flood; has better equipment of every kind including the very best passenger and freight locomotives that can be made. It is now rendering freight and passenger service to the satisfaction of all of its patrons. During the work of rehabilitation the Canadian National Railway has aided the receivers in every conceivable way, but especially by expert advice and co-operation to the end that the receivers might be able in the most economic and efficient way to restore the devastated property."

"The flood of Nov. 1927," Judge Redmond said, "left the Central Vermont Railway a twisted and prostrate wreck. 25 1/2 miles of its track were very seriously damaged; 54 bridges were carried away or destroyed; the material required to restore the damaged roadbed was 1,296,000 cu. yds."

"At the time of the flood the Central Vermont Railway owed about \$14,000,000 expressed in bonds of that amount outstanding secured by a mortgage on all of its property. It owed the Canadian National Railway Co. about \$20,000,000 of unsecured indebtedness, and owed other unsecured indebtedness to a large amount. The Canadian National Railway also owned about two-thirds of the outstanding capital stock of the Central Vermont Railway Co."

The total estimated damage to the property of the company as a result of the flood was more than \$2,668,000, while Judge Redmond estimates that the economic loss for November and December of 1927 was more than \$250,000 resulting from the attempt of the damaged property to supply absolute needs of the people of Vermont. The Central Vermont Railway, Judge Redmond says, "being thus unable to meet its obligations or to provide funds necessary to rehabilitate the property, was petitioned into receivership by the Canadian National Railway, its principal stockholder and its largest creditor."—V. 128, p. 4150.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.—Final Valuation.—

The I-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation on the owned and used properties of the Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. and its affiliated lines at \$187,936,000, as of June 30 1916. The properties used but not owned by the Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. were valued at \$7,764,335.

The Commission also placed a separate valuation on the owned and used property of the Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. of Indiana at \$9,314,000, as of the same date.

Separate Hearing on Mergers Asked.—

The company has filed with the I-S. C. Commission an answer objecting to the petition, filed by the Wabash Ry., asking the Commission to consolidate for hearing the various unification proposals now pending involving railroads in eastern territory.

The O. & C. says that its application, in which it asks authority to acquire about one-fourth of the mileage in eastern territory, including the Erie, Nickel Plate, Pere Marquette, Virginian, Lackawanna, Wheeling & Lake Erie and others "involves a special proposal which seems to require that it should be heard and determined as and of itself, and that it is not necessary or desirable or proper to consolidate the same with a reopened proceeding in Consolidation of Railroads, Docket No. 12964, which, after extended hearings and full argument, orally and in briefs, was submitted Feb. 9 1924, and to bring in issues foreign thereto."

The answer also says that the petition of the Wabash "contains no information showing either that the public interest would be served, or that the Commission would be aided in determining the issues before it in the above proceedings by such consolidation with, and any further assignment thereof, for hearing in Consolidation of Railroads, Docket No. 12964, now proposed and sought by Wabash Ry., in said petition, but on the contrary would delay and impede orderly disposition by the Commission of the above proceedings."—V. 129, p. 125.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. of Indiana.—Final Value.—

See Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. above.—V. 120, p. 2811.

Chicago & Alton RR.—Foreclosure Ordered.—

Federal Judge George A. Carpenter has issued a decree of foreclosure and ordered the sale of the road, which has been in receivership for 7 years. Herbert A. Lundahl, who has been hearing receivership proceedings as Master of Chancery, has been appointed Special Master to conduct the sale. No date was set for the sale. It is expected to be held up by an appeal to the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The court specified that sale should be held at Wilmington, Ill. It is expected that reorganization plans will be submitted to the court in the near future.—V. 129, p. 125.

Colorado RR.—Proposed Extension of Lease.—

See Colorado & Southern Ry. below.—V. 128, p. 4317.

Colorado & Southern Ry.—Sub. Co. Lease.—

The stockholders will vote Aug. 12 on approving and ratifying, subject to the approval of the I-S. C. Commission, a proposed written agreement reinstating and renewing, until terminated by either party upon 6 months' notice in writing, an agreement of lease dated Nov. 4 1908, the term of which has expired by limitation, wherein and whereby the Colorado RR. (a subsidiary incorporated to construct certain extensions, in Colorado and Wyoming, of the system of railroads operated by this company and all of whose capital stock is owned by this company) leased to this company all the railroads then owned by the Colorado RR. or which might thereafter be constructed or acquired by the Colorado RR. (except about 46.49 miles of railroad subsequently constructed by the Colorado RR., extending from Southern Junction to Walsenburg Junction, Colo., which is operated by this company under a written lease dated May 14 1910). The purpose of the proposed agreement now submitted to the stockholders is merely to reinstate and renew, subject to the approval of the Commission, the above-mentioned written lease, subject to termination as aforesaid, so that there may be written lease in effect, under which this company shall continue to operate under lease all the lines of railroad (with the above exception) constructed in its interest by said the Colorado RR., including an extension of about 4.7 miles in Twn. 9 North of Range 69 West and Twp. 10 North of Range 70 West of the 51st Principal Meridian in Larimer County, Colo., to certain lime rock quarries.

The stockholders will also vote on approving and ratifying, subject to the approval of the Commission, a proposed agreement renewing and extending the term of a certain written agreement dated May 14 1910, wherein and whereby the Colorado RR. leased to this company the railroad owned by the Colorado RR. between Southern Junction and Walsenburg Junction, Colo., a distance of about 46.49 miles, which lease will by its terms expire May 13 1930 and which it is desired to renew for a further term of 20 years from date of expiration with further right of renewal for periods of 20 years as provided in said existing lease, unless sooner terminated by the parties as provided therein.—V. 129, p. 125.

Colorado & Greenville Railway.—Equip. Trust Notes.—

The I-S. C. Commission June 29 authorized the company to issue at par \$450,000 of equipment-trust notes, series A, in connection with the procurement of 300 box cars.—V. 127, p. 1803.

Delaware & Northern RR.—Reorganization.—

Objections of the City of New York to the purchase by Samuel R. Rosoff of the property of the Delaware & Northern RR. in Delaware County, N. Y., were overruled July 9 by a decision of the Public Service Commission, which granted Mr. Rosoff authority to organize the Delaware & Northern Ry. and issue 50,000 shares of common stock without par value.

The City of New York first raised the question of jurisdiction and combatted the purchase by Mr. Rosoff on the grounds that the City of New York was extending its water supply in that locality and would require about 14 miles of the company's right-of-way for reservoirs and other works in connection with the water system.

The railroad had been in the hands of receivers from Dec. 21 1921 to Dec. 15 1928, when it was purchased by Mr. Rosoff for \$70,000 following a decree of the Federal Court for the Northern District. The property consists of a standard gauge line 37.52 miles long, running from East Branch, Delaware County, through Corbett, Downsview, Pepacton, Shavertown, Union Grove, Arena and Margaretville to Arkville. There are 5 1/2 miles of side track.

The 50,000 shares of common stock are to be sold to the incorporators of the Delaware & Northern at not less than \$2.20 a share. The sale is expected to realize \$110,000. The money will be used to reimburse Mr. Rosoff for his initial investment of \$70,000 and provide a working capital of \$40,000.—V. 128, p. 244.

Duluth & Iron Range RR.—Unification Plan.—

See Duluth Missabe & Northern Ry. below.—V. 128, p. 3179.

Duluth Missabe & Northern Ry.—Plans to Lease Duluth & Iron Range.—

An application for authority for a unification of the operation of the Duluth, Missabe & Northern Railway and the Duluth & Iron Range RR., controlled by the United States Steel Corp., has been filed with the I.-S. C. Commission.

The Duluth, Missabe & Northern asks authority to lease and operate the property of the D. & I. R. under the terms of an indenture of lease authorized by the stockholders on July 1.

The D. & I. R. operates 262 miles of line from Two Harbors to Mesaba, Minn., while the D., M. & N. operates a line from Duluth to Mountain Iron, Minn., with branches. The lease provides for a term of 15 years and an annual rental of \$1,200,000 plus an annual amount representing depreciation and 6% on the cost of additions and betterments.

Applicants state that the leasing and operation of the line of the D. & I. R. by the D., M. & N. will be in the public interest for the reason that economy and efficiency of operation will result.

The entire capital stock of the D., M. & N. except directors' qualifying shares is owned by the United States Steel Corp. and the stock of the D. & I. R. by the Minnesota Iron Co., whose stock is owned by the Steel Corp.—V. 128, p. 4317.

Edmonton Dunvegan & Brit. Columbia Ry.—Merged.

See Northern Alberta Rys. below.—V. 127, p. 3394.

Harrisville Southern RR.—Sale.—

The properties will be offered at public sale July 27 in Harrisville, W. Va., by order of receiver, J. H. McGinnis. The company has been put out of business by development of motor traffic, it is said.

Indiana Harbor Belt RR.—Annual Report.—

Years End. Dec. 31—	1925.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Miles operated	130.24	150.46	110.44	116.57
Rwy. oper. revenues	\$12,722,714	\$11,435,824	\$11,333,945	\$11,210,774
Rwy oper. expenses	7,507,434	8,021,645	8,147,850	7,604,937
Net rev. from ry. oper.	\$4,815,340	\$2,914,179	\$3,216,056	\$3,605,837
Railway tax accruals	758,235	552,846	550,178	488,500
Uncollectible rwy. rev.	8,088	2,028	5,656	8,057
Rwy. oper. income	\$4,049,016	\$2,359,305	\$2,660,221	\$3,109,181
Equip. rents (net debit)	386,144	239,816	510,118	950,319
Jt. facil. rents (net debit)	301,727	319,844	273,277	287,343
Net ry. oper. income	\$3,361,144	\$1,749,645	\$1,876,826	\$1,871,489
Non-operating income	95,162	81,583	74,424	73,267
Gross income	\$3,456,306	\$1,831,228	\$1,951,249	\$1,944,756
Deductions				
Rent for leased roads	29,625	28,533	27,490	27,842
Miscellaneous rents	26,610	Cr. 41,522	23,206	23,029
Miscell. tax accruals	2,372	478	—	54
Int. on funded debt	453,420	471,288	444,327	445,883
Int. on unfunded debt	173	588	652	738
Amortization of discount on funded debt	14,128	14,715	5,574	6,300
Miscell. income charges	2,027	641	988	964
Surplus for year	\$2,927,269	\$1,356,213	\$1,449,012	\$1,439,855
Divs. declared (10%)	760,000	—	—	—
Balance, surplus	\$2,167,269	\$1,356,213	\$1,449,012	\$1,439,855

International Rys. of Central America—Rate Increase.

An arrangement has been effected between the company and the Government of Guatemala permitting an upward adjustment of the passenger tariff rates. The rates on the Pacific side of Guatemala fixed by an agreement of many years ago were on the basis of 2 cents per mile first class and 1 cent per mile second class. This has been adjusted so that the rates will be in the future 3 cents per mile first class and 1 1/2 cents per mile second class and this rate has been made to apply to all the lines in Guatemala.

At the same time the rates on gasoline and on tractors and automobiles have been somewhat reduced so as to offset at least in part the increase in the passenger rates and it is expected that this decrease in rates on gasoline and tractors will foster their use in the important agricultural developments in Guatemala.—V. 129, p. 125.

Lime Rock RR.—To Defer Maturity of Bonds.—

The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to extend the maturity of its 1st mtge. bonds, maturing July 1, in the amount of \$400,000, to Feb. 1 1940, and to increase the rate of interest from 4 to 5%.—V. 82, p. 1380.

Louisville & Nashville RR.—Abandonment of Branch.

The I.-S. C. Commission June 28 issued a certificate authorizing the company to abandon its so-called Kennedy Creek branch which extends from Arlo in a westerly direction to Decroy, a distance of approximately two miles, all in Tuscaloos County, Ala.—V. 128, p. 3182.

Mayo & Cook's Hammock RR.—Construction of Line.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 26 issued a certificate authorizing the company to construct a line of railroad extending from Mayo southwesterly to Cook's Hammock, approximately 13 miles, all in Lafayette County, Fla.

Missouri Pacific RR.—To Build Double-Track Link.—

Construction of 10.39 miles of double track between Eureka and Lake Hill, Mo., at a cost of about \$4,350,000, has been authorized by Pres. L. W. Baldwin. This stretch of double track is one of several being built under a \$15,000,000 program which, it is said, will form two main line tracks all the way from St. Louis to Kansas City over the Missouri Pacific.

Work on this stretch of double track is to be started at once. The program was begun four years ago by the Missouri Pacific and will require the construction of about 129 miles of main line track. At the end of 1927 there had been completed 100.22 miles of this work and during 1928 the program included the elimination of two tunnels between Gray Summit and Boles and the construction of 5.3 miles of track between Allenton and Pacific. Work on the tunnels and new track for 1928 is still under way, but the 1927 program has been placed in service.—V. 129, p. 126.

Monongahela Railway.—To Issue Bonds.—

The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$4,000,000 common stock (par \$50) and \$10,000,000 first consolidated mortgage of 4 1/2% bonds. The financing, it is stated, will cover the refunding and retirement of \$5,000,000 4 1/2% of first ref. mtge. bonds, the payment of \$2,151,781 of advances to Chartres, Southern Ry. and the reimbursement of the company's treasury for expenditures on account of additions and betterments totaling \$7,151,740. The bonds will be sold at the best possible price.—V. 127, p. 2681.

Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry.—Capital Increased—60% Stock Dividend Approved.—

The stockholders approved the proposal to increase the authorized capital stock from \$16,000,000 to \$25,600,000, par \$100, and the distribution of a 60% stock dividend, subject to the approval of the I.-S. C. Commission. See V. 128, p. 3182, 3343.

New York Central RR.—46-Hour Coast-to-Coast Air-rail Service Announced.—

A new air-rail service by which passengers will be carried from Coast to Coast in 46 hours, the fastest time yet made available in regularly scheduled service to travelers, was inaugurated on July 8 between New York and Los Angeles by the New York Central RR. in conjunction with the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, Chicago and Alton railroads and the Western Air Express. The new service is in addition to the first trans-continental air-rail service between New York and Los Angeles, which was started June 14 by the New York Central, the Universal Air Express and the Santa Fe railroad, and which has been operating daily since that time, and which will be continued.

By the new service passengers will make only one change from train to plane. This change will be made at Kansas City, to which passengers will proceed by railroad, going via New York Central to Chicago and thence to Kansas City by either of the two railroads mentioned above. At Kansas City, they will be transported by motor from the railroad station to the airport, a 20-minute ride. There they will board 12-passenger, super-tri-motored Fokker airplanes, similar to those used in the present transcontinental air-rail service of the New York Central. From Kansas City the trip of 12-hours to Los Angeles will be made by air over a route already in service and that was carefully surveyed by Department of Commerce experts before being selected as the best available. Stops for refueling will be made at Amarillo, Tex., Albuquerque, N. Mex. and Holbrook or Kingman, Ariz.

To Abandon Existing Steam Generating Stations.—See New York Steam Corp. under "Public Utilities" below.—V. 129, p. 126.

New York Ontario & Western Ry.—Equipment Trusts.—

The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$660,000 5% equipment trust certificates dated July 15 and maturing serially up to July 15 1939. The sale of the certificates will partially finance the purchase of 10 locomotives costing about \$881,000.—V. 128, p. 4151.

Northern Alberta Railways.—Acquires Roads.—

The Province of Alberta, according to a Calgary dispatch of July 2, formally concluded its many years of activities in the railway business when all Government owned roads within the Province were taken over by their new joint owners, the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways. The sale and transfer of the Edmonton, Dunvegan & British Columbia Ry., the Central Canada Ry., the Alberta & Great Waterways Ry. and the Pembina Valley Ry. were completed in the office of Premier J. E. Brownlee when the final documents were signed, shares of stock delivered and first money payments made. Under the new ownership the roads will be merged under one system and known as the Northern Alberta Rys. The first partial payment received by the Province amounted to \$5,796,314.

The following are the officers: President, E. W. Beatty; Vice-President, Sir Henry Thornton; General Manager, John Callaghan; Auditor, F. J. Kavanagh; and Secretary, Henry Phillips. Vice-President D. C. Coleman of the Canadian Pacific Ry. and General Manager W. A. Kingsland of the Canadian National Rys. will under the direction of the board, have supervision of the operations of the Northern Alberta Ry., which will be in the immediate charge of Mr. Callaghan as General Manager.

Oklahoma Union Railway.—Receivership.—

Federal Judge Franklin E. Kenney at Tulsa, Okla., July 1 appointed Joseph A. Frates Sr. and Felix A. Bodovitz receivers for the company and its bus lines, the Union Transportation Co. The petition for the appointment of a receiver was filed by the Mississippi Valley Trust Co., which set out total indebtedness at \$1,406,225.—V. 118, p. 2305.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.—Has Sufficient Proxies to Declare Plan Operative.—

At the meeting of the stockholders July 10 there were present proxies representing more than enough stock to carry through the proposed plan relating to the company's 5% adjustment mortgage gold bonds, thus indicating that the plan has the approval of the stockholders. As the time for the deposit of adjustment bonds under the plan and agreement does not expire until July 15, the meeting was adjourned to July 17.

Date for Deposit of Adjustment Bonds Expires July 15.

The committee representing adjustment bondholders has issued a statement pointing out that the time for depositing adjustment bonds under the recapitalization plan will expire July 15. "Adjustment bonds are being deposited under the plan in increasing volume," the statement adds, "but the committee again stresses the fact that the advantages of the plan cannot be fully realized without the assent thereto of the holders of substantially all of the adjustment bonds."

Situation Dangerous Unless Bonds Are Deposited.—

The Seaboard Air Line situation is fraught with the gravest danger to its security owners without the co-operation of holders of the adjustment bonds and stocks in the proposed readjustment plan of the road's financial structure, in the opinion of F. J. Lisman, head of F. J. Lisman & Co., who said that with this co-operation he believed that the growth of Florida, coupled with the continued efficiency of Seaboard management, should enable the company to overcome its difficulties and re-establish its credit as was done in the case of the New England roads, notably the New Haven. Mr. Lisman continues:

Wall Street at large and many investors are greatly interested in the question of whether the Seaboard Air Line System can pull through the present crisis of its financial affairs without receivership. The reaction from the Florida boom arrived practically simultaneously with the completion of a large expansion program in Florida which involved the creation of about \$33,000,000 of additional bonds, with interest charges of over \$2,000,000. When the Florida boom collapsed, everyone felt the future of the Seaboard depended on the rapidity of the comeback of Florida. Florida is undoubtedly coming back now, slowly, but steadily.

During the first five months of 1929, the Florida East Coast RR.—the only railroad whose mileage is entirely located in that state—shows a decrease in gross earnings of about \$463,000, about 2.50%. The decrease is due entirely to a very poor statement for May, the first four months having shown substantial increases. The Atlantic Coast Line, for a similar period, shows increase of nearly 9%. The Seaboard Air Line, for the first five months, showed an increase in gross of nearly 6%. This smaller increase is largely due to the great increase in citrus fruit traffic which originates in territory not reached by the Seaboard. It is rather interesting to note that the Florida East Coast and the Atlantic Coast Line passenger earnings show about 2.40% increase, while those of the Seaboard Air Line, which is boldly facing the situation by reducing its passenger train mileage, show about a 7.6% decrease. All the companies show substantial increases in net earnings.

The Florida East Coast Line's cost of conducting transportation is now less than 25% while it was about 37 1/2% when the company was doing twice the present volume of business, 4 years ago. The Atlantic Coast Line's cost of conducting transportation has been reduced by about 3%, the same as that of the Seaboard Air Line.

For the last few years, the Seaboard has had a comparatively small surplus above all charges other than interest on income bonds. This surplus, for 1927, was \$1,281,000 and for 1928, \$1,180,000. The first five months of 1929 show an increase in surplus of \$251,000. If the earnings were to continue at this rate, the surplus above charges for 1929 would be about \$1,800,000. However, the increase in gross earnings has been growing steadily since the first of the year and for the year 1929 as a whole, the company should show steadily increasing growth in revenue.

In the meanwhile, while reducing the cost of conducting transportation and general expenses, it is greatly increasing its expenditures for maintenance of road and equipment, these running at the rate of \$180,000 per month or 13% ahead of last year. During the years of the Florida boom the Seaboard expended about as much for maintenance per unit of equipment and per mile of track as the Atlantic Coast Line. For the last couple of years it has been dropping behind. However, on the whole, the property is reported to be in good condition.

The company's balance sheet as of December 31 1928 does not show a bad condition. Total current assets were \$14,700,000 against current liabilities of \$12,800,000. A detailed analysis of the company's reports shows very careful operation and reflects much credit on its officials. Seaboard Air Line securities are today selling at practically receivership prices. The Seaboard All Florida 6% bonds maturing in 6 years are offered at 61, yielding about 10% flat and about 14% taking early maturity into consideration. Wall Street has frequently seen such price levels and subsequent avoidance of a catastrophe which has been discounted. New York, New Haven & Hartford 7% bonds which matured on June 1 1922, were purchasable within 6 months of their maturity at about 40% discount; the bonds subsequently were paid. A New Haven receivership was avoided by the cooperation of the company's friends and creditors, and the stock which at one time sold below 10, is now selling at a premium. As far as the bonds are concerned, history may repeat itself in the case of the Seaboard Air Line, if the pending readjustment plan becomes effective.

There does not seem to be much doubt but what the Seaboard can cut transportation and general expenses by 3% and possibly 4%; a cut of 3% in these expenses would mean \$1,800,000 a year additional net income. It seems quite conservative—even after allowing for further falling off of revenue from passengers—to expect an annual increase in Seaboard gross earnings of \$2,000,000 more or less. During 1928 Seaboard gross was actually less than in any year since 1924 when it operated but 3,575 miles of line against 4,500 at present.

The Seaboard, like every other transportation company in a growing district, needs additional capital for a great variety of improvements. A few sidings or more double tracks here and there, additional buildings, tools, special equipment, yards, terminals, etc., etc. This additional capital, irrespective of extensions, should be at least \$3,000,000 a year. In each year there is included in operating expenses approximately \$2,000,000 for depreciation of equipment. This is a proper charge to operating expenses but gives the company a corresponding amount in cash which can be used toward maturing car trust payments which amount to \$2,500,000 per annum.

The pending adjustment plan of the Seaboard Air Line finances provides for the sale of a sufficient amount of proposed no par value common stock to take care of the \$7,500,000 note issue which matures within 2 years. With this out of the way, the company would be able to take care of all its fixed charges out of its earnings and have enough left over to provide \$3,000,000 a year, more or less, for improvements which it would have a perfect right to capitalize but against which it cannot afford to sell securities at the prevailing market levels.

There is a widespread opinion that the pending plan does not provide sufficient cash because it only furnishes sufficient to take care of the maturing note issue. Of course the raising of an additional \$5,000,000 would be very much better, especially in view of the fact that in 1931, \$2,500,000 of the Seaboard & Roanoke extended 6s must be paid off. This is a very choice security but under the terms of the Seaboard 1st & consol. mtge., underlying bonds may not be extended for more than five years.

To sum up, the growth of the adjacent country, coupled with the continued efficiency of the management, together with the co-operation of holders of adjustment bonds and stocks, should enable the Seaboard to overcome its difficulties and to reestablish its credit the same as was done in the case of the New England roads. Without this co-operation the situation is fraught with the gravest danger to security holders.—V. 128, p. 4318.

Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry.—Makes Settlement.

The New York "Times" July 9 had the following:
The company has made a settlement out of court in an action brought against it by K. J. Marony in connection with the practical, although not technical, corner in Wheeling stock early in 1927. The settlement was made as the case was about to go to trial. Although the terms were not announced, it was learned that it involved a substantial cash payment by the Wheeling to Mr. Marony. He sought to recover \$22,000 from the railway.

The settlement followed a ruling by Federal Judge William Bondy adverse to the Wheeling. Judge Bondy held that the railroad could not plead Inter-State Commerce Commission rulings to show it was not compelled to convert its preferred stock into common immediately at the time when competitive buying of the stock produced a situation which, while never designated technically as a corner by the Stock Exchange authorities, nevertheless had most of the aspects of a corner. Wheeling stock soared to great heights at the time.

In his complaint Mr. Marony alleged that on or about Feb. 7 1927 he was the holder and owner of 500 shares of Wheeling preferred, and that he then offered the stock at the transfer agency of the railroad and unsuccessfully demanded delivery of common stock in return. Meanwhile, he had sold common stock at the high prices then prevailing against his holdings of preferred.

In reply, the railroad cited an amendment to the Inter-State Commerce Act of 1920, which made it unlawful for any carrier to issue capital stock without the consent of the Commission, and asserted that after preferred holders began to seek conversion of their holdings into common in February 1927 it immediately applied to the Commission for permission to make the exchange. The Commission later gave this authority, but too late for the purposes of those who sought to profit by the advance in price of Wheeling.

In granting a motion by counsel for Mr. Marony to strike out this defense, Judge Bondy said:

"The statement by the defendant in its certificate of incorporation and stock certificate, that any holder of preferred stock may convert such stock into common stock imposed the obligation on the defendant to use reasonable diligence to do everything necessary to keep itself in readiness lawfully to comply with its promise to convert its preferred stock on presentation and surrender, and therefore impose the obligation on it to obtain, with diligence, the approval of the commission."

In striking out another defense motion, Judge Bondy held that the plaintiff need not be a stockholder of record to bring action.—V. 128, p. 4319.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Allied Power & Light Corp.—Outgrows Quarters.

The corporation has outgrown its quarters and in order to provide for its expanding business, its engineering subsidiary, Stevens & Wood, Inc., has leased two floors at 60 John St., N. Y. City. A portion of the company's engineering department will be located in the new quarters and it is expected that some of the space vacated at 20 Pine St. will be occupied by the South-eastern Power & Light Co., more than 90% of whose common stock recently was acquired by the Commonwealth & Southern Corp., whose office also is at 20 Pine St., N. Y. City.—V. 128, p. 1501.

Attleboro Steam & Electric Co.—Offer for Stock.

The voting trustees, Thomas C. Fales, Vincent Goldthwaite and Nelson C. Fales, have sent the following circular letter to holders of voting trust certificates of stock:

At the request of representatives of the North American Gas & Electric Co. we are causing to be mailed to you a letter from that company containing an offer for stock of the Attleboro Steam & Electric Co. at \$130 per share.

We do not feel that we should give advice, as between the two offers now before you, particularly in view of the fact stated in our letter transmitting the offer of New England Power Association that we are to have an employment contract with that Association if it becomes the purchaser and hence have a personal interest in the situation. We deem it to be our duty, however, to call attention to certain facts.

The offer of North American Gas & Electric Co. was communicated to us after we had secured the offer of the New England Power Association and after more than 40% of the holders of certificates or shares had expressed their intention to accept it.

As a matter of fact holders of more than 40% have already accepted the offer of New England Power Association, and therefore the condition of the offer of North American Gas & Electric Co. requiring the deposit of 60% of the outstanding stock thereunder cannot be complied with. There is every prospect that the 60% required by the offer of the New England Power Association will soon be deposited thereunder.

It seems impossible to escape the conclusion that a shareholder accepting the offer of North American Gas & Electric Co. and thereby tying up his shares until Sept. 5 might well be left high and dry with no obligation on the part of North American Gas & Electric Co. to purchase his shares and the opportunity lost to sell them to New England Power Association.

The difference between the money value of the two offers is small. The acceptance of \$130 per share in cash would involve Federal income taxation upon the gain. The acceptance of New England Power Association shares, if a majority of the Attleboro shares are sold to the Association, involves no Federal income tax unless and until the New England Power Association shares are sold.—V. 122, p. 1024.

American Commonwealths Power Corp. (& Controlled Cos.)—Earnings.

	1928.	1927.
Operating revenues	\$17,131,763	\$7,815,151
Profit on sale of investments	121,811	117,349
Other non-operating revenues	618,140	199,335
Total gross revenues	\$17,871,714	\$8,131,835
Operating expenses	8,772,343	4,199,651
Maintenance	997,033	400,883
Taxes (other than Federal)	1,000,522	350,144
Miscellaneous expenses	44,987	19,279
Net earnings	\$7,056,828	\$3,161,877
Int. charges—funded debt—subsidiary cos	3,328,570	1,318,551
Dividends—pref. stks.—subsidiary cos	1,306,137	427,061
Int. charges—funded debt—Am. Commonwealths Power Corp.	515,000	248,993
Balance available for div. & res.	\$1,907,121	\$1,167,272
Ann. div. charges—1st pref. stk.—American Commonwealths Power Corp.	534,996	175,000
Ann. div. charges—2nd pref. stk.—American Commonwealths Power Corp.	95,977	95,977
Balance avail. for res. Federal taxes & surplus.	\$1,276,148	\$896,295

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1928.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Plant & investment	\$108,517,581	Am. Commonwealths Power Corp. pref. stock	
Cash	1,036,760	1st pref. no par series A	
Notes & judgments receivable	64,016	25,000 sh.	\$2,500,000
Accts. receiv. (oper. cos.)	2,117,072	1st pref. no par \$6.50 div.	
Inventories (oper. cos.)	1,664,155	Notes payable (all cos.)	5,538,400
Unmeasured services	25,345	2nd pref. no par, series A	
Interest, div., &c. receiv.	18,901	13,711 shs.	1,371,100
Other assets	4,482,518	Subs. cos., full paid	20,566,811
Prepaid rent, insur., &c.	105,066	Am. Commonwealths Power Corp. com. stock	7,173,445
Work in progress	49,547	Union Gas Utilities, Inc., com. stock	80
Unamort. debt disc. & exp.	3,333,729	Union Gas Corp. com. stk	2,400
Unamort. purch. & sales contracts	262,317	Funded Debt—	
Due from Associated & affil. cos.	175,479	Am. Com. Power Corp.—	
Items in suspense	308,365	Series A, 6% gold deb.	4,000,000
Reacquired securities	90,260	5 1/4% series	4,700,000
Total	\$122,251,111	Subsidiary companies	59,391,350
		Notes payable (all cos.)	2,184,608
		Accts. pay. (oper. cos.)	931,678
		Ice coupons outstanding	16,218
		Miscellaneous	23,518
		Accrued liabilities	1,722,413
		Deferred liabilities	834,312
		Retirement & replac. res.	8,132,013
		Uncollectible accts.	118,324
		Contribution for extensions	37,100
		Reserve for contingencies	54,591
		Inventory adjustments, &c.	53,953
		Surplus	2,898,797
Total	\$122,251,111	Total	\$122,251,111

—V. 128, p. 4319.

American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 146,796 shares common stock (no par value) on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend, making the total amount applied for 1,633,693 shares.

Consolidated Income Account Year Ended April 30.

	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings	\$51,794,332	\$49,356,403
Operating exp., maint. & taxes (incl. Fed. taxes)	26,200,300	26,093,423
Interest and amort. of discount of subsidiaries	8,022,048	8,413,185
Preferred dividends of subsidiaries	5,148,890	4,878,949
Minority interests	30,460	44,991
Interest and amortization of discount of American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.	1,307,215	1,256,730
Reserved for renewals, retirements and depletion	4,279,612	3,866,354
Net income	\$6,805,807	\$4,802,770
Net income for the year ended April 30 1929, as above, is equivalent, after deducting accrued first preferred dividends, to \$3.82 a share on the 1,467,950 shares of common stock outstanding at such date, and for the year ended April 30 1928, is equivalent after similar charges to \$2.63 per share on the 1,395,436 shares of Common Stock then outstanding.		

Income Account for Years Ended April 30 (Not including Subsidiary Companies.)

	1929.	1928.
Divs. on stocks of sub. water cos	\$2,564,943	\$1,505,599
Divs. on stocks of West Penn Electric Co.	2,869,671	1,663,804
Int on bonds, notes & ad. to sub. co.	912,558	685,100
Other income	729,867	844,436

Gross earnings	\$7,077,039	\$4,698,939
Expenses & taxes	805,299	741,369
Interest on coll. trust 5% bonds	628,775	628,692
Interest on gold debentures	630,000	523,333
Other interest & amortization	107,666	168,205

Net income	\$4,905,299	\$2,637,339
Dividends on 1st preferred stock	1,200,000	1,136,854
Dividends on common stock, paid in cash	1,413,532	1,143,376
Balance to surplus	\$2,291,767	\$357,108

Comparative Balance Sheet (not including Subsidiary companies).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
	Apr. 30 '29, Dec. 31 '28.		Apr. 30 '29, Dec. 31 '28.
Stocks, bonds & other invest.	100,690,475 100,714,599	Coll. tr. 5% bds.	12,575,500 12,575,300
Cash	964,282 854,555	6% gold debts.	8,000,000 8,000,000
Notes & accounts rec.—due from subs.	10,427,267 9,946,906	5% gold debts.	3,000,000 3,000,000
Notes & accounts rec.—miscell.	20,502 101,386	Loans payable	2,537,403 2,250,000
Accr. int. & divs. rec.	382,658 85,819	Accts. payable	29,219 35,215
Mater'ls & supp.	4,468 4,702	Mat. int. pay.	787,513 289,758
Deferred charges	1,790,656 1,794,583	Accr. int., taxes & trustees fees	123,745 327,586
Total	114,280,309 113,502,551	Accr. div. on \$6 series 1st pref. stock	100,000
		\$6 series 1st pref. stock	20,000,000 20,000,000
		Common stock	14,679,503 14,321,632
		Earned surplus	4,060,689 4,316,323
		Capital surplus	48,386,737 48,386,737
Total	114,280,309 113,502,551	Total	114,280,309 113,502,551

x Represented by 1,467,950 no par shares.—V. 129, p. 126.

Associated Telephone Utilities Co.—Expansion.

As a further step in its expansion program the company has acquired the Standard Telephone Co. and its three subsidiaries, the Standard Telephone Co. of Ill., the Standard Telephone Co. of Texas, and the Interstate Utilities Co. operating in important areas of Illinois, Idaho, Oklahoma, Texas and Washington.

The acquired companies serve approximately 45,000 stations to an aggregate population of about 600,000. Its gross earnings for the year ended Dec. 31 1928 were \$1,440,000.

The properties of the Standard group in the main are situated close to those operated by the Associated group and can readily be assimilated in the system.—V. 128, p. 3681.

Berkshire Street Ry.—New President.

Edward G. Buckland, chairman of the board of New York, New Haven & Hartford RR., has been elected chairman of the Berkshire Street Ry. Clinton Q. Richmond succeeds Mr. Buckland as president.—V. 128, p. 2087

Berlin City Electric Co., Inc. (Berliner Staedische Elektrizitaetswerke Akt.-Ges.)—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$15,000,000 30-year 6½% sinking fund debentures, dated Feb. 1 1929, due Feb. 1 1959.

Income Account for Calendar Years.

	1928	1927	1926	1925
Total revenues	\$31,116,207	\$29,422,539	\$23,585,826	\$21,233,956
Total expenses	30,753,586	29,058,497	23,223,873	20,785,235
Net profit	\$362,621	\$364,042	\$361,953	\$448,721
Surplus brought forward	103,718	96,675	91,722	-----
Total surplus	\$466,339	\$460,717	\$453,675	\$448,721

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1928.	1927.	1928.	1927.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets—				
Cash	\$79,387	\$56,502	3,570,000	3,570,000
Materials	2,352,283	2,227,598	357,000	357,000
Secur. & particip.	607,183	604,204	5,739,773	5,739,773
Accounts rec. inc. anticip. pmt.	6,320,362	4,028,489	1,999,200	2,998,800
Loan of the City of Berlin und. cap. account.	50,312,879	41,236,665	19,992,000	19,992,000
Intic. pay. on ins.	113,939	107,788	5,997,600	-----
Inter. (sinking) fd. for franc loan	623,334	377,272	60,782	142,356
			60,782	142,356
			285,600	285,600
			119,000	119,000
			15,692,689	10,357,956
			714,000	595,000
			4,510,985	4,020,314
			-----	-----
			904,400	-----
			466,339	460,718
			-----	-----
Total	60,409,368	48,638,518	60,409,368	48,638,518

—V. 128, p. 1051.

Brooklyn & Queens Transit Corp.—Transfer Agent.—

The Chase National Bank has been appointed transfer agent for an authorized issue of 283,250 shares no par value preferred stock, and 800,000 shares no par value common stock.—V. 129, p. 127.

Cables & Wireless, Ltd.—Details of Merger.—

The following information is taken from a circular prepared by Colvin & Co., New York, who recommended the class B ordinary shares.

Merger.—The assent of the shareholders of the British cable and wireless companies having been assured, England's world-wide communications systems have been united under the control of Cables & Wireless, Ltd. The union of submarine cables and international wireless communications, so much desired by the Radio Corp. and other American interests in this field, is prevented in the United States by the White Act; but in England this union has been achieved through the formation of the world's largest international communications system.

Major-General J. G. Harbord, President of the Radio Corp. of America, in discussing the merger, has stated that "its advantages in economy of management, in possession of alternate routes, its combined facilities wide-spread over all parts of the world, its unification of interest in dealing with foreign cables and radio, its convenience for British diplomacy, national defense, avoidance of duplication of facilities, make it the outstanding event of our times in the field of international communications."

The magnitude of the enterprise is best indicated by the extent of territory served. The cables which are included in the merger aggregate approximately 167,000 nautical miles, or more than 51% of the world's total cable mileage. This cable system, with London as its center, reaches every important British possession as well as serving most of South America, Africa and Asia. The beam wireless system controlled by the merger company, although in operation less than three years, now reaches Canada, the United States, South America, Africa, Australasia, India, China, Japan and most of Continental Europe.

Origin of Cables & Wireless, Ltd.—That the consolidation of these world-wide systems has been made possible is due not only to the co-operation of the commercial interests involved, but also to the initiative and support of the British Government, which, through operation of beam wireless and certain cable systems, has been an active participant in the international communications field. Realizing that the rapid development of wireless communication as a separate system would eventually mean destructive competition between cables and wireless, the British Government early in 1928 called a conference at which the Home Government, the Dominion Governments and the major communications companies were represented. As a result of this conference it was decided to form a holding company, Cables & Wireless, Ltd., to acquire control by exchange of shares of Eastern Extension, Australasia & China Telegraph Co., Ltd., Eastern Telegraph Co., Ltd., Western Telegraph Co., Ltd., and Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co., Ltd. These companies are in turn to acquire the entire share capital of Imperial & International Communications, Ltd., which is to own and operate the combined communications facilities of the cable and wireless companies and the former government cables, and to lease the beam wireless services previously operated by the British Post Office. The relationship of the constituent companies is shown below:

Cables & Wireless, Ltd. will own the ordinary shares of the Cable Companies and the preferred and ordinary shares of the Marconi Company. The Cable companies will own their present non-traffic investments and part of the shares of Imperial & International Communications, Ltd. The Marconi company will own its present non-traffic interests, royalties, &c., and the remainder of the shares of Imperial & International Communications, Ltd.

The outstanding capital of Cables & Wireless, Ltd., and the amounts to be allocated to the ordinary shareholders of the Cable companies, and the preference and ordinary shareholders of the Marconi Company, in accordance with the merger terms are as follows:

	Outstanding Capital	Allocated—To Cable Cos.	Allocated—To Mar. Co.
5½% cum. pref. (£1 shares)	£23,493,000	£19,996,000	£3,497,000
7½% non-cum. "A" ord'y (£1 shs.)	21,199,000	13,198,000	8,001,000
Class "B" ordinary (£1 shares)	9,003,000	3,151,000	5,852,000
Total	£53,695,000	£36,345,000	£17,350,000

Under the merger plan, some £5,500,000 (\$26,730,000) of funded debt and preferred stock of the cable companies, bearing not higher than 4% coupon rates, will remain undisturbed, while a further charge of £250,000 (\$1,215,000) per annum will be paid the government as rental for the beam wireless services.

Income from Operations.—The income of Cables & Wireless, Ltd. will be derived from the operations of Imperial & International Communications, Ltd., and from the non-traffic interests which will be retained by the cable and wireless companies. Revenue from the operating company will be the major factor. The three cable companies in the combine are old-established enterprises. Over a long period these companies have paid substantial dividends and built up great reserves. The operating profits of these cable systems will now accrue to the British Government. The latter include the two Imperial trans-Atlantic Cables, the trans-Pacific cable of the Pacific Cable Board and the West Indian Cable System. Despite the development of wireless, it is believed that cables will long continue to be an important factor in world communications because of their reliability and secrecy. From these systems the merger company will acquire substantial developed earning power.

From beam wireless, Cables & Wireless, Ltd. will probably derive less present income, but in this field undoubtedly lie great future possibilities. The international beam wireless system, which is to become part of the combine, uses equipment developed and manufactured by Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co., Ltd.

Income from Non-Traffic Interests.—It is believed that the other factor in Cables & Wireless, Ltd. revenues, income from the non-traffic interests retained by the cable and wireless companies, although subsidiary to income from operations, will be substantial. To this revenue the cable companies will contribute the income from their invested surplus, accumulated over a long period of years and now totaling approximately £10,000,000 (\$48,600,000). The Marconi company will contribute its income from subsidiaries, from important patent royalties and from the manufacture of wireless equipment. In this connection it should be noted

that the Marconi company has, until 1945, the rights for all radio patents and inventions of the General Electric Co. of America and the Radio Corp. of America, for the entire British Empire, and licenses for other parts of the world, excepting the United States and Canada.

From this outline of the sources of revenue of Cables & Wireless, Ltd., it will be appreciated that an exact calculation of earnings is impossible at this time. It is felt that the consolidation should result in large operating economies, and the development of beam wireless in areas outside of the present sphere of the Cables companies' operations should further increase the combined revenues. Under the merger plan it has been recommended that 50% of earnings above an amount approximately equaling dividends on the preferred and class A ordinary shares should be retained for the betterment of service.

Management.—The board of directors of the new company is comprised of men distinguished in British business affairs. The President is the Rt. Hon. Lord Inverforth, P. C., Pres. of the Marconi Company; Governor and Nan. Dir. J. C. Denison-Pender, Vice-Chairman of the Eastern Extension, Australasia & China Telegraph Co., Ltd., Vice-Chairman and Joint Man. Dir. of the Eastern Telegraph Co., Ltd., and Director of the Western Telegraph Co., Ltd.; Deputy-Governor and Man. Dir. the Rt. Hon. P. G. Kellaway, P. C., formerly British Postmaster General, and Deputy Chairman and Man. Dir. of the Marconi Company; Deputy-Governor Rt. Hon. the Earl of Middleton, K. P., a Director of Western Telegraph Co., Ltd. The combine will have 18 other directors, including Sanatore Guglielmo Marconi, and Sir Basil Phillott Blackett.

Canadian Hydro-Electric Corp.—Earnings.—
Earnings for 4 Months Ended April 30 1929.

Gross revenue incl. other income	\$2,088,331
Operating expenses	171,107
Maintenances	38,317
Administration & general expenses	121,141
Net rev., before interest, deprec. and divs.	\$1,757,766
Interest	1,301,416
Amortization of disc. on funded debt	84,255
Depreciation	139,523

Net revenue	\$232,572
Surplus January 1 1928-1929	6,842,733
Total surplus	\$7,075,305
Div. on 1st pref. stock	250,000
Surplus, April 30 1929	\$6,825,305

Consolidated Balance Sheet April 30 1929.

Assets	Liabilities
Properties, power develop., rights, &c.	Funded debt
\$116,933,579	\$71,825,533
Cash in escrow for complet. of develop.	Accts. pay. & accrued exp.
939,147	\$343,309
Securities & investments	Customers deposits
67,205	10,443
Cash	Accrued interest
98,952	1,394,812
Accounts receivable	Accrued dividends
544,248	125,000
Inventories	Accr. pay. construc. to be met from cash in escrow on adv. from Inter. Paper Co.
194,452	92,541
Cash on dep. with Provincial government	Due to affil. cos. for construc. & prop. purch. adv.
50,000	1,905,785
Cash on deposit with trustee	Res. for deprec. & conting.
137,793	643,162
Prep. & def. exp. applic. to future operation	Min. int. in St. John River Power Co. 6% pref. stock
156,089	199,600
Pref. stock of co. held by sub. for customers subscrip. (net)	6% cum. 1st pref. stock
98,067	12,500,000
Disc. on bonds & other sec. issued, organiz. exp., &c.	6% non-cum. 2nd pref. stock
6,645,957	25,000,000
	Common stock
	5,000,000
	Surplus
	6,825,305
Total	\$125,865,489

—V. 128, p. 4152.

Central States Electric Corp.—Stock Sold.—The corporation announces the sale to a group headed by Dillon, Read & Co. and including Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Dominick & Dominick and Shields & Co. Inc., of an additional \$1,550,000 conv. pref. stock optional series of 1929. This entire additional amount has been sold.

Correction as to Earnings, &c.—

The income account for the 12 months ended March 31 1929 and 1928 and the balance sheet as of April 30 1929 appearing under the name of Central States Power & Light Corp. in our issue of July 6 should have appeared under the name of Central States Electric Corp.—V. 128, p. 4152. 4000.

Central States Power & Light Corp.—Correction.—

The income account for the 12 months ended March 31 1929 and 1928 and the balance sheet as of April 30 1929 appearing under this company in our issue of July 6 should have appeared under the name of Central States Electric Corp.—V. 129, p. 127.

Chicago City Ry.—Interest on Bonds.—

The Chicago City Ry. and Calumet & South Chicago Ry. have deposited with the First Trust & Savings Bank, trustee, funds for the payment on Aug. 1 1929, of interest for the preceding six months period on the 1st mtg. 5% bond issues of both companies.

As no coupons representing such interest are attached to the bonds it will be necessary that such bonds be presented to one of the following: First Union Trust & Savings Bank, 33 So. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.; Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., New York, N. Y.; Mercantile Trust & Deposits Co., 200 W. Redwood St., Baltimore, Md., for endorsement thereon for such interest payment.

Certificates of deposit representing bonds deposited with the protective committees should not be presented. Interest on such bonds will be paid to the committees and the checks will be sent by them or their agent to registered holders of certificates of deposit without the surrender of the certificates.—V. 128, p. 2087.

Chicago Surface Lines.—Summary.—

Wm. Hughes Clarke, Chicago, has issued a bulletin covering Chicago Railways, Chicago City Ry., Southern St. Ry. and Calumet & South Chicago Ry. The bulletin furnishes the essential figures of cash and property assets, passenger traffic and car mileage, earnings and expenses, and ratios of net to first mortgage interests.—V. 128, p. 2459.

Cities Service Power & Light Co.—Debentures Offered.—Harris Forbes & Co., The National City Co., Guaranty Co. of New York and Halsey, Stuart & Co. Inc. are offering at 93 and int. to yield 6½% \$20,000,000 5½% gold debts. due 1949.

Dated June 1 1929; due June 1 1949. Int. payable J. & D. at agency of company in New York City, or at option of the holder at office of Harris, Forbes & Co. in New York, or at the office of Harris Forbes Trust Co. in Boston, or at the office of Harris Trust & Savings Bank, in Chicago. Red. in whole or in part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 105 up to and incl. June 1 1933, with a reduction in the redemption price of 1% during each successive 4-year period thereafter up to and incl. June 1 1945; at 101 thereafter up to and incl. June 1 1947, and at 100 thereafter until maturity; plus accrued int. in each case. Denom. \$1,000 e*. Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., Trustee. Company will agree to pay int. without deduction for any Federal income tax not in excess of 2% per annum, and to refund Penn. 4 mills tax, Maryland 4½ mills tax, Conn. 4 mills tax, Calif. 5 mills tax, and Mass. income tax not exceeding 6% per annum.

Purchase Fund.—Company will agree in the indenture to make available semi-annually beginning Dec. 1 1930 funds sufficient to retire 1% of these debentures at the time outstanding if obtainable during specified periods by purchase at or below 100 and accrued interest.

Data from Letter of Henry L. Doherty, Pres. of the Company. Company, a subsidiary of Cities Service Co., controls through stock ownership companies rendering electric light and power, gas and/or transportation service in 17 states, serving territories having a population estimated to be in excess of 2,200,000. Its operating subsidiaries render

public utility service to over 425,000 customers in more than 600 communities, including such important cities as Toledo, Lorain, Mansfield, Warren and Sandusky, O.; Denver and Boulder, Colo.; St. Joseph and Joplin, Mo.; Knoxville, Tenn.; and Durham, N. C.

Business.—The size and character of the properties now controlled are indicated by the following table:

Table with columns: Calendar Years, Gross Earnings, K. W. H. Sales, Electric Customers, Gas Customers. Rows show data from 1922 to 1928.

Purpose.—Over \$15,000,000 of the proceeds from the sale of these debentures will be used to provide funds, or to reimburse the company, for the acquisition or retirement of funded debt or preferred stocks of subsidiaries outstanding on Dec. 31 1928, and to retire short-term indebtedness of the company.

Consolidated Capitalization (Company and Subsidiaries) Giving Effect to this Financing.

Table listing financial items such as Common stock, Dividend cumulative preferred stock, Gold debentures due 1952, etc., with amounts in dollars and cents.

Earnings.—The consolidated earnings of company and subsidiaries for the 12 months ended Dec. 31 1928, irrespective of the dates of acquisition, are as follows:

Table showing earnings components: Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Consolidated net earnings before renewals and replacement reserves, etc.

The consolidated net earnings of the company and subsidiaries were over 1.8 times the combined total of the annual interest on the \$65,000,000 of debentures and the annual interest and dividends on funded debt and preferred stocks of subsidiaries, to be outstanding upon completion of this financing; and, after reserves for renewals and replacements as above, this ratio was over 1.6. The balance of such consolidated net earnings, after deducting such interest and dividend charges of subsidiaries but before reserves for renewals and replacements was 3.8 times the annual interest on \$65,000,000 of 5 1/2 % debentures.

Ownership.—Cities Service Co. owns directly, or through a wholly owned subsidiary, all of the common stock (except directors' qualifying shares) —V. 127, p. 952.

Community Water Service Co.—New President.

R. Emerson Swart, a vice-president of P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., has been elected president, succeeding P. W. Chapman, who becomes chairman. The Community Water system has total assets of \$80,000,000 and its annual gross earnings are running in excess of \$7,000,000. It is announced its subsidiary companies, serving a total population of approximately 1,100,000, supply water to virtually all Westchester County, to Camden, N. J., Williamsport, Pa., Peoria, Ill., San Jose, Cal., and scores of other communities in various sections of the United States.—V. 127, p. 1674.

Connecticut Coke Co.—New Control.

See Koppers Gas & Coke Co. under "Industrials" below.—V. 127, p. 1946.

Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co. of Baltimore.—Directors Approve Voting Trust.—Chairman J. E. Aldred, June 25, in a letter to the stockholders, says in substance:

The company has attained its present position in efficient service, unusual public good-will and outstanding financial strength under continuous guidance of its present management for almost 20 years. The fruits of its policies are enjoyed by its customers and by its 15,000 stockholders in the United States and foreign countries. Its stockholders have never failed to support its management but are too numerous to organize or act promptly even in the matters from time to time referred to them for corporate action.

For some time many stockholders have felt that the interests of each individual stockholder, as well as the interests of the company and the public, would be promoted by concerted action to insure continuance of the present management and policies and to avoid risk of change through manipulation of any comparatively small minority interest to the injury of unorganized inactive majority stockholders.

For this purpose a voting trust of stock of the company has been formed under a voting trust agreement dated June 25 1929, with J. E. Aldred, Charles E. F. Clarke, Charles M. Cohn, Henry J. Fuller and Herbert A. Wagner as voting trustees. The voting trust agreement has the approval of the board of directors and the holders of a substantial amount of stock have already become parties to the voting trust by depositing their stock under it. This is considered the most effective way to unite the stockholders to further improve their investment by maintaining the present management and policies.

Each stockholder may become a party to this voting trust by forwarding, for transfer to the voting trustees, their stock certificates, endorsed in blank, to the Continental Trust Company, Baltimore, Md., or the New York Trust Co., New York City, the agents of the voting trustees.

Tenders.—

The Bankers Trust Co., trustee, 16 Wall St., N. Y. City, will until Aug. 1, receive bids for the sale to it of 1st ref. mtg. s. f. gold bonds, series E, series F and series G, at prices not exceeding the following: series E at 107 1/2 and int., and series F and series G at 105 and int.—V. 128, p. 4320.

Eastern Gas & Coke Associates (Mass.)—Organized.—

See Koppers Gas & Coke Co. under "Industrials" below.

Fall River Electric Light Co.—New Directors.—

The following new directors have been elected: Frank D. Comerford, Samuel C. Moore, William C. Bell and Cyrus Y. Ferris. C. S. Herrmann has been elected treasurer; W. C. Bell as first vice-president; Richard S. Pattee clerk and Andrew P. Nichols and Harry Hanson assistant treasurers.—V. 128, p. 2628.

Federal Public Service Corp.—Bonds Offered.—

H. M. Byllesby & Co., Inc., E. H. Rollins & Sons, and Bartlett & Gordon, Inc., are offering an additional issue of \$4,250,000 1st lien gold bonds 6% series of 1927 at 95 and int., to yield 6.46%. Bonds are dated Dec. 1 1927 and are due Dec. 1 '47.

Company.—Incorp. in Delaware. Through present subsidiary companies and those about to be acquired there is furnished electricity for power and light gas for commercial, domestic and industrial purposes, water, telephone, steam heating, ice or cold storage service in important and prosperous sections of the country. A total of 166 communities, located in 13 states, having a combined estimated total population in excess of 550,500, is served. Among the important communities served are the cities of Vicksburg, Peoria, Savanna, Galena, Augusta, Lockport, Independence, Lexington, Oakmont, Verona, La Farge, West Liberty, Salyersville, Fort Gay, Hamlin, Burlington, Lake Geneva, Elkhorn, Delavan, Petoskey, Bay View, Yankton, Bluefield, Charles Town, Harpers Ferry, Kenova, Ashland and surrounding communities, and a group of 50 communities in Minnesota within a radius of 200 miles of Minneapolis and St. Paul. The companies serve a total of 55,009 customers.

Capitalization Outstanding (giving effect to present financings).

Table listing financial items: 1st lien gold bonds, 3-year convertible 6% gold notes, 6 1/2 % cumulative preferred stock, Common stock, etc., with amounts.

Annual interest requirement on \$9,000,000 first lien gold bonds, 6% Series of 1927, which includes this additional issue, \$540,000. The above balance of \$1,270,943 is in excess of 2.35 times the annual interest requirement of \$540,000 on the company's \$9,000,000 first lien gold bonds, 6% Series of 1927, presently to be outstanding.

Purpose.—This additional issue of bonds will be used in connection with the acquisition by the company of additional subsidiaries serving approximately 27,700 customers, in 62 communities having a combined estimated population in excess of 300,000, located in 9 states.

Security.—Secured by deposit and pledge with the trustee of all outstanding bonds and stocks of the operating subsidiaries including the subsidiaries to be acquired, excepting directors' qualifying shares and subsidiary bonds, preferred stocks and certain minority common stock interests for the acquisition of which either cash will be deposited or provision is made in the trust indenture for the issue of additional bonds thereunder. The indenture provides that additional securities of any subsidiary, whose stock is pledged, shall forthwith be deposited with the Trustee, excepting as to purchase money obligations and current indebtedness.—V. 127, p. 3395.

Hamilton Gas Co.—Stock Offered.—Harper & Turner, Philadelphia are offering common stock (no par value), price on application.

Transfer agent and registrar, Century Trust Co., Baltimore, Md. Company was organized in 1927 in Delaware to engage in the production, transportation and sale of natural gas. Company acquired the properties controlled by the Hamilton Oil & Gas Co., the Thompson Gas Co., and the Eastern Carbon Black Co. During 1928 and the early part of 1929, it likewise acquired the properties of the Aetna Oil & Gas Co., Grant Gas Co., Gas Producing Co., and Perdue Brothers. Company also has under consideration the acquisition of additional valuable gas acreages. Company owns or controls extensive natural gas fields in Clay, Nicholas, Kanawha, Putnam, Cabell, Lincoln and Wayne Counties, West Virginia; Floyd and Knott Counties, Kentucky and Lawrence County, Ohio, totaling more than 81,800 acres. Company has 206 producing gas wells and 6 producing oil wells. The approximate daily deliveries from the above wells is 14,700,000 cubic feet. The drilling program approved for the year 1929 calls for the completion of 25 wells and the deepening of 11 wells to lower gas producing horizons. The gas reserves in the producing fields have been conservatively estimated to exceed one hundred billion cubic feet. Contracts.—Company has valuable contracts for the sale of its total output with the Hope Natural Gas Co., a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Co., of New Jersey; the Inland Gas Co.; the Columbia Gas & Electric Co.; the South Penn Oil Co., and others. All of these contracts extend through the life of the producing fields. The price which the company receives for the sale of gas, under the majority of its contracts, is fixed on a graduated upward scale, which should result in an increase in earnings aside from that resulting from the increasing quantities of gas sold.

Capitalization Outstanding.

Table listing financial items: a 1st mtge 6 1/2 % sinking fund bonds due Dec. 1 1937, 5-Year 6 1/2 % sinking fund debentures due Dec. 1 1932, Common stock (no par value), etc.

Earnings.—Consolidated earnings for the year ended Dec. 31 1928, and for first three months of 1929 are as follows:

Table showing earnings components: Total income, Operating Expenses, Operating profit, Interest on bonds and debentures and notes payable, etc.

Net income before depreciation or depletion and Federal taxes \$63,974 \$208,309 Pro Forma Consolidated Balance Sheet as at June 1 1929.

Table with columns: Assets (Cash on hand, Accounts receivable, etc.) and Liabilities (Accounts payable, Depletion reserve, etc.), with amounts.

Note.—The above balance sheet is after giving effect to purchase of Perdue Brothers, Gas Producing Co., and Grant Gas Co., properties at cost, repayment of all unfunded debt except current accounts payable, conversion of notes payable and accrued interest due directors and stockholders into common stock at rate of \$6 per share, conversion of 15,000 shares of preferred stock into common stock at rate of \$6 per share and the sale of 250,000 shares of common stock at \$6.—V. 128, p. 4002.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—Manhattan Ry. Stockholder Brings Action for Back Dividends.—

A suit to force the company to pay back dividends on the stock of Manhattan Ry. has been brought in New York State Supreme Court by Nathan L. Amster. Mr. Amster, who is Chairman of the stockholders' protective committee of Manhattan Ry., seeks \$131,250, which he claims is due as dividends on his 15,000 shares from Jan. 1 1928 to July 1 1929. If his suit is successful, the Interborough would be compelled to pay all other shareholders, a total of approximately \$4,869,287.

In his action, filed by Davidson, Moses & Sicher, attorneys, Mr. Amster asserts the earnings of the Interborough applicable to the payment of a 5% dividend for the period in question, were more than sufficient and that the defendant has unlawfully withheld the dividends.—V. 128, p. 4154.

International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.—Subs. Progress.—

Progress in European telephone modernization is reflected in cables made public on July 8 by the corporation. The cables report activity of associated companies in foreign fields. A contract has been secured by the Compagnie des Telephones Thomson-Houston Paris affiliate, whereby the French Telephone Administration agrees to place orders to the extent of 40,000,000 francs during the next 3 years for a new type of central office equipment. This modern equipment is to be installed in cities other than Paris, where another associated company of the International System, Le Materiel Telephonique, is already supplying the French capital with rotary automatic telephone equipment. Installed by Le Materiel Telephonique, another large automatic rotary telephone exchange was opened in Paris July 6, serving 10,000 lines.

Alexandria, Egypt, is improving its telephone system, municipal authorities having placed an order for rotary central office telephone apparatus for 20,000 lines with Standard Telephones & Cables, an associated company in London. The same member of the International System is already furnishing similar automatic equipment to modernize telephone service in Cairo. The Egyptian State Rys. have also recently placed an order with the same company for a long distance telephone switchboard.

Standard Telephones & Cables is also receiving a number of orders indicating further extension of long distance telephone service on the Continent. It has contracted to furnish loading coils for a long distance telephone cable between Bologna and Ancona in Italy; loading coils and repeaters for the line linking Warsaw, Lowice and Lodz in Poland; and loading coils for a cable connecting Copenhagen and Nykoping, ordered by the Danish Telephone Administration. An allied cable manufacturing company in Denmark is filling the order for 124 kilometers of cable for the latter contract.

In Spain last week the ancient city of Granada inaugurated an automatic telephone system with official ceremony. It is part of the national service operated by the Compania Telefonica Nacional de Espana, an associated company.

Standard Villamosaggi Resveny Tarsasag, an associate company of International Standard Electric Corp., near Budapest, has developed a new multiplex telegraph exchange for the Hungarian Post Administration that has proved so satisfactory that a further order for 25 operator positions has been received. The Hungarian State Ry. has also placed with the same company an order for a 100-line extension of their automatic telephone system.

Creed & Co., another I. T. T. associate, is filling an order for telegraph printers received from the London, Midland, and Scottish Ry.—V. 128, p. 4321.

International Hydro-Electric System.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 229,622 shares of Class A stock which are issued and outstanding in the hands of the public with authority to add 245,378 shares of Class A stock which are issued and outstanding or have been paid for and are issuable or on the order of International Paper & Power Co., on official notice that any such shares have been distributed to the public; and with authority to add 570,000 shares of its Class A stock on official notice of issuance upon conversion of convertible 6% gold debentures making the total amount applied for 1,045,000 shares of class A stock.

Earnings for Month of April 1929.

Total revenue	\$1,435,435
Depreciation	224,632
Interest on funded debt	755,708
Amortization of disc. funded debt	42,193
Reserve for income taxes	86,144
Minority int. in earnings of New England Power Assn. & subs.	153,623
Net revenue avail. for div.	\$173,135
Divs. on Can. Hydro-Elec. Corp. Ltd. 1st pfd.	62,500
Divs. on Int'l Hydro-Elec. System class A	39,583
Surplus—increased	\$71,051
Paid in surplus	6,000,000
Surplus—April 30, 1929	\$6,071,051

Consolidated Balance Sheet April 30 1929.

Assets	Liabilities
Properties (incl. cash in escrow for const. purposes).....	Convertible 6% gold debts.....
Securities & investments.....	Funded indebted. of subs.....
Cash.....	Bank loans & notes pay.....
Accounts & notes receivable.....	Accounts pay. & accruals.....
Inventories.....	Res. for ins., conting. & taxes.....
Sinking funds.....	Res. for depreciation.....
Prepaid & def. oper. exp.....	Pref. & other stocks of subs.....
Discount on bonds & other securities.....	Minority com. stocks, incl. surp. applie. thereto.....
Total (each side).....	Class A stock.....
	Class B stock.....
	Common stock.....
	Capital surplus.....
	Earned surplus.....

Interstate Utilities Co., Idaho.—Sale.—

See Associated Telephone Utilities Co. above.—V. 121, p. 199.

Lehigh Telephone Co.—Tenders.—

The Markle Banking & Trust Co., trustee, 8 West Broad St., Hazleton, Pa., will until Sept. 1 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st and ref. mtge. bonds dated July 1 1924, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$37,500 at a price not exceeding 105 and int.—V. 127, p. 546.

Long Island Lighting Co.—Preferred Stock Offered.—

An additional issue of \$4,000,000 6% cumulative preferred stock is being offered at par (\$100) and dividend by W. C. Langley & Co.

Issuance.—Authorized by the New York P. S. Commission.

Data from Letter of E. L. Phillips, President of the Company.

Business.—Company supplies, either directly or indirectly, substantially the entire electric light and power and gas service on Long Island up to the Borough of Queens. The company, through its subsidiary Kings County Lighting Co. furnishes gas to a large and rapidly growing section in the Borough of Brooklyn. The combined population in the territory served is in excess of 900,000.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used by the company to reimburse it for expenditures made for additions, extensions and improvements to the properties of the company and for other corporate purposes.

Consolidated Earnings 12 Months Ended May 31.

Gross income	\$15,762,094	\$17,827,465
Oper. exp., maintenance & taxes	9,271,108	9,742,984
Net income	\$6,490,986	\$8,084,481
Interest charges & other deductions		3,782,509

Bal. bef. res. & div. on L. I. Lighting Co. pref. stock \$4,301,972
Ann. div. require. on L. I. Lighting Co. pref. stk. (incl. this issue) 1,462,202
The balance, as shown above, amounts to over 2.9 times the annual dividend requirements on all Long Island Lighting Co. preferred stock outstanding and including this issue and, after deducting retirement reserve (depreciation), the balance of \$3,884,650 amounts to over 2.6 times such dividend requirements.

Capitalization Outstanding With Public.

First refunding mortgage gold bonds.....	\$10,256,000
First mtge. 5% sinking fund gold bonds, due Mar. 1 1936.....	4,756,700
6% secured gold bonds due July 1 1945.....	3,867,000
5½% gold debentures, series A, due Apr. 1 1952.....	1,500,000
Cumulative preferred stock (including this issue).....	*23,141,300
Common stock (no par value).....	3,000,000 shs.
*\$15,768,900 6% and \$7,372,400 7% preferred stock.—V. 128, p. 1054.	

Lower Austrian Hydro-Electric Power Co. ("Newag").

—Earnings.—

Period End. April 30—	1929—Month—	1928—	1929—4 Mos.—	1928—
Receipts from power.....	\$76,355	\$65,452	\$351,891	\$315,068
Miscellaneous receipts.....	12,677	641	27,719	5,428
Total receipts.....	\$89,032	\$66,093	\$379,610	\$320,496
Expenditures.....	42,249	36,728	268,177	204,420
Net earnings.....	\$46,783	\$29,364	\$111,433	\$116,076

Note.—All figures are converted at par of exchange, 14.07c. to the schilling.—V. 127, p. 1103.

Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co., Ltd.—Time for Deposits under Plan Expires July 15.—

Guaranty Trust Co. of New York as agent of Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co., Ltd., has received the following announcement:

Cables and Wireless, Ltd., give notice that sub-clause 7 of clause 6 of the deposit agreement referred to in the merger plan, dated May 14 1929, (which sub-clause in effect says that certain holders of shares in Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co., Ltd., which are entered in the foreign register of that company will be preferentially entitled to have the share allotted to them in exchange by Cables and Wireless, Ltd., entered in the foreign register of the latter company) will not extend or apply to applications made after July 15 1929; to Cables and Wireless, Ltd. for permission to accept the offer of exchange contained in the said plan.—V. 129, p. 129.

Massachusetts Gas Co.—New Control.—

See Koppers Gas & Coke Co., under "Industrials" below.—V. 129, p. 129.

Midland Utilities Co.—Gas & Electric Sales, etc.—

Reports for the first 5 months of this year show a general and consistent growth in gas and electric sales by subsidiaries of this company.

Total gas sales by the Northern Indiana Public Service Co. for this period amounted to 2,829,111,570 cu. ft., an increase of 19.24% over the corresponding months last year. Total sales of electrical energy by the same company were 115,566,548 k.w.h., or 13% greater than in the same months of 1928.

Sales of electrical energy by the Indiana Service Corp. during this 5 months' period aggregated 52,225,300 k.w.h., an increase of 32.69%.

Revenue passengers carried by the Chicago South Shore & South Bend R.R. during the 5 months' period totaled 1,270,896, an increase of 11.82% over the corresponding months last year. In the same period, 1,208,102 tons of freight were handled.

Five new gas pipe line interconnections, aggregating 105 miles in length, are now under construction by the Northern Indiana Public Service Co. The new projects, when completed, will increase the total mileage of gas transmission lines owned by the company to approximately 315 miles, making the system one of the most extensive of its kind in the country. One of the new lines is being built from East Chicago to Tremont where it will connect with the Valparaiso-Michigan City line completed last year; another from Michigan City to South Bend, and a third from LaPaz which is located on the South Bend-Nappanee line through Plymouth to Rochester. The other two lines will run from Gary to Crown Point and from Hobart to East Gary. The first three extensions will interconnect communities already served with gas. They are being laid to provide capacity to meet the future industrial and residential gas demands of these communities. In addition, they will supply gas for the first time to several intermediate communities. The other extensions will carry gas from the company's East Chicago distribution center to Crown Point and East Gary, which heretofore have not had gas service.

Eight additional steel passenger cars, consisting of 5 motor units and 3 trailers, were placed in service during May by the Chicago South Shore & South Bend R.R. Two new parlor-observation cars are now being built and will be ready for service early in July. The delivery of the new equipment will bring the total of new steel cars purchased this year to 20, 10 motor cars having been placed on the line last January.—V. 128, p. 4154.

Mid-Continent Telephone Co.—Changes Name.—

The company has filed a certificate at Dover, Del., changing its name to Midwest States Utilities Co.—V. 126, p. 3297.

Midwest States Utilities Co.—New Name.—

See Mid-Continent Telephone Co., above.

New England Power Association.—Earnings.—

Earnings for 12 Months Ended April 30 1929.

Gross operating revenue	\$30,728,322
Other income	1,922,862
Total income	\$32,651,184
Operating expenses	11,546,459
Maintenance	2,987,806
Taxes	2,938,385
Int. charges & amort. of discounts	4,794,591
Minority int. in earn.	381,961
Preferred & class A div. of subsidiaries	1,539,559
Depreciation	2,293,074
Net consolidated earnings	\$6,167,347
Preferred divs. of New England Power Ass'n	2,285,512
Net earn. applic. to com. shs. of New England Power Ass'n	\$3,881,835
Earns. per shr. on 841,496 average shs. outstanding	\$4.61

Consolidated Balance Sheet April 30 1929.

Assets	Liabilities
Cash.....	Notes payable.....
U. S. treasury certificates.....	Accts. pay. & accruals.....
Accts. & notes receivable.....	Pref. div. of subs. accrued but not declared.....
Material & supplies.....	New England Power Assoc. 20-yr. 5% gold debts.....
Prepaid taxes & other exp.....	Bonds assumed by New Eng. Land Power Assoc.....
Accts. rec. from employees under stock subscription & saving plan.....	Funded debt of subsidiary co.....
Stocks held for employ. sub.....	Res. for depreciation.....
Restricted dep. & cash in sinking funds.....	Res. for casualty.....
Accts. & notes rec. not currently due.....	Other operating reserves.....
Securities owned.....	Suspense credits.....
Capital assets.....	Employees stock subscrip.....
Invest. in Conn. Valley Co. Construc. work orders in progress.....	Min. int. in com. stock & surp. of subs.....
Unamort. bond disc. & other unadj. debts.....	Pref. & cl A stks of subs.....
Total.....	Preferred stock.....
	Common stock.....
	Surplus paid in.....
	Surplus earned.....

—V. 128, p. 4154.

New York Steam Corp.—Large Contract.—

The corporation has completed arrangements to supply the entire steam requirements, amounting to more than 1,500,000,000 pounds of steam annually, to the Grand Central group of buildings covering 20 city blocks from 42nd St., to 50th St., and from Madison to Lexington Aves., according to an announcement. With the addition of the Grand Central group, the corporation will supply practically every important building in the midtown section, including the Lincoln Tower, Chamin Tower, Chrysler Tower, the Lefcourt buildings, Fred F. French building, Salmon Tower, General Motors Building, the Tudor City group, New York Athletic Club, the Savoy-Plaza, Sherry-Netherland, Ambassador, St. Regis, Lincoln and many other hotels. The corporation also serves many of the largest buildings in the downtown financial district. For more than a quarter of a century, such buildings as The National City Bank Building, the Central Union Trust Building, First National Bank Building, the National Park Bank and the United States Assay Office have been supplied by the corporation.

The buildings included in the Grand Central group either are owned by the New York Central R.R. or have been erected by others on property leased from the railroad company for a long term of years. For some years the major steam requirements of the buildings have been supplied from two large steam generating stations owned and operated by the railroad company and located at Park Ave. and 50th St., and at Lexington Ave. and 43rd St. Steam has been distributed through a system of pipe lines occupying land privately owned by the railroad company. The railroad company has been maintaining a break-down service contract with the New York Steam Corp. to insure continuity of service.

After a thorough study of the reliability of the steam corporation's service and an analysis of costs, the railroad company has decided to abandon its two stations and, together with the New York New Haven & Hartford R.R., has entered into a contract with the New York Steam Corp. The buildings in the Grand Central group have a volume totaling about 300,000,000 cubic feet and include the Grand Central Terminal, the New York Central Building now nearing completion, the Graybar Building, Grand Central Palace, Yale Club, the Blumore, Commodore, Roosevelt, Chatham, Barclay, Monterey and other hotels; the Postum Building, Adams Express Building, Vanderbilt Avenue Building, the Park Lane and other apartments and buildings on Park, Madison and Lexington

Avenues. The new Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, to be erected on the block bounded by Park and Lexington Aves. and 49th and 50th Sts., also will be supplied with steam by the New York Steam Corp.

In addition to a large steam generating station serving the downtown financial district of Manhattan, the corporation owns and operates three stations located on the waterfront for the supply of steam in the midtown district. The feeder mains and distribution system of the corporation now surround the Grand Central Terminal and the area to the north, but additional mains are being installed this summer connecting its power stations with this center in order to assure an adequate supply and continuity of service.

The new feeder mains are 24 inches in diameter, the largest sized pipes in use carrying steam under pressure. For some years, the corporation has had a contract to purchase substantial quantities of steam from the waterside stations of the New York Edison Co., under an arrangement mutually advantageous because of the dissimilarity of the daily load factors and the seasonal load factors, the peak requirements for steam service coming during the morning hours, whereas the maximum demand on the electric company occurs normally in the late afternoon. Likewise, the maximum send-out of a steam distributing utility occurs on the coldest day of the year, which normally is in January, whereas the peak requirements of an electric company are usually in December coincident with the shortest day in the year.

The railroad company's decision to utilize New York Steam Corp. service and to abandon its existing steam generating stations, aside from its economic and commercial significance, represents an important contribution to civic improvement in further eliminating smoke, dirt and noise, and relieving, to some extent, traffic congestion in this great city center.

The distribution of steam service by the corporation with its present rapidly expanding business will have the effect during the coming 12 months of relieving the congestion of the city streets of the delivery of over \$75,000 tons of coal and the removal of over 175,000 tons of ash refuse, a total of over 1,000,000 tons, which is equivalent to 700 five-ton truck loads every day for 300 days of the year.—V. 128, p. 1922.

Niagara-Hudson Power Corp.—Merger Beyond Regulation.

Attorney General Hamilton Ward in his report to Governor Roosevelt concerning the merger of three up-State power companies under the name of the Niagara Hudson Power Corp., according to an Albany dispatch July 8, will find that the latter is a holding company over which the Public Service Commission has no jurisdiction. He is expected to recommend that the 1930 Legislature take steps to place such companies under the Public Service Commission and to give it the same authority that it has over other concerns.—V. 128, p. 4321.

North American Gas & Electric Co.—Makes Offer for Attleboro Steam & Electric Co. Stock.—See that company above.—V. 128, p. 2629.

Northern Indiana Public Service Co.—Add'l Bonds.

The company has applied to the Indiana P. S. Commission for authority to issue and sell \$15,000,000 of 40-year 1st & ref. mtge. gold bonds and to pledge \$7,500,000 Northern Indiana Gas & Electric 1st & ref. 6s as additional collateral for the loan. The petition states that interest on the loan will not exceed 5% and that the issue will be sold for not less than 91. The proceeds will be used to reimburse the treasury for capital expenditures already made and to finance future additions and extensions to the company's facilities.—V. 128, p. 2805.

Northwest Power Co.—Sale.

Halford Erickson, Vice-President in charge of operation of the Byllesby Engineering & Management Corp., announces the purchase of the properties of the Northwest Power Co. at Thermopolis and Buffalo, Wyo., and the conclusion of negotiations whereby the properties of the Lander (Wyo.) Electric Light & Power Co. also are acquired. The new acquisitions consist of the electric distribution system in Thermopolis, the natural gas field, pipe line and gas distribution system in Thermopolis, the hydro-electric and steam plants and electric distribution system in Buffalo, and the electric plant and distribution system in Lander, as well as the store and office building of the Lander corporation, together with the stock of electrical merchandise.

A new and lower schedule of rates for the Lander territory to become effective immediately has been filed with the Wyoming P. S. Commission. The new rates will be from 22 to 30% lower for various classes of service than those now in force.

Among the extensions contemplated in the Lander district are the supplying of power service to farms in the outlying territory and extending a high voltage line from the Sinks Canon supply plant to the Louie Lake and Atlantic City mining districts. Electrification of the coal mines at Hudson is another proposed outlet for absorbing surplus power of the company as soon as its high voltage line from the government reclamation project at Pilot can be hooked up with the Sinks Canon loop.—V. 128, p. 4322.

Ohio Fuel Gas Co.—Merger.

The company has taken over the property of the Logan Gas Co., and after June 1 the name of the latter company ceased to be a part of the operation of the Columbia group of the Columbia Gas & Electric Corp.

The Logan Gas Co. supplied natural gas directly to not less than 100,000 customers, in 78 cities and villages in Ohio, and by wholesale through other distributing companies to approximately 88,000 customers.—V. 127, p. 261.

Ohio Kentucky Gas Co.—Co-trustee.

The Seaboard Bank of The City of New York has been appointed co-trustee under indenture dated as of Feb. 1 1929 securing an issue of general mortgage 7% gold bonds due Feb. 1 1939. See offering in V. 128, p. 4155.

Ontario Power Co. of Niagara Falls.—Tenders.

The Toronto General Trusts Corp., mortgage trustee, 253 Bay St., Toronto, Canada, will until July 15 receive bids for the sale to it of 5% 1st mtge. gold bonds to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$125,052 at a price not exceeding 110 and interest.—V. 127, p. 107.

Penn-Ohio Edison Co.—Definitive Debentures.

The company announces that its definitive 5½% gold debenture, series B, due Feb. 1 1950 are now ready for exchange for the outstanding \$8,000,000 temporary bonds at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., 70 Broadway, N. Y. City. (For offering, see V. 128, p. 557.)—V. 128, p. 4322.

Southwest Gas Utilities Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Consolidated Statement of Earnings—Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.

Gas sales	\$2,063,774
Gas purchased	573,139
Merchandise and jobbing net	\$1,490,635
	25,656
Gross operating profit	\$1,516,291
Operating and administrative expenses	470,007
Net operating profit	\$1,046,284
Other income	36,128
Gross income	\$1,082,412
Interest	10,636
Bad debts	16,953
Miscellaneous deductions	8,495
Net income	\$1,046,326
Interest on funded debt	448,147
Premium on bonds redeemed	20,333
Bond discount and expense	14,067
Depreciation and depletion	213,901
Abandoned property and dry holes	47,805
Minority interests in earnings of subsidiary companies	61,375
Net available for pref. and common stocks before Federal tax	\$240,699

Standard Gas & Electric Co.—Rights.

The common stockholders of record July 22 will be given the right to subscribe to additional common stock at \$85 a share in the ratio of one new share for each 10 shares held.—V. 128, p. 4322.

Standard Telephone Co. (Del.).—Sale.—See Associated Telephone Utilities Co. above.—V. 128, p. 113.

Standard Telephone Co. of Ill.—Sale.—See Associated Telephone Utilities Co. above.—V. 125, p. 1054.

Standard Telephone Co. of Texas.—Sale.—See Associated Telephone Utilities Co. above.—V. 125, p. 2938.

Swiss-American Electric Co.—Correction.—The income account statement published in last week's "Chronicle," page 129, covers the 12 months ended April 30 1929.—V. 129, p. 129.

Tampa (Fla.) Electric Co.—Regular Stock Dividend.—The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of 1-50 of a share of common stock in addition to the regular quarterly cash dividend of 50 cents a share on the common stock, both payable Aug. 15 to holders of record July 25. A stock distribution of like amount was made semi-annually from Aug. 15 1927 to Feb. 15 1929, incl. The company on Feb. 15 1927 paid a quarterly stock dividend of 1-100 of a common share on the common stock (see V. 124, p. 508).—V. 128, p. 1397.

Texas Traction Co.—Tenders.—The Old Colony Trust Co., trustee, 17 Court St., Boston, Mass., will, until July 19, receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtge. 5% s. f. gold bonds, due Jan 1 1937, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$85,079.—V. 127, p. 261.

United Corp. (Del.).—Stock Increased.—Listing.—The stockholders on July 10 increased the authorized common stock from 10,000,000 shares of no par value to 24,000,000 shares of no par value and the preference stock from 2,000,000 shares to 5,000,000 shares.

The Committee on Securities of the New York Stock Exchange has ruled that the common stock shall be quoted ex rights on July 12.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing (a) of 23,032 additional shares of \$3 cumulative preference stock (no par), and 191,059 additional shares of common stock (no par); such shares of \$3 cumulative preference stock and of common stock to be used for exchange for certain additional shares of common stock of The United Gas Improvement Co., common stock of Mohawk Hudson Power Corp., and common stock of Commonwealth & Southern Corp. (b) of 1,153,253 additional shares of common stock to be offered to stockholders of record July 10 for subscription at \$27.50 per share, making the total amount applied for \$1,779,367 shares of \$3 cumulative preference stock, and 11,010,222 shares of common stock.

Authority for Issue.—At a special meeting of the directors June 5 it was voted, subject to the approval of stockholders of a proposal to authorize by appropriate charter amendment a total of 1,000,000 shares of first preferred stock, 5,000,000 shares of preference stock, and 24,000,000 shares of common stock, to offer to the stockholders of the common stock of record July 10 the privilege of subscribing pro rata for cash to additional common stock without nominal or par value at the price of \$37.50 per share. Holders of common stock of record on said date will be entitled, subject to approval as aforesaid, to subscribe in the proportion of one share for each 5 shares then held. It is estimated by the corporation that rights under option warrants for the purchase of not in excess of 100,000 shares (option warrants for the purchase at any time without limit of 3,994,404 shares of common stock at the price of \$27.50 per share were outstanding June 29 1929) may be exercised on or prior to July 10 1929. On this basis, common stock to an amount not greater than 1,153,253 shares will be required to be issued in accordance with the rights to be issued to holders of record at the close of business July 10 1929. The right to subscribe will expire Aug. 15, and such stock not subscribed for has not been underwritten. Payment is to be made at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., 23 Wall St., New York, N. Y.

The additional shares of \$3 cumulative preference stock will be carried in the balance sheet at their liquidating value of \$50 per share. The additional shares of common stock will be carried at \$5 per share, and the difference between this amount and the amount received by the corporation will be carried as paid-in-surplus.

At special meetings of the directors held May 23 1929, June 5 1929, and July 1 1929, the corporation was authorized to issue from time to time 23,032 shares of its \$3 cumulative preference stock, and 191,059 shares of its common stock, as follows:

23,032 shares of \$3 cumulative preference stock and 41,458 shares of its common stock in exchange for 15,355 shares of capital stock of The United Gas Improvement Co., and \$259,125 cash; and 49,680 shares of its common stock in exchange for 41,400 shares of common stock of Mohawk Hudson Power Corp. and \$310,500 cash; and 99,921 shares of its common stock in exchange for 225,000 shares of common stock of Commonwealth & Southern Corp. and \$624,525 cash. Contracts for the above exchanges have been made.

Option Warrants.—There were outstanding on June 29 option warrants entitling the holders to purchase at any time without limit 3,994,404 shares of common stock at \$27.50 per share. Additional option warrants may be issued by authority of the directors.

Profit and Loss Statement Close of Business, June 29 1929.

Credits—	
Dividends received	\$2,552,228
Interest received	65,033
Profit on securities sold	963,762
Underwriting commission	130,900
	\$3,711,924
Debits—	
Interest paid	\$18,046
Current expenses	125,226
Reserve for Federal income taxes	135,000
Balance	\$3,433,651
Divs. paid Apr. 1 1929 & July 1 1929 on \$3 cumul. pref. stock	\$2,072,002

Estimated Earnings and Dividend Requirements.

Estimated annual dividends receivable on the basis of current dividends on stocks held on June 29 1929	6,631,551
Annual div. on \$3 cumul. pref. stk. issued and outst. June 29 '29	5,269,005
Balance	\$1,362,546

Pro Forma Balance Sheet June 29 1929.

Assets—	
Mohawk Hudson Power Corp. com. stock	392,357 shs. \$17,213,879
Mohawk Hudson Power Corp. 2nd pref. stock	62,370 shs. 6,673,590
Mohawk Hudson Power Corp. option warrants entitling holders to purchase the following number of shs. of com. stock at \$50 per sh.	124,740 shs. 2,494,800
Public Service Corp. of N. J. com. stock	959,921 shs. 76,061,755
United Gas Impt. Co. capital stock	754,881 shs. 128,511,285
Allied Power & Light Corp. com. stock	340,000 shs. 13,770,000
Columbia Gas & Electric Corp. com. stock	171,100 shs. 9,624,572
Commonwealth & Southern Corp. com. stock	925,000 shs. 21,820,000
Commonwealth & South. Corp. option warrants entitling holders to purchase the following No. of shs. of com. stock at \$30 per share	580,000 shs. 11,749,127
Miscellaneous investments	26,857,034
Cash on hand	
Total	\$314,776,042
Liabilities—	
\$3 cumulative preference stock	1,779,367 shs. \$88,968,250
Common stock	7,010,575 shs. 25,052,875
Option warrants entitling holders to purchase at any time without limit 3,994,404 shs. of com. stock at \$27.50 per share	3,994,404 shs. 189,258,169
Paid in surplus	\$189,608,010
Less organization expenses	349,841
Reserve for taxes	135,000
Profit and loss, Jan. 8 to June 29 1929	1,361,649
Total	\$314,776,042

On June 29 1929, the corporation was contingently liable in the sum of \$7,500,000 for the purchase of certain shares and warrants of Niagara Hudson Power Corp.

Valuation of Securities.—The basis of valuation of the securities held at the close of business June 29 1929, as set forth in the foregoing balance

sheet is the original cost where securities were acquired for cash or the original agreed value at which securities were acquired in exchange for shares, or for shares and option warrants of The United Corp.

Miscellaneous assets shown in the balance sheet at a cost of \$11,749,127 have an indicated market value at the closing bid prices of June 29 of \$15,136,013.

The total cost of all securities held by the corporation or contracted for at the close of business June 29 1929 is \$287,919,008. The market value of the said securities computed at the closing bid prices on June 29 amounted to \$434,748,370, showing an excess of indicated market value over and above cost of \$146,829,362.—V. 128, p. 4156, 3826.

United Power, Gas & Water Corp.—Initial Div.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 75c. a share on the \$3 cum. pref. stock, no par value, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 15. (For offering, see V. 128, p. 2994.)—V. 128, p. 3188.

Utah Light & Traction Co.—Buses Replace Trolley.—

The company has been given permission by the Salt Lake City and Utah state authorities to remove its tracks from the Ninth East street line in Salt Lake City, pave the old right of way, and replace the trolley cars with trolley buses. Fifteen of the new type buses have been ordered, all to be equipped with motors, controls and electric braking by the General Electric Co.—V. 127, p. 2091.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of July 6.—(a) Reported winding up of affairs of call loan concern formed under name of "First Call Money Co. of America"; dissolves before lending any money, p. 57. (b) U. S. Senate inquiry into Salt Creek oil lease case collapses, p. 68.

Absopure Refrigeration Corp.—Acquires Assets of Absopure Refrigerator Co. of Detroit and Vogt Refrigerator Co. of Louisville.—

Announcement is made of the formation of Absopure Refrigeration Corp., which has acquired all the assets of two companies engaged in the manufacture of electric refrigeration units and mechanism, the Absopure Refrigerator Co. of Detroit and the Vogt Refrigerator Co. of Louisville. Both these companies were formerly operated as divisions of the General Necessities Corp., of which David A. Brown is President. Mr. Brown is also President of Absopure Refrigeration Corp.

The corporation operates two plants, one in Detroit, Mich., where a complete line of electric refrigeration machines and all accessories are manufactured, and one in Louisville, Ky., producing metal refrigerators, water coolers, and all metal parts. Both properties are modern in every respect, and equipped with machinery for large production with room for expansion.

Electric refrigeration units manufactured by the corporation range in size from a 1-6 h.p. unit for small homes or apartments to a 3 h.p. for very large commercial installations, and number 14 sizes in all, each having a distinct field of its own in supplying refrigeration. Dealers in all parts of the United States and Canada distribute the products of the corporation and a considerable export business has been developed. While it is not the policy of the corporation to operate its own sales branches, conditions in some of the large cities have made this form of operation necessary and retail branches are now operated in Detroit, Chicago, and St. Louis.

Capitalization of the corporation consists of 1,100,000 shares of common stock (no par) authorized, of which 900,000 shares are to be presently outstanding, and 200,000 shares of preferred stock authorized. There is no funded debt.

Financing to provide additional working capital for further expansion of the corporation's production and distribution program, will take the form of an issue of 400,000 shares of no par common stock to be presently offered by American Securities Corp.

Acoustic Products Co.—New President.—

Eugene P. Herrman has been elected president, succeeding P. L. Deutsch, resigned. Mr. Herrman was recently elected a director and member of the executive committee.—V. 128, p. 2271.

Ainsworth Manufacturing Corp.—Earnings.—

Combined net profits of the company and Joseph N. Smith Co. for 4 months ended April 30 were \$498,941 after all charges and taxes, equivalent to \$3.16 a share on 157,500 shares outstanding which includes stock to be issued in connection with acquisition of Joseph N. Smith Co.—V. 129, p. 130.

Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Period End: June 30, 1929—Month—1928, 1929—6 Mos.—1928. Rows: Gross profits, Profit after int., &c. and Ebner Mine develop. chgs. but before deprec. —V. 128, p. 3827.

Aluminum Co. of America.—Acquisition.—

The company has purchased the Modern Foundry & Pattern Works of Oakland, Calif., established in 1925, with a capitalization of 24,000 common shares of \$100 par. It manufactures aluminum castings and distributes in 11 western states.—V. 128, p. 3514.

American Brass Co.—Acquires Plant.—

According to a Waterbury (Conn.) dispatch, this company has acquired the plant of the Randolph Clowes Co. founded in 1851, manufacturer of brass and copper tubing copper boilers and kettles. The Randolph Clowes Co. is capitalized at \$500,000.—V. 125, p. 249.

American Department Stores Corp.—Sales.—

Table with columns: 1929—June—1928, Increase, 1929—6 Mos.—1928, Increase. Rows: \$1,154,810, \$950,851, \$203,959, \$7,940,018, \$5,936,522, \$2,003,496 —V. 128, p. 4006.

American European Securities Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 325,000 shares of common stock (no par value), as follows: 285,000 shares issued and outstanding and 40,000 shares on official notice of issuance on the exercise of option warrants to the stockholders.

Account for the Five Months Ending May 31 1929

Table with columns: Description, Amount. Rows: Gross income: Cash dividends received, Bond interest received and accrued, Miscellaneous interest, Profit from securities sold, Total gross income, Interest on funded debt, Interest on notes and accounts payable, General expense, Taxes paid and accrued, Net income for the period, Surplus balance at Dec. 31 1928, Total, Preferred stock dividends paid, Amount transferred to capital stock preferred account representing difference between proceeds from the sale of the 20,000 shares of preferred stock issued Jan 15 1929, and its liquidating value at \$100 per share, Transferred to reserve account: in accordance with the charter, an amount equal to two years dividends on the additional 20,000 shares of preferred stock issued Jan. 15 1929, Earned surplus at end of period (per balance sheet), Earnings per share of com. stock for the 5 months ended May 31 1929 (on the basis of 130,000 shares outstanding at the end of the period and after preferred dividends), Market appreciation for the 5 months ended May 31 1929, on securities held on that date.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Table with columns: Assets—, Liabilities—, May 31 '29, Dec. 31 '28, May 31 '29, Dec. 31 '28. Rows: Cash, Invest. securities: Stocks, Bonds, Syndicate participations, Furniture & fix'ts., Accrued bond int., Preferred stock, Common stock, Option warrants, Funded debt, Int. on fund. debt., Accts. payable, Acrued dividends, General reserve, Acrued taxes, Surplus.

Total (each side) 16,379,139 14,465,751. x Represented by 130,000 shares of no par value. y Represented by 50,000 shares of no par \$6 cumulative stock. z There are issued and outstanding option warrants entitling the holders to purchase at any time, without limit, 20,000 shares of common stock at a price of \$25 per share.

Schedule of Investment Securities Owned as of May 31 1929.

Table with columns: Company Name, Shares. Rows: Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd., Allied Power & Light Corp., American & Foreign Power Co., Inc., American Gas & Electric Co., American Power & Light Co., American Superpower Corp., American Telep. & Teleg. Co., Appalachian Electric Power Co., Cities Service Power & Light Co., Columbia Gas & Electric Co., Commonwealth Power Corp., Commonwealth Edison Co., Consolidated Gas Co. of New York, Consol. Gas. El. Lt. & Pr. Co. of Balt., Continental Gas & Electric Corp., Edison Electric Illum. Co. of Boston, Electric Bond & Share Corp., Electric Power & Light Corp., Engineers Public Service Co., Florida Power & Light Co., Gulf States Utilities Co., Intercontinentals Power Co., International Telep. & Teleg. Corp., Italian Superpower Corp., National Power & Light Co., North American Co., Northern States Power Co., Public Service Corp. of New Jersey, Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois, Seaboard Public Service Co., Southeastern Power & Light Co., Swiss American Electric Co., United Gas Improvement Co., United Light & Power Co., Western Union Telegraph Co., Aluminum Co. of America, Aluminum, Ltd., Amerada Corp., American Solvents & Chemical Corp., Anaconda Copper Mining Co., Atlantic Coast Fisheries Co., C consolidated RRs. of Cuba, Ford Motor Co. of Canada, Ltd., Fraser Co., Ltd., General Electric Co., Great Western Sugar Co., Gulf Oil Corp. of Pa., Louisiana Land & Exploration Co., Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR., Missouri Pacific RR., National Dairy Products Co., Otis Elevator Co., Radio Corp. of America, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Southern Ry., Texas Corp., United Electric Coal Cos., United Shoe Machinery Corp., White Eagle Oil & Refining Co.

Table with columns: Company Name, Amount. Rows: Central Mexico Light & Power Co., 1st Mtge. 6%, 1940, Commercial Investment Trust 5 1/2% Conv. debts., 1949, Italian Superpower Corp., 6% debts., A, 1963, Louisiana Land & Exploration Co., 1st Mtge. 7%, 1930, Pacific Western Oil Corp., 6 1/2% debts., due 1943 (with warrants), Pecos Valley Power & Light Co., 7% debts., due 1942 (with bonus of 1,000 shares common stock), United Light & Railways, 5 1/2% Debts., due 1952, White Eagle Oil & Refining Co., 10-year 5 1/2% debts., due 1937 (with warrants). Total book value, \$10,581,501, market value, \$18,174,115. Total book value, \$4,997,929, market value \$6,687,394. Total book value, \$761,851, market value, \$712,620.—V. 128, p. 2081.

American Founders Corp.—Dividends.—

The directors have declared dividends for the quarter ended July 31 on the following stocks: 7% 1st preferred, series A, 8 1/2% 7% 1st preferred, series B, 8 1/2% 6% 1st preferred, series D, 7 1/2% 6% 2d preferred, 3 1/2% common shares, 1 1/2% c., and 1-140 common share, all payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 15. Like amounts were paid on the respective stocks on Feb. 1 and May 1 last.—V. 128, p. 4006.

American Foundry & Mfg. Co.—Sale.—

Bondholders, the Central Trust Co. and the estate of the late John G. Motter were awarded the proceeds from the receivership sale of the plant and equipment of the company, this city, in an opinion handed down by the judges of the Circuit Court at Frederick, Md., July 2. The case, which has been in progress some time, was contested by the receivership creditors who also claimed the proceeds of the sale.

The opinion, concurred in by Chief Judge Hammond Urner and Associate Judges John S. Newman and Robert B. Peter, referred to the decision of the Maryland Court of Appeals to the effect that holders of receivership certificates have priority over the claims of creditors for raw materials and supplies, and then states that, in view of that decision, the bondholders cannot be subservient to certificate holders if the bondholders have a stronger lien than certificate holders.

The company was placed in receivership Dec. 15 1925, on a bill filed by Charles A. Opel, Jr.; on behalf of himself and other creditors, William A. Riddell was appointed receiver and operated the plant until Aug., 1926, when it was closed.

American Home Security Corp.—Bonds Offered.—

Smith, Hull & Co., Inc., Minneapolis are offering \$600,000 6% guaranteed 1st mtge. collateral trust gold bonds at par and int.

The mortgages securing these bonds are guaranteed as to principal and interest by The Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Co. of New York. Principal and int. payable at the National Bank of the Republic of Chicago, trustee, or at the Bank of America, New York, N. Y. Red. on any int. date prior to maturity at 101. Interest payable without deduction for any Federal income tax up to 2% per annum which the company or the trustees may be permitted to pay thereon or retain therefrom. Company agrees to refund upon timely application State personal taxes and State income taxes not in excess of 1/2% of the principal per annum. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000.*

These bonds have threefold security: (1) They are the direct obligation of the corporation; (2) They are specifically secured by the deposit with the trustee of widely diversified first mortgages upon improved real estate; and (3) The payment of the principal and interest of the first mortgages so deposited is guaranteed by the Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Co. of New York.

While the trust indenture permits substitution of other first mortgages, approved by the Surety company guaranteeing such mortgages, collateral must at all times equal at least the face value of all outstanding bonds. In lieu of first mortgages, the corporation may pledge with the trustee obligations of the United States Government and (or) cash.

The corporation, which has assets in excess of \$1,900,000, loans its own funds on carefully selected first mortgages secured by real estate. It confines its loans entirely to improved residential property of moderate value, owned in fee, in the Chicago area. These mortgages it holds for its own permanent investment.—V. 128, p. 3189.

American International Corp.—Earnings.—

Period	End.	June 30—	1929—3 Mos.—	1928—	1929—6 Mos.—	1928—
Interest revenue		\$108,297	\$73,768	\$239,184	\$117,709	
Divs. on stock owned		511,961	374,643	842,347	594,190	
Profit on sale of securities		981,250	288,156	2,137,066	804,296	
Profit on syndicate and credit participations		9,370	10,977	30,723	14,021	
Miscellaneous		6,341	2,356	10,527	4,131	
Total income		\$1,617,218	\$749,901	\$3,259,848	\$1,534,346	
Expenses		88,957	69,513	190,831	194,992	
Interest		228	40,300	37,043	64,433	
Taxes		8,030	7,899	77,576	15,569	
Interest on debts		343,750		572,917		
Operating income		\$1,176,253	\$632,188	\$2,381,479	\$1,259,352	
Shs. com. out. (no par)		999,600	490,000	999,600	490,000	
Earn. per share on com.		\$1.17	\$1.29	\$2.38	\$2.57	

*V. 128, p. 4006.

American Maize-Products Co.—Common Stock Split-Up.

A special meeting of the stockholders has been called for July 30 to act upon a proposed 10-for-1 split-up of the common shares. Present common stock outstanding is 30,000 shares of \$100 par value, which under the proposed plan would be increased to 300,000 shares of no par value stock.

The Royal Baking Powder Co. was formerly a controlling factor in the American Maize-Products Co. but sold its holdings to the Royal company's stockholders in Oct. 1928 (see V. 127, p. 2245).

In his letter to stockholders, President C. D. Edinburg of the American Maize-Products Co., states that if the proposed change is authorized it is believed that the company will be able to pay dividends on the common stock declared during the current calendar year equivalent to at least \$2 per share on the common stock.

The balance sheet shows current assets as of May 31 last of \$4,501,881 and current liabilities of \$402,159. This compares with current assets of \$2,944,120 and current liabilities of \$244,751 last year. Total assets were \$8,318,503 compared with \$6,889,921 last year.

It is stated that the company's average net earnings per year for the last 5 years after taxes and preferred dividends were \$9.50 a share. Net earnings for the 5 months ending May 31 after depreciation and Federal taxes were \$645,311. Estimated net earnings for the six months ending with June after preferred dividends were \$760,311, equivalent to \$23.59 per share on 30,000 shares of common stock.

American Stores Co.—Sales Gain.—

Period	End.	June 29—	1929—4 Wks.—	1928—	1929—26 Wks.—	1928—
Sales		\$10,755,563	\$10,329,082	\$70,726,749	\$68,179,527	

—V. 128, p. 4006.

Amsterdam Trading Co. (Handelsvereniging "Amsterdam Holland").—Dividends.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 75 cents per share on the "American shares," payable July 22 to holders of record July 16. A like amount was paid on Jan. 21 last and on Jan. 20 and July 20 1928.—V. 128, p. 252.

Anglo American Corp. of So. Africa, Ltd.—Rights.—

H. S. Johnson-Hall, London Manager and Secretary, June 26, in connection with the offer of reserve shares to shareholders, says in substance:

It has been the aim of the board since the inception of the corporation to maintain such cash resources as would enable it to take full advantage of any opportunities that presented themselves for profitable business. That this has been a wise policy is shown by the growing scale of the corporation's operations, and the widening circle of its activities. The valuable interests secured in Northern Rhodesia and in Cape Coast Exploration Ltd., are instances in point. Had adequate resources not been available the corporation could not have grasped the exceptional opportunities afforded by developments in that great new base metal field and by discovery of diamonds in Namangaland.

It follows, however, that the acquisition of these assets and of other investments made by the corporation has absorbed a substantial portion of its cash resources, and the directors have arrived at the conclusion that it is in the interest of the corporation, if it is to maintain that measure of activity which has proved so profitable in the past, that the funds at its disposal should be increased.

The present issued capital of the corporation is £3,718,453 divided into 3,718,453 shares of £1 each. Under the Articles of Association the directors are empowered to increase at their discretion the capital to a maximum of £4,000,000. In order to provide further funds necessary the directors have decided to issue the 281,547 shares still in reserve on the following conditions:

(a) The shares will be offered to shareholders at £2 per share on the basis of one new share for each 14 shares registered at the close of business on July 11 1929, fractions being disregarded. All shares accepted in pursuance of such offer will be allotted in full.

(b) The shares required under the preceding paragraph will not absorb the whole issue. The number of surplus shares, i. e., the difference between 281,547 shares to be issued and the shares accepted under (a) is likely to be small. With the principal object of enabling shareholders to round off their holdings it has been decided to offer these surplus shares also to shareholders. Shareholders will therefore be entitled to apply at £2 per share for so many of the surplus shares as they may desire. The allotment of these shares will be affected at the entire discretion of the directors who will aim at giving effect, so far as it is possible to do so, to the intention for which the surplus shares are being offered to shareholders. For these reasons it will be appreciated that it will be useless for any shareholder to apply for a large number of the surplus shares.

The offer will expire at the close of business on August 9 1929, after which date no further acceptances or applications will be considered.

Holders of share warrants to bearer desirous of applying for their *pro rata* of reserve shares under (a) above or any surplus shares under (b), must deposit at the London office of the corporation not later than July 15 1929, either their share warrants or a statement of their holding duly certified as correct by a recognized bank in the United Kingdom (giving the distinctive number of the share warrants, in addition to the distinctive numbers of the shares themselves) together with their full names and addresses.

The whole issue has been underwritten for a cash commission of 3 3/4%. For the purpose of giving effect to this offer the corporation will close its share registers from July 12 to July 15, both days inclusive.

Re-arrangement of Capital Proposed.—

The shareholders will vote Aug. 20 on certain proposed changes, summarized as follows:

1.—That the present share capital (4,000,000 shares, par £1 each) be re-organized by dividing it into 4,000,000 shares (par 10s. each) of cumul. pref. stock and 4,000,000 shares (par 10s. each) of ordinary shares, the basis

of such division being that shareholders shall receive for each £1 share presently held 6% cumul. pref. stock to the value of 10s. and one ordinary share of 10s. nominal value.

2.—That the directors be authorized to increase the capital from £4,000,000 to £5,000,000 and that they be empowered to issue such further capital at such time or times, and upon such terms and conditions as they think fit.

In connection with the above scheme for the re-arrangement of the capital stock, H. S. Johnson-Hall, London Manager and Secretary, says in substance:

"In the opinion of the directors several important advantages will accrue to the corporation from the proposed re-arrangement of its capital. In the first place the provision of two classes of security, each with its own distinctive features, will widen the circle of investors to which the corporation will appeal. This will extend both the market in the corporation's securities and the field from which any further funds that might be required could be drawn.

"Again, while as explained on more than one occasion the nature of the corporation's business makes the declaration of interim dividends on the ordinary shares inadvisable, the position now attained by the corporation is such as in the opinion of the directors to warrant half-yearly distributions on a portion of the capital and to this end dividends on the preferred stock will be declared at six monthly intervals (J. & D.).

"Finally, the effect of fixing the rate of distribution payable on part of the capital will be to increase the dividend possibilities of the remainder namely, the ordinary shares.

"Should the scheme be adopted it is the intention of the board to substitute for the dividend equalization reserve a preferred dividend reserve. This will be formed by transferring from the dividend Equalization reserve to the preferred dividend reserve such a sum as is equivalent to the amount required to pay the preferred dividend for a period of two years. It will be the policy of the board to maintain the preferred dividend reserve at this figure. The balance of the dividend equalization reserve together with the share premium resulting from the issue of the reserve shares will be transferred to the other reserves.

"From the foregoing it will be noted that apart from the fact that the profits of the corporation in recent years have been many times the sum required to meet the preferred dividend charge there will exist a reserve equal to two years' preferred dividend requirements. In addition, the total reserves of the corporation will exceed the nominal value of the preferred stock issue. The preferred stock will thus enjoy exceptional security both as to principal and dividend. The interests of the preferred stockholders being so well protected it is not deemed necessary to grant any privileges in regard to the administration of the corporation and therefore the scheme provides that the control of affairs will, save in such circumstances as the sale of the corporation's undertaking or altering its regulations so as directly to interfere with the rights and privileges of the preferred stockholders, be exclusively vested in the ordinary shareholders who will be entitled to one vote for each ordinary share of which they are the registered holders.

The proposal to increase the authorized capital by £1,000,000 and to leave all the decisions relative to such increase in the absolute discretion of the board calls for no comment. It is merely an extension of the authority previously granted to the board which authority naturally ceased to be effective with the recent decision to issue the reserve shares."

Declaration of Dividends.—

Dividends have been declared payable to all shareholders of record June 30 by the following companies:

Name of Company—	Div. No.	Coupon No.	Rate of Per Cent.	Dividend Per Sh.
Brakpan Mines, Ltd.	34	34	23 3/4 %	48. 9d.
Springs Mines, Ltd.	20	20	17 1/2 %	38. 6d.
West Springs, Ltd.	8	8	15 %	1s. 0d.
Rand Selection Corp., Ltd.	54	54	15 %	9d.
New Era Consolidated, Ltd.	23	23	5 %	3d.

The transfer registers were closed in each case from July 1 to July 6 1929, both days incl.

Holders of share warrants to bearer will receive payment of dividends at the London office on presentation of the respective coupons on or after Aug. 7 1929. In the case of Brakpan Mines, Ltd., coupons may also be presented at the Credit Mobilier Francais, 30 & 32, Rue Taitbout, Paris, and in the case of Rand Selection Corp., Ltd., at the office of the Guaranty Trust Co., of New York, 27, Avenue des Arts, Brussels, Belgium. Share warrant holders who are resident in South Africa may obtain payment of coupons at the head office of the company in Johannesburg.

In the case of shares of Brakpan Mines, Ltd., with distinctive Nos. 1 to 688, 514 incl., dividend warrants posted to persons resident in France, and coupons paid by the London office to or for account of persons resident in France and coupons paid by the Credit Mobilier Francais, Paris, will be subject to a deduction on account of French transfer duty and French income tax.—V. 128, p. 4158.

Arizona Commercial Mining Co.—Earnings.—

The company reports for five months ended May 31 1929, profit of \$115,521 after expenses, but before depreciation and depletion. Net current assets on May 31 1929 amounted to \$748,305.—V. 128, p. 1732.

Associated Apparel Industries, Inc.—Common Stock Placed on a Quarterly Dividend Basis—Listing.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 20. The company previously paid monthly dividends of 33 1/3c. per share.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 7,500 additional shares of common stock (no par value) on official notice of issuance to purchasers for cash, and 22,500 additional shares of common stock on official notice of issuance pursuant to option agreement, making the total amount applied for 30,000 shares.

Directors on May 29 authorized the issuance of 7,500 shares of common stock to bankers at \$50 per share, proceeds to be used for general corporate purposes. It is the intention of the company to capitalize the 7,500 shares at \$50 per share. Directors on May 29, also authorized the issuance of 22,500 additional shares common stock, which have been offered to the bankers purchasing the above mentioned 7,500 shares, on an option to purchase said common stock at not less than \$50 a share, said option not to exceed a period of five months from June 1.

It is the intention of the company to capitalize the 22,500 shares at the prices per share received from bankers and to use the proceeds for general corporate purposes.—V. 128, p. 4159.

Associated Life Companies, Inc.—Organized.—

Organization of a \$20,000,000 holding company to acquire controlling interests in several of the leading Southern life insurance companies, is announced by Caldwell & Co., investment bankers, who will finance the plan to bring the separate companies into one co-operative group.

The holding company, to be known as Associated Life Companies, Inc., will begin with a paid-in capital of approximately \$6,000,000 and with substantial stock interests in the Inter-Southern Life Insurance Co. of Louisville, Ky., and the Southeastern Life Insurance Co. of Greenville, S. C. Other Southern life insurance companies, according to the plan of organization, will be included in the group from time to time as its operations are developed.

Each company in the group will retain its identity in every respect, with the same officers and directors and the same scope of operations as before. Through close co-operation, the separate companies will be able to effect large economies in various departments of their business and to give greater protection and broader service to policy holders. The entire resources of the holding company will in effect be back of each company.

Associated Life Companies, Inc. has been organized in Delaware and will maintain offices in Nashville, Louisville, and New York. Capital stock will consist of 1,000,000 shares of no par common. The board of directors will include a number of prominent Southern insurance and business men, including Rogers Caldwell, President of Caldwell & Co.; C. G. Arnett, Pres. of the Inter-Southern Life Insurance Co.; C. O. Milford, Pres. of the Southeastern Life Insurance Co.; and Henry Almstedt of Almstedt Bros., investment bankers, Louisville, Ky.

Atlantic & Pacific International Corp.—Stocks Offered.—Boenning & Co., Philadelphia, together with several other houses are offering 100,000 units at a price of \$78 per unit, each unit comprising one share 6% cumulative preferred stock (par \$50) and one share class A common stock (no par). The bankers are also offering the 6% cumulative

preferred stock, carrying stock purchase warrants at a price of \$48.50 per share, and are offering the class "A" common at a price of \$38.75 per share.

Earnings for 9 1/2 Months Ending Mar. 31 1929.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Int., div., realized invest. profits & other income (\$229,992), Expenses & taxes (57,284), Minority int. (subsidiary company) (933), Net income (\$171,775), Dividends paid on preferred shares (25,464), Balance (\$146,311).

Consolidated Balance Sheet Mar. 31 1929.

Table with 2 columns: Assets, Liabilities. Assets include Investment securities (\$4,416,410), Cash account (827,191), Int. & divs. receivable (59,865), etc. Liabilities include Preferred stock (\$3,953,100), Common class A stock (763,008), Common class B stock (25,590), etc.

Total \$5,356,216 a Represented by 76,301 no par shares. b Represented by 19,970 no par shares. -V. 128, p. 4007.

Autocar Co., Ardmore, Pa.—Merger Negotiations.— See Brockway Motor Truck Corp. below.—V. 128, p. 1230.

Autosales Corp.—Installations.—

According to President G. P. Grant, the corporation has installed more than 8,000 five-and-ten-cent vending machines over 40 principal railroad systems since March 15. These installations represent the first phase of a campaign to operate the new-type vending machines in 20,000 waiting rooms and platforms of the 165 railroads with which the corporation already has contracts to operate its other type of vending units.

The company, which now has more than 200,000 vending machines installed throughout the country, has operated its selling units throughout leading railroad systems since 1887. Besides confectionery, the principal railroad sales are handkerchiefs, wash kits and other sanitary articles.—V. 128, p. 1732.

Aviation Securities Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Earnings for Period from Nov. 26 1928 to Apr. 30 1929. Dividends received (\$1,750), Interest earned (2,057), Total income (\$3,807), Expenses (11,825), Interest (5,363), Net loss (\$13,381), Profit on sale of stocks (174,146), Federal taxes (19,082), Net income (\$141,683), Earns per share on 149,000 shares capital stock (no par) (\$0.95).

Balance Sheet April 30 1929.

Table with 2 columns: Assets, Liabilities. Assets include Invest. in National Air Transport (\$1,750,000), Other investments (1,565,756), Cash (39,935), Advances (93,750), Furniture and fixtures (1,289), Organization expense (9,512). Liabilities include Capital stock (\$2,235,000), Accruals (11,477), Bank loans (58,000), Reserve for taxes (19,082), Paid in surplus (995,000), Profit and loss surplus (141,683).

Total \$3,460,242 -V. 127, p. 3401.

Axelson Aircraft Engine Co.—Stock Offered.—Dean Witter & Co. and California Co. are offering 45,000 shares common stock (without par value) at \$15 per share.

Transfer agent: Security-First National Trust & Savings Bank. Registrar: Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Los Angeles.

Capitalization—Authorized, Issued. Common stock (no par value) 150,000 shs. 95,000 shs. Axelson Machine Co. and the underwriters hold options for the purchase of 20,000 shares of treasury stock.

Data from Letter Dated June 18 1929 of J. C. Axelson, Pres. of Co.

Company.—Organized in May 1929 in Delaware. Of the capital stock, 50,000 shares will be transferred to the Axelson Machine Co. in exchange for land, buildings, machinery, equipment, planes, engines, designs, contracts, engineering data, blueprints, tracings, metallurgical data, patents, all rights for the manufacture and sale of Axelson airplane engines, and other assets representing actual expenditures in excess of \$300,000.

The Axelson Machine Co. former manufacturers of Axelson airplane engines, has for 37 years been engaged in the business of manufacturing metal products, such as heavy-duty precision engine lathes, gauges, finished oil well pumps and other products requiring a thorough knowledge of the most advanced methods of metal analyses, heat-treatment, precision measurements and testing. The facilities and experience thus acquired are vitally important factors in the development and manufacture of a successful airplane engine.

The Axelson airplane engine is an accepted Government-certified engine, carrying Department of Commerce, Bureau of Aeronautics approved type Certificate No. 16. It is capable of developing 150 h.p. at 1,800 revolutions per minute at sea level. Conforming with well established engineering principles, it is of the seven-cylinder, radial, air-cooled type.

Purpose.—Proceeds from this issue will be used for the construction and operation of the new plant to provide increased production facilities and for working capital.

Estimated Earnings.—After a survey of the demand for Axelson airplane engines and based on orders already on hand the management is thoroughly satisfied that the earnings for common stock will be substantial.

Management.—Officers and directors include: J. C. Axelson, C. F. Axelson, D. F. Axelson, E. E. Kerfoot, A. G. Haglund, R. M. Pease, Clyde Ellwood, F. A. Worthey, Guy Wittre, W. G. Kollock, and Frank Mergenthaler.

Listing.—Application will be made in due course to list these shares on the Los Angeles Curb Exchange.

Baltimore Parcel Post Station (Postal Service Bldg. Corp.)—Listing.—

The Baltimore Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$650,000 leasehold mortgage (closed) 5 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds. See offering in V. 128, p. 1909.

Bankers Bond & Mortgage Guaranty Co. of America.

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 25c. a share on the outstanding 374,753 shares of capital stock, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 20. Charles F. Noyes has been elected a director to fill a vacancy on the board.—V. 128, p. 4159.

Bates Mfg. Co.—To Form Stock Trust Agreement.—

The directors are soliciting the deposit of stock of this company under a trust agreement, the purpose of which is to secure not less than \$200 per share for all stockholders if other interests acquire control.

It is understood that the New England Public Service Co. (Innall) interests are seeking to buy Bates Manufacturing Co. shares, and that they already

have secured a substantial interest in the company. Through controlling the Hill Manufacturing Co. and the Androscoggin Mills, the Innall interests now control the Union Water Power Co., with valuable water power rights at Lewiston, Me. Other Union Water Power shares are owned by the Bates Manufacturing Co., Continental Mills and Lewiston Bleachery, and it is felt that control of these other shares may be sought.

The directors in a circular letter, to the stockholders, reads in part as follows: "You are doubtless aware of the prevailing activity to acquire control of New England public utilities by the purchase of stocks of such companies in the open market and that this has extended to the purchase of the stock of industrial companies having water power rights deemed to be valuable in connection with public utilities. Should effort be made to acquire control of the stock of your company it is felt that many individual stockholders might dispose of their holdings at a lower price than could be obtained by concerted action."

"Your stock has a book value as of Dec. 31 1928, based on net quick assets assets alone, of in excess of \$140 a share. In addition to this, its ownership of certain miscellaneous stocks including more than one-quarter interest in the Union Water Power Co. and 100 shares of the Franklin Co. (carried on the books at \$9,150 and \$8,531.80 respectively) and its real estate and machinery at Lewiston (which is carried at less than one-half its replacement value) give the stock a total book value even on this basis of \$308+ per share as of that date."

"The directors, therefore, believe that your interests will be best protected by the deposit of your stock under a stock trust agreement, a copy of which will be sent to you in a few days."

Under the proposed terms, the agreement would run until July 1 1934, with provisions for extension to July 1 1939. The directors have already deposited their own stock.—V. 128, p. 889.

(Ludwig) Baumann & Co.—Permanent Chfs. Ready.—The Guaranty Trust Co. as transfer agent for stock of Ludwig, Baumann & Co. is now prepared to issue permanent certificates covering common and preferred stock against temporary certificates now outstanding. (For offering, see V. 126, p. 2968.)

Net Deliveries for Month and 12 Months Ended June 30.

Table with 4 columns: 1929—Month—1928, Increase, 1929—12 Mos.—1928, Increase. 1929—Month—1928 \$727,789, Increase \$678,369; 1929—12 Mos.—1928 \$49,420, Increase \$11,238,347.

Berland Shoe Stores, Inc.—Sales.— 1929—June—1928 Increase, 1929—6 Mos.—1928 Increase. \$422,379, Increase \$233,232; \$189,147, Increase \$1,755,671.

Bickford's Inc.—Securities Admitted to Trading.—The common and preferred stocks were admitted to trading July 10 on the New York Curb Market. The initial sale for the common was at 24 and for the preferred at 33 1/2. These securities were offered recently in the form of units by George H. Burr & Co. Each unit, which was priced at \$56, consisted of one share of preference and one share of common stock.—See V. 128, p. 3829.

Binks Mfg. Co.—Earnings.— Earnings for 4 Months Ended May 31 1929. Net sales \$449,507, Net profit from operations 120,622, Net profits after Federal taxes 102,541.—V. 128, p. 4008.

Blauner's, Philadelphia.—6% Stock Dividend, &c.—The directors have declared a 6% stock dividend on the common stock, payable in common stock in quarterly instalments of 1 1/2% each, the first of these to be made Aug. 15 to holders of record Aug. 1.

The directors also declared the regular quarterly cash dividend on the common stock of 30 cents a share and the regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents a share on the \$3 cum. pref. stock, both payable Aug. 15 to holders of record Aug. 1.

4 Mos. Ended May 31— 1929, 1928. Net sales \$3,508,117, Increase \$2,668,587; Net profit after deprec. & taxes 250,315, Increase 230,357.—V. 128, p. 3687.

(H. C.) Bohack Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: 5 Mos. Ended June 29— 1929, 1928. Net income after all charges incl. deprec. \$329,388, Increase \$131,664; Shs. com. stk. outstand. 102,762, Increase 74,000; Earns. per share \$2.31, Increase \$0.55; Net income for June was \$65,471 compared with \$22,841 in June 1928.

Period End. June 29— 1929—4 Weeks—1928, 1929—21 Weeks—1928. Sales \$2,132,993, Increase \$1,891,065; \$11,277,416, Increase \$9,886,831.—V. 128, p. 4159.

Borden Co.—Further Expansion Announced.—

The company announces the signing of contracts whereby it acquires the stock or the assets and business of a number of important companies engaged in the milk or a related business.

In this announcement, President Arthur W. Milburn states that gross sales for 1929 will be greatly increased over the year 1928 which showed \$180,000,000. This carries with it a proportionate increase in net income, the announcement states and earnings per share on the total stock estimated to be outstanding at the close of 1929 should show an increase over that of more recent years, bettering the average of the past five years. The additional companies now contracted for operate in 13 States and in Canada. They are engaged in the manufacture and sale of ice cream, cheese, dried milk, butter and milk sugar and the distribution of milk, cream and eggs.

In announcing that contracts had been entered into for the purchase of these companies Mr. Milburn stated: "All companies acquired or to be acquired in 1929 are in the interest of an improvement of existing business; the entrance into important new territory having marked potentialities; or a further product diversification, all within the dairy industry. In addition, these acquisitions have brought or will bring much added strength to the Borden organization because of the fact that men of character and ability, who have successfully developed their individual businesses, are to continue with them as part of this organization."

The various companies that operated as Borden units in 1928 are showing a marked improvement in 1929, their 1928 results having in turn exceeded those of the previous year, at which time they were not operating as Borden units. Companies beginning their operations as Borden units in 1929 are fully measuring up to the expectations of the management at the time of acquisition. What might be termed the old business of the company is likewise satisfactory.

With all of the foregoing in mind, there seems at this time to be justification for saying that barring unforeseen developments, the year 1929 will show a large increase in sales, with a proportionate increase in net income derived therefrom, and that earnings per share on total stock estimated to be outstanding at the close of 1929 should, irrespective of the date of its issuance, show an increase over that of more recent years, resulting in a bettering of the five year average.

The companies being acquired by the Borden Co. with their subsidiaries, number 52. They are as follows: Hender Creamery Co. Inc. and subsidiaries, Baltimore; The Cassin Co. of America and subsidiaries, operating in the United States, Canada and Europe; S. Caulfield & Sons, Ltd. and Caulfield's Dairy, Ltd. of Toronto; Borgens Dairy Co., Irving Park Dairy Co., Logan Square Dairy Co., Des Plaines Dairy Co., Arlington Heights Dairy Co., Rascher Dairy Co., Central Dairy Products Corp. and subsidiaries, Chicago; The Averill Dairy Co., Akron, Ohio; Trojan Ice Cream Corp., operating in Troy, Glens Falls, Saratoga Springs and Hudson, N. Y.; Hosler Ice Cream Co. Inc., Albany; Plainfield Milk & Cream Co., Plainfield, N. J.; Mutual Dairy Association, Los Angeles; Peerless Creamery Co., Los Angeles; Standard Creameries Inc. and subsidiaries, operating in Oakland, Sacramento, Fresno, Stockton, Santa Barbara, Taft, Hayward and Turlock, Calif.; Maricopa Creamery Co., Phoenix, Ariz.; Galloway-West Co., Fond-du-Lac, Wis.; Central Distributors, Inc. and subsidiaries, New York and Boston; The Amos Bird Co., Shanghai, China; The Fox River Butter Co. Inc., New York; Hanford Produce Co., Sioux City, Iowa; Norfolk Poultry Co., Norfolk, Neb.; Mistletoe Creameries Inc. and subsidiaries, Fort Worth, Tex.; Kirschbraun & Sons Inc., Omaha, Neb.; Willow Springs Creamery Co., Springfield, Mo.; M. Augenblick & Bro. Inc., Newark, N. J.; The Red Wing Corporation Co., Dayton, Ohio; Castanea Dairy Co., Trenton, N. J.; The Monroe Cheese Co., Van Wert, Ohio, and Hasselbeck Cheese Co., Buffalo, N. J.—V. 128, p. 4325.

Borden's Farm Products Co., Inc.—Acquisition.—

The Plainfield (N. J.) Milk & Cream Co. has been purchased by the above corporation. It was announced on July 6. The deal includes the business of the creameries at Whitehouse and Hampton and all equipment. The consideration is said to exceed \$500,000.
A new company has been formed to be known as the Plainfield Milk & Cream Co., Inc., to handle the Borden interests in Plainfield, with Howard Marchant as President and Manager.—V. 123, p. 2659.

Borg-Warner Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Earnings for 5 Months Ending May 31 1929.

Net oper. profit after deduct. of factory adminis. & selling exp.	\$4,770,000
Other earnings—interest, discounts, rentals, &c	292,606
Total earnings	\$5,062,696
Depreciation—Plant & equipment	546,079
Interest—financing charges	62,089
Federal income tax	542,975
Net income for period	\$3,911,552
Earns. per share on common stock after pref. divs.	\$5.12

Consolidated Balance Sheet May 31 1929.

<i>Assets</i>		<i>Liabilities</i>	
Cash	\$3,146,232	Accts. & notes pay. & accrued expenses	\$3,721,825
Call loans & marketable sec.	3,012,978	Provision for Federal inc. tax	1,244,263
Customers accts & notes rec.	5,155,864	Bonds outstanding (oblig. of subs. recently acquired)	1,949,000
Other accts. & notes receiv.	563,232	Preferred stock	3,500,000
Material supplies & products finished & in process	6,214,452	Common stock	7,440,679
Prepaid expenses	198,923	Surplus	18,087,173
Investments—miscellaneous.	2,542,145	Minority interest in subsid.	13,267
Property, plant & equip.	14,658,364		
Patents, less amortization.	464,018		
Total	\$35,956,208	Total	\$35,956,208

x After depreciation of \$5,887,742.—V. 128, p. 4325.

Bourne Mills, Fall River.—Passes Profit Sharing Div.

The directors have voted to pass the semi-annual profit-sharing distribution. This is only the second time in the company's history that this distribution has been omitted. The dividend on the stock was passed last autumn.—V. 127, p. 2687.

Briggs & Stratton Corp.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 300,000 shares of capital stock (no par value) with authority to add to the list temporary certificates for 60,000 additional shares upon official notice of issuance thereof upon the exercise of irrevocable and assignable options granted by the corporation to S. F. Briggs and C. L. Coughlin.
By agreement dated May 20 1929, the corporation granted to each of Messrs. Briggs and Coughlin irrevocable assignable options to purchase at any time and from time to time on or before Dec. 31 1934, all or any part of 30,000 shares in the aggregate of the capital stock (or a total to both of them of such options for 60,000 shares of such capital stock) at the price of \$34.50 per share, subject to the terms and conditions specified in said agreement (including provision for protection against dilution of the stock purchase privilege) and agreed to issue warrants in bearer form to represent such options.—V. 129, p. 132.

Bristol-Myers Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 202,410 shares common stock (no par value) with authority to add 38,590 additional shares upon official notice of issuance thereof upon the exercise of assignable options, making a total of 241,000 shares applied for.
The company granted assignable options for three years, ended May 21 1931, for an aggregate of 41,000 shares of its common stock, \$50 per share, to interests identified with the company, including bankers, the directors and management, of which options for 2,410 shares has been exercised.
Balance Sheet as at December 31 1928.

[Adjusted to give effect to the consolidation of the accounts of Bristol-Myers Co. and its wholly owned subsidiary, the Frederick F. Ingram Co. in accordance with the contemplated action of the board of directors.]

<i>Assets</i>		<i>Liabilities</i>	
Cash	\$944,448	Accounts payable	\$109,449
Marketable securities	542,732	Reserve for Fed. & State taxes	221,731
Accrued interest	7,585	Capital stock	1,011,050
Accts. & notes receivable	326,009	Earned surplus	935,448
Inventories	824,698	Paid in & other surplus	1,701,101
Deferred charges	141,894		
Investment in subsid. co.	1,000		
Fixed assets	1,190,412		
Good-will and trade marks	41		
Total	\$3,978,779	Total	\$3,978,779

a Represented by 202,210 shares issued and outstanding at a stated value of \$5 per share. There were also outstanding assignable options good until May 21 1931, at \$50 per share for a total of 38,790 shares of authorized but unissued common stock.—V. 128, p. 3355.

Brockway Motor Truck Corp.—Merger Negotiations.—

Asked concerning reports that the merger of this corporation and the Autocar Co. would involve the splitting of the Autocar stock three-for-one and exchanging share for share for Brockway, Martin A. O'Mara, President of the Brockway corporation, said: "Negotiations between Brockway and Autocar are still pending but no definite plan for bringing the two companies together has yet been agreed upon. There have been numerous plans suggested involving an exchange of stock but nothing definite has been decided."—V. 128, p. 4325.

Bulova Watch Co., Inc.—Record Sales.—

According to preliminary estimates, sales for the first half of 1929 will show approximately a 40% increase. Operations during the first half of the year were conducted at plant capacity, and the company recently was forced to increase to the extent of more than one-third the capacity of the Province (R. I.) plant.
Three plants are employed one at Bienne, Switzerland, which is owned outright, one at Providence, R. I., and one in New York City, both held under lease. To take care of its Canadian business the company recently organized a Canadian subsidiary with headquarters at Toronto.—V. 128, p. 2813.

Bunte Bros., Chicago.—50c. Common Dividend—Sales.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the pref. stock, both payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 25. A dividend of \$1 per share was paid on the common stock on Feb. 1 last.
Business in the first six months of 1929 increased about \$500,000 over the corresponding period last year. The management expects the last half of 1929 to show a substantial gain over the last six months of 1928.—V. 128, p. 1734.

Calumet & Arizona Mining Co.—Output.—

<i>Output (lbs.)—</i>	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
January	10,519,040	11,477,020	9,268,400	10,802,120
February	11,105,040	10,616,480	7,746,920	9,562,400
March	11,776,600	10,671,620	12,303,000	11,301,560
April	12,082,700	10,652,740	8,740,694	11,144,300
May	13,463,000	11,299,360	10,396,080	12,354,190
June	10,570,500	10,972,740	9,939,380	11,294,640

Note: Production includes that of New Cornelia Copper Co. prior to consolidation.—V. 128, p. 4326.

Canadamerica Investment Corp.—Stocks Offered.—

Morris Investment Management, Ltd., Barrett & Wood, Ltd., Montreal, and L. W. Hicks & Co., Winnipeg, are offering 40,000 shares cumulative convertible preferred stock and 40,000 shares no par value common stock in units of one share of each at \$33 per unit.
Preferred stock entitled to cumulative dividends of \$1.50 per share per annum payable Q.-M. cum. from Sept. 15 1929. Convertible into common stock at any time after July 1 1931 on a share for share basis. Red. on 60

days' notice at any time after July 1 1931, at \$27.50 per share and divs. Of the unissued common shares 20,000 are being reserved for future corporate purposes, and stock purchase options, exercisable at \$10 a share at any time prior to May 1 1934 will be outstanding on 50,000 shares.

Capitalization— Authorized. *To Be Issued*
 6% cum. conv. pref. stock (\$25 par) 80,000 shs. 40,000 shs.
 No par value common stock 160,000 shs. 50,000 shs.

Transfer agents, The Royal Trust Co., Montreal. Registrar, Montreal Trust Co., Montreal. Depository, The Royal Bank of Canada. Auditors, Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.

Business and Purpose.—Corporation has been incorp. under the laws of the Dominion of Canada to carry on the business of an investment trust of the type developed in Great Britain.

Subject to certain restrictions, corporation may acquire, hold, sell and underwrite sound investment securities including public utility, railroad, industrial, municipal, government and miscellaneous securities both domestic and foreign. Its principal sources of revenue will be interest and dividends received from security holdings and capital profits resulting from the opportune sale of securities purchased at lower prices.

Management.—Morris Investment Management, Ltd., has agreed to act as fiscal manager for the corporation, and to assume the ordinary expenses incidental thereto in return for a semi-annual fee of 1/4 of 1% of the average total resources of the corporation. This service will be subject to the control and supervision of the board of directors of Canadamerica Investment Corp., Ltd., and will be further subject to cancellation by vote of two-thirds of the outstanding common shares.

No directors' fees will be paid in any year in which the gross income of the corporation does not exceed an amount equivalent to 8% on the average paid-in capital.

Directors will include P. P. Barrett, Leslie H. Boyd, K. C. Lewis Brimacombe, C.A., Montreal, L. W. Hicks, Winnipeg, D. M. Johnson, B.G.L. (Oxon), Royden M. Morris, B.Com., B. K. Sandwell, W. R.S.C.

Advisory Board.—F. H. Bole, Winnipeg, Harry B. Dawson, Victoria, B. C., Eberhard Faber, New York, Ben Franklin Meyer, Chicago.

Equity Investment.—The directors and their associates have purchased a substantial block of the no par value common stock at \$8 per share in cash for their own account. No stock has been sold except for cash.

Reserve for Preferred Dividends.—At least 10% of the net earnings available for the payment of dividends on common stock shall be set aside annually as a reserve for the payment of preferred dividends. This provision shall apply until such time as the reserve shall be equivalent to four full years dividend requirements on the preferred stock outstanding at that time.

Listing.—Application will be made in due course to list the preferred and common shares of this corporation on the Montreal Stock Exchange.

Casein Co. of America.—Control.—

See Borden Co. above.—V. 128, p. 3517.

Canadian International Paper Co.—Bonds Offered.—

Chase Securities Corp., Bankers Co. of New York, Harris, Forbes & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., Bancamerica-Blair Corp., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Old Colony Corp., Otis & Co., and The First National Corp. of Boston are offering at 95 and interest to yield 6.45%, \$25,000,000 1st mtge. gold bonds, 6% series, due 1949. In advance of this offering \$10,000,000 of the issue has been taken for investment by interests which are large stockholders of International Paper & Power Co.

Dated July 1 1929; due July 1 1949. Int. payable J. & J. 1, in New York and Boston in United States gold coin and in Montreal and Toronto in Canadian gold coin. Red. in whole or in part on first day of any month upon at least 30 days' notice at 102 1/2 through July 1 1934; thereafter at 105 through July 1 1939; and thereafter at 1/2 point less during each succeeding year. Denom. c* \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000 and authorized multiples. The Royal Trust Co., Montreal, trustee.

Tax Provisions.—Company agrees to pay interest without deduction for any United States income tax not in excess of 2%, which it may lawfully pay at the source. Penn. and Conn. personal property taxes up to 4 mills and Mass. income tax up to 6% refundable on timely and appropriate request.

Data from Letter of President A. R. Graustein, July 10 1929.

Company.—Organized in Quebec in 1916. Is one of the largest producers in the world both of newspaper and of bleached sulphite pulp. Its output of newsprint is sold for the most part under long term contracts throughout the United States and substantial amounts are also exported to Europe and to Central and South America. The bleached sulphite produced is of exceptionally high quality and the major portion is sold for use as raw material in the manufacture of rayon.

Properties.—Company's properties include the Three Rivers and Gati-neau newsprint mills, the Kipawa bleached sulphite mill (all located in the Province of Quebec) and the bleached sulphite mill at Hawkesbury, Ont. All the properties are well located as to convenient transportation facilities, power supply and low cost pulpwood. Company's extensive holdings of Crown pulpwood timber limits in Quebec are believed adequate to provide at low cost for the requirements of the present mills in perpetuity. The total area of these timber limits is more than 11,247,000 acres, or greater than the combined area of Mass., Conn., R. I. and Long Island.

The 4 mills of the company have a daily capacity of over 1,300 tons of newsprint and 420 tons of bleached sulphite pulp (now being enlarged to 470 tons to meet the increasing demand from manufacturers of rayon) and are among the largest and lowest cost producers in existence.

The Three Rivers newsprint mill, completed in 1926, has a daily capacity of over 700 tons, making it the largest single paper mill in the world. It is located at the confluence of the St. Maurice and St. Lawrence Rivers about 80 miles from Montreal and is accessible to large ocean going steamships which dock at the mill's own wharf, over a quarter mile in length. The timber supply available for this mill consists of 2,618,000 acres, principally Crown limits. In addition to its advantageous location as regards wood supply, the docking facilities at the mill provide an economical shipping point for the substantial quantity of newsprint which the company exports to Europe and other foreign countries.

The Gati-neau newsprint mill, completed in Aug. 1927, is located on the Ottawa River about five miles below the City of Ottawa. This mill was designed for a maximum daily capacity of 660 tons and is now averaging over 600 tons of newsprint a day. The paper machines in the mill will produce a sheet of newsprint 25 1/2 inches wide and are among the widest paper machines now in use. The pulpwood requirements of the mill are supplied entirely from limits on the Gati-neau River where an area of 4,573,000 acres of Crown limits is held by the company. Since this wood can be floated direct to the mill, the pulpwood costs are unusually low.

The Kipawa bleached sulphite pulp mill at Temiskaming, Que., completed in 1920, enlarged in 1925 and now being further enlarged, produces almost one-half of the entire world's supply of bleached sulphite pulp used in the manufacture of rayon. The present capacity of this mill is fully sold for this year and the additional capacity being installed is to meet the increasing demand. The mill is so arranged that the process of manufacture is handled almost entirely by gravity thus eliminating to a large degree the power which would be required for conveying and handling. The pulpwood supply for this mill consists of an area of 3,367,000 acres of Crown limits containing a great amount of the finest straight-growth spruce pulpwood. This fact has to a large degree been responsible for the high quality of the product and the resulting demand for it as a raw material for rayon.

The Hawkesbury bleached sulphite mill at Hawkesbury, Ont., on the Ottawa River with a daily capacity of 140 tons produces a uniformly high grade bleached sulphite pulp used principally by the manufacturers of the better quality of book papers and fine writing papers. The pulpwood for this mill is drawn from an area of 688,000 acres of Crown limits from which the wood is floated direct to the mill.

The company also owns and operates a number of lumber mills and through a wholly owned subsidiary controls timber limits of a substantial area in Western Ontario.

Security.—Secured by a direct first mortgage (and hypothec, in the case of the Quebec properties) on the Three Rivers and Gati-neau newsprint mills and Kipawa sulphite pulp mill and (subject, with respect to portions thereof, to \$1,277,300 divisional liens) on the Hawkesbury sulphite pulp mill, several saw mills, and on all the company's timber lands and Crown timber limits in Quebec.

Earnings.—The earnings of the company for the last three calendar years are shown below:

	1926.	1927.	1928.
Gross sales	\$24,280,223	\$29,836,625	\$34,802,562
Net before int. & deprec.	6,701,859	7,241,589	6,040,395
Depreciation	1,258,000	1,544,001	1,626,700
Balance after depreciation	5,443,859	5,697,588	4,413,695

The above net earnings before depreciation averaged over \$6,600,000 or 4.2 times the annual interest requirements on the company's entire mortgage debt including this issue, and after depreciation such earnings averaged over \$5,100,000 or over 3.2 times such annual interest requirements. Earnings for 1929 are expected to be but little less than those for 1928, increased operating efficiency offsetting in large part the decreased newsprint prices now prevailing. Further improvement in operating efficiency is expected to increase earnings in subsequent years.

Purpose.—Proceeds of this issue will be used to repay a portion of the advances made to the company by International Paper Co. which has supplied substantially all of the funds expended by the company for the acquisition and development of the properties.

Sinking Fund.—The trust deed will provide for a minimum semi-annual sinking fund (payable in cash or bonds and commencing Jan. 1 1931) sufficient to retire at least 2% each year of the greatest aggregate principal amount of bonds outstanding at any time prior to the payment date. In years when the company's net earnings before depreciation exceed a sum equivalent to 8% of the book value of its fixed assets plus net working capital (all as provided in the trust deed) these minimum sinking fund payments will be increased by an amount equal to 25% of such excess.

General Balance Sheet April 30 1929 (After Present Financing).

Assets		Liabilities & Capital	
Total fixed assets	\$72,005,088	Divisional mtge. due 1942	\$1,194,300
Cash	296,929	Purch. money mtge. oblig.	113,000
Accounts receivable	890,247	1st mtge. 6s (this issue)	25,000,000
Inventories	17,033,007	6% gold debs. due 1944 (pre-	
Due from sub. companies	1,391,958	sently to be issued)	15,000,000
Prepaid ins., taxes, &c.	1,865,276	Unsecured non-int. notes	90,000
Disc. on bonds & debs.	4,900,000	Current liabilities	4,161,543
		Reserves	4,147,650
		Capital stock	10,000,000
		Surplus	37,776,015
Total	\$97,482,508	Total	\$97,482,508

* Includes contingent item of discount—V. 128, p. 1911.

Caterpillar Tractor Co.—Receives Larger Order.—Vice-Pres. Parker Holt announces the shipment of 1,300 No. 60 tractors to the Amtorg Trading Co. in Russia to be used in the agricultural activities of the Soviet government.—V. 128, p. 2997.

(A. M.) Castle & Co.—Earnings.—

Period End. June 30—	1929—3 Mos.—	1928.	1929—6 Mos.—	1928.
Net profit after deprec.,				
Federal taxes, &c.	\$235,991	\$190,534	\$429,621	\$325,754
Earns. per sh. on 120,000				
shs. com. stk. (par \$10)	\$1.96	\$1.59	\$3.58	\$2.71

Caulfield's Dairy, Ltd.—Control.—See Borden Co. above.—V. 128, p. 3356.

Celite Co.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding 1st mtge. 6% serial gold bonds, series A, have been called for payment Sept. 1 next at par and int., together with a premium of 1/4 of 1% for each unexpired year or fraction of a year to the date of maturity, or to an amount not exceeding 103 and int. Payment will be made at the Security-First National Bank, trustee, Los Angeles, Calif.—V. 127, p. 3095.

Central Dairy Products Corp.—Control.—See Borden Co. above.—V. 125, p. 2941.

Central Distributors, Inc., N. Y. City.—Control.—See Borden Co. above.—V. 127, p. 1680.

Chain Store Products Corp.—Organized.—

This corporation, organized to supply merchandise for chain stores, will have as its nucleus the Hump Hairpin Manufacturing Co., it was announced on July 7. The new corporation will have outstanding 60,000 shares of preferred stock, which have already been listed on the Chicago Stock Exchange, and 262,000 shares of common stock. According to President Sol H. Goldberg the corporation plans to acquire from time to time manufacturing companies engaged in the production of popular-priced products distributed through chain stores.

The Hump Hairpin company sells to a number of the leading chains, including Woolworth, Kresge, McCrory, Kress, Butler Bros., and Schulte-United.

Checker Cab Manufacturing Corp.—Estimated Sales.—

President Morris Markin, in a letter to the stockholders says: In the past six months, business has expanded rapidly and sales are now being extended to all parts of the country. The estimate made at the beginning of the year for production of cabs during 1929 will be exceeded by a substantial margin, and I expect that the estimate for the entire year will have been sold and delivered by the end of September. Figures for the first six months' operation will not be complete for several weeks. However, earnings, after all charges and taxes should be in excess of \$2,700,000.—V. 128, p. 4009.

Chicago Daily News, Inc.—Tenders.—

Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., sinking fund agents, 201 S. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill., will until July 19 receive bids for the sale to them of 10-year 6% s. f. gold debentures, due Jan 1 1936, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$128,214 at a price not exceeding 103 1/4 and int.—V. 127, p. 265.

Children Co., New York.—June Sales.—

Period End. June 30—	1929—1 Mo.—	1928.	1929—6 Mos.—	1928.
Sales	\$2,175,354	\$2,040,751	\$13,319,555	\$13,164,425

Note.—There were 114 units in operation in June 1929, as compared with 116 in June 1928.—V. 128, p. 3831.

City Ice & Fuel Co.—Earnings.—

Period End. May 31—	1929—Month—	1928.	1929—5 Mos.—	1928.
Net profit after all chgs.,				
except deprec. & taxes	\$759,479	\$590,634	\$1,802,953	\$1,308,761

Cluett, Peabody & Co., Inc.—Changes in Personnel.—

E. Harold Cluett, former Vice-President and Treasurer, has been elected Chairman of the board. This office was abolished last February, but was recreated at the recent special meeting of the directors. F. G. Peabody, of Chicago, has been elected Vice-President, succeeding C. R. Palmer, who was elected President of the company and its subsidiary, R. Oakley Kennedy, a director, has been designated as 1st Vice-President, and W. C. Morgan, of New York, and H. P. Statzell, of Philadelphia, have been elected Vice-Presidents. E. C. Pfeffer, manager of the Chicago salesrooms, was chosen a director of the company to fill a vacancy. V. 128, p. 879.

Commercial Credit Co.—Stock Offered.—Kidder, Peabody & Co., The Harris Forbes Corp., Hayden, Stone & Co., Hallgarten & Co., Robert Garrett & Sons, Spencer Trask & Co. and Dominick & Dominick are offering \$15,000,000 \$3 class "A" convertible stock, series "A" at par (\$50) yielding 6%.

The \$3 Class A convertible stock, Series A (\$50 par) is preferred over the common stock, both as to assets and dividends; is entitled to cumulative dividends from date of issue, when declared, at the rate of \$3 per share per annum, payable Q-M.; and is redeemable, all or part by lot on any div. date on 30 days' notice, at \$52.50 per share prior to Jan 1 1931, and at \$55 per share thereafter, plus div. in all cases. Transfer Agents—Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York, and Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Baltimore.

Registrars.—Chase National Bank, New York, and Baltimore Trust Co., Baltimore.

Convertible.—Convertible share for share at any time into common stock upon payment of \$5 per share. Provisions will be made for the protection of the conversion privilege in the event of the issue of additional shares of common stock either as stock dividends in excess of 6% per annum or under certain conditions at a price less than the conversion rate. If the \$3 Class A convertible stock, Series A, is called for redemption, the conversion privilege may be exercised as above at any time up to and including the date set for redemption.

Data from Letter of A. E. Duncan, Chairman of the Board.

Company and Business.—Organized in Delaware in June 1912, is a pioneer in the highly specialized form of commercial banking which facilitates the distribution of various articles of merchandise sold on credit, through the purchase of receivables created thereby. Its business is very widely diversified both as to the receivables purchased and as to the articles which are financed largely on the installment payment plan, such as automobiles, time and labor saving machinery, refrigerators, etc., and also as to the many thousands of individual purchasers, most of whom owe only moderate amounts. In addition to its headquarters in Baltimore, the company and its subsidiaries maintain offices in 173 cities in the United States and Canada with representatives in 271 other localities here and abroad. Through Kemsley, Millbourn & Co., Ltd., a large export and foreign finance business is conducted.

The company owns all of the common shares of Commercial Credit Corp., New York and Montreal; Commercial Credit Trust, Chicago; Commercial Credit Co., Inc., New Orleans; and 96.19% of the capital stock of Kemsley, Millbourn & Co., Ltd. (export), New York. It also owns 10% of the capital stock of, and operates on a fee basis, the Aviation Credit Corp., New York, an affiliation of the Curtiss-Wright and other aviation interests.

The company enjoys exclusive contracts with many leading manufacturers through which it assists them in the distribution of their products by extending credit to their distributors and dealers. Among the products so financed are Chrysler, Dodge Bros., De Soto, Willys-Knight, Whippet, Stearns-Knight, Peerless, and other motor vehicles; Crosley, Edison, and EADA radios; Certain-teed Products; Oil-O-Matic, May and other burners; Copeland and Seegar refrigerators; Cris-Craft and other speed boats; Diesel engines, washing machines, store equipment, machinery, etc. Company also does a large business with dealers in other lines.

Capitalization.

Subsidiaries' preferred stocks, 8% (par \$25)	\$3,000,000	Authorized	\$3,000,000	Outstanding	\$3,000,000
Minority interest in subs. common stock (14,046 shs.—no par)					159,317
6 1/2% 1st pref. stock (par \$100)	12,000,000		8,000,000		
7% pref. stock (par \$25)	4,000,000		4,000,000		
8% Class "B" pref. stock (par \$25)	4,000,000		4,000,000		
Class A conv. stock (par \$50) cum. preference—\$3 Series A (this issue)		50,000,000	15,000,000		
Common stock (no par)	3,000,000	3,000,000	1,037,052		

* Including 34,233 shares reserved for the exercise of outstanding warrants originally attached to the 6 1/2% first preferred stock.

In addition, there will be outstanding collateral trust notes of \$4,167,000, 6% due 1934; \$4,339,500 5 1/2% due 1935; and \$1,932,700 short term; also \$8,612,247 secured, and \$77,985,500 unsecured short term notes.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used in the first instance to retire a like amount of short term bank loans, thereby effecting a saving of interest thereon, and will later provide additional working capital and credit facilities for expanding business of the Company.

Listing.—Company has agreed to apply for the listing of this stock on the New York Stock Exchange.

Earnings.—A consolidated analysis, including net operating income from Jan 1 1925, to Dec. 31 1928, as certified by F. W. LaFrentz & Co., New York, and with the company's figures for the 6 months ended June 30 1929 (June estimated), including Kemsley, Millbourn & Co., Ltd., only for 1929, after Federal taxes are as follows:

Year	Gross Purchases	Net Inc. after Int. and Taxes	All Preferred Dividends	Net Applic. to Aعر. Com. Stk.	% Net Inc. per Ann. on Aعر. Inv. Cap.	
1925	\$262,838,156	\$3,202,668	\$801,964	\$2,400,704	\$5.00	16.84%
1926	254,074,662	1,342,783	1,318,823	23,960	.04	4.51
1927	204,518,461	2,067,880	1,355,850	712,058	1.05	7.04
1928	205,883,745	4,132,391	1,359,590	2,772,801	4.01	13.62
*1929	236,782,567	2,935,694	679,967	2,255,727	4.64	14.33

* 6 mos. ended June 30 (company figures) June estimated.

Consolidated Balance Sheet May 31 1929 (after this financing).

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash & due from banks	\$22,267,169	Collateral trust notes	\$8,506,500
Open accts., notes, accept. & instal. lien obligations	45,562,240	Unsec. short term gold notes	77,985,500
Motor lien retail time sales		Coll. trust & secured notes	10,544,948
Customer's liability on foreign drafts	98,172,257	Conting. liability on foreign drafts sold	22,333,940
Sundry accts. & notes rec.	22,333,940	Sundry accts. payable	1,510,470
Repossessed cars	122,445	Acer. Fed. & other taxes	555,534
Sundry marketable stocks & bonds	1,137,116	Res. for div. pref. & com.	307,259
Coml. cred. mgmt. company	340,646	Conting. res.	3,028,568
Aviation Credit Corp.	500,000	Dealers particp. loss res.	2,109,937
Foreign agencies	146,780	Res. for possible losses	5,370,401
Sinking fd. coll. trust notes	385,877	Deferred int. & charges	3,000,000
Deferred charges	1,215,207	Min. int. in com. stk. & sur. of Kemsley, Millb. & Co.	169,994
Furniture & fixtures	5	Preferred stocks	16,000,000
		Class A conv. stock	15,000,000
Total	\$193,197,402	Common stock & surplus	22,964,018

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Consolidated Automatic Merchandising Corp.—

The corporation reports the installation of 431 machines during June for a record month. Orders received for future delivery numbered 386 machines, including 308 units, 72 talking devices and 6 change makers. Loft, Inc., candy manufacturers of Long Island City, N. Y., has just placed an order for 50 units and 10 talking devices. Other orders of the month included Dreamland Circus, Coney Island, N. Y., for 50 units; Leighton Industries, Los Angeles, Calif., 25 units and 25 talking devices; and Putnam Candy Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, for 25 units and 5 talking devices. Large installations were made in June at Playland, Rye, N. Y., Pleasure Beach, Bridgeport, Conn., and A. E. Fanroth, Coney Island, N. Y.—V. 129, p. 133.

Consolidated Factors Corp.—New Name.—See Pelz-Greenstein Co., Inc., below.

Consolidated Film Industries, Inc.—Earnings.—

Period End. June 30—	1929—3 Mos.—	1928.	1929—6 Mos.—	1928.
Net profit for deprec.,				
Fed. taxes, etc.	\$581,713	\$350,032	\$1,158,566	\$701,376
Earns. per sh. on combined 300,000 no par pref. shs. & 400,000 no par com. shs.	\$0.83	\$0.50	\$1.65	\$1.00

V. 128, p. 4162.

Consolidated Laundries Corp.—Earnings.—

24 Weeks Ended June 15—		1929.	1928.
Gross sales		\$4,154,238	\$4,147,110
Cost of sales		3,430,723	3,515,629
Depreciation		276,554	254,302
Operating income		\$446,961	\$377,179
Other income		36,614	19,240
Total income		\$483,575	\$396,419
Interest charges		117,428	120,229
Estimated Federal income tax		41,016	---
Net income		\$325,131	\$276,190
Shares common stock outstanding (no par)		398,726	396,903
Earnings per share		\$0.75	\$0.63

V. 128, p. 1736.

Consolidated Lead & Zinc Co.—Earnings.—

Period—	3 Mos. End.	—Years End. Dec. 31—	1928.	1927.	1926.
Zinc sales	\$320,694	\$1,068,220	\$1,268,129	\$1,583,753	
Lead sales	67,283	241,879	436,585	692,428	
Total sales	\$387,977	\$1,310,099	\$1,704,715	\$2,276,181	
Royalty	55,166	180,791	234,156	277,056	
Net sales	\$332,811	\$1,129,308	\$1,470,559	\$1,999,125	
Royalty income	22,965	55,401	112,489	142,152	
Total income	\$355,776	\$1,184,708	\$1,583,048	\$2,141,277	
Mining expenses	163,365	583,223	799,224	1,089,225	
Milling expenses	55,893	206,855	268,346	323,038	
General expenses	33,115	103,888	111,412	151,053	
Inventory increase—Cr.	172	10,025	192	1,045	
Operating profit	\$103,575	\$306,767	\$404,257	\$579,006	
Dividend received		10,000			
Sale of property			47,649	62,601	
Leases abandoned	\$103,575	\$316,767	\$451,906	\$641,607	
Interest (net)	6,784	10,786	4,266	45,427	
Miscellaneous		3,599	6,111	7,457	
Net profit before prov. for deprec., deplet. & Fed. income taxes	\$96,791	\$302,382	\$436,797	\$582,437	

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Capital assets	\$2,553,382	Capital stock equity	\$2,777,199
Cash	224,318	Accounts payable	39,509
Liberty bonds depos. with Okla. Indus. Commission	10,000	Accrued payroll	2,645
Ore inventory	11,434	Accrued taxes	634
Warehouse inventory	15,598	Royalty payable	1,599
Stock subscriptions	1,035	Federal income tax	6,023
Accounts receivable	1,043		
Service deposits	2,141		
Unexpired insurance	8,659		
Total	\$2,827,610	Total	\$2,827,610

x Represented by 250,000 no par shares. y After depreciation and depletion of \$1,404,216.—V. 128, p. 1404.

Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Buys Road.—

The company has purchased the Canadian Northeastern Ry. from the Vancouver Holdings, Ltd. The deal, which has been pending for some weeks, was finally concluded, when the new owners held a meeting last week and elected the following directors: James J. Warren, Boland C. Crowe, Selwyn G. Blaylock, Thomas W. Bingay and William Munro Archibald. About two years ago Vancouver Holdings, Ltd., of which H. H. Stevens, member in the Federal House for Vancouver Centre, is president, purchased the title of Sir Donald Mann, in the Canadian Northeastern Ry. These interests consisted of all the outstanding bonds of the railway, about \$500,000 worth, and all the stock issued, with the exception of a few shares held by individuals.—V. 128, p. 4162.

Continental Insurance Co.—To Acquire Joint Ownership of Two More Companies.—

See Fidelity-Phenix Fire Insurance Co. below.—V. 128, p. 4162.

Continental Oil Co. (Del.)—Stock Subscription Warrants. Pursuant to Article Third, Section 3 of the trust agreement dated April 1 1921, between Marland Oil Co. and Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, trustee, and pursuant to the provisions of the stock subscription warrants attached to the 10-year 8% sinking fund participating gold bonds issued under said trust agreement, the Continental Oil Co. (formerly Marland Oil Co.) has given notice to the holders of stock subscription warrants that such holders will have the right until the close of business on Aug. 31 1929, to subscribe for and purchase at \$30 per share the number of shares of common stock of the new Continental Oil Co., which such holders may subscribe for and purchase in accordance with the terms of their warrant or warrants. The corporate name of Marland Oil Co. having been changed to Continental Oil Co., the right, expressed in said subscription warrants, to subscribe for and purchase shares of common stock of Marland Oil Co. is now a right to subscribe for and purchase the same number of shares of common stock of Continental Oil Co. After Aug. 31 1929, and until April 1 1931, holders of such subscription warrants will have the right to subscribe for and purchase at \$40 per share, the number of shares of common stock of Continental Oil Co. which such holders may subscribe for and purchase in accordance with the terms of their warrant or warrants.—V. 129, p. 133.

Continental Oil Co. (Me.)—Exchange of Shares.— The stockholders have been requested to forward certificates of either capital stock of the voting trust immediately to the New York Trust Co., N. Y. City, for exchange for the new stock of the Continental Oil Co. (Del.). The Maine company had 3,822,093 shares outstanding and has received 2,317,266.35 shares of the Continental Oil Co. (Del.) for transferring its assets to that company. Each stockholder of the Maine company will therefore receive for each share held 2,317,266/3,822,093 of a share of stock of the Delaware company. No fractional shares will be issued but will be settled at the rate of \$35 per share, which is slightly above the closing price of Continental Oil Co. (Del.) stock on July 1 1929.—V. 128, p. 4327.

Coty, Inc.—Closer Affiliation with Foreign Coty Companies Sought.—

Plans for a closer affiliation between this company, and the various Coty companies in Europe have been announced. Details of the transaction have been consummated abroad by B. E. Levy, Chairman of the Board of the American company, who for several years has been an executive officer of the several European companies. It is understood that Coty, Inc. will obtain substantial stock interests in all the foreign Coty companies, thus creating the largest international perfumery and cosmetic business in the world.

The stockholders of Coty, Inc. (American company) will be asked to approve these plans at a meeting shortly to be called. It is expected that part of the financing will be arranged through an offer to American Coty stockholders of the opportunity to subscribe for additional shares of Coty, Inc. on favorable terms.

The companies in which Coty, Inc. is obtaining an important interest are Coty, Societe Anonyme (French company); Coty (England) Ltd.; Coty, Societe Anonima Romana (Roumanian company); Societe Francaise des Parfums, Rallet, and Cultures Florales Mediterranee Societe Anonyme. "This association of interests should bring about a much closer managerial co-ordination," Mr. Levy said. "By the introduction of American merchandising methods, where these are desirable, important economies should be derived, and an increased volume of business be developed, to the benefit of the individual units and the associated group."

"In order to maintain local interest in the original French company it is planned that as soon as possible an important block of shares of Coty, S. A. (the French operating company) will be offered for sale to the French public and will be listed on the Paris Bourse. This course may be followed in other cases as different units grow in sufficient importance to be interesting for public ownership."

"In addition to this plan to make possible customer ownership in foreign units, it may be stated that a large amount of stock of Coty, Inc. is at present owned by foreign interests. Important executives of the various units will retain substantial holdings in Coty, Inc. and the several foreign companies, thereby insuring their interest not only in their individual units, but in the world-wide business."

"Francois Coty will continue as President."

Coty, Societe Anonyme (the French company, founded in 1904, is said to be the largest perfumery business in Europe. It is practically self-sufficient, manufacturing in its seven factories near or in Paris not only perfumes and powders, but also glass bottles, metal containers, cardboard and leather boxes as well as the gold leaf for decorating them. One of the glass factories occupies over two acres of ground. A complete printing plant turns out labels.

In addition to its well known Paris store and three branches in France, the French company maintains branches or selling agencies in the Argentine, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Cuba, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, South Africa, Spain, Turkey and other countries throughout the world.

Coty (England) Ltd., was established in 1923 to handle all the business done in the British Isles. Because of the increase in import duties, Coty, Societe Anonima Romana was founded in 1927 to serve the Roumanian and nearby markets. It has a complete factory for all kinds of perfumery. Cultures Florales Mediterranee has large areas in the South of France and in Italy planted with Jasmine flowers and orange trees. These will all be bearing in the near future and should furnish, at low cost, the essences used in the business.

Societe Francaise des Parfums Rallet was formed in 1919 to manufacture perfumes under the name of Rallet and for various other perfumers the world over. Its factories are located at Cannes and Suresnes.

The American company, Coty, Inc., was formed in 1922 with a capitalization authorized and issued of 309,300 shares. In 1925 a public offering of 50,000 shares at \$37 was made by Lehman Brothers and Heidebach, Ickelheimer & Co. Since that time the capitalization has been increased by a 6% stock dividend in March 1928, by a stock split on a four-to-one basis in Nov. 1928, and by two stock dividends of 1½% each in March and May 1929.—V. 128, p. 3193.

Credit Alliance Corp.—New Financial Organization Formed.—

See Exhibitors Reliance Corp. below.—V. 129, p. 133.

Curtiss Aeroplane Export Corp.—Deposits.— See Curtiss-Wright Corp. below.—V. 128, p. 1987.

Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Co., Inc.—Deposits.— See Curtiss-Wright Corp. below.—V. 128, p. 4328.

Curtiss Airports Corp.—Deposits.— See Curtiss-Wright Corp. below.—V. 128, p. 4328.

Curtiss-Caproni Corp.—Deposits.— See Curtiss-Wright Corp. below.—V. 128, p. 4328.

Curtiss Flying Service, Inc.—Deposits.— See Curtiss-Wright Corp. below.—V. 128, p. 4328.

Curtiss-Robertson Airplane Mfg. Co.—Deposits.— See Curtiss-Wright Corp. below.—V. 128, p. 4328.

Curtiss-Wright Aeronautical Co.—Fraud in Air Stocks Laid to 3 Brokers—Accused of Misleading Public With Shares of a Curtiss-Wright Company.—

The stock fraud bureau of the Attorney General's office revealed July 8 says the New York "Times," that three brokers anticipated the \$70,000,000 merger of the Curtiss and Wright aviation enterprises six months before it came into existence on June 26 and spent the intervening time collecting \$30 a share for stock in a Curtiss-Wright Aeronautical Co., which turned out to have nothing to do with the merger. An order restraining them temporarily from doing any more of this business was issued under the Martin act by Supreme Court Justice John S. Johnson in Brooklyn, upon the affidavit of Francis J. Quillman, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, naming the brokers as H. D. Strahman, William Walsh and Cyrus Brin. According to the affidavit, the Curtiss-Wright Aeronautical Co., in which these brokers sold stock has little or no apparent assets except its name, under which it was allowed to incorporate late in 1928, because one of the organizers was a mechanic named Curtiss Wright.

An investigation showed that the stock was optioned by the Curtiss-Wright Aeronautical Co., to Brin at 66 cents a share and he in turn optioned it to Strahman at \$1.25 a share and that it was sold for \$25.50 to \$30 to the public.

Curtiss-Wright Corp.—Committee Calls for Deposit of Stock of Eleven Aeroplane Companies in Connection with Curtiss-Wright Corp. Consolidation—Deposits Asked for Prior to Aug. 15 1929.—

In connection with the proposed consolidation of 11 prominent aeroplane manufacturing, flying and servicing organizations into the Curtiss-Wright Corp., which, it is stated, will be the largest organization of its kind in the world, the committee representing the larger stockholders of these various organizations, issued a call July 12 requesting that the stocks of the various companies to be included in the merger be deposited with the various depositories on or before Aug. 15 1929.

With the publication of the deposit agreement it was further announced that Hayden, Stone & Co., Bancamerica-Blair Corp., James C. Willson & Co., Dominick & Dominick, G. M.-P. Murphy & Co., Hemphill, Noyes & Co., and Jackson & Curtis, and other holders of large stock interests in the various companies have already indicated their approval of the plan and the stock, which they either own or control, will be deposited for exchange for the shares of the new Curtiss-Wright Corp.

The 11 companies to be included in the consolidation are:
Curtiss-Robertson Airplane Mfg. Co. Wright Aeronautical Corp.
Curtiss Flying Service, Inc. Keystone Aircraft Corp.
Curtiss Aeroplane Export Corp. Moth Aircraft Corp.
Curtiss Airports Corp. N. Y. & Suburban Air Lines, Inc.
Curtiss-Caproni Corp. New York Air Terminals, Inc.

The Bankers Trust Co. of New York has been designated as depository to represent the committee which has been organized for the purpose of carrying out the proposed consolidation. The sub-depositaries are the St. Louis Union Trust Co., Girard Trust Co. in Philadelphia, Bank of Italy National Trust & Savings Association in either Los Angeles or San Francisco, Louisville Trust Co., the Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo, the Peoples Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, the First National Bank of Boston, Canal Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans and Guardian Trust Co. of Detroit.

The personnel of the committee which has been appointed to effect this huge combination of prominent airplane manufacturing and servicing companies, all of whom have been long identified with the development and financing of aviation, is as follows: Richard F. Hoyt, Chairman, J. Cheever Cowdin, Charles Hayden, C. M. Keys, Charles L. Lawrence, Grayson M.-P. Murphy, Stuart R. Reed, B. A. Tompkins and J. C. Willson. Cuthell, Hotchkiss & Mills are Counsel for the Committee of which B. W. Jones, Vice-Pres. of Bankers Trust Co. is Secretary and E. E. Beach is Assistant Secretary.

Curtiss-Wright Corp. is to be organized in Delaware. It shall have an authorized capital stock consisting of 12,000,000 shares of no par value, of which 2,000,000 shares will be class A stock entitled to a non-cumulative preferential payment of not to exceed \$2 per share annually, and 10,000,000 shares will be common stock.

The class A stock and the common stock shall have equal voting rights, one vote for each share.

Class A stock shall be callable at any time by the corporation, at \$40 per share. Class A stock may be exchanged flat at any time, share for share, for common stock and in case of liquidation or a distribution of assets, the holder of each share of the class A stock and the holder of each share of the common stock shall share equally.

The plan calls for an exchange of stock of the above named companies for stock of Curtiss-Wright Corp. upon the following basis:

	No. Shares New Holding Company Stock for Each Share Old Co. Stk.	A Stock.	Common Stock.
Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Co., Inc.	1 share	4½ shares	
Curtiss Airports Corp.		5-12 share	
Curtiss Flying Service, Inc.		5-6 share	
Curtiss Aeroplane Export Corp.		1 3-10 shs.	
Curtiss-Caproni Corp.		5-12 shs.	
Curtiss-Robertson Airplane Mfg. Co.	a	2 shares	
Wright Aeronautical Corp.	b	1 share	3¼ shares
Keystone Aircraft Corp.		½ share	1 share
Moth Aircraft Corp. unit c			1 share
New York & Suburban Air Lines, Inc.			2-5 share
New York Air Terminals, Inc.			1 share

a The right of exchange under the plan belongs only to holders of common stock of Curtiss-Robertson Airplane Mfg. Co. b If the plan is declared effective, the holders of stock of Wright Aeronautical Corp. who become

parties to the plan, or their successors and assigns, will then be entitled upon exchanging their certificates of deposit for stock of Curtiss-Wright Corp. to an option warrant entitling each such stockholder, for a period of 3 years from the date when the plan is declared effective, to purchase one share of the common stock of Curtiss-Wright Corp. at \$30 a share for every 2 shares of stock of Wright Aeronautical Corp. formerly held by such stockholder. The unit referred to consists of one share of class A stock and a half share of class B stock of the Moth Aircraft Corp., and the offer relates to the unit as such and no rights are granted to holders of class A or class B stock, as such.—V. 129, p. 134.

Davega, Inc., New York.—Sales.—

1929—June—1928.	Increase.	1929—6 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$498,252	\$324,203	\$174,049	\$2,434,332
		\$1,548,809	\$885,523

—V. 128, p. 4010.

Detroit Aircraft Corp.—Acquires Control of Lockheed Aircraft Co.—See latter company below.—V. 128, p. 4162.

Devoe & Reynolds, Inc.—Merger Denied.— President E. S. Phillips states that the company is not considering a possible merger with the Sherwin-Williams Co., as reported in some papers. Mr. Phillips issued the following statement: "The recent newspaper articles announcing the election of W. R. Burwell, President of Continental Shares, Inc., an investment trust sponsored by Otis & Co., to the board of directors of Devoe & Reynolds, Inc., have also indicated that this action was just a step in the consolidation of the Sherwin-Williams Co., and the Devoe & Reynolds Co."

"In fairness to all concerned I wish to emphatically state that the Devoe & Reynolds Co. is not considering a possible merger with the Sherwin-Williams Co. and that Mr. Burwell was merely elected a director together with four other men to represent the class "A" non voting common stock of our company, which was recently given the right to elect one-third of the board of directors. The control of the company vested in the class "B" common stockholders, and the large majority of this stock is in the hands of the present management."

6 Mos. Ending May 31—

1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Net sales.....	\$7,458,254	\$6,885,561	\$6,409,851
Cost & expenses.....	6,861,545	6,203,457	5,781,244
Oper. profit.....	\$596,709	\$682,104	\$628,607
Other income.....	118,599	47,567	53,858
Total income.....	\$715,308	\$729,671	\$682,465
Disc't., misc. adj. &c.....	196,092	123,114	140,660
Net prof. bef. Fed. tax	\$519,216	\$606,557	\$541,805
1st prof. divs.....	59,017	62,261	\$63,374
2nd. prof. divs.....	32,742	32,742	32,742
Com. dividends.....	225,000	216,000	162,000
Surplus.....	\$202,457	\$295,554	\$283,689

Balance Sheet May 31.

Assets—	1929.	1928.	Liabilities—	1929.	1928.
Plant, equip., &c	\$4,733,880	\$4,399,760	Class A com. stk.	\$3,911,666	\$3,911,666
Less deprec.....	117,080	97,441	Class B com. stk.	1,333,333	1,333,333
Investments.....	277,679	401,671	1st pref. stock.....	1,646,200	1,716,100
Cash.....	308,298	290,107	2d pref. stock.....	935,500	935,500
Notes receivable.....	4,232,514	3,945,836	Accts. payable.....	562,628	627,418
Accts. receivable.....	4,804,433	4,402,993	Notes payable.....	3,425,000	2,575,000
Inventories.....	1,174,105	913,966	Accr. taxes & exp.	657,610	521,978
Deferred charges.....			Surplus.....	3,176,052	2,830,779
Total.....	\$15,647,989	\$14,451,774	Total.....	\$15,647,989	\$14,451,774

x Represented by 110,000 shares of no par value. y Represented by 40,000 shares of no par value.—V. 128, p. 4162.

Dome Mines, Ltd.—Value of Production.—

Month of—	June 1929.	May 1929.	April 1929.	Mar. 1929.
Output (value of).....	\$383,361	\$409,512	\$353,354	\$361,767

—V. 128, p. 4328.

Douglas Aircraft Co., Inc.—No Merger Recommended.— President Donald Douglas following the meeting of the board stated that a resolution had been passed to the effect that the board did not care to recommend to the stockholders any consolidation at present.

The board of directors was increased to 17 with the election of Richard D. Millar, resident manager of Bancamerica-Blair Corp. J. H. Kindelberger, chief engineer of Douglas, was elected vice-president in charge of engineering.

The California State Corporation Department has permitted the company to issue 20,000 new no par capital shares, which will bring the total outstanding stock to 345,000 shares out of 1,000,000 shares authorized. This stock will be used for the most part to issue to employees under a time-payment plan announced by President Douglas in his annual letter to stockholders. Employees are being offered this stock to interest them in the future prosperity of the company. The company now has 1,132 employees on the new plant.—V. 128, p. 1738.

(E. I.) du Pont de Nemours & Co.—Listing.— The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 10,713 additional shares of voting common stock (par \$20) on official notice of issuance and payment in full making the total amount applied for 10,322,481 shares of common stock.

The issue of stock was authorized by the finance committee at their meeting on June 17, for the purpose of acquiring the minority interests (22,500 shares, giving 100% ownership) in Lazote, Inc., which company heretofore has been controlled by E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co.—V. 128, p. 4328.

Eaton Axle & Spring Co.—Earnings.—

Period End. June 30—	1929—3 Mos.—1928.	1929—6 Mos.—1928.
Prof. aft. deprec. & chgs. but before Fed. taxes	\$670,249	\$455,634
Shs. cap. stk. outstdg. (no par)	300,000	250,000
Earns per share	\$2.22	\$1.82

—V. 128, p. 2470.

Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.—Extends its Chain.— President Harry Edison announces that leases have been closed and plans consummated for the opening of 11 new stores within the near future, which will give the system a total of 32 units in operation throughout the country. The new stores will be located in Dallas, Beaumont, San Antonio, Tulsa, Shreveport, Little Rock, Birmingham, Knoxville, Fort Worth and two in Louisville.—V. 129, p. 134.

Electric Shareholdings Corp.—Initial Com. Div., &c.— The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share in cash and 2% in stock on the common shares and the regular quarterly dividend of 1-20th of a share of common stock (or \$1.50 per share in cash) on the pref. all payable Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 5.—See also V. 128, p. 3000

Equitable Casualty & Surety Co.—Stock Offered.— Mansfield & Co., New York, are offering at \$60 per share 25,000 shares of capital stock. This does not represent new financing on the part of the company.

Transfer agent, Chase National Bank of City of New York. Registrar, Central Union Trust Co. of New York. Custodian of Securities, Chase National Bank of City of New York.

Capitalization

Capital stock (\$10 par)	Authorized	Outstanding.
	100,000 shs.	100,000 shs.

Data from Letter of John L. Mee, President of the Company. History.—Company was incorporated under the name of Equitable Surety Co., Oct. 24 1924, under the insurance laws of the State of New York, with a capital of \$250,000 (par \$100), surplus of \$130,000, and was authorized to transact fidelity and surety business. In 1926, the capital was further increased to \$550,000, the name of the company changed to Equitable Casualty & Surety Co. and its powers increased so as to enable it to write all forms of liability and property damage insurance. In 1928, the capital was further increased to \$1,000,000, the par value reduced to \$10

per share, \$625,000 was contributed to surplus and additional powers granted so that the company now underwrites burglary, plate glass, automobile and other liability, property damage, collision, and executes all forms of fidelity and surety bonds.

The growth of the company is shown by the following figures:

	Net Premiums Written.	Capital & Surplus.	Reserves.	Admitted Assets.
Dec. 31—				
1924.....		\$380,812	\$2,772	\$386,902
1925.....	\$481,619	452,358	89,784	553,670
1926.....	851,732	450,565	403,549	893,265
1927.....	1,667,607	905,726	1,070,089	1,993,896
1928.....	3,302,746	2,463,601	1,894,670	4,418,623

Earnings.—The earnings for the year ended Dec. 31 1928 amounted to \$240,914. These earnings, however, do not include the appreciation in the market value of securities amounting to \$312,887 over and above the book value as of Dec. 31 1928. The combined gain from underwriting and investments, together with this appreciation in the market value of investments, was \$553,801.

The aforementioned was earned after deducting approximately \$150,000 as compensation for special services paid under a management contract which was cancelled as of Nov. 30 1928, so that after that date such compensation was eliminated and the earnings of the company correspondingly increased.

Taking the above items into account, the company showed an earning power at the rate of \$7.04 per annum on the total 100,000 shares outstanding at the end of 1928, or \$9.08 per share on the average number (77,500) of shares outstanding during the year.

Dividends.—Company is now paying dividends at the rate of \$2 annually per share of capital stock.

Operations.—The following table shows the operations of the company for the first five months of 1929:

	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.
Auto Liability.....	\$34,675	\$ 38,448	\$77,886	\$76,704	\$127,441
Liability other than auto.....					
Fidelity.....	32,754	28,809	22,583	23,840	25,564
Surety.....	845	1,361	5,412	10,386	9,922
Plate glass.....	30,490	40,638	3,775	59,173	46,055
Burglary and theft.....	1,996	2,670	5,698	8,011	7,087
Auto property damage.....	3,182	3,037	2,497	7,838	8,956
Auto collision.....	12,256	15,139	26,106	27,943	40,296
Property damage and collision other than auto.....	1,371	1,243	1,907	2,377	4,722
Compulsory auto writings.....	209,888	198,303	199,428	184,119	197,851
Same month 1928.....	\$327,461	\$329,651	\$373,777	\$401,421	\$468,149
	330,005	280,610	272,487	262,021	266,627

At the present time the premium writings are approximately \$500,000 per month, or at the rate of \$6,000,000 annually. It is estimated that the net business written in 1929 will be at least \$5,000,000 as compared with \$3,300,000 in 1928. Company is now operating in 24 States as compared with 3 States in 1928.—V. 128, p. 4163.

Ex-Cell-O Aircraft & Tool Corp.—Stock Sold.— Baker, Simonds & Co., Inc., have sold 40,000 shares common stock (no par value) at \$23.50 per share.

Transfer Agents, Detroit & Security Trust Co., Detroit, and Guaranty Trust Co., New York. Registrars, Fidelity Trust Co. and Detroit, Seaboard Bank of the City of New York, New York.

Capitalization—Authorized. Outstanding. Common stock (no par).....\$300,000 shs. 200,000 shs.

* Of the 100,000 shares remaining unissued, 15,000 shares are under option to the management at \$23.50 for three years from the date of this offering, and 25,000 shares are reserved for management bonus, to be paid to the management over the period of the management contract which is for five years, the amounts to be paid are in direct ratio to the earnings, thereby insuring against thinning out of the stockholders' equity.

Data from Letter of N. A. Woodworth, President of the Corporation.

History & Business.—Corporation was incorporated in Michigan in July 1919, as the Ex-Cell-O Tool & Manufacturing Co., but because of the large increase in the aircraft parts business in the last few years to a point where over 60% of the total sales of the company are to the aviation industry, the name was changed to the present one. There has been a total of \$400,000 of capital paid in during the period from 1919 to June 13 1929, not including the funds to be received from this financing. With the exception of the above amounts, the company has grown to its present size solely through the reinvestment of earnings.

Approximately 60% of the company's output is for the aviation industry, the list of users of Ex-Cell-O Aircraft & Tool Corp. parts includes practically every airplane motor manufacturer in the country. It is because of the rapid growth of the aircraft parts business, that an expansion in manufacturing facilities is planned.

The manufacture of Diesel engine parts is as yet a comparatively small part of the total volume of business, however, the company numbers among its customers, practically every important manufacturer of Diesel engines. With the increasing use of the Diesel engine in the marine and aviation industries, the manufacture of Diesel engine parts promises to become a major part of the business of Ex-Cell-O Aircraft & Tool Corporation. Over 1,000 manufacturers in more than 40 different industries, in which high precision work is required, use Ex-Cell-O tools and parts.

Products.—Company manufactures over 50 different parts for airplane motors and planes. For the Diesel engine the principal parts manufactured are those in the fuel injection system. In addition, tools and machine parts of all descriptions are sold to manufacturers requiring high speed operation and precision. It is expected, with the facilities to be provided by this financing, that the company will manufacture several additional parts for both airplane and Diesel motors.

Properties.—Plant located in Detroit, is of the latest design and fireproof construction, having approximately 49,000 square feet of floor space. Plans are already under way for the expansion of the plant to take care of the rapidly increasing airplane parts business.

Sales & Earnings.—Sales and profits of the company have shown a rapid and consistent growth in the past few years, due in a large degree, to the rapid expansion of the aviation industry. For the first five months of this year, sales increased 273% over same five months in 1928.

The net income of the company for the years ended Dec. 31 1926, 1927 and 1928, and for the five months ended June 1 1929, after all charges including management compensation, depreciation of plant and equipment, and Federal income tax at the present rate was as follows: 1926 \$20,479; 1927, \$58,022; 1928, \$154,679, and for five months ended June 1 1929, \$208,859.

From preliminary figures for June operations, net earnings after all charges and provision for Federal income tax for the first half of the year will be in excess of \$265,000.

Dividends.—Directors have signified their intention of placing this stock on an annual dividend basis of \$1 20, payable quarterly, (J. & O.). The first quarterly dividend to be paid Oct. 1 to stockholders of record Sept. 15 1929.

Purpose.—To provide funds for the purchase of additional land, buildings and equipment, which will enable the company to meet the increasing demand for their products and provide facilities for the manufacture of new products.

Listing.—Application will be made to list this stock on the Detroit Stock Exchange.

Balance Sheet as at June 1 1929 (After Present Financing).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash.....	\$343,768	Accts. pay. & accr. exp.....	\$107,776
Accts. rec., less reserve.....	173,543	Prov. for Federal tax 1929.....	28,500
Raw materials, supplies, &c.....	181,722	Land contracts payable.....	39,681
Prep. exp., prop., plant, & eq.....	18,246	Com. stk. (200,000 shs. no par)	1,200,000
Prop., plant & equity.....	1,085,263	Surplus.....	426,586
Goodwill & patents.....	1		
Total.....	\$1,802,544	Total.....	\$1,802,544

—V. 129, p. 135.

Exhibitors Reliance Corp.—Organized.— The Electrical Research Products, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Western Electric Co., and the Credit Alliance Corp., announce jointly the formation of the Exhibitors Reliance Corp., a financial organization

designed to meet the special needs of the motion picture exhibitor desirous of availing himself of the sound systems and allied equipment developed by Western Electric engineers.

The Electrical Research Products, Inc., is responsible for leasing and servicing of the Western Electric Sound Systems, basis of the present Vitaphone and Movietone installations. The Credit Alliance Corp. is a financial organization with assets of more than \$40,000,000 and extensive banking relations both domestic and foreign, which has specialized in the financing of income producing equipment exclusively in many fields.

The Exhibitors Reliance Corp. thus combines the technical and financial experience of its two parent companies and also having in its management men trained in the motion picture industry aims, according to its officers, to provide a unique organization for constructive assistance to the smallest as well as the largest theatres, permitting the former to acquire quality sound equipment with financial aid from current income and reduction of burden of initial capital required.

Among the directors of Exhibitors Reliance Corp., are J. E. Oterson, President of Electrical Research Products, Inc., Clarence Y. Palitz, President of Credit Alliance Corp., and C. W. Bunn, General Sales Manager of the Electrical Research Corp., and other executives of both of the parent companies. In its management as Vice-President is A. G. Whyte.

Fairchild Aviation Corp.—Organizes Canadian Co.—

A group of Canadian business men, in co-operation with the Fairchild Aviation Corp. of New York, has just completed the organization of Fairchild Aircraft, Ltd., a company formed with an authorized capital of \$2,000,000 of 6% preference stock and 43,000 shares of common stock of no par value, to manufacture airplanes in Montreal. Fairchild Aircraft, Ltd., already has acquired 265 acres of land at Longueuil, near Montreal, and work has been started there on the construction of a modern airport for both land and seaplanes. The airport is bounded on one side by the St. Lawrence River, making it possible for the land planes and seaplane bases to be placed side by side. A factory for the manufacture of both land and seaplanes and hangars for the company's own use and for rent by private plane owners are to be built.

The board of directors of the Canadian company consists of Sherman M. Fairchild (President), Julian C. Smith (Vice-President), G. H. Duggan, J. H. Gundy, Robert Law, Beaudry Leman, Senator W. L. McDougald, George H. Nontgomery, Howard Murray, C. E. Neill, Hon. J. L. Perron, Ellwood Wilson and F. K. Morrow.

Fairchild Aircraft, Ltd., is an outgrowth of the Fairchild Aerial Surveys (of Canada) Ltd., the name of which later was changed to Fairchild Aviation, Ltd.—V. 128, p. 4163.

Federal Bake Shops, Inc.—Sales.—

1929—June—1928.	Increase.	1929—6 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$339,124	\$322,426	\$16,698	\$2,196,078
—V. 128, p. 3835.			\$1,972,011
			\$224,067

Federal Mining & Smelting Co.—Dec. Capital, etc.—

The stockholders on May 11 voted to retire 15,154 shares of preferred stock held by the company and to draw by lot for retirement on June 15, of 14,846 shares of preferred stock. Through this measure the outstanding preferred has been reduced to 50,000 shares, par \$100 each.

The company had cash on hand around the middle of April of \$1,817,000, of which \$1,700,000 was being loaned on call. In addition it had Liberty Bonds of \$610,000, making a total of \$2,427,000. This amount left sufficient working capital even after retirement of \$1,500,000 preferred on June 15, for ample protection in the event of any accidents, strikes, or fires which may affect operations.—V. 128, p. 4163.

Federal Telephone Mfg. Corp.—Receivership.—

As the result of a friendly conservation suit started in District Court, Judge John R. Hazel at Buffalo July 3 appointed Lester E. Noble and Samuel B. Botsford equity receivers, business and assets. The Federal Telephone concern manufactures radio sets and the complainant in the action is the Acme Apparatus Corp. of Cambridge, Mass., manufacturers of power units for radio sets, the claim of which against the defendant company amounts to \$26,917.

The Federal corporation which was incorporated in 1924, makes radio sets which have been widely sold by the Federal Radio Corp., of Buffalo, which latter company is not involved in the present receivership.

The complaint in the receivership alleges that although the Federal Corporation is solvent with assets considerably exceeding its liabilities, it is at present unable to meet its current obligations in the ordinary course of business and states that this action is brought in behalf of all the creditors of the defendant company for the purpose of conserving its assets and good will and in order to enable the continuation of its business.

The assets of the defendant company are stated to consist of inventory of parts and manufactured radio sets valued at \$500,000; machinery, tools, equipment and fixtures worth \$400,000, and accounts and notes receivable amounting to \$200,000, with a valuable lease and other miscellaneous assets. The current liabilities of the company are said to amount to \$550,000, some of which are secured by the hypothecation of accounts receivable and inventory. The company has on hand orders for over \$200,000 worth of radio sets for July and August delivery.

Fidelity & Casualty Co. of N. Y.—Deposits.—

See Fidelity-Phenix Fire Insurance Co. below.—V. 115, p. 2385.

Fidelity-Phenix Fire Insurance Co. of N. Y.—To Acquire Joint Ownership of Two More Companies.—

Acceptance of the stocks of the Fidelity & Casualty Co. of New York and the Niagara Fire Insurance Co., already deposited under an option agreement recently arranged by the directors of the Continental Insurance Co. and the Fidelity-Phenix Fire Insurance Co. was announced on July 10 by Ernest Sturm, chairman of the boards of the latter two companies. Although more than 75% of the stocks of the two companies has already been deposited, according to Mr. Sturm, the time for deposit with the Hanover Bank & Trust Co. has been extended to July 31 for the benefit of those stockholders who have not yet taken advantage of the option offer.

The acquisition of the Niagara company carries with it the ownership of the Maryland Fire Insurance Co. which brings the total of the companies jointly owned by Continental and Fidelity-Phenix companies to six. These in addition to the Niagara, Fidelity & Casualty and Maryland, are the American Eagle, the First American and the Fire Companies Building Corp.—V. 128, p. 4329.

Finance Co. of America at Baltimore.—Earnings.—

6 Mos. Ended June 30—		1929.	1928.
Total purchases		\$10,430,830	\$8,478,573
Total collections		10,201,968	8,396,258
Gross income, less chargeouts		251,817	204,038
Operating expenses		76,453	75,143
Interest		86,169	62,719
Federal income taxes		9,848	7,499
Net income available for divs.		\$79,347	\$58,676
Preferred dividends		7,437	7,700
Common dividends		32,500	30,000
Added to surplus		\$39,409	\$20,976
Surplus Jan. 1st		478,944	428,044
Surplus June 30 1929		\$518,353	\$449,020
Furniture & fixtures charged off		10,621	2
Surplus		\$507,732	\$446,868
Interest charges—times		2.01	2.05
Preferred dividends earned—times		10.66	7.62
Common dividends earned—times		2.21	1.70
Earnings for common at annual rate of		\$1.44	\$1.92

Balance Sheet June 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Accts. & notes rec.	\$3,637,218	Coll. trust notes	\$2,559,000
Cash	613,528	Coll. tr. notes 1934	600,000
Stocks & bonds	142,269	Accrued interest	9,750
Inv. in affil. cos.	55,579	Dividends payable	21,219
Sundry accts. rec.	26,978	Sundry accts. pay.	17,204
Furn. & fixtures	1	Res. for Fed. inc. taxes	18,225
Prepaid int. & disc.	68,906	Res. for unearned disc. &c.	96,849
		Res. for acc. exp.	2,000
		7% preferred stock	212,500
		Common stocks	500,000
		Surplus & profits	507,732
Tot. (each side)	\$4,544,479		\$3,604,596

—V. 128, p. 3195.

Financial Research Association, Inc.—Organized As Holding and Management Corporation—Will Set Up Individual Investment Trusts in Financial Centers of U. S., Canada, Europe.—

Introduction for the first time of the chain store principle into that phase of finance which has to do with investment trusts is revealed in the announcement of the formation of the Financial Research Association, Inc., a Delaware corporation to organize and acquire the control of and furnish the management for a group of international investment trusts of the general management type.

The administrative offices of the various units comprising this group of investment trusts will be located in the various financial centers of the United States, namely: New York City, Philadelphia, Chicago, Los Angeles and Boston, &c., while offices will also be set up in Europe and Canada. Each of the individual investment trusts to be organized by Financial Research Association, Inc., will be identical with each other in capital structure, dividend policy, reserve policy, &c., and will be operated in accordance with standard practice adopted by the successful British and Scottish investment trusts and applied by successful American investment trusts to meet the conditions prevailing in this country. Each unit will have the same investment policy. Funds obtained from the sale of capital shares will be invested and reinvested in sound marketable securities of all classes. The investment portfolio of each investment trust will be continually supervised by Financial Research Association, Inc., with all purchases and sales for the account of each trust made by the parent organization subject to the approval of the directors of the trust unit.

All securities purchased for each trust unit will be delivered directly to and held by a bank or trust company appointed as its custodian, and withdrawals will only be made against cash or substitution of other securities approved by the investment counsel of the respective trust unit. The certificate of incorporation of each trust will provide that purchases and sales of securities be made for cash, margin transactions of any nature being prohibited. Each unit of the corporation of trusts will have an authorized capitalization of 1,000,000 shares of common stock, no par value, consisting of 500,000 shares of class A stock and 500,000 shares of class B stock.

The concentration of the actual buying and selling, and the gathering of data by Financial Research Association, Inc., is a measure of economy, according to John H. Allen, President and director of American Foreign Banking Corp. and formerly Vice-President of the National City Bank of New York, whereby each trust unit will secure the full benefit of a skilled and experienced staff and a complete service which will be much more efficient and far less costly than it could provide for itself. For this service, supervision of portfolio, execution of orders, information, &c., each trust unit will pay to Financial Research Association, Inc., a fee of 5% of its annual net earnings while the parent organization will enter into formal sales contracts with each unit for distribution of its senior capital shares.

The officers and directors of Financial Research Association, Inc., are as follows: John H. Allen, President, Pres. & Dir., American Foreign Banking Corp.; Charles S. Andrews Jr., Pres., Bronxville Trust Co., Bronxville; Bert L. Atwater, Vice-Pres. and Dir., William Wrigley Jr. Co.; Herbert S. Bradt, Vice-Pres. & Dir. Capital City Surety Co.; Fannin W. Charske, Vice-Chairman, Finance Committee, Union Pacific RR.; Vern Dushayne, Vice-Pres., formerly Comptroller, Standard International Securities Corp.; Frank Irving Fletcher, advertising, 331 Madison Ave., N. Y.; Robert W. Green, Green, Ellis & Anderson, members N. Y. Stock Exchange; Henry H. Hanson, Vice-Pres. & Dir., International Rys. of Cent. America; William C. Orton, Orton, Kent & Co., members N. Y. Stock Exchange; Carl M. Owen, member Hornblower, Miller & Garrison, attorneys; Harry H. Raymond, Chairman board of directors, Atlantic Gulf & West Indies Steamship Lines; Edward G. Smith, Treasurer, Union Pacific RR.; Fredrick A. Smith, Pres. & Dir., Miller, Franklin & Co., Inc., engineers and public accountants; William H. Steiner, formerly Asst. Dir. division of analysis and research, Federal Reserve Board, and Marck L. Tooker, of Tooker & Co., members New York Stock Exchange. See also Investors Union, Inc., below.

(M. H.) Fishman & Co., Inc. (5c. to \$1 Stores).—Sales.

1929—June—1928.	Increase.	1929—6 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$179,677	\$66,549	\$113,128	\$652,391
—V. 128, p. 4164.			\$249,692
			\$402,699

Fleischmann Co.—Sells Plant in Ohio.—

The company has sold to the Recovery Realty Co. a large plant west of Warren, in Trumbull County, Ohio, originally erected for the manufacture of yeast. It was acquired by the Fleischmann interests from the builders, the Ward Baking Co. of New York, and has been idle for some time. L. A. Beeghly, President of the Standard Slag Co. and the Bessemer Limestone & Cement Co., is head of the Recovery Realty Co.—V. 128, p. 4329.

Foote Bros. Gear & Machine Co., Chicago.—Sales.—

President W. C. Davis announces that sales for the first 6 months of 1929 totaled \$2,934,000 as compared with \$1,266,000 in the same period in 1928. June sales were approximately \$600,000 against less than \$300,000 a year ago.—V. 128, p. 1237.

French Line (La Compagnie Generale Transatlantique).—Dividend on American Shares.

The Equitable Trust Co. of New York, as depository, has received a dividend of 53.30 francs per share on the common stock B so held by it of the par value of 600 francs each. The equivalent thereof, distributable to holders of "American shares" under the terms of the agreement, is \$2.07 on each "American share." This dividend will be distributed by the Equitable Trust Co. of New York on July 24 1929, to the registered holders of "American shares" of record July 17 1929. On March 15 last, a dividend of 12 3/10 francs per share, equivalent to 47.4 cents per "American share," was paid on the common stock B.—V. 128, p. 4012.

(George M.) Forman & Co.—Stock Offered.—

The company is offering at \$25 per share, 240,000 shares common stock (no par value).

Business.—The business was founded in 1885 by George M. Forman. The business was conducted as a partnership until 1923, at which time it was incorp. in Delaware. Operated under conservative policies, the business has enjoyed a consistent and sound growth. Each year the number of customers served has materially increased, resulting in a rapidly rising volume of securities distributed through eleven offices in the United States.

Company is also favored with long established European connections. The directors plan a continuing program of broadening the company's business both in the United States and in Europe, following the same established policies responsible for its sound development to present proportions.

<i>Capitalization—</i>	<i>Authorized.</i>	<i>Outstanding.</i>
Preferred stock (\$100 par)	\$10,000,000	-----
Common stock (no par)	600,000 shs.	520,000 shs.

* When the present outstanding preferred stock shall have been retired from the proceeds of present financing, it is the purpose of the management that proper corporate proceedings be taken to amend the certificate of incorporation of the company so as to remove the present authorization of preferred stock.

Upon completion of this financing, the management will own 280,000 of the 520,000 common shares outstanding and will have an option on an additional 40,000 shares of the unissued stock for a period of 5 years at \$25 per share, assuring continuity of control at such time as the entire 600,000 authorized shares shall be outstanding.

Earnings.—Earnings have increased consistently since the inception of the business. Net profit after Federal income tax for the years ended Dec. 31 1928 have been as follows:

	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.
Net profit	\$378,384	\$545,047	\$599,237	\$960,633

Net earnings for the first quarter of 1929 have exceeded the net earnings of the corresponding period of 1928 by a substantial amount.

Dividends.—Since date of incorporation Sept. 1 1923 to March 31 1929 the company has earned in excess of 15% per annum on the average capital employed. Upon retirement of the outstanding preferred stock, it is the intention of the directors to place these common shares on an annual dividend basis of \$1.50 per share, payable semi-annually.

Purpose.—To provide funds for retirement of the outstanding preferred stock.

Balance Sheet March 31 1929 (After Giving Effect to the Proposed New Capitalization).

Assets— Cash on hand and in banks... \$725,901; General market securities... 9,820,281; Bonds and mortgages... 917,655; Customers' notes... 1,061,545; Other notes... 23,886; Installment customers' accts., and sundry accounts rec... 1,243,570; Other accounts receivable, secured by real estate... 1,166,304; Accrued interest... 25,486; Equities in real estate... 289,192; Life insurance... 91,163; Investments... 182,404; Furn. and equip... 80,822; Deferred charges... 22,376. Liabilities— Bonds and mortgages purchased, not yet due... \$571,244; Principal, int., and taxes, paid in by mortgagors... 187,677; Coupons not yet presented for payment... 56,850; Funds held for reinvestment and sundry accts. payable... 1,593,947; Notes payable... 3,523,253; Reserves for income tax, &c... 144,470; Common stock (no par)... 5,772,900; Surplus... 3,800,246. Total (each side)... \$15,650,588.

Frink Corporation.—Earnings.—

The corporation reports for the year ended Dec. 31 1928 net income available for bond interest (including \$99,074 non-recurring items) but before depreciation and taxes, of \$472,905, equivalent to 6.4 times interest requirements on the \$1,130,000 6 1/2% debenture bonds outstanding. Company for the 3 months ended March 31 1929 reports earnings before depreciation, bond interest, bond discount and Federal income taxes, of \$82,359.—V. 127, p. 1813.

(The) Fyr-Fyter Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1928.—

Assets— Cash... \$18,645; Certificate of deposit... 16,390; Accounts receivable... 117,612; Special accts. receivable... 1,873; Notes receivable... 3,715; Salesmen advances... 65; Inventories... 158,748; Land, build., plant & office equip... 278,786; Patents... 16,896; Good will... 1; Prepaid exp... 1,661. Liabilities— Vouchers payable... \$18,358; Commission payable... 29,641; Miscellaneous... 2,235; Accrued accounts... 19,723; Capital stock... \$443,500; Surplus... 100,936. Total... \$614,392.

x Represented by 20,000 no par preferred shares and 40,000 no par common shares. Our usual income account was published in V. 129, p. 136.

Gamewell Company.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 118,928 shares of common stock (no par value).

Combined Statement of Operations for Year Ended Dec. 31 1928 (Co. & Subs.). Net earnings from operations before deprec. & Federal taxes... \$971,051; Other income (net)... 26,458; Total income... \$997,509; Depreciation... 102,286; Federal taxes... 107,427; Net income for year... \$787,796; Surplus as adjusted at Jan. 1 1928... 1,118,278.

Total surplus... \$1,906,074; Preferred dividends... 26,736; Common dividends... 411,663; Premium on preferred stock returned... 55,799; Patent & development expense... 76,962; Amortization of patents... 24,784; Payments in connection with acquisition of Holtzer-Cabot Electric Co... 218,636; Surplus as at Dec. 31 1928... \$1,091,491.

Consolidated Balance Sheet as of Dec. 31 1928.

[After giving effect to issuance of 36,000 shares of common stock in connection with acquisition of Holtzer-Cabot Electric Co. and Harrington-Seaberg Corp.] Assets— Cash, U. S. Treasury cfes, &c... \$708,084; Notes & accts. rec., less res... 1,049,483; Inventories... 1,779,181; Sundry accts. receivable... 53,599; Prepaid expenses... 82,287; Life insurance policies... 40,320; Investments... 41,057; Capital assets... 1,362,637; Patents & franchises... 1. Liabilities— Notes payable... \$28,500; Accts. payable & acer. exp... 292,906; Dividends payable... 24,000; Res. for Federal tax... 121,197; Purchase money obligations... 22,451; Capital stock (118,928 shs.)... 4,150,687; Paid-in surplus... 66,551; Earned surplus... 410,356. Total... \$5,116,648.

—V. 124, p. 1915.

Gardner Motor Co., Inc.—Gardner-Detroit, Inc.] Adds Five Branches.—

Since the recent formation of Gardner-Detroit, Inc., as distributors of Gardner cars in the State of Michigan, Detroit and Metropolitan Area, there has been a growing demand for the company's cars there, according to F. H. Rengers, General Sales Manager. "In fact," said Mr. Rengers, "the demand for this St. Louis automobile has been such that Messrs. Gallagher and Sweitzer, President and Vice-President respectively of Gardner-Detroit, Inc., announced last week that their company had completed plans for the immediate opening of five branches in Detroit, where Gardner cars will be sold and serviced. "Plans are also under way for the establishment of a number of branches throughout Michigan which will eventually give Gardner the best representation it has ever had in that state."—V. 129, p. 136.

General Aviation Corp., Ltd.—Stock Offered.—R. G. Frey & Co., San Francisco, recently offered 50,000 shares capital stock. A circular shows:

Transfer Agent, Bank of America of California, Los Angeles. Registrar, California Trust Co., Los Angeles. Capitalization, authorized, 500,000 shares. Business.—Corporation was incorp. in California Apr. 19 1929, to operate as a holding company for well established concerns engaged in all phases of the aviation industry. It also will buy, trade and deal in securities of successful aviation companies as well as financing meritorious air enterprises. Its principal purpose is to acquire control of established companies engaged in all branches of the industry which will give it a wide field of diversification through operating units. Company now is negotiating for purchase of a large airport site in the Los Angeles metropolitan area. Purpose.—Present financing has been affected to provide initial working capital to acquire control of established air enterprises as indicated above. Officers & Directors.—F. S. Calkins, Clarence A. Barker, Paul L. Corrigan, R. A. Broomfield, Edward C. Webb and Harry N. Laine. Listing.—Application will be made to list stock on the Los Angeles and San Francisco Curb Exchanges.

General Box Corp.—Plans to Retire Pref. Divs.—To Increase Common Stock and Create Issue of \$1,500,000 Debs.—

A special stockholders' meeting has been called for July 17 to approve a proposal of the directors that the common stock be increased from 125,000 shares to 250,000 shares for the purpose of distributing the new stock to preferred stockholders in lieu of the \$33.75 accumulated dividends on that issue. The common stock will be valued at \$10 a share for the purpose of this distribution, and fractional amounts will be paid in cash. It is proposed to distribute the stock Aug. 1 to preferred holders of record July 19. The stockholders will also vote on the creation of \$1,500,000 6% 10-year convertible gold debentures, the proceeds of which will be used to pay off the entire bank indebtedness of the company and for the construction of additional facilities in New York City. The directors have declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$1.75 a share on the preferred stock, par \$100, payable Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 15. This is the first time that the regular dividend has been declared on this issue.—V. 128, p. 1739.

General Public Service Corp.—Earnings.—

12 Months Ended June 30— 1929. 1928. Dividends on stocks... \$1,076,987; Interest on bonds, notes and cash... 71,521; Prof. on sale of sec. after deduct. all Fed. taxes... 1,352,928. Total income... \$2,501,437; Expenses... 100,062; Taxes (other than Federal taxes)... 3,048; Interest and amortization charges... 279,171. Balance... \$2,119,158; \$6 preferred stock dividends... \$147,774; \$5.50 preferred stock dividends... 1,455; \$7 convertible preferred stock dividends... 94,034; Common dividends... a583,183. Total... \$1,292,682; \$586,022.

The market values, at the end of the respective periods, of unsold stk. divs. received during the periods, but not included in above inc. were as follows: 402,605 194,803. Earns per share on common: a In 58,318 shares of stock. \$3.06 \$1.45. Stock dividends as and when received are not treated as income. Profits or losses resulting from the sales of any stocks (whether acquired originally by purchase or as stock dividends) are computed in accordance with U. S. Treasury regulations.

Balance Sheet June 30.

Assets— 1929. 1928. Investments: Stks. 17,820,141 16,305,326; Bonds & notes... 400,815 302,565; Cash (incl. money on call)... 567,236 291,769; Int. & accts. receiv... 18,795 16,551; Partic. in loan... 100,000; Special deposits... 1,899; Unamort. debt disc. & expense... 326,873 340,782; Red. fund for pub. lic Serv. Invest... 2,116 2,619; Co. stock... 3 4,509; Miscellaneous... 3 4,509. Liabilities— Preferred stock... x2,303,306 5,133,066; Common stock... y8,482,853 5,087,366; Com. stock scrip... 11,420; Conv. debentures... 4,973,000 4,973,000; Accts. payable... 8,079 7,419; Tax liability... 153,543 97,913; Dividends declared... 37,315 90,852; Commit. for loan... 100,000; Reserve for unacq. Pub. Serv. Inv. Co. stock... 2,116 2,619; Miscellaneous... 4,024 561; Res. & surplus... 3,162,223 1,871,926. Total... 19,137,879 17,364,123.

x Represented by 24,629 shares (1928, 24,624 shares) \$6 div. pref.; 270 shares (1928, 270 shares) \$5.50 div. pref., and (1928, 30,597 shares) \$7 div. conv. pref. stock of no par value. y Represented by 612,730 shares (1928, 402,889 shares) common stock of no par value.

Note.—After deduction of \$100 per share for each class of pref. stock, and the face value of outstanding debts., the book value per sh. of com. stock at the end of the respective periods was: June 30 1929, \$18.17; June 30 1928, \$15.47. Based on market values at end of the respective periods and the same provision for pref. stocks and debts., the value per sh. of com. stock was: June 30 1929, \$50.06; June 30 1928, \$22.44. Common shares outstanding at dates indicated: June 30 1929, 612,730; June 30 1928, 402,889.—V. 128, p. 4330.

General Spring Bumper Corp.—Depositors of Stock.— See Houdaille-Hershey Corp. below—V. 129, p. 136.

General Theatres Equipment, Inc.—Merger Terms.—

Pyncheon & Co., as manager of the stock syndicate, announces that it will purchase at call prices preferred stock of International Projector Corp. and the 6 1/2% notes and the preferred stock of National Theatre Supply Co. in exchange for General Theatres Equipment, Inc., common stock, voting trust certificates, when issued, at the rate of \$30 a share. This offer is good until Aug. 1, beyond which date there will be no extension. Securities should be deposited with the Chase National Bank under this plan. The call price of International Projector Corp. preferred stock is 115; for National Theatre Supply Co. preferred stock, 107 1/2. The corporation announces that it will exchange one share of common stock voting trust certificate for each share of International Projector Corp. common stock and three-quarters of one share for each share of National Theatre Supply Co. common stock.

The corporation also announces that it will pay cash for all preferred stock of International Projector Corp. and for the notes and preferred stock of the National Theatre Supply Co. In each instance the call price is being allowed. The offer is good until Aug. 23.

The consolidation of leading manufacturers and distributors of moving picture equipment and theatre supplies into General Theatres Equipment, Inc., was announced July 11. A block of stock of the new company, which will be exchanged for securities of the organizations in the merger, has been underwritten by the Chase Securities Corp., Pyncheon & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., West & Co. and W. S. Hammonds & Co.

The new company plans to market new cinema devices, among them one which will project pictures occupying the entire stage and giving the illusion of a third dimension. Among the companies entering the merger are the International Projector Corp., which makes 75% of the projectors used throughout the world; the National Theatre Supply Co., a leading distributor of theatre equipment and supplies in the United States; Grandeur, Inc.; the Strong Electric Co., the J. E. McAuley Manufacturing Co., Hall & Connolly, Inc., and the Ashcraft Lamp Co.

General Theatres Equipment, Inc. owns the majority of common stock in International Projector and National Theatre Supply, and on acceptance of exchange offers made will own all this common. Common stock of the new company will be offered to holders of preferred stock in the merging companies, and to holders of gold notes of National Theatre Supply. The new company will also acquire all outstanding stock of the Theatre Equipment Acceptance Corp. and 50% of the capital stock of Grandeur, Inc., which will acquire directly and indirectly all the business and assets of the Mitchell Camera Co.

Mitchell Camera makes professional cameras both for silent and audible pictures. The McAuley, Hall & Connolly, Strong, and Ashcraft organizations make practically all the projection lamps used in theatres.

(The S. A.) Gerrard Co.—Stock Sold.—W. A. Harriman & Co. Inc., and Chas. D. Barney & Co. have sold 62,500 shares common stock (no par value) at \$26 per share. This stock is being acquired from individuals and no new financing by the company is involved.

Transfer agents: Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York and First National Bank of Cincinnati; Registrars: American Trust Co., New York and Central Trust Co., Cincinnati. Dividends exempt from the present normal Federal income tax. Tax free in Ohio.

Dividends.—Quarterly dividends, each of 37 1/2¢ per share, payable Sept. 1 and Dec. 1 1929, has been declared. This is at the annual rate of \$1.50 per share.

Capitalization— Authorized. Outstanding. Common stock (without par value) 500,000 shs. 300,000 shs.

Data from Letter of S. A. Gerrard, Pres. of the Company.

Business.—Company, incorp. in 1920 as successor to a business founded in 1884, is engaged in the large scale production and marketing of fresh fruits and vegetables. Company originates most of the tonnage it handles in the fertile, irrigated sections of Arizona, California, Colorado and New Mexico from lands many of which produce two crops annually. Such tonnage is principally obtained either by direct farming on owned or leased lands or by handling, on commission, produce raised under contract by growers. The extensive scope of the Gerrard business, which is carried on throughout the year, makes possible exceptionally low operating costs.

A substantial part of the company's business is in cantaloupes and lettuce of which commodities Gerrard is the country's largest shipper. Vegetables such as cauliflower, carrots and peas, and tree fruits, grapes, etc. are also handled. For the year ended Nov. 30 1928 shipments amounted to 14,215 car-lots and represented a value, including freight, of approximately \$13,250,000. Marketing is effected throughout the country with the bulk of the tonnage going to the northeastern states. With its eastern office in Cincinnati and affiliated companies located in Chicago, Philadelphia and Detroit, the company is in a good position to serve the important markets.

Earnings.—Net income of the company, after all charges, adjusted to give effect to the elimination of executive bonuses now discontinued (averaging \$111,283 per annum) and to Federal income taxes at the present rate (12%), as certified by Haskins & Sells, has been as follows:

Years End, Nov. 30—	1928.	1927.	1926.	a1925.
Net (as above).....	\$871,868	\$304,312	\$147,229	\$314,703

a 11 months ended Nov. 30.
The custom of the company has been to prepare only annual earnings statements; it is the opinion of the company's management, however, that earnings for the first six months of the current year have substantially exceeded the full year's dividend (based on the present rate) on all the common stock outstanding.

Balance Sheet Nov. 30 1928 (giving effect to recapitalization).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash.....	\$43,623	Accounts payable.....	\$390,322
Accounts receivable.....	118,021	Federal income tax.....	93,054
Claims rec. from railroads.....	55,175	Due to officers & employees.....	235,528
Inventories.....	320,425	Common stock.....	1,000,000
Adv. to growers and farming and packing costs.....	1,051,579	Surplus.....	624,358
Investments.....	26,755		
Farming lands, equip., &c.....	716,719		
Prepaid ins., etc.....	10,964		
Good-will.....	1		
Total.....	\$2,343,262	Total.....	\$2,343,262

Gillett Safety Razor Co.—Earnings.

Period End, June 30—	1929—3 Mos.—1928.	1929—6 Mos.—1928.
Net income after chgs., deprec. & taxes.....	\$3,876,300	\$3,135,869
Shs. com. stk. outstg. (no par).....	2,100,000	2,000,000
Earns per share.....	\$1.84	\$1.57
—V. 128, p. 4165.		

Glidden Co., Cleveland.—Expansion.
Acquisition of another large Eastern food products concern producing goods under a national label has been authorized by the directors and the deal will be completed July 15, it was announced on July 9 by Pres. Adrian D. Joyce.

Mr. Joyce added that preliminary figures indicate that business in June, both from sales and profits standpoints was the best for the month in the company's history.

Kenneth D. Steers, of Paine, Webber & Co., New York, has been elected to the Glidden board to fill the vacancy caused by the death of P. L. F. Elting. G. W. Grandin, of Cleveland, succeeds H. R. Hamilton as a director.—V. 128, p. 4331.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Sales.
President C. P. Carlisle announces that sales in all divisions and in all territories show satisfactory increases over the same period for any previous year. Profits are quite satisfactory, the company has borrowed no money during the year and has a considerable amount on call. Mr. Carlisle also states that the capacity of the new Toronto plant has been materially increased and the company has under construction in Saskatoon an office and warehouse building.

The company will also expand the Bowmanville plant. The construction here will be steel and brick and the additions to be made should be ready for operation early in 1930.—V. 127, p. 2692, 1396.

Gotham Loan Co.—Stock Increased—Rights, &c.
The stockholders on July 10 approved the recommendation of the board of directors that the authorized capital stock be increased from 5,000 shares, par \$100 each, to 50,000 shares, par \$20 each. Stockholders will be given the right to purchase 25,000 shares of stock pro rated to their respective holdings at \$26 per share.—V. 128, p. 136.

Gotham Silk Hosiery Co., Inc.—Full Production.
All factories of the corporation including both the Onyx and Gotham Gird Stripe divisions are now at capacity production. A survey, based on reports of 37 leading stores in America's largest cities, shows that in 33 out of 37, gains ranging from 3.2% to 122.7% in Gotham sales were registered in May, with the average gain approximately 35%.—V. 129, p. 136.

Great Falls Mfg. Co.—Liquidation Distribution.
The stockholders will receive about \$1 a share at the final winding up of the liquidation when they surrender their stock. Treasurer Howard S. O. Nichols of Boston announced at the recent meeting. The stock of the company once sold as high as \$154 a share in the market.

When the sale of the plant to the Dwight Manufacturing Co. took place last March hope was held out that the stockholders might realize \$5 a share on their stock but doubt was expressed by some at the time. Injunction proceedings instituted by a stockholder delayed transfer of the property to the Dwight company and occasioned some expense so that now it appears that the surplus left after all details of dissolution are completed will be not more than \$25,000, or \$1 a share on the outstanding stock.—V. 128, p. 1740.

Ground Gripper Shoe Co.—Exchange Offer Made to Preferred Stockholders—New Issue of Debentures Proposed.

Holder of preferred stock have been extended the privilege of converting their holdings into common stock on a share-for-share basis.
President Charles B. Field states that this action is taken "to give holders of the preferred stock an opportunity to share in the expanding business."
The company is also asking the stockholders to approve the creation of an issue of \$5,000,000 debentures, of which \$2,500,000 are to be issued immediately in connection with the recent acquisition of new properties.—V. 129, p. 136.

Guardian Public Utilities Investment Trust.—Securities Offered.—F. E. Kingston & Co. of Hartford, Conn., are offering 250,000 series I pref. non-cumulative beneficial ownership certificates (with warrants), priced at the market.

Preferred both as to assets and dividends over common; fully paid and non-assessable. Dividends payable Q.-J. Dividends free from the normal Federal income tax. Transfer agent, Guardian Investment Trust, Hartford. Registrar and Depository, Hartford-Conn. Trust Co., Hartford.

Series I preferred beneficial ownership certificates are preferred to the common in being entitled to a dividend of \$1 per annum non-cumulative and also to be first paid in full to the amount of \$30 for each certificate out of the assets of the trust property in case of distribution of assets or dissolution of the trust. Series I preferred beneficial ownership certificates are subject to redemption at \$35 for each certificate on any dividend payment date upon 30 days' notice.

Option Warrants.—The Series I preferred beneficial ownership certificates carry non-detachable warrants entitling the holder to purchase an equal number of common beneficial ownership certificates of The Guardian Public Utilities Investment Trust on the following terms:

- At \$10 for each com. certificate up to and incl. Dec. 31 1930.
- At \$15 for each com. certificate from Jan. 1 1931 to Dec. 31 '31, both incl.
- At \$20 for each com. certificate from Jan. 1 1932 to Dec. 31 '32, both incl.
- At \$25 for each com. certificate from Jan. 1 1933 to Dec. 31 '33, both incl.

Purpose.—The fundamental purpose in the creation of this Trust is to enable the investor to participate in accruals from the compounding of principal and interest in the securities of public utilities and associated interests. The purchase of securities other than those of public utility and associated interests may be made only with the unanimous approval of the trustees.

Business.—The Trust operates under the laws of the State of Connecticut and in accordance with its own trust agreement. It is a trust, not a corporation or an association, and undertakes the investment and reinvestment of its funds in the securities and obligations of public utilities and associated interests. The portfolio of the Trust will include an interest in the foremost public utilities of the United States and also those of foreign countries; it will be international in scope.

Sources of Income.—The income of the Trust will be derived from divs. and int. received from the companies whose securities and obligations are held in the portfolio and also through investment turnover and the reinvestment of surplus and undivided profits.

Capitalization.—Series I preferred beneficial ownership certificates.....250,000

Common beneficial ownership certificates.....500,000

The trustees, under whose supervision all financial operations will be handled, follow:

Edmund S. Wolfe, Pres.; Frederic E. Kingston (of F. E. Kingston & Co.), Frederic C. Burroughs, Vice-Pres.; Harold E. Kingston (of F. E. Kingston & Co.), William E. Burnham, and Chauncey P. Goss Jr.

Hender Creamery Co., Inc.—Control.—See Borden Co. above.—V. 128, p. 3694.

(Edward) Hines Associated Lumber Interests.—Debentures Sold.—Detroit & Security Trust Co.; Baker, Fentress & Co.; First Saint Paul Co.; First Minneapolis Co.; First National Co. of Detroit, and First National Duluth Co. have sold at par and interest, \$3,000,000 6% gold debentures, series A. These debentures are the specific obligations of the Edward Hines Western Pine Co., jointly and severally guaranteed by the Edward Hines Lumber Co., Edward Hines Hardwood & Hemlock Co., Edward Hines Yellow Pine Trustees, Edward Hines Yellow Pine Co., and Trustees of Lumber Investment Association, comprising the group known as the Edward Hines Associated Lumber Interests, all of which are parties to the securing indenture.

Dated July 1 1929; due serially July 1 1931-1939. Interest payable (J. & J.) at Detroit & Security Trust Co., Detroit, trustee, or First Union Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Red. on any int. date upon two weeks' notice at 101. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%.

Data from Letter of Edward Hines, President of All the Affiliated Cos

Business & Ownership.—The Edward Hines Western Pine Co., located at Burns, Ore., is one of the units of the Edward Hines Associated Lumber Interests, which interests are engaged in the manufacture and sale of lumber, and are the largest wholesalers of this commodity in the United States. They are the owners of several very valuable tracts of timber on which there is standing approximately 1,500,000,000 feet of merchantable timber and in addition control 1,000,000,000 feet of government timber.

Authorized.—Two series of debentures have been authorized, series A of \$3,000,000 to be presently outstanding, and series B of \$1,000,000 which may at the request of the company, and subject to the approval of the trustee, be issued not later than Jan. 1 1931.

Security.—These debentures are the direct obligation of the maker, and constitute the only funded debt of the Associated Interests, who have covenanted that they will not (1) create any mortgage or other lien upon their properties; or (2) create any indebtedness having a priority over these debentures; or (3) create any indebtedness having rank equal to these debentures. This shall not prevent the Associated Interests from discounting their customers' paper or contracts in the ordinary and usual course of business, or of acquiring additional properties subject to existing mortgages, or of issuing their own purchase money mortgages in part payment for same. Further provision is made that the affiliated companies shall maintain net quick assets at least equal to the amount of principal of the debentures outstanding, and that at all times the net tangible assets of the Associated Interests shall be at least three times the amount of the debentures outstanding. The combined net worth of the Edward Hines Associated Lumber Interests, as shown by the consolidated balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1928, is over \$26,000,000. Net current assets were over \$6,000,000.

Earnings.—As reported by Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. the combined net earnings for the year 1928 from all sources, including proceeds from operation, sale of stumpage, cut over land, and other property, after depletion and depreciation charges but before interest charges and Federal income tax amounted to \$1,495,304. For the five-year period 1924-1928, incl., such net earnings averaged \$1,315,464 per annum, or 7.3 times the maximum annual interest charges on this issue of debentures. Since organization 37 years the Associated Interests have distributed to their stockholders \$3,463,536 in dividends.

Listed.—Bonds listed on Chicago Stock Exchange.—V. 119, p. 2653.

Hirons Securities Corp.—Earnings.

Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.

Net profit from sale of securities, \$127,126; dividends received, \$17,011; interest received or earned, \$649; gross income.....	\$144,786
Interest paid, \$17,443; salaries, insurance, and office expenses, \$8,875; taxes, \$15,150.....	41,469
Net earned income.....	\$103,317
Other income.....	95
Total net income.....	\$103,412
Dividends paid.....	22,394
Transferred to surplus.....	\$81,018

Balance Sheet December 31 1928.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash.....	\$8,169	Preferred stock.....	\$100,800
Securities owned at cost.....	782,748	Common stock.....	157,370
		Collateral loans.....	402,980
		Accounts payable.....	220
		Reserve for div. on pref. stock.....	1,764
		Reserve for Fed. income tax.....	11,789
		Paid-in surplus.....	20,353
Total (each side).....	\$790,916	Earned surplus.....	95,640

—V. 129, p. 137.

(A.) Hollander & Sons, Inc.—Earnings.

6 Months End, June 30—	1929.	1928.	1927.
Gross income.....	\$537,073	\$505,790	\$882,193
Deductions.....	48,161	134,809	231,633
Interest.....	42,417	34,382	44,014
Depreciation.....	44,994	69,500	52,000
Federal taxes.....	48,180	32,052	74,863
Subsidiary preferred dividends.....	17,500	17,500	17,500
Net income.....	\$335,821	\$217,547	\$462,183
Earns. per sh. on 200,000 shs. cap. stk. (no par).....	\$1.68	\$1.09	\$2.31
—V. 128, p. 1065.			

Houdaille-Hershey Corp.—Record Volume of Sales.

President Claire L. Barnes announces that the volume of sales of the corporation for the first six months of 1929 is unprecedented in that it very greatly exceeds in amount the combined sales of the companies now a part of the corporation for any similar period. The sales were over 45% greater than for the first six months of 1928. All large contracts held by the corporation at the beginning of this year have been retained and renewed, and important increases in volume have been obtained from several of the largest producers which, together with new business recently secured of large proportions from leading automobile companies, should assure a continuation of the record breaking volume. The Houdaille shock absorber division at its Buffalo plant where manufacturing facilities have been largely increased during the past six months is operating at capacity night and day.

87% of General Spring Bumper Corp. Stock Deposited.

Certificates of class A and B of this corporation are now available for exchange for certificates of deposit of general Spring Bumper Corp. issued under the plan and agreement to combine the two concerns. It was announced on July 12. The necessary Houdaille-Hershey Corp. stock to carry the plan into effect has been authorized for listing on the New York, Detroit and Chicago Stock Exchanges.

A communication mailed to stockholders of General Spring Bumper Corp., states that more than 87% of the outstanding stock of the corporation has been deposited under the plan and agreement; it was also announced that no transfers of certificates of deposit could be registered after July 22, after which date the books of the committee acting under the plan would be permanently closed.

Although no further General Spring stock will be accepted for deposit under the plan, the board of directors of the Houdaille-Hershey Corp. has authorized until further notice that Houdaille-Hershey stock will be issued upon the same basis directly to holders of undeposited Bumper stock upon surrender of Bumper certificates.—V. 129, p. 137.

Humberstone (Ont.) Shoe Co., Ltd.—Extra Dividend.—The directors declared an extra dividend of 50c. per share and the regular quarterly of 50c. per share on the common stock, both payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 15.—V. 127, p. 3550.

Inland Investors, Inc.—Earnings.—During the year 1928, the outstanding common stock was increased from 40,000 to 100,000 shares, being the total number authorized. The average number of shares outstanding during the year was 61,143, upon which the net earnings amounted to \$4.86 per share, or 9.72% upon the average invested capital. The unrealized appreciation per share at the end of the year on this number of shares amounted to \$7.37. Net earnings and unrealized appreciation amounting to \$12.23 per share on the average number of shares outstanding was equivalent to over 24% on the average invested capital.—V. 125, p. 1981.

International Germanic Trust Co.—To Split-up Shares—Proposed Merger.—

A special meeting of the stockholders will be held on July 22 for the purpose of voting upon the proposal to reduce the capital of this company from \$4,000,000 to \$3,200,000; to increase the number of shares of stock from 40,000 to 160,000; and to reduce the par value of the shares from \$100 per share to \$20 per share.

The stockholders will also vote upon the ratifications and confirmation of a written agreement agreed upon by a majority of the board of directors of this company and of the Mutual Trust Co., providing for the merger of the latter Trust company into the International Germanic Trust Co., pursuant to the Banking Law of the State of New York.—V. 128, p. 4332.

International Harvester Co.—New President.—

Herbert F. Perkins, 1st Vice-President, has been elected President to succeed Alexander Legge, who resigned to accept the chairmanship of the Federal Farm Board.—V. 128, p. 2081.

International Mercantile Marine Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 720,000 shares capital stock (no par) on official notice of issuance in exchange for present outstanding certificates for preferred and common stock of the par value of \$100.

The 720,000 shares of common stock are issued or to be issued pursuant to an amendment of the certificate of incorporation authorized by the directors May 2, and approved by the stockholders June 24. Pursuant to the amendment, each preferred stockholder, upon surrender of his shares of stock together with any and all rights and claims to accrued dividends thereon, will be entitled to receive \$20 per share in cash and one share of the new now par stock for each share of preferred stock surrendered; and each holder of the present common stock will upon surrender of his shares, receive in lieu thereof one-fifth of a share of the new no par stock for each present common share surrendered.—V. 129, p. 137.

International Paper & Power Co.—Expansion Program Nearing Completion.—

The extensive expansion program commenced by this company and subsidiaries in 1925 is now practically completed, it is announced. Except for paper mills at Dalhousie, New Brunswick, and Mobile, Ala., now nearing completion, and the proposed New Brunswick and northern Maine mill development, only minor projects remain. The announcement adds:

In the four years which have elapsed, control of New England Power Association has been acquired; 20 hydro-electric plants have been built or purchased; four kraft pulp and paper mills in southern states have been erected or purchased and another will soon be in operation; a newsprint paper mill has been built in Quebec, another in the same province has been enlarged, a third has been acquired in Newfoundland, and a fourth is nearing completion in the Province of New Brunswick.

The general policy of the company through this period has been one of developing income-producing power properties and reorganizing paper producing properties for increased efficiency and economy of production, adding new units where necessary and creating a well diversified line of products.

The company emerges from this program as a factor of the first rank in several well diversified fields; it is one of the largest owners of hydro-electric properties; it is the world's leader in newsprint manufacture, as well as in the manufacture of kraft paper; it supplies about half the world's requirements of bleached sulphite pulp as a raw material for rayon; and in addition is a substantial factor in many other grades of pulp, paper and paper products.—V. 128, p. 4166.

International Projector Corp., N. Y.—Consolidation.—See General Theatres Equipment, Inc., above.—V. 129, p. 137.

International Safety Razor Corp.—Earnings.—

Period—	3 Mos. End. June 30 '29	3 Mos. End. Mar. 31 '29	6 Mos. End. June 30 '29
Gross profit.....	\$147,348	\$197,347	\$344,695
Reserve for depreciation.....	3,491	3,473	6,964
Reserve for Federal taxes.....	17,262	23,265	40,527
Net profit.....	\$126,594	\$170,609	\$297,203

—V. 129, p. 137.

International Shoe Co.—Comparative Balance Sheet.—

Assets—	May 31 '29 April 30 '28		1929.		1928.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land, b'gs, equip.....	27,655,044	25,759,053	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000
Cash.....	5,786,498	2,750,872	Common stock & surplus.....	x89,946,405	82,944,477
Acts. & notes rec.....	21,982,143	18,613,987	Accounts payable.....	2,485,323	3,090,528
Inventories.....	29,688,425	38,532,617	Off. & empl. depos.....	253,627	206,933
Empl. stk. acts.....	2,598,852	2,946,856	Tax reserve.....	2,050,000	3,010,000
Loans.....	17,000,000	10,100,000	Insur. reserve.....	340,583	257,376
Prepaid expenses.....	214,547	182,445	Pref. divs. res.....	50,000	50,000
Investment.....	200,427	223,844			
			Total (ea. side)	105,125,938	99,109,314

x Represented by 3,760,000 shares no par stock. Our usual comparative income account was published in V. 129, p. 137.

International Vitamin Corp.—Organized.—

The formation of this corporation was announced July 2 by Julian M. Gerard, who resigned recently as President of the International Germanic Trust Co. to devote his time to the new corporation.

With Mr. Gerard on the board will be Esmond P. O'Brien, Vice-President of Postal Telegraph Co.; Wilson Hatch Tucker, Director of Lord & Taylor; George W. Carpenter, of Jesup & Lamont; Col. C. H. Huston, Chairman of Transcontinental Oil Co.; A. J. Kohler, President "Daily Mirror"; Charles D. Newton, former Attorney-General, New York; and Dr. Simon Lubarsky, President of Regal Drug Co.

The corporation will be capitalized at 200,000 shares of no par value. There will be no bonds or preferred stock. An underwriting of part of the stock is expected to be announced soon.

The corporation owns basic patents in the United States and foreign countries of a process for extraction of vitamins A, D and E, according to Mr. Gerard. This discovery represents in scientific food and medicinal industry a revolutionary situation, he declared.

Interstate Department Stores, Inc.—Merger Off.—

Referring to the proposed acquisition by the National Bellas Hess Co., Inc., of common stock of the Interstate Department Stores, Inc., the managements of both companies announce that certain difficulties of an organizational nature have arisen as a result of which they now deem it impracticable to consummate the plan.

Officers of Interstate and the board of directors of National Bellas Hess Co., Inc., recently approved a plan for the union of the interests of Interstate and National, which contemplated the acquisition by National of common stock of Interstate on a basis which will provide the common stockholders of Interstate with 1½ shares of common stock of National with respect to each share of common stock of Interstate. National was not obligated to proceed with the plan unless at least 80% of the common stock of Interstate was deposited.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of certificates of deposit for 238,046 shares of common stock on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding common stock certificates.

Sales of Interstate Department Stores for Month and First Six Months.

1929—June—1928.	Increase.	1929—6 Mos.—1928.	Increase.		
\$2,355,723	\$1,834,474	\$521,249	\$11,490,939	\$8,846,557	\$2,644,382

Note.—The above figures include sales of stores from dates of acquisition only.

The same number of stores in operation during the month of June and the six month's period showed a respective increase of 13.90% and 12.95% over those months in 1928.—V. 128, p. 4166.

Intertype Corp.—Earnings.—

Period End. June 30—	x1929—3 Mos.—1928.	x1929—6 Mos.—1928.
Gross profit.....	\$529,754	\$414,339
Head and branch office selling corporation.....	221,161	207,912
Depreciation.....	44,315	47,827
Reserve for taxes.....	46,500	84,600

Net to surplus.....	\$217,778	\$134,099	\$413,476	\$268,021
Shs. com. outst. (no par)	201,405	199,771	201,405	199,771
Earns. per sh. on com.....	\$0.97	\$0.56	\$1.82	\$1.11

x Subject to adjustment at end of fiscal year.—V. 128, p. 4014.

Investment Managers Co.—Report.—

On June 30 1929 the assets under management exceeded \$26,000,000 investment trust fund A having gross assets of \$19,905,033, and investment trust fund B having gross assets of \$6,145,264.

Investment Trust Fund A.—For the six months ended June 30 1929, the net income of investment trust fund A was \$1,850,829, representing earnings at a rate of 23% per annum on the average face value of certificates outstanding during the first half of 1929. While the greater part of this amount was derived from profits from sale of securities (a portion of which was included in the share value at Dec. 31 1928, as unrealized profits), the income from interest and dividends alone was \$583,298, or 43% in excess of the requirements for distributions.

After setting aside the reserve for contingencies, the value of 100 shares as at June 30 1929, was \$1,413.79.

The increase in share values before reserves, for the first six months of 1929, was at the annual rate of 11.6%. Including 5% distributions, the net gain was at the annual rate of 16.6%.

Investment Trust Fund B (Accumulative).—For the nine months ended June 30 1929, the net income of investment trust fund B was \$791,855, representing earnings at the rate of 17% per annum on the average face value of certificates outstanding during the period. Of this amount \$577,211 was derived from profits from sale of securities (a portion of which was included in the share value at Sept. 30 1928, as unrealized profits).

After setting aside the reserve for contingencies, the value of 100 shares, as at June 30 1929 was \$1,418.90.

The increase in share value before reserves, for the nine months ended June 30 1929, was at the annual rate of 21.9%.—V. 128, p. 2820.

Investors Union, Inc.—Organized as First of Chain of Investment Trusts by Financial Research Association, Inc.—

The first unit of the group of investment trusts to be organized in various cities in America by the newly formed Financial Research Association, Inc. (see above) has been formed in Maryland, with offices in New York City and incorporated as Investors Union, Inc. This investment trust will, it is stated, be operated in accordance with standard practice adopted by the successful British investment trusts and applied by successful American investment trusts to meet the conditions prevailing in this country. Its portfolio will be continually supervised by the parent organization, Financial Research Association, Inc., and all of its purchases and sales will also be made by the parent organization subject to the approval of its own directorate. In return for the supervision of its portfolio, execution of its orders, economic and statistical information, &c., Investors Union, Inc. will pay to Financial Research Association, Inc. a fee of 5% of its annual net earnings.

This first unit will have an authorized capitalization of 1,000,000 shares of common stock, no par value, consisting of equal shares of Class A and class B stock. Investors Union, Inc., will begin business with assets of \$5,000,000, the proceeds from the underwriting by Financial Research Association, Inc. of all of its class B shares.

Italo Petroleum Corp. of America.—To Suspend Dividends Temporarily—June Earnings—New President.—

At a meeting of the board, held last week, it was decided in view of remaining obligations for property purchase to suspend dividends temporarily.

Operating profit before depreciation, depletion and other income charges for June amounted to in excess of \$270,000. Operating profits, after the customary charges, averaged \$211,000 per month for March, April and May.

President William Lacey, being unable to devote full time to company affairs, has resigned. John B. Demaria, Vice-President, was elected President, Mr. Lacey will remain on the board of directors.—V. 128, p. 1240

Jewel Tea Co., Inc.—Sales.—

Period Ended June 15—1929—	4 Wks.—1928.	1929—	24 Wks.—1928.
Sales.....	\$1,249,698	\$1,239,106	\$7,618,129

—V. 128, p. 4167.

Joint Investors, Inc.—Earnings.—

Total earnings of the company for the six month period ended June 30 were \$421,942, according to the semi-annual report of the company to its stockholders. This amount represents earnings of 41.28% on the average paid-in capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$1,022,092 for the period.

Of the company's total earnings, \$206,905 was derived from net income, while unrealized profits in the security portfolio increased \$215,657 during the six months. The total earnings indicated are equivalent to \$41.27 per share of convertible preferred stock outstanding on June 30. Total earnings on the class A stock outstanding were \$38.71 per share, equal to \$8.24 if the conversion privilege of all the outstanding preferred on June 30 had been exercised that day.

The cost of securities owned by the company on June 30 was \$1,059,789. The market value of the portfolio on that date is given as \$2,057,376. The investments of the company are confined to the railroad, industrial, public utility and financial fields. Nearly one-half of the company's funds are invested in industrial common stocks, one-fourth in public utility securities and the remainder in railroads and financial companies.—V. 128, p. 3198.

Keystone Aircraft Corp.—Deposits.—

See Curtiss-Wright Corp.—V. 128, p. 4332.

(G. R.) Kinney Co., Inc.—Record June Sales.—

1929—June—1928.	Increase.	1929—6 Mos.—1928.	Increase.		
\$2,037,131	\$1,901,245	\$135,886	\$9,561,056	\$8,633,771	\$927,284

President E. H. Krom authorizes the following:
"Sales for the first six months of the current year established a new high record in volume amounting to \$9,561,056. The increase amounted to \$927,285 or 10.74%."

"Sales for the month of June also established a new high record for this month showing an increase of \$135,887 over last year or 7.15%."

"While it is impossible to estimate profits for the first six months until the June 30 inventory has been completed, I feel that with the increase in sales which our stores have shown, the profits for the company will be satisfactory. We are especially satisfied with the steady increase in volume which is being shown by the stores which have been established more than one year. A considerable part of the increase in sales for the company for the first six months of this year has been represented by increases in these longer established stores."—V. 128, p. 4014.

Koppers Gas & Coke Co.—Bonds Offered.—The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh; Guaranty Co. of New York; Bankers Co. of New York; Mellon Nat. Bank, Pittsburgh; Lee, Higginson & Co.; Bonbright & Co., Inc.; Otis & Co. and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., are offering at 99 and int., to yield 5.58%, \$25,000,000 sinking fund 5½% debenture gold bonds.

Dated July 1 1929; due July 1 1950. Denom. \$1,000*. Principal payable at the office of The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, trustee. Interest payable (J. & J.) at the office of Union Trust Co., of Pittsburgh or at

Bankers Trust Co., New York, without deduction of normal Federal Income Tax up to 2%. Red. all or part, on any int. date upon four weeks' notice at 103 1/2 and 104 1/2.

Sinking Fund.—Of \$1,000,000 per annum commencing Nov. 1 1930, to be used toward the purchase on each Dec. 1 thereafter, upon tenders made during each Nov., of bonds at not exceeding 103 1/2 and int. To the extent that this fund is not exhausted by tenders, bonds shall be called by lot for redemption on Jan. next following the date of each sinking fund payment. Free of Penn. four mill tax under present laws.

Data from Letter of W. F. Rust, President of the Company.
Company.—Incorporated in Delaware. Is a holding company engaged through its wholly owned operating subsidiaries Seaboard By-Product Coke Co., Jersey City, N. J., and Minnesota By-Product Coke Co., St. Paul, Minn., in the manufacture of by-product gas and coke. A half interest is also owned in Montreal Coke & Manufacturing Co., Montreal, Can., and in Hamilton Coke & Iron Co., Hamilton, O. The by-product coke plants sell their output of gas under favorable contracts to public utility companies. The production of coke is sold in part to utilities for the manufacture of gas, in part to industries for metallurgical uses and in part to domestic consumers as a high grade smokeless furnace fuel. The iron produced by Hamilton Coke & Iron Co., is sold for the most part under long term contract to The American Rolling Mill Co.

American Tar Products Co., a recently acquired wholly owned subsidiary, is engaged in the distillation of coal tar and the production and sale of resultant by-products, consisting largely of road surfacing and roofing materials, creosote oils, etc.—The properties of all subsidiaries are carried on the books of the company at their original cost less accumulated depreciation and other reserves, with no allowance for good will or going-concern value.

Koppers Gas & Coke Co., has made from time to time substantial investments in successful public utility companies and in industrial concerns closely allied with the by-product coking industry. Upon completion of this financing, the company will acquire as a further investment \$21,000,000 6% cumulative preferred stock and a minority interest in the common stock of Eastern Gas & Coke Associates, a Massachusetts voluntary association. This Association is being organized to own all of the stocks of The Connecticut Coke Co., New Haven, Conn.; Philadelphia Coke Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; and a majority of the common stock of Massachusetts Gas Companies, Boston, Mass. These companies own and operate modern by-product coke plants, selling their output of gas under contract or on favorable terms to public utility companies. Their co-ordination through Eastern Gas & Coke Associates should result in important operating economies.

Purpose of Issue.—Proceeds from the sale of these bonds will be used to acquire \$21,000,000 6% cumulative preferred stock of Eastern Gas & Coke Associates, to purchase additional securities and for other corporate purposes.

Provisions of Issue.—Bonds are to be the direct obligation of company and will be issued under a trust indenture which will provide, among other things, substantially that as long as any of the bonds are outstanding and unpaid, the company will not mortgage or pledge any of the shares of stock or other property now or hereafter owned by it and that it will not permit any mortgage to be created or pledged to be made by any of its subsidiary companies, except refunding of not to exceed the principal amount of bonds and debentures now outstanding on subsidiary companies, unless it becomes the purchaser of the obligations secured by the mortgage or pledge and retains same in its treasury, or uses the proceeds of the sale thereof in retiring funded indebtedness of the company, and that if the company makes any sale of any securities or property now or hereafter owned by it, or if Eastern Gas & Coke Associates cumulative preferred stock owned by it is redeemed in whole or in part, the proceeds thereof shall promptly be paid to the trustee and used only for the purpose of (a) buying other securities or property at their reasonable value, or (b) retiring funded indebtedness of the company. This provision shall not apply to any purchase money mortgage or liens on hereafter acquired property.

Financial.—Pro forma consolidated balance sheet of the company as of April 30, 1929, giving effect to this financing, audited and certified to by Arthur Young & Co., shows current assets of \$13,770,974; while current liabilities amount to \$2,822,217.

Investments are carried on the balance sheet at \$93,039,176 representing cost. The value of securities owned is more than \$25,000,000 in excess of cost. Including listed securities at market prices the value of the investments alone is substantially over twice the total funded indebtedness of the company including this issue.

Earnings.—The consolidated earnings of Koppers Gas & Coke Co. and subsidiaries, including American Tar Products recently acquired, but excluding non-recurring profits realized from the sale of assets, also audited and certified to by Arthur Young & Co., for the 5 years ended Dec. 31 1928, have been as follows:

Year Ended Dec. 31.—	Net Opera. Profit & Oth. Income.	Deprec. & Depletion.	Net Earns. Avail. for Int. & Fed. Taxes.
1924	\$6,162,944	\$1,218,320	\$4,944,623
1925	7,458,782	1,192,503	6,266,278
1926	8,522,983	1,201,771	7,321,211
1927	9,405,775	1,263,695	8,142,080
1928	6,683,316	752,342	5,930,974
Average net earnings past five years			\$6,521,033

Average net earnings as shown above for the past five years amount to 2.53 times the interest requirements of the total funded indebtedness of the company and its subsidiaries now outstanding in the hands of the public, including this issue.

During the year 1928, certain productive assets were sold and new properties were acquired, the normal earnings of which will not be developed until 1929 and thereafter. Giving effect to this anticipated income and to that arising from the application of the proceeds of this issue, it is conservatively estimated that net earnings as stated above for the current year will be more than 3 times interest charges.

Listing.—Bonds listed on the Boston Stock Exchange.—V. 128, p. 3523.

(S. H.) Kress & Co.—Sales.

1929—June—1928.	Increase.	1929—6 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$4,884,522	\$4,765,921	\$118,601	\$28,772,649
		\$27,247,312	\$1,525,337

—V. 128, p. 3840.

Kroger Grocery & Baking Co.—Acq. Several Chains.
 Official announcement was made by the company of the acquisition of chains which add 88 stores to the Kroger system. These acquisitions include 40 stores of The Thrift Stores, with headquarters and a warehouse at Herrin, Ill. The Thrift Stores, with a yearly sales volume of approximately \$3,000,000, operates 40 grocery and meat markets in Herrin, Marion, Harrisburg, Carmi, West Frankfort, Carbondale, McLeansboro, Benton, Mt. Vernon, Murphysboro and Eldorado, Ill.

In addition to the Thrift chain, the Kroger company has acquired 17 stores of Piggly-Wiggly Lewis Co., located in and around Oklahoma City, Okla.; 18 stores of Franklin Piggly-Wiggly at Tulsa, Okla.; 12 stores of Piggly-Wiggly Erwin Co. located in and around Memphis, Tenn., and one Piggly-Wiggly store in Perry, Okla.

In keeping with the Kroger policy, the personnel of the various acquired units will be retained in so far as is possible.

Thirty-six stores of the above acquisitions were taken over for cash. **Period End. June 29 1929—4 Wks.—1928 1929—26 Wks.—1928.**
 Sales—\$21,859,613 \$16,205,807 \$140,632,675 \$95,262,228
 Stores in operation June 29 1929, 5,386, as compared with 4,202 a year ago, an increase of 1,184, or 28.17%.—V. 128, p. 4015.

Lane Bryant, Inc., New York.—Sales.

1929—June—1928.	Increase.	1929—6 Mos.—1928—	Increase.
\$1,536,975	\$1,076,363	\$460,612	\$8,274,062
		\$6,077,259	\$2,196,803

—V. 128, p. 4015.

Lerner Stores Corp.—June Sales.

1929—June—1928.	Increase.	1929—6 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$1,713,851	\$1,149,291	\$564,560	\$7,894,256
		\$5,071,832	\$2,822,424

—V. 128, p. 4015.

Lawyers Mortgage Co.—Earnings.

6 Mos. End. June 30—	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Gross earnings	\$2,116,209	\$2,388,455	\$2,053,467	\$1,844,175
Expenses	811,988	908,711	788,905	725,290
Net profits	\$1,304,221	\$1,479,744	\$1,264,562	\$1,118,885

Balance Sheet July 1 1929.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
New York mortgages	\$16,204,310	Capital	\$12,900,000
Accrued int. receivable	1,235,168	Surplus	9,000,000
Company's office buildings, &c	2,677,909	Undivided profits	268,506
U. S. treasury notes	147,000	Mtges. sold—not delivered	353,650
Cash	2,078,783	Reserve for taxes, &c	721,015
Total	\$22,343,170	Total	\$22,343,170

—V. 129, p. 138.

Liberty Baking Corp.—Earnings.

24 Weeks End. June 15—	1929.	1928.
Net profit after deprec., int. chgs. & Federal taxes	\$224,408	\$174,818

—V. 123, p. 3193.

Liberty Bell Insurance Co., Phila.—Initial Div.
 The directors have declared an initial semi-annual dividend of 50c. per share payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 20. See also V. 127, p. 116.

(The) Lindner Co.—Stock Offered.—Borton & Borton and The Tillotson & Wolcott Co. are offering 20,000 Class A shares (no par value) (with Class B common share purchase warrants) at \$40 per share.

Dividends are exempt from the present normal Federal income tax and the shares are free from personal property tax in Ohio. Application will be made to list this stock on the Cleveland and Cincinnati Stock Exchanges. Holders of class A shares entitled to receive cumulative cash dividends at annual rate of \$2.60 per share, payable Q-J., in preference to the shares of class B stock. The initial dividend is payable Oct. 31 1929. Class A shares callable all or part upon 30 days' notice at \$43 per share, plus divs. In event of voluntary liquidation class A shares shall receive \$43 per share before any payment shall be made to holders of class B stock, but if dissolution be involuntary, holders of class A shares shall be entitled to receive \$40 per share plus divs. in either event. Transfer agent and registrar, Cleveland Trust Co.

Warrants.—Class A shares will carry warrants entitling the holder thereof to purchase class B shares in the ratio of 1/2 share of class B for each share of class A held, at \$30 per share after July 31 1929 and up to July 31 1931. These warrants will be detachable after Aug. 31 1929.

Capitalization.

Class A shares (no par)	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Class A shares (no par)	40,000 shs.	20,000 shs.
Class B common (no par)	*100,000 shs.	40,000 shs.

* Reserved for purchase warrants, 10,000 shares; for sale to employees, 3,000 shares; for outstanding purchase option, 2,000 shares.

Data from Letter of Morris A. Black, President of Company.
History.—Company, located on Euclid Ave. at East 14th St., Cleveland, Ohio, is the largest of the women's specialty stores of this type between New York and Chicago. Company was incorp. in 1908 in Ohio and began business in that year. Company specializes in women's wearing apparel of the better grade and also conducts a small department for men.

The business and assets of the Blackmore Co. of Toledo, Ohio, and the Blackmore-Danzig Co., Inc., of Elmira, N. Y., will be united with that of The Lindner Co. through acquisition of stock. These stores, which are of the same type as the Lindner store, have been operating as separate units, although managed through stock ownership by interests which controlled the Lindner Co.

Sinking Fund.—An annual sinking fund beginning April 30 1930 of 20% of the net earnings for the previous year after class A dividend to a maximum of \$40,000 is provided to retire the class A stock by purchase in the open market or by call.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to retire the present outstanding preferred stock, to construct a new building at Elmira, N. Y., and to furnish additional capital.

A portion of the B shares will be used to acquire complete share ownership of the Blackmore Co. of Toledo, Ohio, and the Blackmore-Danzig Co. of Elmira, N. Y.

Earnings.—Combined net earnings, after all charges, including Federal Taxes, of Lindner Co., Blackmore Co. and the Blackmore-Danzig Co., have averaged \$164,311 per year for the four years ended Jan. 31 1929.

These earnings are equivalent to over three times the dividend requirement on the total class A stock to be presently outstanding.

Net profits of the company for the first three months of the present fiscal year have shown an increase of 60% over the similar period in 1928. Combined net earnings for the four years ended Jan. 31 1929, after deducting dividend requirement for class A shares to be presently outstanding, have averaged \$112,311, equivalent to \$2.80 per share on 40,000 class B shares to be presently outstanding.

Lindsay Light Co.—Earnings.

6 Months Ended June 29—	1929.	1928.
Net income after charges and taxes	\$38,444	\$21,547
Earns. per sh. on 60,000 shs. com. stock (par \$10)	\$0.64	\$0.15

—V. 128, p. 3006.

Line Material Co.—Stock Offered.—The Milwaukee Co. recently offered 45,000 shares capital stock at \$19 per share. Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co., Chicago, transfer agent. Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, registrar.

Notes Offered.—In our issue of June 8 mention was made of the offering of \$1,000,000 6% serial gold notes at par and interest by the Milwaukee Co. The syndicate offering the notes was composed as follows: The Milwaukee Co., Marshall & Ilsley Bank and Morris F. Fox, Milwaukee; Detroit & Security Trust Co., Detroit; First St. Paul Co., St. Paul; Wells-Dickey Co. and the Minnesota Co., Minneapolis. See also V. 128, p. 3841.

Lockheed Aircraft Co.—Time Extended.
 The Detroit Aircraft Corp. has acquired a controlling interest in the above company, it is announced. At the time of the formation of the Detroit corporation a part interest in Lockheed was acquired and the opportunity to deposit their holdings was extended to all stockholders.

Sufficient stock has now been deposited to give the Detroit corporation control of the Lockheed company and the remaining Lockheed stockholders have been given until July 20 to signify their intention of depositing their stock. The basis of exchange is 1 1/3 shares of Detroit stock for each share of Lockheed.—V. 128, p. 139.

Loft, Inc.—Listing.
 The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 650,000 additional shares (no par) common stock pursuant to subscription by stockholders and 200,000 additional shares common stock pursuant to subscription by underwriters, making the total amount applied for 1,500,000 shares of common stock. The 650,000 shares have been offered stockholders of record June 14 1929 at \$9.50 per share at the rate of one share for each share then held. Rights expire July 5. The 200,000 shares have been underwritten at the same price as the offer to stockholders less a small bankers' commission.—V. 128, p. 4169.

London Tin Syndicate.—Subs. Begin Production.
 Two Malayan subsidiaries of London Tin Syndicate, with an estimated annual output of 2,320 tons of tin oxide, are beginning production this month, according to advices received from London. The combined output of the two companies at present prices of tin should be worth more than \$1,900,000 annually, it is stated.

The more important company, Kampong Lanjut Tin Dredging, Ltd., is capitalized at £230,000, with 71,000,000 cubic yards of proved dredgable area and proved ore reserves of 21,100 tons. A second dredge now under construction will go into operation in November. The life of present properties is 16 years with an estimated annual output of 1,320 tons.

Rawang Concessions, Ltd., the second company to go into operation this month, is capitalized at £200,000. Its proved dredgable area is 22 million cubic yards, containing proved reserves of 13,100 tons of ore. Annual production is estimated at 1,000 tons, giving the present property a life of 13 years. The dredge is entirely electrically operated.

Serendah Tin, Ltd., a third subsidiary, is scheduled to begin production in November, and Kramat Tin Dredging, Ltd., is to begin in January of next year.

While these properties will increase the total output of London Tin Syndicate companies, the total for the Federated Malay Straits is not expected to become proportionately larger, since dredges tend to replace less efficient mining methods, as shown by the decrease of 13,747 in the labor

force employed in the Malayan mines last year. Most of these were Chinese hand miners who were unable to make a living under existing conditions. Further decreases are reported during the first half of 1929.—V. 128, p. 3006.

McCrory Stores Corp.—June Sales.—
1929—June—1928. Increase. 1929—6 Mos.—1928. Increase.
\$3,334,490 \$3,099,133 \$235,357 \$19,025,547 \$17,548,622 \$1,476,925
—V. 129, p. 139.

McKesson & Robbins, Inc. (Md.)—Vice-Presidents.—
B. H. Badanes, former Secretary of the Louis K. Liggett Co., and I. H. Bander, in charge of Liggett activities on the Pacific Coast, have been chosen Vice-Presidents.—V. 128, p. 3696.

McLellan Stores Co.—June Sales.—
1929—June—1928. Increase. 1929—6 Mos.—1928. Increase.
\$1,782,596 \$1,283,463 \$499,133 \$9,003,147 \$6,296,147 \$2,707,000
—V. 128, p. 3842.

Madison Square Garden Corp.—Earnings.—
Years Ended May 31—
Income 1929. 1928.
Operating, general & administ. expenses \$4,602,285 \$7,593,775
Interest on Bonds & mortgages 3,725,500 6,074,522
Depreciation, amortization, &c. 90,000 125,091
Provision for Federal income taxes 224,937 236,939
Net profit \$492,347 \$995,523
Surplus at beginning of period 1,430,107 1,166,826
Total surplus \$1,922,455 \$2,162,348
Adjustments, net 306,116 326,168
Dividends paid 568,511 406,073
Surplus, May 31 \$1,047,828 \$1,480,107
Earnings per shr. on 324,860 shs. com. stk. (no par) \$1.51 \$3.06

Consolidated Balance Sheet May 31.
Assets— 1929. 1928.
Cash \$431,666 \$262,333
Notes receivable 8,000 12,000
Accounts receivable 101,447 101,871
Inventories 5,136 2,777
Marketable sec. 359,599 684,322
Funds in escrow 200,000 200,000
Special deposits 5,351 51,911
Invest. in & adv. to affil. cos. 103,836 101,831
Land, buildings & equip. \$5,242,368 5,212,423
Deferred charges 170,606 431,500
Liabilities— 1929. 1928.
Accts. payable \$92,012 \$50,497
Accrued exp. 70,851 57,651
Fed. & state tax 124,619 229,791
7% called mtge. bds. & deb. prem. & acc. int. 2,905 50,506
Deferred inc. 16,301 12,818
Res. for conting. 32,977 31,505
1st mtge. on Mad. Sq. Gard. 1,800,000 1,800,000
1st mtge. on adjac. prop. 60,000 17,500
Capital stock \$3,380,596 3,380,596
Surplus 1,047,828 1,430,107
Total \$6,628,089 \$7,060,972

x Represented by 324,860 no par shares. y After depreciation of \$724,852.—V. 128, p. 2474.

MacMarr Stores, Inc.—Acquisition.—
The corporation has acquired the Bay Cities Mercantile Co., operating 54 grocery, meat and vegetable stores in Los Angeles and vicinity. Sales of the Bay Cities company for 1928 totaled \$2,850,000. This acquisition brings MacMarr chain to about 1,100 stores with an annual sales volume of about \$58,000,000.—V. 129, p. 139.

Maple Leaf Milling Co., Ltd.—Bonds Offered.—Royal Securities Corp., Ltd., are offering \$5,000,000 5½% 1st (closed) mtge. 20-year sinking fund gold bonds at 97½ and interest to yield over 5.70%.

Dated June 1 1929; due June 1 1949. Principal and int. (J. & D.) payable in Canadian gold coin or its equivalent at any branch of the Imperial Bank of Canada in Canada (except Yukon Territory) and also at the Bank of Montreal, Halifax, Charlottetown and St. John; or at the holder's option in U. S. gold coin or its equivalent at the agency of the Dominion Bank, New York, or in sterling at the Dominion Bank, London, England, at the fixed rate of \$4.86 2-3 to £1. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Red., all or part, at any time on 60 days' notice at following premiums, 4% up to and incl. June 1 1934; 3% up to and incl. June 1 1939; 2% up to and incl. June 1 1944; 1% up to and incl. June 1 1948, and thereafter without premium in each case with accrued int. Trustee, Royal Trust Co.

Capitalization— Authorized. Issue.
5½% 1st (closed) mtge. bonds \$5,000,000 \$5,000,000
7% cum. redeemable preference shares 3,500,000 2,930,000
*Class "B" preference shares, (no par) 25,000 shs. 25,000 shs.
Common shares, (no par) 100,000 shs. 100,000 shs.

*With cumulative dividend of \$6 per annum.

Data from Letter of James Stewart, President of the Company.

Company.—Incorp. in 1910 under the laws of the Province of Ontario, and has with its predecessors been in successful operation for more than 25 years. It has complete facilities for the manufacture and distribution of flour and feed, and has the largest capacity of any flour milling company in Canada. It also controls four Canadian bread companies, including Canada Bread Co., Ltd., and Canadian Bakeries, Ltd., two of the principal baking organizations in the Dominion. The controlled businesses provide an increasing domestic outlet for a substantial part of the Company's flour production. Flour mills owned by the company and by its wholly owned by the company and by its wholly owned subsidiaries, Campbell Flour Mills Co., Ltd., and Hedley Shaw Milling Co., Ltd., are located at Port Colborne, Kenora, West Toronto, Thorold, Welland, Peterborough and Pickering, Ont., Brandon, Man., and Medicine Hat, Alta. These mills have a combined capacity for the manufacture of flour of 23,400 barrels daily. Company also owns and operates at Montreal, Que., and Toronto, Ont., feed mills with a combined daily output of some 500 tons, and operates 55 country elevators advantageously situated in the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, through which grain is forwarded from the Western Provinces. In connection with the storage and forwarding of flour, warehouses are owned at Hamilton, Winnipeg, Montreal, Ottawa, Kamloops, B. C. and Saint John, N.B., and the company also owns, through a subsidiary, a modern lake freighter with a capacity of 2,400 tons.

Earnings.—Based upon the annual net earnings of Company for the three years ended March 31 1929, after depreciation and all taxes, average annual earnings were \$716,670. Net earnings on the same basis for the year ended March 31 1929, were \$1,135,394, or more than four times the annual interest requirement of \$275,000 on bonds of this issue.

Earnings prior to 1929 did not fully reflect substantial operating economies which have since been effected. From the proceeds of this financing the company will have the benefit of the added earning power in its business of funds in excess of \$2,800,000.

Sinking Fund.—The trust deed will provide for an annual cumulative sinking fund equal to 2% of all bonds issued, plus interest on bonds redeemed, commencing June 1 1930.

Consolidated Balance Sheet March 31 1929.
[After giving effect to issue of \$5,000,000 bonds redemption of \$1,725,000 6½% bonds, and revaluation of real estate, buildings, plant, etc., and the conversion of common stock presently outstanding.]
Assets—
Cash and bank balances \$125,755
Accounts receivable 2,556,086
Inventories 6,679,222
Investments 2,047,664
Real Est., bldgs., plant and equip. 8,533,335
Deferred charges 346,363
Bond discount deferred 350,000
Goodwill & trade marks 929,401
Liabilities—
Bankers' advances \$3,314,787
Accounts payable 1,964,862
5½% 1st mtge bonds 5,000,000
6% 1st mtge bonds (Hedley Shaw Milling Co., Ltd.) 126,100
Reserves 321,387
7% cum. red. pref. shs. a 2,930,000
Class "B" pref. (shs.) 500,000
Common shares. b 2,000,000
Surplus 5,410,690
Total \$21,567,826 Total \$21,567,826

a Represented by 25,000 no par shs. b Represented by 100,000 no par shs.—V. 129, p. 139.

Mangel Stores Corp.—Net Sales.—
1929—June—1928. Increase. 1929—6 Mos.—1928. Increase.
\$939,399 \$805,725 \$133,674 \$5,211,380 \$3,765,278 \$1,446,102
—V. 128, p. 3842.

Martin-Parry Corp.—Earnings.—
Period End. May 31— 1929—3 Mos.—1928. 1929—9 Mos.—1928.
Net sales \$1,092,442 \$954,165 \$2,766,691 \$2,095,270
Cost of goods sold 1,077,329 966,810 2,838,814 2,326,717
Operating profit \$15,113 loss \$12,645 loss \$72,123 loss \$231,447
Other income 8,649 55,783 19,183 152,761
Total income \$23,762 \$43,138 loss \$52,940 loss \$78,696
Interest & other chgs. 14,871 16,433 29,035 136,401
Consol. net profit \$8,891 \$26,705 loss \$81,975 loss \$215,097
Profit sale Oaks Co. 452,571 452,571
Total profit \$8,891 \$49,276 loss \$81,975 loss \$237,474
Bal. refrig. exp. write-off 284,588 284,588
Total net profit \$8,891 \$194,688 loss \$81,975 loss \$47,114
—V. 128, p. 2821.

Massachusetts Investors Trust.—Dividends Payable.—
The trustees have declared a cash dividend of 52 cents per share, payable July 20 to holders of record July 8. A dividend of 1-100th of a share in stock for each share held was also authorized. Three months ago a dividend of 45 cents a share was paid and a year ago 46 cents a share. The assets of the trust are now over \$15,000,000, it is stated.—V. 127, p. 2968.

Melville Shoe Corp., N. Y.—Sales.—
1929—June—1928. Increase. 1929—6 Mos.—1928. Increase.
\$2,515,238 \$2,158,366 \$356,872 \$12,612,273 \$10,359,150 \$2,253,123
—V. 128, p. 3842.

Merchants & Manufacturers Secur. Co.—New Dir.—
J. Fletcher Farrell has been elected to the board of directors, succeeding Claude C. Hopkins, resigned. Mr. Farrell also has been appointed chairman of the executive and finance committees. Mr. Farrell is vice-president and treasurer of the Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp. and a director of the Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co.—V. 128, p. 3843.

Merchants & Traders Bankshares Corp.—To Liquidate.—
See under "Current Events" in last week's "Chronicle," p. 57. Compare also V. 128, p. 3696, 3200.

Metal & Mining Shares, Inc.—Earnings.—

Period.— 3 Mos. End. 7 Mos. End.
Mar. 31 '29. Dec. 31 '28.
Profit on sale of securities \$123,093 \$51,785
Dividends on stocks owned 24,921 6,484
Interest earned—call loans & bank deposits 12,805 4,694
Gross income \$160,820 \$62,962
Service fees—mineral research corp. 7,801 9,138
Office salaries 8,269 5,716
Stationery, printing & office supplies 1,624 2,510
Transfer agent's registrar's & depository's fees 2,991 1,600
Miscellaneous administrative expenses 2,153 1,500
Other expenses 4,203
Adjust. of stocks owned to market value 501
Federal income tax (est.) 10,500 4,400

Net income for period \$123,278 \$37,597
Amount of subscrp. in excess of declared value of cap. stock cover d thereby 1,020,300
Total surplus \$1,057,897
Preferred dividends 10,208
Common dividends 7,018

Surplus—balance—Dec. 31 1928. \$1,040,671

Balance Sheet, March 31 1929
Assets—
Cash \$253,046
Call loans 1,603,435
Investments 3,159,113
Accounts receivable 356,085
Organization expense 42,233
Liabilities—
Current liabilities \$12,012
Preferred stock 3,523,150
Common stock \$1,785,470
Surplus 93,279
Total \$5,413,912 Total \$5,413,912
x Represented by 107,234 no par shares—V. 127, p. 2969.

Metropolitan Chain Stores, Inc.—Sales.—

1929—June—1928. Increase. 1929—6 Mos.—1928. Increase.
\$1,466,572 \$1,028,016 \$438,556 \$6,787,275 \$5,273,544 \$1,513,731
President E. W. Livingston stated that these sales indicate that the early estimates of \$20,000,000 sales for the year 1929, an increase of 48% over the \$13,512,704 sales made by the company in 1928, would be realized.

He further stated that during the first 6 months of the year the company added 11 new units to its chain, making a total of 120 now in operation, and it is expected, with the present expansion program under way, that the company will have close to 150 stores in operation by the end of the year.—V. 128, p. 3843.

Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co.—Extra Div., &c.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50 cents per share in addition to the regular semi-annual dividend of \$1.25 per share on the common stock, both payable Aug. 15 to holders of record Aug. 3. This is the second extra dividend paid in 1929, an extra of 50 cents per share having also been paid Feb. 15.

The company reports for the three months ended June 30 net sales of \$1,261,273 as compared with \$749,884 for the corresponding period of 1928, an increase of 68%. For the six months ended June 30 net sales amounted to \$2,042,831 as compared with \$1,349,808, an increase of 51%. Sales for both the first and second quarters of 1929 were the largest for any similar periods in the history of the company or its predecessors combined.—V. 128, p. 3843.

Minneapolis-Moline Power Implement Co.—Initial Preferred Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of \$1.62½ per share on the \$6.50 cum. conv. pref. stock, no par value, payable Aug. 15. (See offering in V. 128, p. 3365.) J. L. Record has been elected Chairman of the board.—V. 128, p. 4016.

Modine Mfg. Co., Racine, Wis.—Expansion.—

To provide additional working space for its automotive radiator department, the company is constructing a 4-story addition to its present plant in Racine, Wis. The new building will represent an expenditure of approximately \$100,000 when equipped. It is expected that it will be ready for occupancy by fall when operations in that department will begin their seasonal increase.—V. 129, p. 139.

Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago.—Sales.—

1929. 1928. 1927. 1926.
Month of June \$21,953,639 \$19,179,246 \$16,697,933 \$16,611,553
First 6 months 122,807,540 96,567,915 92,236,614 95,216,715

Stock Exchange Ruling.—

The Committee on Securities of the New York Stock Exchange rules that the common stock shall not be quoted ex-rights until July 30.—V. 128, p. 4170.

Morison Electrical Supply Co., Inc.—Sales.—

1929—June—1928. Increase. 1929—6 Mos.—1928. Increase.
\$133,066 \$94,30 \$38,766 \$803,592 \$508,906 \$294,686
—V. 128, p. 3844.

Moth Aircraft Corp.—Deposits.—
See Curtiss-Wright Corp.—V. 129, p. 139.

(G. C.) Murphy Co.—Sales.—

1929—June—1928.	Increase.	1929—6 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$1,228,778	\$881,403	\$347,375	\$6,456,328
			\$4,766,148
			\$1,690,180

Nash Motors Co.—Earnings.—

Period Ended May 31.—1929—3 Mos.—1928.	1929—6 Mos.—1928.
Net income after deprec.	
Fed. inc. taxes, etc.	\$6,623,329
Earns. per shr. on 2,730,000 shs. com. stk. (no par)	\$2.42
	\$1.01
	\$3.93
	\$1.96

In commenting on the report O. W. Nash, President, says: "The management feels that the earnings for the first half of the year are very satisfactory. The management is also very optimistic with reference to the position its products occupy to-day in the mind of the public. Sales continue to be very satisfactory, and with the present general satisfactory business conditions existing throughout the country, the company has every reason to believe that they will have a very satisfactory year."—V. 128, p. 2644.

National Bellas Hess Co., Inc.—Net Cash Receipts.—

1929—June—1928.	Increase.	1929—6 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$3,907,859	\$3,325,202	\$582,657	\$2,860,440
			\$20,268,736
			\$2,591,704

Merger Negotiations With Interstate Department Stores, Inc. Off.—See latter company above.—V. 129, p. 140.

National Shirt Shops, Inc.—June Sales.—

1929—June—1928.	Increase.	1929—6 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$399,553	\$340,286	\$59,267	\$1,829,225
			\$1,560,599
			\$268,626

National Family Stores, Inc.—Sales Increase.—

1929—Month—1928.	Increase.	1929—5 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$469,973	\$101,456	\$368,517	\$2,440,449
			\$560,459
			\$1,879,990

National Standard Co.—Earnings.—

8 Mos. Ended May 31—	1929.	1928.
Net profit after charges & Federal taxes	\$489,546	\$321,292
Earns. per shr. on 150,000 shs. com. stk. (no par)	\$3.26	\$2.14
Net income for May 1929 was \$79,334 after all charges including taxes.		

National Steel Car Lines Co.—May Recapitalize.—

Recapitalization is expected to be the chief topic for discussion at a special meeting of the board of directors called for July 22. The company, under management control of Freeman & Co., equipment trust and transportation bankers, was organized to act as vendor of railroad equipment and shortly will make its report to stockholders showing that up to June 30, last, the National Company has handled leases covering 17,483 cars with a total valuation of more than \$26,000,000. Leases include issues to Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp., Transcontinental Oil Co., Indian Refining Co., Chestnut & Smith Corp. and others.

At the regular meeting held yesterday for election of officers, Ernest L. Nye, who was re-elected President, pointed out that the outlook for all freight car business is considerably improved and that the company had just concluded the lease of 188 cars to the Mexican Petroleum Co. under a series "L" issue of certificates to be dated July 15 1929.

In addition to Mr. Nye, the following officers were re-elected: L. S. Freeman and E. Kirk Haskell, Vice-Presidents; R. J. Burton, Treasurer; and F. L. Cole, Secretary. In addition to these, the directorate includes William S. Haskell, general counsel.—V. 126, p. 3462.

National Tea Corp., Chicago.—Sales.—

1929—June—1928.	Increase.	1929—6 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$7,540,865	\$7,502,720	\$38,145	\$45,015,243
			\$42,284,378
			\$2,730,865

National Theatre Supply Co.—Consolidation.—

See General Theatres Equipment, Inc. above.—V. 125, p. 3210.

Nedick's, Inc.—Sales Increases.—

Period End. June 30—	1929—Mo.—1928.	1929—8 Mos.—1928.
Sales	\$453,075	\$326,668
		\$1,854,794
		\$1,445,537

Neisner Bros., Inc.—Conversion Plan.—

President A. H. Neisner announced on July 10 the new conversion terms as a result of the recent declaration of a 60% stock dividend on the common shares, payable Aug. 5 next.

Effective Aug. 5 for each share of 7% cum. conv. pref. stock surrendered by Feb. 1 1931, the holder will be entitled to receive 2.133 shares of common stock; between Feb. 1 1931, and Feb. 1 1933, 1.16 shares.

For Neisner Brothers Realty, Inc., 6% sinking fund gold debentures: If conversion be made on or before March 1 1931, \$125 per share; if conversion be after March 1 1931, and on or before March 1 1932, \$156.25 per share; if conversion be after March 1 1931 and on or before March 1 1933, \$187.50 per share; if conversion be after March 1 1933, \$218.75 per share.—V. 129, p. 140.

(J. J.) Newberry Co.—June Sales.—

1929—June—1928.	Increase.	1929—6 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$2,224,161	\$1,621,613	\$602,548	\$10,711,757
			\$7,444,611
			\$3,267,136

New England Equity Corp.—Rights.—

The common stockholders of record July 1 have been given the right to subscribe on or before August 1 for additional common stock (no par value) at \$38 per share on the basis of one new share for each four shares held.—V. 128, p. 2644.

Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co.—Decision.

An opinion has been handed down by the United States Circuit Court at Asheville, N. C., in the case of the company appellant, and cross appellee, vs. the United States of America, appellee and cross appellant. The opinion held that the shipyard was liable on the ground of negligence for damage occasioned by the fire to the steamship America, March 10 1926, but that the company, by virtue of its contract with the government, is relieved of paying \$2,000,000 damages sustained by the government. Judge Elliott Northcott wrote the opinion, to which Judge Parker (John J. of Charlotte) dissented, holding that the company should be liable for \$2,000,000 damages.—V. 127, p. 272.

New River Co.—\$1.50 Back Dividend.—

The directors on July 2, declared a dividend of \$1.50 per share (due Feb. 1 1922) payable Aug. 1 1929, to holders of preferred stock of record July 20 1929.—V. 128, p. 2477.

New Standard Aircraft Corp., Paterson, N. J.—Rights.

Holders of stock in the corporation will receive valuable stock warrants on July 15, according to an announcement by the directors. The warrants will entitle the present stockholders to purchase one additional share at \$15 for each four shares now held.

The corporation, according to President Charles Auger, Jr., is now getting into production of the New Standard training plane, powered with American Cirrus Engines, in addition to the larger passenger and mail carrying models. Tentative orders for more than 50 of the small planes were offered the company within 10 days after the first ship was flown several weeks ago. Formal acceptance of the orders was postponed until manufacturing costs could be determined, and until definite delivery dates could be guaranteed.

The first unit of the small planes is now going through the factory, and present facilities are being enlarged so the building of the small ships will not interfere with production of the large Whirlwind engine planes.

Orders on the larger ships are still about a month ahead of production, according to company officials, who report additional markets opening up in the South and far West

The first of the New Standard D27 mail planes to be used for commercial purposes left the finishing line at the Paterson, N. J. plant recently. This model is powered with a Wright J5A engine, having per load capacity of 810 pounds.

New York Air Terminals, Inc.—Deposits.—

See Curtiss-Wright Corp.

New York Fire Insurance Co.—New Director.—

W. H. Combs, vice-president of the Bankameric Blair Corp., has been elected a director.—V. 128, p. 4171.

N. Y. & Honduras Rosario Mining Co.—Extra Div.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 1/4% and an extra dividend of 2 1/4% on the capital stock, payable July 27 to holders of record July 17. An extra dividend of like amount was paid in each of the previous 18 quarters and also on Dec. 24 1928.—V. 128, p. 2477.

N. Y. & Suburban Air Lines, Inc.—Deposits.—

See Curtiss-Wright Corp.

Niagara Fire Insurance Co.—Stock Deposits.—

See Fidelity-Phenix Fire Insurance Co., above.—V. 126, p. 3769.

North Shore Coke & Chemical Co.—Earnings.—

Earnings for Year Ended May 31 1929.	
Gross earnings from all sources	\$1,378,795
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	935,001
Depreciation	79,995
Interest on funded debt	120,000
Amortization bond discount and expense	10,020
Other miscellaneous interest deductions	1,050
Net income available for Federal income tax and dividends	\$232,731
Net earnings, after depreciation, were equivalent to over 3.03 times bond interest charges of \$120,000.	

Balance Sheet May 31 1929.	
Assets	Liabilities
Property and plant	Common stock
Cash	7% preferred stock
Certificate of deposit	Funded debt
Accounts receivable	Accounts payable
Materials and supplies	Accrued interest and taxes
Prepaid and deferred charges	Reserve for depreciation
Sinking fund—Cash	Capital and donated surplus
	Earned surplus
Total	Total

Oil Shares Inc.—Quarterly Report.—

F. de O. Sullivan, President says: The average capital invested for the three months ended June 30 1929, was \$11,426,625, compared with \$10,438,423 for the preceding quarter.

The net income for the three months ended June 30 1929, was \$201,108, equivalent to an annual rate of 7.06%.

After providing for quarterly dividends accrued to July 15 1929, on the outstanding preferred stock amounting to \$135,750, there remained a net balance available for the common stock of \$65,359, equivalent to 38 cents per share on the average of 173,582 common shares outstanding during the three months.

For the six months ended June 30 1929, the total net income was \$617,690, equivalent to 11.40% per annum on the average capital of \$10,930,281 invested for the period.

During the above period, two preferred dividends aggregating \$254,538 were paid or accrued, leaving a net balance available for the common stock of \$363,153, equivalent to \$4.41 per share per annum on the average of 166,083 common shares outstanding for the period. There were also paid two dividends of 37 1/2 cents each on the common stock, aggregating \$127,322 leaving a net earned surplus as of June 30 1929, of \$397,676.

Percentage of Corporation's Funds Invested in Various Classes at June 30 1929

Class "A"—Cash in banks and on hand	\$958,962	
Call loans	400,000	
Investment Standard Oil group	5,573,386	
Total invested	\$6,932,347	55.40%
Class "B"—Investments, independent group	2,846,925	22.75%
Class "C"—Invests., other cos. related to the oil & gas industry	2,734,349	21.85%
Total	\$12,513,621	100.00%

Earnings for Respective Periods.

Period—	3 Months Ended—	6 Mos. End.
	June 30 '29.	Mar. 31 '29.
Interest, dividends & realized profits	\$272,412	\$572,334
Administrative & general expenses	26,259	18,954
Service, trustee trans. agent, registrar & other fees	29,044	28,699
Res. against contingent service fees	1,000	59,000
Reserve for Federal taxes	15,000	50,000
Net income for period	\$201,108	\$416,581
Preferred dividends	135,750	118,786
Common dividends	67,879	59,443
Balance	def. \$2,521	\$238,352
Aver. number shs. com. stk. outstdg.	173,582	158,500
Earns per share	\$0.38	\$1.88

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Asset—	June 03 '29.	Mar. 31 '29.	Liabilities—	June 30 '29.	Mar. 31 '29
Cash	\$958,962	\$396,221	Accounts payable	\$18,572	\$73,519
Call loans	400,000	2,700,000	Pref. div. pay.	135,750	118,875
Accounts receiv.	121,345	53,191	Res. for Fed. tax	90,026	85,013
Invests. at cost.	11,154,659	8,046,099	Res. agst. cont.		
Furn. & fixtures	2,367	2,202	service fees	\$2,686	\$1,686
			6% pref. stock	9,050,000	7,925,000
			Common stock	1,810,000	1,585,000
			Paid-in surplus	1,052,623	928,423
			Earned surplus	397,676	400,197
Total	\$12,337,333	\$11,197,713	Total	\$12,637,333	\$11,197,713

x Represented by 181,000 no par shares. V. 128, p. 2646.

Oilstocks, Limited.—Earnings.—

Earnings for 6 Months Ending June 30 1929.	
Profits from trading in securities	\$472,712
Dividends received & accrued	117,943
Syndicate participation profits	38,264
Interest received	2,964
Total income	\$631,883
Interest on funds borrowed	\$24,550
General expense	16,705
Net earnings before taxes	\$590,628
Surplus—Dec. 31 1928	412,532
Total surplus	\$1,003,159
Cash dividends	\$85,821
Stock dividend	624,082
Surplus—June 30 1929	\$293,255
Earns. per sh. on 367,760 average shs. outstanding	\$1.61

—V. 128, p. 3845.

Oriental Navigation Co.—To Retire Debentures.—

The company has issued a notice to holders of 6% 20-year conv. debentures, dated May 1 1923, and secured by indenture of trust dated Nov. 1 1927, of its intention to redeem on Nov. 1 1929, at 105 and int. all outstanding debentures, aggregating \$745,300. Payment will be made at the office of the Empire Trust Co., trustee, 120 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 125, p. 256.

Ontario Mfg. Co.—Earnings.—*Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.*

Net sales	\$1,661,929
Cost of goods sold and commercial expense	1,387,446
Provision for Federal income tax	33,000
Net profit for year 1928	\$241,283
Common stock and surplus Dec. 31 1927	407,989
Capital transferred through conversion of preferred stock	43,500
Adjustments increasing surplus	3,910
Total surplus	\$696,682
Cash dividends paid	108,854

Common stock and surplus Dec. 31 1928	\$587,828
Earns. per share on 51,305 no par shares common stock	\$3.92

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1928.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$35,572	Accounts payable	\$53,481
Accounts receivable	197,550	Accruals, incl. Fed. income tax	50,974
Inventories	484,109	Preferred stock	556,500
Cash surrender value—life ins.	8,650	Common stock	x318,500
Land, bldgs., mach'y & equip.	499,765	Earned surplus	269,328
Deposit on compensation insur.	2,356		
Prepaid insurance premiums	7,777		
Unamortiz. portion of reorgan. expense	13,003	Total (each side)	\$1,248,782

x Represented by 51,305 no par shares.—V. 128, p. 4017.

Osborn Mills, Inc., Fall River.—To Liquidate.—

The stockholders on July 8 authorized the B. M. C. Durfee Trust Co. to sell the land, buildings and machinery of the corporation. The trust company is trustee under a mortgage given to secure bonds issued two years ago. No action was taken on the dissolution of the corporation.—V. 127, p. 3716.

Otis Elevator Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$150,000 additional common stock (par \$50) on official notice of issuance of such shares for acquisition of Graham & Norton Co., and the disposition of three shares for cash making the total amount applied for \$25,000,000.

Comparative Balance Sheet

Mar. 31 '29.		Dec. 31 '28.		Mar. 31 '29.		Dec. 31 '28.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
Assets—		Liabilities—					
Capital assets	17,161,510	Preferred stock	6,500,000	6,500,000			
Invest. in subs	7,363,296	Common stock	24,849,800	21,609,200			
Government secur.	4,500,000	Accounts payable	1,031,833	1,873,303			
Inventories	8,717,420	Accrued Fed., &c., taxes	1,285,183	1,191,250			
Notes receivable	400,805	Sundry credits	2,395,990	2,520,256			
Accts. rec., less res.	7,934,637	Dividends payable	842,085	745,620			
Cash	4,173,774	Other reserves	4,214,150	3,826,500			
Good-will, &c.	1	Surplus	9,454,682	12,137,361			
Deferred charges	322,281						
Total	50,573,723	Total	50,573,723	50,403,491			

A After deducting reserves for depreciation.—V. 128, p. 4171.

Pan-American-Grace Airways, Inc.—Decree Issued.—

The Chilean Government has issued a decree authorizing the corporation's line to carry mail, passengers and cargo over Chilean territory from the United States and intermediate points.—V. 128, p. 4335.

Pantex Pressing Machine, Inc.—Rights—Dividends.—

The stockholders on July 9 approved the issuance of 12,000 additional shares of no par value common stock to finance expansion. Of the new stock 7,105 shares will be offered to present stockholders at \$60 per share, one new for three old. The rest of the stock will remain in the treasury. It was also voted to put the common stock on a dividend basis, consisting of \$2 in cash annually (payable 50c. a share quarterly) and 4% in stock (payable 1-50th of a share semi-annually).—V. 128, p. 3367.

Parmelee Transportation Co.—Expansion.—

Pres. E. S. Miller states that negotiations have been concluded whereby the Yellow Cab Co. of Pittsburgh will become affiliated with the Parmelee company.—V. 128, p. 3846.

Paterson Publishing Co.—Trustee, Transfer Agent.—

The Chemical Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed trustee for \$200,000 of 6½% gold notes, and transfer agent for 3,000 shares of capital stock.

Peerless Motor Car Corp.—Officers—Shipments.—

James A. Bohannon has been elected president succeeding Leon R. German. Don P. Smith, of Detroit has been elected vice-president and assistant general manager. Shipments for the first half of 1929 were 6,549 cars, against 5,387 cars in the same period of 1928.—V. 128, p. 3203.

Pelz-Greenstein Co., Inc.—To Increase Common Stock.—Changes Name.—

The stockholders on July 1, voted to change the name to Consolidated Factors Corp., President Oscar Greenstein announced. It was voted also to increase the number of directors from 3 to 20, to increase the authorized common stock from 135,000 to 202,500 shares and to distribute 1½ shares of new common for each share of present common stock, all changes becoming effective Sept. 3.—V. 128, p. 4172.

(David) Pender Grocery Co.—June Sales.—

1929—June—1928.	Increase.	1929—6 Mos.—1928.	Increase.		
\$1,351,081	\$1,315,710	\$35,371	\$7,639,895	\$7,066,380	\$573,515

At June 30 1929, the company operated 401 grocery stores, 40 of which carried meat departments.—V. 128, p. 4017.

(J. C.) Penney Co., Inc.—Gross Sales.—

1929—June—1928.	Increase.	1929—6 Mos.—1928.	Increase.		
\$17,121,067	\$14,129,435	\$2,991,632	\$83,124,806	\$71,753,868	\$11,370,938

Note.—The sales of the J. B. Byars Co., the W. J. Lindsay Co., and the J. N. McCracken Co., chain stores purchased by the J. C. Penney Co. early this year, are included for the first time in the total sales report, both for the monthly and 6 months sales report, President Earl C. Sams, says: "The June increase indicates a satisfactory business condition existing throughout the country. It is anticipated with the sales reports received for the last 6 months of the year that we will reach the quota of \$215,000,000 set for 1929."—V. 128, p. 4335.

Peoples Drug Stores, Inc.—Sales.—

1929—June—1928.	Increase.	1929—6 Mos.—1928.	Increase.		
\$1,264,530	\$924,724	\$339,806	\$7,125,297	\$5,195,754	\$1,929,543

—V. 128, p. 4017.

Pettibone Mulliken Co.—Common Stock Removed from New York Stock Exchange on Request of Directors.—

In our issue of June 15 we stated that the common stock of Pettibone Mulliken Co. (N. Y.) had been stricken from the list of the New York Stock Exchange. Referring to the foregoing, H. R. Prest, Secretary, writes: "It is true that the common stock has been removed from listing on the New York Exchange but it was done entirely on our own initiative, for the reason that the preferred stocks had been called for redemption on Feb. 1 1929 and only a very few shares of the common stock remained outstanding, since the company was reorganized as a Delaware corporation. Therefore, on May 29 1929, the directors met and passed a resolution requesting the withdrawal of the common stock from listing and a certified copy of resolution was forwarded to the New York Stock Exchange."—V. 128, p. 4017.

Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co.—To Enter Electric Field.—

The election to the directorate of partners of J. P. Morgan & Co. and Drexel & Co. points the way to active entry of this company into the electrical generating field through the utilization of the small particles of anthracite which are a by-product of the daily operation of the company's

collieries and for which heretofore there has been little commercial use, according to an analysis just made of the company by Hirsch, Lillenthal & Co. The company plans the erection of a \$6,000,000 generating plant at Herndon, near Sundry, Pa., with a dam across the Susquehanna River at this point.—V. 128, p. 3367.

Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co.—Sales.—

The company reports for June sales of 1,472 cars compared with 634 a year ago, an increase of 132%. This brings sales for the first 6 months of 1929 up to 6,025 passenger cars alone compared with 2,729 in the first six months of 1928, and 5,491 in the entire year 1928. In addition to selling more cars in six months than were sold in the 12 months of 1928 the company had on hand on July 1 unfilled orders for 1,329 cars.—V. 128, p. 4335.

Pittsburgh Screw & Bolt Corp.—Listing.—

The Pittsburgh Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 1,500,000 shares (no par) common stock.

Statement of Earnings for the Five Months Ended May 31 1929.

Gross profit on sales	\$2,194,212
Administrative and selling expense	470,564
Operating profit	\$1,723,647
Other income	128,659
Total income	\$1,852,306
Other deductions	2,683
Depreciation	189,857
Interest	97,997
Federal income tax at 12%	187,432
Net profit for the period available for dividends	\$1,374,337

Balance Sheet as of May 31 1929

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$3,225,400	Accounts payable	\$598,953
Accounts and notes receivable	1,386,087	Res. for Fed. & general taxes	399,259
Inventories	2,727,925	Reserve for losses in inventory and contingencies	125,399
Investment in marketable sec.	2,571,835	Funded debt	3,993,000
Unpaid subscrip. to cap. stock	11,856	Cap.stk. (1,500,000 shs. no par)	1,500,000
Fixed assets	9,074,688	Paid in surplus	9,817,891
Patents	37,618	Earned surplus	2,722,947
Deferred charges	122,040		
Total	\$19,157,449	Total	\$19,157,449

—V. 129, p. 141.

Plaza Office Building (Plaza Investment Co.), Jackson, Miss.—Bonds Offered.—The Canal Bank & Trust Co., Standard Bond & Mortgage Co., New Orleans, La.; First National Bank and Mississippi Bond & Trust Co., Jackson, Miss., are offering \$375,000 1st mtge. 6% serial gold bonds at 100 and interest.

Dated July 1 1929; due serially 1931-41 incl. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 Principal and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Canal Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans, La., without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Callable on any int. date after 30 days' notice at 101 and int. to July 1 1939, and thereafter at 100½ and int. to final maturity.

These bonds are the direct obligation of the Plaza Investment Co., incorp. in Delaware, and are secured, by a first closed mortgage on a lot of ground in Jackson, Miss., fronting 130 feet on Congress St. by 80 feet depth on Amite St. in the principal business district of the city. A modern 12-story and basement, fireproof office building, with steel frame and brick with stone-trimmed exterior is being erected on this site containing about 1,210,000 cubic feet and about 60,000 square feet of rentable office space above the ground floor. The ground floor will contain eight retail stores.

Company has estimated the annual income from this property as follows: Ground floor stores, \$16,991; rentals from office space, \$115,611; total, \$132,602; less 10% allowance for vacancies, \$13,260; operating expenses, \$47,412; net income available for interest and principal on first mortgage bonds, \$71,930.

Pond Creek Pochontas Co.—Production.—

Period End. June 30	1929—3 Mos.—1928.	1929—6 Mos.—1928.
Coal output (tons)	219,160	195,769
During June, 1929, the company mined 72,768 tons of coal as compared with 75,881 tons in June, 1928.—V. 128, p. 2285.	419,611	370,797

Poor & Co.—Listed.—

The New York Stock Exchange has listed 329,000 shares Class B stock (no par value).—V. 129, p. 141.

Power & Light Securities Trust.—Cash & Stock Divs.—

The trustees have declared a dividend of 50c. in cash and 1½% in stock on the shares of beneficial interest, payable Aug. 1 1929 to holders of record July 16 1929.—V. 129, p. 141.

Prairie Cities Oil Co., Ltd.—Initial Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 25c. per share on the \$1 cum. class A stock, no par value, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 15. See offering in V. 128, p. 3203.

Public Industrial Corp.—Earnings.—*Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31 1928.*

Gross income	\$107,223
Operating expenses (net)	26,891
Operating income	\$80,330
Other income	100,000
Total income	\$180,330
Interest paid	13,018
Depreciation	1,546
Net income	\$165,766
Dividends paid	42,265
Balance, surplus	\$123,501

—V. 127, p. 3717.

Public Investing Co.—Initial Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 25c. per share, payable Sept. 16 to holders of record July 15. See also V. 128, p. 1749.

Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corp.—Three-Way Bookings.—

Three-way bookings for entertainment stars—on the Keith-Albee-Orpheum vaudeville stage, before the National Broadcasting Co. "mikes" and for Victor phonograph records—has been perfected by the Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corp., and is expected to cut overhead expenses to the bone, in addition to furnishing superior amusement to the public, according to a review of this company's position prepared by Rhodes & Co. "The prestige of a theatrical organization," it says, "is dependent to a large extent on its artistic talent. In this respect, the company has a unique position, in that the community of interests with the Radio Corporation of America furnishes Keith-Albee-Orpheum contact with artists of its subsidiary, the National Broadcasting Company, and Victor Recording Artists. As the company can offer stars contracts for three entertainment media at once, it is in a position to pay higher salaries and to command the pick of the artistic world."—V. 128, p. 3203.

Railroad & General Securities Corp.—Stock Offering.—

An issue of 7,500 shares common stock (no par value) was recently offered by The Huffman Co., Dayton, O. at \$20 per share.

Transfer Agent, Railroad & General Securities Corp., Dayton; Registrar, Third National Bank & Trust Co., Dayton.

Capitalization.—Authorized 50,000 shares, issued 15,000 shares. Business.—Corporation was incorporated April 8 1929 in Delaware for the purpose of investing and re-investing its funds in securities. Management.—The management will be in the hands of an executive committee, the members of which are directors and officers of the Huffman Co.

This committee is authorized to buy and sell such securities as they may deem advisable, and in general to determine the extent of diversification of the corporation's assets. The management will render audited financial statements annually.

Officers.—H. L. Jeffery, Jr., President; Frank T. Huffman, Jr., Vice-President; O. G. Sordahl, Sec.; E. Wilson, Treas.
Directors.—H. L. Jeffery, Jr., Frank T. Huffman, Jr., O. G. Sordahl, E. Wilson, Samuel L. Finn. Address of company, 1212 Third National Building, Dayton, O.

Rainbow Luminous Products, Inc.—Adds Branch.—Chairman George L. Johnson on July 10 announced the acquisition by the company of the electric and commercial sign division of the Central Outdoor Advertising Co. This new unit operates in Cleveland and surrounding territory. It is the eleventh branch operated by the Rainbow company.—V. 128, p. 4018.

Rand (Gold) Mines, Ltd.—Output (in Ounces).—

Month of—	1929	1928	1927	1926
January	876,452	843,857	839,000	796,270
February	815,284	816,133	779,339	753,924
March	866,529	877,380	860,511	834,340
April	872,123	825,097	824,014	803,303
May	897,598	866,186	859,479	849,214
June	856,029	826,363	855,154	852,145

—V. 128, p. 4173.

Raymond Concrete Pile Co.—Extra & Special Dividends. The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 50c per share, an extra dividend of 25c per share and a special dividend of 25c per share on the common stock, no par value, and also the regular quarterly dividend of 75c per share on the pref. stock, no par value, all payable Aug. 1, to holders of record July 20. Like amounts were paid on May 1 last, while in February an extra distribution of 25c per share was made on the common stock in addition to the regular quarterly payment.—V. 128, p. 2648.

(Robert) Reis & Co.—Gross Sales.—
 Period End. June 30— 1929—3 Mos.—1928. 1929—6 Mos.—1928.
 Gross sales— \$2,255,653 \$2,072,210 \$3,984,464 \$3,915,904
 —V. 128, p. 2648, 2286.

Reliance Management Corp.—Debentures Ready—Earnings, &c.—
 Definitive 5% gold debentures, series A, (with allotment and stock purchase warrants) will be exchangeable for outstanding interim receipts at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., 70 Broadway, N. Y. City. (See offering in V. 128, p. 904.)

Summary of Income for the 3 Months Ended April 30 1929.

Interest and dividends	\$148,691
Profit on sales of securities (net)	31,339
Gross earnings	\$180,031
Interest on debentures	62,499
Provision for Federal income tax	10,500
Miscellaneous general expenses	4,119
Net income—earned surplus, April 30 1929	\$102,911

Consolidated Balance Sheet April 30 1929.

Assets—	Liabilities—	Total
Investments (at cost):	5% debentures	\$5,000,000
Domestic corporations	Accts. payable & accrued exp.	26,443
Foreign corporations	(incl. Federal tax)	62,500
Cash & call loans	Accrued int. on debentures	5,055,000
Due from foreign banks	Cap. stock (220,000 shs.) and paid-in surplus	102,911
Accrued interest receivable	Earned surplus	
Total	Total	\$10,246,854

The company states the aggregate market value of investments as of April 30 1929 was \$4,508,020.—V. 128, p. 904.

Richfield Oil Co. of Calif.—New Vice-President.—Bradford M. Melvin of San Francisco, has been elected a vice-president, secretary and general counsel.—V. 128, p. 4336.

Rio & Buenos Aires Line, Inc.—Transfer Agent.—The Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent of 750,000 shares of common stock, no par value.

Royal Typewriter Co., Inc.—Extra Common Dividend.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share and a regular semi-annual dividend of \$1.25 per share on the new common stock, both payable July 17 to holders of record July 10. Prior to the recent split-up on a 2-for-1 basis, the company paid an extra of \$1.50 per share and a regular quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on Jan. 17 1929 and on July 17 1928. In Jan. 1928 and July 1927, an extra distribution of \$1 per share was made.—V. 129, p. 141.

Ruud Manufacturing Co.—Listing.—The Pittsburgh Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 123,300 shares of common stock (no par value). Company was incorporated on June 28 1897, and is engaged in the manufacture of water heaters.

Capitalization—

Common stock (no par)	Authorized	Outstanding
	400,000 shs.	123,300 shs.

Income Account Years Ended December 31.

	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Manufacturing profit	\$2,325,246	\$2,369,941	\$2,842,363	\$2,779,603
Selling expenses	1,467,762	1,699,539	1,936,090	1,870,646
General & admin. exps.	303,116	311,996	348,177	329,644
Operating profit	\$554,369	\$358,406	\$558,096	\$579,313
Other income	11,823	Dr. 18,456	40,317	2,395
Net profit	\$566,192	\$339,950	\$598,413	\$581,709
Fed. income taxes paid or provided	67,981	42,821	84,957	72,630
Net profit forwarded to surplus	\$498,211	\$297,129	\$513,456	\$509,078

Pro Forma Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1928 (Ruud Manufacturing Co. and Ruud-Humphrey Water Heater Co. of Texas).

Assets—	Liabilities—	Total (each side)
Cash	Accounts payable	\$83,410
Marketable secur. & acc. int.	Accrued liabilities	71,580
Notes & accept. receiv.	Reserve for Federal taxes and contingencies	20,316
Accounts receivable	Capital stock and surplus	\$3,708,660
Inventory		
Ruud Mfg. Co., Ltd., London		
Other assets		
Permanent assets		
Patents		
Deferred charges		
	Total (each side)	\$3,883,966

x Represented by 123,300 shares no par value common stock.—V. 128, p. 3530.

St. Louis Aviation Corp.—Registrar.—The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed registrar in New York for the common stock. See offering in V. 128, p. 4336.

Safeway Stores, Inc.—Sales.—
 1929—June—1928. Increase. 1929—6 Mos.—1928. Increase.
 \$18,097,822 \$9,192,248 \$8,905,574 \$94,022,452 \$47,598,794 \$46,423,658
 —V. 128, p. 4019.

Sally Frocks, Inc.—June Sales.—
 1929—June—1928. Increase. 1929—6 Mos.—1928. Increase.
 \$324,783 \$251,190 \$73,593 \$1,707,969 \$1,139,187 \$568,782
 —V. 128, p. 4019, 3204.

Schiff Co.—June Sales.—
 1929—June—1928. Increase. 1929—6 Mos.—1928. Increase.
 \$748,160 \$439,051 \$309,109 \$3,770,666 \$2,272,213 \$1,498,453
 —V. 128, p. 4019.

Scott Paper Co.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 153,000 shares of common stock (no par value) to shareholders.—V. 128, p. 3849

Seaboard Surety Co.—Initial Quarterly Dividend, &c.—An initial quarterly dividend of 1¼% has been declared by the directors, placing the shares on an annual basis of 5%. The disbursement, to be distributed out of surplus earnings for the quarter ended June 30, will be payable Aug. 15 to holders of record July 31 1929.

Net income rose in the second quarter of this year to \$105,959 from \$40,976 in the first 3 months, it is announced. Net premiums in the second quarter totaled \$111,871, while net premium income amounted to \$33,640 and investment income totaled \$25,201. Profits on the sale of securities amounted to \$47,117, compared with \$16,046 in the first 3 months of the year. No account is taken in the income statement of the appreciation of securities held. The market value of these securities June 30 was \$81,647 in excess of cost or book value. No losses have been reported, this fact being attributed by the management to the policy of accepting only preferred risks.

Financial Statement as of June 30 1929.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Cash	Capital stock
Invest. stocks & bonds (market value)	Premium reserve
Outstanding premiums	Commission reserve
Accrued interest	Unreported loss reserve
	Accounts payable reserve
	Tax reserve
	Voluntary contingent reser.
	Surplus

Total (each side) \$2,323,592
 —V. 126, p. 1521.

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Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.—Dividend.—The Equitable Trust Co. of New York, as depositary of certain ordinary shares of the above company, under an agreement dated Aug. 28 1919, has received a dividend of 3s. per ordinary share, par £1 sterling each. The equivalent thereof distributable to holders of "American shares" under the terms of the agreement is \$1.447 on each "American share." This dividend will be distributed by the trust company on July 23 1929, to the registered holders of "American shares" of record July 16 1929. A distribution of 2s. per ordinary share, equivalent to \$0.964 per "American share," was made on Jan. 22 last.—V. 128, p. 4315.

Shell Union Oil Corp.—To Approve Stock.—The stockholders on July 8 approved an authorized issue of \$40,000,000 5½% cumul. conv. pref. stock. (See offering in V. 128, p. 4336.)

To Enter Retail Market in New York City.—As the latest step in its program of expansion the corporation will enter the retail market in New York City with a chain of service stations for the distribution of a complete line of lubricants and gasolines. It was announced on July 6. The corporation has been rapidly expanding its sphere of activities until it now has marketing facilities in every State except Texas. While the company has been active in New York State for time, it has not hitherto invaded the metropolitan area.

According to the announcement the corporation plans to open shortly a group of service stations, located at strategic points throughout the city and to extend this market as rapidly as possible to include the important towns in near-by New Jersey. In establishing itself in this area, the Shell group will come into keener competition with the Standard Oil Co. of New York than before, and will tap a market which claims 30% of all the automobiles registered in the country.

Activities of the Shell interests in New York will be directed by Shell Eastern Petroleum Products, Inc., a subsidiary formed to develop the last remaining territory in America not already under Shell influence.—V. 128 p. 4336.

Silver Brook Anthracite Co.—Notes Called.—All of the outstanding \$600,000 6% collateral trust serial gold notes have been called for redemption Aug. 1 at the following prices: Series B, due Feb. 1 1930, at 100% and int.; series C, due Feb. 1 1931, at 101 and int.; series G, due Feb. 1 1932, at 101½ and int.; series H, due Feb. 1 1933 at 102 and int.; series I, due Feb. 1 1934, at 102½ and int.; series J, due Feb. 1 1935, at 103 and int. Payment will be made at the Irving Trust Co., 60 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 128, p. 1572.

Simmons Co.—June Sales.—
 1929—June—1928. Increase. 1929—6 Mos.—1928. Increase.
 \$4,075,915 \$3,090,114 \$985,801 \$23,011,035 \$17,008,629 \$6,002,406
 —V. 128, p. 4020.

Skinner Organ Co.—Capital Increased—Stock Dividend.—The stockholders on July 11 increased the capital stock from 55,000 to 60,500 shares, no par value. A stock dividend of 10%, or 5,500 shares, will be paid to stockholders of record July 15.—V. 129, p. 141.

Snider Packing Corp.—Registrar.—The Equitable Trust Co. of New York has been appointed registrar for the stock of the above corporation.—V. 128, p. 3340.

Southern Pipe Line Co.—Liquidating Div. of \$10 per Share to Be Paid About December 31.—President Forrest M. Towl, July 5, in a letter to the stockholders, says:

The sale of the part of the pipe lines of this company referred to in my letter of April 12, was approved by the Pennsylvania P. S. Commission and by over 71% of the stock. (See V. 128, p. 2650).
 On July 1 that property was decided to the Manufacturers Light & Heat Co. The Southern Pipe Line Co. received \$100,000 in cash and a six months note at 5% for the remaining \$855,056.

The officers of the company expect to be in position to send to the stock holders the \$10 per share on or about Dec. 31 of this year.—V. 128, p. 3014

Standard Creameries, Inc., San Francisco.—Control.—See Borden Co. above.—V. 125, p. 2541.

Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey)—New Plant.—Respecting the new hydrogenation plant for treating gasoline, the company states in its official organ, "The Lamp," that a 5,000-barrel-per-day plant will be in operation in the Bayway refinery by the end of this year. After this plant has been operated for a length of time sufficient to demonstrate the correctness of design as to its material features, and give the data necessary for the accurate determination of the cost of operation, the use of the process will be made generally available to the petroleum industry of the United States. The volume yield of gas oil or gasoline by hydrogenation is practically 100%; that is, 100 barrels of gas oil or gasoline can be produced from 100 barrels of fuel oil or refinery residues.

The company's Third Employees' Stock Acquisition Plan had grown to the end of April, 1929, to \$2,224,052, this amount representing the net cost to the 24,819 employees remaining on the trustees' list. This compares with \$1,730,000 for 19,739 subscribers in the second plan for the same period and \$1,571,000 for 12,048 employees in the first. Over 60% of those eligible subscribed this year, 56% being the percentage in 1926 and 52% in 1921.

See also Standard Oil Co. of Pennsylvania below.—V. 128, p. 3369, 3338.

Standard Oil Co. (Pennsylvania)—Stock Increased, &c.—This company, a subsidiary of Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey), has increased its authorized capital from \$1,000,000 to \$1,000,000 and it is reported to have acquired the gasoline oil station chains in Pennsylvania of the Supreme Oil Co., Harrisburg, Spartan Oil Co., Philadelphia and Quality Oil & Gasoline Co., Pittsburgh.

Sterling Securities Corp.—Earnings.—The corporation reports net earnings after deducting all charges and dividends on the preferred shares for the first 6 months ended June 30 1929,

of \$953,728, equal to \$1.33 for the 6 months on the class A shares outstanding. The earned surplus of the corporation as of June 30 1929 was \$1,354,250, an increase of \$953,728 since Dec. 31 1928.

Total income for the first half of this year totals \$1,477,171, an increase of \$533,988 since Dec. 31 1928, when the total income stood at \$943,184. Expenses and dividends accrued show a total of \$523,443 for the period.

The corporation, incorporated in April, 1928, and which was organized by Insuranshares Corp. started business with resources of \$8,000,000 while the 6 months report reveals it now has assets of \$18,906,974, an increase of \$2,254,794 over the period ended Dec. 31 1928. Interest and dividends are reported at \$427,225 as against \$539,637 on Dec. 31 1928, or a decrease of \$112,412. Profit on sales show an increase of \$646,400 for the 6 months period, the total on June 30 1928 being \$1,049,946 as compared with \$403,546 for the period ended Dec. 31 1928.

The portfolio shows a total cost value of \$12,943,967 and a market value on June 30 1929 of \$16,874,250, or an increase of \$3,930,283. This gives Sterling unrealized earnings for the 6 months period equivalent to \$2 73 per share.—V. 128, p. 4337.

Studebaker Corp. of America.—Sales Higher.—
Sales of 31,168 cars in the second quarter, compared with 30,028 in the first quarter, were announced to-day by Vice-President Paul G. Hoffman.

Pierce-Arrow sales for June were 1,472 cars compared with 634 a year ago, an increase of 132%. This brings Pierce-Arrow sales for the half year up to 6,025 passenger cars alone, compared with 2,729 in the first six months of last year, and 5,491 in the entire year 1928. In addition to selling more cars in six months than were sold in the 12 months of 1928, Pierce-Arrow had on hand July 1 unfilled orders for 1,329 cars.

Studebaker President and Commander sales were 40,664 cars for the first six months of 1929 as compared with 28,565 cars during the corresponding period of 1928, or an increase of 42%, although the total of 61,196 Studebaker cars for the first six months of 1929 is less than the corresponding figure of 75,284 cars for 1928. The decline in sales volume has been primarily in the Erskine which has been sold on an extremely small margin of profit to the corporation, and in the Dictator. Six cylinder and eight cylinder lines of new Dictators are being introduced and promise a large increase in Studebaker unit volume, the announcement says.—V. 129, p. 143.

Stutz Motor Car Co. of America, Inc.—Lower Prices.—
The company introduces an entirely new standard of values in the fine car field with the announcement on July 1 that the base price on the new series Stutz would be \$2,775, f. o. b. Indianapolis, and \$1,995 on the companion Blackhawk car. The reductions run as high as \$700 on Stutz and \$400 on Blackhawk, although the cars have been still further refined and improved.

"The new prices have been made possible by the remarkable increase in Stutz sales this year, including a phenomenal gain of 73% for thesecond quarter over the corresponding period of last year," said Col. E. S. Gorrell President of the Stutz company, in making the announcement.—V. 129, p. 143.

Superior Oil Corp.—Recapitalization Proposed.—
The directors have approved a plan for recapitalization which will be submitted to the stockholders at a meeting to be called for July 31. The authorized capital stock will be reduced to 2,400,000 shares of no par value from 2,500,000 shares (of which 2,330,938 shares are outstanding) and one share of new stock will be exchanged for every three shares at present outstanding.

E. H. Perry, Chairman of the Board, stated: "The recapitalization plan will allow a more flexible corporate structure for carrying out the program of expansion undertaken late in 1928.

"During the past 12 months the corporation has pursued a policy of expansion, with favorable results as shown in the operations for the first 6 months of 1929. It is the policy of the directors to continue this program aggressively.

"In order to facilitate this development the board has deemed it expedient to change the capital structure, which will involve an amendment to the charter, changing the present 2,500,000 shares of no par value to 2,400,000 shares of no par value and the exchange of one share of new stock for three shares of the present stock. Upon completion of this exchange there will be 776,979 shares of new stock outstanding, leaving 1,623,021 shares unissued in the treasury.

"Production for the first 6 months of 1929 was 1,287,560 barrels, compared with 498,414 barrels in the corresponding 6 months of 1928. The corporation is drilling at the present time more than 20 wells in Oklahoma and Texas. Two wells were completed as producers within the past few days.

"The policy of the corporation for several years as regards depreciation, depletion, &c., has been liberal. In the second quarter of 1929 deductions on account of depreciation, depletion, expired leases, &c., amounted to \$693,590 and in the first quarter to \$541,475 a total of \$1,235,000 for the first 6 months of this year as compared with \$704,863 in the corresponding 6 months of 1928."

Period ended June 30.		1929—3 Mos.—1928.		1929—6 Mos.—1928.	
Gross earnings	\$1,268,097	\$377,543	\$2,317,947	\$661,654	
Expenses, interest, &c.	633,632	290,602	1,287,832	533,763	
Depreciation	254,771	189,899	389,711	385,396	
Depletion	256,959	123,673	505,144	243,540	
Net profit	\$122,735	loss\$226,631	\$135,260	loss\$501,045	

Comparative Balance Sheet.					
Assets—		Liabilities—			
June 30 '29.	Dec. 31 '28.	June 30 '29.	Dec. 31 '28.		
Plants, leaseholds, pipe lines, &c.	\$17,552,579	\$4,673,522	Capital stock	\$16,966,115	\$9,673,715
Invest affil. co's.	104,541	45,100	Bonds	—	173,600
Cash	262,984	106,906	Accounts payable	455,812	121,961
Oil & gasoline	47,948	—	Notes payable	875,500	1,315,000
Supplies	370,031	c509,569	Accrued accounts	120,004	70,144
Accts. & notes rec	918,086	191,876	Deferred liabli.	750,000	—
Sinking fund	—	39,434	Surplus	127,916	d4,218,697
Pay. under contr.	—	d1,550,000			
Deferred charges	39,178	19,316			
Total	\$19,295,347	\$7,135,723	Total	\$19,295,347	\$7,135,723

a After depreciation and depletion. b Represented by 2,330,938 no-par shares. c Includes oil and gasoline. d Partial payments made under contract to acquire stock of Moody Corp.—V. 128, p. 3532.

Swan-Finch Oil Corp.—Rights.—
The common stockholders of record June 25 are given the right to subscribe on or before Aug. 10 for 11,486 shares of 7% pref. stock at par (\$25 per share) in the ratio of one share of preferred for every three shares of common held. Each share of pref. stock carries with it a warrant entitling the holder to subscribe to one share of common stock at \$25 per share on or before Aug. 1 1932.

The larger portion of the proceeds from the new preferred issue will be used to reimburse the company's treasury for capital expenditures, improvements, etc.—V. 127, p. 2552.

Sylvania Insurance Co., Phila.—Initial Dividend.—
The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 3% payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 20.—V. 128, p. 4022.

(E. E.) Taylor Co.—Final Liquidation Dividend.—
The directors have voted to distribute 70c. a share cash on account of principal to the first preferred stockholders of record July 12. This is the final payment in liquidation of the first preferred stock.

With this 70c. payment, the first preferred stockholders will have received 95.7%, \$75.70 of which has been paid in cash and \$20 par value in the 7% cum. preferred stock of the E. E. Taylor Corp.—V. 126, p. 3467.

Thermoid Company.—Dividend No. 2.—
The directors have declared a second quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the outstanding 7% cum. conv. pref. stock, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 19. An initial quarterly distribution of like amount was paid on this issue on May 1 last.—V. 128, p. 4174.

Thompson Products, Inc.—Earnings.—

5 Months Ended May 31—	1929.	1928.
Net profit after changes and Federal taxes	\$646,621	\$417,028
Shares combined class A and B stock outstanding (no par)	262,660	248,960
Earnings per share	\$2.41	\$1.61

—V. 128, p. 4338.

Tin Producers Association.—Association Reported Representing Half of World's Output Formed in London.—
Dispatches from London state that the organization of a Tin Producers Association, through which 167 British tin producing companies, controlling nearly half the world's output of tin ore, will unite to stabilize the industry has been effected in London. The participating companies are reported to have a combined annual production of approximately 100,000 tons of tin ore, constituting a large proportion of the British Empire's tin business. A provisional council of 21 members was elected to direct the activities of the new association.

Tobacco Products Corp.—Registrar.—
The Chase National Bank has been appointed registrar for certificates of deposit for 2,169,262 shares of class A stock, par \$20, and 2,924,552 shares of common stock, par \$20.—V. 128, p. 4023.

Tower Manufacturing Corp., Boston.—New Director.—
James B. Blough has been elected a director.—V. 128, p. 3533.

Traveler Shoe Stores, Inc.—June Sales.—

1929—June—1928.	Increase.	1929—6 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$45,246	\$481,905	\$63,339	\$2,418,658
\$2,154,734	\$263,924		

—V. 128, p. 4023, 2107.

Underwood Elliott Fisher Co.—Earnings.—
[Including Elliott-Fisher Co. and Subsidiaries.]

Period Ended—	1929—3 Mos.—1928.	1929—6 Mos.—1928.
Net after exp. & charges	\$1,666,840	\$939,967
Interest	139,206	95,445
Other net income	—	229,703
Total income	\$1,806,046	\$1,035,412
Depreciation	136,112	187,859
Federal tax reserve	229,365	64,135
Net income	\$1,450,569	\$783,418
Shs. com. out. (no par)	696,835	645,200
Earnings per share	\$1.94	\$1.07

—V. 129, p. 144.

Union Oil Co. of California.—Earnings.—

Period End. June 30—	1929—3 Mos.—1928.	1929—6 Mos.—1928.
Profits after Fed. taxes	\$8,150,000	\$5,850,000
Interest, &c.	3,750,000	2,550,000
Deprec., depletion, &c.	—	7,200,000
Net income	\$4,400,000	\$3,300,000
Shares cap. stk. outstdg. (par \$25)	4,060,000	3,791,924
Earns. persh. on cap.stk.	\$1.08	\$0.87

—V. 128, p. 3851.

Union Tobacco Co.—Deposit of Stock.—
It is announced that 80% of this company's stock and a large amount of the outstanding United Cigar Stores Co. shares have been deposited with the Guaranty Trust Co. in exchange for shares of the United States Corp. The offer will remain open until July 15, when the plan may be declared operative.—V. 128, p. 4023.

United Aircraft & Transport Corp.—Earnings.—
The company reports for the 5 months ended May 31 net profits of \$3,327,414, equal to \$1.94 a share on the common stock. Unfilled orders on June 1 amounted to \$10,000,000. During June a total of almost \$6,000,000 additional business has been received.—V. 128, p. 4338.

United Business Publishers, Inc.—Publications Merge.—
The Boot and Shoe Recorder of New York, a weekly publication in the shoe and leather trade and a unit of the above corporation, has acquired the Hosiery Retailer, a monthly trade paper in the hosiery field, hitherto published by the Shoe Retailer of Boston. This acquisition follows that of the shoe Retailer. The Shoe Retailer will be merged with the Boot and Shoe Recorder, the combined publication appearing on Aug. 3 as the Boot and Shoe Recorder.—V. 128, p. 4024.

United Carbon Co.—Increased Production Facilities.—
The company announces the completion of a new carbon black plant at Rock Creek, Texas, and that construction has been started on two more plants to be finished in September. This will bring total capacity to about 110,000,000 pounds per annum compared with an actual production of 60,525,530 pounds in 1928 and an estimated output of 97,000,000 pounds for 1929.

Construction has also commenced on a large natural gasoline plant in the Richland Parish Field in Louisiana to extract the gasoline from the gas to be furnished from that field to the various pipe line systems to St. Louis, Birmingham and elsewhere. This plant is expected to treat 30,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily.

While no estimates of the second quarter's earnings is yet available, the quarter's record is believed to have continued the good showing of the first quarter, the announcement adds.—V. 128, p. 4338.

United Cigar Stores Co. of America (& Subs.).—Registrar, Sales, etc.—
The Chase National Bank has been appointed registrar of 195,248 share of preferred stock, par \$100 and 1,393,052 shares of common stock, par \$10.

Month of June—	1929.	1928.	Increase.
Sales	\$8,819,627	\$8,497,445	\$322,182

—V. 128, p. 4175.

United Crescent Dry Cleaning Corp.—Earnings.—
The company reports for the year ended Dec. 31 1928, net profits available for interest, depreciation and Federal taxes of \$119,930.

For the 3 months ended March 31 1929 the company reports net earnings of \$15,478 before bond interest, bond discount and expense, depreciation, and Federal income taxes against \$5,207 for the comparative period of 1928.—V. 126, p. 2002.

United States & Foreign Securities Corp.—Listing.—
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 249,950 shares of 1st pref. stock (no par value) and 1,000,000 shares of common stock (no par value), with authority to add to the list 50 shares of such 1st pref. stock upon official notice of issuance on payment of the final installment of the allotment price of the 1st pref. stock allotment certificates of the corporation relating to that number of such shares, the final installment of such allotment price having been called for payment on Nov. 1 1927.

Corporation was organized in Maryland Oct. 9 1924. Corporation was formed with broad powers, being authorized by its charter (which does not restrict the powers of the corporation in the purchase of securities) to purchase, hold and generally deal with investment securities, and otherwise invest and reinvest its funds (in which business the corporation has been solely engaged since its organization), as well as to engage in commercial, mercantile, manufacturing and industrial enterprises.

The corporation is managed independently by its own officers and directors and it has no management or other contracts relating to the conduct of its business.—V. 128, p. 877.

United States Realty & Improvement Co.—Contracts.—
The directors on July 11 approved contracts entered into by the George A. Fuller Co. amounting to \$19,700,000.—V. 128, p. 4025.

United States Steel Corp.—Bonds Called.—
All of the outstanding 50-year 5% gold bonds, series A, series C and series E, have been called for redemption Sept. 1 at 115 and interest. Payment will be made at the United States Trust Co., trustee, 45 Wall Street, New York City.

Unfilled Orders.—See under "Indications of Business Activity" on a preceding page.—V. 129, p. 145.

United Wall Paper Factories, Inc.—Transfer Agent.—
The Chase National Bank has been appointed transfer agent for an authorized issue of 286,490 shares of no par value common stock.—V. 126, p. 1369.

Universal Leaf Tobacco Co.—35% Stock Dividend.—The directors have declared a 35% stock dividend on the com.

stock, payable Aug. 13, in addition to the regular quarterly cash dividend of 75c. per share, payable Aug. 1.—V. 127, p. 1542.

Vick Chemical Co.—Proposed Increased Div. Rate.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 a share on the old stock, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 17. Recently the stockholders voted to split the stock 2-for-1 but inasmuch as the new stock will not be distributed until July 29, the cash dividend just declared will not be payable on the split up stock.

In announcing the dividend Vice-President K. E. Prickett made the following statement: "The directors have committed themselves to an increased dividend, rate of which will be announced at the annual meeting to be held in August when the results of the fiscal year will be known and plans are made for the ensuing fiscal year."—V. 128, p. 4339.

Waldorf System, Inc.—Sales.—

1929—June—1928.	Increase.	1929—6 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$1,271,657	\$1,179,655	\$92,002	\$7,884,695
—V. 129, p. 145.		\$7,250,557	\$634,138

Walgreen Co.—June Sales.—

1929—June—1928.	Increase.	1929—6 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$3,884,770	\$2,579,071	\$1,305,699	\$21,006,242
—V. 128, p. 4176.		\$14,232,646	\$6,767,596

Warren Bros. Co.—Contract.—

The company has been advised that the State of Arkansas has awarded a contract to a local contractor for paving approximately 15 miles of State Highway with Warrenite-Bitulithic pavement. The new pavement will be laid over a reconstructed gravel highway and will make a total of approximately 67 miles of Warrenite-Bitulithic on the main highway between Memphis and St. Louis.

The company announce that they have closed a contract, valued at approximately \$500,000, for laying Warrenite-Bitulithic in Guatemala.—V. 128, p. 3535.

Washington Oil Co.—Pays 50% Stock Dividend.—

The company on June 15 last paid a 50% stock dividend on the outstanding \$96,225 common stock, par \$25, and on June 20 a quarterly cash dividend of \$1 per share, both to holders of record June 19. A quarterly cash dividend of \$1 per share was also paid on March 20 last.—V. 128, p. 3535.

Wedgwood Investing Corp.—Earnings.—

The corporation, in its first income statement as of May 31 1929, from date of organization in November 1928, reports net income of \$368,777, with net profits of \$282,657 after preferred stock dividends which is equal to \$1.71 per share on the 165,000 shares of common stock outstanding. Including appreciation of securities remaining in portfolio, the company reports that earnings would be equivalent to \$4.75 per share on the outstanding common stock. Total assets as of May 31 1929 were \$4,793,488, while investments at cost totaled \$4,043,977. The market value of securities owned on this date was more than \$500,000 greater than book value.

The quarterly dividend on the 6% cumulative preferred stock has been declared payable on Aug. 1 1929 to stockholders of record July 15 1929.—V. 128, p. 268.

Weinberger Drug Stores, Inc.—Rights—Earnings.—

The directors have authorized the issuance of 5,000 additional shares of common stock, to be offered at \$35 per share at the rate of one new share for 5 old shares. The offering will be made to stockholders of record Aug. 15 and will be payable on or before Sept. 15. The new capital will be used in the company's expansion program, which contemplates opening 6 additional stores before the end of the year, and to provide added funds for the rapidly growing wholesale department.

Net earnings for the 6 months ended June 30 amounted to \$82,368, which after allowance for bonuses to managers and reserve for Federal income tax is equivalent to \$2.56 per share on the outstanding common stock.—V. 129, p. 145.

Weirton Steel Co.—Buys Mine.—

In line with its policy of providing adequate sources of raw materials the company has acquired the Isabella mine of the Hecla Coal & Coke Co., one of the Hillman interests. Payment for this property, it is said, is to be made partly in stock of the Weirton Steel Co. and partly in cash.—V. 128, p. 3852.

Wesson Oil & Snowdrift Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

9 Months Ended May 31—		1929.	1928.
Profit from operations		\$2,240,152	\$3,023,946
Provision for depreciation		723,398	777,407
Provision for Federal income taxes		181,200	291,000
Net profit		\$1,335,554	\$1,955,539
7% Preferred dividends		x505,750	763,346
Convertible preferred dividends		x400,000	
Common dividends		x900,000	900,000
Surplus		def.\$470,196	\$292,193
Shares com. stk. outstand. (no par)		600,000	300,000
Earnings per share		\$1.56	\$3.97
x Approximate—inserted by editor.			

Balance Sheet May 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
\$	\$	\$	\$
Real est., plant eq. &c., less deprec.	11,256,558	Bank loans	6,500,000
Inv. & adv. to affil. companies	270,732	Res. for sum. rep.	623,941
Cash	4,164,513	Min. int. in sub. co.	71,940
Inventories	18,010,730	Accounts payable	1,721,585
Accts. & bills rec.	3,554,835	Prof. divs. pay.	400,000
Miscell. invest'mts	18,343	Res. for Fed. tax.	270,660
Insur. fund invest.	297,580	Res. for ins.&contng	1,757,265
Prepaid expenses	70,530	Cap. & surplus	x37,865,390
		Total (each side)	42,710,781
			37,914,434

x Represented by 400,000 shares \$4 convertible preferred stock and 600,000 shares no par common stock.—V. 128, p. 3016.

Western Air Express Co.—Volume of Business.—

For the first six months of 1929 the corporation carried 13,102,715 pieces of air mail, as compared with 4,456,360 pieces during the corresponding period last year, an increase of 8,648,355 pieces.

During the period 7,880 passengers were transported, against 6,794 for the entire year 1928. In June the corporation carried 2,235 passengers on all divisions, of which 371 used the service inaugurated June 1 between Los Angeles and San Francisco.—V. 128, p. 4177.

Western Auto Supply Co.—June Sales.—

1929—June—1928.	Increase.	1929—6 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$1,467,000	\$1,117,211	\$6,619,154	\$4,996,075
—V. 128, p. 3852.		\$1,623,079	

Western Dairy Products Co.—Ice Cream Sales.—

The company reports an increase of 29% in ice cream sales for the month of June as compared with the same month last year. Wholesale milk sales increased 27% and retail milk sales 4% over June of last year. The sales are those of the company and its controlled companies, including the newly acquired properties of Western Dairy Farms.—V. 128, p. 4177.

Western Electric Co., Inc.—Subsidiary and Credit Alliance Corp. Jointly Form New Financial Organization.—
See Exhibitors Reliance Corp. above.—V. 128, p. 4026.

Western Refrigerator Line Co.—Organized.—

Announcement is made by Freeman & Co. of the formation under the Delaware laws of the above Company, devoted to the handling of fast freight service covering the movements of perishable freight. This company is building for its own account in the shops of the American Car & Foundry Co., in Chicago, 500 standard-type refrigerator cars at a cost of over \$1,500,000. These cars are under contract for a 10-year operation with the Green Bay & Western RR. System, having a preferential agreement with that road for movement of all refrigerator traffic.

J. Kibben Ingalls will be President of the Western Refrigerator Line. Mr. Ingalls also is President of the North Western Refrigerator Line Co. which is operating several thousand refrigerator cars in the service of the Chicago & North Western Railway.

The Green Bay & Western is regarded as the outstanding short line connecting the Northwest with the Michigan Peninsula and Detroit and other large centers. Its traffic has been steadily increasing and for the past several years this road has handled in excess of 1,000,000 revenue freight tons per annum. The financial position of the Green Bay & Western System is unique in that this road has no direct mortgage debt. Dividends have been regularly paid on its common stock from 1904 to date.

The organization of the Western Refrigerator Line is following out a policy which is pursued by most of the larger railroad trunk lines of the country through privately-owned refrigerator companies such as The Pacific Fruit Express; the Fruit Growers Express; Western Fruit Express; Merchants Dispatch Transportation; North Western Refrigerator Line and others. These refrigerator lines, while privately owned, enjoy close working arrangements with the roads with which they are affiliated, and the use of such equipment is of great service to shippers in the speeding up of deliveries of perishable freight.

The tremendous increase in the dairy business of the Northwest has made organization of the Western Refrigerator Line an imperative need. The company will expand its line and increase with its needs, and will handle its repairs at shop at Baraboo, Wis.

Freeman & Co., have taken an active participation in the growth of the equipment needs necessary to care for the perishable freight movement and as in the case of the North Western Refrigerator Line will have a stock interest in the new company. E. Kirk Haskell, a member of the firm of Freeman & Co., has been elected a member of the board of directors of the Western Refrigerator Line.

Western Tablet & Stationery Corp.—Stock Placed on a \$2 Annual Dividend Basis.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50c. per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 21. An initial dividend of \$1 per share was paid on this issue on Jan. 10 last.—V. 128, p. 3852.

Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.—New President.—

Frank A. Merrick has been elected President, succeeding E. M. Herr, resigned. Mr Herr has been elected Vice-Chairman of the board.—V. 128, p. 3702.

White Eagle Oil & Refining Co.—Station Sales.—

6 Months Ended June 30—	1929.	1928.
Station sales (gallons)	41,166,600	41,282,000
—V. 128, p. 3535.	721.	

White Motor Co.—June Bus Shipments.—

The company reports June shipments of 109 buses, the record so far this year. Among the larger deliveries were 14 model 54 buses to United Electric Railway Co. of Providence; 12 to Rochester Railway Co.-ordinated Bus Lines, and 8 to Decamp Bus Line, of Livingston, N. J.—V. 128, p. 3371.

Wilcox-Rich Corp.—Earnings.—

The company reports for the four months ended April 30 1929 net income of \$659,032 after depreciation, Federal taxes, &c., equivalent to \$2.47 a share on the 210,000 class B shares outstanding.—V. 128, p. 3702.

Wilson-Jones Co.—Stock Offered.—An additional issue of no par value capital stock is being offered by Jackson & Curtis of New York and Boston, Pickhardt & Ellis of Boston, and Stern Bros. & Co. of Kansas City, Mo.

The company is the largest organization in the world manufacturing a complete line of loose-leaf products, including ledgers, visible indexes and other bookkeeping, accounting and record-keeping equipment. The company recently acquired the assets and business of the Irving-Pitt Manufacturing Co. Manufacturing plants of the company are located in Chicago, Kansas City and New York City.

Net sales of the company, including the net assets of Irving-Pitt Manufacturing Co., were on the basis of the first seven months of the current fiscal year at the rate of over \$6,000,000 per annum. The net profits of the company, including net profits of Irving-Pitt Mfg. Co., for the 12 months ended Aug. 31 1927, were \$603,628; for the 12 months ended Aug. 31 1928 were \$656,913, and for the seven months ended Mar. 31 1929 were \$535,452. These earnings on the basis of 136,400 shares of stock to be presently outstanding are equivalent to \$4.80 per share for the 12 months ended Aug. 31 1928, and it is estimated that earnings upon a similar basis should equal approximately \$6.50 per share for the 12 months ending Aug. 31 1929.

Dividends are now being paid on the capital stock at the rate of \$3 per annum, and it is contemplated that this rate will be maintained upon the entire 136,400 shares of capital stock presently to be outstanding. The company has no bonds or preferred stock. Compare also V. 128, p. 4026.

Willys-Overland Co.—John N. Willys Sells Large Block of Holdings.—

Secretary A. B. Qualy in an announcement says: A syndicate including George M. Jones, President of the Ohio Savings Bank & Trust Co.; Marshall Field and Charles Glore of Field, Glore & Co. of Chicago; C. O. Miniger, President of the Electric Auto-Lite Co. and officers of the Willys-Overland Co., have purchased from John N. Willys a very substantial portion of his personal holdings of Willys-Overland common stock.

Most of the members of the syndicate, the announcement states, have been closely associated with Mr. Willys for a number of years and were already large holders of the company's securities.

The sale of stock, according to the statement, does not mean that Mr. Willys will withdraw from the company, but no announcement of his plans will be forthcoming for a few days.—V. 128, p. 3210.

(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—New Common Stock Placed on a \$2.40 Annual Dividend Basis.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 60c. per share on the new common stock, par \$10, payable Sept. 3 to holders of record Aug. 10. This places the issue on a \$2.40 annual basis and is equivalent to the \$6 basis which was being paid on the old common stock of \$25 par value, which was split up on a 2½ for 1 basis. Compare V. 128, p. 269.—V. 129, p. 145.

Wright Aeronautical Corp.—Deposits.—

See Curtiss-Wright Corp.—V. 128, p. 4339.

Yates-American Machine Co.—Earnings.—

Period Ended May 31 1929—	Month.	11 Months
Net income after deprec. int. & Fed. taxes	\$58,948	\$471,083
Earns. per share on 135,000 shs. pref. stock	\$0.43	\$3.49
—V. 128, p. 3536.		

(L. A.) Young Spring & Wire Corp.—Earnings.—

6 Months Ended June 30—	x1929.	1928.
Net income after Federal taxes	\$1,518,000	\$1,063,895
Shares com. stk. outstanding	330,000	260,832
Earns. per share	\$4.60	\$4.05
x June figures estimated.—V. 129, p. 145.		

Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.—20% Stock Dividend.—

The directors on July 12 voted to distribute a 20% stock dividend, payable Oct. 1. A special stockholders' meeting will be held shortly to approve the action.—V. 128, p. 3210.

Zonite Products Corp.—Rights—Stock Increased.—

The stockholders of record July 1 have been given the right to subscribe on or before July 15 for 176,000 additional shares of stock (no par value) at \$30 per share on the basis of one share for each share owned. An additional 24,000 shares will be taken by the underwriters. Subscriptions are payable at the office of the United States Corp. Co., 150 Broadway, N. Y. City. The stockholders on July 11 approved the recommendation of the board of directors that the authorized number of shares be increased from 200,000 shares, no par value, to 500,000 shares, no par value.

The corporation has entered into a contract for the purchase of all of the capital stock of the A. C. Barnes Co., a Pennsylvania corporation, sole manufacturers of the trade-marked products known as "Argyrol" and "Ovoferrin," for cash. To provide the cash necessary for the purchase of said stock and for other corporate purposes, the directors have authorized the sale of 200,000 shares of stock. These shares have been underwritten. The business conducted by the A. C. Barnes Co. has been operated successfully for the past 26 years. Its earnings for the past 5 years have been sufficient to return about 9% on the amount of the purchase price which the company has agreed to pay for the stock of the Barnes company.

It is the purpose of the directors, when the purchase above outlined has been completed, to increase the dividend on the shares then outstanding from \$1 per year to \$1.50 per year.—V. 129, p. 145.

CURRENT NOTICES.

A summary of the "Young Plan" for the settlement of German reparations has been issued by the Institute of International Finance for the information of American investment bankers. Previous reports of the Institute, which is a fact-finding organization conducted by New York University in co-operation with the Investment Bankers Association of America, have dealt almost entirely with credit studies of foreign countries that have floated loans in the American market. The Institute announces that its summary is "based upon cabled information believed to be correct but it is subject to errors in transmission." The Institute's summary sets forth the Young Plan's principal provisions, and describes the purpose and method of operating the proposed Bank for International Settlements. A table showing the annuities for 58 years is appended. As to bonds of the German Government, to capitalize the unconditional part of the annuities, the bulletin points out that they may be issued in several markets. "However," the summary adds, "any creditor Government in connection with operations for the conversion of the national debt may request the Bank for International Settlements to demand of the German Government that the latter issue bonds representing all or part of the creditor Government's quota of the mobilizable (unconditional) portion of the annuity to be issued in the market of this particular country. In the case of bonds issued in several markets, the minimum price of issue is to be fixed by the Bank for International Settlements. Bonds issued, on the other hand, for the purpose of converting part of the internal indebtedness into German bonds may be offered by the respective Governments on whatever condition they can obtain. Such bonds shall be quoted only in the place of issue." The "Young Plan," the Institute indicates, purposes in the proposed International Bank an institution that will lessen the disturbances in the payment of the annuities, and also become an important factor in international finance. Continuing, the summary says:

"The experts of the Young Committee felt that in order to handle the routine of receiving and distributing reparations payments in a business like manner, some institution of a permanent and continuous character should be established, which, while acting as a trustee for the creditor nations, could at the same time be of material assistance to Germany, the debtor nation, more especially during periods when the regular payments of reparations annuities might be rendered difficult by temporarily depressed economic conditions. The disastrous postwar depreciation of many of the European currencies, the enormous expenses incident to postwar reconstruction, and the many complicated and delicate problems inherent in the restoration of financial equilibrium, have thrown a heavy burden of responsibility upon the central banks of the principal financial powers and have created a necessity for central bank co-operation unknown in prewar days. It was believed highly desirable not only to continue the relationship that had grown up between the central banks, but further to foster it by the formation of an international clearing house under the direction of the governors of the central banks, and to combine therewith a mechanism to handle the receipt and distribution of reparations payments, which undoubtedly constitute to-day the most urgent problem of international finance."

This summary is the 26th report by the Institute, and was prepared by Dr. John T. Madden and Dr. Marcus Nadler, Director and Assistant Director of the Institute, and W. S. Sholyen, Assistant Vice-President of the First National Corporation of Boston.

—The Bank of America N. A. has been appointed registrar of Financial Research Association, Inc., covering 1,000,000 shares of common stock.

—A. E. Aub & Company, Cincinnati, announced that they will move their offices on July 20th from 101 Union Trust Building, where they have occupied space since 1916 on the Banking Floor across the hall from the Fifth Third Union Trust Company. Their new offices will occupy space on the balcony floor of the Dixie Terminal Building, which is approximately twice the area that they now use. The business was founded in August, 1911 by A. Edgar Aub, who formally had charge of the bond department of the old banking firm of S. Kuhn & Sons and later was connected with the bond department of the Fifth Third National Bank when S. Kuhn & Sons, consolidated their bank with the latter institution. In January, 1929, Troy Kaichen was admitted to general partnership and has charge of sales. The company has recently opened a statistical and unlisted securities trading department, specializing in bank stocks which has been put under charge of Edward Frankewich, who for the past four years has been associated with Messrs. W. E. Hutton & Co.

—G. W. Worden, formerly Vice-President in charge of the fiscal department of the Bendix Service Corporation, has joined E. R. Diggs & Co., Inc., 46 Cedar St., New York, will be actively associated with special financing work now being undertaken by this house. Prior to his affiliation with the Bendix Service Corporation, Mr. Worden was a partner in the investment banking house of Barker, Worden & Co. in Chicago, which he organized. Before this, he was two years with Paine, Webber & Co. in Chicago.

—Clinton T. Miller, Vice-President and General Manager of the Industrial Finance Corporation, who sailed aboard the Carmania for a month's visit abroad, will make a survey of European market conditions as they relate to the industrial finance business in this country, he announced before his departure. Mr. Miller, formerly an officer of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, will visit the principal industrial and financial centers during his study of production and credit operations in England and on the Continent.

Merrill, Lynch & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, 120 Broadway, N. Y., have issued a circular on Commonwealth Utilities Corp. class B common stock, together with a comparison of Public Utility common stock prices. The tabulation shows that Commonwealth Utilities Corp., class B common stock is selling at 14.3 times earnings, as compared with an average of 34.02 for 17 other public utility companies.

—E. W. Lucas & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, Chicago Board of Trade and associate members of the New York Curb Exchange, announce the opening of a Chicago office at 208 South LaSalle St., under the management of James E. Cairns who will be resident partner of the firm. In addition to the New York and Chicago offices the firm maintains branches in Philadelphia and Jersey City.

—C. Norman Stabler, for the last three years a member of the financial editorial staff of The New York Herald-Tribune, has been promoted to be Financial Editor of the same paper. Mr. Stabler, prior to joining the staff of The Herald-Tribune in 1926, was with the New York Journal of Commerce and prior to that with the Associated Press in New York and the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, respectively.

—David B. Lemon, Jr., Edward G. Ewing and Walter B. Scribner, formerly of Wm. West & Co., and Wilson J. MacLaughlin have formed a co-partnership under the name of Ewing & Co. to conduct a general investment business. Temporary offices will be located at 50 Broadway, N. Y., until about Aug. 1, when their permanent offices at 26 Broadway will be occupied.

—Bauer, Pogue, Pond & Vivian, 20 Pine St., N. Y., announce that W. E. Detlor, Alvin R. Whiting, D. D. Rhodes, and Laurence Elbert have become associated with the firm in its sales department, and that Rutledge B. Barry has joined the organization as a special institutional salesman.

—Mortgage & Securities Co., New Orleans, have recently increased their capital stock \$1,000,000, making them the largest first mortgage bond house in the South. Since the organization of the company in 1905 they have marketed, it is stated, \$125,000,000 of securities.

—Graham, Parsons & Co., Philadelphia and New York, announce that Henry P. Vaux, for many years a general partner becomes a limited partner and that George T. Purves, Louis H. Bieler and Walter E. Roff, Jr. have been admitted as general partners.

—Mackay & Co., Members New York Stock Exchange, 14 Wall St., New York, have issued a booklet entitled "Investment Control" giving details of their service in supervising complete investment programs for individuals, banks and corporations.

—The Brooklyn Commerce Company, 215 Montague Street, Brooklyn, has just issued Volume I, No. 1 of "Ballist" (Brooklyn and Long Island Securities Topics) which will be devoted to financial news of Brooklyn and Brooklyn securities.

—Love, Bryan & Co., St. Louis, Mo., announce that Horatio Potter, since 1923 Mine Superintendent for the Caracoles Tin Co. of Bolivia, S. A., is now associated with this organization as Manager of the Engineering Department.

—Prince & Whitely, 25 Broad St., New York, are distributing an analysis of the L. A. Young Spring & Wire Corp. The Philadelphia Office of this firm has also prepared an analysis of Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.

—Announcement is made of the formation of Fairman, Johns & Co., which has opened for business at 208 So. LaSalle St., Chicago. The new firm will handle the business heretofore conducted by Fred W. Fairman & Co.

—Irving L. Jones, Jr., formerly with Wales Williamson & Co. and Bertell Brothers, has become associated with John McGuire Inc., 120 Broadway, N. Y., as Manager of their Trading Department.

—Sutro Bros. & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce the opening of a Chicago office at 135 So. LaSalle Street, under the management of Ingo A. Esch, resident partner.

—Millett, Roe & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, 120 Broadway, N. Y., announce that Amos L. Horst has become associated with the firm in its investment department.

—Vaughan C. Spaulding of Chicago and John Tucker, New York, have been admitted to general partnership in the firm of Farnum, Winter & Co., Members New York Stock Exchange.

—George Henrik Lehmann has established the firm of G. H. Lehmann & Co., Inc., with offices at 39 Broadway, N. Y., to engage in the underwriting and distributing of securities.

—A. E. Ames & Co., Ltd., announce that Wm. S. Ridley, Jr., formerly with the Atlantic Merrill Oldham Corporation, is now associated with them in their bond department.

—Bauer, Pogue, Pond & Vivian, members of the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Pine St., New York, have prepared an analysis of the Pennsylvania RR. Co. capital stock.

—Montgomery, Scott & Co., members New York and Philadelphia Stock Exchanges, announce that W. S. Maddox has been admitted as a special partner in their firm.

—The co-partnership of Murphy, Day & Co. has been dissolved, the business of the firm being carried on under the name of F. W. Murphy and Company, 32 Broadway, N. Y.

—Millett, Roe & Co., New York, have issued an analysis of Exchange Buffet Corporation, one of the pioneers in originating chains of restaurants and cigar stands.

—The current issue of "Securities," issued by Baker, Simonds & Co., Inc., 37 Wall St., New York, contains a review of the rapid growth of the aviation parts and accessories industry.

—E. B. Merritt & Co., Inc., Bridgeport, Conn., have opened a New York office at 72 Wall St., under the management of F. E. Phillips, Vice-President.

—Frazier Jelke & Co., 25 Pine St., N. Y., have published their July Investment Survey which deals with The Bank for International Settlements.

—James Talcott, Inc., has been appointed factor for the Greenleaf Textile Corporation of 225 Fourth Avenue, New York, converters of cotton goods.

—Potter & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, 5 Nassau St., New York, have issued a special circular on the Atlantic Coast Line RR.

—Zwetsch, Heinzelmann & Co., Inc., New York, have prepared an analysis of the Hightstown Rug Co. with particular reference to the common stock.

—The Empire Trust Co. has been appointed registrar for the preferred and common stock of Diversified Equities Management, Inc.

—J. E. Mulhall has become associated with Hanway & Chapin, 120 Broadway, New York, as sales manager.

—J. A. Sisto & Co., 68 Wall St., N. Y., have prepared a special letter on Checker Cab Manufacturing Corporation.

—Hornblower & Weeks, 42 Broadway, New York, have issued a special circular reviewing the outlook for the railroads.

—Abbes, Geis & Co., Inc., 150 Broadway, New York, are distributing a circular on Brooklyn National Bank.

—A. D. Watts & Co., 49 Wall St., N. Y., have prepared a booklet on Power Corporation of Canada.

—Titus & Co., 149 Broadway, N. Y., have issued a circular on the Reliance Management Corp.

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THE MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO THE STOCKHOLDERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEC. 31 1928.

To the Stockholders of

The Michigan Central Railroad Company:

The Board of Directors herewith submits its report for the year ended December 31 1928, with statements showing the income account for the year and the financial condition of the company.

ROAD OPERATED.

The mileage covered by this report, details of which will be found on another page, was the same as for the previous years as follows:

	Miles.
Main line and branches owned.....	1,184.36
Line jointly owned.....	.70
Leased lines.....	576.43
Lines operated under trackage rights.....	96.93
Total road operated.....	1,858.42

THE YEAR'S BUSINESS.

During 1928 the company moved 32,100,897 tons of revenue freight, an increase as compared with 1927 of 685,046 tons, largely the result of greater activity in the automobile industry.

Revenue passengers carried were 3,520,539, a decrease of 251,584, of which 36,597 were in interline, 180,020 in local, and 34,967 in commutation passengers. The falling off in the number of passengers is, in the main, incident to the competition of the motor bus and private automobile.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR.

	Year Ended Dec. 31 1928 1,858.42 Miles Operated.	Year Ended Dec. 31 1927 1,858.42 Miles Operated.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-). \$
Operating Income—			
Railway operations:			
Railway operating revenues.....	93,217,493.20	89,750,601.95	+3,466,891.25
Railway operating expenses.....	62,643,935.11	62,244,288.16	+399,646.95
Net rev. from rail. ops.....	30,573,558.09	27,506,313.79	+3,067,244.30
Percentage of expenses to revenues			
Railway tax accruals.....	(67.20)	(69.35)	—(2.15)
Uncollectible railway revenues.....	6,327,936.69	6,247,714.64	+80,222.05
	25,064.20	25,668.93	—604.73
Railway operating income.....	24,220,557.20	21,232,930.22	+2,987,626.98
Equipment rents, net debit.....	513,355.81	*294,778.82	+808,134.63
Joint facility rents, net debit.....	551,234.13	538,883.24	+12,350.89
Net rail. oper. income.....	23,155,967.26	20,988,825.80	+2,167,141.46
Miscellaneous operations:			
Revenues.....	403,831.95	395,388.09	+8,443.86
Expenses and taxes.....	342,445.30	321,030.59	+21,414.71
Miscell. oper. income.....	61,386.65	74,357.50	—12,970.85
Total operating income.....	23,217,353.91	21,063,183.30	+2,154,170.61
Non-Operating Income—			
Income from lease of road.....	278.04	236.51	+41.53
Miscellaneous rent income.....	327,663.24	230,775.18	+96,888.06
Miscell. non-oper. phys. prop.....	73,525.62	70,151.22	+3,374.40
Dividend income.....	811,029.99	582,958.00	+228,071.99
Income from funded securities.....	323,999.33	749,775.96	—425,776.63
Inc. fr. unfund. sec. & accts.....	480,742.61	319,349.11	+161,393.50
Miscellaneous income.....	15,125.89	7,826.78	+7,299.11
Total non-operating income.....	2,032,364.72	1,961,072.76	+71,291.96
Gross income.....	25,249,718.63	23,024,256.06	+2,225,462.57
Deducts. from Gross Income—			
Rent for leased roads.....	2,736,593.38	2,735,315.46	+1,277.92
Miscellaneous rents.....	4,158.76	4,898.33	—739.57
Miscellaneous tax accruals.....	64,361.92	70,474.24	—6,112.32
Interest on funded debt.....	2,890,543.66	3,158,934.65	—268,390.99
Interest on unfunded debt.....	14,194.71	22,977.43	—8,782.72
Amort. of disc. on funded debt.....	141,549.60	154,408.44	—12,858.84
Maint. of investment organiz.....	1,883.19	1,306.45	+576.74
Miscellaneous income charges.....	7,013.54	9,383.08	—2,369.54
Tot. deducts. from gross inc. 5,860,298.76	6,157,698.08	—297,399.32	
Net income.....	19,389,419.87	16,866,557.98	+2,522,861.89
Disposition of Net Income—			
Divs. declared 40% each year.....	7,494,560.00	7,494,560.00	-----
Surp. for the yr. carried to profit and loss.....	11,894,859.87	9,371,997.98	+2,522,861.89
* Credit.....			

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Bal. to credit of profit and loss, Dec. 31 1927.....	\$82,166,229.90
Additions—	
Surplus for the year 1928.....	\$11,894,859.87
Profit on property sold.....	22,026.29
Unrefundable overcharges.....	24,226.61
	\$94,107,342.67
Deductions—	
Deprec. prior to July 1 1907, on equipment retired during year.....	\$148,936.04
Loss on property retired.....	153,261.03
Miscell. items and adjustments (net).....	73,448.61
Balance to credit of profit and loss, Dec. 31 1928.....	\$93,731,696.99

OPERATING REVENUES.

The total operating revenues were \$93,217,493.20, an increase of \$3,466,891.25.

Freight revenue was \$64,098,143.67, an increase of \$3,743,053.65.

Passenger revenue was \$19,792,566.77, a decrease of \$410,119.54.

Mail revenue was \$1,115,531.12, or \$66,946.26 more than for 1927, the result of an increase in rates of approximately 15% effective August 1 1928, under order of the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

Express revenue was \$4,039,628.41, a decrease of \$76,351.79, a smaller volume of business having been handled.

Other transportation, incidental and joint facility revenue was \$4,171,623.23, an increase of \$143,362.67.

OPERATING EXPENSES.

The following table shows the operating expenses by groups:

Group—	Amount.	Increase.	Decrease.
Maint. of way & structures.....	\$9,993,461.94		\$351,456.98
Maintenance of equipment.....	18,429,411.96	\$1,710,523.95	-----
Traffic.....	1,599,588.67	88,512.24	-----
Transportation.....	29,414,897.69	-----	110,867.58
Miscellaneous.....	1,275,415.59	107,566.60	-----
General.....	2,001,532.67	-----	1,024,797.44
Transport. for invest.—credit.....	70,373.41	-----	19,833.84
Total.....	\$62,643,935.11	\$399,646.95	-----

The decrease in expense for maintenance of way and structures is largely due to a reduction of approximately 110,000 in the number of ties used for renewals, as a result of the application in prior years of treated ties of longer life, and a decrease of 130,000 yards in ballast applied.

The increase in expense for maintenance of equipment is largely the result of an increase in the number of locomotives receiving heavy repairs and in the number of freight cars requiring general reconditioning. There were also increased charges for retirements of both of these classes of equipment.

The decrease in transportation expenses is, in the main, incident to economies effected and to improved operating practices.

The increase in expense for miscellaneous operations is chiefly to the extension of dining car service.

The principal decrease in general expenses is found in charges for pensions. Commencing with 1925 the company has each year charged to expenses and set up in a reserve an amount to provide for estimated total payments upon pensions granted in that year. Pursuant to recently issued instructions of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, however, this practice has been discontinued and the pension expenses for the year 1928 include only the actual payments for pensions applicable to that year and prior to 1925, no charges for a reserve having been made. This has produced a decrease of \$951,541 in pension charges as compared with 1927.

RAILWAY TAX ACCRUALS.

Railway tax accruals were \$6,327,936.69, an increase of \$80,222.05. Michigan ad valorem taxes increased and larger income from operations in Canada is reflected in an increase in Canadian taxes. United States income tax decreased because of reduction in rate from 13½% to 12%.

EQUIPMENT RENTS.

The net debit to equipment rents was \$513,355.81 as compared with a net credit of \$294,778.82 in 1927, largely the result of an increased number of foreign freight cars on the company's lines in 1928 due to the increase in business.

MISCELLANEOUS OPERATIONS.

This account, which includes only the operation of the company's livestock yards at Detroit, showed a gross income of \$403,831.95 for 1928, an increase of \$8,443.86 over the previous year, expenses and taxes \$342,445.30, an increase of \$21,414.71, and a net income of \$61,386.65, a decrease of \$12,970.85.

NON-OPERATING INCOME.

Non-operating income was \$2,032,364.72, an increase of \$71,291.96.

Miscellaneous rents increased \$96,888.06, largely the result of increased rentals and the crediting to this account in 1928 of taxes collected from tenants.

Dividend income increased \$228,071.99, of which \$288,000 was due to a 10% dividend upon the company's holding of stock of the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Company.

Income from funded securities decreased \$425,776.63, the result of the sale late in the year 1927 of United States Government securities.

Income from unfunded securities and accounts increased \$161,393.50, attributable to an increase in interest on treasury funds.

DEDUCTIONS FROM GROSS INCOME

Deductions from gross income were \$5,860,298.76, a decrease of \$297,399.32, the greater part of which is the result of a reduction in the amount of equipment trust certificates outstanding.

NET INCOME BEFORE DIVIDENDS.

The net income of the company was \$19,389,419.87, an increase of \$2,522,861.89.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends declared and charged against the income of the year were as follows:

Date Declared.	Date Payable.	Rate Per cent.	Amount.
June 13 1928	July 28 1928	20	\$3,747,280.00
Dec. 12 1928	Jan. 29 1929	20	3,747,280.00
Total for the year		40	\$7,494,560.00

SURPLUS.

After charges for dividends aggregating 40%, there remained a surplus, for the year, of \$11,894,859.87 which was carried to the credit of profit and loss. At the end of the year the total corporate surplus was \$100,428,397.45.

CAPITAL STOCK

The capital stock of the company remained unchanged during the year, the total amount authorized and issued being \$18,738,000.

CHANGES IN FUNDED DEBT.

The funded debt outstanding on Dec. 31 1927, was	\$67,525,318.00
It has been reduced as follows:	
By payments falling due during the year on the company's liability for principal installments under Equipment Trust Agreements as follows:	
M C R R Trust of 1915, Oct. 1 1928	\$300,000.00
M C R R Trust of 1917, March 1 1928	600,000.00
M C R R Co proportion of N Y C R R Co Trust of 1920, April 15 1928	467,664.75
N Y C Lines Trust of 1922, June 1 1928	373,000.00
N Y C Lines 4 1/2 % Trust of 1922, Sept. 1 1928	51,000.00
N Y C Lines Trust of 1923, June 1 1928	632,000.00
N Y C Lines Trust of 1924, June 1 1928	233,000.00
N Y C Lines 4 1/2 % Trust of 1924, Sept. 15 1928	173,000.00
N Y C Lines 4 1/2 % Trust of May 15 1925, May 15 1928	234,000.00
	3,063,664.75
leaving the funded debt on Dec. 31 1928	\$64,461,653.25

TERMINATION OF NEW YORK CENTRAL LINES EQUIPMENT TRUST OF 1913.

New York Central Lines Equipment Trust of 1913 having expired on January 1 1928, the title to the equipment was transferred by the Trustee to the several railroad companies, parties to the trust, in proportion to the amount of the cost thereof paid by each company, respectively. This company's share of the equipment so transferred from trust to railroad owned consisted of 88 locomotives, 82 passenger cars, 736 auto box cars, and 4 caboose cars.

PROPERTY INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS.

Changes in the property investment accounts for the year, as shown in detail elsewhere in this report, were as follows:

Road increased	\$2,275,619.85
Equipment decreased	1,517,844.34
Improvements on leased railway property increased	176,999.56
Miscellaneous physical property decreased	403,257.28
A net increase of	\$531,517.79

IMPROVEMENTS.

Important improvements completed or under way during the year were as follows:

Grade separation: At Joseph Campau Avenue, Hamtramck, Michigan; at State Highway M-13, Grand Rapids, Michigan; and at Southfield Road, Dearborn, Michigan, work was completed. Permanent grade separation bridges were constructed at Waterman Avenue, Detroit, to replace trestles. Work progressed at West Fort Street, Detroit, and at West Central Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. The Broadway overhead highway bridge just west of the station at Ann Arbor was reconstructed and street and driveway approaches to the station improved.

Bridge over Deep River on Joliet Branch: Work was started late in the year on a permanent concrete and steel bridge to replace the long timber trestle over Deep River on the Joliet Branch west of East Gary.

Work in Canada: The Otter Creek viaduct, a five span steel girder double track bridge on high steel bents near Cornell, Ontario, was strengthened by placing additional girders and incasing steel of towers with concrete. Passing tracks for the purpose of handling longer trains were constructed at Tilbury, West Lorne, Tilsonburg, La Sallette, Waterford, Perry and Welland.

AUTOMATIC TRAIN CONTROL.

During the year, in addition to the installations of automatic train control between Detroit, Michigan, and Chicago, Illinois, which have been previously reported to the stockholders, the track between Detroit and Toledo, Ohio, has been so equipped and the control placed in operation.

PROPOSED LEASE OF THE COMPANY'S PROPERTIES TO THE NEW YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY.

The proceedings before the Inter-State Commerce Commission in which the New York Central Railroad Company is seeking the authority of the Commission for the leasing of the lines of railroad and properties of this company, referred to in the annual reports for 1926 and 1927, are still pending. Additional evidence was introduced at hearings held January 9-16 1928.

VALUATION OF THE COMPANY'S PROPERTY BY THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.

No decision has yet been made by the Inter-State Commerce Commission as to the company's protest in respect to the tentative valuation of its properties.

WAGES.

Requests of telegraphers for increases in wages and changes in working conditions were submitted to arbitration during the year and under the awards the company will be subjected to an additional annual expense of approximately \$58,000.

INCREASED RATES FOR TRANSPORTATION OF MAIL.

In May 1925 the carriers petitioned the Inter-State Commerce Commission for an increase in mail transportation rates. With the co-operation of the Post Office Department and the Commission, the railroads arranged to make a complete analysis of passenger train service for a test period of thirty-five days, namely September 16 to October 20 1925. The data so developed were used by both the Post Office Department and the railroads in presenting their case to the Commission at hearings in July 1927. As a result, the Inter-State Commerce Commission issued an order increasing rates for the transportation of mails approximately 15%, effective August 1 1928, and granted a flat increase of 15% retroactive to the date from which the carriers respectively filed their petitions. The estimated effect of this order will be to increase the annual mail pay from August 1 1928 of this company by approximately \$146,000, while the retroactive increase is estimated at \$462,000. The Government questioned the power of the Inter-State Commerce Commission with respect to the retroactive feature of its order, as a result of which a test case was instituted in the United States Courts 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.

RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY, INC.

In view of the expiration on February 28 1929 of the term of the amended uniform express contracts under which the American Railway Express Company has been conducting the express transportation business over most of the railroads of the continental United States, the Uniform Express Contract Committee of the Association of Railway Executives submitted in July of this year for the consideration of the railroad companies represented in said Association a report and plan, under which the railroad companies participating therein were, subject to the approval of the required governmental authorities, to unite in conducting through their own express agency the future operation of the express business, either by means of a new corporation the stock of which would be owned by the participating railroad companies which should acquire the operating properties and equipment of the American Railway Express Company, or, through the acquisition of the entire capital stock of the American Railway Express Company and the modification of its corporate and financial structure to such extent as would make the same consistent with the proposed plan. Under the plan the value of the property and equipment devoted to the express business was to be represented by debentures either purchased by the participating railroad companies or sold to the public, and the stock was to be limited in amount, allotted to the participating railroad companies on substantially the basis of the express business done by each and representative mainly of voting rights with the directors nominated by districts so that all sections would be represented in the directorate. Under the plan the contract to be made by such express agency with the several participating railroad companies was to be in substantially the form of the existing uniform express contract except that practically the entire net income was to be distributed among the contracting railroad companies on the basis of business done. The plan was to become effective upon its approval by 75% of the railroad companies entitled to participate therein, and upon such approval President Storey of the Atchison, President Atterbury of the Pennsylvania, President Crowley of the New York Central, and President Gray of the Union Pacific were appointed agents of the participating railroad companies for the purpose of negotiating and agreeing upon the terms of the acquisition of the properties or of the stock of the American Railway Express Company, of organizing the new corporation and of taking the other necessary steps for carrying the plan into effect.

The plan has already been approved by over 95% of the railroad companies entitled to participate therein, the new corporation has been organized and negotiations by the agents looking to the acquisition of all the operating properties of the American Railway Express Company are being progressed with a view, the necessary governmental authorizations having been obtained, of having said new corporation, Railway Express Agency, Inc., conduct the express business over railroad lines after midnight on February 28 1929.

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.*

For Comparative Balance Sheet, &c., see Annual Reports in "Investment News" Columns.

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS

PETROLEUM—RUBBER—HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

The introductory remarks formerly appearing here will now be found in an earlier part of this paper, immediately following the editorial matter, in a department headed "INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY."

Friday Night, July 12 1929.

COFFEE on the spot was quiet with Santos 4s, 22½ to 22¾c.; Rio 7s, 16¼ to 16½c.; Victoria 7-8s very scarce here, therebeing, it is understood, but one holder, who is asking 16¼c., but Victoria afloat due within a few days was said to be offering at 15¾c. or ½c. higher than the price paid on the 5th inst. at New Orleans. On the 8th inst. cost and freight offers from Brazil were unchanged to slightly lower. On the 9th inst. cost and freight offerings included for prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 2-3s at 23.85c.; 3s at 22¾ to 23¼c.; 4-5s at 21¼ to 22.90c.; 4-5s at 20½ to 21.60c.; 5s at 19¾ to 21.80c.; 5-6s at 20 to 21.65c.; 6s at 18.60 to 19½c.; 6-7s at 18c.; 7-8s at 15.15 to 17¼c.; part Bourbon or flat bean 5-6s at 19¾c.; peaberry 4s at 22.10c.; 4-5s at 20½c.; 6s at 20c.; 6-7s at 19.40c.; rain-damaged 3-5s at 19¼c.; peaberry 6-7s at 17½ to 18c.; Rio 7s at 15.35c.; 7-8s at 15.10c.; Victoria 7-8s were offered for August shipment at 13.80c. and for Sept. at 13.70c.

On the 11th inst. cost and freight offers from Santos were generally lower, some decidedly so. Rios were unchanged and there were no reported prompt shipment offerings from Victoria. For prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 3s were here at 22½c.; 3-4s at 21.80 to 23c.; 3-5s at 20¾ to 21½c.; 4-5s at 20¼ to 21½c.; 5s at 20¼ to 21c.; 5-6s at 19¼ to 20.80c.; 6s at 18.60 to 19c.; 6-7s at 18¾c.; 7-8s at 15.15 to 16c.; part Bourbon 3-5s at 21.10c.; 4-5s at 19¼c.; 5-6s at 20½c.; peaberry 4-5s at 20.65c.; 6s at 19¾c.; rain-damaged 3-4s at 20¼c.; 4-5s at 18¼ to 19¼c.; 5-6s at 17 to 17¼c.; 6-7s at 16c.; 7s at 15.90c.; 7-8s at 15.45c.; peaberry 5-6s at 17c.; Rio 7s at 15¼ to 15.30c.; 7-8s at 15c. Spot prices later were 22½ to 22¾c. for Santos 4s, 16¼ to 16½c. for Rio 7s and 16¼c. for Victoria 7-8s. Futures on the 8th inst. advanced 7 to 18 points with sales of 47,500 bags altogether. Brazilian support put greater snap into the market. Europe bought moderately. Futures ran counter to easier spot prices. Boston switched from Santos to Rio covering in July Rio. Hamburg & Havre were steady. On the 9th inst. prices for futures rose 7 to 15 points as Brazil and Europe bought moderately. Again futures ignored the dullness of spots.

Deliveries of all coffees in the United States during the crop year ended June 30 1929 were 10,637,566 bags, against 11,408,113 bags in the previous crop year and 10,517,858 in the 1926-27 crop year. Total receipts of Brazilian coffees at shipping ports in Brazil for the crop year just ended amounted to 13,595,000 bags, as against 16,405,271 bags in the previous year. World's visible stocks of coffee as of July 1, the beginning of the new crop year, were 5,352,398 bags, against 5,320,694 bags on July 1 last year and 4,393,297 two years ago. Some say there is nothing in the character of Brazilian weather conditions to arouse apprehension as to progress of the 1930-31 crops nor anything bullish in the recent trend of cost and freight offers from Victoria and Rio. But there is still an absence of aggressive selling. The possibility of frost damage to the Brazilian crops will continue for two months. On the 10th inst. futures closed 1 to 4 points lower on Santos and 1 to 9 lower on Rio with combined sales of 33,750 bags. Support was lacking. European and Brazilian interests were selling.

Futures on the 11th inst. advanced 5 to 20 points. Europe and Brazil bought and this took the edge off weaker Brazilian cables. There was no pressure to sell. July and Rio shorts covered rather freely at one time, though in the sum total of transactions 25,000 bags it was not a large market. Santos trading was estimated at 18,000 bags. The point is that though a small market it was firm. To-day futures closed 8 to 18 points lower on Rio with sales of 21,000 bags; and 8 to 23 lower on Santos with sales of 27,000 bags. Final prices show an advance for the week, however, of 3 to 16 points on Rio and 5 to 6 points higher on Santos except in December which is 8 points lower.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	16¼	Sept	14.40 @ nom	March	13.64 @ nom
July	15.15 @ nom	Dec	13.95 @ nom	May	13.35 @ nom

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	20.80 @	Sept	20.80 @	March	19.41 @
July	21.61 @ 21.70	Dec	19.92 @ 19.93	May	19.15 @ nom

COCOA to-day closed 4 points lower to 3 points higher with sales of 275 bales. July ended at 10.50c.; Sept. 10.68 to 10.70c., and Dec. 10.68 to 10.70. Final prices are 1 to 6 points lower than a week ago.

SUGAR.—Cuban raws were firm at 2 1-16c. c. & f. early, and not at all freely offered even at that; duty free was 3.83c. Some 30,000 tons were sold to refiners; 18,000 bags before this sold at 2 3-64c. late July and early August

shipment. Later the price became firm at 2 1-16c. and it was estimated that 300,000 bags sold at 2 1-16c. for July and early August. Some 17,000 bags for Porto Ricos for early July arrival and 10,000 tons of Philippines July shipment sold at 3.83c. delivered, equivalent to 2 1-16c. c. & f. London reported that over the week end the Joint Foreign Sales Syndicate sold four cargoes of Cubas for July-August shipment to Europe at 9s. 4½d. c.i.f., equal to about 1.83c. f.o.b. Cuba. Futures advanced 3 to 6 points with sales estimated at 147,550 tons. Java's crop may be only 3,100,000 to 3,200,000 tons. It is believed to have helped the rise. Java is willing to act with Cuba and Europe in controlling the sugar crop. But on the 9th inst. there was a rather sharp revulsion and prices dropped 3 to 6 points, losing the rise of the previous day. It was due to profit taking. Canadian interests with Cuban interests bought and at one time December and January were 2 points higher. The Java Syndicate is reported to have refused bids of 12¼ guilders for white sugars and has sold 1,600 tons at 12½ guilders, an advance of ½ guilder from the price accepted on Monday on 200,000 tons of whites. The Sugar Defense Commission of Cuba puts the production of the Island from Jan. 1 to June 20 at 5,156,410 long tons, against 4,018,386 tons from Jan. 15 the date at which grinding started, to June 30 last year. Exports to June 29 were 2,291,900 tons to the United States, against 1,188,549 tons to June 30 1928. The local consumption from Jan. 1 to June 29 was 73,286 tons this year and 37,247 tons last year. To June 29 total sales to countries other than the United States amounted to 1,023,057 tons, against 799,676 tons to the end of June last year. Cuban stocks on June 29 were 2,189,614 tons, against 2,144,231 tons on June 30 last year. Havana cabled that Senator Tarafa has started a campaign in favor of a single selling agency. Cuban raw was 2 1-16c. Refiners it turned out had bought on the 8th inst. at 2 to 2 1-16c. Refined, 5.25c. and quiet.

Sugar was firm in the belief that Europe and Cuba will regulate exports for the next four years with strong intimations that Java will cooperate. This with previous indications of greater co-operation in the marketing and production of Cuban sugars brought about a distinctly better tone and a substantial recovery from the lows of about a month ago. On the 8th inst. some 18,000 bags Cuban raw sugar for second half July shipment sold to an operator at 2 3-64c. c. & f. Four refiners announced an advance in refined to 5.25c. effective at the opening on the 9th inst. and the other refiners were expected to follow suit. Some suggest caution. They say they realize the possibilities of politics in such a market as sugar and admit that the price of three weeks ago appeared out of line with the supply situation of the world, but there has on the other hand been a very sharp advance without any definite confirmation of the various bullish rumors. The market's trend, they suggest, may now be downward rather than upward unless there is more definite confirmation as to the protective measures to be taken in the future by Cuba. They are not definitely bearish and do not expect the market to return to its former low level, but for the time being caution, they think, would seem preferable to undue enthusiasm.

Havana cabled that the National Commission for Defense of Cuban sugar industry says production of sugar from Jan. 1st to June 29th was 5,156,410 long tons against 4,018,386 from Jan. 15th when grinding started last year to June 30 1928. Exports to June 29th to the United States totalled 2,291,990 tons against 1,188,549 tons and 648,359 tons respectively to June 30th last year. Local consumption from Jan. 1st to June 29th totalled 73,386 tons against 37,247 tons from Jan. 1st to June 30, last year. Total sales to June 29th to countries outside of the United States were 1,023,057 tons against 799,676 tons to June 30th in 1928. Stocks in Cuba on June 29th, 1929 were 2,189,614 tons against 2,144,231 on June 30th 1928. The total melt of, from Jan. 1 1929, 15 United States refiners up to and including the week ending June 29 1929 was 2,570,000 long tons against 2,185,000 in the same time last year. Deliveries were 2,340,000 long tons against 2,070,000 long tons in the same period last year. Amsterdam cabled: "Java is more willing to co-operate with Cuba and Europe an exporting countries in crop control. Java present crop is less promising. Expect less than 3,200,000 tons—say 3,100,000 tons. Java Syndicate sold additional 240,000 tons at unchanged prices of 12 guilders for white and 10½ for brown. Meeting in Amsterdam Wednesday. Outlook hopeful."

Amsterdam cabled July 9th: The Java Syndicate has reduced the estimate of 2,768,293 tons in May as the probable outturn of its mills to 2,732,295 tons. Independent Java production is estimated at 270,000,000 tons, making a total including the Syndicate output of 3,002,295 tons. The

Syndicate is reported to have refused bids of 12¼ guilders on whites of which it has sold 1,600 tons at 12½ guilders, an advance of ½ guilder from the price accepted yesterday on 200,000 tons. The Dutch Syndicate was reported to have sold an additional 200,000 tons of white sugars and 40,000 tons of browns at 10½ guilders, the first price being figured as equal to 2.27c. f.o.b. Java and the latter to 2.20c. f.o.b. Over the week-end the Pool is reported to have sold 4 cargoes of Cuba for July-Aug. shipment to Europe at 9s. 4½d. United States Atlantic port receipts for the week were 60,764 tons against 37,176 in the previous week and 47,443 last year; meltings 46,678 tons against 62,317 in previous week and 47,650 last year; importers' stocks 395,642 tons against 389,520 in previous week and 375,232 last year; refiners' stocks 291,235 tons against 283,271 in previous week and 164,906 last year; total stocks 686,877 against 672,791 in previous week and 540,138 last year.

On the 10th inst. a cargo of Cuba sold to Savannah at 2 1-16c. c. & f., a parcel of Cuba to New Orleans at 2 3-65c., both for July shipment; 6,000 tons Cuba ex-store sold at 3.83c. and 2,000 tons Philippine due about the 23d inst., at 3.80c. Refined was 5.25c. Futures ended 1 to 5 points lower. London on the 11th inst. cabled that sellers were not below 9s. 7½d. with buyers who at first were holding back, owing to slow trade demand, bidding 9s. 4¼d., c.i.f. The firmness of London was supposed to be due to the favorable reply from Java as to participation in the international sugar conference. There were also sold on the 11th inst. 1,100 tons of Philippines for Aug.-Sept. shipment at 3.95c. and 1,000 tons in the same position at 3.96c., or about 2 3-16c. c. & f. for Cubas. Late London cables on the 11th inst. said the Joint Foreign Sales Syndicate is holding Cubas at 10s., but buyers' ideas had not gone above 9s. 4½d., based on the London terminal market. One of the chief causes for the firmness in London terminal prices was said to be heavy buying by Amsterdam. On the 11th inst. futures advanced 6 to 8 points with transactions estimated at 85,800 tons. Ambassador Ferrara, now in Havana, is credited with saying that a single selling agency is necessary, but will have to be organized by the planters themselves, without governmental interference; moreover, Cuba will never again resort to crop restriction unless all producing countries co-operate. To-day early offerings were small at 2 1-16c. c. & f. for Cuban. Futures to-day ended one point lower to one point higher with sales of 50,300 tons. Final prices show an advance for the week of 4 to 6 points.

Prices were as follows:

Spot unofficial	2.33-32	Dec	2.23@	2.24	May	2.35@	2.36
July	2.03@	nom	Jan	2.25@			
Sept	2.11@		March	2.29@			

LARD on the spot was firmer; prime Western 12.35 to 12.45c.; refined to Continent, 12½c.; South America, 13½c.; Brazil, 14½c. On the spot later in the week prime Western was 12.55 to 12.65c.; refined Continent, 12¾c.; South America, 13¾c.; Brazil, 14¾c. Futures advanced slightly on the 6th inst. Hogs were steady to 10c. higher. Liverpool lard was unchanged to 3d. lower. Ribs at Chicago were generally 25 points lower to 5 higher with July traded in at 13.25c. and Sept. at 13.85c. Bellies were unchanged to 3 points higher. Hog receipts at Western points totaled 36,700, against 35,400 a week before and 38,600 last year. Futures on the 8th inst. rose 5 to 13 points, the latter on July, with grain up and hogs firm and prime Western firmer at 12.55 to 12.65c. Hog receipts at the West were rather smaller than expected. They were 143,400 against 139,300 a week previously and 131,500 last year. Liverpool lard was unchanged to 3d. higher. Export clearances from New York last week were 4,800,000 lbs. against 1,200,000 the week before. On the 11th inst. futures advanced 2 to 5 points with corn higher and hogs up 10c. On the other hand, packers and cash houses sold. Receipts of hogs at the West were 86,700 while last week there was a holiday. On the same day last year the hog movement was 76,300. To-day futures closed 12 to 17 points higher with hogs stronger and cash demand good. Commission houses bought. Final prices show an advance for the week of 28 to 38 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July	11.87	12.00	12.07	12.02	12.05	12.25
September	12.20	12.25	12.30	12.30	12.30-32	12.47
October	12.32	12.40	12.45	12.42	12.47	12.60

PORK firm; Mess, \$31.50; family, \$36; fat back, \$28.50 to \$31; Ribs, 13.75c. Beef firm; Mess, \$26; packer, \$25 to \$27; 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. Cut meats steady; pickled hams here, 10 to 20 lbs., 23½ to 23¾c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 19¼ to 21¾c. Bellies, clear, dry salted boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., 16¾c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 16¾c. Butter, lower grades to high scoring, 38 to 43c. Cheese, flats, 23½ to 29½c.; daisies, 22 to 28c. Eggs, medium to extras 27 to 34½c.; closely selected, 35 to 36½c.

OILS.—Linseed was rather easier. The demand however was a little better. There were reports that cruisers would accept 10c. for tank cars but this could not be confirmed. Carlots were quoted at 11.1c. Small lots were the most wanted. Contract withdrawals were up to expectations. Jobbers were buying a little more freely. Coconut, Manila coast tanks 7c.; spot N. Y. tanks 7¼c.; Corn, crude bbls., tanks f. o. b. mill 7½ to 7¾c.; Olive, Den. \$1.35 to 1.40. China wood, N. Y. drums carlots, spot 1¼ to 15c.; Pacific

Coast tanks, futures 13 to 13¾c. Soya bean tanks, coast 9c. Edible, Olive, 2.25 to 2.30c. Lard, prime 15c.; extra strained winter, N. Y. 13c. Cod, Newfoundland 62c. Turpentine 53 to 59c. Rosin \$8.60 to \$9.70. Cottonseed oil sales to-day including switches 11,300 bbls. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	9.60@	Sept	9.75@	9.76	Dec	9.72@	9.70
July	9.55@	9.75	Oct	9.74@	9.76	Jan	9.74@
Aug	9.50@	9.75	Nov	9.55@	9.70	Feb	9.75@

PETROLEUM.—The demand from jobbers continues to improve and prices are stronger. Generally 10c. is quoted for U. S. Motor in tank cars at refineries. The leading refiner was asking 11c. at refineries and 12c. in tank cars delivered to nearby trade. Export buyers are more interested. Fuel oils were steady. Bunker grade C was in good demand, at \$1.05 at refineries and \$1.10 f.a.s. New York Harbor. The contract movement was big. Kerosene was easier. Water white, 41-43, was 7¾c. in tank cars at refineries and 8¾c. in tank cars delivered to nearby trade. Gulf prices were unchanged. There was a fair export demand. Cased kerosene was a little more active. There was a better business in spindle oils. Pennsylvania oils were fairly active. Mineral spirits were in fair demand and steady. There was a better demand for V. M. & P. naphtha.

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RUBBER.—On the 6th inst. prices advanced 40 to 80 points on 1-16 to ¼d. higher cables and a good demand here with sales of 446 lots or 1,115 tons against 488 lots on last Friday. That was doing very well for a Saturday. In London some reckon America's yearly requirements at 500,000 tons and those of the rest of the world at 300,000 tons. Considerable of the rise was lost later in realizing. Trade interests bought Sept. and Dec. freely. Actual rubber was in better demand and ¾ to ½c. higher. Trade in crude rubber futures on the Rubber Exchange of New York in the first six months of 1929 showed a gain of approximately 10% over the corresponding period in 1928, a total of 334,852 tons being traded as compared with 305,087 tons in the first half of 1928. London closed on the 6th inst. with spot 11¼d.; July-Sept., 11 5-16d.; Oct.-Dec., 11½d.; Jan.-March, 11¾d. and April-June, 12¼d. Singapore up; July, 10 7-16d.; Oct.-Dec., 11 1-16d.; Jan.-March, 11¼d. On the 8th inst. big buying co-incident with a jump in the cables of ¼ to 5-16d. in London and ¾ to ½d. in Singapore caused a rise here of 90 to 130 points on sales of 1,800 lots or 4,500 tons. Recently bullish statistics furnished the big world spring board from which the price at home and abroad leaped. For instance the already moderate stocks decreased last week 978 tons. That left it 30,004 tons. Liverpool's stock decreased 230 tons. It is now 4,628 tons. Meanwhile the consumption is big. New York closed on the 8th inst. with July, 22.40 to 22.50c.; Sept., 23 to 23.10c.; Oct., 23.50c.; Dec., 24c.; Jan., 24 to 24.10c.; March, 24.60c.; May, 25.20c. Actual rubber in a way kept pace with futures. The rise took buyers by surprise, however, and some held aloof. Ribbed smoked spot and July, 22¾ to 22½c.; July-Sept., 23¼ to 23½c.; spot-first latex crepe, 22½ to 23½c.; thin pale latex crepe, 23¼ to 23½c.; clean thin brown crepe, 20 to 20¼c.; rolled brown crepe, 15 to 15¼c.; No. 2 amber, 20¼ to 20½c. London spot, 11 9-16d.; July-Sept., 11 11-16d.; Oct.-Dec., 11 15-16d.; Jan.-March, 12 3-16d. Singapore, July, 10 15-16d.; Oct.-Dec., 11 9-16d.

On the 11th inst. came an early advance of 20 points but realizing caused a reaction which left closing prices 10 to 20 points net lower; sales, 593 lots, or 1,482 tons. Spot prices dropped ½c. Rubber invoiced from the Far East for shipment to the United States in the week ended July 6 totaled 8,476 long tons, the lowest figure seen since 7,575 tons were invoiced in the week of Feb. 16. For the week ended June 29 rubber invoiced totaled 9,538 tons. Board of Trade statistics on exports from England again showed a very low total for shipments to the United States. Exports to this country in June were 12,580 cents against 12,972 cents in May and 131,928 cents in June 1928. Total exports were 94,000 cents against 112,960 cents in May and 258,657 cents in June 1928. Imports totaled 201,227 cents against 227,477 in May and 190,770 in June 1928. On the 11th prices at New York closed with July 21.60c.; Sept., 22.40 to 22.50c.; Oct., 22.70 to 22.80c.; Dec., 23.30c.; Jan., 23.30c.; March, 23.80c.; June, 24.40c. Outside prices: Spot smoked ribbed and July, 21¾ to 21½c.; July-Sept., 22 to 22¾c.; Oct.-Dec., 22½ to 23¼c.; Jan.-March, 23¼ to 23½c. Spot first latex crepe, 23½ to 23½c.; thin pale latex, 23¼ to 23½c.; clean thin brown crepe, 20 to 20¼c.; specky crepe, 18¾ to 19c.; rolled brown crepe, 14½ to 14¾c.; No. 2 amber, 19¾ to 19¾c.; No. 3, 19¾ to 19¾c.; No. 4, 19½ to 19¾c. Paras, upriver fine spot, 22 to 22½c. London spot, 11 7-16d.; Aug., 11 9-16d. Singapore July, 10¾d.; Oct.-Dec., 11 9-16d. One view was that conditions appear generally favorable. The technical position is called strong. Speculative position is at a minimum; consumption continues very good; though perhaps somewhat below the peak, which is not unexpected. Shipments from the East are gradually decreasing and arrivals in the United States show a corresponding drop. Stocks of rubber in the United States are not excessive. Those in the United Kingdom are very moderate, especially in view of the growing demand from the Continent. Rubber invoiced for shipment to the United States for the week ended July 6, according to the Depart-

ment of Commerce, totaled 8,476 tons, against 9,538 long tons in the preceding week, or a decrease of 1,062 tons.

Arrivals of crude in June were 44,490 long tons, against 49,180 in May, and 25,092 in June last year. Importations for six months 318,508 long tons; first six months in 1928, 212,497 long tons. Arrivals so far exceed those of a year ago by 106,011 long tons for the first six months. The consumption of crude in June was 43,227 long tons; in May, 49,233 long tons; in June last year of 37,676 long tons. The record monthly consumption was in May 1929. Consumption of crude for the half year is 269,307 long tons which first six months of 1928 of 211,574 long tons. For the year 1928, 441,340 long tons of rubber were consumed, the highest yearly record promises to be exceeded this year by possibly 60,000 tons. To-day prices closed 20 to 30 points lower with sales of 784 lots or 1,970 tons. There were 24 notices issued, making the total to date 753. London stocks are expected to increase about 750 tons. This will still keep the total below 31,000 tons. London closed with spot 11¼ to 11 5-16d.; Aug., 11 5-16 to 11¾d.; Sept., 11 7-16d. to 11½d.; Oct.-Dec., 11 9-16 to 11¾d.; Jan.-March, 11¾d.; April-June, 12½d. Singapore, July, 10¾d.; Oct.-Dec., 11 3-16d.; Jan.-March, 11 7-16d.; No. 3 Ambers spot, 8¾d.

HIDES.—On the 8th inst. prices closed unchanged to 25 points higher. August, 16.90c.; September, 17.35c.; May, 19.10 to 19.15c. Some 4,000 frigorifico steers, July, sold at 16 13-16c. Recently 54,000 Argentine frigorifico steers sold at from 16¾ to 16 13-16c., 9,500 Uruguayan steers at 16 11-16c. and 4,500 frigorifico cows at 17¾ to 17 13-16c. City packer hides were quiet but firm following recent heavy trading in the Argentine. Country hides were slow of sale. Common dry hides dull; Savanillas, 21¼c.; Santa Marta, 22c. New York City calfskins 5-7s, 1.80 to 1.90; 7-9s, 2.35c.; 9-12s, 2.35c.; Sisals, 45c.; Taxacas, 60 to 62½c.; Para, 32½c. On the 9th inst. prices ended 15 points lower to 10 higher with sales of 640,000 lb. August, 16.75c. nominal; November, 18c.; December, 18.35c. closing at 18.30 to 18.45c. Chicago's stock of light native cows is said to be as large as 100,000. On the 11th inst. Chicago and River Platte prices were higher. New York futures were 10 to 50 points higher. In Chicago packer hide sales included 2,000 June light native cows at 16¼c., 6,000 light native steers, June-July at 17c. and 13,000 heavy native steers at 18c. an advance of ½c. in the last. A car of Pennsylvania extreme 25.50 pounds sold at 14½c. selected. At the Exchange sales of 360,000 lbs., closing with August at 17.50 to 17.90c.; September, 17.90 to 18c.; October, 18.15 to 18.40c.; November, 18.35 to 18.55c. and December, 18.75 to 18.85c. One comment was that stocks in the River Platte section have been reduced materially; approximately 65,000 hides having been moved at prices 1c. below those of the previous week. This is attributed to several reasons, one of the most important being that prices are now more in line with tanners' ideas and the demand from this quarter is expected to show a marked gain shortly.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—Grain rates were steadier; also sugar, coal and lumber. Later oil rates advanced. Later there was a larger business in sugar and grain.

CHARTERS included: Grain, Montreal, July 29-Aug. 15, to Hamburg, Bremen, 10¼c.; 23,000 qrs. Bremen barley from Montreal July 15-27, 10¼c.; 33,000 qrs. heavy, Montreal July 15-25 to Bristol Channel, one port 2s., two ports 2s. 3d.; 35,000 qrs. Montreal to Antwerp or Rotterdam, 18¼c. Aug. 1-15. Sugar: Cuba, August, to United Kingdom-Continent, 17s. 9d.; Cuba Aug. U. K.-Continent, 17s. 6d.; option Santo Domingo, 16d. 9d.; Cuba, August, to U. K.-Continent, 18s.; Cuba to Marseilles, July, 19s.; Cuba July to U. K.-Continent, 19s. Lumber, Gulf, July, to Plate, \$17. Tankers: Dirty, Aug. 9-26, three trips Charleston, 37c.; north of Cape Hatteras not east of New York, 42c.; Boston, 45c.; from U. S. Gulf, Venezuela, Aruba, Curacao, with Tampico loading option, 5c. more; dirty, prompt, Gulf, 40c.; Tampico, 45c., to north of Hatteras, option Boston 2c. more; prompt Gulf, eight trips to U. K.-Continent, 20s. 6d.; dirty, continuation 12 months, 6s. 3d.; Gulf, dirty, middle August, to north of Hatteras, single trip, 40c. Time: Four months prompt, \$3.25; 9 to 12 months, July loading, general, 4s. 6d.; July round trip east coast of South America, \$1.10; prompt West Indies round, \$1.80.

COAL has been in moderate demand. Sometimes perhaps not as much as that could be said. A lull in trade at this time need surprise no one. Meanwhile industrial stocks are down to a low level. Anthracite, N. Y. wholesale, in long tons, f.o.b. mines; Grate, \$8.10 to \$8.20; stove, \$8.90; pea, \$4.60 to \$4.70; buckwheat domestic, \$3.25; barley, \$1.50; egg, \$8.40; chestnut, \$8.40; buckwheat, \$2.50 to \$2.75. Bituminous, N. Y. tidewater, Navy standard, f.o.b. piers, \$5.10 to \$5.25; high volatile steam, \$4.30 to \$4.40; high grade medium volatile, \$4.50 to \$4.65. Later there was a larger movement of anthracite from the mines.

TOBACCO.—In many cases trade was quiet. Sumatra had the most attention; that is tobacco suitable for a 5-cent cigar. Such grades were in good demand. Offerings were small and prices firm. Connecticut shade grown was in fair demand; top leaf is nominally 21c.; No. 1 seconds, 1925 crop quoted 65c.; seed fillers, 20c.; medium wrappers, 65c. Whether such prices are always paid or not is another matter. Amsterdam cabled July 5th to the U. S. Tobacco Journal: "Prices firm at Java sale yesterday. About 900 bales bought for America." Oxford, N. C. wired: "Weather conditions on the whole have been favorable to the crop. The past few hot days have been beneficial. The crop in this section is well up to the average. It is true the farmers in the Southern section complain somewhat of having had too much rain and some of the crop shows a little yellow, especially on light sandy lands." The Census Bureau at Washington says that the estimated average yield per acre for the United States in 1928 was 718 pounds which compares with 765 lbs. for 1927. The yields for the several

States vary greatly, ranging from 1,340 lbs. for Pennsylvania to 556 lbs. for South Carolina. Prices in 1928 in Louisiana averaged 45c. and led all the States, followed by Connecticut, 37.2c.; Massachusetts, 34.1c.; Florida, 29.1c.; West Virginia and Missouri, 27c. each; Kentucky, 28.8c.; Indiana, 23.3c.; Ohio, 21.4c. and Tennessee, 20.1c. The lowest average price for any State was Minnesota, 12c.

COPPER was steady but quiet for both export and domestic account. Everybody seems to be awaiting the June statistics. Prices were 18c. domestic and 18.30c. for export. In London on the 10th inst. spot standard fell 10s. to £71 13s. 9d.; futures off 6s. 3d. to £72 7s. 6d.; sales, 200 tons of spot and 700 futures. Electrolytic unchanged at £84 for spot and £84. 10s. for futures; standard copper unchanged at the second London session; sales, 1,026 tons for the day. Latterly trade has been dull at 18c. domestic, partly because many preferred to await the statistics for June. In London on July 11th spot standard unchanged at £71 13s. 9d.; futures up 1s. 3d. to £72 8s. 9d.; sales, 300 tons spot and 400 futures. Electrolytic, £84 spot and £84 10s. futures. At the second session spot unchanged; futures off 1s. 3d.; sales, 1,025 tons for the day. Stocks of copper increased from May to the end of June, but production was generally reduced throughout North and South America, according to the American Bureau of Metal Statistics. Total stocks of refined and blister copper at the end of June were 384,621 tons, an increase of 1,980 tons over May. Refined stocks increased 12,728 tons to 83,140 tons; blister stocks decreased 10,748 to 251,481 tons. Refined production in June was 156,447 tons, against 161,784 in May. In June 1928 the output was 131,024 tons. Shipments in June were 143,719 tons, against 148,866 in May. In June 1928 shipments were 138,503 tons. Shipments for domestic account were 85,258 tons. Exports decreased 6,662 tons to 48,461 tons. Total crude production by United States mines and other supply to United States smelters in June was 82,841 tons, against 93,392 in May, a decline of 10,551 tons. For the six months to June 30 crude production was 535,893 tons, against 422,803 tons in the 1928 period.

TIN was in good demand and higher. On the 10th inst. some 300 tons of Straits and 330 of standard futures sold. Consumers were the best buyers. Dealers and speculators also took a little. Spot Straits sold at 45¾c.; Aug., 45¾c.; Sept., 46¼c.; Oct., 46¾c. and Nov., 46¾c. Futures closed 55 to 70 points higher on the 10th inst. London prices at the first session on the 10th inst. advanced £1; standard spot, £205 10s.; futures, £208 15s.; sales 80 tons spot, and 520 futures. Spot Straits, £209. Eastern c. i. f. London advanced, £1 15s. to £212 on sales of 175 tons. At the second London session standard advanced £1 10s.; sales 1,000 tons. Latterly trade has been quiet, but prices have been firm. Straits spot sold at 45¾c., July at 46¼c., Aug. at 46¼c., Sept. at 46¼c., Oct. at 46¾c., Nov. at 46¾c., Dec. at 46¾c. and Jan. at 47c. At the Exchange July on the 11th inst. closed at 45.35c., Sept. at 45.70c. and Dec. at 46.40c. In London on the 11th inst. spot advanced £2 12s. 6d. to £208 2s. 6d.; futures up £2 5s. to £211; sales 120 tons spot and 880 futures. Spot Straits up £2 12s. 6d.; Eastern c. i. f. London advanced £2 to £214 on sales of 425 tons. At the second London session prices were unchanged; sales for the day 1,880 tons. To-day futures closed strong with July ending at 45.65 to 45.90c.; Sept. 46.05 to 46.10c.; Dec. 46.55c. Final prices are 90 to 95 points higher than a week ago. Sales to-day were 140 tons.

LEAD was marked down to 6.75c. New York by the American Smelting Co. This is a decline of \$5. Middle Western producers cut the price to 6.60c. Buying was rather light. London on the 10th inst. fell 2s. 6d. to £22 18s. 9d.; futures off to £23. At the second London session prices fell 1s. 3d. Makers of dry lead oxides cut prices ¼c. Of late the demand has increased; Central West, 6.55 to 6.57½c. up to 6.60c. New York quoted by large producers at 6.75c. In London prices fell 3s. 9d. to £22 15s. for spot and £22 16s. 3d. for futures; sales, 250 tons spot and 700 futures.

ZINC was quiet at unchanged prices. East St. Louis, 6.70 to 6.80c. Stocks are steadily increasing. Lead ore was \$44, but many are looking for a decline in this direction before very long. In London on the 10th inst. spot fell 2s. 6d. to £25 15s.; futures unchanged at £25 17s. 6d.; sales, 500 tons spot and 650 futures. Of late trade has been quiet and nominal at 6.70c. for East St. Louis with hints of sales at 6.67½c. or less after being quiet for many weeks. In London on the 11th inst. spot fell 5s to £25 10s.; futures off 2s. 6d. to £25 15s.; sales, 100 tons spot and 200 futures.

STEEL.—Railroads are buying more freely, for bridges, ferries and rails. Also purchases for pipe lines are noted, oil tanks, &c. Some 40,000 to 50,000 tons of fabricated steel are wanted partly for New York and Philadelphia. At Pittsburgh the mills are operating at 90%. A good demand prevails for flat rolled and strip steel and a fair inquiry for structural steel. A moderate decrease in unfilled orders is, however, noticed. Basic material quotations and also finished steel prices are said to be in the main steady. Sheets, nails and wire products are weak or irregular on worth while tonnage. Prices are lowered on such business. Galvanized sheets were still quoted at as low as \$3.50 Pittsburgh and black sheets at \$2.85 Pittsburgh. Sheet bars have been sold to some limited extent for the third quarter, but re-rolling billets and slabs are quiet. Sheet bars were \$35. Billets and slabs were also quoted at \$35, an advance of \$1 over

the second quarter price. Forging billets were firm at \$40. Wire rods were still \$42.

PIG IRON.—In New England trade is reported brisk, but here it remained dull. New England in 10 days reported sales reached 16,000 tons at lower prices due to keen competition. Buffalo No. 2 plain and No. 2X is understood to have been offered at \$17.50, out in New York and New Jersey was often quoted at \$18. Alabama iron has not competed much it seems. It feels more readily to Philadelphia and Boston favored by freight rates. Birmingham iron is selling rather more freely it is said, at \$14.50 a decline of 50c. Cleveland last week sold 35,000 tons.

Pig iron was quiet. To some it looks as though buying for the third quarter will be confined to small lots. It is not unusual to see buying slacken at this time for the semi-annual inventory. The aggregate of moderate or small-sized buying orders in recent weeks, however, makes no bad showing, it is said, compared with the normal trade in that period. Coke has been quiet; also ferro-alloys.

WOOL.—Late last week according to a government report from Boston wool was slow. On a few grades there has been some business of fairly good volume. The outstanding active lines were Texas 12 months wools of which large blocks were sold. In graded wool lines 56s was the strongest grade and sales were moderate in volume. Trade was fair on 58-60s and 47-50s, but sales were inclined to be small. The 64s and finer wools were slow. Prices were about steady on the less active lines and slightly firmer on some of the more active grades. Boston on July 11th wired a government report as follows: "The finer grades of domestic strictly combing wools are selling in larger quantities and sales are more frequent. Both territory and fleece lines of these grades are more active. A fair volume of strictly combing fleece 64s and finer quality is selling at 38 to 39c. in the grease, or 93 to 95c. scoured basis. Graded territory strictly combing of this quality is also selling at 93 to 95c. scoured basis. Territory 58-60s are fairly active at 92 to 95c. scoured basis." Philadelphia reported less reducing of prices and better sales this week.

In London on July 9 the fourth series of Colonial wool auctions in the current year opened. Available offerings total 127,500 bales. According to present arrangements the series will close July 25. Attendance large of foreign buyers; offerings, 9,500 bales. Compared to May sales prices were 5 to 7 1/2% lower on both Australian merinos and New Zealand crossbreds, while slipe crossbreds were 5 to 10% lower, as were Puntas greasy crossbreds. The reluctance of holders to meet the decline resulted in numerous withdrawals. New Zealand slipe sold at 12 3/4 to 22 1/2 d. Offerings of 98 bales of Cape wool were withdrawn. Details: Sydney, 768 bales; greasy merinos, 15 1/2 @ 22d. Victoria, 752 bales; scoured greasy, 19 1/2 @ 23 1/2 d. New Zealand, 2,553 bales; scoured merinos, 35 1/2 @ 37d.; crossbreds, greasy, 13 1/2 @ 16d. West Australia, 143 bales; scoured greasy, 13 1/2 @ 29 1/2 d. Puntas, 5,122 bales; scoured greasy, 10 1/2 @ 16d.; crossbreds, greasy, 12 1/2 @ 17d.

In London on July 10th offerings, 8,462 bales, mostly Australian merinos. The Continent bought the most freely, at opening prices. Speculators' lots of greasy merinos were frequently withdrawn; also Cape wool at limits above the market. Very much of the scoured merino and pieces were withdrawn owing to poor demand. New Zealand crossbreds sold well, mostly to Yorkshire at opening prices. New Zealand best greasy 58s, realized 19d.; 50-56s, 17d.; 50s, 16d.; 48-50s, 15 1/2 d.; 48s, 15d.; 46s, 14d.; shabby 44s, 10 1/2 d.; to 12 3/4 d. New Zealand slipe ranged 13 1/2 to 21d. Offerings of 26 1/2 bales Cape wools were withdrawn. Details:

Sydney, 1,634 bales; scoured greasy merinos, 18 @ 25d. Queensland, 1,733 bales; scoured merinos, 30 @ 37 1/2 d.; greasy, 14 1/2 @ 19d. Victoria, 1,474 bales; scoured merinos, 25 @ 31d.; greasy, 20 1/2 @ 26 1/2 d. South Australia, 1,154 bales; scoured merinos, 24 @ 33d.; greasy, 16 @ 20d. West Australia, 657 bales; scoured greasy, 13 @ 20 1/2 d. New Zealand, 1,522 bales; crossbreds, scoured, 17 1/2 @ 35d.; greasy, 10 1/2 @ 19d.

In London on July 11th offerings were 9,348 bales. Crossbreds met with a good demand from British and Continental buyers at opening values. Merinos were frequently withdrawn at limits, a quantity being sold to the Continent on the opening basis. New Zealand cross-bred best 58s, realized 21d.; 50-56s, 18d.; 50s, 17d.; 48-50s, 16d.; 48s, 15 1/2 d.; 46s, 14 1/2 d. New Zealand slipe ranged 12 1/4 to 23d., latter half-bred lambs. The Cape offering of 127 bales was withdrawn. Details:

Sydney, 1,666 bales; scoured merinos, 15 1/2 @ 23d. Queensland, 968 bales; scoured merinos, 14 1/2 @ 17d.; greasy, 32 @ 40 1/2 d. Victoria, 1,102 bales; scoured merinos, 21 @ 24 1/2 d.; greasy, 33 @ 38d. West Australia, 583 bales; scoured merinos, 16 @ 20 1/2 d.; greasy, 29 @ 32d. Tasmania, 235 bales; scoured merinos, 21 1/2 @ 25d. New Zealand, 4,473 bales; crossbreds, scoured, 12 1/2 @ 21d.; greasy, 23 1/2 @ 34 1/2 d.

In Liverpool the East India wool auctions will begin on Tuesday July 23 and continue on July 24, 26, 29 and 30. Quantity, 28,500 bales.

SILK closed unchanged to 1 point lower on old and new contracts with sales of 275 bales of old and 440 bales of new. July ended at 4.80c. to 4.83c.; September, 4.74 to 4.77c.; December, 4.74 to 4.75c.

COTTON

Friday Night, July 12 1929.

THE MOVEMENT OF THE CROP, as indicated by our telegrams from the South to-night, is given below. For the week ending this evening the total receipts have reached 30,368 bales, against 10,769 bales last week and 13,090 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1928 9,016,120 bales, against 8,292,069 bales for the same period of 1927-28, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1928 of 724,051 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	1,265	910	1,304	5,539	377	97	9,492
Texas City	---	---	---	---	---	219	219
Houston	6,432	555	495	271	20	4,220	11,993
New Orleans	770	1,373	155	1,268	558	413	4,537
Mobile	11	358	---	12	5	64	450
Pensacola	---	---	---	300	---	---	300
Savannah	639	299	176	---	142	589	1,845
Charleston	35	---	44	---	18	12	109
Lake Charles	---	50	---	---	---	---	50
Wilmington	---	---	---	19	---	---	19
Norfolk	22	12	52	70	---	15	34
Baltimore	---	---	---	---	---	65	221
Totals this wk.	9,174	3,557	2,226	7,479	1,120	6,812	30,368

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1928 and stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to July 12.	1928-29.		1927-28.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1928.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1927.	1929.	1928.
Galveston	9,492	2,787,661	6,470	2,247,220	99,202	140,525
Texas City	---	219	---	99,333	3,784	7,886
Houston	11,993	2,858,759	4,331	2,536,803	211,044	244,891
New Orleans	4,537	1,373,155	9,237	1,538,926	94,191	179,854
Mobile	450	289,476	264	293,867	13,519	3,192
Pensacola	300	13,250	---	12,684	---	---
Savannah	1,845	379,565	728	661,077	23,652	21,908
Charleston	109	172,821	1,551	271,240	14,195	16,921
Wilmington	34	126,051	372	132,501	3,810	16,980
Norfolk	221	232,805	1,087	224,546	37,941	37,706
N'port News, &c.	---	129	---	534	---	---
New York	---	51,268	---	7,992	164,986	76,999
Boston	---	3,471	229	8,367	1,301	3,301
Baltimore	1,118	62,704	337	72,591	997	1,327
Philadelphia	---	105	---	156	4,351	4,474
Totals	30,368	9,016,120	27,419	8,292,069	673,647	756,377

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	9,492	6,470	3,131	6,792	5,208	13,023
Houston*	11,993	4,331	2,143	7,113	10,492	11,159
New Orleans	4,537	9,237	7,904	12,494	1,521	4,608
Mobile	450	264	1,264	262	305	1,528
Savannah	1,845	728	9,205	4,723	1,743	5,096
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	---	---
Charleston	109	1,551	7,392	837	2,446	551
Wilmington	34	372	894	282	3	10
Norfolk	221	1,087	381	2,959	555	6,470
N'port N., &c.	---	3,379	2,309	1,420	501	3,432
Other	1,687	---	---	---	---	---
Tot. this week	30,368	27,419	34,623	36,882	22,774	35,877
Since Aug. 1.	9,016,120	8,292,069	12,624,078	9,533,481	9,132,034	6,669,962

*Beginning with the season of 1926, Houston figures include movement of cotton previously reported by Houston as an interior town. The distinction between port and town has been abandoned.

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 50,697 bales, of which 3,446 were to Great Britain, 3,421 to France, 9,838 to Germany, 6,925 to Italy, 13,751 to Russia, 11,257 to Japan and China and 2,059 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 64,714 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 7,823,426 bales, against 7,390,757 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week:

Week Ended July 12 1929. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	2,395	1,663	2,490	---	---	4,327	693	11,568
Houston	---	1,178	5,496	---	---	---	634	7,308
Lake Charles	---	---	50	---	---	---	---	50
New Orleans	51	580	554	3,025	13,751	---	100	18,061
Mobile	---	---	748	300	---	5,000	150	6,198
Pensacola	---	---	300	---	---	---	---	300
Savannah	---	---	250	---	---	---	---	250
Wilmington	---	---	---	3,550	---	---	---	3,550
Norfolk	---	---	---	---	---	1,200	---	1,200
New York	1,000	---	---	---	---	---	482	1,482
Los Angeles	---	---	---	---	---	730	---	730
Total	3,446	3,421	9,838	6,925	13,751	11,257	2,059	50,697
Total 1928	9,081	3,645	7,750	11,173	20,000	2,300	10,765	64,714
Total 1927	5,092	195	10,164	8,200	17,500	2,672	4,664	48,487

From Aug. 1 1928 to July 12 1929. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	392,519	317,959	589,537	222,109	32,447	587,728	399,522	2,541,821
Houston	406,657	294,949	562,016	227,559	106,807	481,925	176,269	2,256,192
Texas City	35,150	12,068	41,633	1,616	---	10,355	11,281	112,083
Corpus Christi	46,405	41,940	90,833	21,624	4,904	55,036	27,781	288,523
Port Arthur	943	2,430	8,977	764	---	---	3,046	17,060
Lake Charles	1,296	---	1,151	3,300	---	---	---	6,077
New Orleans	409,733	98,234	226,813	141,044	147,001	172,524	110,991	1,306,340
Mobile	88,790	2,159	79,727	5,318	---	24,300	4,820	205,114
Pensacola	4,770	---	6,075	905	---	1,400	100	13,250
Savannah	163,399	75	117,347	3,262	---	12,100	4,097	300,280
Gulfport	598	---	---	---	---	---	---	598
Charleston	60,058	777	62,197	1,281	---	1,150	16,274	141,737
Wilmington	38,800	---	9,842	54,150	---	---	3,400	106,192
Norfolk	78,608	1,238	29,451	3,874	---	9,500	2,527	125,198
Newport News	127	---	---	---	---	---	---	127
New York	25,332	3,708	30,593	14,115	---	6,735	19,237	99,720
Boston	1,738	---	1,450	---	---	---	4,460	7,645
Baltimore	---	3,640	---	1,598	---	---	---	5,238
Philadelphia	82	---	1	---	---	---	200	283
Los Angeles	68,041	14,149	36,705	6,280	---	95,891	1,078	222,144
San Diego	6,652	1,948	4,296	---	---	---	600	13,496
San Francisco	10,524	250	7,363	200	---	17,370	348	36,055
Seattle	---	---	---	---	---	18,248	---	18,248
Total	1,840,222	795,524	1,906,007	708,999	291,159	1,494,244	787,271	7,823,426
Total 1927-28	1,416,935	888,926	2,133,178	681,620	370,198	1,026,303	873,597	7,390,757
Total 1928-29	2,736,250	2,910,128	2,917,200	771,171	429,888	1,802,537	1,248,150	10,742,089

NOTE.—Exports to Canada.—It has never been our practice to include in the above table reports of cotton shipments to Canada, the reason being that virtually all the cotton destined to the Dominion comes overland and it is impossible to get returns concerning the same from week to week, while reports from the customs districts on the Canadian border are always very slow in coming to hand. In view, however, of the numerous inquiries we are receiving regarding the matter, we will say that for the month of May the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 18,470 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 17,726 bales. For the ten months ended May 31 1929 there were 245,589 bales exported, as against 203,916 bales for the corresponding ten 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:

July 12 at—	On Shipboard Not Cleared for—					Total.	Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign.	Coastwise.		
Galveston.....	3,200	2,800	4,000	13,000	3,000	26,000	73,202
New Orleans....	1,120	200	4,170	5,745	56	11,291	82,900
Savannah.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	23,652
Charleston.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	190	190	14,005
Mobile.....	150	-----	-----	1,725	-----	1,875	11,644
Norfolk.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	280	280	37,661
Other ports*....	1,000	500	7,500	11,500	500	15,000	375,947
Total 1929....	5,470	3,500	9,670	31,970	4,026	54,636	619,011
Total 1928....	9,577	9,335	11,595	28,213	2,973	61,693	694,684
Total 1927....	11,712	6,654	13,902	66,876	5,735	104,879	983,818

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery advanced slightly except on July, which had a trifling net decline. There is a fear of weevil damage later. On the 6th inst. prices, at one time 8 to 14 points lower on good weather and poor cables, ended unchanged to 7 points lower. The weather was considered in the main good, but rains occurred here and there over the belt. The talk was of weevil danger. The fear was that if the Government acreage estimate on the 8th inst. should be bearish it would turn out to have been discounted. Texas had rains of 3½ to 5 inches on the coast and in the South-Central section. Weevil reports were persistent, but in the main it was considered good growing weather. On the 8th inst. the Government estimated the acreage at 48,457,000 acres against 46,946,000 last year, a increase over last year of 3.2%. Some estimates had been as high as 4 to 5½%. One reached 49,532,000. So that the Government total fell about 1,100,000 acres short of this. The effect was rather marked. Prices ran up 31 to 38 points from the low of the morning. The net advance was 19 to 25 points. Before the estimate was received at noon there was a decline of some 10 to 15 points on good growing weather, favorable crop advices and lower Liverpool cables than were due. The selling was rather heavy. The Southwest, Liverpool and New Orleans took part in it. There was pressure on December and January. There came a quick volte-face when the estimate was received. The highest private estimate had been 49,532,000 acres. The average was 48,667,000, so that it came close to the official estimate. But the hopes of many had been pinned on 49,000,000 acres or something pretty close to it. The actual figures therefore took a shore market by surprise. At the same time the later weather news showed that the belt was getting what looked like too much rain. The belt wants dry, hot weather this month rather than warm and rainy, which would undoubtedly favor the propagation of the pest. The weevil population is already reported to be very large. The trade, Wall Street and local operators bought freely. The closing prices were at or about the highest of the day.

On the 10th inst. prices advanced early to a moderate extent on further rains, higher cables than due, and more or less buying by the trade, Wall Street, spot houses and scattered shorts. Later on, however, the weekly report was considered more favorable than had been expected. And this with liquidation in July and other months carried prices down some 20 to 28 points from the high level of the morning, winding up at a net loss for the day of some 13 to 17 points. July led the decline. The point of the weekly report was that the weather had been good for the plant and on the other hand also good for the weevil. There has been considerable covering of shorts, however. The technical position was hardly as strong as it had been and the later drift was downward under the pressure of long cotton.

The weekly Government report said that the temperatures were seasonable and rainfall was mostly light to moderate, though with rather frequent showers in some sections, and there was much cloudy weather in the Western area. In the Atlantic Coast States the condition remains spotted. Weevil activity was unchecked, but weekly progress was good. Nearly everywhere plants are fruiting well in the South. In Alabama and Mississippi growth was generally fair to good, but rainfall was rather frequent in many places, favoring weevil activity; some shedding was reported from the South. In Tennessee plants are beginning to bloom in generally excellent condition. Arkansas and Louisiana made mostly excellent progress with squares forming to northern Arkansas and bloom to the central portion, and the latter part of the week was favorable in the South for

holding the weevil in check. Texas weather, however, favored weevil activity in the central and eastern portions.

The Textile Merchants' Association stated the sales of standard cloths in June as 79.8% of production; shipments 88.1% of production; stocks increased 9.2%; unfilled orders decreased 6.2%. For six months the sales were 93.5% against 89% for the same time last year; shipments were 99.5% against 93.5% a year ago; stocks increased 2.4% against 36.4% a year ago; unfilled orders decreased 23.5% against 21.8% a year ago.

To-day prices advanced 8 to 16 points with more or less rain in Texas and Georgia, reports that rains have been doing harm in parts of the belt, and that the weevil is abundant, and that the peak of the condition of the crop is near at hand. Mostly the plant has improved, but the weevil causes apprehension. Moreover, Liverpool was higher than due. Dallas crop reports were to the effect that while scattered showers and heavy rains in various parts of Texas may have added to the growth of cotton, yet cloudy weather and further showers can only increase the insect hazard, except in northwestern Texas, where rains would be welcome. A Boston report said that the rains recently had greatly favored the propagation of the weevil; also that the heavy vegetation on the plant as a result of the rains is shading the ground so that the sun cannot kill the weevil larvae in the fallen squares. Moreover, grass and weeds are growing rapidly. It is pointed out, too, that in 1921 and 1923 it was not until along about the middle of August and September that the trade became aware of the serious injury that the weevil was doing the plant, whereupon prices advanced 7 to 9c. by the late Autumn. To-day spot markets were higher. Exports were moderate. The into-sight total was relatively large. The forecast was for showers over most of the belt. Offerings were not large. Spot houses wanted December and bought it on quite a liberal scale. There was more or less calling by the mills here and in Liverpool. Final prices show a decline of 2 points on July for the week, while other months are 1 to 19 points higher, the latter on March. Spot cotton ended at 18.35c. for middling, showing no change for the week.

The following averages of the differences between grades, as figured from the June 00 quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, are the differences from middling established for deliveries in the New York market on June 00.

Staple Premiums 60% of average of six markets quoting for deliveries on July 18 1929.			Differences between grades established for delivery on contract July 18 1929. Figured from the July 11 average quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture.		
15-16 inch.	1-inch & longer.				
.26	.83	Middling Fair.....	White.....	.84	on Mid.
.26	.83	Strict Good Middling....	do.....	.65	do
.26	.88	Good Middling.....	do.....	.51	do
.31	.92	Strict Middling.....	do.....	.38	do
.31	.92	Middling.....	do.....	-----	Basis
.29	.85	Strict Low Middling....	do.....	.73	off Mid.
.25	.76	Low Middling.....	do.....	1.60	do
		Good Middling.....	Extra White.....	.51	on do
		Strict Middling.....	do do.....	.38	do
		Middling.....	do do.....	-----	even do
		Strict Low Middling....	do do.....	.73	off do
		Low Middling.....	do do.....	1.60	do
.25	.79	Good Middling.....	Spotted.....	.29	on do
.25	.79	Strict Middling.....	do.....	.01	off do
.24	.78	Middling.....	do.....	.73	do
.22	.66	Strict Good Middling....	Yellow Tinged.....	.04	off do
.22	.66	Good Middling.....	do do.....	.45	do
.22	.66	Strict Middling.....	do do.....	.92	do
.22	.66	Good Middling.....	Light Yellow Stained....	1.08	off do
.22	.66	Good Middling.....	Yellow Stained.....	1.42	off do
.21	.64	Good Middling.....	Gray.....	.69	off do
.21	.64	Strict Middling.....	do.....	1.08	do

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

July 6 to July 12—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland.....	18.35	18.60	18.70	18.55	18.20	18.35

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on July 12 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1929.....	18.35c.	1921.....	12.40c.	1913.....	12.30c.	1905.....	11.10c.
1928.....	22.20c.	1920.....	40.50c.	1912.....	12.50c.	1904.....	11.15c.
1927.....	17.75c.	1919.....	36.00c.	1911.....	14.25c.	1903.....	12.50c.
1926.....	17.85c.	1918.....	32.80c.	1910.....	15.45c.	1902.....	9.31c.
1925.....	24.10c.	1917.....	26.75c.	1909.....	13.10c.	1901.....	8.56c.
1924.....	30.95c.	1916.....	12.95c.	1908.....	11.20c.	1900.....	10.25c.
1923.....	27.85c.	1915.....	8.90c.	1907.....	13.05c.	1899.....	6.19c.
1922.....	22.50c.	1914.....	13.25c.	1906.....	10.90c.	1898.....	6.19c.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader, we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr'ct.	Total.
Saturday....	Quiet, unchanged..	Barely steady..	-----	-----	-----
Monday.....	Quiet, 25 pts. adv..	Steady.....	1,000	1,000	-----
Tuesday....	Quiet, 10 pts. adv..	Steady.....	3,200	3,200	-----
Wednesday..	Quiet, 15 pts. decl.	Steady.....	100	100	-----
Thursday...	Quiet, 35 pts. decl.	Steady.....	100	100	-----
Friday.....	Quiet, 15 pts. adv.	Steady.....	-----	-----	-----
Total.....			4,400	4,400	
Since Aug. 1			179,658	654,500	834,058

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing futures prices for various months (July, Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec., Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., May, June) with columns for Range, Closing, and dates from Saturday, July 6, to Friday, July 12, 1929.

Range of future prices at New York for week ending July 12 1929 and since trading began on each option:

Table showing the range of future prices at New York for week ending July 12 1929 and since trading began on each option, with columns for Option for, Range for Week, and Range Since Beginning of Option.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks as well as afloat are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening.

Table showing the visible supply of cotton by region: Total Great Britain, Stock at Liverpool, Stock at London, Stock at Manchester, Total Continental stocks, Total European stocks, India cotton afloat, etc.

Table showing the visible supply of cotton by region: Total American, East Indian, Brazil, &c., London stock, Manchester stock, Continental stock, Indian afloat for Europe, etc.

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a Houston stocks are now included in the port stocks; in previous years they formed part of the interior stocks.

Continental imports for past week have been 74,000 bales. The above figures for 1929 show a decrease from last week of 175,066 bales, a loss of 460,307 from 1928, a

decrease of 1,204,793 bales over 1927, and a gain of 114,761 bales over 1926.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year, is set out in detail below:

Table showing movement of cotton in interior towns from July 12 1929 to July 13 1928. Columns include Towns, Receipts (Week, Season), Shipments (Week), Stocks (July 12, 1929), Receipts (Week, Season), Shipments (Week), and Stocks (July 13, 1928).

Total, 56 towns 17,790 5,995,023 42,238 252,555 20,477 5,519,311 43,123 386,332

The above total shows that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 24,168 bales and are to-night 133,777 bales less than at the same time last year. The receipts at all the towns have been 2,687 bales less 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:

Table showing overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, 1928-29 and 1927-28. Columns include Shipments (Week, Since Aug. 1), Total gross overland, Deduct Shipments (Overland to N.Y., Boston, &c.; Between interior towns; Inland, &c., from South), and Leaving total net overland.

* Including movement by rail to Canada. k We withhold the totals since Aug. 1 so as to allow proper adjustment at end of crop year.

Table showing in-sight and spinner's takings for the week and since Aug. 1, 1928-29 and 1927-28. Columns include Receipts at ports to July 12, Net overland to July 12, South'n consumption to July 12, Total marketed, Interior stocks in excess, Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to July 1, Came into sight during week, Total in sight July 12, and North, spinn's takings to July 12.

* Decrease. k We withhold the totals since Aug. 1 so as to allow of proper adjustments at the end of the crop year.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Table showing closing quotations for middling cotton at various markets (Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Norfolk, Baltimore, Augusta, Memphis, Houston, Little Rock, Dallas, Fort Worth) from Saturday, July 12, to Friday, July 12, 1929.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, July 6.	Monday, July 8.	Tuesday, July 9.	Wednesday, July 10.	Thursday, July 11.	Friday, July 12.
July	18.10-18.11	18.18-18.25	18.20	18.14	17.90	18.95-18.97
August	---	---	---	---	---	---
September	---	---	---	---	---	---
October	18.16-18.17	18.33-18.34	18.46	18.33-18.34	18.13-18.14	18.21-18.22
November	---	---	---	---	---	---
December	18.35-18.36	18.52-18.53	18.64-18.65	18.51-18.53	18.33-18.34	18.38-18.39
Jan. (1930)	18.35	Bid	18.65-18.66	18.55	18.35	18.40 Bid
February	---	---	---	---	---	---
March	18.48-18.49	18.67-18.68	18.82	18.72	18.57	18.64 Bid
April	---	---	---	---	---	---
May	18.51	Bid	18.71-18.73	18.86	Bid	18.62 Bid
18.69 Bid	---	---	---	---	---	---
Tone—	Quiet	Quiet	Quiet	Steady	Steady	Steady
Spot	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady
Options	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT'S REPORT ON COTTON ACREAGE.—The Agricultural Department at Washington on July 8 issued its report on cotton acreage as of July 1. This report estimates the area planted to cotton the present year as 48,457,000 acres, which compares with 46,946,000 acres planted to cotton on July 1 1927, being an increase in the area planted last year of 3.2%. The following is the complete official text of the report:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Bureau of Agricultural Economics
Washington, D. C., July 8 1929, 11 A. M. (E. T.).
Cotton Report as of July 1 1929.

The Crop Reporting Board of the United States 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, makes the following estimate of cotton acreage in cultivation July 1 1929.

U. S. acreage in cultivation compared with last year, 103.2%. U. S. acres in cultivation, total, 48,457,000 acres.

ESTIMATE OF COTTON ACREAGE, BY STATES.

State.	Area in Cultivation.			Ten-Year Average Abandonment 1919-1928. P. C.
	July 1 1928.		July 1 1929.	
	Acres.	P. C. of 1928.	Acres.	
Virginia	81,000	110	89,000	2.1
North Carolina	1,892,000	101	1,911,000	1.6
South Carolina	2,485,000	97	2,410,000	2.6
Georgia	3,883,000	101	3,922,000	3.8
Florida	101,000	110	111,000	5.6
Missouri	355,000	95	337,000	5.1
Tennessee	1,145,000	98	1,122,000	2.6
Alabama	3,643,000	104	3,759,000	2.0
Mississippi	4,154,000	106	4,403,000	3.0
Louisiana	2,052,000	108	2,216,000	3.7
Texas	18,330,000	102	18,697,000	3.9
Oklahoma	4,420,000	106	4,685,000	6.7
Arkansas	3,834,000	106	4,064,000	2.6
New Mexico	123,000	107	132,000	a11.8
Arizona	202,000	112	226,000	2.0
California	223,000	143	319,000	1.4
All other	23,000	104	24,000	a6.1
United States total	46,946,000	103.2	48,457,000	3.6
Lower Calif. (Old Mexico).c.	160,000	94	151,000	--

a Six-year average, 1923-1928. b Including Pima Egyptian long staple cotton, estimated at 67,000 acres this year compared with 50,000 acres in cultivation July 1 1928. c Not included in California figures, nor in United States total.

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COMMENTS CONCERNING THE COTTON CROP REPORT.—The United States Department of Agriculture at Washington, in issuing its cotton report on July 8, also made the following comments:

The Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture estimates the acreage of cotton in cultivation on July 1 to be 48,457,000 acres, an increase of 3.2% above the acreage on July 1 1928, when 46,946,000 acres were estimated to have been in cultivation. This year's acreage is 6-10 of 1% less than the record acreage of 48,730,000 acres planted in 1926. The estimate relates to acreage standing on July 1, allowance having been made for any acreage which was abandoned prior to that date and for any acreage replanted and in cultivation on that date.

The increase in acreage has taken place mainly in the States from Alabama west, the eastern part of the Belt showing only slight changes from last year.

The Aug. 1 production forecast will be based on the acreage in cultivation on July 1, less the ten-year average abandonment in each State after July 1. The Board will collect no information on condition of the 1929 cotton crop until Aug. 1.

GEORGIA COTTON REPORT.—The State Department of Agriculture at Atlanta, Ga., issued on July 8 its report for the State of Georgia as of July 1. The report is as follows:

Georgia cotton acreage in cultivation this year is estimated at 3,922,000 acres, according to the official estimate released to-day by the United States Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates. This report, relating to acres in cultivation on July 1, as indicated by crop correspondents well distributed over the State, shows an increase of 1% over acreage estimated in cultivation July 1 1928, and 12% more than the estimate for 1927. Of the 3,883,000 acres in cultivation last year, 3,728,000 were harvested—an abandonment of 4% between July 1 and harvest time. The average abandonment for the period 1919-1928 is 3.8%.

In spite of very unfavorable weather conditions prevailing over many sections both before and for some time after the planting period, reported stands for the State as a whole seem to be better than in either 1928 or in 1926, but not so good as in 1927.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening denote that the week as a whole has been favorable for cotton in most sections of the cotton belt. Temperatures have been seasonal and rainfall has been generally light and scattered. The progress of the cotton crop has been quite generally good.

Texas.—Showers improved growth and plants are generally healthy. Fruiting is spotted, ranging from very good in some sections to poor in others. The general condition of the crop is fairly good. Picking and ginning have made rapid progress in the extreme Southern parts.

Mobile, Ala.—The weather has been good for growing. There have been light showers in the interior. Good progress

has been made with cultivating and plants are in good condition. Not much complaint from any cause.

Memphis, Tenn.—Cotton plants are doing well, but rain here would be beneficial.

Galveston, Texas		Rain. Rainfall.		Thermometer			
		Days	Inches	High	Low	Mean	Mean
Galveston, Texas		2	0.19 in.	high 88	low 77	mean 83	
Arlington		dry		high 96	low 70	mean 83	
Brownsville		2 days	0.48 in.	high 94	low 74	mean 84	
Corpus Christi		2 days	0.75 in.	high 88	low 74	mean 81	
Dallas		1 day	0.04 in.	high 94	low 72	mean 83	
Henrietta		dry		high 100	low 72	mean 86	
Kerrville		3 days	0.07 in.	high 90	low 62	mean 76	
Lampasas		1 day	0.46 in.	high 96	low 66	mean 81	
Longview		1 day	0.08 in.	high 98	low 68	mean 83	
Luling		4 days	0.72 inl	high 94	low 72	mean 83	
Nacogdoches		1 day	0.50 in.	high 90	low 70	mean 80	
Paducah		2 days	0.10 in.	high 92	low 70	mean 81	
Paris		3 days	1.14 in.	high 96	low 68	mean 82	
San Antonio		2 days	0.74 in.	high 92	low 70	mean 81	
Taylor		2 days	0.28 in.	high 90	low 68	mean 79	
Weatherford		1 day	0.04 in.	high 94	low 66	mean 80	
Ardmore, Okla.		1 day	1.69 in.	high 90	low 65	mean 78	
Altus		dry		high 99	low 63	mean 81	
Muskogee		1 day	0.14 in.	high 91	low 68	mean 79	
Oklahoma City		1 day	1.84 in.	high 92	low 65	mean 79	
Arkadelphia, Ark.		1 day	0.60 in.	high 98	low 68	mean 83	
Eldorado		1 day	0.20 in.	high 97	low 70	mean 84	
Pittsboro		2 days	0.43 in.	high 94	low 69	mean 86	
Pine Bluff		2 days	0.46 in.	high 101	low 73	mean 87	
Alexandria, La.		dry		high 97	low 70	mean 84	
Amite		2 days	0.23 in.	high 92	low 68	mean 80	
New Orleans		4 days	1.60 in.	high	low	mean 83	
Shreveport		3 days	0.45 in.	high 96	low 72	mean 84	
Columbus		2 day	0.94 in.	high 101	low 69	mean 85	
Greenwood		1 day	0.37 in.	high 99	low 68	mean 84	
Vicksburg		1 day	0.14 in.	high 97	low 69	mean 83	
Mobile, Ala.		4 days	1.54 in.	high 94	low 72	mean 83	
Decatur		2 days	2.28 in.	high 93	low 69	mean 81	
Montgomery		2 days	2.15 in.	high 98	low 68	mean 83	
Selma		dry		high 97	low 70	mean 84	
Gainesville, Fla.		4 days	2.00 in.	high 94	low 68	mean 81	
Madison		5 days	4.42 in.	high 95	low 69	mean 82	
Savannah, Ga.		2 days	0.90 in.	high 91	low 70	mean 80	
Athens		3 days	0.07 in.	high 96	low 65	mean 81	
Augusta		3 days	1.87 in.	high 93	low 67	mean 82	
Columbus		2 days	0.73 in.	high 98	low 69	mean 84	
Charleston, S. C.		1 day	0.80 in.	high 86	low 73	mean 80	
Greenwood		2 days	1.21 in.	high 94	low 67	mean 81	
Columbia		1 day	0.01 in.	high 92	low 70	mean 80	
Conway		2 days	0.11 in.	high 92	low 69	mean 81	
Charlotte, N. C.		2 days	0.03 in.	high 94	low 68	mean 81	
Newbern		1 day	0.11 in.	high 95	low 71	mean 83	
Weldon		1 day	0.96 in.	high 97	low 69	mean 83	
Memphis, Tenn.		dry		high 93	low 71	mean 82	

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

	July 12 1929.	July 13 1928.	
	Feet.	Feet.	
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge.	12.4	16.0
Memphis	Above zero of gauge.	20.1	35.6
Nashville	Above zero of gauge.	9.8	14.4
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge.	10.7	13.8
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge.	33.7	49.3

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Week Ended	Receipts at Ports.			Stocks at Interior Towns.			Receipts from Plantations		
	1929.	1928.	1927.	1929.	1928.	1927.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Apr. 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	16,515	40,861	98,792
19	67,351	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 3	51,241	109,891	108,689	564,846	691,224	784,478	765	64,089	68,471
10	40,133	110,912	89,089	512,890	649,289	742,667	---	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
31	30,429	54,183	68,264	418,598	558,886	613,917	2,319	25,309	25,780
June 7	24,368	37,809	56,037	523,208	523,000	575,095	Nil	2,083	17,215
14	17,318	38,902	51,460	352,656	493,693	534,914	Nil	9,535	11,279
21	18,466	26,447	45,396	324,575	463,240	503,000	Nil	Nil	13,482
28	13,090	30,851	36,843	303,805	437,961	471,669	Nil	5,572	5,512
July 5	10,769	36,994	38,801	276,723	407,726	449,131	Nil	6,759	16,263
12	30,368	27,419	34,623	252,555	386,332	412,498	6,200	6,025	Nil

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1928 are 8,979,399 bales; in 1927-28 were 8,284,291 bales, and in 1926-27 were 12,227,059 bales. (2) That, although the receipts at the outports the past week were 30,368 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 6,200 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 24,168 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 6,025 bales and for 1927 they were nil bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

Cotton Takings, Week and Season.	1928-29.		1927-28.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply July 5	4,304,468	k	4,736,801	k
Visible supply Aug. 1		k		k
American in sight to July 12	123,154	k	116,596	k
Bombay receipts to July 11	32,000	k	47,000	k
Other India receipts to July 11	15,000	k	10,000	k
Alexandria receipts to July 10	200	k		k
Other supply to July 10 * 0	4,000	k	12,000	k
Total supply	4,478,822	k	4,922,397	k
Deduct				
Visible supply July 12	4,129,402	k	4,589,709	k
Total takings to July 12 a	349,420	k	332,688	k
Of which American	262,226	k	280,688	k
Of which other	87,200	k	52,000	k

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. k We withhold the totals since Aug. 1 so as to allow proper adjustments at end of crop year.

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:

July 12. Receipts at—	1928-29.		1927-28.		1926-27.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	32,000	3,248,000	47,000	3,412,000	28,000	3,104,000

Exports from—	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1928-29		10,000		10,000	65,000	791,000	1,695,000	2,551,000
1927-28	6,000	9,000	54,000	69,000	92,000	661,000	1,304,000	2,057,000
1926-27	3,000	5,000	11,000	19,000	22,000	375,000	1,552,000	1,949,000
Other India—								
1928-29	4,000	11,000		15,000	123,500	564,000		687,000
1927-28	4,000	6,000		10,000	113,500	526,000		639,500
1926-27		15,000		15,000		430,000		482,000
Total all—								
1928-29	4,000	21,000		25,000	188,500	1,355,000	1,695,000	3,238,000
1927-28	10,000	15,000	54,000	79,000	205,500	1,187,000	1,304,000	2,696,500
1926-27	3,000	20,000	11,000	34,000	74,000	805,000	1,552,000	2,431,000

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 15,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 54,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an increase of 541,500 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, July 10.	1928-29.	1927-28.	1926-27.
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week	1,000	200	40,000
Since Aug. 1	8,071,160	6,069,629	8,648,861

Export (bales)—	This Week.		Since Aug. 1.		This Week.		Since Aug. 1.	
	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool	4,000	181,762	7,000	161,943	3,750	231,944		
To Manchester, &c.	7,000	180,917		169,310		189,947		
To Continent & India	14,000	490,166	15,500	414,835	8,750	408,729		
To America	7,000	185,702	1,500	115,240	500	148,386		
Total exports	32,000	1,033,487	24,000	861,328	13,000	979,006		

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending July 10 were 1,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 32,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in yarns is easy and in cloths quiet. Demand for both cloth and yarn is poor. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

	1929.						1928.					
	32 Coy Twist.		8 1/4 Lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.		Cotton Middl'g Up'ds.		32s Coy Twist.		8 1/4 Lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest.		Cotton Middl'g Up'ds.	
	d.	s. d.	d.	s. d.	d.	s. d.	d.	s. d.	d.	s. d.	d.	s. d.
April—												
5	13 1/4	@ 15 1/2	13 3	@ 13 6	10.73	16 1/4 @ 17 1/4	13 7	@ 14 1				10.91
12	15 1/2	@ 16 3/4	13 2	@ 13 4	10.89	15 3/4 @ 17 3/4	14 0	@ 14 2				11.11
19	15 1/2	@ 16 3/4	13 2	@ 13 4	10.69	15 3/4 @ 17 1/4	14 0	@ 14 2				11.25
26	15	@ 16	13 0	@ 13 0	10.23	16	@ 17 1/4	14 1	@ 14 3			11.61
May—												
3	14 1/2	@ 15 1/4	12 7	@ 13 1	10.02	16 1/4 @ 17 3/4	14 2	@ 14 4				11.60
10	14 1/2	@ 15 1/4	12 7	@ 13 1	10.08	16 1/4 @ 17 3/4	14 3	@ 14 5				10.08
17	14 1/2	@ 15 1/4	12 7	@ 13 1	10.26	16	@ 17 1/4	14 3	@ 14 5			11.71
24	14 1/2	@ 15 1/4	12 7	@ 13 1	10.11	16	@ 17 1/4	14 3	@ 14 5			11.46
31	14 1/2	@ 15 1/4	12 7	@ 13 1	10.20	16	@ 17 1/4	14 3	@ 14 5			11.47
June—												
7	14 1/2	@ 15 1/4	12 7	@ 13 1	10.27	16	@ 17 1/4	14 3	@ 14 5			11.45
14	14 1/2	@ 15 1/4	12 7	@ 13 1	10.33	16	@ 17 1/4	14 2	@ 14 4			11.39
21	14 1/2	@ 15 1/4	12 7	@ 13 1	10.25	16 1/4 @ 17 3/4	14 3	@ 14 5				11.65
28	14 1/2	@ 15 1/4	12 7	@ 13 1	10.33	16 1/4 @ 18 1/4	14 6	@ 15 0				12.49
July—												
5	14 1/2	@ 15 1/4	12 6	@ 13 0	10.28	17	@ 18 1/4	14 6	@ 15 0			12.5
12	14 1/2	@ 15 1/4	12 6	@ 13 0	10.21	17	@ 18 1/4	14 6	@ 15 0			12.14

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 50,697 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic reports, are as follows:

		Bales.
GALVESTON—To Liverpool—July 3—Barbarian, 74	July 7—West Cohas, 193	267
To Manchester—July 3—Barbarian, 516	July 7—West Cohas, 1,612	2,128
To Havre—July 3—Niagara, 62	July 7—Brave Coeur, 911	973
To Dunkirk—July 3—Niagara, 434	July 7—Brave Coeur, 256	690
To Bremen—July 2—Greisheim, 646	July 6—Nord Friesland, 1,844	2,490
To Japan—July 3—Yeifuku Maru, 998	July 5—Steele Voyager, 2,200	3,198
To China—July 3—Yeifuku Maru, 1,129		1,129
To Ghent—July 7—Brave Coeur, 393		393
To Rotterdam—July 7—Brave Coeur, 300		300
MOBILE—To Genoa—June 29—Liberty Bell, 300		300
To Japan—July 8—Erviken, 5,000		5,000
To Barcelona—July 6—Cordia, 150		150
To Bremen—July 3—Hastings, 748		748
SAVANNAH—To Bremen—July 5—Liberty Glo, 250		250
LOS ANGELES—To Kobe—July 3—Taketoye Maru, 730		730
HOUSTON—To Bremen—July 2—Nord Friesland, 3,400	July 8—West Moreland, 2,096	5,496
To Havre—July 5—Niagara, 577	Brave Coeur, 601	1,178
To Rotterdam—July 5—Brave Coeur, 513		513
To Ghent—July 5—Brave Coeur, 121		121
NEW ORLEANS—To Murrumbidgee—July 5—Weissese, 13,751		13,751
To Naples—July 10—Scantic, 600		600
To London—July 6—West Cheswald, 51		51
To Bremen—July 6—Ingram, 250		250
To Hamburg—July 6—Ingram, 304		304
To Guayaquil—July 6—Cartage, 100		100
To Havre—July 10—Niagara, 580		580
To Genoa—July 10—Scantic, 2,425		2,425

		Bales.
WILMINGTON—To Genoa—July 8—Maddalena Odera, 3,550		3,550
LAKE CHARLES—To Genoa—July 7—Monstella, 50		50
NEW YORK—To Liverpool—July 3—Albertic, 1,000		1,000
To Barcelona—July 9—Sordav, 482		482
PENSACOLA—To Germany—July 9—Hastings, 300		300
NORFOLK—To Japan—July 12—Silverbell, 200		200
To China—July 12—Silverbell, 1,000		1,000
		50,697

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

	High Density.	Stand. ard.		High Density.	Stand. ard.		High Density.	Stand. ard.
Liverpool	45c.	60c.	Oslo	50c.	65c.	Shanghai	68 1/2c.	83 1/2c.
Manchester	45c.	60c.	Stockholm	60c.	75c.	Bombay	60c.	75c.
Antwerp	45c.	60c.	Trieste	50c.	65c.	Bremen	45c.	60c.
Havre	31c.	46c.	Flume	50c.	65c.	Hamburg	45c.	60c.
Rotterdam	45c.	60c.	Lisbon	45c.	60c.	Piraeus	75c.	90c.
Genoa	50c.	65c.	Oporto	60c.	75c.	Salonica	75c.	90c.
			Barcelona	30c.	45c.	Venice	50c.	65c.
			Japan	63 1/2c.	78 1/2c.			

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	June 21.	June 28.	July 5.	July 12.
Sales of the week	43,000	31,000	33,000	28,000
Of which American	25,000	17,000	17,000	15,000
Sales for export	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,000
Forwarded	60,000	59,000	58,000	58,000
Total stocks	845,000	824,000	797,000	777,000
Of which American	483,000	458,000	428,000	400,000
Total imports	38,000	30,000	41,000	27,000
Of which American	13,000	10,000	8,000	5,000
Amount afloat	131,000	128,000	121,000	119,000
Of which America	29,000	20,000	19,000	19,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12:15 P. M.	Quiet	Quiet	Quiet	A fair business doing.	A fair business doing.	Quiet.
Mid. Up'ds	10.15d.	10.13d.	10.30d.	10.40d.	10.24d.	10.21d.
Sales	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	6,000	6,000
Futures	Barely st'y 2 to 8 pts. decline.	Q't 1 pt. decl. to 1 pt. advance.	Q't but st'y 6 to 8 pts. advance.	St'y 1 pt. decl. to 1 pt. advance.	Barely st'y 9 to 13 pts. decline.	Quiet, 6 to 7 pts. decline.
Market, P. M.	Barely st'y 7 to 9 pts. decline.	Quiet 7 to 9 pts. advance.	Steady 14 to 19 pts. advance.	Q't unch'd 9 to 11 pts. on near & 1 to 2 pts. on dist. mos.	Quiet 9 to 11 pts. decline.	Steady, unchanged to 4 pts. dec.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.		
	July 6	July 12.	July 6	July 12.	July 6	July 12.	July 6	July 12.	July 6	July 12.	July 6	July 12.	
July	d.	d.	9.73	9.73	9.80	9.90	9.97	10.00	9.95	9.84	9.85	9.81	9.82
August			9.71	9.71	9.78	9.88	9.94	9.97	9.92	9.81	9.83	9.78	9.79
September			9.68	9.68	9.76	9.86	9.92	9.96	9.91	9.80	9.82	9.77	9.78
October			9.65	9.65	9.73	9.82	9.89	9.93	9.89	9.78	9.78	9.75	9.77
November			9.63	9.63	9.71	9.80	9.87	9.91	9.88	9.76	9.78	9.73	9.75
December			9.66	9.65	9.74	9.83	9.89	9.93	9.90	9.78	9.80	9.75	9.77
January (1930)			9.66	9.66	9.74	9.83	9.89	9.93	9.90	9.78	9.80	9.75	9.78
February			9.66	9.66	9.75	9.83	9.89	9.93	9.90	9.78	9.81	9.76	9.79
March			9.70	9.70	9.79	9.87	9.93	9.96	9.94	9.82	9.85	9.80	9.83
April			9.70	9.69	9.78	9.86	9.92	9.95	9.94	9.82	9.85	9.80	9.83
May			9.71	9.71	9.80	9.88	9.94	9.97	9.96	9.84	9.86	9.82	9.85
June			9.70	9.70	9.79	9.87	9.93	9.96	9.95	9.83	9.85	9.81	9.84
July			9.69	9.69	9.78	9.86	9.92	9.95	9.94	9.82	9.84	9.81	9.84

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, July 12 1929.

Flour was firm with some expectation of higher prices, but the consumer attitude was not much, if at all, affected. He said he was awaiting the usual reaction. Export business was reported with the United Kingdom or the Continent evident done direct at mill points.

Wheat declined slightly on realizing, but at times prices have risen sharply on bad crop news from the Southwest, Canada and the Southwest. The Government report cut little figure in the trading. On the 6th inst. prices advanced 1 1/4 on dry weather in the Northwest and Canada, and much higher cables, only to break later and end 1 1/4 to 1 5

of wheat this year. Bullish crop advices also came from the American Northwest. Recent rains in Australia were only partially beneficial. Very violent storms over Central Europe on the 4th inst. damaged crops in Czecho-Slovakia, Austria, Yugoslavia and Germany.

On the 8th inst. prices advanced 1 to 1½c. net at Chicago, and 2 to 2½c. at Winnipeg after an early decline of 2c. due to lower cables and reports of rains in the American and Canadian Northwest. The Southwestern movement was big. Export demand was slow. The Canadian Pacific Railway report stated that in Manitoba good rains would help the crop to a certain extent, but that in Saskatchewan lack of moisture was causing a crop failure and that if there is a continuation of heat and drought in Alberta heavy damage must follow. The United States visible supply last week increased 3,488,000 bushels, against 175,000 last year; total 96,195,000 bushels against 39,097,000 a year ago. The lower prices struck good buying orders. Chicago rallied 3c. or more from the low, and Winnipeg 5 to 5¼c. The Southwest bought. In parts of North Dakota and South Dakota it was asserted that only 6 to 7 bushels to the acre would be raised. The Spring wheat reports were bad from both sides of the border. On the 9th inst. realizing caused a break of 2½ to 2¾c. in Chicago and about 2 to 3c. in Winnipeg. Export demand, slow at first, quickened somewhat later. Some rain fell in the Northwest and the Argentine. The Santa Fe Railway report covering Southwestern conditions was extremely bearish, and although it was issued early in the session did not bring about selling. It indicated a record crop for the Texas Panhandle of around 38,000,000 bushels and said that threshing returns from Kansas and Oklahoma were above expectations. As a general rule, yields in the former State were running 15 to 18 bushels to the acre and in some localities averaged as high as 40 bushels to the acre, while in the latter State the yields also were around 15 to 18 bushels to the acre. The weather was fine throughout the greater part of the Southwest, although some rains occurred in sections of the Central West. There were showers in both the American Northwest and in Canada. The United States wheat was on a cheaper basis to foreign consumers than the Canadian, export demand, it was felt, should soon appear, but hedging sales, it was argued, would call for constant support to sustain prices.

On the 10th inst. prices ended ⅞ to 1⅞c. higher at Chicago and ¾ to 1½c. up at Winnipeg. The trade was looking for a bullish Government report, of about 594,000,000 to 600,000,000 on Winter wheat and 240,000,000 on Spring. The private crop experts' average for July 1st was 610,000,000 bushels for Winter and 254,000,000 for Spring. Last year's final Government report was 579,000,000 bushels of Winter and 324,000,000 of Spring. Unfavorable reports were received from the Northwest. No rain fell on either side of the border. Indications were for thundershowers in the Northwest and only scattered showers in Saskatchewan and Alberta. A private estimate put the crop of Alberta at 60,000,000 to 80,000,000 bushels against a July 1st estimate of 100,000,000. The Government weekly weather report was unfavorable. It mentioned crop damage in Ohio from floods and premature ripening in that State which made it impossible to harvest the grain owing to the wet condition of the fields. Hot weather caused deterioration in the Great Plains States. The American and Canadian Northwest needed moisture. Heavy storms occurred in parts of Kansas and there was some damage by hail. Montana reports were rather bad. Export business was good, being estimated in the past few days at 2,500,000 bushels, mostly hard Winter at the Gulf.

Washington wired that three more Shipping Board vessels have been allocated to Gulf ports for the movement of grain for export, making a total of six allocations out of 25 vessels which the Board holds in reserve to meet the export demands. The ships are expected to be ready for loadings at elevators in Galveston, Texas, early next week. The danger of too rapid movement of Gulf wheat for export and sales abroad has been given serious study by President Hoover, and he was represented as fearing the forcing of too much grain on the market at this time might result in breaking the price to the injury of the American farmer.

On the 11th inst. prices advanced nearly 5c. from the early low on heavy rains in the Southwest, a wet harvest

there from rains and floods, particularly bad reports from Kansas and unfavorable crop advices from Canada. Heavy rains prevented harvesting of wheat in Kansas and Nebraska and in some parts of Kansas the rainfall was reported at as high as 7 inches. The forecast was for further rain for all States. That would be bad for the Southwest, but favorable for the Northwest. The Illinois report was bullish, as was also the Iowa report. Complaints of too cool weather for growth were received from the Continent of Europe. A good export demand prevailed for hard Winter wheat at the Gulf, with offerings reported as decidedly small and even the higher cash premiums failing to bring out larger offerings. They are said to be up 1½c. from the low. Canada's crop was not estimated at over 325,000,000 bushels, against 511,000,000 last year. The speculation was very active. The point was that Canada and the American Northwest had had little rain.

The Government report on the 10th inst. put the Winter wheat crop at 582,000,000 bushels, a decrease of 40,000,000 from the total of June 1st, largely in Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado. The condition was 75.9 July 1st against 78.1 on June 1st and 75 on July 1st last year. The crop of 582,000,000 bushels compares with 578,964,000 last year, the high record of 627,433,000 in 1926, and the low in recent years of 401,734,000 in 1925. The Spring wheat condition July 1st was 74.4% against 71.7 last year and 87.7 in 1927; crop 193,099,000 against 231,288,000 last year and 246,527,000 in 1927; durum condition 67.5% against 76.2 a year ago; crop 58,278,000 against 92,770,000 a year ago. The total wheat crop was estimated at 833,869,000 bushels against 902,191,000 last year and 864,428,000 in 1924.

The Department of Agriculture estimated the Kansas production of Winter wheat as of July 1st at 138,393,000 bushels against 177,361,000 last year. The crop in Nebraska was put at 55,138,000 bushels against 66,697,000 last year; Illinois 35,957,000 bushels against 18,915,000 last year; Missouri 22,571,000 against 18,999,000 last year; Ohio 34,603,000 against 9,331,000 last year; Texas 31,576,000 against 22,176,000 last year.

To-day prices advanced 1¾c. with Winnipeg up 2¾ to 3¼c. Minneapolis kept pace with Winnipeg. Cables were higher. Dry weather continued in Argentine and Australia. An estimate from Argentine made the decrease in acreage there 10%, though others put the decrease at as high as 20%. The Canadian pool report was very bullish. It shows a loss in less than two weeks of 12 to 22 points. Murray's report on North Dakota and Montana was very bad. Chicago did not respond fully to the advance in Winnipeg because of the effect in Chicago of hedging pressure and a slow cash demand. Final prices show an advance for the week of ¾ to 1c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
148 ¼	149 ¼	147 ¼	148 ¼	149	146 ¼	

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July	121 ¼	122 ¼	120 ¼	121 ¼	122	123 ¼
September	126 ¼	127 ¼	124 ¼	125 ¼	126 ¼	128 ¼
December	132	133 ¼	130 ¼	131 ¼	132 ¼	134 ¼

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July	141 ¼	143 ¼	141 ¼	143	144 ¼	147 ¼
October	138	140 ¼	137 ¼	138 ¼	140 ¼	142 ¼
December	135 ¼	137	134 ¼	135	136 ¼	139 ¼

Indian corn declined in sympathy with wheat in spite of a bullish Government report. Liquidation accompanied selling of wheat. The weather, too, has latterly been mostly good. On the 6th inst. prices ended 1½c. lower in sympathy with the drop in wheat after an early rise of ¾ to 1c. Realizing told. The weather, too, was considered, on the whole, better. On the 8th inst. prices ended ¼ to ⅝c. higher under the support of a good rise in wheat, but something was the matter. The price lagged. December's weakness was the explanation. Early in the day it was 1½c. lower. Other months were off 1 to 1½c., the latter on September. But later came a rally from the low of 2 to 2¼c. on the bracing effect of a rise in wheat. Also the forecast was for rains in the belt. The crop is backward. The crop news was not favorable, even though recent weather had been very good. Some buying was also due to the Argentine report putting the crop at 232,000,000 bushels against 306,000,000 a year ago. Country offerings to arrive were very moderate, but shipping demand was not at all urgent. The United States visible supply increased last week 607,000 bushels against a decrease last year of 1,481,000 bushels. The total is 13,355,000 bushels against 14,518,000 last year.

On the 9th inst. prices closed 1¼ to 2c. lower after an early advance of ⅞ to ⅝c., with country offerings to arrive very moderate. On the other hand, the shipping demand was nothing great. And with the price of No. 2 yellow only about 11½c. under the price of a year ago and other grain showing a much greater loss some feel that the present price level about discounts the bullish factors, not excepting the lateness of the crop. On the 10th inst. prices advanced ⅞ to 1c., the latter on December. The Government was expected to issue a report of around 2,670,000 bushels. There were some rains in parts of the Central West. Cables were firm. The Argentine surplus for export was estimated at

75,000,000 to 102,000,000 bushels. The United States Government report put the condition on July 1st at 77.6% against 78.1 a year ago, and 69.9 in 1927; crop 2,662,000,000 bushels against 2,835,678,000 last year.

On the 11th inst. prices were irregular, ending 1/2 to 1c. higher. The Government report was considered bullish. Country offerings to arrive were very small. Rains were forecast. Private crop advices were mixed. The belt needs remarkably good weather to pull it out of its difficulties and produce a good crop. A sharp decrease in the Argentine exports left the total of corn only 3,700,000 bushels against shipments last week of 6,200,000 bushels. The port strike at Rosario was partly the cause of this. The Iowa crop report was called more favorable. To-day prices ended 1/2 to 3/4c. lower with the weather more favorable and cash demand slow. There were reports of sales of corn from Iowa. Final prices are 1 1/4 to 2 3/8c. lower than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 yellow	111 1/2	112	110 3/4	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July	94 3/4	95	93 3/4	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2
September	97 1/4	98	96 1/2	97	97 3/4	97 1/2
December	94	94 1/4	92 1/2	93	93 3/4	93 1/2

Oats declined with other grain and on good weather. On the 6th inst. prices closed 1 to 1 1/2c. lower on liquidation after an early advance of 1/2 to 3/4c. on September and December. The weather was considered in the main favorable. On the 8th inst. prices ended 1/8c. lower to 1/4c. higher. Crop reports were both good and not so good, but one thing stands out constantly as a striking factor, and that is that oats are relatively low in price already. The United States visible supply increased last week 71,000 bushels against a decrease in the same week last year of 483,000 bushels. The total was 7,501,000 bushels against 2,742,000 last year. On the 9th inst. prices dropped 1/2 to 1c., with better weather, larger country offerings of new oats, though at a little above the market and consumptive demand anything but urgent even at the theoretically cheap prices.

On the 10th inst. prices ended unchanged to 1/8c. higher. The strength of other grain had its influence. Country offerings increased. Most of the demand was from elevator interests. Northwestern advices were unfavorable. The crop was estimated by the Government at 1,247,000,000 bushels or 200,000,000 less than last year and 100,000,000 under the five-year average. Condition was 77.9%; acreage 40,222,000. On the 11th inst. prices advanced 1/4 to 3/8c., with a better demand for oats at prices that look cheap compared with those for other feed grains. No important offerings to arrive of new crop were reported. To-day prices ended 1/8 to 1c. higher on the strength of wheat and unfavorable weather conditions in the Northwest and in Canada. Winnipeg was 1 to 1 1/4c. higher. In the lower Northwest and through the Ohio Valley the weather was favorable, however. Final prices, however, show a decline for the week of 3/8 to 1 1/2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 white	59 1/2	59	58	58	58 1/2	58 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July	45 3/4	45 3/4	44	44 1/2	44 1/2	45 3/4
September	46 3/4	46 3/4	45 3/4	46	46 1/2	46 3/4
December	49 3/4	49 3/4	48 3/4	49 3/4	49 3/4	49 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July	56	56 3/4	56	56 1/2	57 3/4	58 1/2
October	58 3/4	59 1/2	58 3/4	58 3/4	59 3/4	60 3/4
December	55 3/4	57 3/4	55 3/4	56 3/4	57 3/4	58 3/4

Rye declined slightly with wheat, but the Government was bullish and the net decline was fractional. On the 6th inst. prices ended 1/4c. lower to 1c. higher, the latter on July, prices in the main following those of wheat. On the 8th inst. prices were unchanged to 3/8c. net higher. The United States visible supply decreased last week 893,000 bushels against 206,000 in the same week last year. Nothing striking occurred. Rye, as usual, took its cue from wheat, which was 1 1/2 to 2 3/8c. higher in Chicago and Winnipeg. On the 9th inst. prices declined 3 1/2 to 4c. on much better weather and inferentially a brighter crop outlook, though it is still far from being entirely reassuring. Recent rains, however, have encouraged hopes of a larger crop than at one time seemed possible. On the 10th inst. prices ended 1/2 to 1c. higher, with trade light. The advance in wheat had its effect. And rop news from the Northwest was bad. The United States Government estimated the crop at 41,900,000 bushels; condition 76.2; acreage 4.5% less than last year; total 3,284,000 acres. The crop of barley was put at 317,264,000 bushels against 357,000,000 last year and an average of 209,000,000 for five years.

On the 11th inst. prices advanced 3/4 to 1 1/4c., partly in sympathy with the rise in wheat. Early liquidation was readily taken. Export business was still absent. To-day prices ended at a rise of 3/4 to 1 1/4c., with wheat higher. But export demand was still slow. Final prices show a decline for the week, however, of 3/8 to 1/2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July	96 1/2	96 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2	94 3/4	95 1/2
September	100 1/4	100 3/4	97 1/4	97 3/4	98 3/4	100
October	105	105 1/2	102 1/2	102 3/4	103 1/2	104 3/4

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN		GRAIN	
Wheat New York—		Oats New York—	
No 2 red. f.o.b.	1.46 3/4	No 2 white	58 1/4
No 2 hard winter. f.o.b.	1.38 3/4	No 3 white	57 1/2
Corn, New York—		Rye, New York—	
No 2 yellow	111 1/2	No 2 f.o.b.	110
No 3 yellow	108 1/2	Barley, New York—	
		Malting	80
FLOUR			
Spring pat. high protein	\$7.25 @ \$7.75	Rye flour, patents	\$6.70 @ \$7.00
Spring patents	6.85 @ 7.15	Semolina No. 2, pound	4 1/4
Clears, first spring	6.00 @ 6.25	Oats goods	2.75 @ 2.80
Soft winter straights	5.85 @ 6.35	Corn flour	2.70 @ 2.75
Hard winter straights	6.15 @ 6.60	Barley goods	
Hard winter patents	6.60 @ 7.10	Coarse	3.60
Hard winter clears	5.40 @ 5.70	Fancy pearl Nos. 1, 2,	
Fancy Minn patents	8.65 @ 9.30	3 and 4	6.50 @ 7.00
City mills	8.75 @ 9.55		

For other tables usually given here, see page 233.

The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, July 5, and since July 1 1929 and 1928, are shown in the following:

Exports.	Wheat.			Corn.		
	1929-30.		1928-29.	1929-30.		1928-29.
	Week July 5.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.	Week July 5.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.
North Amer.	Bushels. 8,692,000	Bushels. 8,692,000	Bushels. 7,708,000	Bushels. 73,000	Bushels. 73,000	Bushels. 155,000
Black Sea	120,000	120,000	8,000			162,000
Argentina	5,288,000	5,288,000	2,845,000	6,184,000	6,184,000	9,008,000
Australia	1,544,000	1,544,000	1,704,000			
India			120,000			
Oth. countr's	680,000	680,000	600,000	638,000	638,000	442,000
Total	16,324,000	16,324,000	12,985,000	6,895,000	6,895,000	9,767,000

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENTS REPORT ON CEREALS, &C.—The full report of the Department of Agriculture showing the condition of the cereal crops on July 1, as issued on the 10th inst., will be found in an earlier part of this issue in the department entitled "Indications of Business Activity."

GRAIN CROP PROSPECTS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—The U. S. Department of Agriculture at Washington in giving its report on June 10 of the grain crops in the United States also made public a report on the prospects of grain crops in foreign countries, which will be found complete in an earlier part of this issue in the department entitled "Indications of Business Activity."

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED JULY 9.—The general summary of the weather bulletin, issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended July 9, follows:

Notwithstanding the abnormally warm weather in the East the latter part of the week, the table shows that temperatures, for the period as a whole, averaged near normal in all sections from the Mississippi Valley eastward; throughout practically all of this area the weekly means ranged from 1 deg. or 2 deg. above normal to 1 deg. or 2 deg. below. In parts of the west Gulf area the period was cool—3 deg. to 6 deg. below normal—and like conditions obtained in the northern Great Plains, but in central trans-Mississippi States about normal warmth prevailed. High temperatures were the rule in the far Southwest and the more western States where the week was mostly from 3 deg. to as much as 10 deg. warmer than normal. Some high maximum temperatures occurred in the far West and in many Rocky Mountain and Plains sections, the highest reaching 100 deg. in parts of South Dakota, with maxima of 112 deg. at Yuma, Ariz., on three days of the week.

Chart II shows that precipitation was widespread east of the Rocky Mountains, but unevenly distributed, geographically. Excessive falls were reported from portions of Nebraska and Kansas and some adjoining sections, and the amounts were fairly heavy in much of the Ohio Valley, but otherwise precipitation was mostly light to moderate. West of the Rocky Mountains another practically rainless week was experienced.

While the first part of the week was cool in most places east of the Rocky Mountains, temperatures were moderate to high thereafter and growing crops made good advance generally, except where too dry in the Northwest. Soil moisture continues sufficient for present needs of crops practically everywhere from the Mississippi Valley eastward, while showers were helpful in most of the Plains area. Growth was especially rapid in the Southeast and in the Atlantic Coast States, with the prevailing high temperatures the latter part of the week.

The harvest of winter wheat has become general to the northern sections of the belt and is in full swing in the more eastern States as far north as Pennsylvania. In general, the weather was much less favorable for harvesting operations, however, than had previously prevailed. Rainfall was frequent and in many places heavy, especially during the latter half of the week, over a rather wide belt, extending from the central and northern portions of Ohio westward over the northern half of Indiana, central Illinois, extreme southern Iowa, and northern Missouri to southeastern Nebraska; in this area harvest was rather seriously interrupted, with more or less damage from overflowed bottom lands in some sections.

In the Northwest, largely in the spring wheat producing sections, dry weather continued the first part of the week, but beneficial showers occurred the latter part. These were rather widespread, and, in many localities, were sufficient to relieve droughty conditions, but decidedly more rain is needed, as a rule, throughout this section. Dry weather continued quite generally from the Rocky Mountains westward.

Small Grains.—There was some damage by flooding to winter wheat in parts of the central and eastern Ohio Valley, and in Ohio the crop is in a critical condition, with much very ripe and fields too wet to permit harvesting; cutting was general in western districts, with threshing proceeding in the lower valley area. Conditions were mostly fair in the trans-Mississippi States, with cutting beginning north to central Iowa and threshing begun in southern Missouri. The excessive heat in the Great Plains, which occurred during ripening, caused considerable deterioration, while excessive rains in southeastern Nebraska also did much damage; harvest is nearly done in eastern Kansas and about half completed in the west, while cutting was general in Nebraska. Harvesting and threshing made fair advance in Oklahoma and are about done in Texas, except in the northern Panhandle. In the east cutting is in full swing north to Pennsylvania. In the Pacific Northwest the weather favored ripening in Oregon, and wheat did well in Washington.

Rains were more or less general over the Spring Wheat Belt, and were of much benefit in many sections. Decidedly more moisture is needed, however, in the latter districts for growth of late fields and filling of the early crop. In central and western South Dakota, rains were mostly generous, but in the more droughty northeast, or the principal wheat area, they were lighter; good rains in part of this droughty section will probably cause some recovery, while showers were helpful in the more eastern sections of the Spring Wheat Belt. Oats have headed to the more northern States, with harvest general in Kansas, as well as Kentucky; in north-central districts much oats have headed on short straw. Other small grains did well, except in the far Northwest.

Corn.—Moderate to rather high temperatures, with fairly well-distributed rainfall, made another good corn-growing week practically everywhere. Showers in the Northwest were very helpful, and in nearly all other sections east of the Rocky Mountains there is sufficient soil moisture for this crop, with weekly progress ranging from fair to excellent. The soil is too wet in some Ohio Valley sections and some trans-Mississippi districts, especially in southeastern Nebraska and some adjoining localities, while growth has been slow in the dry areas of the northern Plains. The corn crop is still late and very uneven in many places, but present progress is mostly satisfactory.

Cotton.—Temperatures were reasonable and rainfall was mostly light to moderate in the Cotton Belt, though with rather frequent showers in some sections, and there was much cloudy weather in the western area. In the Atlantic Coast States the condition of cotton remains spotted, and weevil activity was unchecked, but weekly progress was good to excellent nearly everywhere; plants are fruiting well in the south. In Alabama and Mississippi growth was generally fair to good, but rainfall was rather frequent in many places, favoring weevil activity, and some shedding was reported from the south. In Tennessee plants are beginning to bloom in generally excellent condition.

In both Arkansas and Louisiana cotton made mostly excellent progress, with squares forming to northern Arkansas and bloom to the central portion; the latter part of the week was favorable in the south for holding the weevil in check. In Oklahoma the bulk of cotton is late, especially in the east where there are complaints of weedy fields, and the weather was favorable for weevil activity in central and eastern portions. Growth during the week, however, was very good, with fields well cultivated in the west; early plants are squaring and blooming. In Texas showers improved growth and plants are generally healthy and well rooted, but the cloudy, showery weather favored weevil and fruiting is spotted, ranging from very good in some sections to poor in others. The general condition of the crop in this State is fairly good, but still late, with some further complaints of root rot in central and southern portions. Picking and ginning made rapid progress in extreme southern parts.

The Weather Bureau furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Sunshine and moisture generally sufficient. Good progress and growth of crops, particularly corn. Truck and vegetables good. Some threshing done.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Most favorable week of season for crops and farm work. Progress of cotton good to excellent; condition spotted, ranging from fair to good. Good weevil improvement in tobacco, though condition spotted and mostly only fair; good progress in curing in east. Corn, truck, and other crops doing well.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Corn, sweet potatoes, truck, gardens, and pastures growing vigorously as weather almost ideal. Winter cereal threshing continues slowly and stubble lands being turned to late corn and forage, with good stands developing. Progress of cotton very good and old crop setting squares, bloom, and bolls rather freely, with active poisoning; late crop still rather small.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Scattered showers and excellent temperature conditions made week very favorable. Condition and progress of cotton very good; crop mostly clean and blooming rapidly in north and fruiting well in central and south, but weevil unchecked. Growth of corn excellent, with upland crop mostly laid by and lowland under cultivation.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Progress and condition of cotton very good, except on wet lowlands of west and north where weevil favored; picking begun in central. Corn generally good and sweet potatoes and peanuts doing well. Cane good progress. Citrus, including satsumas in west, in good condition.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Progress and condition of corn, potatoes, and pastures mostly good; truck and minor crops generally fair to good. Progress and condition of cotton quite generally fair to good; weather somewhat favorable for weevil activity in south and central; considerable shedding of squares in coast region and a few reports of fruiting poorly. Warm, dry weather needed quite generally.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Locally frequent showers made progress of corn generally fair and growth of cotton good; conditions favored weevil; some shedding in south. Progress of pastures mostly good.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Weather generally favorable for growth of all crops. Progress of cotton very good; crop fruiting and blooming profusely in many sections; generally well cultivated and considerable laid by; end of week excellent for combating weevil. Corn improved with rain, but part of crop too far gone to save. Cane and rice making excellent progress.

Texas.—Houston: Warm in extreme west; cool elsewhere; frequent showers delayed field work, but improved pastures, late corn, truck, feed crops, and rice and their condition mostly good. Small grain harvest about completed, except in northern Panhandle. Rain improved growth of cotton and plants generally healthy and well rooted; weather, however, favorable for weevil activity and fruiting spotted, ranging from very good in some sections to poor in others; general condition averaged fairly good, although crop still late and some complaints of root rot in central and south; picking and ginning made rapid progress in extreme south.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Fair progress in harvesting and threshing winter wheat and oats, though interrupted by rain; grain yield spotted, but averaging light. Progress of corn generally very good; fields clean in west and fair cultivation in east; condition spotted, but averages fair. Progress of cotton very good; some weedy fields in east, but well cultivated in west; early setting squares and bloom, but bulk of crop late; weather favorable for weevil activity in central and east; condition spotted, ranging from rather poor to fair in east and good to excellent in west.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Weather favorable for all crops. Progress of cotton excellent in all sections; squaring in north and blooming in south and central; crop clean and well cultivated; condition very good. Progress of corn very good in nearly all portions.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Weather decidedly beneficial for corn and progress and condition excellent. Cotton beginning to bloom generally, except late-planted; condition excellent. Harvesting winter wheat completed and a little threshing done; condition of a few fields very poor, but generally condition very good.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Temperatures moderate; precipitation moderate to locally excessive. Wheat well dried and threshing proceeding in south-west under favorable conditions. Progress of corn excellent and also tobacco; cultivation of both good, except some wet localities of north. Oat harvest started in south; crop generally good.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, July 12 1929.

Developments in the textile markets during the past week have been generally of a favorable nature, with the volume of sales maintaining satisfactory proportion owing to continued hot weather. The industry is now shaping itself for the Fall season and present indications appear to point toward a substantial amount of business. For instance, the early showing of the Fall silk lines have apparently met with instantaneous success, for, despite the fact that they are too early for the fashion authenticity of Paris, sales have been very good with some re-orders reported. Interest seems to center in the printed satins, although transparent velvets and the woolen type prints are receiving their share of the orders. New stylings and weavings, it is believed, will keep silks to the forefront of popular fancy and allow no let-up in the volume of consumption. The situation in the cotton goods division, however, is not quite as satisfactory. Although a good business is being transacted just now, stocks of the majority of cloths is still unwieldy and factors are urging upon mills the advisability of either the continuation or the extension of curtailed production schedules, especially during the Summer months, and until a

clearer idea can be had concerning the possibilities of the cotton crop. In the rug and carpet section conditions have quieted down somewhat following the recent eminently successful opening of the Fall lines. The taking of inventories combined with vacations serve to give the trade a breathing spell before the intensive efforts to be made by primary and secondary factors to put the floor coverings into retailers' hands. Woolen goods markets continue irregular. While the women's wear fabrics are relatively dull, with stock accumulating, men's year cloths are enjoying a good distribution. Interest centers in the new light tropicals for next Summer which are being shown by the mills. Many new styles and ideas have been displayed, and the prospects for the season are considered very bright.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Sustained hot weather during the early Summer has succeeded in stimulating a good volume of business for certain cloths in the markets for domestic cotton goods. However, prices are still much too low, owing to the continued output of goods on a large scale and the efforts for sales as soon as they come from the looms. As a result, merchants are urging upon manufacturers the wisdom of continued regulation of production during the remainder of the Summer, and especially until the future of the new cotton crop season is clarified. The Government issued its first cotton acreage estimate this week, and while the figures were somewhat less than the trade had been expecting, they were still large enough to insure a good yield in the event of favorable weather conditions. Furthermore, statistics published by the Association of Textile Merchants of New York clearly demonstrated the wisdom of the plans now under way to inaugurate some general scheme for the regulation of production. The report indicated that while stocks were in a better position than a year ago, sales for June were a fifth below production and that there was a widening gap between unfilled orders and stocks on hand. The statistics showed that sales during June were 79.8 and shipments 88.1% of production, while stocks on hand increased 9.2%, with unfilled orders at the end of the month 6.2% below the total at the end of May. Factors urge that if the trade is to start out with Fall business in a sound position, a careful restriction of output in accordance with Summer demand must be practiced. This is especially needed just now as the industry is on the verge of the new cotton year with a substantially large acreage under cultivation. One of the most interesting items of news developments of the week was the announcement of a plan to stabilize the fine goods market in New England States. The idea is based upon cost accounting, the elimination of unfair business practices, the supervision of credits and the distribution of statistics, and it is predicted that it will force a substantial reduction of price cutting and put the industry on a profitable basis within three months. The National Manufacturers' Service, Inc., has been formed to put this plan into effect and the results will be watched with much interest. Print cloths 28-inch 64x60's construction are quoted at 5¼c., and 27-inch 64x60's at 4¾c. Gray goods 39-inch 68x72's construction are quoted at 8c., and 39-inch 80x80's at 10c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—Interest in the woolen and worsted markets has centered in the formal openings of the tropical worsteds for the next season's lines which mills began to display this week. Although the showings had been delayed, buyers who had previewed the lines were reported to have placed a good volume of advance business. Prices on the new lines were somewhat lower than last season's levels, reflecting the fall in prices of yarn and raw wool markets. Those mills which have shown their new offerings displayed more styles than have ever been introduced before, and prospects favor an increased volume of business. It is apparent that the consumer demand for the lighter weight cloths for Summer wear is definitely on the increase as retail outlets are now reported to be completing the season with but a minimum of stocks. Naturally, this will necessitate the active replenishment of goods for the next season. Statistics issued by the Wool Institute during the earlier part of the week were taken to demonstrate the extent to which the Institute has convinced mills of the necessity of co-ordinated regulation of production and billings. For the month of May, which the statistics covered, it was shown that although production increased, the condition of stocks was improved. Concerning the strike of 30,000 cloakmakers which began ten days ago, it was reported that terms for a satisfactory settlement of the differences have made definite progress and a new agreement is expected to be approved within a few days.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Although orders have failed to approximate expectations, a fair volume of business has been maintained in the local linen markets owing to the continued hot weather. Interest still centers in goods of a seasonable nature, but as yet first hands fail to report any activity of a marked nature. Burlaps, on the other hand, have been firmer, despite the indifference of local buyers. Prices have registered further advances, reflecting the strength of the Calcutta market. Light weights are quoted at 6.15c., and heavies at 8.25c.

State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS

Connecticut.—*Additions to List of Legal Investments.*—The following is a list of public utility bonds and railroad equipment trust certificates that have been added to the list of investments considered legal for savings banks by the action of Bank Commissioner Lester E. Shippee. These additions follow the enactment this year of legislation by the General Assembly, which materially broadened the field for investment. These additions, effective as of July 1, amend the list issued on May 1 as it appeared in the "Chronicle" of June 1 on pages 3714 and 3715.

PUBLIC UTILITY BONDS.

Blackstone Valley Gas & El. Co.—
1st & general 5s, 1939
Bklyn. Union Gas Co. 1st consol. 5s, 1945
1st refunding 6s, 1947
Bklyn. Boro. Gas Co. gen. & ref. 5s, 1967
Buffalo General Elec. Co. 1st 5s, 1939
1st & refunding 5s, 1939
General & refunding 5s, 1956
Central Hudson Gas & Elec. Co.—
1st & refunding 5s, 1941
1st & refunding 5s, 1957
Consol. Gas, Elec. Lt. & Power Co.—
Cons. Gas of Balto. 1st 5s, 1939
Cons. Gas of Balto. gen. 4½s, 1954
General mortgage 4½s, 1935
Citizens Gas Co. (Indianapolis)—
1st & refunding 5s, 1942
Fall River Elec. Light Co. 1st 5s, 1945
Indiana & Michigan Elec. Co. 1st 5s, 1957
1st & refunding 5s, 1955
Indiana General Service Co. 1st 5s, 1948
Potomac Elec. Power Co. consol. 5s, 1936
General & refunding 6s, 1953
Providence Gas Co. 1st mtge. 5½s, 1942
Rockland Light & Power Co.—
1st & refunding 4½s, 1958

San Diego Consol. Gas & Elec. Co.—
1st mtge. 5s, 1939
1st & refunding 6s, 1939
1st & refunding 5s, 1947
1st & refunding 6s, 1947
Standard Gas Light Co. (New York)—
1st mtge. 5s, 1930
Utica Gas & Elec. Co.—
Equitable Gas & Elec. 1st 5s, 1942
Refunding & extension 5s, 1957
West Penn Power Co.—
1st mtge. Series A 5s, 1946
1st mtge. Series E 5s, 1963
1st mtge. Series F 5½s, 1953
1st mtge. Series G 5s, 1956
Public Service Electric & Gas Co.—
United Elec. Co. of N. J. 1st 4s, 1949
Pub. Ser. El. & Gas 1st & ref. 5s, 1965
Pub. Ser. El. & Gas 1st & ref. 4½s, '67
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co. (Chicago)
Chicago Gas Lt. & Coke 1st 5s, 1937
Consumers Gas Co. 1st 5s, 1936
Mutual Fuel Gas Co. 1st 5s, 1947
Peoples Gas L. & Coke 1st cons. 6s, '43

RAILROAD EQUIPMENT TRUST OBLIGATIONS.

Alabama Great Southern RR. Co.
Equipment Trust—
Series G 5s, serially, 1924 to 1938
Atlantic Coast Line RR. Co.
Equipment Trust—
Series E 4½s, serially, 1929 to 1941
Baltimore & Ohio RR. Co.
Equipment Trust—
Series F 5s, serially, 1923 to 1937
Series of 1923 5s, serially, 1924 to 1938
Series A 5s, serially, 1924 to 1938
Series B 4½s, serially, 1926 to 1940
Series C 4½s, serially, 1927 to 1941
Series D 4½s, serially, 1929 to 1941
Series E 4½s, serially, 1930 to 1942
Central of Georgia Railway Co.
Equipment Trust—
Series M 6½s, serially, 1922 to 1936
Series N 5½s, serially, 1923 to 1932
Series O 5s, serially, 1924 to 1935
Series P 4½s, serially, 1926 to 1940
Series Q 4½s, serially, 1926 to 1940
Central Railroad Co. of New Jersey.
Equipment Trust—
Series H 6s, serially, 1921 to 1930
Series K 5s, serially, 1925 to 1934
Chicago & North Western Ry. Co.
Equipment Trust—
Series R 4½s, serially, 1928 to 1942
Series S 4½s, serially, 1928 to 1942
Series T 4½s, serially, 1928 to 1942
Series U 4½s, serially, 1929 to 1943
Cleve. Cinc. Chic. & St. L. RR.
Equipment Trust—
Series of 1920 6s, serially, 1921 to 1935

Great Northern Railway Co.
Equipment Trust—
Series B 5s, serially, 1924 to 1938
Series C 4½s, serially, 1925 to 1939
Series D 4½s, serially, 1929 to 1940
Louisville & Nashville RR. Co.
Equipment Trust—
Series E 4½s, serially, 1923 to 1937
Series F 5s, serially, 1924 to 1938
Michigan Central Railroad Co.
Equipment Trust—
Series of 1915 5s, serially, 1916 to 1930
Series of 1917 6s, serially, 1918 to 1932
Mobile & Ohio Railroad Co.
Equipment Trust—
Series L 5s, serially, 1928 to 1938
Series M 5s, serially, 1925 to 1930
Series N 4½s, serially, 1925 to 1939
Series O 4½s, serially, 1927 to 1941
Series P 4½s, serially, 1928 to 1937
Series Q 4s, serially, 1928 to 1943
Northern Pacific Railway Co.
Equipment Trust—
Series of 1920 7s, serially, 1921 to 1930
Series of 1922 4½s, serially, 1923 to '32
Series of 1925 4½s, serially, 1926 to '40
Southern Pacific Co.
Equipment Trust—
Series J 4½s, serially, 1932 to 1942
Illinois Central Railroad Co.
Equipment Trust—
Series P 4½s, serially, 1930 to 1944
Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Co.
Equipment Trust—
Series of 1929 4½s, serially, 1930 to '44

Kentucky.—*Bridge Bond Sale Held Illegal.*—The sale of the \$10,767,000 issue of bridge bonds on May 7 to Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. of St. Louis, and C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago, jointly—V. 128, p. 3225—has been cancelled following the ruling of Judge Ben G. Williams in the Franklin Circuit Court in which he held that the contract was void because it provided for the State to pay the cost of operation and maintenance of the proposed bridges out of the general road fund, and pledged the gross tolls for the payment of principal and interest on the bonds. The case was taken to the Court of Appeals and the higher court refused to dissolve the injunction granted by Judge Williams. According to newspaper reports the commission met at Frankfort on July 6 to prepare for a new sale of the bonds.

Oklahoma.—*Special Session Closes.*—On July 5 the special session of the Legislature which convened on May 16—V. 128, p. 3557—adjourned sine die. The "Oklahoman" of July 6, reports that quite a number of important bills were passed since the Legislature convened and lists them as follows:

Important bills passed during the session included the runoff primary bill, the departmental and institutional appropriations bills, highway legislation, including the increased gasoline tax, authority for the highway commission to purchase toll bridges, increased bus tax and the general highway bill.

For the betterment of the educational system a new textbook law was passed, a \$250,000 supplemental appropriation for weak schools was made, the vocational boards will go under the board of education, teachers certificates are to be issued by the State board of education and a co-ordinating board will attempt to prevent duplication of work in the higher educational institutions of the State.

The Legislature voted to give the people the right to vote on constitutional amendments to put the State agricultural schools under a board of regents separate from the State board of agriculture and to make constitutional provision for the board of regents of the University of Oklahoma.

The Governor will have a chance to sign the bill raising the salaries of elective State officials. The Legislature failed to pass bills affecting a State tax commission and the manner of issuing executive clemency.

Toronto, Canada.—*Report of Commissioner of Finance Issued.*—The annual report of the Commissioner of Finance for the year 1928, as prepared under the direction of George H. Ross, who acted in the capacity of Commissioner of Finance and City Treasurer from July 5 1920 to Jan. 31 1929, has recently been issued. The report gives in detail all of the financial transactions and operations of the city through-

out the year. The document also contains a complete discussion of the methods of capital financing as utilized by municipalities. The following financial statement heads the report:

<i>Funded Debt Dec. 31 1928.</i>	
Gross Funded Debt—	
Sinking fund bonds	\$64,500,770
(Sinking fund accumulation, \$29,783,267)	
Installment bonds	110,702,308
	\$175,203,078
<i>Deduct—</i>	
(1) Revenue producing and specially rated debts as follows:	
Toronto Transportation System	\$39,706,548
Toronto Hydro-Electric System	25,454,115
Water works	20,479,028
Local improvements (ratepayers' share)	10,474,650
City-owned radial railways (under T. T. C. operation)	2,482,019
Canadian National Exhibition Buildings	1,921,522
Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Buildings	1,126,000
Housing	632,000
Abattoir	374,000
Island Ferries—under T. T. C. operation	169,000
	\$102,818,882
Less—Funds on hand for red. of above debt—	13,881,514
	\$88,937,368
Behind the public utility debts are realizable assets, in the form of properties, plants and equipment, in excess of the debts outstanding.	
(2) Sinking fund:	
On general debt	\$15,560,148
On special debt	12,216,784
Excess earnings	2,006,335
	\$29,783,267
(3) Funds on hand for red. of installment debt—	1,664,730
	120,385,365
Net general debt	\$54,817,713
The city has fixed assets in general lands and buildings in excess of this debt, in addition to the taxing power on an assessment of \$968,000,000.	
<i>Assessment, &c.</i>	
Assessed value of ratable property (1929) for school purposes	\$967,371,437
Assessed value of ratable property (1929) for general purposes	896,977,126
Exemptions not included in the foregoing	131,666,136
Capital assets	206,116,136
Revenue from taxation, 1929, as per estimates	28,580,930
Revenue other than taxation for 1929, as per estimates	3,525,902
Population, 1928	585,628
Area of city	26,454 acres
Tax rate for 1929	31.50 mills

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

ADAMS COUNTY (P. O. Decatur), Ind.—*BOND SALE.*—The \$32,340 4½% bonds offered on July 9—V. 128, p. 4355—were awarded as stated below:

To the First National Bank, Decatur: \$10,660 road construction bonds sold at par, plus a premium of \$4.79, equal to 100.04.

12,640 road construction bonds sold at par, plus a premium of \$6.79, equal to 100.05.

To the Bank of Berne of Berne: \$9,040 township road construction bonds sold at par, plus a premium of \$5.79, equal to 100.06.

The bonds mature semi-annually on May and Nov. 15 from 1930 to 1939 inclusive.

ALABAMA CITY, Etowah County, Ala.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Sealed bids will be received until July 16 by Lowe H. Herndon, City Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 6% semi-annual improvement bonds. (These bonds were approved on June 27 by a large majority.)

ALAMOSA AND SAGUACHE COUNTIES CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 (P. O. Alamosa), Colo.—*PRE-ELECTION SALE.*—A \$15,000 issue of 5% school building bonds has been purchased by Benwell & Co. of Denver, subject to an election to be held soon. Due \$1,000 from 1930 to 1944 inclusive.

ALBION, Orleans County, N. Y.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Eugene A. Moneys, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. (standard time) on July 22, for the purchase of \$50,000 coupon or registered sewer bonds. Bidder to name rate of interest which is to be in multiples of ¼ of 1% and is not to exceed 6%. The bonds are dated August 1, 1929, \$1,000 denomination, due \$5,000 on Aug. 10, from 1930 to 1939, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the Orleans County Trust Co., Albion. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the aforementioned Trust Co., and are to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond, of New York. A certified check for 3% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

ALCORN COUNTY (P. O. Corinth), Miss.—*BOND OFFERING.*—A \$200,000 issue of road bonds will be offered for sale at 1:30 p. m. on Aug. 6, by Amos Bradley, President of the Chancery Court.

ALLEN PARK, Wayne County, Mich.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Lloyd W. Quandt, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. on July 16, for the purchase of \$294,500 6% special assessment general obligation improvement bonds. The bonds are to mature in equal annual installments in from 2 to 6 years from the date of their issue. Alternative bids at a lower rate of interest will also be received and considered. Interest payable semi-annually. A certified check for \$250, payable to the above-mentioned official, must accompany each proposal.

ARLINGTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—*TEMPORARY LOAN.*—\$100,000 temporary loan was awarded on July 8 to the First National Bank, of Boston, on a discount basis of 5.275%. The loan is payable as follows: \$50,000 on Dec. 20 1929 and \$50,000 on July 11 1930. Dated July 12 1929. The following bids were also submitted:

	<i>Discount Basis.</i>
Bank of Commerce & Trust Co (plus \$5)	5.35%
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler (plus \$2.50)	5.35%
Faxon, Gade & Co.	5.40%
Menotomy Trust Co.	5.45%

ARLINGTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—*BOND OFFERING.*—Charles A. Hardy, Town Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. (daylight saving time) on July 17 for the purchase of the following issues of 4½% coupon bonds aggregating \$315,000:

\$150,000 Original St. bonds. Due \$15,000, July 1 1930 to 1939 incl.
100,000 Pierce School Addition bonds. Due \$5,000, July 1 1930 to 1949 incl.
65,000 water mains bonds. Due on July 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1930 to 1934 incl., and \$6,000, 1935 to 1939 incl.

All of the above bonds are dated July 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-annual int. (Jan. and July 1) payable at the First National Bank of Boston in Boston. Legality is to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

Financial Statement July 8 1929.

Net valuation for year 1928	\$56,076,834.00
Debt limit	1,562,363.68
Total gross debt, including these issues	1,898,000.00
<i>Deductions—</i>	
Sinking funds	\$26,435.79
Water bonds	230,500.00
Sewer bonds	100,000.00
Park and playground bonds	15,000.00
	371,935.79
Net debt	\$1,526,064.21
Borrowing capacity	\$36,299.47
Sinking funds for debts outside debt limit	\$72,696.65

ATTLEBORO, Bristol County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A \$100,000 temporary loan dated July 10 1929 and payable on Nov. 29 1929 was awarded on July 9 to the First National Bank, of Boston, on a discount basis of 5.38%. The following bids were also submitted:

Table with columns Bidder and Discount Basis. Includes Shawmut Corp, National Rockland Bank, F. S. Moseley & Co, Old Colony Corp, Salomon Bros. & Hutzler.

ATOKA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Stringtown), Okla.—BOND SALE.—The \$17,000 issue of semi-annual school bonds offered for sale on May 27—V. 128, p. 3558—was sold to the Security National Bank of Oklahoma City, as fs, for a premium of \$21, equal to 100.12.

BALDWIN, Saint Croix County, Wis.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$5,000 issue of paving bonds that was purchased at par by a local bank—V. 129, p. 159—bears interest at 5% and is due \$1,000 from Jan. 1 1931 to 1935, incl.

BARRY COUNTY (P. O. Hastings), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—John Carlisle, Chairman of the Board of County Road Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 9 a. m. (Central Standard time) on July 15, for the purchase of \$17,523 6% road assessment district bonds. Dated July 17 1929. Due on May 1 1930 and 1931. Interest payable on May and Nov. 1.

BATTLE CREEK, Calhoun County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 5% school bonds offered on July 8—V. 129, p. 159—were awarded to the Central National Bank of Battle Creek, at par, plus a premium of \$8,913, equal to 101.782, a basis of about 4.74%. The bonds are dated July 1 1929 and mature annually on July 1, as follows: \$35,000, 1931 to 1943, incl., and \$45,000, 1944.

BAY SPRINGS CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bay Springs), Jasper County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Aug. 5, by H. H. Stringer, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, for the purchase of a \$20,000 issue of semi-annual school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Due in 10 years.

BELLVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ashland), Jackson County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—A \$15,000 issue of 5 1/2% school bonds has recently been purchased at par by the Mortgage & Securities Co. of Portland.

BENTON COUNTY (P. O. Fowler), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—S. H. Freeman, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on July 27 for the purchase of \$16,990 4 1/2% Union Township road construction bonds. Due \$849.50, July 15 1930; \$849.50, Jan. and July 15 1931 to 1939 incl., and \$849.50, Jan. 15 1940.

BLOOMINGTON, Monroe County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by E. Cooper, City Clerk, until 2 p. m. on July 25 for the purchase of \$55,000 park improvement bonds. Rate of interest 4 1/2%, payable semi-annually on June and Dec. 1. The bonds are in \$500 denomination and mature on July 1 1949. A certified check for \$500 is required.

BRAINTREE, Norfolk County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The \$90,000 4 1/2% coupon school building bonds offered on July 5—V. 128, p. 4356—were awarded to E. H. Rollins & Sons, of Boston, at 100.37, a basis of about 4.44%. The bonds are dated July 15 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$6,000 on July 15 from 1930 to 1944, inclusive. Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. and July 15), payable at the National Shawmut Bank, Boston. Legality is to be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston. The bonds are stated to be a legal investment for Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island Savings Banks, and are being re-offered for public investment at prices yielding 5.50 to 4.20%, according to maturity.

Table with columns Bidder and Rate Bid. Includes Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc, Curtis & Sanger, R. L. Day & Co.

Table with columns Financial Statement and Amount. Includes Assessed valuation, 1928, Total bonded debt, including this issue, Water debt.

Net debt. \$738,000

Population, 1920 census. 10,580

BREMEN, Haralson County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 25, by J. T. Wilson, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$20,000 issue of 5% semi-annual water works bonds. Dated July 2 1929. Due from 1939 to 1948, incl.

BRIARCLIFF MANOR, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Alfred H. Pearson, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. (daylight saving time) on July 22, for the purchase of \$11,000 coupon or registered fire department bonds. Rate of interest is not to exceed 5% and is to be stated in multiples of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1%, single rate to apply to the entire offering. The bonds are dated June 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on June 1, from 1931 to 1941, inclusive. Principal and semi-annual interest payable in gold at Briarcliff Manor, or at the Fifth Ave branch of the Guaranty Trust Co., New York. A certified check for \$500, payable to the Village, must accompany each proposal. Legality is to be approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York.

BRISTOL, Sullivan County, Tenn.—BONDS VOTED.—At a recent election the voters approved the issuance of \$350,000 in bonds for the construction of a public library by a majority said to be nearly seven to one.

BRITTON, Oklahoma County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on July 15 by D. A. Riley, Town Clerk, for the purchase of four issues of bonds aggregating \$58,500 as follows: \$20,300 water works extension bonds; \$13,700 water works extension; \$20,000 sewer extension and \$5,500 fire equipment bonds. Int. rate is to be named by the bidder. A certified check for 2% is required.

BRONXVILLE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Jerry C. Leary, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:45 p. m. (daylight saving time) on July 16, for the purchase of \$36,000 coupon or registered street improvement bonds. Rate of interest is not to exceed 5% and is to be in a multiple of 1-10th or 1/4 of 1%. The bonds are dated July 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$3,000 on July 1, from 1930 to 1941, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest payable in gold at the Gramatan National Bank & Trust Co., Bronxville. A certified check for \$720, payable to the Village, must accompany each proposal. Legality is to be approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York. These bonds were offered unsuccessfully on July 2—V. 128, p. 4356.

BROOKHAVEN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Terryville), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Joseph S. Kessler, President of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (daylight saving time) on July 16, for the purchase of \$98,000 6% school bonds. Dated March 15 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due annually on March 15, as follows: \$2,000, 1930 to 1939, inclusive; \$3,000, 1940 to 1949, inclusive; \$5,000, 1950 to 1958, inclusive, and \$3,000, 1959. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the First National Bank, Port Jefferson. A certified check for 10% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Education, must accompany each proposal.

BROOKLYN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Hop Bottom), Susquehanna County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,000 4 1/2% coupon road bonds offered on May 31—V. 128, p. 3222—were awarded to individual investors at par. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1929. Due \$2,000 on Jan. 1 from 1930 to 1935 inclusive.

BURTON TOWNSHIP FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9, Genesee County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Fred J. Warren, Secretary of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (Eastern standard time) on July 17, for the purchase of \$60,000 school bonds. Rate of interest to be named in bid, said rate is not to exceed 6%. A certified check for 1% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Treasurer of the Board of Education, must accompany each proposal. Taxable valuation of district is \$462,000; it has no bonded debt.

CANASTOTA, Madison County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Julius M. Heintz, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. on July 22, for the purchase of \$150,000 coupon or registered water bonds. Rate of interest is not to exceed 6% and is to be named in bid. The bonds are dated April 15 1929. Denom. \$2,000. Due \$6,000 on December 1, from 1930 to 1954 inclusive. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the office of the Village Clerk.

CANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Fulton County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The First Union Trust & Savings Bank, of Chicago, purchased a \$60,000 issue of 4 1/2% school bonds during June, paying par, plus a premium of \$660.00 for the issue, equal to 101.10, a basis of about 4.65%. The bonds mature \$6,000 annually on June 1, from 1940 to 1949, incl.

CARBON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 18 (P. O. Encampment), Wyo.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 issue of 5 1/2% school building bonds unsuccessfully offered for sale on June 20—V. 128, p. 4356—has since been purchased by two local investors. Dated July 1 1929. Due as follows: \$1,000, 1935 to 1949, and \$2,000, 1950 to 1954 all inclusive.

CHARTER OAK, Crawford County, Iowa.—MATURITY.—The two issues of 5% coupon bonds aggregating \$10,000, awarded on June 24 to Charles Smith, of Dow City, at a price of 100.90—V. 128, p. 4356—were due as follows: \$6,000 improvement fund bonds. Due on Nov. 1, as follows: \$500 in 1932, 1934, 1936, 1938 and 1939; 1941 to 1943 and 1945 to 1948. 4,000 grading fund bonds. Due on Nov. 1, as follows: \$500, 1933, 1936, 1939, 1941, 1943, 1945, 1947 and 1948. Basis of about 4.90%.

CHARLOTTE, Mecklenburg County, N. C.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 4 p. m. on July 24, by Edgar Read, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$2,130,000 issue of bond anticipation notes. Dated on or about July 24 1929. Bids may be made for one or more of the following maturities: (maturity to be determined by the City Council upon receipt of bids) either, (1) Dec. 15 1929, with all interest payable in advance, or (2) June 15 1930, with all interest payable in advance, or (3) \$325,000 on June 15 1930, and \$1,805,000 on June 15 1931, with all int. payable semi-annually, June 15 and Dec. 15. The int. rate is to be bid upon and must be the same for all of the notes. Award to be at not less than par, int. rate not exceeding 6%. Fully registered notes, principal and int. payable in gold. Bidders may specify the denominations, place of payment and the place of delivery. Masslich & Mitchell, of New York, will furnish the legal approval. A \$42,600 certified check, payable to the City Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

CHATTANOOGA, Hamilton County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$216,000 issue of 6% coupon improvement assessment bonds offered for sale on July 9 (V. 129, p. 159) was awarded to the First National Bank of Chattanooga for a premium of \$12,960, equal to 106.02, a basis of about 5.24%. Dated July 1 1929. Due \$10,800 from July 1 1930 to 1949 incl.

Table listing bidders and their bids for Chattanooga bonds. Includes First National Bank, Harris Trust & Savings Bank, C. W. McNear & Co., Little, Wooten & Co., American Trust & Savings Bank, Detroit Bank & Security Co., Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Hamilton National Bank of Chattanooga and Caldwell & Co., Nashville.

CHICAGO, Cook County, Ill.—\$40,725,000 NOTES SOLD.—The sale of \$40,725,000 6% tax anticipation notes to a syndicate headed by Halsey, Stuart & Co. of Chicago was reported in the July 10 issue of the New York "Journal of Commerce." The proceeds of the sale, the newspaper says, will enable the Board of Education to continue with its building program and will provide ample funds for its current general expenditures. Of the award \$26,950,000 is to be expended in connection with the construction work, \$13,300,000 will be used for educational purposes and \$475,000 will be applied to the playground construction fund. The notes mature in monthly installments from May 15 1930 to Oct. 15 1930. No statement regarding the sale of the notes has been issued by the purchasers. Public offering of the obligations is expected to be made next week.

During the present year over \$100,000,000 has been borrowed by the city through short-term financing. The initial sale was made in January. At that time the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York bought \$15,000,000 5 1/2% tax anticipation warrants maturing in about 1 1/2 years. The proceeds of this issue was to be used to pay the salaries of city employees and for running expenses, George K. Schmidt, City Comptroller, said—V. 128, p. 764. On April 2 a syndicate headed by Lehman Bros. of New York purchased \$40,000,000 6% tax anticipation warrants payable during the summer of 1930 at a price of par. The sale consisted of \$20,000,000 corporate fund warrants and \$20,000,000 educational fund warrants—V. 128, p. 2331. A short time later an additional issue of \$10,000,000 5 1/2% notes was sold to the Lehman Bros. syndicate, also at par. The \$50,000,000 warrants were then offered for public investment by the syndicate managed by Lehman Bros., consisting of 33 investment houses and banks, priced to yield 5.60%. Therefore the current sale, coupled with the previous awards we have just listed, brings the total short term borrowing by the city during the present year to \$105,725,000. The reason ascribed for the financial difficulties of the city is the delay in the collection of the 1929 taxes, incidental to the uncompleted revaluation of property for tax purposes.

President Caldwell of the Board of Education, commenting on the sale of the present issue, is quoted as saying: "This transaction brings much needed relief from the situation in which the Board has found itself by reason of failure to receive our revenues at the customary period. The sale of the notes completes the Board's financing for the year. Proceeds of the sale are expected to be available shortly and will enable us to pay off \$5,000,000 in outstanding contractual obligations, also to proceed with the completion of the fifteen school buildings, work on which has necessarily been delayed by reason of our financial stringency."

CITY COUNCIL OBJECTS TO TERMS.—According to the Boston "Transcript" of July 11 the City Council, by a vote of 27 to 17, refused to consent to the sale of the current issue of \$40,725,000 warrants on the ground that the terms were impossible. At the New York office of Halsey, Stuart & Co. it was stated that the sale had not as yet been consummated. The loan was negotiated between members of the School Board and the underwriting syndicate.

CHICAGO, South Park District, Cook County, Ill.—BIDS RETURNED UNOPENED.—All of the bids received on July 9 for the purchase of \$1,500,000 4% bonds offered for sale—V. 129, p. 159—have been returned unopened, reports the "Herald-Tribune" of July 10, as no action could be taken owing to the illness of some of the District Commissioners. The issue is expected to be reoffered shortly. The bonds are dated July 1 1929. Due \$75,000, July 1 1930 to 1949, inclusive.

CLEARWATER, Pinellas County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—A \$300,000 issue of 6% refunding bonds has been purchased at a price of 95.50 by the Peoples Bank of Clearwater.

CLINTON, Clinton County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$110,000 4 1/2% park bonds has been purchased by Hill, Joiner & Co. of Chicago. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1929. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$18,000, 1934; \$5,000, 1935 and 1936; \$6,000, 1937; \$2,000, 1938; \$1,000, 1940; \$7,000, 1941 and 1942; \$8,000, 1943 to 1947; \$9,000, 1948, and \$10,000 on May 1 1949. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable in Chicago exchange at the office of the City Treasurer.

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS, Minn.—BOND SALE.—A \$12,000 issue of 6% coupon refunding sewer bonds was awarded at par on June 29 to Mr. David Kirk, of St. Paul. Denom. 500. Dated July 1 1929. Due from July 1 1931 to 1945, incl. Int. payable on Jan. & July 1.

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP (P. O. Columbia), Richland County, S. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on July 18, by Walter C. Thomas, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase of a \$300,000 issue of auditorium bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1929. Due on June 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1934 to 1936; \$10,000, 1937 to 1940; \$15,000, 1941 to 1945; \$20,000, 1946 to 1949; \$25,000, 1950 and \$38,000, 1951 and 1952. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in New York. Caldwell & Raymond of New York City will furnish the legal approval. A \$6,000 certified check, payable to the above Board, must accompany the bid.

In connection with the above offering we quote from the "State" of July 2 as follows:

"Columbia Township's \$300,000 auditorium bonds will be resold. The issue sold to the South Carolina National Bank of Charleston, Greenville and Columbia in conjunction with the Bankers Trust Co. of New York, May 21, did not receive the approving opinion of Storey, Thorndyke, Palmer & Dodge in a reasonable length of time, and the contract was canceled at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Richland County at a meeting yesterday morning in the court house.

"County officers believe the fact that the township has no bonded indebtedness, with an estimate actual value of taxable property placed at \$100,000,000, will favorably influence the bidders.

"The change in the bonds and the release of the bank from its contract were made public through a resolution drafted by W. C. McLain, county attorney, and approved by the County Commissioners."

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—Howard S. Wilkins, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (Eastern standard time) on July 15 for the purchase of \$150,000 4½% promissory notes. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Denom. \$5,000. Principal (Feb. 1 1931) and interest (Feb. 1 and Aug. 1 1930 and Feb. 1 1931) payable at the office of the agency of the City of Columbus in New York. A certified check for 1% of the notes bid for, payable to the city, must accompany each proposal.

Said notes will be sold to the highest and best bidder for no less than par and accrued interest.

All bids must be made in the form of blanks, which will be furnished upon application to the Clerk of said city. Any one desiring to do so may present a bid or bids for these notes based upon their bearing a different rate of interest than specified in the advertisement, provided, however, that where a fractional rate is bid such fraction shall be ¼ of 1% or multiples thereof.

Transcripts of proceedings will be furnished successful bidders and sufficient time allowed within ten days from the time of said award for the examination of such transcript by bidder's attorney, and bids may be made subject to approval of same.

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—OTHER BID.—The First Citizens Corp. of Columbus, bidding for 68, offered par plus a premium of \$136 on July 1 for the \$260,000 promissory notes sold to Otis & Co. of Cleveland as 6s for a premium of \$325, equal to 100.125, a basis of about 5.91% (V. 129, p. 160).

CORAL GABLES, Dade County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—A \$70,000 block of a \$500,000 issue of revenue bonds has recently been purchased at a price of 98 by the Guardian Detroit Co. of Detroit.

CORNING, Steuben County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Norman H. Palmer, City Chamberlain, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on July 19 for the purchase of \$20,000 5% public improvement bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000 on Aug. 1 in 1931 and 1932. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the Irving Trust Co., New York.

COVINGTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Covington), Tioga County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—A \$6,000 issue of school bonds was recently awarded to the National Bank, of Wellsboro. The bonds bear a coupon rate of 5% and were sold at a price of par. Due \$500, from 1935 to 1946, incl. Interest payable semi-annually.

CRAWFORD-SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Crawford), Dawes County, Neb.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$125,000 issue of school bonds offered on July 1—V. 128, p. 4190—was not sold. Dated July 1 1929. Due from 1930 to 1958, incl.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following coupon bonds aggregating \$3,431,400 offered on July 6—V. 128, p. 4190—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the First National Bank, Halsey, Stuart & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, George B. Gibbons & Co., and R. W. Pressprich & Co., all of New York, also the First National Co., of Detroit, as 5½s, at par, plus a premium of \$9,093.21, equal to 100.265, a basis of about 5.18%:

- \$598,700 road improvement bonds, county portion. Due Oct. 1, as follows \$59,700, 1929; \$59,000, 1930; and \$60,000, 1931 to 1938, incl.
- 419,500 road improvement bonds, assessment portion. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$46,500, 1929; \$46,000, 1930 to 1932, incl.; and \$47,000, 1933 to 1937, incl.
- 293,700 road improvement bonds, county portion. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$29,700, 1929; \$29,000, 1930 to 1935, incl.; and \$30,000, 1936 to 1938, incl.
- 293,700 road improvement bonds, assessment portion. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$29,700, 1929; \$29,000, 1930 to 1935, incl.; and \$30,000, 1936 to 1938, incl.
- 241,700 road improvement bonds, county portion. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$24,700, 1929; \$24,000, 1930 to 1937, incl.; and \$25,000, 1938, incl.
- 217,300 road improvement bonds, assessment portion. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$25,300, 1929; \$24,000, 1930 to 1937, incl.
- 206,700 road improvement bonds, assessment portion. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$20,700, 1929; \$20,000, 1930 to 1932, incl.; and \$21,000, 1933 to 1938, incl.
- 206,700 road improvement bonds, county portion. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$20,700, 1929; \$20,000, 1930 to 1932, incl.; and \$21,000, 1933 to 1938, incl.
- 175,500 road improvement bonds, assessment portion. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$17,500, 1929; \$17,000, 1930 to 1933, incl.; and \$18,000, 1934 to 1938, incl.
- 175,500 road improvement bonds, county portion. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$17,500, 1929; \$17,000, 1930 to 1933, incl.; and \$18,000, 1934 to 1938, incl.
- 159,700 road improvement bonds, assessment portion. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$17,700, 1929; \$17,000, 1930 and 1931; and \$18,000, 1932 to 1937, incl.
- 164,700 road improvement bonds, county portion. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$16,700, 1929; \$16,000, 1930 to 1934, incl.; and \$17,000, 1935 to 1938, incl.
- 127,200 road improvement bonds, county portion. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$13,200, 1929; \$12,000, 1930 to 1932, incl.; and \$13,000, 1933 to 1938, incl.
- 68,600 road improvement bonds, assessment portion. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$6,600, 1929; \$6,000, 1930; and \$7,000, 1931 to 1938, incl.
- 41,100 road improvement bonds, assessment portion. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$5,100, 1929; and \$4,000, 1930 to 1938, incl.
- 41,100 road improvement bonds, county portion. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$5,100, 1929; and \$4,000, 1930 to 1938, incl.

All of the above bonds are dated July 1 1929. The county portion issues aggregate \$1,849,300; the assessment bonds total \$1,582,100. Principal and interest (A. & O. 1) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. The successful syndicate is reoffering the bonds for public investment at prices to yield 4.75 to 5.75%, according to maturity. The following bids were also received:

Bidder—	Premium.
Guardian Trust Co. et al. (for 5½% bonds)	\$5,151.00
Hayden, Miller & Co. et al. (\$1,849,300 at 5½% and \$1,582,100 at 5%)	721.00
Tillotson & Wolcott Co. et al. (5½% bonds)	22,612.93
<i>Financial Statement (as Officially Reported June 1 1929)</i>	
Estimated true value of all taxable property	\$4,000,000.00
Assessed value of taxable property	2,916,604.060
Total bonded debt, including this issue	47,669,285
Sinking fund	722,345

Net bonded debt \$46,946,940
Population, 1910 Census, 637,425; 1920 Census, 943,495; present estimate, 1,300,000.

The above statement does not include obligations of other municipal corporations which have taxing power against property within the county.

DANBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Danbury), Woodbury County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—A \$75,000 issue of school bonds has been purchased by the Carleton D. Beh Co. of Des Moines.

DELAWARE COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Jay), Okla.—BOND SALE.—A \$6,000 issue of coupon school building bonds was awarded on July 1 to the County Treasurer, as 5s, at par. Dated July 1 1929. Due from 1932 to 1940. Int. payable on Jan. and July 1.

DENVILLE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Denville), Morris County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 5% water bonds offered on June 19 (V. 128, p. 4190) were awarded to C. A. Preim & Co., New York. The bonds are due on July 1 1933. The purchasers are re-offering them for public investment priced to yield 5.375%. The offering notice says: "These bonds are legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in the State of New Jersey and are issued to temporarily finance the construction of water supply facilities in the Township of Denville."

DOVER, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—O. L. Youngen, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on July 30, for the purchase of \$8,800 5½% storm sewer construction bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Denom. \$500, one bond for \$300. Due as follows: \$300 on April 1 and \$500 on Oct. 1 1930; and \$500, April and Oct. 15 1931 to 1938 inclusive. A certified check for 5% of the bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

DOVER, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—O. L. Youngen, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on July 31, for the purchase of the following issues of 5½% bonds aggregating \$12,400: \$9,800 water line extension bonds. Due \$300, April 1 and \$500, Oct. 1 1930; \$500, April and Oct. 1, from 1931 to 1939, incl. 2,600 1931 remodeling bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$600, 1930, and \$500, 1931 to 1934, incl.

Both issues are dated July 1 1929. Principal and semi-annual interest (April and Oct. 1) payable at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check for 5% of the bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

Anyone desiring to do so may present a bid or bids for said bonds based on a different rate of interest than that hereinbefore specified provided, however, that when a fractional rate of interest is bid, such fraction shall be one-quarter of 1%, or multiples thereof, as provided in Section 2293-28 of the Uniform Bond Act of Ohio.

EASTON, Talbot County, Md.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 5% sanitary sewer construction bonds offered on July 2—V. 128, p. 4357—were awarded to Stein Bros. & Boyce and the Mercantile Trust Co., both of Baltimore, jointly, at 100.51, a basis of about 5.10%. The bonds are dated July 1 1929. Due \$1,000 on July 1, from 1930 to 1969, incl.

ECORSE (P. O. Detroit), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Isabel Morris, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on July 13 for the purchase of \$124,330 special assessment paving bonds and \$51,570 pavement intersection bonds, both issues aggregating \$176,400. All of the bonds are to be dated Aug. 1 1929. Bidder to name rate of interest, which is not to exceed 6%. The bonds are to mature in annual installments in from 1 to 4 years from the date of issue. Interest payable on Feb. and Aug. 1. A certified check for 1% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The special assessment paving bonds will be payable out of the special assessment fund for said street or out of the general funds of the Village of Ecorse. The pavement intersection bonds will be payable out of the proper sinking fund or the general fund of the Village of Ecorse.

EDINBURG, Hidalgo County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$135,000 6% serial refunding bonds was registered on July 1 by the State Comptroller.

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. McKee City), Atlantic County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—James B. Brown, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) on July 23, for the purchase of \$85,000 5% coupon school bonds. Dated June 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 on July 1 from 1931 to 1947, inclusive. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J. 1) payable at the First National Bank, Somers Point. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount stated above. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Board of Education, must accompany each proposal.

ELIZABETH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$27,000 5% registered school bonds offered on July 9—V. 129, p. 160—were awarded to Prescott, Lyon & Co. of Pittsburgh, at 103.20, a basis of about 4.69%. The bonds mature on July 15 as follows: \$4,000, 1934; \$5,000, 1939; \$7,000, 1944; \$9,000, 1949, and \$2,000, 1950. The following bids were also submitted:

Bidder—	Rate Bid.
State Bank of Elizabeth	102.597
A. B. Leach & Co., Inc.	102.13
Mellon National Bank, Pittsburgh	101.826
M. M. Freeman & Co.	100.719

ELLERY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Bemus Point), Chautauqua County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—J. F. Ward, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. (eastern standard time) on July 11, for the purchase of \$16,000 5% registered school bonds. Dated June 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Dec. 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1949 and 1950; and \$4,000, 1951. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the Bank of Jamestown, of Jamestown. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for is required. Legality is to be approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York.

EL PASO, El Paso County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Aug. 1, by G. R. Daniels, City Auditor, for the purchase of sixteen issues of 5% coupon bonds aggregating \$619,000, divided as follows:

- \$80,000 public school bonds. Due from 1931 to 1959, incl.
- 100,000 water works bonds. Due from 1931 to 1959, incl.
- 50,000 fire station sites, buildings and improvement bonds. Due from 1931 to 1959, incl.
- 50,000 park extension and improvement bonds. Due from 1931 to 1959, incl.
- 37,000 College of Mines land bonds. Due from 1931 to 1959, incl.
- 200,000 funding bonds. Due from 1930 to 1959, incl.
- 20,000 city hall remodeling bonds. Due \$1,000 from 1931 to 1950, incl. 17,000 airport bonds. Due \$1,000 from 1931 to 1947, incl.
- 10,000 street drainage bonds. Due \$1,000 from 1931 to 1940, incl.
- 8,000 sewer extension and improvement bonds. Due \$1,000 from 1931 to 1938, incl.
- 5,000 street and alley improvement and grading bonds. Due \$1,000 from 1931 to 1935, incl.
- 7,000 street paving bonds. Due \$1,000 from 1931 to 1937, incl.
- 13,000 funding bonds. Due from 1930 to 1936, incl.
- 12,000 funding bonds. Due from 1930 to 1938, incl.
- 6,000 funding bonds. Due \$1,000 from 1930 to 1935, incl.
- 4,000 funding bonds. Due \$1,000 from 1930 to 1933, incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1929. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co. in New York City, or at the office of the City Treasurer, Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York, will furnish the legal approval. A \$10,000 certified check must accompany the bid.

ERIE COUNTY (P. O. Erie), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Harvey M. Willis, County Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. (Eastern standard time) on July 29, for the purchase of \$150,000 4½% coupon road improvement bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$50,000 on Aug. 1 from 1937 to 1939, inclusive. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in gold in Erie. A certified check for 1% of the bonds bid for, payable to the above-mentioned official, must accompany each proposal.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Pensacola), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by William L. Tyr, Superintendent of the Board of Public Instruction, until July 28, for the purchase of a \$30,000 issue of 6% semi-annual school bonds. (A similar issue of bonds was offered without success on June 18—V. 128, p. 4357.)

ESTHERVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Esterville), Emmet County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$160,000 issue of 4¾% semi-annual school bonds offered for sale on July 8—V. 128, p. 4191—was jointly awarded to the Ballard-Hassett Co., and the Carleton D. Beh Co., both of Davenport, for a premium of \$980, equal to 100.617, a basis of about 4.68%. Dated June 1 1929. Due from 1933 to 1949.

The other bidders and their bids (all for 4¾s) were as follows:

Bidder—	Premium.
Geo. M. Bechtel & Co.	\$975
Glaspell, Weith & Duncan	926
White-Phillips Co.	810

FAIRVIEW, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. W. Smith, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) on July 15, for the purchase of the following issues of 6% bonds, totaling \$7,950:

- \$6,800 special assessment st. impt. bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1930, and \$3,800, 1931.
- 1,150 special assessment st. impt. bonds. Due \$230 on Oct. 1, from 1930 to 1934, inclusive.

Both issues are dated July 1 1929. Principal and semi-annual interest (April and Oct. 1) payable at the First National Bank, Rocky River. A certified check for 5% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

FAYETTE COUNTY (P. O. West Union), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 issue of coupon primary road bonds offered for sale on June 13—V. 128, p. 3719—was awarded to the Carleton D. Beh Co. of Des Moines, as 5s, for a premium of \$616, equal to 100.41, a basis of about 4.93%. Dated July 1 1929. Due \$15,000 from May 1 1935 to 1944, incl. Optional after May 1 1935.

FERNDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Detroit) Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 5% school bonds offered on July 9—V. 129, p. 160—were awarded to the Detroit & Security Trust Co. of Detroit, at par, plus a premium of \$6.00, equal to 100,002, a basis of about 4.99%. The bonds are to mature serially in 20 years.

FLINT, Genesee County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$27,599.49 special assessment, series C, water main bonds offered on Feb. 25—V. 128, p. 1284—were awarded to the Sinking Fund, at par. Interest rate not given. The bonds are dated Feb. 1 1929. Due on Feb. 15 as follows: \$3,599.49, 1930, and \$3,000, 1931 to 1938, incl.

FLINT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Genesee County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—H. L. Mills, Business Manager, will receive sealed bids until 11:30 A. M. (Eastern Standard Time) on July 16, for the purchase of 265,000 4 1/2% school construction bonds, series B of 1929. The bonds are dated March 1 1929, are in \$1,000 denom. and mature on March 1, as follows: \$14,000, 1930 to 1934 incl.; and \$13,000, 1935 to 1949 incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (March and September 1) payable at the office of the School District Treasurer. A certified check for \$5,000, payable to the School District, must accompany each proposal. Legality is to be approved by Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago. Assessed valuation, \$192,015,900; bonded debt incl. this issue \$9,895,000; 1928 school tax \$16.18. Population, official State census, May, 1927, 137,564.

FORDSON, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—At an election to be held on July 15, the voters will be asked to approve the issuance of \$1,750,000 for school construction purposes.

FOREST CITY, Winnebago County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,000 issue of coupon play ground and recreation center bonds offered for sale on July 1—V. 128, p. 4358—was awarded to the City Water Department, as 4 3/8, at par. Denom. \$500. Dated July 1 1929. Due serially in 10 years. Int. payable on Jan. and July 1.

FRANKLIN (P. O. Johnstown), Cambria County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 5% municipal building bonds offered on July 3—V. 128, p. 4358—were awarded to E. H. Rollins & Sons, of Philadelphia, at par, plus a premium of \$7.50, equal to 100.01, a basis of about 4.99%. The bonds are dated May 1 1929. Coupon \$1,000 denomination. Due on May 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1931; \$10,000, 1932 to 1935, incl., and \$15,000, 1936. The purchasers are offering the obligations priced to yield 4.40%. Principal and semi-annual interest (May and Nov. 1) payable at the United States Savings & Trust Co., Conemaugh.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation (1929).....	\$13,427,450
Real valuation.....	26,854,900
Bonded debt (incl. this issue).....	\$364,672
Sinking fund.....	101,942
Net debt.....	\$262,730
Population, 4,000.	

FRANKLIN, Merrimack County, N. H.—BOND OFFERING.—William A. Dussault, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (standard time) on July 17 for the purchase of \$40,000 4 1/2% coupon road impt. bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 on July 1 1930 to 1949 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the First National Bank of Boston, in Boston, or, at the holder's option, at the office of the City Treasurer. The aforementioned bank will supervise the preparation of the bonds; their legality is to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston, whose opinion will be furnished the successful bidder.

Financial Statement June 1 1929.

Assessed valuation for year 1929.....	\$7,486,276
Bonded debt: Water bonds, \$42,000; other bonds, \$222,176.....	264,176

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of bonds aggregating \$249,494 offered on July 10—V. 128, p. 4357—were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo, as 5 1/8, at par, plus a premium of \$1,497 equal to 100.60, a basis of about 5.15%.

- \$66,650 road improvement bonds. Due as follows: \$3,650, April and \$4,000, October 1 1930; \$3,000, April and \$4,000, October 1 1931 to 1935, incl.; and \$3,000, April and October 1, 1936 to 1939, incl.
- 50,722 road improvement bonds. Due as follows: \$2,722, April and \$3,000, October 1 1930; \$2,000, April and \$3,000, October 1 1931 to 1939, incl.
- 48,961 road improvement bonds. Due April and Oct. 1 1930 to 1939, incl.
- 26,933 road improvement bonds. Due as follows: \$933, April and \$1,000, October 1 1930; \$1,000, April and October 1 1931 and 1932; and \$1,000, April and \$2,000, October 1, from 1933 to 1939, incl.
- 25,200 road improvement bonds. Due as follows: \$1,200, April and \$2,000, October 1 1930; \$1,000, April and \$2,000, October 1 1931 to 1934, incl.; and \$1,000, April and October 1 1935 to 1939, incl.
- 12,600 road extension bonds. Due as follows: \$100, April and \$1,000, October 1 1930; \$500, April and \$1,000, Oct. 1 1931 to 1935, incl. and \$500, April and October 1 1936 to 1939, incl.
- 9,810 road improvement bonds. Due on October 1, as follows: \$810, 1930; and \$1,000, 1931 to 1939, incl.
- 8,618 road improvement bonds. Due October 1, as follows: \$618, 1930; \$500, 1931 and 1932; and \$1,000, 1933 to 1939, incl.

All of the above bonds are dated August 1 1929. The following bids were also submitted. Tenders were for 5 1/4% bonds.

Bidder—	<i>Premium.</i>
Braun, Bosworth & Co., Toledo.....	\$803.00
Detroit & Security Trust Co., Detroit.....	1,073.00
Oris & Co., Cleveland.....	823.33
First-Citizens Corp., Columbus.....	798.40

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Louisburg), N. C.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on July 22, by C. L. McGhee, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase of an issue of \$130,000 6% tax anticipation bonds. Denom. \$10,000. Dated July 15 1929. Due on March 14 1930. Prin. and int. is payable at the National Park Bank in New York. Authority: Chap. 81, Public Laws of No. Caro., Sess. 1927. A certified check for 2% par of the notes, payable to the above Chairman, must accompany the bid.

GLADSTONE, Clackamas County, Ore.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$29,101.19 issue of impt. bonds offered on July 9—V. 128, p. 4358—was not sold, as there were no bids received.

BONDS REOFFERED.—Sealed bids will again be received by Paul C. Fischer, City Recorder, for the purchase of the above bonds, until 8 p. m. on Aug. 6. Dated Jan. 15 1929. Denom. \$500 one bond for \$101.19. The purchaser will be furnished with the approving opinion of Teal, Winfree, McCulloch & Shuler of Portland. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

GRANITE FALLS, Yellow Medicine County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by L. M. Marcuson, City Clerk, until 2 p. m. on July 19, for the purchase of a \$90,000 issue of coupon electric light and water works bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Due on Aug. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1931; \$3,000, 1932; \$4,000, 1933; \$5,000, 1934; \$6,000, 1935; \$7,000, 1936; \$8,000, 1937; \$9,000, 1938 to 1942; \$10,000 in 1943.

GRANT COUNTY (P. O. Silver City), N. M.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Hesse Mersfelder, County Clerk, until 10 a. m. on Aug. 12, for the purchase of a \$200,000 issue of court house and jail bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1929. Due \$25,000 from July 1 1932 to 1939, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer or at the Hanover National Bank in New York City. A certified check for 5%, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.

GRANT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Silver City), N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 issue of coupon school bonds offered for sale on June 29—V. 128, p. 3877—was awarded to the State of New Mexico, as 6s, at par. Dated June 1 1929. Due \$1,000 from June 1 1932 to 1941.

GRANT COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 150 (P. O. Ephrata), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on July 13, by J. H. Hill, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$10,000 issue of semi-annual school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Due \$1,000 from July 1 1931 to 1940, incl. Optional after 5 years.

GREENBURGH (P. O. Tarrytown) Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Norman C. Templeton, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. (Daylight Saving time) on July 25, for the purchase of \$21,000 coupon or registered paving bonds. Rate of interest is not to

exceed 6% and is to be stated in multiples of 1-10th or 1/4 of 1%. The bonds are dated July 15 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on July 15, as follows: \$2,000, 1930 to 1938 incl., and \$3,000, 1939. Principal and semi-annual interest payable in gold at the Washington Irving Trust Co., Tarrytown. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the Town, must accompany each proposal. Legality is to be approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York.

GRIFFIN, Spalding County, Ga.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held recently the voters approved the issuance of \$100,000 in bonds for a new school building by a count of 719 for to 43 against.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—John R. Kerby, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m., on July 15, for the purchase of \$312,000 bonds. These bonds are part of a \$612,000 issue authorized at an election held on March 11 1929. The bonds are to be dated July 15 1929. Bidder to name rate of interest which is not to exceed 5%. Denom. \$1,000. Due on June 15, as follows: \$10,000, 1930 to 1940 inclusive; \$12,000, 1941 to 1950 inclusive; \$14,000, 1951 to 1958 inclusive; and \$10,000, 1959. Principal and semi-annual interest (June and Dec. 15) payable at the Detroit & Security Trust Co., Detroit. A certified check for \$1,000 must accompany each proposal.

HAMTRAMCK, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$24,681.81 public sewer bonds offered on July 2—V. 128, p. 4358—were awarded to the Detroit & Security Trust Co., of Detroit, at par, plus a premium of \$7.60. Interest rate 5 3/4%. The issue is to mature serially in from 1 to 5 years. The Bancdetroit Corp. of Detroit, bid par and a premium of \$20 for 6% bonds.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Findlay), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—G. R. Morehart, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (eastern standard time) on July 22, for the purchase of \$6,300 5 1/2% road bonds. Dated May 1 1929. Due on Nov. 1, as follows: \$700, 1930 and \$800, 1931 to 1937, incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N. 1) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for \$250 must accompany each proposal.

Bids for these bonds may be presented based upon their bearing a different rate of interest than above specified, provided, however, that where a fractional interest rate is bid such fraction shall be 1/4 of 1% or multiple thereof. The proceedings for the above mentioned bonds have been approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, attorneys, Cleveland, Ohio, and their opinion will be furnished without expense to the purchaser.

HARTFORD, Second North School District, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the District Committee at the office of the City Bank & Trust Co., Hartford, until 12 m. (standard time) on July 19, for the purchase of \$300,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds. The bonds are in denoms. of \$1,000, registrable as to principal only. Due \$10,000 on July 1, from 1931 to 1960, inclusive. Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. and July 1) payable at the City Bank & Trust Co., Hartford. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the District Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. Legality is to be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston.

HEMPSTEAD COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. East Meadow R.F.D. No. 1), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$36,000 coupon or registered bonds offered on July 9—V. 129, p. 160—were awarded to Edmund Seymour & Co. of New York, as 5 3/8, at 100.36, a basis of about 5.46%. The bonds are dated July 2 1929 and mature annually on July 2 as follows: \$1,000, 1930 to 1941 incl., and \$2,000, 1942 to 1953 incl. Other bidders were:

Bidder—	<i>Premium</i>
Roosevelt & Son.....	\$67.32
Prudden & Co.....	115.00

HIBBING, St. Louis County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on July 15 by Hubert F. Dear, Village Recorder, for the purchase of a \$2,737,000 issue of coupon funding bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 15 1929. Due on July 15 as follows: \$150,000, 1932 and 1933; \$200,000, 1934; \$362,000, 1935; \$375,000, 1936 to 1940 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 15) payable at the office of the Village Treasurer. Bidders are requested to bid on a 5% int. rate as well as any other rate. No bids are to be for less than par. No split rate bids will be considered. The village will furnish the bonds. A copy of the proceedings may be obtained from John T. Naughtin, attorney of Hibbing. A \$50,000 certified check, payable to Edw. B. Higgins, Village Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

Official Financial Statement.

Warrants outstanding as of Jan. 1 1929 with interest on same to July 15 1929.....	\$2,737,000.00
Warrants issued since Jan. 1 1929 to July 1 1929 (which includes sums paid on bonds and interest during such period in the sum of \$286,250).....	1,218,894.15
Cash on hand July 1 1929.....	722,190.53
The outstanding bonded indebtedness of the Village of Hibbing as of July 1 1929 is as follows:	
Funding bonds of the Village of Hibbing, issued in the sum of \$2,000,000, issued in 1922, bearing 6% interest, balance owing on same.....	\$750,000
Memorial Building bonds in the sum of \$400,000, issued in 1924, bearing 5% interest, balance owing on same.....	250,000
Water bonds issued by the former Village of Kitzville, now a part of the Village of Hibbing, bearing 5% interest, balance owing on same.....	4,000
Water bonds of the former Village of Kitzville, now a part of the Village of Hibbing, bearing 4% interest, balance owing on same.....	800
	\$1,004,800

Assessed valuation 1928: Real, \$75,652,181; personal, \$1,350,996; total, \$77,003,177; 1927, real, \$78,108,291; personal, \$1,672,953; total, \$79,781,244. Census of the Village of Hibbing is as follows: Village of Hibbing proper, 16,632; Village of Kitzville, which dissolved its incorporation Dec. 11 1923 and merged into the Village of Hibbing, 480; total, 17,112.

HIGHLAND PARK, Middlesex County, N. J.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—In connection with the scheduled sale on July 15 of \$32,000 5% water bonds, notice and description of which was given in V. 129, p. 161, the following statistics have been prepared:

Assessed valuation real property, 1929.....	\$8,967,150.00
Assessed valuation personal property, 1929.....	77,450.00
Net assessed valuation, taxable property, 1929.....	9,623,772.00
Bonded debt, including this issue.....	419,059.19
Estimated present population, 8,500.	

HILLSDALE COUNTY (P. O. Hillsdale), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Lewis A. Rainey, Chairman of the Board of County Road Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. (Central standard time) on July 12 for the purchase of \$80,000 Road Assessment District No. 22 bonds. Bidders to name interest rate, which is not to exceed 6%. The bonds are to be dated July 1 1929. Due on May 1 as follows: \$18,000, 1931 and 1932; \$20,000, 1933, and \$24,000, 1934. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official, must accompany each proposal.

HOLLY GROVE, Monroe County, Ark.—BOND OFFERING.—Two issues of 5 1/2% semi-annual bonds aggregating \$64,400, will be offered for sale at public auction, on July 22, at 8 p. m., by Rue Abramson, Secretary of the Board of Commissioners. The issues are divided as follows: \$43,400 Water Works Improvement District No. 1 bonds. Due from Mar. 1 1930 to 1949, incl. 21,000 Sewer Improvement District No. 1 bonds. Due from Mar. 1 1930 to 1949, incl.

Dated July 1 1929. The purchaser may name trustee and place of payment and may have the privilege of converting to 5%, at a price equivalent to the bids for 5 1/2% bonds. Rose, Hemingway, Cantrell & Loughborough, of Little Rock, will furnish the legal approval. A \$2,000 certified check on each issue, payable to the above named official, must accompany the bid.

HOWARD COUNTY (P. O. Cresco), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by the County Treasurer, until July 19, for the purchase of an issue of \$145,000 annual primary road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Due on May 1, as follows: \$14,000, 1935 to 1943 and \$19,000 in 1944. Optional after May 1 1935. Blank bonds are to be furnished by the purchaser. Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago will furnish the legal approval.

HUNTINGTON (P. O. Huntington), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$33,000 coupon or registered water bonds offered on

July 5—V. 128, p. 4358—were awarded to the Manufacturers & Traders Peoples Trust Co., of Buffalo, as 5 1/4s, at 100.359, a basis of about 5.21%.

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Rate Bid. Includes entries for Farson, Son & Co., Edmund Seymour & Co., Roosevelt & Son.

HUNTINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Huntington), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$28,000 5% bridge construction bonds offered on July 5—V. 128, p. 4192—were awarded to the Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis, at par, plus a premium of \$373.00 equal to 101.33.

JASPER COUNTY (P. O. Newton), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. on July 19, by H. H. Morrison, County Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 county road bonds.

JAY COUNTY (P. O. Portland) Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—W. P. Strohl, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on July 15, for the purchase of \$10,400 road improvement bonds.

JONES COUNTY (P. O. Laurel), Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 issue of 5 1/2% semi-annual highway bonds offered for sale on July 3—V. 128, p. 4193—was jointly awarded to the Commercial National Bank & Trust Co. of Laurel, and the Whitney-Central Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans, for a premium of \$925, equal to 100.925.

JONES COUNTY (P. O. Trenton), N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Geo. G. Noble, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, until 2 p. m. on July 18 for the purchase of a \$25,000 issue of 5 1/2% funding bonds.

JONESBORO, Washington County, Tenn.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held on July 5 the voters sanctioned the issuance of \$170,000 in bonds for a municipal water plant by a count of 210 "for" to 113 "against."

JUNCTION, Kimble County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2.30 p. m. on July 16, by T. B. Phillips, Mayor, for the purchase of a \$45,000 issue of serial sewer bonds.

KALAMAZOO TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Kalamazoo R. F. D. No. 7), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by N. P. Poulsen, Secretary of the Board of Education, until 2.30 p. m. on July 13 for the purchase of \$65,000 5% school bonds.

KANABEC COUNTY (P. O. Mora), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on July 19, by G. G. Billstrom, County Auditor, for the purchase of a \$75,000 issue of semi-annual funding bonds.

KEARNY (P. O. Arlington), Hudson County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of coupon or registered bonds offered on July 10—V. 128, p. 4359—were awarded to the Bankers Company of New York, Harris, Forbes & Co. and the National City Co., all of New York, as follows:

1,254,000 water bonds (\$1,269,000 offered) sold at par, plus a premium of \$15,348.96 equal to 101.22, a basis of about 4.91%.

545,000 improvement bonds (\$548,000 offered) sold at par, plus a premium of \$3,564.34 equal to 100.65, a basis of about 4.93%.

Table with columns: Bidder, Bonds Bid For, Price Bid. Includes entries for Kearny National Bank, Lehman Bros., Lehman Bros., Kountze Bros., Stone & Webster & Blodgett, Inc., Kean, Taylor & Co., H. L. Allen & Co., all of New York, also J. S. Rippele & Co., Newark.

Financial Statement June 1 1929. (Compiled in accordance with New Jersey Statutes)

Table with columns: Description, Amount. Includes rows for Bonded indebtedness (Assessment bonds, Fire Department bonds, Water bonds, etc.), Total bonds outstanding, Temporary indebtedness, Total temporary notes and bonds issued, Total indebtedness, Taxable assessed valuations, Percentage of net debt to average assessed valuations.

Total temporary notes and bonds issued \$8,039,108.64

Total indebtedness \$13,002,608.64

Deducting from the foregoing sinking funds, water debt and other deductions permitted by the statutes of New Jersey, the net debt as of June 1 1929 is \$2,877,880.80, inclusive of the bonds to be issued.

Taxable assessed valuations: 1927—Land and buildings \$57,390,480.00; 1928—Land and buildings 59,291,501.00; 1929—Land and buildings 62,288,637.00

Average for three years \$59,656,870.00

Percentage of net debt to average assessed valuations 4.82%

Taxable assessed valuations: 1927—Land, buildings and personal property \$76,542,530.00; 1928—Land, buildings and personal property 81,149,951.00; 1929—Land, buildings and personal property 82,984,737.00

Tax rate year 1929, \$36.65 per \$1,000 valuation. Population, Census 1920, 26,724; estimated, 1929, 40,000.

KEMPVILLE MAGISTERIAL ROAD DISTRICT (P. O. Princess Anne), Princess Anne County, Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on July 22, by J. F. Woodhouse, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, for the purchase of a \$293,000 issue of road bonds.

KIRON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kiron), Crawford County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000 issue of 5% coupon school bonds offered for sale on July 8—V. 128, p. 4359—was awarded to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport, for a premium of \$13.75, equal to 100.275, a basis of about 4.97%.

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KINGSFORD, Dickinson County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—C. Walter Seiler, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 6.30 p. m. on July 16 for the purchase of the following 6% sewer bonds, aggregating \$25,000:

\$15,000 peoples obligation bonds. Due \$3,000 on Aug. 1 from 1930 to 1934 inclusive.

10,000 village obligation bonds. Due \$2,000 on Aug. 1 from 1930 to 1934 inclusive.

Both issues are dated Aug. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Int. payable on Feb. 1 and Aug. 1. A certified check for \$1,000 is required. Legality is to be approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit; the approving opinion and the printing of the bonds will be paid for by the village. Assessed valuation of the village reported as \$7,728,935; total indebtedness, including present bonds, \$499,750. Population estimated at 6,000.

KLAMATH FALLS, Klamath County, Ore.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$150,000 issue of not to exceed 5% semi-annual sewer bonds offered on July 1—V. 128, p. 4193—was not sold as there were no bids received. Dated July 1 1929. Due from July 1 1939 to 1950.

LA FERIA WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. La Feria), Cameron County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Moore Matthews, Secretary of the Board of Directors, until 10 a. m. on July 25, for the purchase of a \$500,000 issue of 6% water bonds.

LANE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 45 (P. O. Cottage Grove), Ore.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 8 p. m. on July 11, by Worth Harvey, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$10,000 issue of 6% school bonds.

LARCHMONT, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Eugene D. Wakeman, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8.30 p. m. (daylight saving time) on July 15, for the purchase of the following issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$1,084,000.

150,000 street paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$33,000, Aug. 1, 1930 to 1949, incl.

150,000 street construction, County No. 67-2 bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due \$7,500, Aug. 1 1931 to 1950, incl.

60,000 water bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000, Aug. 1 1934 to 1963, incl.

58,000 street impmt. State Highway No. 5371 bonds. Due on Aug. 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1931 to 1949, incl.; and \$1,000, 1950.

45,000 sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,500. Due \$1,500, Aug. 1 1934 to 1963, incl.

30,000 park improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, Aug. 1 1934 to 1963, incl.

29,000 sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, Aug. 1 1934 to 1962, incl.

16,000 sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, Aug. 1 1934 to 1949, incl.

6,000 street improvement bonds, Manor Lane Ext. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000, Aug. 1 1930 to 1935, incl.

5,000 Flint Park improvement bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$500, Aug. 1 1931 to 1940, incl.

All of the above bonds are to be dated Aug. 1 1929. Prin. and int. (F. & A. 1) payable at the First National Bank, New York. No bid for less than par and accrued interest will be considered. A single rate of interest to apply to the entire offering. A certified check for \$5,000, payable to the order of the Village must accompany each proposal. Legality is to be approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, whose opinion will be furnished the successful bidder without charge.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY (P. O. Ripley), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by I. M. Steele, Clerk of the County Court, until noon on July 26 for the purchase of an issue of \$133,000 semi-ann. refunding bonds.

LAWTELL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Opelousas), St. Landry Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Aug. 15, by W. B. Prescott, Superintendent of the Parish School Board, for the purchase of a \$70,000 issue of school bonds.

LEA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lovington), N. M.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of bonds aggregating \$7,750 offered for sale on June 25—V. 128, p. 3720—were awarded to the Clecro Smith Co. of Brownfield. The issues are divided as follows:

\$5,000 School District No. 19 bonds. Due \$1,000 from June 1 1932 to 1936 inclusive.

2,750 School District No. 29 bonds. Due from June 1 1932 to 1937. No other bids were submitted.

LEOMINSTER, Worcester County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles D. Hadden, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on July 16, for the purchase of \$35,000 5% coupon macadam construction bonds.

LEVELLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Level-land), Hockley County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 issue of 5 1/2% semi-annual school bonds offered for sale on July 1—V. 128, p. 4360—was awarded to the First National Bank, of Levelland, at par. Dated July 1 1929. Due serially in 40 years.

LEWISVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lewisville), Lafayette County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—A \$23,000 issue of 6% coupon school building bonds was jointly purchased on July 6 by the First National Bank, and the Peoples Bank & Loan Co. of Lewisville, at a price of 101.25 a basis of about 5.79%.

LIBERTY, Sullivan County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—M. A. Borden, Village Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on July 22 for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$20,000:

\$14,000 Carrier St. paving bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on Aug. 1 from 1930 to 1943 inclusive.

6,000 Revonah Lake pump bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 on Aug. 1 from 1930 to 1941 inclusive.

Both issues are dated Aug. 1 1929. Int. payable semi-annually. A certified check for 5% of the bonds bid for is required.

LIBERTY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Liberty), Sullivan County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Nial Sherwood, District

Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 9 p. m. on July 22 for the purchase of \$150,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Dated June 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 on June 1 from 1932 to 1961 inclusive. Interest payable semi-annually. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid is required.

LITTLE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 30 (P. O. Little Mountain), Newberry County, S. C.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until noon on July 10 by J. B. Derrick, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, for the purchase of a \$6,000 issue of 6% annual school bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$1,500 in 1934, 1939, 1944 and 1949.

LOCKPORT (P. O. Lockport), Niagara County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Manufacturers & Traders-Peoples Trust Co., Buffalo, recently purchased an issue of \$26,328 4.90% road bonds. Due as follows: \$2,000, 1936 to 1946, incl., and \$2,328, 1947. The bonds were sold in May.

LONG BEACH, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 issue of harbor improvement bonds offered for sale on July 2—V. 128, p. 4193—was jointly awarded to the National City Co., of New York, Bond & Godwin & Tucker, and Weeden & Co., both of Los Angeles, as 5s, at a price of 101.379, a basis of about 4.81%. Dated June 1 1929. Due on June 1, as follows: \$40,500 in 1936; \$67,500, 1937 to 1939 and \$57,000, 1940.

(This report corrects that given in V. 129, p. 162.)

The following is an official tabulation of the bids:

	Amount.	Premium.	Int. Rate.
The Detroit Co. and American National Co., San Francisco	\$300,000	\$3,288	5%
National Bankitaly Co., Eldredge & Co. (by Anglo London Paris Co.), Anglo London Paris Co.	300,000	3,483	5%
William R. Staats Co., Wm. Cavalier & Co. and American Investment Co.	300,000	3,232	5%
Dean, Witter & Co., Seaboard National Co. (by Dean, Witter & Co.), Heller, Bruce & Co.	300,000	3,179	5%
The National City Co. of California and Weeden & Co.*	300,000	4,139	5%
R. H. Moulton & Co. and Security-First National Co.	108,500 191,500	89	5% 4 1/4%

*Award.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on July 15, by L. E. Lampton, County Clerk, for the purchase of two issues of 5% school bonds aggregating \$65,000, as follows:

\$60,000 Palos Verdes School District bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Due \$2,000 from July 1 1930 to 1959, incl.

\$5,000 Newhall School District bonds. Dated Apr. 1 1929. Due \$1,000 from Apr. 1 1945 to 1949, incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the County Treasury. No interest rate lower than 5% will be considered. A certified check for 3%, payable to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, is required. The following statements are furnished with the offering notices:

Palos Verdes School District has been acting as a school district under the laws of the State of California continuously since July 1 1925.

The assessed valuation of the taxable property in said school district for the year 1928 is \$6,156,325.00, and the amount of bonds previously issued and now outstanding is \$100,000.00.

Palos Verdes School District includes an area of approximately 24.15 square miles, and the estimated population of said school district is 600.

Newhall School District has been acting as a school district under the laws of the State of California continuously since July 1, 1900.

The assessed valuation of the taxable property in said school district for the year 1928 is \$1,546,595.00, and the amount of bonds previously issued and now outstanding is \$32,000.00.

Newhall School District includes an area of approximately 30.2 square miles, and the estimated population of said school district is 1600.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5% coupon bonds, aggregating \$485,000, offered for sale on July 1 (V. 128, p. 4193) were awarded as follows:

\$450,000 Compton Union High School District bonds to a syndicate headed by the Anglo-London-Paris Co. of San Francisco for a premium of \$11,411, equal to 102.535, a basis of about 5.76%. Due \$15,000 from July 1 1930 to 1959, incl.

35,000 Artesia School District bonds to the Bank of Italy of San Francisco for a premium of \$607, equal to 101.734, a basis of about 4.86%. Due \$1,000 from July 1 1930 to 1964, incl.

The bidders and their bids were as follows:

Bidders—	Premiums Bid.
Anglo-London-Paris Co.	\$368.00
Wm. R. Staats Co.	227.00
Wm. Cavalier & Co.	366.00
R. H. Moulton	376.00
Bank of Italy (successful bid)	607.00
Compton Union High School District.	
R. H. Moulton & Co.	\$6,372.00
Anglo-London-Paris Co. (successful bid)	11,411.00
Dean Witter & Co.	7,129.00
Wm. Cavalier & Co.	8,340.00

LOS ANGELES HEIGHTS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Antonio), Bexar County, Tex.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$250,000 issue of 5% semi-annual school bonds offered on July 2—V. 128, p. 4193—was not sold as all the bids were rejected. Dated July 1 1929. Due from Apr. 1 1937 to 1969, incl.

LOUISIANA, State of (P. O. Baton Rouge).—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The State Auditor has recently negotiated a temporary loan with fiscal agency banks on projects that were approved by the Legislature and the State Board of Liquidation. The loans include:

- \$225,000.00 for Louisiana State Board of Health.
- 128,935.65 for New Orleans Charity hospital equipment.
- 100,000.00 for building a State Colony and Training School for Epileptics.
- 400,000.00 for Federal flood control board.
- 25,000.00 for State Supervisor of Public Accounts.
- 5,000.00 for the Louisiana Public Service Commission.
- 5,000.00 for Orleans Parish Jury Commission.
- 4,500.00 for insuring State house against fire.

McINTOSH COUNTY (P. O. Ashley), N. Dak.—CERTIFICATES NOT SOLD.—The \$20,000 issue of certificates of indebtedness offered on July 2—V. 128, p. 4360—was not sold as there were no bids received.

McLEAN, Gray County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On July 2, a \$50,000 issue of 5 1/2% serial water works improvement bonds was registered by the State Comptroller.

MACOMB COUNTY (P. O. Mt. Clemens), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,000 lateral drain bonds offered on July 8—V. 129, p. 162—were awarded to W. K. Terry & Co., Toledo, at a price of par. The bonds are dated June 1 1929. Due \$1,000 on May 1 from 1932 to 1939, incl.

MAHONING COUNTY (P. O. Youngstown), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—F. B. Lancaster, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on July 18, for the purchase of the following issues of bonds aggregating \$104,195.50:

\$35,670.83 5 1/2% water works system impt. bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$2,670.83, 1930; \$4,000, 1931 and 1932; \$3,000, 1933; \$4,000, 1934; \$3,000, 1935; \$4,000, 1936; \$3,000, 1937; and \$4,000, 1938 and 1939.

38,185.39 5 1/2% sewer impt. bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$2,185.39, 1930; and \$4,000, 1931 to 1939, incl.

8,339.28 5 1/2% sewer bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$239.28, 1930; and \$900, 1931 to 1939, incl.

14,000.00 5% road bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1930 and 1931; \$2,000, 1932; \$1,000, 1933; \$2,000, 1934; \$1,000, 1935 and 1936; \$2,000, 1937; \$1,000, 1938; and \$2,000, 1939.

8,000.00 5% road bonds. Dated July 1 1928. Due \$2,000, Oct. 1 1930 to 1933, incl.

Interest on all of the above bonds payable on April and Oct. 1.

MANCHESTER, Hillsborough County, N. H.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Manchester Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Manchester, purchased a \$300,000 temporary loan on July 8 on a discount basis of 5.685%. The loan is dated July 8 1929. Payable on Dec. 18 1929. Payable in Boston or

New York. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston. The following bids were also submitted:

Bidder	Discount Basis.
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler	5.76%
S. N. Bond & Co. (plus \$12)	5.82%

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—NO BIDS.—C. E. Robinson, County Treasurer, reports that no bids were received on July 1 for the following 4 1/2% bonds aggregating \$175,800 offered for sale.—

V. 128, p. 4193.

75,000 J. W. Ringer et al, road impt. bonds. Denom. \$963. Due \$4,815, May and Nov. 15 1930 to 1939, incl.

4,500 H. W. Claffey et al, road impt. bonds. Denom. \$750. Due \$3,750 June and Dec. 1 1930 to 1939, incl.

4,500 H. W. Claffey et al, road impt. bonds. Denom. \$225. Due \$225, July 15 1930; \$225, Jan. and July 15 1931 to 1939, incl.; and \$225, Jan. 15 1940.

All of the above bonds are dated June 1 1929. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer.

MARSHALL COUNTY (P. O. Plymouth), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,889,566 6% citch improvement bonds offered on June 28 (V. 128, p. 4044) were awarded to Rudolph V. Shakes, of Plymouth, the only bidder, at a price of par. The bonds are dated June 1 1929 and mature annually on June 1 from 1930 to 1939 inclusive.

MARYLAND, State of (P. O. Annapolis).—BOND OFFERING.—John M. Dennis, State Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on July 30, for the purchase of the following 4 1/2% certificates of indebtedness aggregating \$653,000:

\$531,000 "General Construction Loan of 1929." Dated Aug. 15 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Aug. 15, as follows: \$31,000, 1932; \$32,000, 1933; \$34,000, 1934; \$35,000, 1935; \$37,000, 1936; \$39,000, 1937; \$40,000, 1938; \$42,000, 1939; \$44,000, 1940; \$46,000, 1941; \$48,000, 1942; \$50,000, 1943; and \$53,000, 1944. Int. payable on Feb. and Aug. 15.

72,000 "Englewood Road Loan of 1929." Dated July 15 1929. Due on July 15, as follows: \$4,000, 1932 to 1934 inclusive; \$5,000, 1935 to 1938 incl.; \$6,000, 1939 and 1940; and \$7,000, 1941 to 1944 incl. Int. payable on Jan. and July 15.

50,000 "Charlotte Hall School Loan of 1929." Dated Aug. 1 1929. Due on Aug. 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1932 to 1936 incl.; \$4,000, 1937 to 1941 incl.; and \$5,000, 1942 to 1944 incl. Int. payable on Feb. and Aug. 1.

The above certificates of indebtedness will be of the denom. of \$1,000 each, subject to registration as to principal, and all will be issued with interest coupons attached. A certified check for 5% of the amount of certificates bid for, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official, must accompany each proposal.

On the opening of said proposals, as many of said Certificates of Indebtedness and accrued interest thereon as have been bid for, not exceeding, however, the amount for which proposals are invited, may be awarded by the Governor, the Comptroller of the Treasury and the Treasurer, or a majority of them, to the highest responsible bidder or bidders therefor for cash; and if two or more responsible bidders have made the same bid and such bid is the highest and the Certificates so bid for by such highest responsible bidders are in excess of the whole amount of Certificates as offered for sale, then such Certificates of Indebtedness may be awarded in a ratable proportion to such responsible bidders bidding the same price.

It is one of the terms of this offering that the bonds when issued will be the legal and valid binding obligations of the State. The opinion of the Attorney-General of Maryland to his effect will be delivered to the successful bidder. Bidders may, if they wish, make the legality and validity of the bonds one of the terms of the bid by making the bid "subject to legality" or using any equivalent form of expression, but without leaving this question to the decision of the bidders or their counsel. All bids conditioned upon the approval of bidders or counsel, whether named or unnamed, will be treated as conditional bids and rejected, unless the condition is waived by the bidder to the satisfaction of the Board before the opening of the bid.

MAXBASS, Bottineau County, N. Dak.—BOND SALE.—Of the \$2,500 issue of annual electric light system bonds offered for sale on May 29—V. 128, p. 3387—a block of \$1,500 has been awarded to Mr. Birk, of Maxbass, as 6s, at par.

MAYFIELD HEIGHTS, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Ina L. Granger, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. (Eastern Standard time) on July 29, for the purchase of \$6,000 6% street improvement bonds, property owners' portion. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on July 1, from 1931 to 1936 incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (Feb. and Aug. 1) payable at the Guardian Trust Co., Cleveland. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. Bidders may, however, make a bid for a different rate of interest, but such fractional rate of interest, shall be 1/4 of 1%, or multiples thereof. If bids are received based upon a different rate of interest than specified in this advertisement, the highest bid based upon the lowest rate of interest will be accepted.

MELROSE, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A \$250,000 temporary loan was awarded on July 10 to Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, of Boston, on a discount basis of 5.29%, plus a premium of \$3.00. The loan is dated July 11 1929 and is due as follows: \$100,000 on Dec. 27 1929 and \$150,000 on Jan. 15 1930. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston. The following bids were also submitted:

Bidder	Discount Basis.
Merchants National Bank, Boston	5.29%
Bank of Commerce & Trust Co.	5.325%
National Shawmut Bank	5.33%
Easton, Gade & Co.	5.34%
Old Colony Corp.	5.365%
F. S. Moseley & Co (plus \$3.00)	5.37%
National Rockland Bank (plus \$1.25)	5.43%

MELVINDALE, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sylvester A. Mable, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on July 17, for the purchase of the following bonds aggregating \$22,600. Rate of interest is not to exceed 6% and is to be named in bid.

\$21,000 Special Assessment Roll No. 107 bonds. Due on Aug. 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1931 to 1933 incl.; and \$6,000, 1934.

1,600 Special Assessment Roll No. 108 bonds. Due \$400, Aug. 1 1931 to 1934 incl.

Both issues are dated Aug. 1 1929. A certified check for \$1,000 payable to the Village Treasurer must accompany each proposal.

MERIDIAN, Lauderdale Co., Miss.—BONDS NOT TO BE ISSUED.—The \$800,000 issue of highway paving bonds that was approved by a very narrow margin at the special bond election held on June 4 (V. 128, p. 4045) will not be issued, according to the Jackson "News" of July 2, which states that the Board of Supervisors deemed it inadvisable to float the bonds due to the very close vote.

MIAMI BEACH, Dade County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—We are now informed that \$148,000 of the \$255,000 issue of semi-annual public impt. bonds unsuccessfully offered for sale on July 26—V. 128, p. 4360—have been purchased at a price of 97 b the First National Bank of Miami.

MIAMI COUNTY (P. O. Troy), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$48,000 bridge construction bonds offered on July 10—V. 128, p. 4360—were awarded to N. S. Hill & Co. of Cincinnati, as 5 1/4s, at par, plus a premium of \$269.90, equal to 100.36, a basis of about 5.18%. The bonds are dated Aug. 1 1929 and mature on Feb. 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1931 to 1938 incl., and \$4,000, 1939 and 1940.

An official tabulation of the bids received follows:

Bidder	Int. Rate.	Premium.
Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Cincinnati	5 1/4%	\$388.00
*N. S. Hill & Co., Cincinnati	5 1/4%	269.90
Well, Roth & Irving, Cincinnati	5 1/4%	421.00
Title Guarantee & Trust Co., Cincinnati	5 1/4%	144.00
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Toledo	5 1/4%	144.00
Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati	5 1/4%	218.00
Ryan, Sutherland & Co., Toledo	5 1/4%	150.00
Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati	5 1/4%	33.60
Otis & Co., Cleveland	5 1/4%	106.00
The Herrick Co., Cleveland	5 1/4%	191.00
Braun, Bosworth & Co., Toledo	5 1/4%	151.00
First-Citizens Corp., Columbus	5 1/4%	105.60
Bohmer, Reinhart & Co., Cincinnati	5 1/4%	58.00

* Successful bidder.

MICHIGAN, State of (P. O. Lansing).—BOND OFFERING.—Grover C. Dillman, State Highway Commissioner, will receive sealed bids

until 12:30 p. m. (central standard time) on July 16, for the purchase of \$74,000 Road Assessment District No. 482 bonds. Bidder to name interest rate which is not to exceed 6%. Interest payable semi-annually on May and Nov. 1. A certified check for 1% of the bonds bid for, payable to the above-mentioned official, must accompany each proposal.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY (P. O. New Brunswick), N. J.—BOND SALE.
—The four issues of coupon or registered bonds offered on July 5—V. 128, p. 4360—were awarded to the Chase Securities Corp. and Barr Bros. & Co., both of New York, as 4 3/4%, as follows:
\$385,000 road impt. bonds, series 34, sold at par, plus a premium of \$75.00, equal to 100.01, a basis of about 4.74%. Due on July 1, as follows: \$20,000, 1931 to 1944, incl.; and \$21,000, 1945 to 1949, incl.

241,000 Vocational School bonds, series 5, (\$250,000 offered) sold at par, plus a premium of \$9,057, equal to 100.02, a basis of about 4.74%. Due on July 1, as follows: \$8,000, 1931 to 1950, incl.; \$10,000, 1951 to 1958, incl.; and \$1,000, 1959.

53,000 bridge bonds, series 20, sold at par, plus a premium of \$16.00, equal to 100.03, a basis of about 4.74%. Due on July 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1931 to 1954, incl.; and \$1,000, 1955 to 1959, incl.

34,000 County Record Bldg. Ex. bonds sold at par, plus a premium of \$9.00, equal to 100.02, a basis of about 4.74%. Due on July 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1931 to 1935, incl.; and \$1,000, 1936 to 1959, incl.

All of the above bonds are dated July 1 1929. The successful bidders are offering the entire award; amounting to \$713,000, at prices to yield 5.25 to 4.45%, according to maturity. An official tabulation of the bids submitted follows:

Bidder	Amount of Bonds Bid for	Amount Bid
South Amboy Trust Company	\$385,000	\$385,000.00
	53,000	53,000.00
	245,000	250,019.00
	34,000	34,000.00
*New Brunswick Trust Company	\$717,000	\$722,019.00
	385,000	385,075.00
	53,000	53,016.00
	241,000	250,057.00
	34,000	34,009.00
Middlesex Title Guarantee & Trust Company	\$713,000	\$722,157.00
	384,000	385,217.28
	53,000	53,090.17
	249,000	250,668.37
	34,000	34,057.87
People's National Bank	\$720,000	\$723,033.69
	385,000	385,000.00
	52,000	53,000.00
	250,000	250,072.00
	33,000	34,000.00
Estabrook Company	\$720,000	\$722,072.00
	384,000	385,378.56
	53,000	53,190.27
	250,000	250,897.50
	34,000	34,122.06
National Bank of New Jersey	\$721,000	\$723,588.39
	383,000	385,000.00
	53,000	53,212.00
	249,000	250,433.10
	34,000	34,136.00
Perth Amboy Trust Company	\$719,000	\$722,782.10
	383,000	385,390.00
	53,000	53,318.00
	249,000	250,875.00
	34,000	34,204.00
* Acting for successful bidders.	\$719,000	\$723,787.00

MILL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ventura) Ventura County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 issue of 5% school bonds offered for sale on July 2—V. 128, p. 4361—was awarded to the First National Bank of Ventura, for a premium of \$188.30, equal to 101.255, a basis of about 4.82%. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Due \$1,000 from Aug. 1 1930 to 1944, incl.

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Whitton), Ark.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$40,000 issue of semi-annual school bonds that was purchased by M. W. Elkins & Co., of Little Rock—V. 128, p. 4361—was awarded at par. The bonds bear 5% interest and are due from 1939 to 1949, incl.

MOGADORE, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Kirk Darrah, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on July 16, for the purchase of the following issues of 5 1/2% bonds aggregating \$118,000:
\$63,000 bonds issued for the purpose of paying for the cost of a water works and a distribution system in the Village. Due as follows: \$2,000, Apr. and Oct. 1 1930; \$3,000, Apr. and Oct. 1 1931 and 1932; \$2,000, Apr. and Oct. 1 1933; \$3,000, Apr. and Oct. 1 1934 and 1935; \$2,000, Apr. and Oct. 1 1936; \$3,000, Apr. and Oct. 1 1937 and 1938; \$2,000, Apr. and Oct. 1 1939; \$3,000, Apr. and Oct. 1 1940; and \$2,000, Apr. and Oct. 1 1941.
55,000 special assessment water mains installation bonds. Due as follows: \$2,000, Apr. and Oct. 1 1930; \$2,000, Apr. and Oct. 1 1931; \$3,000, April and Oct. 1, 1932 to 1938 incl.; \$2,000, Apr. and Oct. 1 1939.

Both issues are dated Apr. 1 1929. Prin. and Int. (A. & O. 1) payable at the Mogadore Savings Bank, Mogadore. A certified check for 5% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village, must accompany each proposal.
Bidders may present their bid or bids for the said bonds based upon their bearing a different rate of interest than specified in this advertisement; provided, however, that where a fractional interest rate is bid, said fraction shall be one-quarter of one per cent (1%) or multiples thereof.

MONROE COUNTY (P. O. Key West), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on Aug. 8 by Ross C. Sawyer, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase of a \$200,000 issue of 6% refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Apr. 1 1929. Due on Apr. 1, as follows: \$6,000, 1932 to 1953 and \$68,000 in 1954. Prin. and Int. (A. & O. 1) payable in gold at the National Bank of Commerce in New York City. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, is required.

MONROE, Ouachita Parish, La.—BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The \$600,000 issue of 5% coupon school bonds awarded on July 2 to the Hibernia Securities Co. of New Orleans, at 100.83, a basis of about 4.92%—V. 129, p. 162—is now being offered for public subscription by the purchaser at par and interest, to yield 5% on all maturities. Dated July 1 1929. Due from July 1 1930 to 1969, inc.

Financial Statement (As Officially Reported June 1 1929).

Actual value all taxable property, over	\$40,000,000
Assessed valuation 1928	27,728,310
Total bonded debt, this issue included	2,923,000
Less: Water, light and power debt	\$908,000
Net bonded debt	2,015,000
Population, 1928 Federal Census, 22,026.	

MONROE COUNTY (P. O. Key West), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Public Instruction, until 8 p. m. on July 23, for the purchase of a \$75,000 issue of 6% semi-annual school refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1929. Due \$5,000 from July 1 1940 to 1954, incl. Optional after 1939. A certified check for 2% must accompany the bid.
(This supplements the report given in V. 129, p. 162.)

MONTCLAIR, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of Lehman Bros., E. H. Rollins & Sons; Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc.; R. W. Pressprich & Co.; Ames, Emerich & Co., and Kean, Taylor & Co., all of New York; also J. S. Rippeel & Co. of Newark; purchased an issue of \$215,000 4 1/2% assessment bonds on July 9. The price was par, plus a premium of \$700, equal to 100.32, a basis of about 4.65%. The bonds are dated July 1 1929. Due on July 1 as follows: \$21,000, 1930 to 1934 incl., and \$22,000, 1935 to 1939 incl. These bonds were included in the award on June 17 of \$3,327,000 bonds to the above-

mentioned group. The sale of the assessment issue was not consummated and the bonds were re-offered and sold as stated above.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—F. A. Kilmer, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on July 25, for the purchase of the following issues of bonds aggregating \$332,000.
\$269,000 bonds issued for the retirement of notes sold for street impt. purposes. Int. Rate 5 1/2%. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Due on Aug. 1, as follows: \$29,000, 1930; \$25,000, 1931; \$27,000, 1932 and 1933; \$25,000, 1934; \$26,000, 1935; \$30,000, 1936; \$16,000, 1937; \$15,000, 1938; and \$29,000, 1939.

41,000 bonds issued for the retirement of notes sold for street impt. purposes. Int. Rate 5 1/2%. Dated Aug. 15 1929. Due on Aug. 15, as follows: \$5,000, 1930 to 1932 incl.; and \$4,000, 1933 to 1939, incl.

11,500 bonds issued for the retirement of notes sold for street impt. purposes. Int. Rate 6%. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Due on Aug. 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1930; and \$2,000, 1931 to 1939, incl.

10,500 bonds issued for the retirement of notes sold for street impt. purposes. Int. Rate 6%. Dated Aug. 15 1929. Due Aug. 15, as follows: \$6,000, 1930; \$3,000, 1931 to 1933, incl.; and \$6,000, 1934.

Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Bids for a different rate of interest than that specified in this advertisement may be received, provided that said bids must be in fractions of one-quarter of one per cent, or multiples thereof in accordance with the provisions of Sections 2293-28 of the General Code of Ohio.

Messrs. D. W. and A. S. Iddings, Attorney, Dayton, Ohio, and Peek, Shaffer & Williams, Attorneys, Cincinnati, Ohio, have been employed to assist in the preparation of legislation and the issue and sale of these bonds, and will certify as to the legality thereof.

MONTICELLO, Sullivan County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles G. Royce, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on July 15, for the purchase of \$21,000 registered paving bonds. Rate of int. is not to exceed 6% and is to be named in bid. The bonds are dated Aug. 1 1929, \$1,000 denom., and mature on Aug. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1930 to 1933, incl., and \$5,000, 1934. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the National Union Bank, of Monticello. No certified check is required.

NATCHEZ, Adams County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$47,500 issue of 5 1/2% refunding bonds offered for sale on July 9—V. 128, p. 4361—was awarded to A. K. Tigrett & Co. of Memphis, for a premium of \$203, equal to 100.42, a basis of about 5.43%. Dated Sept. 15 1929. Due from Sept. 15 1930 to 1941, incl.

NAVARO COUNTY CONSOLIDATED ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Corsicana), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 22, by Clay Nash, County Judge, for the purchase of a \$456,000 issue of 5% road bonds. Dated July 1 1927. Due \$76,000 from Apr. 1 1933 to 1938 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Seaboard National Bank in New York City. Legality approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago. These bonds are a part of a \$2,278,000 issue voted June 4 1927, of which \$380,000 have already been sold. The following statement accompanies the official offering notice:
Consolidated Road District No. 1 created 11th day of Apr. 1927.
Bonds issued under authority of Section 32, Article 3 of the Constitution of Texas and laws pursuant thereto, particularly Chapter 16 of the General Laws passed by the 39th Legislature, first called session 1926.

Bonds are printed and delivery will be made at once.

Total value of taxable property (estimated)	\$75,000,000.00
Assessed valuation for taxation year 1928	24,522,083.00
Total bonded indebtedness including this issue	2,690,000.00
Total bonded debt is payable by special tax	2,690,000.00
Total amount of sinking fund on 1st day of June, 1929	151,350.08
Total tax rate for payment of bonds, 90c.	
Population, estimated, 30,000.	

NEWBERG, Yamhill County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—A \$12,000 issue of city bonds has recently been purchased by Hugh B. McGuire & Co. of Portland, as 6s, at a price of 100.62.

NEW MEXICO, State of (P. O. Santa Fe).—BOND SALE POSTPONED.—The sale of \$3,100,000 issue of not to exceed 5 1/2% highway bonds previously scheduled for Aug. 5—V. 129, p. 162—has been postponed until Aug. 10.

NEW MILFORD, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The following 6% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$215,000 offered on July 5—V. 128, p. 4194—were awarded to the Peoples Trust & Guaranty Co., of Hackensack, at 100.65, a basis of about 5.89%:
\$160,000 assessment bonds. Due July 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1930; and \$15,000, 1931 to 1940 incl.

55,000 public improvement bonds. Due July 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1930 and 1931; and \$3,000, 1932 to 1948, incl.

Both issues are dated July 1 1929.

NEW ORLEANS, Orleans Parish, La.—CERTIFICATES SALE.—The two issues of 4 1/2% certificates aggregating \$2,149,600, offered for sale on July 8—V. 128, p. 4361—were awarded to a syndicate composed of Lehman Bros., E. H. Rollins & Sons, R. W. Pressprich & Co., and Eldredge & Co. all of New York, the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago, the Canal Bank & Trust Co., Whitney-Central Trust & Savings Bank and the Hibernia Securities Co. all of New Orleans, Caldwell & Co. of Nashville, the Interstate Trust & Banking Co., Mortgage & Securities Co., American Bank & Trust Co., and the New Orleans Securities Co. all of New Orleans, at a price of 95.15, a basis of about 5.49%. The issues are divided as follows:
\$2,020,000 permanent paving bonds. Due \$202,000 from Jan. 1 1931 to 1940, incl.

129,600 temporary surfacing certificates. Due \$43,200 from Jan. 1 1931 to 1933, incl.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The above certificates are now being offered for public subscription by the successful bidders at prices to yield from 5.50 to 5%, according to maturity. The offering circular reports that special assessments levied upon property especially benefitted are pledged to payment of the certificates in the first instance, and in addition the revenues of the city derived from taxation for general municipal purposes are applicable to their payment. Assessed valuation of the city, as officially reported for 1928, amounts to \$620,719,697. Its bonded debt totals \$48,367,500, including \$12,383,060 paving certificates.

NEWPORT, Newport County, R. I.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Blake Bros. & Co., Boston, purchased a \$100,000 temporary loan on July 9, on a discount basis of 5.42%, plus a premium of \$1.25. The loan is dated July 1 1929. Payable on Sept. 20 1929 at the First National Bank, Boston. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston. The following bids were also submitted:

Bidder	Discount Basis
Arthur Perry & Co.	5.50%
Sakom Bros. & Hutzler (plus \$1)	5.79%
Faxon, Gable & Co.	5.53%
Old Colony Corp.	6.05%
S. N. Bond & Co.	6.00%
Aquidneck National Bank	5.97%

NEW WILMINGTON, Lawrence County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—R. K. Crawford, of New Wilmington, recently purchased an issue of \$12,000 4 1/2% coupon sewage disposal plant bonds at par, plus a premium of \$50, equal to 100.41. The bonds are dated Aug. 1 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Interest payable in February and August. The bonds mature serially. No optional maturity.

NIAGARA FALLS, Niagara County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—W. D. Robbins, City Manager, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (daylight saving time) on July 16, for the purchase of the following issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$283,000. Rate of interest is not to exceed 4 1/2% and is to be stated in a multiple of 1-20th of 1%, single rate to apply to the entire offering.
\$193,000 sewer bonds, series C. Due on Aug. 1 as follows: \$30,000, 1965 to 1967, incl.; \$33,000, 1968, and \$35,000, 1969 and 1970.
70,000 airport bonds, series A. Due \$35,000 on Aug. 1 1969 and 1970.
20,000 bridge bonds, series L. Due \$10,000 on Aug. 1 1959 and 1960.
All of the above bonds are dated Aug. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-annual interest payable in gold at the Hanover National Bank, New York. A certified check for \$6,000, payable to the City Manager, must accompany each proposal. Legality is to be approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York.

NICHOLLS CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Douglas) Coffee County, Ga.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held recently

the voters approved the issuance of \$35,000 in bonds by a count of 298 to 70. We quote as follows from the Florida "Times-Union" of July 5:

"The Nicholls Consolidated School District is stated to be one of the largest in the county, embracing a territory extending from the West Green district south to the Ware County line, and from Seventeen Mile Creek to the Bacon County line, and containing an area seven miles wide from north to south and 15 miles long from east to west. Nicholls formerly had an independent school system and the county high school was located at that point, but this system has been surrendered and the Nicholls territory has been merged in the new consolidated district."

NORRISTOWN, Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—F. Lester Smith, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (daylight saving time) on Aug. 5, for the purchase of \$125,000 4 1/2% coupon Borough bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on July 1, as follows: \$40,000, 1939 and 1949; and \$45,000, 1959. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the Borough Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The bonds are issued subject to the favorable opinion of Townsend, Elliott & Munson, of Philadelphia, as to their validity.

NORTH ELBA (P. O. Lake Placid) Essex County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Richard D. Wells, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on July 17, for the purchase of \$200,000 registered bonds. Rate of interest is not to exceed 6%. The bonds are dated July 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1930 and 1931, and \$7,000, 1932 to 1959 incl. The offering notice says that bonds numbered from 1 to 95 incl. may be redeemed at par and accrued interest on or after July 1 1932.

NORTH GATES WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Rochester), Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 coupon or registered water bonds offered on July 1—V. 128, p. 4195—were awarded to Sage, Wolcott & Steele, of Rochester, as 5 3/4%, at 100.237, a basis of about 5.72%. The bonds are dated July 1 1929. Due on July 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1930 to 1944 incl.; and \$3,000, 1945 to 1949 incl. The following bids were also submitted:

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Rate Bid. Includes George B. Gibbons & Co., Farson, Son & Co., Edmund Seymour & Co.

NORTH HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Manhasset), Nassau County, N. Y.—NO BIDS.—There were no bids received on July 9 for the \$218,500 4 1/2, 4 3/4 or 5% coupon or registered school bonds offered for sale—V. 128, p. 4361. The bonds are dated July 1 1929 and mature on July 1, as follows: \$2,500, 1932; \$3,000, 1933; \$10,000, 1934 to 1953 inclusive, and \$13,000, 1954.

NORTH PLATTE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. North Platte), Lincoln County, Neb.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$480,000 issue of 4 1/2% semi-annual school bonds offered on July 8 (V. 129, p. 162) was not sold as all the bids were rejected. Dated July 1 1929. Due from July 1 1934 to 1959.

OAKLYN, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—William C. Linck, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (Daylight Saving Time) on July 17, for the purchase of the following issues of 5 1/2, 5 3/4 or 6% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$176,000:

72,000 improvement bonds. Due on Aug. 1, as follows: \$15,000, 1930 to 1935 incl., and \$14,000, 1936.

Both issues are dated Aug. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the Oaklyn National Bank, Oaklyn. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount of each issue. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Borough, must accompany each proposal. Legality is to be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York.

ONTARIO, Malheur County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$62,000 issue of semi-annual refunding bonds offered for sale on July 8—V. 128, p. 3880 and 4195—was awarded to the Ontario National Bank of Ontario, as 6s. at par. Dated July 1 1929. Due on July 1 1949.

ORANGEBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 26 (P. O. Orangeburg), S. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on July 16 by W. A. Livingston, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, for the purchase of an issue of \$175,000 5% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1929. The bonds are to be issued in serial form to conform with the State laws and bidders are to state what maturities, within such limitations, they desire, and bids are to be based thereon. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at some bank or depository in New York City. Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of New York will furnish the legal approval. A certified check for \$1,000 must accompany the bid. The following statement accompanies the offering notice:

"School District No. 26 embraces the City of Orangeburg and contiguous territory; the assessed value of property therein is over \$3,000,000, and the amount of outstanding school bonds is slightly over \$100,000. The credit of Orangeburg County, of Orangeburg City and of this school district is excellent."

OSCEOLA SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Osceola), Mississippi County, Ark.—BOND OFFERING.—A \$22,000 issue of 6% semi-annual school bonds will be offered for sale at public auction on July 26, by C. E. Sullenger, Secretary of the Board of Directors. The purchaser is to have the privilege of converting the bonds to a lower rate of interest.

OSSINING UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Ossining), Westchester County, N. Y.—BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The \$340,000 5% school bonds awarded on July 2 to a syndicate headed by Lehman Bros. & Co. of New York, are being reoffered for public investment at prices to yield 5.50 to 4.65%, according to maturity. Successful group paid 100.79 for the issue, equal to a cost basis of about 4.90%—V. 129, p. 162. The offering circular says: "These bonds, issued for high school purposes, are direct general obligations of the entire Town of Ossining, New York, Union Free School District No. 1, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes levied against all the taxable property therein."

Financial Statement (as Officially Reported). Assessed valuation (1929) \$24,645,330. Total bonded debt, including this issue 560,400. Population (1929) estimate, 15,000.

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Premium. Includes Ossining Trust Co., First National Bank & Trust Co., Ossining.

OTTAWA HILLS, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$27,869.03 6% drainage construction bonds offered on July 1—V. 128, p. 4362—were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., Toledo, at par and accrued interest, plus a premium of \$77.84, equal to 100.27, a basis of about 5.90%. The bonds mature annually on Sept. 1 as follows: \$4,869.03, 1930; \$6,000, 1931 to 1933, inclusive, and \$5,000, 1934. The following bids were also submitted:

Table with columns: Bidder, Premium. Includes First Citizens Corp., Columbus; R. L. Durfee & Co., Toledo; Commercial Savings Bank & Trust Co., Ohio.

OWENSBORO, Daviess County, Ky.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,200,000 issue of 5% semi-annual sewer bonds offered for sale on July 5—V. 128, p. 4195—was awarded at par to Caldwell & Co., of Nashville. Dated Dec. 1 1928. Due from Dec. 1 1931 to 1968.

PARMA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Hilton), Monroe County, N. Y.—NO BIDS.—L. A. Paxson, Clerk of the Board of Education, reports that no bids were received on July 8 for the \$210,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered for sale. Rate of interest was not to exceed 5%—V. 128, p. 4362.

PASSAIC COUNTY (P. O. Paterson), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—John M. Morrison, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (daylight saving time) on July 17, for the purchase of \$975,000 4 1/4 or 4 1/2% coupon or registered road and bridge bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on July 1, as follows: \$50,000, 1930 to 1943, incl.; and \$55,000, 1944 to 1948, incl. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount stated above. Prin. and semi-annual int. (J. & J.) payable in gold at the First National Bank, Paterson. The United States Mtge. & Trust Co., New York, will supervise the preparation of the bonds and will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable

to the County, must accompany each proposal. Legality is to be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York.

Financial Statement July 3 1929. Table with columns: Gross Debt, Total bonded debt, Total floating debt, Total authorized debt, Deductions, Sinking funds, Amount due from municipalities & State, Funds applicable for payment of debt.

Net debt \$9,468,257.34. The issuance of \$975,000 Passaic County road and bridge bonds does not affect the net debt. These bonds will increase the bonded debt and decrease the floating debt by a corresponding amount.

Assessed Valuations—Real property incl. improvements (1929) \$372,763,916. Personal property (1929) 49,739,630. Real property (1927) 334,267,913. Real property (1928) 346,524,265. Real property (1929) 372,763,916. Average assessed valuation \$351,185,365. Per cent of net debt 2.69%.

Population—U. S. census, 1920 259,174. Estimated, 1929 315,000. Tax Rate—Fiscal year, 1929 .669649112 per hundred.

PEABODY, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Salem Trust Co., Salem, purchased a \$100,000 temporary loan on July 9 on a discount basis of 5.20%. The loan is dated July 9 1929 and is payable on Nov. 5 1929. The following bids were also submitted:

Table with columns: Bidder, Disc't. Basis, Bidder, Disc't. Basis. Includes Warren National Bank, Shawmut Corp., F. S. Moseley & Co., Central National Bank, Salomon Bros. & Hutzler.

PELAHATCHIE, Rankin County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—A \$10,000 issue of 6% coupon city hall and hall bonds was purchased at par on June 18 by E. N. Ross of Pelahatchie. Denom. \$500. Due \$1,500 from 1930 to 1934 and \$2,500 in 1935. Dated July 1 1929. Int. payable on Feb. 1 and July 1.

PHELPS, Ontario County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—P. V. Keefe, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on July 15, for the purchase of \$5,500 Fire Fighting Apparatus bonds. Rate of interest is not to exceed 6% and is to be named by bidder. The bonds are dated Aug. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000, one bond for \$1,500. Due on Aug. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1930 to 1933, incl.; and \$1,100, 1934. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in Phelps. A certified check for \$100.00, payable to J. F. Helmer, Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

PITTSFIELD, Berkshire County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—F. M. Platt, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on July 17, for the purchase of the following 4 1/2% coupon bonds aggregating \$329,000: \$200,000 High School bonds. Due \$10,000 on July 15, from 1930 to 1949 inclusive. 60,000 sewer and drainage bonds. Due \$3,000 on July 15, from 1930 to 1949 inclusive. 35,000 water extension bonds. Due \$7,000 on July 15 1930 to 1934 incl. 34,000 paving bonds. Due \$7,000 on July 15 1930 to 1933 incl., and \$6,000 on July 15 1934.

All of the above bonds are dated July 15 1929 and are in denom. of \$1,000 each. Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. and July 15) payable at the First National Bank of Boston, in Boston. Coupon bonds may be exchanged for fully registered certificates. The bonds are to be engraved under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the aforementioned bank; their legality will be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser.

Financial Statement, July 2 1929. Table with columns: Net valuation for year 1928, Debt limit, Total gross debt, Exempted debt—Water bonds, Sewer bonds, Paving bonds, School bonds, Playground bonds.

Net valuation for year 1928 \$57,904,745.00. Debt limit 1,428,742.67. Total gross debt, including these issues 2,359,400.00.

Net debt \$1,388,400.00. Borrowing capacity \$40,342.67.

PLATTSBURG, Clinton County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 coupon street impt. and machinery bonds offered on July 5—V. 129, p. 163—were awarded to Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc., of New York, as 5 1/2s, at a price of par. The bonds are dated Apr. 1 1929. Due \$5,000, Apr. 1 1930 to 1935 incl.

The Merchants National Bank, of Plattsburg, bidding for 6% bonds, offered 100.153.

PONCA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ponca City), Kay County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The \$27,000 issue of 5% school bonds that was offered for sale on July 2—V. 128, p. 4362—was sold to the Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City at par. Due \$6,000 in 1935 and 1941; \$5,000 in 1942, 1943, and 1952.

PONTIAC, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—H. A. Maurer, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10:30 a. m. (eastern standard time) on July 16, for the purchase of the following issues of bonds aggregating \$840,000:

\$410,000 special assessment paving bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Due \$41,000, Aug. 1 1930 to 1939, incl. 210,000 sanitary sewer bonds. (Amount authorized \$330,000). Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due \$7,000 Aug. 1 1929 to 1958, incl. 120,000 pavement bonds. (Amount authorized \$270,000). Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due \$8,000, Aug. 1 1929 to 1943, incl. 100,000 hospital bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due \$4,000, Aug. 1 1929 to 1953, incl.

All of the above bonds are in denom. of \$1,000. Bidder to name rate of interest which is not to exceed 6%. Interest payable semi-annually on February and August 1. Principal and interest payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Successful bidder to furnish printed bonds. The city will furnish the legal opinion of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago, as to the validity of the 3 issues of general obligation bonds and the opinion of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, of Detroit, as to the validity of the special assessment issue. A certified check for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for is required.

POTTAWATTOMIE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 66 (P. O. Tecumseh), Okla.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on July 2—V. 128, p. 4362—was awarded to C. Edgar Honold of Oklahoma City as 6s at par. Due \$10,000 from 1932 to 1936 incl. The other bidders were the Pietsol Bond Co. and Calvert & Canfield.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Dutchess County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$180,000 coupon or registered refunding bonds offered on July 8—V. 128, p. 4362—were awarded to the First National Bank of Poughkeepsie, as 4 1/2s, at par, plus a premium of \$286.20, equal to 100.159, a basis of about 4.48%. The bonds are dated July 1 1929. Due on July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1930 and 1931; \$15,000, 1932; \$5,000, 1933 to 1935, incl.; \$15,000, 1936 to 1943, incl.; \$5,000, 1944, and \$15,000, 1945. The following is a list of the other bids received:

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Premium. Includes A. B. Leach & Co., Dewey, Bacon & Co., The Detroit Co., Lehman Bros., Roosevelt & Son.

POWELL COUNTY (P. O. Deer Lodge), Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 issue of 6% semi-ann. highway bonds offered for sale on July 10—V. 128, p. 4195—was awarded to the First St. Paul Co. of St. Paul for a premium of \$4,500, equal to 109, a basis of about 52.5%. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Due \$10,000 from 1945 to 1949 incl.

RENHOFF SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Renhoff), N. Dak.—BOND SALE.—A \$25,800 issue of 5% school bonds has been purchased at par by the State University Land Board. Due in 1949.

RICHMOND, Henrico County, Va.—BOND SALE.—The six issues of 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$2,550,000, offered for sale on July 10—V. 128, p. 3881 and 4196—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Chase Securities Corp., Barr Bros. & Co., A. B. Leach & Co., the Guardian Detroit Co., all of New York, and the American Bank & Trust Co. of Richmond, at a price of 99.71, a basis of about 4.52%. The issues are divided as follows: \$1,000,000 street paving bonds. Due on July 1 1939. 500,000 general improvement bonds. Due on July 1 1963. 400,000 school bonds. Due on July 1 1963. 100,000 water works bonds. Due on July 1 1963. 100,000 water works bonds. Due July 1 1963. 400,000 sewer bonds. Due on July 1 1963. 150,000 gas works bonds. Due on July 1 1963.

According to newspaper reports, the second highest bid was 98.82, submitted by a group comprising Harris, Forbes & Co.; the National City Co.; Emanuel & Co.; the American National Co., and F. E. Nolting & Co. of Richmond. A bid of 98.55 was made by a syndicate composed of the Guaranty Co., the Bankers Co., Eldredge & Co., Kountze Bros., William R. Compton & Co., G. M.-P. Murphy & Co., Baker, Watts & Co. and Scott & Stringfellow.

ROANE COUNTY (P. O. Kingston), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by T. F. Ingraham, County Judge, until July 22, for the purchase of an issue of \$125,000 semi-annual bridge bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5 1/4%, stated in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago, will furnish the legal approval. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, is required.

ROCKLAND (P. O. Livingston Manor) Sullivan County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Edmund Seymour & Co. of New York, were the successful bidders on July 8 for an issue of \$27,000 water bonds, paying 101.12 for 5 3/8, equal to a basis of about 5.61%. The bonds are dated July 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,500 on July 1, from 1932 to 1949 incl. Interest payable semi-annually in June and December.

ROCKLAND FIRE DISTRICT (P. O. Rockland) Sullivan County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by George Beatty, Secretary of the Board of Fire Commissioners, until 8 p. m. on July 18, for the purchase of \$6,000 5% Fire Apparatus and Equipment bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 on Aug. 1 from 1930 to 1941, incl. Interest payable semi-annually. A certified check for 5% of the bonds bid for is required.

ROYAL OAK SCHOOL DISTRICT, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—A \$170,000 issue of 5% coupon school bonds was awarded on June 27 to the First National Co., of Detroit, at a price of par. The bonds are dated Aug. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially. Interest payable on the first day of February and August.

RUTHERFORD COUNTY (P. O. Rutherfordton) N. C.—NOTE SALE.—A \$66,667 issue of 6% notes has recently been purchased by the Farmers Bank & Trust Co. of Forest City. It is also reported that at the same time a \$33,333 issue of 6% notes was awarded to the Rutherford County Bank & Trust Co. of Rutherfordton.

SAGINAW COUNTY (P. O. Saginaw), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Road Commissioners until 12:30 p. m. (Central standard time) on July 12 for the purchase of \$162,000 highway improvement bonds. Bidders to name rate of interest, which is not to exceed 6%. The bonds are dated June 1 1929 and are to mature in 5 years. Interest payable on May and Nov. 1. Denom. to suit purchaser.

ST. JOSEPH, Berrien County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—James R. Stone, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. on July 15 for the purchase of \$16,500 sewer bonds. Bidder to name rate of interest, which is not to exceed 6%. The bonds mature on Oct. 15 as follows: \$1,500, 1929 to 1937, incl., and \$3,000, 1938, with privilege reserved to call bonds at par at any interest due date on or after Oct. 15 1935. Prin. and int. (April and Oct. 15) payable at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check for \$1,000 is required. City to furnish transcript and bidder to furnish own legal opinion, bids to be subject to legal approval of bidder's attorney.

ST. MICHAELS, Talbot County, Md.—PROPOSAL TO SELL ELECTRIC PLANT DEFEATED.—A proposal to sell the municipal electric plant was voted on at an election held on July 19. A detailed account of the result of the election, as it appeared in the July 20 issue of the Baltimore "Sun," is given herewith: Although 195 votes were cast in favor of selling the St. Michaels electric plant and only 26 against the sale, the town will not be permitted to sell. A special Act of the last legislature authorized the town to make the sale provided, more than 50% of the registered voters agreed. The total number of registered voters is 490, requiring 246 votes in favor of selling before it could be done legally. Only 224 votes were cast to-day and the proposal was defeated before the counting started.

SALEM, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Helen R. Woerther, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on July 15, for the purchase of \$44,453 5/8% special assessment street impt. bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000, except Bond No. 1, which is for \$1,453. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$4,453, 1930; \$5,000, 1931 to 1934 incl.; and \$4,000, 1935 to 1939 incl. Interest payable on Mar. and Sept. 1. A certified check for 5% of the bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

Said bonds will be sold to the highest and best bidder for not less than par and accrued interest. Any one desiring to do so, may present a bid or bids for such bonds, based upon their bearing a different rate of interest than specified in this advertisement, provided however, that where a fractional interest rate is bid, such fraction shall be one-quarter of 1% or multiples thereof.

SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Antonio), Bexar County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Secretary of the Board of Education, until noon on July 23, for the purchase of an issue of \$1,700,000 semi-annual coupon school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. These bonds are a part of a \$3,700,000 issue, maturing in from 1 to 40 years in approximately equal amounts, and the bids are to be conditioned upon the approval of the issue by the voters on July 18. Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago, will furnish the legal approval. A certified check for 1% of the bid is required.

SAN BENITO, Cameron County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$160,000 5 1/2% refunding bonds has recently been purchased at par by J. E. Jarratt & Co., of San Antonio.

SAN FRANCISCO (City and County), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. S. Dunningan, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, until 3 p. m. on July 22, for the purchase of three issues of 4 1/2% bonds aggregating \$2,000,000, as follows: \$750,000 boulevard bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Due \$219,000 from 1932 to 1934 and \$93,000 in 1935. 750,000 hospital bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Due \$175,000 from 1934 to 1937 and \$50,000 in 1938. 500,000 sewer bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Due \$100,000 from 1934 to 1938 incl. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in gold at the office of the Treasurer of the City and County or at the fiscal agency in New York. Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York, will furnish the legal approval. Both principal and interest of the bonds may be registered. Bids may be made for the whole or any part of the bonds hereof, and when a less amount than the entire offering is bid on, the bidder is to state the year or years of maturity thereof. A certified check for 5% of the bid, payable to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, is required.

Sealed bids will also be received at the same time for the purchase of a \$56,000 issue of 3 1/2% coupon or registered library bonds, issue of 1904. Denom. \$1,900 and \$500. Due \$4,000 from 1941 to 1944, incl. Prin. and int. is payable in gold at the office of the Treasurer of the City and County or at the fiscal agency in New York City. A \$10,000 certified check, payable to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, is required. Article 12, Section 10A of the Charter provides that these bonds may be sold on the basis not to exceed 4 1/2% to the purchaser. The Finance Committee shall dictate the sale.

Official Financial Statement. The outstanding bonded debt of the City and County as of July 1, 1929, was: Water, 1910. \$35,000,000. Hetch Hetchy, 1925. 10,000,000. Hetch Hetchy, 1928. 4,000,000. Exposition, 1912. 2,000,000. Other bonds. \$51,000,000. Total. \$91,669,500. The City has no floating indebtedness nor debt created in anticipation of taxes. The assessment roll for the last fiscal year was: City and County non-operative property. \$807,031,490. State operative property. 247,800,657. Total assessment. \$1,054,832,147. Property assessed at approximately 50% of its value.

SATARTIA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Yazoo City), Yazoo County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 issue of school building bonds offered for sale on July 1—V. 128, p. 4048—was awarded to the Whitney-Central Trust & Savings Bank of New Orleans. Due as follows: \$1,000, 1930 to 1934; \$2,000, 1935 to 1944, and \$2,500, 1945 to 1954 all inclusive.

SHELBY COUNTY (P. O. Shelbyville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$63,120, offered on June 25 (V. 128, p. 4196), were awarded as stated herewith: To Elizabeth Schoeppl of Shelbyville: \$2,880 Van Buren Twp. bonds sold at par plus a premium of \$7, equal to 100.24, a basis of about 4.45%. Due \$144 July 15 1930, \$144 Jan. and July 15 1931 to 1939 inclusive, and \$144 Jan. 15 1940.

To the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. of Indianapolis: \$33,600 William R. Gunning et al. road improvement bonds sold at par and accrued interest. Due \$1,680 July 15 1930, \$1,680 Jan. and July 15 1931 to 1939 inclusive, and \$1,680 Jan. 15 1940.

26,640 Albert F. Wray et al. road improvement bonds sold at par and accrued interest. Due \$1,332 July 15 1930, \$1,332 Jan. and July 15 1931 to 1939 inclusive, and \$1,332 Jan. 15 1940. All of the above bonds are dated June 15 1929. The County Treasurer makes no mention as to the disposition of the \$44,240 issue offered at the same time. The Meyer-Kiser Bank, Indianapolis, bid a premium of \$1 for the Van Buren Township issue. Bids for the other two issues were as follows:

Table with Bidder, City Security Corp., Indianapolis, J. F. Wild Investment Co., Indianapolis, and amounts for \$33,600 Issue and \$26,640 Issue.

SHILOH CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Tupelo Lee County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 issue of 6% semi-annual school building bonds offered for sale on July 1—V. 128, p. 4196—was awarded at par to the Citizens State Bank of Tupelo. Due in 20 years.

SHINER ROAD DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Hallettsville), Lavaca County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$50,000 issue of road bonds has recently been purchased by the First National Bank of Shiner, at a discount of \$1,000, equal to a price of 98.

SOLVAY, Onondaga County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$27,000 coupon or registered bond issue offered on July 9—V. 128, p. 4363—was awarded to the First Trust & Deposit Co., of Syracuse, as 4.80s, at par, plus a premium of \$13.50, equal to 100.05, a basis of about 4.79%. The bonds are dated July 1 1929. Due on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1930 to 1932, incl., and \$3,000, 1933 to 1939, incl. Only one bid was received.

SOMERVILLE, Butler County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—John C. Baker, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on July 24, for the purchase of \$7,452.93 5% special assessment street impt. bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Due \$745.29, Oct. 1, from 1930 to 1939 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the Village Treasurer. A certified check for 5% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

SPENCER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Spencerville), De Kalb County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$27,000 4 1/2% coupon school building improvement bonds offered on May 4—V. 128, p. 2692—were awarded at par to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co., of Indianapolis. The bonds are dated April 2 1929. Due as follows: \$1,125, July 2 1930; \$1,125, Jan. and July 2 1931 to 1941 incl.; and \$1,125, Jan. 2 1942.

STARK COUNTY (P. O. Canton), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$109,500 Edgefield Sewer District No. 3 bonds, offered on July 8—V. 128, p. 4364—were awarded to the Herrick Co. of Cleveland, as 5 1/8s at par plus a premium of \$472, equal to 100.43, a basis of about 5.15%. The bonds are dated July 1 1929 and mature on Oct. 1 as follows: \$11,500, 1930; \$12,000, 1931 to 1936 incl., and \$13,000, 1937 and 1928.

STARKE, Bradford County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on July 23, by C. A. Futch, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$12,000 issue of 6% street impt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1929. Due in from 1 to 9 years. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Hanover National Bank in New York City. A certified check for 5% of the bid, payable to the City, is required.

STEVENS POINT, Portage County, Wis.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$50,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon storm sewer construction bonds offered on July 10—V. 128, p. 4364—was not sold, as there were no bids received. Dated July 1 1929. Due on July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1934 to 1943, and \$4,000, 1944 to 1948, all inclusive.

STILLWATER, Washington County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$33,000 issue of wharf and dock bonds offered for sale on July 5—V. 129, p. 163—was awarded to the First National Bank, of Stillwater, as 4 3/4s, for a \$10 premium, equal to 100.03. Dated Aug. 1 1929.

STOCKTON, San Joaquin County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$400,000 issue of dam construction bonds offered for sale on July 8—V. 129, p. 163—was awarded to the Bank of America of California at par.

STOUGHTON, Norfolk County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—A \$100,000 issue of 4 1/2% school bonds was awarded on July 9 to the Lee, Higginson Trust Co., Boston, at a price of 100.79. The bonds are dated July 15 1929 and mature annually from 1930 to 1944, inclusive. Interest payable semi-annually. The following bids were also submitted:

Table with Bidder, Estabrook & Co., Stoughton Trust Co., Eldredge & Co., F. S. Moseley & Co., Merchants National Bank of Boston, E. H. Rollins & Sons, and Rate Bid amounts.

STRONG, Chase County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$11,898.94 5% internal improvement bonds offered for sale on June 25—V. 128, p. 4196—was awarded to the Guarantee Title & Trust Co. of Wichita, at a price of 97.50, a basis of about 5.45%. Dated July 1 1929. Due on July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1930 to 1935; \$1,398.94 in 1936 and \$1,500, 1937 to 1939, all inclusive.

STRUTHERS, Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$44,798.29 special assessment street improvement bonds offered on July 5—V. 129, p. 163—were awarded to the First-Citizens Corp. of Columbus, as 5 1/2s, at par, plus a premium of \$241.91, equal to 100.53, a basis of about 5.37%. The bonds are dated July 15 1929. Due on Oct. 15 as follows: \$5,000, 1930 to 1933 inclusive; \$4,798.29, 1934, and \$5,000, 1935 to 1938, inclusive. An official list of the bids received follows:

Table with Bidder, First Citizens Corp., Columbus, Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., W. L. Slayton & Co., N. S. Hill & Co., Otis & Co., Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Well, Roth & Irving Co., Blanchett, Bowman & Wood, and Int. Rate and Premium amounts.

SUNSET SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Salinas), Monterey County, Calif.—BOND SALE CORRECTION.—We are now informed by the County Clerk that the \$35,000 issue of 5% school bonds reported sold to R. H. Moulton & Co. of Los Angeles at 100.82, a basis of about 4.86%—V. 129, p. 163—was actually purchased by Wm. Cavalier & Co. of Oakland at that price. The list of bidders and their bids is as follows:
 Bidder— Prem. Bidder— Prem.
 Wm. Cavalier & Co.*—\$287.00 Anglo London Paris Co.— \$20.00
 R. H. Moulton & Co.— 54.00 National Bankitly Co.— 113.00
 *Award.

SYRACUSE, Onondaga County, N.Y.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$3,890,000, offered on July 9 (V. 128, p. 4364), were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Bancamerica-Blair Corp., Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., Kean, Taylor & Co., Old Colony Corp. and Arthur Sinclair, Wallace & Co., all of New York, at 100.24, an interest cost basis of about 4.592%:
 \$1,600,000 local improvement bonds sold as 4½s. Due \$160,000 Aug. 1 1930 to 1939, inclusive.
 1,560,000 general improvement bonds sold as 4½s. Due \$156,000 Aug. 1 1930 to 1939, inclusive.
 360,000 street improvement bonds sold as 4½s. Due \$36,000 Aug. 1 1930 to 1939, inclusive.
 320,000 sewer bonds sold as 4½s. Due \$32,000 Aug. 1 1930 to 1939, incl. 50,000 sidewalk bonds sold as 4s. Due \$10,000 Aug. 1 1930 to 1934 incl. All of the above bonds are dated Aug. 1 1929. The successful bidders are reoffering them for public investment at prices to yield 5.25 to 4.30%, according to maturity. A statement of the financial condition of the city was given in V. 128, p. 4364.

The following is an official tabulation of the bids received:

Bidder—	Amount Bid.	G.	LI.	St. R.	Sew.	S-W.
Bancamerica-Blair Corp., Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., Kean, Taylor & Co., Old Colony Corp., Art. Sinclair, Wallace & Co., First Trust & Dep. Co., First Nat. Bank, N. Y., White, Weld & Co., Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, E. H. Rollins & Son, The Detroit Co., Guaranty Co., N. Y., Equitable Tr. Co., R. L. Day & Co., Barr Bros. & Co., City Bank Trust Co., National City Co., Bankers Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., Marine Tr. Co., Manufacturers & Traders, Peoples Trust Co.	\$3,890,951.00	4¾%	4¾%	4¾%	4¾%	4%
		4¾%	4¾%	4¾%	4¾%	4¾%
	\$3,890,778.00	4¾%	4¾%	4¾%	4¾%	4¾%
	\$3,890,427.90	4¾%	4¾%	4¾%	4¾%	4¾%
	\$3,894,317.90	5%	4¾%	4¾%	4¾%	4%
	\$3,890,739.10	5%	4¾%	4¾%	4¾%	4¾%
	\$3,890,500.00	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%

SWAMPSCOTT, Essex County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—James W. Libby, Town Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (daylight saving time) on July 19, for the purchase of the following issues of 4½% coupon bonds aggregating \$353,700:
 \$109,000 school bonds. Due on Aug. 1, as follows: \$6,000, 1930 to 1938 incl.; and \$5,000, 1939 to 1949 incl.
 94,200 sewer bonds. Due Aug. 1, as follows: \$4,200, 1930; \$4,000, 1931 to 1933 incl.; and \$3,000, 1934 to 1939 incl.
 27,000 street bonds. Due on Aug. 1, as follows: \$6,000, 1930 and 1931 and \$5,000, 1932 to 1934 incl.
 23,500 Stable and Vault bonds. Due on Aug. 1, as follows: \$2,500, 1930; \$2,000, 1931 and 1932; and \$1,000, 1933 to 1949 incl.
 All of the above bonds are dated Aug. 1, 1929. Principal and semi-annual interest (Feb. and Aug. 1) payable at the First National Bank of Boston, in Boston. Legality is to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston.

Financial Statement December 31 1928.

Valuation for year 1928 less abatements	\$22,771,346.00
Debt limit	661,605.00
Total bonded debt	585,650.00
Less—Water debt	\$87,500.00
Sewer debt	162,550.00
General debt	51,000.00
	301,050.00
Net debt	\$284,600.00
Borrowing capacity	377,005.00

TACOMA, Pierce County, Wash.—BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The \$1,000,000 issue of 5% coupon electric light and power, series B, bonds, awarded to a syndicate headed by Halsey, Stuart & Co. of Chicago, at 98.03, a basis of about 5.56% (V. 128, p. 4364), is now being offered for public subscription by the successful bidders at par and interest for all maturities. Dated July 1 1929. Due serially Jan. and July 1 1932 to 1936, incl. It is stated that these bonds have been legally submitted to counsel, whose opinion will be furnished upon request.

TAMA COUNTY (P. O. Toledo), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$193,000 issue of county road bonds offered for sale on July 3—V. 128, p. 4364—was awarded to the Carleton D. Beh Co. of Des Moines, as 4½s, at a discount of \$170, equal to 99.91, a basis of about 4.76%. Dated July 1 1929. Due from 1932 to 1944, inclusive. Other bidders and their bids were as follows:
 Bidder— Price Bid.
 White-Phillips Co.—\$176 discount on 4½s
 Geo. M. Bechtel & Co.—\$2,415 premium on 5s

TEXAS, State of (P. O. Austin).—BONDS REGISTERED.—The following small issues of bonds were registered by the State Comptroller during the week ended July 6:
 \$6,000 5% Goldthwait Independent Sch. Dist. bonds. Due serially.
 3,000 5% Edom County Line Independent Sch. Dist. bonds. Due in 20 yrs.
 3,000 5% Parmer County Consol. Sch. Dist. No. 7 bonds. Due serially.
 1,800 5% Collingsworth County Consol. School District No. 36 bonds. Due in 20 years.
 2,500 5% Angelina County Consol. Sch. Dist. No. 16 bonds. Due serially.
 2,500 5% Atascosa County Consol. Sch. Dist. No. 33. Due serially.

TILLMAN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Davidson), Okla.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 issue of semi-annual school bonds offered for sale on May 27 (V. 128, p. 3564), was awarded to the Piersol Bond Co. of Oklahoma City as 6s for a premium of \$150, equal to 100.40, a basis of about 5.95%. Dated May 15 1929. Due on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1932 to 1947, and \$3,000 in 1948.

TORONTO, Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Harold F. Smith, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Aug. 6, for the purchase of \$43,061.89 6% street improvement bonds, assessment portion. Dated May 1 1929. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$5,061.89, 1930; \$4,500, 1931; \$5,000, 1932; \$4,500, 1933; \$5,000, 1934; \$4,500, 1935; \$5,000, 1936; \$4,500, 1937 and \$5,000, 1938. A certified check for 5% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

TREMONT TOWNSHIP (P. O. Tremont), Tazewell County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Tremont, purchased an issue of \$50,000 6% road graveling bonds during May. The bonds mature \$5,000 from 1930 to 1939, both incl., and were sold at par.

TRENTON, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Leonard Frebes, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (eastern standard time) on July 15, for the purchase of the following issues of bonds, aggregating \$23,768.71:
 \$20,619.42 storm and sanitary sewer bonds. Due on July 1 as follows: \$619.42, 1931, and \$4,000, 1932 to 1936, incl. Certified check for \$1,000.
 3,149.29 curb and gutter bonds. Due on July 1 as follows: \$149.29, 1931, and \$600, 1932 to 1936, incl. Certified check for \$200.
 Both issues are to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6%. The certified checks are to be made payable to the order of the Village.

TROY, Miami County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—George L. Dalton, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on July 20, for the purchase of \$70,000 5½% coupon Electric Plant bonds. Dated Mar. 1 1929.

Denom. \$500. Due \$2,500 on Mar. and Sept. 1, from 1930 to 1943 incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in Troy. A certified check for 5% of the bonds bid for, payable to the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

TROY TOWNSHIP FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—G. J. Ferrand, Director of the School Board, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. (Eastern standard time) on July 16 for the purchase of \$65,000 school bonds. Bidder to name interest rate, which is not to exceed 5½%. The bonds are to mature annually on April 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1931 to 1935, incl.; \$2,000, 1936 to 1947, incl.; and \$3,000, 1948 to 1950, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at a Detroit bank or trust company mutually agreeable. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the Treasurer of the School Board, must accompany each proposal.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation	\$539,300
Bonded debt, this issue	65,000
Population, 475.	

TUCKAHOE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Manufacturers & Traders-Peoples Trust Co. of Buffalo, bidding 100.299 for 5½s, was the successful tenderer on July 8, for an issue of \$26,000 paving bonds. Interest cost basis about 5.24%. The bonds are dated July 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$2,000, 1930 to 1935, incl., and \$1,000, 1936 to 1949, incl.

TURIN, Lewis County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by G. H. Seaver, Village Clerk, until 7:30 p. m. on July 15, for the purchase of \$3,000 registered street impt. bonds. Bidders to name rate of interest which is not to exceed 5%. The bonds are dated July 1 1929. Denom. \$300. Due \$300 on July 1, from 1930 to 1939 incl. These bonds were voted at an election held on June 25.

UNION TOWNSHIP (P. O. Union), Union County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of the Bancamerica-Blair Corp., Kean, Taylor & Co., H. L. Allen & Co., B. J. Van Ingen & Co., all of New York, also M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia, recently purchased a \$900,000 issue of 6% improvement bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Coupon bonds, \$1,000 denom., with privilege of registration as to principal only or as to both principal and interest. Due annually on July 1 from 1932 to 1935, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. and July 1) payable in gold at the Seaboard National Bank, New York. Legality approved by Reed, Hoyt & Washburn, of New York. The bonds, the offering notice says, are a legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New Jersey, and being reoffered for public investment at prices to yield 5%.

Financial Statement (As Officially Reported).

Actual valuation (estimated)	\$45,500,000.00
Assessed valuation 1929	18,200,800.00
*Total debt (including this issue)	2,438,698.03
Less: Sinking fund	\$29,594.07
Net debt	2,409,103.96
Population (1920 Census), 3,962; 1929 est., 15,000.	

* This total debt is a direct general obligation of the entire Township, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes on all the taxable property therein, but over 85% is self liquidating as \$2,093,683.68 will be or has been assessed against property especially benefited by the improvements made. The amount to be raised from general taxation is, therefore, reduced as these assessments are paid.

The above statement does not include obligations of the Township of Union School District outstanding to the amount of \$1,179,000, which is the only other municipal corporation, with the exception of the State and County, having taxing power against property within the Township.

UNIVERSITY CITY, St. Louis County, Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on July 17, by E. B. Colby, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$400,000 issue of 4½, 4½ and 4½% public impt. bonds. Dated July 15 1929. Due on Jan 15, as follows: \$5,000, 1932 and 1934; \$2,000, 1936; \$3,000, 1937; \$4,000, 1938; \$3,000, 1939; \$4,000, 1940; \$2,000, 1941; \$11,000, 1942; \$35,000, 1944; \$38,000, 1945; \$41,000, 1946; \$44,000, 1947; \$53,000, 1948, and \$150,000 in 1949. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the St. Louis Union Trust Co. in St. Louis. These bonds are a part of authorized issue of \$750,000. Benjamin H. Charles, of St. Louis, will furnish the legal approval. The City Clerk will furnish the required bidding forms. A \$10,000 certified check must accompany the bid.

UTICA, Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$812,463.77 offered on July 8—V. 128, p. 4364—were awarded to the Bancamerica-Blair Corp. and Estabrook & Co., both of New York, jointly, as 4½s, at 100.091, a basis of about 4.49%: \$200,000 public improvement, school building and equipment bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Due \$10,000, July 1 1930 to 1949, incl.
 206,000 deferred assessment bonds. Dated May 10 1929. Due on May 10, as follows: \$31,000, 1930; and \$35,000, 1931 to 1935, incl.
 100,000 public improvement, storm water sewer bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Due \$5,000, July 1 1930 to 1949, incl.
 70,000 public improvement, bridge removal bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Due \$3,500, July 1 1930 to 1949, incl.
 60,000 public improvement, creeks and culverts bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Due \$3,000, July 1 1930 to 1949, incl.
 60,000 public improvement, intercepting sewer bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Due \$3,000, July 1 1930 to 1949, incl.
 40,000 public improvement bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Due \$4,000, July 1 1930 to 1949, incl.
 33,000 public improvement, fire station bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Due on July 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1930; and \$2,000, 1931 to 1946, incl.
 28,463.77 delinquent tax bonds. Dated May 1 1929. Due on May 1, as follows: \$4,463.77, 1930; and \$6,000, 1931 to 1934, incl.
 15,000 public improvement, voting machines bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Due \$1,000, July 1 1930 to 1944, incl.
 The successful bidders are reoffering the bonds for public investment at prices to yield 5.50 to 4.25%, according to maturity.

UTICA, Oneida County, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—Salomon Bros. & Hutzler of New York recently purchased a \$500,000 issue of tax notes maturing on Oct. 10 1929.

VERMILION COUNTY (P. O. Newport), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$21,000 4½% Joel Hollingsworth et al. Holt Township road construction bonds offered on July 1—V. 128, p. 4197—were awarded to A. P. Flynn, of Logansport, at a price of par. The bonds are dated July 1 1929. Due \$1,050 July 15 1930; \$1,050 Jan. and July 15 1931 to 1939, incl., and \$1,050 Jan. 15 1940.

VERNON COUNTY (P. O. Viroqua), Wis.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$100,000 issue of 4½% coupon state trunk highway system, series D bonds offered on July 2—V. 128, p. 4197—was not sold. The County Clerk advises us that the bonds are being offered at par to local investors. Dated May 1 1929. Due on May 1 1933.

VIGO COUNTY (P. O. Terre Haute), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$14,600 4½% Joseph All et al. Linton Township road construction bonds offered on May 15—V. 128, p. 3230—were awarded to the Terre Haute Savings Bank of Terre Haute, at a price of par. The bonds are dated May 15 1929. Denom. \$730. Due \$730, July 15 1930; \$730, Jan. and July 15 1931 to 1939, incl., and \$730, Jan. 15 1940. Interest payable on the 15th of January and July.

WACO, McLennan County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The \$1,000,000 issue of 4½% coupon water works improvement bonds sold on June 4—V. 128, p. 3882—was registered on July 3 by the State Comptroller.

WARREN SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Huntington County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Clarence A. Huffman, School Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on July 17, for the purchase of \$25,500 5% school building repair bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Denom. \$500. Due on July 1, as follows: \$1,500, 1930 to 1942 incl.; and \$2,000, 1943 and 1944. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 1) payable at the Bippus State Bank, Bippus. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the above-mentioned official, must accompany each proposal.

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY DISTRICT, Md.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 4½% water bonds, series T bonds offered on July

10—V. 128, p. 4365—were awarded to the Guaranty Company of New York and the Bankers Company of New York, jointly, at 95.33, a basis of about 4.75%. The bonds are dated July 1 1929, due in 50 years, optional in 30 years.

WAUWATOSA, Milwaukee County, Wis.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The two issues of 4½% bonds aggregating \$400,000, offered on July 2—V. 128, p. 4365—were not sold as all the bids were rejected. The best bid was an offer of par by the First Wisconsin Co. of Milwaukee, with the city paying the cost of legal approval and printing. The issues are divided as follows:

\$300,000 school, 16th series bonds. Due \$15,000 from March 15 1930 to 1949 inclusive.
100,000 sewer, 20th series bonds. Due \$5,000 from March 15 1930 to 1949 inclusive.

WAYLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wayland) Henry County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 25, by W. R. Eicher, Secretary of the Board of Education, for the purchase of a \$6,000 issue of school bonds.

WAYNE, Wayne County, Neb.—PRICE PAID.—The \$22,000 issue of 5½% street improvement bonds that was purchased by Wachob, Bender & Co. of Omaha, was awarded to them for a premium of \$199, equal to 100.90, a basis of about 5.35%. Dated June 16 1929. Due \$2,000 from 1930 to 1940, incl.

WAYNESBORO, Augusta County, Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by I. G. Vass, City Manager, until July 15, for the purchase of a \$225,000 issue of 5% semi-annual impt. bonds. Dated July 15 1929. Due in 30 years and optional after 10 years.

WEBSTER COUNTY (P. O. Fort Dodge), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on July 30, by the County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$200,000 issue of annual primary road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Due \$20,000 from May 1 1935 to 1944, incl. Optional after May 1 1935. Blank bonds are to be furnished by the purchaser. Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago, will furnish the legal approval.

(These bonds were originally scheduled for sale on July 23—V. 128, p. 4365.)

WESTFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A \$300,000 temporary loan was awarded on July 9 to the Shawmut Corporation of Boston on a discount basis of 5.38%. The loan is dated July 10 1929 and is payable as follows: \$100,000 on Oct. 7 and \$200,000 on Nov. 6, both payments in 1929. The following bids were also submitted:

Bidder—	Discount Basis.
First National Bank of Boston	5.444%
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler (plus \$7)	5.49%
Faxon, Gade & Co.	5.53%
Old Colony Corporation	5.53%

WETMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wetmore), Nemaha County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—A \$20,000 issue of 4½% school bonds has recently been purchased at par by the State School Fund Commission.

WHARTON COUNTY (P. O. Wharton) Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—A \$218,000 issue of 5½% serial road bonds was registered on July 2 by the State Comptroller.

WHISMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Jose), Santa Clara County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$14,000 issue of 5% school bonds offered for sale on July 1 (V. 128, p. 4197) was awarded to the Bank of Italy of San Francisco for a \$15 premium equal to 100.107, a basis of about 4.98%. Due \$1,000 from 1930 to 1943 incl. No other bids were submitted.

WHITLEY COUNTY (P. O. Columbia City), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Eugene E. Glassley, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on July 22, for the purchase of the following issues of 4½% bonds aggregating \$19,520:

\$11,040 road bonds. Due \$552, July 15 1930; \$552, Jan. and July 15 1931 to 1939 incl.; and \$552, Jan. 15 1940.
8,480 road bonds. Due \$424, July 15 1930; \$424, Jan. and July 15 1931 to 1939 incl.; and \$424, Jan. 15 1940.
Both issues are dated June 15 1929.

WHITMAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205 (P. O. Colfax) Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on July 20, by Mabel Greer, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$22,000 issue of semi-annual school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%.

WILLIAMS WINANS INSTITUTE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Centerville) Wilkinson and Amite Counties, Miss.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$40,000 issue of school bonds that was purchased by the Whitney-Central Trust & Savings Bank, of New Orleans, at a price of 101.137—V. 128, p. 1098—is fully described as follows: 5¼% bonds in denoms. of \$1,000. Dated March 1 1929. Due from March 1 1930 to 1954 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of the County Depository. Basis of about 5.14%. Legality to be approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York City.

WILLOWICK, Lake County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following 6% bonds, aggregating \$35,000, offered on July 5 (V. 128, p. 4365), were awarded to the Guardian Trust Co., Cleveland, the only bidder, at par plus a premium of \$17, equal to 100.04, a basis of about 5.99%:
\$19,600 street improvement bonds, property owners' portion. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$600, 1930, and \$1,000, 1931 to 1949 inclusive.
15,400 sewerage construction bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1930 to 1933, incl., and \$3,400, 1934.
Both issues are dated July 1 1929.

WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Woodbridge), Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—E. C. Ensign, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (Eastern standard time) on July 22, for the purchase of \$65,000 4½, 5 or 5½% coupon or registered school bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1931 to 1952 incl.; and \$3,000, 1952 to 1959 incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in gold at the First National Bank, Woodbridge. No more bonds to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount stated above. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for is required.

WOODBURY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Bedford County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The Farmers State Bank, of Woodbury, was the successful bidder on July 1 for an issue of \$12,500 5% registered school building bonds. Price paid was par and accrued interest. The bonds are dated June 1 1929. Denom. \$500. Due on June 1, from 1930 to 1944 inclusive. Interest payable on June and December 1.

WORCESTER COUNTY (P. O. Snow Hill) Md.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 4½% coupon public school bonds offered on July 9—V. 128, p. 4365—were awarded to Stein Bros. & Boyce and the Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co., both of Baltimore, at 100.79, a basis of about 4.68%. The bonds are dated July 1 1929 and mature annually on July 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1932 and 1933; \$8,000, 1934; \$13,000, 1935 to 1939 incl.; \$14,000, 1940 and 1941; \$15,000, 1942; \$19,000, 1943 to 1948 incl., and \$20,000, 1949 to 1951 inclusive.

YPSILANTI SCHOOL DISTRICT, Washtenaw County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$347,000 4½% school bonds offered on July 1—V. 128, p. 4365—were awarded to the Detroit & Security Trust Co. and Watling, Merchen & Hayes, both of Detroit, jointly. The bonds are dated July 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Feb. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1932 and 1933; \$2,000, 1934 and 1935; \$4,000, 1936 and 1937; \$5,000, 1938 and 1939; \$17,000, 1940; \$32,000, 1941; \$33,000, 1942; \$35,000, 1943; \$36,000, 1944; \$38,000, 1945; \$40,000, 1946 to 1948 incl., and \$12,000, 1949. Prin. and semi-annual interest (Feb. and Aug. 1) payable at the Detroit & Security Trust Co., Detroit. Legality is to be approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit. The bonds are stated to be a legal investment for savings banks in Michigan and are being re-offered for public investment at prices to yield 5.00 to 4.50% according to maturity.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation	\$13,000,000
Total bonded debt	592,000
Population, 1920 census	7,413
Present estimate	11,500

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

BEGIN TOWNSHIP, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by T. L. Pearson, Sec.-Treas., until 9 a. m. on July 15, for the purchase of \$20,000 bonds, to bear a coupon rate of 5% and to mature serially in 20 years. The issue is dated Oct. 1 1928. Interest payable semi-annually.

DALHOUSIE, N. B.—BOND OFFERING.—F. B. Swinnard, Town Clerk and Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. on July 31 for the purchase of \$160,000 5½% sewer debentures. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 40 years. Interest payable semi-annually.

DUNDAS, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The \$110,000 high school bonds and the \$25,000 public school bonds offered on July 3—V. 128, p. 4365—were awarded to Bell, Gouinlock & Co., of Toronto, at 96.27, a basis of about 5.31%. Both issues bear interest at the rate of 5%, payable semi-annually, and are to mature in 20 years. Matthews & Co., Toronto, bid 96.41 for the \$110,000 issue and \$96.01 for the \$25,000 block. The following bids, for both issues combined, were also submitted:

Bidder—	Rate Bid.
Dyment, Anderson & Co., Toronto	96.00
McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., Toronto	95.85
C. H. Burgess & Co., Toronto	95.36
Wood, Gundy & Co., Toronto	95.18

JOLIETTE, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Z. Michaud, Sec.-Treas. of the Board of School Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. on July 18, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 5% bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Due serially in 25 years. Payable at Joliette, Montreal and Quebec.

OAK BAY DISTRICT, B. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to R. F. Blandy, Clerk-Treas., will be received until July 15, for the purchase of \$80,000 bonds, to bear an interest rate of 5% and mature serially in 30 years. Interest payable semi-annually.

SALABERRY DE VALLEYFIELD, Que.—BIDS REJECTED.—L. J. Boyer, City Clerk, reports that all bids were rejected on June 26 for the \$70,000 issue of 5% improvement bonds offered for sale—V. 128, p. 4198. The bonds are to be re-offered in October. Dated May 1 1929. Due annually on Nov. 1 from 1930 to 1960, inclusive.

SMITH'S FALLS, Ont.—BOND SALE.—A \$63,502 local improvement bond issue was recently awarded to T. Farmer, of Perth, at a price of 96.58, a basis of about 5.40%. The bonds bear a coupon rate of 5% and mature in 20 installments. Notice of the proposed sale of these bonds was given in—V. 128, p. 4198. A list of the other bids received follows:

Bidder—	Rate Bid.	Bidder—	Rate Bid.
R. A. Daly & Co.	96.53	C. H. Burgess & Co.	95.28
Bell, Gouinlock & Co.	95.40	Wood, Gundy & Co.	95.22

SWAN RIVER, Man.—BOND OFFERING.—J. Fulton, Sec.-Treas., will receive sealed bids until July 15, for the purchase of \$5,000 local improvement bonds. Rate of interest 6%. The bonds are to mature in 15 equal installments.

VICTORIA, B. C.—BOND SALE.—The Bank of Montreal of Montreal is reported to have purchased a \$100,000 issue of 5% city bonds at a price of 96.76, a basis of about 5.23%. The bonds are dated May 15 1929. Payable in 25 years in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria. These bonds were offered on May 6. At that time the two bids submitted were rejected. The Bank of Montreal submitted the tender which has now been accepted and A. E. Ames & Co. offered 96.65 (V. 128, p. 3231).

WINDSOR, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 5% coupon bonds, aggregating \$1,050,644.34, offered on June 17 (V. 128, p. 4050) are reported to have been sold to McLeod, Young, Weir & Co. of Toronto at a price of 96.46, a basis of about 5.40%:
\$685,442.00 Jockey Club purchase bonds, payable in annual installments over a period of 30 years.
\$352,202.34 local improvement bonds, payable in annual installments over a period of 10 years.

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