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The Financial Situation.

Outside the credit situation there have been no untoward developments this week. In certain directions, indeed, the course of events has furnished distinct grounds for encouragement, but it would be a mistake to attempt to deny that the credit situation, both in its national and international aspects, is furnishing steadily growing cause for uneasiness, and even anxiety. One of the distinctly favorable events of the week has unquestionably been the action of the representatives of the Great Powers in conference at The Hague considering the Young Plan for German reparations payments in finding a way out of the tangle in which they became involved because of the insistent demand of Philip Snowden, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, that in the allocation among the allied creditor countries Great Britain must receive the share fixed in the so-called Spa percentages, instead of the somewhat lower ratios assigned to her under the Young Plan. Through concessions and sacrifices made by the other creditor countries, and also some concessions upon the part of Germany, Great Britain is to receive the greater part of what she demanded. Accordingly, that ticklish problem, which for the last three weeks has hung as a cloud over the Conference, and threatened to wreck the Young Plan, appears to have been definitely disposed of; as a consequence, the integrity, and even the very life of the plan, is no longer at stake, though it is known that the British Chancellor is prepared to raise other objections which will have to be dealt with at a later date. This improved outlook cannot be regarded as otherwise than highly gratifying, since it is obvious that great unsettlement, to say the least, throughout the whole world must have resulted had the Conference broken up, leaving the whole subject of reparations payments for the immediate future up in the air. No one can tell what

would have happened or what the consequences would have been in such a contingency.

Great satisfaction is also to be derived from the auspicious outlook in the trade and agricultural world. The Spring wheat crop in the American Northwest will unquestionably be substantially smaller than the exceptionally bounteous harvests of the two previous years. In other respects, however, there is little occasion for complaint, and the sharp reaction from the recent huge advances in grain prices that has occurred lately is evidence that the agricultural outlook, which was never distinctly bad, except in the single particular of a reduced Spring wheat yield in the United States and Canada, has greatly improved as compared with the very low estimates put forth a few weeks ago, when the disposition was to take quite gloomy views regarding agricultural prospects, though this was tempered by knowledge that the higher level of market values for agricultural products that had been brought about would afford partial if not complete compensation for any deficiency in yield.

The trade outlook, too, in the United States, continues in the last degree encouraging, at least if the state of the iron and steel trades, usually considered an industrial barometer, can be accepted as a guide. The "Iron Age's" market review for this week tells a story in that respect the significance of which cannot be gainsaid. The "Age" tells us that "reduced mill operations in rails, tin plate, merchant and alloy steel bars, and strip steel are offset to some extent by continued large output of other products, notably plates, structural material and sheets." The "Age" adds that "the larger producers, including the Steel Corporation and at least two of the leading independents, having diversified lines, are still maintaining ingot output at 90 to 95% of capacity, while some of the smaller companies average about 85%." New business and specifications, we are told, for nearly all steel products, except plates and sheets, have been in smaller volume than shipments this month, resulting in a reduction in back-logs and shortening of deliveries, but we are also told that the lull in demand is regarded as merely the seasonal expectation that has come much later in the year than usual.

The credit situation, however, constitutes the one weak point in the outlook, even though no deterring effect upon trade is as yet discernible. And this credit situation, so distinctly disturbing, is having its repercussions abroad, as well as in this country. High rates in this country in all branches of the money market are acting as a magnet to draw funds from all parts of the world, and this in turn, along with gold withdrawals on both French and German account, has so greatly weakened the gold position of the Bank of England that a further

rise in the Bank rate of discount appears an early probability. The governors of the Bank are engaged in a strenuous endeavor to escape putting up the rate and this week have again left the rate unchanged at $5\frac{1}{2}\%$. However, their gold holdings have been further reduced during the week, though in a relatively small amount, the further loss this week having been no more than £568,327. But total gold holdings are now well below £140,000,000, being, in fact, after this further loss, down to only £137,633,677, whereas the Cunliffe Committee suggested £150,000,000 as a minimum under ordinary conditions. Furthermore, since Wednesday there have been further withdrawals of the metal from the Bank, the Bank having sold £526,431 in gold bars on Thursday and £488,471 on Friday. It is evident that the process of depletion cannot be carried much further without compelling a rise in the discount rate as a measure of self defense and protection.

As it happens, there have been new evidences of credit tension at New York the present week. In the first place there has been a sharp rise in the call loan rate on the Stock Exchange. Following the advance in the rediscount rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on August 9 from 5% to 6%, the call loan rate on the Stock Exchange actually declined, and for two weeks ruled no higher than 7%, and occasionally dropped to 6%. The reason for this was not altogether clear. Stock speculation proceeded on an increasing scale, diverting additional amounts of bank funds into speculative channels, and the effect, therefore, under normal conditions ought to have been to raise the call loan rate instead of holding it down to a figure but little higher than the rediscount rate of the New York Federal Reserve Bank. Whether the purpose was to encourage the Reserve authorities to think that by raising the rediscount rate, while at the same time lowering the buying rate for bankers' acceptances (this last having been reduced, as will be recalled, from $5\frac{1}{4}\%$ to $5\frac{1}{8}\%$) and thereby once more granting a preferential rate to acceptances well below the Federal Reserve rediscount rate, they were doing just the right thing, or whether some other purpose actuated the Clearing House institutions in holding down the call loan rate (for obviously with the demand for call loan accommodation all the time expanding, only concerted action on the part of the Clearing House institutions could have prevented a rise)—whatever the explanation, this week it became no longer possible to continue the low level of call loan rates voluntarily maintained for fully two weeks. Preparations began for the large end-of-the-month payments and also for the large amounts due on September 1 (this time September 2, the first of the month being Sunday) for interest and dividends on corporation issues. Accordingly, on Tuesday, after the renewal rate had again been fixed at 7%, the same as on Monday, when all loans on the Stock Exchange were at the figure mentioned, there was a quick rise to 9%, and this 9% rate has ruled unchanged the rest of the week, all loans each day being at that figure, including renewals.

Most important of all, there has this week been a further advance in the rates for bankers' acceptances. It was pointed out here a week ago that notwithstanding that the New York Federal Reserve Bank had reduced its buying rate for acceptances

from $5\frac{1}{4}\%$ to $5\frac{1}{8}\%$, the market rate for acceptances had last week actually been advanced. This was not done in the case of the shorter maturities, that is, those for 30, 60 and 90 days, but it was done in the case of the longer maturities. The Federal Reserve Banks usually buy 90-day bills, and in these there was no change in market rates, which remained at $5\frac{1}{4}\%$ bid and $5\frac{1}{8}\%$ asked. For bills running 120 days, however, where the rate was $5\frac{3}{8}\%$ bid and $5\frac{1}{8}\%$ asked, the asking rate was raised last week to $5\frac{1}{4}\%$, and in the case of bills running for 150 days and 180 days, where the quotation had been $5\frac{3}{8}\%$ bid and $5\frac{1}{8}\%$ asked, the bid rate was raised $\frac{1}{8}\%$ to $5\frac{1}{2}\%$, and the asked rate advanced $\frac{1}{4}\%$ to $5\frac{3}{8}\%$. On Monday of this week the American Acceptance Council raised both the bid and the asked rate a further $\frac{1}{8}\%$ in the case of 150 days and 180 days. This made the new rates for 150 days and 180 days $5\frac{5}{8}\%$ bid and $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ asked. Thus we have the anomaly of the Federal Reserve Banks reducing their acceptance rates, while following this action the market rates for acceptances are soaring upward.

There is, however, nothing very strange or surprising about this jump in the market rate for acceptances at a time when the Federal Reserve Banks have resumed their policy of granting preferential rates to acceptances after having abandoned it at the opening of 1929. Responding to the announcement of the Federal Reserve Banks that the granting of preferential rates would be resumed, the member banks began creating acceptances with renewed energy. They were well aware of the fact that to just the extent they put out acceptances instead of financing the needs of merchants in the ordinary way, to just that extent they obtained a release of the funds that would be required for the purpose and hence could employ such funds for other uses, which in this instance meant for use in making security loans on the Stock Exchange.

With acceptances thus being poured out in large volume under Federal Reserve stimulus, the market for acceptances became congested, as might readily be imagined would be the case. The Federal Reserve Banks bought acceptances only of the shorter maturities and rather sparingly of these. This left the longer maturities on the hands of the dealers, and in order to move these bills, rates were advanced so as to make such bills more attractive for investment. It can be readily seen, however, that the effect is to cause a sharp discrimination against financing by means of the longer maturities. The merchant who is obliged to do his financing by means of bills running for 150 to 180 days is obliged to pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% more per annum than the merchant who is able to do his financing by means of 90-day bills. This is a rather unhappy result. At the same time, borrowing to support security speculation as represented by brokers' loans remains unabated—in fact, is expanding at a more rapid rate than ever before.

This growth, this phenomenal growth, in borrowing on security account furnishes additional occasion for uneasiness regarding the credit situation, and also helps explain the sharp rise this week in the call loan rate on the Stock Exchange, notwithstanding an evident determination to prevent the rate from soaring to exceptionally high figures. This week's further huge addition to the total of brokers' loans furnishes renewed illustration of

what is going on in that respect, but that development, unquestionably the most important of the week, is discussed in a separate paragraph immediately below.

All this is happening, too, at a time when the United States Treasury is preparing for its customary quarterly financing at the middle of September. The precise nature of this financing has not yet been disclosed, and much will undoubtedly depend upon money market conditions within the next few days, but the Federal Reserve Banks have given preliminary notice of the intended offering of a new Treasury issue. In a circular dated August 24 they announced that from advices received from the Treasury Department at Washington they were enabled to say that a Treasury offering might be expected shortly.

Brokers' loans are now expanding in a really appalling fashion. The Federal Reserve statement issued after the close of business on Thursday showed that for the week ending Wednesday night there had been a further increase in the loans on securities to brokers and dealers by the reporting member banks in New York City in the huge sum of \$132,000,000, and this followed \$133,000,000 increase in the preceding week, making for the two weeks combined an addition of \$265,000,000. The week before that, when the action of the Reserve Bank in unexpectedly advancing its discount rate caused a temporary collapse on the Stock Exchange with resulting great liquidation of speculative holdings, there was a decrease of \$68,000,000 in the amount of these loans. But this decrease in turn came after no less than \$676,000,000 increase in the seven weeks immediately preceding. For the last ten weeks, therefore, the result is a net expansion in the enormous sum of \$873,000,000. The grand total of these brokers' loans now (August 28) stands at \$6,217,000,000, which compares with \$4,235,000,000 a year ago on August 29 1928. Roughly, it will be seen, the addition for the twelve months is but little less than \$2,000,000,000. Such figures carry their own comment, and it is not necessary to enlarge upon them beyond wondering when the end is to come.

In the latest week's addition of \$132,000,000 to these brokers' loans, the heaviest increase appears, as usual, in the category of loans "for account of others," these now having reached the prodigious figure of \$3,468,000,000, which is an addition for the week under that head of \$96,000,000. The loans made by the reporting member banks for their own account increased during the week from \$926,000,000 to \$992,000,000, but the loans for account of out-of-town banks are slightly lower at \$1,756,000,000, August 28, against \$1,787,000,000, August 21.

The changes in the items relating to the Federal Reserve Banks themselves are along the same lines as previously. The Reserve Banks have further enlarged their holdings of acceptances purchased in the open market, but in only a moderate way, these holdings the present week standing at \$156,514,000 against \$132,137,000 a week ago. Their holdings for foreign correspondents are also slightly larger at \$447,997,000, against \$442,668,000. The twelve Reserve Banks, however, have further reduced their holdings of United States Government securities, these being down to \$145,321,000 this week against \$148,607,000 August 21. The discount holdings of

the twelve Reserve institutions, representing the borrowing of the member banks, have also been slightly further reduced and are reported at \$973,627,000 August 28 against \$986,378,000 August 21. On account of the larger holdings of acceptances, the total of the bill and security holdings has increased somewhat, being \$1,291,562,000 the present week against \$1,283,072,000 last week.

This week's stock market has been a duplicate of that of last week and that of the week before. Prices have been moving upward almost without interruption day after day, and many new high records for the year have been established. The railroad stocks have been in the foreground, and in the case of the high-priced issues like New York Central, Atchison, and Pennsylvania the advances have been hardly less sensational than those to which we have become accustomed in the case of the public utilities and industrial and other specialties. The general railroad list has also moved upward, but in a much more moderate fashion. A stimulating agency has been the wonderfully good reports of earnings for the month of July made by such roads as the Pennsylvania, New York Central, Balt. & Ohio, Northern Pacific, Great Northern, New Haven, Lackawanna and many others.

Other groups of stocks, however, have not been neglected and speculative leaders of the high-priced type, long prominent, have been no less conspicuous than before, with U. S. Steel remaining a prime favorite. The speculation for higher prices has progressed from day to day with little interruption in its upward course, except that the marking up of the call loan rate to 9% on Tuesday led to quite a general reaction all through the list. It then seemed that this rise in charge for call loan accommodation might serve to check the bull speculation, at least for the time being, but on Wednesday the speculation was continued as serenely as before. As the week progressed there appeared to be growing apprehension with reference to the possibility of a further pronounced increase in the aggregate of brokers' loans, but this feeling found reflection merely in a decrease in the volume of trading, the upward tendency of prices not being arrested. The real extent of the increase, when it came, was found to aggregate \$132,000,000, and followed \$133,000,000 increase the week previous. This proved staggering by reason of its magnitude. It was then supposed that the market would suffer a severe setback on Friday, especially in view of the three-day holiday to come, next Monday being Labor Day and a legal holiday, and the Stock Exchange also having decided to close to-day (Saturday). Instead, the market plunged ahead in a display of great buoyancy and made the most violent advances of the whole week.

Trading has been on a somewhat reduced scale, though nevertheless large, and with a very heavy turnover on Friday, when such great buoyancy developed. On the New York Stock Exchange the sales at the half day session last Saturday were 2,126,920 shares; on the full day Monday they were 4,425,090 shares; on Tuesday, 3,896,440 shares; on Wednesday, 3,955,800 shares; on Thursday, 3,476,140 shares, and on Friday, 4,571,960 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange the sales last Saturday were 1,161,400 shares; on Monday, 2,074,900 shares; on Tuesday, 1,802,500 shares; on Wednesday,

1,972,500 shares; on Thursday, 1,865,700 shares, and on Friday, 1,987,100 shares.

As compared with Friday of last week, the record is again one of large and general advances, though with the gains varying in extent and the "rails" the foremost leaders among them. A few declines also appear. United Aircraft & Transport closed yesterday at 134 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 137 on Friday of last week; American Can at 178 against 180; United States Industrial Alcohol at 208 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 194; Commercial Solvents at 495 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 497; Corn Products at 110 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 106 $\frac{1}{4}$; Shattuck & Co. at 193 against 183; Columbia Graphophone at 64 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 64 $\frac{3}{4}$; Brooklyn Union Gas at 246 against 238 $\frac{1}{4}$; North American at 179 against 176 $\frac{1}{4}$; American Water Works at 170 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 148; Elec. Power & Light at 74 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 75; Pacific Gas & Elec. at 90 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 86; Standard Gas & Elec. at 163 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 142 $\frac{1}{4}$; Consolidated Gas of New York at 180 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 175 $\frac{1}{2}$; Columbia Gas & Elec. at 91 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 92 $\frac{1}{2}$; Public Service of N. J. at 122 against 119 $\frac{7}{8}$; International Harvester at 139 against 122; Sears Roebuck & Co. at 171 against 162 $\frac{1}{4}$; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 137 against 131 $\frac{3}{4}$; Woolworth at 99 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 99 $\frac{3}{8}$; Safeway Stores at 174 against 176 $\frac{7}{8}$; Western Union Telegraph at 233 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 225; Amer. Tel. & Tel. at 298 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 294 $\frac{1}{2}$, and Int. Tel. & Tel. at 146 against 138 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Allied Chem. & Dye closed at 350 against 329 on Friday of last week; Davison Chemical at 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 48 $\frac{1}{2}$; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at 213 against 222; Radio Corporation at 100 against 96; General Elec. at 395 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 393 $\frac{1}{2}$; National Cash Register at 127 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 123 $\frac{1}{4}$; Wright Aeronautical at 133 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 137; International Nickel at ex. div. 54 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 54 $\frac{3}{8}$; A. M. Byers at 146 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 133 $\frac{3}{8}$; Timken Roller Bearing at 108 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 104 $\frac{7}{8}$; Warner Bros. Pictures at 61 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 61 $\frac{1}{4}$; Mack Trucks at 97 against 99 $\frac{3}{8}$; Yellow Truck & Coach at 36 against 37 $\frac{5}{8}$; National Daily Products at 85 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 81 $\frac{1}{4}$; Johns-Manville at 202 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 203; National Bellas Hess at 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 41 $\frac{3}{4}$; Associated Dry Goods at 49 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 48 $\frac{3}{4}$; Lambert Company at 142 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 137 $\frac{5}{8}$; Texas Gulf Sulphur at ex. div. 72 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 72 $\frac{1}{2}$, and Kolster Radio at 28 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 29 $\frac{7}{8}$. The list of stocks which the present week have made new high records for the year is an unusually long one this time, with the high-priced railroad stocks especially conspicuous in that respect. The following shows most of the new highs for the week:

STOCKS MAKING NEW HIGH FOR YEAR.

<i>Railroads—</i>	American Tobacco
Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe	American Type Founders
Baltimore & Ohio	American Water Works & Elec.
Chic. Milwaukee St. Paul & Pacific	Atlas Powder
Chicago & North Western	Auburn Automobile
Chicago Rock Island & Pacific	Austin Nichols & Co.
Delaware Lackawanna & Western	Bethlehem Steel
Erie	Brooklyn Union Gas
Hocking Valley	California Packing
Minn. St. Paul & SS. Marie	California Petroleum
Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis	Coca Cola
New York Central	Columbian Carbon
New York Chicago & St. Louis	Continental Can
New York New Haven & Hartford	Continental Insurance
Norfolk & Western	Corn Products Refining
Pennsylvania	Crucible Steel of America
Pere Marquette	Cuyamel Fruit
Reading	Eastman Kodak
St. Louis-San Francisco	Fidelity Phenix Fire Ins. Co. of N.Y.
Southern Pacific	First National Stores
Union Pacific	Fleischmann Co.
<i>Industrial and Miscellaneous—</i>	Follansbee Bros.
Air Reduction	General Amer. Tank Car
Allied Chemical & Dye	General Gas & Elec. class A
American Bank Note	General Railway Signal
American Can	Granite City Steel
American Chiclé	Hackensack Water
American & Foreign Power	Hartman Corp. class B
American International Corp.	Hershey Chocolate
American Tel. & Tel.	Ingersoll Rand

Industrial and Miscel. (Con.)—

Inland Steel
International Harvester
International Tel. & Tel.
Kimberly-Clark
Kraft Cheese
Loose-Wiles Biscuit
Macy
Midland Steel Products Pref.
National Dairy Products
National Lead
Otis Steel
Pacific Gas & Elec.
Pacific Lighting
Pan-Amer. Petroleum & Transp.
Philadelphia Co.
Remington-Rand
Republic Iron & Steel

Royal Dutch Co. (N. Y. Shares)
Shattuck (F. G.)
Simmons Co.
Southern California Edison
Standard Gas & Electric
Stone & Webster
Texas Corp.
Transcontinental Oil
United Carbide & Carbon
U. S. Industrial Alcohol
U. S. Steel
Warren Bros.
Western Union Telegram
Woolworth
Worthington P. & M.
Yale & Towne
Youngstown Sheet & Tube

The steel shares have been less conspicuous than in previous weeks in the further rise, yet not a few of them have advanced to new high figures for the year, as the foregoing shows. U. S. Steel shares closed yesterday at 256 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 259 $\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Bethlehem Steel at 138 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 139 $\frac{1}{4}$; Republic Iron & Steel at 129 against 117 $\frac{1}{2}$; Ludlum Steel at 89 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 94 $\frac{3}{8}$; Youngstown Sheet & Tube at 170 against 166. The motors have also been somewhat less prominent. General Motors closed yesterday at 72 against 73 $\frac{5}{8}$; Nash Motors at 85 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 87; Chrysler at 71 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 73 $\frac{7}{8}$; Packard Motors at 149 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 153; Hudson Motor Car at 82 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 84 $\frac{1}{8}$; Hupp Motors at 40 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 42. In the rubber group Goodyear Tire & Rubber closed yesterday at 113 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 108 $\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich at 73 against 73; United States Rubber at 46 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 46 $\frac{5}{8}$, and the preferred at bid 70 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 71.

In the railroad list the high-priced stocks, with Atchison, Pennsylvania and New York Central in the forefront, have again surpassed all others, as a class, for their strong tone and the magnitude of their upward surge. Pennsylvania closed yesterday at 109 against 99 $\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Atchison closed at 295 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 277; New York Central at 256 against 242; Erie RR. at 88 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 86 $\frac{1}{8}$; Delaware & Hudson at 223 against 215; Baltimore & Ohio at 140 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 137 $\frac{1}{4}$; New Haven at 124 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 123; Union Pacific at 295 against 283 $\frac{3}{4}$; Southern Pacific at 153 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 146 $\frac{3}{4}$; Missouri Pacific at 94 against 92; Kansas City Southern at 106 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 100 $\frac{3}{8}$; St. Louis Southwestern at 100 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 99 $\frac{1}{4}$; St. Louis-San Francisco at 132 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 129; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at 54 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 54 $\frac{7}{8}$; Rock Island at 143 against 138; Great Northern at 124 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 123 $\frac{1}{2}$, and Northern Pacific at 111 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 110.

The copper group has also distinguished itself for some new advances. Anaconda closed yesterday at 129 against 122 on Friday of last week; Greene-Cananea at 192 against 181 $\frac{7}{8}$; Calumet & Hecla at ex. div. 46 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 45 $\frac{3}{8}$; Andes Copper at 57 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 54 $\frac{5}{8}$; Inspiration Copper at 46 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 44 $\frac{1}{2}$; Calumet & Arizona at 131 against 129 $\frac{1}{4}$; Granby Consolidated Copper at 83 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 79; American Smelting & Refining at 124 against 114 $\frac{1}{2}$, and U. S. Smelting & Ref. at 55 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 53.

The oil stocks have been laggards. Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at 71 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 72 $\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Simms Petroleum at ex. div. 36 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 38; Skelly Oil at 42 $\frac{1}{8}$ again 42; Atlantic Refining at 67 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 67 $\frac{5}{8}$; Pan American B at 67 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 65 $\frac{1}{4}$; Phillips Petroleum at 38 against 38 $\frac{1}{4}$; Texas Corporation at 70 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 70 $\frac{3}{8}$; Richfield Oil at 42 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 43; Standard Oil of N. Y. at 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 46 $\frac{3}{8}$, and Pure Oil at 26 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 27.

European securities markets were increasingly cheerful this week as political uncertainties began to clear up, and there were some bursts of real strength and activity in the mid-week sessions when it appeared at length that the Young Plan of reparations payments would be accepted by the interested powers. This favorable news overshadowed the monetary uncertainty at London and the London Stock Exchange joined the Continental ones in registering satisfaction. Gold losses at London also were less pronounced than previously, and little doubt was expressed of the ability of the Bank of England to hold its discount rate unchanged at $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ per cent for some time further.

Trading on the London Stock Exchange opened with a good tone Monday, with British rails showing strength, while gilt-edged securities were steady. Some good gains were made in the industrial and mining list, the tobaccos rising sharply. Business broadened out Tuesday, with the industrials coming in for more attention. Gilt-edged securities maintained their position notwithstanding renewed weakness of sterling as against the dollar. The British victory at The Hague was reflected Wednesday in improved exchange rates, and gilt-edged listings were marked up substantially. Gramophone issues came into their own again in this session, leading the industrials upward, while collieries also were higher owing to provisions for heavy Italian purchases of English coal at The Hague. In Thursday's market sterling again reacted in New York and Paris, and the gilt-edged section moved off to some extent. Most other sections continued to rise, however, with the electric stocks and artificial silk shares in the van of the movement. The London market was dull and but little changed in yesterday's session.

The Paris Bourse also displayed a confident tone at the opening of the trading Monday and numerous issues advanced with the support of professional traders. Some of the buying was believed to be for foreign account. French industrial stocks were favored in the transactions, which made up a larger total than on any previous Monday session this month. Unfavorable news from The Hague gathering caused a reaction in the French market Tuesday, and the list receded almost in its entirety. In view of the pessimistic reports, the overnight accord reached on important points at The Hague was unexpected in Paris, and the market bounded forward Wednesday morning. Stocks were marked upward throughout the session in heavy trading, and optimistic advices from other centers continued to strengthen the trend at Paris. Coal shares and steel issues staged the best performances. Buying was resumed on Thursday, and stocks continued to move into higher territory, with public interest increasing. Some of the industrial shares were less active, but the rest of the list, including the banks, came in for more attention. Additional gains were scored in the final session of the week, yesterday.

The Berlin Bourse was firm in the opening session Monday, the situation at The Hague impressing traders favorably. Activity was pronounced in the mining and electrical sections, the average price level improving substantially. Some nervousness was manifested Tuesday because of gloomy outlook at The Hague conference, and the average price level declined slightly. Assurances of a favorable outcome of the conference and the ultimate adop-

tion of the Young Plan produced a bullish demonstration at Berlin Wednesday and individual issues jumped as much as 17 points. The mining and electrical stocks were again made the favorites, with banks, brewery, textiles and other shares following close after. The movement was continued Thursday, but with less enthusiasm, owing to the additional troubles of the German delegation at The Hague. Most sections of the market advanced further, however, and some pronounced gains were again recorded. The upward trend was continued yesterday.

Agreement on the most important of the details of the Young Plan has been reached by the conference of six interested Governments at The Hague, and the indications now are that complete accord will eventually be reached. The Hague conference has been an exceptionally difficult one from its very inception on Aug. 6. The trying negotiations were resumed this week in a jaded atmosphere, and the weariness felt by the assembled diplomats pervaded even the newspaper accounts, all emphasis being placed on the victory won by Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the British Exchequer. There can be no question, however, of the importance of what has now been accomplished. This follows closely the outline laid down in the joint statement of the six powers issued at Geneva on Sept. 16, 1928. Two weighty objects were visualized at that time, of which the first was the definitive settlement of the German reparations problem. The second object was the early evacuation of the German Rhineland by the French, Belgian and British troops, which was to be arranged when reparations were finally settled. Both these main ends are now assured, and The Hague conference, despite the strain and difficulty of the negotiations, is sure to go down in history as one of the most significant ever held.

Efforts were resumed this week by the other creditor powers to meet the demands of Chancellor Snowden, who headed the British delegation. A virtual ultimatum had been delivered by Mr. Snowden in the opening session of the meeting, in which the success of the conference was made to depend on satisfaction of his demand for restoration of the Spa percentages of reparations distribution, from which he declared the experts at Paris had deviated. British mathematicians at The Hague computed the additional sum due Britain to restore these percentages at an annuity of 48,000,000 marks. Mr. Snowden also demanded an increase in the amount of non-postponable annuities allotted to his Government, and he also protested against continuance of payments in kind by Germany which he declared harmed British trade. Several attempts to meet these demands had been made jointly by the French, Belgian, Italian and Japanese delegates, but Mr. Snowden had dismissed them summarily as insufficient. A new proposition in which previous offers were somewhat increased was made by these Governments Monday of this week, but again the British Chancellor declared that it was not enough. Experts of the "offering powers" figured this proffer as equivalent to 60% of the British demands, but the British stated that it was only 57%. Consultations were continued, despite expressions of the greatest pessimism which emanated from The Hague.

A session of the creditor powers that was destined to end in success was begun Tuesday afternoon, and it continued until the small hours of Wednesday morning. Final agreement among the creditor powers was reached at this meeting, but since some minor adjustments were included in the proposed settlement which required the consent of the German delegates, these also were called into the conference at 1 o'clock Wednesday morning. At 1:20 A. M. an official British statement was issued to the effect that the other creditor powers had agreed that by adjustments within the Young Plan, subject to the consent of Germany, they would find for Britain 40,000,000 marks annually of the 48,000,000 marks additional demanded by Mr. Snowden. Of this amount 36,000,000 marks is to be guaranteed by the other creditor powers. "Mr. Snowden," it was remarked in a dispatch to the New York "Times," "thus receives more than 80% satisfaction, as compared with the 60% involved in the offer he rejected yesterday." On the unconditional annuities, this report continued, it was agreed Britain should receive 92,000,000 marks, whereas under the Young Plan she received practically no unconditional payments. This was made possible by rearrangement of the German payments. It was further announced that, in addition to an agreement that payments in kind were in no case to last more than ten years longer, the Italian State Railways agreed to buy 1,000,000 tons of coal annually from Britain for three years at the highest British export market prices. "The method by which the extra money is to be found to meet Mr. Snowden's demands is most simple," the "Times" dispatch said. "Germany will pay on the first of every month instead of the fifteenth. This will make the difference out of which the other creditor powers undertake the British shall get 40,000,000 marks more yearly."

The meeting was adjourned at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning, and at 2:30 the Germans announced that they would accept the sacrifices asked of them if the French would give satisfactory assurances of evacuation of the Rhine at a meeting to be held later the same morning. In return for moving up the payments under the Young Plan for fifteen days, Germany secured the satisfaction of paying only the Young Plan annuities as from Sept. 1, although the plan will not be ready to operate in all respects on that date. In all the delegations, great pleasure and relief was expressed at this turn of events, which permits the Young Plan to go ahead. High praise was heard for Premier Jaëpar of Belgium, who acted as mediator throughout the conference, working ceaselessly for its success. One of the inimitable touches that sometimes characterize a conference of this kind was portrayed in the report of Edwin L. James, European correspondent of the New York "Times." "As Mr. Snowden left the meeting tonight," the dispatch said, "he was asked if everything was all right. In a strangely angelic voice, with the softness of a girl, he answered, 'Yes, I believe so,' and he rode away whistling."

Among the delegations generally it was considered that Mr. Snowden had won a decided victory. His demands were met, it was declared, because the other nations were not willing to let a small sum stand in the way of the pacification of Europe. "While it certainly is true Mr. Snowden takes away most of what he came after," the "Times" report said, "it should be said that perhaps the others have won out on the

theme that the Young Plan could not be revised and that Mr. Snowden was met without doing so. Of course, Mr. Snowden was quoted as saying it was the principle, not the money, he was fighting for, and it was argued he got only his money. However, money is what this conference is about. It remains now for the Powers concerned to begin the work for which the conference was called. On the international bank and numerous other measures of the Young Plan much work remains to be done. This will be largely attended to by the four commissions of experts who will go to Berlin for a week, and then probably to Lausanne, where the conference is scheduled to resume again after the League of Nations Assembly meeting. The League session may last a month or six weeks, which would indicate the Young Plan would come into effect about Nov. 1."

Wednesday's meeting of the creditor Powers and the German delegates, at which the question of Rhineland evacuation came up more pointedly, again proved difficult. The Germans reiterated their willingness to agree in principle to the settlement arranged the previous night, but Dr. Stresemann insisted that the cost of the armies of occupation should not be borne by Germany after Sept. 1. Premier Briand of France deprecated these demands, and Mr. Snowden also attacked the German contention. This resulted in a bitter exchange between Herr Stresemann and Mr. Snowden, in which the British Chancellor did not fare particularly well. Dr. Stresemann scored heavily by quoting Mr. Snowden's campaign speeches in favor of Germany's position regarding the occupation. As on the previous night, the meeting was continued to 2 o'clock in the morning, but no agreement was reached on this occasion.

The proceedings were held up for only one day, however, by these considerations, and agreement on the Rhineland questions was reached Thursday. Foreign Minister Stresemann accepted one after another all the compromises which had been proposed. The most important of the decisions taken was one setting June 30 1930 as the day on which all occupying troops must be out of the Rhineland. This was calculated as eight months after the Young Plan enters into effectual operation. Dr. Stresemann had desired complete evacuation by March 15, next year, while Premier Briand of France had insisted a year was necessary to move and place in France the 60,000 men maintained by the French Government on the Rhine. Under the arrangement finally reached Thursday, evacuation of the second zone will start Sept. 15 and all troops will depart by the middle of next year. The English announced at the same time that they would remain with the French and Belgians on the Rhine, keeping both troops and occupation commissioners until the end of the occupation. Compromise also prevailed in the arrangements for payment of the costs of occupation. The Germans had maintained that such costs must fall on the occupying Powers after Sept. 1, whereas the French position was that the Treaty of Versailles puts the charge on Germany. The Young Plan provides that the Governments shall agree on the subject. In settlement of the point, a pool of 60,000,000 marks was created, of which Germany pays half, France 35%, England 12%, and Belgium 3%. The cost of moving the troops is to be paid by Germany, and Berlin also wiped the slate clear of all claims for damages to German citizens arising

from the occupation. Accepting in full the settlement made with Mr. Snowden, Dr. Stresemann notified the other powers that Germany gives up all claim to the overlapping amount of 300,000,000 marks between the Dawes Plan and the Young Plan. The delicate question of a "Commission of Conciliation," to be set up in the Rhineland in place of the departed troops was settled through invocation of the Locarno treaty, where a method was found to create a commission to consider allegations of violation of that treaty through German activities in the Rhineland.

Some problems remain before The Hague conference, chief among them the matter of satisfying the small Powers whose share of reparations was cut to satisfy Mr. Snowden. The British Chancellor, evidently impressed by the good work done when his demands were out of the way, let it be known that Britain would give up 5,000,000 marks of the unconditional annuity allocated to Britain earlier in the week. Arrangements must also be made for the committees which are to work on the international bank organization and other matters while the chief delegates attended the League Assembly sessions. Work on these problems was begun yesterday, and there were indications that it will be pushed to a rapid conclusion. Letters and documents recording the agreement of the Governments on the Rhineland evacuation and the financial questions incident to acceptance of the Young Plan were signed at The Hague yesterday afternoon, and arrangements were made to hold the final meeting to-day. Some question was raised regarding the date of withdrawal of British troops from the Rhineland by London reports.

Discussion of the naval armaments question has continued on both sides of the Atlantic this week, with the impression slowly gaining ground in unofficial quarters that an important agreement impends. Ambassador Dawes took occasion late last week to reiterate the statement made Aug. 20 by Prime Minister MacDonald, calling for patience and forbearance on the part of the public of both countries, since "it would be misleading if the trial suggestions and proposals were disclosed." In an address at Elgin, Scotland, on Aug. 23, Mr. Dawes described a naval agreement as entirely dependent upon the public sympathy of the nations concerned, and he explained that the dearth of information given to the public about the substance of his conversations with the Prime Minister was due to the fact that before the stage of public discussion is reached, "time must be taken to reduce to the simplest terms the problems involved, so that the average man can better understand what it is all about." The "one unfavorable thing," Ambassador Dawes remarked, would be to hold the proposed naval conference without adequate preparation. If the problems are not mastered so that the final solution is clear and satisfactory to the average man, Parliaments and Congresses may not ratify, he said. In London it was reported this week that Prime Minister MacDonald's forthcoming visit to the United States has been advanced to about the end of September.

Washington reports, meanwhile, have given the impression of distinct and rapid progress in clearing up some of the issues that make up this vast and complex problem. The discussions have now reached the stage, a dispatch to the New York "Times" said

last week-end, where the problem confronting the negotiators is to establish principles which will provide for actual armament reduction and not merely limitation when the details are worked out in a formal conference. In administration circles it was conceded that great strides had been taken toward the establishment of the principles which will govern a formal disarmament conference, but at the same time it was emphasized that harm would result if the public should receive the impression that any actual formal agreement had been effected. Long conferences on the subject were held at the White House Tuesday and Wednesday by President Hoover, Secretary Stimson, Secretary Adams and other officials of the State and Navy Departments. It was declared in Washington dispatches that the diplomatic exchanges have now reached their most important phase, with the negotiators confronted by the problem of determining what sacrifices in cruiser strength each nation should make in order to bring about parity in this class of vessels. Although Britain and America have now come close to an understanding on this matter, no definite announcement is to be expected for at least ten days and possibly two weeks, it was indicated. Reports from London also have been to the effect that "excellent progress" has been made in recent days.

Widespread disorders have prevailed in Palestine this week, owing to religious dissension between Jews and Arabs which came to a head on Aug. 23 at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem. Clashes have been frequent at this remnant of the ancient Jewish temple, which is a holy spot for the followers of Moses and Mahomet alike. The controversy flared up anew early this month, with Moslem mobs interfering with Jewish devotions. Great Britain holds a mandate over Palestine, and the small British force in Jerusalem maintained order as best it could, arresting a number of the Arabs after the early attacks. The difficulties continued, however, and rumors gradually spread through the city that the Arabs were planning general attacks on Friday, Aug. 23. The rumors were substantiated with painful emphasis early on that day, when huge mobs of Arab peasants, armed with heavy clubs and daggers, flocked to Jerusalem from the surrounding villages to attack the Jews. Rioting continued for two days, almost unchecked, centering on the old remnant of Solomon's Temple and gradually spreading to the suburbs and neighboring villages. Crowds of armed Arabs attacked the Jews, who formed themselves into defense units. Scores were reported dead or wounded on each side in these initial encounters, and the hospitals were soon full to overflowing. Martial law was proclaimed by the authorities in Jerusalem and an emergency was declared in the whole mandated territory.

The British Government began to take steps instantly to end the dispute and restore order in Jerusalem. A number of British warships in the eastern Mediterranean were immediately ordered to proceed to Palestine, and troops were dispatched from Cairo by air. Prime Minister MacDonald called a meeting of the Cabinet last Saturday to consider measures for pacifying the city. The rioting spread, however, before these steps could be made effective, and some terrible incidents occurred. The most serious of these was an attack by frenzied Islamites on the Solbodka Rabbinical College at

Hebron, twenty miles southwest of Jerusalem. Of the 190 students in the college, 30 were killed, 8 of whom were said to be Americans. Total fatalities in Hebron alone exceeded 70, and the death list continued to grow in Jerusalem and other places. By Monday British troops began to arrive in force by airplanes and from battleships, and the situation rapidly cleared up in the important centres where they were stationed. A further serious incident occurred at Haifa, on the coast, Tuesday, where a British railway official was stoned to death. Marines were quickly landed at Haifa from the battleship *Barham*, and order was restored there, too. The troubles diminished rapidly thereafter, as British troops spread out through the land. Minor troubles were reported from Trans-Jordania and from Syria, and sporadic outbursts continued throughout Palestine with the likelihood that restoration of complete order will take several weeks. Based on admittedly incomplete reports, the deaths are said to number more than 85 among the Jews, and more than 35 among the Arabs, while 4 Christians also were killed. The wounded were said to number hundreds.

Cognizance of the rioting and bloodshed, and particularly of the casualties among American students at Hebron, was promptly taken by the State Department in Washington, which cabled to Paul Knabenshue, American Consul at Jerusalem, asking for full information. Mr. Knabenshue was authorized last Saturday to make "emphatic" representations to local authorities for the protection of American lives and property. Ambassador Dawes, at London, was subsequently instructed to express orally to the British Foreign Office, the "earnest hope" of this Government that comprehensive measures to safeguard American citizens would be taken. The British Government immediately assured the Ambassador that every effort is being made and will be made to protect all Americans in the Holy Land. Jewish organizations in this country were assured by Sir Esme Howard, the British Ambassador to Washington, that every precaution will be taken to prevent further rioting and pillaging, and that the whole affair will be made the subject of an impartial and dispassionate investigation. In London fast action was considered necessary to quell the disorders, since any sign of delay or weakness would probably be followed by grave difficulties in other Oriental countries under British rule. The 66,000,000 Mohammedans in India have shown signs of restlessness on more than one occasion.

Rumors of impending warfare between China and Russia over the Chinese Eastern Railway have been few and far between this week, indicating, if previous experience is any guide, that informal parleys between the two governments have been resumed at some point or other. Reports from both Nanking and Moscow appeared exceedingly pessimistic last week, and the frequent border clashes caused much concern. White Guard Russian troops from China were repeatedly crossing the border into Siberia on raiding expeditions, and Red detachments were ordered to pursue them into Chinese territory if necessary to "exterminate" them. Reports from Tokio this week have again minimized the seriousness of the situation growing out of Chinese seizure on July 10 of the Russian-owned Chinese Eastern Railway. Despite the interminable recriminations,

Japanese official circles were confident that the Moscow and Nanking Governments know what they are doing and do not intend to proceed to extremities. A formal statement was issued at Shanghai, Monday, by C. T. Wang, the Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs, in which he declared that China is not opposed to mediation of the dispute with Russia, but still clings to the hope that plans for direct negotiations will bear fruit. He added at the same time that, "with ample proofs of underground and subversive propaganda carried on in the past and planned for the future, China cannot possibly agree to return to the status quo as a preliminary to opening negotiations, knowing that the return of Soviet Consular officials and their proteges will unfailingly result in more intensive Communist propaganda, unless ample guarantees are forthcoming that such subversive action will terminate."

Soviet authorities are making rapid progress in the development of Russian industry and agriculture, with the result that the ambitious five-year program inaugurated a year ago has been closely adhered to in most respects and exceeded in some. A preliminary estimate of the Soviet Union budget for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 1929 was published in Moscow last Sunday, and it contains ample evidence of the progress made, according to Walter Duranty, Moscow correspondent of the New York "Times." Although the five-year plan originally called for budgetary expenditures of 8,000,000,000 rubles in the coming year, development has been sufficiently rapid to permit an increase to 10,000,000,000 rubles, he reports. When originally adopted, the plan called for total expenditures in the five-year period of 55,000,000,000 rubles, on a progressive scale from 7,250,000,000 rubles during the current year to about 15,000,000,000 rubles in the fiscal year 1933-34. The results in the current year, which is the first of the five-year plan, have been so good that an increase to 8,000,000,000 rubles has been effected, and progressively greater advancement is contemplated in coming years, Mr. Duranty says.

Industrial production in the current year has been increased 24% over the previous period, instead of 21.4%, as planned, with a capital investment of 1,700,000,000 rubles instead of the projected 1,660,000,000, it is indicated. Labor productivity and wages have increased almost exactly according to the plan, but reduction in first costs and improvement in quality have fallen below expectations. Agriculture made a better showing than was expected by the budgetary program, with particularly large gains in the grain collecting sections. In some respects the five-year plan is now to be greatly accelerated, the "Times" correspondent remarks. "Whereas the plan for the coming year proposed to increase industrial production by 20%, the revised program calls for an increase of 32 to 35%," he states. "Heavy industry has actually planned an increase by 42 to 45%. Instead of 1,700,000,000 rubles for capital investment during the current year, industry for 1929-30 demands an investment of 3,500,000,000, although the original plan provided for only 3,000,000,000. Still more striking are the advances in agriculture, if these accounts are to be credited. It is planned to increase the sown area by 7 to 8%, to extend the socialized farms from 5,000,000 hectares to between 15,000,000 and 18,000,000, to advance the production of tractors from 3,000 units to 10,000,

and to invest a total of 700,000,000 rubles in agricultural work."

Important changes were made in the Chilean Cabinet last Saturday, after a short period of uncertainty which followed the resignations of all the Ministers on the preceding Thursday. The breaking up of the Cabinet came as a surprise, Santiago dispatches said, but it did not cause unusual excitement, beyond a natural speculation regarding the successors. President Carlos Ibanez moved quickly to reconstruct the Government, and he announced the formation of the new Cabinet a week ago to-day. Only four changes were made, but these included the most important Ministereis. The Ministry of Finance has been placed in the hands of Rodolfo Jaramillo, who was at one time Controller General of the Republic and also director of the national railways. Later he became Director of Public Works, which office he now leaves in order to become a member of the Cabinet. He succeeds Pablo Ramirez, who inaugurated the policy of the Chilean Finance Department for the contracting of substantial loans in the United States to provide funds for roads, port construction, railways and public buildings. In a dispatch of last Sunday to the New York "Times," it was indicated that Senor Ramirez will be assigned to a high post in the bureau for the development of the Chilean nitrate industry. The post of Foreign Affairs in the Cabinet has been given to Manuel Barros Castanon, the present Ambassador to Mexico, while Conradio Rios Callardo, who was Foreign Minister for the past two years, will go to Europe for a short rest. The new Minister of the Interior is Enrique Bermudez, at present Ambassador to Argentina. Emiliano Bustos will be Minister of Public Works and National Development. General approval of the new Cabinet was expressed by the newspapers of the capital, according to the Santiago report to the "Times."

Negotiations may be opened shortly by the Government of Newfoundland for the sale of Labrador to Canada, authority for conversations to this end having been granted by the Newfoundland regime to J. de Champlain, a native of Quebec with large interests in Labrador. It was reported in a Moncton N. B., dispatch of Monday to the Associated Press that Mr. de Champlain was on his way to Ottawa. Canadian press reports from Ottawa on the same day intimated that Canada is to be invited to make a bid for Labrador. The suggestion that Canada buy Labrador had been put before the Ottawa Cabinet a month ago, it was stated, but the proposals lacked the backing of the St. John's Government and therefore could not be considered seriously at Ottawa. "It would be a natural guess," a Canadian press dispatch said, "to suppose that Mr. de Champlain made the tentative suggestion. At that time \$100,000,000 was mentioned—evidently a shot in the dark." The value of Labrador was declared problematical, and its mineral, pulp and power development would mean the expenditure of vast sums of money, which would have to be found by private capital. "Maintenance of Government services would for many years to come be an annual liability rather than an asset should Canada take it over," the report added. "Then, again, there is the question as to who would pay for it—possibly Quebec, to which presumably the new territory would be annexed,

and the Dominion, in some sort of ratio to be worked out. The matter bristles with difficulties, and if one school of Canadian thought would like to see the country rounded out to the Labrador coastline, another is against taking on so heavy a financial commitment at this time."

There have been no changes this week in the 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 Belgium and Denmark; 4½% in Sweden; and 3½% in France and Switzerland. London open market discounts for short bills are 5 7-16% the same as on Friday of last week, and 5½% for long bills, also the same as on the previous Friday. Money on call in London yesterday was 4⅜%. At Paris open market discounts remain at 3½%, and in Switzerland at 3¼%.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended Aug. 29 reveals a loss of £568,327 in bullion. Reserves, however, increased £830,000 as circulation contracted £1,399,000. The Bank's discount rate remains at 5½%. Gold holdings now total £137,633,677 as compared with £175,867,362 a year ago. Public deposits fell off £5,768,000 while other deposits increased £2,242,977. The latter is subdivided into bankers' accounts and other accounts, which increased £2,139,202 and £103,775, respectively. The proportion of reserves to liabilities is now 29.29%; last week it was 27.71% and two weeks ago it was 25.99%. At this time last year the proportion was 52.54%. Loans on Government securities increased £2,230,000. Those on other securities fell off £6,551,771. Other securities are made up of "discounts and advances" and "securities." Both of these items decreased, the former £79,748, the latter £6,472,023. Below we show comparative figures of the various items for five years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1929. Aug. 29.	1928. Aug. 30.	1927. Aug. 31.	1926. Sept. 1.	1925. Sept. 2.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	364,044,000	135,440,000	137,448,885	141,288,970	144,978,535
Public deposits.....	20,518,000	19,228,000	22,148,776	15,731,775	12,664,797
Other deposits.....	94,130,977	95,303,000	93,200,320	108,580,583	116,780,530
Bankers' accounts.....	57,990,151	-----	-----	-----	-----
Other accounts.....	36,140,826	-----	-----	-----	-----
Government securities.....	73,276,855	29,141,000	58,446,999	38,056,779	39,646,556
Other securities.....	26,018,431	43,443,000	41,638,510	70,568,095	70,767,495
Disct. & advances.....	3,752,639	-----	-----	-----	-----
Securities.....	22,265,792	-----	-----	-----	-----
Reserve notes & coin.....	33,587,000	60,176,000	33,540,739	33,959,827	37,302,983
Coin and bullion.....	137,633,677	175,867,362	151,239,624	155,498,797	162,531,518
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	29.29%	52.54%	29.08%	27.32%	28¼%
Bank rate.....	5½%	4½%	4½%	5%	4½%

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.

In its statement for the week ended Aug. 24, the Bank of France shows an increase in gold holdings of 327,578,583 francs raising the total of the item to 38,803,740,570 francs, which compares with only 30,361,673,115 francs a year ago on Aug. 25 1928. French commercial bills discounted expanded 834,000,000 francs, while credit balances abroad declined 16,000,000 francs. A decrease was shown in note circulation of 338,000,000 francs, reducing the item to 64,353,267,925 francs, which compares with 60,318,658,605 francs a year ago. An increase was shown in bills bought abroad of 18,000,000 francs and in creditor current accounts of 795,000,000 francs, while advances against securities declined 72,000,000 francs. Below is furnished a comparison of the vari-

ous items of the Bank's return for the past two weeks as well as for the corresponding week last year:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Changes for Week.	Status as of			
	Aug. 24 1929.	Aug. 17 1929.	Aug. 25 1928.	
Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	
Gold holdings.....Inc.	327,578,583	38,803,740,570	38,476,161,987	30,361,673,115
Credit bals' abr'd. Dec.	16,000,000	7,248,293,083	7,264,293,083	14,064,322,425
French commercial bills discounted. Inc.	834,000,000	9,164,726,474	8,330,726,474	4,431,699,350
Bills bought abr'd. Inc.	18,000,000	18,542,444,232	18,524,444,232	17,173,576,599
Adv. agst. secur's. Dec.	72,000,000	2,368,046,230	2,440,046,230	1,938,598,836
Note circulation...Dec.	338,000,000	64,353,267,925	64,691,267,925	60,318,658,605
Cred. curr. acct's. Inc.	795,000,000	20,271,464,712	19,476,464,712	17,390,660,509

The Bank of Germany in its statement for the third week of August shows another increase in gold and bullion, this time of 26,758,000 marks. This raises the total gold holdings to 2,177,022,000 marks, but compares with 2,240,909,000 marks at the corresponding date last year. Reserve in foreign currency rose during the week 9,552,000 marks, while deposits abroad remained unchanged. Notes in circulation contracted 138,634,000 marks, reducing the total of the item to 4,153,109,000 marks, as against 3,969,597,000 marks last year and 3,406,878,000 marks two years ago. Silver and other coin increased 7,960,000 marks and notes on other German banks 4,499,000 marks. A decrease of 154,889,000 marks was shown in bills of exchange and checks, of 7,890,000 marks in other daily maturing obligations and of 42,085,000 marks in advances, while investment continued unchanged. Other assets expanded 2,515,000 marks and other liabilities 834,000 marks. A comparison of the various items for the past three years is shown below:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Changes for Week.	Status as of			
	Aug. 23 1929.	Aug. 23 1928.	Aug. 23 1927.	
Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	
Gold and bullion.....Inc.	26,758,000	2,177,022,000	2,240,909,000	1,831,235,000
Of which depos. abr'd. Inc.	149,788,000	85,626,000	66,543,000	66,543,000
Res'v in for'n curr. Inc.	9,552,000	312,213,000	211,412,000	167,939,000
Bills of exch. & checks. Dec.	154,889,000	2,042,533,000	1,972,311,000	2,092,555,000
Silver and other coin. Inc.	7,960,000	144,307,000	111,371,000	95,348,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bks. Inc.	4,499,000	23,916,000	27,181,000	28,740,000
Advances.....Dec.	42,085,000	43,685,000	27,136,000	24,957,000
Investments.....Inc.	Unchanged	92,744,000	93,819,000	92,261,000
Other assets.....Inc.	2,515,000	548,198,000	560,998,000	532,472,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation...Dec.	138,634,000	4,153,109,000	3,969,597,000	3,406,878,000
Oth. daily matur. oblig. Dec.	7,890,000	444,841,000	631,996,000	711,270,000
Other liabilities.....Inc.	834,000	344,272,000	236,442,000	381,178,000

Money rates in the New York market moved upward this week in response to the heavier demand occasioned by the month-end settlements and the currency needs of holiday makers. Call loan rates reflected these influences and the exceptionally heavy additional demands for stock market accommodation by moving from 7% in the early sessions of the week to 9% in the later periods. Maturity funds were unchanged at 8 3/4 to 9%, for all dates. Although the end of August is not an important dividend and interest payment date, more payments are being made this year than ever before at this time owing to the growing practice of corporations to diversify payment dates instead of concentrating them at quarterly periods. Brokers' loans increased \$132,000,000 for the week ended Wednesday in the statement of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York based on reports of member banks, indicating further heavy absorption of credit in stock market speculation. In view of the concurrence of all these requirements the increase in the call loan rate was regarded as moderate, even though the level reached is very high when considered by itself. Demand loans were 7% all of Monday, with a tendency toward tightness apparent as withdrawals by the banks aggregated about \$15,000,000. Preparations for month-end

needs got under way Tuesday, and the rate was increased from a renewal figure of 7% to a closing rate of 9%, banks withdrawing about \$20,000,000 in the period. The rate continued at 9% on all subsequent transactions of the week, and supply and demand appeared well balanced, as the only further withdrawals by the banks took place Thursday, when about \$15,000,000 was called. Gold movements through the Port of New York for the week ended Wednesday consisted of imports of \$2,217,000 and exports of \$102,000. No change was reported in the stock of gold held earmarked for foreign account.

Dealing in detail with the call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, all loans on Monday were at 7%, including renewals. On Tuesday the renewal charge was again 7%, but on new loans there was an advance to 9%, and this latter rate was maintained unchanged the rest of the week, all loans on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday being at that figure, including renewals. Time money has continued inactive, though with some improvement towards the end of the week. Quotations have remained unchanged from day to day at 8 3/4 @ 9% for all maturities from 30 days to six months. Little activity has been apparent in commercial paper. Rates for names of choice character maturing in four to six months remain nominally at 6 @ 6 1/4%, while names less well known are 6 1/4 @ 6 1/2%, with New England mill paper quoted at 6 1/4%.

The market for prime bankers' acceptances has continued quiet, with offerings in excess of demand. Rates for the longer maturities were further advanced on Saturday last, both the bid and the asked prices for 150 and 180 day bills being raised an additional 1/8 of 1%. The posted rates of the American Acceptance Council are now 5 1/4% bid and 5 1/8% asked for bills running 30 days, and also for 60 to 90 days; 5 3/8% bid and 5 1/4% asked for 120 days and 5 5/8% bid and 5 1/2% asked for 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 advanced for the longer maturities and are as below:

SPOT DELIVERY.

	-180 Days-		-150 Days-		-120 Days-	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	5 3/4	5 1/2	5 3/4	5 1/2	5 3/4	5 1/2
	-90 Days-		-60 Days-		-30 Days-	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	5 3/4	5 1/2	5 3/4	5 1/2	5 3/4	5 1/2

FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.

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

There have been no changes this week in the rediscount rates of any 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 Aug. 30.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston.....	5	July 19 1928	4 3/4
New York.....	6	Aug. 9 1929	5
Philadelphia.....	5	July 26 1928	4 3/4
Cleveland.....	5	Aug. 1 1928	4 3/4
Richmond.....	5	July 13 1928	4 3/4
Atlanta.....	5	July 14 1928	4 3/4
Chicago.....	5	July 11 1928	4 3/4
St. Louis.....	5	July 19 1928	4 3/4
Minneapolis.....	5	May 14 1929	4 3/4
Kansas City.....	5	May 6 1929	4 3/4
Dallas.....	5	Mar. 2 1929	4 3/4
San Francisco.....	5	May 20 1929	4 3/4

Sterling exchange is extremely dull. Rates this week have been within the narrowest limits, but a slight fraction lower and close to the export point for gold from London to New York. Uncertainties arising out of the probable course of The Hague Conference and the international credit situation are largely responsible for the extreme dullness of the market. Traders are disinclined to take a technical position at present. Essentially the exchange situation is little different from what it was throughout the past few weeks. High money rates in New York are the dominating adverse factor. The range for sterling this week has been from 4.84 $\frac{1}{8}$ to 4.84 7-16 for bankers' sight bills, compared with 4.84 5-16 to 4.84 $\frac{1}{2}$ last week. The range for cable transfers has been from 4.84 21-32 to 4.84 13-16, compared with 4.84 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 4.84 $\frac{7}{8}$ the previous week. What appears to be a more satisfactory outcome of the Hague negotiations has resulted in a slightly better tone of sterling exchange, although neither the quotations nor the volume of transactions in the market gave signs of over-confidence in this one factor. That the Bank of England continues to lose gold to Germany and France and might easily suffer losses of gold to the United States were there not tacit reluctance and opposition to such imports here, makes the British position so precarious that diplomats' findings at The Hague have little effect. The seasonal pressure against sterling has now fully set in and in the next few weeks tourist requirements will fall off rapidly, while bills against commodity imports into England will rise steadily in volume.

Unless an unexpected ease in money rates should develop on this side the foreign exchanges must be strongly against Europe throughout the autumn. However, London seems to be trusting that some miracle may happen, so that Bank of England gold holdings may not suffer further great depletion. There is undoubtedly a strong body of opinion on the other side urging that no advance be made in the Bank of England rate of discount and it seems probable that every measure will be resorted to before an advance is made in the rate. The London banks may be urged to call home some of their foreign balances. The general opinion in London seems to be that an advance in the Bank of England's rate would not have the slightest influence in checking the outflow of gold to France, because the French banks have real need for funds in their home market. These French banks are consequently not interested in the question of rates and continue to draw on their foreign balances so long as it suits their purpose to do so. Under such circumstances London opinion has it that the feeling has grown that a higher Bank rate would merely penalize British trade and industry without improving the foreign exchange situation. French public and private balances in London and New York are in very great volume. At other times, under more normal conditions in the money market, a very considerable proportion of these balances would be invested in foreign securities, but for a long time the French investors have shown a disinclination toward foreign securities and while this condition persists it is only reasonable to believe that they will draw down their balances in London and New York from time to time in the form of gold.

The Bank of England's weekly statement shows a further reduction of bullion holdings of £568,327, bringing the total to £137,633,677. This compares with total gold holdings on Aug. 30 1928 of £175,-

867,362. Traders regard it as a favorable sign in the general sterling situation that the loss during the week has been confined to this comparatively small amount. They are encouraged by evidence that the banking position is improved. The proportion of banking reserves to deposit liabilities has risen to 29.29% from 27.7% on Aug. 21. A further effort to ease money rates is indicated by an increase in holdings of Government securities to £73,276,855 against £71,046,855. On Saturday the Bank of England sold £6,863 in gold bars and exported £2,000 in sovereigns. On Tuesday the Bank bought £169,595 in gold bars and sold £169,526 in gold bars. On Wednesday the Bank sold £351,169 in gold bars. London bullion brokers reported that £250,000 of this gold was taken from the Bank of England for shipment to France and £70,000 for shipment to the United States. It is believed that £30,000 taken in Tuesday's open market was also destined for the United States. On Thursday the Bank of England sold £526,481 in gold bars, exported £5,000 in sovereigns and bought £1,262 in gold bars. On Friday the Bank of England sold £488,471 in gold bars and exported £2,000 in sovereigns. The Bank received £200,000 in sovereigns from abroad.

At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week Aug. 22-Aug. 28, inclusive, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$2,217,000, of which \$1,950,000 came from Argentina and \$267,000 chiefly from other Latin American countries. Gold exports were \$102,000 to Mexico. The Reserve Bank reported no change in gold earmarked for foreign account. In tabular form the gold movement at the Port of New York for the week ended Aug. 28, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:

GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, AUG. 22-26, INCLUSIVE.

<i>Imports.</i>	<i>Exports.</i>
\$1,950,000 from Argentina	\$102,000 to Mexico
267,000 chiefly from other Latin American countries.	
\$2,217,000 total.	\$102,000 total.
<i>Net Change in Gold Earmarked for Foreign Account.</i>	
None.	

Canadian exchange is still at a discount. On Saturday Montreal funds were at a discount of 21-32 of 1%; on Monday at $\frac{3}{4}$; on Tuesday 25-32; on Wednesday at $\frac{3}{4}$; on Thursday at 23-32 of 1%, and on Friday at 11-16 of 1%.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling on Saturday last was irregular in the ordinary dull half-day market. Bankers' sight was 4.84 5-16@4.84 7-16 and cable transfers 4.84 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4.84 13-16. On Monday the market continued quiet. The range was 4.84 5-16 @4.84 7-16 for bankers' sight and 4.84 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4.84 25-32 for cable transfers. On Tuesday the market continued dull. Bankers' sight was 4.84 $\frac{1}{4}$ @4.84 7-16; cable transfers 4.84 23-32@4.84 13-16. On Wednesday the market showed a slightly better tone. Bankers' sight was 4.84 $\frac{1}{4}$ @4.84 7-16 and cable transfers 4.84 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4.84 13-16. On Thursday the market continued dull and steady. The range was 4.84 $\frac{1}{4}$ @4.84 7-16 for bankers' sight and 4.84 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4.84 13-16 for cable transfers. On Friday the market was easier. The range was 4.84 $\frac{1}{8}$ @4.84 $\frac{3}{8}$ for bankers' sight and 4.84 21-32@4.84 $\frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were 4.84 5-16 for demand and 4.84 11-16 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4.84 3-16, sixty-day bills at 4.79 $\frac{1}{4}$, ninety-day bills at 4.77, documents for payment (60 days) at 4.79 $\frac{1}{4}$ and seven-day grain bills at 4.83 7-16. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4.84 3-16.

The Continental exchanges have been dull and on average fractionally lower than a week ago, but transactions have been so light in volume that fluctuations in the rates have been of small moment. French francs show little change from a week ago. This week the Bank of France shows an increase in gold holdings of 327,578,583 francs. One of the chief reasons ascribed for the recent weakness of sterling in Paris has been the strong demand for francs occasioned by scarcity of currency in Paris. This is largely the result of heavy balances being carried with the Bank of France by the French Treasury and the Caisse d'Amortissement. The current statement of the Bank shows, however, reduction of the present balances totaling 426,000,000 francs. This is only partly offset by an increase of 135,000,000 francs in the account of the sinking fund commission and is ascribed as a chief reason for the slightly easier tone recently apparent in French exchange. As noted above, France continues to draw down gold from London. Money rates in Paris are easier than in any other centre. Nevertheless, French banks continue to repatriate their balances in London, although indications are not wanting that this drain will not continue to be as heavy as it was in recent weeks. Experience has shown that purchases of gold in London for French account cease when sterling reaches 123.85 at Paris. The British press continues to reproach the Bank of France for permitting heavy drafts on London gold. It is admitted in Paris that the French Bank did not intervene to encourage or to discourage the gold operation, for it had no option in the matter. The law of Aug. 7 1926, which authorized the Bank to regulate gold movements, was abrogated by the law of June 25 1928, fixing the gold value of the new franc. According to that law, the Bank can circulate francs only by discounting drafts through loans against securities or through gold purchases. The Bank is obliged to buy all gold offered at the price of 15,267.17 francs per kilogramme, less stamp expense, whereby the seller receives 15,247.17. The Bank's present attitude, therefore, conforms to the statute and to the normal operation of the gold standard. Paris bankers say that the reason Paris draws on London rather than on New York is the speed of transport, which makes the gold import point for sterling more readily obtainable than the dollar gold point.

The German mark has been at minimum demand and quotations have shown on average little change from last week. The negotiations at The Hague have taken a turn which is favorable to the tone of mark exchange. As noted above, Berlin continues to draw gold from London. Money rates in Germany are firm and credit is in demand, factors which should give firmness to mark exchange in New York, but they are altogether offset by the high money rates and credit demand on this side, which has curtailed to a marked degree the volume of German borrowing here. At present mark exchange has a notable share in tourist traffic, but from now on this factor of firmness will gradually disappear and the period of seasonal pressure develop.

Italian lire have been relatively firm, owing largely to official support which always seems forthcoming whenever the unit is inclined to sag. Money continues scarce in the Italian market and operations are difficult owing to the gradual reduction of circulation. Italian import surplus, according to Rome dispatches, which increased during the first three months of the

year, has decreased in the four subsequent months, and it is thought that in the final result the import surplus will be about the same as last year. The larger first half import excess is attributed to raw material needs and the tariff. The increased raw materials followed on industrial revival, increased consumption, and protectionist tendencies abroad.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 123.89 on Friday of this week, against 123.87 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 3.91 $\frac{1}{8}$, against 3.91 $\frac{1}{8}$ on Friday a week ago; cable transfers at 3.91 $\frac{3}{8}$, against 3.91 $\frac{3}{8}$ and commercial sight bills at 3.90 13-16, against 3.90 $\frac{7}{8}$. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.89 $\frac{3}{4}$ for checks and at 13.90 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, against 13.89 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 13.90 $\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.79 $\frac{1}{2}$ for checks and 23.80 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.81 and 23.82 a week earlier. Italian lire closed at 5.22 $\frac{7}{8}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 5.23 $\frac{1}{8}$ for cable transfers, as against 5.22 $\frac{7}{8}$ and 5.23 $\frac{1}{8}$ on Friday of last week. Austrian schillings closed at 14.10 on Friday of this week, against 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 2.96 $\frac{1}{8}$, against 2.96 $\frac{1}{8}$; 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ for checks and at 1.29 $\frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers, against 1.29 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 1.29 $\frac{1}{2}$.

The exchanges on the countries neutral during the war, like the leading Continentals, have been quiet, governed largely by the day-to-day position of sterling exchange. The Scandinavian currencies have been steady and continue to be in good demand in comparison with what they were a few weeks ago. This is owing to active business in those countries, all of which are enjoying a larger share of tourist expenditures than usual. This item of firmness is, however, soon to terminate as a seasonal matter. Spanish pesetas, contrary to the trend of most exchanges, have been decidedly firm for several weeks owing to the support of the foreign exchange committee at Madrid. Holland guilders continue to show weakness because of the fact that Dutch lenders are sending funds to London, Berlin and New York, where they can be more profitably employed than at home. In addition, from now on exchange should be normally against Amsterdam, as grain and cotton import bills accumulate.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.04 $\frac{1}{4}$, against 40.04 $\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.06 $\frac{1}{4}$, against 40.06 $\frac{1}{2}$; and commercial sight bills at 40.01, against 40.01. Swiss francs closed at 19.23 $\frac{1}{4}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 19.24 $\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers, in comparison with 19.24 and 19.25 a week earlier. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.60 $\frac{1}{2}$ and cable transfers at 26.62, against 26.61 and 26.62 $\frac{1}{2}$. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.77 $\frac{1}{2}$ and cable transfers at 26.79, against 26.77 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 26.79, while checks on Norway finished at 26.61 $\frac{1}{2}$ and cable transfers at 26.62, against 26.62 and 26.63 $\frac{1}{2}$. Spanish pesetas closed at 14.74 for checks and at 14.75 for cable transfers, which compares with 14.71 and 14.72 a week earlier.

The South American exchanges show little change. They have been quiet. Argentine pesos seem not to reflect in any way the heavy gold shipments from Buenos Aires in recent weeks to both New York and

On its face, the compromise agreement appears to have granted a very substantial part of the British financial demands. The cabled accounts of the agreement contain some contradictions, but as reported by the correspondent of the New York "Times" it was agreed, subject to the consent of Germany, that Great Britain should receive from the other creditor Powers 40,000,000 marks annually, or 8,000,000 marks less than Mr. Snowden originally asked for. Of this amount, according to another report, 36,000,000 marks is to be unconditionally guaranteed by the Powers from the annuities allocated to them by the Young Plan, while the remaining 4,000,000 marks are represented by the interest which will be saved by making the German payments semi-annual, on June 15 and Dec. 15, in advance, instead of monthly as heretofore. Of the unconditional annuities, Great Britain will receive 92,000,000 marks in place of the negligible amount provided by the Young Plan. Precisely how the financial stipulations of the Young Plan are to be manipulated so as to support this arrangement is not stated, nor is it clear whether, under the compromise, the total German payments are to be increased or are to remain as the Young committee scheduled them. In addition to these direct financial payments, the Italian State Railways are to purchase from Great Britain 1,000,000 tons of coal annually "at the best British export market price," and some obligation seems to have been laid upon the Bank for International Settlements to administer the reparation payments in kind in such a way as not to injure British trade.

For a time it looked as if this compromise, reached after a session of the principal conferees which was prolonged nearly all night, would fail because of German opposition. Dr. Stresemann, the German Foreign Minister, who has insisted all along that Germany was ready to accept the Young Plan without change, objected strongly to the compromise agreement unless it were accompanied by an agreement for the speedy evacuation of the Rhineland, and demanded that Germany should be relieved from paying the costs of military occupation after Sept. 1. Other points to which German assent was necessary included the disposition of the Dawes Plan surplus and the new allocation of the unconditional annuities. The Dawes Plan surplus, amounting to about 300,000,000 marks, represents the difference between the higher payments under the Dawes Plan and the lower payments under the Young Plan for the past five months, but the amount chargeable to costs of occupation, depending upon the length of the occupation period, appears to have been estimated at about 70,000,000 marks. These financial difficulties, whatever their precise nature, were reported on Thursday to have been ironed out and the final date for evacuation fixed. M. Briand's scheme of a special demilitarized zone on the Rhine, in part under Allied control, was dropped, and it was agreed that evacuation should be completed within eight months after the ratification of the Young Plan by France and Germany, and in any case by June 30 1930. As a part of this latter agreement, the British and Belgian evacuation was deferred, and the troops of those Powers and of France will continue the occupation until the general withdrawal can be begun.

How far the compromise was due to Mr. Snowden's stubborn insistence upon what he regarded as

equitable treatment of Great Britain in the reparations settlement, or to a realization that the Young Plan, in its allocation of the annuities, had impaired some obligation attaching to the Spa percentages, or to a general feeling that a breakdown of the negotiations might have serious political consequences for Europe, and financial consequences as well, we do not yet know. It is plain that the Young Plan came in for some rough handling, and that at a number of points it showed itself rather easily open to attack. It had been increasingly evident, too, after the violent reaction of the first few days, that the MacDonald Government and British public opinion stood solidly behind the British Chancellor of the Exchequer in his demands; and Europe is not yet ready to go on without Great Britain. Dr. Stresemann's argument that Germany stood by the Young Plan and expected to see it adopted, that the budget plans had been made with that expectation, and that a serious political situation, with perhaps the overthrow of the Government, might develop if the Plan were rejected, seems to have carried a good deal of weight with the delegates. The provisional agreements with Great Britain and Belgium for the prompt evacuation of the Rhineland by their troops, the scheduled meeting of the League of Nations next week which a number of the leading delegates at The Hague expected to attend, and the grave conditions which suddenly developed in Palestine, were doubtless also among the influences which hastened an agreement.

An agreement on paper, on the other hand, is not always the same thing as an agreement in fact. The Young Plan is still a long way from being adopted, and the date when it may go into effect, in case its adoption is achieved, is still a considerable distance off. The dispatches from The Hague do not make clear whether the agreement that has been reached disposes of all of Mr. Snowden's objections to the continuance of deliveries in kind, and the full and exact nature of his objections to the Bank has not yet been made known. It is reported that the Bank plan and other details of the report will be turned over to commissions for study while the League is in session, but the findings of the commissions will probably necessitate another meeting of the conference before they can be given finality. In view of the character of the Mussolini Government, it may be assumed that the Italian delegation at The Hague would not have entered into any agreement about coal purchases or any other matters without Mussolini's approval, and the MacDonald Government, if it shall continue to win the concessions which it wants, will have nothing to do but to approve the modified Plan. The agreements that have just been entered into, however, will require the ratification of the German and French Parliaments. The opposition which has been voiced by the German Nationalists is perhaps not formidable, although any material increase in the amounts which Germany has to pay might precipitate a parliamentary battle and solidify opposition to the present Government. The French situation is more uncertain. An influential section of the French press has been outspoken in its criticism of the Young Plan, and the financial concessions which France will be called upon to make have been received with ill grace by the French public. M. Briand, accordingly, may find his diplomatic powers once more tried when he faces Parliament with the

modified Young Plan as a vital part of the ministerial program.

Nevertheless, the outlook is distinctly more hopeful. Mr. Snowden's victory has been attained at the cost of considerable strain in the *entente cordiale*, but some serious difficulties have, nevertheless, been surmounted. We shall have the Young Plan with us for some months yet, but the remainder of its course seems easier now that some acute differences have been adjusted.

Surplus and Scarcity of Farm Products.

A few weeks ago, and before the Federal Farm Board had aided a single existent agricultural cooperative marketing association, or loaned a dollar, or even formulated a policy, the price of wheat advanced forty to fifty cents a bushel. The cause is everywhere admitted to be a short crop in Canada and in the American Northwest. This price, owing to attendant speculation, is unsteady, but bids fair to hold a substantial part of the advance during the period of the disposal of the present crop. As a result of price, lowered freights on immediate shipments, and the disposal of a holdover surplus, a huge volume of the product is in transit to warehousing and foreign shipment points, heavily taxing the facilities of the railroads and exerting reactionary influences on prices. In this emergency it has been given out that the Farm Board tentatively favors the holding of wheat by the farmers. This, however, at most, is the promulgation of an opinion and has nothing to do with the yet-to-be-created machinery of the law. So that we witness almost at once upon, and despite, the passage of the Act of "relief," the operation of the old law of supply and demand, and the freedom of the individual farmer to take advantage of opportunities that seem to favor his own interests.

The politically-begotten law for the relief of the farmer is not yet out of the woods. It is still the subject of discussion and speculation. And there is an insinuation in some quarters that the hue and cry of the pre-election talk that eventuated in the Federal Farm Board and the five hundred million dollar appropriation has resulted in nothing more direct than "helping the farmer to help himself." On August 9th, at the Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia three "widely differing" plans were offered to overcome what is charged as "the present ineffectuality of the new farm law." Senator Connally advocated the debenture plan which was adopted by the Senate and rejected by the House and lost in conference. A report says: "Our problem, Senator Connally said, is to get the products of one land to the people of other lands. He did not believe that in the economy of things there had ever been or ever would be a true world surplus. Farm relief to be real must give the American farmer economic equality with other industries." . . . "If we are to protect manufacturers from paupers abroad, it is unjust by the same process to create paupers at home." Senator Walsh of Massachusetts said: "Something should be done to help American agriculture. We are all agreed about that. But manipulating the tariff so as to fool the farmer is not the way to do. The correction of the enormous waste of distribution—the handling and trading aspects of distribution, is one of the things to do. And the farmer is already manfully and sensibly largely doing for himself through his co-

operative organizations with their helpful marketing arrangements." Mr. B. F. Yoakum, President of the Empire Bond and Mortgage Company of New York said: "No elaborate machinery is required, only two major agencies—the Federal Farm Board and, for each standard farm product, a commodity marketing board." . . . "Farmers organized under two simple amendments to the farm law, enabling them to meet this condition, which will be a growing menace to their business if allowed to proceed unchallenged, is the only remedy. They should have authority for: (1) control of production, so as to prevent unwieldy surpluses; (2) control of distribution and marketing through commodity marketing boards for each standard product, without cost to any other commodity or cost to the Government except an initial loan for organization expenses, including educational work."

Are we to augur from this ostensibly non-political discussion a prospective failure of the great Farm Relief Act? Why talk of amendments before the law is really in effect? Why propose plans so at variance with the law as it stands? In practice, rushing an old surplus to market and selling a scarcity at a high price, at the same time, is contrary to any and all plans proposed. And does it not demonstrate the hopelessness of any Governmental law to meet the exigencies that from time to time occur in agriculture? Senator Connally is probably right in asserting that there is never a world-surplus of wheat. Somewhere on this round ball of ours people are starving for the want of food. If not for bread in China, to-day, then for want of rice cakes. The idea of controlling a surplus in one country, if it is possible, is repugnant to the welfare of peoples that may have a scarcity. And price, though temporarily enhanced at the source in a limited territory, is in time levelled by the flow of exchange over the seas and the earth. Too much wheat and wheat farmers are in the public mind. In this the Yoakum proposal of "commodity marketing boards," though promising possibly too much, is in the right direction. Prices of farm products act and react on each other. Live stock for beef depends largely on the quantity and price of corn. Confining the flow of our product affects all products. Why not consider an easier flow through a freer trade?

Surplus and scarcity under any law, natural or artificial, is an individual as well as a collective problem. The farmer, whose small farm is best adapted to wheat, who enters into an association aimed at the eradication of a country's surplus, is simply committing suicide. The single farmer who refuses to market his own crop when the "price is right," for any reason, is standing in his own light, and the nation, or people, that will not produce a surplus, because it may, forsooth, lower price, is disregarding the human needs of the world. Why talk of unity and universal prosperity and refuse to contribute anything to make other peoples healthful, happy and contented? A surplus is always and everywhere needed to counterbalance a possible scarcity. For the lean years inevitably follow the fat ones. Nature must have rest. No law was ever enacted that could supersede the natural law. Political promises are a poor dependence against storms, insects, weeds. In Egypt, prolific, fertile, the surplus of the fat years was stored up against the lean, and regardless of price.

Price is only an index, a measuring stick. The important thing is the surplus itself. The essential object of all life is to produce a surplus, that progress, another name for true prosperity, may continue. But a surplus always diminishes, while a scarcity never increases. In all this talk about equalization it must be recognized that the surplus in agriculture is limited by the year's possible output, while, with the machine, in manufacture the making of a surplus is continuous and practically unlimited. The product of each buys the other. But when the crop is sold, exchanged, for the manufactured article, the one can be replenished without regard to time; the other cannot. Talk of limitation of agricultural output for any reason, therefore, is an economic wrong.

Manufacture of articles and appliances, utensils and machines never knows an equivalent to a bread line. One of the patent follies of this extended discussion over the "plight" of the farmer is talk of increasing the consumption of wheat or bread in his interest. When the normal consumption is satisfied, the rest is waste. Let the farmer market as he will or can, by association or individually, but do not ask him to limit acreage or production, to his own undoing. If he has no surplus, what is he to exchange for the ever-multiplying products of the factory?

The fact is that manufacture is protected by an artificial price, the result of tariff. Under such a system there can be no equability of exchange between agriculture and manufacture. But if this could be removed there would still be inequality, though it would tend to diminish through the leveling of prices. Wages, through the influence of unions of technical workers, work to the disadvantage of the farmer. In a word, there are so many interferences with free exchange that price favors manufacture. To work on one factor and ignore the other is to stumble along and forever prevent a solution.

Normally, scarcity increases price; but nature works for a surplus. The factory, when glutted by mass-production, can shut down. But the farm that lies fallow, though the soil is enriched, grows to weeds, and must be made over for tillage. You can oil the machinery, rub off the rust, light the fires, and set the factory going, regardless of time and place; not so with the farm. And if limitation is to be the salvation of the agriculturist, let it first be applied to the manufacturer. But here again we are confronted with the abnormal. For we can not escape the principle that the creation of a surplus is the guaranty of life and prosperity. Applying huge consolidated labor-saving machines to production on the farm is beneficial, but not wholly satisfactory, since the small farm, as lately shown in this voluminous discussion, is the normal unit in agriculture, in that it best allows for intelligence and efficiency in management, through personal application buttressed upon experience. Further than this, when the mechanical farmer displaces the "dirt farmer" the rugged citizenship produced by this division of human work must deteriorate and the State will correspondingly suffer. When the individual farmer on the unit farm can house his own surplus, he is the more independent of price and can become his own marketing association, relying on the protection of his own granary against the vicissitudes of price. Merged in a marketing associ-

ation he becomes the tool of those who, by manipulating the total surplus, can artificially create a scarcity, of which he himself becomes the prey as well as the beneficiary.

The Rejuvenation of the Erie RR.

The Van Sweringen interests took over active management of the Erie on January 1 1927. They have now had charge two and a half years. The first twelve months was a period of revision and reorganization. Mr. Bernet, the President, brought with him from the Nickel Plate some of the men who had produced results there. The regional plan of organization under Vice-Presidents was abolished and the former plan of a single organization re-established. A comprehensive program of scrapping obsolete rolling stock was set up. An early objective was the reduction of the locomotive costs for fuel and repairs, the freight car repair costs, and certain overhead and train service wages costs, by revised methods. Many burdensome contracts were abrogated. The stock of material and supplies was reduced. A heavy charge for old coal previously accumulated at high prices in anticipation of a strike was absorbed in current expenses.

In 1927, 367 steam locomotives, 249 coaches, 7,298 freight cars were scrapped. The heavy charges involved in this scrapping, together with certain large delayed accounting items for depreciation were carried to profit and loss account, by special authorization of the Inter-State Commerce Commission. The amount thus absorbed was \$12,417,748. The formula for depreciation of equipment was revised to a heavier current charge. In addition, certain deferred items of expense were written off in 1927—through income account up to the amount of \$2,100,000.

Very shortly after the new interests took charge there was accomplished a large financing which greatly changed the face of affairs. So low had been the credit of Erie that for full two decades no considerable financing, save for emergency purposes, had been possible. Capital requirements in this period were almost altogether provided out of surplus earnings. From 1907 to 1926 the net investment in road and equipment was increased \$148,000,000, while the increase in funded debt, excluding equipments trusts, was less than \$36,000,000. Therefore, when in May 1927 there was effected a sale of \$50,000,000 of its 5% bonds on a 5.30 basis, the whole Erie situation took on new aspect. Some \$33,000,000 of the proceeds of this issue were used for retiring high interest bearing short term and floating debt obligations. There was left about \$14,000,000 cash to further the expansion program. In addition to this new financing there was a shift in the capital structure by conversion of \$19,317,400 convertible bonds for which common stock was exchanged on the basis of two for one, thus effecting a considerable reduction in fixed charges.

The changes in the balance sheet in the years 1927, 1928 are indicated below, which cover the period of the new management:

	Source. Dec. Assets.	Application. Inc. Assets.
Road and equipment and improvem'ts leased lines	-----	\$13,335,351
Miscellaneous physical property	-----	427,231
Investments	-----	175,384
Cash	-----	4,263,808
Materials and supplies	\$4,346,947	-----
Miscellaneous receivables	-----	2,309,951

	Inc. Liab.	Dec. Liab.
Capital stock (common)-----	\$38,634,800	-----
Government grants-----	800,231	-----
Long term debts-----	11,833,427	-----
Short term debt-----	-----	\$10,000,000
Current liabilities-----	-----	5,708,478
Deferred liabilities-----	217,099	-----
Depreciation-----	7,255,182	-----
Miscellaneous unadjusted credits-----	827,704	-----
Additions to property and retirement of funded debt through surplus and income-----	-----	330,283
Sinking fund reserves-----	2,593,620	-----
Profit and loss (credit balance)-----	-----	29,958,524
	\$66,509,010	\$66,509,010

The current assets and liabilities position has been improved. Floating debt and current liabilities have been reduced nearly \$16,000,000; cash and current receivables have been increased \$6,000,000. For the first time in many years Erie is freed from the harassment of floating debt.

Under circumstances of such radical and far-reaching changes which were further complicated by a temporary recession of earnings, the year 1927 could hardly serve for a test of the new policies. But by 1928 many of the reorganizations had been carried through and anticipated savings had been realized. Setting the twelve months of 1928 against the average of the three years next preceding, the operations compare as below:

	1928.	Average 1924-7.	Increase.	Decrease.
Operating revenue-----	\$124,976,542	\$121,037,937	\$3,938,605	-----
Operating expenses-----	95,362,966	96,065,602	-----	\$702,636
Net revenue-----	\$29,613,576	\$24,972,335	\$4,641,241	-----
Taxes and U-c-----	5,080,305	4,774,184	306,121	-----
Gross ry. oper. inc.-----	\$24,533,271	\$20,198,151	\$4,335,120	-----
Less-----				
Hire of equipment-----	\$4,498,063	\$2,649,635	\$1,848,428	-----
Joint facilities-----	Cr. 11,951	Cr. 3,323	Cr. 8,628	-----
Net ry. oper. income-----	\$20,047,159	\$17,551,839	\$2,595,320	-----
Non-operating income-----	4,675,280	6,250,731	-----	\$1,575,451
Gross income-----	\$24,722,439	\$23,802,570	\$919,869	-----
Deductions from income-----	14,719,555	14,987,794	-----	268,239
Net income-----	\$10,002,884	\$8,814,776	\$1,188,108	-----
Applied to sinking fund-----	1,388,092	1,251,359	136,733	-----
Surplus-----	\$8,614,792	\$7,563,417	\$1,051,375	-----

In the above comparison Erie showed an increase of about \$1,000,000 in surplus for the year 1928. When we come to analyze this net figure we find the Erie had a better gross revenue by nearly \$4,000,000, and by reduction of \$700,000 in expenses it produced nearly \$4,700,000 better net income. But it lost all but \$1,000,000 of this:

Loss by increase in taxes-----	\$306,000
Loss by increase in hire of equipment-----	1,748,000
Loss by decrease, non-operating income-----	1,575,000
	\$3,629,000

In the direct operation of the railway, the management shows very satisfactory results, except in the heavy increase of the hire of equipment charge. The decrease in non-operating income, however, points to the weak place in the company's stability over a period of years. This non-operating income in 1926 constituted 26% of the gross income and 68% of the net income of that year. The principal source of this non-operating income is the dividends from the coal companies whose stock the Erie owns. The item of "dividends received" in the last seven years has fluctuated as below:

1922-----	\$11,095,000	1926-----	\$5,913,000
1923-----	6,027,000	1927-----	4,200,000
1924-----	7,002,000	1928-----	3,200,000
1925-----	3,177,000		

In past years the coal properties contributed liberally to Erie's gross income, but this yield has dwindled in recent years. Unless and until the coal mining industry "comes back," Erie must increasingly sustain itself as a railway. Furthermore, anticipating very possible changes in the art of power production and distribution which may happen in the course of the next one or two decades, it is not reassuring that 20% to 25% of Erie's gross revenue is derived from its business as a coal carrier. Unquestionably Erie's management is fully alert to

these conditions. To this its intensive drive to perfect the railway as a railway bears witness. In the competition for current business, Erie seems to be holding its place. When the traffic of other trunk lines in 1927 suffered a recession of 2 to 4%, Erie's decline was but 1%. In 1928 this gross revenue was restored to about the level of 1926, or something over 3% of the average of the three years next preceding 1927. In 1929 the upward swing continues. In the first six months of this year the increase in gross revenue is some \$4,000,000, or over 6%, compared with the same months of 1928.

Special effort is now being made to promote new industries. In Northern New Jersey there is a zone of some forty miles westwardly from the Hudson where the growth is marked and the possibilities indicated yet more promising. In this district in the past five years the influx of new industrial plants along the lines of the Erie is said to be five times as great as in the previous five years. Buffalo is another district of large promise.

Erie is quite the smallest of the four great systems from New York westwardly to Chicago. In the three years 1914-16 the tonnage handled by these lines was distributed as below:

Erie-----	9.9%	Pennsylvania-----	47.2%
New York Central-----	24.4%	Baltimore & Ohio-----	18.5%

But Erie is maintaining itself. In fact, it has slightly bettered its relative position, its present proportion being something over 10%.

In 1928 Erie's net income was \$10,000,000. If the increase in the first half of 1929 is maintained in the latter half of the year the net income for 1929 will reach \$14,000,000. This is \$7.84 per share of common stock. Erie has for now many years been laying the foundations for larger operations. The line from New York to Chicago is all double tracked (except for a short throat of five miles); it is automatic block signalled throughout; 70% of the rail is 100 pound steel, 27% 110 pound, and the company is now equipping some of the track with 130 pound steel; 81% of the line is "hard ballasted" (i.e., rock or hard slag). Bridges have been made ready for heavy power. The former neck of the bottle at the Eastern terminus, through the Bergen hill at Jersey City, no longer exists. Six main line tracks there reach the water front over the Erie and two over the New York, Susquehanna and Western, which is operated as one with the Erie. Thirty per cent. of the old locomotives were scrapped in 1927 and 82 new locomotives substituted. In 1928 36 more new locomotives were placed in operation. In 1929, 35 new locomotives have gone into service. Compared with the old power, the new locomotives that are in road freight service haul 17% greater load, at 34% increase in speed, and burn 32% less coal, so great has been the advance in locomotive design.

Yards and passing sidings are being rapidly standardized to the requirements of the 120- to 140-car freight train. The entire shop situation has been revised and shop equipment modernized.

At the New Jersey water front there was completed in 1927 an enormous fireproof double deck pier one quarter of a mile long with every modern facility.

The bettered facilities and improved methods are sharply reflected in operating results as indicated by the table below. Some of these are extraordinary, as for instance the net tons per train and the freight car miles per car day:

	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.
Gross tons per train (excl. loco. and tender)	2,133	2,189	2,211	2,296	2,534
Net tons per train (incl. loco. and tender)	919	911	931	956	1,041
Net tons per loaded car	25.8	24.8	25.4	25.2	24.4
Per cent loaded car miles to total Gross ton miles per train hour (excl. loco. and tender)	66.4	65.4	65.2	62.9	62.9
Net ton miles per train hour	24,239	24,844	25,483	26,854	31,566
Net ton miles per car day	10,853	10,777	11,125	11,348	12,989
Freight car miles per day	547	510	572	563	618
Per cent unserviceable locomotives to total locomotives	30.9	30.3	33.4	34.4	39.6*
Per cent unserviceable freight cars to total on line	13.8	13.5	16.6	23.9	21.3
Pounds of coal consumed per 1,000 gross ton miles (incl. loco. and tender)	6.6	7.3	7.5	6.4	4.7
Miles per locomotive day	133	128	128	129	120
Revenue ton miles per mile of line per year	50.6	51.7	59.4	63.0	66.6
Revenue per year	4,244,176	4,072,329	4,486,196	4,384,332	4,535,012

* For first six months 1929 the figure is 40.9.

Erie results are demonstrating that for the time being a considerable part of any increase in gross revenue can be passed over to net income. Thus in 1928 the road produced \$3,000,000 more gross revenue than in 1927, and actually reduced expenses \$1,000,000. In the first six months of 1929, with an increase of \$4,300,000 in gross over 1928, the added cost of handling the business was but \$300,000, or about 7% of the added revenue. The effect upon the general "operating ratio" is pronounced. Thus:

Operating ratio, average	1924-6	85.32
Operating ratio	1927	81.96
Operating ratio	1928	76.30
Operating ratio	1929 (6mos.)	75.55

The productivity of the added dollar applied to additions and betterments seems to be well understood by the management. Their gross expenditures for this account were: 1927, \$18,458,000; 1928, \$16,653,000. The additions and betterments budget for the current year is about \$27,000,000.

The road is not confronted with any large and pressing non-productive betterments. Grade separation problems at highway crossings and terminals it has in common with all railways in its territory, but the work can be spread over several years. It is understood no electrification outlay is at present contemplated. Existing facilities can handle an increase of 25% of business.

The decline in non-operating income during the past seven years would seem to have reached its limit for the present. Non-operating income will hardly fall below the present figure of \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000. Advances in the art of power production and distribution may some time cut into the railway business of hauling coal for power purposes, but these results are not of the immediate future.

If Erie can maintain its present gross revenue and continue to secure the savings in expense by bettered facilities and modernized methods it is not unreasonable to expect that with a rehabilitated credit the road will at a not very remote date be in position to finance its continued betterment program from security issues. This would release to the common stockholder some part of the approximately \$8 now being earned on his stock.

Reparations and Settlements As the Consequences of War.

Though a Reparations Settlement appears now to be definitely in sight, and the world rejoices thereat, we may be sure the subject will reappear for discussion, at perhaps long periods, until the colossal war debts are paid or cancelled. Whatever is done rests upon the judgment of a few men, representative in character, but in large part free, as financial experts. And this fact should give us pause, and teach us one of the most important lessons making for peace. Governments made and fashioned the World War. The peoples, behind and under these Governments, fought out the tremendous conflict;

they had, as peoples, little direct voice in the treaties; and must toil to pay the debts incurred. Other peoples, other representative men, are seeking to settle the reparations and the debts. Unborn generations are being bound by the edicts that are now in process of formation. It is an inextricable muddle, a painful problem, a cause of future slavery, an exemplification of the horrible evil of war. The living are impoverished, the dead return not, the provocations to conflict linger on. Those who make war never settle its consequences. Governments, of whatever form, become infinitely powerful over the individual in war. In peace, and in payment, they fall back on the people as collective individuals. Thus they start something they cannot finish. Governments are autocratic, peoples are democratic; and both in finality reduce to the opinions of a few men.

There is no annulment of the consequences of war, but there is always the seeds of more war. When war is declared by a Government, imperial or democratic, human destiny is changed, and no one can foresee the end. Should peoples pause long, hesitate long, think long, before engaging in wars that cannot be measured in duration or estimated in damages? There is but one answer. Should peoples give over to political representatives or to monarchical rulers the right to declare war, without first submitting the question to the judgment of individuals? There is the same answer. Should peoples give into a few hands the settlement of consequences? There is the same answer, though it does not seem so clear. And because it is not clear, it should draw the lesson of peace. Look at conditions to-day! When the Great War closed there were a few in each country who were for cancelling all the debts and wiping the slate clean, but only a few. The Treaty of Versailles laid insuperable burdens upon the vanquished. No such a treaty was ever forced upon a defeated people before. Time softened its asperities. A calmer judgment ensued. The impossible gave way to what was deemed the possible. A few men shaped what was known as the "Dawes Plan."

Still the gigantic shadows of unpaid debts and unsettled reparations hung above the warring States. Other treaties, looking to the future peace of the world, were made. These treaties were fashioned by Governments through duly empowered representatives, and some were almost independent of the Governments themselves. And special and separate settlements between the victorious States were made and confirmed. In every case the peoples were not consulted first as to debts and settlements. Into the hands of a few men, by commissions and committees variously constituted, the amounts of the debts were determined—and Governments confirmed or rejected them. The last proffer of this kind is known as the "Young Plan." Note how far, how very far, all these proposals are from the amounts demanded by the Treaty of Versailles ending the war. Note how the original debts of the vanquished and victors, and of the debts between the victors themselves, have been altered, scaled down, and by what financial arithmetic they have been reduced. And the "Young Plan" is the computation of a few men, a few experts!

Was it for this ignominious ending that the engulfing war was fought? Was it for this that men cried out: "A war to end war"—"A war to make the world safe for democracy"? What have these quar-

relsome debts to do with democracy? What is the hope to end war, while experts cannot agree upon these changing amounts that hang even now over the destiny of those coming generations? And is there a greater urge to preserve peace than this haggling over debts that no two sets of experts can agree upon as to amounts due? War is cumulative in its effects. If one generation makes war and another pays for it, is not war the crime of the ages? If reparations cannot be made in kind, if the victor and the vanquished cannot reduce reparations to living payments, if the debts are to be the judgments of financial experts ten years afterward, if the dead cannot return, and the toilers unborn are the only means of payment, is not the aftermath of war a consequence that is ever to be avoided by banning war in the first instance?

The Close of the Williamstown Institute.

It would be a mistake to regard the Williamstown Institute unprofitable or futile if as it closes it produces no formulated conclusions and possesses no final resolutions. It has successfully avoided being run off into debate over the unquestionably great questions now disturbing Europe, like the Young Plan and Manchuria, which are in the hands of the authorities at The Hague or Geneva; and has concerned itself with discussion that would spread information in the many directions of special, or even general, interest. The fact that interest has been constant, and debate ever insistent, is good evidence that the Institute firmly holds the place it has won.

We have called attention to certain leading discussions, but subjects have been so many that it is possible only to refer to two or three in addition. One that has immediate interest is concerning the effect of the rapid extension of electrical communication with Latin America by wire and radio in developing international relations. It was an address by Col. M. C. Horty, Vice-President of the International Telephone & Telegraph Corporation. The telephone dwarfs all other services in the cost of the investment, he said. On a per capita basis, the figures are, roughly: Interior telephone service, United States, \$33.00; Argentina, \$7.00; interior telegraph service, United States, \$3.00; Argentina, \$2.35; international services, United States and Argentina, each about 80c. Argentina has a development relative to population slightly greater than the United States, namely, 22.4 miles of railway and 192 miles of telegraph wire per 10,000 of population, as against 21 and 170 for corresponding figures for the United States. On the other hand, Argentina in 1927 had 2.27 automobiles, and 2.12 telephones for 100 inhabitants as against 19.50 automobiles and 15.61 telephones per 100 inhabitants for the United States. As Argentina is typical of the rest of South America, having climate, population and resources necessary for intensive economic development, these figures give a general idea of the size and trend of the problems of communication involved.

The International Telephone & Telegraph Co. is linking up Cuban, Caribbean and South American telephone and submarine cable systems with those of the American T. & T. Co. Uruguay, Argentina and Chile are about completing commercial service with all European countries via Madrid. Within six months similar connection is expected with a radio station in the United States. When this second link

is completed we shall be connected not only with Mexico and Cuba, but also with Uruguay, Argentina and Chile, and these countries may have intercommunication by land wires, cables, or radio, or by all three, as required.

All this is but a beginning. Such advance is making in electrical technique that submarine cables will be adapted to such simultaneous transmission as now exists with the telephone and the telegraph. There is every probability that this will lead to a complete linking up of the Latin American countries among themselves and with the United States.

From a commercial standpoint the telegraph service, whether by submarine cable or radio, will probably play the more important role; but it is impossible to overestimate the international value of the telephone for promoting friendly personal and national understanding. While Latin America is more akin to Europe than to us, we are growing industrially and economically together. The Latin American may look to Europe for inspiration in art and literature, and be jealous of his national individuality, resenting any political patronage, but he readily adopts North American automobiles, home conveniences and new North American architecture, and is equally ready to profit by our engineering and industrial devices. With all these lines of contact, personal, social, and even political relations are sure to develop.

In the same Conference, Captain C. S. Baker of the Navy, returning from long and responsible service in the Caribbean, bore testimony to the abundant gifts Nature has bestowed upon these nearer people of a different race, in their tropical surroundings and their many kindly traits; but there is tragedy in their inescapable limitations. They cannot be expected readily to adopt so different a form of life and society as ours, or to possess our more energetic traits. They will unquestionably long need the white man's help if they are to move out into what must be to them a new world. Wise and patient guidance and support are necessary if they are to acquire stable government and eventual freedom in the enjoyment of the more desirable conditions.

Prof. Priestley of the University of California, who presided at the Conference, confirmed this position by saying that the agencies of government, paternalistic as they may be, and far-reaching in their aim, are powerless to evolve a society based on our own, or to establish equilibrium unless they are assisted by the helpful private and individually sustained agencies on which we are so dependent at home. Even then progress will still be against the inveterate evils of climate and environment. We shall have to pay greater respect for the efforts which the Spanish made in earlier days; but both Haiti and San Domingo, as republics, had thoroughly demonstrated before the Great War their political and financial instability.

Dr. Rappard in his closing lectures sustained and strengthened the spirit he had evoked and the interest he had created. After contributing much to the daily Conferences, he dealt finally with the chief agencies of peace gathering about the League of Nations, and the development of the League itself. Since the issue of the war the world has felt a new sense of security, though by no means universal. Of this, France is a leading illustration. Because of her expanded area in her new colonial possessions

and the inadequacy of her natural security, coupled with the controversies over reparations, she relies on the disarming of her former enemies, maintenance of her own defenses, and direct mutual treaties with other nations for protection and peaceful settling of disputes. All this might properly come within the League of Nations, but these treaties, representing a general tendency, are negotiated outside the League.

Turning to the Kellogg Pact as the most important of these treaties, and examining its terms and its relations to the League, he considers it vague both in its opening articles and in its final application. This vagueness, in his view, led the least co-operative and most nationalistic nations to accept the treaty with promptness, and the wording of the Pact allows the man in the street to become familiar with its terms and to share Lloyd George's "thrill of peace." But he believes it may be a real danger if it tends to sustain the illusion that peace is a blessing that may be had for the asking, and not an ideal to be attained only by the most strenuous and self-sacrificing moral and intellectual efforts.

He regards the Pact defective in its uncertainty as to what it permits and what it prohibits, in its failure to indicate the means to be used for the settlement of international disputes, and its lack of provision for the not impossible event of its violation. He appears to have entirely overlooked the fact that in the last analysis the Pact is simply a moral obligation and that moral obligations are often, especially between nations, more effective than legal ones prescribed with great precision. As we said on a previous occasion, it may well be that this simple agreement, providing no penalties or punishment for the violation of its provisions, will prove more effective in preventing war than any other similar document ever drawn up in the history of civilized nations. In this sense, attempts to dissect it, with the view to uncovering seemingly weak points, as Dr. Rappard has done, are to be regarded as clearly a mistake. It is, of course, within possibility that the Kellogg-Briand Pact may fail the world. But at all events, it is not to be judged by ordinary standards. However, it is pleasing to note that Dr. Rappard, in spite of the objections urged by him, gave hearty testimony to the help the Pact has given mankind to make one step toward the goal of international peace. Dr. Rappard also made some extravagant claims for the League of Nations, but here we cannot follow him.

What might be said of Dr. Rappard's contribution to the Institute might be said also of Mr. Andre Siegfried, of Paris, lecturing on France's Political System. He is so well known here that a word will suffice. He represented in his own personality the characteristics of France, the distinctiveness of her race, the strength of her loyalty to her ideals and her traditions, and the clarity and vivacity of her intelligence and her expressions. He explained the apparent instability of her Government as only a surface feature, characteristic, but not in fact disturbing the established permanence and solidity of her republicanism. The liberty she won in 1792 has survived through the years, and to those who understand France and the French is undisturbed, though Rights and Lefts in her government get inextricably mixed, and Ministries may change half a dozen times in a decade. The "common sense" of the French will always eventually prevail.

No one sitting under the charm of Mr. Siegfried's personality could fail to accept his conclusions, or to be grateful for his friendly service. So the Institute closes with a sustained appreciation of its service to the country which justifies the attendance of leading men from California to Maine and the springing up of several similar gatherings elsewhere.

The Activities of Investment Trusts — The Report of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

The communication below from Vice-President Frank C. Mortimer of the Citizens National Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles will be found interesting. Mr. Mortimer was Chairman of the Committee on Investigation and Regulation of Investment Trusts of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, which rendered its report somewhat over a year ago. His comments relate to the article on "The Activities of Investment Trusts," published in our issue of Aug. 10, and are contained in a personal letter to the Editor, which is herewith given in full except for the personal allusions in it:

Aug. 22 1929.

To the Editor:

Dear Sir—I have read with keen interest an enlightening article in the "Chronicle" of Aug. 10 entitled "The Activities of Investment Trusts and Their Part in Stock Speculation, &c.," communicated by Mr. F. O. March.

As Chairman of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Committee on the Investigation and Regulation of Investment Trusts, I observe that Mr. March has quoted from our report to the Chamber which was prepared and submitted in May 1928 and approved by the Board of the Chamber June 7 1928. After quoting from the closing paragraphs of the report, Mr. March says:

"but again was overlooked the fact that frequent periodical disclosures of investment trust holdings would prevent runaway, speculative operations by such trusts and the consequent endangerment to the funds entrusted to the care of their managements."

I would like to have Mr. March know, through your good offices, that our report referred specifically to this subject as shown in the enclosed copy in the following language:

"Investors who may be contemplating the purchase of shares, certificates or other obligations issued by investment companies (investment trusts) should make certain inquiries on their own account or through the co-operation of reliable and experienced bankers and investment houses. Their investigations should cover:

"1. An analysis of the financial structure of the group, company or corporation operating the investment trust.

"2. The character of the investment trust—whether of the fixed, semi-discretionary or discretionary type.

"3. The amount of capital; the percentage of profits to be taken by the management; the rate of commission paid for sale of securities.

"4. The character of investments already made or to be made and how investors are protected against the purchase by the management of indigestible securities and securities of doubtful value—in other words, see that the investment standards of the management are well defined.

"5. Whether or not copies of a certified public accountant's audits of financial condition and securities purchased will be furnished to investors at stated intervals.

"6. And the inquiry should by all means cover the antecedents, character, responsibility and investment experience of the management."

I do not believe it advisable to require investment trusts to publish their investments for the scrutiny of the general public, but I agree with Mr. March that those who invest in the offerings of investment trusts should, by all means, be furnished with frequent reports covering securities purchased, &c.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK C. MORTIMER.

It is proper to add that the report of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Committee, to which Mr. Mortimer refers, was printed in full in our issue for June 2 last year and will be found on pages 3383-3384.

Investment Trusts Undergoing Change in Basic Functions—Becoming Incorporated Investment Banks, Holdings Companies.

[Jules I. Bogen in New York "Journal of Commerce" Aug. 30.]

The American investment trust movement is undergoing a fundamental change in emphasis and purpose which is affecting many of the older organizations, as well as new ones currently being formed, a careful analysis of the situation and extensive inquiry among trust executives reveals. This change may be briefly summarized as involving a trans-

formation of these organizations from investing and trading companies into full-fledged investment banking institutions and holding companies.

Investment trust executives are frank to admit that the success of the movement to date, and its growth has been phenomenal during the past year, has been a direct result of the general advance in security prices. However, they point out that the prices of securities cannot rise indefinitely, and those in charge of the destinies of many of the leading trusts have found a new important function for themselves through operation in the investment banking field in co-operation with existing investment banking houses.

Incorporates Investment Banking.

The investment trust movement is coming to be regarded to an increasing extent as involving the incorporation and public financing of the investment banking business. Whereas, formerly virtually all such firms were partnerships or close corporations, through the wholesale formation of investment trusts that enter into the various phases of investment banking, in alliance with old established houses, a veritable revolution has been worked in the business.

Many of the leading investment trusts, it is said, are now threatening to give stiff competition to the great investment banking houses, compelling a growing number of the latter to affiliate themselves with such organizations. Before long, it is believed; the large investment companies will confine their activities mainly to holding company and investment banking functions, making general investing and trading activities a secondary matter. In the meanwhile, with the security markets rising rapidly, they continue to give a large measure of attention to this field. The public, in buying investment trust securities, has given this latter aspect of the matter almost exclusive attention.

Effect of Long Evolution.

The new place of the investment trust in the financial organization of the nation, one investment trust executive states, is a result primarily of a peculiar evolution within the investment banking field, rather than a planned change on the part of the trusts themselves. Before the war, the leading international banking houses had assumed a leading place through their connections with railroad, public utility and industrial concerns, as well as foreign governments, which enabled them to originate the bulk of new financing in the form of bond issues. These bond issues were sold to large financial institutions, such as savings banks and insurance companies, and to a limited number of large pri-

vate interests. The major stress, therefore, was on the origination of securities.

During the years following the war, bond investment became greatly popularized, as a result of the Liberty Loan drives and the vast increase in the surplus free wealth of the country. The result was a partial shift in the stress within the investment banking business, distribution power becoming more important than previously. A number of investment houses which previously had occupied a relatively minor position forged to the front because of their extensive forces of salesmen and branch offices, which were able to distribute large amounts of securities. The old line originating firms thus came to lean to an increasing extent upon the distributing houses.

Public Wants Trust Stocks.

However, during the past year and a half another fundamental change has occurred, which has made distribution power itself of little use, except to sell investment trust securities. The fact is there are virtually no bonds to distribute, the demand for this type of security having dwindled considerably and assumed primarily an institutional aspect. The public has turned to stocks as its favorite investment medium, and most corporations carry on their stock financing through the issue of rights to existing shareholders rather than through public offering by investment bankers. But the public demand for investment trust stocks appears insatiable.

This shift in interest to stocks has placed the old line investment bankers once again in an advantageous position, since they are affiliated with many of the leading railroad, industrial and public utility enterprises of the country and are thus in a position to know their internal situation. Furthermore, such contacts have enabled the investment banking houses to benefit from placing surplus funds of these corporations on loans, etc. Thus it has once again become the major interest of investment banking houses to take part in the management of corporations.

Now the investment trust is being utilized to an increasing degree for such purposes. In most instances a voice in control of corporations can be acquired by purchase of large blocks of stock in the open market and from controlling interests. While investment houses may not have large amounts of free funds available for this purpose, through formation of investment trusts they have been able to acquire such stock interests, and utilize them for the joint benefit of the investment trust and the banking house. The public, by buying trust stocks, has furnished the funds for the purpose.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

The trade exhibit is fully as good as last year and is about on a par with that of last week. In other words there is still a fair to good business going on. It could be wished that collections were better. They are still rather slow if not indeed slower than they were. The fall wholesale and jobbing business is fully as large as it was last week. Retail trade has been helped to some extent by "Market Weeks", State fairs and conventions, in the matter of sales of fall goods. The weather, however, has been a drawback. Over great tracts of the Southwest drought has prevailed for months past especially in Texas. It threatens to reduce the cotton crop in that State a full million bales. Oklahoma and Arkansas have also had too little rain to the prejudice of its cotton culture. In the corn belt rain is also urgently needed. Drought may cut down the corn crop his year. At one time this summer there was too little rain in the Northwestern spring wheat country. All this has had a tendency to somewhat to lessen the purchases of the agricultural community, in populous sections of the country. Of course there is another side to this. Smaller crops may bring quite as much money or more than larger crops especially in the case of cotton, so that in the end taking the agricultural public as a whole there may not be any great reduction in its buying power this year. The steel trade in some of its branches has been less active. The demand for sheet steel is pretty well maintained and plates and structural material in some parts of the country, sell

very well. But there has been a smaller production of rails, cars, bars and tin plates.

The cotton manufacturing industry has not been active, though of late, with raw cotton advancing, finished cotton goods have had a better demand. The sales of fine and fancy cotton cloths have increased somewhat, though they are not large. Georgia has the biggest tobacco crop in its history, and is obtaining an average price of \$18.38 per hundred pounds. Coke prices have declined. Bituminous coal has been quiet. Anthracite of late has been more active, on the eve of a proposed advance of 50 cents a ton on Sept. 1. Copper has been in better demand for both home and foreign account, but more particularly for domestic consumption. Raw wool has not sold so well, the firmness of prices restricting business. Worsted wools are for the time being in the best position. Foreign trade in manufactured goods is said to be at its peak. Grain exports have been increasing, though those of wheat thus far this season are only 58,500,000 bushels or some 23,000,000 bushels less than for the same time last year. The August output of automobiles mostly in the smaller units equals that of July, but the crest of the wave seems to have passed. The high record automobile totals of the earlier part of this year are not expected to be repeated in the near future. Building outside of the big cities has slackened, partly owing to the relatively high rates for money.

One significant thing is that employment in the industries is on a much larger scale than at this time last year. To all

appearance the business in agricultural implements is less active. Certainly this branch of trade is buying less steel than it did earlier in the year. The car loadings for the week ending Aug. 17th showed an increase. The total for that week has been exceeded only twice thus far this year. The average total since Jan. 1st has been about a million cars a week. The enormous business activity in this country implied by such figures even in times when trade is not considered remarkably good is an interesting commentary on the times and the position of the American Republic in the world's trade.

Cotton has advanced some \$3 a bale, largely because of persistence of the Texas drought. High temperatures in Texas have lasted for three or four months. The Texas rainfall has been it appears, rather under the average for nearly three years past. Not a few are now estimating the crop at 15,000,000 bales or less. A Chicago firm on Thursday put it at 14,961,000 bales and it had a noticeable effect. Statisticians are calling the condition of the belt 57%. That is over 12% less than on Aug. 1st and 10% less than the 10-year average at this time. Texas is put at 50% or 14% under a year ago and also the 10-year average for Sept. 1.

Wheat ended slightly lower than a week ago, due to pre-holiday liquidation. The situation in Argentina, however, is regarded with uneasiness. The crop in some of its Provinces is threatened by drought. And the world's crop is said to be over 660,000,000 bushels smaller than the last one, even taking the maximum estimates of this year. Galveston cleared over a million bushels on the 29th inst., though of late little new export business has been done in this country. One estimate of the Canadian crop is 200,000,000 bushels, against 508,000,000 last year. Corn advanced somewhat owing to deterioration of the crop due to dry weather. Corn is a weather market. The crop may fall a couple of hundred million bushels under the last one which was 2,830,959,000 bushels. One suggestion is 2,500,000,000. But good rains would, no doubt, increase that total. Oats have advanced with an excellent cash demand and unfavorable crop advices. Besides Canada's crop of oats is so small that Canadian buying of American oats is a feature. Rye has declined because of hedge selling and the lack of a foreign demand. Provisions have declined with no stimulating demand.

Raw sugar has advanced half a dozen points on futures despite the issuance on the 27th inst. of 825 notices. They were promptly stopped. The Single Selling Agency plan of Cuba will go into effect on Monday. The surplus stock is large, but the feeling is more hopeful for better prices. Coffee advanced 15 to 30 points. At one time Santos recently was up 60 points within a week owing largely to Brazilian support and covering by nervous shorts. Brazilian markets have been advancing and the September tenders here were small and not a factor in price-making unless it were to help to advance it. The competition of low-priced mild coffee with Brazilian seems to be over with the absorption of Columbian coffee by roasters and chain stores.

Rubber advanced slightly on covering of shorts and a somewhat better demand for the actual rubber. But the speculation has not been active. There is a fear of heavy shipments from the Far East. August consumption moreover may not prove to have been equal to that of July. Certainly manufacturers have not been buying heavily this month. July inventories of tires fell off over 2,000,000 units. A further reduction is expected in the August total. The trouble, however, is that inventories are still about 40% larger than at this time last year. But covering of shorts helped the market somewhat especially on the September delivery.

The stock market on the 29th inst. was in general noticeably higher despite a rise in call money to 9%. Notable advances took place in Westinghouse Electric, Air Reduction, Allied Chemical, American & Foreign Power, American Tobacco, American Water Works, A. M. Byers, Fleischmann, Continental Can, Freeport Texas, Pere Marquette, North American, Macy, Simmons, Stone & Webster and Procter & Gamble. Yet reaction had been generally expected. The trading approximated 3,500,000 shares. Today stocks, despite high record loans, showing an increase of \$132,000,000, advanced sharply on active trading though there was naturally some irregularity due to pre-holiday profit taking. The Stock Exchange will be closed on Saturday Aug. 31. Total loans are now up to the almost incredible sum of \$6,217,000,000. What would Commodore Vanderbilt, Daniel Drew, Jay Gould, Harriman, Huntington, Ryan and the rest have thought of such figures? Surely

they would have smiled broadly at the bare prediction of such a thing. Money was still at 9% to-day but it mattered nothing. Besides easier money is expected after the Labor Day holiday, but there may be disappointment as to this as so many times in the past. The trading to-day was over 4,500,000 shares. The absorptive powers of the market are very great. Most classes of stocks advanced. Among the utilities were Foreign Power, Standard Gas and Water Works. Stone & Webster advanced to 200. United Corporation was buoyant. Food shares rose noticeably especially National Biscuit, Loose Wiles, Fleischmann and Cuyamel. U. S. Steel grew strong as the day advanced. There was a rising demand for the electrics. Specialties were Many of the rails were well to the fore. New highs were reached by Atchison, New York Central and Nickel Plate. Anaconda was strong. In bonds railroad issues were a feature at rising prices. Net operating income of the first 72 railroads to report on July business is 28.1% larger than in July last year. The gross on the 72 roads for July was 8½% larger than in the same month of 1928.

Charlotte, N. C. on Aug. 28 wired that the strike at Clinchfield Mills at Marion was deadlocked despite continued efforts to effect a settlement on the original terms. The feeling there was described as tense. President Hart of the mill company declined to make further concessions to the strikers. Promiscuous shooting and the exploding of dynamite are reported nightly. Marion, N. C. wired Aug. 26 that officials of the Clinchfield cotton mills and their striking workmen reached an agreement on the 26th inst. which is expected to bring to an end the four week's walkout precipitated when the company discharged men who had joined the United Textile Workers' Union. Spartanburg, S. C. wired that indications are that most of the mills of the county that have not already cut short operations will curtail within the next week for one week. The Ark-right will resume operations Monday, Sept. 9. It has been operating during the day only with no night shifts. The Spartan mills with 50,000 spindles running night and day and the 35,000 spindles employed at nights will be idle all this week. The Whitney mills have also been closed down for this week. They have 30,000 spindles. The Saxon Mills will close on Aug. 31 to reopen Sept. 9, with its 40,000 spindles. Beaumont Mills may also curtail next week.

Greenville, S. C., wired on the 26th inst. that several textile plants in this section announced curtailment plans for the latter part of the present month or the first of September, due to the continued depression in the textile market. Officials of other mills said they had not yet formulated plans and therefore could make no definite statement. Brandon and Poinsett Mills of the Brandon Corp. will curtail the first week in September, it was announced. Monaghan Mill and possibly all units of the Victor, Monaghan chain will curtail but the date has not been decided upon. The Woodside and Easley groups are shutting down each Friday at noon but have no further curtailment plans, it is stated. The F. W. Poe Manufacturing Co. has abandoned its night shift, and no further curtailment is contemplated. No plans for curtailment have as yet been made by either the American Spinning Co. or Mills Mill. All fine goods mills in this section will continue without interruption, it is understood, business being good in this line. Chester, S. C., wired that the Springstein Mill, manufacturers of gingham and Chester's oldest cotton mill, according to the announcement posted at the mill, has closed down indefinitely. This plant has 14,560 spindles and 610 looms.

At Manchester there was a larger trade. Spinners and manufacturers extended their order lists. India, China and smaller markets want more. Manchester's cloth sales exceeded production. There is an improved turnover in American and Egyptian yarns. Producers are benefitted by the cut in wages. The upward trend in activity is expected to be maintained. The uncertain cotton price outlook is a drawback.

Department store sales for July were 3% larger than in July 1928 according to reports to the Federal Reserve System by 522 stores in 229 cities. On the basis of the average per business day, sales were about equal to the same month of 1928. For the first seven months of the year sales were 3% larger. Inventories of the reporting stores at the end of July were 1% below the level of a year ago, according to reports from 433 stores.

The week here has been seasonable. Yesterday the temperatures were 61 to 72 degrees. To-day it was a little cooler. It has continued hot and dry in Texas, Oklahoma,

Arkansas and many other parts of the South. Here to-day it was 62 to 68 degrees. The forecast here for to-morrow is fair and warmer. At Boston it was 60 to 68, Philadelphia 62 to 76; Portland, Me. 54 to 72, Chicago 62 to 70; Cincinnati 52 to 74; Cleveland 56 to 64; Detroit 52 to 70; Milwaukee 64 to 66; Kansas City 68 to 84; Minneapolis 62 to 82; St. Louis 66 to 82; Los Angeles 72 to 88; San Francisco 54 to 66 and Seattle 56 to 76.

Trade and Industry In U. S. as Viewed by Statisticians In Industry Operating Under Auspices of National Industrial Conference Board Inc.—Continuance of Trade Activity at Present High Rate Looked For.

"Industrial and trade activity should continue at the present high rate for some time," the Conference of Statisticians in Industry, operating under the auspices of the National Industrial Conference Board, declares in its August report, issued Aug. 24. The Conference analysis emphasizes the improvement in building construction, which established a new high monthly record owing to extensive undertakings in public works, and points out that although agriculture suffered considerable losses in certain sections, these were nearly balanced by bumper crops in other sections so that the total purchasing power of agriculture for the year should come close to that of last year.

Exceptional activity in both industry and trade continued throughout the mid-Summer season, new July production records having been made in both the iron and steel and automobile industries, and building activity increased in spite of the fact that a seasonal decline would have been in order. Distribution as indicated by freight car loadings continued on the upgrade, increases being noticeable for all commodities excepting livestock during the month of July. An interesting sidelight on sales effort is given in data for newspaper advertising, which, although showing a seasonal decline for June and July, continues to show an increase over 1928. Some Summer recessions have been in evidence, according to the report, but none were pronounced, and in many cases seasonal declines started later than usual. There is no indication of an accumulation of materials. In some cases stocks on hand have decreased, while in other lines where overaccumulation seemed impending attempts to adjust production were made.

The full text of the August report of the Conference of Statisticians in Industry follows:

1. Summary.

Abundant evidence of a Summer of exceptional industrial activity and trade in both the domestic and foreign fields is furnished by the results of the major divisions during the past month. New July production records have been made in the automobile and iron and steel industries. Building construction, which has shown little activity since the downward trend of early Spring, made a marked improvement. Distribution of commodities, evidenced by freight car loadings, is continuing to improve. Some Summer recession has been in evidence, but seldom to a very pronounced degree, and in many instances later than usual. Stocks of manufactured goods and raw materials on the whole have shown no accumulation. In some cases stocks have actually decreased, and in others, where there was a possibility for an overaccumulation, an attempt to adjust production was noticeable.

2. Automobiles, Rubber, Petroleum.

The output of 517,792 cars, trucks and buses last month established a new July record in the automobile industry. July production decreased seasonally 8.6% from June, but compared with July a year ago there was an increase of 24.0%. The production for the first seven months of this year, 3,929,186 units, is an increase of 43.2% over the same period last year, and the largest for any similar seven months. The number of new car registrations for the calendar year to July 1st represents an increase of 41.0% over 1928, and foreign sales in the first six months of this year increased 55% when compared with the same period last year.

July crude rubber consumption is estimated at 41,525 long tons, according to the Rubber Manufacturers' Association. This compares with 43,228 long tons for June and 37,407 long tons for July 1928. Consumption of crude rubber for the first seven months of this year is estimated at 310,834 long tons as compared with 248,972 long tons a year ago. Crude rubber imports for July totaled 44,252 tons as compared with 44,490 long tons in June and 33,382 long tons in July 1928. For the seven months ended July 31st total imports amounted to 362,759 long tons as against imports of 245,879 long tons for the corresponding period of last year. Domestic stocks of crude rubber on July 31st were 95,536 long tons compared with 92,062 long tons on June 30th and 83,242 long tons on July 31 1928. Crude rubber afloat for United States ports on July 31st is estimated at 38,859 long tons as against 46,036 long tons on June 30th.

Daily average production of crude oil reached a new high level during the week ending August 3rd, when it climbed to 2,908,600 barrels per day. However, later reports show that daily production is off from that high level by about 12,600 barrels. Crude oil stocks in the United States on the first of last month increased less than 1% over June 1st, but were about 5.4% larger than a year ago.

Stocks of gasoline in the United States on July 1st were 41,461,000 barrels, a decrease of 7.1% from the preceding month, and a decrease of 18.9% from the same date last year, but 23.9% more than on the first day of this year. However, consumption has been increasing. June this year increased 14.4% over June last year, and consumption of gasoline for the first six months of 1929, compared with the same period of 1928, shows an increase of 16.5%.

3. Iron and Steel; Machine Tools and Other Metal Products; Non-Ferrous Metals.

The average daily output of coke pig iron in July declined 1.5% from June, and is the third successive month in which a small decline has been noted. The total production for the month, however, established a new July record. Increasing 1.8% over June, the tonnage was exceeded only twice, May 1923, and May this year. For the calendar year to August 1st, the total is 17.8% more than the same period last year, and exceeds the next best first seven months, 1923, by 3.7%.

Although for the first time since last November more stacks were blown out than in, at the close of July 34 more stacks were blowing than in last August.

Iron ore shipments from Upper Lake Ports amounted to 10,670,882 tons in July, an increase of 4.9% over June, and was a record for the month, being nearly equal to the peak reached in August 1926. During this season, April to August 1st, shipments were 41.4% greater than the corresponding period last year and greater than any season to date.

Steel ingot production established a new July record. The decrease from June was less than 1%, and the output for the first seven months of this year 18.2% in advance of the corresponding period of 1928. Late reports from the important steel centers indicate a variation in activity, but it seems generally agreed that back-logs, building up of stocks, and the increased demand for miscellaneous products should keep production near the recent high levels and especially so in the case of highly diversified plants. On July 31st, the unfilled orders of the United States Steel Corporation were off about 169,000 tons from the figures of a month earlier, and although it is the third successive month of declines, total unfilled orders were still well above July a year ago and nearly equal to the amount reported on January 31st of this year. The composite price of finished steel remained unchanged from March to the second week in August, when a small decline was indicated.

In the machine tool industry, orders for July were considerably under June and reflected a seasonal decline. In other years the recession lasted from May to August. The gross orders for July were under the three hundred point mark as compared with the 1922-3-4 average taken as 100, for the first time since the early part of the year. Some further evidence of the seasonal depression has been reported since July.

Employment in the metal trades, as reported by the National Metal Trades Association, has had little change for several months. In most cases a small decline has been followed by a rise in employment or a decline of some importance in one of the reporting cities is balanced by renewed activity in another. The number of employees reported in June and July declined less than one quarter of 1%, and increased employment was reported from 19 of the 33 reporting cities and decreased employment from 14.

The usual seasonal decline occurred in some of the July railway equipment orders, when compared with June. However, freight cars ordered during the past seven months are 162.3% more than last year; locomotives 225.7% more, and passenger cars only 16.6% less. Substantial increases were shown in the rail orders over both the preceding month and July 1928. Recent inquiries indicate renewed activity for both freight and passenger cars and the back-log of unfilled orders for locomotives at the end of July was heavier than at any other time this year.

Blister copper production, including direct cathode copper in the two Americas, showed little variation from June to July. North and South American refined production in July was 1.9% smaller than in June, 6.1% less than the high mark reached last March, but 13.6% greater than July a year ago. Due to a decline in the export market, shipments of refined copper were also smaller in July than June by 3.3%, but nearly equal to July last year. Refined stocks increased 17.5% from the end of June to the end of July, and are the largest so far this year.

The June sales of electrical apparatus were less than May, but far in advance of June a year ago. Eighty one manufacturers of electrical goods booked 5.7% more orders at the end of the second quarter of this year than at the end of the first. Comparing the second quarter of this year with 1928, there is an increase of 38.8%.

4. Building Construction; Lumber and Cement.

Building contracts in the 37 States East of the Rocky Mountains increased 20% over the preceding month and 12% over July of last year, according to the F. W. Dodge Corporation. This increase was not only contrary to the customary seasonal decline for this month, but was sufficiently pronounced to establish a record figure for July, which was also the second highest monthly total yet attained.

The encouraging feature of the July contracts record was the general increase noted in all the major classes of construction. Residential building showed an increase of 5% over June, but was 13% below July of last year. Non-residential building continued to make further increases, amounting to 10% over the preceding month and 18% over July of last year. Both commercial and industrial construction maintained the high level of the past half year. The most pronounced increase, however, occurred in the public works and utilities class of construction, due to large individual contracts, and amounted to 61% over June 1929 and 42% over July 1928. The July increase was also significant in that the contract record for New York State and Northern New Jersey was more than double the June 1929 total and 60% greater than July 1928.

The average daily lumber production for the first four weeks in July, with allowance for one less working day, was nearly equal to that of June. For the eleven weeks preceding July 27th, actual production was only 1.2% under the same period last year. The decrease in both cases was in softwoods offset by an increase in hardwoods. Shipments, in relation to production, as well as orders, varied little from the end of June to July 27th. For the calendar year to July 27th, shipments were 103% of production against 105 last year, and orders 104% as compared with 108 last year.

Portland cement production in July showed an increase of 2.6% over June, but was 1.5% less than last year. Shipments advanced 7.0% from June to July, and were 1.9% more than in July 1928. Stocks at the end of July decreased 11.2% from the end of June, but increased 7.9% when compared with last year.

5. Textiles; Shoes, Hides and Leather.

Production of staple cotton cloths during July decreased 20% from June. July sales were 112% of production and shipments 107.8% in contrast with the previous month, and also with July a year ago, when both sales and shipments were below production.

Stocks on hand at the end of the month represented a decrease of 4.1% from the month previous, and a decrease of 17% from July 21 1928. Unfilled orders on July 31 1929 represented an increase of 2.8% compared with the month previous and an increase of 35% compared with a year ago. A year ago, stocks on hand exceeded unfilled orders by nearly three and one-half weeks' production, whereas on July 31st this stock on hand in excess of orders amounted to only one-quarter of a week's production.

Consumption of raw cotton last month was the heaviest of any July in recent years except 1927, and the consumption for the cotton year just ended was also the highest for any recent year excepting 1926-1927, a year of very low-priced cotton. July consumption was the lowest in the present calendar year, which is a natural trend in cotton manufacturing, the summer months always experiencing a slackening in running time.

The approximate deliveries of silk for the three months ending with July were nearly the same as in the preceding three months. The ratio of monthly employment to normal requirements, as shown by the Silk Association of America, was 85.8% in July; 85.6% in June, and 80.3% in July of last year.

Measured in terms of wool consumption, June indicated a decrease of 9.9% from the preceding month, but an increase of 10.3% over June a year ago. For the first six months of this year there has been an increase in consumption of 12.6% over the same period of 1928. Stocks at the end of June were considerably under those on the same date last year, but a part of the decline may be due to increased consignments this year compared with last.

Shoe production was down 4.3% in June from May, but showed a considerable improvement over June last year, and for the first half of this year there was an increase of 2.3% compared with 1928. On the other hand, cattle hides in stock on June 30th were less than at the end of the preceding month and nearly equal to June 30 1928. Stocks of sole leather also showed a decrease over the end of May, but were greater than last year.

6. Newsprint Paper.

Production of newsprint paper in North America for the first seven months, 1929, totaled 2,505,730 tons, of which Canada produced 1,540,367, United States 809,287, Newfoundland 144,894, and Mexico 11,182. Compared with the same period of 1928, these figures represent a 14% increase for Canadian mills, a 2% decrease for the United States, and 11% increase for Newfoundland, and a 23% increase for Mexico. The total increase of 191,350 tons is 8% in excess of the same period in 1928. Mill stocks at the end of July were equivalent to 3.3 days' average production and had declined 40% from what they were on the same day a year ago. Publishers' stocks were also at a low level.

Based upon Government reports, the imports into the United States of newsprint paper from countries overseas amounted to 43,762 tons for the first six months (July figures not yet available). This represented a decrease of 15% compared with the same period of 1928. Exports of newsprint paper overseas from the United States and Canada totaled 166,673 tons for the first six months, which represented an increase of 59% compared with the same period of 1928.

Consumption as indicated by identical reports from leading publishers in the United States increased 7% for the first six months of this year over the same period a year ago. Newspaper advertising meets with its usual seasonal decline in June and July, but continues to show an increase over 1928.

7. Trade—Domestic and Foreign.

Sales by department stores in July were 2.7% greater than the corresponding month last year, but reduced to a daily average there was a decrease of about 1%. The greatest gain, 5.5%, was in the St. Louis district, and the greatest loss, 3.7%, in the Minneapolis district.

Chain store sales continued to expand, 47 reporting an average gain of 27.7% over June and an average gain of 25.0% in the first seven months of this year compared with last.

Total wholesale sales in June declined more than in usual at this season, and chiefly as a result of a decrease in dry goods, men's clothing, and boots and shoes. Compared with the corresponding month of last year there was an increase in all but one of the eight reporting lines—groceries. However, wholesale prices in general remained firm, showing an increase in the aggregate of less than 1% over the preceding month but a decrease when compared with June last year. July wholesale prices advanced 1 2/3% over June and one-third of 1% over July last year.

Sales of agricultural implements in June were larger than in the preceding month and larger than a year ago.

Both exports and imports in July were the highest for that month since 1920 and, compared with June, exports were 3.7% and imports 1.3% greater. During the past seven months there was an increase of 10.5% in exports and 10.0% in imports over the first seven months of 1928.

The June export value of finished manufactures increased over the previous month as well as the corresponding month a year ago. Fifty-six and nine-tenths per cent. of the total value of exports in June were finished manufactures, the highest for any month during the past two and one-half years. For the six months ending with June, finished manufactures represented 52.3% of the total value, against 47.3% in the same period of last year. On the other hand, crude materials accounted for 18.8% this year, and 23.1% in 1928.

The number of commercial failures in July showed little variation over the preceding month or July a year ago, and early this month there was a downward tendency. However, liabilities increased rapidly. From an average of about \$25,000 for 1928, abnormal conditions chiefly in one area caused an increase to \$43,000 in June and \$65,000 in July.

8. Coal and Freight Car Loadings.

The production of bituminous coal for the four weeks preceding July 27 amounted to 35,528,000 net tons. This compares with a production of the corresponding weeks of 1928 of 33,046,000. The increase, amounting to 7.5%, was less marked than that shown in the production of the four weeks in June compared with 1928.

The report on consumers' stocks issued by the Bureau of Mines is unusually interesting. In spite of the fact that production has been running high for the season of the year, consumers' stocks declined between April 1st and July 1st by the very substantial amount of 3,800,000 net tons. Stocks on hand on June 1st, amounting to 33,100,000 tons, are the lowest recorded on any date since June 1 1920, except the figure for September 1 1922, after five months of strike conditions. Nearly three-fourths of this decline was due to reduced stocks held by railroads. The railroad stocks as reported are lower than at any corresponding date since 1922.

Over against the decrease in stocks between July 1 1928 and July 1 1929, of 8,600,000 tons, is to be set a substantial increase in current demand. The Bureau of Mines estimates that from April 1 to June 30 1928 the average weekly demand for bituminous coal, as shown by combining domestic consumption and exports, amounted to 8,582,000 net tons, whereas for the corresponding period of the present year it amounted to 8,993,000 net tons. This combination of almost unprecedentedly low consumers' stocks and relatively high demand holds out promise of a good market for bituminous coal during the coming month.

Although the shipments of anthracite in July were about 90,000 tons less than in the preceding month of June, they exceeded those of July last

year by more than 280,000 tons. A much better showing is anticipated for August. Stocks of anthracite on July 1st held by coal merchants reporting, as estimated by the Bureau of Mines, indicated the customary increase over April 1st, and were slightly more than on the same date in recent years.

Distribution of commodities by railroads continues to grow and during the last week in July reached the highest total so far this year. This is the first time that the 1,100,000 figure has been exceeded at this season. Loadings of grain mounted rapidly after the July increase in wheat prices, and at the end of the month had reached the highest figure since 1924. For the first thirty weeks of this year there was an increase of 4.7% in the loadings of all commodities when compared with the corresponding period last year, and increases were made in each of the eight groups except live stock. Subsequent events are even more encouraging with grain and grain products reaching a new high point and an increase in the miscellaneous and less-than-carload lot group.

9. Agriculture.

On the 15th of last month the index of the general level of farm prices increased five points over the preceding month, although still five points less than a year ago. The recently estimated decrease for an average yield of 34 important crops, 1.4% under that for the past ten years, should tend to keep the purchasing power of the agricultural population about equal to last year, but very unevenly distributed owing to the spotty condition of the crops.

10. Conclusion.

With an improved building situation, and an agricultural purchasing power about equal to last year, it seems reasonable to believe that, outside of a small seasonal decline, industrial and trade activity should continue close to the present high rates for some time.

Federal Reserve Board's Summary of Business Conditions in the United States—Industrial Production, Despite Slight Decrease in July, at Higher Level Than in Recent Years.

The Federal Reserve Board reports that "industrial production decreased slightly during July, but continued at a higher level than in other recent years." The Board adds that "wholesale commodity prices increased further during the month, reflecting chiefly higher prices of agricultural products. Loans for commercial and agricultural purposes by reporting member banks increased during July and the first half of August," says the Board, its monthly summary of business conditions in the United States, issued Aug. 27, continuing:

Production.

Output of manufactures decreased in July, while mineral production increased. Average daily output of automobiles, copper, tin, zinc and cotton, and wool textiles decreased, and there was a small decline in the production of iron and steel. In all of these industries, however, the output was larger than in the same month in earlier years. Activity increased during July in silk and shoe factories, and in meat packing plants, and there was also a larger output of bituminous coal and crude petroleum than in June. Reports for the first half of August indicate sustained activity in the iron and steel and automobile industries, and a further increase in the output of coal and petroleum. Employment in manufacturing industries decreased in July by less than 1%, while a somewhat greater decrease in payrolls was reported. At this level factory employment and payrolls, as in earlier months, were larger than in any other years since 1926. Value of construction contracts awarded in July was higher than in the preceding month or in July 1928, reflecting chiefly a sharp increase in contracts for public works and utilities. For the first half of August, however, total contracts declined to a level below the corresponding period a year ago.

The August estimate of the Department of Agriculture indicates a wheat crop of 774,000,000 bushels, slightly below the five-year average, and 128,000,000 bushels below last year's production, and a corn crop approximately equal to the five-year average crop, or about 100,000,000 bushels smaller than in 1928. The cotton crop is estimated at 15,543,000 bales, 7% larger than last year.

Distribution.

Freight carloadings increased seasonally during July and the first two weeks of August, reflecting chiefly increased loadings of coal, grain and ore, while shipments of miscellaneous freight continued in about the same volume as in June. Sales of department stores declined seasonally from June and on a daily basis were about the same as in July a year ago.

Prices.

Wholesale prices in July continued the rise which began in June, according to the index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, reflecting chiefly higher prices for farm products and their manufacture, particularly livestock and meats, grains and flour and potatoes. Prices of hides and leather also increased. Wool, rayon, and textile products declined slightly in price. There was a marked advance in the price of sugar and rubber prices also rose somewhat. Prices of petroleum and gasoline declined and prices of iron and steel were somewhat lower. During the first three weeks in August there were declines in the prices of cotton, petroleum, beef, sugar, oats, rubber, and tin, and marked fluctuations in the prices of pork and wheat.

Bank Credit.

Loans for commercial purposes by reporting member banks increased to new high levels during the four weeks ending Aug. 14, while security loans, after increasing further during the latter part of July, declined during the first two weeks in August. Member bank borrowings at the Reserve Banks averaged \$45,000,000 less during the week ending Aug. 17 than the week ending July 20, reflecting increased sales of acceptances to the Reserve Banks and further imports of gold. Open market rates on call and time loans on securities were firmer during the last half of July and the first week of August. During the second week of August rates on call loans declined while rates on commercial paper in the open market advanced from 6 to 6 1/4%. On Aug. 8 the discount rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York was increased from 5 to 6% and the buying rate on bankers' acceptances was reduced from 5 1/4 to the market rate of 5 1/8%.

Type of Store.	Percentage Change July 1929 Compared with July 1928.		
	Number of Stores.	Total Sales.	Sales per Store.
Grocery	+0.7	+17.0	+16.2
Ten cent	+10.2	+10.8	+0.4
Drug	+18.4	+20.3	+1.6
Shoe	+8.5	+9.7	+1.1
Variety	+27.0	+23.2	-3.0
Candy	+2.3	+2.0	-0.4
Total	+7.0	+14.9	+7.4

Guaranty Trust Company Says Outlook Is For Continuance of Active Industrial Operations—Seasonal Declines Viewed as Emphasizing Exceptional Activity.

Predicting "a continuance of active industrial operations and large trade volumes for weeks to come," "The Guaranty Survey," published August 26 by the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, says:

"With the advance of the Summer season, numerous signs are appearing that the influences that ordinarily cause a marked business recession at this time of year are, even in the present instance, not entirely without effect. The Department of Labor reports a slight decrease in employment between June and July. Industrial consumption of electrical energy indicates a moderate curtailment of operations. There has at last been some decline in steel production, although the iron and steel industry continues on an unusually high plane for late August. The output of automobiles has been decreasing moderately for some time, though the stimulation of sales by the introduction of new models has apparently caused an upturn this month. Cotton consumption was somewhat smaller last month than in June. Retail trade reports indicate some slowing up since the beginning of August. Building activity increased sharply last month but has declined in recent weeks.

"In most cases these declines are purely seasonal and serve merely to emphasize the exceptional rates of activity that have been maintained throughout the Summer. There is little doubt that business as a whole remains at a distinctly higher level than a year ago—probably higher than has ever before been witnessed at this season. With the beginning of Autumn at hand, the outlook is for a continuance of active industrial operations and large trade volumes for some weeks to come. If no marked upturn is in prospect, it is only because the level of activity is already so high.

"Such a favorable forecast for the immediate future, it is contended by some students of the situation, must be coupled with a recognition of the fact that the present rate of business appears, in the longer perspective, too high to be maintained indefinitely. An examination of business fluctuations in recent years, it is maintained in certain quarters, indicates that the country is now on the crest of a business wave, and that the next major movement must be downward. When such a movement may appear and how much further expansion may take place in the meantime are matters of conjecture. It is interesting to note, according to these authorities, that the last three marked recessions have occurred at intervals of approximately three years and a half—one in 1920 and 1921, one in the middle of 1924, and one at the end of 1927. This tendency would appear to suggest, they point out, that the next important contraction should not be expected for about two years.

"But the history of business movements over a longer period shows that the intervals between the major swings are far from regular, and also that the severity and duration of contractions are highly variable. If the case were otherwise, the forecasting of business movements would be comparatively easy. As it is, expectations are necessarily based, for the most part, on the observation and interpretation of current trends in activity and in underlying conditions."

Trend of Business as Viewed by Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co., Chicago—Current Year Expected to Set Record as to Volume and Profits—Higher Wheat Price Looked For.

In indicating the trend of business, the Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Company of Chicago, under date of Aug. 26, observes:

Paradoxically, business has continued active while the price of money has been high. We expect the paradox to continue. The second half of the year should be as good as the last half of '28. It may easily be better. The current year should set a new record, both as to volume and profits. There is no doubt that Americans generally believe in America—more than ever. If any of them don't, they should pay a visit to Europe.

According to the forecast, "the price of wheat should go higher." In stating this, the bank adds:

While the Young Plan ran into rough weather at The Hague, corn kept on growing in Iowa. Cattle prices are up and will remain high. Hogs are profitable. Cotton growing again will prove remunerative. All told, the American farmer will have a larger income than last year. The only question is how much larger.

Industrial production has set a new high record and the volume of trade has been greater than last year. New building, not unexpectedly, has eased off. Stock speculation has continued, but the average of commodity prices has remained stable. Money rates have been high and, frankly, the factor of credit elasticity is to be found in the Federal Reserve Banks rather than in member banks. The latter have made unseasonably heavy commercial loans, in response to legitimate agricultural and business demands, and collateral loans have been running at record figures.

We feel sure that there will be adequate credit for agriculture and business. The Reserve Banks have the reserves to assure this and their combined bill holdings—Government securities and acceptances—are so low that they can easily buy bills in the open market and thus relieve any credit tension. But we see little in either the domestic or international money market to give promise of an Autumn decline in rates.

Wheat the Spectacular Feature of the Crop Situation.

Wheat is in the most spectacular position of all the crops. High prices

are expected by reason of a material reduction in the world crop. Canadian wheat will be very short. In the Spring wheat section the increased price will not compensate for reduced production. The gain will accrue largely to the soft Winter wheat growers of the Central States. Farmers, however, will not reap the full benefit from higher wheat prices because a large percentage of the crop left the farms before the full price advance.

Comparison is sometimes made between the current year and the season 1924-25, when wheat in Chicago went to \$2.05. The world crop of 1924, like that of 1929, was short and was preceded by the bumper crop of 1923, comparable to that of 1928. In December 1924 the price of wheat ranged from \$1.51 to \$1.79, and in December 1925 prices were still higher, \$1.61 to \$1.90. This year, although the crop in the United States is about 100 million bushels less than in '24, December futures have not exceeded \$1.58.

Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight Continues to Increase.

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on Aug. 17 totaled 1,100,267 cars, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced on Aug. 27. This was an increase of 9,651 cars over the preceding week and an increase of 42,358 cars above the corresponding week last year. It also was an increase of 33,439 cars above the corresponding week in 1927. Other details follow:

Grain and grain products loading for the week totaled 61,423 cars, an increase of 216 cars over the corresponding week last year and 7,378 cars over the same period in 1927. In the Western districts alone grain and grain products loading totaled 44,924 cars, an increase of 1,735 cars over the same week in 1928.

Ore loading amounted to 74,574 cars, an increase of 10,348 cars over the same week in 1928 and an increase of 11,672 cars compared with the corresponding week two years ago.

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week totaled 437,260 cars, 22,055 cars above the same week last year and 31,033 cars over the corresponding week two years ago.

Coal loading amounted to 162,862 cars, an increase of 2,136 cars over the same week in 1928 but 10,581 cars below the same period in 1927.

Live stock loading totaled 24,651 cars, 919 cars below the same week last year and 4,883 cars under the corresponding week in 1927. In the Western districts alone live stock loading amounted to 18,556 cars, a decrease of 590 cars compared with the same week in 1928.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight amounted to 260,017 cars, an increase of 4,110 cars above the same week in 1928 but 1,339 cars below the same week two years ago.

Forest products loading totaled 67,975 cars, 2,046 cars above the same week in 1928 but 1,956 cars below the corresponding week in 1927.

Coke loading amounted to 11,505 cars, an increase of 2,366 cars above the corresponding week last year and 2,115 cars over the same week two years ago.

All districts except the Central Western reported increases in the total loading of all commodities compared with the same week in 1928, while all except the Pocahontas and Southern districts showed increases over the same week in 1927.

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

	1929.	1928.	1927.
Four weeks in January	3,570,978	3,448,895	3,756,660
Four weeks in February	3,767,758	3,590,742	3,801,918
Five weeks in March	4,807,944	4,752,559	4,982,547
Four weeks in April	3,983,978	3,740,307	3,875,589
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
Four weeks in July	4,153,220	3,944,041	3,913,761
Week ended Aug. 3	1,104,193	1,048,321	1,024,038
Week ended Aug. 10	1,090,616	1,044,268	1,049,639
Week ended Aug. 17	1,100,267	1,057,909	1,066,828
Total	33,045,234	31,556,812	32,575,306

Building Trend Upward According to Greenebaum Sons Investment Co.—Dodge Corporations Figures.

The prevailing trend in building this year has been upward, it is found from an examination of newest data made by the Research Department of Greenebaum Sons Investment Co., although activity generally has been somewhat below last year's record levels. Investment in new work in July, however, in addition to being the largest of any month in 1929, set a new July record for all time, surpassing July 1928 by 12%.

Contracts awarded during the month had a valuation of approximately \$652,000,000, according to F. W. Dodge Corp., as compared with \$545,000,000 in June and \$583,000,000 in July a year ago. Non-residential construction, it is noted has shown the most consistent upward movement during the year. Residential work has supplied a somewhat smaller proportion of the total than usual. The trends in residential, non-residential and total construction for the first 7 months of 1929 appear from the following figures, which show millions of dollars:

Month—	Residential.	Non-Residential.	All Residential Construction.
January	\$138	\$271	\$409
February	129	232	361
March	197	287	484
April	256	386	642
May	192	395	587
June	189	356	545
July	199	453	652

Construction Contracts Awarded Above Last Year.

Total construction contracts awarded during July in the 37 Eastern States amounted to \$652,436,100, according to statistics compiled by the F. W. Dodge Corp. In July 192

tribution in the Middle West totaled smaller than in the preceding month or July 1928; the bringing out of new models by certain of the manufacturers effected an increase in aggregate value over June, but almost two-thirds of the firms reported declines in the comparison. Used car sales were less than in June and gained over a year ago. Stocks of both new and used cars continued to decline, but remained heavier than on the corresponding date of 1928. Of total retail sales by 40 dealers, 56.1% were made on the deferred payment plan, compared with 51.2% a month previous and 49.2% for 22 dealers last July.

MIDWEST DISTRIBUTION OF AUTOMOBILES.
(Changes in July 1929, from Previous Months.)

	Per Cent Change from		Companies Included	
	June 1929.	July 1928.	June 1929.	July 1928.
New Cars—				
Wholesale:				
Number sold.....	- 3.6	-26.3	36	24
Value.....	+ 6.7	-26.7	36	24
Retail:				
Number sold.....	- 9.3	+24.4	64	40
Value.....	- 9.3	+ 7.8	64	40
On hand July 31:				
Number.....	-14.6	+42.2	65	41
Value.....	-20.0	+51.0	65	41
Used Cars—				
Number sold.....	- 6.9	+30.6	63	39
Salable on hand:				
Number.....	- 2.1	+47.3	63	39
Value.....	-10.0	+15.9	63	39

Conditions in the furniture trade are reviewed as follows by the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank:

Furniture.—The usual seasonal gain in orders was recorded during July; the aggregate volume of new business booked by 27 furniture manufacturers in the Seventh District increased 30.2% over June, with nine firms reporting declines in the comparison. The volume totaled 3.5% below last July, although the majority of companies recorded gains. Shipments were 4.3% less in the monthly comparison but showed an increase of 20.5% over a year ago. Unfilled orders on hand July 31 aggregated 31.8% over the amount held June 29, and 8.2% over the corresponding date of 1928. An average rate of operations for 19 firms in July of 77.6% of capacity compared with 81.3% a month previous; in the comparison with July 1928, however, the average increased.

Buying Power of Northwest States Not Impaired By Dry Weather Says Northwest Bancorporation Review.

Buying power of the Northwest group of States has not been impaired by the dry weather that in June and July covered Western Canada and extended over much territory South of the boundary line, The Northwest Bancorporation Review indicates in the August issue, made public Aug. 20. Based on reports from bankers, merchants and farmers of conditions between August 10 and August 15 the Review finds a material reduction in wheat, flaxseed and other grains. Estimated revenue from livestock, the good condition of corn on the whole and the promise for exceptional corn crops in many localities and greater value of the new crop of wheat due to price advancement affecting also the value of a large carryover of old wheat are principal offsetting factors. The Review says:

Iowa, with its present corn and livestock prospects, will go well ahead of last year in total farm income.

Minnesota, despite some bad spots, and Western Wisconsin and Northern Michigan will have farm income exceeding last year.

Nebraska, although spotted, indicates a total farm money return bettering 1928.

South Dakota promises farm income fully up to last year, with possibility of a material increase with good weather through the remainder of August.

Montana will be better than a smaller wheat crop in itself would indicate and should have a normal income. Wyoming returns will be normal.

North Dakota lost 25% of its early wheat possibility and suffered a material impairment of the flaxseed crop, but livestock and other crops, coupled with higher prices, should make an approximate offset.

What happens to corn from now on will be the major influence in bettering or lowering this mid-August prospect, but the review finds the conditions at this time highly favorable for a very large corn production.

Silberling Business Service Reports That Income From Pacific Coast Farm Crops Will Exceed Last Year.

Total money income from farm crops on the Pacific Coast will exceed that of last year by a small amount, according to the latest quarterly Crop Income number of the Silberling Business Reports. The report, made available August 17, goes on to say:

Serious regional inequalities in California will result, however, as a result of the Spring frost damage which was particularly severe in the Sacramento Valley. While the income from prunes, peaches, apricots and pears will be higher than in 1928, this improvement is restricted to Santa Clara Valley chiefly, and to the San Joaquin Valley. In the Sacramento Valley, income from these crops will be greatly reduced.

The prospects are for a larger money income than ever before in the Santa Clara Valley as a result of a very favorable outlook for prunes, peaches, apricots, pears and grapes. The San Joaquin Valley should also experience increased money income, the higher cash returns from grapes, cotton, peaches and apricots more than offsetting smaller returns on wheat, oranges, lemons and apples. Income in the Stockton region will exceed that of a year ago, increased value of potatoes, grapes and pears being only partly offset by reduced value of wheat, peaches, walnuts, prunes and apricots. In the Sacramento Valley region, money income will be sharply curtailed. Smaller incomes will be received by growers of rice, wheat, prunes, peaches, pears, oranges and apricots. An important reduction in money income of farmers in Southern California is indicated by

lower prospective returns for oranges, lemons, apples and wheat, which will more than offset increased returns for walnuts, cotton, apples, grapes, apricots, peaches, cantaloupes and potatoes. In the Seattle region, higher prospective incomes to growers of apples, potatoes, pears and peaches will benefit that area. The Spokane region, on the other hand, faces a lower money income for agriculture because of smaller grain crops. In the Portland area, increased money income is expected from pears, apples, peaches and wheat.

The Crop Income number of the Silberling Business Service summarizes the Pacific Coast regional income outlook for 1929 as follows: Los Angeles region, fair; San Joaquin Valley, fair; Stockton region, fair; Santa Clara Valley, Bay region, very good; Sacramento Valley, poor; Portland region, good; Seattle region, good; Spokane region, fair.

Volume of Business in Kansas City Federal Reserve District In July At Highest Level on Record.

In its September 1 Monthly Review the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas announces that the volume of general business in its District rose during July to the highest level of record, according to statistics presented in the Review, the Bank states:

Wholesale and retail trade was heavy for the mid-summer month, with sales in dollars slightly above a year ago. Production of manufactures and minerals continued the record output of the earlier months of the year with a few lines showing seasonal slowings down. Loans and discounts of reporting member banks at the close of the month were the highest ever reported. Demand, time and savings deposits increased and were larger than a year ago. Debits by banks to individual accounts in thirty cities during five weeks ending July 31 reflected the largest aggregate of payments by check for a like period in the history of bank statistics, indicating gains of 23% over the preceding five weeks and 17.6% over the corresponding five weeks in 1928.

The outstanding development of July in this regional District was a general betterment of conditions for agriculture. While the official reports as of August 1 indicated this year's crops of winter wheat and some other harvested grains were smaller than those of last year, and the corn crop would fall considerably below that of 1928, there was a promise of good yields of cotton, hay and other important crops. The material advance in prices of farm products during July was an incentive to heavier marketings than ever before reported for a month. Receipts of wheat at five primary markets in the district mounted to 84½ million bushels for the month, more than 11½ million bushels above receipts in July 1928, the previous high wheat marketing month. Marketings of other grains, except corn, also were in record volume. Receipts of cattle at six markets were the heaviest for July in three years. Sheep moved to market in very large numbers and only a few thousand head less than in July a year ago. Receipts of hogs, although seasonally light, were the heaviest for July in five years.

Productive activity in the food industries was maintained at a high rate. Flour mills opened the 1929-30 wheat year with the largest July output since 1926. The slaughter of cattle was the largest for July since 1926, while the number of sheep killed and dressed was the largest for July on eleven years' records. More hogs were slaughtered than in any previous July since 1924.

The output of crude oil in this District increased during the month to a daily average of 909,000 barrels, as against 793,100 barrels as the daily average for the same month last year. The production and shipment of zinc ore was larger, and of lead ore smaller, than in either the preceding month or the corresponding month last year. The output of soft coal showed a substantial increase over that for June but a decrease as compared with that of a year ago.

The value of building contracts awarded in this District in July exhibited increases over the preceding month and the corresponding month last year. The value of building permits issued in leading cities was larger than in June but smaller than in July of last year.

The Bank has the following to say regarding wholesale and retail:

Trade.

WHOLESALE: Sales of merchandise in this District, during July, as reported by wholesale firms in five lines, were 3% larger than for June and 1% larger than for July a year ago. By separate lines, July sales of drygoods, groceries and drugs showed increases over the preceding month, while sales of hardware and furniture showed decreases. In comparison with the corresponding month last year, this year's July sales of drygoods and groceries decreased and sales of hardware, furniture and drugs increased.

Inventories at the close of July showed stocks of drygoods, furniture and drugs were larger while stocks of groceries and hardware were smaller than at the close of June. Compared with a year ago stocks at the close of this July were reported larger by hardware, furniture and drug firms, and smaller by drygoods and grocery firms.

RETAIL: Sales of department stores in this District for July, while showing about the usual seasonal decline from the preceding month, were 2.9% larger in the aggregate than in the corresponding month last year, according to reports in dollars to the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. On the basis of the average per business day, however, the July sales were about 1% smaller than a year ago. Increases over a year ago in total sales were reported by 20 stores and decreases by 15 stores.

Sales of furniture at reporting retail stores during July were 26.2% larger than in June and 20.3% larger than in July a year ago.

Stocks of department stores at the close of July were smaller by 3.4% than one month earlier and smaller by 1.5% than one year ago. Stocks of retail furniture stores at the close of July were smaller by 3.4% and 7.3%, respectively, than one month earlier or a year ago.

Business Activity In San Francisco Federal Reserve District At High Level During July.

Isaac B. Newton, Chairman of the Board and Federal Reserve Agent, of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco under date of Aug. 20 reports that "business activity in the Twelfth (San Francisco) Federal Reserve District reached a high level during July." He likewise says "the agricultural outlook improved moderately, price movements, on the whole, were not unfavorable, and the supply of credit

alone insures ready sale for the majority of the firm's offerings. A leading buyer remarked over the week-end that the fancy worsted suitings in Department 2 are styled so as to command the attention of clothing firms which stress both style and durability.

The offerings of all departments have been amplified to include a wide variety of colors and patterns. Included in the lines in Department 1 are comprehensive ranges of worsted mixtures in plain and fancy weaves. Of particular interest to clothiers who predict a worsted season are the fancy worsted suitings offered by Department 2. For months past the stylists employed by the company have directed their efforts toward securing coverage on all possible style trends. Glen plaids, overplaids, twists, subdued and pronounced stripes, tartan checks, small weaves, bird's eye effects, sharkskins and attractive combinations of two and three designs are high-lighted in the worsted lines, the most comprehensive ever offered by the company. By experimenting with colors, stylists also managed to develop a number of new shades particularly adaptable for spring wear. As many as twenty shades of brown, gray and blue are seen in a single range of worsteds.

The offerings of Department 3 include sports wear cloths, tweeds, flannels, cassimeres, shetlands, crashes and coverts. In the same department are shown fancybacks, through and through and camel's hair topcoatings and cap cloths. In Department 6 are shown uniform and specialty fabrics and gaiter cloths. Among the topcoatings fabrics offered by Department 3 is a Harris tweed, 16-16½ ounces, made of wool imported from Wales. The fabric is priced at \$2.15 with a few styles at \$2.20.

From sources in close touch with the company it was learned Saturday that officials are optimistic over prospects for the coming season. Their optimism is grounded upon reports of salesmen who have contacted the clothing trade in all sections of the country and on the reception accorded the recently opened staples and summer goods lines. The company is reported to be making prompt deliveries and has instituted a number of merchandising policies that have met with the approval of clothiers. Many clothiers, it is said, are using "Ram's Head" labels and find that the extensive advertising campaign being carried on by the concern has stimulated demand for its fabrics to a marked degree.

Despite losses incurred by shrinkage of raw wool values earlier in the year, the company is in a strong financial position and, according to reliable reports in the wool market, bids fair to substantially improve its position during the season. Its current assets on June 30 were \$69,406,106, against current liabilities of \$8,398,608. The company has brought its inventory down close to \$40,000,000 from \$54,000,000 at the end of 1925.

The following price comparison is also taken from the paper quoted above.

DEPT. ONE—WORSTED MIXTURES IN PLAIN AND FANCY WEAVES.				
Washington Mill—				
Style	Weight.	Spring 1930.	Fall 1929.	
8918	18	\$3.27	\$3.37	
13204	13	2.38	2.46	
13296	14	1.95	\$2.01-2.03	
13414	14	\$1.95-1.97	2.03-2.05	
Wood Worsteds Mill—				
407	12	2.06-2.10	2.14-2.18	
647	12	2.04	2.12	
670	12½	2.20	2.27	
97013	13	2.32-2.34	2.38-2.40	
Ayer Mill—				
2189	13	2.10-2.12	2.18-2.20	
2228	13	2.30-2.32	2.38	
2356	14	2.63-2.65	2.70-2.72	
2391	14	2.63-2.65	2.70-2.72	
2414	12	2.28	2.33	
2429	14	2.54-2.56	2.61-2.63	
Champlain Mill—				
Style 1703	15	1.53-1.55	1.53-1.55	
Fulton Mill—				
Style 1580	13	2.43	2.47	

DEPARTMENT TWO—FANCY WORSTEDS.

	Wgt.	Spring 1930.	Fall 1929.	Spring 1929.	Approximate Reduction.
Chase Mill—					
Style 2243	11	\$1.76-1.87		\$1.77-2.03	8c
Champlain Mill—					
Style 2130	10½	1.83-1.96		1.87-1.99	7c
Saranac Mill—					
Style 2055	11	1.91-2.07		1.91-2.08	5-7c
2052	13	2.68-2.90		\$2.70-2.90	5-9c
Ayer Mill—					
Style 2043	13	1.94-2.07	2.02-2.12		8c
Manton Mill—					
Style 2221	10½	2.09-2.48		2.17-2.45	8c
2220	13	2.55-2.82	2.60-2.80		5-8c
Weybosset Mill—					
Style 2262	11½	2.11-2.24	2.19-2.34		8c
2267	12½	2.25-2.41	2.28-2.40		5-8c
Shawshoan Mill—					
Style 2092	14	2.55-2.90	2.65-3.00		10c
2080	12½	2.20-2.56	2.25-2.64		7-8c
Arden Mill—					
Style 2100	13	2.37-2.68	2.45-2.75		7-8c
National & Providence—					
Style 2001	14½	2.40-2.53	2.48-2.65		8c
2010	15	2.95-3.14	3.00-3.30		6-10c
Fulton Mill—					
Style 2070	12	2.70-2.85		2.80-3.05	10c
Globe Mill—					
Style 2176	11½-12	1.92-2.10		1.97-2.19	5c
2170	11½-12	2.02-2.23		2.10-2.21	8c
2179	14½-15	3.34-3.50	3.40-3.65		10c
Puritan Mill—					
Style 2202	13	2.50-2.77	2.56-2.95		9c
2205	12½	2.62-2.85	2.68-2.97		10c
2206	15½-16	3.15-3.41	3.25-3.60		10c
Beolt Mill—					
Style 2156	12	2.70-2.95		2.80-3.05	10c
2157	14	3.00-3.40	3.10		10c

DEPT. THREE—FANCY WOOL SUITINGS, TOPCOATINGS, FLANNELS, SPORTSWEAR.

	Weight.	Spring 1930.	Fall 1929.	Spring 1929.
Assabet Mill—				
Style 1011	11	\$1.70		\$1.77
7212	12	1.87		1.95
714	14	1.70		1.77
Vassalboro Mill—				
Style 2563	12½-13	1.30 base		1.34 base
Ounegan Mill—				
Style 2610	14	.99 base		.95 base
Forest Mill—				
Style 2671	14-15	.90 base	\$0.89 base	
Newport Mill—				
Style 2742	13	2.00 base	2.00 base	
Lebanon Mill—				
Style 2771	13-13½	1.30 base		1.35 base
Mascoma Mill—				
Style 2738	17	1.58 base		1.61 base

Reference to the opening by the American Woolen Co. of men's wear staple worsteds for spring 1930 was made in our issue of Aug. 3, page 717.

Activity of Wool Weaving Industry During July 1929.

According to the Wool Institute, Inc., of this city the statistics for July 1929, of the Cloth Weaving Division of the Wool Industry, compared with June 1929, reveal a normal "between season" activity, decreased production in both menswear and womenswear divisions and increased billings of womenswear and manipulated warp fabrics offset by decreased billings in menswear. The further report by the Institute follows:

A slight net increase in stocks on hand in excess of orders is due to increases in womenswear and menswear worsteds and womenswear manipulated warp fabrics and decreases in menswear and womenswear woolens and menswear manipulated fabrics.

July Activity.

Yardage of combined groups adjusted to a 6-4 basis:

Production	8,933,895 yards
Billings	9,259,001 yards
Stock on hand	7,188,889 yards
Value of billings	\$18,203,921

In comparison with July 1928, the reports of identical mills show a net increase in total production of the combined groups making menswear and womenswear woolens and worsted, with a marked decrease of stocks on hand in excess of orders.

The same comparison shows a moderate increase in production and billings of menswear fancy worsteds, with a sharp decrease in stocks.

In menswear fancy woolen suitings a slight increase in production is shown, with billings practically even, and a sharp decrease in excess stocks over orders.

Amendments To By-Laws To Provide for Handling of Cotton Deliveries at Southern Points.

Members of the New York Cotton Exchange, by a unanimous vote on Aug. 29 adopted a number of amendments to the by-laws which will enable the Exchange to set up the machinery necessary to handle deliveries of cotton at five southern points, in addition to the present deliveries at New York. In making this known, an announcement of the Exchange said:

While the Exchange adopted Southern deliveries last November, the Board of managers fixed Oct. 1929 as the first month in which cotton sold on the new future contract could, at seller's option, be delivered at southern points.

In order to provide for such deliveries of cotton, it will be necessary for the Warehouse and Delivery Committee of the Exchange to establish inspection agencies at Norfolk, Charleston, Galveston, Houston and New Orleans, in addition to the present Inspection Bureau in New York. One of the amendments adopted yesterday makes provision for this.

The inspection agencies at the five Southern points must license warehousemen, inspectors, weighers and samplers for the handling of cotton delivered on the new contract of the Exchange.

The official United States cotton standards are to be used as the standards for the grade, staple, quality or value of all cotton delivered on New York Cotton Exchange contract at the five Southern points, which are the same standards as for deliveries at New York.

Grain Embargo at Minneapolis and St. Paul Lifted.

Associated Press advices from Minneapolis, Aug. 29, states:

Shipments of barley, oats and rye from Northwestern States to the twin cities, Duluth and Superior, were accepted to-day by five railroads in this territory following a 6-day embargo due to congested conditions at grain terminals.

Decision to lift the embargo, effective to-day, was reached by the joint Transportation Committee of the Northwest Shippers' Advisory Board.

The embargo was referred to in these columns Aug. 24, page 1203.

South Carolina Tobacco Growers Profiting from Grading Service.

The Federal-State grading service on tobacco was inaugurated at Lake City, South Carolina, on July 30, and in the short time it has been in operation at this point it has grown greatly in popularity among the growers and brought forth expressions of approval on the part of large commercial tobacco purchasing interests, field representatives of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, report. The Department of Agriculture, in making this known, Aug. 26, says:

In the first week of the grading at Lake City 96,850 pounds of tobacco was graded, in the second week 101,376 pounds was graded, and early reports for the third week indicated that the grading for this week would exceed in volume the amount graded in both the first and second weeks. Farmers who are having their tobacco graded are reported as being well pleased with the beneficial results obtained and are commending the service to fellow producers.

The average price of tobacco graded during the first week of the service was \$15.50 per hundred pounds, and the second week the average was \$17.44. Although this increase is not wholly attributable to the grading, the grading was a helpful influence, the Department believes. Representatives of an American tobacco concern and of the Japanese Tobacco Monopoly visited Lake City to study the grading service and expressed approval of it.

In addition to the service in South Carolina, at Lake City, the Department of Agriculture plans to inaugurate Federal-State grading service on tobacco at one market in North Carolina, three markets in Virginia, two in Kentucky, and one in Tennessee.

International Raw Silk Technical Conference to be Held in New York Oct. 15-Nov. 8.

Douglas Walker, Director of the Intelligence Bureau of the National Raw Silk Exchange, has been appointed Chairman of the Program Committee for the International Raw Silk Technical Conference, which will be held in New York from October 15 to November 8. Delegates from Japan, China, Italy, England and the Continent will attend the sessions, to join in the discussion of raw silk testing and classification problems. Delegates who do not speak or read English will have the privilege of addressing the conference in their own language, through interpreters. The National Raw Silk Exchange is represented on the Executive Committee for the conference by James A. Goldsmith, of Hess, Goldsmith & Co., who is Chairman; E. C. Geier, Duplan Silk Corporation; Paolino Gerli, E. Gerli & Co., Inc.; Irving Lewin, Lang & Lewin, Inc.; J. Mayuzumu, Hara & Co.; William Meyer, Apex Hosiery Co.; Charles Muller, Sulzer, Rudolph & Co., and M. A. Salembier, Salembier & Villate, Inc.

Increase in Membership of Adjustment Committee of National Raw Silk Exchange, Inc.

Members of the National Raw Silk Exchange voted, August 20, to increase the Adjustment Committee from seven to nine members. Douglas Walker and Frederick D. Huntington are added to the committee as the result of this approval by the members. Alexander D. Walker is Chairman of the Adjustment Committee.

Slaughter Cattle Outlook Indicates Sustained Supply—Average Prices in First Half of Year Second Highest on Record for Period.

Supplies of cattle available for slaughter in the next twelve months are expected to equal those of the past year, says the mid-Summer cattle outlook report issued Aug. 26 by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture. Although the marketings of cattle this Fall probably will differ little from those of the Fall of 1928, the proportion going for slaughter may be larger, the Bureau says. It goes on to state:

"Early Winter marketings probably will be smaller than those of last Winter. No marked change in the present active demand for beef is anticipated. Imports of cattle and beef, although increasing, are not expected to amount to more than a small proportion of our domestic production. Demand for stocker and feeder cattle, however, is not likely to equal the unusually strong demand prevailing in the Summer of 1928.

"The seasonal trends in cattle prices are expected to be more nearly normal than those of the Fall and Winter of 1928-29. Peak prices for feed cattle probably will occur later in the season this year than last, while prices of other cattle probably will follow the usual downward seasonal trend. The increase in cattle numbers which now appears to be under way is expected to be moderate.

"The estimated number of cattle on feed on August 1 was a little larger than on that date last year. Reports on probable marketings this Fall from the Western range States indicate a small decrease. With market supplies little changed, total slaughter will be affected by the number of cattle taken out for feeding and restocking.

"Information available early in August indicated that Corn Belt feeders would probably not take out any more cattle this Fall than last. Corn prospects on August 1 were much more uncertain than on that date last year, at which time it was fairly certain that a crop of good size and quality would be produced in most of the Corn Belt States. High temperatures and lack of moisture in August and early September this year would reduce materially August 1 prospects.

"Range and feed conditions in the Western States are much less favorable than a year ago, and in some areas conditions are the worst that have prevailed since the widespread drought of 1919. Winter range prospects are poor over large areas of the Northern Plains and Rocky Mountain States, and hay and forage production will be considerably below normal. The hay situation is made more serious by the fact that the carry-over of old hay in all the Western States is the smallest in several years, the heavy feed requirements of last Winter being responsible for that condition.

"In some of these States forced marketings of cattle undoubtedly will occur, but it is still too early to forecast how large such marketings will be or how much the feed situation will affect total cattle movements. Although there is evidence that cattle are tending to increase in numbers, cattle and calf slaughter in 1930 probably will not be greatly different from that of 1928 and 1929, but some increase is to be expected in 1931 and 1932.

"Average prices of slaughter cattle and calves in the first half of 1929 were the second highest on record for the period, being exceeded only by 1919. The average of cattle prices was \$11.04 as compared with \$10.69 in the first half of 1928, \$8.40 in 1927, and \$6.82 in 1922, the low point in the general depression of cattle values which occurred in the period 1921-1926. Prices of calves averaged \$13.17 as compared with \$12.09 in 1928, \$10.44 in 1927, and \$8.45 in 1924 and 1922, the low points in the depression.

"The present cattle supply situation indicates a continuance during the next twelve months, with seasonal variations, of the general level of slaughter cattle prices which prevailed in 1928 and 1929. However, if unfavorable feed conditions force heavier marketings of cattle this Fall than now seems probable the price situation might be considerably changed.

"The seasonal downturn in prices of the better grades of feed cattle this Fall is expected to occur later than the decline which started in September

1928. Prices of feed cattle next Winter probably will average higher than last Winter. Prices next Spring and early Summer are not expected to differ greatly from those in the corresponding period this year. Prices of stocker and feeder cattle probably will average lower in the last half of 1929 than in the last half of 1928.

"Although some decline from the present high level of cattle prices is to be expected within the next three years, there seems little possibility that this decline will carry prices to the low levels prevailing from 1921 to 1926."

Shoe Workers Strike at Lynn, Salem and Beverly, Mass.

Shoe workers of 11 factories in the Salem (Mass.) district of the United Shoe Workers' Union of America, which includes Salem, Lynn and Beverly, left their work on Aug. 27 after a meeting in which they had voted to strike unless demands for a revision of wages and improved working conditions were met by the manufacturers. More than 2,000 employes joined in the walkout. Associated Press accounts from Lynn, on Aug. 27, in reporting this said:

Among the demands by the employes was establishment in the district of the schedule of wages set by the State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation. Union officials also said that one of the chief purposes of the strike was to obtain recognition of the union in Salem and Beverly. Previously the employes had been affiliated with the Shoe Workers' Protective Union.

Further Associated Press accounts, from Salem, Aug. 29, stated:

More than 2,600 shoe workers, on strike since Tuesday in the Lynn-Salem-Beverly district, won a partial victory when one of the 11 factories affected signed an agreement with its 150 employes recognizing the Shoe Workers' Union of America and making the factory a closed shop.

Rise in Pay Averts Strike of Painters—Employers Grant 10% Increase from \$12 a Day to \$13.20.

The following is from the New York "Times" of Aug. 24:

Eugene McNamara, local Secretary of the Brotherhood of Painters, Paperhangers and Decorators of America, announced last night that the threatened strike of 17,000 members of the union had been averted by the concession by the employers of the 10% wage increase demanded by the men.

The announcement was made after a conference between Mr. McNamara and representatives of the Master Painters' Association, Interior Decorators' Association and Cabinet-makers' Association in the offices of the Building Trades Employers' Association at 2 Park Ave.

The workers' victory gives them \$13.20 a day instead of the present \$12, effective Oct. 25. The men already have a 5-day week and hence do not work to-day. Because the strike notices had already been sent out, following the unanimous vote of the union Thursday, the men will not report for work on Monday, but will instead appear at their union halls for registration. They will then be instructed to report for work on Tuesday, Mr. McNamara said.

The original demand of the union was that the increase should go into effect immediately. This was denied by the employers, who contended in affidavits filed yesterday in support of an application for a temporary injunction against the calling of the strike that the union was bound by an agreement in effect until Dec. 31.

A temporary restraining order was signed by Supreme Court Justice Peter A. Hatting yesterday before the compromise was reached.

Mr. McNamara declared that all the independent employers had agreed to the new wage scale before the conference last night.

The expected strike was referred to in our issue of Aug. 24, page 1206.

Petroleum and its Products—Reduction in Mid-Continent Crude not to be Made Until Fall—Production Reaches New High Level—California Conservation Law Becomes Effective Sunday—Drop in Crude Imports Offsets Domestic Increase.

It appears certain that there will be no reductions made in Mid-Continent crude oil prices until this fall. It had been thought that producers there would follow the lead of Pennsylvania fields and cut prices now, but reports from Mid-Continent indicate that no action of this nature will be taken at this time. The most important development which brought about the decision of Mid-Continent operators to delay price reductions is the feeling that strict enforcement of the California State gas conservation law, which becomes effective Sunday, Sept. 1, will have a beneficial effect on the situation throughout the country. The shipping of California gasoline into eastern markets has proved a serious form of competition to Mid-Continent producers. Opinions vary as to the probable enforcement in California. By this time next week the trade will know more or less definitely just how much of a factor the California law is to be in the industry.

Meanwhile crude production established a new high record last week when the daily average reached 2,966,350 barrels. This was a daily increase of 24,800 barrels. In the same period, however, crude imports dropped 65,143 barrels to 185,857 barrels, so that the total new crude supply was less than during the previous week. It totaled 3,152,207 barrels daily last week, against 3,192,550 barrels daily the week before.

In California 12 new wells started drilling this week in an attempt to extend the Maricopa Flats area. The Pennsyl-

New business and specifications for nearly all steel products except plates and sheets have been in smaller volume than shipments this month, resulting in a reduction in backlogs and shortening of deliveries.

The lull in demand is regarded as merely the seasonal expectation that has come much later in the year than usual. The decline in the requirements of the automobile industry is partly responsible, although other factors are at work, such as a setback in farm implement manufacturing.

Ingot production this month should show a slight loss from that of July. Last year the low point came in June, with each succeeding month bringing an increase up to the last two of the year. Indications point to the present volume of ingot output holding fairly well for another month, by which time the trend of fall business will have become apparent.

Prospects as to the extent of the possible recovery in automobile manufacturing and revival of railroad car buying are still in doubt. A fall buying movement in rails and tin plate is regarded as certain to revive declining rollings of those items.

Automobile output in August will be slightly larger than in July, which was the low month since February, but steel orders from the motor car builders have increased very slowly. Ford production this month is expected to reach 200,000 units, but Chevrolet's schedule is well below its recent peak. Other motor car companies, some of which had sharply reduced their August programs, are expected to manufacture on a greater scale next month.

Demand for sheets has held up surprisingly well in spite of the decline in automobile demand. Orders this month have been almost equal to shipments. At the beginning of August independent mills had unfilled orders for a month and a half, while the leading interest has two months' bookings and is again operating this week just under 100%.

This is an in-between season for rails and tin plate and both have had sharp curtailment in rollings. The rail buying movement is expected to get started earlier than usual this year, and 20,000 tons is already mentioned as a possible purchase before Sept. 15 for fall delivery. Meanwhile, some rail mills have reached the end of their obligations. This is true of one at Chicago though the other there has a 75% schedule arranged into October, while the Ensley mill of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & RR. Co. has been shut down, together with four open-hearth furnaces which were supplying it with steel.

Tin plate operations have declined to an average of 80% or less. Though the leading producer is at better than 85% output of independent mills ranges from 50 to 75%. Within a month, however, mills will begin rolling on next year's business.

Structural steel demand during August has been heavy, on top of a seven months' total which exceeded that for the same period last year by 16%. Although the week's awards dropped to 22,000 tons from more than 50,000 tons in the preceding week, fresh inquiries totaled 58,000 tons, of which 27,000 tons is for bridges, one at Cleveland calling for 15,000 tons.

Plate mills are still operating at close to capacity. Plates are the only steel product in which deliveries have not been materially cut down. Among new requirements is 30,000 tons for four ships.

Railroad equipment orders, totaling nearly 1,800 cars, of which 1393 are for the Lackawanna road, were the largest in any week since June.

Steel prices are holding remarkably well despite lessened demand. The fact that a fourth-quarter contract for black sheets has been made at the present quotation of 2.85c. a lb., Pittsburgh, points to a continuance of current prices to the end of the year, notwithstanding talk of an advance.

Heavy sales of Southern pig iron have placed producers in that district in a somewhat more favorable position. One company, which has sold upward of 50,000 tons in the North in the week, has withdrawn from the market, and the others show a tendency to stiffen their quotations, although much of the week's business was taken at prices ranging from \$12 to \$13.50, Birmingham. Sales included 20,000 tons to two Delaware River cast iron pipe makers, 10,000 tons of basic to an Illinois steel company and 10,000 tons of foundry iron to other Chicago district consumers.

Northern iron remains fairly steady in the face of the Southern competition, though prices have given way 50c. a ton at St. Louis, and Buffalo iron is lower in New England.

The "Iron Age" pig iron composite price has dropped to \$18.25 a gross ton, the year's low, from \$18.42 last week. Finished steel remains at 2.398c. a lb. for the third week, as the following table shows:

Finished Steel.			Pig Iron.		
Aug. 27, 1929, 2.398c. a lb.			Aug. 27, 1929, \$18.25 a Gross Ton.		
One week ago	.....	2.398c.	One week ago	.....	\$18.42
One month ago	.....	2.412c.	One month ago	.....	18.38
One year ago	.....	2.348c.	One year ago	.....	17.03
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	\$18.25	Aug 27
1928	2.391c.	Dec. 11	2.314c.	Jan. 3	1928	18.59	Nov. 27	17.04	July 24
1927	2.453c.	Jan. 4	2.293c.	Oct. 25	1927	19.71	Jan. 4	17.54	Nov. 1
1926	2.453c.	Jan. 5	2.403c.	May 18	1926	21.54	Jan. 5	19.46	July 13
1925	2.580c.	Jan. 6	2.396c.	Aug. 18	1925	22.50	Jan. 13	18.96	July 7

Steel is nearing the close of an unusually active midsummer season with moderate decline in sales, production and shipments; a breathing space between the peaks attained a few weeks ago and an autumn revival, signs of which are beginning to appear, reports the "Iron Trade Review" of Cleveland in its current issue. New business is declining slowly, is relatively high for the season, and substantially above that of the same point in 1928. The general opinion in the trade is that an upturn will appear after the middle of September. With few exceptions, all producers tell of slight recessions in specifications, though production has not declined commensurately, as backlogs have tempered the rate of shrinkage. Prices in general are firm, adds the "Review," which goes on to say:

Steelworks operations in the Middle West average 95 to 98% of capacity; in the Pittsburgh district 90 to 95% and in the Mahoning valley 90%. Steel corporation units this week are operating at 98%, 3 points higher than a week ago.

August pig iron shipments equal those of July, and more interest is displayed in fourth quarter requirements, a number of melters have placed substantial orders for that period. The position of southern furnaces has improved, one maker having sold all of its output for this year. Southern basic and No. 2 foundry have been sold at \$12.50, furnace, in competitive districts. A Peoria, Ill., steel company has ordered 10,000 tons of the basic, below \$13, to use as a substitute for scrap. Larger requirements for standard basic iron are expected to develop in northern districts soon. The week's sales of all grades at Cleveland totaled 22,000 tons; in eastern New York 12,000 to 15,000 tons. Demand for Connellsville furnace and foundry coke is quiet. By-product coke prices are being renewed for September.

Sheet mills have practically bridged the summer season, usually a slack period, without cessation in the high rate of operations. The inflow of new orders has been unusually steady and heavy. Some automotive manufacturers are ordering sheets for new models. Demands from electrical, radio and electric refrigerator sources are the best for any August in their histories. Sheet mill production may establish a new August record in the Chicago district. Some Pittsburgh mills are unable to meet delivery requirements.

Independent sheet mills of the country increased the daily rate of their sales from 10,264 tons in June to 10,878 tons in July. Production dropped from 11,261 tons in June to 10,448 tons in July, and shipments fell slightly from 11,560 tons to 11,118 tons.

Plate specifications are diminishing, though sales and specifications in the Middle West still lead the finished steel lines. It now appears a federal loan will be finally authorized to facilitate construction of four private merchant vessels, which will require a total of fully 20,000 tons of plates. Bethlehem Shipbuilding Co. will furnish 6,000 tons of steel, mainly plates, for a cruiser recently authorized.

Railmakers at Chicago expect at least 30,000 tons of rails for autumn delivery will be in the market by Sept. 15. There are indications railroads are making budgets earlier for 1930 rail orders. Specifications on contracts are heavy. Carbuilders estimate 10,000 to 12,000 cars will be on inquiry or order by Oct. 15. The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western has placed 1,250 freight cars and 141 electric passenger cars. Five hundred twenty-five freight cars and 350 passenger cars are pending in the East.

Shape awards in the past week totaled approximately 40,000 tons, including an estimated 20,000 tons for new units of the Illinois Steel Co., at South Chicago and Gary; 8,300 tons for the St. Johns bridge, Portland, Ore., and 3,500 tons for a bridge at Rochester, N. Y. Pending business includes 20,000 tons additional for the Illinois Steel units; 15,000 to 20,000 tons for 3 major building operations in Cincinnati; 2,400 tons for Inland Steel Co. plant extension work at Indiana Harbor, Ind., and 3,000 tons for a New York Central railroad storehouse, New York City.

Doherty and Texas Oil Co. interests may merge plans for a 250,000-ton steel gas line from Taxes to Chicago and Omaha.

Continued slowness in demand for soft steel bars, generally attributed to lack of automotive buying, is reducing backlogs and slowing mill activity. While business has diminished it continues substantially ahead of the volume of last August, and prices are firm. Iron and steel scrap shows continuing strength and railroad accumulations bring relatively high prices. Buying of tonnage by Bethlehem was at the established market. Supplies are being held closely and are not abundant.

The Nippon Oil Co. has withdrawn its inquiry for 20,000 base boxes of tin plate, with the possibility of re-entering the market for a larger amount within a month. Iron Trade Review's cablegram reports German output of pig iron in July, 1,203,510 tons, broke all records for the month.

The "Iron Trade Review" composite of 14 leading iron and steel products is unchanged for the second consecutive week at \$36.52.

Further decreases were shown in steel ingot production during the past week, the "Wall Street Journal" of Aug. 27, says. The U. S. Steel Corp. is now running at slightly under 94%, compared with about 95% in the preceding week and 97% 2 weeks ago, continues the "Journal," which further states:

Independent steel companies are at approximately 85%, contrasted with between 86% and 87% a week ago and better than 90% 2 weeks ago.

For the entire industry the average is a shade under 89%, against better than 90% in the previous week and about 93% 2 weeks ago.

At his time last year the Steel Corp. was running at not quite 78%, with independents around 75%, and the average was better than 76%.

Rogers Brown & Crocker Bros., Inc., writing under date of Aug. 29, see a better outlook for Southern iron. They say:

Notwithstanding the tendency on the part of buyers of pig iron to postpone purchases until after the approaching holiday, the signs of a possibility of advancing prices have prompted many to cover their requirements immediately. As a result, a large tonnage of Southern iron has been sold during the past week and a substantial amount of Northern iron was included, making the total tonnage sold in some districts larger than for many weeks. At least one Southern producer advanced prices and later withdrew from the market. Production has been curtailed by the blowing out of additional furnaces.

The time of the year is approaching when some melters of pig iron enter the period of their largest production, and while a slight curtailment is noted in other lines, the total melt is well maintained and prospects for the balance of the year look bright.

The Ferro Alloy market is quiet and sales are confined to small lots. The coke market shows little change. Shipments on contracts are moving at about the same rate with but little demand for spot coke, although prices are firm with a tendency to advance on domestic sizes.

Coal Wages Advanced—Western Kentucky Miners Back on Winter Scale as Demand Improves.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of Aug. 28, we take the following Richmond advices:

Four thousand Western Kentucky miners whose wages were reduced 20% on July 16 will go back to the old scale on Sept. 1. T. E. Jenkins, of Sturgis, Ky., President of the West Kentucky Coal Co., said that an increased demand for coal from this field justifies the increased wages.

The announcement came after weeks of organizing work on the part of the United Mine Workers of America, who abandoned this field after an extended strike five years ago.

Ontario Government to Pay Bounty on Iron Ore Mined in Canadian Province.

Announcement that the Ontario Government will pay a bonus of one cent a unit on all iron ore mined in the Province, was made by Premier Howard Ferguson at a banquet at Sault Ste Marie (Ontario) on Aug. 23. The Toronto "Globe" in a dispatch reporting this said:

This is one of the important homes of the basic steel industry, and the surrounding District of Algoma has within its borders great areas of iron ore deposits. The legislation to bring the bonus into effect will be introduced at the next session of the Legislature. Steel experts estimate that on the basis of the iron content of the ore available in Northern Ontario this bonus will work out at about 75 cents a ton.

At present no Canadian ore is being used. All the ore used in the Sault plants, for example, is imported from Lake Superior mines in the United States. The reason ascribed for this is that iron ore mined in Ontario is of such a quality that it would have to be "beneficiated," or as the Premier explained, put through a "pre-cure" process. This makes it more expensive to use than to import United States ore. The bonus, it is estimated, will wipe out this difference.

Cost Not Estimated.

No accurate estimate of how much the bonus will cost the Province is available, but the Helen Mine alone, which is located near this city, would produce 3,000 tons a day if put in operation. It will likely be the first mine affected.

Some years ago the Province passed an act to pay a bonus of half a cent a unit on condition that the Dominion Government pay an equal amount. The Dominion Government, however, did not comply, so nothing was then done. Now the Ontario Government has decided to go the whole way.

Railway for Patricia?

The Province has an exploration party working north of the Transcontinental investigating the advisability of extending the Timiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway into the Patricia District and tap the mining resources there. That was another announcement made by Mr. Ferguson. A third was a confirmation of reports that the party drilling in the lignite deposits north of Cochrane and investigating for oil met with such encouraging results that the Government had withdrawn from staking great areas, in the interests of the public, until the whole situation could be more thoroughly probed.

Restriction on U. S. Export.

"We regard the iron industry not only of basic importance, but as transcending in importance every development in this Province," the Premier asserted. The Government had gone very thoroughly into the problem. The best technical ability had been secured. Investigation had shown that 60% of the ore deposits of the United States were owned by one corporation. The great bulk of what remained was owned by other companies, who used it for their own manufacturing. Accordingly, the Government had been informed there was a possibility of restriction in the export of ore from the United States. The day might come when ore would not be available from that country for Canada.

"Now is the psychological time to give this boost," he said, after he had announced the bonus. Now was the psychological time to stand behind the iron industry, till it could get on its feet and get going properly with Canadian ore. The people of Ontario were behind the Administration in this."

The following advices from Ottawa Aug. 25 appeared in the Toronto "Globe" of Aug. 26:

Federal Government officials were keenly interested in the announcement that the Province of Ontario may pay a bonus of 1% per unit on iron ore beneficiated in the Province. At the present time no Canadian ore is being used in Canada, though large supplies are available if an economical method of treating them to make their use commercially feasible can be discovered.

Experts of the Department of Mines have been conducting experiments for some time, and the results obtained have been such that iron and steel experts have encouraged the hope that Canadian ore might be used on a large scale within the next ten years. Canada imported \$4,325,000 worth of iron ore last year, including \$3,419,000 from the United States, and \$584,000 from Newfoundland.

The Globe was informed tonight by a metallurgical expert that the Algoma District probably would be the first in Canada to take advantage of the new proposal of the Ontario Government, as the one cent per unit bonus would be equivalent to about 35 cents per ton, and there are ore deposits in the Algoma District which might be successfully treated with such financial assistance. "It is almost a paying proposition now and they ought to be able to start on a small scale anyway." The Globe was informed.

The question of using Canadian ores was raised some months ago by Dr. William H. Moore, Chairman of the Advisory Board on Tariff and Taxation, when an exhaustive hearing took place on the iron and steel schedules of the customs tariff. Dix Fraser, a Toronto expert, stated that Canadian ores might be used extensively within ten years, and this opinion was shared by Robert Dodds of the Algoma Steel Corporation, and Dr. Wilson of the Dominion Mines Department.

At the present time, however, it is much cheaper to import American ores, according to Mr. Jones, General Manager of the Algoma Steel Corporation, while others agree that, "bounty or no bounty, the use of Canadian ores will not be a commercially feasible proposition for some time."

The problem is still being wrestled with in the laboratory. Robert Turnbull of the Volta Furnace Company, Welland, is working on a process with an electric furnace whereby he hopes to use native ores.

No expression of opinion is available as to what the Federal Government might do to assist in the development of Canadian ore deposits, but it is considered doubtful that it would offer anything in the form of a bounty.

Historic Iron Mines In Ramapo Hills, N. J. To Be Reopened Soon—Metal for Revolutionary War Was Taken From Properties

The following is from the New York "Times" of Aug. 25:

Two of the oldest iron mines in the United States, the Peters and the Messon, in which operations were started before the Revolutionary War, are about to be reopened after a shutdown of five years. They are in the Ramapo Hills in New Jersey. While the original date of their openings has not been established, there is record of mining being done in them in the 1770s, and there is no doubt but much metal taken from them went into cannon and other equipment for the Colonial troops in the eight years' war for independence.

The Ringwood Company, present owner of the two properties, has a crew of men preparing the mines for resumption of operation for the first time since 1924. The present five-year shutdown is thought to be the longest period that they have remained idle since operations were originally started. Allowing for cessations of operations from various causes in their long history, the present owners estimate that the mines have been worked for at least 140 years.

It is estimated that the mines have produced at least 15,000,000 tons of iron ore, making allowances for the slower methods of recovering

ore in the earlier days and the increased efficiency of modern mining machinery and methods. Despite this production, the most recent survey of the properties showed no signs that the veins were exhausted.

The Ringwood Company, in deciding to reopen the properties, has decided upon a schedule calling for an annual production of 200,000 tons of ore. This will necessitate the employment of about 500 men. This schedule is thought to be a larger production than either of the other two mines, neither of them as old as the Ramapo Hills properties, the Richard and the Mount Hope, both at Dover, N. J.

Movement of Bituminous Coal to Lake Erie Ports Heavy.

Movement of bituminous coal to Lake Erie ports for shipment by boat to upper Lake Erie points has been the heaviest so far this year of any corresponding period in recent years, the car service division of the American Railway Association announced. From Jan. 1 to Aug. 11 this year, inclusive, 21,128,196 tons of bituminous coal were dumped into vessels at Lake Erie ports. This was an increase of 3,737,104 tons over the corresponding period last year and an increase of 303,005 tons over the corresponding period in 1927. It also exceeded the corresponding periods in 1924, 1925 and 1926. On Aug. 12 1929 there were 22,606 cars of bituminous coal on hand at Lake Erie ports ready for dumping compared with 21,682 on the same date last year and 17,082 on the same date in 1927.

Coal Stocks Advance—Industrial Consumers Again Stocking—Consumption Higher Than a Year Ago.

According to report prepared by the Coal Committee of the National Association of Purchasing Agents, Inc., under the supervision of Thomas W. Harris, Jr., Chairman of E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co., total stocks advanced for the first time to any extent as of Aug. 1 1929, since April 1 1927, and it would appear that as of July 1 1929, the low point on stocks was reached. Industrial consumers are again stocking. Total stocks of industries in the United States and Canada amounted to 32¾ million tons, an advance of 1 1-3 million tons from the previous month. Total consumption figures advanced only ½ million tons in July as compared with June, being at 35 million tons. This can be accounted for by the increase in number of days in the month. Consumption during July 1929 was 4½% higher than July 1928. As a result of the increase in stocking, the number of days' supply of coal on hand increased from 27 days as of July 1 to 29 days' supply as of Aug. 1. The increase in stocking prevailed in Canada where the stocks were increased approximately 600,000 tons, stocks in Canada being ahead of a year previous. By-product coke plants also increased their stocks from 20 days' to 24 days' supply. All other industries stocks remained about constant. The Associations statement continues:

The consumption of coal among utilities and coal gas plants increased, primarily to the dry weather causing the shutting down of hydraulic plants and opening up of steam generating plants. Railroad consumption also increased, which reduced their number of days' supply from 20 to 19. Consumption of steel mills was about constant but there was quite a marked falling off in consumption among other industries, which had a tendency to increase the number of days' supply, the stocks increasing from 27 to 32 days' supply. Great activity in both the coke and pig iron industry continued through July, although the daily rate of production declined slightly below the high level of June. July as compared with June showed a decrease of 1% in production of by-product coke but as compared with July 1928 showed an increase of 18%. There were 86 by-product plants in operation during the month producing at about 94% of their capacity.

Production of bituminous coal is averaging slightly under 9½ million tons per week and as of Aug. 1, industry has on hand 29 days' supply of coal. With business remaining about the same or possibly slightly increasing and if total stocks are increased by Jan. 1 1930, to what they were Jan. 1 1929, during the months of September, October and November, it would appear that stocking will go forward at the rate of slightly over 4 million tons per month. If this stocking is handled in an orderly manner, production of bituminous coal should not reach the high point of October 1928 when production was over 50 million tons or about 11 to 11½ million tons per week.

The number of days' supply in industries in the United States of bituminous coal is as follows:

By product coke.....	24 days
Electric utilities and coal gas plants.....	46 days
Railroads.....	19 days
Steel mills.....	27 days
Other industries.....	32 days
Total bituminous stocks throughout the United States.....	27 days

New England.

Report of Regional Chairman R. C. Swanton, Winchester Repeating Arms Co., New Haven, Conn.:

Bituminous Coal.—There is apparently no change in the coal situation in the last month throughout New England. Prices are holding about the same. There has been the usual seasonal stocking and apparently smaller stocks of New River Nut and Slack.

Anthracite.—No change in anthracite situation.

Coke.—No apparent change in coke reports since last month.

Canada.

Report of Regional Chairman W. G. Henderson, the Steel Co. of Canada, Ltd., Montreal, Canada.:

Coal.—Coal demand remains normal with no variation in prices. Some dealers are looking for higher prices this fall.

Coke.—Demand good with no change in price.

Table showing financial data with columns: Aug. 21 1929, Aug. 14 1929, and Aug. 22 1928. Rows include Loans and Investments, Loans, Investments, U. S. Government securities, Reserve with Federal Res'Ve banks, Net demand deposits, Time deposits, Government deposits, Due from banks, Due to banks, and Borrowings from Fed. Res. banks.

* August 14 figures revised.

J. P. Morgan's Yacht "Corsair" to be Turned Over to Government.

From the New York "Times" of Aug. 29 we take the following:

The "Corsair," J. P. Morgan's steam yacht, sailed from Glen Cove, L. I., yesterday, to Brooklyn, to be turned over to the U. S. Government for use as a coast and geodetic survey ship.

Mr. Morgan is having a new yacht built at Bath, Me. The new "Corsair," it is understood, will cost about \$3,000,000.

The present "Corsair" was built at Newburgh, N. Y., in 1899, and was designed by Beaver Webb. She was built for the late J. P. Morgan, Sr., and the present head of the house inherited her.

In a further item in its issue of Aug. 30 the "Times" said: It was learned yesterday that when J. P. Morgan's auxiliary schooner yacht, the "Corsair," is turned over to the U. S. Government for use as a coast and geodetic survey ship the banker will probably receive \$1 in consideration for the craft, the original cost and upkeep of which have run into the millions.

At Mr. Morgan's office yesterday it was said that it was his desire to make a present of the ship to the Government, but that in order to comply with the law prohibiting the Government from accepting gifts a nominal consideration might have to be fixed.

League of Nations Begins Study of Gold Fluctuations—Preliminary Work by Financial Committee Group to Include Private Talks with Experts.

A preliminary investigation of the abnormal fluctuations in the purchasing power of gold was begun at Geneva, Aug. 26, by a delegation of the League of Nations Financial Committee, which is consulting privately a group of internationally known experts, including Professor O. M. W. Sprague of Harvard University and Professor Gustave Cassell of Stockholm. This is learned from Geneva advices, Aug. 26, to the New York "Times," which likewise said:

For the present, discussions are concerned with arranging a program and a method for the studying of the question, which may go on for several years.

This is the first attempt on such an international scale to investigate the relations between price variations and variations in the price of gold, which is the basic purchasing medium. Various economists, of course, have already made private studies of the problem, and it came up for extensive hearings by the House Banking Committee during the past two sessions of Congress, with the result that a bill was introduced by Representative Strong of Kansas to have the Federal Reserve seek as far as possible to stabilize gold.

The League committee's work is in the nature of a fact-finding investigation, however, instead of one aiming to solve the problem or frame proposals for attempting to stabilize prices.

Such current developments as the International Reparations Bank and the fall in the British gold reserve and the rise in francs, it is said, show the timeliness and value of the present investigation. Some experts feel that little of practical use can be done, however, until the prevailing uncertainty at The Hague is ended.

Stock of Money in the Country.

The Treasury Department at Washington has issued the customary monthly statement showing the stock of money in the country and the amount in circulation after deducting the moneys held in the United States Treasury and by Federal Reserve banks and agents. It is important to note that, beginning with the statement of Dec. 31 1927, several very important changes have been made. They are as follows: (1) The statement is dated for the end of the month instead of for the first of the month; (2) gold held by Federal Reserve banks under earmark for foreign account is now excluded, and gold held abroad for Federal Reserve banks is now included; (3) minor coin (nickels and cents) has been added. On this basis the figures this time, which are for July 31 1929, show that the money in circulation at that date (including, of course, what is held in bank vaults of member banks of the Federal Reserve System), was \$4,716,862,547,

as against \$4,746,296,567 June 30 1929 and \$4,700,535,405 July 31 1928, and comparing with \$5,698,214,612 on Oct. 31 1920. Just before the outbreak of the World War, that is, on June 30 1914, the total was only \$3,458,059,755. The following is the statement:

Large table titled 'CIRCULATION STATEMENT OF UNITED STATES MONEY—JULY 31 1929.' It details 'MONEY HELD IN THE TREASURY' (including Gold and Silver bullion, Gold and Silver certificates, Silver dollars, Treasury Notes, Federal Reserve Notes, etc.) and 'MONEY OUTSIDE OF THE TREASURY' (including Federal Reserve Notes, Federal Reserve Agents, Other Money, etc.). It also includes 'Population of United States' and 'Per Capita Estimated'.

Production of Gold and Silver in the United States, According to the Director of the Mint.

The Director of the Mint reports that 2,233,251 ounces of refined gold valued at \$46,165,400 and 58,462,507 ounces of refined silver, valued at \$34,200,567, were produced in

the United States in 1928, a \$746,800 gain in gold over 1927 and a reduction of 1,971,934 ounces in silver as compared with 1927. The following is the statement issued by the Treasury Department:

PRODUCTION OF GOLD AND SILVER IN THE UNITED STATES IN 1928.
(Arrivals at United States Mints and Assay Offices and at private refineries.)

The Bureau of the Mint, with the cooperation of the Bureau of Mines, has issued the following statement of the final estimate of refinery production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1928:

States.	Gold.		Silver.	
	Ounces.	Value.	Ounces.	Value. ^x
Alaska.....	330,604	\$6,834,200	486,859	\$284,812
Arizona.....	189,519	3,917,700	6,564,933	3,840,486
California.....	513,249	10,609,800	1,467,088	858,246
Colorado.....	258,564	5,345,000	4,384,072	2,564,682
Georgia.....	34	700	5	3
Idaho.....	20,351	420,700	8,949,716	5,235,584
Illinois.....	-----	-----	2,677	1,566
Michigan.....	-----	-----	18,707	10,944
Missouri.....	-----	-----	158,280	92,594
Montana.....	59,661	1,233,300	10,681,675	6,248,780
Nevada.....	177,730	3,674,000	5,312,610	3,107,877
New Mexico.....	34,961	722,700	925,449	541,388
North Carolina.....	131	2,700	19,141	11,197
Oregon.....	11,865	245,300	31,858	18,637
Pennsylvania.....	987	20,400	7,428	4,345
South Carolina.....	10	200	-----	-----
South Dakota.....	318,095	6,575,600	91,697	53,643
Tennessee.....	537	11,100	75,907	44,406
Texas.....	556	11,500	1,394,665	815,879
Utah.....	211,418	4,370,400	17,749,317	10,383,350
Washington.....	16,414	339,300	103,907	60,786
Wyoming.....	34	700	13	8
Philippine Islands.....	88,531	1,830,100	36,503	21,354
Totals.....	2,233,251	\$46,165,400	58,462,507	\$34,200,567

^x Value at 58.5c. per ounce, the average New York price of bar silver.

This estimate indicates \$746,800 gain in gold product as compared with the prior year; the reduction in silver output, as compared with 1927, was 1,971,934 ounces. The year of largest output, 1915, produced \$101,-035,700 gold, and 74,961,075 ounces silver.

Less Mexican Silver—Estimated Output in First Half Dropped 13% on Low Price for Metal.

The "Wall Street Journal" of Aug. 28 reports the following from Mexico City:

Silver production, according to estimates made in mining circles, dropped 13% in Mexico during first half of 1929, says the Boletin Financiero y Minero, leading financial daily. It is feared the drop even will be heavier during the latter half of 1929.

Decrease of production is attributed to the low price of silver. At present price is hovering around 52 cents an ounce.

The mines that produce principally copper, zinc or lead are able to keep up their production as the market on these metals is stronger, and the silver obtained as a by-product comes to the market in the same volume as formerly. In the mines that produce principally silver, however, the ores have had to be graded, and the extraction limited to the good parts of the mines.

Institutions Here Desire U. S. Agency of Bank for International Settlement—Organization of New Debt Bank Discussed Despite Uncertainty.

According to the Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce," several American banking institutions have expressed a keen interest in the proposed Bank for International Settlements and have indicated a desire to take over the domestic agency for this institution. The advices to the paper quoted—from Washington, Aug. 26—go on to say:

However, as far as can be learned, no decision has yet been made by Federal Reserve authorities or others as to what advice they would give if requested by the European central banks to suggest an agent for the new institution in this country.

As originally contemplated, the Federal Reserve Board or the New York Reserve Bank would have participated directly in the organization of the Bank for International Settlements proposed in the Young Plan. Secretary of State Stimson has ruled out that possibility, so that at most the Federal Reserve Board would make only an informal suggestion of a Bank to take over the agency.

Several Banks Interested.

While J. P. Morgan & Co. played a leading role in the evolution of the Young Plan through participation by Mr. Morgan and Mr. Young on the Committee of Experts which framed it, several other American financial institutions are expected to make a bid for it, if they have not already done so. Among those which have been mentioned in discussions of the subject are the National City Bank, the Guaranty Trust Co., and the Bankers' Trust Co.

Despite the current uncertainty surrounding the proposed Bank of International Settlements as a result of the disagreement at The Hague Conference, it is learned here that interested parties have taken a number of steps towards the organization of the new institution. Word received from abroad indicates that leading financial circles there feel that the institution will finally be established in one form or another, and that meanwhile several preliminary problems connected with its formation can be solved.

Agency Believed Valuable.

The American agency of the new Bank for International Settlements, should it be organized, is regarded as a highly desirable piece of banking business. Should the functions of the institution be circumscribed, so that it carries on only the remittance of reparations and incidental exchange transactions, the chief benefit to the agent would be the international prestige involved. On the other hand, if the new institution should really be developed along the lines outlined in the Young Plan, engaging in the security business and foreign trade financing, as well as in the development of national resources in undeveloped parts of the world, the American agent would gain a large volume of business and would also develop contacts which would be invaluable for the future.

Opinion here is that the American agent for the new bank is more likely to be a well rounded financial institution, which would have a department to handle each of the types of business which the International Bank would give rise to. Thus a number of the New York institutions have departments devoted to foreign exchange, security selling and other activities which the new institution will engage in. The need for such a well-rounded agency will be especially great if the new bank will be developed to perform all of the functions envisaged for it in the Young Plan.

Plan for Bank of International Settlements Again Criticized—German Banking Authorities Skeptical Over Proposed Activities in Gold Market.

A wireless message from Berlin, Aug. 23, to the New York "Times" said:

German banking experts continue to open a "battery attack" on the proposed International Bank. The Frankfort banker, Albert Hahn, derides the notion that the Bank can increase volume of credit or can advantageously distribute the present volume of credit. Hence he expresses unbelief in the Bank's effectiveness in fostering trade. Alfred Lansburgh, editor of "Die Bank," attacks the idea of international gold clearing. Lansburgh declares that the Young Committee's hope, that cost of gold shipment will be avoided by merely rebooking gold deposits in the International Bank from one nation to another is chimerical.

The Bank, he believes, will never have sufficient gold deposits for such purposes. As an instance, asks Lansburgh, can one believe that America, which in 1927-28 exported \$600,000,000 in gold to Europe, would have kept this large quantity of gold in the International Bank? Lansburgh further argues that abolishing the expense of international gold shipments might have disastrous effects, since the result would be that the gold import and export points would be brought close together, which would make it profitable to part with gold every time exchange weakened even slightly. As a result, advances in discount rates and restrictions on credit would be much more in request than now, and business would be kept in a condition of ceaseless unrest.

Paris Thinks London Bank Able to Protect Its Gold.

In advices from Paris, Aug. 23, the New York "Times" said:

London's anxiety about the continuing gold withdrawals from the Bank is perfectly understood in Paris; yet it is felt that the Bank officials will certainly defer as long as possible an advance in the discount rate. The firm tendency of sterling at New York makes Paris believe that even if the Bank of England has not established official support in the American market Norman's journey was at all events not absolutely useless.

It is believed that the American market can support the sterling rate if, as the New York cables state, the banks continue to buy sterling acceptances. Furthermore, it is not impossible, according to the general view in French banking circles, that the Bank of England may apply pressure to London joint stock banks to make them repatriate funds invested in New York. These measures might easily be sufficient to protect the Bank's gold reserve, always provided the rise in money rates at New York is not too accentuated.

Spain May Levy Tax on Movie Profits—Government Looks Favorably on Idea of a 20% Excise—Americans Affected Most.

From the New York "Times" of Aug. 25 we take the following Madrid advices, Aug. 24:

The proposal that the Spanish Government should subsidize the formation of a national moving picture company has had as its principal results so far an inquiry which the Government started to obtain suggestions for the solution of the film situation.

The Government is not wholly favorable to this suggestion, but there is little doubt that it will adopt the idea of a 20% Government tax on movie profits in Spain.

The inquiry has shown that the film industry represents annual profits of 250,000,000 pesetas, including 20,000,000 worth of films imported annually, 30,000,000 rentals paid for these films, and 200,000,000 which represent entrance fees paid at cinema houses in Spain.

American films will be mostly affected by the cinema tax, since they are by far the most popular pictures shown in Spain, in most of the larger theaters constituting the entire program. They are imported either direct or through France. French and German films come next in popularity, for Spanish production is insignificant.

It is expected that a royal decree instituting the tax will be issued and made effective very shortly.

U. S. Returns \$1,122,814 to Austria—Balance of Funds Deposited in Treasury by Alien Property Custodian.

Associated Press accounts from Washington, Aug. 23, stated:

Secretary Mellon has sent a check for \$1,122,814.70 to the Austrian Minister out of funds seized by the Alien Property Custodian during the war.

The action was taken under the Trading with the Enemy Act, which provided that funds not needed to make payments on account of awards of the Tripartite Claims Commission against Austria could be returned.

In making the payment Secretary Mellon said virtually all the awards of the commission against Austria have now been paid, amounting to about \$370,000, but that approximately \$9,000 was being retained to pay the few remaining awards.

American Shares of Budapest Bank Earn \$2.52 in Six Months.

The City Savings Bank Company, Ltd., of Budapest, reports net profit for the six months ended June 30 1929 of \$151,662, as compared with \$149,653 for the first six months of 1928. Such profits were equal to \$2.52 and \$2.49 per

American share in the respective periods. During the first half of 1929, total deposits increased from \$4,599,382 on December 31 1928 to \$4,922,503 on June 30 1929, while bills receivable on June 30 1929 totaled \$4,092,676, as against \$4,023,357 on December 31 1928.

Polish Government's Receipts in First Quarter of Current Fiscal Year Higher Than Last Year.

Polish Government receipts during the first quarter of the fiscal year beginning April 1 1929 have been maintained at a somewhat higher level than last year, according to the first section of the seventh quarterly report of Charles S. Dewey, Adviser to the Polish Government and Director of the Bank of Poland. Customs duties during the quarter have been more than seven times the amount needed to service the Stabilization Loan. Mr. Dewey, according to an announcement, August 22, by the Legation of Poland at Washington, says:

"Operating under substantially the same revenue system, total receipts amounted to 728,828,000 zlotys as compared to 683,092,000 zlotys for the corresponding quarter of 1928-1929. Tax receipts as a whole were 8% higher, monopoly profits substantially the same, profits of State enterprises paid into the Treasury higher and miscellaneous administrative receipts slightly lower. As regards expenditures, the Government has been pursuing a conservative policy, and during the three months under consideration has made less than one-quarter of the expenditures allowed by the current budget.

"The principal reason for the limitation of investment expenditures is the uncertain outlook for credit conditions. The marked tightening of money in most European countries in recent months has aggravated the stringency in Poland, and as there is no assurance of improvement in the near future, the Government is taking steps to prepare for a continuation of present conditions. Budgetary surpluses have been smaller than last year and totalled 10,853,000 zlotys as compared to 33,394,000 zlotys during the corresponding quarter of 1928-1929."

According to the advices from the Legation, the report points out that, despite the financial stringency, production so far is being maintained at levels which compare favorably with a year ago. Total volume of freight carried by the railroads exceeds the figure for the previous year, and the average number of 15-ton cars handled daily is 16,162 in 1929 as compared with 15,741 in 1928. Industrial products carried, however, show an average decline of about 9%.

Output of coal is 10% greater than a year ago. Coal exports, which had declined in the first quarter of the current year, recovered so strongly in April, May and June as to bring the half year's figure approximately equal to the first half of 1928. In the building industry employment is maintained at levels practically equal to last year, but the expansion of building construction continues to be checked by the high cost of credit. There has been some decline in the textile activity, and while production in the iron and steel trade is considerably in excess of last year, sales through the Iron Foundries Syndicate for the first five months of 1929 are 17% less than in the same period a year ago. Mr. Dewey is further quoted as follows:

"With a good crop last year and a better one in prospect this year, the position of the average farmer is nevertheless not too satisfactory. Prices have exhibited a downward tendency and at present levels represent a fall of 38% for rye, 25% for barley, and 22% for oats, as compared with average prices in 1927-1928. The purchasing power of the rural population has thus been severely weakened, a fact which partially explains reduced operations in certain industries such as the textile and agricultural implement which are especially dependent on demand from the agricultural community.

"In foreign trade, the first six months of 1929 ended with an excess of imports over exports amounting to 433,000,000 zlotys as compared with an excess of 563,000,000 zlotys for the first half year of 1928. As between the two periods, the figures for current year show an increase of 1.7% in exports. One important feature of the foreign trade during recent months has been the very considerable reduction in imports of foodstuffs, particularly wheat and rye, due to abundant stocks resulting from last year's harvest and to the Government's conservation policy.

"In addition to constituting a direct obligation to the Republic of Poland, the service of the Stabilization Loan is specifically secured by all revenues from custom duties. These receipts have been consistently high since the inauguration of the Stabilization Plan in the Fall of 1927. During the past quarter customs receipts totalled 112,000,000 zlotys, or nearly seven times the amount required to service the loan for these three months. This is somewhat more than the amount collected during the corresponding quarter of last year."

Maritime Traffic of Danzig (Poland) Reviewed in Report of Charles S. Dewey.

As a natural outlet for Polish commerce and with Poland as its natural hinterland, Danzig has become one of the great Baltic ports in recent years, according to the second section of the seventh quarterly report of Charles S. Dewey, Adviser to the Polish Government and Director of the Bank of Poland. From the Legation of Poland, at Washington, under date of August 24, we learn that Mr. Dewey has the following to say on the subject:

"Inclusion in the Polish customs territory stimulated a rapid growth in Danzig's maritime traffic. During the first few years the reconstruction

needs of Poland caused large imports, and soon there began a commercial development within the country itself which is necessitating a constantly increasing foreign trade. From a relatively small port with a cargo turnover (exports plus imports) of a little over one million tons in 1913, Danzig has become one of the most important ports on the Baltic, with a turnover of 8½ million tons in 1928.

"Already in the early years of the development of Poland's overseas trade it was foreseen that Danzig, whose potentiality for enlargement is restricted by unfavorable natural conditions, would prove inadequate to meet satisfactorily the growing needs of Poland. Poland, with its abundance of natural resources and population of 30 millions, expects to increase its foreign trade for many years to come, and feels that it should not be hampered by restricted port facilities.

"This factor, in conjunction with the manifest advantages of possessing a national port, led Poland to decide upon the construction of a large modern port on its own seacoast at Gdynia. Although preliminary work had been done before, construction was vigorously pushed only in 1925, and has been continued at an accelerating pace since then. Already in 1926 part of the port was in use and 414,000 tons of goods were loaded and unloaded and by 1928 the turnover had reached nearly 2,000,000 tons.

"It is expected that the essential features of the port will be finished by the end of 1929 and at that time it will possess all necessary facilities for a convenient trans-shipment of over 500,000 tons a month. The total cost of Gdynia to this point of construction will be approximately 84,000,000 zlotys, all of which will have been paid by the Government out of ordinary revenues and without recourse to foreign borrowings. Further enlarging of the capacity of the port will be continued for several years until nearly one million tons a month can be handled. This will make it one of the largest ports on the Baltic.

"Concurrently with the building of the port there is being constructed a modern town with the various facilities required by a shipping center. From a small fishing village of 2,560 inhabitants in 1921, Gdynia has become a busy commercial town with a population of more than 25,000. Streets have been planned and laid out, public utilities organized and buildings constructed. Special inducements, including exemption from various taxes, have been offered to attract private enterprise and in spite of the great dearth of capital in the country many stores, warehouses, office buildings, etc., are being erected to meet the growing requirements of business."

Russia Plans to Create Big Automobile Industry—23,000 Miles Road Construction Project.

Comprehensive plans to link up Russia by motor transport—including an initial production of 192,000 automobiles yearly and the construction of 23,165 miles of roadway—has been put in hand by the Soviet Government, according to reports from London. A factory, which is to be built at Nizhni Novgorod with the co-operation of an American company (Ford) and a specially formed native body, the "Autostori," will, it is stated, produce 100,000 passenger cars and trucks a year. The Amo works in Moscow are to be extended to produce 25,000 two-ton trucks a year; the Yaroslav plant, 1,000 heavy trucks; and the Spartak plant, 2,500 light machines. It is pointed out that tangible evidence of Russia's growing activity in the motor and other mechanical industries is shown by the fact that the country consumed 5,407 tons of tin—a vital component in the making of automobiles—in 1927-1928, as compared with 2,398 tons in 1926-1927, and 2,500 tons in 1913. These imports are rising rapidly.

For the motor road scheme a sum equivalent to £20,000,000 has so far been apportioned by local and Federal authorities. Already, it is stated, seven bridges have been built. The road plan embraces the construction over a period of years of 4,560 miles of stone dressed roads; 9,318 miles of gravel roads; 7,700 miles of graded and drained dirt roads; 1,587 miles of asphalt roads. To create a body of skilled mechanics fitted to operate the motor production plants, the Soviet Government has decided to invite specialists to go to Russia in the capacity of teachers, and to send young workers abroad to foreign plants to learn methods.

Receipts in First Six Months of 1929 From Revenues Pledged For Bulgarian Stabilization Loan.

Speyer & Co. have been advised that the receipts for the first six months of 1929, from the revenue pledged for the Kingdom of Bulgaria 7½% Stabilization Loan of 1929 were equal (at 138 Leva to the Dollar) to about \$5,528,900, as against \$4,340,300 for the corresponding period of 1928. The semi-annual service requirements for the Loan are only \$1,066,000.

Free State of Prussia Retires \$579,000 Outstanding Bonds.

Brown Brothers & Co., as fiscal agents, announce that the Free State of Prussia will redeem on October 15, 1929, \$579,000 of its outstanding 6% external loan of 1927. The bonds will be redeemed at the office of the bankers, 59 Wall Street, New York.

Redemption of Swedish Government Bonds—Privilege of Exchange Offered To Holders.

Announcement was made on Aug. 29 by The National City Bank of New York, as agent, to the effect that the Swedish

Cuban Sugar Export Agency Opens.

Associated Press advices from Havana, published in the New York "Times" of Aug. 28 said:

The Co-operative Exports Agency came into being to-day with a general meeting of the Cuban Exports Corporation, which elected 14 of its members to serve as directors of the new agency. The agency will regulate all sugar exports after next Sunday.

Underwriters Trust Company Formed in New York City To Serve Insurance Section.

Designed to serve the insurance district of New York City and also, it is stated, to fill the need of a banking institution familiar with the requirements of the underwriting business, a group of men active in this field has completed plans for the organization of the Underwriters' Trust Company. A portion of the main floor and basement in the new 111 John Street Building has been leased for the banking quarters and vaults. Included within the "insurance" district from Cedar to Chambers Streets, East of Nassau Street also are located the centers of the coffee, tobacco, sugar, leather, fish and drug and chemical trades, and the Underwriters' Trust Company plans to be equipped to handle and attend to the peculiarities of the financial needs of these industries, in addition to the needs of insurance firms.

Plans as announced on August 26 by one of the organizers of the new institutions, Horatio N. Kelsey, former United States manager of the London & Scottish Assurance Corp., Ltd., and Hamburg-Bremen Fire Ins. Co., call for the formal opening of the bank about October 1. In discussing the need for such an institution in the insurance section of Manhattan, Mr. Kelsey points out that in this area are located the main offices and general agencies of most of the fire, casualty and indemnity insurance companies of the country authorized to transact business in this State, while offices of large insurance underwriting organizations also honeycomb the district. These companies handle a volume of premiums conservatively estimated at one hundred million dollars a year and the district has a population of nearly 30,000. He adds:

"The character of the neighborhood where the Underwriters' Trust Company is to locate has changed rapidly during the last few years. Many new and large office buildings have been erected and are now occupied almost exclusively by insurance and allied firms. And the development of this section is going along at a record pace. The change in the character of the business from small and diversified industries occupying small buildings to one strictly insurance demanding skyscrapers is resulting in a tremendous increase in the business population. Consequently, there is an increased demand for banking facilities of the kind which the trust company will be prepared to provide.

"The relations of a trust company to its customers are peculiarly personal. In the case of such an institution located in a district highly specialized industrially its activities will involve the administration of trusts and estates containing many problems peculiar to the trade of the neighborhood. The successful administration of trusts and estates arising from accumulations in the insurance district would be greatly facilitated by their administrators having a comprehensive knowledge of customs and usages in the insurance field."

Former Mayor Hylan of New York Heads Five Borough Trading Corp.

Announcement was made on Aug. 28 by Judge John F. Hyland, for eight years Mayor of New York, that after more than thirty years in public life he has entered the financial field by accepting the Chairmanship of the Board of directors of a corporation to be known as the Five Borough Trading Corporation. The company will be sponsored by Jerome B. Sullivan & Company, members of the New York Curb Market, and will carry on a general investment trust and trading corporation business, specializing in small industries. In his announcement, Judge Hyland emphasized that he had no intention of divorcing himself from public life, adding that as long as he lived he would be interested in the welfare of the people of New York City. He continues:

"I feel that by giving the small investor a chance to participate in the profits made in a sound enterprise is the surest way to prevent dishonesty and losses to those who can ill afford them. The small investor has been cheated by tipsters and through bucketshops out of tremendous sums. The Better Business Bureau, The New York Stock Exchange and the New York Curb Market are doing their utmost, of course, to present such losses.

"This corporation will finance small sound growing businesses and help small industries that have the proper management. This is the age of consolidation and the people themselves will be benefited by the consolidation of honest, progressive business enterprises."

Judge Hylan began his career as a lawyer in New York City in 1897. He was successively appointed City Magistrate, County Judge and elected Mayor in 1917, serving until 1925.

4½ Billion Dollars of \$90,000,000,000 Income in U. S. Goes into Installment Buying According to L. C. Harbinson of Household Finance Corporation.

With the national income approximately \$90,000,000,000, the people of the United States spend about \$40,000,000,000 a year in retail establishments, and out of this approximately \$4,500,000,000 goes into installment buying, according to Leslie C. Harbinson, President of the Household Finance Corporation. Mr. Harbinson says:

"Two-thirds of all dealer automobiles sales are made on credit, one-half of all grocery store sales and one-third of all department store sales. Yet ultimately almost all do pay. The average loss of a large group of houses revealed that losses were as follows:

"Motor car sales, open account, 0.9%; installment payments, 0.4%; department stores, charge accounts, 0.4%; installment sales, 1.1%; grocery stores, 0.6%. Working men are making loans more and more to pay their trade bills, but by doing so are maintaining their credit standings. The American citizen, generally, is proving himself honest."

Installment Selling in the Foreign Field Claimed to Be Spreading—Much Claimed for It.

Installment selling is rapidly spreading throughout the major world countries, and, aided by American finance companies, is destined to increase notably the general level of purchasing power and produce a wide market for American products, according to B. Hwoschinsky, Assistant Vice-President of the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., writing in the current issue of "Forbes." "Up to comparatively recently the work of our finance companies was confined to the United States, but now, with increasing knowledge of the foreign field and more reliable credit data, American companies are rapidly extending their operations throughout the world, and they will have a most important influence not only on the expansion of our export trade, but also on the internal development of many countries," Mr. Hwoschinsky writes, and continues:

It is interesting to note that the difficulties in the United States at the start of automobile installment selling were very similar to those that have characterized the beginning of operations in the foreign field, and it is equally interesting to note how the obstacles abroad are gradually being removed.

At present facilities for financing sales, both to the dealer and consumer, are offered by American companies in practically all of Latin America, offices being maintained in the principal centres that in certain cases care for business in their own and neighboring territory.

These companies are rapidly extending their range of action throughout the world as a whole and facilities are now offered in India, Dutch East Indies, Singapore, Java, Straits Settlements, South Africa, East Africa and plans are being developed for representation in all countries offering a field for the work.

As a result of these activities increase in purchasing power will be observed as well as a tendency to stabilization and regularity of output, and an actual increase in production. Plans based on low purchasing power in foreign countries, compared to the United States, will have to be revised after finance company practice has had an opportunity to become organized.

Workmen Using Credit to Buy Necessities—This Factor Believed to Be Important Influence on Prosperity of the Nation.

As a result of an increase in earning power compared with pre-war years, the workingman is more and more financing himself with loans and buying more and more on his future credit, according to L. C. Harbinson, President of Household Finance Corp. Mr. Harbinson argues that, as the workman almost always manages to pay, this has a large influence on the prosperity of the nation.

Based upon a study made of 1928 statistics, Mr. Harbinson points out that "skilled workmen in the United States averaged to earn 66 cents an hour and unskilled men 49 cents. The average for all was 57 cents; women 40 cents. Using 100 as the index figure for pre-war pay, the United States is now paying 245 for skilled labor and 236 for unskilled labor. Farm labor, under the same comparison, is 163. Union workers in the United States, by the same comparison, now draw 261, which shows that their ratio of increase is higher than the average. The average hourly pay for union workers in 1928 was \$1.20 per hour."

Federal Farm Board Says Wheat Growers Must Obtain Aid Through Intermediate Credit Banks—Loans of \$4,900,000 from Latter Approved by Federal Farm Loan Bureau.

Immediate action by the Federal Farm Board to relieve the acute grain marketing situation in the Northwest was urged in a telegram to the Board by S. M. Williams, Editor of the St. Paul "Pioneer Press and Dispatch." The Board's reply, made public at Washington Aug. 23, indicated that the Board was not yet in a position to supplement loans on wheat which are being made to growers by the Intermediate Credit Banks, and that advances to those wishing to store grain would be made through the Intermediate Credit

Banks. On Aug. 28 it was announced by the Federal Farm Loan Bureau at Washington that all applications of wheat co-operative organizations for loans from Intermediate Banks had been approved. The Associated Press advices from Washington Aug. 28, in reporting this, said:

The announcement was made in connection with a telegram sent to Alexander Legge, Chairman of the Federal Farm Board at Chicago, by George R. Cooksey, Acting Loan Commissioner, notifying the Board that the Bureau had expedited action on the applications to assist the co-operatives in handling their 1929 crops.

The applications approved included those of the Oklahoma Wheat Growers' Association and the Southwestern Co-operative Wheat Growers' Association, by the Intermediate Bank at Wichita, Kan., the North Dakota-Montana Wheat Growers' Association of Fargo, N. Dak., by the Intermediate Bank at St. Paul, and the South Dakota Wheat Growers' Association by the Intermediate Bank at Omaha, Neb.

The total amount of the loans, the bureau said, was \$4,900,000.

The Bureau did not make public the individual loans, explaining that this was customarily done by the Intermediate Banks or the associations obtaining the loans.

The telegram (made public Aug. 24), sent by Mr. Williams of the St. Paul "Pioneer Press" to the Federal Farm Board, was as follows:

Critical situation developed in Northwestern grain marketing. Farmers endeavoring to follow your advice hold back their crops, but unable to do so partly through lack of storage facilities, but principally from lack of credit accommodation. Urgent need of immediate measures to facilitate assistance to farmers of Minnesota and North Dakota, as crop is being threshed and moving on market already flooded and embargoed.

Officers of new co-operative grain corporation organized under your approval say they are unable to do anything because not yet incorporated. Situation seems to call for emergency action by the Federal Board to open the channels of financial credit in Northwest.

Specific question has been submitted to us whether it is possible for Federal Farm Board to make direct advances secured by wheat through existing co-operative terminal organizations, such as Farmers Union Terminal Association of St. Paul.

Northwestern agricultural suddenly aroused and alarmed over prospect of being obliged to dump wheat on stagnated market, and producers suffer heavy losses in price in addition to short crop. We urge your immediate and direct attention to relieve tense situation.

The following reply was made by the Federal Farm Board:

"S. M. Williams, editor-in-chief, Pioneer-Press, St. Paul, Minn.:

"In response to your wire of Aug. 22, information in possession of Federal Farm Board from abroad is to effect that wheat export market is just opening up with indications that worst of situation is over.

"Farm Board has not yet been able to set up machinery to supplement loans on wheat and other grains that have been and are being made by Intermediate Credits Banks to growers' organization of Northwest States, desiring to withhold their crops from market.

"Board is advised that there is a substantial amount of storage space in bonded warehouses of Northwest States available to those who wish to store grain on which Intermediate Credits Banks is ready to make advances up to 65% of value of grain.

"Board is in sympathy with movement among farmer's organizations to withhold their wheat from market."

Proposed Plan of Operation of United Growers of America Outlined to Federal Farm Board.

Interests in the United Growers of America, a \$50,000,000 corporation which has been organized for the purpose of offering to the small co-operatives of fruit and vegetable growers of the United States a national co-operative sales service and to encourage the organization of such groups in other communities, were given hearings by the Federal Farm Board at Washington during the past week. On Aug. 23 former Secretary of Agriculture William M. Jardine, Julius Barnes, Arthur R. Rule and John Burgess appeared before the Board and explained the organization set-up and the proposed plan of operation of the new project. According to an announcement Aug. 26 by the Board, it was represented by these gentlemen that this organization was purely co-operative in character; that the dividends on both common and preferred stocks will be strictly limited to a reasonable dividend earning. The common stock, which alone has voting power, will be lodged exclusively with local grower-owned and controlled shipping units which will become members of the organization.

In response to inquiries from the Board, it was represented that the service proposed was to take care of a greatly needed service to co-operative groups in the fruit and vegetable business whose individual output is not large enough to form the basis of a national sales system, or where crops move in such a seasonal way over a short period of time that it was not practical for these local and district associations by themselves to maintain a year-round national selling organization, and that through a combination of several of these groups scattered throughout the United States that it would be possible to provide a selling service of salaried men in the terminal markets and in the other markets that would afford a more efficient and better selling organization than was available to them under present conditions. It was represented that the United Growers of America did not propose to enter the field in such a way as to interfere with areas where existing co-operatives have sufficient volume to maintain their own selling organization or the future organi-

zation of them where it was possible to perform an equally efficient service for themselves.

The Board announces that it is of the opinion that if this organization is operated along the lines as represented it will perform a valuable service, especially to the areas now lacking such a service.

Department of Agriculture to Ask Congress for Appropriation of \$26,000,000 for Eradication of Fruit Fly.

The Department of Agriculture plans to ask the special session of Congress for an emergency appropriation of \$26,000,000 to carry on the eradication of the Mediterranean fruit fly in Florida, where the pest has menaced the entire fruit and vegetable industry. Associated Press advices from Washington Aug. 26, reporting this, said:

Secretary Hyde said to-day it would take that amount to finance the intensive campaign which will be necessary before the fly is completely stamped out.

Present eradication measures and the inspection and certification of fruit and vegetables placed in inter-state shipment will be continued and intensified. The border inspection designed to prevent the carrying of the fly into other States will be increased.

Agriculture Department officials, particularly those in the plant quarantine and control administration, have been apprehensive of the spread of the fly from Florida into neighboring States during the past Summer, and stringent measures have been taken to prevent such spread. With the coming of Winter it is felt that greater attention can be given to eradication, as colder weather to the northward will act as a deterrent to spread.

If the \$26,000,000 is made available, it will bring the sum appropriated for fighting the pest to \$30,500,000, as \$4,500,000 was made available soon after infestation was found near Orlando last Winter.

Federal Farm Board To Make Advance of 10 Cents Bushel On Unhedged Grain In Addition To Advances By Intermediate Credit Banks.

The decision of the Federal Farm Board to grant an additional credit of 10 cents a bushel on unhedged grain in storage, over and above any loans accorded on the same grain by Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, was given to grain growers was made known at Chicago on Aug. 28. The announcement was made by Alexander Legge, Chairman of the Board, in connection with the meeting of the organization committee of the Farmers' National Grain Corporation. Mr. Legge's announcement said:

"Whenever co-operative elevators, terminal associations and grain pool organizations have obtained loans from a Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, the Federal Farm Board will make an additional advance of ten cents a bushel on unhedged grain. This advance will be made on the same storage receipts or documents which have been accepted by the Intermediate Credit Bank. These papers are to be deposited with the custodian of the Intermediate Credit Bank.

"The lien of the Federal Farm Board will be junior and subordinate to the lien of the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank received as security for its loans.

"Further if grain received by a given co-operative has been hedged through a sale of future delivery at a definite price the Federal Farm Board will make an advance, bringing the total loan up to 50% of the sale price of the grain. The Board will also make a similar advance in cases where grain has not been sold through an exchange but definitely contracted for to a reputable buyer."

Plans For Organization of Farmers' National Grain Corporation.

Members of the Federal Farm Board met in Chicago this week with members of the organization committee of the Farmers' National Grain Corporation to work out plans for the development of the organization, the proposed formation of which was noted in these columns Aug. 3, page 740. The committee in made up of sixteen representatives of all the co-operative farmers' unions, pools and commission agencies of the grain-growing States. W. H. Settle of Indianapolis presided at the meetings and Chairman Alexander Legge of the Federal Farm Board, together with Carl Williams, James Stone, W. F. Schilling and C. B. Denman of the Board were in attendance. It was stated on Monday, Aug. 26 when the meeting opened, that members of the organization committee struggled with two plans. Associated Press advices from Chicago on that date said:

Cooperatives, it was understood, strenuously opposed a tentative plan proposed by the Department of Agriculture because it would result in loss of identity to the standing farm marketing groups, which would be merged into the gigantic new corporation.

The Department of Agriculture plan calls for the issuance of \$20,000,000 of stock in the new organization to the farmers and the various representative organizations, with the proposed corporation acting as the clearing house for the entire field.

Another plan, designed by the Farmers' Union Terminal Association, and favored by the co-operatives, would make the grain corporation a holding company with the already organized marketing groups buying the stock in their own names. It was said this plan, however, has received no encouragement from the members of the farm board.

M. W. Thatcher, one of the leaders in the movement to retain identity for the marketing groups, announced he was authorized by the Union Terminal Association to purchase \$1,000,000 worth of stock in the proposed corporation if the organization set-up should meet with his approval.

Many members of the committee, fearing the farmer will be caught in a market slump this year, expressed desire for speedy organization and functioning of the corporation. There were predictions, however, that the committee would not effect an organization before tomorrow night, as was hoped.

Under date of Aug. 28 a dispatch from Chicago to the New York "Times" stated:

The type of co-operation has been agreed upon, and although the committee of sixteen grain leaders adjourned a subcommittee of three remained in Chicago to draft articles of incorporation and by-laws. The final draft of organization papers is to be submitted to George Farrand, General Counsel of the Federal Farm Board. He is expected to pass upon them from the viewpoint of their value under the Agricultural Marketing Act, under which the Farm Board functions. Upon approval by the Board, the corporation's articles will be immediately filed and a board of directors will meet to elect officers, adopt by-laws and employ a general manager to start marketing grain, Chairman William Settle said.

An item in the matter appearing in the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" Aug. 29 contained the following advices:

William Settle, Chairman, said that no information as to the constitution of the corporation would be released, nor any indication as to general policies before the general committee had passed on the finished document and organization papers were filed.

He voiced the general satisfaction of the farm leaders as to the work so far done and issued a statement in explaining the action taken.

Agree on Fundamentals.

"Our Committee during its three days' session," the statement said, "has discussed and unanimously agreed upon the fundamental points and principles to be included in the articles of incorporation and by-laws of the Farmers' National Grain Corporation. A committee of three has been assigned to draft the necessary papers."

Michigan Bean Growers Seek Advice From Federal Farm Board on Marketing.

A plea for Government aid in the handling and marketing of Michigan beans was made to the Federal Farm Board at Washington Aug. 29 by a delegation from that State headed by H. B. Powell, Commissioner of Agriculture, Lansing. The New York "Journal of Commerce," in indicating this in a Washington dispatch Aug. 29 said:

It was understood, however, that the representatives of the bean growers of Michigan, who appeared before the board, were not asking for financial aid, but were only seeking information on the co-operative marketing act and advice of the Board on handling this year's crop. C. C. Teague, a member of the Board, following the meeting today pointed out that, although there have been surpluses in the bean crop in several past seasons, no surplus is expected to occur from this crop because of dry weather in that State this season.

This delegation which told the Board that approximately 60% of the white navy beans produced in the United States were grown in Michigan, advised them of the various problems affecting the marketing of small beans and also discussed the desirability of working out some plan for a more orderly program with respect to the marketing of this commodity, the purpose being to assure the grower a more stable price for his product. Mr. Teague declared that these suggestions were taken under advisement by the Board for investigation and further consideration.

Sylvan L. Olson, Vice President and director, Montana Bean Growers' Association, Billings, Mont., also appeared before the Board. Mr. Olson advised the Board of the operations of the Montana association. He said this association was organized in 1928 and since then has trebled its membership. This association is handling great northern beans. Mr. Olson also represented the Southern Idaho Bean Growers' Association.

Joe Plummer, President of the Colorado Bean Growers' Association and of the Colorado & New Mexico Bean Growers' Sales Agency, also appeared before the Board. Mr. Plummer presented to the Board certain facts concerning the bean industry in Colorado and New Mexico and also informed the board regarding the Colorado Bean Growers' Association. The Colorado Bean Growers' Association has a membership of 2,000 bean growers. Mr. Plummer, on behalf of his association, made application to the Federal Farm Board for supplement loans to enable his association to make larger advances to grower-members.

Members of New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange, Inc. to Vote Sept. 6 on Amendment Providing for Trading in Foreign Sugars.

Members of the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange will vote Sept. 6 on an amendment adding foreign sugars on which the United States duty has been paid to sugars at present deliverable on the so-called No. 2 contract. An announcement of this by the Exchange Aug. 29 said:

The sugar contract which has thus far been traded in almost exclusively on the Exchange is the Number 1 contract, the basis of which is Cuban raw sugar in bond in New York. Other dutiable sugars are deliverable also on the No. 1 contract under certain conditions. The Exchange rules have also provided for a so-called Number 2 contract covering duty-free sugar, which includes American grown cane and beet, Porto Rican, Philippine, and Hawaiian, but for various reasons, possibly the chief of which is that Cuban raw sugar greatly exceeds in quantity all other kinds which come to New York, the Number 1 contract has been traded in exclusively up to the present time. Even Philippine and Porto Rican sugars have been frequently hedged by sales of Number 1 future contracts although traders have realized that this contract would not constitute a perfect hedge, for instance, in the event of a change in duty.

"Various interests have come to the conclusion that the No. 2 contract should be utilized," J. H. Walter Lemkau, a director of the exchange explained on Aug. 29. "If anyone felt reasonably sure of an advance in the duty on sugar, prior say to the first of next March, he would be willing to buy March No. 2 contracts at a greater premium

over March No. 1 contracts than the amount of the present duty on Cuban sugar, reckoning on a profit from the increase in duty."

On the other hand, the Porto Rican and Philippine producer can find buyers for his non-dutiable sugar only at a premium of 1.76 cents a pound over the price of Cuban sugar in bond (1.76 cents being the present duty Cuban sugar), although if the present Senate tariff bill becomes law, such sugar will be actually worth 22.0 cents a pound more than Cuban sugar. If trading in the No. 2 contract were popular, buyers might be willing to buy March No. 2 contracts at say 2 cents per pound over the level of March No. 1; if the duty were increased from 1.76 to 2.20 cents such buyers would presumably be better off by .20 cents per pound than though they had bought March No. 1 contracts. On the other hand, Porto Rican and Philippine producers would probably be sellers of March No. 2 contracts at a premium of 2 cents per pound over March No. 1, especially as in the spot market they are currently receiving no premium whatever beyond the present duty on Cuban sugar, in spite of the possibility of an advance in this duty in the near future.

This present amendment aims merely to broaden still more the No. 2 contract by adding foreign sugars upon which the duty has been paid."

Increase in Membership of Chicago Stock Exchange—100% Membership Dividend Approved by Governors.

A 100% membership dividend was approved by the Board of Governors of The Chicago Stock Exchange on Aug. 27, giving each of the 235 members an additional seat and increasing the total number of membership on the Chicago Exchange to 470. The Law Committee of the Exchange will prepare the necessary changes in the constitution of the Exchange to provide for the membership increase. The changes will then be posted, and if no petition signed within one week from posting, by one-third or more of the members of the Exchange this week's action by the Board of Governors becomes a rule of the Exchange. That a negative vote by the members would be taken was considered in Exchange circles as extremely unlikely. In commenting on the increase in membership, R. Arthur Wood, President of the Exchange, said:

"The volume of business and the inauguration of the specialists system has made it imperative we have more members to handle the increased business on The Chicago Stock Exchange. Despite the fact that practically all of the inactive memberships have become active the Board of Governors realized it was essential that this one hundred percent increase in memberships be made.

"On account of the extension of the ticker service of The Chicago Stock Exchange throughout the Central States and because daily newspapers in every section of the United States are now carrying the tables of sales of the Chicago Exchange, a number of brokerage houses without headquarters in Chicago are expected to take advantage of the situation offered by this action and apply for memberships."

The action on Aug. 27 followed a marked increase in the past two weeks in the value of Chicago Exchange membership. During the forenoon of August 12, this year, a seat sold for \$80,000; in the afternoon of the same day one was sold for \$85,000; nine days later one was sold for \$100,000; and on August 24 one was sold for \$110,000, an increase of \$30,000, from \$80,000 to \$110,000, in twelve days. With a membership of 235 this increase in seat values of \$30,000 each, brings a total increase in value of \$7,005,000. It is recalled that in the spring of 1882 the number of memberships reached its high mark of 749 with values around \$50 per seat. Since that time the Exchange gradually bought up and retired many of these memberships. By 1909 there were 275 memberships and between 1909 and 1912, 25 additional memberships were retired, reducing the number to 250. Again early in 1927 the Exchange bought and retired 15 more memberships at \$3,000 each, bringing the total number to 235 where it remained until the present week's action brought the number to 470.

Chicago Stock Exchange Names Committee To Confer With Committee of Chicago Board of Trade To Work Out Problems Incident To Trading In Securities By Board.

The Board of Governors of The Chicago Stock Exchange on Aug. 26 passed a resolution providing "that the listing committee of the Exchange be instructed not to consider any application for the listing of any security listed on the Chicago Board of Trade, provided that reciprocal action be taken by the Governors of the Chicago Board of Trade with respect to securities listed on The Chicago Stock Exchange." A committee of four Chicago Stock Exchange members was appointed by R. Arthur Wood, President of the Exchange, to meet with a similar committee to be appointed by the Board of Trade, the joint committee to work out problems that might develop between the two organizations when the Board of Trade starts dealing in securities on September 16. The Exchange committee appointed by President Wood is made up of Robert J. Fischer, Chairman, Wallace C. Winter, Sydney Gardiner, Harvey T. Hill. Incident to this action on the part of The Chicago Stock Exchange, La Salle Street observers pointed out that the constitution and by-laws of

the Exchange provide "a member who shall be connected, either through a partner or otherwise, with another exchange or similar organization in the State of Illinois which permits dealings in any securities dealt in on the Exchange, or who directly or indirectly deals upon such exchange or organization, shall be fined and suspended by the Governing Committee for a period of sixty days, and in case he shall not cease such connection and pay his fine within sixty days from the date of his suspension, he shall be expelled from the Exchange."

Courses In Finance and Stock Exchange Operation By Los Angeles Stock Exchange Institute.

The first session of the Los Angeles Stock Exchange Institute will be conducted September 30 with an enrollment of more than 500 members, their employees and the personnel of the Los Angeles Stock and Curb Exchanges in the six courses to be offered in the first semester, it was announced on Aug. 26 by Carl P. Miller, Secretary and Manager of the Exchange and Secretary of the Institute. With a total of 1300 persons eligible for the Institute's seven courses in various phases of finance and stock exchange operation, an inaugural banquet will be observed Sept. 25 preliminary to launching of the Institute program, at which Dr. Birl Shultz, educational director of the New York Stock Exchange, will be one of the speakers.

Although seven courses will be available in the second semester, the six subjects to be offered during the term beginning Sept. 30, are announced as follows: brokerage practice and stock exchange organization and operation; investments; corporation finance; business economics; brokerage accounting and business statistics; business barometers and forecasting. Authorities on the various subjects are being selected as instructors, with the first semester ending about the middle of January after fifteen consecutive weeks. After two weeks vacation, the second term of fifteen weeks will open Feb. 3 and close in May. Dr. Gordon S. Watkins, Director of the Institute and Professor of Economics in the University of California at Los Angeles, will arrive in Los Angeles about Sept. 20 after having visited financial markets in New York, London, Paris and Berlin where he studied procedure. Officers are as follows: Murray Brophy, President; Norman B. Courteney, Vice-President; Carl P. Miller, Secretary; Franklin H. Donnell, Treasurer, and Elsa M. Jaehne, Assistant Secretary. The Institute, preparations for which have been proceeding for several months, has, in addition to the instructional feature, a program to promote recreational, vocational and social opportunities for its membership. Offices and two auditoriums have been provided for in plans for the height-limit Stock Exchange building to rise at 618 South Spring Street.

C. P. Miller Resigns as Secretary of Los Angeles Stock Exchange to Become Vice-President of Pacific Coast Edition of Wall Street Journal.

Carl P. Miller, Secretary and Manager of the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, has resigned to accept an appointment as Vice-President of the Pacific Coast edition of "The Wall Street Journal," in charge of Southern California, it was announced jointly on August 21 by John Earle Jardine, President of the Exchange, and K. C. Hogate, Vice-President and General Manager of Dow-Jones & Company, publishers of the "Wall Street Journal." Mr. Miller will assume his new duties about the middle of September. Robert H. O'Hair, previously in charge of Dow-Jones & Company activities in the South, will become Business Manager and Treasurer of the Pacific Coast edition of "The Wall Street Journal" and will be stationed in San Francisco. Louis F. Holtzman, for some time associated with the Dow-Jones organization in the Los Angeles area, will become Southern California news editor of the Pacific Coast edition of "The Journal" and news manager of the Los Angeles bureau of Dow-Jones & Company.

Mr. Miller became affiliated with the Los Angeles Stock Exchange October 15 1928 as assistant to Norman B. Courteney, Secretary and Manager, after having been Assistant Financial Editor of the Los Angeles "Times." Upon the resignation of Mr. Courteney in April, Mr. Miller was named successor to the office of Secretary and Manager. He also is Assistant Secretary of the Los Angeles Stock Exchange Building Corporation, the holding company formed to carry out the construction of the height-limit building on Spring Street which will house the Stock Exchange within about a year.

Appointment of Receiver for Mortgage & Securities Co., Investment Banking House of New Orleans.

According to the "Times-Picayune" of Aug. 9, Guy Hopkins was named, on Aug. 8, as receiver for the Mortgage & Securities Company, an investment banking house of New Orleans, La. The receiver, it is said, was appointed by Judge Wayne G. Borah, in the Federal Court, on application of Elias R. Harlan, McComb, Miss., capitalist, who alleged that the concern is solvent, but unable to meet its current obligations because of frozen assets. The "Times-Picayune," from which we quoted, also stated:

The petition for Harlan was filed by Henry H. Chaffe, of Denegre, Leovy and Chaffe, and a bond of \$50,000 was required of the receiver in the order signed by Judge Borah.

The condition of the investment market in this section was cited by Harlan as a reason for the "frozen" condition of the investment banking company of which Donald Yarbrough is President.

"I have been President of the Mortgage and Securities Company only since April 17th, this year," Mr. Yarbrough said Thursday afternoon [Aug. 8]. "However, my investigation of its condition and affairs convinces me that it is solvent and that through the administration of the receiver, who has been appointed by the United States Court, a sufficient amount will be realized to pay all claims and to satisfy all creditors in full, while providing a substantial amount for distribution among the stockholders. The present situation was brought about by the widespread depression both in real estate and in the bond business, and was precipitated by the unexpected inability of the company to sell \$600,000 of its class B stock, which was recently offered."

Receiver Appointed for Frank T. Stanton & Co., Specialists in Radio Securities.

On Aug. 23, Federal Judge Coleman appointed the Irving Trust Co., of this city as receiver in the bankruptcy action begun in the Federal Court against Frank T. Stanton & Co., brokers, of 25 Broad St., dealing largely in radio securities. An involuntary petition in bankruptcy against Frank T. Stanton, and Frank T. Stanton & Co., was filed in the United States District Court of New York on Aug. 23.

The New York "Sun" of that date in reporting the bankruptcy proceedings said:

An aggregate sum of \$1,200 is claimed by 3 creditors who signed the petition and a preferential payment of \$5,000 and the execution of a general assignment for the benefit of creditors are the alleged acts in bankruptcy said to have occurred Aug. 14, when the company was insolvent.

The petitioning creditors are Edna R. Silverman of 133 Hooper St., Brooklyn, who claims \$500; Herbert Mann of 1015 East 23d St., Brooklyn, who claims a like amount, and Sol Mann of the same address, who claims \$200. The petition was filed by David P. Levinson, an attorney, of 2 Lafayette St.

Frank T. Stanton is said to have been instrumental in the organization last April of the Radio Securities Corp., which he heads as President.

Trust Device Used for Bank Chains—Holding Company to Unite Banks.

Considerable interest in investment trust and banking circles has been aroused, says the New York "Journal of Commerce" in its issue of Aug. 30, by the formation during the past week of a new investment trust in the Northwest, the First Bank Stock Corporation, which will control 37 banks with combined resources generally placed in the neighborhood of \$350,000,000. This continuation of the trend toward the investment trust device to facilitate the formation of a chain of banks, already exemplified in the Transamerica Corporation and the Northwest Bancorporation, formed during the past year, is considered extremely significant. The account goes on to say:

It is expected that unless wide changes in the present laws are made shortly, to facilitate the establishment of branch banking on a nation-wide, or at least a State-wide basis, the movement toward the establishment of chains of banks, controlled by holding companies, will increase in momentum and become one of the outstanding factors of the whole banking field during the next few years.

Already plans for the establishment of other chains are understood to be well under way. The Goldman-Sachs Trading Corporation, or perhaps a newly organized subsidiary, has been mentioned as likely soon to announce the formation of a nation-wide chain of banks with such important institutions as the Irving Trust Co. and the Manufacturers' Trust Co. as the nucleus in New York for such a development.

Investment trusts specializing in bank stocks are, of course, no new thing, but a shift of interest has been noticeable during the past year to trusts of the holding company type, which are definitely out to control the banks in which they have holdings. Such holding companies are naturally capitalized at much higher amounts in order that they may actually be able to purchase majority interests in a number of banking institutions.

The reason back of this recent growth lies in the fact that the holding company which specializes in the control of a chain of banks is not subject to the usual State and nation-wide laws which severely restrict branch banking at the present time. A few of the States, notably California, allow their State banks to engage in branch banking throughout their confines, but in many of the States, including New York, the State banks are only permitted to have branches within the city in which the main organization is located. The McFadden Act of 1927 allowed the national banks the same privileges as the State banks of the particular States in which they are located and varying with the particular laws of each State.

The First Bank Stock Corporation has been formed as a \$250,000,000 holding company by the First National Bank of Minneapolis and St. Paul. The new company will take over the 17 banks of the First Bank Stock

Investment Co., organized last spring, seven Montana banks, an important North Dakota bank, subsidiary banks of the two Twin Cities institutions, and several other banks.

The importance and strength of the First Bank Stock Corporation are further emphasized by the close affiliation of the Anaconda Copper interests through the inclusion in the new investment trust of holdings of seven Montana banks.

John D. Ryan, Chairman of the Board of the Anaconda Copper Mining Co.; Cornelius F. Kelley, its President, and L. O. Evans, General Counsel, became members of the board of directors of the First Bank Stock Corporation. The remainder of the members of the board of the new trust are industrial and financial leaders of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Approximately \$75,000,000 of the stock of the First Bank Stock Corporation will be issued in exchange for the 37 banks acquired. The remainder of the \$250,000,000 capitalization will be held in reserve for further expansion. The Chairman of the Board of First Bank Stock will be C. T. Jaffray, former President of the First National Bank of Minneapolis and now President of the Soo Line. The President will be George H. Prince, Chairman of the First National Bank of St. Paul.

Treasury Undecided on Bank Legislation—Not Agreed on Recommendation for National Bank Relief—May Not Offer Any.

There has been no agreement in the Treasury Department as to what course recommendations for National Bank relief legislation will take when the December Congress meets or even whether legislation will be proposed, it was made known officially, says the Washington correspondent Aug. 29, of the New York "Journal of Commerce," the account which we quote, continuing as follows:

Nevertheless, following defections from the National Banking Systems of banks with resources amounting to several million dollars in the last year and a material decrease in total resources of the system as shown by the last report on the bank call, officials are giving careful consideration to methods of putting the National banks on a parity with State banks and trust companies.

Comptroller of the Currency J. W. Pole has frequently called attention to the difficulties of competition with State institutions of the National banks because of the peculiar advantages in branch banking and other channels enjoyed by the former. He has gone as far as to declare that the National system is threatened with deterioration unless legislation is enacted to improve its position.

Bankers Not Agreed.

There is, however, no agreement among high Treasury officials as to what should be done. Indications received from letters of National bankers to the Treasury Department also show that the bankers are not agreed as to what should be done to improve their position. For this reason, among others, it appeared that the Treasury might not sponsor legislation at this session, but would await bills proposed by other elements and make recommendations on them.

The big difference of opinion is over branch banking and it was anticipated that around that question would the battle rage in the next Congress.

Pointing out what a complex problem is involved in branch banking, one high Treasury official to-day called attention to the fact that this system might be satisfactory for sparsely settled and rural districts, but entirely extravagant and unworkable in sections of the country where there are large cities, strong banks and big corporations.

In the agricultural sections, he explained, in many cases the banks are small and are operated by persons not entirely familiar with the bank business and sound investments. Banks of this character, it was stated, might be vulnerable to unfavorable influences in their communities and for this and other reasons would not be as sound as those operated by experienced and efficient bankers.

On the other hand in industrial sections like New England, New York, Pennsylvania and the Federal Reserve District of Cleveland, branch banking, expanded to the limits of States or the Reserve district, would prove extravagant. To illustrate this point the case of the Cleveland district was brought up. Within its limits lie the cities of Cleveland, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Columbus, Toledo and others which have large and powerful banks.

Cites Competitive Factor.

"If branch banking were permitted to extend to the limits of the Reserve district there would at once be a mad scramble on the part of the Pittsburgh banks to put branches in the other cities, while the big banks in the other cities would be in competition with them," this official said.

"This would result in great banking extravagance and would not be beneficial to the general public relying on the banks for financial protection. To a lesser degree this would be true of branch banking on State lines."

From this statement it was the understanding that the Treasury would be likely to oppose any legislation that would permit unrestricted branch banking or that on Reserve district or State lines. However, Comptroller Pole is generally believed to be favorable to a wide expansion of the branch banking privileges of the National banks and he has strong backing in certain banking circles.

Unrestricted branch banking was characterized as radical departure from the American system and hardly would be practicable in this country, according to one authority. He doubted whether public sentiment would countenance the concentration of banking power that would result from unrestricted branch banking, pointing out the possibility under that system of big New York banks having branches in every large city of the country.

The belief was expressed that no law could be written at the present time that would solve the National bank problem. Such laws will "have to develop," an official said, on the basis of longer experience.

Death of Prof. Jeremiah W. Jenks of New York University—Also President Alexander Hamilton Institute.

Dr. Jeremiah Whipple Jenks, Research Professor of Government at New York University and President of the Alexander Hamilton Institute, died at the Memorial Hospital, this city on Aug. 24. His death followed an attack of pneumonia. Prof. Jenks was 73 years of age, having been born on Sept. 2 1856 at St. Clair, Mich. Reviewing his activities the New York "Times" of Aug. 25 said:

Prof. Jenks received from the University of Michigan the degree of Bachelor and Master of Arts. After studying law at the same time that he was teaching at Mount Morris (Ill.) College, he was admitted in 1881 to the Michigan bar. A course at the University of Halle, Germany, brought him the degree of Ph.D. in 1885, whereupon he was appointed to the chair of political science and English literature at Knox College, Ill.

He subsequently held professorships in Indiana University, Cornell and New York University. While he chose teaching as the major pursuit of his career, his knowledge of Governmental sciences and economics led to his being constantly in demand as an expert to serve on various Federal commissions and on special educational and other committees of sociological organizations.

From 1899 to 1901 he was expert agent of the United States Industrial Commission in the investigation of trusts and industrial combinations here and in Europe. During the same period he was a special consultant of the United States Department of Labor on allied subjects. His familiarity with labor problems led to his being chosen as one of the two neutral arbitrators on a board of 6 appointed in 1916 to settle a dispute between the Switchmen's Union of North America and certain railways.

Authority on Oriental Affairs.

Dr. Jenks went to China in 1903 as the representative of the Commission on International Exchange, created at the request of the Mexican and Chinese Governments, and seeking the co-operation of the United States in bringing about a fixed relationship between money of gold standard and silver using countries. His work in that connection won him the friendship of many prominent Chinese and he became an authority on Oriental affairs, revisiting China in 1928 to study at first hand its progress under the Nationalist regime.

In 1918 he was made a member of the High Commission of Nicaragua, and 7 years later he went there, at the request of its Government, to revise its banking laws, serving with Abraham F. Lindberg, a customs expert.

In 1922 he was one of 4 experts who, at the invitation of the Berlin Government, investigated economic conditions in Germany with a view to stabilizing the value of the mark.

He was the author of several works on Government, business and sociology and was a director of the National Bank of Nicaragua and of the Pacific Railway of Nicaragua. He achieved considerable repute as a member of the United States Immigration Commission from 1907 to 1910.

At this death Professor Jenks was a member of the National Civic Federation, American Asiatic Association, National Monetary Association and China Society of America, in the last two of which he had held executive offices.

Report on Service Charge by Committee of New York State Bankers' Association.

The New York State Bankers' Association, has issued under the title "Why a Service Charge?" A pamphlet based on the Association's Committee on Bank Costs. The committee, "sifting all the evidence before it, comes to the definite conclusion that a cost carrying charge is the only fair and just method of handling small checking accounts which are now sources of loss." The report likewise says "County organizations should be formed and strengthened, and a decision to install a charge for all banks should come from the organization." The Association in its presentation of the report says:

"This pamphlet is submitted by the Committee on Bank Costs, and deals wholly with the question of what has been known as a service charge on small personal accounts. Yet this name is not an appropriate designation for a charge made to stop losses, or a charge which represents a fair cost of carrying certain types of accounts. Service is freely given by any well-conducted bank; but no bank should be called upon to conduct any important part of its business at a loss."

The letter of transmittal and the report follow:

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

Mr. Michael H. Cahill, President,
New York State Bankers Association.

Dear Sir:

The accompanying report is submitted by the Committee on Bank Costs, in the hope that the findings of the Committee may be of value to the members of the Association, and to bankers everywhere. Its purpose is to present the facts and to indicate a method by which bank earnings may keep pace with the rising costs of operation.

The report deals with what has been known as a service charge. Your Committee has touched on the analysis of larger accounts in a very general way, believing that the report of the Committee of 1927 treated this subject in a very thorough manner. The researches of the Committee, lead to the conclusion that there is enough important work still to be done to warrant the appointment of a permanent Committee on Bank Costs consisting of five members, some of whom should rotate.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE ON BANK COSTS.

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Scope and Purpose of the Study.

As a result of the fully recognized fact that the cost of doing business in a bank has increased during the past two decades at a much greater rate than the gross earnings, bankers have sought reasons for the increase in costs, and methods for reducing these costs. It is equally well recognized that mounting costs have been caused by additional duties which banks have been called upon to assume without additional returns for the performance of these duties. In short, the banks, accustomed to recommending systems of cost accounting in manufacturing industries, in the farm business, and in various other commercial enterprises, numbered among the bank's clients, have themselves been some what remiss in applying the methods and the remedies to their own operations.

Paper dealers, for example, have found that it costs at least \$1.28 for each sale. These costs include storage, handling, and delivery charges. The average cost for each transaction is much higher. Yet many of their sales, of a few sheets of paper, or a few dozen cards for a local printer, did not amount to the actual cost of making the transaction. The dealers could not see the fairness of losing money on such sales, or of endeavoring to recoup their losses from their larger orders and their more profitable

Federal Tax Cut Considered Likely Treasury Deficit \$17,000,000 Less Than at Same Time Last Year.

Under date of Aug. 25, the New York "Journal of Commerce" reported the following from its Washington correspondent:

Impetus was furnished yesterday to a movement for the reduction of income and miscellaneous taxes by the next Congress, when Treasury Department figures indicated a considerable improvement over the finances of the 1928-1929 fiscal year.

Treasury officials, who for some time have declined to offer any encouragement to those who have been backing a cut in rates, said yesterday that the situation is encouraging and that receipts are running somewhat ahead of last year.

For approximately two months of the new year the Treasury deficit was about \$17,000,000 less than in the same period a year ago. The Treasury is now running a deficit of \$216,261,000, against \$233,314,000 at the same time last year, owing to an increase of receipts, and a slight decline in expenditures.

Conditions Favorable.

While Treasury officials said that it would be necessary to await the results of the September tax collection period before reaching any determination as to whether it would be wise to slash rates, it was stated that conditions are favorable to a tax cut.

Receipts of the Government to date totaled \$299,766,000, an increase of \$15,000,000, while the expenditures of \$516,028,000 were somewhat below last year. However, governmental costs are gradually rising, in view of greater population and the expansion of Government activity.

This was shown by the fact that the "overhead," not including the operations incident to the public debt, amounted to \$412,149,000, an increase of \$11,000,000 over last year. The reduction in total expenditures was due to the fact that larger purchases were made in the sinking fund last year.

Due probably to a reduced collection of back taxes, the income tax receipts were \$2,000,000 less than last year. Current tax collections, however, virtually offset the loss. A gain of \$9,000,000 was shown in customs receipts, which amounted to \$90,621,000. There was a gain of \$7,000,000 to \$95,788,000 in miscellaneous internal revenue collections due chiefly to heavier receipts from tobacco taxes.

The Internal Revenue Bureau issued a statement for July showing that corporation tax collections amounted to \$21,625,000, a loss of \$4,712,000, while individual income tax collections of \$13,110,067 were \$3,097,000 greater. The capital stock transfer tax continued to increase, indicating activity in stock transactions. For July a tax of \$3,385,000 was paid, a gain of \$1,168,000 over the same month a year ago.

The report showed that all internal revenue collections for July amounted to \$89,819,000, a drop of \$1,207,000 over last year.

Investigating Finances.

The Treasury Department, it was learned, is making a careful investigation of the state of the Government finances with special reference to future revenues, because of indications issued at the White House relative to possible tax reduction at the next session of Congress. So far officials have declined to issue any statement, nor has Secretary Mellon indicated whether, in his opinion, finances will permit a tax cut.

Officials said, however, that the course of the stock market to date this year shows that individual income taxes will be even greater than last year, when a new record was established, unless an unanticipated break occurs before the end of the year. Large profits on the market last year were held chiefly responsible for the unusually heavy collection of individual income taxes.

Forthcoming U. S. Treasury Issue.

Indications that preparations are under way for the Treasury Department's September financing are furnished in the following notice issued Aug. 24 by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.

(Fiscal Agent of the United States.)

New Treasury Issue—Preliminary Notice of Offerings and Methods of Filing Subscriptions.

To all Member Banks, State Banks, Trust Companies and Savings Banks in the Second Federal Reserve District:

From the advices received from the Treasury Department of the United States, this bank is enabled to transmit to banking institutions in this district the following information:

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

Classification of Subscriptions, &c.

Bank Customers' Subscriptions.—With regard to issues, subscriptions to which the Treasury determines for the purpose of allotment shall be considered as on a cash basis irrespective of whether or not payment is to be made in cash or in securities, the following classification will be required of subscriptions made for account of customers, stating the number of subscriptions in each class:

- Class A—Subscriptions for \$1,000 or less for any one subscriber;
- Class B—Subscriptions for over \$ 1,000, but not exceeding \$ 10,000;
- Class C—Subscriptions for over 10,000, but not exceeding 50,000;
- Class D—Subscriptions for over 50,000, but not exceeding 100,000;
- Class E—Subscriptions for over 100,000, but not exceeding 500,000;
- Class F—Subscriptions for over 500,000, but not exceeding 1,000,000;
- Class G—Subscriptions for over \$1,000,000.

Where the maturing securities are not by the instructions accompanying the offering given a preference they shall be treated as cash and such subscriptions to be paid for in securities should be included in the classification.

Bank Subscriptions.—A subscription for a bank's own account should not be included in the above classification of subscriptions for account of customers but should be clearly indicated as for the bank's own account and in addition to subscriptions for customers.

Subscriptions Not Classified.—Where under the terms of an offering or under instructions accompanying an offering, the Treasury agrees to allot new securities in full for any of its securities maturing on the date of the new issue or on any later date, subscriptions to be paid for in such securities should not be classified.

Application Forms to be Furnished.

When the terms of the offering are announced, notice thereof, together with subscription blanks, will be mailed promptly by this bank to banking institutions in this district. Should notice and subscription blanks for any reason be delayed in reaching such institutions this bank will nevertheless receive subscriptions either by letter or telegraph. It is suggested that subscriptions be promptly transmitted to this bank.

If it be found necessary to telegraph subscriptions they should be confirmed immediately either by letter or on subscription blank, setting forth the classifications indicated above and method of payment, and clearly stating that the confirmation is not an original subscription so that duplication may be avoided.

George L. Harrison, Governor.

The New York "Times" of Aug. 26, commenting on the forthcoming issue, said:

It is a matter of much speculation in Washington and in financial circles throughout the country as to whether the Treasury will take advantage of the new law in making the contemplated offering, which permits it to issue non-interest bearing Treasury bills with the subscribers bidding for them and thereby fixing the price. Money market conditions at the time of the offering are regarded as the guide which will influence the Treasury officials as to the exact nature of the offering, and up to the present time they have been unwilling to give any hint as to what course will be pursued.

President Hoover in Letter Read At Conference of Governors of Western Public Land States Favors Turning Over Public Lands To States—Governors Approve Proposal.

A tentative suggestion that "the surface rights of the remaining unappropriated, unreserved public lands should, subject to certain details for protection of homesteaders and smaller stockmen, be transferred to the State Governments for public school purposes and thus be placed under State Administration," is made by President Hoover in a letter addressed to Assistant Secretary of the Interior J. M. Dixon, and read on Aug. 26 at the conference, at Salt Lake City, Utah, of Governors of Public Land States. The President announced in his letter that he proposes "to appoint a commission of at least nine or ten members, at least five of whom should be chosen from leading citizens of the public land States," and he indicated that he would like to secure the co-operation of the Governors by submission from them of names for such a commission. The President points out that "it is not proposed, to transfer forest, park, Indian and other existing reservations which have a distinctly national as well as local importance." "It seems to me," says the President, "that the vital questions here are to reorient the direction of the reclamation service primarily to the storage of water and to simplify its administration." On Aug. 27, according to Associated Press advices from Salt Lake City, the conference unanimously endorsed President Hoover's suggestion for appointment of a commission to study his proposal. The press accounts added:

The conference recommended that each Governor submit to the President the names of three citizens for members of a commission to study the proposal.

Governor H. C. Balbridge of Idaho, Chairman of the conference of Governors of Public Land States in session here, and Joseph M. Dixon, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, were roundly applauded today after they had explained further President Hoover's plan outlined in his letter which Mr. Dixon read yesterday.

The resolution said:

"The Governors and other representatives of the eleven Western States of this conference express our hearty appreciation of the message of the President of the United States, and our deep interest in the proposal contained therein, and we hereby endorse the offer of the President to appoint a commission to study western lands and reclamation, and pledge our co-operation in the work of such commission."

At a banquet given for the Governors last night by the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce, approval was voiced of the President's plan for the appointment of the commission.

The following is the letter of the President addressed to

Assistant Secretary Dixon:

Hon. Joseph M. Dixon,
Assistant Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Secretary Dixon:

I have for some years given thought to the necessity and desirability for a further step in development of the relations between the Federal and State governments in respect to the Public Lands and the Reclamation Service. The meeting of the Governors of the public land States at Salt Lake City which you are attending offers an opportunity for consideration of some phases of these questions, and I should appreciate it if you would present them to the Governors.

It may be stated at once that our Western States have long since passed from their swaddling clothes and are today more competent to manage much of these affairs than is the Federal Government.

Moreover, we must seek every opportunity to retard the expansion of Federal bureaucracy and to place our communities in control of their own destinies. The problems are in large degree administrative in character, both as they affect the Federal Government and the governments of the States.

It seems to me that the time has come when we should determine the facts in the present situation, should consider the policies now being pursued and the changes which I might recommend to Congress.

That these matters may be gone into exhaustively and that I may be advised intelligently, I propose to appoint a commission of nine or ten members, at least five of whom should be chosen from leading citizens of the public land States, and I should like to secure the co-operation of the Governors by submission from them of names for such a commission. This commission would naturally co-operate with the Department of the Interior.

As an indication of the far-reaching character of the subjects which could come before such a commission, I may recount certain tentative suggestions for its consideration. No doubt other subjects and other proposals would arise.

Public Lands.

The most vital question in respect to the remaining free public lands for both the individual States and the nation is the preservation of their most important values—that is, grazing. The remaining free lands of the public domain (that is, not including lands reserved for parks, forests, Indians, minerals, power sites and other minor reserves) are valuable in the main only for that purpose.

The first of the tentative suggestions, therefore, is that the surface rights of the remaining unappropriated unreserved public lands should, subject to certain details for protection of homesteaders and the smaller stockmen, be transferred to the State governments for public school purposes and thus be placed under State administration.

At the present time these unappropriated lands aggregate in the neighborhood of 190,000,000 acres and in addition some 10,000,000 acres have been withdrawn for purposes of stock watering places and stock drives which might be transferred as a part of a program of range preservation. In addition, some 35,000,000 acres have been withdrawn for coal and shale reserves, the surface rights of which, with proper reservations, might be added to this program of range development in the hands of the States.

Reports which I have received indicate that due to lack of constructive regulation the grazing value of these lands is steadily decreasing due to over-grazing and their deterioration, aside from their decreased value in the production of herds, is likely to have a marked effect upon the destruction of the soil and ultimately upon the water supply.

They bring no revenue to the Federal Government. The Federal Government is incapable of the adequate administration of matters which require so large a matter of local understanding. Practically none of these lands can be commercially afforested, but in any event the forest reserves could be rounded out from them where this is desirable. Therefore, for the best interest of the people as a whole, and people of the Western States and the small farmers and stockmen by whom they are primarily used, they should be managed and the policies for their use determined by the State Governments.

The capacity which the individual States have shown in handling school lands already ceded out of every township which are of the same character is in itself proof of this, and most of the individual States already maintain administrative organization for this purpose so that but little added burden would thus be imposed.

They could, to the advantage of the animal industry, be made to ultimately yield some proper return to the States for school purposes and the fundamental values could be safeguarded in a fashion not possible by the Federal Government. They would also increase the tax base of the State Governments.

A question might arise upon the allotment of the Federal road fund as a result of a shift of the public land ownership. It would only be just if this allotment could be undisturbed for at least ten years, while the States were organizing their range conservation measures.

It is not proposed to transfer forest, park, Indian and other existing reservations which have a distinctly national as well as local importance. Inasmuch as the royalties from mineral rights revert to the Western States, either direct or through the Reclamation Fund, their reservation to the Federal control is not of the nature of a deprivation.

Reclamation Service.

It seems to me that the vital questions here are to reorient the direction of the Reclamation Service primarily to the storage of water and to simplify its administration.

The Reclamation Fund and the Reclamation Service were created in 1902 and the situation has since changed materially. The present plan, as you are aware, is that receipts from sale of public lands, mineral royalties and repayments by the beneficiaries for expenditure upon projects all accrue to this fund.

The Reclamation Service undertakes special projects upon the authorization of Congress, which are financed from the fund on the basis of return by the land owners or purchasers of the cost of the project, but without interest, for a term of years. A total of approximately \$182,000,000 has been expended from the fund.

The present reclamation act is based fundamentally on the reclamation of government-owned lands. Possible areas available for reclamation have now passed almost wholly into private ownership, and the use of the Reclamation Fund for further projects may be legally criticized owing to the fact that the land is no longer part of the public domain and circumlocution by voluntary agreements may not always be possible.

Moreover, the application of the fund under the present organization results in very large Federal administrative activities within the States of a character which was never originally contemplated and which could be much better administered by the local State Governments themselves. In many ways it duplicates the State water administrations.

There are several tentative suggestions for more effective handling of the fund. For instance, the Reclamation Service for all new projects might well be confined to the construction of permanent works; that is, dams and such construction as results in water storage—and at the completion of such construction the entire works be handed over to the States, with no obligation for repayment to the Reclamation Fund, except such revenues as might arise from electrical power and, possibly, in some cases from the sale of water until the outlay has been repaid, or, in any event, for not longer than, say fifty years.

Again, there are certain instances of insufficiently capitalized community-owned irrigation projects which are at the point of failure, for whom the Reclamation Fund might be made a proper vehicle to rescue homes that are now in jeopardy.

A further activity which might be considered for incorporation in the Reclamation Service would be the authorization to join with the States and local communities or private individuals for the creation of water storage for irrigation purposes. The primary purpose of these suggestions is thus to devote the Federal Government activities to the creation of water storage and a reduction of other activities within the States.

Under such arrangements the States would have the entire management of all new reclamation projects and would themselves deal with the irrigation land questions and land settlements. It is only through the powers of the States that reclamation districts can legally be organized which would incorporate the liability of privately owned lands for irrigation expenditure, and by such organization it ought to be possible to finance the subsidiary works.

By direction of the Reclamation Service in some such manner the large provision of water storage would ultimately secure a very large increase in the irrigable area of the various States. It is evident to every engineer that water storage is not always directly connected with an irrigation project but vital to expansion of irrigation. This emphasis and this direction of Federal activities to water storage rather than land development also has and incidental importance to flood control and navigation.

It is not suggested that the States should take over the administration of the established projects, but that the system should be set up for future undertakings. If it were instituted it would, of course, be necessary to set up some safeguards to cover interstate projects. No doubt each new project as at present should be specifically authorized by Congress.

It must be understood that these suggestions are only tentative; that they have no application to dealing with power questions except that which is incidental to storage of water for irrigation or its further incidental use in navigation and flood control. Moreover, the question of the advisability or inadvisability of opening new areas of land for cultivation in the face of present obvious surplus of farm products does not arise because the activities outlined herein will only affect farm production ten or twenty years hence, by which time we shall probably need more agricultural land.

Mineral Resources.

The policies to be pursued in development and conservation of mineral resources of the public domain present many problems. They are problems of a national as well as a local character. I know that the Western as well as the Eastern States agree that abuse of permits for mineral development or unnecessary production and waste in our national resources of minerals is a matter of deepest concern and must be vigorously prevented.

Because of such abuse and waste I recently instituted measures to suspend further issue of oil prospecting permits on public lands and to clean up the misuse of outstanding permits and thereby to clear the way for constructive conservation.

It may interest the Governors to know that when this decision was taken on the 12th of March there were prospecting permits in force covering over 40,000,000 acres of the public domain. We have now determined that over 40% of these holders had not complied with the requirements of the law, that the large portion of these licenses were being used for the purpose of preventing others from engaging in honest development and some even as a basis of "blue-sky" promotions.

After yielding to the claimants the widest latitude to show any genuine effort at development under the outstanding prospecting permits the total will probably be reduced to about 10,000,000 acres upon which genuine development is now in progress. The public domain is, therefore, being rapidly cleared of this abuse. The position is already restored to a point where measures can be discussed which will further effectually conserve the national resources and at the same time take account of any necessity for local supplies.

General.

These suggestions are, of course, tentative pending investigation of the full facts, but generally I may state that it is my desire to work out more constructive policies for conservation in our grazing lands, our water storage and our mineral resources, at the same time check the growth of Federal bureaucracy, reduce Federal interference in affairs of essentially local interest and thereby increase the opportunity of the States to govern themselves and in all obtain better government.

Yours faithfully,

HERBERT HOOVER.

According to a Washington dispatch Aug. 27 to the New York "Times" western Senators appear to be very much up in the air as a result of the policy revealed in the President's letter read at the Governor's conference, and bitter opposition to the plan undoubtedly will develop in Congress once it is presented there for consideration. The dispatch continued:

Western Senators Opposed.

Alienation of Federal public lands cannot be authorized by Executive proclamation, but must be passed upon by Congress. Those Western Senators who have commented on the Hoover letter express opposition to the innovation on the ground that the transfer would affect lands of little value and of doubtful potentiality as revenue producers.

In his discussions with callers at the White House today the President emphasized that in the recommendations for disposal of range lands to the States he is actuated solely by a desire to apply conservation methods to a section of the public domain where they have never been applied before, namely, to a vast area used for grazing to such a point that it is now almost useless for any purpose. This land, the President believes, can be reclaimed, and the work should be undertaken by the States in which it is located.

There is no thought on the part of the President to dispose of mineral rights to which the Federal Government holds title, it was stressed in his talks today. The only proposal made is that the surface rights alone be transferred to the state.

Conservation of water resources, one of the primary objects of the new policy, is involved. It is hoped that the commission which the President will name will evolve a plan of water storage that will

New York Property Owners Get Relief Through Abolition of Direct State Tax.

Under date of Aug. 20, the National Association of Real Estate Boards has the following to say:

An estimated saving to property owners of approximately \$15,000,000, which will be felt by the farmer and the city dweller alike, results from the abolition by the State of New York of the direct State tax, a measure enacted by the 1929 State Legislature. This is the first time since 1916 that New York State has been free from the direct tax, levied for emergency to make up deficits in the State finance budget, and may be regarded in large measure as an accomplishment of the New York State Association of Real Estate Boards.

In 1924 and again in 1925 and in 1928 legislative action reduced the New York State real estate property tax. The 1924 reduction was a 25% one, and in 1925 a further 25% reduction was granted. Property owners were given a 50% reduction on their direct tax in the 1928 measure.

Abolition of the direct State tax on real estate is in line with the program for general tax adjustment recommended by the National Association of Real Estate Boards. The National Association favors relieving real estate altogether from State taxation and giving it the principal burden of city and county taxation.

Double Estate Tax Ended in Texas—Thirty-four States Have Laws Exempting Non-Residents of Inheritance Levies—Relief Granted in Canada.

The progress which is being made in the abolition of double inheritance taxes by various States of the Union has been materially aided by the action of the Legislature of Texas in relieving non-resident owners of stocks of companies incorporated in Texas from local inheritance taxes on the transfer of property after death. The New York "Times," in stating this in its issue of Aug. 25, added:

This leaves only fourteen States, only two of which are East of the Mississippi River, which still claim death duties on the estates of non-residents who own stock in companies incorporated in their jurisdictions.

The relief afforded is in the nature of a reciprocal agreement whereby the States do not insist on the transfer tax of non-residents of another State, provided the second State does likewise in regard to the transfer tax as it affects the estates of those who have been residents of the first State. In other words, the thirty-four States which have passed laws avoiding the collection of duplicate or multiple inheritance taxes are in agreement, but are still free to tax the transfer of stock of citizens of the fourteen other States who die possessed of stocks of companies incorporated in the former group.

As a matter of fact, comparatively few corporations whose stocks are widely distributed are chartered in the fourteen States, so that the failure of these States to join the reciprocity movement works a burden on their own citizens rather than upon the majority of the country at large. Therefore, pressure to bring these States into line will come from within rather than from sister States of the Union.

The fourteen States which still insist on the double taxation are as follows: Arizona, Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah and Wisconsin.

In addition to the other States which have adopted the reciprocal law, of which Texas makes the thirty-fourth, two Canadian Provinces and the District of Columbia have passed legislation abolishing duplicate taxation after death. The Canadian Provinces are Ontario and Yukon Territory.

Gov. Roosevelt of New York Indicates Savings to Counties Through Rural Tax Relief Program.

Savings to counties in New York State through new laws enacted in the State this year are indicated by Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt in letters addressed to the taxpayers of the various counties. In making public one of these letters, the Governor stated that a saving of \$4,714,360 to the counties on highway construction would result this year, while \$571,435 would be saved on highway maintenance. He likewise reported that there would be a total saving on highway construction and maintenance of \$54,215,000 on the ten-year highway program. With \$12,666,291 saved through elimination of the direct State tax, he reported a total saving to the taxpayers of \$17,952,086 this year. The letter given out by the Governor on Aug. 27 follows:

State of New York,
Executive Chamber, Albany.

To the Taxpayers of Sullivan County:

Because they have such a direct bearing on county and local taxes and expenditures, and so vitally affect your tax bills, I venture to present some simple figures showing what the new legislation, generally known as the farm relief program, has accomplished for you.

A new law enacted this year relieves your and other counties from contributing 35% of the cost of completing the State highway system. This saves your county this year \$154,805, and in 10 years it will save you \$2,266,000.

Another new law relieves the towns and villages from contributing toward the upkeep of improved highways in the State highway system. That saves this year to taxpayers in Sullivan County towns and villages \$7,475. This will be a continued yearly savings.

The direct State tax on property was eliminated this year. Measured by last year's direct State tax that saves you \$35,828.

Two other laws were enacted this year which will give tax relief to all Sullivan County taxpayers, but I am unable at the present moment to express in dollars and cents the benefits accruing to Sullivan County. They will, however, be sizeable.

School and Grade Crossing Savings.

One of these laws equalizes the burden of school taxes and gives relief on a State-wide basis of about \$3,000,000 per year. The other reduces from 10% to 1% the counties' shares of the cost of grade crossing eliminations. This will save, on a State-wide basis \$2,801,133 this year.

In other words, it is now known that the farm relief program, which was in effect a rural tax relief program, will save to Sullivan County taxpayers this year \$198,108, plus sizeable amounts for rural schools and an uncertain amount for grade crossing elimination. This yearly saving will continue in succeeding years.

This is the first step, and a very definite one, as I am sure you will agree. I am vitally interested in seeing this tax relief passed along to you. Whether or not you receive the full benefit depends on your board of supervisors and other local officials. If this benefit is passed on, your taxes should be materially lower. If, on the other hand, the board of supervisors and town and village officials increase local expenditures for other purposes, a considerable portion or the whole of this saving may disappear.

In the final analysis the great majority of your taxes go, not into the State Treasury, but for local expenditures. And I am sending this letter to the taxpayers of Sullivan County with the hope that they will take an increased interest in their local expenditures and especially in the decision reached by your local governing bodies as to how this very substantial saving will be used in your county in this and succeeding years.

Respectfully yours,
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

The aggregate saving on highway construction and maintenance and through elimination of the direct state tax as reported by the Governor by counties was as follows:

Albany	\$179,978	Ontario	\$98,863
Alegany	200,236	Orange	257,139
Broome	267,914	Orleans	170,626
Cattaraugus	195,829	Oswego	116,833
Cayuga	200,988	Otsego	44,151
Chautauqua	276,614	Putnam	193,387
Chemung	120,258	Rensselaer	98,374
Clinton	121,651	Rockland	213,944
Columbia	29,878	St. Lawrence	65,867
Cortland	129,682	Saratoga	51,777
Delaware	21,113	Schenectady	108,555
Delaware	148,015	Schoharie	18,509
Dutchess	157,935	Schuyler	50,385
Erie	856,770	Seneca	107,724
Greene	21,181	Steuben	121,543
Hamilton	12,641	Suffolk	323,092
Herkimer	162,134	Sullivan	198,108
Jefferson	210,575	Tioga	100,907
Lewis	20,236	Tompkins	47,958
Livingston	33,245	Ulster	228,442
Madison	137,787	Warren	340,455
Monroe	523,781	Washington	67,648
Montgomery	193,438	Wayne	128,581
Nassau	485,867	Westchester	897,701
Niagara	282,157	Wyoming	23,805
Oneida	104,800	Yates	16,063
Onondaga	484,290		

Analysis by C. C. Streeter & Co. Shows Earnings of Oil Companies in First Six Months this Year Greater than in Same Period Last Year.

A review of measures to curtail over production of oil and the earnings for the half year of oil companies, is issued as follows by C. C. Streeter of C. C. Streeter & Co., Los Angeles:

Students of securities markets hold the opinion that their various departments, oil, industrial, public utility, railroad, metal, &c., enjoy cycles of popularity and unusual profits, based, of course, on conditions warranting public interest. Just at present there are indications that the oils are entering a new cycle, due to the passing of the busaboo of the industry-over-production, through a developing combination of elements which should eliminate, or, at least, reduce it to a negligible quantity.

Analysis of the income statements of practically all of the major oil companies show that their earnings for the first half of the current year were well above those for the same period of 1928. Ordinarily this condition should have been reflected by an advance in the market prices of the shares they represent, but, for the most, it has not been. This has been due to the depressing fear of the over-production, for which California has been largely responsible, and which has affected the whole list of oil shares to a more or less degree, according to the position of the individual companies. Incidentally, this condition has invited "short-selling", by traders fearful of the effects of overproduction.

We give below the comparative 6 months' earnings of 11 representative companies:

	1929.	1928.		1929.	1928.
Barnsdall	\$1.83	\$3.80	Signal	\$3.21	(b)
Houston	2.04	1.83	Sinclair	2.87	2.06
MacMillan Pete	6.54	2.11	Skelly	2.93	.41
Pacific Western	1.07	(a)	Tidewater Association	.56	.75
Richfield	2.03	1.75	Union	1.72	1.53
Rio Grande	2.48	.50			

(a) Started business November 1928. (b) Not available.

California is getting the problem of over-production well in hand. The future holds great promise of seeing it wholly obliterated, or, at least, reduced to a degree that should make it unimportant. By far the greatest step in that direction was the enactment by the Legislature of California of the gas-wastage law, which becomes operative the first of next month. The new statute should correct the mal-adjustment in crude oil production, insofar as California is concerned, and in so doing it should be a potent factor in curbing over-production generally, since it is a known fact that California is the "chief offender." Plans are in a formative state for the use of an increasing volume of the excess gas through public utility companies at present operating in Southern California by the extension of their gas service trunk lines to additional cities and towns of the area named, as well as through the erection of proposed new absorption plants and the piping of excess gas from places of origin to wells in other fields lacking in gas pressure or having but low gas pressure. This latter plan will, so to speak, revitalize the crude oil from such wells, increasing the gasoline content of their product, and thereby improving its market value.

As is well known, the Santa Fe Springs Field has been one of the chief contributors to the over-production of California crude oil, and has had an indirect, adverse effect on the market position of many oil issues, particularly those of California. Unfortunately, from the viewpoint of the individual operator, but fortunately, from the viewpoint of the holders of oil shares, it would seem that the peak of production in Santa Fe Springs, notorious for its promiscuous town lot drilling, has been reached. Under all accepted rules of the oil game, production from that area should register a decline, perhaps, a rapid one. Assuming this line of reasoning proves correct, and we believe it will, this condition should greatly relieve the over-production situation.

Still another factor likely to further reduce over-production in California is found in the Kettleman Hills Field. The more imprudent operators there have entered into a pact to restrict drilling until 1931. This arrangement, should, in the long run, prove more profitable than would be possible

should they indulge in a wild frenzy of drilling, which, as in the past, has in the past, has marked the development of many oil fields of Southern California that have either quickly spent themselves, or are declining steadily in production. In this connection it is well to point out that town lot drilling in California, generally speaking, has apparently had its day, and, due to Federal and state policies of conservation adopted, it seems certain that the pernicious practice will not again be tolerated. Practically all "wild-cat" or test wells underway at this time are located on vast acreages and are being drilled by companies noted for their efficiency and financial responsibility, highly important elements which should be borne in mind by both investors and speculators in oil shares.

Inter-State Commerce Commission Postpones Western Freight Rate Rise.

Upward revision of class rates on westbound freight out of Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Louis and nearby points to the Northwest, which the Chicago & North Western and the Chicago Burlington & Quincy railroads proposed to make effective Aug. 24, was postponed on Aug. 23 by the Inter-State Commerce Commission until March 24. Advices from Washington (Associated Press) Aug. 23 state:

The Commission announced that an investigation would be instituted to determine the justice of the rates.

Illustrating the situation which the new schedules would bring about, the Commission said that first-class freight from Chicago to Sioux City, Ia., now carrying a rate of \$1.20 per 100 pounds, would be charged \$1.31, while fifth-class rates to Sioux City, now 42 cents per 100, would be 47½ cents.

To Canton, S. D., the first-class rate from Chicago of \$1.26½ cents would become \$1.31 and the fifth-class rate of 43 cents would become 47½ cents. Charges on other classifications and to other points would be similarly altered.

4,500 Erie Clerks Get Wage Rise.

At a conference on Aug. 23 between representatives of the Erie System Clerical Association and J. M. Condon, Assistant Vice-President of the Erie RR., held at the company offices at 50 Church St., an increase of pay was granted to more than 4,500 clerical employees of the railroad between New York and Chicago and side lines which will amount to \$300,000 a year, according to an item appearing in the New York "Sun" of Aug. 24.

Cost of Locomotive Fuel Coal in June Lower Than in Same Month Last Year.

The quantity and average cost per ton of coal used by Class 1 railroads in locomotives in yard switching and transportation train service during the months of June 1929 and 1928 were as follows:

	Net Tons Used. 1929.	Net Tons Used. 1928.	Average Cost per Net Ton.			
			Including Direct Freight Charges.		Excluding Direct Freight Charges.	
			1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Eastern district	4,228,962	4,079,660	\$2.47	\$2.50	\$1.91	\$1.96
Southern district	1,816,351	1,808,715	2.00	2.07	1.69	1.75
Western district	2,484,343	2,437,534	2.62	2.88	2.49	2.72
Total United States	8,529,656	8,325,909	\$2.41	\$2.55	\$2.03	\$2.14

Note.—The averages, both those including direct freight charges and those excluding such charges, as shown above, include charges for labor and supplies incidental to the handling of the coal.

F. J. Lisman Sees Hopeless Tangle in Railroad Consolidation in Event Five or Six Systems Are Created in Eastern Trunk Line Territory.

The Supreme Court and probably Congress would have to be called in to settle the railroad consolidation tangle in event the forthcoming plan of the Inter-State Commerce Commission for railroad unification recommended five or six trunk lines in Eastern trunk line territory, according to F. J. Lisman of F. J. Lisman & Co. The Commission, Mr. Lisman believes, will decide upon a "four trunk line plan" in view of the existing situation and of the injunction of the Transportation Act of 1920 to form "a limited number of systems." Mr. Lisman says:

"If the Commission should decide in favor of four Eastern systems then such a plan could be effectuated almost immediately because the Van Sweringens actually control the most important lines which they wish to merge, while the Baltimore & Ohio, jointly with the New York Central, controls the immensely important Reading and Jersey Central roads. Presumably the New York Central would acquiesce to the recommendation of the Commission, although it would want to retain rights over the Jersey Central with its very valuable terminals on New York Harbor. The Wabash Railroad and Lehigh Valley Railroad, which in that event would be allotted to the Baltimore & Ohio, would remain where they are, nominally independent but under the stock control of a Pennsylvania Railroad subsidiary. Their future allocations would have to await the action of the Supreme Court because Mr. Atterbury is quoted as having said that only the Supreme Court could make him surrender these properties.

"Should the Commission decide in favor of one or two additional systems, then several lines controlled by different companies would have to be pried loose from their present ownership. The Western Maryland would have to be relinquished by the Baltimore & Ohio, the Wheeling & Lake Erie by a holding company of the Van Sweringens and the Wabash by the Pennsylvania. It does not seem in the least likely that the very

interesting and ingenious Wabash or Williams plan will be sanctioned because it does not seem reasonable that the Commission will authorize a new trunk line system under the aegis of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

"A four trunk line plan can be effectuated immediately; a five or six trunk line plan would leave everything in suspense indefinitely because it would be largely theoretical for several years. It would have to await the action of the highest court in the interpretation of the Inter-State Commerce and the Clayton Act and as to whether the obvious evasion of the intent of the law by the creation of two important holding corporations—the Allegheny Corporation and the Pennroad Corporation—is within the law. These holding companies are not under the jurisdiction of the Commission and are only subject to the I. C. C. act if the Supreme Court should find a theory for that purpose.

"The Clayton Act is quite specific in forbidding certain matters to be done directly or indirectly. The entire capital stock of the Pennsylvania Company which now owns the dominating interest in the Wabash and Lehigh Valley roads is owned by the Pennsylvania Railroad, which latter claims that its subsidiary corporation has acquired these stocks as an investment. The Supreme Court may differentiate between the status of an owned subsidiary and that of a friendly ally like the Pennroad and the Allegheny Corporations. If the Supreme Court should not find a way to do this then Congress will surely make a try at it.

"If four trunk line systems should be ordained then quite likely it will be deemed in the interest of New England to group all New England roads, excepting only the Boston & Maine division of the New York Central, into one strong system which will be in a position to support local industry by making traffic arrangements with all the tonnage-hungry trunk lines and Canadian systems."

The Union Trust Company of Cleveland on Railroad Progress in 1929.

The railroads in the future, instead of concerning themselves with rail transportation alone, will also purvey transportation on highways and waterways and in the air, and will co-ordinate all forms of transportation into a single, integrated service, the Union Trust Co. of Cleveland predicts. "Into the ultimate future of the roads two fundamentally important and highly conjectural elements enter—consolidation and aviation," the bank says in its magazine, "Trade Winds." "No tangible predictions can be made concerning consolidation, but its vital relation to general national progress makes it indubitable that some decisive action will be forced within a year or so." The bank adds:

"The railroads are anticipating the growth of aviation. With the motor bus experience fresh in their minds, railroad leaders face the promised air competition with the idea that railroads should develop into all around transportation companies, adapting and co-ordinating other means of transportation.

"And so the railroads are assisting aviation as an ally, instead of fighting it as a competitor. The immediate future promises some interesting developments in the further co-ordination by railroads of air and highway transportation with railway service.

"Although up to the present the high rates of air travel have prevented any serious encroachment on rail passenger traffic, railroad men believe the picture is changing. Many of the air transport operators are reducing their passenger rates in an attempt to obtain volume, since the reduction a year ago of mail rates almost doubled volume. If the new passenger rates are successful in obtaining the desired volume, it is likely that the air transport operators will either make them permanent or further reduce them.

"The full extent to which railroads will be influenced by aviation is purely conjectural, because aviation itself is in so early a period of its formative stage that virtually nothing is certain. That railroad participation will benefit aviation and already has benefited it, is acknowledged by aviation leaders.

"The establishment of the two transcontinental air-rail routes particularly called attention to what is now the greatest weakness in aviation—the lack of adequate air passenger terminals. The two air-rail enterprises took the lead in developing terminals properly equipped to handle modern air transport operations."

Post Office Clerks to Ask a 44-Hour Week.

A dispatch from Washington Aug. 27 to the New York "Times" stated that the chief subject of discussion scheduled for the convention of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks, which will meet in New York Sept. 2, will be a move to obtain legislation granting post office clerks a Saturday half holiday, or a 44-hour working week. It is expected that the convention will be attended by 3,000 delegates, representing a membership of 50,000.

29,252 Miles of State Highways Improved Last Year—Expenditures By States \$764,648,134.

During 1928 the 48 States improved a total of 29,252 miles of their highway systems, according to figures received from the States and compiled by the Bureau of Public Roads of the United States Department of Agriculture. This is an increase of 2,530 miles over the 1927 figure of 26,722 miles, says the Department, which, under date of August 24, adds:

The 1928 total includes 8,675 miles of graded and drained roads and 20,577 miles of new surfacing. Of the roads surfaced, 13,843 miles were previously unsurfaced and 3,587 miles were previously improved with a type of surface lower than the one newly applied. The remaining 3,147 miles were previously improved with the same type of surface, and the work done during the year is therefore classed as reconstruction.

The total of 20,577 miles of surfacing placed is classified by types as follows: 1,200 miles of sand-clay and topsoil; 9,623 miles of gravel; 1,006 miles of water-bound macadam; 1,979 miles of bituminous macadam; 225 miles of sheet asphalt; 373 miles of bituminous concrete; 6,055 miles

of Portland cement concrete, and 116 miles of brick and other block pavements.

Texas heads the States in the year's improvement with 2,356 miles. Kansas, with 1,785 miles, ranks second; Arkansas, with 1,673, is third. Iowa improved 1,345 miles, and Illinois 1,344, ranking fourth and fifth respectively. Minnesota, with 1,243 miles, is sixth; North Dakota, with 1,230, is seventh; New Mexico, with 1,052, is eighth; Kentucky, with 1,021, is ninth, and Ohio, with 928 miles, is tenth.

The State systems at the end of 1928 had 306,442 miles of highways, according to figures given to the Bureau. Of this total, 193,138 miles were surfaced roads, 31,755 miles graded and drained, and 81,549 miles were unimproved and partly graded highways. This is an increase of 13,090 miles over the 1927 total figure. The surfaced mileage is made up of the following types of pavement: 13,499 miles of sand-clay and topsoil; 93,124 miles of gravel; 18,142 miles of waterbound macadam; 15,200 miles of bituminous macadam; 1,498 miles of sheet asphalt; 5,392 miles of bituminous concrete; 42,957 miles of Portland cement concrete, and 3,326 miles of brick and other block pavements.

During 1928 the States spent \$764,648,134 for State highway and bridge work under the supervision of the State Highway Departments, made up as follows: For construction and right of way, \$536,294,303; for maintenance, \$158,878,573; for equipment and machinery, \$20,505,483; for interest on outstanding bonds and notes, \$37,637,034, and for miscellaneous expense, \$11,332,741. The States also paid out \$27,016,499 in retirement of the principal of outstanding bonds and notes and transferred \$35,885,350 to county and town funds for local roads, making a total disbursement of \$827,549,983. At the end of 1928 there was an unexpended balance of available funds amounting to \$205,221,565 for all States.

For 1928 there was available to the 48 States for State highway and bridge work under supervision of State Highway Departments a total of \$1,035,486,474, made up of an unexpended balance of the previous year's funds of \$186,159,876 and a total income of \$849,326,598. Of the total income, motor vehicle fees of \$259,134,820 and gasoline tax receipts of \$234,163,826 allotted to State highways represent over 58%. Sales of State bonds and notes issued for State highways of \$121,483,599 form more than 14% of the total income, while Federal-aid fund allotments of \$80,798,365 represent more than 9½%. Highway taxes levied in several States amounted to \$11,955,782, and appropriations by several States amounted to \$42,468,386. Miscellaneous incomes were reported as \$12,611,916 and funds transferred from local authorities as \$86,709,904.

American Merchant Marine, Aviation and Congressional Legislation Affecting American Trade and Commerce Discussed in Report of Commerce and Marine Commission of A. B. A.

The Commission on Commerce and Marine of the American Bankers' Association has issued a report in pamphlet form on developments in domestic and foreign affairs having a bearing upon the commerce of the United States. The pamphlet covers the following subjects:

Domestic affairs: American merchant marine; American railroads, railroad consolidation; railroads and automotive transportation; aviation; Congressional legislation that might affect American trade and commerce, Mississippi flood control act, Boulder Dam legislation, foreign trade zones; brokers' loans; American agriculture.

Foreign conditions: Stabilization of currencies; reparations; Inter-Allied debts; documents used in carrying on international commercial operations, uniform bills of lading, protection of letters of credit, differences in American and foreign laws covering such matters as forged indorsements and regulations having to do with receipt and delivery of goods; developments in special countries where the commercial interests of the United States might be strongly affected.

The members of the Commission on Commerce and Marine are:

Fred I. Kent, Director Bankers' Trust Company, New York, N. Y., Chairman;
 W. S. Bucklin, President National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Massachusetts, Vice-Chairman;
 Chellis A. Austin, President Seaboard National Bank, New York, N. Y.;
 A. P. Giannini, Chairman Advisory Committee, Bank of Italy National Trust and Savings Association, San Francisco;
 Walter W. Head, President State Bank of Chicago, Chicago;
 Clay H. Hollister, President Old Kent Bank, Grand Rapids, Michigan;
 J. R. Kraus, Vice-President and Executive Manager The Union Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio;
 F. M. Law, Vice-President First National Bank, Houston, Texas;
 Robert F. Maddox, Chairman of Board, Atlanta & Lowry National Bank, Atlanta, Georgia;
 Charles B. Mills, President Midland National Bank & Trust Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota;
 Lewis E. Pierson, Chairman of Board, Irving Trust Company, New York, N. Y.;
 Jackson E. Reynolds, President First National Bank, New York, N. Y.;
 J. R. Washburn, Vice-President Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Company, Chicago;
 F. O. Watts, Chairman of Board, First National Bank, St. Louis, Missouri;
 Joseph Wayne, Jr., President Philadelphia National Bank, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
 W. Espey Albig, Secretary, 110 East 42nd Street, New York N. Y.

Clearing House Section of A. B. A. Issues Booklet on Commercial Bank Management Under Title of "Profit and Loss Operations."

The Clearing House Section of the American Bankers' Association has issued a booklet on "Profit and Loss Operations," as the second in the series of publications on commercial bank management which it is publishing as a result of its investigations of banking conditions and in furtherance of betterments in banking practice. The first booklet dealt with "Loan Administration Policies." The present booklet covers the following subjects: Scientific expense control, trend of earnings, a story of two banks,

example of good management, analyzing our own bank, the laws of operating expense, the laws of loan administration expense, operating expense ratios—per cent. of gross income, charge-offs and recoveries, analysis of earning assets and income therefrom, cost of making loans, the cost of transactions in various departments, profitable savings accounts, N. S. F. checks, float charges and interest paid, salary costs and efficiency, analysis of cost of deposit accounts, and problems of commercial bank management.

Los Angeles Will Entertain Stop-Over Delegates to San Francisco Convention of A. B. A.—September 30-October 3.

Delegates to the annual convention of the American Bankers' Association Convention at San Francisco, Sept. 30-Oct. 3, who can arrange to visit Los Angeles, going or coming, are invited to visit the city. A committee has been appointed by Henry M. Robinson, President of Los Angeles Clearing House Association, consisting of the following:

W. D. Longyear, Vice-President, Security First National Bank, Chairman;
 Frank C. Mortimer, Vice-President Citizens' National Trust & Savings Bank, Acting Chairman;
 J. R. Page, Executive Vice-President, California Bank;
 V. H. Rosetti, Vice-President, Farmers' and Merchants' National Bank;
 Ben. R. Meyer, President, Union Bank and Trust Company;
 E. J. Nolan, President Bank of America of California;
 H. R. Erkes, Vice-President, Bank of Italy National Trust and Savings Association.

A number of special trains are scheduled to stop at Los Angeles for at least a day, and the hope is expressed that delegates going by steamship will avail themselves of the hospitality planned for them by the Los Angeles Clearing House Association. The invitation includes not only the delegates themselves, but likewise members of their families. Headquarters will be maintained at the Los Angeles Biltmore and the Hotel St. Francis, San Francisco. A reception committee will meet trains and steamers on which delegates may be arriving, and the entertainment plans include automobile tours about the city and surrounding territory, golf at a number of well known country clubs, and visits to motion picture studios. Delegates desiring to avail themselves of the invitation are requested to advise Frank C. Mortimer (Acting Chairman), 47 South Spring Street, Los Angeles.

Alumni Dinner of San Francisco Chapter of American Institute of Banking To Be Held During Annual Convention of American Bankers' Association at San Francisco.

Preparations are announced by San Francisco Chapter of the American Institute of Banking for the alumni dinner which will be held during the annual convention of the American Bankers' Association in this city, September 30 to October 3. The dinner gathering of the institute will be the outstanding function to be given by the organization in connection with the national convention. The affair has been set for Tuesday evening, October 1, at the St. Francis Hotel, one of the two hostelries that will serve as joint headquarters for the bankers' convention, the other being the closely adjacent Hotel Sir Francis Drake. Appearing as the principal speaker at the alumni dinner will be W. J. Evans, Assistant Federal Reserve Agent of the Federal Reserve Bank at Dallas, Texas. Mr. Evans is President of the American Institute of Banking. Frank M. Totten, Vice-President of the Chase National Bank of New York and former President of the Institute, will preside as toastmaster. Edwin V. Krick, of San Francisco, a past President of the Institute, is Chairman of the local committee in charge of the arrangements.

Banking circles in San Francisco are engaged in making impressive preparations for the reception of the delegates and the handling of the convention sessions. The general committee is composed of W. E. Wilcox, Chairman; A. J. Mount, Acting Chairman; Russell Lowry, Vice-Chairman; F. E. Wolfe, Treasurer; H. E. Rush, Secretary; E. Avenall, Leon Bocqueraz, John U. Calkins, C. J. Deering, John E. Fitzpatrick, Mortimer Fleishacker, H. R. Gaither, F. C. Harrison, Bruce Heathcote, Harris C. Kirk, W. F. Morrish, E. J. Tobin and George Tourny.

Reopening of Tampa (Florida) Bank—Other Closed Florida Institutions Reported Reopened—New Laws Permits Opening Under "Freezing" Provisions.

The First Bank of Port Tampa City (Florida) one of the institutions reported closed in July (referred to in these

columns July 20, page 422) reopened for business on Aug. 24 under a provision of a new State law that permits such action if 75% of the depositors agree to "freezing" 90% of their money for a period of four years. Advices to this effect were contained in Associated Press dispatches from Tampa, Aug. 24, which added:

This was the second of the closed Florida banks to resume business this week, the State Bank at Bowling Green resuming operations earlier in the week.

Under the agreement, officials made available for immediate withdrawal 10% of the deposits. Certificates of deposit for the other 90% were issued and are negotiable in the same manner as bonds, mortgages, &c. James G. Yeats is President of the (Port Tampa) institution.

Several other banks are negotiating for resumption under provisions of the law.

The closing of the State Bank of Bowling Green, Bowling Green, Fla., was also noted on Page 422 of our July 20 issue. Tampa advices Aug. 27 published in the "Wall Street News" announced the resumption of business on Aug. 24 by the Bank of Pasco City, at Dade City, Fla. The dispatch also stated:

The Citizens Bank of Frostproof will be reopened today (Aug. 27) according to W. U. Etheridge, examiner in charge. The reopening of the Port Tampa bank was without any celebration, but \$28,000 had been deposited at closing time.

From the Atlanta "Constitution" of Aug. 28 we take the following Associated Press account dated Tampa, Aug. 27:

In a statement made public today E. P. Jackson, State Bank Examiner, estimated that five closed banks here would pay their depositors 71% of their money or better. He listed prospects as follows:

Citizens Bank & Trust, 82%; Lafayette, 71; Franklin, 87; Citizens of Nebraska Avenue, 88, and American bank, 100.

When the money can be paid depended on how fast debtors can meet their obligations, he added. The figures were based on today's prospects, he added, and may be revised, either upward or downward.

His statement for the Citizens Bank & Trust shows an estimated loss to the bank of five and three-quarter million dollars of which nearly two and one-half millions will be depositors money. Their claims were given as \$13,858,213.95. The others were small banks, all except the American being affiliated with the Citizens Bank & Trust.

The following further Associated Press advices, from Tallahassee, Fla., Aug. 29, appeared in the New York "Herald-Tribune" of Aug. 30:

Numerous announcements of organization of new banks and reopening of closed institutions were on record today, as liquidators working over the books of many banks that recently closed pushed efforts to adjust their affairs.

Governor Doyle E. Carlton recently expressed the belief that the state "had turned the corner" and today business men throughout Florida spoke in the same terms.

Organization of the Bank of Deland with \$50,000 capital and \$25,000 surplus under a charter granted by the State Banking Department was announced yesterday.

Application Filed With United States.

At the same time, it was learned, an application has been entered with the Federal Comptroller of Currency for establishment of the Florida National Bank of Deland. The application, it was learned, had been made through Edward Ball, Vice President of Almoors Securities, Inc., \$200,000,000 Jacksonville corporation, and Ben Wethers, Vice President of the Florida National Bank of Jacksonville. Almoors Securities, Inc., is headed by Alfred I. du Pont.

Opening of the Bank of Deland will mark the presence of the first financial institution in the Volusia County seat since the Volusia County Bank and Trust Company and the First National Bank closed there early in July.

The interests seeking a charter for the National Bank of Deland already have organized a Florida National Bank at Lakeland and are reported to be seeking Federal permission to organize a Florida National Bank at Orlando.

Several Banks to Reopen.

The last few days have seen the reopening of several closed Florida banks under the new state banking law which enables the State Comptroller to "freeze" a certain per cent of deposits for such time as he deems necessary to place the various institutions on a sound footing. The most recent of this class of banks is the Bank of Frostproof, which opened Tuesday after being closed for several months.

Circuit Judge Johnson, sitting in Tallahassee, denied an application of State Comptroller Ernest Amos for permission to reopen the First American Bank and Trust Company of West Palm Beach under the "freezing" provisions. Judge Johnson held that the bank was insolvent and "not susceptible of being placed in a safe and sound condition."

Reopening of the institution had been contested by two depositors on the ground that such action would result in impairment of contractual obligations existing before its closing. Comptroller Amos had planned to reopen the bank if 75% of the depositors agreed, the remaining deposits to be "frozen."

Notice of appeal from the decision had been filed.

In addition to the item in our July 20 issue on the Florida bank failures, a further item was published in our issue of July 27, page 576.

Farm Storage of Wheat Urged on Growers

A nationwide program in which wheat growers are being urged to increase their facilities for storing grain on farms in order to distribute marketings throughout the season to prevent gluts and to secure the premiums for high protein content is being launched by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture. A statement in the matter issued by the Department July 3 says:

Recent surveys by the Bureau in the hard-red-winter and hard-red-spring wheat areas have shown that a larger proportion of the crop each year is being marketed during the early months of the new crop. The result is that the facilities of the country elevators and the railroads are taxed to the limit, and it becomes physically impossible during this rush period to handle the wheat according to its protein content.

Farm storage for grain, declare Bureau officials, will make possible a system of more orderly marketing, reduce car shortage and embargoes, make it possible to handle the crop with less hired help, make it possible to clean grain on the farm and at country elevators, prevent the need of piling the newly threshed grain on the ground, make it possible to condition damp grain before selling it on the market, and enable farmers to sell wheat on a protein basis.

Farm storage is especially advantageous, it is pointed out, in years of large crops in which there is also a large carry-over of grain from previous crops in store in elevators, in preventing market gluts which may cause price declines, giving farmers an opportunity to study supply and demand conditions, and enabling them to sell their grain on what they consider to be the most favorable market.

To prevent car shortages or embargoes at terminal markets, farmers are urged to place at least a part of each new crop in properly constructed farm storage bins so as to enable the railroads and the country and terminal elevator operators to better handle and move the marketed grain. It is pointed out that on farms located at some distance from local markets, less help will be required to move the grain from the combine or threshing machine to the farm bin than is required to haul direct to market. Grain placed in storage on farms at threshing time can be hauled later to local markets by farmers themselves.

Farm storage in areas in which grain contains high percentages of dockage or other foreign material permits the cleaning of grain on the farm; the clean grain brings a better price, and the dockage is used for feed. Storing part of each new crop on the farm lengthens the marketing period and gives the country elevator operator an opportunity to clean any grain that is received from farmers in an uncleaned condition. This saves freight on the dockage.

The Bureau's survey has shown that when the country elevators and the railroads, and sometimes the terminal elevators, can not handle and move grain as fast as it is received from farms, farmers who are not equipped with farm storage facilities frequently are compelled to pile their threshed grain on the ground. This grain often becomes spoiled by rain and trash is mixed with it, with the result that the grain must be sold at a lower grade and for a lower price on account of high moisture content or the excess of foreign material.

Discussing protein premiums, economists of the Department of Agriculture declare that the payment of premiums for hard wheats of high protein content has become a common practice at many of the interior terminal markets. Protein premiums are now also being paid direct to farmers at many country elevators in the hard-red-winter and hard-red-spring wheat areas. During the harvesting period in any grain area, however, country elevator operators often have difficulty handling grain on a protein basis and usually must bin the wheat without reference to its protein content. This situation may be overcome by putting a part of the wheat into farm storage at time of threshing, testing for protein content, and marketing at a later date.

Grain storage recommended by the Department may be portable or stationary, and of either temporary or permanent construction. Complete working drawings for the structures may be obtained from the Bureau of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. All farm grain bins, it is pointed out, should be ventilated unless the equipment is such that damp grain can be transferred from one bin to another to prevent heating in storage. A printed leaflet which discusses fully the advantage of farm storage of grain will be issued soon. Copies may be obtained free by addressing the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., and asking for Leaflet 46, Farm Grain Storage.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

The New York Stock Exchange membership of J. Herbert Ware, Jr., was reported posted for transfer to Otto A. Schreiber, the consideration being stated as \$464,500.

Arrangements are reported made for the transfer of a Chicago Stock Exchange membership for \$110,000, a new high mark.

Following the action of the Governors of the New York Stock Exchange on Aug. 28 in voting to suspend trading to-day (Saturday), other Exchanges of this city and elsewhere decided to avail of a three day cessation of business incident to the holiday on Monday next (Labor Day). The New York Cotton Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade will be open for the trading as usual to-day; the New York Produce Exchange will also be open to-day, but for trading in grain only. The New York Curb Exchange, and the Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Buffalo, Detroit, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Montreal Stock Exchanges are among those which will observe to-day as a holiday.

The Board of Governors of the New York Hide Exchange voted on Aug. 28 to suspend trading on the exchange to-day but passed a resolution to the effect that in all other respects the day should be regarded as a regular business day on the exchange, particularly in regard to transferable notices.

Interests identified with the Chemical Bank & Trust Company of New York are forming a new corporation to be known as the Chemical National Associates, Inc., capital \$40,000,000, with headquarters at 165 Broadway, New York City. This corporation will be incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware with broad powers, among others, to buy, sell, hold, or exchange securities, participate in syndicates, underwritings and in other financial transactions, control, manage or operate companies. The Chemical National Company, Inc., an affiliation of the Chemical Bank & Trust Company, will elect the Board of Directors and control the management. It is expected details of the formation of the proposed corporation will be announced shortly.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chemical National Company, Inc., on Aug. 29, Joseph A. Bower was elected President and a Director. Percy H. Johnston, heretofore President, was elected Chairman of the Board. The office of Executive Vice-President was created, and N. Baxter Jackson, formerly Vice-President of the Company, was elected to fill this office. Until recently Mr. Bower was a Vice-President of the New York Trust Company. At a later date he will become a director of the Chemical Bank & Trust Company of New York.

At the regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Equitable Trust Company of New York, on Aug. 27, Harold R. Robinson was appointed an Assistant Vice-President.

Peter F. Reilly, at present with the Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Company of Chicago, has been appointed an Assistant Secretary at Manufacturers' Trust Company of New York, according to an announcement made by Henry C. Von Elm, President of the latter institution. Mr. Reilly will undertake his new duties on September 3.

The Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company of New York announces the appointment of Arthur F. Clarke and Daniel A. Hohman as Assistant Secretaries.

The Irving Trust Company of New York announced, on Aug. 27, the appointment of John E. Larney, of Brooklyn, as a member of the Advisory Board of its office in downtown Brooklyn, 350 Fulton Street.

The merger of the Chase National Bank and the National Park Bank, both of New York, became effective on Aug. 26. The consolidation joins the 73-year-old National Park Bank with the 52-year-old Chase institution, which is a little more than half a century has grown to occupy an enviable position among the first seven or eight largest banks of the world. The growth of the Chase is shown by the fact that the original capital of \$300,000 is to-day 350 times greater than it was when the bank was established in 1877. By virtue of the merger the consolidated institution will have 28 offices in Manhattan and Brooklyn, three foreign offices, and representatives in England, France, Germany and Italy.

The consolidated institution has capital of \$105,000,000, surplus of \$105,000,000, and undivided profits of not less than \$28,000,000, or a total capital structure of \$238,000,000. The capital funds of Chase Securities Corporation after consolidation with the Parkbank Corporation add over \$100,000,000 to the above figures, giving the entire Chase organization total capital funds in excess of \$340,000,000. The official statement of condition of the enlarged Chase National Bank is awaited with interest, as several capital changes have occurred since the June 29 1929 figures were made public.

The Chase National Bank claims to rank first in this country in point of capital funds—its capital, surplus and undivided profits totaling \$242,069,453, according to a statement as of the close of business August 26, the first business day following the merger with the National Park Bank. This figure does not include capital funds of the Chase Securities Corporation, which are in excess of \$100,000,000. It compares with \$235,260,406 capital funds of the National City Bank as shown in the latest published statement as of June 29, and with capital funds of \$186,418,167 for the Guaranty Trust Company on the same date. On August 26 the Chase National had resources totaling \$1,497,876,996. This compares with combined resources of the Chase and the National Park Bank of \$1,382,058,052 on June 29, the date of the last statements to the Comptroller of the Currency. This increase of \$115,818,943 does not alter the bank's position as the third largest in the country in point of total resources, but it brings the Chase within \$58,133,964 of the total reported on June 29 by the Guaranty Trust Company, holder of second place. Deposits on August 26 totaled \$1,064,688,956, an increase of \$56,527,196 over the combined totals two months ago.

The directors of the two banks constitute the Board of Directors of the consolidated bank. Albert H. Wiggin, who for many years has guided the destinies of the Chase National Bank, continues to hold the Senior Executive position as Chairman of the Board of Directors, with John McHugh, formerly President of the Mechanics' & Metals Bank, which merged with the Chase in 1926, as Chairman of the Executive Committee. Charles S. McCain,

formerly President of the National Park Bank, becomes President of the bank and Vice-Chairman of the Board of the Securities Corporation. Robert L. Clarkson, formerly President of the Chase, becomes Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Officers and employees of the National Park Bank join the official and clerical staff of the Chase, many of them having transferred to the head office of the bank, at Pine Street, Corner of Nassau, in the new Chase National Bank Building. Preliminary to effecting this change, the Board of Directors approved the following appointments, all of whom were former Park Bank officers and who now assume official position with the enlarged Chase National Bank:

Vice-Presidents: Maurice H. Ewer, Hugo E. Scheuermann, Ralph L. Cerero, Jay D. Rising, Harold W. Vanderpoel, James Bruce, Walter S. Jelliffe, Arthur W. McCain, Claude H. Beady, Frederick O. Foxcroft;
 Second Vice-Presidents: William A. Main, William C. Macavoy, John Matthews, Jr., Louis H. Ohlrogge, John B. Heinrichs, Dale Graham, Roland C. Irvine, Stanley F. Ketcham, William F. Latus;
 Assistant Cashiers: William E. Douglas, Henry L. Sparks, Byron P. Robbins, Joseph E. Silliman, Kenly Saville, Harold M. Truslow, George C. Braden, Arthur R. Brown, Lawrence C. Freer, Richard C. Piper, Frank A. Conefrey;
 Assistant Trust Officers: Lester A. Kraushaar, Caspar A. Blass, Horace Tomlinson;
 Assistant Managers, Foreign Department: Oscar Armbruster, Louis Dezzi.

It is also announced that the directors of the Chase National Bank have elected Byron P. Robbins, formerly Assistant Cashier, a Second Vice-President. Fred G. Kraft was appointed an Assistant Cashier.

In Chase Securities Corporation, Charles S. McCain and James B. Forrestal are added to the Board of Directors; Robert J. Whitfield becomes Vice-President, and Edward S. Flash and Walter A. Paxton, Assistant Vice-Presidents. Under the plan of consolidation a share-for-share exchange of the \$20 par stock of the Chase and Park was approved by shareholders of both institutions on August 12th, after declaration of an equalizing stock dividend to shareholders of Chase National Bank and Chase Securities Corporation on the basis of one new share for each eight held. At current prices, the total market value of the 5,250,000 shares of Chase stock outstanding is \$1,118,250,000. The consolidation of the interests of Chase Securities Corporation, with its recent affiliation, American Express Company, and Parkbank Corporation, was also effected as of August 26. The consolidated institution takes rank as one of America's largest wholesale and retail securities companies. During the past two years since Chase Securities Corporation entered the field of retail securities dealing it has established offices in many key cities of the United States, and also has representatives abroad. Recent items relative to the consolidation appeared in our issue of August 17, page 1069, and August 24, page 1235.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National City Bank of New York, on August 27, Vincent De P. Jamme, Assistant Cashier, was appointed an Assistant Vice-President.

The Bankus Corporation, the investment affiliate of the Bank of United States of New York City, opened its first Western office at 208 S. LaSalle Street, Chicago, on August 26, following the practice of other prominent Eastern banking institutions. The Chicago office will be in charge of Paul V. Warde, who has been in the investment business in LaSalle Street for fifteen years. Following the rapid growth of the Bank of United States from a capital of \$100,000 in 1913, to 1928 when capital, surplus and undivided profits were in excess of \$13,000,000, its investment affiliate, Bankus Corporation, was founded upon the consolidation of the City Financial Corporation with the bank. Present resources are in excess of \$340,000,000. Consolidated Indemnity Co., of which Alfred E. Smith, former Governor of New York, is a Director, is owned by Bankus Corporation. The corporation, it is announced, has a broad charter and wide powers of investment and functions as the direct investment affiliate of the bank.

The question of merging the Erasmus State Bank of Brooklyn (capital \$200,000) into the Globe Exchange Bank of the same borough (capital \$1,100,000) will be acted upon at meeting of the stockholders of the two banks on Aug. 22. It is planned to increase the capital of the Globe Exchange Bank to \$1,250,000. In its issue of Aug. 29, the Brooklyn "Eagle" said:

Tentative terms, it was learned to-day, provide for the exchange of three shares of Globe Exchange stock for each four of Erasmus State. Globe Exchange is now quoted around 425 and Erasmus at 270 bid by the Brooklyn Commerce Co. Erasmus has risen more than 100 points in the

past three weeks, and has almost doubled in value since first rumors of an impending merger began to circulate.

The proposed merger, if ratified, will be the third acquisition of a smaller bank by the Globe Exchange during the past year. Late in 1928, the Bank of Glendale, Queens, was absorbed, and in April this year the Bushwick National Bank of Brooklyn was taken over. On the basis of June 29 statements, the Globe Exchange Bank will have resources of about \$14,600,000 after the consolidation.

The Thames National Bank, of Norwich, Conn., has relinquished its National charter and converted to a State institution under the title of the Thames Bank. The stockholders of the Thames National, at a special meeting, Aug. 2, voted to place the institution in voluntary liquidation, and elected W. T. Crandall liquidating agent. An announcement, August 3, by Nathan A. Gibbs, Cashier of the bank, adds:

The Thames Bank resumed business under the General Laws of Connecticut, with all the rights and powers which it possessed under its original charter from the State of Connecticut, passed in May 1825, together with all other rights given to all State banks and trust companies under the general laws of this State.

The Thames Bank took over all of the assets of the Thames National Bank and assumed all of its liabilities.

The present officers and directors of the Thames National Bank are continued as officers and directors, respectively, of the succeeding State bank. There will be no change in the amount of the capital stock, or of the par value of each share, or in the certificates of the Thames National Bank, which will represent the ownership of the Thames Bank. The Thames National Bank checks will be honored by the Thames Bank and its correspondents as long as the present supply shall last.

The Thames Bank continues as a member of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

The bank has a capital of \$1,000,000.

Supplementing our item of Aug. 17 (page 1070), with reference to the appointment of William T. McCaffrey, a Vice-President of the Union Trust Co. of Rochester, N. Y., as President of the newly organized Lincoln National Bank of Syracuse, N. Y., we take the following from the Rochester "Democrat" of August 16:

Banking circles were interested yesterday in the announcement that William T. McCaffrey, Vice-President of the Union Trust Company, had been selected as President of the newly organized Lincoln National Bank of Syracuse.

There was some speculation as to whether the new appointment would lead to Mr. McCaffrey's breaking his connection with the Union Trust Company. In answer to that query, it was stated that Mr. McCaffrey would remain a director of the Union Trust Company and a member of its Executive Committee, and that he also would continue as a Director of the Union Rochester Share Corporation. His services in an advisory capacity will be devoted particularly to the Bank of Rochester office of the Trust Company, with which he has been associated.

President Frederick W. Zoller, of the Union Trust Company, expressed his pleasure that a Union Trust official had been chosen for the leadership of the new Syracuse bank. A strong group of Syracuse business men are behind the bank, which will have a capital and surplus of more than \$2,000,000. Its application for a National Bank charter was approved recently by the Comptroller of the Currency of the United States, and the bank will begin to do business in the Fall.

The possibility of a merger of the First National Bank of Boston with the Old Colony Trust Co. was intimated in the following in the Boston "Herald" of Aug. 23:

Following closely the announcement by Philip Stockton, President of the Old Colony Trust Co., that negotiations for a consolidation with another Boston bank, presumably the First National Bank, had been resumed, the market value of the Old Colony stock was marked up \$15,000,000 in yesterday's over-the-counter trading. This appreciation represents an advance of \$100 a share in the price of the stock. State St. has been "flooded" with rumors of bank mergers recently, and yesterday's advance marked the second time within a week that the Old Colony Trust stock has gained \$100 a share in one day.

Mr. Stockton when asked to comment on the possibilities of the Old Colony Trust combining with some other institutions said "For some time we have been talking informally about mergers. A week ago I thought the discussion had ended. Since then, however, the subject of consolidation has been renewed, but, of course, no definite action may ensue."

Apparently the thought of combining the resources of the Old Colony Trust and First National Bank has been under consideration for some time and while considerable progress has been made there appears to be several factors of more or less importance yet to be ironed out before definite plans can be announced.

An Associated Press dispatch from Dover (Del.), on Aug. 28, stated:

A certificate of amendment changing its name from the First Bank Stock Investment Company to the First Bank Stock Corporation was filed with the Secretary of State to-day. At the same time the incorporation filed notice of an increase to \$250,000,000 in its authorized capital stock.

The concern is an investment trust connected with the First National Bank of Minneapolis, Minn. It is a Delaware Corporation, but its home office is in Minneapolis.

Plans for the consolidation of two Pittsburgh institutions—namely, the People's Savings & Trust Company, and the Pittsburgh Trust Company—were announced on Aug. 27. The merger is to be effected under the name of the People's-Pittsburgh Trust Company. Meetings of the stockholders of the two institutions are scheduled for Sept. 12, to act on the proposal. The respective standing of the merging trust companies is indicated as follows in the Pittsburgh "Post-Gazette" of Aug. 28, in outlining the basis of the merger:

People's Savings & Trust, with capital of \$4,000,000, surplus of 9,000,000 and undivided profits of \$1,277,118, had total resources as of June 29 1929 of \$55,954,564. Pittsburgh Trust, with capital of \$2,000,000, surplus of \$2,000,000 and undivided profits of \$897,701, had total resources as of the same date of \$23,380,522.

Stock of People's Savings & Trust has been selling at \$195 per share, while that of Pittsburgh Trust recently climbed to \$400 per share.

The basis of merger will be two and one-half shares of \$20 par value of stock of the consolidated institution for each present share of \$100 par of the Pittsburgh Trust and one share of the \$20 par of the consolidated institution for each share of \$20 par of People's Savings & Trust.

From the same paper we take the following:

Referring to the proposed merger, A. C. Robinson, President of People's Savings & Trust Company of Pittsburgh, said:

"The proposed merger and consolidation has been under consideration for some time, and is the result of careful study of each institution by the officers of each and review by the directors. It is based on the intrinsic value of the stock of each institution supported by its earning power and by the economies which can be introduced through the consolidation, and the prospect for increased business by a larger company.

"The strong tendency throughout the United States toward the consolidation of banks into larger units is based on sound economic principles. The great size reached by corporations and private enterprises in this country requires larger banking accommodations. The cost of banking is rising, owing to the increased amount and quality of service rendered to the clients of the banks, which can only be furnished by large institutions which can afford these facilities. It is only by a large volume of business and large deposits with the narrow margin of profits that a bank can give the service which its clients require and to which they are entitled.

"The Pittsburgh Trust Company, although well managed and successful, with a strong board of directors, has recognized that its present insufficient quarters do not permit of a further expansion of its business. The merger will not only take care of its customers but will permit of increased facilities for them in the ample offices of the People's Savings & Trust Company. The People's Savings & Trust Company of Pittsburgh with this increased business and the able assistance which it will secure from the directors, officers and employees of the Pittsburgh Trust Company, all of whom will become connected with the consolidated institution, will be able to give still further advantages to its own customers."

Louis H. Gethoefer, President of the Pittsburgh Trust Company, said:

"While the Pittsburgh Trust Company has built up a moderate-sized and profitable business, established its reputation as a well-managed and conservative institution and proved its usefulness to the community, it has nevertheless been handicapped to some extent in its desire to extend its service to the larger institutions here and elsewhere and to enlarge those facilities which its friends and customers now enjoy; therefore, it welcomed the proposed merger as a quick and adequate solution of its problems.

"This merger will enable our customers to enjoy the splendid and larger banking offices of our new company, its modern and comprehensive equipment and to share in the advantages of its larger resources. The combined resources of the two companies will make the consolidated company one of the larger in Western Pennsylvania and equip it to extend to the larger industries and merchants of that territory those facilities for which they too frequently must go elsewhere.

"Under the plans of the merger all of the officers and employees are taken care of by the consolidated company, and customers of the Pittsburgh Trust Company are assured that there will not be the slightest interruption in their relations with favored officials and employees."

Assistant Treasurer C. J. Jindra has been appointed Manager of the Kinsman-140th office of the Union Trust of Cleveland, Ohio, to succeed the late Vice-President, C. D. Hajek. Mr. Jindra started his banking career in 1904 with the Broadway Savings & Trust Company. When the two banks merged in 1921 he was made an officer of the Union Trust Co.

Henry H. Sanger, President of the National Bank of Commerce, Detroit, announces the promotion of Walter P. Jacobs from an Assistant Cashier to an Assistant Vice-President of the National Bank of Commerce. Mr. Jacobs will have charge of the bank and bankers' division, which department was formerly headed by Mark B. Peck, Vice-President, who resigned recently. The new Assistant Vice-President has been with the National Bank of Commerce and its component institutions since early in 1926, and for a greater part of the time he has been closely associated with Mr. Peck in the bank and bankers' department. Formerly he was connected with the Continental & Commercial National Bank of Chicago and was engaged in similar work. Mr. Jacobs was born in Chicago and was educated in the public schools of that city and at the School of Commerce of Northwestern University. He is also a graduate of the American Institute of Banking and a former Governor of the Detroit and Chicago Chapters.

John A. Mylin, formerly Vice-President of the Union Bank of Chicago, has been elected a Vice-President of the People's Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago's "Lake Front Bank," located on Michigan Avenue at Washington Street. His activities at the People's Trust will be confined exclusively to new business development. Mr. Mylin started his banking career as a messenger boy at the National Live Stock Bank twenty-nine years ago. Since that time he has been connected with several Chicago banks in various capacities. In 1922 he was President of the Chicago and Cook County Bankers' Association, at which time, it is stated, he was instrumental in the introduction of a new system of early morning clearings.

Supplementing the item appearing in these columns, Aug. 24 (page 1237), regarding the organization of the First Bank Stock Corporation by the First National Bank of Minneapolis and the First National Bank of St. Paul, we are giving herewith information contained in the Minneapolis "Journal" of Aug. 22, enumerating the banking institutions which have been acquired by the new holding company:

Partnership affiliation of the First National Bank of Minneapolis, the First National Bank of St. Paul, four large Montana banks, and a North Dakota bank in a new \$250,000,000 bank holding company, which takes the name First Bank Stock Corporation, was announced to-day.

The new holding company will acquire, through an exchange of stock, not only ownership of the two First Nationals of the Twin Cities, the Montana and North Dakota banks, but 17 banks now controlled by the First Bank Stock Investment Company, a holding company owned by the two First Nationals.

The First Bank Stock Corporation begins operations with the control of 34 banks, 18 of which are situated in Minnesota. The affiliated banks will have resources in excess of \$341,000,000, making the new corporation the largest banking organization in the Northwest.

The First Bank Stock Corporation will issue approximately \$70,000,000 in stock in exchange for stock of banks entering the holding company, and will hold in reserve the rest of the authorized capitalization for future expansion.

The Montana banks entering the corporation are the Metals Bank & Trust Company of Butte, First National Bank of Great Falls, Western Montana National Bank of Missoula and the Midland National Bank of Billings. The North Dakota bank is the First National Bank of Bismarck.

Formation of the new company makes Minneapolis the headquarters for two of the largest bank holding corporations in the country, the First Bank Stock Corporation with an authorized capitalization of \$250,000,000 and resources in excess of \$341,000,000, and the Northwest Bancorporation with an authorized capitalization of \$75,000,000 and resources in excess of \$253,000,000.

Officers of the First Bank Stock Corporation, announced to-day, are:

Chairman of Board of Directors, Clive T. Jaffray, Minneapolis, former President First National Bank, Minneapolis, now President Minneapolis-St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway.

President, George H. Prince, St. Paul, Chairman First National Bank of St. Paul.

Vice-President, Richard C. Lilly, President First National Bank of St. Paul.

Vice-President, Lyman E. Wakefield, President First National Bank, Minneapolis.

Vice-President and General Manager, Paul J. Leeman, Vice-President First National Bank, Minneapolis.

Other executives of the company are to be named later.

John D. Ryan, Chairman of the Board of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company; C. F. Kelley, President, and L. O. Evans, General Counsel, become members of the Board of Directors of the First Bank Stock Corporation, but will retain their directorships in the individual Montana banks.

James E. Woodard, President of the Metals Bank of Butte, and Sam Stephenson, President of the First National Bank of Great Falls, also become Directors. The rest of the Board includes, in addition to presidents of the seven leading railroads serving the Northwest, one of the strongest and most representative groups of men ever assembled on the directorate of a financial institution in this part of the country.

The following banks are acquired by the First Bank Stock Corporation:

First Bank Stock Investment Group—First National Bank of Brainerd, Minn., capital \$100,000, resources \$3,824,431; First National Bank of Graceville, Minn., capital \$25,000, resources \$902,386; American National Bank in Little Falls, Little Falls, Minn., capital \$100,000, resources \$1,774,871; Northfield National Bank & Trust Company, Northfield, Minn., capital \$100,000, resources \$1,306,392; First National Bank, Owatonna, Minn., capital \$100,000, resources \$2,063,089.

First National Bank of Rochester, Rochester, Minn., capital \$200,000, resources \$4,365,743; Merchants' National Bank & Trust Company of Fargo, N. D., capital \$250,000, resources \$2,946,402; Red River National Bank & Trust Company, Grand Forks, N. D., capital \$200,000, resources \$784,775; First National Bank, Hebron, N. D., capital \$25,000, resources \$715,322; First National Bank, Cando, N. D., capital \$50,000, resources \$781,106.

First National Bank, Cooperstown, N. D., capital \$50,000, resources \$365,009; The National Bank & Trust Company of Jamestown, Jamestown, N. D., capital \$100,000, resources \$1,519,166; First National Bank, New Rockford, N. D., capital \$25,000, resources \$852,944; The National Bank of Valley City, Valley City, N. D., capital \$100,000, resources \$1,306,713; Aberdeen National Bank, Aberdeen, S. D., capital \$50,000, resources \$1,002,020; First National Bank & Trust Company, Vermillion, S. D., capital \$100,000, resources \$2,546,635; First National Bank, Bismarck, N. D., capital \$200,000, resources \$4,800,000.

First National Group—First National Bank, Minneapolis, capital \$6,000,000, resources \$111,288,206; First Minneapolis Trust Company, Minneapolis, capital \$1,000,000, resources \$29,629,564; Minnehaha National Bank, Minneapolis, capital \$100,000, resources \$1,890,114; Bloomington-Lake National Bank, Minneapolis, capital \$200,000, resources \$2,476,928; Produce State Bank, Minneapolis, capital \$100,000, resources \$1,416,605; North Side, West Broadway and St. Anthony Falls office of First National Bank, Minneapolis.

St. Paul banks—First National Bank, St. Paul, capital \$5,000,000, resources \$101,343,900; Merchants' Trust Company, St. Paul, capital \$800,000, resources \$8,275,000; Grand Avenue State Bank, St. Paul, capital \$25,000, resources \$616,867; Farmers' & Merchants' State Bank, St. Paul, capital \$50,000, resources \$960,155.

Montana banks—Metals Bank & Trust Company, Butte, Mont., capital \$600,000, resources \$23,436,500; First National Bank, Great Falls, Mont., capital \$200,000, resources \$13,900,000; Western Montana National Bank, Missoula, Mont., capital \$200,000, resources \$5,239,000; Midland National Bank, Billings, Mont., capital \$200,000, resources \$4,330,000.

"The formation of the First Bank Stock Corporation," Mr. Prince, President of the corporation, said to-day, "is a further and important development of the policy of group banking undertaken last Spring by the First National Banks of St. Paul and Minneapolis. As we and our associates view the step, it means an expansion of the operations formerly carried on by the First Bank Stock Investment Company and a decided broadening of the scope of our activities in the group banking field.

"The affiliation with this group of the four Montana banks and the accession to the corporation's Board of Directors of Mr. Ryan, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Evans, Mr. Woodard and Mt. Stephenson will make for closer co-

operation than has ever before existed between Montana and the Twin Cities.

"Organization of the new holding company opens the way to a wider public participation in the ownership of leading banks throughout the Northwest closely associated for a common, constructive purpose under strong local management and centralized control."

The Stock Yards National Bank of Omaha, Neb., which with its two subsidiaries has resources in excess of \$13,000,000, became affiliated, on Aug. 23, with the Northwest Bancorporation of Minneapolis, it is learned from the Minneapolis "Journal" of Aug. 23, which also stated in part:

This is the second important banking institution in Nebraska which has become affiliated with the Northwest Bancorporation. In July the United States National Bank and United States Trust Company of Omaha united with the Bancorporation.

Combined resources of banks and trust companies now affiliated in the Northwest Bancorporation exceed \$267,000,000.

Newspapers in Des Moines to-day carried the news that the Iowa-Des Moines National Bank, a proposed merged institution, might become affiliated with the Bancorporation. A merger of the Iowa National Bank and the Des Moines National Bank already has been approved by their Boards. According to the Des Moines report, stockholders of the merged banks now are considering the Bancorporation affiliation and a definite decision is expected in 10 days.

The total resources of the Stock Yards National Bank of South Omaha and its affiliated institutions, the South Omaha Savings Bank and the Cattle Feeders' Loan Company, Inc., is \$13,187,000. The capital, surplus and undivided profits is \$1,638,000 and the deposits amount to \$9,566,959.

Ford E. Hovey, President of the Stock Yards National Bank; John E. Wagner, Treasurer of the Cudahy Packing Company and a Director of the bank, and J. E. Davidson, President of the Nebraska Power Company and a director, will become Directors of the Northwest Bancorporation.

The South Omaha bank will become affiliated with the Bancorporation through an exchange of stock. The Nebraska institutions will make no change in the directorate or officer personnel, and the bank will be managed as in the past.

The Aug. 15 issue of the Northwest Bancorporation "Review" contained the following regarding the institution's affiliation with the Bancorporation:

Five Northwestern banks during the past month have affiliated themselves with the Northwest Bancorporation. Stockholders' investment in the five institutions amounts to \$1,032,442, of which \$475,000 is capital stock, and the remainder, \$557,442, an amount in excess of capital, represents surplus and undivided profits; deposits of these banks are \$11,893,787, and total resources, \$13,206,934. Aggregate assets of the 29 institutions now included in the Northwest Bancorporation amount to \$253,537,170.

The five banks joining the group during the month are the National Bank of Huron, third largest bank of South Dakota; First National Bank of Minot, oldest and largest bank of Northwestern North Dakota; Citizens' National Bank of Wahpeton, in the Red River Valley, in which region, on the Dakota side, only two cities—Fargo and Grand Forks—report banks of larger size; First National Bank of Rapid City, South Dakota, situated in one of the most rapidly developing sections of the State, and in the same section, the Commercial National Bank of Sturgis. The last named bank, smallest of the new co-operating units, was established in 1903, declared its first dividend two years later, and in the ensuing quarter of a century has the unusual record of paying dividends without a single interruption. . . . Banks now included in this amalgamation of Northwestern banking strength are:

Northwestern National Bank and Affiliated Banks, Minneapolis, Minn.; Minnesota Loan & Trust Company, Minneapolis, Minn.; First National Bank, Aberdeen, South Dakota; First National Bank, Deadwood, South Dakota; First and American National Bank, Duluth, Minn.; First National Bank & Trust Company, Fargo, North Dakota; Security National Bank & Trust Company, Faribault, Minn.; Fergus Falls National Bank, Fergus Falls, Minn.; National Bank of Huron, Huron, South Dakota; James River National Bank, Jamestown, North Dakota; National Bank of La Crosse, La Crosse, Wis.; First National Bank, Lead, South Dakota; First National Bank, Mason City, Ia.; First National Bank, Minot, North Dakota; First National Bank, Moorhead, Minn.; United States National Bank, Omaha, Neb.; United States Trust Company, Omaha, Neb.; Security State Bank, Owatonna, Minn.; First National Bank, Rapid City, South Dakota; Security National Bank, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Commercial National Bank, Sturgis, South Dakota; Citizens' National Bank, Wahpeton, North Dakota; Citizens' National Bank, Watertown, South Dakota; First National Bank, Watertown, South Dakota.

From the Des Moines "Register" of Aug. 23 we take the following:

Holders of a majority of the stock of the Iowa National Bank, Des Moines Savings Bank and Trust Co., and the Des Moines National Bank, which are shortly to be merged into one institution under the name of Iowa-Des Moines National Bank and Trust Co., have informally agreed to accept a proposal to affiliate the bank with the Northwest Bancorporation of Minneapolis, it was reported unofficially here Thursday.

Officials of the bank declined to discuss the proposal although admitting that one had been made. It is thought that no decision will be reached definitely until next week.

If it is determined to join the Minneapolis chain, the affiliation will be accomplished through exchanging the stock of the Iowa-Des Moines Bank for stock of the Northwest Bancorporation. The basis of the exchange has not been made public.

An Owensboro (Ky.) dispatch (Associated Press), Aug. 23, to the Nashville "Banner," says:

Announcement was made Friday (Aug. 23) that the First National Bank of Louisville had acquired control of the Farmers' and Traders' Bank of Owensboro. The Louisville institution obtained 225 of the 300 shares of the stock at \$250 a share.

This is the second Owensboro bank recently acquired by the Louisville institution in its move to obtain control of a number of strong banks in the State and to form a new bank to be known as the First Bank of Kentucky, with main headquarters in Louisville. The Farmers' and Traders' Bank has deposits of approximately \$700,000.

Telegraphic advices, August 24, from Vicksburg (Miss.) to the Jackson "News" state that announcement was made

that day that the First National Bank, the National City Savings Bank & Trust Company, and the American Bank and Trust Company had merged into an institution to be known as the First National Bank & Trust Company. It is announced that George Williamson, President of the First National and National City Savings Bank & Trust Company retains the same title with the new institution. The dispatch also says Mr. Williamson gave out the following statement concerning the merger:

"The consolidation of the First National Bank and the National City Savings Bank & Trust Company is only a natural one, as both institutions occupy the same banking rooms and are under the same management. With the acquisition of the American Bank & Trust Company, the merging of these three strong and progressive banks gives Vicksburg an institution of outstanding size, strength and prestige.

"The new First National Bank will have employed capital of approximately \$1,000,000, deposits of over \$7,000,000, and total resources of between \$9,000,000 and \$10,000,000.

"Following the merged institution, a large securities company will be formed to be owned by the bank for the benefit of its shareholders. This company will deal largely with investment securities."

W. G. Paxton, President of the American Bank & Trust Company, in announcing the merger, said:

"The accounts of our depositors have been transferred to the First National Bank, effective at the close of business to-day, and the business of the combined banks will be conducted in the office of the First National Bank beginning Monday morning, August 26.

"There will be no interruption whatever in the handling of accounts, or interest on savings accounts, the only difference being in the place of business."

Organized and sponsored by the Alfred I. du Pont interests through their financial organization, Almours Securities, Inc., the Florida National Bank at Lakeland, Florida, formally opened for business on August 28, according to an announcement made in New York to-day. A majority of the stock of the newly chartered bank is held by the du Pont interests. This new banking institution, with a capital of \$100,000 and surplus of \$50,000, is allied through a close working agreement with the Florida National Bank of Jacksonville, in which Almours Securities, Inc., has a large interest, and its board of directors includes two officers of the Jacksonville institution. Willard Hamilton, of Almours Securities, Inc., is President, and George E. Tribble, Assistant Vice-President of the Florida National Bank of Jacksonville, is Vice-President. The Board of Directors includes the following: James G. Bright, Almours Securities, Inc.; H. G. Deen; Henry Dew, Almours Securities, Inc.; Willard Hamilton; E. B. Hardin, M. D.; J. H. Peterson; H. Mercer Richards, M. D.; George E. Tribble and B. S. Weathers, Vice-Presidents of Florida National Bank of Jacksonville.

The reopening of several Florida institutions which closed in July (details of which were given in our issues of July 20, page 422 and July 27, page 576) is noted in a special item in the earlier pages of to-day's issue of our paper.

P. J. Studdert has been elected Vice-President of the Public National Bank & Trust Company of Houston, Tex., and H. H. Galloway has been added to the directorate of the institution, according to the Houston "Post" of August 25. The item states that Mr. Studdert has been connected with the Public National for the past seven years, joining the bank as note teller at that time. In 1924 he was made Assistant Cashier and continued at that post until his election to the Vice-Presidency. It is added that Mr. Galloway joined the Public National as Assistant Cashier and was made Cashier at the Board meeting prior to his election to the Board.

Harry C. Carr, a Vice-President of the Bank of Italy in San Francisco since June 15 1927, and a former President of the California State Bankers' Association, died on August 23.

Formal extension into Canada of the interests of the Barclays group of banks is scheduled for September 3, when Barclays Bank (Canada), incorporated earlier this year by Act of Parliament, will open for business at 214 St. James Street West, Montreal. Capital and surplus of this institution have been contributed jointly by Barclays Bank, Ltd., of London, and by Barclays Bank (Dominion, Colonial and Overseas). The Board of Directors of the new institution will comprise Sir Robert Laird Borden, President of the bank; Arthur Blaikie Purvis, Vice-President; Louis Alexandre Taschereau of Quebec; Allen Angus Magee of Montreal, and Walter Osborne Stevenson, H. Poe Alton and Julian Stanley Crossley of London. Barclays Bank (Can-

ada) will be fully equipped to undertake every banking service, and is expected to play an important role in the development of trade between Canada and other units of the British Empire. The Barclays group of banks with which Barclays Bank (Canada) is affiliated operates over 2,750 offices throughout England, Scotland and Wales; France, Italy, Mauritius, Palestine, Egypt and Sudan, the Continent of Africa, and the West Indies and British Guiana.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The railroad shares have been the outstanding feature in the trading on the New York Stock Exchange during the present week. On Saturday and again on Monday interest was attracted to some extent to the telephone, electric and copper shares, but these were superseded as market leaders on Tuesday, and for the rest of the week the rails have attracted the keenest speculative attention. Brisk upturns also took place at various times in some of the industrial shares and specialties. Aside from the interest manifested in these stocks the market has been without noteworthy feature. The report of the Federal Reserve Bank made public after the close of business on Thursday showed a further expansion of \$132,000,000 in brokers' loans in this district, the increase during the past two weeks reaching \$265,000,000. Call money renewed at 7% on Monday, advanced to 9% on Tuesday and continued unchanged thereafter.

Speculation for the rise continued the dominating feature during the early trading on Saturday, though most of the noteworthy advances were confined to a few of the more important high grade stocks. The outstanding feature of the trading was the strength of Amer. Tel. & Tel. which crossed 300, to the highest peak in its history, though it slid back to 399 and closed with a net gain of 4½ points on the day. Int. Tel. & Tel. was equally strong and rushed upward to 145 at its top for the session and then dropped back to 143½ with a gain of 5½ points. Western Union followed to a record top and closed with a gain of 8 points at 230. New tops were scored by some of the steel stocks, particularly the independent issues like Bethlehem which crossed 140, Republic Iron & Steel which raised its peak to 125, and Crucible Steel which was boosted above 115. Youngstown and Inland Steel were also higher and United States Steel, common again crossed 260. In the final hour copper shares moved to the front under the guidance of Anaconda which moved briskly upward to 125 with a gain of 3 points followed by a large majority of the other members of the group. Some of the specialties showed improvement, United States Industrial Alcohol reaching a new high above 200 with a gain of 8 points.

Prices continued to move ahead on Monday though the market was highly selective and the demand for special favorites ruled the day. Amer. Tel. & Tel. again broke through 300 and raised its top to 303½, Int. Tel. & Tel. improved fractionally though at one time it was nearly 4 points above its previous close, Brooklyn Union Gas was conspicuous in the advances as it surged forward 8 points to 244½ and Southern California Edison improved nearly 2 points. Pennsylvania RR. rose 3 points to 102, Ches. & Ohio moved ahead 4¼ points to 269¼ and Chicago & North Western surging forward 5¼ points to 102. Sears-Roebuck was noteworthy for an advance of over 8 points to 170¾ and Montgomery Ward was in active demand at higher prices. Copper issues were among the strong stocks of the day, Greene-Cananea shooting ahead nearly 7 points to 191½, while Kennecott crossed 91. Steel stocks were heavy and motor stocks were at a standstill. Railroad stocks surged forward on Tuesday, under the leadership of Pennsylvania which broke into new high ground above 105. Nickel Plate forged ahead to a new record level above 170 and Del. Lack. & Western broke into new high ground above 161. Atchison also reached a new top in all time and substantial gains were scored by New York Central, Reading and New Haven. Oil shares were more or less sluggish though the demand for Pan American "B" was fairly strong and carried that stock forward nearly a point and one-half. Other strong stocks included such issues as Air Reduction which gained 2 points to 199, American Type Foundry which closed at 153½ with an advance of 7½ points, Auburn Auto which had an over-night gain of 5 points to 455, Commercial Solvents which bounded upward 10¼ points to 500½ and Midland Steel, pref. which scored an advance of 16 points to 321. Briggs Body had a sharp spurt of 3 points to 36.

The market continued to climb upward on Wednesday though profit taking caused moderate recessions which checked the forward movement somewhat in the final hour. The railroad shares were again the dominating feature and were in stronger demand than any other single group. New York Central started the session with an overnight gain of 5 points, advancing into new high ground at 252, though it slipped back to 248½ at the close. Union Pacific again raised its top and closed at 292½ with a gain of 3½ points. Pere Marquette was the star performer and bounded forward to a new peak at 230, followed by Pennsylvania which closed above 207 with a gain of nearly 3 points. Motor shares moved to the front for the first time in several days and most of the active issues closed at higher levels. General Motors, for instance, sold up to 73 at its high for the day, Packard was up 2 points and Chrysler sold up to 74. Air Reduction continued its remarkable advance and added 6¼ points to its previous gain. Goodyear Tire closed with a gain of 6½ points at 118½ and A. M. Byers moved ahead 5½ points to 137½.

During the greater part of the session on Thursday the market manifested a firm tone. American & Foreign Power was particularly noteworthy as it climbed upward 7 points to 152. American Water Works was also strong as it moved into new high ground above 150 and registered a net gain of 10 points. General Electric continued its spectacular performance and closed at 391½ with a gain of over 4 points and Westinghouse followed with a similar gain. Railroad stocks were represented on the up side by Pere Marquette which closed at 249 with a gain of 19 points, Union Pacific with an advance of nearly 4 points, New York Central which shot ahead nearly 3 points to 250½ and New York Chic. & St. Louis with a gain of 6¾ points. The sulphur stocks were unusually active Texas Gulf crossing 74 at its high for the day and Freeport Texas selling around 50 with a gain of 3 or more points. Auburn Auto Company soared 32 points to 487, but other motor shares moved generally downward.

On Friday the market moved forward at a furious pace as bullish enthusiasm broke out anew among the more active speculative stocks and advances ranging from 2 to 12 points were recorded at the close. American Water Works was the outstanding feature and sold up to 178½ at its top for the day but slipped back to 170½ and closed with a gain of 11½ points. International Harvester was the feature of the opening hour, as a block of 18,000 shares sold at a new peak with an advance of 14 points. Railroad stocks were strong and new peaks were recorded by New York Chic. & St. Louis Railroad, Norfolk & Western, St. Louis-San Francisco, Southern Pacific, Atchison and Ches. & Ohio. United States Steel, common improved 3½ points to 256½ and substantial gains were recorded by American Can and Continental Can.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended Aug. 30.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
Saturday	2,126,920	\$3,895,000	\$1,216,000	\$78,000
Monday	4,425,090	7,106,900	2,088,000	1,160,000
Tuesday	3,896,440	8,238,000	2,062,000	674,000
Wednesday	3,955,800	7,567,000	2,191,000	176,200
Thursday	3,476,140	7,274,000	2,249,000	275,000
Friday	4,571,960	7,682,000	1,394,000	155,000
Total	22,452,350	\$41,762,900	\$11,200,000	\$2,518,200

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended Aug. 30.		Jan. 1 to Aug. 30.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Stocks—No. of shares.	22,452,350	20,006,130	726,951,330	499,190,198
Bonds.				
Government bonds	\$2,518,200	\$1,550,500	\$85,426,700	\$136,744,750
State and foreign bonds	11,200,000	8,987,000	415,347,150	541,105,565
Railroad & misc. bonds	41,762,900	26,896,500	1,361,102,900	1,624,383,176
Total bonds	\$55,481,100	\$37,434,000	\$1,861,876,750	\$2,302,233,491

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended Aug. 30 1929.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	36,836	\$18,000	454,343	\$3,500	52,896	\$11,000
Monday	*65,627	55,000	478,741	7,000	64,603	8,200
Tuesday	*67,643	41,000	470,733	20,000	64,689	7,000
Wednesday	*67,549	25,000	467,182	62,000	63,884	19,500
Thursday	*63,249	53,000	463,836	50,100	63,819	17,000
Friday	56,975	36,000	431,685	-----	63,230	12,000
Total	357,879	\$226,000	366,520	\$142,600	23,121	\$74,700
Prev. week revised	429,806	\$196,000	548,662	\$40,300	24,017	\$105,000

* In addition, sales of rights were: Monday, 25; Tuesday, 5,205; Thursday, 1,000.
 a In addition there were sold: Rights—Saturday, 6,500; Monday, 7,800; Tuesday, 19,000; Wednesday, 13,900; Thursday, 15,400; Friday, 1,700. Warrants—Saturday, 200; Monday, 900; Tuesday, 1,100; Wednesday, 1,000; Thursday, 400; Friday, 2,700.
 b In addition there were sold: Scrip—Saturday, 24-5; Monday, 27-5; Tuesday, 23-5; Wednesday, 12-5; 7-5; 8-20. Warrants—Thursday, 15.

THE CURB EXCHANGE.

There was no definite trend to Curb Exchange prices this week, gains in some issues being offset by losses in others. Business was rather quiet. An upward movement in Electric Bond & Shares, com. gave prominence to utility issues, that stock advancing from 165¾ to 184 and closing to-day at 183¾. Allied Power & Light, com. dropped from 92¾ to 89¼ and to-day recovered to 94¾. Amer. Cities Power & Light, cl. A sold down from 75¾ to 68 and at 70¾ finally. Amer. Commonwealths Power, com. B, after an early gain from 40½ to 50 broke to 46¾, the close to-day being at 49½. Shawigan Water & Power sold up from 105¾ to 111¾ and reacted finally to 110¾. Standard Power & Light, com. rose from 110¼ to 128¾. Among industrials Aluminum Co. was conspicuous for a drop of some 30 points to 450½, and a recovery to-day to 464. Electric Shareholdings, com. weakened at first from 53½ to 51½, then sold up to 57¾, the close to-day being at 57¾. The \$6 pref. gained over 12 points to 142½ and ends the week at 141¾. Insull Utility Invest., com. sold down from 106½ to 101¾, then up to 110¾, the closing transaction to-day being at 110. Lane Bryant, Inc., com. moved up from 77 to 89 and rested finally at 87¾. National Investors, com. was up from 215¼ to 243 but reacted to 230½, the close to-day being at 232. Second National Investors advanced from 146½ to 158. Oils were quiet and only slightly changed.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 1392.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB EXCHANGE.

Week Ended Aug. 30.	Stocks (No. Shares).	Rights.	Bonds (Par Value).	
			Domestic.	Foreign Government.
Saturday	1,161,400	228,300	\$626,000	\$206,000
Monday	2,074,900	418,000	1,356,000	203,000
Tuesday	1,802,500	245,100	1,528,000	282,000
Wednesday	1,972,500	226,500	1,658,000	364,000
Thursday	1,865,700	195,700	1,587,000	473,000
Friday	1,987,100	201,300	1,833,000	266,000
Total	10,864,100	1,514,900	\$8,638,000	\$1,794,000

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings will again show a 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, Aug. 31), bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 20.9% larger than for the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$12,595,380,453, against \$10,417,137,287 for the same week in 1928. At this center there is a gain for the five days ended Friday of 34.1%. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended August 31.	1929.		1928.		Per Cent.
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.	
New York	\$6,799,000,000	\$5,070,000,000			+34.1
Chicago	516,753,824	535,100,503			-3.4
Philadelphia	417,000,000	367,000,000			+13.6
Boston	399,000,000	317,000,000			+25.9
Kansas City	112,489,606	*118,000,000			-4.7
St. Louis	98,600,000	103,500,000			-4.7
San Francisco	179,891,000	144,662,000			+24.3
Los Angeles	151,183,000	127,829,000			+22.2
Pittsburgh	154,787,642	125,798,193			+23.0
Detroit	171,747,072	147,602,834			+16.4
Cleveland	113,831,860	103,471,145			+10.0
Baltimore	69,554,020	*85,000,000			-18.2
New Orleans	44,340,674	39,652,318			+11.8
Thirteen cities, 5 days	\$9,233,178,698	\$7,284,615,993			+26.7
Other cities, 5 days	1,012,971,680	906,096,875			+11.8
Total all cities, 5 days	\$10,246,150,378	\$8,190,712,868			+24.9
All cities, 1 day	2,349,230,075	2,226,424,419			+5.5
Total all cities for week	\$12,595,380,453	\$10,417,137,287			+20.9

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 Aug. 24. For that week there is an increase of 36.4%, the 1929 aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$12,721,842,491, against \$9,327,798,864 in the same week of 1928. Outside of this city the increase is only 12.5%, the bank exchanges at this center having recorded a gain of 53.0%. 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 52.5%, in the Boston Reserve District of 26.5% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 19.7%. The Cleveland Reserve District has a gain of 15.4% and the Atlanta Reserve District of 7.5%, but the Richmond Reserve District shows a loss of 13.9%. In the Chicago Reserve District the totals are larger by 11.9%, in the St. Louis Reserve District by 3.3% and in the Minneapolis Reserve District by 20.1%. The Kansas City Reserve District registers a decrease of 3.3%, but the Dallas Reserve District has an increase of 19.2% and the San Francisco Reserve District 8.7%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Week End. Aug. 24 1929., 1929., 1928., Inc. or Dec., 1927., 1926. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Dallas, San Francisco) and Canada.

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

Large table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended August 24., 1929., 1928., Inc. or Dec., 1927., 1926. Rows are organized by Federal Reserve District (Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta) and then by city within each district.

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended August 24., 1929., 1928., Inc. or Dec., 1927., 1926. Rows include various Reserve Districts (Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Dallas, San Francisco, Dallas, San Francisco, Dallas, San Francisco) and Grand total 127 cities.

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended August 22., 1929., 1928., Inc. or Dec., 1927., 1926. Rows include various Reserve Districts (Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Ottawa, Quebec, Halifax, Hamilton, Calgary, St. John, Victoria, London, Edmonton, Regina, Brandon, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, Brantford, Fort William, New Westminster, Medicine Hat, Peterborough, Sherbrooke, Kitchener, Windsor, Prince Albert, Moncton, Kingston, Chatham, Sarnia) and Total (31 cities).

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

Table with 4 columns: Description, Aug. 7, July 31, July 22. Includes 'Notes in circulation' and 'Silver coin and bullion in India'.

The stocks in Shanghai on the 10th instant consisted of about 82,400,000 ounces in sycee, 125,000,000 dollars and 9,180 silver bars, as compared with 81,900,000 ounces in sycee, 123,000,000 dollars and 10,340 silver bars on the 3rd instant.

Table with 4 columns: Quotations during the week, Bar Silver, Per Oz. Std., Bar Gold, Per Oz. Fine. Lists prices for various days from Aug 8 to Aug 14.

The silver quotations to day for cash and two months' delivery are the same as those fixed a week ago.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKET—PER CABLE.

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

Table with 6 columns: Day (Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.), and prices for Silver, Consols, British, French Renten, and French War L'n.

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:

Small table with 5 columns showing silver price in N.Y. per oz. (cts.) for Foreign, 52%, and other categories.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, Aug. 24 to Aug. 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Large table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Lists various stocks like Aetna Rubber, Apex Electric, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes items like Selby Shoe, Sherwin-Williams, etc.

* No par value.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

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

Table with columns: Bank Name, Capital. Lists applications to organize and approve for various national banks.

CHANGES OF TITLES. Includes information about title changes for The Tioga National Bank & Trust Co. of Philadelphia.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS. Lists liquidating committees for various banks, including The First National Bank of Wellston, Okla.

Table with columns: Bank Name, Capital. Lists liquidations and other news for various banks like The First National Bank of Cooperstown, N. Dak.

CONSOLIDATIONS.

Aug. 23—The Central Nat. Bank of Philadelphia, Pa. \$1,500,000
Aug. 23—American Bank & Trust Co., Philadelphia, Pa. 500,000
Consolidated to-day under the Act of Nov. 7 1918, as amended Feb. 25 1927, under the charter and title of "The Central National Bank of Philadelphia," No. 723, with capital stock of \$1,700,000. The consolidated bank has two branches located in the City of Philadelphia which were in operation on Feb. 25 1927, one being a branch of the Central National Bank and the other a branch of the American Bank & Trust Co. Two branches of the Central National, which were authorized since Feb. 25 1927, were reauthorized for the consolidated bank.

Aug. 24—The Chase Nat. Bk. of the City of New York, N. Y. 80,000,000
Aug. 24—The National Park Bank of New York, N. Y. 15,000,000
Consolidated to-day under the Act of Nov. 7 1918, under the charter and title of "The Chase National Bank of the City of New York," No. 2370, with capital stock of \$105,000,000. The consolidated bank has 22 branches which were in operation on Feb. 25 1927, all of which are located in the City of New York. Two branches of the Chase National and two branches of the National Park Bank which were authorized since Feb. 25 1927, were re-authorized for the consolidated bank.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Buffalo on Wednesday of this week:

By Adrian H. Muller & Son, New York:
Shares, Stocks. \$ per Sh.
50 Young's Hats, Inc., (Del.), pref.; 100 Young's Hats, Inc., (Del.), common, \$200 lot
214 Anderson Cotton Mills, \$14,920 lot
213 Anderson Cotton Mills, \$14,850 lot
200 Mammoth Divide Mining Co., Inc., (Nev.), par 10c., \$12,000 lot
Camplon Oil Co., Inc. (Ariz.), par \$1: 20 Precious Metals Corp., Ltd., Inc., (Canada), no par, \$4 lot

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Shares, Stocks. \$ per Sh.
25 Nat. Shawmut Bank, par \$25. 111
20 Webster & Atlas Nat. Bank, 222
66 First Nat. Bank, par \$20. 197 1/2
13 Merchants Nat. Bank, 571
21 Nat. Shawmut Bank, par \$25. 110 3/4
45 National Shawmut Bank, par \$25. 110 3/4
15 East Middlesex St. Ry., 8% stk. 83 3/4
1-3-5 Suburban Elec. Secur., com. 3
83 Boston RR. Holding Co., pref., 80 1/2
35 Worcester Consol. St. Ry., 1st preferred, par \$80. 21 3/4
6 Worcester Consol. St. Ry., 1st preferred, par \$80. 21 3/4
100 Amoskeag Co., pref. (old) 75
50 Saco-Lowell Shops, Inc., 1st pf. 53 1/4
20 Pepperell Mfg. Co., 2nd pf. 30
50 Indian Co., 98 ex-div. 134
10 Lancaster Mills, prof. 11 3/4
10 Arlington Mills, 33
4 Associated Textile Co., 33
2 Nashua Mfg. Co., pref., 83 ex-div.
2-5-10 Gosnold Mills, com, (new) 6
5 Arlington Mills, 28
6 Gonie Mfg. Co., 75
50 Nashua Mfg. Co., common, 45
30 Continental Mills, 188
33 Otis Co., 28
9 Pepperell Mfg. Co., 45 1/2
3 Merrimack Mfg. Co., com. 98 1/2
5 Ludlow Mfg. Associates, 164 ex-div.

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

Shares, Stocks. \$ per Sh.
10 Federal Nat. Bank, 330
300 Nat. Shawmut Bank, par \$25. 112
10 Webster & Atlas Nat. Bank, 223
100 Nat. Shawmut Bank, par \$25. 111 3/4
200 First Nat. Bank, par \$20. 198
100 Beacon Trust Co., par \$20. 74
100 Old Colony Trust Co., 875-881
10 Beacon Trust Co., par \$20. 73
10 Central Trust Co., Cambridge, par \$10. 73
10 Union Mills, Inc. 18
13 Harmony Mills, pref. 65
10 Booth Mills, 55
7 West Point Mfg. Co., 122, ex-div.
2 Ludlow Mfg. Associates, 162
100 Union Street Ry., New Bedford 24
15 Worcester Consol. Street Ry. Co., 1st pref., par \$80. 22
6 Nashua & Lowell RR., 150 3/4
30 Union St. Ry. El. Co., New Bedford, 24
44 Nantasket Beach Steamboat Co. 25
100 New Columbia Co., com., par \$10. \$1 lot
55 Old Colony Trust Associates, 60 1/2
10 E. H. Rollins & Sons, pref., 100
100 Beacon Participations, Inc., preferred A, 17
75 Eastern Utilities Associates, conv. 16 1/2

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Shares, Stocks. \$ per Sh.
50 Bankers Bond & Mtge Co., 26 1/4
50 Bankers Bond & Mtge. Guaranty Co., no par, 26
150 Bankers Bond & Mtge. Guaranty Co., par \$50. 23
8 Merion Title & Tr. Co., Ardmore, Pa., par \$50. 290
15 Penn Nat. Bank, par \$10. 84 3/4
10 Penn Nat. Bank, par \$10. 84 3/4
20 Penn Nat. Bank, par \$10. 84 3/4
165 Northwestern Nat. Bank, par \$100. 40 3/4
10 Phila. Nat. Bank, par \$20. 182 1/2
19 Phila. Nat. Bank, par \$20. 182
85 Drovers & Merchants Nat. Bank, par \$10. 19
150 Adelpia Bk. & Tr. Co., par \$10 23
2 City Nat. Bk. & Tr. Co., 227
50 Northern Central Tr. Co., par \$10. 134 1/2
17 Northern Central Tr. Co., par \$10. 129

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Shares, Stocks. \$ per Sh.
100 Boston & Montana Devel. Co. Boston, ctf, par \$5.25 lot

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. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, and Miscellaneous.

Table with two main columns: 'Miscellaneous (Continued)' and 'Miscellaneous (Continued)'. Each column lists company names, percentages, and dates. The left column lists companies like Peoples Drug Stores, Peppercorn Manufacturing, etc. The right column lists companies like Steinberg's Drug Store, Steintel Radio, etc. The table includes various financial details such as 'Per Cent.', 'When Payable.', and 'Books Closed Days Inclusive.'.

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, Aug. 30 1929.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—See page 1391.

Stock Exchange sales this week of shares not in detailed list:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like Railroads, Industrials, and Bonds.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked. Lists Treasury certificates with maturities from Sept 15 1929 to Mar 15 1930.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Lists various realty and surety companies like Alliance R'ty, Amer Surety, etc.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Lists various banks and trust companies like Banks-N.Y., Trust Cos., 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.

Table with columns: Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices, Aug. 24, Aug. 26, Aug. 27, Aug. 28, Aug. 29, Aug. 30. Lists bond prices for various series like First Liberty Loan, Treasury, etc.

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

Small table listing registered bond transactions with columns for bond type and date.

Foreign Exchange.—

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4.84 1/2 @ 4.84 1/2 for checks and 4.84 21-32 @ 4.84 1/2 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4.84 @ 4.84 3-16 sixty days, 4.79 1/2 @ 4.79 1/2 ninety days, 4.77 @ 4.77 3-16; and documents for payment, 4.78 1/2 @ 4.79 1/2. Cotton for payment, 4.83 7-16; and grain for payment, 4.83 7-16.

The Curb Exchange.—The review of the Curb Exchange is given this week on page 1392.

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., 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. Rows include various stock categories like Railroads, Industrial & Miscellaneous, and specific stock names like Wabash, American Can, and American Locomotive.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Aug. 24-30); Sales for the Week; STOCK NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Austin, Nichols & Co., Austrian Credit Anstalt, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. d Ex-div. 50% in stock. e Ex-dividend and ex-rights. z Ex-dividend.

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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Aug. 24, Monday, Aug. 26, Tuesday, Aug. 27, Wednesday, Aug. 28, Thursday, Aug. 29, Friday, Aug. 30), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest), PER SHARE Range For Previous Year 1928 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Corn Products Refining, Preferred, Cretex Carpet, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. # Ex-dividend. b Ex-dividend ex-rights.

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

Table with columns for date (Saturday through Friday), share price (\$ per share), and stock details (STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE). It includes sub-sections for 'HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.' and 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots'. The table lists various stocks such as Grant (W T), Great Western Sugar, Greene Cananea Copper, and many others, with their respective prices and dates.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. b Ex-dividend 75% in stock. z Ex-dividend. s Shillings. y Ex-rights.

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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Stocks for the Week (Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par, Shares, etc.); PER SHARE (Range Stas Jan. 1, On basis of 100-share lots, Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE (Range for Previous Year 1928, Lowest, Highest).

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

Main table with columns for Bond Type (e.g., U.S. Government, State and City Securities), Interest Period, Price (Bid, Ask, Low, High), Range Since Jan. 1, and Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sub-sections for N.Y. Stock Exchange and Bonds.

* On the basis of \$5 to the £ sterling.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Aug. 30.', 'Interest Period', 'Price Friday Aug. 30.', 'Week's Range or Last Sale.', 'Bonds Sold.', 'Range Since Jan. 1.', and 'Low High'.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price Friday Aug. 30, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other details. The table is organized into two main sections: 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS'.

Due May. Due July. Due August.

Table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended Aug. 30., Interest Period, Price Friday Aug. 30., Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1., BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended Aug. 30., Interest Period, Price Friday Aug. 30., Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Boston Stock Exchange, Aug. 24 to Aug. 30, 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). Rows include Railroad, Boston & Albany, Boston Elevated, Preferred, 1st preferred, 2d preferred, Boston & Maine, Series A 1st pf unstp, Series B 1st pf unstp, Preferred stamped, Erlor preferred stpd, Ser A 1st pf stpd, Ser B 1st pf stpd, Ser C 1st pf stpd, Ser D 1st pf stpd, Boston & Providence, Chic Jct Ry & U S Y, Chic Jct Ry & U S Y pf, Conn & Pass pref, East Mass St Ry com, E Mass St Ry Co pf, 1st preferred, Adjustment, Maine Central, N Y N H & Hartford, North New Hampshire, Norwich Worcester pref, Old Colony, Pennsylvania RR, Prov & Worcester, Vermont, Mass, Miscellaneous, Air Investors Inc, American Chattillon Corp, Amer Equities Co com, Am Founders Corp com stk, Amer & Gen Sec Corp, Amer Phenix Corp, Amer Pneumatic Service, Preferred, 1st preferred, Amer Tel & Tel, Amoskeag Mfg Co, Bigelow-Hart Carpet, Preferred, Blue Ridge Corp, Preferred, Brown & Co, Columbia Graph, Continental Securities Corp, Cont Shares Inc com, Credit Alliance Corp cl A, Crown Cork & Intl Corp, East Boston Land, East Gas & Fuel Assn com, 6% cum pfd, Eastern SS Lines Inc, Preferred, 1st preferred, Eastern Utility Inv Corp, Economy Grocery Stores, Edison Elec Illum, Elec Shareholding Corp pf, simpl Group Assoc, Equity Investors Inc, Galveston Hous Elec, Preferred, General Aloys Co, General Capital Corp, Georgian Inc (The) pf A, German Credit & Inv Corp, 2 1/2% 1st preferred, Gilchrist Co, Gillette Safety Razor Co, Greenfield Tap & Die, Greif Bros Coop'ge class A, Hathaway Bakeries class A, Class B, Preferred, Hood Rubber, Insurance Sec Inc, Insurancshares Corp cl A, Internat Carriers Ltd com, International, Intl Hydro Elec System A, Jenkins Television com, Kidder Peab secp A pf 100, Libby McNeill & Libby, Eow's Theatres, Massachusetts Gas Co, Preferred, Mass Utilities Ass, com, Mergenthaler Linotype, National Leather, Natl Service Co, Nelson Corp (Hiram), Preferred, New Eng Pub Serv, New Eng Pub Serv pf, New Eng Tel & Tel, North Amer Aviation Inc, Pacific Mills, Plant (Thos G) 1st pf, Reece Folding Machine, Reliance Manag Corp, Sec Incorp Eqty com stk, Shawmut Ass'n Con Stk, Shenandoah Corp com, 3 1/2%, Sterling Ser Corp pref, Stone & Webster Inc, Swift & Co, Torrington Co, Tower Mfg, Tri Cont Allied Co Inc, Tri-Continental Corp, Uen & Co com, Union Twist Drill, United Carr Fastener Corp, United Elec Coal, United Founders Corp, United Shoe Mach Corp, Preferred, U S Brit Inv \$3 pfd allot, U S & Int Ser Corp pref, Utility Equities Corp, Common, Preferred.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include Venezuela Holding Corp, Venezuelan Mx Oil Corp, Preferred, Waltham Watch cl B, Preferred, Warren Bros, 1st preferred, Westfield Mfg Co com, whitensights, Inc, Whitteley Mfg Co A, Mine, Arcadian Cons Min Co, Arizona Commercial, Calumet & Hecla, Cliff Mining Co, Copper Range Co, East Butte Copper Min, Franklin Mining Co, Hancock Consolidated, Hardy Coal Co, Helvetia, Island Creek Coal, Isle Royal Copper, Keweenaw Copper, Mason Valley, Mass Consolidated, Mayflower & Old Colony, Mohawk, New Dominion Copper, New River Co pref, Nipissing Mines, North Butte, Ojilway Mining, Old Dominion Co, P C Pochontas Co, Quincy, St Mary's Mineral Land, Shannon, Superior, Boston Copper, Utah Apex Mining, Utah Metal & Tunnel, Victoria Copper Min Co, Bonds, Amer Tel & Tel 4s, Amoskeag Mfg Co, Chic Jct Ry U S Y 5s, 1940, East Mass Street Rk, 4 1/2% series A, Fox Metro Playhouses Inc, Fox New Engl Theatres, Hood Rubber 7s, Int Hydro-Elec Syst 6s, Karstadt (Rud) Inc 6s, Koholyt Corp 6 1/2%, Mass Gas Co 4 1/2%, Miss River Pow Co 5s, Monongahela West Penn, Pub Serv Co 5 1/2%, New Eng Tel & Tel 5s, P C Poca deb 7s, Prudence Co Inc 5 1/2%, Swift & Co 5s, Ternl Societa 6 1/2%, Western Tel & Tel 5s.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, Aug. 24 to Aug. 30, 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). Rows include Abbott Laboratories com, Acme Steel Co, Adams (J D) Mfg com, Adams Royalty Co com, Amsworth Mfg Corp com, All-American Mohawk, Allied Motor Ind Inc com, Preferred, Allied Products "A", Alkerfer Bros Co conv pfd, Amer Colortype com, Amer Commw Pow "A", Class B, Amer Equities Co com, Amer Pub Serv pref, American Pub Util, Prior preferred, Participating pref, Amer Radio & Tel St Corp, American Service Co com, Amer Shipbuilding, Am States Pub Ser A com, Amer Yvette Co Inc, Common, Preferred, Art Metal Wks Inc com, Assoc Apparel Ind Inc com, Assoc Investment Co, Assoc Tel & Tel 86 pf w w, Assoc Tel Util Co com, Assoc Telephone rights, Atlas Stores Corp com, Auburo Auto Co com, Autom Wash conv pref, Backstay Welt Co com, Bastian-Blessing Co com, Baxter Laundries Inc A, Beatrice Creamery com, Bendix Aviation, Binks Mfg Co cl A conv pf, Borg Warner Corp com, 7%, preferred, Borin Vitivone Corp pref, Braeh & Sons (E J) com, Bright Star Elec "A", Class B, Brown Fence & Wire cl A, Class "B", Bruce Co E L common, Bulova Watch Co com, 3 1/2% preferred, Bunte Bros common, Butler Brothers, Canal Constr Co conv pf.

Main table of stock prices and financial data. Columns include: 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), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). The table lists numerous companies such as CoCo Mfg Co Inc com, Central Pub Serv pref, and Morgan Lithograph com.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, Aug. 24 to Aug. 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:
* No par value.
Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).
Stocks—
Allegheny Steel— 70 75 708 60 Feb 90 Mar
Preferred— 100 109 109 100 Mar 109 Aug

Table of San Francisco Stock Exchange transactions from Aug 24 to Aug 30. Columns include Stock Name, Par value, 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.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, Aug. 24 to Aug. 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of St. Louis Stock Exchange transactions from Aug 24 to Aug 30. Columns include Stock Name, Par value, 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.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, Aug. 24 to Aug. 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of San Francisco Stock Exchange transactions from Aug 24 to Aug 30. Columns include Stock Name, Par value, 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.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Aug. 24 to Aug. 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Cincinnati Stock Exchange transactions from Aug 24 to Aug 30. Columns include Stock Name, Par value, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan 1 (Low, High).

Table of Stocks (Concluded) with columns for Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Champ Coated P 1st pf., Champ Fibre pref., etc.

Table of Bonds with columns for Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Elec & Peop tr cts 4s., Inter-State Rys tr 4s., etc.

* No par value. Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, Aug. 24 to Aug. 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Stocks with columns for Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Atlant Coast Line (Conn) 50, Baltimore Brick pref., etc.

* No par value. Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, Aug. 24 to Aug. 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Stocks with columns for Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Associated Gas & Elec., Bank of America of Calif., etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Aug. 24 to Aug. 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Stocks with columns for Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Almar Stores, American Stores, Bankers Securities pref., etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and a second set of columns for another group of stocks.

Table with columns for Bonds (Continued), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High), and Bonds (Concluded) with similar columns. The table lists various bond issues with their respective dates, prices, and sales volumes.

* No par value. † Correction. ‡ Listed on the Stock Exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found. § Sold under the rule. ¶ Sold for cash. †† Option sales. ††† Ex-rights and bonus. †††† When issued. ††††† Ex-dividend. †††††† Ex-rights.

"Under the rule" sales were made as follows: a American Meter Co., Jan. 15 at 128; b \$2,000 Procter & Gamble 4 1/2% of 1947, Aug. 20 at 100; c Danish Consolidated Municipal 5 1/2%, 1955, January 15, at 105; d Hilswood Manufacturing, July 8 at 58 1/2; e Parmelee Transporta., July 22 at 26; f Educational Pictures preferred Feb. 6 at 100; g United Milk Products, March 21, pref., at 81; h Allied Pack. Co., 1939, April 2 at 59; i Mayflower Associates, May 29, 200 at 65; j Investors' Equity 5s, 1947, \$7,000 at 98.

"Cash" sales were made as follows: d Arkansas Power & Light 1st & ref. 5s, Jan. 22 at 99. "Option" sales were made as follows: u Schutter-Johnson Candy, class A, March 8, 100 at 6. † Goldman Sachs Trading Co. paid 100% stock dividend in Apr. Range of old stocks before payment of stock dividend was 117 1/2 low, 226 high.

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "F".

Main table of financial data with columns for Public Utilities, Railroad Equip., Chain Store Stocks, Investment Trust Stocks, and various other securities. Includes sub-sections like Water Bonds and Tobacco Stocks.

* 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 third week of August. The table covers eight roads and shows 6.64% decrease over the same week last year.

Table with 5 columns: Road Name, 1929, 1928, Increase, Decrease. Lists roads like Canadian National, Canadian Pacific, Georgia & Florida, etc.

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

Table with 5 columns: Week, Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, Per Cent. Shows weekly earnings from March to August.

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 I roads in the country.

Table with 5 columns: Month, 1929, 1928, Inc. (+) or Dec. (-), 1929, 1928. Shows monthly gross earnings and length of road.

Table with 5 columns: Month, 1929, 1928, Amount, Per Cent. Shows monthly net earnings.

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

Large table with 5 columns: Road Name, 1929, 1928, Net after Taxes 1929, Net after Taxes 1928. Lists numerous railroads including Akron Canton & Youngstown, Ann Arbor, Atchafalaya, etc.

Large table with 5 columns: Road Name, Gross from Railway 1929, Net from Railway 1928, Net after Taxes 1929, Net after Taxes 1928. Lists railroads including Canadian National, Central of Georgia, Chicago & Alton, etc.

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry System. (Includes the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe Ry., and Panhandle & Santa Fe Ry.)

Table with columns: Month of July 1929, 1928, 7 Mos. End. July 31 1929, End. July 31 1928. Rows: Ry. operating revenues, Ry. operating expenses, Railway tax accruals, Other debits or credits, Net ry. operating income, Average miles operated.

Bangor & Aroostook RR.

Table with columns: Month of July 1929, 1928, 7 Mos. End. July 31 1929, End. July 31 1928. Rows: Gross operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net revenue from oper'ns., Other income—Net, Total income, Deduct taxes, Total income (less taxes), Deduct int. on funded debt, Net income, Rate of return on investment.

Boston & Maine RR.

Table with columns: Month of July 1929, 1928, 7 Mos. End. July 31 1929, End. July 31 1928. Rows: Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net operating revenue, Taxes, Uncoll. railway revenue, Equipment rents—Dr, Joint facility rents—Dr, Net railway oper. income, Net miscell. oper. income, Other income, Gross income, Deductions (rental, interest, &c.), Net income.

Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.

Table with columns: Month of July 1929, 1928, 7 Mos. End. July 31 1929, End. July 31 1928. Rows: Gross earnings, Working expenses, Net profits.

Canadian National Ry.

Table with columns: Month of July 1929, 1928, Jan. 1 to July 31 1929, Jan. 1 to July 31 1928. Rows: Gross earnings, Working expenses, Net earnings.

Canadian National Railways.

Table with columns: Month of July 1929, 1928, 7 Mos. End. July 31 1929, End. July 31 1928. Rows: Gross earnings, Working expenses, Net earnings.

Denver & Rio Grande Western RR. Co.

Table with columns: Month of July 1929, 1928, Jan. 1 to July 31 1929, Jan. 1 to July 31 1928. Rows: Average mileage operated, Total revenues, Total expenses, Net revenue, Railway tax accruals, Uncollectible railway revs., Hire of equipment—Net, Joint facility rents—Net, Net railway oper. income, Other income—Net, Available for interest, Interest and sinking fund, Net income.

Georgia & Florida RR.

Table with columns: Month of July 1929, 1928, 7 Mos. End. July 31 1929, End. July 31 1928. Rows: Railway oper. revenue, Net rev. from ry. operations, Railway tax accruals, Uncoll. railway revenue, Railway oper. income, Equip. rents—net balance, Joint facility rents—net bal., Net railway oper. income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Deductions from income, Surplus applic. to interest, Total interest charges, Net income.

Note.—Int. chargeable to construct'n on funds for Greenwood extension, \$10,143. \$72,996. \$64,371. (Interest on securities issued for construction of Greenwood extensions included in "deductions from income" account for June and July 1929.)

Gulf Coast Lines.

Table with columns: Month of July 1929, 1928, Jan. 1 to July 31 1929, Jan. 1 to July 31 1928. Rows: Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net railway oper. income, Gross income, Net corporate income.

International-Great Northern RR.

Table with columns: Month of July 1929, 1928, Jan. 1 to July 31 1929, Jan. 1 to July 31 1928. Rows: Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net railway oper. income, Gross income, Net corporate income.

*Before adjustment bond interest.

Interoceanic Railway of Mexico.

Table with columns: Month of June 1929, 1928, Jan. 1 to June 30 1929, Jan. 1 to June 30 1928. Rows: Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Net earnings, Percentage exp. to earnings, Kilometers.

Maine Central RR.

Table with columns: Month of July 1929, 1928, Jan. 1 to July 31 1929, Jan. 1 to July 31 1928. Rows: Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, Railway oper. revenues, Surplus after charges.

Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway Co.

Table with columns: Month of July 1929, 1928, 7 Mos. End. July 31 1929, End. July 31 1928. Rows: Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, All other revenue, Total revenues, M. of W. & S. expenses, M. of equipment, Traffic expenses, Transportation expenses, General expenses, Total expenses, Net railway revenues, Taxes & uncoll. railway rev., Net after taxes, Hire of equipment, Rental of terminals, Net after rents, Other income—net, Int. on funded debt, Net profit, Net deficit.

Missouri-Kansas-Texas Lines.

Table with columns: Month of July 1929, 1928, 7 Mos. End. July 31 1929, End. July 31 1928. Rows: Mileage operated (average), Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Available for interest, Int. charges incl. adj. bonds, Net income.

Missouri Pacific RR.

Table with columns: Month of July 1929, 1928, Jan. 1 to July 31 1929, Jan. 1 to July 31 1928. Rows: Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net railway operating inc., Gross income, Net corporate income.

National Railways of Mexico.

Table with columns: Month of June 1929, 1928, Jan. 1 to June 30 1929, Jan. 1 to June 30 1928. Rows: Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Net earnings, Percentage exp. to earnings, Kilometers.

New York Central.

Table with columns: Month of July 1929, 1928, 7 Mos. End. July 31 1929, End. July 31 1928. Rows: Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net railway operating inc., Gross income, Net corporate income.

New York Ontario & Western Railway Co.

Table with columns: Month of July 1929, 1928, 7 Mos. End. July 31 1929, End. July 31 1928. Rows: Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net revenue from ry. oper., Railway tax accruals, Uncoll. railway revenues, Total railway oper. income, Equipment and joint facility rents (net), Net operating income, Other income, Total income, Deductions, Net income.

Norfolk & Western Railway Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 7 Mos. End. 1929, July 31, 1928. Rows include Average mileage operated, Operating Revenues, Freight, Pass., mail and express, Other transportation, etc.

St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, Jan. 1 to July 31, 1929, 1928. Rows include Operated mileage, Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, Other revenue, etc.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 7 Mos. End. 1929, July 31, 1928. Rows include Total operating revenues, Total operating expenses, Net revenue, etc.

Pere Marquette Ry.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, Jan. 1 to July 31, 1929, 1928. Rows include Railway operating revenues, Railway operating expenses, Net rev. from ry. oper., etc.

Texas & Pacific RR.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, Jan. 1 to July 31, 1929, 1928. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net railway oper. income, etc.

Virginia Central Ry.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 7 Mos. End. 1929, July 31, 1928. Rows include Operating revenue, Operating expenses, Net operating revenue, etc.

Pittsburgh & West Virginia Ry.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 7 Mos. End. 1929, July 31, 1928. Rows include Ry. operating revenues, Ry. operating expenses, Net rev. from ry. oper.'ns., etc.

Virginia RR.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 7 Mos. End. 1929, July 31, 1928. Rows include Operating revenue, Operating expenses, Railway oper. income, etc.

Rock Island Lines.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, Jan. 1 to July 31, 1929, 1928. Rows include Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, Mail revenue, Express revenue, etc.

Wabash Railway Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, Jan. 1 to July 31, 1929, 1928. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net railway oper. income, etc.

Wisconsin Central Railway Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 7 Mos. End. 1929, July 31, 1928. Rows include Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, All other revenue, etc.

St. Louis Southwestern Ry.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 7 Mos. End. 1929, July 31, 1928. Rows include Miles operated, Railway operating revenues, Railway operating expenses, etc.

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:

Atlantic Gulf & West Indies Steamship Lines. (and Subsidiary Steamship Companies).

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 6 Mos. End. 1929, June 30, 1928. Rows include Operating revenues, Net revenue from operation, Gross income, etc.

Barcelona Traction, Light & Power Co., Ltd.

Financial table for Barcelona Traction, Light & Power Co., Ltd. showing Gross earnings, Operating expenses, and Net earnings for July 1929, 1928, and 12 months ending July 31, 1929 and 1928.

Brooklyn & Queens Transit Corp.

Financial table for Brooklyn & Queens Transit Corp. showing Total revenue of transport, Net revenue from operation, and Gross income for July 1929, 1928, and 12 months ending July 31, 1929 and 1928.

* Combined income account for fiscal years ended June 30 1928 and June 30 1929 of Brooklyn City R.R. Co., Nassau Electric R.R. Co., Brooklyn Queens County & Suburban R.R. Co., Coney Island & Gravesend Ry. Co., Coney Island & Brooklyn R.R. Co., and the South Brooklyn Ry. Co., after inter-company eliminations and after giving effect to provisions of joint agreement of merger and consolidation, such as forgiveness of certificates of indebtedness, bills payable, &c., and retirement of funded debt, &c.

Commonwealth & Southern Corporation.

Financial table for Commonwealth & Southern Corporation. showing Gross earnings, Operating expenses, and Gross income for July 1929, 1928, and 7 months ending July 31, 1929 and 1928.

Consumers Power Co.

(Subsidiary of Commonwealth Power Corp.)

Financial table for Consumers Power Co. showing Gross earnings, Operating expenses, and Gross income for July 1929, 1928, and 12 months ending July 31, 1929 and 1928.

Dallas Power & Light Co.

(Electric Power & Light Corp. Subsidiary.)

Financial table for Dallas Power & Light Co. showing Gross earnings, Operating expenses, and Net earnings for July 1929, 1928, and 12 months ending July 31, 1929 and 1928.

Eastern Massachusetts Street Ry.

Financial table for Eastern Massachusetts Street Ry. showing Railway operating revenues, Operating expenses, and Gross income for July 1929, 1928, and 7 months ending July 31, 1929 and 1928.

Kansas City Power & Light Co.

Financial table for Kansas City Power & Light Co. showing Gross earnings, Operating expenses, and Net earnings for July 1929, 1928, and 12 months ending July 31, 1929 and 1928.

Louisiana Power & Light Corp.

(Electric Power & Light Corp. Subsidiary.)

Financial table for Louisiana Power & Light Corp. showing Gross earnings, Operating expenses, and Net earnings for July 1929, 1928, and 12 months ending July 31, 1929 and 1928.

Nevada-California Electric Corp.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

Financial table for Nevada-California Electric Corp. showing Gross operating earnings, Operating profits, and Surplus available for redemption of bonds, dividends, &c. for July 1929, 1928, and 12 months ending July 31, 1929 and 1928.

New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co.

Financial table for New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co. showing Gross revenues, Operating expenses, and Net income for July 1929, 1928, and 12 months ending July 31, 1929 and 1928.

New York Westchester & Boston Railway Co.

Financial table for New York Westchester & Boston Railway Co. showing Railway operating revenue, Operating expenses, and Net income for July 1929, 1928, and 7 months ending July 31, 1929 and 1928.

Tennessee Electric Power Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

Financial table for Tennessee Electric Power Co. showing Gross earnings, Operating expenses, and Net income for July 1929, 1928, and 12 months ending July 31, 1929 and 1928.

Third Avenue Railway System.

Financial table for Third Avenue Railway System. showing Operating Revenue (Transportation, Advertising, Rents) and Operating Expenses (Maintenance of way, Depreciation, Power supply) for July 1929 and 1928.

Pacific Public Service Co. (And Subsidiary Companies)

Table with columns for 1929, 1928, 12 Mos. End, July 31, 1929. Rows include Gross Sales (Electric, Gas, Water, Ice, Refrigeration, Ice cream, Water service, Cold storage) and Operating Expenses (Operating, Maintenance).

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Reports.—An index to annual reports of steam railroads, public utility and miscellaneous companies which have been published during the preceding month will be given on the first Saturday of each month.

New York Steam Corporation.

(8th Annual Report—Year Ended June 30 1929.)

President David C. Johnson, Aug. 24, wrote in substance:

Results.—The business of the corporation has continued constantly to expand. The statement of earnings shows an increase in gross earnings for 1929 from \$7,085,158 to \$7,786,753, or about 10%.

Net earnings after operating expenses and maintenance showed a very substantial increase from \$2,621,656 to \$3,214,963, or over 22%. Of the approximately \$700,000 increase in gross earnings, nearly \$600,000 was saved for net earnings after operating expenses and maintenance.

During the year the board of directors authorized the appropriation from surplus of \$600,000 for retirement reserve. Actual retirements during the year amounted to \$176,753 net.

Operation.—The quantity of steam distributed from the power stations during the fiscal year increased about 10%, whereas the quantity of coal consumed increased only 2%.

During the year the recently erected Kip's Bay Station, which is a most efficient powdered fuel plant, was operated at high capacity factor.

In connection with a new contract to supply the United States Post Office building on Eighth Ave., west of the Pennsylvania Terminal, the corporation has taken over the operation of a power station on West 31st St.

New Property.—During the past year the plant and property account increased from \$36,994,992 to \$40,520,840, a net increase of \$3,525,849, after retiring property valued at \$203,841, from which there was a net salvage of \$27,087.

Distributing System.—During the fiscal year, the length of mains and services was increased from 266,733 feet to 291,393 feet, a net increase of 24,660 feet, exceeded in only one other year in the history of the corporation.

Additions to the distribution system this year include the extension of a 24-inch main north from the Waterside Stations of The New York Edison Co. up First Ave. to 58th St., and a 24-inch main through 52nd St., to afford feeder main capacity for the requirements of the Grand Central group of buildings.

Financing.—The net capital expenditures made during the year of \$3,525,848, as well as the bond sinking fund payments, were financed out of earnings and bank loans, and through the sale of \$2,075,000 first mortgage 5% bonds, which were successfully sold to the public by a syndicate headed by The National City Co.

The bonds and preferred stock of the corporation enjoy good markets and are generally considered among the highest class of investment securities. They are owned in large blocks by many life and fire insurance companies and other institutions.

New Business.—From July 1 1928 to June 30 1929 the corporation entered into new service contracts representing an additional annual revenue of \$1,618,795, compared with \$1,146,139 of new business secured during the previous year.

The contents of buildings served by the corporation, or under contract at June 30 1929 aggregate 1,432,798,000 cubic feet, compared with 1,225,362,000 cubic feet at the end of the previous fiscal year, an increase of 17%.

New York Central Contract.—Shortly after the close of the fiscal year, a long-term contract was made with The New York Central R.R. and The New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. to supply the entire steam requirements of the Grand Central group of buildings.

The buildings constituting the Grand Central group have been erected above the platform, track and yard areas of The New York Central R.R., thus utilizing for income producing purposes the maximum space available.

INCOME ACCOUNT—YEARS ENDED JUNE 30.

Table with columns for 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Operating Revenues (Downtown district, Uptown district), Total oper. revenue, Non-operating revenues, Total gross earnings, Operating expenses, Maintenance expenses, General taxes, Federal taxes, Bond interest, General interest & expense, Bond discount & amortization, Net income, Preferred dividends.

Balance, surplus, \$979,554; Surplus account June 30 1929 shows: Surplus balance June 30 1929, \$1,631,140. Add surplus net income before depreciation and com. divs., \$979,554; total surplus, \$2,610,694.

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Table with columns for 1929, 1928. Rows include Assets (Plant & property, Investments, Deposits and advances, Bond discount and expenses in process of amort., Deferred charges, Cash, Accts. receivable, Notes receivable, Materials and supplies) and Liabilities (Pref. A stock, \$6 pref. stock, Common stock, 1st M 6% bonds, 1st M 5% bonds, Accounts payable, Cust. serv., sec. & rental deposits, Notes and trade acpts. payable, Accrued interest, Accrued taxes and water rentals, Sundry curr. liab., Accrued divs. & c., Renew. & repl. res., Other reserve, Surplus).

a Represented by 41,930 outstanding shares of series A \$7 cumulative preferred stock (no par value) valued at minimum liquidation price. b Represented by 30,000 shares of no par value common stock, authorized and issued at stated value.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

STEAM RAILROADS.

Surplus Freight Cars.—Class 1 railroads on Aug. 15 had 181,156 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced.

Freight Cars in Need of Repair.—Class I railroads on Aug. 1 had 137,495 freight cars in need of repair, or 6.2% of the number on line, according to reports just filed by the carriers with the car service division of the American

Coca-Cola Co.—Earnings.—Table with columns for Period End. June 30, 1929-3 Mos.—1928, 1929-6 Mos.—1928, and 1928-6 Mos.—1928. Rows include Gross sales, Mfg. & gen. exp., Operating profits, etc.

Columbian Carbon Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—Table with columns for Period End. June 30, 1929-3 Mos.—1928, 1929-6 Mos.—1928, and 1928-6 Mos.—1928. Rows include Net prof. after Fed. taxes, Depreciation & depletion, etc.

Collyer Insulated Wire Co., Pawtucket, R. I.—Split-up of \$8.ars Approved.—The stockholders on Aug. 21 approved a split-up of the stock by the issuance of 10 new no par shares for each old share of \$100 par value.

Columbia Graphophone Co., Ltd., England.—Final Dividend.—The company has declared a final dividend of 30% on the ordinary stock, making 45% for the year.—V. 128, p. 4010.

Commercial Investment Trust Corp.—No Public Offering of 50,000 Shares Bought by Banking Syndicate Contemplated.—The group associated with Dillon, Read & Co., in the purchase of 50,000 shares of common stock includes Lehman Brothers, Central States Electric Corp., and Lazard Freres.

New Contract.—This corporation through its subsidiary, the Commercial Investment Trust, Inc., has signed an exclusive contract with Landers, Frary & Clark, New Britain, Conn., manufacturers of Universal Electric washers.

Congress Cigar Co., Inc.—Extra Dividend.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share on the capital stock, no par value, payable Sept. 30 to holders of record Sept. 14.

Consolidated Automatic Merchandising Corp.—Defers Action of Preferred Dividend.—No action was taken by the directors on the 87 1/2 c. quarterly dividend on the \$3.50 cummul. conv. pref. stock, due Sept. 15.

Consolidated Textile Corp.—Registrar, &c.—The City Bank Farmers Trust Co. has been appointed registrar and interest paying agent of the fully registered 5-year 7% secured gold notes, due July 15 1934.—V. 129, p. 637.

Continental Can Co., Inc.—Acquisition.—The corporation has acquired the assets and business of the Gille Manufacturing Co., of Kansas City, Mo., makers of tin containers for lard, oil, coffee, &c.—V. 129, p. 967.

Continental Eastern Corp.—Transfer Agent.—The Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent for 50,000 shares of the class B common stock.

Continental Mills, Boston.—Earnings.—The net earnings for the year ending June 30 1929, after depreciation and provision for Federal taxes, were \$176,218.

Balance Sheet June 30. (As filed with Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations.) Table with Assets and Liabilities columns.

Continental Oil Co. of Del.—Earnings.—Table with columns for Period End. June 30, 1929-3 Mos.—1928, 1929-6 Mos.—1928, and 1928-6 Mos.—1928. Rows include Gross earnings, Expenses, Operating profit, etc.

Continental Oil Co. of Del.—Balance Sheet June 30 1929. Table with Assets and Liabilities columns.

Merger Accomplished.—In the July number (first issue) of "The Conoco Magazine," which will in the future be the official publication of the new Continental Oil Co., an official statement (signed by D. J. Moran, President, and E. T. Wilson, Chairman of the Board), says:

Merger of the Continental Oil Co. and the Marland Oil Co. has been accomplished, and the new company in the future will be known as the Continental Oil Co.

The purpose of this announcement magazine is to acquaint stockholders, employes and distributors with the new Continental Oil Co. and with its trade mark, a new symbol of a greater service. It is further designed to introduce both organizations, one to the other, and to aid in tying the two units together into one family group.

The union of the Marland Oil Co. and the Continental Oil Co. brings together two outstanding producers, refiners and marketers in the petroleum industry. The united resources and facilities thus made available under one control will offer exceptional service to the consumers of motor fuels and lubricants within the new company's wide marketing area.

Business of the new Continental Oil Co. will go forward much as it has under the separate organizations. Because of the widespread activities of the new company it will be necessary to maintain two main offices, at Denver, Colo., and Ponca City, Okla., and division and district offices of both organizations will be maintained as in the past, all operating under the name of the Continental Oil Co.

Officers of the New Continental Company: D. J. Moran, President; E. T. Wilson, Chairman of the board; S. H. Keoughan, Chairman of the executive committee; W. W. Bruce and W. H. Ferguson, Executive Vice-Presidents; E. J. Nicklos, Vice-President in charge of production; Walter Miller, Vice-President in charge of manufacturing; E. S. Karstedt, Vice-President in charge of sales; B. H. Markham, Comptroller and Assistant to the President; G. F. Smith, Treasurer; James J. Cosgrove, General Counsel.

"The Conoco Magazine," in reviewing the history of the Continental and Marland companies, said in part:

Continental Oil Co.—This company is the outgrowth of a number of consolidations and acquisitions which have taken place during the past nine years. At the close of 1923 the following organizations had been brought together to be known as the Continental Oil Co., Elk Basin Petroleum Co., Keoughan-Hurst Drilling Co., Grass Creek Petroleum Co., Mutual Oil Co., the Frantz Corp., Western Oil Fields Corp., Boston-Wyoming Oil Co., Chappell Oil Co., Hamilton Oil Corp., Merritt Oil Corp., Continental Oil Co. of Colorado, Sapulpa Refining Co., and the Texhoma Oil & Refining Co.

The Continental Oil Co. was organized Jan. 1 1885, and formally took over all holdings of the Continental Oil & Transportation Co. in the Rocky Mountain field, with Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana and New Mexico as its territory. From this point the growth of the Continental Oil Co. was steady and phenomenal in turn, with constant devotion to the effort of intensifying distribution of petroleum products.

The Continental Oil Co. also brought into the reorganization 3,699 productive acres and 58,045 acres of prospective oil fields in Wyoming and Colorado. It also had a 15,000 barrel refinery at Florence, Colo., and steel storage of 506,948 barrels in 270 tanks.

Marland Oil Co.—This company had been formed as the holding corporation for a score of subsidiary companies. These subsidiaries include the Marland Refining Co., Kansas-Osage Gas Co., Marland Production Co., Ponca City Gas Distributing Co., Reagan County Purchasing Co., Kay County Gas Co., Hudson's Bay, Marland Oil Co., Ltd., Sealand Petroleum Co., Ltd., the Marland Pipeline Co., Marland Oil Co. of California, Marland Oil Co. of Mexico, S. A., and the Marland Industrial Institute, Inc.

The Marland Oil Co. represents a complete cycle in the petroleum industry. The company produces raw material, refines it into motor fuel and lubricating oil, and transports it in its own tank cars or ocean tankers to its own service stations and bulk plants, or to the stations of dealers or jobbers.

Since Mr. Moran became President in November 1928 the Marland Oil Co. has further developed its holdings, with the purchase of five small independent oil companies in the east, including the Prudential Refining Corp. With the acquisition of this company another 10,000-barrel refinery at Baltimore, Md., was added to the Marland holdings.

On June 26 1929, a certificate of amendment to articles of incorporation, changing the name of the Marland Oil Co. was filed with the Secretary of the State of Delaware, and the company now has the name of the Continental Oil Co.

New Continental Oil Co. Properties Are Scattered from Canada to Mexico with Production in 11 States.

Linking together two of the largest petroleum companies in the Rocky Mountain and Southwestern areas of the United States, the Continental Oil Co., and the Marland Oil Co. will bring under one head extensive production fields in 11 states and Mexico. Many thousand acres of undeveloped land in several other states and in Canada are also held by the new Continental Oil Co.

The total number of wells now reaches 3,667 with an average gross production of 132,127 barrels daily. Marland is currently drilling 61 wells and Continental 31. The combined acreage of undeveloped oil land is now 2,234,197 acres, and the total developed acreage 122,822. It is almost certain that production will show a substantial increase this year due to the fact that both companies have acreage in California which has much promise.

Continental Production.

A survey of the production activities of the former Continental Oil Co. reveals the fact that it owned approximately 1,723 wells with a gross production of 39,033 barrels. Continental acreage is in the States of Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, California, Arkansas, Louisiana, Arizona, Montana, and Wyoming. It owned no property outside of the United States.

The distribution and number of Continental wells in its various territories are listed according to States as follows: (a) The Cat Creek, Montana, 935 barrels. Continental owns partnership interest in these wells. (b) In the Kevin-Sunburst, Montana, field, 10 wells producing 138 barrels daily are in operation. The oil has a gravity of 31.5. (c) In Wyoming the Elk Basin field contains 20 wells averaging 114 barrels of 43 gravity oil. At Grass Creek there are 32 wells producing 79 barrels of 43 gravity petroleum. In the Big Muddy field, 100 wells are producing 1,934 barrels of 32 gravity oil daily. The Salt Creek, Wyoming, field was perhaps the largest owned by Continental. The field contains 113 wells

Hathaway Bakeries, Inc.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Four Weeks Ended Aug. 10—, 1929., 1928., Sales, Net income after taxes and depreciation, For the 32 weeks ended Aug. 10 1929 sales amounted to \$4,707,308.

Hawaiian Pineapple Co., Ltd.—20% Stock Dividend.—

The directors have recommended to the stockholders the declaration of a 20% stock dividend, payable Jan. 1 1930, to holders of record Nov. 15 1929.

Hazeltine Corp.—Files Suit.—

An action has been filed by the corporation against the General Electric Co., the Radio Corp. of America and the Radio Marine Corp. in the U. S. Southern District Court.

Heywood-Wakefield Co.—Preferred Dividends Payable from Surplus.—

The directors have declared the regular semi-annual dividends of 3 1/4% on both the 1st and 2nd pref. stocks, both payable Sept. 3 to holders of record Aug. 27.

Holland Furnace Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 8,362 additional shares of non-par value stock on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend, making the total amount applied for 426,480 shares.—V. 129, p. 974.

Houdaille-Hershey Corp.—Stock Increase Proposed.—

The stockholders will vote Sept. 27 on increasing the authorized class B stock from 1,000,000 shares to 2,000,000 shares, no par value.—V. 129, p. 1293.

Household Products, Inc.—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns: 6 Mos. End. June 30—, 1929., 1928., 1927., 1926., Net profits, Estimated income tax, Net income, Dividends paid, Minority stockholders in sub. co. dividends, Surplus, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Divs. payable Sept. 1., Surplus adjustments, Profit & loss surplus, Shares of capital stock outstanding (no par), Earns. per sh. on cap.stk.

Comparative Balance Sheet June 30.

Table comparing Assets and Liabilities for 1929 and 1928. Assets include Property account, Investments, Accts. receivable, Cash, Inventory, Good-will, etc. Liabilities include Capital stock, Accounts payable, Bills payable, etc.

Independent Oil & Gas Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns: Period End. June 30—, 1929—3 Mos.—, 1928.—, 1929—6 Mos.—, 1928.—, Gross earnings, Costs and expenses, Taxes, Intang. dev. costs, Deprec., depl. and amort, Operating profit, Other income, Total income, Interest, Minority interest, Net profit, Shs. cap.stk. outstanding, Earnings per share.

Industrial Finance Corp.—Earnings, etc.—

The company reports a net income of \$882,071 for the six months period ended July 31 1929, as compared with \$221,607 for the corresponding period last year.

Loans, &c., Increase.—

Morris Plan banks and companies throughout the country which, for nine successive years have shown substantial increases in loans and net earnings, completed the first half of 1929 with indications pointing to another record year.

Dividend To Be Received in 1929 Larger—Additional Interest Acquired in Industrial Acceptance Corp.—

Dividends received during 1929 by the Industrial Finance Corp. from its subsidiary, the Industrial Acceptance Corp., will be increased by participation in earnings from an additional \$1,500,000 of Industrial Acceptance 2d preferred stock.

Insurance Securities Co., Ltd.—Acquires New York Indemnity Co. Through Exchange of Stock.—

The United Indemnity Co., the Northwestern Casualty & Surety Co., and the New York Indemnity Co., all of which are divisions of the Insurance Securities Co., Inc., have recently announced the advancement of Harry Leonard to the position of Vice-President.

International Paper & Power Co.—Assets Now \$649,365,000—Rapid Growth Reflected.—

Total assets of the company and subsidiary companies as of June 30 were \$649,365,000. Of this, \$543,208,000 was in fixed assets, \$353,158,000 represented by electric power and utility properties, and \$195,050,000 by paper and pulp properties.

International Printing Corp.—Sales, Earnings, &c.—

Table with 4 columns: 6 Mos. Ended June 30—, 1929., 1928., 1927., Consolidated net sales, Consol. net profit after int., taxes & reserves, Shares of com. stock outstanding, Earnings per share.

Investment Trust of New York, Inc.—New Director.—

Theodore J. Grayson, Vice-President and director of the Penn Colony Trust Co. of Philadelphia, has been elected a director.—V. 129, p. 1135.

Irving Air Chute Co., Inc.—Earnings, etc.—

Colonel L. J. Campbell, Chairman of the Board, stated: "The company earned net after taxes the first half of 1929 slightly over \$300,000. Net earnings for July 1929 were \$55,023, or slightly ahead of the first half ratio and at an annual rate of over \$3 a share for the stock."

(Mead) Johnson & Co.—Extra Dividend—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: 6 Mos. Ended June 30—, 1929., 1928., Net profits, Dividends, Balance, surplus, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Prov. for reduct. of carrying of secur. to approx. market value, Additional tax paid in prior years, Consolidated surplus, Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30.

Keith-Albee-Orpheum Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Six Months Ended June 30—, 1929., 1928., Operating loss, Profits from other sources, Net loss, profit/\$257,935.

Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30.

Table comparing Assets and Liabilities for 1929 and 1928. Assets include Land, bldgs. & eq., Cash on hand & in banks, Govt. & other marketable secur., Accounts rec., Inventories, Other assets, Capital stock pur. for resale to employees, Trade marks, good will & formulae, Patents purchased, Deferred assets.

Patino Mines & Enterprises Consolidated, Inc.—
6 Months Ended June 30—
Income from mine operations—
Production costs, &c.—
Profit—
Other income—
Total income—
Interest accrued—
Bolivia income tax reserve—
Depreciation and depletion—
Net income—
Earnings per share on 1,380,316 shs. of (par \$20) capital stock—

Pennsylvania Dock & Warehouse Co.—Listing.—
There have been placed on the Boston Stock Exchange list \$5,750,000 leasehold mortgage 6% sinking fund gold bonds dated Aug. 1 1929, and due Aug. 1 1949, with warrants attached. See offering in V. 129, p. 1299.

Petroleum Conversion Corp.—Bal. Sheet May 31 1929.—
Assets—
Cash in banks—
Call loans on stock exchange collateral—
Notes receivable—
Funds receivable—
Stock in Conversion Construction Co.—
Fixed assets—
Adv. acct. of construction, salaries and fees—
Foreign development—
Liabilities—
Capital stock (2,000,000 shares at \$5)—
Total (each side)—

Petroleum Corp. of America.—Earnings.—
The company reports for the period from Jan. 21 (date of its organization) to June 30, net cash income of \$1,384,163, equal to 42c. a share on the 3,250,000 capital shares outstanding. These earnings, derived from dividends and interest, do not include appreciation of \$2,161,885 on the corporations holdings.
The balance sheet at June 30 1929 shows total assets of \$62,354,138, including cash of \$2,247,772. Paid in surplus amounted to \$22,750,000 and earned surplus, \$1,384,163. V. 129, p. 980.

Phelps Dodge Corp.—Earnings.—
Earnings for Six Months Ended June 30 1929.
Production of copper, pounds—
Sales of copper to customers, pounds—
Unsold copper, pounds—
Sales of metals, &c.—
Other income—
Total income—
Costs, expenses and Federal taxes—
Depreciation—
Profit before depletion—
Earnings per share on 2,000,000 shares capital stock (par \$25)—

(Louis) Phillippe Inc.—Earnings.—
The company reports that for the first six month period ended June 30 1929, earnings of the company amounted to \$121,596 after provision for Federal taxes, &c.—V. 128, p. 3846.

Phillips Petroleum Co.—Drills in New Well.—
The company this week drilled well known as Palmer no. 8 in Gray County, Texas, which is flowing over 200 barrels per hour.—V. 129, p. 1299.

Pillsbury Flour Mills Co.—Earnings.—
Income Account Year Ended June 30 1928.
Net income—
Dividends paid—
Balance, surplus—
Previous surplus—
Total surplus—

Balance Sheet, June 30 1929.
Assets—
Fixed plant—
Movable plant—
Cash—
Readily marketable securities—
Trade accounts receivable—
Bill of lading drafts under collection—
Inventories—
Miscell. accounts receivable—
Surr. value of life ins. policies—
Prepaid insurance, int., &c.—
Invest. in capital stocks of subs.—
Due from associated cos.—
Trade memberships, sundry stocks, &c.—
Due from employees—
Discount on bonds—
Hydraulic rights—
Good-will, trade-marks, trade names, &c.—
Liabilities—
Capital stock—
Notes payable—Banks and bankers—
Loans payable—
Accounts payable—
Res. for Fed. & State taxes—
1st mtge. 20-year 6% gold bds.—
Res. for contng. & insur.—
Capital surplus—
Earned surplus—
Total—

Pinchin, Johnson & Co., Ltd.—Dividend Dates.—
The interim dividend of 10% recently declared on the "American" shares is payable Sept. 7 to holders of record Aug. 21.—V. 129, p. 1299.

Poor & Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—
Consolidated Earnings 6 Months Ended June 30 1929.
Operating profit—
Profit before deducting Federal income tax—
Net profit after deducting provision for Federal income tax—
Earnings per share on 329,000 shares class B stock (no par)—

Consolidated Balance Sheet.
Assets—
Land, buildings & equipment—
Cash & market securities—
Accts. & notes rec.—
Accr. int. receiv.—
Inventories—
Investments, &c.—
Due from affilcos.—
Def. chgs. & adv.—
Pat., pat. rights & good-will—
Liabilities—
Cap. stk. & surplus—
Accts. pay., &c.—
6% gold notes—
Min. int. in subs.—
Total—

Porto Rican American Tobacco Co.—Earnings.—
Six Months Ended June 30—
Net profit after int., Fed. taxes, &c.—
Earnings per sh. on 101,875 shs. cl. A stock—
Excludes \$200,000 undivided profits of Congress Cigar Co.—

Procter & Gamble Co.—Registrar.—
The National City Bank of New York has been appointed registrar of 6,250,000 shares of common stock of no par value.—V. 129, p. 980, 812.

Pure Oil Co.—New Pipe Line, &c.—
President Henry M. Dawes says in part:
Recent developments seem to have pretty definitely demonstrated that the company has developed a field in Michigan of substantial proportions—one of the most important explorations in the eastern districts in many years. They have gone into Michigan apparently on a larger scale than any of the major companies and their leases run from 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 acres, located in practically all of the geologically promising portions of the State. On account of the greatly scattered ownership, cut into small tracts, they did not go into the Muskegon field in a large way. Their only drilling as yet has been confined to what is known as the Midland field, about 40 miles from Saginaw. They have a block of about 100,000 acres there and drilled the first exploratory well to what is known as the Dundee sand about a year and a half ago, and to-day have a total production of about 3,500 barrels out of the whole field's production of approximately 5,500 barrels. The other production is in the main owned by small independent and local companies.

Of the acreage so far proved, the great bulk is owned by the Pure Oil Co. Their producing wells are scattered over a large territory and have been drilled on account of lease conditions or adjoining developments, their large holdings making it possible for them to develop in the most effective way for getting the ultimate yields, without resorting to an intensive campaign which would make these savings impossible as well as possibly result in throwing the maximum production on the market when the general crude situation was unfavorable.
The oil is approximately 36 gravity and is bringing a price of about \$1.72 at the well at the present time, and compares favorably with Seminole crude.
Arrangements are being made for the installation of a pipe line to deep water in Saginaw district, which would enable the company to ship by vessel to any point on the Great Lakes. The company is now handling the oil by tank car from short pipe lines to Mt. Pleasant, Mich., on the Pere Marquette. With the advantages to be gained through the operation of their own pipe line and vessels, there is every indication that with the development of this field the company would build a refinery at some point on the Great Lakes. The extent of the development, of course, is not limited, and there seems no doubt that it is already sufficient to afford an extremely important unit in the company's holdings. As it has been developed entirely through its own geological and producing organization, the cost has been very low.—V. 128, p. 3847.

Quincy Market Cold Storage & Warehouse Co.—Earnings.—
Three Months Ended June 30—
Gross earnings—
Operating expenses—
Operating income—
Net income after bond interest, but before depr. & depl.—

Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corp.—General Counsel.—
Benjamin B. Kahane, Vice-President and Secretary, has been elected General Counsel of the company, retaining the other two positions as well. He succeeds Maurice Goodman as General Counsel and as a Vice-President, to take effect Sept. 14. Mr. Goodman recently resigned the two positions, but remains on the board of directors.—V. 129, p. 1139.

(The) Randall Co.—Stocks Sold.—W. E. Hutton & Co., Cincinnati, announce the sale of 15,000 units (30,000 shares \$2 cum. partic. class A stock, no par value, and 15,000 shares class B stock, no par value), in units of 2 shares class A stock and 1 share class B, at \$52 per unit. A part of the shares covered by this offering were acquired from the company for \$200,000 in cash, which alone represents new financing by the company, and the remainder were acquired from an individual shareholder.

Class A stock is entitled to receive preferential dividends, cumulative from Aug. 1 1929, at the annual rate of \$2 per share, payable Q-F. In addition to preferential dividend, the class A stock is entitled to receive a participating dividend of 50c. per share per annum (1) after provision has been made for the sinking fund on the class A stock and (2) after the declaration of dividends on the class B stock in the amount of \$1 per shareholder annum or in the aggregate annual amount of \$100,000, whichever shall be the less, before any further dividend is paid on the class B stock. Thereafter any further distribution of net earnings in any one fiscal year shall be available for the class B stock. Class A stock is red. all or part at any time upon 30 days' notice at \$30 per share and divs. in the event of liquidation is entitled to receive up to \$30 per share and divs. before any distribution is made to the holders of class B stock. Class B stock has entire voting power except in the event of default of four quarterly preferential dividend payments on the class A stock in which event special provisions are made, and except that class A stock has voting power in respect of certain matters specified in the amended articles of incorporation. Dividends on the class A stock and on the class B stock are exempt from present normal Federal income tax. Transfer Agent: First National Bank of Cincinnati. Registrar, Fifth Third Union Trust Co., Cincinnati.

Capitalization.
Cumulative partic. class A stock (no par)—
Class B stock (no par)—
Authorized.
50,000 shs.
100,000 shs.
Outstanding.
30,000 shs.
100,000 shs.

Data from Letter of Howard D. Randall, Pres. of the Company.
Company.—Incorp. in Ohio in 1905 under the name of the J. D. Randall Co., and is the outgrowth of a partnership established in 1858. Until 1922, the company confined its activities to the manufacture and sale of leather working machinery and allied products in the harness and horse collar line. In that year and subsequently thereto, the company commenced the development and production of automobile body trimming specialties and a major portion of its present business is with the automobile trade. The success of this new line of products is shown by the company's increase in sales and earnings.

Earnings.—The net earnings available for dividends for the 3 years ended June 30 1929, have been as follows: 1927, \$50,176; 1928, \$131,226; 1929, \$310,080.

Earnings on the above basis for the fiscal year 1929 were more than 5 times the preferential dividend. After deducting the amount necessary to pay the preferential and participating dividend on the class A stock the balance of net earnings for the fiscal year ended June 30 1929, was equivalent to \$2.35 a share on the class B stock. After deducting the preferential and participating dividends on the class A stock and after deducting the sinking fund on the class A stock the balance of net income for the fiscal year 1929 was equivalent to \$2.10 per share on the class B stock.

Listing.—Application will be made to list this stock on the Cincinnati Stock Exchange.

Raybestos Co.—Proposed Consolidation.—
The stockholders will vote Sept. 9 on authorizing the execution, delivery and carrying out a reorganization agreement providing, among other things, for the sale and transfer of all the assets, business and good-will of this company, subject to its liabilities, in exchange for shares of the common stock of Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., a New Jersey corporation, to be issued directly to the stockholders of this company on the basis of 2 1/4 shares of such common stock for each share of common stock of the company held by each share of common stock of the company held by each such stockholder, all, however, provided that at the time of such transfer Raybestos Manhattan, Inc., shall acquire or give evidence to the board of directors of this company, satisfactory to it, that, within one week thereafter, it will acquire, all the assets of United States Asbestos Co., a Pennsylvania corporation, and of the Manhattan Rubber Manufacturing Co., a New Jersey corporation, subject to their liabilities.

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS

PETROLEUM—RUBBER—HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

The introductory remarks formerly appearing here will now be found in an earlier part of this paper, immediately following the editorial matter, in a department headed "INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY."

New York, Friday, Aug. 30, 1928.

COFFEE on the spot was quiet at 22 to 22 1/4c. for Santos 4s, 16 to 16 1/4c. for Rio 7s and 15c. for Victoria 7-8s. Spot coffee was firm later with Santos 4s, 22 1/4 to 22 1/2c.; Rio 7s, 16 1/4 to 16 1/2c. and Victoria 7-8s at 15 1/4c. Still later Santos 4s were 22 1/4 to 22 1/2c.; Rio 7s, 16 1/4 to 16 1/2c. and Victoria 7-8s, 15 1/4c. Fair to good Cucuta, 21 1/2c. to 22c.; Colombian, Oceana, 20c. to 20 1/2c.; Bucaramanga, natural, 20 1/2c. to 21c.; washed, 23 1/2c. to 24c.; Honda, Tolima and Giradot, 23 1/4c. to 24c.; Medallin, 24 1/4c. to 25 1/4c.; Manizales, 24c. to 24 1/2c.; Mexican washed, 24 1/2c. to 25c.; Surinam, 21 1/2c. to 22 1/2c.; Ankola, 28 1/2c. to 34c.; Mandehing, 34c. to 37c.; Genuine Java, 32c. to 33 1/2c.; Robusta, washed, 19c. to 19 1/2c.; no natural here; Mocha, 26 1/2c. to 27 1/2c.; Harrar, 25c. to 26c.; Abyssinian, 21 1/2c. to 22c.; Guatemala, prime, 23 1/2c. to 24c.; good, 22 1/4c. to 22 3/4c.; Bourbon, 21 1/2c. to 22c.

Cost and freight offers on the 26th inst. from Brazil were in moderate supply at irregular prices. Some were slightly lower, some higher and other unchanged. For prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 2s and 3s were here at 22.45 to 22 1/2c.; 3s, 21.95 to 22 1/4c.; 3-4s, 21 to 21.15c.; 3-5s, 20 1/2 to 21c.; 4-5s, 19.95 to 21 1/2c.; 5s, 20.70c.; 5-6s, 18.95 to 20 1/2c.; 6s, 8.60c.; 6-7s, 17.90c.; 7-8s, 14.70 to 17 1/4c. Part Bourbon 3-4s, 21 1/2c.; 4-5s, 20 1/4c.; 5s, 19 3/4c.; 6s, 18 3/4c.; rain damaged 3-5s, 17.15c.; 5s, 16c.; 6-7s, 15.55 to 16.90c.; 7-8s, 14 3/4 to 15c. Peaberry 2-3s, 22 1/4 to 22c.; 4s, 21 1/4c.; 4-5s, 20 1/2c.; 5s, 20.80. Rio 7s, 14.60 to 15.10c.; 7-8s, 14.30 to 14.85c. Victoria 7s, 13.80c.; 7-8s, 13.60c. On the 27th inst. cost and freight offers from Brazil were rather scarce and most prices showed some advance. For prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 2s were quoted at 22 1/2c.; 2-3s at 21.45 to 22 3/4c.; 3s at 21.95 to 22 1/4c.; 3-4s at 21.15c.; 3-5s at 20.55 to 21 1/2c.; 4-5s at 19.95 to 21 3/4c.; 5s at 20 1/2 to 20.70c.; 5-6s at 18.95 to 20 3/4c.; 6s at 18.40 to 18.80c.; 6s at 18.40 to 18.80c.; 6-7s at 17.90c.; 7-8s at 14.70 to 17.85c. Part Bourbon 3-4s at 21 1/2c.; 4-5s at 20 1/4 to 21c.; 5s at 19 to 19 3/4c.; 6s at 18 3/4c. Peaberry 4s at 21 1/4c.; 4-5s at 20 3/4c.; rain-damaged 3-5s at 17.15c.; 6s at 17 1/2c.; 6-7s at 16.55 to 17c.; 7s at 16 to 16 1/2c. Rio 7-8s at 14 3/4c. and Victoria 7-8s at 13.85c. Santos Bourbon 4-5s were offered for Sept.-Oct.-Nov. shipment, equal, at 21 to 21 3/4c. and Victoria 7-8s Oct.-Nov. at 13 3/4c.

Cost-and-freight offers on the 28th inst. from Brazil were generally higher. They included for prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 2-3s at 22.60 to 23c.; 3s at 22 1/4 to 22 1/2c.; 3-4s at 21.65c.; 3-5s at 20 1/2 to 21.35c.; 4-5s at 20.10 to 21 3/4c.; 5s at 20 to 20 3/4c.; 5-6s at 19.10 to 19.90c.; 6s at 18.90c.; 6-7s at 17.90 to 19c.; 7s at 17c.; 7-8s at 14.80 to 17.95c.; part Bourbon 4-5s at 21 to 21 1/4c.; 5s at 20 3/4c.; 5-6s at 20c.; Peaberry 4s at 21 1/4c.; 4-5s at 20 1/2 to 20 3/4c.; 5s at 20.80c.; rain-damaged 3-5s at 17.50 to 20.10c.; 6-7s at 15.70 to 17.15c.; 7s at 15 1/2 to 16.90c.; 7-8s at 14.90c.; Rio 7s were here 14 3/4 to 14.95c.; 7-8s at 14.45 to 14.65c.; Victoria 7s at 13.80c. and 7-8s at 13.60c. On the 29th inst. cost-and-freight offers from Brazil were unchanged to higher, not a few being 10 to 25 points above the previous day's tenders by the same importers. They included for prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 2-3s at 22.60 to 23c.; 3s at 22.10 to 22 3/4c.; 3-4s at 21.70 to 22.15c.; 3-5s at 20.35 to 21.45c.; 4-5s at 20 1/4 to 21 1/4c.; 5s at 20 3/4 to 21 3/4c.; 5-6s at 19.35 to 20c.; 6s at 18.90c.; 6-7s at 18.45c.; 7s at 18.20c.; 7-8s at 14.80 to 18.05c.; Peaberry 3s at 21 3/4c.; 4s at 21 1/4 to 21 1/2c.; 5s at 20.80c.; rain-damaged 3-5s at 17 1/4c.; 5-6s at 18 3/4 to 19c.; 6-7s at 15.65c. to 17.15c.; 7s at 15 1/2 to 18c.; 7-8s at 14.90 to 15c.; 8s at 15 1/4c.; Rio 7s at 14 3/4 to 15c.; 7-8s at 14.45c. to 14 3/4c.; Victoria 7-8s at 13.60c.

One comment was: "After two days of rain in Santos there was an idea that frost might occur. However, fine weather followed and without frost. Danger from frost damage to the 1930-31 Brazil crop is now practically eliminated, leaving the prospects of that crop promising. The coffee growing States in Brazil are to meet in conference early in September to decide on the future plans for the protection of coffee prices. With the increased production of the new plantations other than Sao Paulo, it is not unlikely that opinions as to the policies to be followed will differ very much. Up to the present the State of Sao Paulo has borne the largest part of the load in the endeavor to sustain prices. With prospects as have developed, it will be a gigantic task to continue to arbitrarily hold values." Futures on the 26th inst. advanced 12 to 30 points on Santos with sales of 46,700 and 8 to 20 points on Rio with sales of 28,250 bags.

On the 28th inst. futures closed 1 point lower to 9 points higher on Santos with sales of 31,500 bags, and 8 points lower to 2 points higher on Rio with sales of 21,750 bags. Trade shorts covered. Brazil bought to some extent. Cost-and-freight prices advanced. Santos cables were 200 to 400 reis higher. Sept. declined here 2 to 4 points under liquidation but other months were firmer. On the 29th inst. futures ended irregular within moderate range. Rio was off 4 points lower to 2 higher with sales of 15,250 bags, more than half straddles and switches. Santos ended 10 points lower to 3 points higher with sales of 44,750 bags. To-day Rio futures ended 1 to 5 points higher with sales of 10,000 bags and Santos wound up 3 to 6 points off with sales of 16,000 bags. Brazil was reported to have sold Sept. and bought Dec. and selling Santos futures. Final prices show an advance on Rio for the week of 2 to 16 points, and on Santos of 16 to 28 points.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot (unofficial)	16 1/4	Dec	13.96	nom	May	12.96
Sept	14.25@14.29	Mar	13.35	nom	July	12.66@12.67

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Sept	16.10	Mar	13.36@19.37	July	18.31
Dec	20.38	May	18.79	nom	

COCOA to-day was unchanged to 5 points lower. Sept. was the strongest. Sales were 157 lots. Final prices are 7 to 9 points lower than a week ago.

SUGAR was in fair demand at 2 1-16c. for Cuban c.&f. Receipts at United States Atlantic ports for the week were 47,075 tons, against 46,571 in previous week and 35,206 in the same week last year; meltings, 60,384 tons, against 69,983 in previous week and 56,250 last year; importers' stock, 406,754 tons, against 407,754 in previous week and 279,318 last year; refiners' stocks, 199,539, against 211,848 in previous week and 106,473 last year; total stocks, 606,293 against 619,602 in previous week and 385,791 last year.

Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 31,828 tons, against 43,051 in the same week last year; exports, 108,021 tons, against 76,187 last year; stock (consumption deducted), 792,323 tons, against 864,423 last year. Of the exports 50,555 tons went to Atlantic ports, 11,156 to New Orleans; 5,458 to Interior United States, 2,823 to Galveston, 3,627 to Savannah and 34,391 to Europe.

A cargo of Cuban it appears sold on the 23rd inst. at 2c. c. & f. to New Orleans. But no such price has ruled here since. Refined 5.50c. Re-sale on the 26th inst. was 5.20 to 5.30c. and such prices diverted trade to re-sale sugar for the time being. Prompt raws were dull on the 26th inst.

2 1-16c. Futures on that date ended 2 to 3 points lower with sales of 52,000 tons nearly half exchanges. Liquidation on the eve of September notices was a feature; also some liquidation in December. On the 26th inst. there was selling and liquidation of September by houses with European and Cuban connections, with the buying mostly covering. The stocks of raw sugar in New York licensed warehouses on the 26th inst. were 2,425,998 bags against 2,465,631 bags a month ago and 1,961,104 bags on the same day last year. On the 27th inst. sales of Cuban and Porto Rican raw sugars were made at 2 1-16c. c. & f. or 3.83 delivered. The Porto Rican sale was of a cargo for first half September shipment while of Cuban 10,000 bags sold, for late September shipment at 2 1-16c. There were further bids of 2 1-16c. but 2 1/2c. was asked.

Havana cabled on the 26th inst.: "The Cuban Export Corporation will hold a meeting in Havana to-morrow (Tuesday) at 11 a.m., and it is believed that an announcement of policy, &c., will be made shortly thereafter. By Presidential decree the Cuban Export Corporation will act as the 'single seller' until such time as the members of the single selling commission are officially appointed." Futures on the 28th inst. ended generally 2 to 3 points lower but with Sept. 1 point higher. Sales were 56,550 tons. Wall Street and Cuban interests sold Sept. and Dec. quite freely. Cuban interests also, it appears, sold March, May and July. Trade houses bought May. Prompt Cuban raws were quiet at 2 1-16 to 2 1/2c. Havana cabled that the final details of the single selling agency had been approved and that it will become operative on Sept. 1. It will have, according to one report, more than 700,000 tons of sugar at its disposal, including about 280,000 tons returned to producers by the Joint Foreign Sales Syndicate. Other cables received in the trade were to the effect that the Export Corporation will probably function as the seller or controller of these sugars until the personnel of the selling agency has been selected at a meeting to be held Sept. 7. Some think that the agency will not have more than 600,000 tons to sell. On the 28th inst. sales, it turned out, were 60,000 to 70,000 bags at 2 1-16c. late Sept. and Oct. shipment. London was easier on raw and 3d. off on refined.

On the 28th inst. there were 24 September notices. On the 28th inst. Havana cabled at a meeting of the Directors of

the Export Co. yesterday, the following resolutions were adopted: First—To admit as director present Chairman of the National Association of Planters (Mr. Panceeira) in substitution of former Chairman Mr. Hill. Second—To send message of condolence to the family of Galla Gutierrez. Third—To Appoint in his place Dr. Viriato Gutierrez. Fourth—To hold a meeting of stockholders Sept. 7, so as to appoint a commission to study the modification of the corporation of the co-operative agency. Fifth—To acknowledge the decree recently issued by President Machado. Sixth—To submit to stockholders vote of Sept. 7 the election of new directors. Seventh—To request Mr. Pedrosa to withdraw his resignation as director. Some advices from Havana report estimates of the quantity to be controlled by the Cuban single seller range from 400,000 to 700,000 tons.

It was pointed out that next week the Co-operative Export Agency will assume control in Cuba. This brought out offers of October sugars at 2 1-16c. The offerings were eagerly accepted by refiners and operators. The volume of sugar sold and hedged by Cuban producers on the Exchange is said to be so large that some feel that the Single Seller will have a lighter task and a smaller volume to handle this year than was originally expected. Cuba will have all the more time to organize for 1930. Futures on the 29th inst. ended 1 point lower to 3 points higher. Near months were firm on covering. Heavy tenders however were expected. Spot raws were quiet on the surface at least. On the 29th inst. confirmed sales in all were 89,000 bags at 2 1-32c. to 2 1-16c. Also later 25,000 bags for October sold at 2 1-16c. c. & f. and 3,000 tons Philippines due about Sept. 15th at 3.83c. delivered.

The talk is that a good deal of the sugar tendered on the September contracts is being received by a Cuban pool in which there are a number of politicians, said to be buying in the belief that when the selling agency assumes control it will be absolute and that it will advance the price of raw sugar. F. O. Licht cabled that his estimate is unaltered. Germany is too dry, rain being wanted everywhere urgently. The stand there has increased little in weight but the sugar content is satisfactorily heavier. Czecho-Slovakian beets have increased in both weight and sugar content. Dr. Mikusch cabled his estimate of the beet crop for all Europe except Russia at 7,095,000 metric tons, against his last year estimate of 7,035,000 tons. For Russia, he estimated the production at 1,480,000 tons, against 1,425,000 last year. Germany, he put at 1,875,000 metric tons, against 1,865,000 last year; Czecho-Slovakia, 1,030,000 against 1,057,000 last year; France, 975,000, against 909,000; Belgium, 285,000, against 279,000; Holland, 260,000, against 321,000; Poland, 800,000, against 747,000; Italy, 410,000, against 385,000; Spain, 250,000, against 239,000, and United Kingdom at 275,000, against 220,000 last year. To-day 567 September notices were issued early. Rawes were quiet. Sales of 10,000 bags of Cuba for October shipment were reported at 2 1-16c. Yesterday several cargoes sold at 2 1-16c. for October shipment. On Monday next the single selling plan goes into effect and will control all sales. New business in refined was rather slow, but withdrawals were very good. Futures to-day closed 1 point lower to 4 higher with sales of 55,750 tons. There was heavy buying of December by commission houses and much covering in September. Refiners are expected to reduce prices next Tuesday 15 to 20 points. Final prices of futures show an advance of 1 to 6 points for the week. Prices follow:

Spot (unofficial)	2 1-16	Jan	2.18@	May	2.29@
Sept	2.06@2.07	Mar	2.23@	July	2.36@
Dec	2.17@				

LARD on the spot was firm at one time at 12.70 to 12.80c. for prime Western. Later 12.55 to 12.65c.; refined Continent 13 1/4c.; South America, 13 3/8c.; Brazil, 14 3/8c. Later prime Western off to 12.45 to 12.55c. Futures on the 24th inst. were 3 to 13 points lower under week-end liquidation. Hogs in Chicago were 10.65 to 12c. Futures on the 26th inst. closed 12 to 20 points off with corn lower and hog receipts larger, though this did not depress hog prices. Futures on the 28th inst. advanced 2 to 5 points with hogs up 10 to 15c. and less Sept. liquidation. Total hog receipts were 72,200, against 68,365 last year. Futures on the 29th inst. ended 7 points higher with a better demand for long account, some covering and a certain sympathy with higher prices for corn. Liverpool was 3d. to 6d. higher. To-day futures ended 2 to 5 points lower with hogs easier and receipts of hogs rather large. Final prices ended 13 to 23 points lower for the week, however.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September delivery	12.10	11.95	11.87	11.90	11.97	11.92
October delivery	12.22	12.10	11.97	12.02	12.10	12.05
December delivery	12.27	12.15	12.10	12.12	12.20	12.17

PORK dull; Mess \$31; family \$36 fat back \$22.50 to \$27. Ribs 13c. Beef quiet; Mess \$25; packet \$26 to \$27; family \$26 to \$30; extra India Mess \$42 to \$45; No. 1 canned beef \$3.10; No. 2 six pounds, South America, \$16.75; pickled tongues \$75 to \$80 per barrel. Cut meats dull and weaker; pickled hams 10 to 20 lbs., 20 1/2 to 22 1/2c.; bellies, clear, 6 to 12 lbs., 18 1/2 to 22c.; bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., 16 1/4c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 16 1/2c. Butter, lower grades to high scoring 37 1/2 to 45c. Cheese, flats 23 1/2 to 29 1/2c.; daisies 23 to 28c. Eggs, medium to extras, 33 1/2 to 42c; closely selected 43 to 45c.

OILS.—Linseed was still 12.8c. for carlots while for 5 and 10-bbl. lots 13.2c. was quoted and for single barrels 13.6c. Trading was small. Large paint interests are only taking enough to fill immediate needs. Cocoanut, Manila, coast tanks, 6 3/8 to 6 1/2c.; spot N. Y. tanks, 6 3/4 to 6 7/8c. Corn, crude, bbls., tanks, f.o.b. mills, 7 3/4 to 8c.; olive, Den., \$1.15 to \$1.30; Chinawood, N. Y. drums, carlots, spot, 14c.; Pacific Coast futures, 12 3/8c. Soya bean, tanks, coast, 9 1/2c. Edible, olive, 2.25 to 2.40c. Lard, prime, 15 1/4c.; extra strained winter, N. Y., 12 3/4c. Cod, Newfoundland, 62c. Turpentine, 53 1/4 to 59 1/4c. Rosin, \$8.67 1/2 to \$9.45. Cottonseed oil to-day closed 8 to 9 points higher with local interests buying and cotton higher. Jan. was switched to March at 13 points. Sales were 13,000 bbls. with P. Crude S. E. 7 3/4c. bid. Closing prices were as follows:

Spot	9.35@	bid	Nov	9.50@9.65	Feb	9.70@9.85
Sept	9.35@	Dec	9.63@9.64	Mar	9.81@9.80	
Oct	9.54@	Jan	9.68@9.71	April	9.84@9.92	

PETROLEUM.—The Standard Oil Co. of New York reduced gasoline 3c. in tank wagon. Several big operators of chain filling stations met the cut. The price is now 18c. including State tax. Other interests are expected to make similar cuts. It is felt in many quarters that these reductions are aimed at vendors of low-priced motor fuel throughout the city and nearby territory. U. S. Motor was 9 to 9 1/2c. tank cars f.o.b. refinery. There was a fair jobbing trade, but buying for forward delivery was not large. Gasoline stocks at refineries were reduced. Refiners representing 93.5% of the industry reported stocks of 32,397,000 barrels at the end of last week, as against 33,897,000 barrels reported by refiners with a 93% total capacity a week previously. Kerosene was steady at 7 3/4 to 8c. for water white in bulk at refinery. Bunker oil was firm at \$1.05 f.o.b. refinery and \$1.10 f.a.s. New York Harbor. Cylinder stocks were steady with a fair demand both for export and domestic account. Gas and fuel oil stocks increased to 143,300,100 barrels last week. A refiner who has maintained his list price for a long period at 10c., on the 29th inst. reduced his quotation for U. S. Motor grade to 9c. tank cars f.o.b. refinery. Other refiners adhered to the 9 to 9 1/2c. level.

Tables of prices usually appearing here will be found on an earlier page in our department of "Business Indications," in an article entitled "Petroleum and Its Products."

RUBBER.—On the 24th inst. New York advanced 10 to 40 points with a better technical position. Liquidation slackened. The sales were 490 tons. Contracts were scarce. London was up 3-16d. and Singapore 1-16 to 1/8d. In London on the 24th inst. spot and August closed at 10 3/4d.; September, 10 7-16d.; October-December at 10 11-16d. Singapore September ended at 9 3/4d.; Oct.-Dec., 10 5-16d.; Jan.-March, 10 9-16d. New York ended on the 24th inst. with September 20.10c.; January, 21.30 to 21.40c.; March, 21.80c.; May, 22.10 to 22.30c. Outside prices: Ribbed smoked spot and August, 20 to 20 1/4c.; Sept., 20 1/2 to 20 3/4c.; Oct.-Dec., 20 1/8 to 21 1/8c.; spot, first latex, 21 1/4 to 21 1/2c.; thin, pale latex, 21 1/2 to 21 3/4c.; clean, thin, brown crepe, 17 to 17 1/4c.; specky crepe, 16 1/2 to 17c.; rolled brown crepe, 12 1/2 to 13c.; Number 2 amber, 17 1/8 to 17 1/2c.; Number 3, 16 7/8 to 17 1/4c.; Number 4, 16 3/8 to 17c. On the 26th inst. New York ended 10 points off to 10 points up with sales of 344 contracts or 860 tons. London's stock increased for the week 1,078 tons, making the total now 34,651 tons against 33,573 tons at the close of the previous week. The week's imports were 2,514 tons and deliveries out of stock 1,436 tons. In Liverpool the stock was 7,285 tons against 5,933 tons at the end of the previous week an increase of 1,292 tons. New York on the 26th inst. ended with October 20.40 to 20.50c.; December, 21.20c.; January, 21.40 to 21.50c.; March, 21.80 to 21.90c.; May, 22.10 to 22.20c. Outside prices: Smoked ribbed spot, August and September, 20 1/4 to 20 3/8c.; October-December, 21 to 21 1/4c.; Jan.-March, 21 1/8 to 21 3/8c.; April-June, 21 1/2 to 22 1/4c.; spot, first latex crepe, 21 1/4 to 21 1/2c.; thin, pale latex, 21 1/2 to 21 3/4c.; clean, thin, brown crepe, 17 1/4 to 17 1/2c.; specky crepe, 16 3/4 to 17 1/4c.; rolled, brown crepe, 12 1/2 to 13c. London on the 26th inst. closed with spot, August and Sept., 10 5-16d. Singapore ended with September, 9 3/4d.; Oct.-December, 10 7-16d.

New York on the 28th inst. ended unchanged to 20 points lower; March at one time was 50 points lower. The Sept. notices unexpectedly ran up to 253. The sales were 2,365 tons, against 1,016 on the previous day. Considerable switching was done. Sept. ended at 20.30c.; Oct., 20.60c.; Dec., 21.40c.; Jan., 21.50c.; March, 21.90 to 22c.; May, 22.30 to 22.50c.; July, 22 to 22.80c. Outside prices: Smoked ribbed sheets, spot and Aug., 20 3/8 to 20 3/4c.; Sept., 20 3/8 to 20 7/8c.; Oct.-Dec., 21 1/8 to 21 3/8c.; Jan.-Mar., 21 1/8 to 22 1/8c.; April-June, 22 1/8 to 22 3/8c.; spot, first latex, 21 1/8 to 21 3/8c.; thin, pale latex, 21 1/8 to 21 3/8c.; clean, thin brown crepe, 17 3/8 to 17 7/8c.; specky crepe, 16 3/4 to 17 1/4c.; rolled brown crepe, 12 1/2 to 13c.; No. 2 amber, 17 1/8 to 17 3/8c.; No. 3, 17 3/8 to 17 7/8c.; No. 4, 17 to 17 3/8c. Paras, upriver, fine, spot, 21 1/2 to 22c.; coarse, 11 1/2c.; Acre, fine, spot, 21 1/4 to 22 1/4c.; Caucho ball, upper, 11 1/2c. London on the 28th inst. advanced 1-16d. spot, and Sept. 10 1/4d.; Singapore, 1/8d. up; Sept., 10d.; Oct.-Dec., 10 9-16d. To-day prices ended 10 points lower to 10 higher with sales of 378 lots. There was some pre-holiday selling. There was little disposition to do much. A holiday spirit prevailed. The Exchange will be closed to-morrow, Aug. 31. London

was $\frac{1}{8}$ d. lower with spot-Sept., $10\frac{1}{4}$ d.; Oct.-Dec., $10\frac{1}{2}$ d. Final prices here are unchanged to 10 points higher for the week.

HIDES.—On the 24th inst. prices ended 10 points lower to 4 points higher. That marked a rise for the week of 35 to 100 points. Trading was down to 120,000 lbs. Saturday being a kind of off day. Dec. on that day closed at 18.75c. and May at 19.20 to 19.25c. On the 26th inst. futures closed 5 points lower to 35 points higher with sales of 960,000 lbs. Sept. and Dec. 17.70c.; Dec. 18.75 to 18.80c.; Jan. 18.85 to 18.95c.; May 19.45 to 19.50c. Argentina 16,000 frigorifico steers Aug. take-off sold at 19 to 19 1-16c. an advance of about $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Here trade was quiet. Common dry, Central America 19c.; Savanillas 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Santa Marta 19c.; Packer, native steers 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 20c.; butt brands 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 19c.; Colorados 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 18c.

On the 28th inst. the sales at the Exchange here were 280,000 lbs., closing unchanged to 15 points lower. Dec. closed on that day at 18.95 to 19c.; May at 19.50 to 19.66c. At Chicago 4,000 light Texas steers sold at 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., an advance of $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Also 4,000 Colorado steers sold at 18c. a pound. Frigorifico steers were firmer; 9,000 hides of the August take-off sold at \$41.25, Argentine gold, or 19 $\frac{1}{8}$ to 19 3-16c. To-day futures ended 30 points off to 10 up, with sales of 21 lots; Sept. closed at 17.25c.; Dec., 18.67c.; March, 18.75c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—Rates were rather weak.

CHARTERS included grain, 25,000 qrs. Montreal, Sept. 1-15 to U. K. 2s. 3d.; Antwerp and Rotterdam, 2s. Sugar, Cuba, Sept. to U. K. Continent, 18c. 6d. Tankers—British Earl, clean, one year, 6s. 9d.; Polarine, 40,000 bbls. gasoline, part Gulf, Sept. cargo to North of Hatteras, 37c.; Deodala, 3,800 tons, Constanza-Naples, 10s. fuel oil, August; Luisiano, 3,200 tons, Black Sea-West Coast Italy, 11s. 6d., clean August; Atlas, 2,000 tons, Batoum and Constanza-Vado, 14s. 6d., clean, August. Time—Adolf Leonhardt, 1,757 tons net, Hamburg-United States and/or West Indies, 7s.; trip across, Jason, prompt North Atlantic, \$2.25. Oil cake—Aggersund, Sept., Gulf for two or three Danish ports, \$6.75.

TOBACCO was in general quiet here. A certain amount of business was done in Sumatra for the making of 5-cent cigars but the offerings were not large so that trade was correspondingly restricted. Prices were firm. A fair trade was reported in Connecticut shade grown at steady prices. The tone was said to be if anything a trifle firmer on Wisconsin binders. No marked change was noticeable though the Wisconsin crop is said to have been recently damaged by storms. Just how great, however, the damage has not yet been determined. Charleston, wired: "Tobacco bringing good prices." At New Orleans there is now a normal demand. Export business recently increased very noticeably. Lumberton, N. C., to the U. S. Tobacco Journal: "Last Friday night closed one of the outstanding weeks with sales amounting to 1,311,570 lbs., which brought \$301,600, an average of \$16.65. It was the biggest week at Lumberton this season." Havana (to the same) reported good buying. Cuban leaf exports for seven months showed a small decrease. Richmond, Va., South Georgia's 1929 bright leaf tobacco crop has exceeded all records, both for production and gross returns, it was shown in the weekly report of the State Department of Agriculture for the fourth week of the current sales season, showing a total poundage sold of 86,740,003 for \$16,271,301. The average for the season is \$18.76 per hundred pounds. The season's sales exceed by more than 1,000,000 lbs. the best previous year, which was 1928, when the crop totaled 85,727,172 lbs., but brought only \$10,958,575, or an average of \$12.78 per hundred lbs. Money return exceeds by \$5,000,000 the highest mark, which was set in 1927.

COAL.—Soft coal has recently been more active here but quiet in Philadelphia. In Pittsburgh it was up to \$1.60 for steam run of the mine. Buffalo had a larger trade. Cincinnati was predicting a rise of 25c. in the lump and egg circular to \$3.25, due to a better statistical position. Sales of smokeless are said to be large beyond precedent in the low-volatile domestic sizes. Hard coal is being pushed at the Northwest. Cincinnati in some cases quotes smokeless nut and slack for top quality at \$1.50. Northern West Virginia high volatiles were firm, with lump quoted up to \$2.25, steam mine run up to \$1.50, and gas up to \$1.70. In New England prime Pennsylvania products imitate the firmness of the Southern low volatiles.

COPPER was in better demand and steady at 18 to 18.30c., the latter for export. Domestic sales are now better than those for export, and are expected to show a balance in their favor for August. The "Engineering & Mining Journal" estimated domestic sales for the week at 28,000 tons and export sales for the month to date at 45,000 tons. In London on the 28th inst. spot standard was unchanged and futures advanced 2s. 6d. Electrolytic unchanged at £84 5s. for spot and £84 15s. for futures. On the 29th inst. spot standard in London advanced 2s. 6d. to £73 17s. 6d.; futures up 3s. 9d. to £74 15s.; sales, 50 tons spot and 625 futures. Electrolytic was again unchanged; at the second London session standard rose 3s. 9d. with sales of 200 tons futures.

TIN was a little more active on the Exchange at one time but trading in specific brands was quiet. Prompt Straits sold at 46.10 to 46 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. On the exchange here on the 29th inst. 29 lots sold mostly Sept. Prices ended on that day 20 points lower to 5 points higher. In London on the 28th inst. prices declined 7s. 6d.; spot standard £208; futures £212; sales 10 tons and 390 futures. Spot Straits £212; Eastern

e.i.f. London dropped £1 10s. to £216 on sales of 150 tons. At the second London session on that day sales were 75 tons futures. Later Straits tin sold at 46 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for spot and 46 $\frac{5}{8}$ c. for Nov. On the 29th inst. futures closed with Sept. 45.95 to 46c. In London on the 29th inst. prices fell 2s. 6d. on standard spot to £207, 17s. 6d.; futures £212; sales spot and futures 300 tons; Spot Straits off 2s., 6d. to £211, 17s. 6d.; Eastern e.i.f. London £216 with sales of 175 tons. To-day futures ended at 45.75c. for Sept. 46.60c. for Dec. and 47.20c. for March with sales of 35 tons. Aug. deliveries it is stated were 7,185 tons. America is ahead in tin consumption. Deliveries for the first 8 months were 62,240 tons or more than 10,000 tons larger than for the same period last year.

LEAD was in good demand, especially for Sept. and Oct. shipment. Prices were 6.55c. East St. Louis and 6.75c. New York. In London on the 28th inst. prices were unchanged at £23 6s. 3d. for spot and £23 8s. 9d. for futures; sales 100 tons spot and 300 futures. On the 29th inst. prices were higher with buying mostly for Sept. shipment. Sales this week are estimated at something like 12,000 tons. Auto production in August exceeded that of July. In London on the 29th inst. spot was up 2s. 6d. to £23 8s. 9d.; futures £23 11s. 3d.; sales 2,000 tons futures; later in the day futures were up 1s. 3d.

ZINC was steady at 6.80c. East St. Louis. Most of the demand has been for prompt delivery and that position was a little stronger. In London on the 28th inst. spot dropped 1s. 3d. to £24 16s. 3d.; futures unchanged at £25 3s. 9d.; sales, 600 tons futures. Later the tone seemed to be a little steadier. East St. Louis, 6.80c. for prime Western slab. Prompt delivery was firmer than futures. High grade zinc is wanted. London on the 29th inst. was £25 16s. 3d. for spot; futures off 1s. 3d. to £25 2s. 6d.; sales 300 tons evenly divided between spot and futures.

STEEL has sold, as a rule, less readily but there are hopes of a better trade in September. Meanwhile sheet mills are operating at a comparatively high rate and a new record is suggested at Chicago. Sheets are being bought by automobile makers. Lar er sales than usual in August have been reported to electrical goods, radio and electric refrigerator makers. But specifications in plates in the main are smaller, even if both sales and specifications in the Central West are still the largest on any of the finished lines. At Chicago rail orders are expected to be larger in September. At Pittsburgh the highest grade of scrap advanced to \$19.50 to \$19.75 delivered there. At Pittsburgh prices for galvanized sheets and wire nails were irregular. Nails, it seems, were \$2.55 in some cases and galvanized black sheets \$2.85. One Pittsburgh wire said that bars, shapes and plates were generally \$1.95 and cold-finished steel bars \$2.30. Hot-rolled strip steel, \$2.10; cold strips, \$2.75 to \$2.85. Semi-finished steel is in larger supply, though \$35 Pittsburgh or Mahoning district was still quoted on billets and sheet bars and \$42 on wire rods.

PIG IRON was quiet here but Buffalo was reported more cheerful after recent rather large shipments to the West. Not for 6 years, it is said have the stocks of iron at Eastern furnaces been so small as they are now. In New York the sales are even smaller, however, than they were recently. But shipments of pig iron in Aug. have been larger than in July. Some report more inquiry for the fourth quarter. Southern furnaces are in some cases in a better position after recent sales at as low as \$12.50 at furnaces for basic and No. 2 foundry in competitive parts of the country. To Illinois sales were 10,000 tons of basic it seems at something under \$13.

WOOL.—A Boston Government report said: "Wool prices remain firm in spite of a little slower demand than was received a few weeks ago. Supplies of 56s, and lower grades are somewhat restricted, and the short combing original bag 64s, and finer move readily. The better combing 64s, and finer are fairly firm, while 58s, 60s wools are strong. The receipts of domestic wool at Boston for the week ended Aug. 24th amounted to 8,080,000 lbs. as compared with 7,671,300 during the previous week.

London cabled Aug. 28: "The total wool clip for the 1928-29 season in Australia amounts to 950,000,000 lbs., exceeding the record in 1926-27 by 26,000,000 lbs. The value of the new clip was approximately \$350,000,000. The United Kingdom was the largest individual purchasing country. France was second and Japan third. The United States was seventh. A total of 2,690,000 bales passed through brokers' stores, 228,000 more than the original estimate and also a record. All except 44,000 were sold. Estimate for the ensuing clip is 2,585,000 with an addition of 258,000 which will not pass through brokers' stores, including direct shipments, sales to dealers in country districts and skin wools, making an estimated total production of 2,843,000 bales, over 100,000 bales below the production of the past season. The general expectation is for a lighter clip in the ensuing season owing to droughty conditions and poor lambing percentages in certain districts."

SILK closed to-day unchanged to one point higher on old contracts, with no sales reported; Sept., \$4.89 to \$4.92; Dec., \$4.88 to \$4.90; new contracts ended 1 to 2 points higher with sales of 470 bales; Sept., \$4.90 to \$4.92; Dec., \$4.89 to \$4.90; March, \$4.90 to \$4.91.

COTTON

Friday Night, Aug. 30 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 183,758 bales, against 108,086 bales last week and 65,804 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1929 410,170 bales, against 241,021 bales for the same period of 1929, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1929 of 169,149 bales.

Table with columns: Receipts at—, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Total. Rows include Galveston, Texas City, Houston, Corpus Christi, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, Baltimore.

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1929 and stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Table comparing 1929 and 1928 receipts and stock. Columns: Receipts to Aug. 30, 1929 (This Week, Since Aug 1 1929), 1928 (This Week, Since Aug 1 1928), Stock (1929, 1928).

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Table with columns: Receipts at—, 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925, 1924. Rows include Galveston, Houston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, N'port N.&c., All others.

*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 41,820 bales, of which 4,315 were to Great Britain, 617 to France, 10,312 to Germany, 691 to Italy, 5,991 to Russia, 12,016 to Japan and China, and 7,878 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 70,486 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 187,268 bales, against 260,751 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week.

Table with columns: Week Ended Aug 30 1929 Exports from—, Exported to— (Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Japan & China, Other, Total). Rows include Galveston, Houston, Corpus Christi, New Orleans, Savannah, Charleston, Norfolk, New York, Total 1928, Total 1927.

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 July the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 12,295 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 15,891 bales. For the twelve months ended July 31 1929 there were 270,724 bales exported, as against 235,798 bales for the corresponding twelve months of 1927-1928.

In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named:

Table with columns: On Shipboard Not Cleared for—, Leaving Stock. Sub-columns: Aug. 30 at—, Great Britain, France, Germany, Other Foreign, Coast-wise, Total. Rows include Galveston, New Orleans, Savannah, Charleston, Mobile, Norfolk, Other ports *.

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton was not active, but the tone was firmer and prices advanced owing to continued drought in Texas and a noticeable tendency to reduce crop estimates coincident with a marked decline in the condition of the plant during August. On the 24th prices advanced slightly after some irregularity due to erroneous reports of good rains in Texas. Rains fell in the coastal part of Texas sometimes where no cotton is raised. On the other hand, some argued that the loss of yield in Texas might conceivably in part at least be made up over on the Eastern side of the belt.

On the 26th inst. prices were irregular within small limits, ending at a slight decline. There were rains in Texas at 30 stations, mostly well under 1/4 of an inch, though on the coast they were 2 1/2 inches and under. Some in the Eastern Central section were 1 1/4 inches. The really vital point was that rainfalls, mostly light, at 30 out of 80 stations in Texas did not break the drought. Still there were hopes of further rains. Spot markets were more active at a decline of 5 points. Crop reports were unfavorable from Texas and parts of Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee, but in some cases favorable from the Eastern belt. Liverpool was steadied by the continued dry weather in Texas. Exports, it is true, were small. Worth Street, though steady, did only a small or at best moderate business. But Manchester had, if anything, a better trade. Almost everybody here was awaiting the end-month private crop reports.

On the 27th inst. prices advanced 15 to 20 points on the familiar facts of dry, hot Texas and Oklahoma, bad weevil reports, strong cables and a Garside report putting the condition at 58% against 69.6 the Government estimate on August 1st. In other words, it was 11.6% under August 1st and 9.4 under the 10-year average for September 1st. Texas it seemed to be assumed by the Boston statisticians has a condition of 50%, adding that his crop estimate of August 7th of 15,080,000 bales would probably have to be reduced 1 to 2%.

On the 28th inst. prices advanced 20 to 25 points, with Texas and Oklahoma hot and dry and the weekly report mostly bullish. December was bought freely. The trade called. Liverpool was a little higher than due. Spot markets were firm. Memphis reported better buying of late by French, Italian, Spanish and Japanese, even though British and German mills bought little. One private report put the condition at 58.5 against the Government report on the 8th of 69.6 and a 10-year average for September 1st of 67.4. and the crop at 15,150,000 bales, provided the Texas drought is broken immediately and the weather thereafter is favorable. The summary of the weekly report said: "Weather conditions were unfavorable for cotton over large parts of the belt, especially in the West, where it continued hot and dry. The crop has made good progress in extreme Western and parts of Northwestern Texas, but elsewhere in that State it mostly deteriorated, with considerable shedding, premature opening and complaints of small, imperfect bolls. The general condition is spotted, ranging from very poor to very good.

Deterioration continued also in Oklahoma, where the drought was unrelieved and intensified by high temperatures. Plants are wilting during the day, with much shedding and premature opening in the drier areas. In Arkansas progress was mostly good to excellent except in some Western, Central and Southern localities, where it is poor because of the long drought, while in Northern Louisiana unfavorable conditions persist. In the Eastern belt progress varied considerably. In the South some local areas were too wet, with further complaints of shedding, while droughty conditions continued in some interior sections, more notably in Northern Georgia and parts of the Piedmont of South Carolina. But in the Carolinas con-

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year, is set out in detail below:

Table with columns for Movement to Aug. 30 1929, Movement to Aug. 31 1928, Receipts, Shipments, Stocks, Towns, Week, Season, Week, Season, Week, Aug. 31.

The above total shows that the interior stocks have increased during the week 10,460 bales and are to-night 51,309 bales more than at the same time last year. The receipts at all the towns have been 24,329 bales less than the same week last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.

Table with columns for Aug. 30—Shipped, 1929—Week, Since Aug. 1, 1928—Week, Since Aug. 1.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 807 bales, against 1,280 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits an increase over a year ago of 1,221 bales.

Table with columns for In Sight and Spinners' Takings, Week, Since Aug. 1, 1929, Week, Since Aug. 1, 1928.

Movement into sight in previous years: Week—Bales, Since Aug. 1—Bales.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.

Table with columns for Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wed'day, Thurs'dy, Friday.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotation for middling upland at New York on Aug. 30 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

Table with columns for Year, Quotation.

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.

Table with columns for Spot Market Closed, Futures Market Closed, SALES, Spot, Contr'ct, Total.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

Table with columns for Saturday, Aug. 24, Monday, Aug. 26, Tuesday, Aug. 27, Wednesday, Aug. 28, Thursday, Aug. 29, Friday, Aug. 30.

REPORT OF FINISHERS OF COTTON FABRICS FOR JULY 1929.

The National Association of Finishers of Cotton Fabrics collects and compiles each month, and furnishes to the Federal Reserve Board by Federal Reserve districts, statistics on production and shipments of finished cotton goods. The July figures, furnished by 27 (out of 49) members of the National Association, are shown in the following table:

Large table with columns for Federal Reserve District, Total, White Goods, Dyed Goods, Printed Goods.

*Includes in certain instances figures for plants reporting totals only. x Figures for white goods and dyed goods combined.

Argentine shipments for the week were estimated at 5,700,000 bushels against 6,860,000 last week and 971,000 last year. An Argentine Government report put the exportable surplus of wheat at 1,520,000 tons (55,485,000 bushels) as of August 15th, according to a cable report from A. V. Dye, commercial attache. The carryover from last year is estimated at 236,000 tons (12,712,000 bushels), and the new crop at 8,365,000 tons (307,330,000 bushels).

While the deterioration of some crops in the Canadian Prairie Provinces has been an unfavorable development of the Summer, the situation has been improved by the fact that Canada has a carryover of 118,000,000 bushels of wheat of the crop of 1928, according to a summary of business by the Bank of Montreal. An official report shows that the cereal crop in European Russia, except the Eastern Provinces, is 10% or more above the average of the last five years. In a great part of the middle and lower Volga Provinces it is 15 to 30% below the average. In the Transcaucasus, in Central Asia, and in extreme Eastern Siberia, the yield is above the average. The rest of Siberia has had unfortunate results. But as a whole the Russian crop is above the average.

The first official report on the result of the French wheat crop had created a belief that this year's harvest will reach 90,000,000 hundredweights, a figure higher than normal. In any case, the harvest of 1929 will be much superior to that of 1928, when 76,000,000 hundredweights were harvested. France is not likely to need imports of foreign wheat this year to provide for the country's consumption. Preliminary estimates of the world's wheat crop in the current year, according to a London cable, put the total at 526,791,000 quarters of eight bushels, or the equivalent of around 4,214,328,000 bushels. Threshing returns from the Northwest and in Canada confirm the previous low estimates on all grains as a result of drought. Threshings of bread Spring wheat in the Dakotas average about 10 bushels, and in Canada 4 to 20 bushels, with more 8 to 12 bushels per acre.

To-day prices, after frequent fluctuations, ended unchanged at 5/8c. higher. Early in the day they were lower. The cables were disappointing. Export demand was poor. There was hedge selling. But later it was a different story. Drought in Argentine came to the front. Without good rains in that country it seems impossible to raise a normal crop. At least that is coming to be the conviction of many. There were reports of frost in parts of Argentina. Moreover, the cash market was firm in this country. Liverpool rallied sharply later. Buenos Aires was closed to-day. Galveston cleared 1,120,000 bushels yesterday. Interior receipts were fair. There may be, it is true, quite a good increase in the visible supply on Tuesday next. World's shipments this week seem to be about 11,000,000 bushels. Export business was slow to the last, but stress was laid on the estimate that the world's crop at this time is some 660,000,000 bushels less than last year. Final prices show a decline of 5/8 to 1 1/4c. for the week. In other words, the net results for the week show a firm undertone.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 hard winter	Sat. 137 1/2	Mon. 136 1/2	Tues. 136 3/4	Wed. 135 1/2	Thurs. 137 1/2	Fri. 138 1/4
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

September delivery	Sat. 132 3/4	Mon. 131 1/2	Tues. 132 1/4	Wed. 130	Thurs. 132 1/4	Fri. 132 1/2
December delivery	141 1/2	140 3/4	141 3/8	139 3/4	141 3/8	142 1/4
March delivery	147 1/2	146 3/4	147 3/4	145 1/4	147 3/4	148 1/2
May delivery	151	150 3/4	151 1/4	149 3/4	151 1/4	151 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

October delivery	Sat. 155 1/4	Mon. 153 3/4	Tues. 155	Wed. 152 3/4	Thurs. 153 1/4	Fri. 153 1/2
December delivery	154 1/4	152 3/4	154	151 3/4	153	153 3/4
May delivery	159 3/4	157 3/4	159 3/4	157 3/4	158 3/4	158 3/4

Indian corn has advanced, as the belt has not had enough rain. The firmness of wheat also had an influence. On the 24th inst. prices advanced 1 to 1 1/2c., with most of the belt dry and hot, whereas it needed rains. Commission houses were buying. There was a tendency to buy corn and sell wheat. It was a weather market, however. Such markets are proverbially shift. They go suddenly one way or the other. On the 26th inst. prices ended 1 1/2c. lower, after some rallies. The crop news was called more favorable. General rains were reported in the Southwest, especially in Nebraska, Missouri, and Kansas. Cash markets declined. Further rains were forecast. The United States visible supply decreased last week 1,307,000 bushels against 2,055,000 last year. The total is now 5,798,000 bushels against 10,428,000 a year ago. September was under pressure. Larger receipts were a feature. The interior seemed disposed to get rid of old corn. The basis weakened. Country offerings at slightly over the market were large. On the 27th inst. prices ended 1 to 1 1/2c. higher, due partly to the rally in wheat. Also cash prices were firmer, with reports of damage coming from Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri. September shorts were covering. It was the firmest month. Country offerings were not large. Nebraska has had rains, but the belt in general was dry.

Crop advices on August 25th said that corn has been badly scorched in many counties in Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, in the Eastern sections, in the Southwest, and in Oklahoma.

Temperatures in Kansas, Oklahoma and Northern Texas were 100 to 105 degrees the early part of the week, with practically no moisture. On the 29th inst. prices ended 1/4 to 1/2c. higher. September liquidation was a feature, but the distant months were quite firm. Unfavorable private reports came from Kansas and Nebraska. Cash markets were firm. The receipts were small. The belt needed rain. It got very little. To-day prices ended 3/8 to 5/8c. higher. There was not enough rain over the belt. Persistent reports of deterioration had their effect. Covering was very noticeable. The firmness of wheat, of course, helped corn. Country offerings were small. Cash markets were very firm. Some reaction was due to pre-holiday liquidation. Final prices show a gain for the week of 1 to 2 1/4c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 yellow	Sat. 116 3/4	Mon. 116 1/4	Tues. 118 3/4	Wed. 118 1/2	Thurs. 118 1/2	Fri. 119
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

September delivery	Sat. 102 3/4	Mon. 101 1/4	Tues. 102 1/2	Wed. 102 3/4	Thurs. 102 3/4	Fri. 103
December delivery	99 3/4	98 3/4	99 3/4	98 1/2	100	100 3/4
March delivery	104 1/2	103 3/4	103 3/4	102 3/4	104	104 3/4
May delivery	107 3/4	106 3/4	107	106 3/4	107 1/2	108

Oats have had a good cash demand and prices have advanced. In Canada the crop is short and Canada is buying American oats. On the 24th inst. prices in a small market were at one time 1/4 to 3/8c. higher, but wound up on that day 3/8 to 5/8c. lower under scattered liquidation, though the market really had no striking features. On the 26th inst. prices ended 1/2 to 3/4c. lower in sympathy with the decline in other grain, hedging sales also having some effect. Scattered liquidation also told. The receipts were large. The United States visible supply increased last week 6,011,000 bushels against 4,309,000 a year ago. The total is now 19,060,000 bushels against 10,964,000 a year ago. On the 27th inst. prices ended 1/2c. higher in quiet trading, but with quotations affected to some extent by the rally in other grain. Cash houses bought March. Commission houses preferred to buy December. Cash demand was better at a rise of 1/2 to 1c. Shippers did a good business. They sold 250,000 bushels for shipment from Chicago. The country movement slackened. On the 28th inst. prices ended 1/4 to 3/8c. higher, with cash demand increasing, crop movement smaller and hedge selling easily taken.

On the 29th inst. prices ended 3/4 to 1c. higher. There was no pressure to sell. Oats readily responded to the firmness of corn. To-day prices ended 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c. net higher, after active trading. The strength of oats prices was a conspicuous feature. Commission houses were buying freely. Shorts covered. They were nervous over the firmness of the cash market. Profit taking was readily absorbed. So was hedge selling. Bad domestic and Canadian crop advices had a certain effect. Significantly enough Canada was actually buying American oats. Naturally this was emphasized by the friends of the buying side. Final prices showed a net advance for the week of 1 1/2 to 2c.

Rye has declined with export demand lacking and hedge selling larger. On the 24th inst. prices declined 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c. in response to the decline in wheat. No export demand varied the monotony of prolonged dullness in this direction.

On the 26th inst. a net decline occurred of 1 1/2 to 2c. in response to a decline in wheat. Also there was no aggressive buying; quite the contrary. Liquidation was of course noticeable. The United States visible supply increased last week 942,000 bushels against a decrease last year in the same week of 282,000. The total is now 8,104,000 bushels against 1,312,000 a year ago. Of barley the total increase last week was 652,000 bushels against 2,066,000 last year; total, 7,614,000 bushels against 5,290,000 a year ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white	Sat. 57 1/2	Mon. 55 3/4	Tues. 57 1/2	Wed. 58 1/2	Thurs. 57 1/2	Fri. 58 1/2
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

September delivery	Sat. 46 3/4	Mon. 45 3/4	Tues. 46 3/4	Wed. 47 1/2	Thurs. 47 3/4	Fri. 48 3/4
December delivery	50 3/4	50 1/4	50 3/4	51	51 3/4	53 1/4
March delivery	54 3/4	53 3/4	54 3/4	54 3/4	55 1/4	56 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

October delivery	Sat. 70 3/4	Mon. 69 1/2	Tues. 70	Wed. 68 3/4	Thurs. 68 3/4	Fri. 67 3/4
December delivery	69 3/4	68 3/4	69 3/4	68 3/4	68 3/4	68 3/4
May delivery	72	71 1/2	71 3/4	71 3/4	71 3/4	71 3/4

On the 27th inst. prices ended 1/4 to 1c. lower, after some irregularity, as wheat prices varied. On the 28th inst. September liquidation made for lower prices by 7/8 to 1 1/2c. net at the close. The effect of a decline in wheat was apparent. On the 29th inst., with wheat up, rye prices ended 1/2 to 2 1/2c. higher, though there was no export and seemingly much likelihood of any in the near future. To-day prices ended 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c. lower on liquidation, the absence of export trade, and an increase in hedge selling. Under the circumstances rye broke away from wheat and ended lower despite the rise in wheat, which rye is apt to follow. Final prices show a decline in rye for the week of 1 1/2 to 2c.

California. Growth of grain sorghums was retarded in the lower Plains, but in parts of the Southwest favorable advance was made.

The ground is generally too dry and hard for fall plowing in the main winter wheat districts and very little has been done so far, although some seeding was accomplished in northwestern Kansas; much plowing was reported from the moister areas of the eastern Ohio Valley.

CORN.—There is still much need of a general rain over the entire Corn Belt, especially for the late crop on upland soils. In the eastern Ohio Valley rains were beneficial in a good many places, especially in Ohio, West Virginia, and northern Kentucky, while local showers were helpful in some other valley sections, but there is a general need of rain over the area. Droughty conditions were also relieved in a few counties of Iowa, principally in the south and west, but there are an unusually large number of reports of firing on uplands in this State; the crop made excellent progress toward maturity, with the bulk dented in the northern and central counties. In most other parts of the western belt unfavorably droughty conditions continued, and late corn deteriorated rather generally. The crop is still in fair to good condition in northern and eastern Nebraska, and looks well in most of the principal producing sections of South Dakota, but to the southward of these States and in Missouri late corn has been damaged badly by the dry weather; reports of damage from the same cause continue from many sections of the middle Atlantic area.

COTTON.—Weather conditions were unfavorable for cotton over large parts of the belt, especially in the west where it continued hot and dry. The crop made good progress in extreme western and parts of northwestern Texas, but elsewhere in that State it mostly deteriorated, with considerable shedding, premature opening, and complaints of small, imperfect bolls; the general condition is spotted, ranging from very poor to very good. Deterioration continued also in Oklahoma where the drought was unrelieved and intensified by high temperatures; plants are wilting during the day, with much shedding; premature opening in the drier areas. In Arkansas progress was mostly good to excellent, except in some western, central, and southern localities where it is poor because of the long drought, while in northern Louisiana unfavorable conditions persist.

In the eastern belt progress varied considerably. In the south some local areas were too wet, with further complaints of shedding, while droughty conditions continued in some interior sections, more notably in northern Georgia and parts of the Piedmont of South Carolina, but in the Carolinas conditions continued mostly favorable, and progress of the crop was generally good.

Picking and ginning made excellent advance where this work has begun, except where rains were frequent in portions of the southeast. Weevil activity was favored in these wetter sections, but in most places the dryness was favorable for holding them in check, especially in the western belt where it was both dry and hot.

The Weather Bureau furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Temperatures moderate; showers mostly light, but moderate to heavy in some localities of south-central and southwest; no rain in some eastern and north-central localities. Crops mostly good, where showers occurred; too dry elsewhere and farm crops and pastures deteriorated. Cotton good; curing tobacco continued. Unfavorable for plowing.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Week somewhat cool; moderate to heavy rains in east and central, but light in west. Progress of cotton fair to good; some reports of fruiting well and some shedding; weather favorable for weevil activity in east. Tobacco harvested in east; half done in west. Other crops doing well in east and most of central, but need rain in west, especially corn.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Dryness persists in sections of Piedmont where all late crops need rain, with some corn firing and cotton shedding rather badly, although drought causing reduced weevil activity; elsewhere intermittent showers favorable for late corn, sweet potatoes, and minor crops. Early cotton opening, with picking and ginning advancing slowly; late excellent in east, south, and central, but green and rather sappy; crop not blooming as freely as formerly, but general progress good.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Drought continued in most of north, while frequent rains in south favored considerable weevil activity. Much shedding and condition of cotton generally poor; picking and ginning progressing well. Corn needs rain in north. Minor crops promising.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Rains delayed work locally, but much sunshine on several days favorable for picking cotton, with one-half done in some districts. Good progress in harvesting corn, hay, and peanuts, except delayed by showers locally. Strawberries doing well; citrus groves, including satsumas in west, good.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Week averaged warm; scattered showers, and rain needed in many sections, especially in north and central portions. Truck and pastures good progress and condition in coast section and elsewhere where moisture adequate; otherwise falling. Corn and sweet potatoes fair to good. Progress of cotton varied from deterioration in dry sections to good where rains sufficient; condition averaged only fair; shedding badly in droughty sections and some complaints of premature opening, rust, red spider, and boll rot; picking and ginning progressing in south.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Early cotton opening rapidly and some prematurely, with picking becoming general in south and central. Early corn maturing in extreme south; progress throughout poor to only fair. Progress of pastures mostly poor.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Frequent rains near coast, but entirely insufficient to relieve drought in north. Cotton opening rapidly and considerable premature opening in drier areas; excellent advance of picking and ginning; further complaints of shedding and diminished fruiting; weather has failed to check insect activity; general condition only fair. Excellent for gathering hay and corn and fairly satisfactory for harvesting rice.

Texas.—Houston: Frequent showers in coastal and adjacent counties; warm and mostly dry elsewhere. Moisture improved pastures and put soil in condition for fall truck planting in coastal section, and conditions also favorable in extreme west and portions of Panhandle; elsewhere pastures, late corn, feed, and minor crops deteriorated, with condition poor to only fair. Citrus doing well; rice harvest slowed account rain. Cotton made in much of south and progress good in extreme west and portions of northwest; elsewhere the crop mostly deteriorated, with considerable shedding, premature opening, and complaints of small and imperfect bolls; general condition spotted, ranging from very poor to very good; picking and ginning made good progress.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Clear, hot, and dry. Drought severe over entire State and all crops deteriorated. Early corn matured; progress and condition of late-planted generally very poor to poor and crop badly burned on uplands. Cotton deteriorated account heat and dryness; crop wilting during day, much shedding of squares and bolls, and premature opening in drier areas; picking in south portion. Progress and condition of grain sorghums, broomcorn, sweet potatoes, and peanuts generally poor.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Progress of cotton good to very good, except in some western, central and southern localities, where poor, due to five to seven weeks' drought; some shedding and premature opening where so dry; picking and ginning begun in southern and some central localities; weather checked weevil. Progress of late corn fair in east; poor to very poor elsewhere due to dryness.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Continuing above-normal temperatures and dryness resulted in very poor progress and condition of corn, and continuation of conditions may cause great damage; condition excellent in some western sections. Early tobacco being harvested; late needs rain. Condition of cotton fair, but progress rather poor; much shedding.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Moderate showers in north and light in south, but otherwise dry; temperatures moderate. Rains improved crops, except where damaged beyond recovery in north-central. Progress and condition of corn very poor to poor in north; very good in south. Tobacco cutting general and progressing rapidly; much barley cut prematurely. Fall plowing and seeding begun where moisture sufficient. Much more rain needed.

the cotton goods division, where purchases have been stimulated by the continued unfavorable reports regarding the growing crop, and to modified ideas as to the ultimate yield. The drought in the Southwest has continued for the most part unbroken, and complaints of crop deterioration from this section have multiplied. In fact, advices received through authoritative sources from all quarters of the belt have been more or less pessimistic. Thus, in view of these conditions, and the fact that mills will likely continue their curtailment program throughout September, a firm and active market should rule and give cause for current advances. In regard to woollens, further openings have revealed that the majority of manufacturers are adhering to a price policy which limits recessions to about 3% under levels which prevailed at this time a year ago. There have been occasional rumors of price cuts making headway, but practically all have proved to be groundless. There continues to be an active demand for floor coverings, so much so that manufacturers for the first time in years have been running their mills on full time, and in many cases on double time. Silk prices have not been very satisfactory, but as the larger silk houses have announced that they will close their mills over the Labor Day week-end, this curtailment of production is expected will help matters. Although there has been a little slackening in some of the major industries of the country, such as steel and automobile, this has been offset by continued activity in other lines. Consequently, with trade in general being maintained at a high rate, the outlook for textiles is viewed satisfactorily.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Increased sales have been reported from most all sections of the markets for domestic cotton goods during the week. The general undertone has been firmer, with price advances scored in several directions. The present unfavorable outlook for the cotton crop, and reduced estimates of the final yield, have been largely responsible for the activity which has developed among buyers. Values of two of the larger selling print cloth constructions reached better levels during the week, and sizable amounts of nearby goods have been sold. Prices for other lines of goods are also being rigidly maintained by mills, and the business placed has exceeded expectations with a still broader market in prospect. Mills expressed the belief that values would also further appreciate, and seemed to be more convinced that their views would be borne out by the next Government report on the cotton crop, which is now not far distant. Towels have been in considerable demand, gray goods have sold well, and good orders have been received for blankets. According to reports, blanket buyers who departed from the market in order to be home for Labor Day left substantial re-order business in the hands of manufacturers. The business booked shows a decided increase in the orders for solid colors, and those of the reversible type. Considerable attention is also given to the preparations of holiday goods made ready for use or in piece goods. At present, new lines of woven cotton slip coverings are in the sample stage against Spring needs to be made available for manufacturers and piece goods distributors during October or later. Print cloths 28-inch 64x60's construction are quoted at 5 1/2c., and 27-inch 64x60's at 5 1/4c. Gray goods 39-inch 68x72's construction are quoted at 8 3/4c., and 39-inch 80x80's at 10 1/2c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—Buyers in the markets for woollens and worsteds have been numerous during the week, although the majority are not expected to be present until after Labor Day. Most of the buyers who have viewed lines this week represented large scale clothing houses which usually operate early, and which generally anticipate their needs in order to obtain concessions for taking early deliveries. Consequently, increased buying activity is expected to develop within the near future. Lines of men's wear fancy worsteds and woollens for Spring were generally opened during the early part of the week at prices showing reductions approximating those made by the American Woolen Company. In fact, the pricing of woollens by the majority of firms proved somewhat of a surprise, as the goods were firmly priced, and buyers found concessions above 5c. a yard difficult to locate. Hence, many expressed gratification regarding the price stabilization which opens the season.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—One of the bright spots in the markets for linens is the excellent holiday business which appears to be looming up in handkerchiefs. Advance orders so far received are said to compare well with last year, and additional business is being booked at a satisfactory rate. Novelties predominate in women's goods, and the boxed assortments for the Christmas period are receiving particular attention. A better business is also expected to develop for other lines of linen goods within the near future. Burlaps have ruled quiet, and easier. Prices in the primary markets scored declines, and caused a lowering of quotations in the local market. Light weights are quoted at 6.95c., and heavies at 9.00c.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Aug. 30 1929.

Optimism increased in the markets for textiles during the week, and as a result both inquiries and sales have been on a broader scale. This has been particularly true in

116,500 Babbitt Road impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$11,500, 1930; \$11,000, 1931 to 1933, incl., and \$12,000, 1934 to 1939, inclusive.

All of the special assessment and county portion bonds are dated Sept. 1 1929.

The successful bidders are reoffering the bonds for public investment at prices to yield from 6.00 to 4.80%, according to maturity.

The second highest bid was 100.169 for the obligations as 5 1/8%. This was submitted by a syndicate of bankers, which included the following: The Guaranty Co., the Bankers Co., Estabrook & Co., the Northern Trust Co., Ames, Emerich & Co., Arthur Sinclair-Wallace & Co., Hannahs, Ballin & Lee, Emanuel & Co., and Tillotson & Wolcott Co.

A bid of 100.156 for the bonds as 5 1/8% was made by a banking group made up of the Continental Illinois Co., the First Union Trust and Savings Bank, of Chicago; Detroit and Security Trust Co., William R. Compton Co., Herrick & Co., Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Otis & Co., The Guardian Trust Co. of Cleveland, Braun, Bosworth & Co.

Also bidding for the securities as 5 1/8%, an offer of 100.049 was made by a group comprising Harris, Forbes & Co., the National City Co., the Old Colony Corp., R. L. Day & Co., the American National Co., Curtis & Sanger and Hayden, Miller & Co.

Financial Statement.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Actual valuation, assessed valuation, total bonded debt, sinking fund, net debt, and population estimates.

DARIEN, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—J. A. MacCammond, Town Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (standard time) on Sept. 9, for the purchase of \$75,000 4 3/4% coupon bridge bonds.

DAVIES COUNTY (P. O. Washington), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,580 5% public highway improvement bonds offered on Aug. 24—V. 129, p. 1159—were awarded to Thomas D. Sheerin & Co., for a premium of \$66.00, equal to a price of 100.62.

DEARBORN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Inkster), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$37,000 offered on Aug. 16—V. 129, p. 1000—were awarded at 100.40 to the First National Co., of Detroit.

DELAWARE SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Hamilton County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,000 4 3/4% school building construction bonds offered on Aug. 22—V. 129, p. 1000—were awarded at par to the Fletcher American Co., of Indianapolis.

DELTA, Fulton County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—The voters will pass on a proposal to issue \$100,000 bonds for a water filtration plant at the November election.

DERING HARBOR (P. O. Shelter Island), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,500 registered Fire Department equipment bonds offered on Aug. 24—V. 129, p. 1159—were awarded as 5 1/8% to the Southold Savings Bank, of Southold.

DESCHUTES COUNTY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Redmond), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Rex Putnam, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Sept. 9 for the purchase of \$14,000 school bonds.

DOOR COUNTY (P. O. Sturgeon), Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on Sept. 18, by R. Herlache, County Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \$50,000 highway improvement bonds.

DOTHAN, Houston County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—I. P. Scarborough, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Sept. 16, for the purchase of the following coupon bonds aggregating \$69,000:

DUBOIS COUNTY (P. O. Jasper), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,950 4 1/2% coupon Bainbridge Township rock road construction bonds offered on Aug. 26—V. 129, p. 1160—were awarded for a premium of \$5.50 to Michael J. Hoff, of Jasper, who petitioned the improvement.

DUBUQUE COUNTY (P. O. Dubuque), Iowa.—BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The White-Phillips Co., of Davenport, is offering a \$500,000 issue of 5% primary road bonds for public investment.

DURHAM, Durham County, N. C.—NOTE SALE.—The Bankers' Company of New York, N. Y., is reported to have purchased a \$600,000 issue of 6% notes on Aug. 7. Dated Aug. 14 1929 and payable on Feb. 9 1930.

EARLY COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Blakely), Ga.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—A report from the District Secretary says that the \$25,000 5 1/2% school bonds offered for sale on July 6—V. 128, p. 4357—were not sold.

EAST FLAT ROCK, Henderson County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. R. Hoops, Town Clerk, until 12 m. on Sept. 6, for the purchase of \$15,000 water and street improvement bonds.

EAST PALESTINE, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—A proposal to issue \$13,000 bonds for the purchase of fire equipment will be placed on the ballot for the voter's consideration at an election to be held on Nov. 5.

ELIZABETHTON, Carter County, Tenn.—MATURITY.—The \$237,000 6% bonds sold at par to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville—V. 129, p. 1160—mature as follows:

ELKHART COUNTY (P. O. Goshen), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Mertie E. Croop, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Sept. 5 for the purchase of \$20,000 4 3/4% bridge construction bonds.

EL PASO, El Paso County, Tex.—SINKING FUND PURCHASES.—The Sinking Fund has purchased an issue of \$30,000 bonds of the city from the Fort Worth National Co., according to a report.

EL PASO, El Paso County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The following 5% serial bonds aggregating \$192,000 were registered on Aug. 23 by the State Comptroller:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Bonds that will be redeemed in 1929 (General, Electric light, Water works, Special assessment) and sinking fund trustee investments.

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. McKee City), Atlantic County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$85,000 coupon school bonds offered on Aug. 22—V. 129, p. 1000—were awarded as 5 1/8% to C. W. A. Cnear & Co. of Chicago for a premium of \$184.15.

EMMETTSBURG INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Palo Alto County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—L. W. Frost, Secretary of the Board of School Directors, will receive sealed bids until 7.30 p. m. on Sept. 3, for the purchase of \$130,000 school bonds.

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